

**wedi Fundo Shower System- installed Floor level**

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**Dear wedi Customer,**

In this October TechTip issue we would like to present one possible installation, a floor level application, which you can realize, safe and fast, with our modular Fundo shower system.

The benefits we can offer for these types of installation are:

1. **Lightweight installation** (10-25 lbs for the wedi bases) makes it easy on the (older) structure
2. **Minimal thickness** of 1 1/2" - 1 3/4" of the wedi bases makes it easy to construct the recess situation
3. **Panliner installation is not needed** (hard to to install properly at entry)

I am also glad to again present one of our customers who did send his installation documentation and pictures of a recent shower project to us.

We asked Greg Martino to please comment on his experiences with wedi shower systems and you will find his unedited and unformatted opinion right here with his installation steps described.

For all of you who have not yet tried the full wedi shower system, please join us in one of our nationwide offered hands on workshops to become a wedi certified installer or call our team out on the job and let us install the first one together!

Thank you, Greg, for your pictures an the interview!

Enjoy the golden October and see you soon,

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**A few key points that I really like about the wedi Product were:**

- The **super light weight** wall panels were **easy to maneuver** and cut to the size needed – especially when it came to screwing the panels to the overhead ceiling.
- The pre-fabricated 4'x5' Fundo Shower pan with its preformed slope was just perfect – **one step & done.**
  - ❑ Had I not used the Wedi Pan I was going to need approx \$200 in floating cement to build my water drain slope,
  - ❑ plus time to allow the cement to setup and my time to actually building the slope, time is \$\$\$
  - ❑ then of course the rubber floor under lamenet which has a high chance of failing for numerous reasons.
  - ❑ and with the no curb look I was looking for, most likely the rubber lamenet wouldn't have worked anyway.
- The wedi Sealant might be the hardest part of the system to work with. That's not a knock on the sealant but more of a back-sided compliment.

That stuff was so tacky **that I knew for sure it would make a really good water tight seal** – don't get it on your skin though, it's a pain to get off. I ended up spreading it with a cheap plastic putty knife which made clean-up really really easy .

- Most importantly the main reason I chose to use the wedi product line was the fact that it was the only **true 100% water proof product** that I found after extensive research. Yes it may cost a small amount more upfront, but this extra cost is easily made up just by the reinsurance that I would not have any leaks into my kitchen below. I can't put a price tag on that and I can't tell you how many people I know who have had their bathroom redone to only have leaks to the room below. Not to mention the savings from the extra labor and materials I would have had to buy had I chose the traditional old school way of felt paper (vapor barrier), heavy backer board, seal & taping seams, etc.

Hands down **there is just no easier product out there to work with and install.**

We have been using the shower now for over a month with absolutely **no leaks** and the water has never run up and over the slope and under the shower door which a lot of people thought would happen. As a matter of fact that was the reason why I decided against going with the first shower glass guy I was working with. He refused to listen to me about as I told him about your product - that made me mad so I took my business elsewhere. I have two bathroom renovation projects coming up next year, one for my mother's house and one for my sister-and-law's house, and you can bet your bottom dollar that I'll be using the Wedi products again when I do them. It's worth every penny I paid for it and then some.



Picture 1: Gutted walls , floor to be recessed and after floor joists got reinforcement and a new plywood base



Picture 2: wediFundo base is and wedi walls are installed. No curb was used for this shower and waterproofing covers the floor surrounding the shower and is overlapping into the wedi base. Where floor height allows, the waterproof wedi building panel 1/4" or 1/2" can be used instead of a liquid membrane as shown in this picture. This way the surface can be leveled, provides insulating value and an excellent cementitious bond surface for tile and modified tile adhesive



Picture 3:  
The barrier free shower is tiled and ready for use