

## Technical Library

### SUPLY LINES

We offer four different styles of supply lines.

1. Straight supply lines with no stop valves (attaches to ½" male floor fitting). This is the included default supply line on all of our standard packages, unless wall mounts are requested.
2. Straight supply lines with stop valves (attaches to ½" female floor fitting).
3. Freestanding supply lines that reach over the top of the tub (attaches to ½" female floor fitting).
4. Flexible supply lines (attaches to ½" male fitting).

All of these supply lines are made to fit standard ½" iron pipe thread fittings. The first three above are to be connected to the floor, but the flexible lines can be connected to water supplies coming from a wall.

#### Which ones should you use?

Straight supply lines are recommended for all of our tubs with a deck mounting area for the faucet. This is a very traditional method of faucet mounting. Straight supply lines without valves are good if you already have readily accessible stop valves connected to the supply lines to your tub faucet. Some local authorities may require you to have stop valves within a short distance of the faucet (similar to sink faucets) and this could be a reason to use supply lines with valves. Also, if anything malfunctions on your faucet, you will have easy access to cut off the water supply at the tub.

Freestanding supply lines are recommended on our Swedish tubs, Bateau tubs and our Vintage Double tubs. These tubs do not have a deck to mount the faucet and should have either a wall mount or freestanding supplies. For a more artistic appearance, freestanding supply lines can be used with a tub that has a deck mounting area. In circumstances like this, we simply do not drill holes on the deck. The deck area can then be used for soap, shampoo etc., or perhaps an area to hang a tub side basket.

Flexible supply lines can be used when there is no potential or desire to re-route supply lines into the floor. The negative of these is that they are only produced with a stainless steel flexible hose finish. If they are out of sight after installation, this need not cause a problem and if your choice of fittings finish is chrome, brushed nickel or even polished nickel, the difference, while noticeable is not enormous. If we are asked to supply an oil rubbed bronze package, we coat them in an oil rubbed bronze finish and lacquer the surface, but this coating can be marked quite easily, but it can also be touched up just as easily.