

WATERPROOF WALL FINISH AROUND BATHTUBS

ONTARIO BUILDING CODE

9.29.2. Waterproof Wall Finish

9.29.2.1. Where Required

- (1) Waterproof finish shall be provided to a height of not less than,
 - (a) 1.8 m (5 ft 11 in) above the floor in shower stalls,
 - (b) 1.2 m (3 ft 11 in) above the rims of bathtubs equipped with showers, and
 - (c) 400 mm (15¾ in) above rims of bathtubs not equipped with showers.

9.29.2.2. Materials

- (1) Waterproof finish shall consist of ceramic, plastic or metal tile, sheet vinyl, tempered hardboard, laminated thermosetting decorative sheets or linoleum.

9.29.10.4 Moisture Resistant Backing

- (1) Ceramic and plastic tile installed on walls around bathtubs or showers shall be applied over moisture resistant backing.

OBJECTIVE

The use of ceramic and porcelain tile in today's homes has become the most common materials used to waterproof walls around bathtubs.

When ceramic or porcelain tile is used around bathtubs, without a shower nozzle, the tile must be applied over a water resistant gypsum board backing or another suitable water resistant board and must extend at least 400 mm (15¾ in) above the rims of the bathtub. Refer to the illustration below for details

