

Channel Drain Brand Analysis

Design Features

CeraLine™ by California Faucets	Infinity	ACO by Quartz	Quickdrain
Trim is minimalist and sleek, consisting of a solid stainless steel channel cover. Tile-in version that allows you to put in matching tile or stone is also available.	Trim consists of institutional-looking perforated or wire grates. Grates expose the unsightly rough body underneath. Unsightly visible edges and rough body may be seen. Tile-in version that allows you to put in matching tile or stone is also available.	Trim consists of perforated grates with various pattern options commonly seen in commercial outdoor applications. Grates expose the unsightly rough body underneath. Tile-in version that allows you to put in matching tile or stone is also available.	Trim consists of institutional-looking perforated "waffle" grates. Grates expose the unsightly rough body underneath. No tile-in version available.
Narrow 1-9/16" trim width for a clean, streamlined look.	Most trim options have wider width of 2 - 3".	Less design-friendly trim width of 3".	Narrow 1-1/2" width, but waffle pattern denies upscale appearance.
Six decorative finishes, including 5 ultra durable PVD finishes.	One finish. No PVD finishes available.	Two finishes. No PVD finishes available.	One finish. No PVD finishes available.
Major design awards, including: Red Dot Good Design Design Plus Designpreis Duetschland iF product design	?	Major design awards, including: Red Dot iF product design	?

Workmanship Features

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Stainless Steel body construction.	Mostly plastic and some stainless steel bodies.	Stainless Steel body construction.	Stainless Steel body construction.
Precision engineered and manufactured in Germany.	?	Manufactured in Germany.	?
Sloped bottom of drain body to allow for complete drainage.	Flat bottom which allows for standing water. Potential stagnant water to remain in channel body.	?	Sloped bottom of drain body to allow for complete drainage.
Flow rate is 14 GPM with 0.25" head of water.	8 or 12 GPM, depending on model.	9.5 GPM with 0.20 head of water.	?

Installation Features

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Adjustable support legs allow convenient leveling of body from both front-to-back (length) and side-to-side (width). Patented system for easily adjusting the height of the trim after rough is set in floor. This ensures a perfectly flush installation every time.	No adjustability for leveling. No adjustability for trim after rough is set in floor. Finished floor must be 1/8" higher than trim cover.	Leveling the body requires cutting two end supports precisely. This can level the body from side-to-side (width), but there is no leveling system for front-to-back (length). No adjustability for trim after rough is set in floor.	No adjustability for leveling. Limited adjustability for trim after rough is set in floor.
One rough for all trim styles and installation methods (i.e., clamping style or no-hub). This "one rough for all" makes specifying the rough simple.	Requires multiple rough body types and only one installation method (clamping). This deficiency requires you to dig deeper trench to install rough. Makes installation more challenging in tight quarters.	Two different rough body types, one for each type of installation method (clamping or no-hub). This requires careful specification of correct rough body for each installation.	One rough for all trim styles but only one installation method (no-hub) allowed.
Waterproofing methods allowed: PVC/CPE membrane Liquid membrane Hot mopping	Waterproofing methods allowed: PVC/CPE membrane Liquid membrane	Waterproofing methods allowed: PVC/CPE membrane Liquid membrane	Waterproofing methods allowed: PVC/CPE membrane.
Hair and debris strainer provided.	No.	Optional at an additional cost.	No.
Complimentary tile framing template provided.	No.	No.	No.
Complimentary disposable mudguard provided.	No. Trim acts as a mudguard/stabilizer which increases chances of damaging trim during installation.	No.	No.
Complimentary tile edge holders provided.	No.	No.	No.
Complimentary adapter for 2" clamping flange.	No.	No.	No.

Installation Features (continued)

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Drain body comes fully fabricated to ensure problem-free installation. No field modification or assembly necessary.	Requires assembly and modification dramatically increasing potential problems and leakage during installation. You must rely on installer to cut drain holes, attach and seal piping as well as glue in caps to sides of channel. If not done perfectly, leakage may result.	Drain body comes fully fabricated to ensure problem-free installation. No field modification or assembly necessary.	Drain body comes fully fabricated to ensure problem-free installation. No field modification or assembly necessary.
No additional grouting required to cover unsightly body edge.	Needs extra grouting to hide unsightly PVC body edge. Requires perfect installation to ensure everything is flush.	Unsightly edge of rough body is visible.	No additional grouting required to cover unsightly body edge.
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Marketing Features

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Single type of drain body for all trim styles., installation and waterproofing methods. Reduces confusion or potential errors on the jobsite.	Has multiple drain bodies which requires precise specification and increases potential confusion or errors on jobsite.	Has multiple drain bodies which requires precise specification and increases potential confusion or errors on jobsite.	Single type of drain body for all trim styles., installation and waterproofing methods. Reduces confusion or potential errors on the jobsite.
Part of a full-line, established, reputable decorative plumbing manufacturer with over 20 years experience supplying showrooms.	Limited to drains only, no full line.	Limited to drains only, no full line.	Limited to drains only, no full line.