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STORMTECH: ARCHITECTURAL DRAINAGE FOR BATHROOM PROJECTS

The importance of choosing compliant and conforming products in bathroom designs is critical for its required functionality. While cutting corners can be tempting, shaving margins off by buying cheaper, low-quality products will end up costing more in the long run – and not just in a monetary sense.

Products demonstrating reduced flexibility can signal low quality, as they are only relevant for general applications. A cheap solution also suggests a lack of testing, or a short research and development period, which could lead to problems later down the line.

Unfortunately, the lasting impact of cheap alternatives may be completely unforeseen by those who have invested in them. Reduced flexibility, for example, could lead to the need to rework existing plumbing.

Like cheap products from any sector, it is probable that less costly drainage systems will result in a shorter lifespan and if drainage systems are not suitable for the job required, it may result in damage, not only to the system, but also to the building it is incorporated in. In the worst-case scenario, if a drainage system is found to be non-conforming and non-compliant, it may need to be replaced entirely. For more information contact Stormtech, phone 1300 653 403, website www.stormtech.com.au

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As the pioneer of linear drainage in Australia, Stormtech provides a range of choices to suit a myriad of drainage possibilities to suit specific situations. Stormtech's use of Grade 316 marine grade stainless steel illustrates its dedication to a higher quality of material. Stormtech drains are fully compliant with a number of building codes, in particular Plumbing Code AS3500.

With 25 years experience in architectural drainage, Stormtech have all products certified by Greentag and Level 2 Watermark.



Hand Dryer Systems JET TOWEL SLIM MADE IN JAPAN





Jet Towel the Stylish Alternative

Originally designed in 1992, Mitsubishi Electric introduced the first original jet hand dryer to the world. After years of technological advancements, the 9th Generation Slim model shows off its superfast, reduced noise drying, improved durability and hygiene conscious features.

Mitsubishi Electric's jet towel features an air speed of over 100 metres per second, which makes this model faster than most conventional warm air dryers on the market. Along with its super-fast speed, the model has also dropped in noise levels to 56-59 dB (2 dB quieter than the previous model), ensuring it is still one of the quietest hand dryers on the market.

Metal ions have been added to the plastic resin to limit the growth and spread of bacteria on the surface. Mitsubishi Electric have also included a 0.8L drain tank to keep floors dry by catching the removed water, ensuring a clean experience for the user. Maintenance is also a breeze with the easy access of the washable air filter and drain duct.

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MARBLED PERFECTION

Apollo Marble is renowned for having one of the widest and stunning ranges of quality marble and granite. The business has extensive experience with residential and commercial projects completing some of the most luxurious installations in Tasmania, including the recent Macquarie Wharf Redevelopment.

"We were very honoured to be involved in such a project architectural piece for Tasmania," says Apollo Marble's, Panagiotis Behrakis. "It is a well thought-out design and a great project to be involved in."

Dealing in stone materials such as granite, marble, onyx, limestone, travertine, bluestone and sandstone, Apollo Marble can bring to life a wide range of conceptual design ideas with their extensive product knowlege and craftsmenship. This includes kitchens, vanities, fireplaces, feature walls and table tops.

"We also deal with engineered stones such as Smartstone, Quantum Quartz, Caesar Stone and Essa Stone," added Panagiotis. "We source materials from all around the world, primarily Italy, Brazil, Spain and China."

Apollo Marble has access to some of the most spectacular materials, in a range of colours that are both hard wearing and adds a unique



touch of luxury to any space. Applications for their products are as wide reaching as the types of stone available and includes floor treatments, wall coverings and tiles, as well as granite vanity bench tops. It also supplies stone fireplaces in premium suites and stone features in the building's reception and cocktail bars.

Apollo Marble has a spectacular portfolio which includes work on notable projects such as the Saffire Hotel, Fairway Rise Retirement Village and Metz Apartments Battery Point. Apollo Marble and Granite also worked on refurbishments for the Freycient Lodge, Woolstore Hotel, Country Club, Henry Jones Hotel and Wrest Point Hotel.

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Are your showers ticking time bombs?

Despite builders best efforts, leaking showers are consistently listed in the QBCC's 10 most common defects. Sadly, sometimes this is due to sub-standard workmanship, but most of the time it is the design of the shower itself which is creating the potential for disaster.

Most contractors are at a complete loss as to why, but detailed testing has shown how, by the action of expansion and contraction, water is "pumped" along glue cavities to escape the shower enclosure, no matter how well it is water-proofed.

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Add-A-Bathroom is the prefabricated bathroom division of Fibre Composites International Pty Ltd, an independently owned Australian company started by John Arnold in 2000.

Fibre Composites is the manufacturing division that John started over 17 years ago to produce a range of fibreglass components for the Australian commercial and domestic markets.

The company started making the Add-A-Bathroom prefabricated bathrooms and shower cubicles 15 years ago and has supplied these units into the Australian market across the commercial and domestic sectors ever since.

Over the past six years the company has undertaken an extensive development programme and has developed the Add-A-Bathroom prefabricated bathroom system to incorporate 'flat packed kit' and 'fully assembled' pod formats and has introduced the new Tiled Look finish, taking the product to a new level of feel, fit and finish.

In recent years, Add-A-Bathroom has also exported both the prefabricated bathrooms and showers into a number of countries throughout the Pacific Islands. It has recently started to export the Add-A-Bathroom range to New Zealand.

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The manufacturing division has its primary factory based in Adelaide, with a second factory in Batam, Indonesia producing flat packed modular bathrooms and shower cubicles. The addition of the off shore facility has enabled Add-A-Bathroom to offer even more competitive price structures to its many clients. The fitout and assembly of the Add-A-Bathroom pods is completed in their Australian facility to individual clients specifications or to a standard Add-A-Bathroom package.

Add-A-Bathroom pods can also be supplied in small quantities so are suitable for use in smaller projects, even in individual units. They can be provided in 'flat packed kit' or 'fully assembled' format.

The pictures above depict some Add-A-Bathroom pods being delivered and placed into the \$47 million Victoria University Student Accommodation project recently completed in Footscray. Add-A-Bathroom supplied bathroom pods in fully assembled pre-fitted format into the 173 apartments. Their pods have been used in a number of other student and hospitality accommodation projects around Australia.

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BATHROOMS NOW AND FOREVER

Gro Agencies is a family owned and operated business with our showroom located in Osborne Park WA and retail partners across Australia. We have been offering personal service and advice to our customers for over 35 years. Our business is focused on providing European designed and manufactured bathroom products.

Gro Agencies is the national distributor for TECE, a German company specialising in concealed flushing and drainage technology. TECE have won several major design awards including the DesignPlus and Red Dot design awards for their market leading design of the TECEsquare Metal push plate and their new flush valve with variable flushing volume.

The TECE cisterns are all WELS approved for 4.5/3 litre flush with the 8cm cistern also approved for 6/3 litre flush. All TECE cisterns have a minimum water capacity of 9 litres. Pictured is the TECEsquare Metal push plate which is available in 4 finishes, Stainless Steel, Chrome, Gloss White and Matte Black. The Square Metal push plate when installed sits 3mm off the wall, a beautiful slim line design. TECE also offer a modular profile system that can be made offsite, this system can include the cistern, washbasin and other components for the bathroom.

Inda is our Italian supplier of bathroom accessories and bathroom furniture. Inda have been manufacturing for more than 70 years



and is a major contract supplier to luxury hotels and cruise ships throughout the world. Inda's bathroom furniture is comprehensive, with over 3,000 combinations available, Inda has the solution for most bathrooms domestic or commercial. The extensive range of bathroom accessories by Inda are leading in design, functional and affordable.

Headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA, with locations throughout Europe, GRAFF is globally recognized for its trend-setting products and unique vision. Supported since 1922 by extensive plumbing and hardware manufacturing experience, GRAFF has positioned itself at the forefront of design creating designer-based collections for the luxury market.

Utilising the latest manufacturing technology and thanks to a tradition of old-world craftsmanship, GRAFF's commitment to creating cutting-edge, premium-quality collections is evident in each and every product. Our featured product is Sento, "lightness and strength" are the principles that inspired Angeletti Ruzza Design when they created this collection. Its minimal yet sensual design is defined by clean, simple lines that result in a strong visual impact.

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MERIT STONE

Merit Stone are rapidly establishing themselves as a trusted and passionate supplier of high quality marble and stone products in Melbourne. Ment Stone also pride themselves as a company who provide custom designed and made products which meet the unique requirements of each customer.

Merit Stone are focusing their activity in Melbourne's southern, south eastern and eastern suburbs, principally in the domestic sector, although has a commitment to widening their geographic coverage across Melbourne, as well as expanding into the commercial sector.

Managing Director Irwin Li, said that Merit Stone specialises in offering a range of high-end premium quality stones. "Our professional team prides themselves on providing a personalised design service to meet customers' building and renovating needs. We can craft marble and natural stones into different shapes and sizes according to their vision."

Whatever the particular requirement, whether it is for bathrooms, kitchens, fireplaces or living-room feature walls, Merit Stone has the capability to shape and install flawless marble and granite solutions for their customers, thus a unique appearance is achieved.

Merit Stone has a product range which includes marble and granite pillars to deliver an elegant and grand scale inside or outside the home. Merit Stone can design and supply waterjet marble and stone tiles for traditional or modern designs. The company provides an exquisite collection of fireplace designs in marble or granite which creates that special ambience within the home.

Irwin Li says that Merit Stone are committed to delivering beautiful, high quality products at prices that are competitive and customer-friendly. "We recognise that our customers have individual tastes and requirements so our product range can be tailored to everyone's needs through careful selection of stones and colours. We can cut to any size and offer natural or cultured marble to suit every requirement. At all times we guarantee our work and aim to provide complete customer satisfaction."

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