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PolyNiche Design and Characteristics

PolyNiche is designed to be lightweight, cost effective, and provide quick and easy installation. PolyNiche is an Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) product consisting of a liquid applied waterproof membrane, then coated with an acrylic polymer finish. It's primary function is to act as an in-wall recessed shower accessory used in commercial and residential shower or tub stalls. PolyNiche is currently available in a variety of sizes to meet the needs of installers, and fabricators.

PolyNiche EPS contains no CFC's or HCFC's, is clean and odorless, has low thermal conductivity, high strength-to-weight ratio, will not twist or warp under normal use, and is unaffected by vibration. Installation is easy due to lightweight design and cuts easily with any serrated blade or tool.

Water and Water Vapor Exposure

PolyNiche is unaffected by moisture due to the waterproof coating. Exposure to water or water vapor, in the wet area as well as inside the wall cavity, does not cause shrinking, swelling, or deformation

Resistance to Mold or Mildew

PolyNiche will not decompose and will not support mold or mildew growth through the EPS, waterproof coating, or acrylic finish. PolyNiche contains no nutritional value.

Flame Retardants / Temperature Exposure

PolyNiche is designed to withstand changes in temperature associated with residential and commercial showers.

PolyNiche is manufactured with modified EPS foam, which contains a fire retardant, but is still considered combustible while the waterproof coating and acrylic polymer finish is non-combustible. Do not expose EPS to open flame or ignition switches. PolyNiche is to be stored in accordance with local laws and ordinances.

Thermal Performance

PolyNiche EPS is a closed cell structure in which the R-Value will remain constant and will not suffer from R-Value loss

Chemicals, Coatings, and Adhesives

Certain solvents will attack PolyNiche's EPS structure, such as ethers, esters, ketones, and hydrocarbons. Only use approved EPS adhesives to bond sections of PolyNiche, as well as approved mortars and thinsets to attach tile and/or marble.

Building Code Compliance

PolyNiche has several compliant standards. It's EPS meets or exceeds ASTM C578 "Standard Specification for Rigid Cellular Polystyrene Thermal Insulation". PolyNiche's acrylic polymer finish also meets or exceeds 9 ASTM standards (see tech data for classes). PolyNiche's liquid applied waterproof membrane meets the requirements of ANSI A118.10 (specification for waterproof membrane beneath thin set, tile, and stone). PolyNiche's EPS is Factory Mutual Approved and is UL Classified. PolyNiche complies with the flammability requirements of BOCA, ACBO, and SBCCI building codes. PolyCurb's EPS is also Dade County Compliance Approved

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