

VISTELLE®

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VANITY SPLASHBACK

Installation Guide

Introduction

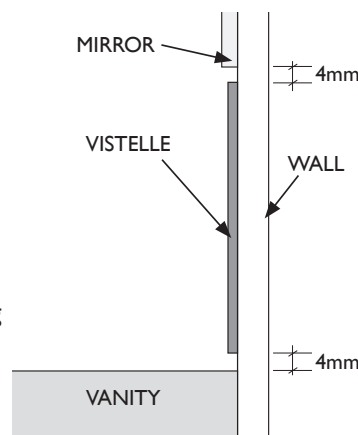
Thank you for purchasing Vistelle®, the superior high gloss acrylic panel especially suited for shower walls, bathroom partitions and kitchen and vanity splashbacks in residential or commercial environments.

Please read this guide in full before starting installation.



Warnings

- Vistelle is not to be used in direct contact with any heat source above 70 deg C
- Vistelle expands and contracts with temperature changes, therefore expansion gaps of at least 4mm must be used at the perimeter of each panel
- Do not store or transport Vistelle outdoors, in direct sunlight or in extreme heat
- Store Vistelle horizontally to avoid bowing
- Always use a sacrificial board under Vistelle when drilling, cutting or sawing
- Vistelle must NOT be applied to curved surfaces. Install on flat surfaces only
- If Vistelle is to be placed on edge (during installation), protect edge using soft material
- Always wear protective clothing and equipment when handling and installing Vistelle
- DO NOT remove Vistelle's protective film until installation is complete
- Do not use Acetic cure silicone (p4)
- Do not use Acrylic sealant as it will not bond to the panels (p4)



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Tools and materials

Some or all of the following tools may be required depending on the scope of the installation.

MEASURING

- Measuring tape
- Soft pencil or felt tipped marker pen
- Carpenters square

CUTTING/DRILLING

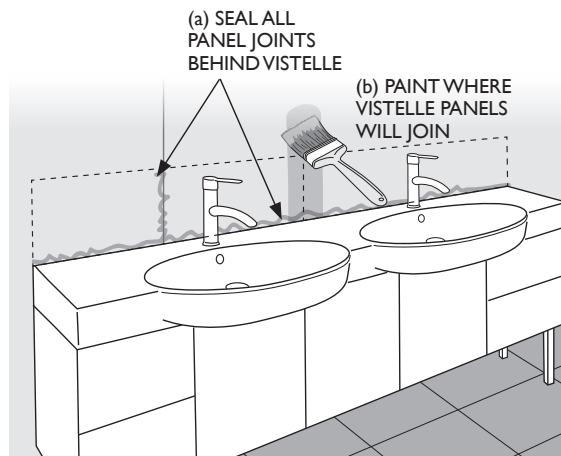
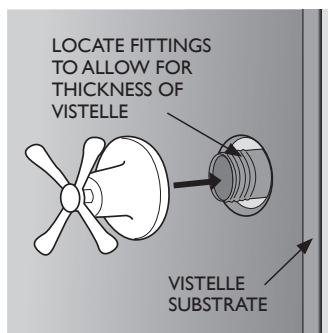
- Circular/jigsaw with fine tooth blades
- Power/battery drill and blunt drills/step drill bits
- Medium and fine grit sandpaper and sanding block or power planer
- Personal protective equipment for hands, eyes, ears, nose and feet

INSTALLATION

- Caulking gun
- Heavy duty double sided tape - 2m (12-18mm wide). Choose tape colour which will not show through panel.
- Neutral cure silicone
- Soft flexible plastic spatula
- 20mm rubber based adhesive masking tape


Area Preparation

- Ensure the wall or surface being mounted to is flat, clean and dry
- Use waterproof fibre cement or plasterboard as substrates in accordance with local building regulations for shower or bath areas
- All substrate wall linings behind Vistelle must be sealed at the joints with a generous silicone or waterproofing compound (a)
- For best results, paint wall behind Vistelle panel joints in a similar colour and allow to dry (b)



Tiled Substrates

- Where installing Vistelle over existing tiles, ensure they are securely attached and high spots removed
- Thoroughly clean tiles (eg with "Sugar Soap") and allow to dry
- Exposed panel edges can be sealed with silicone. A finishing trim can also be used to create a neat appearance covering both the tile and Vistelle panel edge

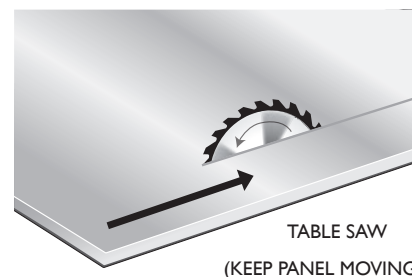
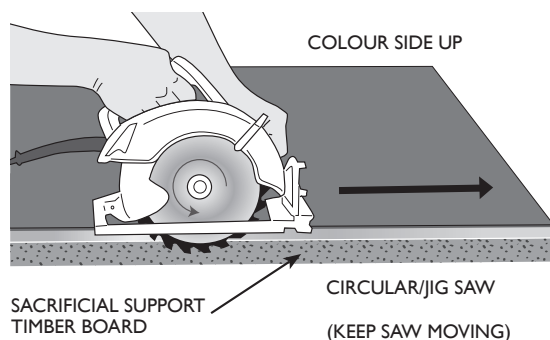
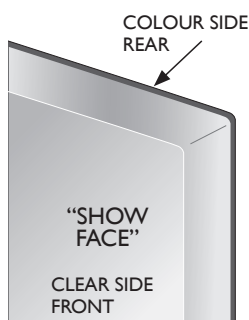
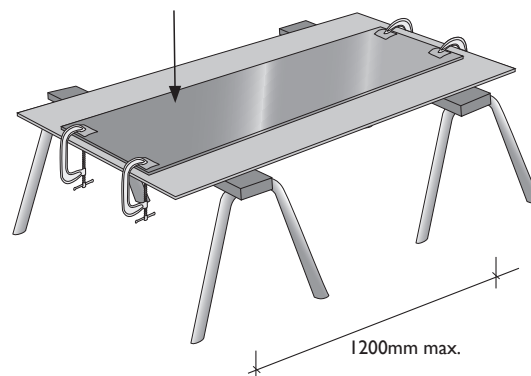


Vistelle vanity splashbacks are designed for simple installation above 1200mm and 900mm wide vanities without the need for drilling, cutting or edge finishing. Proceed to Panel Installation section in these cases. If panels need to be worked to suit your application, please ensure the following sections are adhered to.

Sawing/Cutting

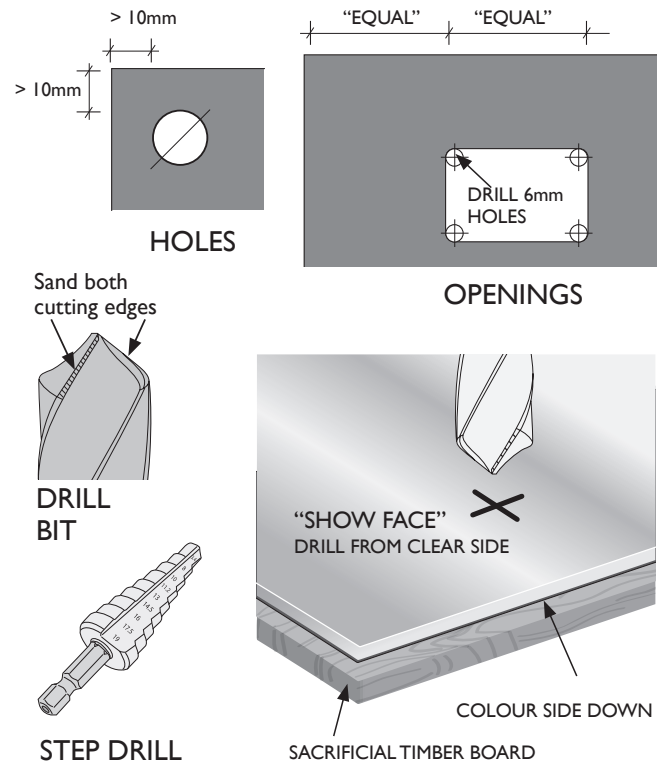
- Use circular/table saws with sharp fine tooth carbide tipped blades for straight cuts (min. 60 teeth)
- Use jigsaw with sharp fine tooth aluminium/plastic cutting blades for short curved cuts (eg. power points)
- Do not allow the blade to overheat, work at a moderate speed and pressure
- Ensure blade is at full speed before sawing panel
- Clean swarf away frequently after cutting to avoid damage to the protective film

SUPPORT VISTELLE PANEL ON PLYWOOD OR MDF SHEET OR SOLID WORK TOP



Drilling and Openings

- Do not use sharp drill bits. To blunt the drill bit, rub the cutting edges with 80 grit sandpaper or drill into masonry
- Always drill a hole at the corner of any cut-out or notch. **DO NOT CUT SQUARE INSIDE CORNERS**
- Drill from the face side (clear side) of the Vistelle panel to reduce the risk of chipping.
- Use a slow to medium drill speed, and only light pressure
- Fine toothed hole saws can be used for larger holes. Start from the clear side and then from the colour side to achieve the best finish
- Step drills are ideal for mid size holes and also making smaller holes into larger ones
- When using screws to attach fittings, drill a hole with a minimum of 1mm clearance between the fixing and the Vistelle panel. Fix into the substrate and structure behind. **DO NOT SCREW INTO THE VISTELLE PANEL**
- Tighten cover plates to touch Vistelle only. **DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN**

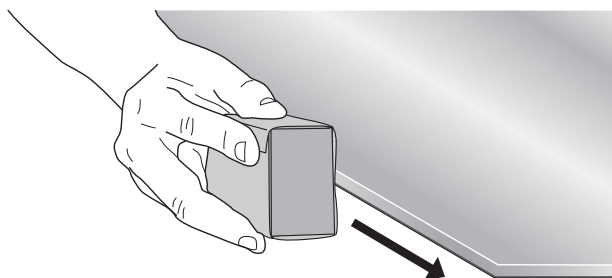


Edge Finishing

- All sawn edges must be sanded or planed prior to installation

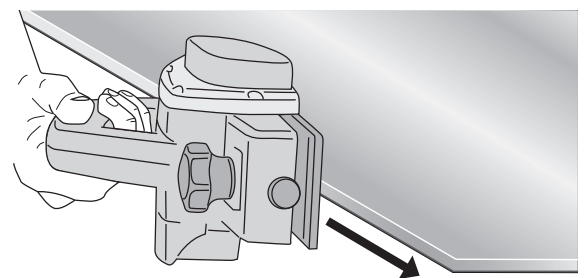


NOTE - Do not use flexible PVC edge trimming or gaskets at any time as they contain chemical agents that could damage the panel.



BLOCK SANDING

STEP 1: MEDIUM 120 GRIT
STEP 2: FINE 240 GRIT



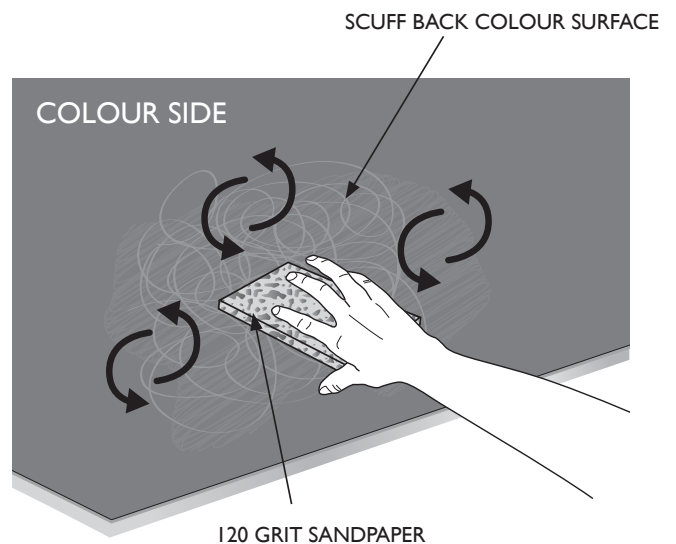
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Panel Installation

- **DO NOT** remove the protective film on the front (clear side) of the panel at this time

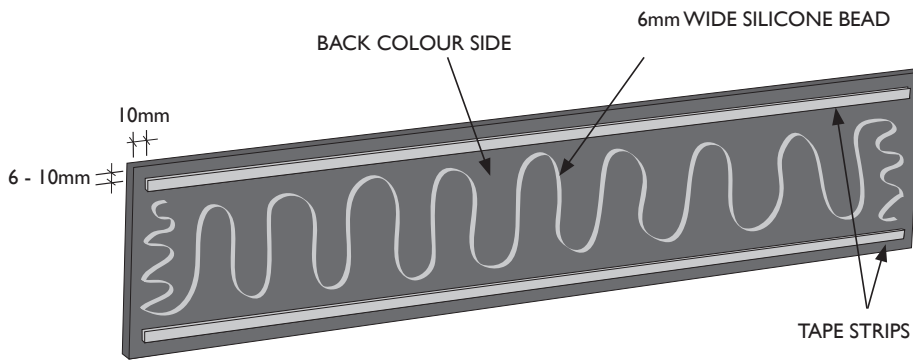
STEP 1 Scuff the rear surface with coarse scouring pad or 120 grit sandpaper

STEP 2 Ensure the panel's rear surface is clean and free of sanding dust and any other substances



Panel Installation continued

STEP 3 Apply tape and silicone. Use roller to firmly secure tape



Please ensure you choose a tape colour that won't be seen through the panel after installation.



Colour side goes against wall.



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DO NOT use Acrylic sealant as it will not bond to the panels

STEP 4 Remove tape liner

STEP 5 Install the panel by resting on removable spacers at the bottom and between panels

STEP 6 Firmly press down panel to ensure tape bonds and silicone contacts the wall.

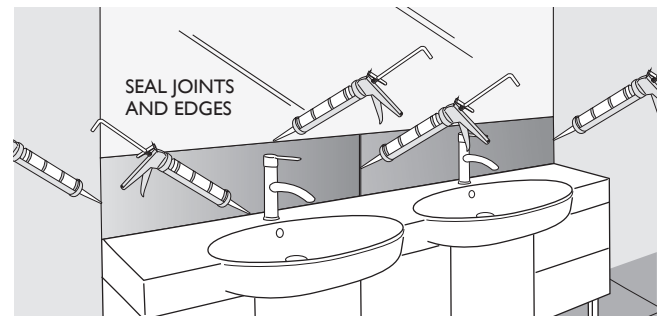
STEP 7 Remove the spacers and seal the joints with neutral cure wet area silicone. Remove excess with soft plastic spatula. Use protective film or masking tape to produce straight bead

Turpentine on a soft cloth can be used to clean off excess silicone after install if necessary

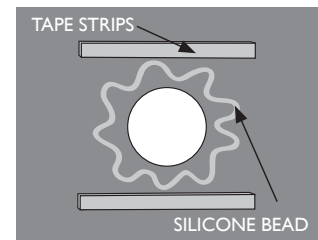
NOTE: To achieve a smooth finish on the silicone, mix up a 10% solution of mild dish washing liquid and water. Spray the solution over the silicone bead before wiping off with the spatula

STEP 8 Remove Vistelle's protective film and masking tape immediately after installation

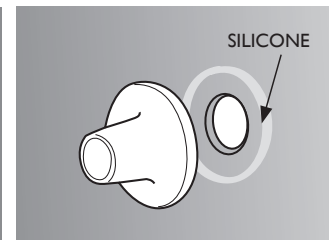
Allow all silicone to cure for 24 hours.



FOR HOLES AND OPENINGS



REVERSE SIDE



FRONT SIDE

Cleaning

Best results are achieved using a soft microfibre cloth or chamois with non-abrasive detergent in warm water. Grease or oil can be removed with Kerosene and a microfibre cloth. Always rinse off with clean water.



Do not rub the Vistelle surface when it is dry.

Do not use brushes or scouring pads on the Vistelle as prolonged use may damage the high gloss surface.

Do not use cleaners with high alkali content. Do not use Methylated Spirits.

Technical Table

GENERAL PROPERTIES	RELEVANT STANDARD	SHOWER & WALL (HARD COATED)
Water Absorption	ASTM D-570	< 0.5%
Gloss	AS/NZS 1580.602	> 90%
Pencil Hardness	ASTM D-3363	> 6H
Thermal Expansion & Contraction		0.7mm/1000mm/10 °C
HDT, 264psi, 1.82MPa	ASTM D-648	96 °C
CTE, -30 to 30C	ASTM D-696	7 mm/(mm.°C)x10 ⁻⁵
Continuous Service Temperature		77 °C
Fire Behaviour - Australia BCA 2006	AS/NZS 13837:1998	Rating 4

10 Year Limited Warranty

Vistelle panels are warranted for faulty materials and workmanship for a period of 10 years, with 10% reducing value per year after the first 3 years. The warranty is void if incorrect installation or cleaning procedures have been used. The warranty does not include fabrication, installation, trade services or other consequential costs.

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