



SAVONA STOVE INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND USE ONLY THE RECOMMENDED FUELS



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QUICK START GUIDE

To get the most out of your stove you should take the time to read the instructions provided. If for any reason you don't have these instructions contact your retailer and request a copy. This guide is intended to help you get the best possible fire started. Even if you have previous experience with stoves, all makes and models vary and the information below will help you gain the optimum performance from your new stove.



Make sure both the primary (bottom) and secondary (top) valves are open. The open position is with both controls fully to the right.

To start a fire, create a small 'wigwam' of kindling towards the back of the grate and light it using a single firelighter.

Close the door and wait until the firelighter burns away and the kindling is fully ignited.



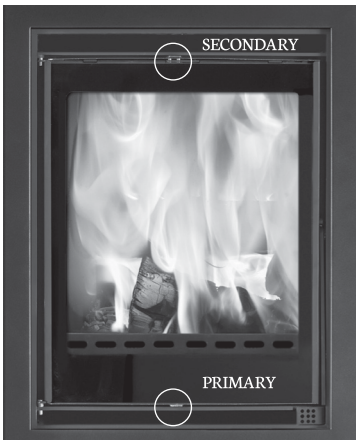
Open the door and use a poker to lay the kindling across the width of the grate.

It is best to keep the fuel towards the back of the grate during these early stages.

Place a small kiln dried log (less than 15% moisture) on top of the kindling and close the door.

Wet wood will cause the stove window to blacken.

Do not cover the tertiary air holes (the small holes located at the rear of the firebox above the back brick).



Once the log starts to burn close the primary (bottom) valve by sliding it to the left.

Use the secondary (top) valve to control the fire, we usually recommend half closing it but every installation will vary so try different settings until you find one you're happy with.

Don't over fill the firebox, this is a very efficient stove and will generate plenty of heat with a small amount of fuel.

PERFORMANCE

Savona / Vega Savona Wood Burning Stove Manual Version 1.4 Issued January 2023



This document is to be left with the householder after installation.

All our stoves exceed the safety and performance requirements of European Standards.

Independently tested by SGS (Notified Laboratory No: 0608) in 2018.

Intermittent burning solid fuel roomheaters for installation with a single dedicated chimney.

1	SUPPLIER NAME OR TRADEMARK	
2	MODEL IDENTIFIER	SAVONA / VEGA SAVONA
3	ENERGY CLASS	A
4	DIRECT HEAT OUTPUT	4.8KW
5	INDIRECT HEAT OUTPUT	N/A
6	ENERGY EFFICIENCY INDEX	106.3%
7	ENERGY EFFICIENCY AT NOMINAL HEAT OUTPUT	79.5%
8	SPECIFIC PRECAUTIONS	SEE MANUAL

Fuel	Wood (Beech)
Test Standard	EN13229
Test Cycle	1.06kg over 0.68hrs
Settings	Primary 0, 2nd 100%
Flue Draft Pa (ins WG)	12 (0.05)
Efficiency %	79.5
Recommended Rating kW	4.8
Mean Flue Gas Temp Rise ° K	253
Minimum air entry requirement	2500mm ²
Minimum clearance to combustibles	Rear - back of chamber must be non-combustible. Sides - 600mm
Weight	60kg
Flue outlet size	125mm
Emissions as if O ₂ = 13%	
Nox mg/m ³	114
CO %	0.12
CxHy mg/m ²	118
Gas Flow g/sec	4.4
Smoke emission mg/m ³	34

Read these instructions! Use only recommended fuels!

This stove must be installed and commissioned by a fully qualified registered engineer, or the building inspector must be informed. For more details contact your local authority. This document, when completed by the installer, constitutes part of a 'Hearth Notice' for purposes of Building Law. It must be left with the householder and placed where it can easily be found.

Installed at Location:

By:

I definitively assert that this installation is safe, has been lit and demonstrated to the householder, conforms with current building regulations and with these instructions.

Signed:

Date:

Flue Draught measured on commissioning:

Fuel used on commissioning:

The Clean Air Act 1993 and Smoke Control Areas

Under the Clean Air Act local authorities may declare the whole or part of the district of the authority to be a smoke control area. It is an offence to emit smoke from a chimney of a building, from a furnace or from any fixed boiler if located in a designated smoke control area. It is also an offence to acquire an "unauthorised fuel" for use within a smoke control area unless it is used in an "exempt" appliance ("exempted" from the controls which generally apply in the smoke control area). In England appliances are exempted by publication on a list by the Secretary of State in accordance with changes made to sections 20 and 21 of the Clean Air Act 1993 by section 15 of the Deregulation Act 2015. Similarly in Scotland appliances are exempted by publication on a list by Scottish Ministers under section 50 of the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014. In Northern Ireland appliances are exempted by publication on a list by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs under Section 16 of the Environmental Better regulation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016. In Wales appliances are exempted by regulations made by Welsh Ministers.

Further information on the requirements of the Clean Air Act can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/smoke-control-area-rules>

Your local authority is responsible for implementing the Clean Air Act 1993 including designation and supervision of smoke control areas and you can contact them for details of Clean Air Act requirements.

The Savona and Vega Savona stoves may be used in smoke control areas strictly in accordance with these instructions and (UK) when fitted with a modified air control to prevent closure of the secondary air control beyond 10% open when burning untreated wood logs. RoI: Wood logs (Control of Atmospheric Pollution Regulations 1970)

Refuelling on to a low fire bed: If there is insufficient burning material in the firebed to light a new fuel charge, excessive smoke emission can occur. Refuelling must be carried out onto a sufficient quantity of glowing embers and ash that the new fuel charge will ignite in a reasonable period. If there are too few embers in the fire bed, add suitable kindling to prevent excessive smoke.

Fuel overloading: The maximum amount of fuel specified in this manual should not be exceeded, overloading can cause excess smoke.

Operation with door left open: Operation with the door open can cause excess smoke. The appliance must not be operated with the appliance door left open except as directed in the instructions.

Dampers left open: Operation with the air controls or appliance dampers open can cause excess smoke. The appliance must not be operated with air controls or, appliance dampers left open except as directed in the instructions.

STOVE SAFETY

Installers must work accordingly under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

This appliance becomes extremely hot and can produce poisonous gases. A fire guard should be used if children or the infirm are present. The installer is required to exactly follow these instructions and to completely comply with all relevant local, national and international standards.

Installing a stove is a 'controlled service', the law expects that it is either supervised by a qualified installer or that the building inspector is informed. Check with your local authority.

Health and Safety Precautions: Special care must be taken when installing the stove such that the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work Act are met.

Handling: Adequate facilities must be available for loading, unloading and site handling.

Fire Cement: Some types of fire cement are caustic and should not be allowed to come into contact with the skin. In case of contact wash immediately with plenty of water.

Asbestos: This stove contains no asbestos. If there is a possibility of disturbing any asbestos in the course of installation then please seek specialist guidance and use appropriate protective equipment.

Metal Parts: When installing or servicing this stove care should be taken to avoid the possibility of personal injury.

Weight: Your stove is heavy – take great care when moving it and ensure that the intended fireplace can support the weight – consider fitting a load distributing plate.

Fireguard Safety: A fireguard must be used in the presence of children, and old and/or infirm people. The fireguard should be manufactured in accordance with BS 8423:2002, Fireguards for use with solid fuel appliances.

Your Chimney

Once warm, your chimney makes the gas inside it rise, pulling fresh air into the stove to make it work.

Your chimney must:

- Generate a draught in use of at least 12 Pa (0.05ins wg) and not in excess of 25 Pa.

- Be capable of withstanding the temperatures generated.

- Be absolutely incapable of leaking fumes into the dwelling – this will commonly be achieved by it:

 - Being at least 5m high.

 - Terminating at least 1m above any roof ridge.

 - Having an internal cross-section not less than 0.018m²(e.g.: 150mm dia) and never more than 0.14m² (e.g.: 375 x 375mm).

 - Being free from even the slightest crack or source of leakage.

 - Having no bends sharper than 45°.

 - Being entirely free of obstructions and swept by a qualified chimney sweep.

 - Being connected to only this stove.

 - Being of thick masonry or otherwise adequately insulated.

 - Conforming to local building regulations.

Special rules apply where the flue passes through timber, thatch or other vulnerable materials – take specialist advice. Although it is possible to access the chimney through the fire with the throat plate removed, fit hatches for cleaning access if needed.

125mm Flue Liner

It is recommended to fit with a 150mm liner for best performance, however, it is also acceptable to fit a 125mm liner only if necessary. **IMPORTANT:** if you intend to burn unauthorised fuels on this appliance then a 150mm liner must be fitted and your lifetime guarantee will be invalidated.

Your Fireplace

Stoves become very hot, the setting must be made entirely of durable fireproof materials. Thin (<50mm) stone slabs risk cracking unless cut into sections to allow for expansion and backed with a heat resistant concrete. Even beyond the safety clearance, items can become very hot – take great care in siting vulnerable materials like wax, textiles, paper etc.

Air Supply

Your stove needs air to breathe – there must be a permanent fresh air supply into the space in which it is installed equal to the size given on page 1. This can often be provided by air leaking around door frames etc. (it is commonly accepted that this alone may suffice for appliances <5kW) but in case of any doubt, fit a purpose made air vent. An extractor fan, or another fuel using appliance in the same building, can remove this air. Fit a Carbon Monoxide alarm near to the stove.

Regarding installations in rooms with extractor fans

For wood burning appliances: avoid installing extract ventilation in the same room. If mechanical extraction is unavoidable then seek specialist advice to ensure the installation is tested for the safe operation of the appliance.

A suitable test would be to check for spillage when appliances are subjected to the greatest possible depressurisation. A prerequisite for this condition is that all external doors, windows and other adjustable ventilators to outside are closed. The depressurisation at the appliance will depend on the particular combination of fans in operation (fans in the room containing the appliance and fans elsewhere in the building) and the pattern of open internal doors, hatches etc. which is established at the time of the test (when fans should be on their maximum useable setting), and the specific combination causing the greatest depressurisation at the appliance depends upon the circumstances in each case. Several tests (which should include a test with the door leading into the room of installation closed and all fans in that room switched on) may therefore be necessary to demonstrate the safe operation of the appliance with reasonable certainty. The effect of ceiling fans should be checked during the tests. Extra ventilation should be supplied if tests show that this is necessary.

FITTING

Before beginning the installation, please refer to the British Standard BS 8303 Code of Practice for installation of domestic heating and cooking appliances burning solid mineral fuel and the current issues of British Standards BS EN 15287-1:2007 design, installation and commissioning of chimneys.

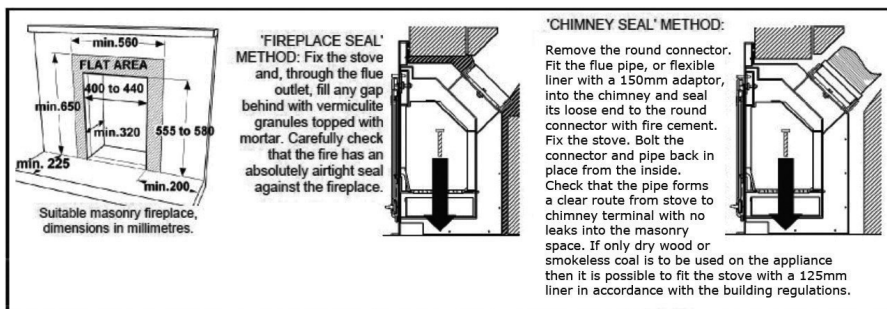
CO Alarms: Building regulations require that whenever a new or replacement fixed solid fuel or wood/ biomass appliance is installed in a dwelling a carbon monoxide alarm must be fitted in the same room as the appliance. Further guidance on the installation of the carbon monoxide alarm is available in BS EN 50292:2002 and from the alarm manufacturer's instructions. Provision of an alarm must not be considered a substitute for either installing the appliance correctly or ensuring regular servicing and maintenance of the appliance and chimney system.

Ventilation: May be required in accordance with the guidelines given in the Building Regulations. Please refer to Approved Document J for more detailed guidance.

Chimney: The chimney must be swept and examined for soundness and suitability before the appliance is installed. Remedial action should be taken if required, seeking expert advice if necessary. Where the chimney is believed to have previously served an open fire installation it is possible that the higher flue gas temperature from a closed appliance may loosen deposits that were previously firmly adhered, with the consequent risk of flue blockage. It is therefore recommended that the chimney be swept a second time within a month of regular use after installation.

Fasten the flue outlet and blanking plate to the top or back flue outlet opening, on a thin bead of fire cement. Do not over tighten. Place the stove on a non-combustible hearth conforming to building regulations, noting the distances to combustible materials given in the table on the front of this document.

Fix the stove securely to the hearth by drilling through the fixing holes inside the stove, into the hearth, with a 6mm masonry drill. Screw down with the bolts and washers provided. If you chose to secure the stove using an alternative method you should seal the two holes in the base of the stove to prevent air being drawn in when the bottom valve is closed. Your stove can be sealed to the chimney using a short (up to about 500mm) length of uninsulated pipe in several ways, four of which are shown below.



Whichever method is used it is imperative that:

- 1) The route for gases from the stove to the chimney terminal is completely air-tight; even the tiniest gap or crack can spoil the updraught. Seal all joints with fireproof cement and/or heatproof rope.
- 2) It is possible to sweep the entire length - access doors may be required.
- 3) The entire construction is of durable fireproof materials.

Check the Installation

Once installed, light the fire, demonstrate it to the householder and check that:

- 1) It burns controllably and does not emit fumes to the room.
- 2) The route for gases from the stove to the chimney terminal is completely airtight, unobstructed and able to be swept.
- 3) The entire construction is of durable fireproof materials.
- 4) The flue presents a draught in use of at least 12Pa and not in excess of 25 Pa.

LIVING WITH YOUR STOVE

Every fuel, chimney and condition of use is different. Only experience will show which are the best settings for you.

Operating Tools: Parts become very hot while the stove is running so should not be touched with bare hands. Special operating tools (or a glove) are/is provided for operation of the hot stove.

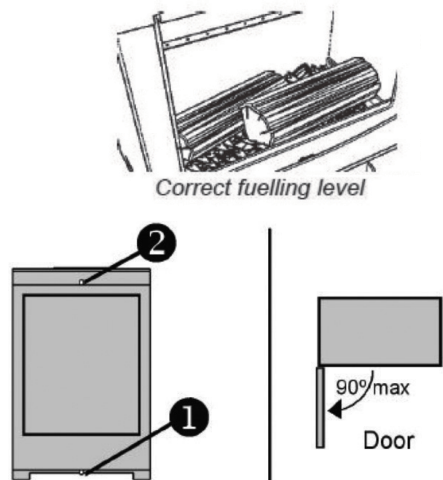
Lighting: If lighting after a period of non-use, do check that the flueways and chimney are completely clear. Place two or three firelighters close together, or screwed-up paper covered with dry sticks, at the back of the grate and light them. When they are burning well gently cover them with very dry fuel, close the door and set the air controls to the 'high' position (see 'Control'). When the fire is burning well, move the controls to the lowest practical setting.

Filling: These are very efficient stoves, you don't have to pile them up with huge amounts of fuel. Just one or two logs of about 1kg each. Don't fill above the level shown in the diagram below.

Dampers left open: Operation with the appliance dampers or air controls left open can cause excess smoke. The appliance must not be operated with air controls, appliance dampers or door left open except as directed in these instructions.

Control: How fast the fire burns depends on how much air reaches the fuel. The stove has two air controls, one below the window ('primary' ①) and one above ('airwash control' ②).

Move the slides right for 'high' and left for 'low'. They can get very hot so move them with the poker tool supplied or use a glove. When using wood it is usually best to have the primary control ① completely closed and adjust the burning rate using the airwash ② control.



Emptying Ashes: Only empty ashes when the fire is cold. Use the tool or a glove to open the door. Stir the fire with a poker before lifting out the ashbin. Remember to let ash cool before disposing in plastic sacks or dustbins. There is no need to empty every last speck but ash should never be allowed to build up so that it comes into contact with the underside of the grate.

Extended Burning: Our stoves are intended for quick heat-up intermittent use. While well capable of lasting for many hours, they are not designed for overnight burning. For best extended burning results allow the fire to burn down to a low, hot, firebed, place 1 large log, and set the air controls to 'low'.

CO Alarm: Your installer should have fitted a CO alarm in the same room as the appliance. If the alarm sounds unexpectedly, follow the instructions given under "Warning Note" on page 15.

Air Supply: It is essential that the fire has adequate air supply for combustion and ventilation. Apertures provided for this purpose shall not be restricted.

Aerosol Sprays: Do not use an aerosol spray near the appliance under fire.

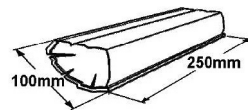
Keeping the window clean: Simply operating the stove for a few minutes at high output will often burn off any deposits left by tarry or wet fuels. Severe stains can be removed when cold with a domestic bleach cleaner. The window is not glass but a transparent ceramic, it may develop tiny hairline cracks, these are harmless and a characteristic of the toughest heat-resistant material known. Reduce the risk of staining by using only very dry fuel and keeping the airwash  control at least a little open.

Opening the door: This stove is designed to be operated only with the door closed. The door handle can get very hot so use the poker tool or a glove. Open the door very slowly to minimise fume emission and prevent hot fuel falling out.

Summer shut down: Before a long period of non-use, empty fuel and ash, remove the throat plate and leave all air controls open to allow ventilation and reduce condensation.

Smoke Control: In certain areas special rules apply to reduce smoke nuisance. Check with your local authority.

Wood: Wood only emits as much carbon to the atmosphere as the tree took in when growing so wood is considered the 'carbon neutral' fuel. When wood is cut down its cells are full of water. Burning such wet or 'green' wood wastes heat in making steam and produces flammable acidic tars which will cling to, and rapidly damage, your stove and chimney. Split logs will typically take two years to become reasonably dry, round logs much longer. Cracks in the ends, a hollow sound



Kiln dried beech logs of around 1.2kg are recommended for optimum performance.

when tapped and bark falling away are all signs that a log may be ready for use. The fine, white residue produced when wood burns is not ash, but the remains of cell walls which can burn if kept hot enough, so don't de-ash a fire until absolutely necessary when using wood.

These appliances are authorised for use in smoke control areas of the UK when burning wood. For best performance, and always for low smoke emission:

Split logs lengthways for drying

Use logs no bigger than about 100mm x 250mm

Ensure logs are absolutely dry (less than 15% moisture)

Fill the stove 'criss-cross' so air can circulate between logs

Fill 'little & often'

Always have the airwash control  at least a little open

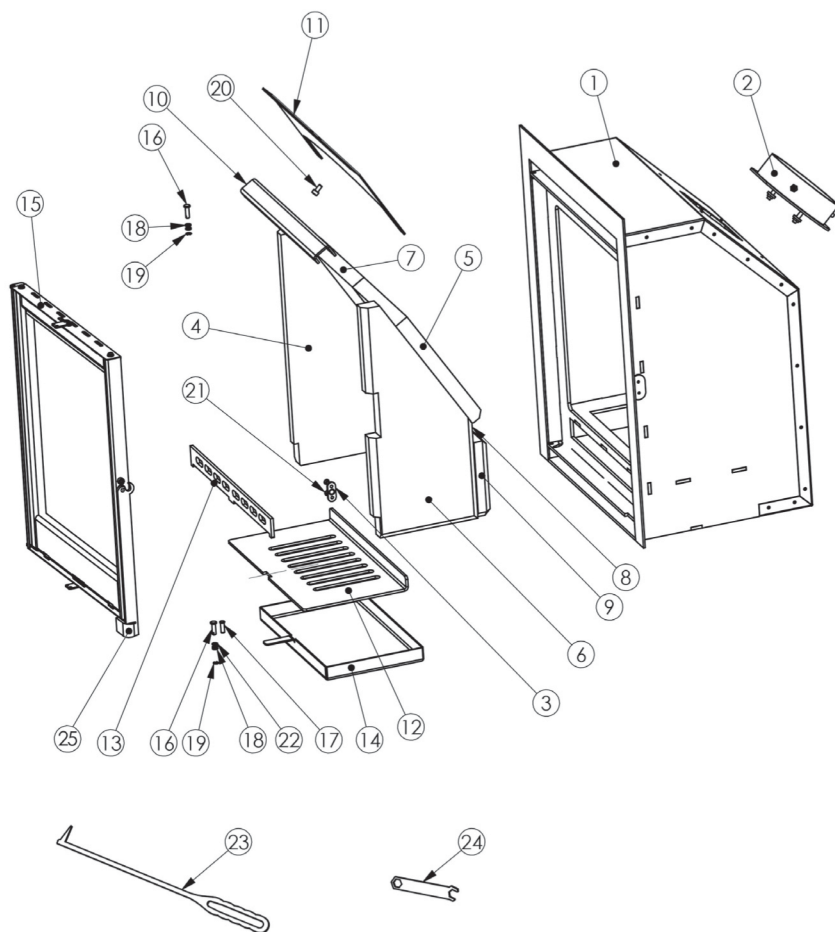
When first lighting, or reviving a fire from embers, use only very small, thin, dry, sticks

Never operate with the door open

Don't overfill the firebox

**THE USE OF UNAUTHORISED FUELS CAN DAMAGE YOUR
STOVE AND WILL INVALIDATE YOUR LIFETIME GUARANTEE**

SPARE PARTS



- | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Stove Body | 10 Top Vermiculite Retaining Bar | 19 Spacer Wash 2 |
| 2 Easy Fit Flue Collar | 11 Rear Baffle | 20 M6 Cap Screw |
| 3 Removable Latch Pin | 12 Stainless Steel Grate | 21 M4 Countersunk Screw x2 |
| 4 Left Side Vermiculite | 13 Mild Steel Grate Front | 22 Spacer Wash 3 |
| 5 Right Top Vermiculite | 14 Ash Bin | 23 Poker |
| 6 Right Side Vermiculite | 15 Door (Complete Assembly) | 24 Mini Spanner |
| 7 Left Top Vermiculite | 16 Door Latch Pin | 25 Handle Assembly |
| 8 Left Back Vermiculite | 17 Door Stop Pin | |
| 9 Right Back Vermiculite | 18 Spacer Wash 1 | |

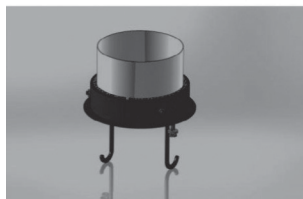
The flue collar has a double hook / handle in the flat position as part of the base disc. They can be bent down and used as handles during the installation.



The ring has three bolts positioned in such a way that when tightened they will lock the flue pipe in place.



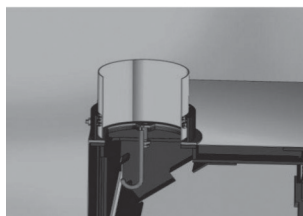
Soft fibreglass rope can be used to fill the gap between collar and flue.



Once the stove is in the fireplace the installer can reach up through the opening in the roof of the stove and use the hook / handle to pull the collar down into position and bolt it in place.



After securing the collar the hooks / handles can be broken off from the base disc by working them left and right until they snap off.



If you are using the 'fireplace seal' method and not connecting a flue just snap off the hooks / handles and attach the collar to the stove prior to sealing it in place.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problems like those listed here are usually due to some difficulty with the installation, chimney or fuels, so please check back through these instructions carefully. If necessary seek specialist advice.

Smoke from the chimney: It is quite normal for a little smoke to be emitted from the chimney when the fire is cold, so start the fire using only a very little fuel. When using wood always ensure that the primary control ❶ is completely closed and adjust the burning rate using the airwash ❷ control. Use only very dry wood.

Poor Heat Output: A stove can heat a typical room of about 12m³ volume for each kW of output, so a 5kW model can heat up to (12 x 5) 63m³, a room of about 5m square. The actual size depends on the insulation and air-change ratio of the room. To attempt to heat a larger room will result in excessive fuel consumption and damaging overheating.

Lack of Controllability: Wood may burn excessively until the gasses in them have been used up. You can reduce this effect by making sure that the fire is set to 'low' for a while before refuelling and checking that the door seals fully.

Condensation: Condensation onto cool surfaces inside the stove can be severe if fuel is in any way damp, use only very dry fuel.

Over-Firing: It is possible to leave the fire too long with the controls set too high leading to 'over-firing' seen as glowing metal parts, excessive chimney temperature and risk of parts failing or chimney fires. Always set controls to the lowest practical setting.

Smoke Coming Into Room

Fumes are poisonous – smoke emission must never be tolerated, causes might be:

New stove: There is often a smell and sometimes visible fumes as the paint cures. This normally stops after an hour or so and we advise that you open a window when firing up a new stove for the first time.

Inadequate seals: Are all flue pipes and connectors absolutely gas tight? Even the tiniest crack or gap can spoil the draught. Does an inset appliance fully seal against the fireplace?

Blocked throat plate: Has soot or ash collected on the throat plate above the inner back part of the firebox?

Unsuitable, blocked or un-swept chimney: The first requirement for correct operation is a sound chimney. Check the requirements earlier in this document and in case of any doubt engage a professional sweep or chimney engineer.

Poor air supply: Lack of air to the fire is a common cause of smoking and poor performance. Air supply problems may be worse in certain wind conditions (often incorrectly ascribed to 'downdraft' which is in fact very rare), where air can be sucked out of the room. The answer is to fit an air vent, as near to the fire as possible, facing into the usual wind direction.

Downdraft: Wind can blow down a chimney if there is something higher nearby such as a tree, hill or high building. Fitting an anti-downdraught cowl to the chimney top can cure this. Types which cannot be swept through are not recommended.

Poor chimney draught: Chimney draught in use MUST be at least 12Pa.

Chimney Fire: In the rare event of deposits inside the chimney igniting (roaring sound + dense smoke and sparks from the chimney) immediately close the door, shut all air controls, evacuate the premises and call the fire brigade. Prevent fires by using very dry fuel and having your chimney swept regularly.

Fume Emission

Warning Note

Properly installed, operated and maintained this stove will not emit fumes into the dwelling. Occasional fumes from de ashing and re fuelling may occur. However, persistent fume emission is potentially dangerous and must not be tolerated. If fume emission does persist, then the following immediate action should be taken:

- (a) Open doors and windows to ventilate the room and then leave the premises.
- (b) Let the fire go out.
- (c) Check for flue or chimney blockage and clean if required.
- (d) Do not attempt to relight the fire until the cause of the fume emission has been identified and corrected. If necessary seek expert advice.

The most common cause of fume emission is flueway or chimney blockage. For your own safety these must be kept clean at all times.

Maintenance

Monthly: Check that the flue is clear and unblocked, and that the door seals are sound.

Annually: Sweep the chimney, the entire length of the chimney from stove to outlet should be swept.

New Parts: Your stove has been extensively tested for safety – please don't try to modify it and always obtain genuine spare parts from your stove shop or the manufacturer.

Surface Finish: Wipe the stove body with a slightly damp cloth when cool. Never use aerosol spray or wax near the hot fire – they can ignite. Painted steel parts can be refurbished using special stove spray paint.

Your stove generates very high temperatures; eventually the internal parts will require replacement.

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