

Cast Iron Clawfoot Tub Foot Installation Guide

Before You Start:

We recommend using a professional plumbing installer if you are unfamiliar with vintage style bathroom fixtures and plumbing. Maidstone will not be responsible for any damage to the floor, walls, plumbing, or personal injury during installation. Please review all local plumbing and building codes to be sure your purchase is code compliant for your area.

Tools Needed: 11/16" wrench

Materials Included: Tapered rubber shims, 4 feet, 4 bolts, 4 flat washers, 4 lock washers, 4 nuts

- 1. Remove plastic wrapping from tub
- 2. Cut and remove strapping from around tub
- 3. Remove foam rim protector
- 4. Check tub paint and porcelain for any imperfections or damage
- 5. Remove and inspect the feet for any scratches or rust
- 6. Fold and lay down a blanket on the floor to place the tub on when you remove it from the crate
- 7. NOTICE: If you have purchased a roll top tub, be sure to place some form of blocking (for example a book) under the rim during Step 8 so that you will be able to get your hands under the tub to flip it back over when finished
- 8. Remove the tub from the crate and place it rim down on the blanket ***The tub will now be resting upside down so that the tub bottom should be pointing at the ceiling***
- 9. Some tub come with universal feet other have a guide printed on the bottom of the tub. If there is a guide set out feet so that the letter on the bottom of the foot corresponds to the letter that is located beside the lugs on the bottom of the tub.
- 10. Take bolt and insert into the lug so that the threads are pointing towards the ceiling
- 11. Take foot and place over bolt and gently lower so that the foot rests on both the tub and the tongue and lug (The tongue is the flat area that extends back from the foot and consists of the mounting hole for the bolt)

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CAUTION: the foot can scratch the side of the tub if it is not placed gently over the bolt!

- 12. Place flat washer over bolt on top of the foot tongue
- 13. Place lock washer over flat washer
- 14. Place nut over lock washer and tighten it to within 1/8" of the lock washer (this will allow you enough space to adjust the foot as needed)
- 15. IF THE FOOT LIES FLUSH on both the side of the tub and between the foot tongue and lug, continue to STEP 20
- 16. IF FOOT DOES NOT LIE FLUSH loosen the nut so that it rests approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ " away from the washer
- 17. Take one of the provided shims and place it between the foots tongue and tubs lug

NOTICE: The shims are tapered so be sure to insert the shims so that the largest end of the shim rest in the largest space between tongue and lug

- 18. IF FOOT LIES FLUSH on both surfaces continue to STEP 20
- 19. IF FOOT DOES NOT LIE FLUSH, repeat process in STEP 17 until you've reached the desired outcome
- 20. Once foot lies flush on both the side of the tub and between the tongue and lug, tighten the nut

CAUTION: DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN NUT! Over tightening will cause the bolts to strip and become unusable

- 21. After nut is tightened, gently shake the foot to make sure there is no movement in the foot
- 22. Flip the tub rightside up and make sure that it rests stationary on the floor

When reflipping tub, be sure to not put all of the tubs weight on only two tub feet

23. If the tub does not remain stationary, establish which corner is causing the unevenness, flip tub back over, and shim the appropriate corner.

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- 24. Repeat Steps 22 & 23 until desired outcome is reached.
- 25. ENJOY YOUR NEW TUB!

Cast Iron Tub Care & Maintenance

- **Abrasive cleaners** such as scouring powders and steel wool should all be avoided altogether. These harsh products can damage the finish.
- It is also unwise to use **acidic products** on the enamel surface of a Cast Iron Bath.
- It is best practice to quickly **clean and dry the bath down after bathing**. Tackling soap build up with a damp cloth while the bath is still warm stops soap-ring becoming a problem.
- **Stop your taps dripping and remove your plug**. This will prevent staining from persistent dripping or standing water
- One good way to clean your cast iron bath without doing any harm to the enamel surface is
 to fill the bath with warm water and then add washing up liquid to it; then allow the bath to
 soak in the diluted mixture for 30 minutes.
- The VEA (Vitreous Enamel Association) list approved cleaners on their website, and offer advice for stubborn stains

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