

**BABY BEAR® VI** 



PAPA BEAR®VI

# OWNER'S MANUAL



# ASSEMBLY/INSTALLATION/OPERATION MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

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## WELCOME . . .

. . . to the growing family of Fisher woodburning stove owners throughout North America. Heating with wood is an idea whose time has come again and Fisher Stoves fit today's home using yesterday's fuel.

We are confident you will find that the Fisher Stove by its very design, quality of materials and workmanship will provide you with many years of enjoyment, comfort and savings.

This Owner's Manual has been developed to assist you in installing and operating the Fisher Stove safely and efficiently.

We encourage you to read and study the material carefully prior to installation.

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# I. WARNINGS

# PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS COMPLETELY BEFORE INSTALLING THE FISHER STOVE. KEEP THIS MANUAL IN A SAFE AND CONVENIENT LOCATION.

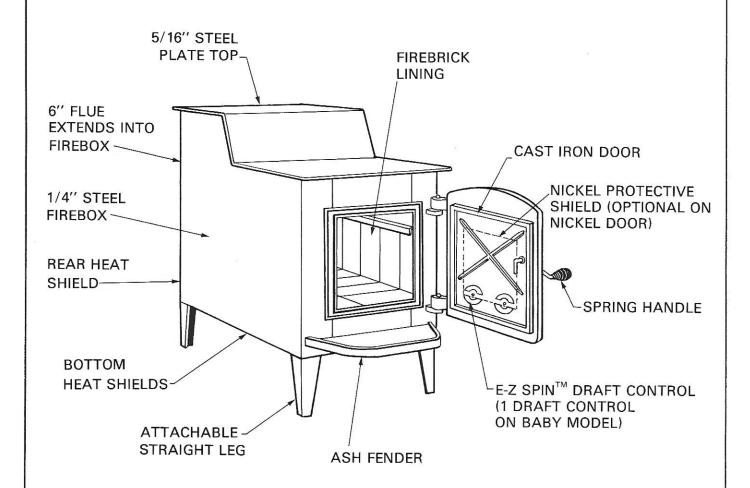
- Contact your local building official for installation permits and comply with all state and local codes.
- 2. Do not connect the stove to a chimney flue serving another appliance.
- Check your chimney system thoroughly when installing into an existing metal or masonry chimney. If in doubt about its condition, seek professional advice.
- Use insulated or triple wall pipe for exterior chimney applications. (Check chimney manufacturers specifications for correct pipe selection.)
- Comply with all minimum clearances to combustibles as shown in this manual. (Clearances to combustibles may be reduced through the use of a U.L. Listed wall protector.)
- 6. Firebrick must be installed before firing stove.
- 7. Keep all household combustible materials at least 3 feet away from the stove. This includes clothing, furniture, wood, newspapers, matches, plastics, etc.
- 8. Do not dry clothing or green wood directly on the surface of 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 heater while it is in use.
- Please use care and caution when filling the stove with fuel. Do not attempt to load fuel into the stove when the fire inside is at or near its peak.
- Do not burn large quantities of paper or combustible materials that would create an extremely hot/quick fire.

- 12. Avoid burning wet or green wood.
- 13. During operation, if any part of the heater starts to glow, the stove is in an overfired condition. Stop adding fuel immediately and close the draft control(s) completely until the glowing is eliminated.
- 14. Do not touch the Fisher Stove while in operation. Contact may cause skin burns. Warn children and others of the possibilities of being burned if they touch the heater.
- 15. Cool ashes often contain hot coals and should be disposed of carefully. "Dispose of ashes" as follows: Ashes should be placed in a metal container with a tight fitting lid. The closed container should be placed on a noncombustible floor protector 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.
- Do not permit soot or creosote to accumulate excessively on the interior surfaces of the chimney or inside the heater firebox.
- 17. It is recommended that a smoke alarm system be installed in your home.
- 18. In the event of a chimney fire:
  - A. Shut the draft control(s) completely on the Fisher Stove.
  - B. Alert everyone in the house.
  - C. Call the Fire Department.

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE WARNINGS TO AVOID RISK OF FIRE AND INJURY TO PERSON AND PROPERTY.

# II. BEAR VI SERIES

## **ILLUSTRATION**



### **SPECIFICATIONS**

Be sure you have chosen the correct size heater for the area you intend to heat. The physical size of the stove in relation to the area it will heat might appear deceiving. If you have selected a model too large for the area to be heated, it will be necessary to operate the stove in a "choked down" condition. Over a period of time excessive creosote buildup in the chimney may result.

#### PAPA BEAR® VI

Height-32" Width-20"

Depth-40"

Takes Maximum 28" Wood Flue Size-6"

Approx. Weight - 539 lbs. Approx. Heating Capacity-1,750-2,250 square feet

#### MAMA BEAR® VI

Height-32"

Width - 17-3/4" Depth-35"

Takes Maximum 24" Wood Flue Size-6"

Approx. Weight-395 lbs. Approx. Heating Capacity-1,200-1,750 square feet

#### BABY BEAR® VI

Height-26-3/4"

Width 15-1/2"

Depth-28"

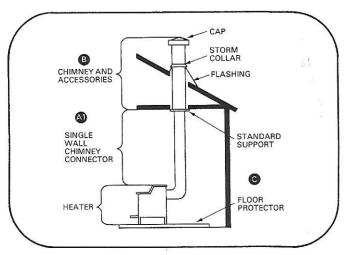
Takes Maximum 19" Wood

Flue Size-6"

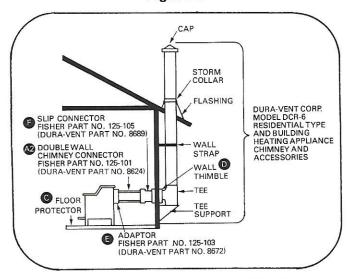
Approx. Weight - 312 lbs. Approx. Heating Capacity-900-1,250 square feet

# III. INSTALLATION: FACTORY BUILT CHIMNEY SYSTEM

#### **CHIMNEY APPLICATIONS**



VERTICAL INSTALLATION Figure 1



HORIZONTAL, THROUGH-THE-WALL INSTALLATION Figure 2

A CHIMNEY CONNECTOR: (That portion of pipe from stove to ceiling or wall)

Do not use galvanized pipe. Do not use Type B pipe which is used for venting gas appliances.

- SINGLE WALL CHIMNEY
  CONNECTOR: 6" painted, low carbon,
  aluminized or stainless steel, minimum 24
  gauge.
- DOUBLE WALL CHIMNEY
  CONNECTOR: (Required on rear outlet
  models intended for through-the-wall
  installations.) Fisher Part No. 125-101
  (Dura-Vent Part No. 8624). 6" painted,
  aluminized steel with a stainless steel liner.

B CHIMNEY AND ACCESSORIES: (Used through walls, ceiling and outside dwelling)
6" diameter U.L. listed factory built, residential type and building heating appliance chimney. Do not use Type B chimney which is used for venting gas appliances.

NOTE: For Rear Outlet models intended for through-the-wall installation as illustrated in Figure 2, use Dura-Vent Corp. Model "DCR" 6" Residential Type and Building Heating Appliance Chimney and accessories.

### **G** FLOOR PROTECTOR:

MATERIAL: The floor protector must be 3/8" minimum thickness asbestos millboard or equivalent (U.L. Listed floor protector). If asbestos millboard is used, a noncombustible material such as tile or brick can be placed over it for decoration.

MINIMUM FLOOP	PROTECTOR	DIMENSIONS:
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MODEL	WIDTH	DEPTH	THICKNESS	
BABY BEAR® VI	31-1/2"	55′′	3/8"	
MAMA BEAR® VI	35"	61′′	3/8′′	
PAPA BEAR® VI	36"	66′′	3/8"	

NOTE: For through-the-wall installations, there must be a minimum 10" wide by 3/8" thick floor protector extension centered below the chimney connector between the wall and floor protector. (See Figure 5.)

WALL THIMBLE: (Required on all throughthe-wall installations.)

Fits between standard joist area of wall and adjusts to a variety of widths.

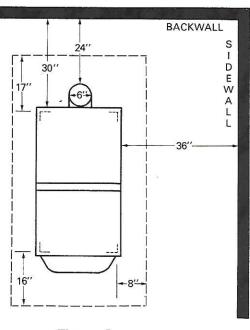
- **ADAPTOR:** (Required on rear outlet models intended for through-the-wall installations.) Fisher Part No. 125-103 (Dura-Vent Part No. 8672). The adaptor attaches to the flue outlet of the stove and secures the double wall chimney connector to the stove.
- models intended for through-the-wall installation.) Fisher Part No. 125-105 (Dura-Vent Part No. 8689). 6" painted, aluminized steel with a stainless steel inner liner. Connects to the double wall chimney connector and extends outward into the wall thimble.

## **CLEARANCE TO COMBUSTIBLE DIAGRAMS**

MINIMUM CLEARANCE TO COMBUSTIBLE SURFACES AND FLOOR PROTECTOR (CLEARANCE TO COMBUSTIBLES MAY BE REDUCED THROUGH THE USE OF A U.L. LISTED WALL PROTECTOR)

## BABY BEAR, MAMA BEAR, PAPA BEAR

VERTICAL, THROUGH-THE-CEILING CHIMNEY INSTALLATION



BABY 32"
MAMA 33"
PAPA 34"

BABY 32"
MAMA 33"
PAPA 34"

Figure 4

Figure 3

HORIZONTAL, THROUGH-THE-WALL CHIMNEY INSTALLATION

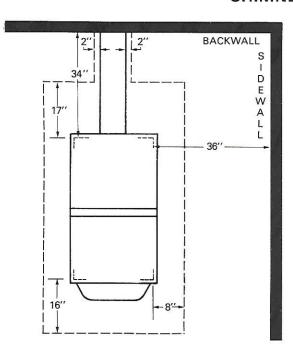


Figure 5

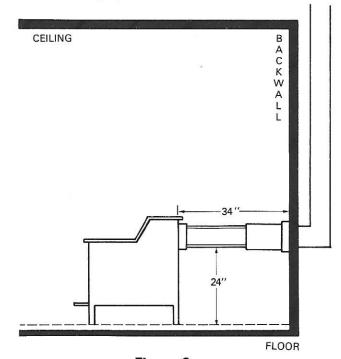


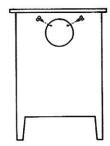
Figure 6

## **INSTALLING THE FISHER STOVE**

INSTALLATION IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO THE OVERALL EFFICIENCY AND SAFE OPERATION OF THE FISHER STOVE. IF IN DOUBT ABOUT HOW TO INSTALL THE STOVE PROPERLY, SEEK OUT A PROFESSIONAL INSTALLATION SERVICE.

- Remove door and firebrick from stove to reduce weight and for ease in installation.
- 2. Attach legs, if not attached. (See Figure 16.)
- Set the floor protector and unit in place according to the minimum clearance to combustible chart.
- When installing the chimney system cut as few structural members as necessary and avoid wiring, plumbing pipes and duct work.
- Install the chimney and accessories according to the instructions provided by the chimney manufacturer.
- Install the single wall chimney connector making sure it extends into the chimney at least 2".
- Secure sections of single wall chimney connector to each other using three sheet metal screws equally spaced around the pipe at each joint.
- 8. Secure the single wall chimney connector to the flue outlet using at least 2 sheet metal screws. (See Figure 7.)

#### SINGLE WALL CHIMNEY CONNECTOR

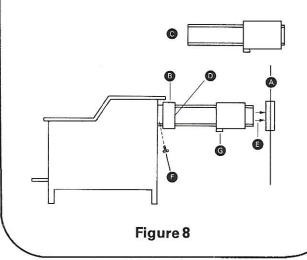


10-24 x 1/2" SHEET METAL SCREWS ARE RECOMMENDED. A #18 DRILL BIT (.169) FOR DRILLING HOLES IS SUGGESTED.

Figure 7

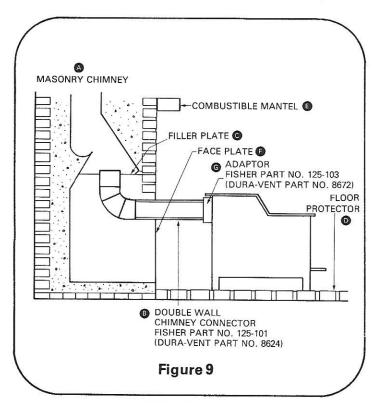
# FOR THROUGH-THE-WALL INSTALLATION (Figure 2)

- A The top of the wall thimble inlet is to be a minumum 1" above the top of the flue outlet of the stove to provide the double-wall chimney connector and slip connector with a 1/4" per foot slope towards the stove.
- B Place the adaptor on flue outlet.
- Assemble double wall chimney connector and slip connector. The inner wall of the slip connector goes inside the double wall chimney connector.
- Insert end of double wall chimney connector into adaptor.
- E Extend slip connector into wall thimble until it locks in place.
- Fighten adaptor to flue outlet using 2 #10-24x1" self tapping screws.
- **6** Tighten the clamping end of the slip connector.



- 9. Install firebrick. (See Figure 12, 13 or 14.)
- 10. Install door. Make sure pins are all the way in place.
- 11. Attach spring handle. (See Figure 15.)

# IV. INSTALLATION: MASONRY FIREPLACE

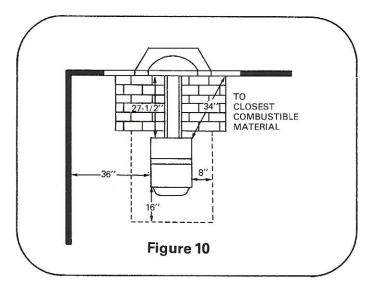


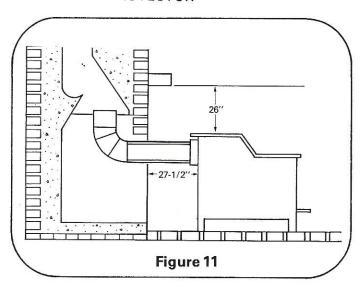
MASONRY CHIMNEY: The chimney must be of masonry construction with a fire clay flue lining or stainless steel flue lining with an open cross-sectional area of at least 50 square inches (7-1/4 x 7-1/4 inches square or 8 inches round).

- B DOUBLE WALL CHIMNEY CONNECTOR: (Fisher Part No. 125-101 / Dura-Vent Part No. 8624.) 6" painted, aluminized steel with a stainless steel liner. There must be a 27-1/2" minimum clearance between the back of the stove and the masonry fireplace opening.
- FILLER PLATE: Use a filler plate of 12 gauge low carbon steel to permanently seal the fireplace throat below the chimney connector.
- FLOOR PROTECTOR: A noncombustible hearth (or floor protector), a minimum of 3/8" thick, must extend a minimum of 16" in front of and 8" to each side of the stove.
- MANTEL: Any combustible mantel must be located at least 26" above the top of the Fisher Stove.
- FACE PLATE: A sheet of noncombustible material may be placed over the fireplace opening but must be easily removed for cleaning the chimney connector.
- G ADAPTOR: (Fisher Part No. 125-103 / Dura-Vent Part No. 8672.) Secures double wall chimney connector to flue outlet of stoves.

# **CLEARANCE TO COMBUSTIBLE DIAGRAMS**

MINIMUM CLEARANCE TO COMBUSTIBLE SURFACES AND FLOOR PROTECTOR





## IV. INSTALLING THE FISHER STOVE INTO A MASONRY FIREPLACE

# CHECK AND CLEAN YOUR MASONRY CHIMNEY SYSTEM THOROUGHLY. IF IN DOUBT ABOUT ITS CONDITION, SEEK PROFESSIONAL ADVICE. ALL CRACKS OR LOOSE BRICKS SHOULD BE REPAIRED BY COMPETENT WORKMEN.

- 1. Spread out a protective covering in front of fireplace opening and hearth area.
- 2. Remove all glass doors and screens.
- 3. Remove grate, ashes and debris from fireplace.
- 4. Remove flue damper or lock into permanent open position.
- 5. Remove door and firebrick from stove to reduce weight and for ease in installation.
- 6. Attach legs, if not attached. (See Figure 16.)
- 7. Position floor protector in front of fireplace hearth according to clearance to combustible chart. (See Figure 10.)
- 8. Secure the filler plate to the masonry walls using appropriate anchors and screws. Joints between the masonry fireplace and the filler plate must be sealed using furnace cement. (A cardboard template or pattern may be used to determine the actual size and shape of the filler plate.) (See Figure 9.)
- 9. Install the double wall chimney connector. (See Figure 9.)
- 10. Secure adaptor to flue outlet of stove. (See Figure 8.)
- 11. Secure double wall chimney connector to adaptor. (See Figure 8.)
- 12. A sheet of noncombustible material may be placed over the fireplace opening to serve as a face plate. Make sure it can be easily removed for cleaning the chimney connector.
- 13. Install firebrick. (See Figure 12, 13 or 14.)
- 14. Install door. Make sure pins are all the way in place.
- 15. Attach spring handle. (See Figure 17.)

# V. ASSEMBLY

# **FIREBRICK INSTALLATION**

There are ASTM C-27 or C-64 firebricks included with each stove. Bricks are identified with the marking FLAME, LOUISVILLE or F.B.S. cast into each brick or the marking of one of the following companies on each package of brick:

 Clow Corporation, Dover, Ohio, Unbranded Low Duty Firebrick

OR

—Whitacre-Greer, Alliance, Ohio, Unbranded Low Duty Firebrick.

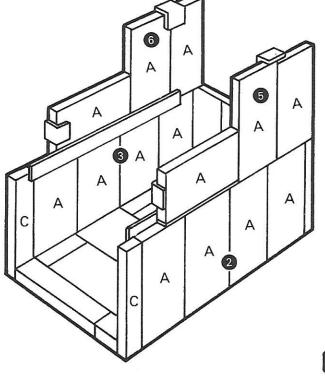
## **BABY BEAR® VI**

# FIREBRICKS ARE TO BE INSTALLED BEFORE FIRING STOVE.

FIREBRICK	S SIZE	REQ'D
Α	1-1/4" x 4-1/2 x 9	20
В	1-1/4" x 1-7/8 x 4-1/2	4
С	1-1/4" x 1-3/8 x 9	3
D	1-1/4" x 1-3/8 x 1-7/8	1
F	1-1/1" v 1-3/8 v 0	1

29 FIREBRICKS TO BE INSTALLED AS FOLLOWS:

- Back 3 vertically placed
- 2 Lower Right Side 5 vertically placed
- 3 Lower Left Side 5 vertically placed
- Bottom 10 horizontally placed
- Upper Right Side 2 vertically placed and 1 horizontally placed
- Opper Left Side 2 vertically placed and 1 horizontally placed



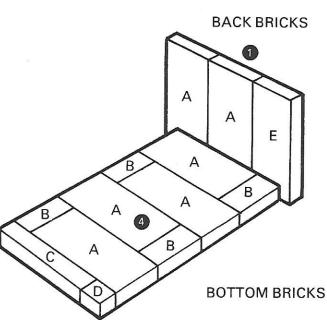


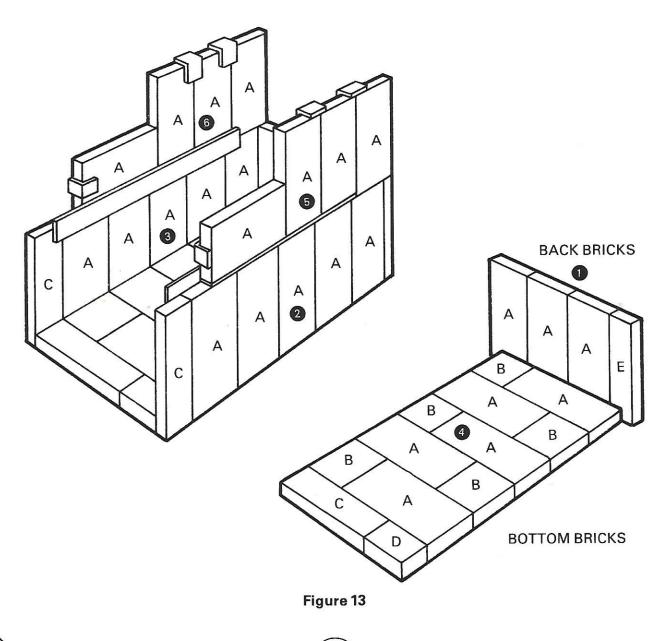
Figure 12

# FIREBRICKS ARE TO BE INSTALLED BEFORE FIRING STOVE.

SIZE	REQ'E
1-1/4'' x 4-1/2 x 9	26
1-1/4" x 4-1/2 x 3-7/8	5
1-1/4" x 2-7/8 x 9	3
1-1/4" x 2-7/8 x 3-7/8	1
1-1/4'' x 1-7/8 x 9	1
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36 FIREBRICKS TO BE INSTALLED AS FOLLOWS:

- Back 4 vertically placed
- 2 Lower Right Side 6 vertically placed
- 3 Lower Left Side 6 vertically placed
- Bottom 12 horizontally placed
- Upper Right Side 3 vertically placed and 1 horizontally placed
- 6 Upper Left Side 3 vertically placed and 1 horizontally placed

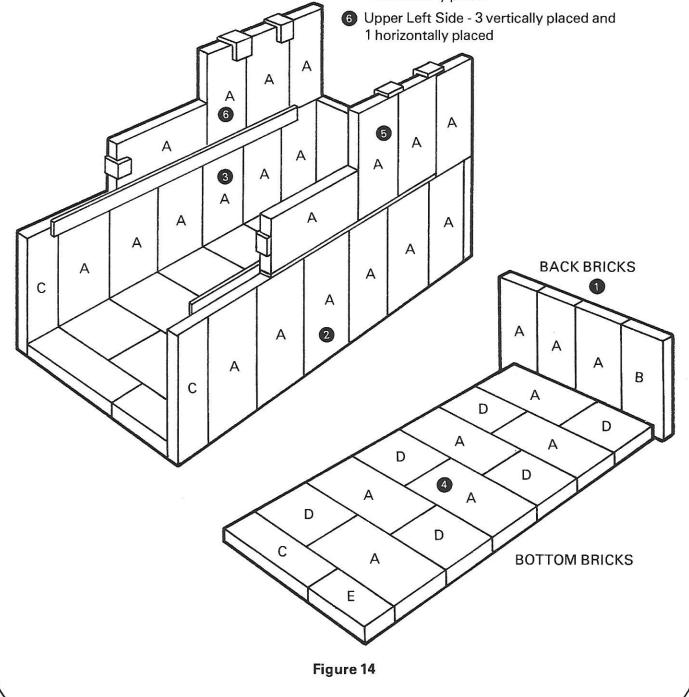


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С	1-1/4" x 3-1/4 x 9	3
D	1-1/4" x 4-1/2 x 5-1/2	6
E	1-1/4" x 3-1/4 x 5-1/2	1

40 FIREBRICKS TO BE INSTALLED AS FOLLOWS:

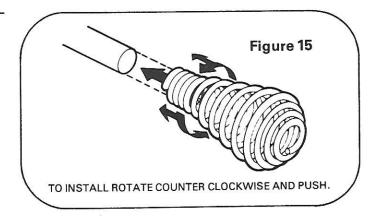
- Back 4 vertically placed
- 2 Lower Right Side 7 vertically placed
- 3 Lower Left Side 7 vertically placed
- 4 Bottom 14 horizontally placed
- 5 Upper Right Side 3 vertically placed and 1 horizontally placed



## **SPRING HANDLE**

#### **ASSEMBLY**

The small end of the handle is designed to act like a spring-loaded corkscrew. Note that the inside diameter of the spring handle is slightly smaller than the handle rod. To install the spring handle onto the rod, rotate the handle in a counter clockwise direction until the spring opens up, then push onto the handle rod. It will remain tightly affixed when installed in this manner.



# ATTACHABLE LEG

#### **ASSEMBLY**

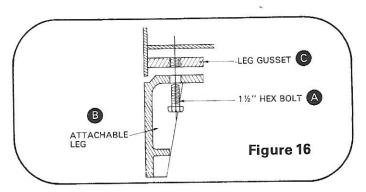
 Place stove on back, remove door or make sure door is tightly closed.

2. Insert one 1/2"x1-1/2" hex bolt (A) through leg (B)

Thread hex bolt and leg into leg gusset countil tightly secured.

4. Repeat procedure for attaching each leg.

5. Return stove to upright position.



# VI. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

## **DOOR LATCH**

#### **OPERATION**

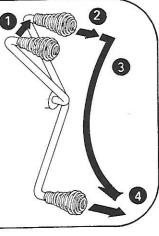
Dual action door latch provides an extra measure of safety when opening the stove door.

By creating a point of hesitation in the process of the opening of the door, the possibility of smoke or flame being drawn from the opening is minimized.

Directions: Lift or raise handle and pull. Door will open one inch and stop. Rotate handle in the opposite direction and door opens easily. When closing door, reverse the procedure.

- 1 Lift or raise handle.
- Pull. Door will open 1" and stop.
- Rotate handle in opposite direction.
- Door opens easily.





# **HOW TO BUILD A FIRE**

- Using paper and small pieces of dry kindling, start the fire on the bottom and near the front of the firebox.
- Open the draft control(s) fully and close the door.
- When the fire has started, slowly add larger pieces of wood until a bed of coals has been established.
- 4. Once the fire is well established, the burning rate may be controlled by either closing or opening the draft control(s). Opening the draft control(s) will cause the fire to burn more rapidly. Closing the draft

- control(s) will cause the fire to burn more slowly.
- 5. The Fisher Stove gives the best performance when a bed of coals is maintained. Always leave 1" of ash on the firebox bottom.
- 6. CAUTION: IF ANY PART OF THE HEATER OR CHIMNEY CONNECTOR STARTS TO GLOW, THE HEATER IS IN AN OVERFIRED CONDITION. STOP ADDING FUEL IMMEDIATELY AND CLOSE THE DRAFT CONTROL(S) COMPLETELY UNTIL THE GLOWING IS ELIMINATED.

# **OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS** (Continued)

## PAINT ODOR DURING START UP

When first using your Fisher Stove, the high temperature paint that is used will smoke and give off an odor for several hours. Although this is a temporary condition, windows and/or doors should be open enough to give adequate ventilation.

### **USING COAL AS A FUEL**

The same safety/operating instructions described in this manual for wood . . . apply to coal as well.

The following, however, are specific instructions for using coal as a fuel:

Unlike wood, coal must be burned in an

elevated position. The means to elevate the fire (grate or coal basket) must maintain a clearance of 2" from the firebox bottom.

- Ash cleanout should be frequent enough to maintain the previously described 2" clearance.
- DO NOT OVERFILL THE HEATER.

#### 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. Creosote ranges in appearance from tarry liquids, to powdery soot to hard crystal-like deposits. When ignited, this creosote makes an extremely hot fire.

#### PREVENTIVE MEASURES

- 1. Avoid burning wet or green wood.
- 2. It is recommended that the draft control(s) be opened fully and the fire be burned rapidly for 10 to 20 minutes daily.
- 3. Inspect the chimney connector and chimney at least twice monthly to determine if creosote buildup has occurred.
- 4. Remove creosote if it has accumulated to avoid the risk of a chimney fire.
- A small intense fire is preferable to a large smoldering one to reduce the amount of creosote buildup.

# VII. MAINTENANCE

# **HEATER / CHIMNEY SYSTEM**

Because of the many variables that exist in the formation of creosote, it is recommended that the heater/chimney system be inspected twice monthly. If during the inspections, deposits of creosote exist, consult a professional cleaning service.

If self maintenance is desired, consult professional chimney cleaning personnel or government agencies (Fire Department) for details on cleaning methods. When performing

routine maintenance, pay particular attention to the following:

☐ Chimney (Interior and Exterior)

☐ Chimney Connector

☐ Rain Cap/Spark Arrestor

☐ Flue Outlet

☐ Fire Chamber (Masonry Installations only)
☐ Smoke Shelf (Masonry Installations only)

Protect the carpet, floor covering and furniture when cleaning the heater/chimney system.

## **FISHER STOVE**

If nickel or brass options are selected, periodic conventional cleaning techniques can be used to maintain their brilliance.

Factory heat resistant paint is available through

the local Fisher dealer when refinishing is desired. Refinishing or touch up is to be done only when the heater is not in use. For further information on using your heater safely, obtain a copy of the National Fire Protection Association publication "Using Coal and Wood Stoves Safely" NFPA No. HS-10-1978. The address of the NFPA is 470 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02210.

There are a number of excellent resources on wood heating you might like to purchase, including the Sunset "Homeowner's Guide to Wood Stoves".

If you have any questions regarding your FISHER STOVE which were not answered in this manual, please feel free to contact your authorized FISHER DEALER.

Keep this manual in a safe place with your important records.

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**GOOD HEATING**