

# 42 Apex Owner's Manual



## SAFETY NOTICE:

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## Introduction

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We welcome you as a new owner of a Fireplace Xtrordinair wood fireplace. In purchasing a Fireplace Xtrordinair you have joined the growing ranks of concerned individuals whose selection of an energy system reflects both a concern for the environment and aesthetics. The Fireplace Xtrordinair is one of the finest home heaters the world over. This manual will explain the installation, operation, and maintenance of this fireplace. Please familiarize yourself with the Owner's Manual before operating your heater and save the manual for future reference. Included are helpful hints and suggestions which will make the operation and maintenance of your new fireplace an easier and more enjoyable experience. We offer our continual support and guidance to help you achieve the maximum benefit and enjoyment from your heater.

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## Important Information

No other Fireplace Xtrordinair wood fireplace has the same serial number as yours. The serial number is behind the left side door just inside the firebox.	Register your warranty online at:	
This serial number will be needed in case you require service of any type.	To receive full warranty coverage, you will	
Model:	need to show evidence of the date you purchased your heater.	
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This fireplace must be installed by a qualified installer. Installation instructions are shipped inside the fireplace and must be strictly adhered to.

This fireplace is designed

and listed for cord wood

only. Burning of any

other material will void the warranty and listing

and may create a fire

hazard.



building officials to obtain a permit and information on installation restrictions or inspection requirements in your area. Notify your insurance company of this fireplace.

Contact your local

- Never use gasoline, gasoline-type lantern fuel, kerosene, charcoal lighter fluid, or similar liquids to start or 'freshen up' a fire in this fireplace. Keep all such liquids well away from the fireplace while it is in use.
- Do not touch the hot surfaces of the fireplace. Educate all children of the danger of a hightemperature fireplace. Young children should be supervised when they are in the same room as the fireplace.
  - Keep all furniture or other combustible items at least 36" away from the front of the fireplace (this includes drapes or doors that may swing within 36" of the front of fireplace).



If you smell smoke, see the section "Smoke Smell in Home" on page 13 of this manual for a remedy.



- Do not place clothing or other flammable items on or near the fireplace.
- Never block free airflow through the vents.



The door(s) must be closed and latched during operation. Open the door(s) only when reloading the fireplace or conducting maintenance. This prevents smoke, embers from entering the room.





Ashes must be disposed of in a metal container with a tight fitting lid. Place the container on a non-combustible surface until the ashes have fully cooled before final disposal.





## **Safety Precautions**



Do not repair, alter, or replace any part of the fireplace and chimney unless instructions are given in this manual. All other work must be done by a qualified service person.



Allow the fireplace to cool before carrying out any maintenance or cleaning.



The chimney must be inspected twice a year for creosote build-up or chimney damage. Creosote build-up must be removed and damage fixed prior to using the fireplace.



Do not throw this manual away. This manual has important operating and maintenance instructions that you will need at a later time. Always follow the instructions in this manual.



This fireplace was designed to burn solid wood fuel only (cord wood). Never use treated wood, wax logs, coal, garbage, or other materials. These materials will void the safety listing and may damage the combustor.



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.



Travis Industries, Inc. grants no warranty, implied or stated, for the installation or maintenance of your fireplace, and assumes no responsibility of any consequential damage(s).



Do not use a grate or other device to elevate the fire off of the firebox floor. Burn the fire directly on the firebox floor.

**Smoke and CO Detectors**: Make sure your home has a working smoke detector, especially near any bedrooms. We recommend having a smoke and/or CO detector in the same room as the wood heater for additional safety.

**Proposition 65 Warning**: Fuels used in gas, woodburning or oil fired appliances, and the products of combustion of such fuels, contain chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm. California Health & Safety Code Sec. 25249.6

Travis Wood Burning Fireplaces, Stoves and Inserts are protected by one or more of the following patents; U.S. 9,170,025 4,665,889 as well as other U.S. and Foreign Patents pending.

This wood heater contains a catalytic combustor, which needs periodic inspection and replacement for proper operation. It is against federal regulations to operate this wood heater in a manner inconsistent with operating instructions in this manual, or if the catalytic element is deactivated or removed.

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### Features:

- Maximum Log Length of 24"
- Large firebox capacity 3.5 cu. ft.
- Long burn time up to 12 hours
- · Large glass door for maximum visibility
- Full firebrick lining for firebox protection

### Heating Specifications

Approximate Heating Capacity	Up to 2,500 Square Feet	
(Will vary with the home's floor plan, insulation, and outside temperature.) Maximum Burning Time	Up to 12 Hours	
Maximum BTU Output per Hour	Up to 74,000 BTUs	

This model was tested for efficiency using method B415.1-10 and was determined to have:

- Weighted average higher heating value (HHV) overall heating efficiency (OHE) of 73.1%
- Weighted average lower heating value (LHV) overall heating efficiency (OHE) of 79%
- Maximum measured lower heating value (LHV) efficiency of 80.6%

The location of your wood heater in your home will decide how affectively the heat produced will spread throughout your house. Attention to the home design with consideration of natural convection and air circulation should be taken into account when choosing the placement of your heater within the home.

## **Electrical Specifications:**

The blower on "HIGH" draws 1.8 Amps on 120 Volts A.C. (approximately 130 watts).

### **Emissions**

This heater meets the 2020 U.S. EPA's cord wood emission limits for wood heaters. Tested to EPA Alt-125, ASTM E3053-17, ASTM 2515-11, CSA B415.1-10 this heater has been shown to deliver heat at rates ranging from 13,537 to 49,626 BTU/hr and an emission value of .93 g/h. Report No. 0028WF102E



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- Read and follow all of the warnings on pages 2 and 3 of this manual.

### **Before Your First Fire**

#### Verify the Installation

Before starting the fireplace, verify that the fireplace is properly installed and all of the requirements in the <u>42 Apex Installation Manual have been followed</u>.

Keep all flammables 36" away from the front of the fireplace (drapes, furniture, clothing, etc.).

A fireplace insert shall not be installed in a factory-built fireplace unless tested with the fireplace.

#### **Curing the Paint**

Follow the steps below to cure the paint (first fire):

a) Open doors and windows in the room to ventilate the heater during the curing process.

b) Vacate the room. The fumes from the initial heating process are non-toxic but may be unpleasant.

c) Slowly bring the heater to a medium burn (400°F/204°C) for 45 minutes. Then increase the burn temperature to a hot burn (600°F/315°C) for an additional 45 minutes. This will cure the paint.

**Door Gasket** - The door gasket can adhere to the paint on the front of the heater. To prevent this, carefully open and close the door a few times during the paint curing process.

#### **Carbon Monoxide (CO) Emissions**

Smoke from wood heaters contain CO. This gas is an indication of incomplete combustion and is detrimental to the environment and to your health. The more visible the smoke, the higher the CO levels. Burning dry wood is the most significant step you can take to reduce CO emissions. It is also important to understand the combustion process so you can burn your heater efficiently. Read the manual thoroughly so that you can operate your heater in the most efficient and clean manner possible.

#### **Over-Firing the Fireplace (Over-Firing may void your warranty)**

**DO NOT OVERFIRE THIS HEATER:** Attempts to achieve heat output rates that exceed heater design specifications can result in permanent damage to the heater.

This fireplace was designed to operate at a high temperature. But due to differences in vent configuration, fuel, and draft, this appliance can be operated at an excessive temperature. If the area behind the faceplate or other area starts to glow red, you are over-firing the fireplace (this may damage the internal components and void the warranty). Do not burn excessively large fires for a long time. Shut the air control down and allow the fireplace to cool if you detect over-firing.



#### **Operating the Fireplace During a Power Outage**

This fireplace includes a blower to dissipate heat from the firebox. During power outages build small to medium-sized fires to prevent the fireplace from overheating.

#### **Drafting Performance**

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 the heater. Inadequate draft may cause backpuffing 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.

**WARNING:** THIS FIREPLACE HAS NOT BEEN TESTED WITH AN UNVENTED GAS LOG SET. TO REDUCE RISK OF FIRE OR INJURY, DO NOT INSTALL AN UNVENTED GAS LOG SET INTO THIS FIREPLACE.

### Location of Controls



**<u>Bypass</u>** – This controls the bypass. When open (pulled out), smoke travels directly up the chimney, lessening the chance of smoke spillage.

**Door Handle** – The door handle locks the door shut.

<u>Air Control</u> - This control slides left to right (or anywhere between) to alter the amount of air entering the fireplace. This, in turn, regulates the speed at which the fire burns. When slid to the right, the air control is open (fast burn). When slid to the left, the air control is closed (slow burn).

**Tool** – The fireplace tool is used to help open the door or slide the bypass in or out.

## **Opening the Door**

To open the door, lift the handle and swing the door open. Use the included tool if needed to lift the handle.



Do not slam door when closing. If glass is damaged it must be replaced before using the fireplace.

#### **Opening the Door While the Fireplace is Hot**

<u>Open (pull out) the bypass before opening the door.</u> This allows smoke to exit the flue directly. Use the included tool, if necessary to pull the bypass out.

To lessen smoke spillage, open the door a few inches, let air enter the door for a few seconds, then open the door fully. This allows airflow inside the firebox to stabilize.

- Warning: Do not build the fire close to glass.
- Warning: The door handle is extremely hot during operation use the door tool or gloves when opening the door.



## Starting a Fire

Since the dawn of time man has debated the best way to start a fire. Some use the boy-scout "teepee", some prefer the "tic-tac-toe" stack. Either way, review the hints and warnings below to ensure proper fire starting. See page 14 for detailed instructions on burning your fireplace.

• Make sure the by-pass is open while starting a fire (leave it open for the first 15 minutes).



- Make sure the air control is on high. If additional air is needed, open the doors 1/4" during the first five minutes of start-up.
- If the smoke does not pass up the chimney, ball up one sheet of newspaper, place it in the center of the smoke shelf and light it. This should start the chimney drafting (this eliminates "cold air blockage").
- <u>Never</u> use gasoline, gasoline-type lantern fuel, kerosene, charcoal lighter fluid, or similar liquids to start or "freshen up" a fire in this fireplace. Keep all such liquids well away from the fireplace while it is in use.
- If using a firestarter, use only products specifically designed for fireplaces follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully.
- Use plenty of kindling to ensure the fireplace reaches a proper temperature. Once the kindling is burning rapidly, place a few larger pieces of wood onto the fire.



## Keep the by-pass open (pulled out) until the fireplace becomes hot (approximately 15 to 30 minutes).

combustor to increase heat transfer

to the room and reduce emissions.

Maintaining Catalytic Burn-Off

The bypass control becomes hot

during operation - use gloves or a

This fireplace uses a catalytic

tool to prevent burns.

Warning:

• Close the by-pass (push in) when the fireplace is hot (500° F./260° C. or greater).

Follow the directions below to utilize the combustor to its fullest potential.

Operation

The catalytic combustor takes dirty smoke and turns it

emissions.

dirtier combustor.

into extra heat and cleaner

**NOTE**: If the combustor is engaged (bypass closed) when the fireplace

is still cool, it will not work, leading to dirty smoke, no extra heat, and a



#### How to Check if your Combustor is Working

A combustor temperature probe is included with the fireplace to monitor the combustor. After the bypass is engaged, the combustor temperature should rise, showing combustor operation. Combustor temperatures over 500° F (260° C), indicate the combustor is working and igniting unburnt fuel.

The combustor can also be viewed through the glass from below. You will notice the combustor glowing red when the combustor is working effectively.

## Adjusting the Burn Rate

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Use the air control slider to control the burn rate of the fireplace. See the illustration below for details. The included tool may be used to adjust the air control when the fireplace is hot.



High Burn/More Air	Low Burn/Less Air		
Right	Left		

Warning: The air control becomes hot during operation - use gloves or the tool to prevent burns.

**Hint**: The air control may take several minutes to influence the burn rate. When making adjustments, you may wish to let the fireplace burn for 10 minutes to gauge performance.

**Hint:** The blower may be used to affect heat output (i.e.: to reduce heat output, turn the blower down).

## **Electrical Controls**



## **Understanding Your Heater's Combustion System**

This heater uses a dual combustion system detailed below:

**Primary Combustion**: This is the combustion (fire) that takes place directly on the wood. Primary combustion determines how fast the fire burns. Air for primary combustion is supplied through the air control. When you adjust the air control you control the amount of air that reaches the fire and creates primary combustion. The air control supplies air to the air wash (the air holes above the door opening – used to help clean the glass) and through the pilot orifice (center bottom of the door opening). By using the air control, and supplying air through these two openings, you control primary combustion.

<u>Catalytic Combustion</u>: This is the combustion (fire) that does not contact the wood. Catalytic combustion takes place inside the catalytic combustor and is not viewable (you may, however, see the combustor glow). It burns the visible emissions or smoke that is not consumed during primary combustion. Catalytic combustion can be monitored by using the included temperature meter. Your catalytic combustor is working when the out put temperature is above 500° F. (260°C).

#### Items to Consider:

- During medium and high burn rates the stove will manage combustion on its own. When the heater is set to a low burn rate more care is needed to ensure the catalytic combustion system works properly. Make sure the stove is hot and a good coal bed is established before adjusting your heater to low burn.
- Understanding the combustion system in this heater will help minimize the visible emissions this heater releases into the environment. The primary pilot orifice at the center bottom of the door opening is designed to help the secondary combustion at low burn settings. The pilot provides a small amount of air that burns up through the fuel load providing the heat and flame needed for the secondary system to ignite.
- As you load your heater for a low burn, take care in placing the wood. This will affect how well your catalytic
  system works as the wood is consumed. Do not block the pilot orifice. Stack wood so the pilot air can burn its
  way up between the pieces, helping your heater burn effectively throughout the low fire. This will reduce the
  visible emissions your heater produces and increase the amount of heat you get from the wood. If you are
  unsure how well your heater is burning look at the chimney cap to monitor visible emissions.

## **Burning Your Heater**

Starting a Fire: There are many ways to start a fire and you will become adept as you become familiar with the way your heater burns. Before you start, make sure your burn rate setting (air control) is all the way open and the by-pass (if equipped) is open. Starting a wood appliance can produce a lot of smoke. To reduce the smoke when starting your fire the top down method described here was found to have the cleanest starts. Stack four or five layers of medium sized kindling 1 to 1 1/2" in diameter in a tic tac toe pattern, four to six pieces per layer with about 1/2" to 1" spacing. On top of your kindling stack place crumpled newspaper and a nest of pencil sized kindling. Light the paper and small kindling on top and let it burn down through your layers of kindling. With this method you should be able to close the door about two to three minutes after lighting, if the fire starts to die out reopen the door and leave it cracked until the fire takes off. Never leave your heater unattended if the door is not latched shut. Three to five minutes after closing the door you should be able to shut the by-pass, again if the fire starts to die out open the bypass until the fire is established and stays lit. Reload the unit with regular cord wood when the kindling pile has burned about three quarters of the way through. Put enough wood in to establish a good coal bed, five to seven pieces. The presence of a hot coal bed is critical to good combustion. We cannot overstate the importance of a hot coal bed before slowing your burn rate down. We recommend burning this first full load of cord wood completely through at the high burn rate to get your heater up to temperature and to establish a coal bed before reloading and slowing the burn rate.

**<u>Reloading</u>**: When reloading a hot heater set the burn rate on high for at least 15 min before slowing it down. For best emissions, we recommend that the wood be loaded in a north south orientation (lengthwise front to back).

**Low Burn:** If preparing for an overnight or low burn a longer heat up period may be necessary. Reload the heater full of wood making sure there are air gaps between the wood pieces so the pilot air can burn up through the middle of the load. After loading, burn the heater on high for at least 15 minutes before setting the air control to low.

### **Re-Loading the Fireplace**

Follow the directions below to minimize smoke spillage while re-loading the fireplace.

- 1 Pull the by-pass out all the way (use the tool or a glove).
- **2** Move the air control to high.
- **3** Open the door slightly. Let the airflow inside the firebox to stabilize before opening the doors fully.
- **4** Load wood onto the fire.

### **Overnight Burn**

This fireplace is large enough to accommodate overnight, 10 to 12 hour burns. Follow the steps below to achieve an overnight burn.

- 1 Get the fireplace hot by moving the air control to high and letting the fireplace burn for 15 minutes.
- 2 Load as much wood as possible. Use large pieces if possible.
- 3 Let the fireplace burn on high for 15 minutes to keep the fireplace hot, then turn the air control to low.
- 4 In the morning the fireplace should still be hot, with embers in the coal bed. The glass may be dark this is normal. Stir the coals and load small pieces of wood to re-ignite the fire, if desired.

**Note:** Differences if chimney height and draft may lower overall burn times.

### Normal Operating Sounds

#### Creaks and Clicks:

The steel may creak or click when the stove heats up and cools down - this is normal.

#### Blower Sounds:

The blower will make a slight "humm" as it pushes air through the stove.



### Hints for Burning

- · Get the appliance hot before adjusting to low burn
- Use smaller pieces of wood during start-up and high burns to increase temperature
- Use larger pieces of wood for overnight or sustained burns
- Stack the wood tightly together to establish a longer burn
- · Be considerate of neighbors & the environment: burn dry wood only
- · Burn small, intense fires instead of large, slow burning fires when possible
- · Learn your appliance's operating characteristics to obtain optimum performance

## Ash Removal

Whenever ashes get 3 to 4 inches deep in your firebox, and when the fire has burned down and cooled, remove excess ash. Leave an ash bed approximately 1 inch deep on the firebox bottom to help maintain a hot charcoal bed. Let the stove cool completely before removing ashes (wait at least two hours after the last coal has extinguished). 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, away from all combustible materials, pending final disposal. The ashes should be retained in the closed container until all cinders have thoroughly cooled.





Improperly disposed ashes lead to fires. Hot ashes placed in cardboard boxes, dumped in back yards, or stored in garages, are recipes for disaster.



Wood-burning stoves are inherently dirty. During cleaning have a vacuum ready to catch spilled ash (make sure ash is entirely extinguished).



There are vacuum cleaners specifically made to remove ash (even if the ash is warm). Contact your dealer for details.

## **Selecting Wood**

#### Dry Wood is Key

Dry wood burns hot, emits less smoke and creates less creosote.



#### **Testing Wood Moisture**

Wood cut, split and stored in a dry area will typically dry within 1 or 2 years. This insures dry wood. If purchasing wood for immediate use, test the wood with a moisture meter. Some experienced wood burners can measure wood moisture by knocking pieces together and listening for a clear "knock" and not a "thud".

#### Why Dry Wood is Key

Wet wood, when burned, must release water stored within the wood. This cools the fire, creates creosote, and hampers a complete burn. Ask any experienced wood burner and he or she will agree: dry wood is crucial to good performance.

#### Wood Cutting and Storage



#### Don't Burn Treated Wood, Wax Logs, Coal, Garbage, Etc.

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. DO NOT BURN:

(1) 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) Railroad ties or pressure-treated wood;

(9) Manure or animal remains;

(10) Salt water driftwood or other previously salt water saturated materials;

(11) Unseasoned wood; or

(12) 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 an affected wood heater.

## Burning these materials may result in release of toxic fumes or render the heater ineffective and cause smoke.

## Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause
Smoke Enters Room During Start-Up	<ul> <li>Cold Air Blockage - burn a piece of newspaper on top of the smoke shelf under the bypass opening.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>By-pass is Closed - Open the by-pass by pulling the block above the door all the way out.</li> </ul>
	• Close the doors - if the flame is not getting enough air, first make sure the air control is open (all the way right). If additional air is needed, a small crack in the door is all that is needed.
Kindling Does Not Start - Fire Smolders	Cold Air Blockage - burn a piece of newspaper to establish a draft.
	<ul> <li>Not enough starter paper - use additional newspaper if necessary.</li> </ul>
	• By-pass is Closed - Open the by-pass by pulling the ring above the door all the way out.
	<ul> <li>Not enough air - first make sure the air control is open (all the way right). If additional air is needed, a small crack in the door is all that is needed.</li> </ul>
Smoke Enters Room While Re-Loading	• By-Pass not Opened - Open the by-pass (the ring above the doors) using gloves or a tool before opening the door.
	<ul> <li>Insufficient Draft - Chimney height and outside conditions can negatively affect draft. In these cases a small amount of smoke may enter the home. Adding more pipe or a draft-inducing cap may help.</li> </ul>
Fireplace Does Not Burn Hot Enough	<ul> <li>Wood is Wet - see the section "Selecting Wood" on page 12 for details on wood.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Insufficient Draft - Chimney height and outside conditions can negatively affect draft. In these cases the fire may burn slowly. Adding more pipe or a draft- inducing cap may help.</li> </ul>
	• Air Control is Not Wide Open - Make sure the air control is all the way to the right. Slide the control back and forth rapidly to insure the control is not stuck.
Blower Does Not Run	• Fireplace is Not Up to Temperature - This is normal. The blower will come on when the fireplace is hot - usually 15 to 30 minutes.
	Electricity is Cut to the Blower - Check the household breaker or fuse to make sure it is operable.
Fireplace Does Not Burn Overnight	• The door is not sealing - See the section "Check the Door Seal, Adjust if Necessary" on page 16 for details.

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### Twice Yearly Maintenance

#### **Check Firebrick, Baffle**

Verify that the firebrick and baffle is in positon and not damaged (see illustration on page 25 for details).

#### **Clean the Combustor**

With the fireplace completely cool (at least two hours after the last coal has extinguished), use a vacuum cleaner, preferably with a brush, to draw all ash from the catalytic combustor (see the illustration below). **Do not strike or scrape the combustor.** 



#### Testing your Catalyst Combustor

A combustor that is not functioning may still show active temperatures during the medium and high burn rates with the primary fire providing enough heat to hold output temperatures above 500°f. To check the combustor function burn your fireplace for at least 2-3 hours on the medium to high setting ensuring a full coal bed covers the firebox floor and the unit is at operating temperature. Set your burn rate to medium low and monitor the catalyst output temperature. The combustor should maintain a temperature above 500°f. If your combustor temp falls below 500°f perform this test two or three times to ensure the results. If your results are the same your combustor may need cleaning or replacement. Note: If you reload your fireplace before starting your burn test, burn the new fuel load on high for at least 20 min before setting your burn rate to medium low.

#### **Chimney Sweep Instructions**

When sweeping (cleaning) the chimney, the combustor should be removed to prevent ash from clogging the combustor openings (when replacing the combustor use a new interim gasket). The damper plate (and other upper firebox components) can be removed during the chimney sweep or vacuumed after the chimney has been swept. See the illustration on page 25 for details.

WARNING: Do not use substitute materials in the maintenance of this fireplace.

### Door and Latch Inspection and Service

The door latch and door gasket work together to seal the firebox. If the door does not seal, air will leak into the firebox and cause the fire to burn too fast. This reduces the ability to burn the fireplace overnight or precisely adjust the burn rate.

#### Testing the Door Seal

The first indication that the door may not be sealing is when the door handle opens and closes without resistance. To test the door seal, open the door and place a dollar bill (US, Canadian, or Australian) over the door opening. Then close the door over the bill. If the bill can be slid out of the door opening without resistance, the door gasket may need to be replaced.

#### Fixing the Door Seal

The first step to improve the door seal is to tighten the door latch. This is done by moving the door catch on the fireplace inwards. This adjustment should be done in very small increments and the door latch should be tested after each adjustment.



If the door latch is very tight, yet the door seal is still loose, it may be time to replace the door gasket. To replace the gasket, first strip the old gasket and any gasket cement off of the door. Attach the replacement gasket to the door and cut off any excess material (see page 24 for details).

#### Glass Inspection & Removal (use only 5mm neo-ceramic glass)

If the glass is cracked or broken, it must be replaced. The glass & gasket should seal against the door. See the illustration on page 24 for glass removal. When re-installing the glass, gently press the rope gasket in place (use a putty knife if necessary).

**WARNING:** The top of the glass comes close to the face of the fireplace. The glass must be all the way down to prevent is from striking the fireplace when the door is closed.

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#### Clean the Glass (if necessary)

This appliance has an air wash to keep the glass clean. However, burning un-seasoned wood or burning on lower burn rates leads to dirtier glass (especially on the sides). Clean the glass by following the directions below.

• Do not clean when hot.

Allow the stove to fully cool. Apply glass cleaner or soapy water to the inside of the glass. Wipe with newspaper or a paper towel.



#### For Stubborn Creosote:

Dip newspaper or a paper towel in cool ashes and wipe it on the glass. The ash acts as a light abrasive.

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The glass may develop a slight haze over time. This is normal and will not affect viewing of the fire.

#### **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 shall be inspected at least twice a year during the heating season to determine when creosote buildup has occurred.

When creosote has accumulated it shall be removed to reduce the risk of a chimney fire.

## Accessing the Blowers



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MAKE SURE TO DISABLE THE BREAKER TO THE FIREPLACE BEFORE SERVICING THE BLOWERS.

1. Remove floor bricks and clean floor plate.



2. Remove floor plate by lifting from the finger holds on the front flange.



3. Remove the heat shield bolts (2 - 7/16" bolts) and remove the heat shield by sliding to the left and lifting out.



4. Gently clean the impellers of the blowers using a soft bristled brush. Vacuum the air channel and blower to remove dust and debris.

### <u>NOTE:</u> Take care not to damage or misshapen the impeller blades. Damage will cause the blower to not be balanced and could cause vibration and noise during operation.

## Catalytic Combustor Replacement

1. Remove insulation on the sides of the combustor



2. Grab both edges of the combustor and work it out by pulling back and forth on both sides.



3. Install new combustor making sure that the <u>side insulation</u> and the <u>combustor top</u> <u>and bottom gasket</u> are in place.

**NOTE:** The combustor is fragile, handle with care.

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## Replacement Parts List

#### **Door Parts**



ltemNo	SKU	Description	Qty	Includes
1	250-04188	DOOR ASS'Y, 42 APEX	1	Entire Door Assembly
2	250-04190	HANDLE, DOOR 42 APEX	1	Handle, U Plate, Screws
3	250-04220	DOOR LATCH - 42 APEX	1	All Nuts, Screws Included
4	99900402	GSKT, DOOR 7/8" x 100" BLK #	1	7/8" Diameter Fiberglass
5	250-04189	GLASS, RECT. 42 APEX	1	-
6	98500731	GASKET KIT, GLASS FPX	1	Gasket Tape, ½" Dia. Rope
7	250-04221	HINGE PIN (2-PK) 42 APEX	1	2 Pins

### **Electrical Parts**

<u>ltemNo</u>	SKU	Description	Qty	Includes
	250-04176	BLOWER, CONVECTION – 42 APEX	1	
	250-04207	WIRE HRNS, MAIN – 42 APEX	1	
	250-00311	SNAP-DISC - 120deg NO#	1	

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ltemNo	SKU	Description	Qty	Includes
1	250-04174	KNOB w/ SCREW, AIR CNTRL	1	Set Screw, Knob
2	250-04219	DAMPER EXT ROD	1	Shaft & Threaded End
3	250-02493	DAMPER YOKE ASS'Y#	1	
4	250-04185	SMOKE SHELF	1	
5	91001612	GSKT KIT, CATALYTIC, 36/44E#	1	Interam Gskt, Kaowool Wedge
6	250-00556	CATALYTIC COMBUSTOR, 36E/44E#	1	Combustor, Interam Gskt
7	250-04186	DAMPER PLATE	1	,
8	250-04177	DAMPER SLDR PLATE	1	
9	251-00000	BRICK-WHOLE,9 x 4-1/2 x 1-1/4#	21	
10	251-00083	BRICK-CUT, 9" x 4-1/2" (#61)	4	NOTE: Brick has slot
11	251-00076	BRICK-CUT, 9 x 2-7/16	6	
12	251-00082	BRICK-CUT, 6-1/2 x 2-1/2(#62)	1	
13	251-00021	BRICK-CUT, 9 x 2 #	1	
14	250-04202	CATALYTIC REAR BAFFLE 42 APEX 14"	1	
15	250-03587	TEMP PROBE, THCPLE# CAT COMB	1	

## Warrantv

Door, Latch Assembly, Glass Retainers

Door Assembly

Register your TRAVIS INDUSTRIES, INC. Limited 7 Year Warranty online at traviswarranty.com. TRAVIS INDUSTRIES, INC. warrants this gas appliance (appliance is defined as the equipment manufactured by Travis Industries, Inc.) to be defect-free in material and workmanship to the original purchaser from the date of purchase as follows:

#### Years 1 & 2 - COVERAGE: PARTS & LABOR

Air Control Assembly

Slider Plate, Linkage Blower Assembly Blower, Wire Harness, Snap Disk Ceramic Glass Glass (breakage from thermal shock)

Catalytic Combustor Catalytic Combustor (see "Conditions and Exclusions" # 10)

Damper Assembly Damper Plate, Linkage Exclusions: Paint, Gasketing

#### Years 3 Through 5 - COVERAGE: PARTS & LABOR

Air Control Assembly Slider Plate, Linkage Catalytic Combustor

Face Assembly Faceplate, Fasteners Firebox Assembly Firebox, Combustor Support, Baffle, Air Channels Firebrick Breakage from thermal shock

#### Re-Installation Allowance

In cases where heater must be removed from home for repairs, a partial cost of re-installation is covered (pre-authorization required)

#### **One-Way Freight Allowance**

One-way freight allowance on pre-authorized repair done at factory is covered.

Firebox, Combustor Support, Baffle, Air Channels

One-Way Freight Allowance

repair done at factory is covered.

One-way freight allowance on pre-authorized

Coverage for thermal crumbling and disintegration only

Years 6 & 7 - COVERAGE: PARTS ONLY

Damper Assembly Damper Plate, Linkage

Door Assembly Door, Latch Assembly, Glass Retainers Face Assembly Faceplate, Fasteners

Exclusions: Paint, Gasketing, Blower Assembly, Glass, Firebrick, Accessories, Re-Installation Allowance

Air Control Assembly Slider Plate, Linkage

Damper Assembly Damper Plate, Linkage Door Assembly Door, Latch Assembly, Glass Retainers Face Assembly Faceplate, Fasteners

Firebox Assembly

Firebox Assembly

Firebox, Combustor Support, Baffle, Air Channels

Exclusions: Paint, Gasketing, Blower Assembly, Glass, Firebrick, Accessories, Catalytic Combustor, Re-Installation Allowance, One-Way Freight Allowance, Labor

#### **CONDITIONS & EXCLUSIONS**

- This new appliance must be installed by a qualified installer. It must be installed, operated, and maintained at all times in accordance with the instructions in the Owner's Manual. Any alteration, willful abuse, accident, neglect, or misuse of the product shall nullify this warranty. 1.
- This warranty is nontransferable, and is made to the ORGINAL purchaser, provided that the purchase was made through an authorized Travis dealer.
- Discoloration and some minor expansion, contraction, or movement of certain parts and resulting noise, is normal and not a defect and, therefore, not covered under warranty. Over-firing (operation where the steel may glow red) of this appliance can cause serious damage and will nullify this warranty. 3.
- The warranty, as outlined within this document, does not apply to the chimney components or other Non-Travis accessories used in conjunction with the installation of this product. If in doubt as to the extent of this warranty, contact your authorized Travis retailer before installation. 4.
- Travis Industries will not be responsible for inadequate performance caused by environmental conditions such as nearby trees, buildings, roof tops, wind, hills or mountains or negative pressure or other influences from mechanical systems such as furnaces, fans, clothes dryers, etc. 5.
- 6.
- This Warranty is void if: The unit has been operated in atmospheres contaminated by chlorine, fluorine or other damaging chemicals. а.
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- The unit is subject to submersion in water or prolonged periods of dampness or condensation. Any damage to the unit, combustion chamber, heat exchanger or other components due to water, or weather damage which is the result of, but not limited to, improper chimney/venting installation. с. 7.
- Any damage to the unit, combustion chamber, heat exchanger of other components due to water, or weater, or wea 8.
- 9. steel may glow red) is not covered in this warranty. Damage to the catalytic combustor due to mishandling, removal, cleaning, or other handling is not covered. Degradation of the combustor due to burning of anything other than natural cord wood
- 10. is not covered. Burning of trash, garbage, artificial or paper logs, gift wrappings, coal, lighter fluids, chemical starters, treated or painted wood, driftwood or chemical cleaners will void the combustor warranty. These items contain chemicals that may cause the combustor to become deactivated.
- TRAVIS INDUSTRIES, INC. Is free of liability for any damage caused by the appliance, as well as inconvenience expenses and materials. Incidental or consequential damages are not covered by this warranty. In some states, the exclusion of incidental or consequential damage may not apply. This warranty does not cover any loss or damage incurred by the use or removal of any component or apparatus to or from the Travis appliance without the express written permission of TRAVIS INDUSTRIES, INC. and bearing a TRAVIS INDUSTRIES, INC. label of approval. 11.
- 12.
- 13. Any statement or representation of Travis products and their performance contained in Travis advertising, packaging literature, or printed material is not part of this 7 year warranty.
- This warranty is automatically voided if the appliance's serial number has been removed or altered in any way. If the appliance is used for commercial purposes, it is excluded from this warranty. No dealer, distributor, or similar person has the authority to represent or warrant Travis products beyond the terms contained within this warranty. TRAVIS INDUSTRIES, INC. assumes no liability 14
- 15. for such warranties or representations
- Travis Industries will not cover the cost of the removal or re-installation of hearths, facing, mantels, venting or other components. 16.
- 17.
- If for any reason any section of this warranty is declared invalid, the balance of the warranty remains in effect and all other clauses shall remain in effect. This 7 year warranty is the only warranty supplied by Travis Industries, Inc., the manufacturer of the appliance. All other warranties, whether express or implied, are hereby expressly disclaimed 18. and purchaser's recourse is expressly limited to the warranties set forth herein

#### IF WARRANTY SERVICE IS NEEDED:

- If you discover a problem that you believe is covered by this warranty, you MUST REPORT it to your Travis dealer WITHIN 30 DAYS, giving them proof of purchase, the purchase date, and the 1. model name and serial number
- Travis Industries has the option of either repairing or replacing the defective component. If your dealer is unable to repair your appliance's defect, he may process a warranty claim through TRAVIS INDUSTRIES, INC., including the name of the dealership where you purchased the 2 3. appliance, a copy of your receipt showing the date of the appliance's purchase, and the serial number on your appliance. At that time, you may be asked to ship your appliance, freight charges prepaid, to TRAVIS INDUSTRIES, INC. TRAVIS INDUSTRIES, INC., at its option, will repair or replace, free of charge, your appliance if it is found to be defective in material or workmanship within the time frame stated within this 7 year warranty. TRAVIS INDUSTRIES, INC. will return your appliance, freight charges (years 1 to 5) prepaid by TRAVIS INDUSTRIES, INC., to your regional distributor, or dealership.
- 4 Check with your dealer in advance for any costs to you when arranging a warranty call. Dealers may require you to pay a service or trip charges for any warranty work. This charge can vary from store to store.

## GreenStart<sup>™</sup>Woodstove Igniter (Part # 94400951)

The optional GreenStart<sup>™</sup> igniter is available for your fireplace. This accessory starts your fire with a simple push of a button.



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