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When possible problems within our industry arise, we like to pass on information that comes our way. I hope you take the time to read the article below concerning insulation in R50 homes.

Issues with re-insulation of attics

This is emerging as a problem/safety hazard in particular because of the energy upgrade rebates. These cover insulation upgrades to R50 in the attic and this is being done by blown-in insulation. The insulation is being blown in to points sometimes well beyond the height of required attic insulation shields and right against chimneys and vents. There is some concern as well that insulation shields may sometimes be tampered with to fill the spaces between the shield and the chimney or vent with insulation.

Some of these original chimney/vent installations will have been done a number of years ago so proof - as in pictures—showing that the original installation of the shield was properly done is not available. Several of our WET members have been named in lawsuits already and more are bound to follow.

There has been one report from a member of an angled chimney section being buried in insulation and causing a fire with the first light up of the appliance after the insulation was installed—member who installed the fireplace chimney several years ago, and before there was even a ceiling/attic in this building has been named in the resulting suit. At least 2 members that I'm aware of are being sued for old installations where there is a possibility that the insulator removed the top of the insulation shield to fill the shield with insulation. Reports of insurance rates for members being increased dramatically because of suits or impending suits. At least one chimney manufacturer has commented that this problem is a growing one.

If these really are for the most part related to energy audits and upgrades, the approved energy auditors and the agency that licenses them need to be alerted to the possible hazards of insulating attics where any venting system—wood, oil, gas or pellet is present.

- Comments from Jan Herald at The Foundry in Ontario

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Canadian Trivia Answers

1. Jim Carrey
2. Alexander Graham Bell
3. Gladys Smith (also known as Mary Pickford)
4. Cree for "Meeting of the Waters"
5. 11—one for each province and the Governor General
6. He Shoots, He Scores!
7. Quebec City
8. Pierre Eliot Trudeau, John Turner and Brian Mulroney
9. The World's Longest Skating Rink
10. Freed and harbored Americans held hostage

Look for more trivia in the next issue of **HOT TIMES!**



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A NEWSLETTER ON WHAT'S HOT AND WHAT'S NOT

Town & Country WS38 Wide Screen

Smaller Widescreen

Introducing the **Widescreen 38**, the dramatic result of landscaped fire perfectly sized for smaller applications.

Much like the large Widescreen 54, the 38 contains a burner with tranquil river rock or tumbled glass. However, the 38 also possesses interior lights to enhance its unique contemporary landscape.

You can choose burner panels in the following porcelain enamel colours: black, coffee bean brown, copper or titanium. You may also choose from either a copper or graphite surround for the WS38 to finish it off just right.

At a reasonable 47,200 BTU's the WS38 can be installed up to 110' to an exterior wall using the optional

power venting. The Maestro Control System, utilizing a programmable handheld remote, allows the user to convert from electronic ignition to standing pilot with the push of a button.

Perhaps the best feature of the WS38 is the framing dimensions, as the unit merely requires 61" in width and 45" in height, making it perfect in many different applications. For comparison, the equally impressive WS54's framing dimensions are 74 1/4"W x 55 1/4" H. The 38's glass frame dimensions are approximately 38" x 15".

The 38" wide screen is now available through Northwest Stoves to our Town & Country dealers.



Hearth Pad Installation

Recent Questions

Some questions have arisen lately regarding the installation of Hearth Classics hearth pads. Although it may appear to be a pretty straightforward install, there often is more to it than just dropping it on the floor. The installation instructions outline a few key points you need to be aware of. Hearth pads *must be installed on a level surface*. A level surface will minimize the amount of flex in the pad and avoid

cracking tiles or grout lines. Hearth pads should never be installed on carpet. Not only does this void the warranty, but it reduces the R value of the pad. Each pad has channels running along the bottom, allowing for air cushion which gives the pads the R rating of 1.01. If a pad were to be installed on carpet, the soft carpeting would creep up into the channels, lowering the R value. You have two options. First, simply cut out the carpet

that would have been underneath the pad prior to install. Second, install a low profile Thermashield base under the pad. The Thermashield base only raises the pad up 1 1/8", increases the R value to 3.19 and most importantly, keeps the warranty intact. Don't forget to use the Load Spreading Discs (part # DY-KINSDI01) when installing a leg model stove. They help to spread the weight of the stove and reduce the chances of tiles cracking.

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"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as if everything is a miracle."

- Albert Einstein



Canadian Trivia #1

1. Which Canadian comedian sent a resume to the Carol Burnett show at just 10 years of age?
2. What famous inventor had homes in Baddeck, Nova Scotia and Brantford, Ontario?
3. What Canadian was known as "America's Sweetheart"?
4. What does the word "Kananaskis" mean?

(see page 4 for answers)



New IDV33 (Marquis Capella)

Clean Face Gas Insert

Introducing the Capella, the new DV insert from Marquis Fireplaces by Kingsman.

The Capella is an updated version of the IDV33 insert which allows for more options, including the fresh, new look utilizing the clean view kit and surround as seen in the picture below with contemporary, multi-coloured rocks.

The Capella has been available at Northwest Stoves for several weeks now and its tremendous popularity has been fantastic. In fact, we have been having a devil of a time keeping up with the demand for this revolutionary insert.

Aside from the black options normally seen with this type of insert, you may also choose between beautiful pewter or copper vein clean view kits and surround, allowing it to match any décor.

Of course, if you prefer a more traditional look, you can still get your Capella with

louvers and logs. It's simply your choice!

The ceramic glass, which comes standard provides extra heat from the Capella. It comes with a heat activated blower with variable speed control and is bedroom and mobile home approved.

For a starting list price of just \$2129 (for the body, rocks, rock support platform, black clean view kit and black surround), the Capella Direct Vent Insert is a beautiful, affordable way to enhance your home and create a warm and inviting atmosphere. Ask for details.



The Marquis Capella shown in Copper Vein & Pewter Finishes

Marquis Infinite Surrounds

Beautiful Finish

Now available from Marquis Fireplaces for their linear Infinite, surround trims which add a touch of beauty while finishing off the fireplace perfectly.

The Infinite surrounds come in three different finish options—black, pewter and stainless steel. They are also available in two separate sizes—1 1/2" (50"W x 19"H) or 4" (56"W x 24"H). They are in your Marquis price pages

for you to order with your next order of an Infinite Fireplace.

Early feedback from both dealers and end users is that these surrounds look terrific, so be sure to talk

to your customers about them.

The Infinite surrounds start at a very reasonable \$240 list price, making them an affordable way to finish off the spectacular Infinite.



Marquis Infinite shown here with the thin black (1.5") surround

Have you ever seen *Wayne Rourke and The Grinch in the same room at the same time?*

Hmmmm...

Take a look at the improved Dealer Section of the Northwest Stoves website. We think you'll find it easy to navigate and you can locate the documents you want to find quickly. www.northweststoves.ca



Jotul & Scan News

DSA4 Updates

Jotul will be producing the DSA4 in house this Fall, and anticipate revisions to the air controls and (lack of) door adjustment. Until then they suggest that on any new installations of existing production stock, the installer remove the retaining screw on both the air intake and starter device controls and apply a touch of high temp locktite to each screw thread and reinstall. This should prevent any callbacks on the controls.

GF370 Air Intake

The GF-370 installation manual states the intake air adjustment is set to fully open at the factory. That has not always been the case, and failure to have the air intake fully open on minimum vent applications will result in erratic burner function that

could otherwise be assumed to be problems with the control system. The factory has since taken steps to ensure current production is correct, but existing production units could have the intake air set closed.

Jotul has also advised that although you are technically able to come off the unit directly into an elbow, it is recommended you have a 12" minimum rise first as the flame picture will be dramatically reduced without the rise.

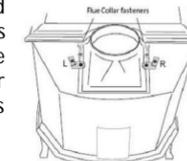
F500 Oslo Baffle

The current production of Oslo incorporates a Vermiculite type baffle instead of the cast iron split baffle. Either Vermiculite or cast iron can be used as a replacement baffle in either unit, however if the Vermiculite is used, the stove top must be removed in order to install. As the cast iron baffle is 2

pieces, it can be removed or installed from the inside of the firebox. Cost of the cast option is twice that of the vermiculite version, and the vermiculite one is virtually impervious to heat, will not warp or degrade, but does require more labour to install.

New F400 Rear Heatshield

All F400's above serial #46950 will require the use of a new style heatshield. The new heatshield is compatible with all F400 Castines. However, the original heatshield will only work with units below serial #46951. The new style heatshield mounts to the flue collar bolts as shown.



Skytech Safety Feature

From the "Did you know" file...

Among the many features of a Skytech Remote Control is the following safety feature you may not have known about.

If the remote is more than 20 feet away or loses communication with



the receiver for more than 15 minutes, the receiver will start a 2 hour countdown to shut off the unit.

This feature comes equipped with every Skytech Remote Control Northwest Stoves carries which contains the learn function.

T&C Power Vent Flush Termination

Exclusive to Town & Country's revolutionary power vent system, Town & Country's new clean face power vent system is the cure architects and building designers have been looking for.

Fitting within a 14 3/8" x 14 3/8" wall opening and sitting flush with the outside wall, the Clean Face Power Vent Termination can be painted to any colour to match the outside exterior, completely blending into the outside wall (as shown in the photo at left), making the

termination virtually disappear. The original clean face fireplace now offers the original clean face power vent termination.

With the exception of the TC54.CE, the clean face power vent termination is available on

any C series model of the Town & Country Fireplace.

You can get the clean face power vent at Northwest Stoves now. The product code is **GT-CVTFMPV** and it lists at Northwest Stoves for \$730.00. We are stocking it right now.

Many applications can use this new clean face power vent. Talk to your designers and architects and use it as a sales tool. It will help boost your sales of the Town & Country Fireplaces.



Tucson Blow Out

In order to make room for the new Tucson stove by Hearthstone, we are offering the following deals on our existing inventory of current brown & blue-black models:

- GH-8701-0059** Blue-Blk
Reg. list (plus tile) \$2759
Sale Price \$1995
- GH-8701-0020** Brown
Reg. List (plus tile) \$2913
Sale Price \$2249

Once we have sold out of these three units (1 brown and 2 blue-black), the sale is over.

Upcoming WETT courses

Lower Mainland
Jan. 4—Jan. 9

Calgary
Jan. 11—Jan. 16

Kelowna
May 10—May 16
(Includes WETBC annual meeting on May 14)

Canadian Trivia #2

5. How many reps. does the queen have in Canada?
6. Foster Hewitt was famous for coining what familiar phrase?
7. What is the oldest walled city north of Mexico?
8. Name the three Prime Ministers that held office in 1984.
9. What purpose does the Rideau Canal serve during winter months?
10. What did Canada do for the United States in Tehran, Iran in 1979?