



NEW Wood Stove Break in Procedure

1. Seasoning the Stove

Seasoning, also known as curing, is the process of heating the stove to help set the paint and remove any residual manufacturing oils. Follow these steps to season your wood stove:

1. **Open Windows and Doors:** Ensure proper ventilation in the room to allow any fumes to escape.
2. **Start Small Fires:** Build several small, low-intensity fires using small pieces of dry kindling. Let each fire burn out completely.
3. **Increase Fire Size Gradually:** After the initial small fires, gradually increase the size of the fires, using larger pieces of wood. Allow each fire to burn for longer periods, until you can maintain a steady fire for several hours.
4. **Monitor for Smells:** During seasoning, you may notice a slight odor. This is normal and should dissipate after a few burns.
5. **Check for Paint Discoloration:** Keep an eye on the paint finish. If you notice any discoloration or unusual changes, contact the manufacturer.

2. Building Your First Fire

When you're ready to build your first full fire, follow these steps:

1. **Choose the Right Wood:** Use seasoned hardwoods like Oak, Douglas Fir or Cedar
Avoid softwoods like pine if possible.
2. **Stack Wood Properly:** Build a small fire with crumpled newspaper, kindling, and a few small logs. Ensure there is enough space between the logs for air to circulate.
3. **Open Dampers:** Ensure that the primary and secondary air dampers are fully open to allow for proper air circulation.
4. **Ignite the Fire:** Light the newspaper and let the fire catch. Close the door gently.

3. Gradual Heating

For the first few burns, avoid overloading the stove. Gradually increase the amount of wood you use to allow the stove to acclimate to higher temperatures.



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4. Monitoring Temperatures

Using a stove thermometer to monitor the temperatures inside the stove is a good idea. This will help you operate the stove within safe and efficient temperature ranges however this is not a necessity.

5. Cleaning and Maintenance

Regular cleaning is essential for the proper operation of your wood stove. Clean out ash and debris regularly and inspect the firebricks for damage. Check your spark arrestor in your Rain Cap regularly to make sure it's not becoming plugged with ash.

6. Tips for Efficient Wood Burning

- Burn only seasoned wood to minimize creosote buildup.
- Use smaller, well-seasoned pieces of wood for more efficient burning.
- Avoid burning treated or painted wood, as it can release harmful chemicals.

7. Troubleshooting

If you encounter any issues or have concerns about your wood stove, consult the manufacturer's instructions or contact a professional for assistance.

By following these steps, you'll ensure that your new wood stove is properly seasoned and ready for years of efficient, safe, and cozy heating. Enjoy the warmth and ambiance it provides!