

Seal Fireplace Dampers With Weatherstrip Between Uses to Stop Drafts and Save Energy by Lowering Energy Bills







- When fireplaces are not being used, they should be sealed with weatherstrip to air seal the damper and prevent wasted energy.
- Just like doors and windows, fireplaces require weatherstripping to prevent energy loss.







- Fireplaces are the LARGEST unsealed opening in the home.
- Fireplaces cost US families over \$6.1B (2005) of wasted energy. This is expected to be \$10B by 2015.
- NUMEROUS STUDIES AND REFERENCES URGE FIREPLACES SHOULD BE SEALED BETWEEN USE







- Fireplace dampers ineffective
- Fireplace glass doors ineffective
- Study: 80% of dampers left open
- Scientific study a home with a fireplace costs 30% more to heat than a home without.







- Single Family Dwelling Air Leakage by Type
- Per D.O.E.
 Fireplace=26% of air leakage!!









- Why do fireplaces lose energy?
 - Air leaks
 - Stack effect
 - Duct leakage (pressure differential)
 - Just like an open skylight, door or window!







- Not Just Heat Loss!
 - Air conditioning losses also occur (infiltration, exfiltration)







- Energy Codes require all openings (doors, windows, attic access, etc.) to be sealed.
 - Fireplaces are often overlooked







- Other unsealed fireplace damper concerns:
 - Energy costs / Energy waste
 - Air conditioning losses
 - Downdrafts (Odors, toxins, IAQ)
 - Noise (used for airport noise reduction programs)
 - Insects







- Several solutions available:
 - Top mount damper (expensive, poor ROI)
 - Plug chimney from below (inexpensive, high ROI)







Experts have studied this – a recent study showed that by sealing the fireplace, up to 30% less heating and cooling energy is required.

An unsealed fireplace is like an open window!

The Solution:

Introducing...The Fireplace Plug!







- 2 sizes
- Rectangular fits most any masonry fireplace
- Round for zeroclearance fireplaces



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INSTALLS BELOW DAMPER – QUICK, CLEAN, EASY











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• RESEARCH DATA EXISTS

SEVERAL STUDIES SHOW RESULTS







A research study conducted in France found that during cold weather, fireplaces can allow 76 cfm of additional air leakage. The total increase in heating energy consumption is 3,500 kwhr/year. In addition, during summer months energy is lost due to cold air conditioning exiting up the chimney.







Fireplace dampers are energy losers. One remarkable documentation of that fact is an Eight Home Study which shows that an open fireplace can significantly raise over-all heating energy consumption.

Note 80% of dampers were found in the open position!







Water Heating Energy Use for 8% Refrigerators **Single Family** 7% Dwelling Air Conditioning **Space Heating** 10% Space 45% Heating/Cooling = **Appliances** 45% of energy use 30% in the home







BENEFITS OF SEALING THE FIREPLACE

- Save conservative average of about \$300 per year in energy costs
- Stop drafts (windows, doors, downdrafts)
- Stop odors, toxins, asthma, IAQ
- Stop Noise, Insects







FOR WEATHERIZATION EXPERTS

- Low Cost / High Return
- Easy, Quick and Clean to Install and Use
- Achieve target reduction in air leakage rate quickly, easily, and inexpensively.
- Scientific studies, numerous blower door test data, etc.









ADD THE FIREPLACE PLUG TO YOUR WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM

- Included in the MA Wx Manual
- DOE Recommends to plug the fireplace
- Fireplace Plug is durable, low cost
- Buy direct from <u>www.batticdoor.com</u>
- 100% MADE IN U.S.A.!







EVERY FIREPLACE SHOULD BE SEALED BETWEEN USE









- 2 MODELS
- Quick, Clean, and EASY to Install!



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REDUCE HEATING/COOLING BILLS

STOP NOXIOUS ODORS

STOPS COLD DRAFTS

STOP NOISE FROM AIRPLANES

SUPPORT ENERGY CONSERVATION

SAVE 100'S OF DOLLARS EVERY YEAR











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MORE DRAFT STOPPERS:

- R-50 Attic Stair Cover
- Whole House Fan Shutter Cover
- Dryer Vent Seal
- E-Z Hatch Attic Access Door
- AC Covers
- Insulated Switch Plate Covers, more!

Fireplace Plug







R-50 Attic Stair Cover



Clothes Dryer Vent



R-42 Attic Access Door



Shutter Cover Seal







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