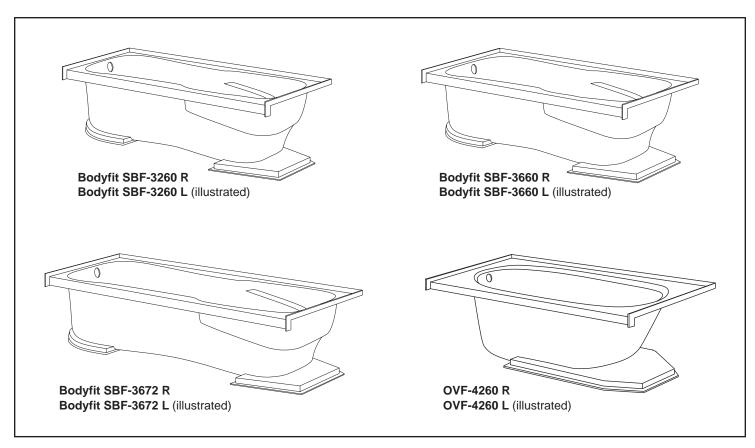


Alcove-Style (Flanged) Bath Modules Bodyfit SBF-3260 Bodyfit SBF-3660

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These guidelines are recommended by MAAX Aker for the proper installation of their product. A careful review of these procedures (and any referenced publications) before starting is important in avoiding unnecessary problems resulting in an improper assembly or installation.

NOTE: All drawings in this publication are typical, and may appear different than the actual items being installed. In addition, optional items may be shown on the units which may not have been ordered on the unit being installed.

ON WHIRLPOOL EQUIPPED MODELS, A SEPARATE SET OF INSTRUCTIONS IS PACKED WITH THE UNIT FOR THE WHIRLPOOL SYSTEM. READ THEM BEFORE INSTALLING UNIT!

WARNING!
NEVER LIFT OR HANDLE WHIRLPOOL
BY SYSTEM PIPING AT ANY TIME.
LIFTING THE UNIT BY THE PIPING CAN
CAUSE SYSTEM DAMAGE.

### **Special Notes to Installer**

- ★ It is the sole responsibility of the installer to determine, prior to the installation, the requirements necessary for compliance with all codes involving the unit or the installation!
- ★ All paperwork packaged with the unit and any associated options or accessories should be saved and presented to the homeowner upon completion of the installation!
- ★ HANDLE THE UNIT BY THE SHELL ONLY! Never lift any unit by attachments or piping on the shell.
- ★ All published unit dimensions are for reference only. Any critical dimensions required for installation should be taken directly from the unit being installed!
- \* Any independent changes made to the unit (or options and accessories supplied with the unit) beyond those required for normal installation can void all warranties! (Refer to warranties for further information.)

## **Inspection Guidelines**

Carefully check the unit upon receipt. Notify your supplier immediately if any questions or problems are encountered during this process.

DO NOT INSTALL ANY UNIT WITHOUT FIRST ADDRESSING QUESTIONS WHICH ARISE DURING THE INSPECTION!

**Basic Module Check** 

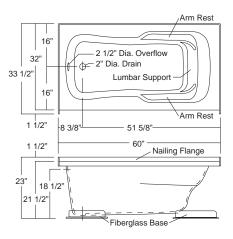
- ✓ Check unit drain end for match to bathroom drain location.
- Check for unit surface damage.
- ✔ Check unit color for coordination to other bathroom fixtures.
- Check for proper options and accessories.

# Whirlpool and Accessories Check

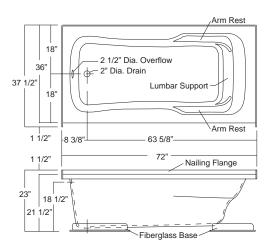
An individual system check list is included in the assembly and operational guidelines packaged with whirlpool equipped models and various accessories. Refer to listed publications for further information before continuing.



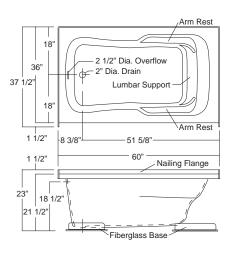
# Unit Data and Dimensional Guidelines (Tolerance: +0 / -3/8 inch)



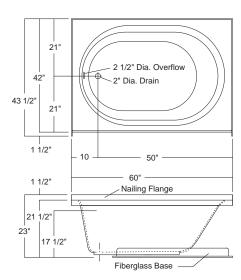
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OVF-4260 R OVF-4260 L (illustrated)

Model	Unit Surface	Sump Bottom Dim. (W x L)	Dry Unit Weight (1)	Avg. Oper. Volume	Max. Sump Capacity	Base Area	Floor Loading (2)
Bodyfit SBF-3260	Gelcoat	20 x 45 in.	118 lb.	37 gal.	74 gal.	4.72	128 lb/ft <sup>2</sup>
Bodyfit SBF-3660	Gelcoat	24 x 45 in.	120 lb.	42 gal.	84 gal.	4.72	138 lb/ft <sup>2</sup>
Bodyfit SBF-3672	Gelcoat	24 x 56 1/2 in.	133 lb.	55 gal.	110 gal.	6.6 <sup>2</sup>	116 lb/ft <sup>2</sup>
OVF-4260	Gelcoat	23 1/2 x 38 in.	134 lb.	45 gal.	71 gal.	5.5 <sup>2</sup>	125 lb/ft <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1.</sup> Dry unit weight includes whirlpool system.

<sup>2.</sup> Floor loading based on an occupied whirlpool tub with an average operating volume.

### **Framing Requirements**

Due to individual site variations, exact guidelines for every situation cannot be supplied. The recommended framing and dimensional requirements shown are for a typical application and may vary, depending on site requirements.

The dimensions shown in Figure 1 are from the surfaces where the unit will be attached. This surface can be bare studding, dry wall or other suitable underlayment material. It is important that the floor and all framing be square and level. Framing should be done using accepted materials and construction techniques, in accordance with all applicable codes.

NOTE: Any preconstructed wall may require modifications or additional framing members to allow for pipes or fittings which protrude from the unit on whirlpool equipped models, for proper unit installation.

NOTE: A pump access is MANDATORY on all whirlpool equipped modules. Additional access areas may be necessary to comply with code requirements. (Figure 1)

## **Installation Procedure**

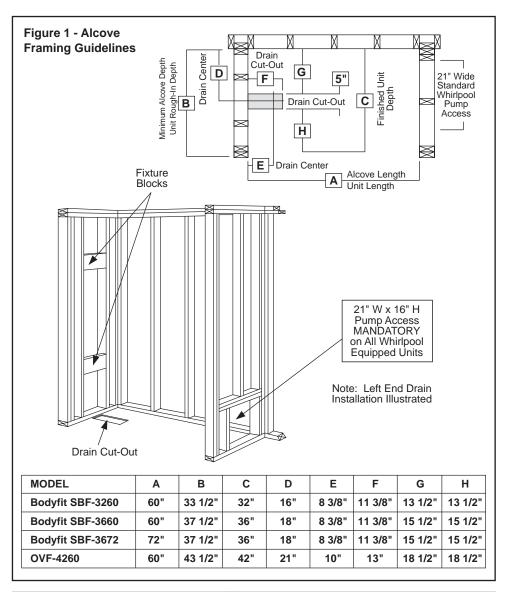
With the unit positioned in the alcove, several details must be checked prior to securing the unit in place. (Figures 2a & 2b)

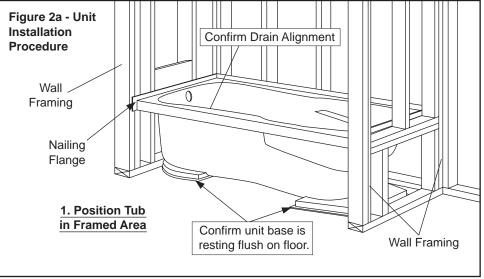
- ✓ Confirm unit base is resting flush on the floor.
- ✓ Confirm drain position.
- ✓ Confirm the unit is level along each side and each end.
- ✓ Confirm the unit is square in the alcove framework.

# ON WHIRLPOOL EQUIPPED UNIT

✔ Check for required modifications to framing due to whirlpool components.

If required, place shim or filler material under the perimeter of the base to maintain the unit in a level position.





# WARNING! ANY MATERIAL PLACED UNDER THE BASE TO KEEP THE UNIT LEVEL MUST BE STRUCTURALLY SOUND AND APPLIED TO ENSURE THE UNIT'S WEIGHT WILL BE EQUALLY DISTRIBUTED OVER THE ENTIRE BASE.

IF THE UNIT IS A WHIRLPOOL WITH AN ALTERNATE PUMP MOUNTING, REFER TO THE SPECIAL ALTERNATE PUMP LOCATION SUPPLEMENT AT THIS TIME.

The unit must also be positioned square in the alcove framework. The use of shim or filler material behind the nailing flange at each framing member may be required to maintain the unit in the proper position.

After the unit is confirmed level and square within the alcove, drill and lag the base to various floor joists through the flange on the base, as shown in Figure 3.

With the unit secured to the floor, drill a 1/8 inch hole through the nailing flange at each framing member. Secure the unit in place across the back wall first, followed by the flanges at each end, using 1-1/4 inch long (large headed) nails or other appropriate fasteners. Continuously check to confirm the unit remains square within the alcove as it is being secured. (Figures 4a & 4b)

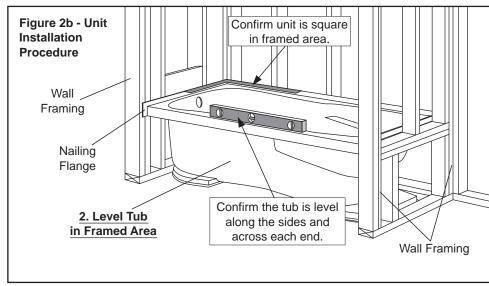
WARNING!
THE UNIT BOTTOM SHOULD
BE CLEAR OF ALL POTENTIALLY
DAMAGING DEBRIS AND THE SURFACE
PROTECTED BEFORE STEPPING INSIDE.

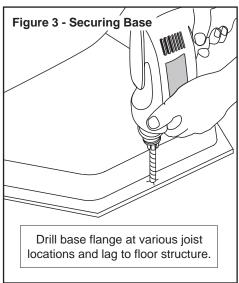
CAUTION: It is advisable to protect the unit surface with a thin plywood or cardboard shield while fastening the flange to the framing.

### **Apron Applications**

Since this unit does not include a fixed apron panel, a method for finishing off the front of the tub must be addressed.

Removable panel and nail-in apron kit options are offered by MAAX Aker on selected apronless models, if a panel matching the unit is desired. (Contact supplier for availability and further information.)

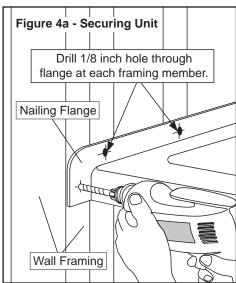




The use of a framed panel or deck area at the front of the tub, designed for the application of an accepted bath finishing material, is an alternative.

Due to the various apron design possibilities, it is impossible to provide exact guidelines for every application. But, there are certain conditions which apply to every installation of this type, as follows (Figure 6):

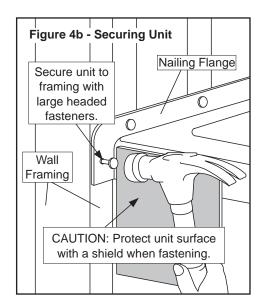
 a. All apron area framing must be designed to provide adequate structural (weight bearing) support for the areas anticipated use and



the finish material.

- b. An appropriate underlayment must be used, allowing adequate coverage for the proper application of the finish material.
- c. Adequate clearances must be maintained at, or adjacent to the unit allowing for the proper installation of the finish material and for sealing the seams around the unit.

Water Supply and Drain Connections Refer to, and follow, the assembly and installation instructions provided with the supply valves and drain system. Carefully check all fittings and connections for leaks.



# **Finishing Guidelines**

Furring strips or filler material may be required over the framing to ensure the underlayment will lie flush over the nailing flanges. A water-resistant underlayment is recommended on areas surrounding the unit. Stop the underlayment 1/16 to 1/8 inch from the unit surface, and fill the space with a continuous bead of waterproof sealant.

Carefully fasten the underlayment near the unit to avoid damaging the unit surface. Seal the seams and edges of the underlayment, as required, and install the finish material to specifications. (Figures 5 & 6)

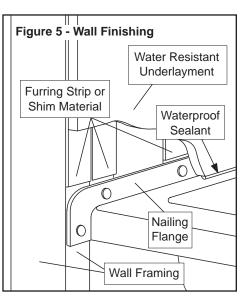
### **Unit Surface Care**

WARNING!
NEVER USE ABRASIVE MATERIALS
NOR ABRASIVE CLEANERS
ON THE UNIT SURFACE!

EXTREME CAUTION is urged regarding the use of any cleaner, acid or solvent on the unit surface.

READ, AND FOLLOW ALL PACKAGE LABELS AND INSTRUCTIONS!

Through routine use, the unit surface can collect residues from soap, bath additives and natural body oils. Additional deposits can also collect from



minerals or particles found in the water. After each use, wipe the excess water from the unit. This practice will reduce the buildup of deposits and help maintain the natural unit lustre.

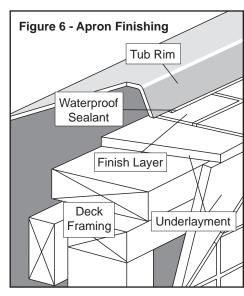
Following a thorough surface cleaning, an application of quality automotive wax will help reduce major accumulations. The actual schedule for cleaning, and waxing, will depend on unit usage and water quality.

# WARNING! AVOID APPLYING WAX TO THE UNIT BOTTOM!

- ◆ <u>Routine Cleaning:</u> Mild, nonabrasive cleaner specifically formulated for gelcoat and acrylic surfaces recommended. (*Rinse surface thoroughly.*)
- ◆ <u>Heavy Soap Deposits:</u> Liquid ammonia household cleaner, applied full strength. (*Rinse surface thoroughly.*)
- ◆ <u>Stubborn Stains</u>: Liquid household cleaner or hydrogen peroxide, applied full strength. Place a saturated clean rag directly on stain and let stand several hours. (*Rinse surface thoroughly*.)

For extreme cases, buff area with white automotive polishing compound until stain disappears, and apply a quality automotive wax to surface.

◆ <u>Hard Water Scales:</u> Liquid scale remover or white vinegar, applied full



strength. (Rinse surface thoroughly.)

- ◆ <u>Mold/Mildew</u>: Liquid mildew remover or baking soda and water paste. Apply paste and allow to fizz several minutes. (*Rinse surface thoroughly.*)
- ◆ <u>Construction Adhesive</u>: Soften adhesive with hand held dryer and peel off adhesive. (Caution is advised when using any electrical device near water.)

For stubborn cases, apply rubbing alcohol or nail polish remover, full strength, to adhesive. (Rinse surface thoroughly.)

Refer to Whirlpool System Assembly and Operation Guide for guidelines on system care.

WARNING!
BATH MATS OR OTHER ITEMS
WHICH ARE HELD IN PLACE USING
SUCTION AGAINST THE UNIT SURFACE
MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE FLOOR
OF THE UNIT AFTER EACH USE.

OVER A PROLONGED PERIOD, FAILURE TO REMOVE THESE TYPES OF ITEMS FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE UNIT CAN RESULT IN SURFACE DAMAGE.



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