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SHOWER

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SPRING SHOWERS

In little more than a generation our bathing habits have switched from the bathtub to the shower. Many C.P. Hart customers still fall in love with a freestanding bath, sharply styled or reassuringly traditional, but in daily use opt for the speed and convenience of a shower. In our Shower Event we want to show that a shower can offer more than just an efficient and functional tool to improve a morning routine. It can be stylish, relaxing, indulgent and personal. As luxurious and satisfying as a bath. A Spring shower to enliven a day.



GO WITH THE FLOW

THE LATEST TRENDS IN SHOWERING

When we talk to customers about their 'dream bathroom', many highlight boutique hotels and the sense of sanctuary and relaxation they offer. Shower designers have identified this too, and have launched products that deliver a spa-like experience at home. High performance showers that can drench, massage or generate a rainforest-like mist are available from manufacturers such as Dornbracht, Gessi and Hansgrohe. The shower units have become slimmer and sleeker and many can be specified in finishes other than chrome. The heads have become wider to accommodate different patterns of water flow. For maximum style they should be ceiling-mounted.

Showers have become more versatile to give individuals the experience they prefer. Typically men like the feeling of being immersed in water, which a fixed shower head provides, whereas women like the control of a shower handset. One of Hansgrohe's fastest-growing categories is the 'showerpipe', which comprises of an overhead shower and adjustable handshower in a single product. Secondary outlets which direct jets of water at the body are increasingly popular. Many of these products are available in multiple finishes. At the Paris interior design show, Maison & Object, earlier this year we saw brassware in every colour and metal finish imaginable – except chrome.

Sophisticated digital controls allow individual family members to define their own preferred temperature and shower experience. The latest versions are stylish and discreet, such as C.P. Hart's own eMoto range.



Wet rooms are becoming highly popular, blurring the boundary between the shower and the bathroom and creating a more open space. With the right expertise they are not complicated or in most cases prohibitively expensive. A C.P. Hart sales consultant can guide you through the whole process. For those who want a similar effect without having to create a full wet room, there are now a number of slim trays that bring step-free access to the shower.

The design of the shower enclosure makes a huge practical and aesthetic difference to a bathroom. Large, frameless panels of glass maximise the feeling of space, and can be made to almost any size. We recommend the highest quality manufacturers who offer 8mm or 10mm safety glass with the durability to look new after ten years of regular use.

For more on the latest trends and innovations in bathrooms, pick up your free copy of Homes & Garden's Bathroom Trends 2017 report from your C.P. Hart showroom.



PROMOTION

MOTO SLIM OVERHEAD SHOWER



35% OFF ALL MOTO FIXED SHOWER HEADS/ARMS

C.P. Hart's Moto shower and brassware collection offers sharp contemporary design and exceptional value. The stainless steel showerhead has a 200mm diameter to immerse the body in up to 16 litres per minute of water; but the head itself has a depth of only 5mm.

PROMOTION

WATERLOO VALVE



25% OFF ALL WATERLOO THERMOSTATIC VALVES

The original Waterloo shower valve was designed by John Hart, boasting robust, classical proportions. Today, the range includes all the exposed and concealed shower elements, and its versatile styling allows you to emphasise either its traditional or modern features. The collection is machined and assembled in the UK to the highest standards, and finished in highly-polished chrome, nickel or incaloy gold.

Shower controls have developed to reflect this personalisation, but the best designs keep the operation effortlessly intuitive. One of the best is the Axor One, by British designers Edward Barber and Jay Osgerby. Four years in development, the final design is slim and simple, so much so that it can be operated by a finger, an elbow or the back of a hand or foot. Perfect when your hands are full of shampoo and soap is dripping into your eyes.



PROMOTION

EAUZONE PLUS BY MATKI

25% OFF WETROOM PANELS

Matki sounds Scandinavian but is actually an English manufacturer with an international reputation for advanced shower enclosures and glass. The EauZone Plus is their masterpiece, with elegance of form and outstanding functionality it is the epitome of luxury showering. Engineered with 10mm solid Safety Glass, minimal framing and beautifully finished details, the EauZone Plus is made to order and can be tailored to almost any bathroom. Specifying shower enclosures can be deceptively difficult, so talk to a C.P. Hart sales consultant for comprehensive advice.



JAPAN EASY

The principle of a conventional WC is little different from Sir John Harrington's design of 1596, installed at Richmond Palace for Queen Elizabeth I. There are now alternatives which apply modern thinking and technology to this 400-year-old invention. Japanese company TOTO has 30 years of experience developing and refining their Washlet range, which combines the function of a bidet and a WC in a single unit. The entire process is automated, from the raising and lowering of the heated toilet seat to the intimate washing and drying, and the flushing and preparation for the next user.

Sir John's installation at Richmond Palace was never used by the Queen. The noise it made was so disturbing that she preferred more conventional means. The new generation of WCs have no such problems. So if you feel a little braver than Good Queen Bess, most of our showrooms have working TOTO models in their customer toilets.



MARBLE'S MARCH



At C.P.Hart we increasingly see developers of luxury properties specify marble in showers. A reaction against the sterility of white tiles, Italian carrara marble is a rich, natural artwork that can be enjoyed for a lifetime. To enhance your shower experience, talk to our tile specialist at our flagship showroom at London Waterloo.

WANDER LUST

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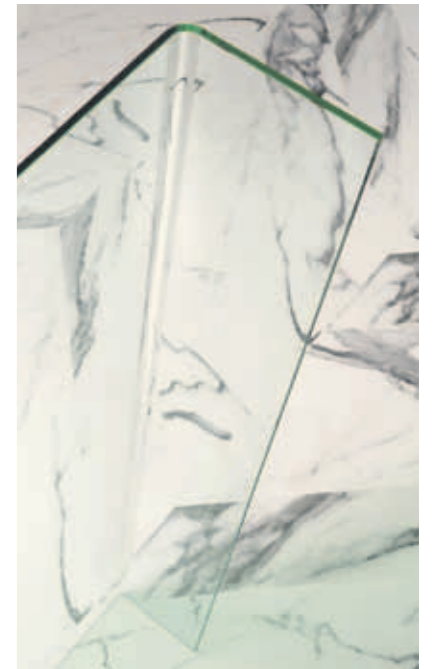


Marcel Wanders is a designer who delights in blending old and new, reassurance and innovation. His Crystal Chandelier overhead shower juxtaposes a traditional statement of country house luxury with a high performance, ultra-modern shower. Part of the Marcel Wanders Collection, manufactured in Italy by Bisazza Bagno.

NEW & COOL

EAUZONE PLUS RADIUS 20

Matki's incredible curved glass, a perfect right angle with a tiny 20mm internal radius.



LANDMARK

Industrial chic from British manufacturers Samuel Heath.

LEAVING CHROME

Behind all the bathroom trends of the last few years is a desire for a more individual, personalised space. Brassware designers have responded by introducing a multitude of alternative finishes, from rose gold to polished black. Daniel Cook, Principle Showroom Designer at C.P.Hart is an enthusiast for this explosion of choice. "Gleaming chrome is beautiful, but in some environments its mirrored surface can be harsh, blinding you with reflected light and contorting your

morning face! I like the golden warmth of Dornbracht's Durabronze and Gessi's Copper finish. Samuel Heath's new industrial-inspired Landmark collection looks fantastic in non-lacquered brass. British shower enclosure manufacturer Matki now offer a choice of non-chrome finishes on their fittings – I would go for their brushed gold or nickel. More than 80% of what we currently sell is chrome, but I expect that to change dramatically over the next 5 years!"



PRODUCTS

JEE-O SOHO

Soho was the first New York district to popularise industrial loft apartments, and this hammercoated stainless steel shower mixer in matt black reimagines the heavy-duty original fittings from these pared-back spaces. Designed by Amsterdam-based design studio Grand & Johnson and manufactured in the Netherlands by JEE-O, the Soho is durable enough to be installed inside or outside your property.



IZI GO

Limited edition design in a matt black finish with dark grey Swarovski elements.



MARMO

Unique marble-bodied brassware collection, designed and manufactured in Italy.



SHOWER POWER

HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT SHOWER FOR YOU

At first glance the sheer breadth of choice - combined with some unfamiliar jargon - can make choosing a shower an intimidating prospect. It need not be, and with so many new designs and exciting innovations available you should end up with a shower that exceeds all your expectations. Talk to a C.P.Hart sales consultant for detailed help with planning and specification, but here is a brief guide to getting started.

Water pressure will influence the design and layout of your shower. In Britain many homes have a cold tank in the loft and a hot water cylinder in the airing cupboard. The water to the shower will be fed by gravity, and so you need a reasonable drop between the bottom of the tank and the shower head - ideally 3-4 metres - otherwise you will need to add a pump to boost the water pressure. Newer properties are likely to have combination boilers that offer good water pressure - but check the operating level and make sure you select a shower that will give you optimum performance at this pressure. Consult your plumber if you're unsure.

Although some of our images show beautiful stand-alone shower enclosures, in many bathrooms there isn't space for a separate shower and bath. Research suggests that 1 in 6 of us can't remember when we last had a bath, so you may choose to design a room without a bath at all. Otherwise a shower above a bath with a high-quality screen can be a stylish compromise. Try our own Hart Folding Bath Screen, made in England from 6mm thick toughened glass. Specify a flexible shower head which can be moved up down on a bar. The handset should be detachable, and many can be adjusted to deliver different sprays - such as the Hansgrohe Raindance Select, which enriches the water with air to create a softer, more drenching flow.

Shower enclosures are now available in a huge variety of sizes with curved or straight glass. If you can't obtain the size you need, manufacturers such as Matki offer a bespoke service. Doors can be hinged or slide. The most luxurious bathrooms will typically have frameless enclosures for a minimal look. Quality makes a big difference to their operation and durability. We would normally specify enclosures with toughened glass at least 8mm thick.

Naturally the shower tray must be chosen alongside the enclosure. Trays come in different materials, typically ceramic, acrylic or enamelled steel. There is no need to choose white - many trays come in a choice of finish. The latest designs are exceptionally slim to minimise the step into the shower, and some can be mounted flush to the floor to give the appearance of a wetroom.

Interest in wetrooms continues to grow. All surfaces are fully waterproofed and the water drains directly into the floor. Even in small bathrooms a wetroom is worth considering as it promotes an 'open plan' design that maximises the feeling of space. C.P.Hart work directly with market-leading specialists on wetrooms, and can assist through the whole process.

Take time to select a suitable shower head. The ultimate showers are mounted flush to the ceiling and envelope you in a curtain of water. These engineering masterpieces can shape the water flow to your need for relaxation or invigoration. The addition of chromotherapy and aromatherapy make for a completely emersive experience. Dornbracht and Sieger Design's ATT is the range to consider, and can be seen working at our Waterloo showroom. Indeed one of the best pieces of advice is to test a selection of shower heads before you decide which is right for you. Most of our showrooms have a number of working displays, with Waterloo having four separate shower test areas.

Bath shower mixers and hand held shower sets are controlled by diverters that direct the water to either the main tap or the shower. The most simple shower controls regulate the temperature only, using either a disc or lever. A dual control thermostatic valve allows you to preset the temperature and vary the water flow. The latest digital controls enable you to set a precise temperature and water flow, with models such as C.P.Hart's eMoto capable of communicating with your phone or tablet via an app. Prepare a shower to your exact requirements before you even step into the bathroom.



SHOWER EVENT DISCOUNTS

For the C.P.Hart Shower Event we have introduced significant discounts across all showering categories, including offers on wetroom equipment, shower accessories such as baskets and seats, and even the latest 'shower toilets' which combine a toilet and bidet in a single unit with touch controls. Showers are a technical category so do get expert advice from your C.P.Hart sales consultant.

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CLEAN & GREEN

GO GREENER WITHOUT COMPROMISE

Most people believe that taking a shower instead of a bath is a more environmentally-friendly choice, using less water and electricity. This is not necessarily the case. Recent research by Unilever, who wanted to understand how their shampoos and shower gels were being used, revealed that the average time spent in a shower is 8 minutes. This typically uses around 60-70 litres of water, compared to 80 litres for a bath. High performance power showers, however, may use double this amount.

Increasingly manufacturers are developing technology to improve the shower experience while reducing water consumption. Hansgrohe's Ecosmart range of showers use up to 60% less water than conventional products by sucking air into the jets and making the water droplets larger, lighter and softer. This enhances the feeling of being drenched while reducing the volume of water needed. Currently Hansgrohe's largest shower head is the 240mm Raindance Ecosmart – which will be big enough for most people – but at this year's ISH bathroom trade fair a 400mm version has just been launched, for those who really want to make a statement.

Italian brassware manufacturers Gessi also offer a luxurious, high performance shower with relatively modest flow rates compared to similar products. The Gessi Tremillimetri range of showers are distinctive for their wafer-thin profile and mirrored stainless steel finish. The ducts that feed the shower are hidden so that the water appears almost magically from the slim sheet of metal. The award-winning design also features LED lighting, which is powered by tiny dynamos by the water itself so that no electrical power is required.

A large part of the environmental impact of a product comes from the materials used and the manufacturing process. Dornbracht are pioneers of sustainable manufacturing techniques in Germany, using recycled materials, reducing water and energy consumption and changing the composition of its alloys to eliminate lead waste. Gessi's factory in Piedmont, Italy, is entirely powered by the sun, through 4 acres of photovoltaic panels. Similarly the roof of Hansgrohe's Offenburg plant is entirely made of solar panels, at a company where tough new efficiency goals are put in place every 3 years.

Talk to a C.P. Hart sales consultant about the latest products that offer an enhanced shower experience with lower water consumption. One revealing fact from Unilever's research is that people have little perception of time when showering. So one way to reduce household water and energy bills is install a digital shower control and set a 4 minute limit on the families' showers. This could save up to £300 a year, but risks straining the relationship between parents and teenage children.



SHOWROOM & CONTACTS

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Newnham Terrace, Hercules Road,
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London Showrooms:

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