Shower simplicity

Innovative Hokitika-based company Aquapel has produced two new models. One is a modification of Aquapel’s “wall mount”, called “glass mount” as it can be mounted on a glass wall. A key design feature of Aquapel is that the stainless steel shower slide, headpiece, mixer and plumbing are all integrated into a single unit. This means the usual in-wall plumbing is no longer required. The simplicity is both aesthetically pleasing and practical. The company says, “The Aquapel stainless steel shower system frees up design of wet areas and tiled shower spaces and creates stylish, minimalist, easy to clean, open space.”

The company is also producing a dog shower.

aquapel.co.nz

Goodbye to soggy towels

In winter, it’s bad enough having to drag yourself out of bed and into the shower, but then to be faced with a wet towel with which to dry yourself can really put a damper on the start of your day.

Which is where Skope Industries’ heated ladder towel rails provide the ultimate, highly functional towel-drying solution – at minimal cost. From about 0.8 cents per hour running cost, Skope’s ladder towel rails are designed to ensure maximum drying, with minimal energy consumption.

The ability to connect to a timer means you control your running times to suit daily routines and drying requirements. Installing a ladder towel rail in your bathroom or laundry will also mean less washing and use of the dryer, which in turn means greater savings in water usage and electricity consumption.

New for 2010 is the Skope LTR8, a chrome-plated ladder towel rail that has been highly polished to create an elegant finish. The flat shape lends itself well to modern lines and decor, with three variations (wide, narrow and slimline) to choose from. Because the LTR8 has been designed with shorter ladder towel rail runs, the greater surface area enables an even quicker drying time than ever before.

For stockists, call Skope on 0800 947 5673.

No more steamy showers

Spring energy and creating healthier, warmer, drier homes has become a national cause, gaining strong support from the Government, health professionals, the scientific community, and consumers. Since it started five years ago, Showerdome has retrofitted 25,000 shower boxes. Showerdome dear acrylic tops fit most shower units and eliminate bathroom steam forever.

Showerdome works by stopping warm and cold air colliding, preventing condensation and steam from forming. Inventor Kim Evans came up with the idea when waiting for his kettle to boil. He observed steam coming from the nozzle of his electric glass kettle, but noticed above the water line there was no steam inside the kettle. Ken realised that steam is not created until the moist hot air collides with the cooler air outside the kettle, and applied the same idea to the shower. Ken rushed to the basement, found a flat sheet and put it on top of his shower, turned the mixer to hot and after an hour there was still no steam in his shower or bathroom.

Showerdome has many other energy-related benefits. Your towels dry faster, there is no need to run extractor fans, heated mirrors or fan heaters, you can reduce the usage of heated towel rails, paint and wallpaper don’t get the same level of steam damage, and your shower is often warmer as cold air doesn’t get in – so you can save power or use less hot water.

Showerdome is made from 100% post-installation. Call 0800 635 9791, or see showerdome.co.nz

BE IN TO WIN

Skope Industries and At Home are giving one reader an LTR6 (narrow) ladder towel rail, worth $225. One entry per person or household please. Drawn on July 14. Write your name, address and phone number on the back of an envelope and post to: At Home, Skope Industries
giveaway, The Press, PO Box 125, Christchurch.

BE IN TO WIN

At Home and Showerdome have a Showerdome, complete installation included, worth $590, to give away to one lucky reader. Please write your name, address, and phone number on the back of an envelope, and send to At Home. Showerdome Competition, PO Box 125, Christchurch. One entry only per person or household please. Drawn on July 14.
inspiration

Axor Urquiola launched in NZ

Axor Urquiola – a new range of
bathroom products from
Hansgrohe’s designer bathroom
division is now available in New
Zealand. The range comprises
everything from mixers, bathtubs,
showers, and washbasins right
through to radiators.

Spanish-born designer Patricia
Urquiola is known for the
"skilful, spirited, expressive,
savoir faire" in her designs. At the same
time, she radiates a warmth and
sensitivity that is created through
"the evocation of a personal,
intimate experience". The
importance of inspiration
in everyday life. Products express "a
specific visual language and the
perception of form and function". In
designing the Axor Urquiola two-
handle washbasin mixer, Urquiola
also borrows inspiration from the flowing
shades found in nature, and gentle
rocks. But the mixer is also
practical: A newly developed aerator
with improved ecosmart technology
reduces water consumption to
about five litres a minute, without
compromising comfort.

A visual as well as functional
highlight is the thermostatic shower
system. The generous dimensions
of the overhead shower (251 x 131
millimetres) are perfectly adapted to
the ergonomic characteristics of the
human body. Hansgrohe AirPower
technology, where air is injected
inside the water flow inside the
showerhead, provides a sensual
experience.

Read more about Axor Urquiola
from Christie, of Victoria
arborinozdesign.com.

Freestanding bathtub

Englefield Bathing Range now
offers a new series of stylish shapes
with a clean, modern and
minimalistic design. The Milano
Freestanding Bath is the latest
release in the range. It has a
distinctively timeless, oval shape
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