

Tim Fulgham

Dexterous Hot Mop

Why Should I Use a Hot Mop Shower pan?



Introduction

What is a Hot Mop Shower pan?

A Hot Mop Shower pan is an integrated system consisting multiple layers of 500 degree hot liquid tar and 15 lb roofing felt. This superior waterproof layer sits on a mortar bed that is entirely pitched a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch per foot towards the drain. Thus providing an ability for the water to make its way back towards the secondary drain (weep holes) when passing through the tile and grout. Most people think water can move on its own when hitting a waterproof barrier to the drain but are very mistaken. If the shower pan is not sloped, it just sits inside the cement bed and breaks away the lifespan of the beautiful tile and grout which in turn causes the lifespan of the shower to weaken in time and cause mold in the shower. A Hot Mop Shower pan is consisted of 4 layers of waterproof hot tar, sandwiched in 3 layers of 15 lb roofing felt, embedded on top of a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch per foot mortar bed. All layers are melted and permanently stuck together to make one waterproof barrier that no other method can beat!

There are a few different ways to waterproof a shower pan but one method is far superior than all the others. The Hot Mop Shower pan was originated in Southern California. In part of the state, its very widely known Hot Mopping a shower pan is the absolute way to go when considering a waterproofing method for your shower. Some people may waterproof their shower pans with the shower pan liners you see at Home Depot. This method has many flaws compared to a Hot Mop shower pan. One of them, includes the fact that they are not tight at the corners. When the liner is not tight that means there is air that is trapped within the liner. A tile man needs a nice tight shower pan to float over in order to make their tile nice and tight. Another downfall is that liner can take up to 3 hours to fully install. That's a lot of time and a lot of room for error. From cutting different pieces and glueing them in different areas, it can get messy and leave a big margin to make a devastating mistake in your waterproofing. One huge downfall liners carry, is the fact that they are ONE LAYER! A Hot Mop Shower pan consists of 4 layers of Tar and 3 layers of 15 lb roofing felt all melted together! Yet another flaw liners carry, is the fact that they only come in very few selected sizes. It is almost impossible to properly waterproof a larger shower or a complex shaped shower. So not only do pan liners take almost 2.5 times longer to install, there's so much room for error. When using one of these cheap methods of waterproofing, it carries flaws that can really slow down the progress in your project causing you headache and doubt. There is also roll-on waterproof membranes that claim they are the way to go. The main problem with this is, you need to apply coat after coat after coat only hoping that you have applied enough coats to successfully sealed the shower pan as well as waiting for each coat you apply to dry. The joints are the most vulnerable points of this system where the pieces of fiberglass can only withstand for some amount of time. Hot Mop shower pans are the opposite. They are doubled up on waterproofing at every joint! Who is to say that maybe you sealed your shower pan but just enough to get by only during the inspection process. What if, come to find out the roll-on shower pan is waterproof, but can this waterproof seal handle common construction

traffic? A Hot Mop shower pan can. Can you walk away from a roll-on shower pan and not have any doubt in your mind that it will not leak? Would you be willing to gamble the thousands of dollars of work a tile man has to do along with everything else in and around a shower by proceeding with continuing the project, only to find out that you now have a slow leaking shower 5-10 years later? Not only did you spend thousands of dollars to build a beautiful shower ON TOP of this weak system, but now you have to spend precious time tearing it all out, AND DOING IT ALL AGAIN! Sounds like a big headache a contractor would never want to endure. The beauty about a Hot Mop shower pan is the fact you never have to feel this feeling of doubt or uncertainty. You can observe a Hot Mop shower pan and know there is no doubt you will ever come across a problem the other methods can give you in plain sight, or in slow time. A Hot Mop shower pan is the best investment you can make, not only for the sake of your whole entire bathroom, but for the whole part of the house surrounding your shower! I've seen showers leak through into the ceiling of the first floor time and time again! All because they wanted to go with the cheap route and use a roll-on or liner shower pan. Another huge advantage Hot Mop shower pans have over all other methods, is the fact that they are handcrafted to perfection and can be customly designed to be molded into ANY SIZE and ANY SHAPE of a shower you can think of! I've done 9x9 showers, circle showers, almost triangle showers. i haven't walked away from i shower i couldn't do. Some can time a little longer thanks others. but not by much. a typical hot mop shower pan can be designed and installed within an hour to an hour and a half! I have personally done 8 shower pans in a day before. All by myself! i take extensive care and pride in every single one of my showers. When I used to work for my old hot mopping company I would average 4 hot mop shower pans a day! That is 20 showers a week! I have done somewhere in the thousands as far as the number of Hot Mop shower pans I have installed. Would you hire a contractor or worker who takes a part of ,waterproofing a shower pan, when needed which would only be 1-2 a week? Or would you hire a Hot Mopper who waterproofs showers FOR A LIVING by installing

15-20 SUCCESSFUL shower pans in a week! In addition to the many flaws other methods have is the fact that most people who try to waterproof their shower pans themselves, DONT SLOPE THEM! Water does not move on its on. If you install a flat or roll on membrane as a shower pan, the water will seep through the tile and grout and just sit there only to deteriorate the lifespan of the tile and grout that sitting in and on top of this still water! This can cause discoloration in the tile and mold that can grow slowly in time. All my Hot Mop shower pans are PRE-SLOPED. 1/4 inch per foot from the drain. This allows the water to have a way to travel back into the sub drain as it hits the waterproof barrier. So not only is a Hot Mop far more durable, waterproof, customizable, far quicker installation than all the other waterproofing methods, it doesn't not allow water to penetrate the hot mop or sit beneath the tile into the cement and grout. California is known for this type of business. Why? BECAUSE IT WORKS! Its old school, but the system has never stopped working. Id say the only downside of a Hot Mop would be, the fact that it does have an odor of tar in the area during the short installation process. Fans and windows help relief this smell and smoke and it only lasts a couple hours. Don't let a few hours of a tar smell stop you from years and years of a successful waterproof Shower pan! As you can see, it's very obvious the Hot Mop Shower pan is far superior than any other waterproofing system there is on the market.

If this may interest you in giving me a call or reaching me through my email please feel free to contact me at,

Tim Fulgham

(909)-917-4100

Email Dexteroushotmop@gmail.com

Instagram @dexteroushotmop

