



FUTURE FIRES

## **Stove Installation**

Wood burner stove installation is covered by building regulations document J. This details many regulations that you must adhere to when installing a wood burner stove, flue system or chimney as well as various recommendations and good practices.

## **Stove installation by a builder**

Many of our customers have their wood burner stove and flues installed by builders. Often builders will have prior experience of this and even if they do not a competent builder will quickly be able to grasp the concepts and techniques needed, guided by us when needed. Like self installation of a wood burner stove you will still need to get Building control approval of your wood burner stove, flue, or chimney installation.

## **Hetas registered installers**

Hetas ([www.hetas.co.uk](http://www.hetas.co.uk)) runs the Competent Persons Scheme. They train wood burner stove and flue installers in good practice techniques. If you have your stove or flue installed by a hetas registered installer then you do not need Building control approval for the job as it is assumed that the job is done well and in accordance with all regulations and recommendations.

## **About HETAS Ltd**

HETAS Ltd (heating equipment testing and approval scheme) with its distinctive three-tick logo, is the organisation recognised by the department of transport, local government and regions (DTLR) as the official approval body for the domestic solid fuel industry. Established in 1936, HETAS Ltd is a non-profit making independent body whose prime function is to ensure that the highest possible standards are maintained throughout the solid fuel heating industry by regular testing and inspection of appliances, fuels and other associated equipment used in the domestic market.

## **How will the Hetas competent persons scheme help you?**

HETAS Ltd with its long history of dealing with all matters relating to wood burner stoves has developed a registration scheme for companies and individual engineers involved with installation of stoves and other related equipment. However, it should be noted that not all the companies are registered for the installation of central heating stoves and some chimney lining systems. It is therefore important to confirm what level of registration the company has before using their services.

Companies applying for membership to the HETAS Ltd registration scheme will have to meet a number of conditions before acceptance.

### **The main conditions are:**

- They will employ HETAS Ltd trained engineers
- That their workmanship (on inspection) is of a good standard
- They have the required level of Public Liability Insurance
- They respond to customer concerns in a positive way

Companies accepted into membership of the registration scheme will not need to seek building control approval before commencement work. This should save you both time and money.



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## How to contact HETAS

Full details of the companies registered with HETAS Ltd under the Competent Persons Scheme are available from the following sources:

### **HETAS Ltd**

PO BOX 37  
Bishops Cleeve  
Gloucestershire  
GL52 9TB

[www.hetas.co.uk](http://www.hetas.co.uk)

### **The Solid Fuel Association**

7 Swanwick Court  
Alfreton  
Derbyshire  
DE55 7AS

Tel: 0845 601 4406

Fax: 01773 834351

Email: [sfa@solidfuel.co.uk](mailto:sfa@solidfuel.co.uk)

## Service and Maintenance

In order to ensure that your new wood burner stove maintains its performance and operates in a safe manner HETAS Ltd recommends that an annual service (including chimney sweeping is carried out. Many of the companies registered with HETAS Ltd are additionally able to undertake service and maintenance of stoves in a professional manner. The addresses above should be contacted to identify which companies are registered for this type of work.

## Approved Chimney Sweeps

In addition to the HETAS Ltd register of companies able to undertake the installation and servicing of stoves, they also operate a nationwide list of approved chimney sweeps. Again details can be obtained from the contact points above or directly from:

### **The national association of chimney sweeps**

Unit 15  
Emerald Way  
Stone Business Park  
Stone  
Staffordshire  
ST15 0SR

Tel: 0800 833 464

Fax: 01785 811712

Email: [nacs@chimneyworks.co.uk](mailto:nacs@chimneyworks.co.uk)

Email: [www.chimneyworks.co.uk](http://www.chimneyworks.co.uk)