

## Fitting instructions for the Venus 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 fitted.
- Step unit.

You will also need a

- 40mm straight-through trap such as a Hepworth VO unless alternative trapping arrangements are made.
- 40mm plastic pipe (we would recommend solvent weld) and a selection of angled elbow joints.
- If a ball valve or slide valve are to be fitted, then 2 no. s/steel pipe mounts are needed.
- We do not recommend flexible piping as this pipe is prone to sag and collect water.



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.

### POSITIONING BATH AND CHECKING STABILITY

Put bath in place and check position in relation to taps, wastes, medigases, etc. Make any markings necessary. Take bath out of position.

*The adjustable feet can be added at the very outset (if not already fitted). The bath is designed to sit on the bottom rim of the side panels and the adjustable feet so as to spread the load. The feet are there to give strength to the base of the bath and to assist in levelling where the floor is not flat. In all cases, the feet must be adjusted to take the weight of the bath. NB The bath is shown on its side for the purposes of the photograph. This should not be undertaken as part of the installation as damage may occur to the side panels.*

Attach the adjustable feet to the base of the bath with the screws provided. Overlong thread can be cut away. Adjust the feet to be level with the bath panel. A plank or 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 using side hatch.

### PIPE WORK

The bath is supplied ready to take a standard sized bath / grated / shower waste. Fix and seal in place. 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 ring mount at either end. Otherwise the repeated use of the valve may dislodge the pipework and cause leakage.



The straight-through trap should follow the valve in the pipework. It is sometimes the case that the trap is positioned further down the line, such as in the ceiling void of the room below.

Plumbing works and installation need to be to BS5572 for avoidance of standing water.

#### CONNECTING AND FIXING.

Put bath back in place. The pipework can be connected to the

bath. We recommend that the bath and plumbing be tested *before* the bath is fixed in place. The bath can be fixed to IPS panel / wall and floor where possible. 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 external steps stand at the end of the bath beside the inner step/seat.

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

These instructions are not intended as a comprehensive guide to water regulations, HTMs, or other regulatory frameworks. Suggested tap suppliers can be found on our website.

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