

# THE SOLSTICE

## INSTALLATION & OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS OWNER'S MANUAL



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### **PROFESSIONAL INSTALLATION IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**

- **WARNING:** If your appliance is not properly installed a house fire may result. For your safety, follow the installation directions.
- Contact local building or fire officials about restrictions and installation inspection requirements in your area. Local regulations and requirements can supersede those specified in this manual if more stringent.
- **PLEASE** read this entire manual before installation and use of this pellet fuel-burning room heater. Failure to follow these instructions could result in property damage, bodily injury, or even death.
- Save these instructions.



Thank you for purchasing the Breckwell Solstice pellet burning stove. You are now prepared to burn wood pellets in the most efficient, convenient way possible. To achieve the safest, most efficient and most enjoyable performance from your stove, you must do three things: 1) Install it properly; 2) Operate it correctly; and 3) Maintain it regularly. The purpose of this manual is to help you do all three.

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**Keep this manual handy for future reference.**

This stove has been independently tested to ASTM E1509-04 Standard Specification for Room Heaters, Pellet Fuel Burning Type 1, ULC/ORD 1482-90 Standard for Solid Fuel Room Heaters, and Oregon Administrative Rules for Mobile Homes (814-23-900 through 814-23-909) and Installation as a Stove Heater.

This pellet stove, when installed, must be electrically grounded in accordance with local codes, or in the absence of local codes, with the *National Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA 70*. We highly recommend use of a quality surge protector for the protection of your investment.

**The authority having jurisdiction (such as municipal building department, fire department, fire prevention bureau, etc.) should be consulted before installation to determine the need to obtain a permit.**

This appliance is designed specifically for use only with pelletized wood. It is designed for residential installation according to current national and local building codes as a freestanding room heater. It is also approved as a mobile home heater which is designed for connection to an outside combustion air source.

The stove will not operate using natural draft or without a power source for the blower systems and fuel feed system and must not be burned with any type of fuel except wood pellets (see **PROPER FUEL**).

This stove is designed to provide the optimum proportions of fuel and air to the fire in order to burn free of smoke and soot. Any blockage of the air supply to or from the stove will seriously degrade its performance and will be evidenced by a smoking exhaust and a sooting window. For best operation the ash content of the pellet fuel should be less than 1% and the calorific value approximately 8200 BTU/LB. Avoid high ash content fuels because this will rapidly fill up the burn pot and eventually cut off the combustion air supply.

**Commercial and industrial installations of any Breckwell pellet stoves should not be used since operational control is often not well managed in these settings.**

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Model: \_\_\_\_\_ The Solstice  
 Style: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Serial Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Purchase Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Purchased From: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

#### **MAIL YOUR WARRANTY CARD TODAY**

To receive full warranty coverage, you will need to show evidence of the date you purchased your stove. We suggest that you attach your sales invoice to this page, and fill in the form on the left, so that you will have all the information you need in one place should the need for service or information occur.



Do not operate your stove if you smell smoke coming from it. Turn it off, monitor it, and call your dealer.



Never use gasoline, gasoline-type lantern fuel, kerosene, charcoal lighter fluid, or similar liquids to start or "freshen up" a fire in this stove. Keep all such liquids well away from the stove while in use.



Never block free airflow through the open vents of the stove.



Keep foreign objects out of the hopper. Be sure that when you add fuel to the hopper, the pellets or corn that you are using is free of foreign material.



The stove will not operate during a power outage. If an outage does occur, keep the stove door closed, and open a window if any smoke spills into the room. Adequate vertical vent pipe on the exhaust will prevent smoke from entering the home.



Disconnect the power cord before performing any maintenance or repairs on the stove. **NOTE:** Turning the stove "off" does not disconnect all power from the stove.



**DO NOT** open the viewing door during the start up period.



Do not unplug the stove if you suspect a malfunction. Turn the stove off, inspect it, and call your dealer or qualified, trained technician.



Contact your local building officials to obtain a permit and information on any installation restrictions or inspection requirements in your area. Notify your insurance company of this stove as well.



This unit must be properly installed to prevent the possibility of a house fire. The instructions must be strictly adhered to. Do not use makeshift methods or compromise in the installation.



Your stove requires periodic maintenance and cleaning. Failure to maintain your stove may lead to smoke spillage in your home, or even a more dangerous situation.



This stove must be connected to a standard 120 V., 60 Hz grounded electrical outlet. Do not use an adapter plug or sever the grounding plug. Do not route the electrical cord underneath, in front of, or over the stove.



The exhaust system should be checked regularly. It is recommended that the exhaust system be inspected once a month, or for every ton of pellets burned. At a minimum, even if burning less than a ton per year, the exhaust should be checked twice a burning season.



Never try to repair or replace any part of the stove unless instructions are provided. A trained technician should do all other work.



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. Read the manual thoroughly.



Do not place clothing or other flammable items on or near the stove.



The viewing door must be closed and latched during normal operation.



Do not operate the stove if the flame becomes dark and sooty or if the burn pot overfills with fuel. Turn the stove off, inspect it, and call your dealer or a qualified, trained technician.



**CAUTION:** Hot while in operation. Keep children, clothing, and furniture away. Contact may cause skin burns. Educate all children of the danger of a high temperature stove. Young children should be supervised when they are in the same room as the stove.



If the stove is installed in a room without air conditioning, or in an area where direct sunlight can shine on the unit, it is possible this can cause the temperature of the stove to rise to operational levels; one of the sensors could then make the stove start on its own. It is recommended that the stove be unplugged when not in use for extended amounts of time (i.e. during the summer months).



Do not use the highest heat level (#5) for extended periods of time. Limit use to a maximum of two hours at a time with several hours in between each use where the unit is running on a lower setting or turned off.



The exhaust system **must** be completely airtight and properly installed. The exhaust vent joints must be sealed with RTV 500°F (260°C) silicone sealant, and with UL-181-AP foil tape.



Allow the stove to cool before carrying out any maintenance or cleaning. Ashes must be disposed in a metal container with a tight lid and placed on a non-combustible surface well away from the home structure.



This stove is designed and approved for pelletized wood fuel and corn only. Any other type of fuel burned in this heater will void the warranty and safety listing, and may result in a hazardous condition.



When installed in a mobile home, the stove must be bolted to the floor, have outside air connected (see page 3), and **NOT BE INSTALLED IN A BEDROOM** (Per H.U.D. requirements). Check with local building officials.



**Breckwell Hearth Products grants no warranty, implied or stated, for the installation or maintenance of your stove, and assumes no responsibility of any consequential damage(s).**

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## SPECIFICATIONS

Width: 22.25"  
 Height: 43.125"  
 Depth: 26"  
 Weight: 277 lbs.  
 Flue size: 3" or 4"  
 Hopper Capacity: Up to 80 lbs.  
 (This can vary widely depending on pellet size, length, and diameter)  
 EPA status: exempt  
 Burn time: 1 lb. to 4.7 lbs. per hour  
 BTU range: 8,200 to 40,000  
 Approved installations: mobile home, conventional, and alcove (shown here). See page 7 for additional installations

## PREPARATION

Factory packaging must be removed, and some minor assembly work is required prior to installation. Access to the rear of the stove is necessary.

NOTE: Normally, your dealer will perform these functions.

FOR INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING CONTROL PANEL INSTALLATION PLEASE SEE PAGE 9.

## CLEARANCES

The Solstice has been tested and listed for installation in residential and mobile homes.

**FLOOR PROTECTION:** The stove must be placed on a continuous (grouted joints) noncombustible material such as ceramic tile, cement board, brick, 3/8" millboard or equivalent, or other approved or listed material suited for floor protection.

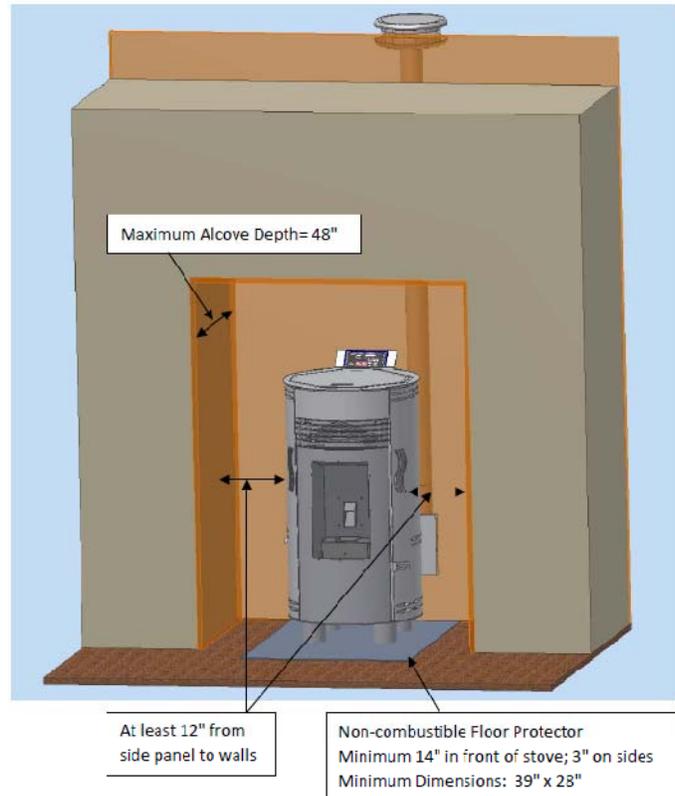
THE MATERIAL(S) USED MUST HAVE, OR COMBINE TO HAVE, A MINIMUM INSULATIVE RATING OF 'R1'.

NOTE: ceramic tile, or any tile, requires a continuous sheet beneath to prevent the possibility of embers falling through to the combustible floor if cracks or separation should occur in the finished surface, this would include floor protection for Built-in raised hearths. Check local codes for approved alternatives.

Clearances are measured from the sides, back and face (door opening) or stove body

**DO NOT USE MAKESHIFT MATERIALS OR COMPROMISES IN THE INSTALLATION OF THIS UNIT.**

**INSTALL VENT WITH CLEARANCES SPECIFIED BY THE VENT MANUFACTURER.**



### COMBUSTION AIR SUPPLY

For a mobile home installation the stove must be connected to an outside source of combustion air. For any installation in a new home, basement, small room, or very well insulated location, an outside source of combustion air is highly recommended.

A 2" inside diameter metallic pipe, either flexible or rigid, may be attached to the inlet at the stove's rear (refer to figure 3). A rodent guard (minimum ¼" wire mesh)/wind hood must be used at the terminus (refer to figure 4). All connections must be secured and airtight by either using the appropriately sized hose clamp and/or UL-181-AP foil tape.

**When using combustion air supply:** 2" inside diameter pipe may be used for the first 5 feet of combustion air supply run. From 5 to 10 feet use 2 ¼" inside diameter pipe. No combustion air supply may exceed 10 feet.

#### Sources of Outside Combustion Air

- a. In fireplaces
  - Chimney top.
  - Ash clean out door.
- b. For freestanding installations
  - A hole in floor near stove rear terminating only in a ventilated crawl space.
  - A hole in the wall behind the stove.

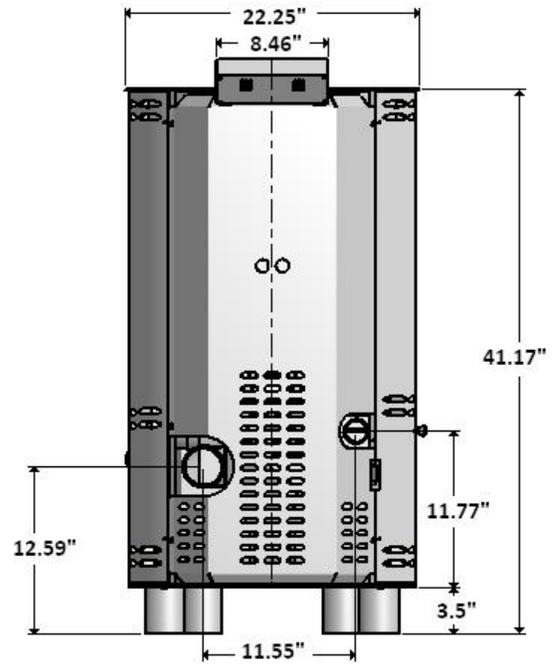


FIGURE 3

### WHEN OUTSIDE AIR IS NOT USED

If outside air is not used, it is important that combustion air is easily available to the air inlet. A closeable outside air register can be used in tightly insulated homes.

### VENTING

The Solstice is certified for use with listed TYPE L-Vent, 3" or 4" diameter in size. The stove was tested with Simpson Duravent brand. Class "A" chimney is not required. Refer to the instructions provided by the vent manufacturer, especially when passing through a wall, ceiling or roof.

This is a pressurized exhaust system. All vent connector joints must be sealed with 500°F (260°C) RTV silicone sealant to ensure consistent performance and avoid smoke spillage. All horizontal connector joints must be sealed with UL-181-AP foil tape.

**DO NOT CONNECT THIS UNIT TO A CHIMNEY FLUE SERVING ANOTHER APPLIANCE.**

**DO NOT INSTALL A FLUE DAMPER IN THE EXHAUST VENTING SYSTEM OF THIS UNIT.**

**INSTALL VENT AT CLEARANCES SPECIFIED BY THE VENT MANUFACTURER. THIS IS GENERALLY 3" THOUGH DEPENDING UPON VENT MANUFACTURER IT MAY BE MORE OR LESS. ALL VENT CLEARANCES SPECIFIED BY VENT MANUFACTURER MUST BE MAINTAINED FOR SAFETY.**

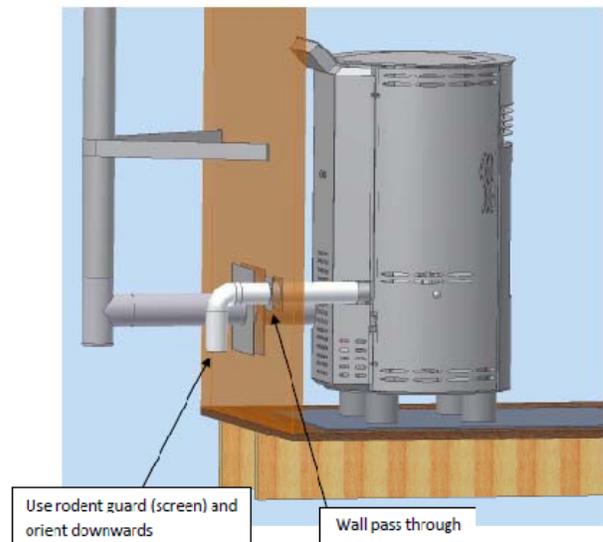


FIGURE 4

## Equivalent Vent Length (EVL)

The longer the run of pipe in your installation, the more restriction there is in the system. Therefore, larger diameter pipe should be used.

- Use 4" pipe if you have more than **15 feet** of equivalent vent length.
- Horizontal pipe in the exhaust system shall not exceed a total of 10' of EVL.
- Minimum of 6' continuous run of vertical pipe is highly recommended. 8' is the optimal recommendation for most efficient use.
- To calculate EVL, use the following conversions:

90° elbow or "T"	= 5 equivalent feet
45° elbow	= 3 equivalent feet
Horizontal Pipe Run	= 1 equivalent foot per actual foot
Vertical Pipe Run	= 0.5 equivalent foot per actual foot

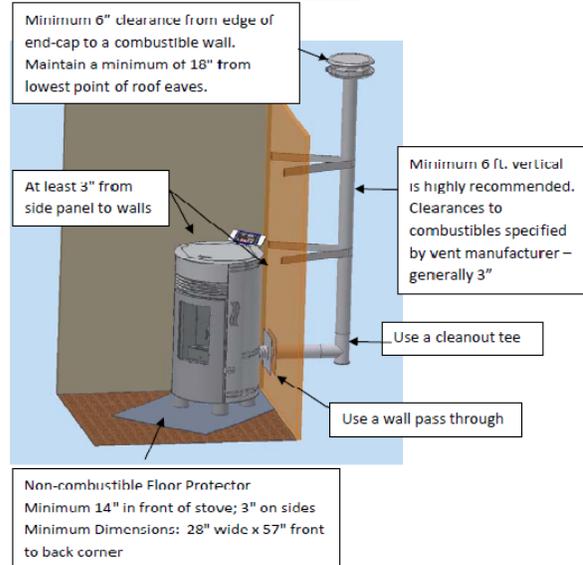
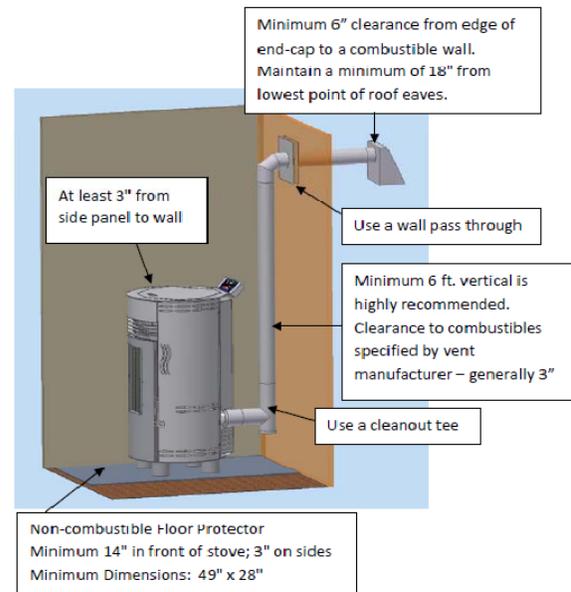
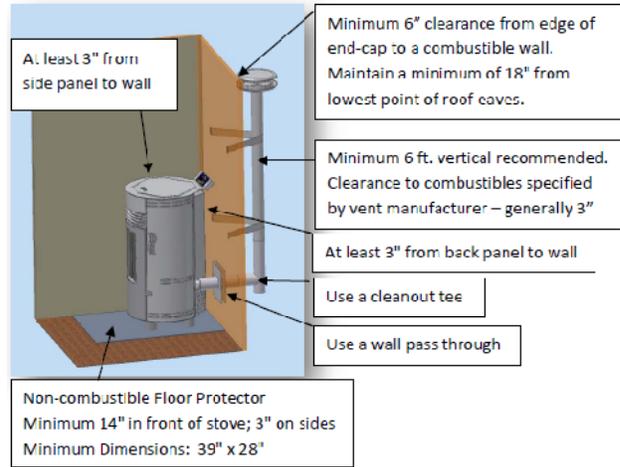
**NOTE: At altitudes above 3,000 feet, we suggest the use of 4" diameter vent at an EVL of 7 feet or more. If installing in a corner and going out the side wall 4" diameter pipe should also be used.**

## SOLSTICE INSTALLATION

### A. HORIZONTALLY THROUGH WALL

**NOTE:** Follow L-Vent chimney manufacturer's instructions and minimum clearances. 3" minimum is standard, though depending upon the pipe you purchase the minimum clearance may be more or less than the 3" standard.

1. Position stove, adhering to minimum clearances.
2. Locate position of hole in wall; directly behind stove exhaust vent (refer to figure 3).
3. Always maintain 3" clearance from combustible materials.
4. Install L-Vent wall thimble per L-Vent manufacturer's instructions.
5. Attach enough piping to penetrate and extend at least 6" beyond exterior walls. An 8-foot vertical pipe run is suggested where possible to reduce the possibility of smoke spillage in the event of a loss of negative pressure.
6. Attach cap and seal outside wall thimbles with non-hardening waterproof mastic.
7. Termination should not be located so that hot exhaust gases can ignite trees, shrubs, or grasses or be a hazard to children. Exhaust gases can reach temperatures of 500°F and cause serious burns if touched.
8. If installing in a corner and going out the side wall, be sure to have a minimum of 6' straight pipe off the back of the stove before installing elbow. Use 4" diameter pipe regardless of EVL and minimum of 6' of vertical pipe is highly recommended.



Locate terminations: a) not less than 3 feet above any forced air inlet located within 10 feet; b) not less than 4 feet below or horizontally from, or one foot above, any door, window or gravity air inlet; c) not less than two feet from an adjacent building and not less than 7 feet above a public walkway. Mobile home installations must use a spark arrester.

**B. VERTICALLY WITH NEW EXHAUST SYSTEM CAN BE USED FOR INTERIOR ROOM INSTALLATIONS**  
(Refer to Figure 6)

**NOTE:** Follow L-Vent chimney manufacturer's instructions and minimum clearances. 3" minimum is standard, though depending upon the pipe you purchase the minimum clearance may be more or less than the 3" standard.

**OPTION:** To achieve a center vertical installation a 45° elbow and a clean-out tee can be used to offset the pipe from the exhaust outlet to the rear center of the stove.

**OPTION:** Install L-Vent elbow in place of clean-out tee. Locate stove. Drop plumb bob to center of tee outlet, mark point on ceiling. Install ceiling support and L-Vent pipe per L-Vent manufacturer's instructions.

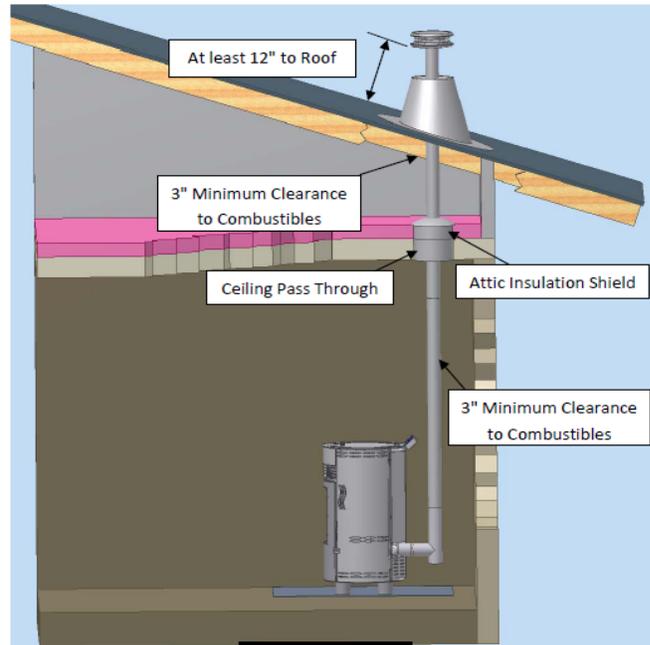
1. Always maintain 3" clearance from combustible materials. When passing through additional floors or ceilings, always install fire-stop spacer.
2. After lining up for hole in roof, cut either a round or square hole in roof, always 3" larger all the way around pipe. Install upper edge and sides of flashing under roofing materials, nail to the roof along upper edge. Do not nail lower edge. Seal nail heads with non-hardening waterproof mastic.
3. Apply non-hardening, waterproof mastic where the storm collar will meet the vent and flashing. Slide storm collar down until it sits on the flashing. Seal and install cap. **Mobile home installations must use a spark arrester.**

**C. VERTICALLY INTO EXISTING CHIMNEY SYSTEM**

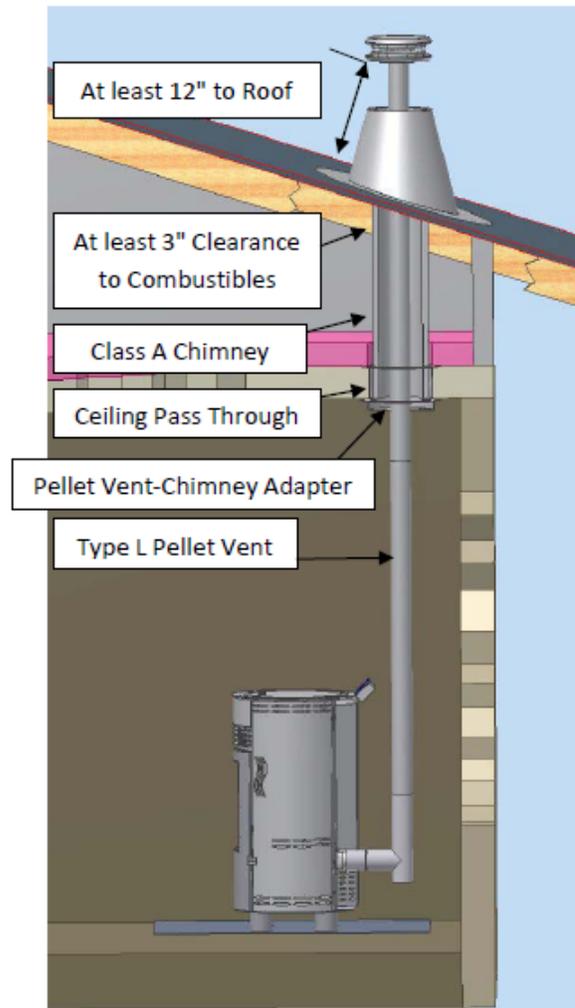
Adapters are available to adapt from 3" L-Vent to 6" or 8" Class-A chimney. (Figure 7)

The preferred method is to run 3" or 4" L-Vent inside existing chimney to termination. This method will provide a cleaner and more efficient burn. This is the method shown in Figure 7 and the only one we actually recommend when connecting to an existing chimney system.

Follow guidelines for equivalent vent length.



**FIGURE 6**

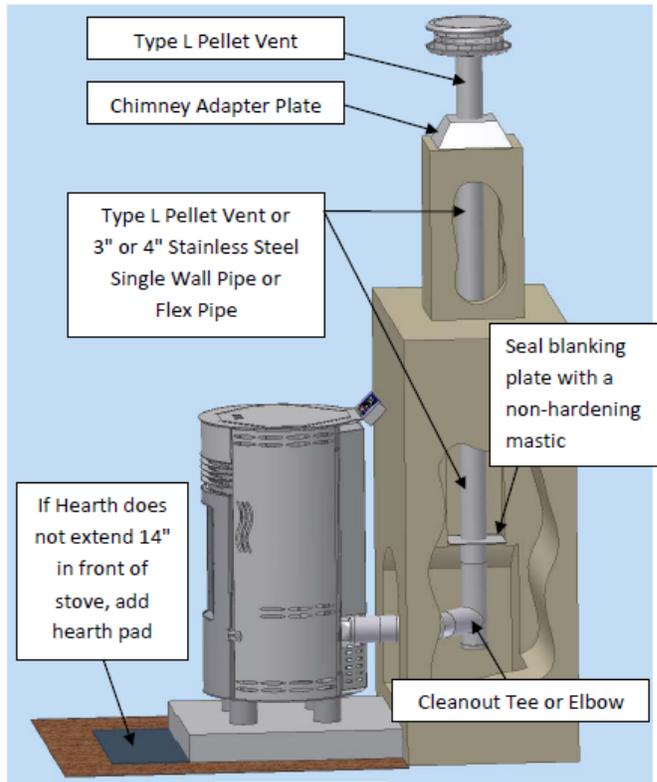


**FIGURE 7**

#### D. VERTICALLY INTO EXISTING MASONRY FIREPLACE

**NOTE:** Follow L-Vent chimney manufacturer's instructions and minimum clearances. 3" minimum is standard, though depending upon the pipe you purchase the minimum clearance may be more or less than the 3" standard.

1. Have the masonry chimney inspected by a qualified chimney sweep or installer to determine its structural condition.
2. You will need a pipe length equal to the chimney height from the hearth. If outside combustion air is to be used, we recommend using ash cleanout doors, or punching through the rear of the fireplace to the outside.
3. Install a blanking plate and the chimney pipe, and if used the outside air pipe, as shown in Figure 9.
4. Attach the L-vent adapter, a section of pipe and clean out tee, making sure the clean out tee is centered in the chimney flue area. Use RTV, metallic tape, and a minimum of three self-tapping screws at all joint connections to ensure a tight seal.
5. Position the stove, adhering to the clearances.
6. Measure and build chimney top plate. Cut out holes for chimney pipe, and if used the outside air pipe. Install and seal with non-hardening mastic to prevent water leakage. Install vent cap.

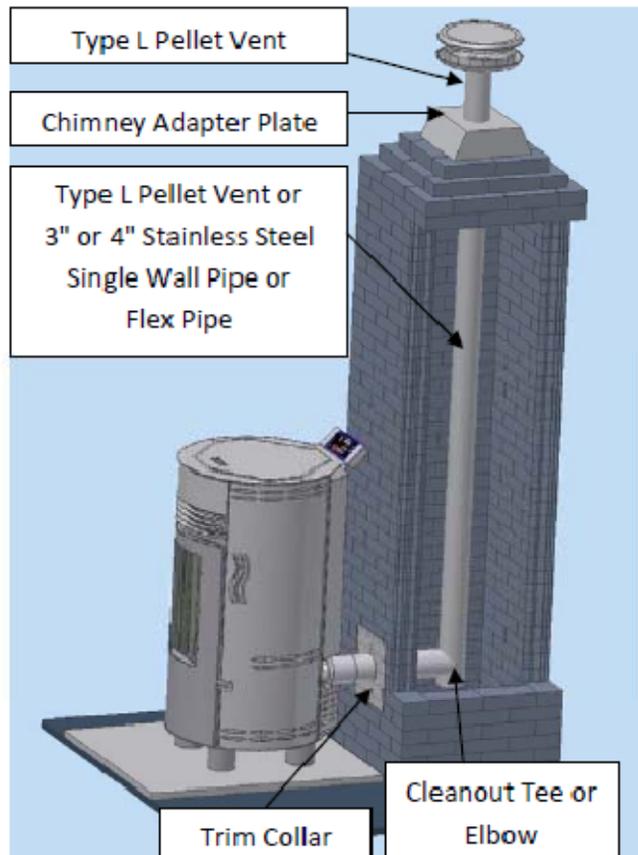


**FIGURE 9**

#### E. INSTALLATION THROUGH SIDE OF MASONRY CHIMNEY

**NOTE:** Follow L-Vent chimney manufacturer's instructions and minimum clearances. 3" minimum is standard, though depending upon the pipe you purchase the minimum clearance may be more or less than the 3" standard.

1. Position the stove, adhering to the clearances in Figure 1. Mark the center of the hole where the pipe is to pierce the masonry chimney.
2. It will be necessary to break out the masonry around the location of the pipe center mark. Use a 4-inch diameter hole for 3-inch pipe and 5-inch diameter hole for 4-inch pipe.
3. Measure and build chimney top plate. Cut out holes for chimney pipe, and if used the outside air pipe.
4. Install the tee on the bottom of the vertical pipe system and lower it down the chimney until the center branch of the tee is level with the center of the hole in the masonry, as shown in Figure 10.
5. Install and seal the top plate from step 3 with non-hardening mastic. Slip the storm collar over the pipe, and while holding the pipe at the proper elevation, affix the collar with a minimum of three 1/4" stainless steel sheet metal screws. Seal all joints and seams around the collar.
6. Connect the horizontal pipe by pushing it through the hole in the masonry and lining it up with the branch in the tee. Push the pipe into the tee while twisting it to lock it into the tee.
7. If desired, once the horizontal pipe is in place, the space between the pipe and masonry may be filled with high-temperature grout.
8. Install the trim collar. An adjustable pipe length and adapter may be needed to finish the connection to the stove.



**FIGURE 10**

## CONTROL PANEL INSTALLATION

Installation of the control panel is required prior to use of the stove. The diagrams to the right can assist you in this process.

**CAUTION:** BE SURE UNIT IS NOT CONNECTED TO ANY ELECTRICAL POWER SOURCES DURING INSTALLATION OF CONTROL PANEL.

1. Install the control panel box onto the brackets at the top rear of the stove. Use the four screws provided: two for each side.
2. Take the end of the wiring harness with the molex connector and pull it through the back of the control panel box and plug into the back of the control panel. After the wiring harness is connected to the control panel, attach the control panel to the front of the control panel box with four screws – one in each corner.
3. Use the remaining four screws to attach the rear panel of the control panel box. Control panel installation is now complete.

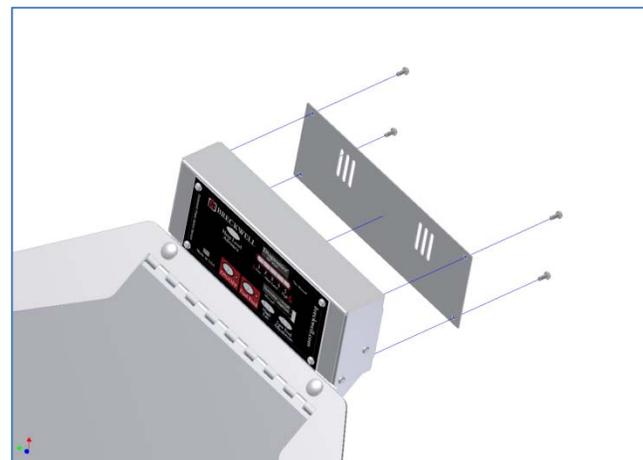
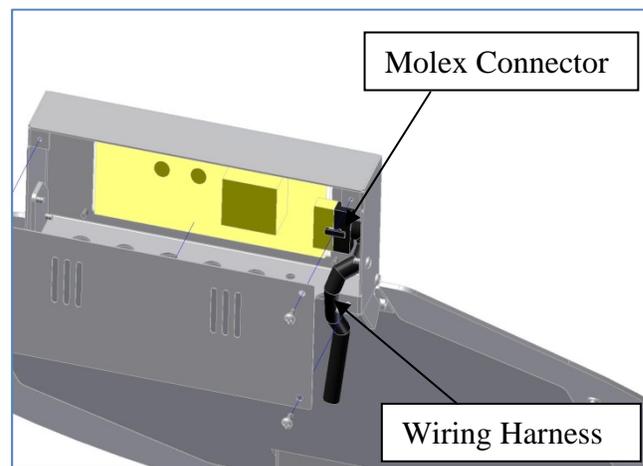
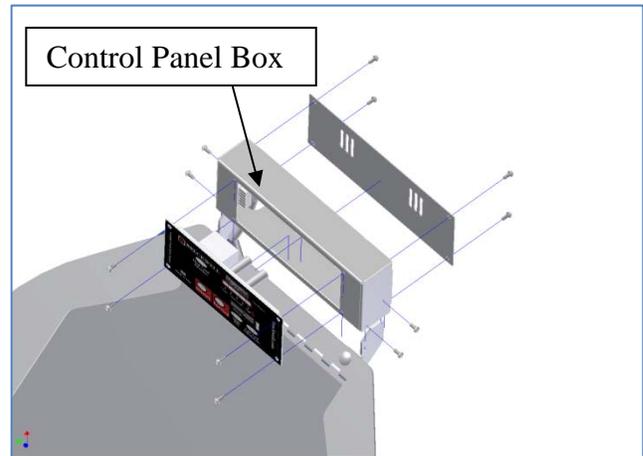
## ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

This stove is provided with a 6-foot grounded electrical cord extending from the rear of the stove.

**We recommend connecting to a good quality surge protector that is plugged into a standard three-prong, 120V, 60 Hz electrical outlet.**

Do NOT connect the unit to a GFCI socket.

Voltage variations can lead to serious performance problems. The Breckwell electrical system is designed for 120V AC with no more than 5% variation. Breckwell cannot accept responsibility for poor performance or damage due to inadequate voltage. If connected to an older, two-prong outlet, a separate ground wire should be run to a proper ground (refer this to a qualified technician). Always route the electrical cord so that it will not come in contact with any hot part of the stove.



**SPECIAL MOBIL HOME REQUIREMENTS**

**WARNING: DO NOT INSTALL IN A SLEEPING ROOM.**

**NOTE:** Installation should be in accordance with the Manufactured Home and Safety Standard (HUD), CFR 3280, Part 24

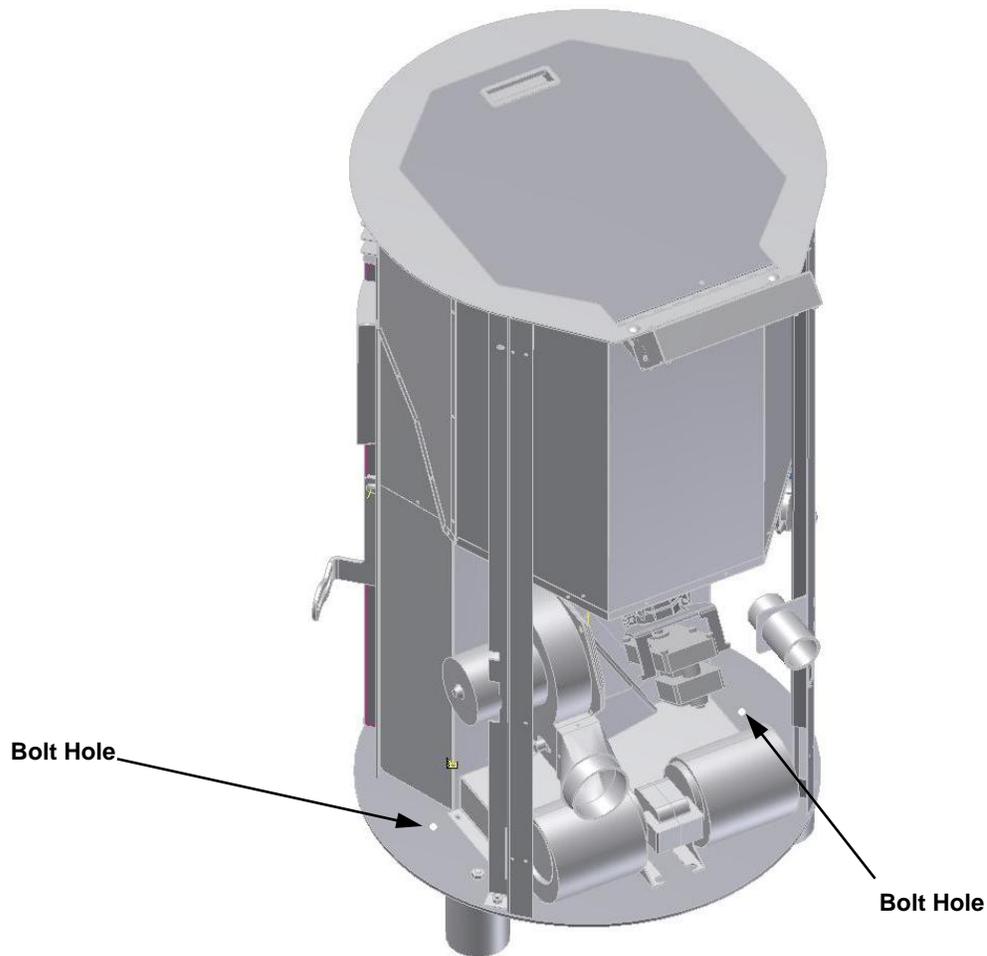
For installation in a mobile home, an outside source of combustion air must be used (See "**COMBUSTION AIR SUPPLY**").

The Breckwell Solstice must be grounded to the steel chassis of the home with 8 Ga. copper wire using a serrated or star washer to penetrate paint or protective coating to ensure grounding.

The stove must be securely fastened to the floor of the mobile home through the two holes in the rear of the stove using 2, ¼" lag bolts that are long enough to go through both a hearth pad, if used, and the floor of the home. (See figure 11)

Refer to "**VENTING**" for proper exhaust configurations.

**CAUTION: THE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF THE MOBILE HOME FLOOR, WALL AND CEILING/ROOF MUST BE MAINTAINED.**



**FIGURE 11**

## PANEL CONTROLS (See Figure 12)

The blowers and automatic fuel supply are controlled from a panel on the left-hand side of the SOLSTICE. The control panel functions are as follows.

### a. ON/OFF BUTTON

- When pushed the stove will automatically ignite. No other firestarter is necessary. The igniter will stay on for at least 10 and up to 15 minutes, depending on when Proof of Fire is reached. The fire should start in about 5 minutes.
- The green light located above the On/Off button (in the On/Off box) will flash during the ignition start-up period. (See figure 12)
- The Heat Level Advance is inoperable during the ignition start period. When the green light continuously stays on the Heat Level Advance can be adjusted to achieve the desired heat output.

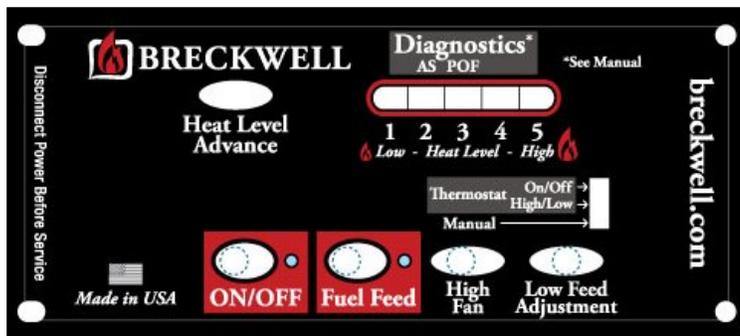


FIGURE 12

**NOTE:** If the stove has been shut off, and you want to re-start it while it is still warm, the “on/off” button must be held down for 2 seconds.

### b. FUEL FEED BUTTON

- When the “Fuel Feed” button is pushed and held down the stove will feed pellets continuously into the burnpot.
- While the stove’s auger system is feeding pellets the green light (in the “Fuel Feed” box) will be on. (See figure 12)

**CAUTION:** DO NOT USE THIS CONTROL DURING NORMAL OPERATION BECAUSE IT COULD SMOTHER THE FIRE AND LEAD TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION.

### c. HIGH FAN BUTTON

- The room air fan speed varies directly with the feed rate. The “HIGH FAN” switch overrides this variable speed function. It will set the room air blower speed to high at any feed rate setting.
- When the “HIGH FAN” button is pushed the room air fan will switch to its highest setting.
- When this button is pushed again the room air fan will return to its original setting based on the Heat Level Advance setting.

### d. LOW FEED ADJUSTMENT

Different size and quality pellet fuel may require adjustment of the “1” feed setting on the Heat Level Advance bar graph. **This is usually a one-time adjustment based on the fuel you are using.** The “LOW FEED ADJUSTMENT” button when adjusted will allow for 3 different feed rate settings for the **#1 feed setting only**. To adjust simply push the “LOW FEED ADJUSTMENT” button while the stove is operating at setting “1” and watch the bar graph.

- When the “1” & “3” lights are illuminated on the bar graph the low feed rate is at its “lowest” setting. (Approx. 0.9 pounds per hour)
- When the “1” light is illuminated on the bar graph the low feed rate is at its “normal” setting.
- When the “1” & “4” lights are illuminated on the bar graph the low feed rate is at its “highest” setting.

**NOTE:** When the stove is set on “1” the “adjusted” values will be shown on the Heat Level Advance bar graph. For example if the Low Feed Adjustment is set to its lowest setting every time the stove is set to low the “1” and “3” lights will be illuminated on the bar graph.

### e. HEAT LEVEL ADVANCE

- This button when pushed will set the pellet feed rate, hence the heat output of your stove. The levels of heat output will incrementally change on the bar graph starting from level “1” to “5”.

**NOTE:** When dropping 3 or more heat level settings (4 to 1, or 5 to 2 or 5 to 1) push the ‘High Fan’ button and allow the room air fan to run at that setting for at least 5 minutes to prevent the stove from tripping the high temp thermodisk. If the high temp thermodisk does trip see **“SAFETY FEATURES”**.

**CAUTION:** THE “5” SETTING IS DESIGNED FOR TEMPORARY USE ONLY. IF USED FOR EXTENDED PERIODS, IT CAN SHORTEN THE LIFE EXPECTANCY OF THE UNITS COMPONENTS. AVOID USE AT THIS SETTING FOR MORE THAN ONE OR TWO HOURS AT A TIME.

### PROPER FUEL

**THIS STOVE IS APPROVED FOR BURNING PELLETIZED WOOD FUEL ONLY!** Factory-approved pellets are those ¼" or 5/16" in diameter and not over 1" long. Longer or thicker pellets sometimes bridge the auger flights, which prevents proper pellet feed. Burning wood in forms other than pellets is not permitted. It will violate the building codes for which the stove has been approved and will void all warranties. The design incorporates automatic feed of the pellet fuel into the fire at a carefully prescribed rate. Any additional fuel introduced by hand will not increase heat output but may seriously impair the stoves performance by generating considerable smoke. Do not burn wet pellets. The stove's performance depends heavily on the quality of your pellet fuel. Avoid pellet brands that display these characteristics:

- a. **Excess Fines** – "Fines" is a term describing crushed pellets or loose material that looks like sawdust or sand. Pellets can be screened before being placed in hopper to remove most fines.
- b. **Binders** – Some pellets are produced with materials to hold the together, or "bind" them.
- c. **High ash content** – Poor quality pellets will often create smoke and dirty glass. They will create a need for more frequent maintenance. You will have to empty the burnpot plus vacuum the entire system more often. Poor quality pellets could damage the auger. Breckwell cannot accept responsibility for damage due to poor quality pellets. Your dealer can recommend a good quality pellet dealer in your area.

### PRE-START-UP CHECK

Remove optional imitation log set if in use. Remove burnpot, making sure it is clean and none of the air holes are plugged. Clean the firebox, and then reinstall burnpot. Clean door glass if necessary (a dry cloth or paper towel is usually sufficient). Never use abrasive cleaners on the glass or door. Check fuel in the hopper, and refill if necessary.

The first time you start your stove, or anytime that the hopper has been emptied, it will be necessary to prime the auger system when you restart the stove. Simply press and hold the fuel feed button until some pellet begin to fall into the burnpot.

**NOTE:** The Solstice Hopper can hold up to 80 lbs. of pellets.

### BUILDING A FIRE

Never use a grate or other means of supporting the fuel. Use only the Breckwell approved burnpot.

During the start up period:

- 1) **DO NOT** open the viewing door.
- 2) **DO NOT** open the damper more than ¼".
- 3) **DO NOT** add pellets to the burnpot by hand.
- 4) **DO NOT** use the Fuel Feed button (unless you are priming the auger after running out of pellets). A dangerous condition could result.

**NOTE:** During the first few fires, your stove will emit an odor as the high temperature paint cures or becomes seasoned to the metal. Maintaining smaller fires will minimize this. Avoid placing items on stovetop during this period because paint could be affected.

### THE HOTROD AUTOMATIC FIRESTARTER

- a. Fill hopper and clean burnpot.
- b. Press "On/Off" button. Make sure light is on.
- c. The damper should be completely closed or open no more than ¼" during start-up. This will vary depending on your installation and elevation. Once fire is established adjust for desired flame increasing the amount the damper is open as the heat setting is increased. (See "**DAMPER CONTROL**")
- d. Adjust feed rate to desired setting by pressing "Heat Level Advance" button.

If fire doesn't start in 15 minutes, press "On/Off", wait a few minutes, clear the burnpot, and start procedure again.

### DAMPER CONTROL

The damper control rod on the stove's lower left side adjusts the combustion air. This control is necessary due to the varied burn characteristics of individual installations, different pellet brands and pellet feed rates. It allows you to improve the efficiency of your stove. Providing correct combustion air will reduce the frequency of cleaning your glass door and prevent the rapid buildup of creosote inside your stove and chimney.

You should adjust the damper based on the fire's appearance. A low, reddish, dirty fire can be improved by pulling the damper out slightly. A "blow torch" fire can be improved by pushing the damper in a bit.

As a general rule, on lower feed rate settings, the damper should be in farther. On higher feed rates, the damper should be more open or out. Through trial and error, you will find the best setting. Consult your dealer if you need help.

**NOTE:** On "1", damper should be either completely closed or out approximately ⅓" to ¼". If damper is out too far, it can cause the fire to go out.

### OPENING DOOR

If the door is opened while the stove is in operation it must be closed within 30 seconds or the stove will shut down. If the stove shuts down push the "On/Off" button to re-start your stove.

## ROOM AIR FAN

When starting your stove the Room Air Fan will not come on until the stove's heat exchanger warms up. This usually takes about 10 minutes from start-up.

## RE-STARTING A WARM STOVE

If the stove has been shut off, and you want to re-start it while it is still warm, the "on/off" button must be held down for 2 seconds.

## IF STOVE RUNS OUT OF PELLETS

The fire goes out and the auger motor and blowers will run until the stove cools. This will take 30 to 45 minutes. After the stove components stop running the "On/Off" and the BAR GRAPH lights stay on for 10 minutes. After the 10 minutes the "3" light on the bar graph will flash and the "On/Off" light will go off. To restart, refill hopper and press "Fuel Feed" button until pellets begin to fall into burnpot. Press "On/Off" button.

## REFUELING

We recommend that you not let the hopper drop below  $\frac{1}{4}$  full during normal operation. While the hopper lid is open, the unit will not feed fuel to the fire. If the hopper lid remains open too long, the fire may go out.

It is necessary to periodically empty the hopper and clean out any sawdust or fines that have accumulated. The easiest way to do this is simply allow the hopper to run empty and then use your ash vac. After refueling the hopper it will be necessary to prime the auger system again by holding the fuel feed button.

**KEEP HOPPER LID CLOSED AT ALL TIMES EXCEPT WHEN REFILLING. DO NOT OVERFILL HOPPER.**

## BRECKWELL MAINTENANCE TOOL

A tool has been provided to help with the following functions:

**FIGURE 13**



- a. **Stirring pellets in hopper** – unlike liquids in a tank, pellets do not drain evenly into the auger. Bridging across the opening can occur. Pellets can hang up on the sides of the hopper. Occasionally "stirring" the hopper can help.

**NOTE:** To help prevent bridging of pellets, common wax paper can be rubbed on the sidewalls and bottom of the hopper.

- b. Scrape ashes from burnpot.

## SHUTDOWN PROCEDURE

Turning your Breckwell stove off is a matter of pressing the "On/Off" control panel switch. The red light will go out. The blowers will continue to operate until internal firebox temperatures have fallen to a preset level.

## SAFETY FEATURES

- a. Your stove is equipped with a high temperature thermdisc. This safety switch has two functions.
  1. To recognize an overheat situation in the stove and shut down the fuel feed or auger system.
  2. In case of a malfunctioning convection blower, the high-temperature thermdisc will automatically shut down the auger, preventing the stove from overheating.

**NOTE:** The manufacturer recommends that you call your dealer if this occurs as this may indicate a more serious problem. A service call may be required.

- b. If the combustion blower fails, an air pressure switch will automatically shut down the auger.

**NOTE:** Opening the stove door for more than 30 seconds during operation will cause enough pressure change to de-activate the air switch, shutting the fuel feed off. Close the door and press "On/Off" button to continue operation of your stove.

**OPTIONAL THERMOSTAT**

A optional thermostat may help you maintain a constant house temperature automatically. A millivolt thermostat is required. A fixed wall mount or Breckwell's hand held model can be used. The control panel can be set up two ways to operate your stove in thermostat mode.

NOTE: When using a thermostat you cannot use heat level setting #4 or #5. The highest heat level you may use with a thermostat is #3. This is due to the fact that when using a thermostat you do not manually adjust the damper. As such, you must find a damper setting that works well for both the low and high settings of operation while a thermostat is being used.

**THERMOSTAT INSTALLATION**

- **A MILLIVOLT THERMOSTAT IS REQUIRED.**
- Unplug stove from power outlet.
- Remove control board from stove.
- The two thermostat wires connect to the terminal block on the lower left side of the back of the control board. (See figure 14)
- Insert the wires in the terminal side and tighten the two screws.

**MODES**

TO SWITCH BETWEEN ANY OF THE THREE MODES THE STOVE MUST BE SHUT OFF, THE NEW MODE SELECTED, AND THE STOVE RESTARTED.

**MANUAL MODE**

- **USE THIS MODE EXCLUSIVELY IF YOU DO NOT CONNECT AN OPTIONAL THERMOSTAT**
- In this mode the stove will operate only from the control panel as detailed in the **"OPERATION"** section of this owner's manual.

**HIGH/LOW THERMOSTAT MODE**

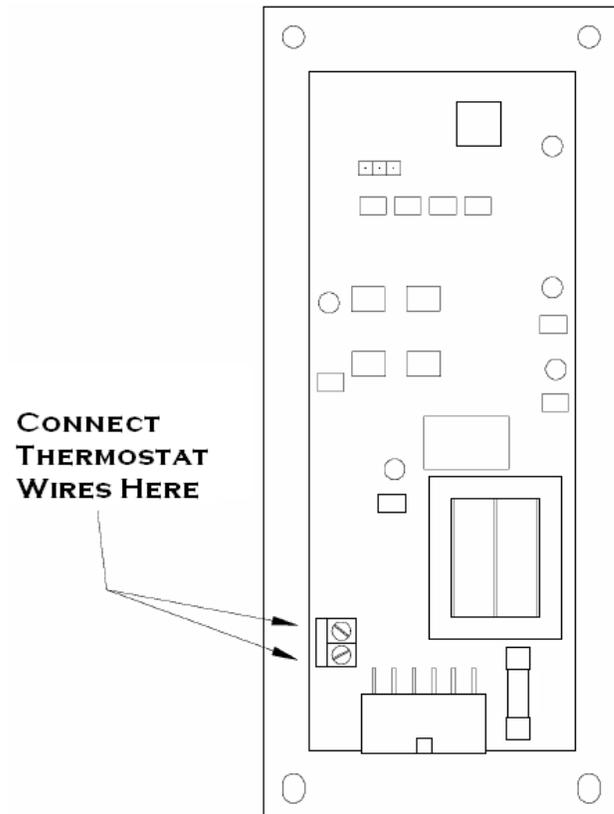
- **USE THIS MODE ONLY IF YOU CONNECT A THERMOSTAT**
- When engaged in this mode the stove will automatically switch between two settings. When warm enough, it will switch to the #1 or low setting. The room air blower will also slow to its lowest speed.
- The Heat Level Advance setting on the bar graph will stay where it was initially set. When the house cools below the thermostat setting, the stove will switch to the feed rate of the heat level advance setting.

**ON/OFF THERMOSTAT MODE**

- **USE THIS MODE ONLY IF YOU CONNECT A THERMOSTAT**
- In this mode when the home is warm enough the stove will shut off. The fans will continue to run until the stove cools.
- When the home cools below the thermostat setting, the stove will automatically restart and run at the last feed rate setting.

NOTE: When in "high/low" or "on/off" thermostat mode –

- Do not operate the stove higher than the #3 setting.
- Set damper control rod approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to  $\frac{1}{2}$ " out. This will vary depending on elevation and weather conditions. Observe stoves operation and adjust damper as necessary.

**FIGURE 14**

**OPERATING SAFETY PRECAUTIONS****PLEASE READ THIS!**

- a. **Hot while in operation.** Keep children, clothing, and furniture away. Contact may cause skin burns.
- b. **If you notice a smoldering fire** (burnpot full but no visible flame) **AND a heavy smoke buildup in firebox, immediately TURN OFF the stove, but DO NOT unplug it. Do not open the door, change the damper setting or tamper with any controls on the stove.** Wait until firebox clears, and blowers shut down, do as instructed in **“PRE-START-UP CHECK”** and **“BUILDING A FIRE”**, then attempt to restart the fire. If the problem persists contact your dealer.
- c. **WARNING: DO NOT ADD PELLETS TO THE BURNPOT BY HAND AT ANY TIME, A DANGEROUS CONDITION COULD RESULT.**
- d. **WARNING: DURING THE START UP CYCLE; 1) DO NOT OPEN THE VIEWING DOOR; 2) DO NOT OPEN THE DAMPER MORE THAN ¼”; 3) DO NOT USE THE FUEL FEED BUTTON (UNLESS PRIMING THE AUGER AFTER RUNNING OUT OF PELLETS). A DANGEROUS CONDITION COULD RESULT.**
- e. **Pellets should be stored in a dry place. The pellets should not be stored within 12” of the stove.**
- f. **DO NOT STORE OR USE FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS, ESPECIALLY GASOLINE, IN THE VICINITY OF YOUR BRECKWELL STOVE. NEVER USE A GAS OR PROPANE TORCH, GASOLINE, GASOLINE-TYPE LANTERN FUEL, KEROSENE, CHARCOAL LIGHTER FLUID OR SIMILAR FLUIDS TO START OR “FRESHEN UP” A FIRE IN THIS HEATER.**
- g. **WARNING: DO NOT OVERFIRE THIS STOVE.** This may cause serious damage to your stove and void your warranty. It also may create a fire hazard in your home. **IF ANY EXTERNAL PART OF THE UNIT BEGINS TO GLOW, YOU ARE OVERFIRING.** Immediately press the “POWER” switch on the control panel.
- h. **KEEP ALL LOOSE OR MOVEABLE HOUSEHOLD COMBUSTIBLES, SUCH AS FURNITURE, DRAPES, TOYS, ETC. AT LEAST THREE FEET FROM THE OPERATING STOVE.**
- i. Maintain proper ventilation. It is important that adequate oxygen be supplied to the fire for the combustion process. Modern houses are often so well insulated that it may become necessary to open a window slightly or install an outside air vent to provide sufficient combustion air.
- j. Since heating with a solid fuel is potentially hazardous, even with a well made and thoroughly tested stove, it would be wise to install strategically placed smoke detectors and have a fire extinguisher in a convenient location, near an exit.
- k. Do not open stove door when operating unless necessary. This will create a dirty, inefficient burn and could allow smoke spillage or sparks to escape.
- l. Do not permit operation by young children or those unfamiliar with stove’s operation.
- m. **Do not service or clean this appliance without disconnecting the power cord.**
- n. Do not abuse the door glass by striking, slamming or similar trauma. Do not operate the stove with the glass removed, cracked or broken.
- o. If the stove is installed in a room without air conditioning, or in an area where direct sunlight can shine on the unit, it is possible this can cause the temperature of the stove to rise to operational levels; one of the sensors could then make the stove start on its own. It is recommended that the stove be unplugged when not in use for extended amounts of time (i.e. during the summer months).

FAILURE TO CLEAN AND MAINTAIN THIS UNIT AS INDICATED CAN RESULT IN POOR PERFORMANCE AND SAFETY HAZARDS. NEVER CLEAN WHEN HOT.

**NOTE:** Inspect burn pot periodically to see that holes have not become plugged, if so, clean thoroughly.

### ASH REMOVAL

Ashes should be placed in a metal container with a tight-fitting lid. The closed container or ashes should be placed on a noncombustible surface or on the ground, well away from all combustible materials pending final disposal. If ashes are disposed of by soil burial or otherwise locally dispersed, they should be retained in the closed container until all cinders have thoroughly cooled.

### ASH DISPOSAL

To remove ashes:

- a. Make sure fire is out and firebox is cool.
- b. Remove the burnpot's inner section by grasping it and pulling straight up (see Figure 16).
- c. Empty ashes from the inner section and scrape with cleaning tool; make sure holes are not plugged.
- d. Vacuum to remove ashes from the burn chamber interior and the burnpot shell.  
**WARNING: Make sure ashes are cool to the touch before using a vacuum.**  
See "**VACUUM USE**".
- e. Dispose of ashes properly.  
(See "**ASH REMOVAL**" above)
- g. Replace inner section into burnpot; make sure it is level and pushed all the way back down and that the igniter hole is to the rear when it is reinstalled (see Figure 17).
- h. Make sure the burnpot is level and pushed all the way in, if the collar on the burnpot attached to the fresh air tube is not pushed back to meet the firebox wall, the Hot Rod will not work properly.

### VACUUM USE

We suggest using a vacuum designed for ashes.  
(We recommend LoveLess Ash Vac, 1-800-568-3949 Ext. #27)

Some regular vacuums and shop vacs leak ash into the room. Your vacuum or shop vac may have a special filter or bag available to eliminate this leakage.

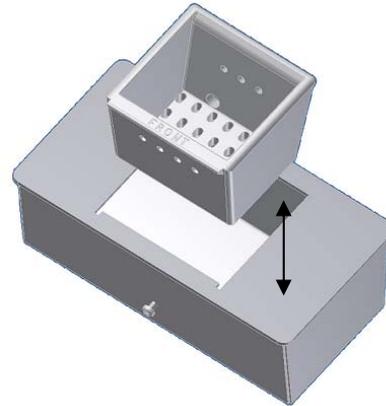


FIGURE 16

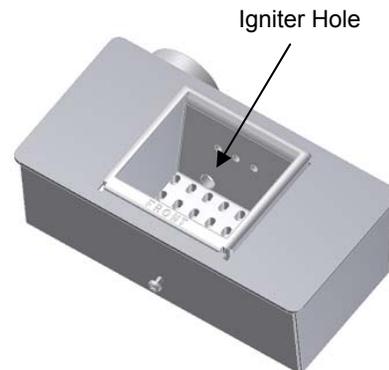


FIGURE 17

## CLEANING

- a. **Interior Chambers** – The two ash doors in the firebox in the Breckwell Solstice can be removed for periodic cleaning (refer to figure 18). These doors allow access to the chamber behind the firebox.

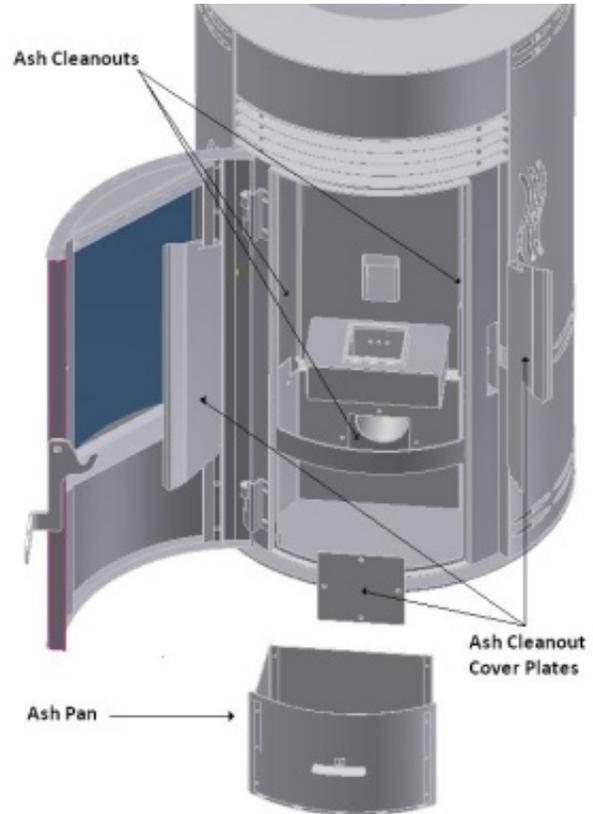
Periodically, you must vacuum ashes from this chamber. In some cases you will need to remove creosote, which can accumulate rapidly under certain conditions. A small wire brush can be used. It is important to remove this creosote because it is highly combustible. **INSPECT BEHIND THESE CLEANING PLATES AT LEAST ONCE PER TON OF PELLETS BURNED UNTIL YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH HOW ASHES AND CREOSOTE ACCUMULATE WITH YOUR OPERATING PRACTICES.** Use the small wire brush to also clean the inside of the chamber walls, above the access doors.

## BLOWERS

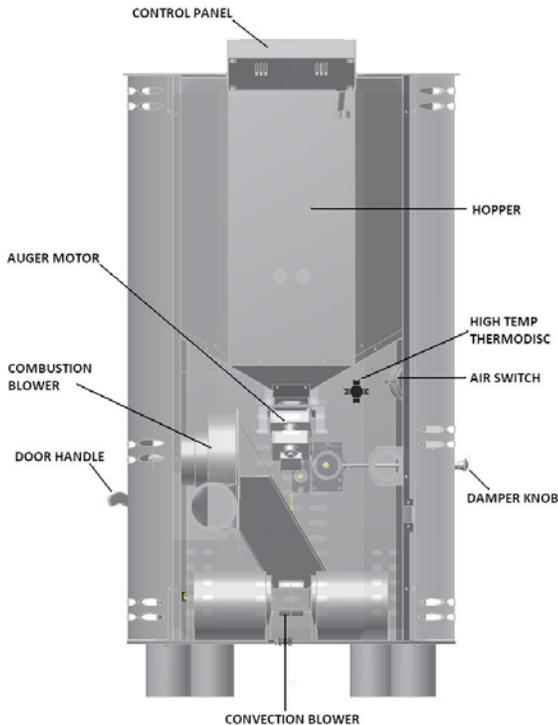
**DANGER: RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK. DISCONNECT POWER BEFORE SERVICING UNIT.**

**Cleaning** - Over a period of time, ashes or dust may collect on the blades of both the combustion blower and convection blower. Periodically the blowers should be vacuumed clean as these ashes can impede performance. Creosote can also accumulate in the combustion blower. This needs to be brushed clean. The convection blower is accessed by removing the stove's left side panel. The combustion blower can be accessed by removing the right side panel. The convection blower is on the left (facing stove), and the combustion blower is on the right.

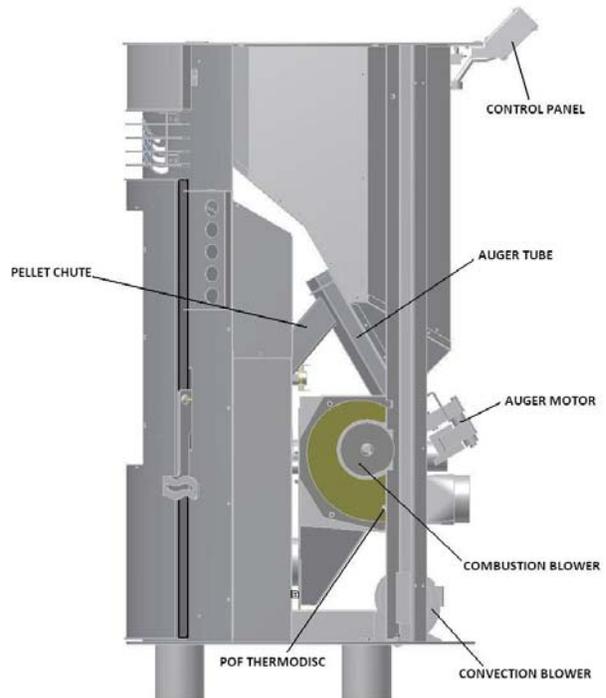
**NOTE:** When cleaning, be careful not to dislodge balancing clip on convection blower or to bend fan blades. Some stove owners lightly spray an anti-creosote chemical on the fire to help reduce creosote formation within the stove.



**FIGURE 18**



**FIGURE 20**



**FIGURE 19**

**CHIMNEY CLEANING**

- a. **Creosote Formation** – When any 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 or a newly started fire or from a slow-burning fire. As a result, creosote residue accumulates on the flue lining. When ignited, this creosote makes an extremely hot fire, which may damage the chimney or even destroy the house. Despite their high efficiency, pellet stoves can accumulate creosote under certain conditions.
- b. **Soot and Fly Ash: Formation and Need for Removal** - The products of combustion will contain small particles of fly ash. The fly ash will collect in the exhaust venting system and restrict the flow of the flue gases. Incomplete combustion, such as occurs during startup, shutdown, or incorrect operation of the room heater will lead to some soot formation which will collect in the exhaust venting system. The exhaust venting system should be inspected at least once every year or ton of pellets burned to determine if cleaning is necessary.
- c. **Inspection and Removal** – The chimney connector and chimney should be inspected annually or per ton to determine if a creosote or fly ash build-up has occurred. If creosote has accumulated, it should be removed to reduce the risk of a chimney fire. Inspect the system at the stove connection and at the chimney top. Cooler surfaces tend to build creosote deposits quicker, so it is important to check the chimney from the top as well as from the bottom.

The creosote should be removed with a brush specifically designed for the type of chimney in use. A qualified chimney sweep can perform this service. It is also recommended that before each heating season the entire system be professionally inspected, cleaned and, if necessary, repaired.

To clean the chimney, detach the vent at the combustion blower transition where it is attached to the blower.

**RECOMMENDED MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE**

Use this as a guide under average-use conditions.

	Daily	Weekly	Annually or per Ton
Burn Pot	Stirred	Emptied	
Glass	Wiped	Cleaned	
Combustion Chamber		Brushed	
Ashes			Emptied
Interior Chambers			Vacuumed
Combustion Blower Blades			Vacuumed / Brushed
Convection Blower Impeller			Vacuumed / Brushed
Vent System			Cleaned
Gaskets			Inspected
Hopper (end of season)			Emptied and vacuumed

Gasket around door and door glass should be inspected and repaired or replaced when necessary (see "**REPLACEMENT PARTS**").

**REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF BROKEN DOOR GLASS**

While wearing leather gloves (or any other gloves suitable for handling broken glass), carefully remove any loose pieces of glass from the doorframe. Dispose of all broken glass properly. Return the damaged door to your Breckwell Dealer for repair or replacement.

Neither the appliance owner nor any other unauthorized person(s) should replace the door glass. An authorized Breckwell dealer must perform all repairs involving door glass.

When your stove acts out of the ordinary, the first reaction is to call for help. This guide may save time and money by enabling you to solve simple problems yourself. Problems encountered are often the result of only five factors: 1) poor fuel; 2) poor operation or maintenance; 3) poor installation; 4) component failure; 5) factory defect. You can usually solve those problems related to 1 and 2. Your dealer can solve problems relating to 3, 4 and 5. Refer to diagrams on page 17 to help locate indicated parts.

For the sake of troubleshooting and using this guide to assist you, you should look at your heat level setting to see which light is flashing.

**\*\* CAUTION – UNPLUG THE STOVE FROM ALL POWER PRIOR TO ATTEMPTING TO SERVICE THE UNIT! \*\***

<b>STOVE SHUTS OFF AND THE # 2 (AS) LIGHT FLASHES</b> – The Air Switch deactivated or failed to activate on start-up.	
<b>Possible Causes:</b>	<b>Possible Remedies:</b> (Unplug stove first when possible)
1. Airflow switch hose or stove attachment pipes for hose are blocked.	Unhook air hose from the air switch and blow through it. If air flows freely, the hose and tube are fine. If air will not flow through the hose, use a wire coat hanger to clear the blockage.
2. The air inlet, burnpot, interior combustion air chambers, combustion blower, or exhaust pipe are blocked with ash or foreign material.	Follow all cleaning procedures in the maintenance section of the owner's manual.
3. The firebox is not properly sealed.	Make sure the door is closed and that the gasket is in good shape. If the ash door has a latch, make sure the ash door is properly latched and the gasket is sealing good. If the stove has just a small hole for the ashes to fall through under the burnpot, make sure the slider plate is in place to seal off the firebox floor.
4. Vent pipe is incorrectly installed.	Check to make sure vent pipe installation meets criteria in owner's manual.
5. The airflow switch wire connections are bad.	Check the connectors that attach the gray wires to the air switch.
6. The gray wires are pulled loose at the Molex connector on the wiring harness.	Check to see if the gray wires are loose at the Molex connector.
7. Combustion blower failure.	With the stove on, check to see if the combustion blower is running. If it is not, you will need to check for power going to the combustion blower. It should be a full current. If there is power, the blower is bad. If there is not, see #8.
8. Control board not sending power to combustion blower.	If there is no current going to the combustion blower, check all wire connections. If all wires are properly connected, you have a bad control board.
9. Control board not sending power to air switch.	There should be a 5-volt current (approximately) going to the air switch after the stove has been on for 30 seconds.
10. Air switch has failed (very rare).	To test the air switch, you will need to disconnect the air hose from the body of the stove. With the other end still attached to the air switch, very gently suck on the loose end of the hose (you may want to remove the hose entirely off the stove and the air switch first and make sure it is clear). If you hear a click, the air switch is working. BE CAREFUL TOO MUCH VACUUM CAN DAMAGE THE AIR SWITCH.

<b>STOVE SHUTS OFF AND THE # 3 (POF) LIGHT FLASHES</b> – One of the thermodisc deactivated or failed to activate on start-up	
<b>Possible Causes:</b>	<b>Possible Remedies:</b> (Unplug stove first when possible)
1. The hopper is out of pellets.	Refill the hopper.
2. The air damper is too far open for a low feed setting.	If burning on the low setting, you may need to close the damper all the way (push the knob in so it touches the side of the stove).
3. The burnpot is not pushed completely to the rear of the firebox.	Make sure that the air intake collar on the burnpot is touching the rear wall of the firebox.
4. The burnpot holes are blocked.	Remove the burnpot and thoroughly clean it.
5. The air inlet, the interior chambers, or exhaust system has a partial blockage.	Follow all cleaning procedures in the maintenance section of the owner's manual.
6. The hopper safety switch has failed or hopper is open.	When operating the unit, be sure the hopper lid is closed so that the hopper safety switch will activate. Check the wires leading from the hopper safety switch to the control panel and auger motor for secure connections. Use a continuity tester to test the hopper safety switch; replace if necessary.
7. The auger shaft is jammed.	Start by emptying the hopper. Then remove the auger motor by removing the auger pin. Remove the auger shaft inspection plate in the hopper so that you can see the auger shaft. Gently lift the auger shaft straight up so that the end of the auger shaft comes up out of the bottom auger bushing. Next, remove the two nuts that hold the top auger biscuit in. Then rotate the bottom end of the auger shaft up towards you until you can lift the shaft out of the stove. After you have removed the shaft, inspect it for bent flights, burrs, or broken welds. Remove any foreign material that might have caused the jam. Also, check the auger tube for signs of damage such as burrs, rough spots, or grooves cut into the metal that could have caused a jam.
8. The auger motor has failed.	Remove the auger motor from the auger shaft and try to run the unit. If the motor will turn the shaft is jammed on something. If the motor will not turn, the motor is bad.
9. The Proof of Fire (POF) thermodisk has malfunctioned.	Temporarily bypass the POF thermodisk by disconnecting the two brown wires and connecting them with a short piece of wire. Then plug the stove back in. If the stove comes on and works, you need to replace the POF thermodisk. This is for testing only. <b>DO NOT LEAVE THE THERMODISC BYPASSED.</b> Your blowers will never shut off and if the fire went out the auger will continue to feed pellets until the hopper is empty if you leave the POF thermodisk bypassed.
10. The high limit thermodisk has tripped or is defective.	Wait for the stove to cool for about 30 - 45 minutes. It should now function normally. If not use the owner's manual to locate the high limit thermodisk. To test if the thermodisk is bad, you can bypass it as described previously for the POF thermodisk.
11. The fuse on the control board has blown.	Remove the control board. On the back there is one fuse. If it appears to be bad, replace it with a 5 Amp 125 Volt fuse. Plug the stove back in and try to run the unit.
12. The control board is not sending power to the POF thermodisk or other auger system components.	There should be a 5-volt (approximately) current going to the POF thermodisk after the stove has been on for 10 minutes.

<b>STOVE FEEDS PELLETS, BUT WILL NOT IGNITE</b>	
<b><u>Possible Causes:</u></b>	<b><u>Possible Remedies:</u></b>
1. Air damper open too far for ignition.	Push the air damper in closer to the side of the stove for startup. In some situations it may be necessary to have the damper completely closed for ignition to take place. After there is a flame, the damper can then be adjusted for the desired feed setting.
2. Blockage in igniter tube or inlet for igniter tube.	Find the igniter housing on the backside of the firewall. The air intake hole is a small hole located on bottom side of the housing. Make sure it is clear. Also, look from the front of the stove to make sure there is not any debris around the igniter element inside of the igniter housing.
3. The burnpot is not pushed completely to the rear of the firebox.	Make sure that the air intake collar on the burnpot is touching the rear wall of the firebox.
4. Bad igniter element.	Put power directly to the igniter element. Watch the tip of the igniter from the front of the stove. After about 2 minutes the tip should glow. If it does not, the element is bad.
5. The control board is not sending power to the igniter.	Check the voltage going to the igniter during startup. It should be a full current. If the voltage is lower than full current, check the wiring. If the wiring checks out good, the board is bad.

<b>SMOKE SMELL COMING BACK INTO THE HOME</b>	
<b><u>Possible Causes:</u></b>	<b><u>Possible Remedies:</u></b>
1. There is a leak in the vent pipe system.	Inspect all vent pipe connections. Make sure they are sealed with RTV silicone that has a temperature rating on 500 degree F or higher. Also, seal joints with UL-181-AP foil tape. Also, make sure the square to round adapter piece on the combustion blower has been properly sealed with the same RTV.
2. The gasket on the combustion blower has gone bad.	Inspect both gaskets on the combustion blower to make sure they are in good shape.

<b>CONVECTION BLOWER SHUTS OFF AND COMES BACK ON</b>	
<b><u>Possible Causes:</u></b>	<b><u>Possible Remedies:</u></b>
1. The convection blower is overheating and tripping the internal temperature shutoff.	Clean any dust off of the windings and fan blades. If cleaning the blower does not help, the blower may be bad.
2. Circuit board malfunction.	Test the current going to the convection blower. If there is power being sent to the blower when it is shut off, then the control board is fine. If there is NOT power being sent to the blower when it shuts off during operation, then you have a bad control board.

<b>STOVE WILL NOT FEED PELLETS, BUT FUEL FEED LIGHT COMES ON AS DESIGNED</b>	
<b>Possible Causes:</b>	<b>Possible Remedies:</b>
1. Fuse on control board blew	Remove the control board. On the back there is one fuse. If it appears to be bad, replace it with a 5 Amp 125 Volt fuse. Plug the stove back in and try to run the unit.
2. High limit switch has tripped or is defective	Wait for the stove to cool for about 30 - 45 minutes. It should now function normally. If not use the owner's manual to locate the high limit thermodisk. To test if the thermodisk is bad, you can bypass it as described previously for the POF thermodisk.
3. Bad auger motor	Remove the auger motor from the auger shaft and try to run the unit. If the motor will turn, the shaft is jammed on something. If the motor will not turn, the motor is bad.
4. Auger jam	Start by emptying the hopper. Then remove the auger motor by removing the auger pin. Remove the auger shaft inspection plate in the hopper so that you can see the auger shaft. Gently lift the auger shaft straight up so that the end of the auger shaft comes up out of the bottom auger bushing. Next, remove the two nuts that hold the top auger biscuit in. Then rotate the bottom end of the auger shaft up towards you until you can lift the shaft out of the stove. After you have removed the shaft, inspect it for bent flights, burrs, or broken welds. Remove any foreign material that might have caused the jam. Also, check the auger tube for signs of damage such as burrs, rough spots, or grooves cut into the metal that could have caused a jam.
5. Loose wire or connector	Check all wires and connectors that connector to the auger motor, high limit switch, and the Molex connector.
6. Bad control board	If the fuse is good, the wires and connectors check out good, and the high limit switch did not trip, test for power going to the auger motor. If there is not a full current going to the auger motor when the fuel feed light is on, you have a bad control board.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GLASS “SOOT’S” UP AT A VERY FAST RATE</li> <li>• FLAME IS LAZY, DARK, AND HAS BLACK TIPS</li> <li>• AFTER STOVE HAS BEEN ON FOR A WHILE, THE BURNPOT OVERFILLS</li> </ul>	
<u>Possible Causes:</u>	<u>Possible Remedies:</u>
1. Stove or vent pipe is dirty, which restricts airflow through the burnpot.	Follow all cleaning procedure in the maintenance section of the owner’s manual.
2. Vent pipe installed improperly.	Check to make sure the vent pipe has been installed according to the criteria in the owner’s manual.
3. Air damper is set too far in (closed) for a higher setting.	Pull the damper knob farther out away from the side of the stove and try to burn the unit again.
4. Burnpot holes are blocked.	Remove the burnpot and thoroughly clean it.
5. Air damper is broken.	Visually inspect the damper assembly. Make sure the damper plate is attached to the damper rod. When the damper rod is moved the plate should move with it.
6. Blockage in air intake pipe.	Visually inspect the air intake pipe that leads into the burnpot for foreign material.
7. Circuit board malfunction.	Time the fuel feed light at each setting (after the stove has completed the startup cycle). Make sure the times match the auger timing chart. If the auger motor runs constantly, the board is bad.
8. Combustion blower is not spinning fast enough.	Test the RPM on the blower after the blades have been cleaned. The RPM should be approximately 3000 RPM.
9. Bad Pellets (Applies to GLASS “SOOT’S” UP AT A VERY FAST RATE Only)	The brand of pellets or the batch of pellets that are being used may be of poor quality. If possible, try a different brand of pellets. You might also want to try a brand that is made from a different type of wood (softwood vs. hardwood). Different woods have different characteristics when being burned.
10. The trim setting on the low feed rate is to low (Applies to GLASS “SOOT’S” UP AT A VERY FAST RATE Only)	Use the “Reset Trim” button to increase the low feed rate setting. If the 1 & 3 lights are on, the stove is currently on the lowest setting. If only the 1 light is on, the stove is in the default (medium) setting. If the 1 & 4 lights are on, the stove is in the high trim setting for the low feed rate. If the stove is being burned on one of the two lower settings, advance to the next trim setting and try burning the stove.

<b>HIGH LIMIT SWITCH KEEPS TRIPPING</b>	
<b>Possible Causes:</b>	<b>Possible Remedies:</b>
1. The convection blower is overheating and tripping the internal temperature shutoff.	Clean any dust off of the windings and fan blades. If oiling the blower does not help, the blower may be bad.
2. The stove is being left on the highest setting for extended periods of time.	The highest heat level setting is designed for use over short periods of time. Burning the stove on the highest setting for longer than 1 – 2 hours could lead to potential overheating situations.
3. Fuel other than wood pellets is being burned in the stove.	Breckwell pellet stoves are designed and tested to use wood pellets. Check for signs of fuel other than wood pellets. No other types of fuel have been approved for Breckwell pellet stoves. If there are signs of other types of fuel being used, stop using them immediately.
4. Power surge or brown out situation.	A power surge, spike, or voltage drop could cause the high limit switch to trip. Check to see if a surge protector is being used on the stove. If not, recommend one to the consumer.
5. High limit switch is malfunctioning.	If the other items check out ok, replace the high limit switch.

<b>DIGITAL CIRCUIT BOARD TIMING RATES</b>	
<b>Heat Level Setting</b>	<b>SOLSTICE</b>
1 & 3	1.4 seconds
1	2 seconds
1 & 4	2.5 seconds
2	4 seconds
3	7 seconds
4	9 seconds
5	12 seconds
Total Cycle Time	14.5 seconds

### **SMOKE SMELL OR SOOT BUILD-UP**

Because it is a wood-burning device, your Breckwell may emit a faint wood-burning odor. If this increases beyond normal, or if you notice an unusual soot build-up on walls or furniture, check your exhaust system carefully for leaks. All joints should be properly sealed. Also clean your stove, following instructions in **"MAINTENANCE"**. If problem persists, contact your dealer.

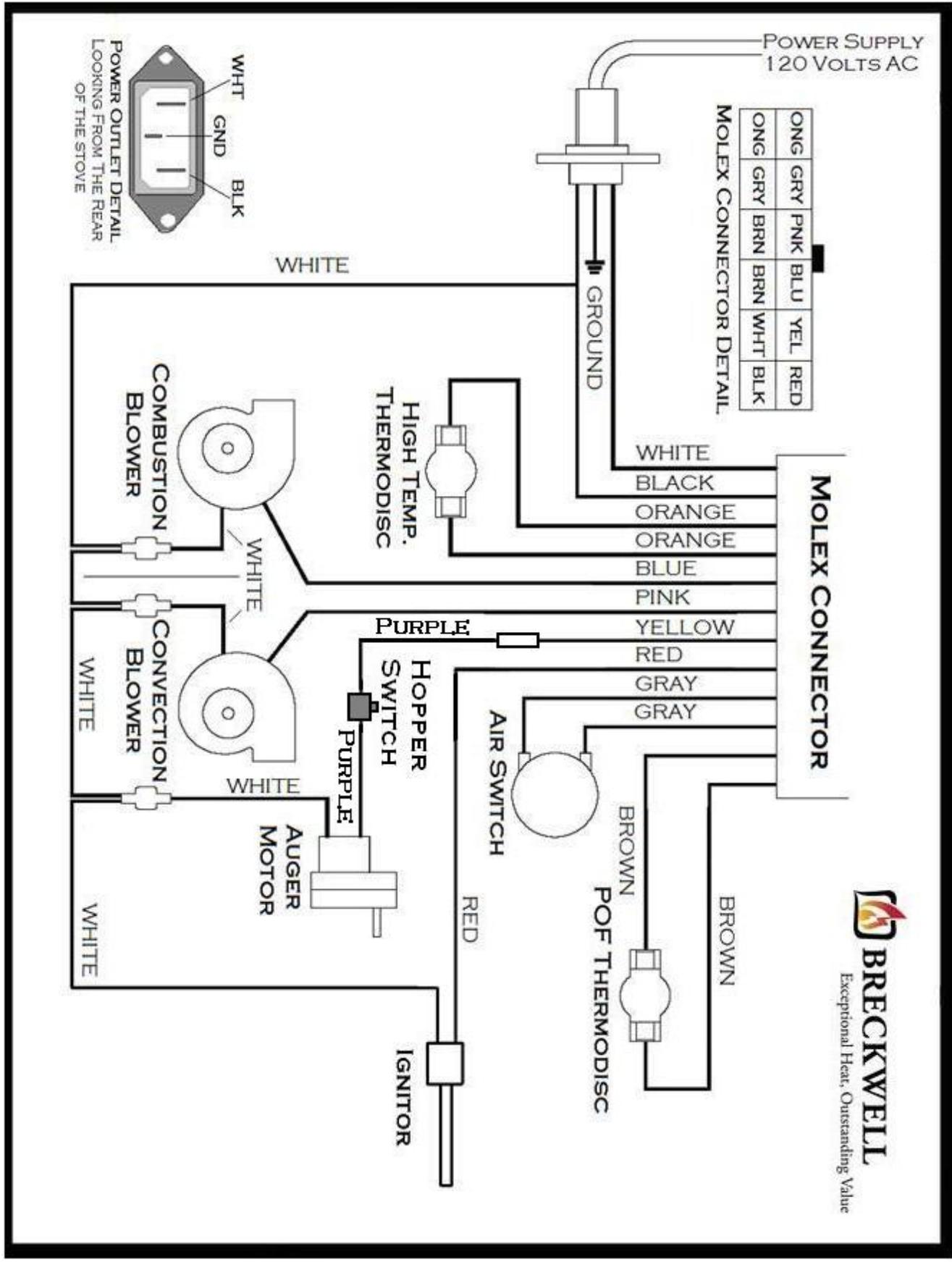
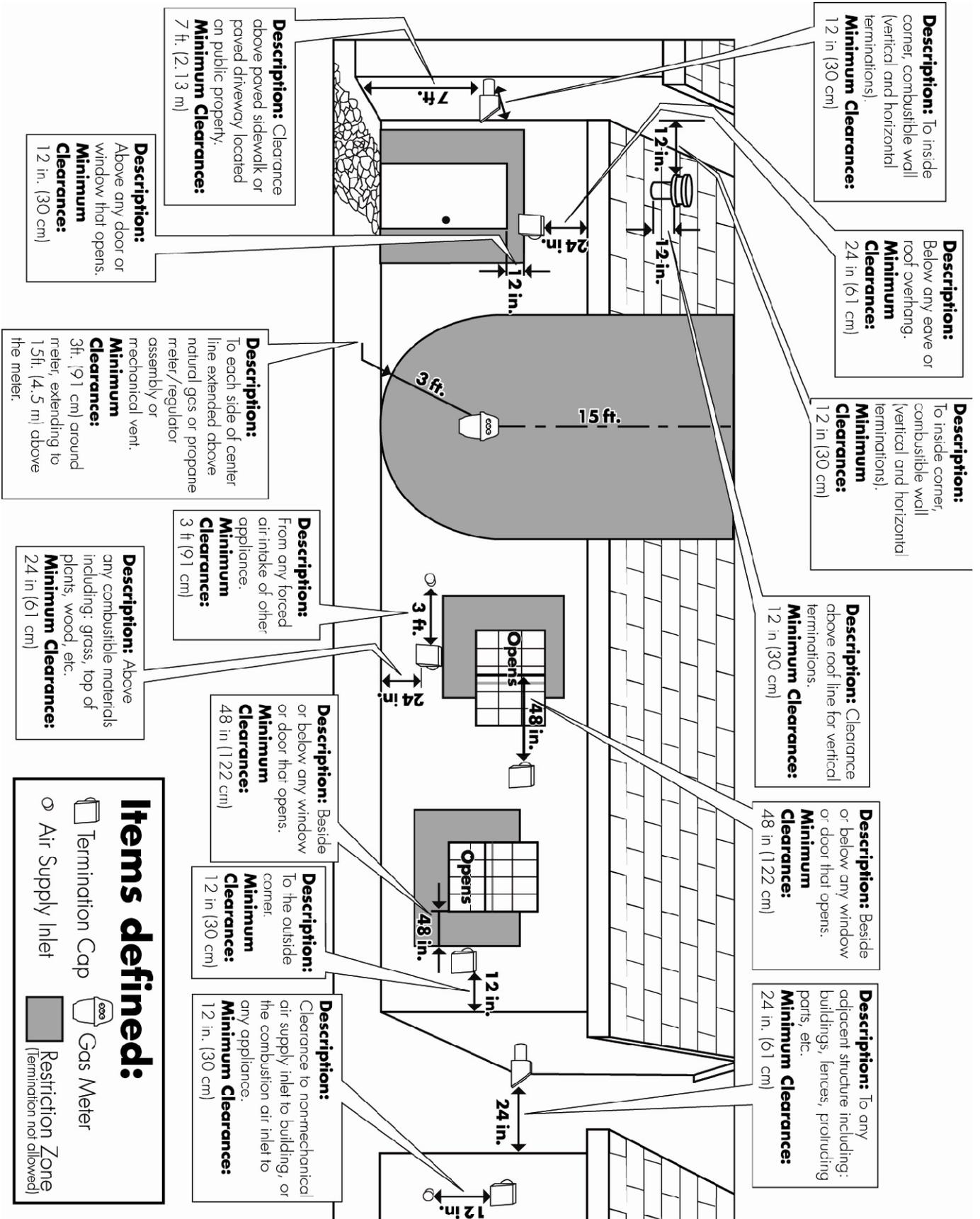


FIGURE 21



## Items defined:

-  Termination Cap
-  Gas Meter
-  Air Supply Inlet
-  Restriction Zone (termination not allowed)

Contact an Authorized Breckwell Pellet Stove Dealer to obtain any of these parts. Never use substitute materials. Use of non-approved parts can result in poor performance and safety hazards.

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>PART #</b>
Air Switch	C-E-201
Air Switch Hose	C-M-340-T
Auger Motor	C-E-017
Breckwell Maintenance Tool	A-TOOL-96
Burnpot	A-S-BURNPOT
Circuit Board / Control Panel	A-E-401HORIZ
Combustion Blower	A-E-027
Convection Blower	A-E-035
Door Gasket	C-G-050
Door Glass – PB Version	C-D-11000
Exhaust Adapter 3”	C-M-050
Exhaust Adapter 4”	A-4-VA
Gasket - Door	C-G-055
Gasket – Combustion Blower Housing to Stove	C-G-101
Gasket – Combustion Blower Motor to Housing	C-G-105
Hot Rod Igniter	C-E-IGN
Thermodisk, Proof of Fire	C-E-090-22C
Thermodisk, High Temp	C-E-090-21
Damper Knob	C-M-013
Window Gasket	C-G-033