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*Choose a modern alternative to tiles*

### **Could bathroom wall panels be the hero in the fight against bathroom mould?**

Mould and damp can be a nightmare to deal with. One solution is to catch the culprit and stop condensation – which is the main cause for mould – before it leaves its mark on walls and ceilings.

Some condensation is normal, especially in cold winter months when humidity in our homes rises. However, when left to sit, it can lead to a build-up of mould and damp, giving tell-tale signs of a musty smell and black marks. Aside from being an eyesore, and a nightmare to clean, mould damages clothes and furniture, and can trigger health problems like asthma.

One room that can see more than its fair share of mould and grime is the bathroom. Showering or bathing can produce lots of steam and moisture, which in turn creates mould and grime, especially in grout and around the sealant. One way to help combat mould is to open your bathroom window when showering to help let out the excess moisture.

If mould does appear in a bathroom, it can be time consuming and costly to put right. It takes time to try and scrub as much of the mould away, while also having to regrout and re-seal which costs money – something no one wants during a cost-of-living crisis.

Another way to combat mould in the bathroom is to opt for different materials for bathroom walls. While tiles have been the go-to for a long time, bathroom wall panels have now become the considered and modern alternative.

Modern innovation has led to bathroom wall panels offering several benefits that tiles can't deliver on, many of which are particularly important in the fight against mould and grime.

John Mortimer, Director of Sales, Multipanel, takes us through the benefits:

### **1. No grout**

Mould and grime have a habit of setting up home within tile grout lines and is often a nightmare to clean.

One of the biggest benefits of bathroom wall panels is that they don't require grout when it comes to installation, meaning there is nowhere for mould and grime to hide. Instead, Multipanel's Hydrolock system uses tongue and groove technology for easy click-into-place installation with no mid-joint when connecting two wall panels together. Precisely engineered, the Hydrolock edge creates a discreet and watertight joint for complete peace of mind.

### **2. Effortless to clean and maintain**

As well as having no grout to have to clean, wall panels are easy to maintain. Simply use warm water, a non-abrasive detergent and a soft sponge to wipe them down.

When it comes to maintaining wall panels, the simple fact is that you don't need to—beyond a wipe down, bathroom wall panels require little maintenance and last up to 30 years.

### **3. Stylish alternative**

Bathrooms have never been so stylish and are now as important as any other room in the home when it comes to how they look. Bathroom wall panels now offer a huge choice of finishes and looks that can help to create a trendy and sophisticated space.

Multipanel's collections of wall panels now offer an array of design options to suit any home. Bathroom panels from their Neutral, Classic, Linda Barker, and Tile Collections offer unique and versatile options that are suitable for any interior, from the largest bathroom to the smallest cloakroom. In fact, they are so versatile, they can also be used in dog showers within utility rooms.

#### **4. Long lifespan**

Bathroom renovations can be a costly exercise and one that we don't often undertake. However, products such as tiles can easily become damaged and cracked, meaning we have no choice but to replace them.

Tiles should also be re-sealed every year and grouting re-touched every 8 years as it loses its colour and mould builds up. Bathroom wall panels, on the other hand, are the complete opposite in that they come with a 30-year warranty, providing peace of mind that you won't have to spend weekends undertaking DIY.

#### **5. Plus, several other benefits...**

If a bathroom already has tiles in place, bathroom wall panels can be installed directly on top of almost any sound surface whilst maintaining their watertight integrity, saving you time, effort and scarce resource. They can even be installed over existing tiles, and, unlike tiled surfaces, newly panelled bathrooms will be ready to use in just 24 hours. In fact, choosing wall panels over tiles saves on average 15 hours of installation time, saving time and money.

At a time of growing awareness of where products come from and the impact they have on the environment, Multipanel's wall panels are all manufactured in the UK using Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC® C128180) certified materials and are 100% recyclable.

Multipanel bathroom wall panels are available in a range of surface designs, including marble, granite, wood and tile effect.

To find out more about Multipanel's product range, head to: <https://www.multipanel.co.uk/>

#### **Note to editors**

Manufactured in Edinburgh, Multipanel is the UK's best-selling bathroom wall panel, and a sustainable and modern alternative to bathroom tiling.

The fast, grout-free installation of Multipanel wall panels makes them a modern alternative to tiles and a favourite with homeowners, bathroom installers, and specifiers in the housing sector

Over 8,000 Multipanel wall panels are manufactured each week at the company's factory in Edinburgh, which are distributed throughout the UK and Northern Europe through merchants, bathroom showrooms and leading online retailers.

Multipanel's new Tile Collection is the only tile-effect wall panel collection in the UK to hold both Made In Britain and Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC® 128180) certification. Its bathroom wall panels, which come with a 30-year warranty, have a unique tongue and groove installation system, Hydrolock which allows profile-free installation.

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