## **RESOPAL SpaStyling®** FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



### GENERAL

#### Which parts of my bathroom can I design with RESOPAL SpaStyling®?

The core element of RESOPAL SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> are the ultra-light, large wall boards (SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> Board). These are an excellent alternative to tiles and are easy to install. Together with our floor-level shower tray (SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> Shower Element), RESOPAL SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> allows you to create coherent bathroom concepts.

Our wide range of colours and designs in stone or wood looks gives you plenty of freedom for your bathroom.

We also offer corresponding base, joint and corner profiles, as well as special adhesives.

#### What advantages does RESOPAL SpaStyling® have when it comes to installation?

RESOPAL SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> is a system for fast, easy bathroom renovations and builds. Our large wall boards allow for a practically jointless bathroom. Our products can generally be mounted directly onto existing wall surfaces, making for especially low downtime. Our products can also be installed using standard tools for wood-based materials.

#### How can I clean the surface of the products?

Our SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> products can be cleaned with mild soap solutions. Stubborn marks (e.g. paint) can be removed using organic solvents (e.g. ethanol, acetone). Do not use abrasive cleaning supplies (e.g. scrubbing cleansers, steel wool) as they will alter the surface. Stubborn limescale can be removed with warm, ten per cent acetic or citric acid. After cleaning, wipe down the surface with clean, warm water. We recommend always testing an inconspicuous area with the cleaning agent before cleaning.

Find more information on cleaning and care in the RESOPAL HPL cleaning and care technical data sheet as well as in the RESOPAL SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> Processing Information (chapter maintenance, care and cleaning).

#### Is RESOPAL SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> suitable for use outdoors?

No. RESOPAL SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> has been designed for interior use. It is not intended for use outdoors.

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### WALL PANELLING - SPASTYLING® BOARDS

#### In which sizes are SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> Boards available?

SpaStyling® Boards are available in 3,050 x 1,320 mm and 2,590 x 1,320 mm. The product can be cut to the required size.

#### What type of subsurface do I need for mounting?

The surface must be absorbent and weight-bearing. It is possible to mount wall boards directly onto existing tiles. When preparing the subsurface, please note that a bonded seal may be necessary.

#### Can I use another adhesive for mounting?

Our wall and joint adhesive have been specially developed for RESOPAL SpaStyling<sup>®</sup>. We recommend using our adhesive for mounting. This is the only way to guarantee safe and professional installation.

#### How many cartridges of SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> wall adhesive do I need to mount SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> Boards?

One cartridge of our adhesive is sufficient for about 1.5 m<sup>2</sup> of wall board.

#### Which tools can be used with SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> Boards?

Our products can be processed and worked like normal wood-based materials. Standard tools for wood-based materials can therefore be used.

#### How can SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> Boards be joined together?

Generally, there are two possibilities to join wall boards: you can use our joint profile or a tongue and groove joint.

#### Can I adhere SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> Boards directly onto tiles?

RESOPAL SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> has been developed as a practical solution for bathroom renovations. You can adhere SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> Boards directly onto tiles, as long as the tiles are dry and free of dust, oil and grease. Before installation, please check the bond between the existing tiles and the substrate and whether a bond seal is necessary.

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#### Does the material need to be acclimatised before installation?

Yes, it is necessary to acclimatise the material. Wall boards should be acclimatised for at least three days in a climate that matches the climate in which it will be installed.

#### Is additional sealing behind the wall boards necessary?

Before mounting the boards, a full-surface bonded seal compliant with DIN 18534 must be applied.

#### Is it possible to cover bathtub and shower panels with RESOPAL SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> products?

If a tub support (e.g. EPS (expanded polystyrene) rigid foam) is used when installing the tub, it can be covered with SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> boards. We recommend covering the entire surface with our wall adhesive when installing wall boards.

#### Can SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> Boards be used in commercial kitchens?

It is not recommended to install SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> Boards in commercial kitchens. Constant heat on one side of the RESOPAL surface can lead to pressure within the product, which could cause the board to warp. Exposure to an open flame may cause damage to the surface.

On the other hand, application as a niche backsplash in the private kitchen is possible.

# Can RESOPAL SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> Boards be used as wall cladding on the outside of a sauna (interior finishing area)?

Yes, provided that the criteria listed below are met, RESOPAL SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> Boards can be used as wall cladding on the outside of a sauna. For this purpose, the full-surface substrate must be absorbent and load-bearing.

- Consideration of remarks in the technical documents.
- Avoidance of one-sided heat load on the rear side of the surface (e.g. radiation of heat from the sauna interior, exhaust air from the heating unit).
- Avoidance of one-sided moisture load on the rear side of the surface (e.g. warm air from the interior cools down on the rear side of the surface and water precipitates, exhaust air heater).
- In areas with stronger climatic load, wall board full-surface bonding (e.g. towel warmer)

The application of RESOPAL SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> Board is not recommended in the sauna room.



#### Is it possible to install the RESOPAL SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> Boards on a wall heating system?

No. We cannot recommend the combination of a heating system (wall heating) behind RESOPAL SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> Boards.

# What kind of heat radiation is approved for RESOPAL SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> Boards without damaging the product?

RESOPAL SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> Boards (covered with RESOPAL HPL) can only be permanently exposed to thermal radiation (60°C for max. 2 hours) to a limited extent.

A strong, one-sided load due to temperature or (air) humidity can lead to deformation (warpage) of the product.

We recommend checking the application in advance with regard to the actual heat load.

#### Is it possible to install RESOAL SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> Boards as a wall covering behind a stove?

Please note to consult with the relevant tradespeople when planning. Legal requirements regarding the materials used in the area of a stove and the specified distances to a stove must be taken into account.

Due to fire protection regulations, we consider the application as wall cladding behind a stove with RESOPAL SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> Boards to be critical.

Furthermore, it must be noted that increased heat radiation on the SpaStyling Board can lead to warping.

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### **SHOWER TRAYS - SPASTYLING® SHOWER ELEMENT**

#### Is the SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> Shower Element designed to be slip-resistant?

Our SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> Shower Element is slip-resistant (class R10A). The exact classification depends on the chosen texture and can be found in the Product Data Sheet.

#### In which dimensions can I get a SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> Shower Element?

Our shower tray is available from 800 x 800 mm up to 2,000 x 1,200 mm.

#### Can I shorten SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> Shower Element?

No, the shower tray cannot be shortened as this would damage the bonded seal.

#### Can a surface damage of SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> Shower Element be repaired?

If the melamine resin surface is damaged (e.g. by dropping an object), we recommend contacting a professional service provider for repair. If deeper damage (penetration of the HPL) is not repaired immediately, major consequential damage (water damage) may occur.

# Which core drilling diameter (minimum) is required for the installation of RESOPAL SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> Shower Element (installation without substructure elements)?

For the core drilling of RESOPAL SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> Shower Element with a vertical drain (installation without substructure elements), we recommend a diameter of at least 140 mm. The total diameter of the drain is 116 mm, the bottom connection is 50 mm (DN 50).

Detailed information on the dimensions is provided in the Shower Elements installation instructions, in the RESOPAL SpaStyling<sup>®</sup> Processing Information and in the Product Data Sheet.