

Saddleworth Plumbing Services Helpsheet No1

What are the advantages and disadvantages of:		
Name	Advantages	Disadvantages
Pop-up Wastes	No chain to break or plug to damage the bath	Plug should be removed before overbath showers
	Dry hand operation. Hands stay dry when operating	Usually needs adjustment
	Simpler/neater operation	More expensive
Pushbutton WC's	More efficient flush-especially 50mm diameter models	Usually needs adjustment
	Easier operation for less able users	
	Dual flush available for water saving purposes i.e. water meter users	
Shower Screens	Superior appearance over a shower curtain	Must be adequately supported
	Easier to clean	Must be silicone sealed
	No cold shower curtain 'Leg cling' to cope with	
Overbath Showers	Provides a shower even if no space for a cubicle	A screen or curtain usually required
	Provides a hairwash only facility as an added bonus	Awkward to fit to existing bathrooms
	No cubicle so cheaper	
Shower Mixers	Good pressure if supplied by Combi boiler	Can be tricky to service
	More balanced pressure if Thermostatic	If Manual temperature-scalding risk
	Safer then electric models	May require Cistern height raising
Tiled Bathroom floors	Very classy appearance	Expensive
	Hardwearing surface	Can lengthen Plumbing installation time
	Superior water seal	May require supply pipes fitting above it
Monobloc Mixer Taps	Stylish appearance	Should have non-return valves inside them to prevent water backflow
	Blended water if mixed inside tap	Can scald if water separate to end of spout
	Usually provides pop-up waste feature on Basins	
Semi-Pedestal Basins	Neater appearance	Much more difficult to fit pipework
	Provides more floor space	Requires heavy duty Basin fixings
	Easier to clean	Difficult to access isolator valves

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