

**DIRECT  
SUPPLY®**



# Tub Selection Guide

A wide variety of bathing solutions to meet  
the unique needs of your community

# The Direct Supply difference

## **DIRECT SUPPLY MAKES EQUIPMENT SELECTION EASY**

With the variety of choices today, it can be difficult to identify the right equipment for your community. That's why Direct Supply helps you sort through all the features and models available to find equipment that will get the job done for the right value.

Direct Supply has a vast selection of tubs so you can find the right match for your requirements. And with 30 years of devotion to the Senior Living profession, we have the knowledge to help you make the best decision.

This Tub Selection Guide outlines the key considerations that can help you identify the right model for your staff and residents. And once you've identified the exact tub you need, we make it easy for you to place your order with delivery and installation services, budget-friendly financing options and a 100% satisfaction guarantee. Period.



## Providing the comfort and dignity your residents deserve

**Bathing** is about more than just maintaining the hygiene of your residents – it can also be a **therapeutic experience that positively impacts their overall well-being**. Give your residents the best possible care during bathing by choosing a tub designed with their safety, comfort and relaxation in mind.



# Key Considerations

**With a wide range of product options, choosing the right tub can be overwhelming.** When making this decision, it is important to consider the diverse needs of your residents to ensure you are delivering the comfort and safety they need. Below you'll find helpful advice for determining which tubs are right for your community.

## 1. TUB STYLE

Direct Supply offers multiple tub styles to meet the diverse needs of your resident population.

**HIGH** ↔ **RECESSED TUBS:**  
Fit perfectly into a standard tub/shower alcove. Recessed tubs are designed specifically for your ambulatory residents and are often the perfect choice for Assisted Living communities.

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E** ↔ **RECLINING TUBS:**  
Offer the ability to prefill a portion of the tub at the beginning of the bathing cycle and remove the resident at the end of the cycle without waiting for the water to drain completely. Reclining tubs are ideal for residents who are able to physically support themselves and don't need assistance with daily activities, but should be avoided when bathing Memory Care residents since the unfamiliar reclining motion can be alarming.

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L** ↔ **DOOR-ENTRY TUBS:**  
Tubs with door-entry make transferring residents simpler and safer. Often allowing residents to enter independently, these tubs promote resident dignity and comfort. Doors can either be located on the side of the tub or at the end. When the door is at the end of the tub, bathers enter in a comfortable and secure chair, gliding into place without the disruption of traditional lifts. A traditional lift may still be required with a side-entry model if the resident requires additional assistance entering. Overall, door-entry tubs provide the most versatility for a diverse resident population.

**LOW** ↔ **SUPINE TUBS:**  
Bathe residents in a prefilled tub in a comfortable supine position. Supine tubs provide comfortable and immediate bathing with the use of a tub lift. This type of tub is recommended for wheelchair-bound residents who require assistance with all daily activities.

Recessed Tub



Reclining Tub



Side-Entry Tub



## Direct Supply helps you select the right tubs

### 2. TYPES OF BATHING THERAPY

Bathing has many therapeutic advantages for residents, including soothing muscles, improving circulation and relaxing the mind. When choosing a tub, there are different options for therapy to help achieve these benefits.

#### WHIRLPOOL THERAPY:

- Utilizes jets to push water into the tub, creating a therapeutic benefit for the resident
- Improves peripheral blood circulation
- Reduces pain and joint inflammation
- Requires disinfection between every bath, as internal water lines can easily grow bacteria that lead to cross-contamination
- Some tubs feature pipeless whirlpool technology that offers a quieter bathing experience with fewer risks of cross-contamination

#### AIR SPA THERAPY:

- Utilizes one-way valves to push air into the spa to create bubbling motion
- Triggers touch receptors on skin to help stimulate blood circulation and the lymphatic system
- Air lines do not require disinfection, as no water is running through the air spa system
- While this form of therapy can often add to a resident's comfort during bathing, the therapeutic impact is not as effective as a whirlpool system

End-Entry Tub



Supine Tub



# Key Considerations *cont*

## 3. DISINFECTION

Ensuring tubs are properly disinfected is a critical part of maintaining a safe bathing environment for residents. Different manufacturers offer a variety of solutions to help keep tubs clean and safe.

### BUILT-IN DISINFECTION

- Tub has a disinfection system integrated into the operation of the tub
- Pressing a button controls the flow of disinfectant
- Still requires the use of a sponge or johnny mop in order to clean the interior surfaces of the tub
- Helps eliminate cross-contamination between residents

### INDEPENDENT DISINFECTION

- Disinfecting chemicals are not housed in or integrated into the tub
- Requires the use of a spray bottle of chemicals and a sponge or johnny mop to clean the interior surfaces of the tub
- This method makes cleaning whirlpool pipes difficult

### UV TECHNOLOGY

- The Remedy® UV Water Purification System available on Apollo models uniquely utilizes UV light to disinfect the water in a tub while a resident is bathing
- Helps reduce self-contamination of a resident spreading an infection from one wound to another
- FDA-approved system kills water-borne bacteria, viruses and mold, including staph, strep, e-coli and Legionella
- Reduces the need to chemically disinfect between baths, significantly reducing down time

## 4. RESIDENT COMFORT

There are many factors that can aid in a resident's comfort during bathing. Consider the features below to ensure the tub you choose delivers a relaxing and comfortable bathing experience for your community.

### FILL TIME

With many models, residents must sit in the empty tub waiting for the tub to fill with warm water. Features such as the Rapid Fill TM/MC Reservoir on Apollo tubs can reduce the amount of time it takes to fill the tub with warm water. Additional features to keep residents comfortable during tub filling include handheld shower wands and reclining features that allow the tub to be partially prefilled upon entering.

### ERGONOMICS

When choosing a tub, the ergonomics of both the resident and caretaker should be considered. Features like a built-in molded seat and height adjustability can make bathing more enjoyable for residents and reduce strain on the staff.

## 5. ADITIONAL FEATURES











### ANTI-SCALD PROTECTION

Ensuring proper water temperature is one of the most critical aspects of safe bathing. Most tubs in Direct Supply's offering come standard with anti-scald protection to automatically shut off the water if a predetermined temperature is reached.

### SCALE ATTACHMENT

Many tub lifts are available with a scale attachment to easily weigh residents during the bathing process. This is especially helpful when bathing nonambulatory residents, as it eliminates the need to transfer the individual more than once.



	Image	Manufacturer	Name	Door Location	Overall Dimensions	Scald Protection
<b>Door Entry</b>		Rane	RG9 Victoria Tub	Side	33"W x 60¾"L x 43"H	Yes
		Apollo	Apollo Advantage	End	34"W x 71"L x 36"H	Yes
		Rane	RK12	Side	33½"W x 61½"L x 42½"H	Yes
		Rane	RK12E	Side	33½"W x 61½"L x 35"H	Yes
		Rane	Caribbean Side-Entry Reservoir Tub	Side	33"W x 74"L x 36¾"H	Yes
<b>Recessed</b>		Rane	RM3 Superior	Side	30"W x 50"L x 40"H	Yes
		Apollo	Apollo Essence Spa Tub	Side	33¾"W x 59½"L x 40¾"H	Yes
<b>Supine</b>		Rane	Rane RS8 Geneva	N/A	36½"W x 90"L x 50"H	Yes
<b>Reclining</b>		Rane	Rane RR7II Atlantic Reclining Tubs	Side	34"W x 88"L (when fully reclined) 34"W x 88"L x 78"H (with door open)	Yes
		Arjo	Parker	Side	73"L in upright, 77½"L recline, 29½"W	Yes



Disinfection System	Therapy Style	Height Adjustable	Built-In Molded Seat	Lift/Transfer Frame Needed?	Scale Option	Warranty
Built-in disinfection optional	Air Spa	No	Yes	No, but available	No	5-year on tub, 3-year on specified parts, lifetime warranty on door seal gasket
Built-in disinfection UV Technology (optional)	Whirlpool or Air Spa	No	No	Yes	Yes, optional	1-year limited warranty, optional 5-year warranty program
Built In	Air Spa	No	Yes	No	No	5-year limited warranty on external finishes and fiberglass shell; 3-year limited warranty on specified parts; lifetime warranty on door seal
Independent disinfection	Air Spa	No	Yes	No	No	5-year limited warranty on external finishes and fiberglass shell; 3-year limited warranty on specified parts; lifetime warranty on door seal
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Built-in disinfection UV Technology (optional)	Whirlpool or Air Spa	No	No	No	No	1-year limited warranty, optional 5-year warranty program
Built-in disinfection optional	Air Spa	Yes, optional	No	Yes	Yes, optional	5-year on tub, 3-year on specified parts, lifetime warranty on door seal gasket
Built-in disinfection optional	Air Spa	No	Yes	No	Yes, optional	5-year limited warranty on external finishes and fiberglass shell, 3-year limited warranty on specified parts
Built-in disinfection standard	Air Spa	Yes	Yes	No	No	2 years







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