Walk-In Shower Clearance Cheat Sheet

Map out your modern curbless shower and verify critical dimensions.

Confidently plan your seamless 5x8 bathroom transformation. Use these exact clearances to ensure your new oasis is comfortable, safe, and beautifully functional.



Essential Shower Clearances

1/4-in per foot
Curbless entry pitch slope

3/8-in
Thickness for frameless safety glass

0.42
Minimum DCOF rating for wet zones

30x60 in
Shower footprint replacing alcove tub

24-30 in
Entry gap for a welcoming path

36 in
Circular interior turning radius

80 in
Standard primary showerhead height

Extend Your Waterproofing

Extend your continuous sheet membrane at least twelve inches past the shower entry to protect the main bathroom subfloor from inevitable splashes and capillary moisture wicking.

Floor Tile Safety

Find your row: **Your tile preference**

Your tile preference	Your pick	Why
Matte Porcelain	0.45 average DCOF	Safe and low maintenance
Textured Slate	0.55 average DCOF	Very safe, medium maintenance
Tumbled Travertine	0.50 average DCOF	Safe, requires high maintenance

Site & Framing Checks

- ◯ Verify floor joists can be lowered two inches for the pan.
- ◯ Plan a single-plane slope directing water to the linear drain.
- ◯ Match linear drain capacity to 8-10 gallons per minute.
- ◯ Size blind-side niche to align with wall tile grout lines.
- ◯ Position shower controls reachable from outside the splash zone.
- ◯ Ensure exhaust fan moves at least 100 cubic feet per minute.

Project Notes

Here is to a beautiful, safe, and perfectly planned modern bathroom oasis!