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IMPORTANT SAFETY AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Read and follow all instructions

- **Warning:** Risk of accidental injury or drowning. Children should not use Walk-In Tub without adult supervision.
- **Warning:** Risk of electrical shock: Do not permit electrical appliances (such as hair dryer, lamp, radio, telephone or television) to be within five feet (1.5m) of this Walk-In Tub.
- **Warning:** Risk of Injury: Do not use open door as a support when entering or exiting the Walk-In Tub. Added weight could cause the door to swing, causing injury.
- **Warning:** Risk of Hypothermia and possible drowning: Water temperature in excess of 104 degrees F (38 degrees C) may be injurious to your health. Check and adjust water temperature before use.
- To avoid injury, use care when entering and exiting the Walk-In Tub as floor may be slippery.
- Do not use Walk-In Tub after strenuous exercise.
- When entering your Walk-In Tub, latch the door securely. The downward motion of the door lever locks and seals the door.
- When first turning on the water, be certain that the drain is open until water is at a comfortable temperature.
- Carefully test water temperature and adjust to comfortable temperature.
- After adjusting water temperature, carefully move drain valve handle all the way to the left to close tub drain.
- DO NOT open door until ALL water has been drained from the bath tub.
- Use care when exiting the Walk-In Tub, as floor may be slippery.
- Use the DCE Walk-In Tub only for its intended purpose: a fill and drain, hydrotherapeutic appliance for human beings. Do not use attachments not recommended by the manufacturer.
- Leave door ajar when the tub is not being used.

DCE Bathing Systems

Dear Customer,

Congratulations on your DCE Walk-In Tub purchase.

DCE Bathing Systems thanks you for your new purchase of the DCE Walk-In Tub. Your new Walk-In Tub will help make your independent lifestyle more enjoyable. By selecting the DCE Bathing System's Walk-In Tub, we believe that you have chosen the safest, most dependable and luxurious walk-in tub available.

This owner's and installation manual will help you learn how to install, operate and maintain your new DCE Walk-In Tub. You will be secure in knowing that your Walk-In Tub has been made with your safety and well-being in mind. You'll enjoy trouble-free bathing experiences and enhanced therapeutic features.

Every DCE Walk-In Tub is factory tested and inspected to ensure user satisfaction. Our warranty program is tops in the industry. (See Warranty section pg. 14)

Please keep this manual after initial reading for future reference.

Sincerely,

DCE Bathing Systems

Operating Instructions ■

To get started, we have some important tips on using your new DCE Walk-In Tub. These tips are for your benefit and safety, so please read them carefully.

If you have any questions about the operation of your DCE Walk-In Tub, please call us at 800-944-2544. We are available Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM CST. If you have any other questions, please contact the dealer from whom you purchased your DCE Walk-In Tub.

Getting Started

- Run the HOT water for a few moments with the drain left open before entering your DCE Walk-In Tub. This will purge any water in the HOT water line that has cooled since your last bath.
- Close the floor drain by turning the Drain Control Knob counter clockwise. It is located under the faucet on the front wall of your DCE Walk-In Tub. Be careful not to force the knob or over-tighten. It only takes a small turn to open/close the drain.
- Turn on the water and adjust to your desired temperature.

NOTE: Your DCE Walk-In Tub features over-fill protection provided by a drain located behind the drain knob. Please keep this area free from objects that could block this drain, i.e. washcloths, to avoid over-fill of your tub.



Using your DCE Walk-In Tub Hand Held Sprayer

- Using the faucet controls, adjust the water to your desired temperature.
- Direct the flow of water to the sprayer by lifting the knob located on the Roman tub filler spout.
- Turn off the sprayer by turning off the water at the faucet. The knob will release and the faucet will return to normal operation.

Hydrotherapy (Air-Jet System)

- Before activating the Hydrotherapy System, make sure the water is at least two inches above the seat.
- Activate and control the hydrotherapy jets by using the controller located on the top of the DCE Walk-In Tub near the faucets. Press and release turns the motor on. Press and release the second time turns the motor off.

NOTE: The DCE Walk-In Tub Hydrotherapy System has a built in purge program to dry the water lines of moisture. The purge program will run itself eight to ten minutes after the motor has been turned off. The operating time is two to three minutes long.

Exiting Your DCE Walk-In Tub:

- Turn the Drain Control Knob clockwise to open the floor drain.
- Allow the water to drain until the water level is well below the bottom of the door.
- Pull the door handle up to unseal and open the door.
NOTE: If you pull the door handle up to open the door before the water level is below the bottom of the door, leakage is likely.
- Remember, wet surfaces are often slippery. Please take care getting up and out of your DCE Walk-In Tub. Use the specially designed hand rail for support.
- Leave door ajar to allow gasket material to relax

Cleaning Your DCE Walk-In Tub:

- To care for the durable finish on your DCE Walk-In Tub, we recommend using a non-abrasive, liquid cleaner. Products such as Countertop Magic work nicely on all surfaces of your Walk-In Tub, including the chrome and stainless steel parts.

CAUTION: Do NOT use the open door for support when standing or getting out of your DCE Walk-In Tub. Although your Walk-In Tub is equipped with heavy duty door hinges, they are NOT designed to bear the stress of weight exerted on an open door. Repeated use of the door as a support may cause weakening or failure of the hinge assemblies which may result in leakage. Please use the hand rail for support.



Installation Instructions ■

Getting Started

1. Check measurements of all door openings. (Width of hallways, doors, and door jams, corners/turns.) Compare measurements to the size of your Walk-In Tub.
2. Check where water shut off valve is located.
3. Check where the power source is located, (make sure there is space for additional circuits to be added, if necessary.)
4. Place drop cloths where needed. (Walkways, bath area etc.)

Preparing the area

1. Disconnect the existing faucet handles, tub overflow and floor drain.
2. Remove existing tub. (Use reciprocating saw for steel, fiberglass. Use sledge hammer for cast iron.)

A tip from the Pros: Use a reciprocating saw blade that is specially made for cutting cast iron. This will allow you to remove the cast iron tub without damaging the surrounding area. There will also be less clean up involved. These blades can be found at most plumbing supply warehouses.

3. Remove existing wall surround and install new drywall if needed. (Use greenboard or cement board if necessary.)
4. Turn off water to house at main valve.

Suggestion: Cut and cap the water lines. You may want to install shut offs, so you can finish installation. This will allow homeowners to continue to use water throughout the installation.

Electrical

1. Install electrical outlet box on the back wall, 6"- 8" from the floor.

IMPORTANT Electrical service will vary depending on what options your Walk-In Tub has.

If your tub is equipped with Hydrotherapy or Wet Pump:

You will need to either tie into an existing home circuit (after you make sure there is room for more amperage,) or you may want to add an additional breaker in the home's load center. You must use a GFCI outlet or breaker on the circuit for the tub rated for 15 amps. (The amperage for the Hydrotherapy Pump is 5 amps.)

A tip from the pros: Install a regular 15 - 20 amp outlet by the pump. Then wire that outlet to the load side of a GFCI blank outlet which should be located in a convenient spot, so that it can be tested and reset. (Suggestion: unfinished side of basement or nearby wall, etc.)

Plumbing Assembly

1. Install the faucet assembly on the tub and connect the HOT and COLD lines to the faucet. (Refer to the instructions included with the DELTA faucet.)

Installation of thermostatic mixing valve

1. Connect the HOT water line from the faucet to the hot inlet of the thermostatic mixing valve. (See Figure 1)
2. Install a "T" in the COLD water line and connect the COLD water line from the faucet to one branch of the "T".
3. Connect another branch of the "T" to the COLD water inlet on the thermostatic mixing valve.
4. Attach a line from the remaining branch to be connected later to the COLD water supply.
5. Attach a line to the HOT water inlet on the thermostatic valve to be connected later to the HOT water supply.

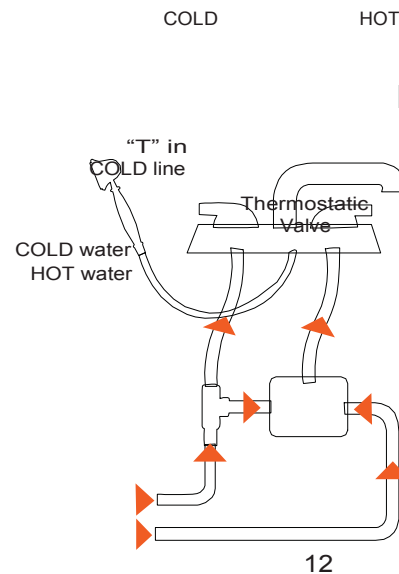


Figure 1.

Installing the Tub

1. Bring in the tub. Set into installed position and level using the level adjustment screws on the bottom of the tub. When level, tighten the locking nuts on each foot. (See Figure 2)

IMPORTANT: When tub is level, be certain to lower the **CENTER FOOT** down firmly to the floor.

2. Connect water lines to the HOT and COLD water supply. 3. Connect 1 ½" PVC pipe to existing drain.

4. Turn on water supply lines and check for leaks at all joints. Don't forget to check for leaks at the drain.

5. Plug in power cords into wall outlets.

6. Install front panel of tub.

7. Install filler panel by screwing 2x lumber to the wall and caulking the filler panel in place.

A tip from the pros: Use a dry cut diamond blade in a skill saw to rip the filler panels to the proper width. A fiber blade also works well, but suffers from a small amount of blade wobble.

8. Install shower curtain rod, and remaining accessories.

9. **Important:** Fill and drain the tub so that it will settle into its new location.

10. Caulk as needed.

11. Enjoy your new DCE Bathing Systems Walk-In Tub.

