# HEAT GRABBER Model HG-6 & HG-8 Owners Manual

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### SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CARE-FULLY BEFORE STARTING THE INSTALLATION OR OPERATING THE UNIT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN PROPERTY DAMAGE, BODILY INJURY, OR EVEN DEATH. TO BE USED WITH SOLID FUEL BURNING APPLIANCES ONLY. (NO EXCEPTIONS)

DO <u>NOT</u> USE THIS UNIT IN A MOBILE HOME OR TRAILER. (NO EXCEPTIONS)

SAFETY NOTICE: IF THIS UNIT IS NOT PROPERLY INSTALLED, A HOUSE/BUILDING FIRE MAY RESULT. FOR YOUR SAFETY, CONTACT LOCAL BUILDING OR FIRE OFFICIALS ABOUT PERMITS, RESTRICTIONS, AND INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR AREA.



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### READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

- 1. The installation of this unit must comply with your local building code rulings. Please observe the clearances to combustibles (fig. 2).
- 2. Do not install this unit in a mobile home or trailer (NO EXCEPTIONS).
- 3. Always connect this unit to a chimney and vent to the outside. Never vent to another room or inside a building.
- 4. **DO NOT CONNECT** this unit to an aluminum Type B gas vent. This is not safe.
- 5. CAUTION: DO NOT INSTALL THE HEAT GRABBER IN A HORIZONTAL POSITION.
- 6. The paint used on your Heat Grabber may give off smoke and/or odor during the first fires. This may occur during the first dozen fires until the paint has cured. This will end and not reoccur after paint has cured. Persons with lung conditions or owners of susceptible domestic pets (such as birds) should take prudent precautions. Open windows and doors as needed to clear smoke and odor.
- 7. Be sure that your chimney is safely constructed and in good repair. Have the chimney inspected by the fire department or a qualified inspector. Your insurance company may be able to recommend a qualified inspector.
- 8. Creosote or soot may build up in the chimney connector and chimney and cause a house/ building fire. Inspect this unit, the chimney connector, and chimney twice monthly during the heating season and clean if necessary (see Maintenance & Service Hints, page 5.)
- 9. Do not install the Heat Grabber on a stove, heater, or fireplace pipe that has poor draft or "smokes." The Heat Grabber will aggravate this condition. Correct the draft situation BEFORE installing.
- 10. Do not use a Heat Grabber that has a smaller diameter than the flue outlet on your stove, heater, or fireplace.
- 11. Do not connect duct work to the Heat Grabber. Do not restrict the air movement inside or through the Heat Grabber.
- 12. Do not install on a stove, heater, or fireplace with an operating temperature of less than 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
- 13. Do not install the Heat Grabber closer than 12" to any combustible object or material. Maintain all clearance requirements of the heating appliance (see the appliance's owner's manual.)

- 14. Use at least **three** (3) sheet metal screws at each connection to secure the Heat Grabber to the flue pipe.
- 15. While in operation, keep the soot remover scraper knob pulled out at least 5 inches from the front of the unit.
- 16. Do not touch the Heat Grabber while it and the heating appliance is in operation. The surfaces are hot and can cause severe burns. Keep children, clothing, and combustible materials away from the unit.
- 17. Do not allow the power cord to touch any hot surfaces. Keep the power cord at least 12" away from the flue pipe.
- 18. Use only with a grounded electrical socket. Consult a qualified licensed electrician to provide a properly grounded socket. Do not modify the electrical plug in any way. Dangerous or damaging conditions could result. Do not plug into an electrical outlet that is not grounded or that is operated by a wall mounted on/off switch.
- 19. The Heat Grabber MUST be plugged into an electrical outlet whenever the stove is in use. Failure to do so will likely result in damage to the electrical components of the Heat Grabber and could result in shock or electrical fire.
- 20. Keep the unit plugged in at all times. Do Not operate the stove if the Heat Grabber is inoperative. Doing so will damage the electrical components.

NOTE: APROFESSIONAL, LICENSEDHEATING AND COOLING CONTRACTOR SHOULD BE CONSULTED IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE INSTALLATION.



Refer to diagram and parts lists at back of this manual.

- 1. Check the Owner's Manual for your stove and do not reduce any minimum clearances which may be listed there. Use only Type A (all-fuel) or lined masonry chimneys to connect to your stove. Check your local and state building codes for proper and safe installation.
- 2. If you have determined your chimney to have an inadequate draft, overcome that deficiency before installing your Heat Grabber. Your chimney should be capable of developing at least 0.06 w.c. (measured in water column) draft before installing a Heat Grabber. After installation, the chimney should develop at least 0.045 w.c. as measured below the Heat Grabber. All stove pipe above or below your Heat Grabber must be 24-gauge or heavier to provide adequate support. Any horizontal run of pipe must pitch upward toward the chimney at least 1/4" per foot of horizontal run. All stove pipe and/or elbow joints must be secured by at least **three (3)** sheet-metal screws.
- 3. Any elbow installed below your Heat Grabber should be of the *non-adjustable* type.
- 4. If your stove requires a hand damper (wood and coal stoves), install **BELOW** the Heat Grabber.
- 5. NOTE: The power cord must not contact any part of the stove, chimney connector(s) or the Heat Grabber components. Secure the power

cord to keep it away from hot surfaces or their proximity.

- 6. The Heat Grabber pipe size must be the same or larger diameter than the flue outlet of the heating appliance.
- 7. All electric supply cord connections shall comply with the requirements of local authorities having jurisdiction over such matters.
- 8. Overfiring this unit is not recommended. Refer to your heating appliance owner's manual regarding overfiring.
- 9. The Heat Grabber must be installed in your flue pipe vertically. It may be installed with the crimped end either up or down, according to your installation needs.
- 10. The Heat Grabber should be installed as close to the flue outlet as possible, but no closer than 15" from the top or back as shown in figure 2.
- 11. Do Not install the Heat Grabber closer than 18" from any combustible material.
- 12. Use at least **three (3)** sheet metal screws at each connection to secure the Heat Grabber to the flue pipe.
- 13. Keep the power cord at least 12" away from the flue pipe.

**NOTICE:** In case of a power outage, your stove may be kept in use with low heat fires provided you remove the rear panel of the Heat Grabber (fan and electrical components).



#### WARNING: EXPLOSION HAZARD

- NEVER USE CHEMICALS, GASOLINE, GASOLINE-TYPE LANTERN FUEL, KEROSENE, CHARCOAL LIGHTER FLUID, OR SIMILAR FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS TO START OR "FRESHEN-UP" A FIRE IN ANY HEATING APPLIANCE.
- KEEP ALL FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS, ESPECIALLY GASOLINE, OUT OF THE VICINITY OF ANY HEATING APPLIANCE — WHETHER IN USE OR IN STORAGE.

#### **CAUTION: HOUSE FIRE HAZARDS**

- FLOORPROTECTOR MUST EXTEND UNDERNEATH HEAT GRABBER.
- OVERFIRING MAY CAUSE A HOUSE FIRE. YOU ARE OVERFIRING IF THE HEATER, CHIMNEY CONNECTOR, OR HEAT GRABBER GLOWS RED. OVERFIRING MAY DAMAGE THE TUBING AIR SEALS IN THE HEAT RECLAIMER AND CAUSE UNSAFE OPERATING CONDITIONS.

#### **OPERATING SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

- 1. NEVER BUILD EXTREMELY LARGE FIRES IN YOUR STOVE AS DAMAGETOTHE APPLIANCE OR SMOKE LEAKAGE MAY RESULT.
- 2. HEAT GRABBER AND HEATING APPLIANCES ARE HOT WHILE IN OPERATION. KEEP CHILDREN, CLOTHING, AND FURNITURE AWAY. CONTACT MAY CAUSE SKIN BURNS. DO NOT TOUCH THE HEAT RECLAIMER OR APPLIANCE AFTER FIRING UNTIL IT HAS COOLED.
- 3. INSPECT STOVEPIPE AND HEAT EXCHANGER TUBES EVERY 60 DAYS. REPLACE IMMEDIATELY IF STOVEPIPE OR TUBES ARE RUSTING OR LEAKING SMOKE INTO THE ROOM.

NOTICE: BEFORE FIRST USE, REVIEW THE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS TO ENSURE THAT ALL OF THE PROCEDURES AND STEPS HAVE BEEN PROPERLY COMPLETED.

Build a small fire in your stove and gradually build up to normal operating condition. Some smoke and odor may be evident during initial operation. This will cease as the paint bakes and cures.

The Heat Grabber is designed to be automatic and will turn on when the flue pipe reaches the factory set temperature. It will also turn off automatically when the flue temperature falls below the factory set temperature. A toggle switch on the rear of the Heat Grabber allows the fan to operate before the thermostat activates. Do not attempt to alter the thermostat in any way. This not only a convenience feature, but an important safety device as well. **Keep the electrical cord plugged into a live circuit at all times except during servicing to prevent overheating and possible damage and/or malfunctioning of the unit.** Do not connect this unit to a switched circuit.

CAUTION: SLOW BURNING FIRES AND EXTENDED USE MAY CAUSE EXCES-SIVE CREOSOTE BUILDUP. IGNITION OF CREOSOTE BUILDUP OR OVERFIRING MAY CAUSE A CHIMNEY FIRE. CHIMNEY FIRES BURN EXTREMELY HOT AND MAY IGNITE SURROUNDING MATERIALS. IN CASE OF A CHIMNEY FIRE CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY.

CAUTION: SOOT SCRAPER KNOB AND CON-NECTING ROD ARE HOT DURING OPERATION AND COULD CAUSE SEVERE BURNS. USE PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT WHEN OPERATING OR WAIT UNTIL UNIT HAS COOLED BEFORE OPERATING.

After each firing, operate the soot scraper (pull knob in and out) to clean the heat exchanger tubes.

Keep soot scraper knob pulled out at least 5 inches from the face of the unit while in operation.

## **MAINTENANCE & SERVICE HINTS**

**CLEANING** – Periodic cleaning of the Heat Grabber is recommended. Inspect and clean at least three times during the heating season. Remove the unit and clean any ash or creosote from the pipes. Vacuum or blow any dirt that has accumulated in the outer housings of the Heat Grabber.

**FAN MOTOR** – Unsrew the rear panel. Remove any accumulations of dirt or dust and apply two drops of 20 weight motor oil into each lubricating hole.

Reassemble the unit following the diagram in the back of this manual.

**CHIMNEY DRAFT** – Draft is a function of the chimney, not the heating appliance. Smoke spillage into the house or excessive buildup of condensation or creosote in the chimney are warnings that the chimney is NOT functioning properly. Correct the problem before using the heating appliance or installing the Heat Grabber. Following are some possible causes for improper draft.

1. The connector stovepipe may be pushed into the chimney too far, stopping the draft.

2. If the chimney temperature is too cool, water will condense in the chimney and run back into the appliance. Creosote formation will be rapid and may block the chimney. Operate the appliance at a fire level high enough to keep the chimney warm to prevent condensation from forming.

3. If the fire burns well but sometimes creates excess smoke or burns slowly, it may be caused by the chimney top being lower than another part of the house or a nearby tree. The wind blowing over a house or tree, falls on top of the chimney like water over a dam, beating down the smoke. The top of the chimney should be at least three (3) feet above the roof and be at least two (2) feet higher than any point of the roof within ten (10) feet. **CREOSOTE – Formation and Removal.** Slow-burning wood produces tar and other organic vapors which combine with expelled moisture to form creosote. Creosote vapors condense in the relatively cool chimney flue of a slow-burning fire. As a result, creosote residue accumulates on the flue lining. If ignited, this creosote creates an extremely hot fire which may ignite surrounding materials resulting in a building fire.

If creosote has accumulated, it should be removed. Failure to remove creosote may result in ignition and may cause a house/building fire. Creosote may be removed using a chimney brush or other commonly available materials from your local hardware retailer. Remove the Heat Reclaimer before cleaning the chimney or flue pipe.

**CHIMNEY INSPECTIONS** – The chimney connector and chimney should be inspected **at the beginning** of and **at least twice a month during** the heating season to determine if a creosote buildup has occurred.

Chimney fires burn very hot. If the chimney connectors or the Heat Grabber should glow red, reduce the fire by closing the damper and the appliance draft control and immediately call the fire department.

CAUTION: A CHIMNEY FIRE MAY CAUSE IGNITION OF WALL STUDS OR RAFTERS WHICH WERE ASSUMED TO BE A SAFE DIS-TANCE FROM THE CHIMNEY. IF A CHIMNEY FIRE HAS OCCURRED, HAVE YOUR CHIM-NEY INSPECTED BY A QUALIFIED EXPERT BEFORE USING AGAIN.

A fire in your heating appliance may be smothered by pouring a large quantity of coarse salt, baking soda, or cool ashes on top of the fire.

## ORDERING PARTS - HG6 & HG8 HEAT GRABBER

When ordering missing or replacement parts, always give the **Model Number** of the unit, **Part Number**, and **Part Description**. Use the illustration and parts list provided to identify parts.



Part No.	Description Nickle Trim	Qty.
2	Heat Exchanger Assembly	
3	Blade, Fan	
4	Motor, Fan	1
	Motor Capacitor (not shown)	1
5	Cord, Power Supply	
6	Rear Panel	1
7	Motor Bracket	1
8	Thermostat Wires	2
9	Thermostat	2
10	Outside Case	1
11	Bushing, Strain Relief	1
12	Junction Box Cover	1
13	Toggle Switch	1
14	Knob, Scraper	

NOTE: Designate Model (HG6 or HG8) when ordering parts

## ELECTRICAL DIAGRAM - HG6 & HG8 HEAT GRABBER

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This Vogelzang heating appliance is safe when installed properly and will provide you with years of service. However, always exercise good judgement when you are using this stove. You are dealing with FIRE! Fire is inherently dangerous and must be treated with respect. Stay warm and in good health! Respectfully yours,

Steve Vogelzang Proprietor

COMPANY TESTIMONY:

"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE"

**JOHN 3:16** 

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