Schluter[®] Curbless Showers More ways to create your open-concept oasis





PROFILE OF INNOVATION



Open-concept bathrooms are coveted for their sleek design and consummate functionality. While ideal for all life stages of a growing family, curbless showers are exceptionally optimal for those who wish to age in place. The lack of threshold or curb opens up the shower area to the rest of the bathroom, making the whole room easier to clean and maintain. Flexibility in design is enhanced through the use of tile: choose simple, large-format tile for a clean and streamlined look, or craft a creative combination of field and accent tile on the floor or wall without the obstruction of a shower curb.

Curbless showers allow you to create a spa-like retreat, with built-in seats and benches, inset shelves and niches, low-profile linear drains, heated floors, and even steam showers. And now, they are even easier to achieve.

Here are 3 ways you can curb the curb:



Recessing the Shower Floor



Prefabricated Shower Tray and Ramp



Raise the Bathroom Floor

Recessing the Shower Floor

KERDI-DRAIN

A recessed shower floor allows for the installation of a sloped mortar bed or a prefabricated shower tray that is flush with the rest of the bathroom floor. Designed specifically for curbless showers, the KERDI-SHOWER-TT thin shower tray features a low perimeter height and can be installed over a recessed subfloor to create an even transition from the bathroom floor tile right into the shower. Available in six different sizes, KERDI-SHOWER-TT shower trays are waterproof and ready for tile, allowing for a quick and easy installation.

KERDI-LINE

With the KERDI-LINE linear drain, the floor is sloped on a single plane which allows the use of large-format tile. The KERDI-SHOWER-LT/-LTS sloped shower trays feature integrated waterproofing and are designed to integrate with KERDI-LINE drains. Various sizes are available to accommodate both center drain and perimeter drain placement.

Recessing the floor of a shower must be done in a way that preserves the structural integrity and safety of the construction. This may require the services of a qualified design professional (e.g., architect, engineer, etc.).





¹To achieve a flush assembly, attention must be paid to the combination of the varying heights of all installation materials (substrate, **DITRA** or other Schluter[®]-Systems uncoupling membrane, and tile).



Prefabricated Shower Tray and Ramp

When recessing the floor is not an option, a prefabricated shower tray and ramp, like the KERDI-SHOWER-T/-TS/-TT shower trays and KERDI-SHOWER-R shower ramp, facilitate the transition between the shower and bathroom floors. The KERDI-SHOWER-T/-TS/-TT trays are available in a variety of sizes and feature integrated waterproofing. The KERDI-SHOWER-T features an outlet for center drain placement, while the KERDI-SHOWER-TS is designed for off-center drain placements. KERDI-SHOWER-TT features a thin perimeter height for minimal transition height. Ideal for use in curbless showers, the KERDI-SHOWER-R ramp is made of lightweight, expanded polystyrene with integrated waterproofing and adheres to the slope ratio required by the ADA.

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Raise the Bathroom Floor

If you cannot or do not wish to recess the floor (e.g. post-tension concrete) or use a ramp, the use of additional materials to raise the bathroom floor is another option. With the KERDI-SHOWER-TT thin shower tray on a wood subfloor, you can build up the rest of the bathroom floor by installing either a 5/8" or 3/4" plywood/OSB panel on top of the wood subfloor along with DITRA or other Schluter[®]-Systems uncoupling membrane. Over a concrete subfloor, use a mortar bed of appropriate thickness along with DITRA or other Schluter[®]-Systems uncoupling membrane to build up the rest of the bathroom floor.

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KERDI-LINE

Solid backing with Schluter®-KERDI or Schluter®-KERDI-BOARD

Schluter®-KERDI-KERECK-F -

Schluter®-KERDI-BAND waterproofing strip -

Schluter®-KERDI-LINE -

Schluter®-KERDI-SHOWER-LT/-LTS tray Schluter®-DITRA, Schluter®-DITRA-XL, Schluter®-DITRA-HEAT or Schluter®-DITRA-HEAT-DUO

uncoupling membrane¹

Mortar bed

Concrete subfloor

If working with a wood subfloor, you can build up the rest of the subfloor by installing either a 5/8" or 3/4" plywood/OSB panel on top of the wood subfloor along with DITRA or other Schluter®-Systems uncoupling membrane. Follow the Wood Underlayment installation guidelines as found in the Schluter®-DITRA or Schluter®-DITRA-HEAT Installation Handbooks for fastening guidelines.

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KERDI-SHOWER-TT

Thin shower tray options help to simplify curbless shower designs. These trays feature perimeter heights of 7/8" to 1-1/32".

Waterproofing

Waterproofing measures are essential in any bathroom, but especially important in a curbless environment. Schluter[®]-Systems offers a complete line of products with options that integrate together to form a fully bonded, watertight assembly for tiled curbless showers and throughout the bathroom.



KERDI-BOARD

KERDI-BOARD is an extruded polystyrene foam panel that is installed directly on stud framing, and replaces gypsum or cement board to create shower walls.



KERDI

KERDI is a sheet-applied polyethylene waterproofing membrane and vapor retarder that is applied to the solid backing on the walls and the shower base.

Prefabricated Substrates



KERDI-BOARD-SN/-SB

Prefabricated benches and niches eliminate all the prep work for quick and easy installations.

Floors

Because wet areas and dry areas are not clearly defined in curbless showers, the bathroom must be sufficiently protected against water and moisture as whole.

DITRA, DITRA-XL, DITRA-HEAT and DITRA-HEAT-DUO are waterproof uncoupling membranes that prevent the main cause of cracked tile and grout by absorbing movement stresses from the substrate and ensuring the integrity of tiled surfaces. DITRA-HEAT and DITRA-HEAT-DUO incorporate electric floor warming to create comfortable tiled floors. Secondary drainage may be required in the drying area for any overflow.



DITRA



DITRA-XL



DITRA-HEAT



DITRA-HEAT-DUO

Drains



KERDI-DRAIN

KERDI-DRAIN is a floor drain with an integrated bonding flange that provides a large contact area for a secure connection to the KERDI waterproofing membrane at the top of the assembly.





STYLE - Brushed Stainless Steel



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CURVE

TILE

Tileable Covering Support

KERDI-LINE

KERDI-LINE is a low profile linear floor drain specifically designed for bonded waterproofing assemblies. The channel body features an integrated collar made of KERDI to ensure a simple and secure, watertight connection around the drain.

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