



All ThermaGel Serenity Light & Music System is Bluetooth-enabled, making the steam shower experience easier to control. The Bluetooth technology allows users to wirelessly control the audio in their steam shower from anywhere in the bathroom. With the use of a waterproof case, mobile devices can be brought into the steam shower. Circle No. 168 on Product Card



The **Serenity Air II Bath from Aquatic** features an air bath system with air blower and heating system. Available in freestanding, undermount and drop-in options, the tub is available in a variety of colors and finishes. All freestanding baths have a remote blower, and air channels feature an antimicrobial coating and a purge and dry cycle. Circle No. 171 on Product Card



Pacificare US presents the **Jacuzzi-Frame shower** outside concept that includes everything needed for a wellness experience. Frame includes a steam bath, vertical status hydro massage, cervical and lumbar hydro massage, energizing cascade, the raindrop effect of the central showerhead, multicolored shower with pre-set color cycles and aromatherapy effects. Circle No. 172 on Product Card



Griff's Aqua-Sense shower system is available in several configurations for a more personalized at-home spa experience. The **Electronic System with Ceiling-Mounted Showerhead** features an RGB LED color-changing effect controlled by a touch screen, and a USB port and speaker for portable music player connection. Circle No. 173 on Product Card

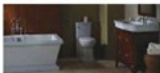


The **Essencia** line of therapeutic baths from **BathUltra** includes freestanding tubs with ergonomic exterior designs and ergonomic interior. The inner shell features two seats that work as foot rests, and two armrests that run the length of the tub. A backrest with a built-in inverted V delivers a massage, as does the dual row of air jets in the tub. Circle No. 174 on Product Card

The **Lawson** drop-in bath from **Sterling** features a curving back and arm rests for increased comfort. The 5' long, 20" deep tub provides room for deep soaking, and is also available as an **Air Massage** bath with three-speed blower as well as a whirlpool bath with optional heater. The **Lawson** bath features a full deck, and is available in **White, Kohler Almond** and **Kohler Bliscuit**. Circle No. 175 on Product Card



Piercher's Lustra freestanding acrylic bathtub features a number of luxury bathing options, including the **Premium Airbath System** that incorporates **Smooth Air** massage technology, as well as **chromotherapy**. The tub is also available as a drop-in or with decorative bases. Circle No. 176 on Product Card



Duravit's Blue Moon Pool features a circular water pool in a square body. The pool reaches a depth of 20-18", allowing users to completely immerse themselves in water illuminated by soft lights under the water's surface. The water in the indoor/outdoor pool is not drained after bathing, and remains at a constant 58 degrees C. Circle No. 169 on Product Card

your whirlpool in your project."

Royes, on the other hand, has seen a trend toward smaller freestanding tubs. "People [who] don't have that extra large bathroom still want a freestanding tub, and they need it to work in a smaller bathroom footprint. We are noticing sizes getting smaller in both freestanding and island or alcove configurations."

Korowas says he's seen both larger and smaller projects recently. For instance, someone with an average-sized bathroom may take out the 5' tub alcove and put in a shower base, but they still want to have a tub to soak in. "They will pick one of our freestanding smaller tubs, so they can have their cake and eat it, too, so to speak," he says. At the same time, someone who has a larger bathroom may blow out a wall or cut into a closet, keeping the large tub but also adding the shower.

Pryne says that, as a custom bath fabricator, **Diamond Spas** works on all shapes and sizes of tubs in manufacturing. "Some of our clients don't have as much space in their high-rise apartments, so they tend to go with a smaller tub, while some of our other clients who are professional athletes and are 6'8" tall need a 8'-long tub. The possibilities are endless," she says.

SAUNA AND STEAM

Sauna and steam trends have also been holding steady, and many of the same considerations as are seen in whirlpool and



The **Aero** bathtub from **Jacuzzi Luxury Bath** is available in a Soaking Bath, Pure Air, Whirlpool or a combination of all three in the **Salon Spa**. The tub includes integrated armrests, thin profile deck, deep well depth and chromotherapy options. The tub is offered for drop-in or undermount installation. Circle No. 177 on Product Card

air bath trends hold true for these products as well. Hass says that steam bath generators and controls are becoming increasingly popular with people who have chosen to eliminate tubs from their master bath in favor of customized showers. "Steam baths and saunas provide homeowners with an affordable way to create their own personal spa experience in their home. As in-home exercise rooms become more popular, saunas and steam baths are gaining in popularity as well," he adds.

While Hass says interest in infrared saunas is rapidly growing, Mark Raisanen, national sales manager for **Holo Sauna** and **Steam** in **Cookato, MN** says he has seen a strong shift back toward a traditional sauna. Infrared is still a large part of his firm's business, he says, but in 2011, traditional saunas grew the fastest.

There is new flexibility in infrared saunas with what Raisanen calls custom IR. In the past, infrared has always been sold in limited sizes by most distributors, but there are now more options for customization. "People are now able to add infrared to any room of their house rather than having to have a fixed size that's just going to stand in the corner of their bedroom." Custom infrared is a new category that combines infrared and traditional sauna in one room.

As far as materials go, Hass says that **Western Red Cedar** remains the most popular for sauna rooms. Raisanen has seen some interest in more modern exteriors on saunas, with more



Diamond Spas' Dish Tub is outfitted with a whirlpool system that includes six jets, set at strategic places for relaxation and massage. Additional jets can be added. The interior features a gently sloped reclining back. The stainless steel tub features a hand-buffed finish. Circle No. 179 on Product Card