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Re.: Bariatric rating/load bearing capacity of Best Bath System showers, seats and grab bars

### **Showers**

The floors of our accessible, "low profile bottom" showers with the numerical model number suffix of: 5, 75, 1, 11 or 12 are fabricated with an integral level support material. This assures that, if installed according to the instructions, the load on the shower floor is transferred to the building floor.

This load may be as high as that of a 1,000 lbs. person walking, standing, in a wheelchair or on our fold-down seat with swing-down legs, without causing damage to the shower floor or effect on the warranty.

Our residential showers and those accessible models with a suffix of: CP, 15, 17, 2, 25 or 3 do not have this integral level support material and are rated to support up to 300 lbs. For applications with loads exceeding 300 lbs., these models need to be installed in a mortar bed.

The walls of all showers are constructed with a 3/8" thick plywood core encapsulated in the fiberglass laminations and will withstand the impact from bariatric users leaning, falling, hitting or otherwise impacting the walls.

### **Seats and grab bars**

The fold-down seats with legs and grab bars (not exceeding a 24" span between mounting posts) and the fastening systems, as factory-installed, are rated to 1,000 lbs.

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