Press Release

wedi Fundo Liquo | For floor level and barrier free shower floor installations
Assembly Instructions

wedi® Fundo Shower System-Ligno

Overview & General Product Description of the wedi Fundo Shower Systems

All wedi® Waterproof Shower Systems including point and linear drain models offer reliable, cost-efficient solutions for constructing 100% waterproof and mold proof showers. The product systems are entirely waterproof due to it’s XPS extruded polystyrene foam core. These systems are easy and clean to install due to it’s high prefabrication level. They open up a whole new world of design possibilities for showers, wet areas and baths when customized to fit your jobsite requirements.

wedi Shower Systems blend the traditional values of design flexibility and robustness as previously only enjoyed with mortar bed installations, while offering added values that come with state-of-the-art material and manufacturing technologies. These added values come in form of many performance advantages. Especially over traditional mortar bed installations or over other currently known methods for building showers such as those using sheet – or liquid waterproofing membranes in an attempt to manage water exposure. The most unique advantage is the complete and natural core waterproofness of the wedi product and it’s entire assembly. Every detail of the assembly is part of the wedi waterproofing approach: even down to the factory integrated drain parts. The concept of the wedi Fundo Shower System’s water management describes a true “water out” performance. Neither products nor the assembly of the wedi Fundo shower system is subjected to the risks so commonly found in other methods of shower installation. When installing wedi Fundo Shower Systems in combination with wedi building panels, the proprietary wedi joint sealant and any of our curbs, niches or seats accessories, you can eliminate the following worries altogether:

• No overlapping sheet waterproofing seams with just thinset in between
• No risk of forming pinholes as with installation of very thin liquid membranes
• No weepholes and clogging as with liner installations
• No liner cracks due to aging or exposure to elements
• No risky liner seams in larger size showers nor any risky corner liner tapes
• No mold or discoloration worries as with absorbing and permanently wet mortar beds

These added values and its detail perfections eliminate the technical concerns in shower installations. But this is not where wedi shower systems stop offering it’s added values: The wedi Fundo shower system adds to your productivity and enables you to provide real value to your customers: Our wedi Fundo Shower systems reduce the installation time for just the shower floor from a 2 – 3 day process (includes drying times) to only 30 minutes when compared to traditional methods built with pre slope, vinyl liner and final mortar bed. wedi helps you to turn showers into service quicker, cleaner, safer. The exact and consistently shaped slope fields support perfection in tile setting and design. The cement based resin surface coatings on our products provide a great bond surface for any tile, stone and many other materials. Using any cement based thinset adhesives in installation. The insulation properties of the extruded foam core of our wedi systems keep the tile warmer on the floor and add to better insulation of the wall. And all this under one warranty for the entire shower from floor to wall.

wedi Fundo Ligno is designed to provide for a low profile base thickness of only 3/4”. This allows for a fast and flush installation into a subfloor assembly without cutting into floor joists. The system is designed to work without a curb. Enjoy the ease of installation without creating a structural hazard by maintaining subfloor panels installed between floor joists under the wedi Fundo Ligno. Because barrier free showers may be exposed to heavy point loads (e.g. wheel chair), you can confidently rely on the structural strength of the wedi base and subfloor as well as the wedi Fundo’s traditional strong cement based surface for ideal tile bond using any suitable cement based tile adhesives or grouts. As always with wedi Fundo Shower Systems, wedi Fundo Ligno is designed to interlock and work with wedi Building panels, wedi joint sealant, wedi Fasteners, wedi Seats and Benches, wedi Niches and many more accessories, that truly complete your shower installation and waterproofing system. The installation is fast, modular but customizable, and covered by wedi’s full system warranty.
Options for glue or brass drain can be obtained from wedi. For cement glue connection, the floor pipe must be cut 2 1/4 inches below the surface of the subfloor.

Options for a brass drain can be obtained from wedi. The installation proceeds as shown for the standard PVC drain provided with each Fundo base.

Legend
A Caulking nut
B Rubber caulking gasket
C Drain body
D wedi sealant
E Rubber gasket
F Fiber gasket
G Locking nut

Tools
- Bucket
- Notch Trowel
- Drill with Thinset Mixer
- Utility Knife
- Straight Edge / T Square 5 ft or longer
- Speed Square
- Caulk Gun
- Handsaw
- Flat Head Screwdriver
- Screw gun
- Solid Putty Knife
- Paper Towels
- Level
- Circular Saw / Jigsaw
- Saw Horse
- Tape Measure
- Permanent Marker
- Extension Cord for Powertools
- Shop vacuum cleaner
Installation instructions wedi Fundo onto wooden or concrete floors

Before Installation

- Have 2x4 blocking installed vertically between studs along the bottom perimeter of framing to back the bottom of wedi wall panels.
- Subfloor is sound, level and meets deflection criteria. Wooden or concrete structural substrates are dry and loadbearing.
- Floor joists not to exceed 16” o.c. Subfloor panels 3/4” T&G EGP or equivalent.

1. Cut the 2” pipe flush (or max. 1/8” above) to the floor construction. Make sure that the cut out fits to the Fundo panel drain. Cut out a 5” diameter hole around the 2” pipe to allow the wedi drain to be inserted into the subfloor. The drain and trap have to be sturdily fastened to the subfloor.

2. Assemble the drain unit following the instruction drawing.

3. Set up a continuous 1/4” bead of wedi sealant along the top side of the wedi Fundos' valve groove profile.

4. Drop the drain body firmly into the sealant.

5. Turn the Fundo base upside down and apply the rubber and the fiber gasket.

6. Tighten the gaskets firmly to the bases’ steel ring using the locking nut. Make sure the drain body is still safely received in the valve-bead of sealant.
1. Skim coat the thinset ANSI 118.4 and comb through with a 1/4” x 1/4” notched trowel. Channels pointing to the entrance.

2. Press the Fundo firmly into the thinset bed, ensuring that the installation is level and void free. Apply some weight equally and for at least 30 minutes (thinset bags).

3. Tighten (squeeze) the rubber caulking gasket firmly with the caulking nut (use a flat headed screwdriver) and finally insert the plastic frame and strainer on top (without adhesive). The frame and strainer will be held in a flexible grout joint.

4. Push the wedi panel all the way into the channel of the shower base channel and its bead of sealant. Remove pushed out sealant on inside seam using a putty knife. Fasten the panels directly to the studs starting 1 ft above the base and at a rate of 1 fastener per 1ft. One extra fastener is set into the seam to the next panel to crate a flush transition.

5. Trowel the thinset on the rear side of the Fundo again using a 1/4” x 1/4” notched trowel.

6. Set up the rubber caulking gasket (with the bevelled side up) around the 2” pipe in the subfloor. The rubber gasket must be flush with the upper end of the 2” ABS or PVC pipe.

7. Do Not use any Lubricants.

8. Set up a continuous 1/2” bead of wedi sealant along the pans channel on the outer perimeter and only in areas where you can immediately install a building panel into the fresh sealant.

9. Apply continuous 1/2” beads of sealant between all connections of panels and install with tightly butted seams. Excess sealant must be spread flat with a putty knife. All seams and fastener heads in the assembly are covered with a secondary 1/2” bead of sealant and spread flat. The seams should be covered 1” on either side of seam. All fastener/washers are covered with sealant stretching 1” over the washer edges.
15. Wedi Niches are installed in a cut out in the Wedi wall and attached with its flange right into the center of 16 o.c. studs. Wedi joint sealant is set along the connection of wall to niche.

16. 2 Fasteners each side of the niche are set to create a flush transition to the wall panels. Another ½” bead of Wedi sealant is spread over fasteners and seams.

17. Apply thinset mortar over wood subfloor and reaching 4” into the Ligno shower base. Fill the Ligno’s channel and apply thinset mortar to the lower corner of the Wedi wall panels left and right of any entrance using ¼” x ¼” notch trowel.

18. Apply Wedi’s prefabricated outside sealing tape corners as a flashing to the Wedi wall panels and the Ligno/wood. Apply more thinset over the floor part of the corners and now apply Wedi Subliner Dry Sheet waterproofing membrane over the floor and 4” deep into the Ligno base area and work into the thinset mortar setting bed. Seal all seams and ends of the Subliner Dry with a ½” bead of Wedi joint sealant and spread flat using a putty knife. Your shower is ready for tile once the thinset mortar has hardened!

- Using a 2” drain plug, the Wedi pressure fit drain/sealing gasket is water tested prior to ceramic tile installation.
- All bottom perimeter joints, Subliner joints and vertical joints are covered with Wedi Joint Sealant. Coverage should be continuously visible for at least ⅛” to 1”.
- No mastic adhesives are used to install ceramic tile in the Wedi system. A high quality modified thinset mortar is recommended. Tiles smaller than 2 x 2 inches require epoxy grout. Exception are pebble stones or river rock stones where a modified cement based grout can be used.
- Large format tile can be used on Wedi Fundo bases. The tiles must be cut where the slope fields meet.

- Where Wedi building panels are installed over horizontal surfaces (seats, tubdeck transitions) do not set any fasteners and do not allow the glass door track installation to penetrate the Wedi panel or Subliner as it is your waterproofing.
- Make sure that doors are installed tight to contain water inside the shower. Make sure doors are installed to only load bearing reinforced framing.
- Where Wedi building panel is installed over corners of a structure showing an angle other than 90° please miter the board edges to gain adhesion surface. Utilize a Wedi sealing tape in addition to regular sealing for safety.

After Installation

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Insert Strainer Collar into base hole (no glue/no screws). Caulk between part and tile to create a flexible grout joint. Extension Collar can be cut to height if part is needed. The caulk joint must not create a water barrier damming up the water draining through the thinset bed into the drain. Therefore the thinset layer must be continuous toward the drain.