Instructions for Fitting Bathroom Accessories to Walls

1. Preparation

- Check that all parts and fixings supplied with the accessory are present.
- Identify the type of wall you are fixing to (e.g. plasterboard, solid brick, blockwork or tiled wall).
- Check for hidden electrical cables, water pipes and other services before drilling.
- Make sure you have the correct tools and fixings for the wall type.
- Decide on the desired position and height of the accessory.

2. Marking Out

- Position the accessory against the wall in the desired location.
- Use a spirit level to ensure it is straight and level.
- Mark the fixing points through the mounting bracket or fixing template.
- Double-check the measurements and positioning before drilling.

3. Drilling the Wall

- Select a suitable drill bit for the wall material.
- If drilling through tiles, use an appropriate tile drill bit and drill slowly without the hammer function.
- Avoid applying excessive pressure, as this may crack or damage the tiles.
- Once through the tile, change to the appropriate drill bit for the wall material if necessary.
- Drill to the correct depth for the wall plugs being used.

4. Installing Wall Fixings

- Insert suitable wall plugs into the drilled holes.
- Ensure the plugs are appropriate for the wall construction and the weight the accessory will carry.
- Make sure the plugs sit securely and are flush with the wall surface.
- For plasterboard walls, use suitable plasterboard anchors or fix directly into a timber stud where possible.

5. Fixing the Accessory

- Position the mounting bracket or fixing plate over the drilled holes.
- Secure it using the supplied or appropriate screws.
- Tighten the screws firmly, but avoid overtightening.
- Attach the accessory to the mounting bracket.
- Tighten any grub screws or retaining screws where fitted.

6. Finishing

- Check that the accessory is level, secure and correctly aligned.
- Apply a suitable bathroom-grade silicone sealant around wall penetrations where appropriate to prevent water ingress.
- Remove any pencil marks, dust or debris.
- Clean the accessory and surrounding area.

7. Final Checks

- Check that all fixings are tight and secure.
- Gently test the accessory to ensure there is no movement.
- Make sure the accessory is suitable for its intended use and can support the expected load.
- Check that there are no sharp edges or exposed fixings.

Tools and Materials Required

- Tape measure
- Pencil or marker
- Spirit level
- Drill and suitable drill bits
- Screwdriver or screwdriver bits
- Suitable wall plugs and screws
- Tile drill bit (where applicable)
- Silicone sealant and sealant gun
- Safety glasses
- Dust mask where appropriate

Important: Always check for concealed pipes and electrical cables before drilling. Use fixings suitable for the wall construction, and follow the accessory manufacturer's installation instructions.

Tip: When fitting accessories to tiled walls, take extra care when drilling to avoid cracking the tiles. Seal around penetrations where appropriate, particularly in areas exposed to direct water.