

Installation Instructions

Models # 854, #954, #6042

[Please retain and give to Owner after use for warranty information]

NOTE: Observe all governing codes and ordinances. BathEase is certified by the National Association of Home Builders Research Center to conform with the appropriate ANSI Z124.1 24.1, Z124.2 24.2, Z124.8 24.8, and ASME/ANSI A112.19M regulations, and meets or exceeds FHA and HUD requirements. NAHB is recognized by the National Evaluation Services, Inc. as a compliance assurance and/or inspection agency as evaluated by BOCA, ICBO, and SBCCI. BathEase is also registered with the U.S. Federal Drug Administration and classified a medical device.

PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE INSTALLATION

- 1) Unpack the unit and inspect for any transportation damage. If it is damaged, you must contact the Common Carrier who made the delivery, to make a claim. We will assist you when you call us, but BathEase is not responsible for any damage resulting from transportation.
- 2) Bathtubs are shipped with the door in the locked position. It is recommended the door be left unlocked when not in use, as the gasket has a memory. Always close the door fully before activating the mechanism.
- 3) Note the wood spacer in the top of the bathtub spreading both ends (Figure 1). It is very important this spacer be left in place until after the bathtub is installed. Recheck the inside measurement which should be W-three and three eight inches to insure the spacer did not move during shipment. Now open and close the door a little two/three times to make sure the door cover is not binding in the frame after transportation. If it is binding, gently tap down each end of the spacer into the bathtub one half inch at a time until the door cover clears the frame by 1/8", and operates easily. Leave the spacer in place for removal later.
- 4) BathEase may be installed recessed in the floor 3" for a barrier free threshold, or on top of the floor for an approximate 2" threshold.
- 5) The bathtub floor has a standard grade of 3/4" sloping from back to the waste for draining. However, due to it's special design (low threshold) this bathtub does not sit level on the floor because the drain is lower than the front skirt (Figure 2). If the unit is installed on the top of the floor, it may require a correction in the building floor in order to level both the unit and the skirt
- 6) The fill rate (water connection) for this style bathtub is a consideration since it cannot be filled before the bather enters it For this reason a quality valve with a high flow rate (15gpm) is suggested when using standard piping. Valves with a lower flow rate will likely take longer to fill the unit
- 7) Units are not equipped with any plumbing fixtures unless ordered from the listed Options.

FOR ZERO THRESHOLD.

Prepare the area for your plumbing needs, and construct a 3" deep by 60" long and 32 1/8" wide space so that the finished tile/floor covering will be level with the top of the threshold. As with many modern style bathtubs BathEase has no nailing flange unless ordered as an Option. Measure height of bathtub, and frame in bathtub support rails by screwing lengths of 2" X 4' to each stud, so that the rim of the bathtub will rest on them when installed (Figure 3). Two black " J " hooks are supplied and are to be screwed into

the 2" X 4" on either side at the front so that the bathtub rim rests on them also (Figure 4). This is most important to ensure the door does not bind in the frame. When the drain/overflow and other plumbing requirements are completed, make a bed of mortar/grout mix 1" thick in the recess upon which the body of the bathtub will rest (but - not the skirt). With the wood-spacer in place, the door in the locked position, move the unit into place with the rim resting on the 2" X 4" and "J " hooks, and distribute the weight evenly. Check the unit remains plumb by placing a level along the front top rim, and open close the door to make sure it does not bind, making adjustments if necessary. Finish the plumbing connections and when the mortar/grout mix is dry, remove the spacer and check the door again for ease of operation.

INSTALLATION ON TOP OF FLOOR

As noted on page two (Point #5) the bathtub does not sit level on the floor as the drain is lower than the front skirt by 7/8". Having made an allowance in the floor for the drain (if necessary), proceed as in instructions for "Zero Threshold". Use a minimum amount of mortar/grout mix in order to keep the skirt tight to the floor and a two inch threshold, as you set the tub firmly in place.

OPTIONAL ENHANCEMENTS

MATCHING WALL ASSEMBLY:

The matching acrylic wall is factory installed on the bathtub for shipping purposes, and a tube of high grade silicone is provided for complete water integrity. For retrofit purposes the wall will need to be removed from the bathtub for movement into the home/facility, and reassembled using a liberal amount of silicone in all wall joints. After reassembly and moving the unit into position, drill and screw side flanges to studs approximately 8" on center, and drill and screw top flange to each stud.

DOMES ASSEMBLY:

The matching acrylic dome for a "finished look" is installed on the walls, at the factory. If this is a retrofit project it will probably need to be disassembled prior to installation.

WHIRLPOOL / HEATER

The unit is fully plumbed, with both the pump and heater located under the integral seat- A 12" X 16" access panel is factory cut in the front skirt and held in place with Velcro for future access, should it be needed. If Models #854 or #6042 are ordered without a seat, then a remote accessible location no more than 5' from the bathtub needs to be selected. A small wood platform will need to be constructed at a height that ensures the pump is slightly higher than the center of the suction fitting, and then screwed to the platform. Additional tubing and coupling are factory supplied to make the connection

ELECTRICAL: Have a licensed Electrician install two separate 115VAC, single phase, 60Hz, GFCI protected branch circuit, 15Amp, for the 1HP pump and heater. It is

recommended to use a Time Delay circuit breaker or fuse to provide adequate coverage for pump starts. Run #12 wire for the 1HP pump and the same for the heater, for up to 50ft runs.

WATERFALL FILLER.,

Measures 1 1/2" long, and is mounted 2 1/2" below the rim on the back wall of the bathtub. A 5' roll by 1" of flexible hose and coupling, is factory supplied for connection. The Plumber will supply and must connect an anti-siphon valve ANSI certified and any other supplies necessary to comply with local Codes and in-house piping.

ASSIST BARS:

Assist bars are factory installed when ordered with the optional wall surround. They consist of three 24" bars measuring 1 1/2" diameter. One bar is placed in a vertical position on the drain end wall, which is also the location for the hand held shower wand. Two bars are placed in a horizontal position on the back wall- They may also be custom installed on the walls by calling us with specific measurements.

NAILING FLANGE*

If preferred, this add-on optional flange is factory installed for convenience, and installation is continued as outlined under "For Zero Threshold".

GENERAL: BathEase may also be used in a "stand alone" area, where access to the bather is required on three sides. It is therefore available with a full skirt (four sides) with concealed aluminum frame for either stationary use, or in a portable fashion with frame and wheels. Either way an access panel is provided in the skirt at the drain end, for water/drain connection.

(Please see next page for Diagrams)

Specifications and Options subject to change.

The BathEase Limited Warranty

BathEase Inc. Warrants the original purchaser only that it's TUB and TUB/SHOWER units together with their component parts are free of defects in material and workmanship for a period of Five Years from date of receipt, to the original purchaser. There is a three year separate warranty on whirlpool pump and jets- If during these time frames, any part or the Unit fails due to defective materials or workmanship, the original purchaser should promptly notify BathEase by telephone or in writing, within the applicable time period. BathEase Inc. will then send a representative to examine the Unit. Provided the Installation has been made according to these Instructions and if the examination in the sole judgment of BathEase Inc. proves the failure to be the result of defective material or workmanship, BathEase Inc. will at it's option, either repair or exchange the part without charge to the original purchaser. The exchange of a Unit is limited to supplying a replacement part or Unit of comparable size and style and does not include any cost of removal or installation. The foregoing is in lieu of any and all remedies with regard to the warranted item, and constitutes the exclusive remedy for breach of the foregoing warranty.

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LIMITED TO, LOSS OF USE. WHILE THIS WARRANTY GIVES YOU SPECIFIC LEGAL RIGHTS, YOU MAY ALSO HAVE OTHER RIGHTS WHICH MAY VARY FROM STATE TO STATE

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