

Acrylic vs Tile, a Wise Investment

100% Cast Acrylic is one of the most durable bath and shower materials on the market. Acrylic bathware is thermoformed from a single sheet of colour-through acrylic and then sprayed on the back with a mixture of polyester resin and chopped fiberglass giving the product rigidity and strength.

	Acrylic Shower		Tile
✓	Typically can be installed at a lower cost compared to a tiled shower*	✗	Typically two to three times the cost of installing an acrylic shower*
✓	DIY installation (Professional plumber installation recommended)	✗	Expert installation required by General Contractor, Professional Plumber and Tile Installer Tradesman
✓	Easily installs the same day	✗	Multiple steps over multiple days
✓	Slides into studded wall, no additional backing required	✗	Requires proper wall material / membrane (waterproof backing)
✓	Grout free	✗	Grout required
✓	Silicone free	✗	Silicone required
✓	Reinforced kiln dried lumber base will not crack under load; shower is reinforced with a mixture of fiberglass and resin	✗	Possibility of grout, joints or tile cracking which can lead to leaks & water damage
✓	Durable & stain resistant	✗	Durable, but tile and grout may not resist staining (porous)
✓	Colourfast – the acrylic colour goes through the whole sheet	✗	Depending on tile chosen, the colour does not go through the core of the tile
✓	Integral LED light available at an additional cost	✓	Additional cost for lighting
✓	Integral soap dish, seating & grab bars	✗	Additional cost for optional soap dish, seating & grab bars
✓	Variety of sizes available	✓	Custom sizes available
✓	Minor scratches can be easily buffed and removed	✗	Hard to repair or replace damaged tile or grout
✓	Maintenance Free - simply Clean with mild soap, no scrubbing with harsh cleaning chemicals required	✗	Requires periodic maintenance, Grout scrubbing, Tile sealing, Re-caulking of joints
✓	Manufactured in Canada	✗	May be assembled with a variety of materials from different countries
✓	Lifetime Warranty	✗	Variable warranty – dependant on contractor or plumber installing the components



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