



# PreFormed Niche

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## 1. PRODUCT NAME

FinPan PreFormed Niche

## 2. MANUFACTURER

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## 3. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

PreFormed Niches are constructed of lightweight high-density expanded polystyrene and a liquid waterproof membrane finish. PreFormed Niches are 100% waterproof and ready-to-tile.

**Materials:** Saw or utility knife for cutting substrate layer out of for niche location. Polyurethane adhesive/sealant for adhering niche to studs and waterproofing joints. Modified thinset for setting tile or stone.

### Advantages

- Lightweight and durable.
- Factory installed, code approved waterproofing meets ANSI A118.10 requirements
- Ready-to-tile
- Multiple design options
- Fin Pan 20-Year Limited Warranty

### Uses

- Interior and Exterior
- Showers and tub surrounds
- Kitchens, entry ways or anywhere an in-wall nook is desired.
- Residential and commercial

### Suitable Substrates

- Wood or metal studded walls

### PreFormed Niche Models (Cavity Dimensions)

PF-301 / Square 12" x 12" (30 cm x 30 cm)

PF-304/ Wide Combo 12" x 12' & 12" x 6" (30 cm x 30 cm & 30 cm x 15 cm)

PF-305 / Narrow Combo 8" x 12" & 8" x 6" (20 cm x 30 cm & 20 cm x 15 cm)

PF-306 / Mega 12" x 20" (30 cm x 51 cm)

PF-308 / Soap 8" x 8" (20 cm x 20 cm)

### Shelf Life

- Factory sealed boxes are guaranteed to be of first quality for five (5) years if stored at temperatures >32°F (0°C) and <100°F (43°C).

### Limitations

- Mastics and silicones are never to be used.
- Don't expose to rubber solvents or ketones.
- Don't expose to sun or weather.

- Must be covered with ceramic tile, stone or latex paint finish.

- Surfaces must be structurally sound, stable and rigid enough to support ceramic/stone tile, thin brick and similar finishes.

### Cautions

Consult MSDS for safety information.

- If waterproof coating on the PreFormed Niche is punctured during installation re-coat the punctured area and 2" (50 mm) around the area with two coats of a liquid waterproofing.

## 4. TECHNICAL DATA

Waterproofing membrane meets ANSI A118.10

## 5. INSTALLATION

### Installation to existing 2 x 4 wall with wall board

- Determine desired height of niche and draw level line on substrate layer.
- Place niche with the bottom flange of the box centered on the level line.
- Trace exterior flanges.
- Cut along line and remove substrate layer. If accessible, install 2 X 4 horizontal cross bracing to support niche.
- Use polyurethane adhesive/sealant to adhere niche to studs.

• Seal joints between niche and backer board using polyurethane adhesive/sealant. Alternatively apply fiberglass mesh and a liquid waterproof membrane.

### Installation in New Construction

- Determine desired height of niche and mark 2 x 4 accordingly.
- Install horizontal cross bracing to support niche.
- Use polyurethane adhesive/sealant to adhere niche to studs.
- Next, install ½" backer board on all walls and flush to niche ½" flanges.

• Seal joints between niche and backer board using polyurethane adhesive/sealant. Alternatively apply fiberglass mesh and a liquid waterproof membrane.

### Tile Installation Detail

- Install tile using a modified thinset and in accordance with the Tile Council of North America (TCNA) guidelines.

## 6. AVAILABILITY AND COST

### Availability

FinPan products are available worldwide. **For**

### Distributor information call:

Toll Free: 1-800-833-6444

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**Cost:** Contact a FinPan Distributor in your area

## 7. WARRANTY

Contact FinPan

## **8. MAINTENANCE**

PreFormed Niches require no maintenance.

## **9. TECHNICAL SERVICES**

### **Technical Assistance**

Information is available by calling FinPan Monday thru Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST.

### **Technical and Safety Literature**

Please visit our website at [www.finpan.com](http://www.finpan.com).

## **10. FILING SYSTEM**

Information is available at [www.finpan.com](http://www.finpan.com).