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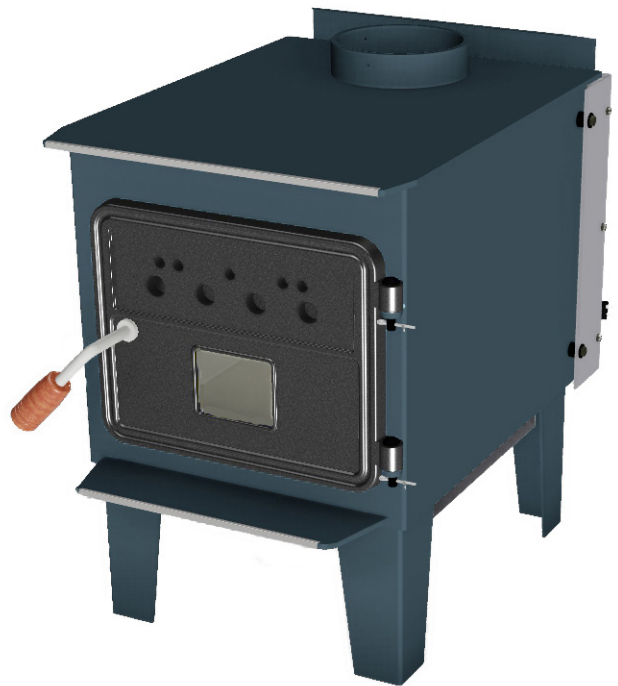
## Owner's Manual

MODELS: VG150

**CAUTION:** Please read this entire manual before you install or use your new room heater. Failure to follow instructions may result in property damage, bodily injury, or even death. Improper Installation Could Void Your Warranty!

**SAFETY NOTICE:** If this heater is not properly installed, a house fire may result. For your safety, follow the installation instructions. Never use make-shift compromises during the installation of this heater. Contact local building or fire officials about permits, restrictions and installation requirements in your area.

Save these instructions  
This manual will help you to obtain efficient, dependable service from the heater, and enable you to order repair parts correctly. Keep in a safe place for future reference.



CONFORMS TO  
UL 1482-11 (R2015)

### U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Certified to comply with 2015 particulate emission standards for single burn rate heaters. Not approved for sale after May 15, 2020. This single burn rate wood heater is not approved for use with a flue damper.

SAFETY TESTED TO UL 1482  
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# CONGRATULATIONS!

You've purchased a heater from North America's oldest manufacturer of wood burning products.

By heating with wood you're helping to CONSERVE ENERGY!

Wood is our only Renewable Energy Resource. Please do your part to preserve our wood supply. Plant at least one tree each year. Future generations will thank you.

The instructions pertaining to the installation of your wood stove comply with UL-1482 standards.

Combustible:	Wood
Colors:	Metallic Black
Flue Pipe Diameter:	6" (135mm)
Flue Pipe Type: (Standard Single Wall or Double Wall):	Single Wall Black or Blue Steel 2100 °F (650 °C)
Minimum Chimney Height:	12' (3.7m)
Maximum Log Length:	17" (432mm)
Electrical:	120V, 60Hz, 31W
DIMENSIONS	
Overall ( Depth x Width x Height ):	26" X 17.5" X 25.5" (660mm x 445mm x 648mm)
Overall ( Depth x Width x Height ) with blower:	31" X 17.5" X 25.5" (787mm x 445mm x 648mm)
Combustion Chamber: Width x Depth:	13.6" X 17" (345mm x 432mm)
Volume: Cubic Feet:	1.6 ft <sup>3</sup>
Door Opening:	8" x 11.6" (203mm x 295mm)
Pyroceramic Glass Door : (Viewing) Width x Height:	3" x 4" (76mm x 102mm)
Weight (lbs):	235 lb

This manual describes the installation and operation of the United States Stove Company Model VG150 wood heater. This heater meets the 2015 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's crib wood emission limits for wood heaters sold after May 15, 2015. Under specific EPA test conditions burning Douglas Fir dimensional lumber this heater has been shown to deliver heat at a rate of 37,018 Btu/hr. This heater achieved a particulate emissions rate of 2.85 g/hr when tested to method ASTM E2780-10 single Burn Rate Appendix (\*and an efficiency of 73.45 %.)

This wood heater has a manufacturer-set minimum low burn rate that must not be altered. It is against federal regulations to alter this setting or otherwise operate this wood heater in a manner inconsistent with operating instructions in this manual.

The operation of this wood heater in a manner inconsistent with the owner's manual will void your warranty and is also against federal regulations.

This wood heater needs periodic inspection and repair for proper operation. It is against federal regulations to operate this wood heater in a manner inconsistent with operating instructions in this manual.

**Note:** Register your product on line at [www.usstove.com](http://www.usstove.com). See "Limited Warranty" section for specific warranty information for your new purchase. Save your receipt with your records for any claims.

# Safety Rules

**SAFETY NOTICE:** If this heater is not properly installed, a house fire may result. For your safety, follow the installation directions. Contact local building or fire officials about restrictions and installation inspection requirements in your area.

## READ THESE RULES AND THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

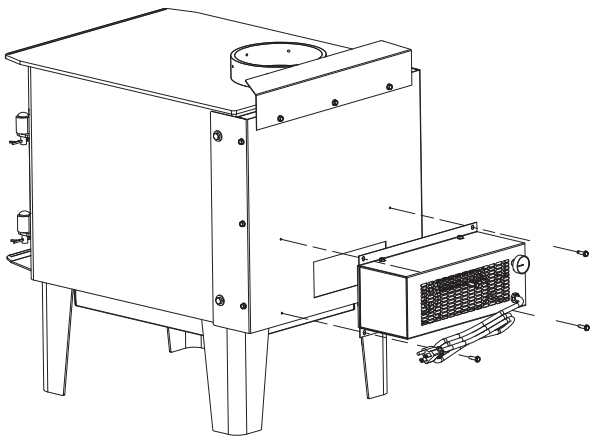
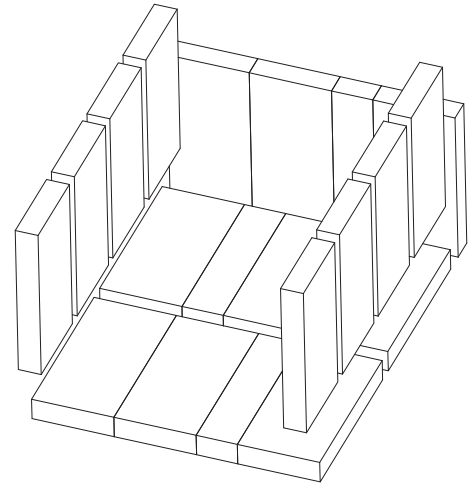
1. Check with local codes. The installation must comply with their rulings. Observe closely the clearances to combustibles.
2. Do not install this heater in a mobile home or trailer.
3. Always connect this heater to a chimney and vent to the outside. Never vent to another room or inside a building. **DO NOT CONNECT THIS UNIT TO A CHIMNEY FLUE SERVING ANOTHER APPLIANCE.**
4. Do not connect a wood burning heater to a Type B gas vent. This is not safe and is prohibited by the National Fire Protection Association Code. This heater requires approved masonry or UL, ULC Listed Residential Type and Building Heating Appliance Chimney. Use a 6" diameter chimney, or larger, that is high enough to give a good draft.
5. Be sure that your chimney is safely constructed and in good repair. Have the chimney inspected by the fire department or a qualified inspector. Your insurance company may be able to recommend a qualified inspector.
6. Inspect chimney connector and chimney twice monthly during the heating season for any deposit of creosote or soot which must be removed (see Chimney Maintenance).
7. Provide air for combustion from outside the house into the room where the heater is located. If the intake is not in the same room, air must have free access in to the room.
8. To prevent injury, do not allow anyone to use this heater who is unfamiliar with the correct operation of the heater.
9. For further information on using your heater safely, obtain a copy of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) publication "Using Coal and Wood Stoves Safely" NFPA No. HS-10-1978. The address of the NFPA is Batterymarch Park, MA 02269.
- For more information on a Canadian Installation, obtain a copy of CAN/CSA - B365 - M91 Installation Code for Solid-Fuel-Burning Appliances and Equipment.
10. Disposal of Ashes - Ashes should be placed in a metal container with a tight fitting lid. The closed container of ashes should be placed on a noncombustible floor or on the ground, well away from all combustible materials, pending final disposal. If the ashes are disposed of by burial in soil or otherwise locally dispersed, they should be retained in the closed container until all cinders have thoroughly cooled.
11. CAUTION - The special paints used on your heater may give off some smoke while they are curing during the first few fires. Build small fires at first. Children and people/animals with lung problems should take caution during the curing process.
12. CARING FOR PAINTED PARTS - This heater has a painted jacket which is durable but it will not stand rough handling or abuse. When installing your heater, use care in handling. Clean with soap and warm water when heater is not hot. DO NOT use any acids or scouring soap, as these wear and dull the finish. PAINT DISCOLORATION WILL OCCUR IF THE HEATER IS OVERFIRED. FOLLOW OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.
13. All persons, especially children, should be alerted to hazards from high surface temperatures and kept away while in operation. Small children should not be left unsupervised when in the room with the heater.
14. Keep the area adjacent to the heater free from all combustible materials, gasoline, and other flammable vapors.
15. This heater should not be used as a primary source of heat.

**CAUTION:** Do not touch the heater until it has cooled.

NOTE: For your safety, we recommend installing smoke detectors in your home if not already installed.

## **TOOLS AND MATERIALS NEEDED FOR INSTALLATION**

You will need a drill with a 1/8" bit to install sheet metal screws into connector pipe. A 5/16" socket/wrench or screw driver to install the blower assembly described below. A 1/2" socket/wrench to install flue collar. A non-combustible floor protector as specified in this manual. All chimney and chimney connector components required for your particular chimney installation.



## **BLOWER ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS**

THE BLOWER ASSEMBLY MUST BE DISCONNECTED FROM THE SOURCE OF ELECTRICAL SUPPLY BEFORE ATTEMPTING THE INSTALLATION.

Fix the assembly to the back of the stove with the four screws provided. The blower assembly is intended for use only with a stove that is marked to indicate such use. Do not route the supply cord near or across hot surfaces!

## **INSTALLATION**

### **SAFETY NOTICE**

- If this stove is not properly installed, a house fire may result. To reduce the risk of fire, follow the installation instructions.
- Consult your municipal building department or fire officials about permits, restrictions and installations requirements in your area.
- Use smoke detectors in the room where your stove is installed.
- Keep furniture and drapes well away from the stove.
- Never use gasoline, gasoline-type lantern fuel, kerosene, charcoal lighter fluid, or similar liquids to start or "freshen up" a fire in this heater. Keep all such liquids well away from the heater while it is in use.
- In the event of a chimney fire, push the air control full closed to deprive the fire of oxygen. Call the fire department.
- Do not connect to any air distribution duct or system.
- A source of fresh air into the room or space heated shall be provided when required.

### **POSITIONING THE STOVE**

It is very important to position the wood stove as close as possible to the chimney, and in an area that will favor the most efficient heat distribution possible throughout the house. The stove must therefore be installed in the room where the most time is spent, and in the most spacious room possible. Recall that wood stoves produce radiating heat, the heat we feel when we are close to a wood stove. A wood stove also functions by convection, that is through the displacement of hot air accelerated upwards and its replacement with cooler air. If necessary, the hot air distribution from the stove may be facilitated by the installation of a blower.

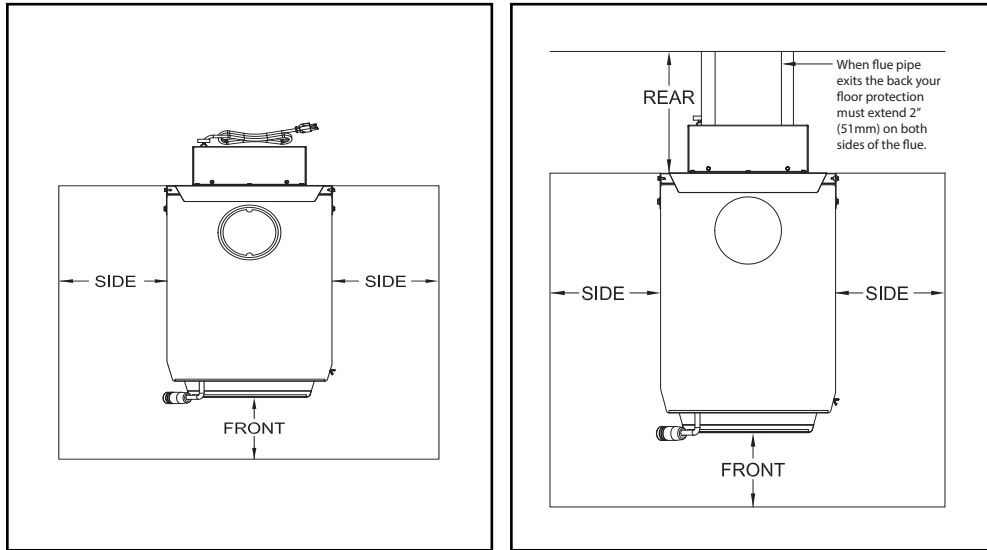
The wood stove must not be hooked up to a hot air distribution system since an excessive accumulation of heat may occur.

A wood stove must never be installed in a hallway or near a staircase, since it may block the way in case of fire or fail to respect required clearances.

**FLOOR PROTECTOR**

Manufactured floor protector conforms to UL 1618, that provides at minimum type 1 ember protection. The floor protector should be under the stove, 16" inches beyond the front and 8" beyond each side of the fuel loading and ash removal opening. If there is a horizontal section of chimney connector, the floor protector should go under it and two inches beyond each side

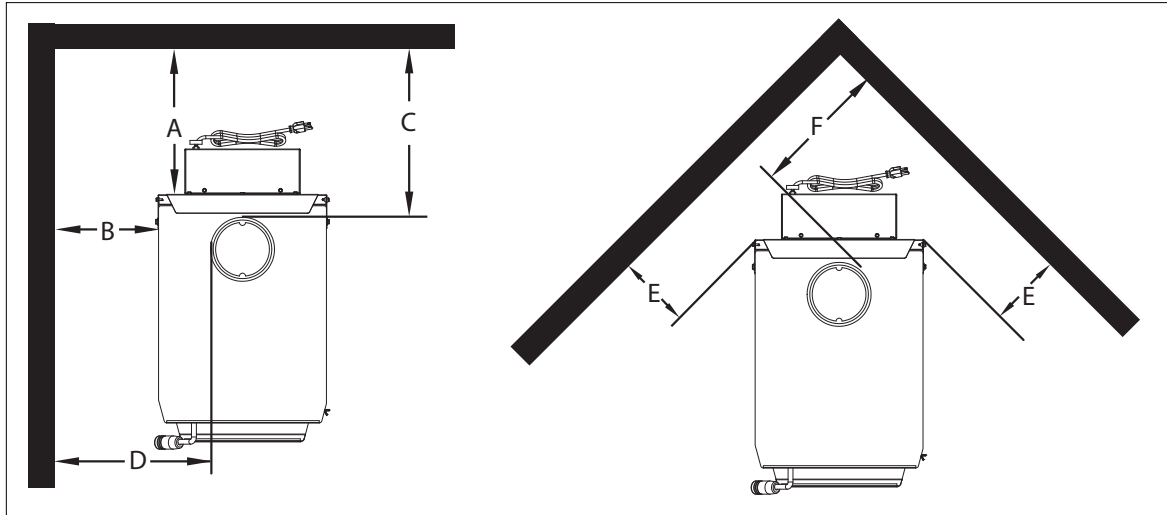
The floor protector should exceed the stove as follows:



Front	Sides
16" (406mm)	8" (203mm)

**CLEARANCES TO COMBUSTIBLES**

It is of utmost importance that the clearances to combustible materials be strictly adhered to during installation of the stove. Refer to the tables below :



Clearance To Combustibles					
A	B	C	D	E	F
14" (356mm)	28" (711mm)	16" (406mm)	33" (838mm)	18" (457mm)	23" (585mm)

- Floor to ceiling height must be at least 8' (2.4m) in all cases.
- Do not place any combustible material within 4' (1.2m) of the front of the unit.
- The clearance between the flue pipe and a wall are valid only for vertical walls and for vertical flue pipe.
- The chimney connector must not pass through an attic or roof space, closet or similar concealed space, a floor, or a ceiling.
- A flue pipe crossing a combustible wall must have a minimum clearance of 18" (457.2mm).
- To reduce flue clearances from combustible materials, contact your local safety department.

## **CHIMNEY CONNECTOR (STOVE PIPE)**

Your chimney connector and chimney must have the same diameter as the stove outlet (6"). If this is not the case, we recommend you contact your dealer in order to insure there will be no problem with the draft.

The stove pipe must be made of aluminized or cold roll steel with a minimum thickness of 0.021" or 0.53 mm. It is strictly forbidden to use galvanized steel.

Your smoke pipe should be assembled in such a way that the male section (crimped end) of the pipe faces down. Attach each of the sections to one another with three equidistant metal screws.

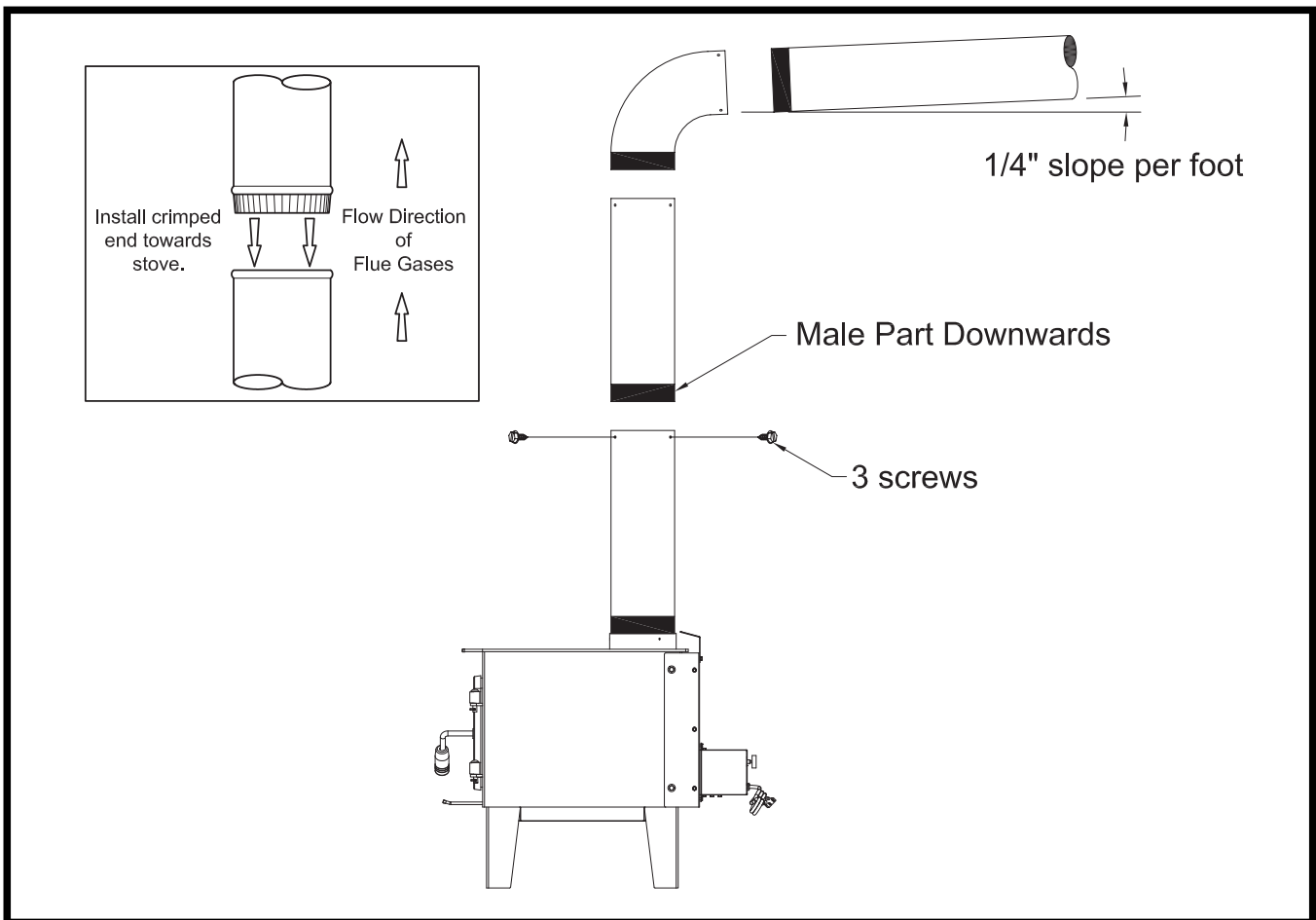
The pipe must be short and straight. All sections installed horizontally must slope at least 1/4 inch per foot, with the upper end of the section toward the chimney. Any installation with a horizontal run of chimney pipe must conform to NFPA 211. You may contact NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) and request the latest edition of the NFPA Standard 211.

To insure a good draft, the total length of the coupling pipe should never exceed 8' to 10' (2.4m to 3.04m), except for cases of vertical installation, cathedral-roof style where the smoke exhaust system can be much longer and connected without problem to the chimney at the ceiling of the room.

There should never be more than two 90 degrees elbows in the smoke exhaust system.

Installation of a "barometric draft stabilizer" (fireplace register) on a smoke exhaust system is prohibited.

Furthermore, installation of a draft damper is not recommended. Indeed, with a controlled combustion wood stove, the draft is regulated upon intake of the combustion air in the stove and not at the exhaust.



## **CHIMNEY**

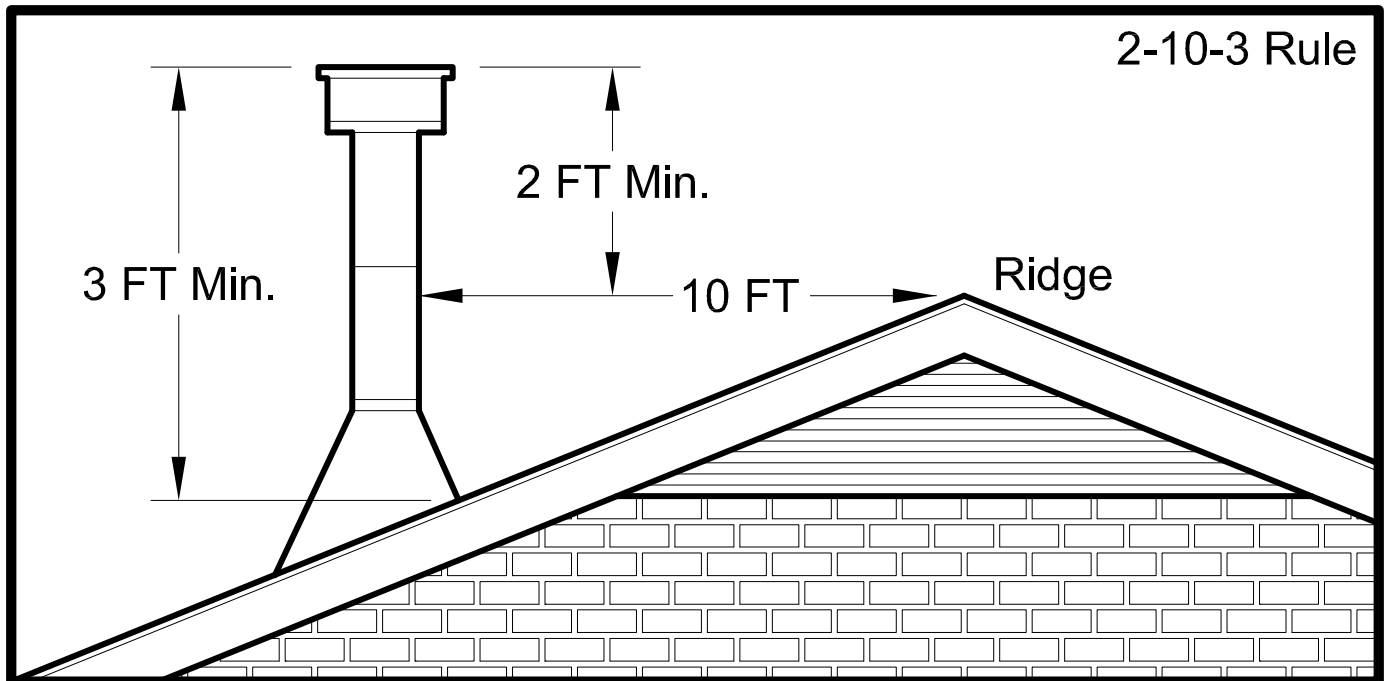
Your wood stove may be hooked up with a 6" factory built or masonry chimney. If you are using a factory built chimney, it must comply with UL 103 standard; therefore it must be a Type HT (2100°F). It is extremely important that it be installed according to the manufacturer's specifications.

If you are using a masonry chimney, it is important that it be built in compliance with the specifications of the National Building Code. It must be lined with fire clay bricks, metal or clay tiles sealed together with fire cement (round flues are the most efficient). Take into account the chimney's location to insure it is not too close to neighbors or in a valley which may cause unhealthy or nuisance conditions.

The interior diameter of the chimney flue must be identical to the stove smoke exhaust. A flue which is too small may cause draft problems, while a large flue favours rapid cooling of the gas, and hence the build-up of creosote and the risk of chimney fires. Note that it is the chimney and not the stove which creates the draft effect; your stove's performance is directly dependent on an adequate draft from your chimney.

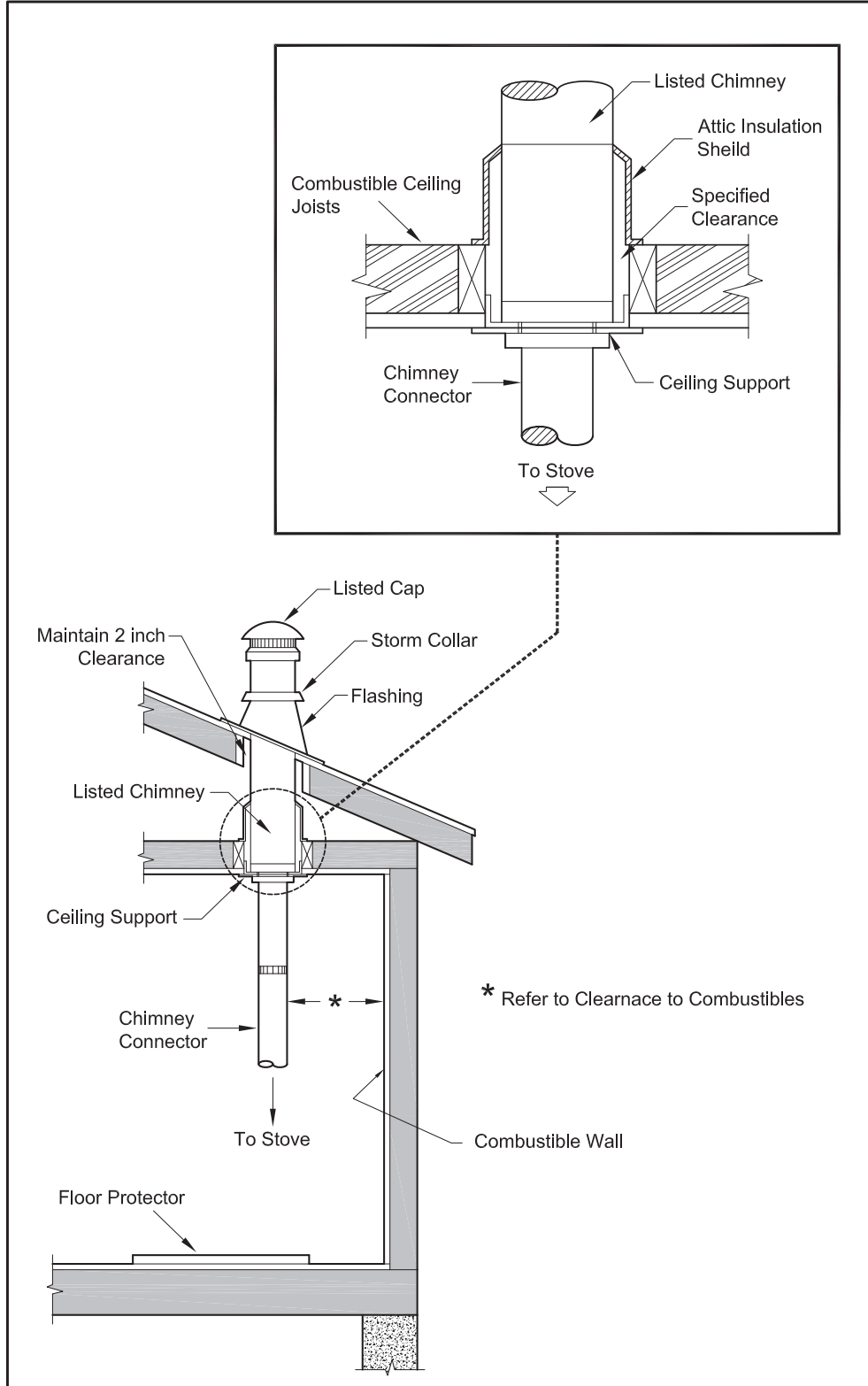
The following recommendations may be useful for the installation of your chimney:

1. Do not connect this unit to a chimney flue serving another appliance.
2. It must rise above the roof at least 3' (0.9m) from the uppermost point of contact.
3. The chimney must exceed any part of the building or other obstruction within a 10' (3.04m) distance by a height of 2' (0.6m).
4. Installation of an interior chimney is always preferable to an exterior chimney. Indeed, the interior chimney will, by definition, be hotter than an exterior chimney, being heated up by the ambient air in the house. Therefore the gas which circulates will cool more slowly, thus reducing the build-up of creosote and the risk of chimney fires.
5. The draft caused by the tendency for hot air to rise will be increased with an interior chimney.
6. Using a fire screen at the extremity of the chimney requires regular inspection in order to insure that it is not obstructed thus blocking the draft, and it should be cleaned when used regularly.



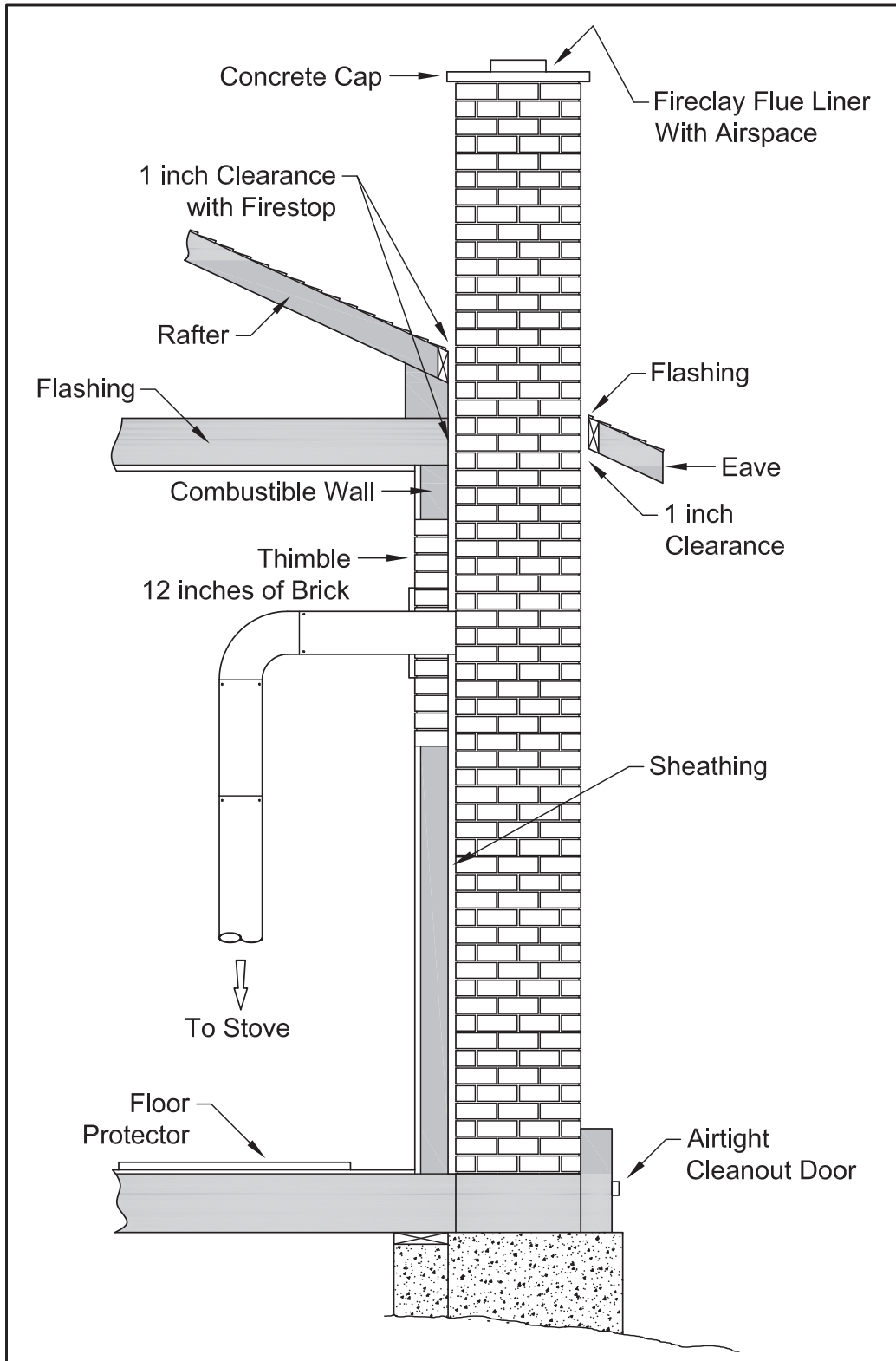
## **FACTORY BUILT CHIMNEY**

When a metal prefabricated chimney is used, the manufacturer's installation instructions must be followed. You must also purchase (from the same manufacturer) and install the ceiling support package or wall pass-through and "T" section package, firestops (where needed), insulation shield, roof flashing, chimney cap, etc. Maintain proper clearance to the structure as recommended by the manufacturer. The chimney must be the required height above the roof or other obstructions for safety and proper draft operation.

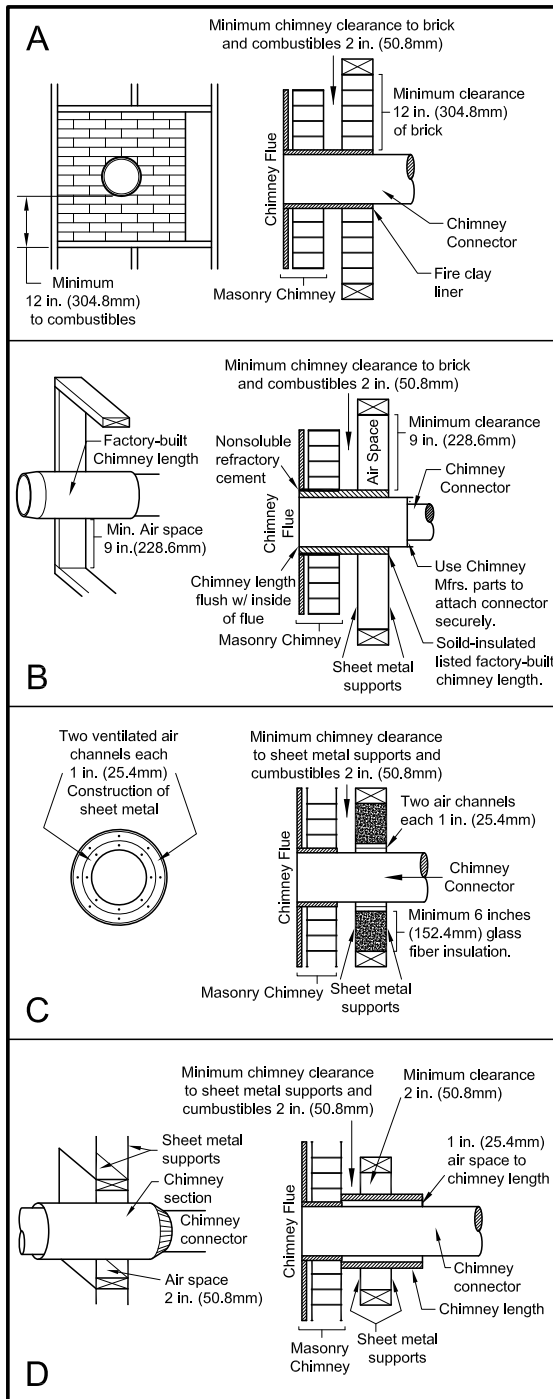


## **MASONRY CHIMNEY**

Ensure that a masonry chimney meets the minimum standards of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) by having it inspected by a professional. Make sure there are no cracks, loose mortar or other signs of deterioration and blockage. Have the chimney cleaned before the stove is installed and operated. When connecting the stove through a combustible wall to a masonry chimney, special methods are needed.



## COMBUSTIBLE WALL CHIMNEY CONNECTOR PASS-THROUGHS



Method A. 12" (304.8 mm) Clearance to Combustible Wall Member: Using a minimum thickness 3.5" (89 mm) brick and a 5/8" (15.9 mm) minimum wall thickness clay liner, construct a wall pass-through. The clay liner must conform to ASTM C315 (Standard Specification for Clay Fire Linings) or its equivalent. Keep a minimum of 12" (304.8 mm) of brick masonry between the clay liner and wall combustibles. The clay liner shall run from the brick masonry outer surface to the inner surface of the chimney flue liner but not past the inner surface. Firmly grout or cement the clay liner in place to the chimney flue liner.

Method B. 9" (228.6 mm) Clearance to Combustible Wall Member: Using a 6" (152.4 mm) inside diameter, listed, factory-built Solid-Pak chimney section with insulation of 1" (25.4 mm) or more, build a wall pass-through with a minimum 9" (228.6 mm) air space between the outer wall of the chimney length and wall combustibles. Use sheet metal supports fastened securely to wall surfaces on all sides, to maintain the 9" (228.6 mm) air space. When fastening supports to chimney length, do not penetrate the chimney liner (the inside wall of the Solid-Pak chimney). The inner end of the Solid-Pak chimney section shall be flush with the inside of the masonry chimney flue, and sealed with a non-water soluble refractory cement. Use this cement to also seal to the brick masonry penetration.

Method C. 6" (152.4 mm) Clearance to Combustible Wall Member: Starting with a minimum 24 gage (.024" [.61 mm]) 6" (152.4 mm) metal chimney connector, and a minimum 24 gage ventilated wall thimble which has two air channels of 1" (25.4 mm) each, construct a wall pass-through. There shall be a minimum 6" (152.4) mm separation area containing fiberglass insulation, from the outer surface of the wall thimble to wall combustibles. Support the wall thimble, and cover its opening with a 24-gage minimum sheet metal support. Maintain the 6" (152.4 mm) space. There should also be a support sized to fit and hold the metal chimney connector. See that the supports are fastened securely to wall surfaces on all sides. Make sure fasteners used to secure the metal chimney connector do not penetrate chimney flue liner.

Method D. 2" (50.8 mm) Clearance to Combustible Wall Member: Start with a solid-pak listed factory built chimney section at least 12" (304 mm) long, with insulation of 1" (25.4 mm) or more, and an inside diameter of 8" (2 inches [51 mm] larger than the 6" [152.4 mm] chimney connector). Use this as a pass-through for a minimum 24-gauge single wall steel chimney connector. Keep solid-pak section concentric with and spaced 1" (25.4 mm) off the chimney connector by way of sheet metal support plates at both ends of chimney section. Cover opening with and support chimney section on both sides with 24 gage minimum sheet metal

supports. See that the supports are fastened securely to wall surfaces on all sides. Make sure fasteners used to secure chimney flue line.

### NOTES:

1. Connectors to a masonry chimney, excepting method B, shall extend in one continuous section through the wall pass-through system and the chimney wall, to but not past the inner flue liner face.
2. A chimney connector shall not pass through an attic or roof space, closet or similar concealed space, or a floor, or ceiling.

## **WOOD STOVE UTILIZATION**

This heater is designed to burn natural wood only. Higher efficiencies and lower emissions generally result when burning air dried seasoned hardwoods, as compared to softwoods or to green or freshly cut hardwoods. Burning the following materials may result in release of toxic fumes or render the heater ineffective and cause smoke.

### **DO NOT BURN:**

1. Residential or commercial garbage;
2. Lawn clippings or yard waste;
3. Materials containing rubber, including tires;
4. Materials containing plastic;
5. Waste petroleum products, paints or paint thinners, or asphalt products;
6. Materials containing asbestos;
7. Construction or demolition debris;
8. Paper products, cardboard, plywood, or particleboard. The prohibition against burning these materials does not prohibit the use of fire starters made from paper, cardboard, saw dust, wax and similar substances for the purpose of starting a fire in unaffected wood heater.
9. Railroad ties or pressure-treated wood;
10. Manure or animal remains;
11. Salt water driftwood or other previously salt water saturated materials;
12. Unseasoned wood;
13. Any materials that are not included in the warranty and owner's manual for the subject wood heater; or
14. Any materials that were not included in the certification tests for the subject wood heater.

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>WEIGHT (LBS. CU. FT., DRY)</b>	<b>PER CORD</b>	<b>EFFICIENCY RANKING</b>	<b>SPLITS</b>	<b>MILLIONS BTU's/CORD</b>
Hickory	63	4500	1.0	Well	31.5
White Oak	48	4100	.9	Fair	28.6
Red Oak	46	3900	.8	Fair	27.4
Beech	45	3800	.7	Hard	26.8
Sugar Maple	44	3700	.6	Fair	26.2
Black Oak	43	3700	.6	Fair	25.6
Ash	42	3600	.5	Well	25.0
Yellow Birch	40	3400	.4	Hard	23.8
Red Maple	38	3200	.3	Fair	22.6
Paper Birch	37	3100	.3	Easy	22.1
Elm/Sycamore	34	2900	.2	Very Difficult	20.1
Red Spruce	29	1800	.1	Easy	16.1

It is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT that you use DRY WOOD only in your wood stove. The wood should have dried for 9 to 15 months, such that the humidity content (in weight) is reduced below 20% of the weight of the log. It is very important to keep in mind that even if the wood has been cut for one, two or even more years, it is not necessarily dry, if it has been stored in poor conditions. Under extreme conditions it may rot instead of drying. This point cannot be over stressed; the vast majority of the problems related to the operation of a wood stove is caused by the fact that the wood used was too damp or had dried in poor conditions. These problems can be:

- ignition problems
- low energy yield
- incomplete log combustion
- creosote build-up causing chimney fires
- blackened windows

Smaller pieces of wood will dry faster. All logs exceeding 6" in diameter should be split. The wood should not be stored directly on the ground. Air should circulate through the cord. A 24" to 48" air space should be left between each row of logs, which should be placed in the sunniest location possible. The upper layer of wood should be protected from the elements but not the sides.

## **TESTING YOUR WOOD**

When the stove is thoroughly warmed, place one piece of split wood (about five inches in diameter) parallel to the door on the bed of red embers.

Keep the air control full open by pulling on it and close the door. If ignition of the piece is accomplished within 90 seconds from the time it was placed in the stove, your wood is correctly dried. If ignition takes longer, your wood is damp.

If your wood hisses and water or vapor escapes at the ends of the piece, your wood is soaked or freshly cut. Do not use this wood in your stove. Large amounts of creosote could be deposited in your chimney, creating potential conditions for a chimney fire.

## **HEATING**

Controlled combustion is the most efficient technique for wood heating because it enables you to select the type of combustion you want for each given situation. The wood will burn slowly if the wood stove air intake control is adjusted to reduce the oxygen supply in the combustion chamber to a minimum. On the other hand, wood will burn quickly if the air control is adjusted to admit a larger quantity of oxygen in the combustion chamber. The air intake control on your stove is very simple. If you pull on it out completely towards you, it is fully open. If you push on it until it stops the combustion air is reduced to a minimum. Real operating conditions may give very different results than those obtained during testing according to the species of wood used, its moisture content, the size and density of the pieces, the length of the chimney, altitude and outside temperature.

## **EFFICIENCY**

Efficiencies can be based on either the lower heating value (LHV) or the higher heating value (HHV) of the fuel. The lower heating value is when water leaves the combustion process as a vapor, in the case of wood stoves the moisture in the wood being burned leaves the stove as a vapor. The higher heating value is when water leaves the combustion process completely condensed. In the case of wood stoves this would assume the exhaust gases are room temperature when leaving the system, and therefore calculations using this heating value consider the heat going up the chimney as lost energy. Therefore, efficiency calculated using the lower heating value of wood will be higher than efficiency calculated using the higher heating value. In the United States all wood stove efficiencies should be calculated using the higher heating value.

As an operator of a wood heater the best way to achieve optimum efficiencies is to learn the burn characteristic of your appliance and burn well-seasoned wood. A good rule of thumb is that your heater is not producing or producing very little visible smoke it is burning efficiently. Also remember that higher burn rates are not always the best heating burn rates; after a good fire is established a lower burn rate may be a better option for efficient heating. A lower burn rate slows the flow of usable heat out of the home through the chimney, and it also consumes less wood.

## **BUILDING A FIRE**

The top down method of fire building is recommended for this appliance. Place the largest pieces of wood on the bottom, laid in parallel and close together. Smaller pieces are placed in a second layer, crossways to the first. A third layer of still smaller pieces is laid crossways to the second, this time with some spaces between. Then a fourth layer of loose, small kindling and twisted newspaper sheets tops off the pile.

## **VISIBLE SMOKE**

Visible smoke is basically unburned fuel and moisture leaving your stove. The amount of visible smoke being produced can be an effective method of determining how efficiently the combustion process is taking place at the given settings. Learn to adjust the air settings of your specific unit to produce the smallest amount of visible smoke. Always start your Remember that wood that has not been seasoned properly and has a high wood moisture content will produce excess visible smoke and burn poorly.

## **AIR TUBES**

The air tubes assembled in this unit are designed to provide an accurate mix of secondary air to insure the highest efficiency. Any damage or deterioration of these tubes may reduce the efficiency of combustion. The air tubes are held in position by either screws or snap pins. Locate these to either side of the tube and remove to allow the tube to be removed and replaced.

## **OVER FIRING**

Attempts to achieve heat output rates that exceed heater design specifications can result in permanent damage to the heater and to the catalytic combustor if so equipped.

## **IMPORTANCE OF PROPER DRAFT**

Draft is the force which moves air from the appliance up through the chimney. The amount of draft in your chimney depends on the length of the chimney, local geography, nearby obstructions and other factors. Too much draft may cause excessive temperatures in the appliance and may damage. Inadequate draft may cause back puffing into the room and 'plugging' of the chimney. Inadequate draft will cause the appliance to leak smoke into the room through appliance and chimney connector joints. An uncontrollable burn or excessive temperature indicates excessive draft.

## **WOOD SELECTION TIPS**

Dead wood lying on the forest floor should be considered wet, and requires full seasoning time. Standing dead wood can usually be considered to be about 2/3 seasoned. Splitting and stacking wood before it is stored accelerates drying time. Storing wood on an elevated surface from the ground and under a cover or covered area from rain or snow also accelerates drying time. A good indicator if wood is ready to burn is to check the piece ends. If there are cracks radiating in all directions from the center then the wood should be dry enough to burn. If your wood sizzles in the fire, even though the surface is dry, it may not be fully cured, and should be seasoned longer.

## **TAMPER WARNINGS**

This wood heater has a manufacturer-set minimum low burn rate that must not be altered. It is against federal regulations to alter this setting or otherwise operate this wood heater in a manner inconsistent with operating instructions in this manual. Never alter the air holes to increase or decrease firing for any reason. Doing so could result in heater damage and will void your warranty.

**CAUTION:** Never alter the air holes to increase or decrease firing for any reason. Doing so could result in heater damage and will void your warranty.

## **THE FIRST FIRES**

The fresh paint on your stove needs to be cured to preserve its quality. Once the fuel charge is properly ignited, only burn small fires in your stove for the first four hours of operation.

Make sure that there's enough air circulation while curing the stove. The odors could be smelled during the 3 or 4 first fires. Never start your stove outside. You will not be able to see if you are over heating.

## **OPERATIONAL TIPS FOR GOOD, EFFICIENT, AND CLEAN COMBUSTION**

- Get the appliance hot and establish a good coal bed before adjusting to a low burn rate (this may take 30 minutes or more depending on your wood)
- Use smaller pieces of wood during start-up and a high burn rate to increase the stove temperature
- Be considerate of the environment and only burn dry wood
- Burn small, intense fires instead of large, slow burning fires when possible
- Learn your appliance's operating characteristics to obtain optimum performance
- Burning unseasoned wet wood only hurts your stoves efficiency and leads to accelerated creosote buildup in your chimney.

## **IGNITION**

The top down method of fire building is recommended for this appliance. Place the largest pieces of wood on the bottom, laid in parallel and close together. Smaller pieces are placed in a second layer, crossways to the first. A third layer of still smaller pieces is laid crossways to the second, this time with some spaces between. Then a fourth layer of loose, small kindling and twisted newspaper sheets tops off the pile.

Before igniting the paper and kindling wood, it is recommended that you warm up the chimney. This is done in order to avoid back draft problems often due to negative pressure in the house. If such is the case, open a window slightly near the stove and twist together a few sheets of newspaper into a torch. Light up this paper torch and hold it as close as possible to the mouth of the pipe inside the combustion chamber to warm up the chimney. Once the up-draft movement is initiated, you are ready to ignite the stove by lighting the paper and kindling wood inside the combustion chamber.

## **RELOADING**

Once you have obtained a good bed of embers, you should reload the unit. Open the door very slowly; open it one or two inches for 5 to 10 seconds, before opening it completely to increase the draft and thus eliminate the smoke which is stagnant in a state of slow combustion in the stove. Then bring the red embers to the front of the stove and reload the unit.

For optimal operation of your wood stove, we recommend you to operate it with a wood load approximately equivalent to the height of fire bricks.

It is important to note that wood combustion consumes ambient oxygen in the room. In the case of negative pressure, it is a good idea to allow fresh air in the room, either by opening a window slightly or by installing a fresh air intake system on an outside wall.

**Creosote - Formation and Need for Removal** - When wood is burned slowly, it produces tar and other organic vapors, which combine with expelled moisture to form creosote. The creosote vapors condense in the relatively cool chimney flue of a slow-burning fire. As a result, creosote residue accumulates on the flue lining. When ignited this creosote makes an extremely hot fire. The chimney connector and chimney should be inspected at least once every two months during the heating season to determine if a creosote build-up has occurred. If creosote has accumulated (3mm or more), it should be removed to reduce the risk of a chimney fire.

We strongly recommend that you install a magnetic thermometer on your smoke exhaust pipe, approximately 18" above the stove. This thermometer will indicate the temperature of your gas exhaust fumes within the smoke exhaust system. The ideal temperature for these gases is somewhere between 275°F and 500°F. Below these temperatures, the build-up of creosote is promoted. Above 500 degrees, heat is wasted since a too large quantity is lost into the atmosphere.

### **WARNINGS:**

- Never over fire your stove. If any part of the stove starts to glow red, over firing is happening.
- The installation of a log cradle or grates is not allowed in your wood stove. Build fire directly on firebrick.
- Never put wood above the firebrick lining of the firebox.
- Attempts to achieve heat output rates that exceed heater design specifications can result in permanent damage to the heater.

### **CAUTIONS:**

- Hot while in operation. Keep children, clothing and furniture away. Contact may cause skin burns.
- Do not use chemicals or fluids to ignite the fire.
- Do not leave the stove unattended when the door is slightly opened.
- Do not burn garbage, flammable fluid such as gasoline, naphtha or motor oil.
- Do not connect to any air distribution duct or system.
- Always close the door after the ignition.

## **TO PREVENT CREOSOTE BUILD UP**

- Always burn dry wood. This allows clean burns and higher chimney temperatures, therefore less creosote deposit.
- Secondary combustion can only take place if the firebox is hot enough.
- Always check for creosote deposit once every two months and have your chimney cleaned at least once a year.

### **CAUTIONS:**

- Ashes could contain hot embers even after two days without operating the stove.
- The ash pan can become very hot. Wear gloves to prevent injury.
- Never burn the stove with the ash trap open. This would result in over firing the stove. Damage to the stove and even house fire may result.

## **ASH REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL**

Whenever ashes get 3 to 4 inches deep in your firebox, and when the fire has burned down and cooled, remove excess ashes. Leave an ash bed approximately 1 inch deep on the firebox bottom to help maintain a hot charcoal bed.

Ashes should be placed in a metal container with a tight-fitting lid. The closed container of ashes should be placed on a non-combustible floor or on the ground, away from all combustible materials, pending final disposal. The ashes should be retained in the closed container until all cinders have thoroughly cooled.

## **SMOKE AND CO MONITORS**

Burning wood naturally produces smoke and carbon monoxide(CO) emissions. CO is a poisonous gas when exposed to elevated concentrations for extended periods of time. While the modern combustion systems in heaters drastically reduce the amount of CO emitted out the chimney, exposure to the gases in closed or confined areas can be dangerous. Make sure your stove gaskets and chimney joints are in good working order and sealing properly to ensure unintended exposure. It is recommended that you use both smoke and CO monitors in areas expected to or having the potential to generate CO.

## **MAINTENANCE**

Your wood stove is a high efficiency stove and therefore requires little maintenance. It is important to perform a visual inspection of the stove every time it is emptied, in order to insure that no parts have been damaged, in which case repairs must be performed immediately. Inspect and clean the chimney and connector pipe periodically for creosote build-up or obstructions.

## **GLASS**

- Inspect the glass regularly in order to detect any cracks. If you spot one, turn the stove off immediately. Do not abuse the glass door by striking or slamming shut. Do not use the stove if the glass is broken.
- If the glass on your stove breaks, replace only with the glass supplied from your heater dealer. Never substitute other materials for the glass.
- To replace the glass, remove the screws retaining the glass mouldings inside the door. Remove the mouldings and replace the damaged piece with a new one. Perform the procedure backwards after replacing. When replacing the glass, you should change the glass gasket to make sure you keep it sealed.
- Never wash the glass with a product that may scratch. Use a specialized product, available in the stores where wood stoves are sold. The glass should be washed only when cold.

## **GASKETS**

This unit's door uses a Ø5/8" rope gasket. Replace any gaskets when they become worn or damaged. It is recommended that you change the door gasket (which makes your stove door air tight) once a year, in order to insure good control over the combustion, maximum efficiency and security. To change the door gasket, simply remove the damaged one. Carefully clean the available gasket groove, apply a high temperature silicone sold for this purpose, and install the new gasket. You may light up your stove again approximately 24 hours after having completed this operation.

**WARNING:** Never operate the stove without a gasket or with a broken one. Damage to the stove or even house fire may result.

## **PAINT**

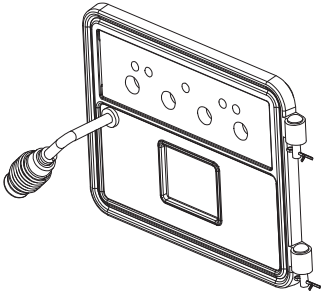
Only clean your stove with a dry soft cloth that will not harm the paint finish. If the paint becomes scratched or damaged, it is possible to give your wood stove a brand new look, by repainting it with a 1200° F heat resistant paint. For this purpose, simply scrub the surface to be repainted with fine sand paper, clean it properly, and apply thin coats (2) of paint successively.

**ATTENTION:** This wood heater needs periodic inspection and repair for proper operation. It is against federal regulations to operate this wood heater in a manner inconsistent with operating instructions in this manual.

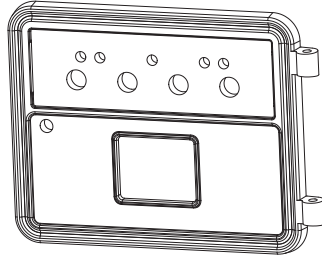
## **CHIMNEY MAINTENANCE**

- Failure to clean and maintain this unit as indicated can result in poor performance and safety hazards.
- Never perform any inspections, cleaning, or maintenance on a hot heater.
- Do not operate heater with broken glass, leakage of flue gas may result.
- Keep the chimney and chimney connector clean and in good condition.

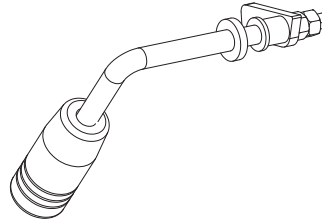
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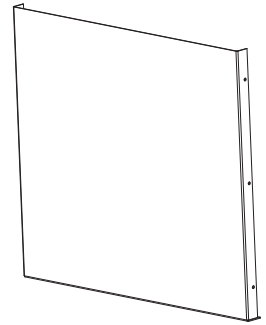
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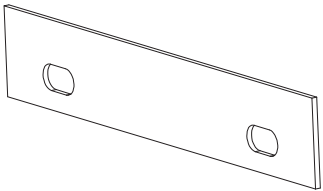
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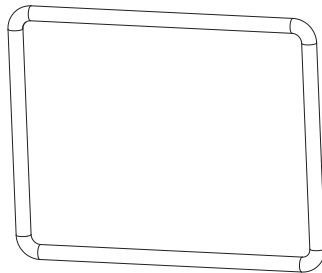
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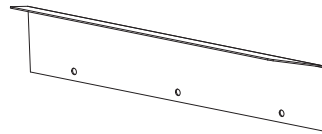
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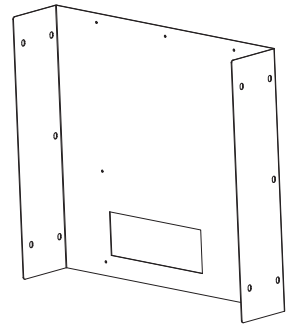
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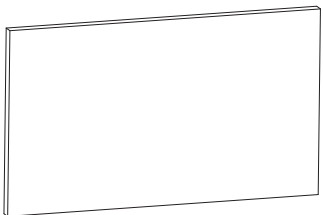
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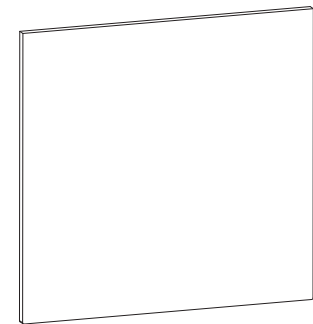
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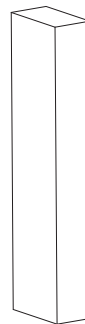
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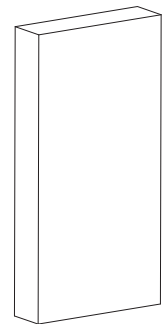
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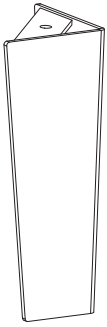
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Firebrick (4-1/2" X 9")	
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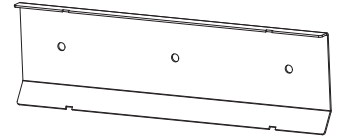
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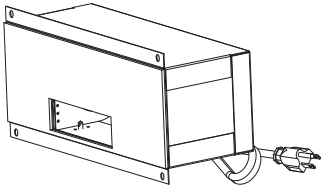
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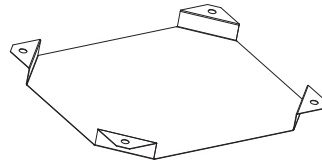
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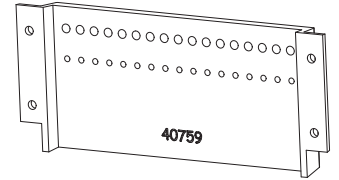
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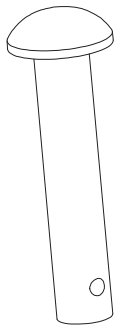
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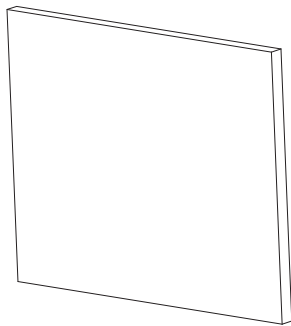
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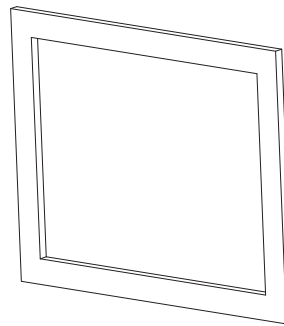
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Hinge Pin (.395" Dia. X 2)	
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Kao-Wool	
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Glass Gasket	
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# Service Record

It is recommended that your heating system is serviced regularly and that the appropriate Service Interval Record is completed.

## Service Provider:

Before completing the appropriate Service Record below, please ensure you have carried out the service as described in the manufacturer's instructions. Always use the manufacturer's specified spare part when replacement is necessary.

<b>Service 01</b>	Date: _____
Engineer Name: _____	
License No.: _____	
Company: _____	
Telephone No.: _____	
Stove Inspected: <input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swept: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Items Replaced: _____	

<b>Service 02</b>	Date: _____
Engineer Name: _____	
License No.: _____	
Company: _____	
Telephone No.: _____	
Stove Inspected: <input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swept: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Items Replaced: _____	

<b>Service 03</b>	Date: _____
Engineer Name: _____	
License No.: _____	
Company: _____	
Telephone No.: _____	
Stove Inspected: <input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swept: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Items Replaced: _____	

<b>Service 04</b>	Date: _____
Engineer Name: _____	
License No.: _____	
Company: _____	
Telephone No.: _____	
Stove Inspected: <input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swept: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Items Replaced: _____	

<b>Service 05</b>	Date: _____
Engineer Name: _____	
License No.: _____	
Company: _____	
Telephone No.: _____	
Stove Inspected: <input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swept: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Items Replaced: _____	

<b>Service 06</b>	Date: _____
Engineer Name: _____	
License No.: _____	
Company: _____	
Telephone No.: _____	
Stove Inspected: <input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swept: <input type="checkbox"/>	
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<b>Service 07</b>	Date: _____
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License No.: _____	
Company: _____	
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<b>Service 08</b>	Date: _____
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License No.: _____	
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Items Replaced: _____	

# Limited Warranty

The operation of this wood heater in a manner inconsistent with the owner's manual will void your warranty and is also against federal regulations.

United States Stove Company warrants to the original purchaser its products against premature failure of any component due to workmanship, quality, or materials as follows:

## TIME PERIOD:

Firebox / Firepot.....	Three Year
Heat Exchanger.....	Three Year
Door.....	Three Year
Cabinets and Trim.....	One Year
Gaskets .....	One Year
All Electrical Components (Blower, Auger / Agitator Motor, PC Board, Switches).....	One Year
Ceramic Glass / Agitator.....	One Year

## CLAIM PROCEDURE

Any defects should be reported to United States Stove Company or its dealer and/or distributor giving descriptions and pertinent data, including proof or purchase which will be returned upon request.

Providing the heater has been installed and used in accordance with the Owners Manual supplied with the heater, United States Stove Company will either:

- 1) Replace the defective part free of charge
- 2) Replace the heater free of charge
- 3) Where the defect is of a cosmetic (non-functional) nature, United States Stove Company will bear reasonable expense to refurbish the heater, including such items as welding, painting, and incidental labor. A "Reasonable" is defined by terms of this warranty as \$30.00/hour with full refund for any purchase of parts from U.S. Stove Company.

## NOT COVERED

Specifically not covered under terms of this limited warranty or any other warranty are problems relating to smoking or creosote. Smoking is attributable to inadequate draft due to the design or installation of the flue system or installation of the heater itself. Creosote formation is largely attributable to improper operation of the unit and/or draft as mentioned above. Also, not covered are:

- 1) Removal and re-installation cost.
- 2) Service calls to diagnose trouble (unless authorized in writing by the manufacturer, distributor, or dealer).
- 3) Painted or plated surfaces.
- 4) Damage or defect caused by improper installation, accidents, misuse, abuse (including overfiring) or alteration.
- 5) Transportation or shipping costs.

## LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

- 1) United States Stove Company shall not be liable for incidental, consequential, special, or contingent damages anyone might suffer as a result of their breach of this written warranty or any implied warranty.
- 2) Should the heater be replaced by United States Stove Company "free of charge", all further warranty obligations are thereby met.
- 3) Parts and/or service replacements made under the terms of this warranty are warranted only for the remaining period of the original heater warranty.
- 4) Without specific written exclusionary waivers, no one has authority to add to or vary this limited warranty, or to create for United States Stove Company any further obligation of liability in connection with this heater or any other applicable accessory. Any further warranty implication applicable to this heater or any applicable accessory is limited in duration to the same time period as the original statement in the above schedule.

## YOUR DUTIES

- 1) This heater, including all applicable accessories, must be installed and operated in accordance with local authorities having jurisdiction and the instructions furnished with the Owners Manual.
- 2) You should keep as permanent record your proof of purchase (or canceled check or invoice).

## PROBLEM/RESOLUTION

- 1) As purchaser, you must first contact the dealer and/or distributor from whom you purchased your heater.
- 2) If within a reasonable period of time you do not receive satisfactory service from the distributor and/or dealer, write or call United States Stove Company, Customer Service Department, including complete details of the problem and/or problems you are experiencing, details of your installation, your proof of purchase, and the heater serial number or test agency code number.

## WARRANTOR

The warrantor of record is United States Stove Company, PO Box 151, 227 Industrial Park Road, South Pittsburg, Tennessee 37380.

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## NOTE

This warranty gives you specific legal rights; and, you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

## IMPORTANT

**Keep this warranty card for future reference.**

# How To Order Repair Parts

This manual will help you obtain efficient, dependable service from your heater, and enable you to order repair parts correctly.

Keep this manual in a safe place for future reference.

When writing, always give the full model number which is on the nameplate attached to the heater.

When ordering repair parts, always give the following information as shown in this list:

1. The part number \_\_\_\_\_
2. The part description \_\_\_\_\_
3. The model number \_\_\_\_\_
4. The serial number \_\_\_\_\_

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