

Ventis[®] Class-A

Class-A All-Fuel Chimney System

Installation Instructions

A MAJOR CAUSE OF CHIMNEY RELATED FIRES IS FAILURE TO MAINTAIN REQUIRED CLEARANCES (AIR SPACES) TO COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS. IT IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT THIS CHIMNEY BE INSTALLED ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

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General Product Information

The quality and workmanship of *Ventis Class-A* is reflected in the recognition Underwriters Laboratories has given these products. The rigorous UL testing and listing requirements, is your assurance of consistent quality in materials and manufacturing standards used for this chimney system.

In addition, the industry leading Warranty on *Ventis Class-A* is a further indication of our confidence in the quality of these products. Thank you for choosing Ventis!

The Ventis Class-A chimney system is UL 103 listed to 2100 degrees up to 12" diameter.

The chimney system must be installed, by a qualified chimney or venting professional, according to these installation and maintenance instructions. Read through and become familiar with these installation instructions before installing this product. Failure to follow these instructions may void the manufacturer's warranty, the UL listing status of this product, and may result in a hazardous installation.

Keep these instructions for future reference.

Codes & Permits

The criteria for installation must be in conformance with the specifications contained in the latest version of the NFPA 211 (Standard for Chimneys, Fireplaces, Vents and Solid Fuel Burning Appliances) and local or state building codes, whichever has jurisdiction. Contact local building or fire officials about restrictions and installation inspection in your area. It may be necessary to obtain permits before installing the chimney system. ALWAYS CONTACT YOUR LOCAL BUILDING OFFICIAL OR FIRE OFFICIAL REGARDING PERMITS, RESTRICTIONS AND INSTALLATION INSPECTIONS IN YOUR AREA.

Product Applications

The *Ventis Class-A* Chimney system is intended for use with heating appliances utilizing solid fuels, oil, gas (natural or propane) and coal. This includes, but is not limited to, the following appliance types: free standing wood stoves, wood stove inserts, fireboxes, fireplaces, furnaces, boilers, stoves, ranges or water heaters that require a UL103 chimney system. *Ventis Class-A* is not listed, nor intended, to be installed with forced draft or positive pressure heating appliances.

General Specifications

Clearances

A minimum 2 inch airspace must be maintained between the exterior of the *Ventis Class-A* chimney system and combustible materials or as established by factory built supports and firestops. Ensure that building insulation, electrical wiring and/or any other combustible materials do not violate the required 2-inch airspace clearance.

The clearance between <u>single wall connector pipe</u> (VENTIS BLACKTM SINGLE WALL STOVEPIPE) and unprotected combustible material must not be less than <u>18-inches</u> (See latest version of NFPA 211). The distance between the vertical single wall stove pipe and the ceiling may be less than 18-inches depending on the specifications of the finishing support.

Note:

Except for the installation in one and two-family dwellings, a factory-built chimney that extends through any zone above that on which the connected appliance is located is to be provided with an enclosure having a fire resistance rating equal to or greater than that of the floor or roof assemblies through which it passes.

All interior portions of the chimney must be accessible for inspection and cleaning.



For installing the chimney system in a chase application, the chimney must extend a minimum of 6-inches above the chase cover.

Sizing the Chimney Systems

Always size the chimney liner in accordance with the appliance manufacturer's instructions. Keep in mind that the outside diameter will be 2 1/2-inches larger than the inside diameter.

The Ventis Class-A chimney system may be installed to a maximum height of 40 feet.

Additional Considerations

It is recommended, in colder climates, that exterior mounted chimney systems are enclosed to help reduce or limit condensation, creosote build-up and poor draft.

Installation Preparation

Equipment, Tools, and Hardware

Tools:	
Reciprocating Saw	Plumb Bob
Keyhole Saw	Level
Drill	Tape Measure
Hammer	Caulk Gun
Metal Snips	Screwdrivers

Equipment: Ladder Safety Glasses Protective Gloves

Hardware:

#8–1 ¹/₂" & 2 ¹/₂" Screws Framing Nails Roofing Nails High-Temp Sealant Silicone Sealant

Ventis Class-A Chimney Components (Part No.)							
Anchor Plate	Attic Insulation Shield	Ceiling Support - Square	Elbow/Offset Support				
(VA-APxx	(VA-AISxx)	(VA-CCSyyxx)	(VA-ELS1012)				
Elbow – 15 degree	Elbow - 30 degree	Firestop/Radiation Shield	Chimney Pipe				
(VA-ELxx15)	(VA-ELxxvv)	(VA-FSxx)	(VAzzz-xxyy)				
Rain Cap	Roof Support	Tee w/ Tee Cap	Telescoping Pipe				
(VA-Cxx)	(VA-RS1012)	(VAzzz-Txx)	(VAzzz-ALPxx)				
Universal Adapter	Extended Roof Brace	Roof Flashing – Flat	Roof Flashing - Pitched				
(VA-UAxx)	(VA-RB1012)	(VA-FFLxx)	(VA-Fxxvv)				



Note: xx = diameter; yy = length; zzz = type of stainless steel (inner pipe); vv = pitch or angle

Approved Installations

Use of any parts or materials not specified in this installation manual may not provide a listed system and may void the *Ventis Class-A* warranty. Do not attempt matching Ventis components or pipe sections with another manufacturer's products. Do not use damaged or modified parts.

Safety Considerations

<u>*Caution*</u>: The ends of the chimney sections, edges of the cap, roof flashings, tee and other components can be sharp! We strongly recommend the use of gloves during installation.

Warning: Watch out for overhead power lines during installation. Be sure to check above and around the chimney for antennas, power lines, or any other obstacles before beginning the installation. Be sure that the chimney does not come in contact with electrical or any other wires.

Installation Examples



Installation Examples

Exterior Supported -see page 17



Masonry Fireplace



Factory Built Fireplaces



Ceiling Supported Installation



Step 1- Position appliance: locate appliance in accordance with the appliance manufacturer's instructions and clearance specifications. Pay particular attention to the outlet flue collar of the appliance and endeavor to position it between the rafters and joists above.

Step 2 Frame ceiling opening: use a plumb bob from the ceiling to the center of the appliance outlet flue collar and mark this point on the ceiling above. (Refer to table 1 regarding rough framing dimensions for each chimney diameter). Mark the ceiling for proper rough opening and cut a hole for the appropriate ceiling support. Frame rough opening.

<u>Table 1</u> Rough Opening Dimensions for: Flat Ceiling Support, Cathedral Ceiling Support, Roof Opening, Wall Thimble, Firestop Assemblies						
Chimney Diameter (inside)	10"	12"				
Rough Opening (inside)	16" x 16"	18" x 18"				

Step 3 Ceiling Support Installation:

Square Cathedral Ceiling Support (Tall Style)– must be used for cathedral ceilings and may be used as well for flat ceiling applications. Level the Cathedral Ceiling Support into the rough opening and secure to the framing using a minimum of three 8-penny nails or three $\#8 \ge 1 \frac{1}{2}$ " wood screws per side. Secure the trim collar using screws supplied with the collar. *Note: The bottom section of the support must extend a minimum of 3-inches below the ceiling.*



Step 4 Frame Additional Openings (for multi-story installations):

This is a required step for multi-floor installations where the chimney must pass through additional ceilings (floors). Using dimensions from Table 1 (p.8), frame out each ceiling (floor) opening above the support box. Use a plumb bob to assist in locating the corresponding four corners of the opening above. (If elbows are used to offset an obstruction



Install a Firestop Radiation Shield at each floor penetration above the ceiling support including the opening into the attic. The Firestop Radiation Shield is installed from the bottom of the ceiling/floor rough opening with the tube section of the Firestop pointing upwards. Secure the Firestop to the rough opening with a minimum of one 8-penny nail or one $\#8 \ge 1 \frac{1}{2}$ wood screw at each corner. Adjust the inner tube of the fire stop upward to cover all framing of the floor/ceiling rough opening. Secure the inner tube to the outer tube using at least three sheet metal screws. *Note: In the attic opening, a Firestop and an attic insulation shield extension will be used. A Firestop is not to be installed at the roof penetration.*



Step 5 The Roof Opening: Use a plumb bob to locate the center of the roof opening as it corresponds to the center of the opening below. Mark the location on the underside of the roof sheeting. Drill a hole using a ¹/₄" bit through the sheeting and shingles in order to have an exterior visible reference. A reciprocating saw is helpful in cutting the opening a minimum of 4-inches larger than the chimney's outside diameter. This maintains the required minimum of 2-inch air space clearance around the chimney. *Note: The opening is round for flat roofs, but will be oval in shape for pitched roofs.*

Step 6 Attic Insulation Shielding: The purpose of Attic Insulation Shielding is to maintain the required 2-inch air space clearance from debris, electrical wiring and insulation when the chimney passes into an attic. This vital step can be accomplished with three different methods:

Option 1 – Use this method when a Square (See note below) has been installed in the ceiling below the attic floor. If the cathedral ceiling support extends 10 inches or more above the attic floor, this provides the necessary attic insulation shielding. Once the chimney sections are in place, a square storm collar will be fitted around a chimney section. Slide the storm collar down to fit against the cathedral ceiling support. This prevents debris from entering the cavity between the chimney and the cathedral ceiling support.

If the cathedral ceiling support does not extend 10 inches or more above the attic floor, trim the square ceiling support to be flush with the attic floor. Next, follow the instructions in Option 1 above.

NOTE: When using a Square Ceiling Support that extends into an open attic space, it is necessary to install an Attic Insulation Shield directly on top of the Support Box, securing it with four #8 X $\frac{1}{2}$ " self-tapping screws. Then, slide the storm collar down to fit against the Attic Insulation Shield. This prevents debris from entering the cavity between the chimney and the Attic Insulation Shield and Square Ceiling Support Box.



Attic shielding enclosures:

In certain attic scenarios, typically low attic installations, where the Attic Insulation Shield will not fit, you must enclose the attic portion of the chimney in a framed enclosure. The chimney within the enclosure must maintain the required 2 inch air space to combustibles.

Step 7 – Assemble the Chimney:

Secure a universal adapter to the first chimney section. Slide the first chimney section, female end down, into the ceiling support assembly being used. Continue installing the sections upwards using a minimum of four, #8 X $\frac{1}{2}$ " self drilling screws per joint. Never use over-length screws that could penetrate the inner lining of the chimney. The final chimney height should be determined using the specifications found on Page 3 under the heading "Termination Above Roof."

Step 8 – Completing the Top Termination:

Ensure that a 2-inch air space clearance to combustibles is maintained as the chimney passes through the roof opening. It is recommended on steep roof slopes or when the chimney height above the roof exceeds 5 feet, that a roof support bracket is used to assist in stabilizing and leveling the chimney. Using a level, make sure the chimney is vertically plumb.

Slide the roof flashing over the chimney and place the flashing under the upper shingles and on top of the lower shingles. Nail the flashing to the roof along the upper edge and down each side with 1-inch roofing nails, but do not nail the lower edge. Seal the nail heads with a water-proof silicone sealant.

Install a storm collar around the chimney and slide down to fit against the roof flashing. Caulk the joint between the chimney and the storm collar with a waterproof silicone sealant. *Note: Do not caulk or seal the ventilating openings of a ventilated flashing*.

Fit the rain cap to the top of the chimney. Attach by tightening the clamp band.



Optional Extended Roof Brace Installation: If the chimney height extends **more than 5 feet** above the roof line an extended roof brace must be installed. The chimney may not extend more than 5 feet above the extended roof brace. If this does occur, multiple extended roof braces will be needed.

The extended roof brace consists of three parts. The chimney locking band, brace legs and roof brackets.

1 - Position the chimney locking band approximately 2/3 of the way up the chimney. Secure the band by tightening the nut and bolt supplied.

2 - Fasten one end of the brace legs to the chimney locking band. Adjust the length of the telescoping legs so that they form approximately a 45 degree angle with the chimney and the two braces should be approximately 90 degrees apart. Mark these two locations on the roof.



3 – Mount the two roof brackets at the two locations marked above. Use six 1-inch roofing nails per bracket and seal the nail heads with a water proof silicone sealant. 4 – Secure the brace legs to the roof brackets using the nuts and bolts provided. 5 - Ensure that there is at least 3-inches ofoverlap between the two sections of each brace leg. There is a hole provided in the outer half of the brace leg. Using the hole provided, drill a ¹/₄" hole completely through the inner and outer sections. Use the nut and bolt supplied to pin both sections of the adjustable brace legs. 6 – With final adjustments and tightening of all hardware, use three self drilling screws to further secure the chimney locking band to the chimney section.

Optional Offset/Elbow Installation: Since a completely vertical chimney provides optimal draft it is best to avoid elbows if at all possible. However, when elbows are necessary to avoid obstructions such as joists, rafters, etc. use no more than two pairs of elbows (total of four elbows) and do not exceed a maximum angle of 30 degrees. Refer to Table 2 to determine what elbows and chimney sections will be needed for the required offset.

1 - Install the first elbow onto the chimney. Turn the elbow to the required direction and secure it to the chimney with a minimum of four self drilling screws.

2 - Place the required length of chimney section to the elbow. A telescoping chimney section is useful to obtain exact length desired. Secure the section to the elbow with a minimum of four self drilling screws.

3 – Install the second elbow to return the chimney to vertical. Secure the elbow to the chimney section with a minimum of four self drilling screws.

4 - An offset support bracket or a roof support bracket must be installed above each offset to support the chimney weight above the offset.

Note: After the offset, use a level to ensure that the chimney returns to vertical.



Table 2								
Elbow Offset								
Pipe Length Between Elbows	15°				30°			
	Ri	ise Offset		Rise		Offset		
	Elbow Size			Elbow Size				
	10"	12"	10"	12"	10"	12"	10"	12"
0"	12 3/8	12 7/8	1 1/2	1 1/2	15	16	3 5/8	3 7/8
12"	22 5/8	23 1/8	4 1/4	4 1/4	24 1/4	25 1/4	9	9 1/4
18"	28 1/4	29	5 3/4	5 7/8	29 3/8	30 3/8	12	12 1/4
24"	34 1/4	34 3/4	7 1/4	7 3/8	34 5/8	35 5/8	15	15 1/4
36"	45 3/4	46 3/8	10 3/8	10 1/2	45	46	21	21 1/4
48"	57 3/8	57 7/8	13 1/2	13 5/8	55 3/8	56 3/8	27	27 1/4
48"+12"	69	69 1/2	16 5/8	16 5/8	65 3/4	66 3/4	33	33 1/4
48"+18"	74 3/4	75 1/4	18 1/8	18 1/4	71	72	36	36 1/4
48"+24"	80 5/8	81 1/8	19 3/4	19 3/4	76 1/8	77 1/8	39	39 1/4

Roof Supported Installation



Roof supported installations are popular in A-frame/Chalet type homes. In roof supported installations, there are typically two scenarios. One utilizes a square or round cathedral ceiling support and the second simply utilizes a roof support bracket.

Scenario #1 - Cathedral Ceiling Support (Square "Tall Style")

Step 1- Position appliance: locate appliance in accordance with the appliance manufacturer's instructions and clearance specifications. Pay particular attention to the outlet flue collar of the appliance and endeavor to position it between the rafters and joists above.

<u>Step 2 – Frame rough opening:</u> Cut roof and ceiling openings as in the case of low attic installations. In the case of cathedral ceilings a hole is only cut through the roof. Please refer to Step 2 on Page 8 for ceiling openings and Step 5 on Page 10 for roof openings. Also, refer to Table 1 on Page 8 for rough opening dimensions.



Step 3 – Cathedral Ceiling support installation: Level the Ceiling Support into the rough opening and secure to the framing using a minimum of three 8penny nails or three $\#8 \ge 1\frac{1}{2}$ wood screws per side. Secure the trim collar using screws supplied with the collar. The ceiling support must extend 3-inches below the ceiling. In most cases, the cathedral ceiling support will extend above the roof opening. You can either trim the support to be flush with the roof or slit the corners of the square support and fold them down flat against the roof. Nail flaps with 1inch roofing nails.

<u>Step 4 – Finish the installation:</u> Following steps 6 thru 8, starting on page 11.

Scenario #2 - Roof Support Bracket

A roof support bracket type installation is used for cathedral ceilings where a cathedral ceiling support is not preferred. This type of installation involves Ventis Class-A chimney pipe being visible below the ceiling level. *Note: A roof support bracket can support no more than a total of 30 feet of Ventis Class-A Chimney Pipe, and no more than 20 feet below the roof support bracket.*

Step 1- Position appliance: locate appliance in accordance with the appliance manufacturer's instructions and clearance specifications. Pay particular attention to the outlet flue collar of the appliance and endeavor to position it between the rafters and joists above.

Step 2 The Roof Opening: Use a plumb bob to locate the center of the roof opening as it corresponds to the center of the opening below. Mark the location on the underside of the roof sheeting. Drill a hole using a ¹/₄" bit through the sheeting and shingles in order to have an exterior visible reference. A reciprocating saw is helpful in cutting the opening a minimum of 4-inches larger than the chimney's outside diameter. This maintains the required minimum of 2-inch air space clearance around the chimney. *Note: The roof opening must be sized to Table 1 on page 8 and framed out with the appropriate sized construction lumber. DO NOT mount Roof Support Bracket to sheathing only!*

<u>Step 3 – Secure roof support bracket</u>: Secure the roof support bracket to the roof using four 6-penny nails or four #8 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " screws per side. Using one section of Ventis Class-A chimney, position it at the proper height into the living space. Ensure that the chimney extends at least 3 inches below the ceiling level. Tighten the roof support bracket band to that chimney section by tightening the nut bolt. Using a minimum of four self drilling screws, screw the band to the chimney section.

<u>Step 4 – Assemble the Chimney:</u> Attach the remaining chimney sections above and below the roof level. Use a minimum of four self drilling screws to attach per joint.

<u>Step 5 – Trim Collar</u> – Slide trim collar over *Ventis Class-A* chimney and attach to ceiling using screws provided. Attach universal adapter to the lowest section of *Ventis Class-A* to attach connector pipe below. Use a minimum of four self drilling screws. *Note: a finishing collar should be installed over the universal adapter for appearance purposes only. Ensure the connector pipe maintains the proper clearance to combustibles See Page 3.*

Step 6 – Finish the installation: Please refer to Step 8 on Page 12 to complete the installation

Exterior Supported Installation



Chase Top Flashing Custom Made & Sold Separately

Exterior supported installations are used when passing through a living space to an exterior mounted chimney. The exterior supported installation uses our secure wall support bracketing system that provides lateral and vertical weight bearing support.

Note: The total height of chimney from tee to top termination should not exceed 40 ft.

Step 1- Position appliance: locate appliance in accordance with the appliance manufacturer's instructions and clearance specifications. Pay particular attention to the outlet flue collar of the appliance and endeavor to position it between the wall studs.

<u>Step 2 – Rough frame wall opening</u>: The wall opening should be centered between two wall studs. To determine the height of the opening it is helpful to preassemble stove connector pipe and fit to flue outlet collar. Mark location on wall. Cut and frame opening. Refer to Table 1 on Page 8 for rough opening dimensions.



<u>Step 3 – Wall thimble</u> <u>installation:</u> The wall thimble assembly consists of three parts: The exterior firestop section, the adjustable extension and the interior trim plate. Install the firestop section on the outside wall with the tube section pointing to the structure interior. It is recommended to seal the outside edges of the firestop section with a water-proof silicone

Secure to the framing with a minimum of four 8-penny nails or four $\#8 \ge 1 \frac{1}{2}$ wood screws. From the interior, slide the adjustable extension onto the firestop section tube. Adjust the extension so that it will be flush with the interior trim plate once installed. Use a minimum of four self drilling screws to secure the adjustable extension to the firestop section tube.

Step 4 – Wall support bracketing: Determine the chimney section length needed from the tee take-off to the structure interior. A telescoping chimney section is useful to obtain exact length desired. Keep in mind, the chimney must penetrate through the wall a minimum of 6 inches into the interior. Secure this length of chimney to the tee take-off using a minimum of four self drilling screws. Then, secure a full length chimney section to the top of the tee using a minimum of four self drilling screws. Loosely install a wall support bracket on the first vertical chimney section above the tee. Install this assembly with the tee take-off chimney section going through the wall thimble. Using a level, plumb the vertical chimney section and attach the wall bracket. Secure the wall support bracket to the outside wall using a minimum of four #8 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " screws. It is recommended to endeavor securing wall support brackets into framing members rather than sheeting only. Further, secure the wall support bracket to the chimney section by tightening the nut/bolt and use a minimum of four self drilling screws through the predrilled holes of the wall support bracket band into the chimney section. Install the tee cap onto the bottom of the tee using a minimum of four self drilling screws.

<u>Optional tee cleanout</u> - If desired an additional chimney section may be added to the bottom of the tee for chimney cleanout purposes. Then simply add a tee cap to the bottom of the cleanout section. Ensure that the cleanout tee and any added sections below for cleanout purposes maintain the required 2 inch air space to combustibles.

<u>Step 5 – Trim plate and transition collar</u>: From the interior, slide the Finished Trim Plate Section of the Wall Pass Through (Thimble) over the horizontal section of the chimney and secure it to the framed opening using screws supplied. Secure the Universal Adapter (VA-UAxx) to the end of the horizontal chimney section using a minimum of four self drilling screws. *Note: A Finishing Collar* (VA-FCxx) *should be installed over the universal adapter for appearance purposes only.* The stove connector pipe can now be secured to the universal adapter.

<u>Step 6</u> –Assembling the chimney: Attach the remaining chimney sections above while still maintaining the required 2 inch air space to combustibles. Use a minimum of four self drilling screws to attach per joint. Wall support brackets will need to be installed no more than 8 feet apart along the vertical chimney length.

Step 7 – Finish the installation

<u>Option 1 –</u> Non chase enclosed chimney: The final chimney height should be determined using the specifications found on Page 3 under the heading "Termination Above Roof." Based on final chimney height determine if an extended roof brace will be needed. If so, follow the instructions on Page 12 under the heading "Optional Extended Roof Brace Installation."

<u>Option 2 – A</u> chase enclosed chimney: For installing the chimney system in a chase application, the chimney must extend a minimum of 6-inches above the chase cover. Please ensure that the chimney exterior has the required 2 inch air space clearance from all chase enclosure combustibles including the hole in the chase enclosure top sheathing. The chase enclosure top can be finished using either standard flat roofing materials or a custom fabricated metal chase cover. *Note 1: It is recommended, in colder climates, that exterior mounted chimney systems are enclosed to help reduce or limit condensation, creosote build-up and poor draft. Note 2: It is recommended to provide some means of chase enclosure ventilation This is usually accomplished by placing the storm collar approximately 2 inches above the chase collar.*

<u>Completion -</u> Install a storm collar around the chimney and slide down to fit against the roof flashing. Caulk the joint between the chimney and the storm collar with a waterproof silicone sealant. Fit the rain cap to the top of the chimney. Attach by tightening the clamp band.

Masonry Fireplace Installation



<u>Step 1</u> – To properly size the chimney for a masonry fireplace, the cross sectional area of the chimney (ID – inner diameter) is to be a minimum of 1/12th of the area of the firebox opening.

<u>Step 2</u> – Install fireplace anchor plate. Seal the fireplace anchor plate to the masonry flue opening with high temperature adhesive/sealant. Further secure the fireplace anchor plate in each corner with four $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 2" tapcon type masonry anchors. Always maintain a 1 inch air space clearance from the mounting plate to combustibles. *Note: Make sure the mounting plate is level and anchored to a flat surface. Modify the masonry to obtain a flat level surface if needed*

<u>Step 3 – Assemble the Chimney:</u> Secure the first chimney section to the fireplace anchor plate with a minimum of three self drilling screws. Attach the remaining chimney sections above while still maintaining the required 2 inch air space between combustibles. Use a minimum of four self drilling screws to attach per joint. **Wall support brackets will need to be installed no more than 8 feet apart along the vertical chimney length.** The final chimney height should be determined using the specifications found on Page 3 under the heading "Termination Above Roof." Be sure to enclose the chimney if it should pass through occupied areas.

<u>Step 4 – Completing the top termination</u>: Please refer to Step 8 on page 12 for instructions to complete the top termination. If the chimney is within a chase enclosure, please refer to Page 18, Step 7, Option 2.

Factory Built (Zero Clearance) Fireplace Installation



Only install the Ventis Class-A Chimney System with factory built, or zero clearance fireplaces, that approve its' use. **Be sure to read thoroughly and follow the fireplace manufacturer's installation instructions.**

Step 1 – Install fireplace anchor plate. Seal the fireplace anchor plate to the flue opening of the fireplace with high temperature adhesive/sealant if permitted by the manufacturer. Secure the fireplace anchor plate in each corner with four ½" sheet metal screws. Always maintain a 1 inch air space clearance from the anchor plate to combustibles.

Step 2 – Assemble the Chimney: Secure the first chimney section to the fireplace anchor plate with a minimum of four self drilling screws. Attach the remaining chimney sections above while still maintaining the required 2 inch air space to combustibles. Use a minimum of four self drilling screws to attach per joint. **Wall**

support brackets will need to be installed no more than 8 feet apart along the vertical chimney length. The final chimney height should be determined using the specifications found on Page 3 under the heading "Termination Above Roof." Be sure to enclose the chimney if it should pass through occupied areas. <u>Step 3 – Completing the top termination:</u> Refer to Step 8 on page 12 for instructions to complete the top termination. If the chimney is within a chase enclosure, refer to Page 17, Step 7, Option 2.

Transition Plate For Chimney Restoration

A transition plate is similar to an anchor plate, but is designed for transition from a single wall flue liner (such as Forever Flex, Rhino Rigid or Armor Flex to Ventis Class-A in a chimney restoration). Seal the transition plate to the masonry chimney opening with high temperature adhesive/sealant or mortar. Further secure the transition plate in each corner with four ¼" x 2" tapcon type masonry anchors. Always maintain a 1 inch air space clearance from the mounting plate to combustibles. Ensure the masonry chimney is a minimum of 10" above insulation and any other attic combustibles. Attach the remaining chimney sections above while still maintaining the required 2 inch air space to combustibles. Use a minimum of four self drilling screws to attach per joint. Refer to page 10, step 5 for the roof opening and page 12, step 8 for top termination.

The chimney system must be installed and service by a qualified chimney or venting professional. The criteria for the inspection and maintenance must be in conformance with local or state building codes, whichever has jurisdiction. It is recommended you use an inspection form and make notes that you can review with the homeowner.

Warning For Solid Fuel Applications

"Creosote and Soot-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 should be inspected at least once every 2 months during the heating season to determine if a creosote or soot buildup has occurred.

If creosote or soot has accumulated, it should be removed to reduce the risk of a chimney fire."

- Never over fire your stove or appliance.
- The high temperatures caused by over firing can damage the stove and stove pipe and may overheat nearby combustible walls.
- ▶ Keep your flue gases between 300F & 500F. This will minimize condensation and creosote formation.
- Do not burn driftwood or treated lumber.

Maintenance Instructions

Maintenance Procedures

It is important that the chimney system be checked and cleaned annually. This is for the safety of the homeowner and necessary to meet the warranty requirements of Ventis Class-A. As noted above, in the case of solid fuel burning appliances, more frequent maintenance may be required, depending on use and the appliance manufacturer's instructions. The entire system, from the connection at the appliance to the top of the chimney must be completely inspected and cleaned.

To clean the chimney lining system it is recommended to perform the following:

1) Remove cap by either removing the 4 bolts on the cap lid or by loosening the clamp band.

2) Select the proper sized chimney brush to clean the chimney. Be sure the brush head passes throughout the complete length of the liner, including the connectors, terminals and tees.

3) In some instances, proper cleaning will require removing the appliance and disassembling the connector assembly to thoroughly inspect and clean parts that cannot be reached otherwise.

4) Inspect and clean the chimney cap. Spark arrestors and other screens may be necessary or required in some areas, but may be susceptible to blockage from creosote or through freezing moisture in areas of low ambient temperature.

5) Reinstall chimney cap

6) Before the initial firing of the appliance, check the appliance's operating instructions for initial firing precautions.

Additional Information

1) The Ventis Class-A chimney system is intended for use with heating appliances, burning home heating oil, natural or LP gas and solid fuels (pellet, wood, and coal). Use of experimental fuels is not permitted and voids the warranty.

2) Use only components listed for use with the Ventis Class-A Chimney System

3) For solid-fuels, the chimney system is not to be sized less than that specified in the appliance manufacturer's instructions.