

#10 Fireplace insert

WHAT IS A FIREPLACE INSERT?

A fireplace insert is a wood stove designed to be installed within or partly within the firebox area of a traditional open masonry (brick or stone) fireplace. A hearth mount stove is a type of insert designed to be placed on the hearth extension in front of a masonry fireplace.

An insert can transform an inefficient open fireplace into an efficient space heater. A WETT certified professional can advise you on what sort of appliance will best meet your needs.

An insert cannot be added into a factory-built fireplace unless the insert is properly certified for use with that specific fireplace. It must also be acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction. Check with your local municipal office before installing an insert into your factory-built fireplace.

CHOOSING A SYSTEM

What is most important to you?

- Watching the fire?
- Cutting your heating bill?
- The unique comfort of direct heat?
- Efficient circulation of heat to all parts of your house?

What woodburning system can satisfy all of these needs?

Masonry Fireplace?

Masonry fireplaces are intended for occasional use, and are not usually expected to make a significant contribution to house heating. They are attractive, offer the pleasures of fire-viewing and the comfort of direct heat and, if properly installed and operated, can help moderate your heating bills.

Factory-Built Fireplace?

There are a number of different factory-built fireplaces on the market. Like masonry fireplaces, most of these attractive appliances are intended for occasional woodburning. High-efficiency units can be used for space heating. See fact sheet #9 for detailed information on the different types of fireplaces.

Space Heater?

Properly installed and operated, a space heater can help cut your heating bill while providing the unique comfort of direct heat. Depending on the size and layout of your

