



Housekeeping

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Hookless shower curtains and curved shower rods for guestrooms

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One of the most frustrating and potentially dangerous tasks for room attendants involves changing out shower curtains and their liners. Since most guestroom attendants are small in stature and the standard sized 72" shower curtain is typically hung at a height of 6.5 - 7 feet, housekeepers tend to resort to various daring feats of balance atop bathtub edges and toilet seats while they align the curtains holes with the pins on the shower rings.

As any room attendant can attest, working with one's arms overhead to hang shower curtains is physically demanding on the body. Analogous to threading a needle twelve times over, it can take several minutes for a shorter room attendant to complete the overhead task. Two recent bathtub innovations continue to change the face of the guest bathroom; one benefits the room attendant and the other provides more comfort to the hotel guest.

Easy to install shower curtain

Arcs & Angles has introduced a hook-free shower curtain and liner system that room attendants can change out in under a minute. In fact, it only takes about ten seconds to completely hang the Hookless® shower curtain thanks to the exclusive, patented "Flex-on® Rings" which are built into the top of the shower curtain. The housekeeper merely pops the "Flex-on® Rings" over the rod; no need to remove the shower rod nor to align holes with shower curtain pins. It is so simple that a housekeeper can actually install it with one hand. No more waiting for assistance to hang the shower curtain or balancing on the edge of the tub or toilet for prolonged periods of time.

Also gone are torn curtains and missing or broken rings. Since the patented "split ring" design is built directly into the curtain itself, all that remains is the Hookless® shower curtain pleating back and forth across the shower bar. There is nothing else to buy. Available in a wide range of colors, sizes and materials, to date more than one million hotel guest bathrooms have replaced traditional shower curtain and liners with the Hookless® shower curtain, thus reducing the time needed to service the bathroom and minimizing risk and discomfort to housekeeping personnel.

Pictured below: Arcs & Angles Hookless® shower curtain is supported on a flat but arced shower bar, thus enabling the guest to enjoy 30% more elbow room in the shower.



Curved shower rod

Another unique innovation that is appearing in more and more guestroom baths is the curved shower curtain rod. By replacing straight shower bars with arced rods, hotels can offer guests up to 30% more elbow room in the shower, thus contributing to guest comfort and satisfaction. Indeed, most guests do not wish to brush up against the shower curtain nor the wall of the bathtub while showering. Arced shower curtains rods help prevent this problem.

In smaller bathrooms, lack of space can pose a unique problem if a hotel wishes to retrofit from straight shower rods to an arced model. Bathroom doors that open inwards may come into contact with curved shower rods that arc outwards from the tub. However, to minimize this potential Arcs & Angles has created a flat but arced shower bar that is designed to flex in and out to accommodate tight space situations. The Arc™ is available in a variety of sizes and finishes to meet just about any hotel's needs. To learn more about or order these two innovative products please visit: www.arcsandangles.com. ✧

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