Installation Manual
Installation and Fireplace Setup

INSTALLER: Leave this manual with party responsible for use and operation.
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This fireplace uses SL300 Series Chimney
2” CLEARANCE TO COMBUSTIBLES AND BUILDING INSULATION FROM CHIMNEY REQUIRED.

NOTICE: DO NOT discard this manual!

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Model(s):
Sovereign Series
SA36R
SA42R

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WARNING: If the information in these instructions is not followed exactly, a fire or explosion may result causing property damage, personal injury, or death.

• DO NOT store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids in the vicinity of this or any other appliance.
• DO NOT overfire. Overfiring will void your warranty.
• Comply with all minimum clearances to combustibles as specified. Failure to comply may cause house fire.

WARNING
HOT SURFACES!
Glass and other surfaces are hot during operation AND cool down.

Hot glass will cause burns.
• DO NOT touch glass until it is cooled
• NEVER allow children to touch glass
• Keep children away

• CAREFULLY SUPERVISE children in same room as fireplace.
• Alert children and adults to hazards of high temperatures.

High temperatures may ignite clothing or other flammable materials.
• Keep clothing, furniture, draperies and other flammable materials away.

WARNING
Fire Risk.
For use with solid wood fuel only.
Other fuels may overfire and generate poisonous gases (i.e. carbon monoxide).

Installation and service of this fireplace should be performed by qualified personnel. Vermont Castings Group recommends NFI certified professionals, or technicians supervised by an NFI certified professional.

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### Safety Alert Key:

- **DANGER!** Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided will result in death or serious injury.
- **WARNING!** Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided could result in death or serious injury.
- **CAUTION!** Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.
- **NOTICE:** Indicates practices which may cause damage to the fireplace or to property.

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ATTEMPT INSTALLER:

Follow this Standard Work Checklist

This standard work checklist is to be used by the installer in conjunction with, not instead of, the instructions contained in this installation manual.

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![WARNING! Risk of Fire or Explosion! Failure to install fireplace according to these instructions can lead to a fire or explosion.](image)

### Fireplace Install

- **Verifying that the chase is insulated and sealed. (Pg. 11)**
- **Verify clearances to combustibles. (Pg. 10)**
- **Protective hearth strips installed per manual requirements. (Pg.13)**
- **Fireplace is leveled and secured. (Pg. 12)**
- **Hearth extension size/height decided. (Pg. 28)**
- **Outside air kit installed. (Pg. 14)**

### Chimney Section 4 & 5 (Pg. 15)

- **Chimney configuration complies with diagrams.**
- **Chimney installed, locked and secured in place with proper clearance.**
- **Chimney air kit installed.**
- **Firestops installed.**
- **Attic insulation shield installed.**
- **Roof flashing installed.**
- **Termination installed.**

### Shrouds Section 6 (Pg. 25)

- **Shroud is installed properly per instructions.**

### Finishing Section 7 (Pg. 27)

- **Combustible materials not installed in non-combustible areas.**
- **Verified all clearances meet installation manual requirements.**
- **Mantels and wall projections comply with installation manual requirements.**
- **Hearth extension installed per manual requirements.**

### Fireplace Setup Section 8 (Pg. 34)

- **All packaging and protective materials removed.**
- **Refractory installed correctly.**
- **Grate is properly installed.**
- **Firescreen installed properly.**
- **Optional doors properly installed.**
- **Manual bag and all of its contents are removed from the fireplace and given to the party responsible for use and operation.**

Vermont Castings Group recommends the following:

- Photographing the installation and copying this checklist for your file.
- That this checklist remain visible at all times on the fireplace until the installation is complete.

**Comments:** Further description of the issues, who is responsible (Installer/Builder/Other Trades, etc.) and corrective action needed:

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A. Fireplace Certification
This fireplace system has been tested and listed in accordance with UL 127 and ULC-S610 standards by Underwriters Laboratories Inc. for installation and operation in the United States and Canada.

This fireplace may be installed in sleeping rooms. This fireplace is not approved for installation in manufactured homes. If installed with a gas log set, provisions for the National Fuel Gas Code must be met.

This fireplace is UL listed for use with SL300 series chimney system components.

This fireplace has been tested and listed for use with the optional components specified in this manual. These optional components may be purchased separately and installed at a later date. An outside air kit, gas insert, gas log set or gas log-lighter should be installed at the time of fireplace installation.

WARNING! Risk of Fire! Vermont Casting Group disclaims any responsibility for, and the warranty and agency listing will be voided by the following actions.

DO NOT:
• install or operate damaged fireplace
• modify fireplace
• install other than as instructed by Vermont Castings Group
• operate the fireplace without fully assembling all components
• overfire
• install any component not approved by Vermont Casting Group
• install parts or components not Listed or approved

Improper installation, adjustment, alteration, service or maintenance can cause injury or property damage. For assistance or additional information, consult a qualified installer, service agency or your dealer.

B. Non-Combustible Materials
• Materials which will not ignite and burn, composed of any combination of the following:
  - Steel - Iron
  - Brick - Tile
  - Concrete - Slate
  - Glass - Plasters
• Materials reported as passing ASTM E 136, Standard Test Method for Behavior of Metals, in a Vertical Tube Furnace at 750° C

C. Combustible Materials
• Materials made of or surfaced with any of the following materials:
  - Wood - Compressed paper
  - Plant fibers - Plastic
  - Plywood/OSB - Sheet rock (drywall)
• Any material that can ignite and burn; flame proofed or not, plastered or un-plastered
## A. Typical Fireplace System

Additional lateral support for chimney above roof (or enclosed in chase) if needed

Non-combustible roof flashing maintains minimum clearance around chimney

Support straps on rafter support chimney (not shown)

Ceiling firestop on floor of attic

Chimney system

Combustible framing/header on top of V-shaped standoffs

Chimney Air Kit Required in Canada. Outlet must be no less than 4 ft. (1.22 m) off ground level.

Outside combustion air

Protective metal hearth strip(s)

Termination cap

Storm Collar

Chimney penetrates roof preferably without affecting roof rafters

Offset & Return (with hanger straps)

Attic insulation shield must be used here to keep insulation away from chimney if attic is insulated

Framing headed off in ceiling joists

Enclosed space above and around fireplace

Mantel and surround

Decorative facing and trim

Hearth extension

Factory-built fireplace

**Figure 2.1 Typical Fireplace System**
B. Design and Installation Considerations

**NOTICE:** Check building codes prior to installation.

- Installation MUST comply with local, regional, state and national codes and regulations.
- Consult insurance carrier, local building inspector, fire officials or authorities having jurisdiction over restrictions, installation inspection and permits.
- **Before installing,** determine the following:
  - Where the fireplace is to be installed.
  - The vent system configuration to be used.
  - Gas supply piping.
  - Electrical wiring.
  - Framing and finishing details.
  - Whether optional accessories - devices such as a fan, wall switch or remote control - are desired.

1. **Selecting Fireplace Locations**

This fireplace may be used as a room divider, installed along a wall, across a corner or used in an exterior chase. See Figure 2.2.

Locating the fireplace in a basement should be avoided. Locating near frequently opened doors, central heat outlets or returns, or other locations of considerable air movement can affect the performance.

**Figure 2.2 Fireplace Locations**

Consideration should be given to these factors before deciding on a location.

**NOTICE:** In addition to these framing dimensions, also reference the following section: Clearances (Section 3).

**NOTICE:**
- Illustrations and photos reflect typical installations and are FOR DESIGN PURPOSES ONLY.
- Illustrations/diagrams are not drawn to scale.
- Actual installation/appearance may vary due to individual design preference.
- Vermont Casting Group reserves the right to alter its products.

**NOTICE:**
A minimum 3/4 in. (19 mm) air clearance at the back and sides of the fireplace assembly must be maintained.

Chimney sections at any level require a 2 in. minimum air space clearance between the framing and chimney sections.
2. Locating Fireplace & Chimney

Location of the fireplace and chimney will affect performance.

- Install within the warm airspace enclosed by the building envelope. This helps to produce more draft, especially during lighting and die-down of the fire.
- Installing the fireplace in a basement is not recommended.
- Penetrate the highest part of the roof. This minimizes the effects of wind loading.
- Locate termination cap away from trees, adjacent structures, uneven roof lines and other obstructions.
- Minimize the use of chimney offsets.
- Consider the fireplace location relative to floor and ceiling and attic joists.
- Take into consideration the termination requirements in Sections 4 and 5.

- Install the outside air kit with the intake facing prevailing winds during the heating season.
- Ensure adequate outdoor air for all combustion appliances and exhaust equipment.
- Ensure furnace and air conditioning return vents are not located in the immediate vicinity of the fireplace.
- Avoid installing the fireplace near doors, walkways or small isolated spaces.
- Recessed lighting should be a “sealed can” design.
- Attic hatches weather stripped or sealed.
- Attic mounted duct work and air handler joints and seams taped or sealed.

Figure 2.3 Recommended Chimney Locations
C. Tools and Supplies Needed
Before beginning the installation be sure the following tools and building supplies are available:

- Reciprocating saw
- Framing material
- Pliers
- Non-combustible sealant
- Hammer
- Gloves
- Phillips screwdriver
- Framing square
- Flat blade screwdriver
- Electric drill and bits
- Plumb line
- Safety glasses
- Level
- Tape measure
- 1/2-3/4 in. length, #6 or #8 self-drilling screws
- Misc. screws and nails

D. Inspect Fireplace and Components

WARNING! Risk of Fire and/or Explosion! Damaged parts could impair safe operation. DO NOT install damaged, incomplete or substitute components. Keep fireplace dry.

- Remove fireplace and components from packaging and inspect for damage.
- Vent system components and doors are shipped in separate packages.
- Report to your dealer any parts damaged in shipment.
- Read all the instructions before starting the installation. Follow these instructions carefully during the installation to ensure maximum safety and benefit.

E. Fireplace System Requirements
The fireplace system requirements consist of the following:

- Fireplace
  - Refractory (included with fireplace)
  - Firescreen (included with fireplace)
  - Grate (included with fireplace)
  - Hearth Extension (required, sold separately)
- Outside Air System (optional)
  - Air Inlet Hood
  - Flex
- Chimney System
  - Attic Insulation Shield (included with fireplace)
  - Chimney air kit (required in Canada, sold separately)
  - Chimney termination cap (required, sold separately)
- Non-combustible finish material
3 Framing and Clearances

A. Fireplace Dimensions

Figure 3.1 Fireplace Dimensions

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### B. Clearances

**WARNING! Risk of Fire!**

You must comply with all minimum air space clearances to combustibles as specified in Figure 3.2. **DO NOT** pack required air spaces with insulation or other materials. Framing or finishing material used on the front of, or in front of, the fireplace closer than the minimums listed must be constructed entirely of non-combustible materials (i.e., steel studs, concrete board, etc.). Failure to comply may cause fire.

### Minimum Clearances to Combustibles

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<td>Top standoffs to header</td>
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![Figure 3.2 Clearances to Combustible Materials](image-url)
C. Construct the Chase

A chase is a vertical boxlike structure built to enclose the fireplace and/or its vent system. Vertical chimneys that run on the outside of a building must be installed inside a chase.

In cold climates, Vermont Castings Group recommends that the chase be well insulated using batt type insulation between the joists.

Construction of the chase may vary with the type of building. These instructions are not substitutes for the requirements of local building codes. Local building codes MUST be checked.

Chases should be constructed in the manner of all outside walls of the home to prevent cold air drafting problems. The chase should not break the outside building envelope in any manner. All outer walls need to be insulated.

Building codes require false ceiling and ceiling firestops/attic shields at each floor of the chase or every 10 ft (3048 mm) of clear space to control spread of fire.

Walls, ceiling, base plate and cantilever floor at the first level of the chase should be insulated (see Figure 3.3.) Vapor and air infiltration barriers should be installed in the chase as per regional codes for the rest of the home. Additionally, Vermont Castings Group recommends that the inside surfaces be drywalled and taped (or the use of an equivalent method) for maximum air tightness.

Holes and other openings should be caulked with high temperature caulk or stuffed with unfaced fiber glass insulation.

**WARNING!** You must install false ceilings and ceiling firestops at each floor of the chase or every 10 ft (3.05 m) to control spread of fire.

**WARNING! Risk of Fire!** DO NOT seal area between fire stop opening and chimney pipe except where they enter the attic or leave the warm air envelope of the home (use 600° F sealant).

- The chase is constructed using framing materials much the same as the walls in your home. A variety of siding materials may be used including brick, stone, veneer brick, or standard siding materials.
- In constructing the chase, several factors must be considered:
  - **Maintain a 2 in. (51 mm) air space around the chimney.**
    - The chase top must be constructed of non-combustible material.
    - In cold climates, a firestop spacer and attic insulation shield should be installed in an insulated false ceiling at the 8 ft. (2438 mm) level above the fireplace assembly. This reduces heat loss through the chase.
    - In cold climates, the walls of the chase should be insulated to the level of the false ceiling as shown in Figure 3.3. This will help reduce heat loss from the home around the fireplace.

Three examples of chase applications are shown in Figure 3.4.

1. Fireplace and chimney enclosed in an exterior chase.
2. Chimney offset through exterior wall and enclosed in chase.
3. Chase constructed on roof.

All outside walls should be insulated.
D. Frame the Fireplace

**NOTICE:** Hearth extension design must be determined before installation of fireplace.

If the fireplace is placed on the floor the maximum height of a finished raised hearth is 8-1/8 in. (206 mm), if you want a higher raised hearth the fireplace must be placed on a platform.

The fireplace will fit a framed opening of:
SA36: 41-1/2 in. (1054 mm) tall and 43 in. (1092 mm) wide, SA42: 41-1/2 in. (1054 mm) tall and 49 in. (1245 mm) wide.

**WARNING! Risk of Fire!** Comply with all minimum clearances specified.
- A minimum 3/4 in. (19 mm) air clearance must be maintained at the back and 3/4 in. (19 mm) to the sides of the fireplace assembly.
- **Chimney sections at any level require a 2 in. (51 mm) minimum air space clearance between the framing and chimney section.**

**WARNING! Risk of Fire!** You must comply with all minimum air space clearances to combustibles. **DO NOT pack required air spaces with insulation or other materials.**

Figure 3.5 shows a typical framing (using 2 x 4 lumber) of the fireplace, assuming combustible materials are used. All required clearances to combustibles around the fireplace must be adhered to. See Figure 3.2. Any framing across the top of the fireplace must be above the level of the top standoffs.

The finished cavity depth must be no less than 23 in. (584 mm) from the finished backwall to the outside of front wall framing.

**CAUTION! Risk of Cuts/Abrasions.** Wear protective gloves and safety glasses during installation. Sheet metal edges are sharp.

E. Secure and Level the Fireplace

This fireplace may be placed on either a combustible or noncombustible continuous flat surface. Follow the instructions for framing in Section 3. Slide the fireplace into position. Be sure to provide the minimum 3/4 in. air clearance at the sides and 3/4 in. at the back of the fireplace.

The fireplace should be positioned so the face of the non-combustible material on the fireplace will be flush with the face of the drywall on the walls.

Level the fireplace and shim as necessary.

**WARNING! Risk of Fire!** Prevent contact with sagging, loose insulation.
- **DO NOT** install against vapor barriers or exposed insulation.
- Secure insulation and vapor barriers.
- Provide minimum air space clearances at the sides and back of the fireplace assembly.

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**Figure 3.5 Framing the Fireplace**

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* If interior of chase will be drywalled, add the thickness to this measurement.
** Adjust header height for a raised floor under fireplace.
F. Protective Metal Hearth Strips

**WARNING! Risk of Fire!** Protective metal hearth strips MUST be installed on combustible surfaces. **DO NOT** cover metal strips with combustible materials. Sparks or embers may ignite flooring.

**WARNING! Risk of fire!** High temperatures, sparks, embers or other burning material falling from the fireplace may ignite flooring or concealed combustible surfaces.

- Protective metal hearth strips MUST be installed.
- Hearth extensions MUST be installed exactly as specified.

- Locate the two protective metal hearth strips measuring approximately 26 in. x 4 in. (660 mm x 102 mm) included with this fireplace.
- Slide each metal strip 2 in. (51 mm) under front edge of fireplace.
- Overlap strips in the middle of fireplace opening by 1 in. (25 mm) minimum.
- Metal strips must extend beyond the front and sides of the fireplace opening by at least 2 in. (51 mm), Figure 3.6).
- Protect the front of a platform elevated above the hearth extension with metal strips (not included with fireplace) per Figure 3.6. See Section 7 for hearth extension instructions.

![Figure 3.6 Position the Protective Metal Hearth Strips](image1)

![Figure 3.7 Protect the Front of an Elevated Platform](image2)
G. Outside Air Kit (optional)
If you install an outside air kit, Vermont Castings Group recommends you utilize the shortest duct run to optimize the performance of the outside air kit. The outside air inlet hood should be positioned in a manner that will not allow snow, leaves, etc. to block the inlet. In some installations the air duct may need to be run vertically. In such an installation, a 3 ft (914 mm) height difference must be maintained from the top of the uppermost chimney section to the outside air inlet hood.

Refer to Figures 3.8 and 3.9 when placing the outside air inlet hood.

The outside air kit is installed on the left hand side of the fireplace.

- Cut a 4-1/2 in. (114 mm) hole in outside wall to accommodate air piping.
- Use 4 in. (102 mm) flex (not supplied) to directly connect outside air to fireplace intake. Insulate the pipe to prevent frost condensation.
- Use the supplied outside air inlet hood.
- Seal between the wall and the pipe with silicone to prevent moisture penetration and air leaks.
- Seal between the outside air inlet hood and the house with silicone to prevent air infiltration.

**CAUTION! Risk of Cuts/Abrasions.** Wear protective gloves and safety glasses during installation. Sheet metal edges are sharp.

**CAUTION! Risk of Fire or Asphyxiation! DO NOT** draw outside combustion air from wall, floor or ceiling cavity, or enclosed spaces such as an attic or garage.

- **DO NOT** place outside air inlet hood close to exhaust vents or chimneys. Fumes or odor could be drawn into the room through the fireplace.
- Locate outside air inlet hood to prevent blockage from leaves, snow/ice, or other debris. Blockages could cause combustion air starvation.

![Figure 3.8 Outside Air Inlet Locations](image)

![Figure 3.9 Outside Air Installation](image)
### A. Chimney Requirements

Vertical distances are measured from the base of the fireplace as shown in Figure 4.1.

#### Table 4.1 Chimney Requirements

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<tr>
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<td>Maximum unsupported chimney above roof</td>
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**NOTICE:** A maximum of two pairs of offsets and returns may be used.

**WARNING! Risk of Fire!** You must maintain 2 in. (51 mm) air space clearance to insulation and other combustible materials around the chimney system. Failure to do so may cause overheating and fire.

#### Table 4.2 Chimney Component Dimensions

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* Dimensions reflect effective height.

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Figure 4.1 Chimney Requirements
B. Offsets/Returns

- Use an offset/return to bypass overhead obstructions.
- An offset and return can be used as a single entity or separated by chimney section(s).

**WARNING! Risk of Fire! DO NOT** use offsets/returns greater than 30°. Chimney draft will be restricted and could cause overheating and fire. Secure offsets with screws (not to exceed 1/2" / 13 mm in length). Secure returns with strapping. Straight chimney sections may be secured with screws. Keep chimney sections from separating or twisting.

- Measure the shift needed to avoid the overhead obstruction. Refer to dimension A in Figure 4.2.
- Find the appropriate A dimension listed in Table 4.3. The B dimension coinciding with the A dimension measurement in Table 4.3 represents the required vertical clearance needed to complete the offset/return.
- Read across the chart to find the number of chimney sections/model numbers needed between the offset and return.

**Example:**

Your "A" dimension from Figure 4.2 is 14 1/2 in. (368 mm). Using Table 4.3 the dimension closest to, but not less than 14 1/2 in. (368 mm) is 14 1/2 in. (368 mm) using a 30° offset/return.

You determine from the table that you need 34 1/8 in. (867 mm) (Dimension "B") between the offset and return.

The chimney component that best fits your application is one SL324.

### Table 4.3 Offset Dimensions

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Proper assembly of air-cooled chimney parts result in an overlap at chimney joints of 1-1/4 in. (32 mm). Effective length is built into this chart.
C. Termination Requirements

- Install a cap approved and listed for this fireplace system.
- Locate cap where it will not become plugged by snow or other materials.
- Locate cap away from trees or other structures.
- The bottom of the termination cap must be at least 3 ft (.91 m) above the roof AND at least 2 ft (.61 m) above any portion of roof within 10 ft (3.05 m).
- The distance required between caps is shown below.

**Figure 4.3 Multiple Chimney Locations**

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- If using decorative cap cover(s), this distance may need to be increased. Refer to the installation instructions supplied with the decorative cap cover.
- In a staggered installation with both gas and wood terminations, the wood termination cap must be higher than the gas termination cap.
5 Chimney Installation

A. Typical Chimney System

NOTICE: Chimney performance may vary.

- Trees, buildings, roof lines and wind conditions affect performance.
- Chimney height may need adjustment if smoking or overdraft occurs.

Figure 5.1 Typical Chimney System - Guidelines for Chimney System Installation
B. Assemble Chimney Sections

Use only those components described in this manual.

Substitute or damaged chimney components could impair safe operation and cause overheating and fire.

Attach either a straight chimney section or an offset to the top of the fireplace (depending on your installation requirement). Chimney sections are locked together by pushing downward until the top section meets the stop bead on the lower section.

The inner flue is placed to the inside of the flue section below it. The outer casing is placed outside the outer casing of the chimney section below it. See Figure 5.2.

**NOTICE:** Chimney sections cannot be disassembled once locked together. Plan ahead!

- Lock chimney sections and/or offsets/returns together by pushing downward until the top section meets the stop bead on the lower section.
- Pull on the top section to make sure it is fully engaged and will not separate.
- You may use #6 or #8 sheet metal screws no longer than 1/2 in. (13 mm) to fasten chimney sections together. Do NOT penetrate inner flue.

**WARNING! Risk of Fire!** You MUST use screws to fasten offset/returns to chimney sections to keep the chimney parts from twisting. Failure to do so could cause fire.

- Fasten offset/returns to chimney sections. Do NOT penetrate inner flue.
- Secure chimney returns with hanger straps provided; fasten to studs or joists.
- Vertical straight runs of chimney must be supported every 35 ft (10.7 m).

**WARNING! Risk of Fire!** DO NOT install substitute or damaged chimney components.
C. Secure Offset/Return

When offsets and returns are joined to straight pipe sections, they must be locked into position with the screws (outer only). To prevent gravity from pulling the chimney sections apart, the returns and the chimney stabilizers have hanger straps for securing these parts to joists or rafters. See Figure 5.3.

• Use # 6 or # 8 sheet metal screw, or larger, no longer than 1/2 in. (13 mm).

WARNING! Risk of Fire!

• Secure offsets with screws (not to exceed 1/2 in./13 mm in length).
• Secure returns with strapping.
• Straight chimney sections may be secured with screw (not to exceed 1/2 in./13 mm in length) at the joints.
• Keep chimney sections from separating or twisting.

D. Install Ceiling Firestops

CAUTION! Risk of Fire! Ceiling firestops must be used whenever the chimney penetrates a ceiling/floor.

• Chase construction requires ceiling firestops at each floor or every 10 ft. (3.05 m) of clear space.
• The ceiling firestop slows spread of fire and reduces cold air infiltration.

• Install a ceiling firestop whenever chimney penetrates ceiling/floor.
• Mark and cut an opening in ceiling as shown in Figure 5.4.
• Frame the opening with the same size lumber used in the ceiling joists.
• Nail the ceiling firestop to the bottom of the ceiling joists when there is a room above.
• Use an attic insulation shield if the ceiling is insulated. The ceiling firestop may then be attached above or below the joists.

ROOM ABOVE (non-insulated ceiling)

ATTIC ABOVE (insulated ceiling)

Note: Use same dimensional lumber for framing ceiling firestop and joists.

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Figure 5.3 Secure the Chimney

Figure 5.4 Installing the Ceiling Firestop

WARNING! Risk of Fire! DO NOT seal area between firestop opening and chimney pipe except where they enter the attic or leave the warm air envelope of the home (use 600° F sealant).
E. Install Attic Insulation Shield

**WARNING! Risk of Fire!** You MUST install an attic insulation shield when there is any possibility of insulation or other combustible material coming into contact with the chimney.

- **DO NOT** pack insulation between the chimney and the attic insulation shield.
- Failure to keep insulation and other materials away from chimney pipe could cause fire.
- **DO NOT** offset chimney inside insulation shield.

Installation of a ceiling firestop is required:

- Refer to Figures 5.4, 5.6, 5.7.
- Roll the shield (around the chimney if already installed). The three holes on each side will match up (large holes on top).
- Insert three screws into the matching holes to form a tube.
- Bend the tabs on the bottom of the tube inward to 90° to maintain chimney air space.
- Rest the insulation shield on the ceiling firestop below.
- Bend the tabs at the top of the shield inward to 90° to maintain the 2 in. (51 mm) air space from the chimney.

If you wish to make a custom shield or barrier, follow these guidelines:

- Metal is preferred, although any material stiff enough to hold back the insulation can be used.

**WARNING! Risk of Fire!** Use of cardboard or other materials that can deflect under humidity or other environmental conditions is not recommended.

- The shield or barrier must be tall enough to extend above the insulation and prevent blown-in insulation from spilling into the cavity.
- Maintain specified air spaces around chimney.
- Check instructions and local codes for further details.

DOUBLE-CHECK THE CHIMNEY ASSEMBLY

Continue assembling the chimney sections up through the ceiling firestops as needed. While doing so, be aware of the height and unsupported chimney length limitations given under Section 5.

Check each section by pulling up slightly from the top to ensure proper engagement before installing the succeeding sections. If they have been connected correctly, they will not disengage when tested.
F. Roof Penetration
- Refer to Figure 5.8.
- Plumb from roof to center of chimney.
- Drive a nail up through roof to mark center of pipe.
- Measure to either side of nail and mark the 14-1/2 in. x 14-1/2 in. (368 mm x 368 mm) opening required.
- Measure opening on the horizontal; actual length may be larger depending on roof pitch.
- Cut out and frame opening.

Install Flashing
- Assemble chimney so it passes through the framed opening.
- Slip the flashing over the chimney.

**NOTICE:** Roofing shingles must be below the flashing plate on the lower side of a sloped roof and over the flashing plate on the sides and top.
- Nail the flashing to the roof. Keep gaps between the flashing plate and the roof to a minimum.
- Caulk the flashing plate and roof junction as well as the vertical seam on the flashing. All nail heads must be caulked with a roofing sealant.
- Caulk the overlap seam of any exposed pipe sections that are located above the roof line to prevent leaks.

G. Install Chase/Chase Top
- You MUST use a chase top in a chase installation. Chase tops may be field constructed.
- Include a turndown and drip edge to prevent water from seeping into the chase.
- Include a 2 in. (51 mm) soldered, welded or spun collar around pipe opening to keep water out.
- Provide a 1/8 in. (3 mm) gap around the flue pipe.
- Slope the chase top downward away from the opening.

**WARNING! Risk of Fire! DO NOT** caulk the pipe to the chase top collar.
- Caulk all seams to prevent leaks.
H. Termination Cap Requirements

- Install a cap approved and listed for this fireplace system.
- Locate cap where it will not become plugged by snow or other materials.
- Locate cap away from trees or other structures.
- The bottom of the termination cap must be at least 3 ft (.91 m) above the roof AND at least 2 ft (.61 m) above any portion of roof within 10 ft (3.05 m).

I. Install Termination Cap

Install the chimney sections up through the chase enclosure.

- Caulk the overlap seam of any exposed pipe sections that are located above the roof line to prevent leaks.
- Refer to termination cap instructions.

**WARNING! Risk of Fire!** The minimum overlap of cap to pipe (as shown in the following illustrations) MUST be met or chimney may separate from cap. Separation allows sparks, heat and embers to escape.

**NOTICE:** Paint the termination cap with a rust-resistant paint to protect against the effects of corrosion on those parts exposed to the weather.
Figure 5.13 Installing a TS345/TS345P Square Termination Cap

Termination cap pipe and chimney section must overlap 1-1/2 in. (38 mm).

Figure 5.14 Installing a TCT375 Terra Cotta Cap

Assemble storm collar around extended termination cap pipe once cap is installed.

Caulk gaps between storm collar & pipe, and storm collar & chase top.

Do NOT block air holes

3 clip brackets. Slip over chase collar and attach with screws provided.

Figure 5.15 Installing a DTO134/DTO146/DTS134/DTS146 Cap

Termination cap pipe and chimney section must overlap 1-1/2 in. (38 mm)
6 Shrouds

**WARNING! Risk of Fire!** Shrouds must be constructed as specified. Improper construction may overheat chase top.

Shrouds may be field constructed where permitted by regional building codes.

**NOTICE:** Some regional codes require an agency-Listed shroud. Consult your local building officials.

The shrouds must be constructed from minimum .018 in. (26 ga) thick aluminized steel.

Some shrouds require a radiation shield. Use where specified.

**A. Radiation Shield**

Radiation shield must be constructed of minimum 26 ga thick sheet metal.

![Diagram of Radiation Shield](image)

- Ø 17 1/2 in. (444.5 mm) Round Hole to fit over cap
- 3 in. (76 mm) tall legs

Length x Width to fit inside shroud

**Figure 6.1 Radiation Shield**

**B. Field Constructed Shrouds**

The following field constructed shroud designs have been tested for HHT fireplace systems and termination caps.

**1. Open Top Shroud**

(TR342/344 TV (top vent) caps do not require radiation shield)

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TR342/344 caps require radiation shield unless installed partially above the shroud. The TR cap must be raised to the minimum dimensions (or greater) above the shroud. Refer to Figure 6.3.

**Figure 6.3 Shroud & TR Series cap with no Radiation Shield**
2. **Mailbox Style Shroud**  
Radiation shield required

![Mailbox Style Shroud Dimensions](image)

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3. **Roofed Style Shroud**  
Radiation shield required

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# Finishing

## A. Finishing Material

Refer to Sections 1.B. and Sections 1.C. for combustible/non-combustible materials. Refer to Figure 7.1 for non-combustible zone.

**WARNING! Risk of Fire!** You must maintain clearances.

- Do NOT cover metal fireplace front with combustible materials.
- Install combustible materials only to specified clearances on top front and side edges.

- Complete framing and apply facing material (drywall) over framing.
- A bead of 300-deg F minimum non-combustible sealant must be used to close off any gaps at the top and sides between the fireplace and facing to prevent cold air leaks.
- Only non-combustible materials may be used to cover the metal fireplace front.

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![Figure 7.1 Non-combustible Facing](image)

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![Figure 7.2 Decorative Facing](image)
B. Hearth Extension, Building and Finishing

WARNING! Risk of Fire! High temperatures, sparks, embers or other burning material falling from the fireplace may ignite flooring or concealed combustible surfaces.

- Protective metal hearth strips MUST be installed.
- Hearth extensions MUST be installed exactly as specified.

A hearth extension must be installed with all fireplaces to protect the combustible floor in front of the fireplace from both radiant heat and sparks.

- You MUST use a hearth extension with this fireplace.
- Refer to Figure 7.3 for minimum dimensions.
- This fireplace has been tested and approved for use with a hearth extension insulated to a minimum R value of 1.03.
- The hearth extension material MUST be covered with tile, stone or other non-combustible material.
- Manufactured hearth materials will usually have a published R value (resistance to heat) or k value (conductivity of heat). Refer to the formula in Table 7.1 to convert a k value to an R value,
- Refer to Table 7.2 for hearth extension insulation alternatives.

WARNING! Risk of Fire!

Vermont Castings Group is not responsible for discoloration, cracking or other material failures of finishing materials due to heat exposure or smoke.

- Choose finishing materials carefully.

WARNING! Risk of Fire!

Hearth extensions are to be installed only as illustrated to prevent high temperatures from occurring on concealed combustible materials.

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Figure 7.3 Hearth Extension Dimensions
1. **Fireplace Installed Flush on the Floor and Hearth Extension Raised to Bottom of Firebox Opening**

Non-combustible flooring a minimum of 16 in. (406 mm) in front of and 8 in. (203 mm) to each side of fireplace opening of the SA36R. 20 in. (508 mm) in front and 12 in. (305 mm) to each side of the SA42R is required.

The hearth framing must be constructed of non-combustible materials (such as metal framing or equivalent material) and placed on HX3(s), HX4(s), or equivalent material. See Figures 7.4 and 7.5.

**When creating the platform, allow for the thickness of the non-combustible finishing materials.**

Seal gaps between the hearth extension and the front of the fireplace with a bead of non-combustible sealant or grout.

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**Figure 7.4 Hearth Extension Construction**

- **Note**: Maximum height from floor under fireplace to top of finished hearth extension is 8-1/16 in. (205 mm).
- Bottom of fireplace opening
- Continuous, non-combustible sealant
- Tile, stone or other non-combustible material
- Floor constructed of wood or other combustible material
- 2 in. (51 mm) required

**Figure 7.5 Raised Platform Hearth Extension Detail**

- Note: The bottom of the fireplace opening is 8-1/16 in. (205 mm) above the bottom of the fireplace. Finished hearth must NOT extend above this level.
- Noncombustible Finishing Material
- SA36R 16 in. Min
- SA42R 20 in. Min
- Hearth Extension
- Noncombustible Framing Material
- 1/2 in. Micore or equivalent insulation
- Protective Metal Hearth Strips
- Floor

**Figure 7.6 Raised Platform Hearth Extension-Framing**

- Noncombustible Framing Material
- HX4 or equivalent

**Figure 7.7 Raised Platform Hearth Extension-Finishing**

- Non-combustible Finishing Materials
2. Raised Hearth Extension and Raised Fireplace

Non-combustible flooring a minimum of 16 in. (406 mm) in front of and 8 in. (203 mm) to each side of fireplace opening of the SA36R. 20 in. (508 mm) in front and 12 in. (305 mm) to each side of the SA42R is required.

The hearth framing must be constructed of non-combustible materials (such as metal framing or equivalent material) and placed on HX3(s), HX4(s), or equivalent material. See Figure 7.8.

When creating the platform, allow for the thickness of the non-combustible finishing materials.

Seal gaps between the hearth extension and the front of the fireplace with a bead of non-combustible sealant or grout.

Figure 7.8 Raised Hearth Extension and Fireplace Framing Materials
3. Fireplace Opening and Hearth Extension
Flush with the Floor
Non-combustible flooring a minimum of 20 in. (508 mm) in front of and 12 in. (305 mm) to each side of the fireplace opening is required. The hearth framing must be constructed of non-combustible materials (such as metal framing or equivalent material) and placed on HX3(s), HX4(s), or equivalent material.

When creating the platform, allow for the thickness of the non-combustible finishing materials.
Seal gaps between the hearth extension and the front of the fireplace with a bead of non-combustible sealant or grout.

C. Non-Combustible Sealant Material
After completing the installation of non-combustible material in the required non-combustible zone and the non-combustible finishing material over that, a bead of non-combustible sealant must be used to close off any gaps at the top and sides between the fireplace and hearth.

WARNING! Risk of Fire!
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• Choose finishing materials carefully.
D. Mantel and Wall Projections

The combustible mantel may have a maximum depth of 12 in. (305 mm), positioned 12 in. (305 mm) above the fireplace opening. Combustible trim pieces that project no more than 1-1/2 in. (38 mm) from the face of the fireplace can be placed no closer than 6 in. (152 mm) from the top of the fireplace opening. Combustible trim must not cover:

- the metal surfaces of the fireplace
- where the non-combustible board is placed over the metal surfaces
- the space between the metal face of the fireplace and framing members

![Figure 7.12 Mantel Specifications](image-url)
E. Sidewalls/Surrounds

- Locate adjacent combustible sidewalls a minimum of 24 in. (610 mm) from fireplace opening.
- Mantle leg, surround, stub wall, whether combustible or non-combustible, may be constructed as shown in Figure 7.13.

Figure 7.13  Mantel Leg, Surround or Wall Projection (acceptable on both sides of opening)
8 Fireplace Setup

A. Gas Log/Lighter Provision

WARNING! Fire and/or Asphyxiation Risk! Use with solid wood fuel or decorative gas appliance only. Gas fire generates fumes.

A certified gas log lighter or decorative gas log set can be installed in this fireplace.

Vented Gas Logs

- Maximum input is 100,000 BTU/hr.
- Decorative gas appliance must be certified to ANSI Z21.60 “Standard for Decorative Gas Appliances for Installation in Vented Fireplaces”.
- Must be installed in accordance with the National Fuel Gas Code, ANSI Z223.1.
- A gas log set must incorporate a gas shutoff.
- Gas Log set requires the damper to be locked fully open.
- A listed automatic damper system with safety interlock may be used in this fireplace with only compatible, listed gas log sets. See damper system manufacturer’s instructions.
- Knockouts are provided on both sides of the fireplace and in refractories for 1/2 in. (13 mm) iron pipe.
- Seal refractory around pipe with fireplace mortar or a non-combustible sealant.

Unvented Gas Logs

CAUTION! If an unvented gas appliance is installed in the fireplace, the gas appliance must only be operated with the fireplace glass door fully open (if included). Only unvented gas log sets which have been found to comply with the standard for unvented room heaters, ANSI Z211.11.2, are to be installed in this fireplace. If an unvented gas appliance is installed it must incorporate an automatic shutoff device, and must be installed in accordance with the National Fuel Gas Code Z223.1, Latest edition.

WARNING! Do Not operate an unvented gas log set in this fireplace with the chimney removed.

B. Wood Burning Inserts

WARNING! Risk of Fire! Improper installation of wood inserts may cause fireplace or chimney system to overheat.

If a wood burning insert is being installed in this fireplace, Vermont Castings Group recommends full reline of the chimney.

- Cooling air openings at the top of the chimney must not be obstructed in any manner.
- Vermont Castings Group recommends securing the reline at the top of the flue and using the cap certified for use with this fireplace system.
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**A = Actual Length**

**B = Effective Length (length of chimney part after it has been snapped to another)**
**SL315/SL330 Offset/Return**

**Inside Diameter**
8 in. (203 mm)

**Effective Height**
4-3/4 in. (121 mm)

**Outside Diameter**
10-1/2 in. (267 mm)

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**AS8 Straight Attic Insulation Shield**

**Assembled Diameter:** 14 1/2 in./368 mm
**Height:** 24 in./610 mm

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**JB877 Chimney Joint Band**

**10-1/2 in.**
(267 mm)

**2 in.**
(51 mm)

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**CB876 Chimney Joint Band**

**10-1/2 in.**
(267 mm)

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**CT-3A**

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**Ceiling Firestop**

**14-1/2 in.**
(368 mm)

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**Catalog #** | **A** | **B**
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FS338 | 0-deg. | 14-1/2 in. 368 mm
FS339 | 15-deg. | 18-3/8 in. 467 mm
FS340 | 30-deg. | 23 in. 584 mm

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**RF370 Roof Flashing**

**27-3/8 in.**
(695 mm)

**24-5/8 in.**
(625 mm)

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**RF371 Roof Flashing**

**31 in.**
(787 mm)

**24-5/8 in.**
(625 mm)

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**TR-TVK TR Top Vent Kit**
TR344 Round Termination Cap

TR342 Round Telescoping Termination Cap

ST375 Square Termination Cap

TS345/TS345P Square Termination Cap

TCT375 Terra Cotta Cap
B. Optional Components

**HX3 Hearth Extension**
- 16 in. (406 mm)
- 52 in. (1321 mm)
- 1/2 in. (13 mm)

**HX4 Hearth Extension**
- 20 in. (508 mm)
- 66 in. (1676 mm)
- 1/2 in. (13 mm)

**LDS33/LDS46 Decorative Shroud**

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**LDSCPM - Corner Post Kit (for custom sizes)**

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See your VCG dealer for a complete list of optional components.