



Fitting instructions for the Canberra Model Birthing Bath



The bath is supplied with:

- Standard size bath waste (either plug waste or grated / shower waste) This is not fitted so that the installing plumber can fit and seal to their satisfaction
- A 1.5" double union ball valve or slide valve with reducing inserts to enable a connection to 40mm pipe unless a plug and chain waste is to be fitted.
- Adjustable feet
- Step unit.
- Light unit (if ordered). This is supplied not fitted. It is supplied with 'bare wire tails', please ensure that all electrical parts of the installation are undertaken by an electrician.

You will also need:

- 40mm straight-through trap such as a Hepworth VO unless alternative trapping arrangements are made.
- 40mm plastic pipe (solvent weld) and a selection of angled elbow joints. With the exception of the elbow to the waste, avoid 90 degree elbows throughout.
- If a ball valve or slide valve are to be fitted, then 2 no. s/steel or galvanized pipe mounts are needed. Use s/steel screws as this will be a damp environment.
- Installation requires a minimum of **2** people: the bath needs lifting several times during installation. The bath must be protected from scratching throughout.
- **TO THE INSTALLING PLUMBER: please sign each section of these instructions to certify that they have been done. These instructions need to be signed and returned to Aquabirths with photographs to give the hospital the fullest possible guarantee. THANK-YOU.**
- **Any questions, ring Malcolm or David on 0345 230 1381.**

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You may want to change the order of the following but we have found the following useful. The bath can be supplied in a 'right' or 'left handed' version (i.e. with the access hatch on the left or right). All the images here are of a right-handed bath.

FITTING BATH WASTE AND LIGHT.

Fit the light unit whilst the underside of the bath is easily accessible. Follow the instructions in the light's box. We have found that the silicone ring (their 'Item 4') is often best replaced with silicone sealant. Silicone between backnut and bath is also advised based on our experience. Ensure the electrical part of the installation instructions is undertaken by a qualified electrician. Fit and seal the waste also.

Light and waste fitted and sealed.

Initial _____

FITTING THE FEET AND CHECKING STABILITY.

*The bath is designed to sit on the bottom rim of the side panels **and** the adjustable feet so as to spread the load. In **all** cases, the feet must be adjusted to take the weight of the bath. The bath must **not** be sat on the basal rim or feet alone.*

NB When moving and handling the bath – NEVER lie the bath on its side. If you must turn bath over, use the padding and packaging to protect from scratching.

Attach and adjust the feet to be level with the bath panel. A straight edge placed on the bottom of the panel and across the underside of the bath will give a guide when adjusting the feet. Put bath in place and check position. Assess stability of bath, adjust feet as necessary.

Feet fitted and all 4 are touching the floor. (PHOTO NEEDED)

Initial _____

PIPE WORK.

The straight-through trap should be fitted to the bath waste by means of an elbow. It must precede the valve in the pipework.

When making up the piping run from bath waste to soil stack, bear in mind that the valve (quarter turn or slide valve) must be by the hatch so that the user can easily access it to fill and empty the bath. We recommend that the pipework immediately adjacent to the valve is supported by a stainless steel or galvanized ring mount at either end. Otherwise the repeated use of the valve may dislodge the pipework and cause leakage. Plumbing works and installation need to be to BS5572 for avoidance of standing water. Ensure sufficient angle of fall on pipework..



Hepworth vO Valve or similar used

Initial _____

Ball valve fitted close to door and clamped

Initial _____

PHOTOGRAPH of pipework

Initial _____

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FINAL FIXING.

The bath is fixed in place partly by screwing it to the IPS panel / wall and to the floor. At the end of the bath to go against the wall, panels of GRP have been left so that you can drill through and then screw bath to IPS / wall. Similar panels or flanges are there to allow bath to be fixed to floor. Not all these will be accessible when bath is position and it is a case of using those that are.

The join between floor and bath can be sealed with silicone sealant. Any join between bath and IPS / wall can also be sealed.

The external steps stand against the end of the bath beside the inner step/seat. The steps could (if required) then be silicone-sealed to the floor and bath.

These instructions are not intended as a comprehensive guide to water regulations, HTMs, or other regulatory frameworks. Solvents must **not** be used on the bath. If you want to clean the bath, use warm soapy water. Abrasive cleaners, whether as pads or as creams, are **not** to be used and scratching caused by their use is not covered by our guarantee.

Bath fixed to wall / floor Initial _____

Bath siliconed round Initial _____

Bath sat on the basal rim AND the four feet? Initial _____

PHOTOGRAPH OF FINISHED BATH Initial _____

Installer's details:

Signed _____

Please print name

Company name

Hospital name

REMEMBER, send / email this form back to us. You must include photographs of:

1. the 4 feet touching the ground,
2. the finished pipework

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