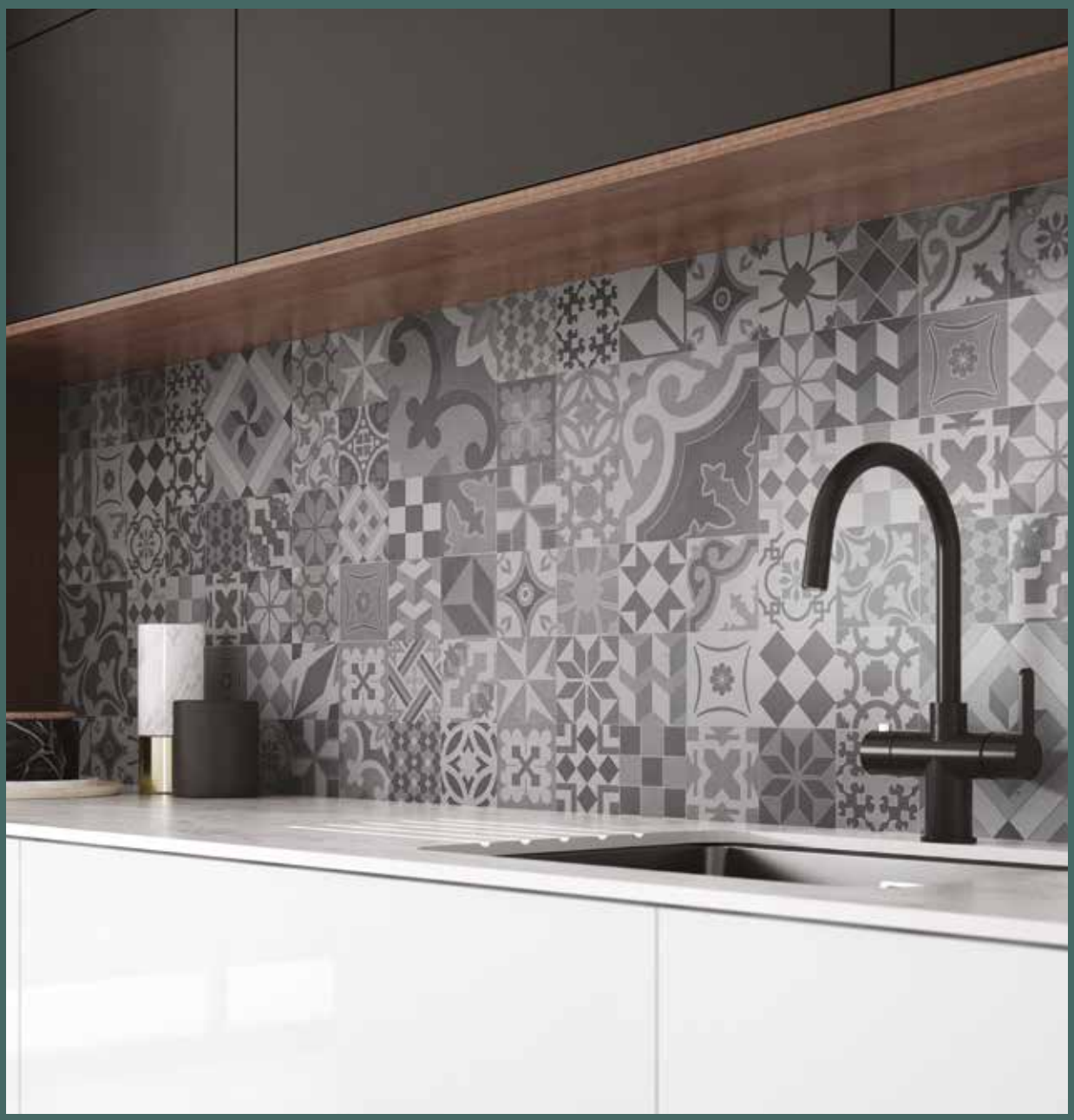

splashback installation instructions

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Please note MDF splashbacks are double-sided, please check the correct design is facing forward before fixing to the wall.

BB vista splashbacks

Thank you for choosing a Bushboard splashback. You have made an excellent choice and we know you will be proud of the result you will be able to achieve.

The big idea with Vista was to provide a beautiful and desirable alternative to traditional tiles at affordable prices.

These installation instructions are split into two sections, MDF and acrylic. Please make sure that you follow the correct procedure for the chosen material.

Please note:
Acrylic splashbacks are not suitable behind a gas hob unless a glass protector is used.

The BB Vista collection are not suitable to be used behind free-standing appliances.

Getting started

All professional kitchen installers have the skills to install splashbacks. As with any new product the best advice is held in the instruction guide. Please take the time to thoroughly read this guide before starting work.

Also check the splashbacks for colour compatibility, texture and edge appearance before commencing installation. Time spent understanding the simple processes now will ensure a delighted customer later!

Product Guarantee

Bushboard surfaces are guaranteed for their lifetime. Bushboard will make good by repair and/or replacement (at it's discretion) any splashback product of its manufacture which can be shown to have failed by reason of defects in its manufacture, subject to fair wear and tear, provided the product has been installed and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and that the products are used for their intended purpose. Proof of date and place of purchase required. This guarantee is in addition to your statutory rights as a consumer and does not affect your rights in any way.

Front cover: Casablanca grey MDF splashback.



Pictured: Herringbone natural MDF splashback.

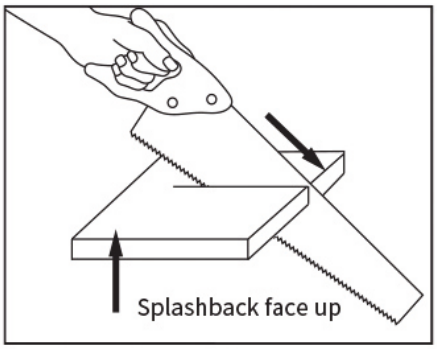
mdf splashbacks

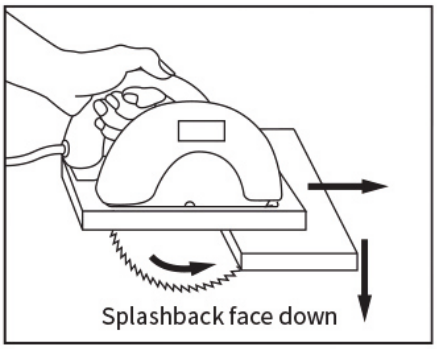
Cutting

Measure your splashback and use a soft pencil on the surface. If you do not wish to mark the surface then put masking tape down first and mark on the tape. This will also help on darker colours to make sure the pencil line is visible. Mark the face if cutting with a handsaw or the back if using a power saw and always double check your measurements before cutting. Remember to allow for any edging to be added.

NOTE: Use appropriate safety equipment such as face mask and eye protection while performing any cutting. Ensure all pieces, including off cuts, are adequately supported.

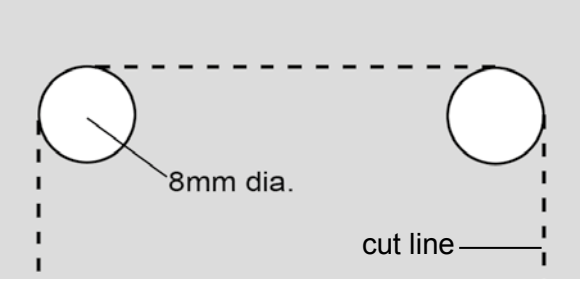
When using a handsaw the decorative face should be uppermost, keeping the saw at a low angle to ensure the best cut. Ensure that your saw is sharp and well set and has 10/12 teeth per inch. When using an electric saw you should cut the splashback face down.





Cut-outs

Shaped cut-outs can be formed by drilling 8mm diameter holes in the corners of the required shape and then cutting between using a fine wood jigsaw blade. It is important that the splashback is supported at all times. With all cut-outs a radius of at least 4mm must be left in the corners.



* Please note the direction of your jigsaw blade and ensure you cut into the face of the splashback.

Edging

BB Splashbacks are not edged. We suggest using standard tile trims to finish exposed edges. The accessories available are illustrated below:



Butt joint | Corner joint | End joint

To install, measure & cut the appropriate accessory with a hacksaw and file the edge until smooth.

Place a bead of BB Complete into the recess of the accessory and push home onto the splashback.

Installing

NOTE: The bottom edge of the splashback, where it meets the worktop should be sealed with BB Complete coloured sealant to avoid moisture ingress.

NOTE: For installations behind a hob please refer to the hob manufacturers guidelines for fitting suitability and requirements.

NOTE: The splashback should be adhered to the wall with BB Complete adhesive.

When fixing the splashback, apply BB Complete adhesive to the back of the splashback in vertical beads spaced 100mm apart. The area directly behind the hob should also have additional vertical beads spaced 20mm apart and at least 300mm high.

Press down to ensure the BB Complete adhesive is ‘squeezed out’ and wipe off any excess adhesive immediately, using white spirit.

You may need to push into place if the wall is running off square and hold in place with a combination of clamps and push sticks until the adhesive has set. Once the adhesive is set the installation is complete.

Cleaning

For general cleaning gently wipe the surface using either a damp cloth or sponge with a mild detergent or non-abrasive cleaner diluted in warm water. It is important to avoid using abrasive scouring powders, creams or polishes.

It is always advisable to wipe off any spillages immediately. Persistent stains should be treated with white spirit. Whilst the surface will resist most household foodstuffs, including coffee and red wine, certain items such as shoe polish, dyes and nail varnish will stain.

acrylic splashbacks

As well as a multitude of laminate and mdf splashbacks, Bushboard are now offering acrylic splashbacks to help you achieve a sleek and professional looking finish.

Inspection
Splashbacks must be thoroughly inspected upon receipt for damage or visible defects. The splashbacks are supplied with a protective clear film. This should be peeled back to check for damage or discrepancies in colour* where necessary then replaced to provide protection during installation.

Do not install splashbacks that you find to be defective.

Once the splashbacks have been cut or installed we regard this as an acceptance of their quality and suitability for purpose and therefore we cannot accept any subsequent claims for faults or damage.

*colour discrepancies should be checked from the face side only as the appearance of 'patching' on the rear face is normal.

Storage
Splashbacks should always be stored flat to avoid bowing and should never be stored outside.

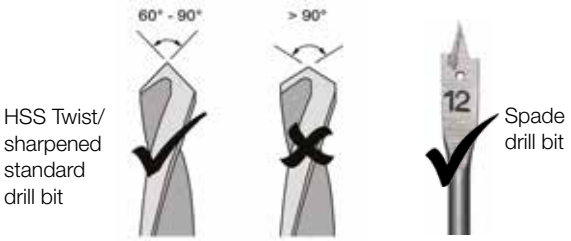
Cutting
The splashbacks can be cut either using a circular saw, jigsaw or router. Whichever method is used, it is essential that the panel is face upwards, well supported and clamped in place to prevent chattering.

Circular Saw
Tungsten Carbide Tipped (TCT) blades that are designed for metals or plastics should be used as these will be fine toothed and give the best finish.

Jigsaw
Jigsaw blades that are specifically designed to cut acrylic should be used. If these are not available then a fine toothed blade such as those designed to cut metals should be used. A high speed should be selected and the rotary action switched off.

Router
A straight TCT fluted cutter should be used.

Drilling
Twist Drills
HSS twist drills specifically made for metals or plastics can be used and will have a point angle of between 60°- 90°. Standard drill bits which generally have a much flatter point angle can cause the acrylic to crack; these drill bits can be re-sharpened to achieve an angle that is below 90°. Alternatively, a spade drill bit can be used. When drilling a slow speed should be selected and the splashbacks must be supported below.

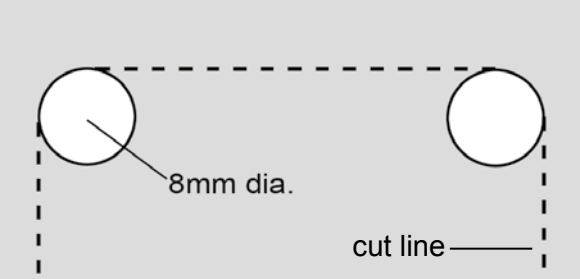


Hole Saws
Hole saws can be used to cut the splashbacks but must be the type designed to cut metal sheet and the pilot drill must have a point angle of between 60° - 90° as above.

The splashbacks must be supported from behind and it is recommended to drill half way through the panel then turn over and finish the hole from the other side, this will prevent the edge from shattering. The edges of the hole should then be de-burred with 100 grit paper.

Cut-outs

Shaped cut-outs can be formed by drilling 8mm diameter holes in the corners of the required shape and then cutting between using a jigsaw with an acrylic blade. It is important that the splashback is supported at all times. With all cut-outs a radius of at least 4mm must be left in the corners; failure to do this can lead to the acrylic cracking.



Edge polishing

If the splashback edge is to be left exposed, it can easily be finished to a polished look. Always peel back the protective film 25mm from the edge while polishing.

Remove any sanding dust between grades immediately using a soft cloth.

Start with a 180 grit paper to remove any cutter marks from the machined edge, then process with a 240 grit paper and then finally a 320 grit. Chamfer any burrs or marks from the corners with a Scotchbrite pad.

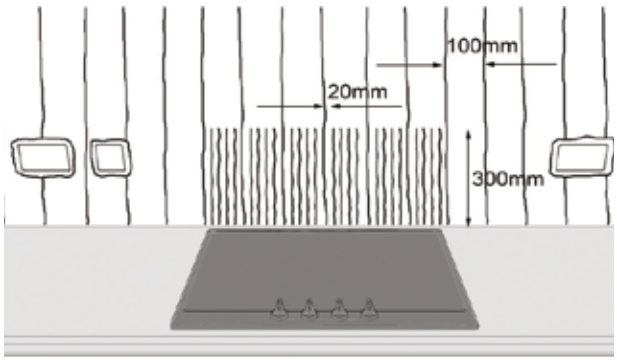
The Acrylic splashbacks are classed as a flammable material and as such should not be installed behind open flame appliances, unless a glass protector is installed. Care should be taken to avoid direct contact of hot cookware such as woks or saucepans for any period of time.

Non-flamed appliances produce much higher levels of radiant heat when they are exposed, this should be avoided as much as possible and they should not be left on when not covered by cookware. The splashbacks should not be exposed to radiant heat exceeding 118°C as this can cause permanent damage or discolouration and will invalidate the warranty.

The splashbacks can be installed directly behind all non-flamed appliances providing the following installation instructions are followed.

Adhesive application for electric hobs

With all the splashbacks the adhesive should be applied in minimum of 7mm diameter vertical beads spaced 100mm apart. The area directly behind the hob should also have additional 7mm diameter vertical beads spaced 20mm apart and at least 300mm high. When the splashback is bonded to the wall using a straight edge with evenly applied pressure this will form a continuous area of adhesion with little or no air gaps providing enhanced heat dispersion.



Also ensure that all cut-outs have a 7mm diameter bead of adhesive applied approximately 15mm in from the edges.

fitting splashbacks behind hobs

applies to mdf and acrylic

For installations behind a hob please refer to the hob manufacturers guidelines for fitting suitability and requirements.

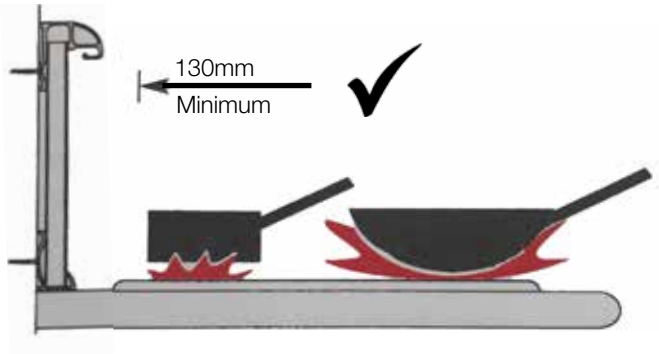
Induction, electric & ceramic hobs

MDF and Acrylic splashback installation
A minimum gap of 50mm should be allowed between the back of the hob and the face of the splashback.

Gas hobs

Acrylic splashback installation
Acrylic splashbacks are not suitable behind a gas hob unless a glass protector is fitted.

Clear tempered glass hob splashback solutions, either self-adhesive or with fixings included, can be purchased from outlets such as B&Q, Screwfix, Currys, Howden and Hafele.



Free-standing appliances

The BB Vista collection of MDF and acrylic splashbacks are not suitable to be used behind free-standing appliances.

Cleaning
The splashbacks can easily be kept clean with warm water and a very mild detergent.

Under no circumstance should you clean your splashbacks with an abrasive cleaner or any other abrasive material.

Pictured: Herringbone whitewash MDF splashback.



the collection

Our range of double-sided MDF splashback designs have been perfectly paired to provide a ‘2-in-1’ solution, combining designs with similar colour tones to allow flexibility of decor choice right up to the moment of installation. All acrylic splashbacks are one-sided.

MDF splashbacks



Side 1. Casablanca multi MDF



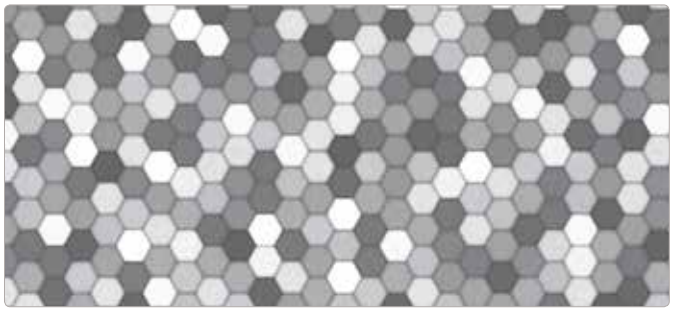
Side 2. Vintage taupe MDF



Side 1. Casablanca grey MDF



Side 2. Vintage grey MDF



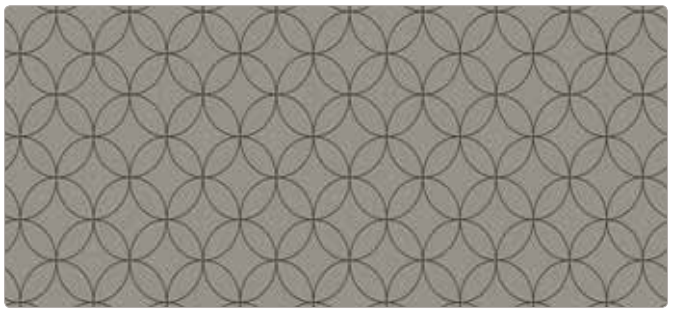
Side 1. Honeycomb MDF



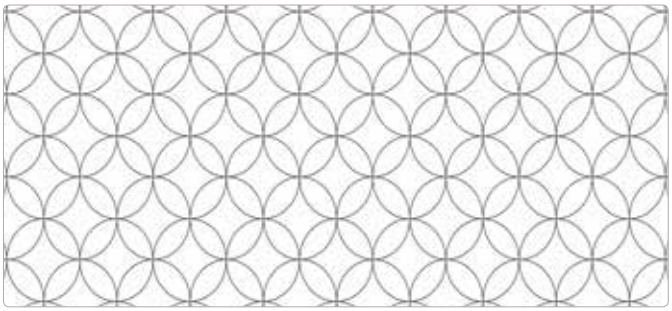
Side 2. Blocked Hex dove MDF



Side 1. Blocked Hex midnight MDF



Side 2. Roulette Curves taupe MDF



Side 1. Roulette Curves white MDF



Side 2. Herringbone whitewash MDF



Side 1. Herringbone natural MDF



Side 2. London Brick MDF



Side 1. Summer Palm MDF



Side 2. Golden Grove MDF



Pictured: Constellation acrylic splashback.