

FITTING ABOVE MOUNT SINKS

CHECK SPACE & LEVEL

Use a level to check the benchtop – if not level, have rectified. Ensure there is adequate space for tapware (including a splash back if specified). Check space for installation (underneath) and operation (above). Ensure the cabinet will not foul the sink mounting flange or basins.

TEMPLATE

Cut out templates for your sink are typically supplied with the sink. Alternatively, you can turn the sink over and trace around the rim, then cut 10mm inside from the line edge.

Carefully mark out the template. Once the hole is marked out, use the template to conduct a final check before cutting.

IMPORTANT: If you have traced the sink itself to mark your cut out, the hole must be cut 10mm inside the marked line.

CUT & FINISH HOLE

Re-check the position and cut out shape you have traced before cutting. Ensure there are no obstacles below that might interfere with cutting. Drill pilot holes to accept an appropriate cutting tool for the benchtop material.

TRIAL FIT THE SINK

Check that all clips are folded in so they will adequately clear the cut-out. Carefully position the sink into the cut-out to make sure it fits correctly. If the fit is not correct, remove the sink and proceed with remedial work. Perform another trial fit after corrections have been made.

MASKING

If using a sealant, masking is necessary to prevent sealant overrun. It is recommended that the edge of the sink and the edge of the cutout are both covered with a suitable masking tape. This tape should be removed within 2 days of application.

CHECK FOAM SEAL

Make sure the foam seal is intact and fits all the way around the sink with no gaps visible. This will ensure a water tight seal when the sink is properly tightened down to the benchtop.

ADDITIONAL SEALANT

Apply additional silicone sealant around the join where the benchtop and the stainless steel sink meet. Check that the sealant is mildew resistant and suitable for use on the benchtop material and is also suitable for use on stainless steel. Clean away any excess before it dries.

NOTE: Additional sealant should always be used if gaps are apparent after the sink has been clamped to the benchtop.

FITTING THE SINK

If you choose to mount the tap / faucet onto the sink prior to fitting, take extra care as it will change the weight and balance of the sink.

Position and align the sink correctly in the cutout and lower it onto the benchtop. From underneath, tighten the clips with a screwdriver using a suitable tightening sequence (tighten from the centre of the sink to the

outer edge) until the sink is secure and no gaps are visible. Take extra care if using power tools as over-tightening can damage clips.

NOTE: Where the benchtop is too narrow for the clips to properly secure (typically less than 25mm), you will need to fit packers (e.g. timber/mdf blocks) to the underside of the benchtop to allow the clips to properly secure. Alternatively, you can use silicone sealant and ensure adequate pressure is applied to the sink to keep it flat while the silicone sealant cures.

FINAL CHECK OF FOAM SEAL

With the sink tightened down. Visually confirm the foam seal is not protruding anywhere underneath. If it does, undo all the clips, reposition the foam seal and tighten down again. If the foam seal has been damaged, replace the damaged section. If the tap/faucet was mounted prior to fitting – check that the position is correct.

PLUMBING & TAPWARE

IMPORTANT: Connections to plumbing should always be done by a licensed plumber. Fit supplied basket wastes to sink bowls. Install tapware according to manufacturer's instructions.

It is essential that the installation is waterproof and carried out in accordance with these instructions. Galvin Engineering will not be held responsible for any damage caused by leakage or faulty installation.