

Shower Heads

Latest news on shower heads.

I personally believed that the only route to a good shower was a large shower head with a flow rate greatly exceeding 20 litres/minute. Wasteful and not very friendly to the environment but non the less I believed this to be true. I had tried water saving shower heads but didn't get on with them.

This April looking for a break from bathrooms at a large trade fair I stumbled upon a shower head that not only claimed various filtering aspects but also water saving properties.

The holes in the head were triangular and tiny. There is no way I believed it would work but purchased one anyway and brought it home. The results were spectacular and hence the birth of Purastream. Thus far all the samples I have provided by way of market research have generated nothing but positive results. Try it and see for yourself.

What information can I possibly give that may enable you to make the correct choice when choosing a shower head.

They are constructed mainly from 3 materials namely brass, plastics and in some cases stainless steel. Brass tends to be either cast or spun. Spun brass is thin plate type material, cast is heavier and thicker. Plastics are molded and stainless steel normally spun.

There are possibly 3 main functions available with a shower head.

- 1). Standard type consisting of water outlet nozzles either rub clean or fixed.
- 2). A massage or pulsing spray.
- 3). A drench aerated spray.

There is also the combination of all these 3 with manufactures referring to 5 functions and above but they are all based on the main three.

Typically heads that have massaging or drench aerated functions will not operate successfully under low pressure conditions.

Brass.

Typically they are of the watering can type head. The high quality units are cast brass and come in various sizes. If you take note of the weight of the item this will give you a good idea that it is cast, also take note of the number of water outlet nozzles there are.

The heads sold by Gush Bathroom products have an internal latex rubber mat providing the water nozzles. These are rub clean for those of us in hard water areas.

Spun brass heads are lighter and the nozzles tend to be inserted into the holes individually. As such they can become detached and lost during the cleaning process. To be honest though, the quality of the shower is no different from the cast brass construction. They will however be significantly cheaper. Gush Bathroom Products have no Spun brass products.

Stainless Steel.

A relatively new product range is appearing mostly to replace the cast brass type construction due to the ever increasing costs of brass. These heads have push fit nozzles that I believed may pose a problem but I have had one at home under test since Christmas 2010 and these nozzles have remained in place thus far.

I have noticed however that the noise that the head generates is much louder than the cast brass version and there are not so many nozzles in the same area as with cast brass. There is a significant cost advantage though. They also weigh significantly less so exert less forces to the mounting arm and the wall mounts.

ABS Plastics

Shower heads and handsets with functions tend to be manufactured from plastics and spun brass. The water outlets will mostly be plastics, the bodies can be plastic or brass. There are also watering can heads such as those described above that are manufactured totally from plastics. The only Gush Bathroom Products manufactured from plastics are the 3 handsets that have been chosen for both their functionality and durability.

