"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."

"Contact local building or fire officials about restrictions and installation inspection requirements in your area.

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GENERAL INFORMATION SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

SAFETY NOTICE: The Ashby-P must be properly installed in order to prevent the possibility of a house fire! These installation instructions must be strictly observed! The Maintenance schedule must be followed as described in this manual. Failure to follow instructions may result in property damage, bodily injury or even death.

The Ashby-P’s exhaust system works with negative combustion chamber pressure and a slightly positive chimney pressure. Therefore, it is imperative that the air intake and exhaust system be airtight and installed correctly. Do not install a flue damper in the exhaust vent of this unit.

Do not connect this unit to a chimney flue serving another appliance.

BUILDING PERMIT

Contact the local building officials to obtain a permit and information on any local installation restrictions and inspection requirements.

DEFINITION OF “INSERT”

The word “Insert” as used in this manual to describe the Ashby-P is interpreted to mean an Insert approved for PFI Premium pellets. This insert is not intended as the sole source of heat.

EMISSIONS TESTING

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Certified to comply with 2020 particulate emission standards using pellet fuel.

Certified to the 2020 Phase of ASTM E2779-2010. Heat Output: 7628 BTU/hr – 29916 BTU/hr, Efficiency: 65.5% using the higher Heat Value of the Fuel. Emission Rate .981 gr/h

SAFETY TESTING

The Ashby-P has been independently tested and listed by Warnock Hersey Laboratories in accordance with the proposed ASTM E1509-12 Standards and the applicable portions of UL 1482 and ULC S627/B366.2, and Oregon Administrative Rules 814-23-901 through 814-23-909, stating requirements for installation the Ashby-P and for mobile home installations. The safety-listing label is located on the top of the hopper. Please refer to label for pertinent information.

DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTY

Since Johnson Gas Appliance Company has no control over the installation of the Ashby-P, Johnson Gas Appliance Company grants no warranty, implied or stated, for the installation of the Ashby-P and assumes no responsibility for any special, incidental or consequential damages.

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- **FOR USE IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

- **MOBILE HOME APPROVED**

- **CHECK WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND OBTAIN NEEDED PERMITS. OBTAIN FINAL INSPECTION FROM LOCAL BUILDING OFFICIALS.**

- **WE RECOMMEND INSTALLATION BY A QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL OR DEALER.**

- **ADHERE TO ALL CLEARANCES SPECIFIED BY THE MANUFACTURER OF THE VENTING SYSTEM USED.**

- **ADHERE TO ALL CLEARANCES SPECIFIED IN THE INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS OF THIS STOVE.**

- **THIS STOVE USES A POSITIVE PRESSURE VENTING SYSTEM. DO NOT INSTALL A FLUE DAMPER IN THE EXHAUST SYSTEM OF UNIT.**

- **DO NOT CONNECT THIS STOVE TO A CHIMNEY SYSTEM THAT IS CONNECTED TO ANOTHER APPLIANCE.**

- **DO NOT INSTALL THIS UNIT IN A SLEEPING ROOM.**

- **INSTALL A SMOKE DETECTOR IN PROXIMITY OF THE STOVE.**

- **INSTALL A CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR IN PROXIMITY OF THE STOVE**

**ATTENTION**

- **CONDENSATION:** When planning the installation of your Stove, keep in mind that condensation is detrimental to exhaust systems. Install the Stove with a minimum of the vent system exposed to the cold temperatures outside the envelope of the house.

- **BATTERY BACKUP:** St Croix does not offer battery backups. They are available online if you decide to use one. Battery backup systems are useful if the Stove is installed using horizontal venting only. This prevents any smoke from entering your home in the event of a power failure. The Ashby-P requires a “Pure Sine Wave” Battery Back-Up system.

- **OPTIONAL EXHAUST FAN RELAY KIT:** With optional relay kit 80P54232 installed in the stove and connected to an inexpensive UPS battery backup (not part of the kit) you will have maximum protection against smoke leaking out of the stove in the event of a power failure. This is considered the best installation when venting horizontally. Contact your dealer for more information.

1. All joints of PL vent and single wall stainless steel pipe should be fastened by at least 3 screws and correctly installed. (Follow vent manufacturer’s instructions). Seal all joints with high temperature silicone to create an airtight seal.
2. A certain amount of carbon monoxide may be produced within the Stove as a by-product of combustion. All exhaust vent connections must be sealed with RTV silicone to assure a gas tight seal. **Any leaks into a confined area caused by faulty installation or improper operation of the Stove could produce dizziness, nausea and in extreme cases, death.** The CO concentration in the flue gas during the testing was found to be too low and under the accuracy of the test equipment used for the flue gas analysis. Therefore, the CO emissions could not be calculated.

3. **WARNING:** The high temperature paint on this Stove may take several hours of burning at a high fuel setting to cure fully. During this time, an odor that is not harmful may be evident. When odors are present, the area around the Stove should be well ventilated.

4. **Caution:** The high temperature paint can be easily scratched prior to burning the Stove.

5. Have your dealer demonstrate all the operational and maintenance steps necessary for proper use of the Stove. **Sign and return the warranty card** to the address listed on the back page.

6. Some odors may be given off during the first few hours of burning during initial break-in. These odors are normal and not harmful. However, ventilating the room until the odors disappear is recommended.

7. The Stove will become HOT while in operation. Keep clothing and furniture away from all hot surfaces.

8. To avoid the possibility of smoke and/or sparks entering the room always keep firebox and ash pan doors closed whenever the Stove is operating. Smoke detectors, installed in the same general area as the Stove, may be activated if the Stove door is left open and smoke is allowed to enter the area.

9. Under certain circumstances an outside source of combustion air may be needed and is required on all mobile home installations. Use only approved parts. When using outside air for combustion, check that the outside air inlet is connected to draw fresh air from outside the building. If room air is used to supply combustion air, room air starvation (not enough make-up air), operation of exhaust fans and icing of air vents can adversely affect proper Stove operation.

This wood heater has a manufacturer-set minimum low burn rate that must not be altered. It is against federal regulations to alter this setting or otherwise operate this wood heater in a manner inconsistent with operating instructions in this manual.

**CAUTION:** FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS IN THE INSTALLATION MANUAL MAY RESULT IN A HOUSE FIRE, PROPERTY DAMAGE, BODILY INJURY, OR EVEN DEATH. PLEASE FOLLOW INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS.

**CAUTION:** NEVER ADD FIRE STARTER TO A HOT STOVE.

**CAUTION - Hot Surfaces**
- Keep Children away.
- Do not touch during Operation.
There are two burn systems used in the Ashby Series of inserts. These systems are interchangeable in the stove body. This Manual covers the Ashby-P, which uses the Versa Grate System burn system.

The “Versa Grate System” is a Fully Automatic System that offers Self-Ignition. This system is approved for PFI Premium Pellets.
ASHBY-P DIMENSIONS

Figure 2

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Clearance to Combustibles

Figure 3

A - Top of Insert to Combustible Mantle .................................................. 12”
B - Side of Insert to Combustible Wall ..................................................... 10”
C - Top of Unit to Combustible Top Fascia..............................................Does not apply
D - Side of Unit to Combustible Top Fascia............................................Does not apply

Figure 4

The Hearth must extend a minimum of 6” (152 mm) in Front of Unit and beyond each side of the Fuel Loading and Ash Removal Opening(s). If the hearth is too short a non-combustible Hearth Extension must be installed.
Approved installations

1. In a Masonry Fireplace – The Masonry Fireplace must be built according to the requirements of the Standards of Chimneys, Fireplaces, Vents and Solid Fuel Burning appliances, N.F.P.A. 211 and any National, State or Local codes that apply.

2. In a Zero Clearance Fireplace – The Factory built Zero-Clearance Fireplace and its Chimney must be listed per UL 127 or ULC S610 standards.

3. As a Zero Clearance Fireplace. When building the unit in as a Zero-Clearance Fireplace, St. Croix factory Built Cabinet, part # 80P54057, must be used. Follow instructions on page 11.

Figure 5
Minimum Fireplace Opening
Installing as a Zero-Clearance unit

When installing the insert as a Zero-Clearance unit, it must be installed into the St. Croix metal cabinet part number 80P54057. The cabinet must be installed on five 4x8x16 concrete blocks (OR LARGER) as shown in figure 6 above. The framing dimensions listed above are based on using 4x8x16 block. If using taller concrete block to raise the unit up higher you must factor the difference in height into the dimensions.

The cabinet allows for top and rear venting
Surround Instructions

1. Lay the top surround, right surround and left surround panels face down on non-abrasive surface and bolt the panels together with the hardware provided in the surround kit.

2. The power cord exits through the right hand surround panel. Be sure to bolt the panel with the cord relief on the right hand side.

3. Lay out the 3 piece trim kit and use the L-Corner Brackets to attach the Trim kit together.

4. Take the Trim kit and slide it down over the edges of the surround.

5. Slide the assembled surround around the insert and in front of the fireplace opening. Slowly slide the insert back; making sure it is centered in the Fireplace opening. Before fully pushing the unit up against the surround, position the surround so it is centered behind the unit. Finish by pushing the unit snug up (to prevent vibration noise) against the surround until both the surround and the unit are tight against the fireplace opening.

Figure 7
VENTING: APPROVED MATERIALS

The Ashby-P requires a venting system approved for pellet or corn venting by a certified testing lab. Approved pellet or corn venting materials are: 1) PL vent, a double wall vent with a stainless steel liner; and 2) Single wall rigid or flexible stainless steel pipe. PL Vent and Single wall vent is available through manufacturers such as: Energy Vent LTD, James A. Ryder, Simpson DuraVent and Selkirk Metalbestos and is carried by many local dealers. In this manual approved venting will be referred to a “PL vent” or “Single wall vent”. All single wall vent adaptors must be stainless steel.

NOTE: TYPE “B” GAS VENT MUST NOT BE USED IN THE INSTALLATION OF THE ASHYBY-P INSERT

Examples of venting system components follow:

High temperature ceramic roping reduces potential fly ash escaping through joints.

Stainless steel inner liners resist corrosive flue gas damage to the system.

Flex pipe should be stainless steel, 4 ply construction with a total thickness of approximately .07 inches.
TYPICAL PL VENT COMPONENTS

RAIN CAP
VERTICAL OR HORIZONTAL

WALL THIMBLE

CHIMNEY ADAPTER

SUPPORT BRACKET

ADJUSTABLE LENGTH
PIPE

SINGLE TEE
w/TEE CAP

SINGLE REDUCTION
TEE w/TEE CAP

DOUBLE TEE
w/TEE CAP

PIPE ADAPTER

INCREASER

45° ELBOW

90° ELBOW
VENTING: DETERMINING MATERIALS

TYPE OF MATERIALS:

1. PL Vent / Corn Vent must be used.

2. All Joints in the venting installation must be fastened together using three screws. All joints of the venting system must be sealed with High Temp Silicone to make a gas tight fit.

3. Exception: Single wall stainless steel may be used inside an existing chimney. (No clearances to combustibles are needed on single wall stainless steel adaptors, rigid or flex pipe installed within a chimney.)

4. A clean out “tee” has been built into the Ashby. This cleanout system is to assist in periodically cleaning the vent pipe. The exhaust system can periodically be cleaned from the inside of the unit without having to pull the unit from the fireplace.

NOTE: ADHERE TO THE PL VENT CLEARANCES TO COMBUSTIBLES AS REQUIRED. STRICTLY OBSERVE THE PL VENT MANUFACTURER’S SAFETY SPECIFICATIONS.

QUANTITY OF MATERIALS:

1. It is recommended that the vent system be installed with a minimum of three feet (3’) of vertical rise above the exhaust port on the back of the Ashby-P.

   FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE NATURAL DRAFT THAT RESULTS FROM A VERTICAL RISE MAY RESULT IN SMOKE BEING RELEASED INTO THE HOUSE WHEN ELECTRICITY TO THE UNIT IS INTERRUPTED WHILE BURNING OR SMOLDERING FUEL REMAINS IN THE BURN GRATE. (See “Battery Backup” on page 5)

2. It is not recommended to run vertical venting outside the heated environment where the Ashby-P is installed. Running a venting system in a cold environment may cause the flue temperatures to cool down too much for adequate drafting.

Additional vertical exhaust venting should be provided when using:

a. More than one (1) elbow or tee; and/or

b. Horizontal runs of over three (3) feet. (Horizontal runs over 10 feet not recommended)

3. For a venting system ending in a horizontal run, the exhaust pipe must be terminated by a listed end cap or a PL vent elbow (45 or 90 degrees). Note: End caps or elbows must vent exhaust gases away from the building.

4. For termination above the building roofline a rain cap is required.

5. The exhaust pipe on the Ashby-P is 3” O.D. to accommodate a pipe adaptor.
VENTING: TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS

In determining optimum vent termination, carefully evaluate external conditions especially when venting directly through a wall. Since you must deal with odors, gases, and fly ash, consider aesthetics, prevailing winds, distances from air inlets and combustibles, location of adjacent structures and any code requirements.

1. Exhaust must terminate above combustion air inlet elevation.

2. Do not terminate vent in any enclosed or semi-enclosed area, (i.e. Carports, garage, attic crawl space, etc.) or any location that can build up a concentration of fumes.

3. Vent surfaces can get hot enough to cause burns if touched by children. Non-combustible shielding or guards may be required

The type of installation must first be considered before determining the exact location of the venting termination in relationship to doors, window, cavities or air vents.

a. **Without** Outside Air connected to the unit. For These types of installations please refer to the dimensions listed below in figure 8.

![Figure 8](image)

- 4’ (1.2 m) BELOW a door, window, cavity, or air vent
- Or
- 4’ (1.2 m) HORIZONTALLY FROM a door, window, cavity, or air vent
- Or
- 1’ (305 mm) ABOVE a door, window, cavity, or air vent

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b. **With** Outside Air Connected to the unit. In this manner the appliance is a Direct Vent Appliance (sealed Combustion System) as listed in NFPA 211-6.

3.3.3.2 **Direct Vent Appliance (Sealed Combustion System Appliance)** A system consisting of an appliance, combustion air and flue gas connections between the appliance and the outside atmosphere, and a vent cap supplied by the manufacturer, and constructed so that all the air for combustion is obtained from the outside atmosphere and all flue gases are discharged to the outside atmosphere.

Special Venting Arrangements are listed in NFPA 211-31

10.7.1.2 The Vent Terminal of a Direct Vent Appliance with an input of 10000 BTU/Hr or less shall be located at least 6” from any opening into a building, and such an appliance with an input of over 10000 BTU/Hr, but not over 50000 BTU/Hr shall not be located less than 9” from any opening through which vent gases could enter a building, and the vent terminal of such appliance with an input over 50000 BTU/Hr shall be located not less than 12” from the opening.

![Diagram](image)

Figure 9

9” (229 mm) ABOVE, BELOW OR HORIZONTALLY FROM a door, window, cavity, or air vent.
VENTING: TERMINATION CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

Figure 10

THE EXHAUST TERMINATION LOCATION MUST BE AT LEAST

1' (305 mm)  ABOVE the ground level
7' (2.1 m)  FROM a public walkway
1' (305 mm)  FROM The wall penetration point
3' (915 mm)  FROM a gas meter/regulator assembly
2' (610 mm)  FROM any adjacent combustibles such as:
Adjacent buildings, fences, protruding parts of the structure, roof eaves or overhangs, plants and shrubs, etc.
Full reline using existing Chimney as the source for Outside Air (Outside Air is Optional). Outside combustion air may be recommended when certain conditions exist (i.e. negative pressure). A chimney system with known drafting problems may require a liner, which may also need to be insulated to keep vent system warm in cold chimney environment.
Positive Connection to an existing Chimney with outside air (optional). The stove may be connected to an existing Class A chimney or a masonry chimney which meets the minimum requirements of NFPA 211.
Figure 13

Direct Connect using 3” PL Vent using Inside Air for Combustion
Approved in Masonry Fireplaces or when using the 80P54057 Zero Clearance Cabinet kit.
Do not modify Factory built Zero Clearance Fireplaces to allow rear venting

ATTENTION: We strongly recommend using a battery backup system if the stove is installed using horizontal venting only. This prevents any smoke from entering your home in the event of a power failure.
OUTSIDE COMBUSTION AIR
Requires Outside Air Adapter kit 80P54364

1. Under certain conditions it is recommended that the Ashby-P be connected to an outside source of combustion air to improve performance. Flexible metal hose, or rigid metal pipe, (conduit), must be connected around (NOT INSIDE) the combustion air inlet tube. Be careful not to pinch or bend the outside air pipe with too small a radius which may be terminated flush with the outside wall but should be protected from wind and weather by a hood. Note: The outside air pipe must terminate above the maximum snow line.

2. Outside air may be drawn from a semi-enclosed attic or crawl space or any semi-enclosed space. Take care not to draw cold air past water pipes that may freeze.

3. Increase the outside air pipe diameter to 3” for runs over ten (10) feet and elevation over 4,000 feet. Note: Long runs should be avoided.

4. Terminate the outside air pipe below the exhaust vent outlet.

5. An open mesh screen should be placed over the outside air pipe opening to prevent birds or rodents from nesting in the opening. Use an elbow or shield to prevent prevailing winds from blowing directly into the outside air intake pipe. NOTE: Mesh screen should be no smaller than one-fourth inch (1/4”) by one-fourth inch (1/4”).

WARNING: OUTSIDE COMBUSTION AIR IS REQUIRED FOR ALL MOBILE HOME INSTALLATIONS!

WARNING
USE THE AIR INTAKE DAMPER FOR ADJUSTING COMBUSTION INLET AIR ONLY! OTHER METHODS OF RESTRICTING OR BLOCKING COMBUSTION INLET AIR ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED!
Mobile Home Installation

Unit must be installed in accordance with the:
Manufactured Home and Safety Standard (HUD), CFR 3280, Part 24

Unit may be installed in a Mobile Home, after the initial sale of the Mobile Home, not for Recreational Vehicles. The following installations are approved:

1. In a Masonry Fireplace – The Masonry Fireplace must be built according to the requirements of the Standards of Chimneys, Fireplaces, Vents and Solid Fuel Burning appliances, N.F.P.A. 211 and any National, State or Local codes that apply.

2. In a Zero Clearance Fireplace – The Factory built Zero-Clearance Fireplace and its Chimney must be listed per UL 127 or ULC S610 standards.

3. As a Zero Clearance Fireplace. When building the unit in as a Zero-Clearance Fireplace, St. Croix factory Built Cabinet, part # 80P54057, must be used. Follow instructions on page 11.

Mobile home installations must observe the following:

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

2. WARNING: COMBUSTION AIR MUST COME FROM THE OUTSIDE OF THE MOBILE HOME! FAILURE TO DO SO MAY CREATE NEGATIVE PRESSURE WITHIN THE MOBILE HOME AND COULD DISRUPT PROPER VENTING AND OPERATION OF THE PELLET STOVE.

3. CAUTION: THE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF THE FLOORS, WALLS, CEILING AND ROOF MUST BE MAINTAINED.

4. Electrically ground the insert to the metal chassis of the home. Use a number eight, (8), gauge or larger copper wire.

5. Maintain an effective vapor barrier at location where PL vent exits the structure.

6. Check any other local building codes or other codes that may apply.

7. Do no use components other than those specified for use with this unit.

8. Floor protection requirement must be followed precisely.

9. Approved Venting materials are Single Wall Stainless, Stainless Flex, PL Vent and Corn Vent.
This wood heater needs periodic inspection and repair for proper operation. It is against federal regulations to operate this wood heater in a manner inconsistent with operating instructions in this manual.

The Stove is not warranted against damage caused by using poor pellets or other fuels not approved for use in this Stove, incorrect operation, improper maintenance, or incorrect installation.

CAUTION: Operate this unit only with the fuel hopper lid closed. Failure to do so may result in emission of products of combustion from the hopper under certain conditions. Maintain hopper seal in good condition. Hopper lid switch will prevent the auger from running if lid is left open.

This unit requires 120-volt AC power to operate. In the event of a power failure the unit will shut down. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO RUN THE UNIT DURING A POWER FAILURE.

PREVENTING CHIMNEY FIRES - Chimney fires can be prevented by properly operating the Stove and by periodic inspection and cleaning of the chimney. When wood is burned 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 associated with a slow burning fire. As a result, creosote residue accumulates on the flue lining and when ignited this creosote can result in an extremely hot chimney fire.

The chimney and chimney connector should be inspected at least once every two months during the heating season to determine if a creosote build-up has occurred. If a significant layer of creosote has accumulated (3 mm or more) it should be removed to reduce the risk of a chimney fire. Use of an appropriately sized chimney brush or the services of a professional chimney sweep are recommended. Also check to make sure the system is not getting plugged with fly ash. Remove the Fly Ash if needed. Use of an appropriately sized chimney brush or the services of a professional chimney sweep are recommended.

APPROVED FUEL - PFI Premium Pellets

Clinkers and Ash are by-products of pellet combustion and are not caused solely by your Stove. Stove performance can be quickly and severely reduced if poor quality fuel is used. Contact your dealer for more information on PFI Premium Pellet fuel.

Do Not Use Chemicals or Fluids to Start The Fire.

Do Not Burn: Garbage, Gasoline, Naphtha, Engine Oil, Lawn Clippings, Yard Waste, Rubber, Plastic, Waste Petroleum Products, Paints or Paint Thinners, Asphalt Products, Construction or Demolition Debris, Railroad Ties, Pressure Treated Wood, Plywood, Particle Board, Manure or Animal Remains, Paper Products or Cardboard.

Burning the above materials may result in release of toxic fumes or render the heater ineffective and cause smoke.

The prohibition against burning these materials does not prohibit the use of fire starters made from paper, cardboard, saw dust, wax and similar substances for the purpose of starting a fire in an affected wood heater.
NOTE: Pellets with excessive sawdust should be screened by sifting with a 1/4" mesh screen. Store Pellets under cover on a wooden pallet or other methods to ensure they do not become rain soaked or absorb moisture from damp or wet floors. Do not store pellets within Stove installation clearances or within the space required for ash removal.

The Ashby-P is approved for use with PFI Premium Pellets. Pellets within this category will present variations that may affect the way your stove burns.

The different characteristics of Pellet Fuel that can affect the stove are:

1 – Pellet Length. Shorter pellets will have a higher feed rate than longer pellets. Extremely long pellets may cause a lower feed rate than was established during testing. On the other hand extremely short pellets may cause a higher feed rate than was established during testing. Adjustments can be made to fix the feed problems in the problem occurs. See FAQ section in the back of the manual.

2 – The amount of fines will also affect the feed rate by slowing the flow in the hopper and the auger tube. The best solution for this is to screen the pellets to get rid of the fines.

3 – Hard wood pellets will feed faster than soft wood pellets due to the natural pitch in soft wood that makes the pellets less slick that hard wood pellets.

INSTALLATION CHECK - Proper installation is essential for safety, effective Operation, Warranty Coverage, Insurance requirements and to meet Local Building Codes. Installation Requirements are described in the first section of this manual. Verify the installation is correct before firing up the Stove for the first time.

1. The fans of this Stove may cause a negative pressure area in the room where this Stove is installed.

2. Outside Combustion Air may be needed if:

- The unit does not vent steadily, smells, experiences smoke rollout, burns poorly, or back-drafts whether or not there is combustion present.

- Any of the symptoms listed above are alleviated by opening a window slightly on a calm day.

- The house is sealed with a well-sealed vapor barrier and tight fitting windows and doors and/or has any powered devices, which exhaust house air.

- There is excessive condensation on the windows during the winter.

- A ventilation system is installed in the house- Adhere to all Clearances and Restrictions specified in the Installation Instructions of this Stove.

When storing fuel be sure to use sealed containers in a dry environment to prevent the fuel from absorbing moisture and becoming damaged. Do not store bags of pellets directly on concrete.

- Establish a routine for the storage of fuel, care of the Stove and Firing Techniques.

- Check daily for creosote build-up until experience shows how often cleaning is necessary.
- Be aware that the hotter the fire, the less creosote is deposited, and that weekly cleaning may be necessary in mild weather, even though monthly cleaning may be enough in the coldest months. Run the Stove on the hottest setting once a day for 30 – 45 minutes to prevent excessive build-up in the Stove.

- Have a clearly understood plan to handle a chimney fire. Contact the local fire department for information if needed.

- Keep the doors closed and all seals in good condition while operating the Stove.

- INSPECT THE FLUE PIPES, JOINTS AND SEALS REGULARLY TO ENSURE THAT SMOKE AND FLUE GASES ARE NOT DRAWN INTO, AND CIRCULATED BY THE AIR-CIRCULATION SYSTEM.

- CLEANING OF THE HEAT EXCHANGER, FLUE PIPE, CHIMNEY AND DRAFT INDUCER IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT AT THE END OF THE HEATING SEASON TO MINIMIZE CORROSION DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS CAUSED BY ACCUMULATED ASH.

- The Stove will not operate during a power failure. Prolonged Power Outages will require the use of a generator to operate the Stove.
Control Board Features

The Control Board controls all functions of the Ashby-P by monitoring sensors that are in the system. These sensors serve 2 purposes.

b. Safety Features, to shut the unit down in the event the sensors detect a problem in the unit.

The Control Board also has Diagnostic Capabilities to help in diagnosing 3 areas in the Insert. These areas are:

1. High Temperature Limit.
2. Proof of Fire Sensor
3. Vacuum in the Firebox

A closer look at the Control Board to the right in figure 16 will explain how the board works.

The ON/OFF button, The Auger Feed Button (used to prime the Pot with Fuel) and the Heat Level and Draft Trim Buttons. The last 2 buttons have High and Low buttons to advance/adjust these settings up or down. There is a slide switch that controls the Thermostat Mode and an LED Light bar that indicates which of the 5 Heat Settings the Stove is running on.

Figure 16

The LED Light bar is also used during the Diagnostic process, see page 34 for more details

1. The Heat Level button will advance the setting up and down between level 1 and 5. It will also be used in the Fine Tuning process of the feed rates if needed. (See point 2)

2. The Auger Feed button will allow the user to manually auger fuel into the burn pot on start up when needed. This is particularly helpful in priming the Auger Tube when it is empty (After the hopper has run out of pellets). Do not tamper with the Auger Feed button to override the automated feed system. This may cause the unit to Overheat.

    The secondary function of the Auger Feed is in the process of adjusting the feed rate.

    Hold the Auger Feed Button down and press the Heat Level High/Low button and this will change the ON Time up or down .25 seconds from the factory setting. LED 3 is the default trim setting. When adjusting the feed trim one of the LEDs will flash a single time (either Up or Down) indicating the new setting. This new setting will stay in memory from this point on.
3. The ON/OFF button not only turns the stove On or Off, it also resets the board if one of the sensors has detected a problem and the board is flashing a Diagnostic code.

4a. The Draft Trim button allows for adjusting the Exhaust (Combustion) fan voltages up or down providing for fine-tuning of the combustion air. LED 3 is the default trim setting. When adjusting the Draft trim one of the LEDs will flash a single time (either Up or Down) indicating the new setting. This allows 2 adjustments up and 2 adjustments down. (See point 9 on page 48)

- To adjust the Combustion Fan voltages: Hold the Auger Feed button down and press the Draft Trim High/Low button and this will change the fan voltage approximately 2.5 volts up or down from the factory setting. Watch the LED lights to see the setting is on (it will flash the new setting). This new setting will stay in memory from this point on.

4b. A “High Fan Override” feature has been added to the control board for the Convection Blower. The Draft Trim button allows the Convection Blower to be run on High at all times if more Room air is preferred

- By Pressing the “Draft Trim High” button a single time, as shown in the Figure to the right, the Convection Fan will kick up to the high speed on all 5 heat levels.

- The Convection Blower will remain running on high until the “Draft Trim Low” button is pressed a single time to cancel out the “Override function”.

Figure 17

5. The Thermostat Slide switch allows the Insert to be run in 3 different Modes:

a. **Manual Mode.** The Control Board controls all functions of the Ashby-P.

b. **T-Stat Mode.** *The Stove is Fully-Automatic in the T-Stat Mode. (T-Stat Mode requires the stove be turned on at the control board the first time).* When the unit is hooked to a Thermostat and calling for heat, the unit will advance to the Heat level set at the Control board. Once the Heat demand has been met, the Stove will immediately shut down. Use this setting when heating a small area or when outside temperatures are moderate.

c. **SmartStat Mode.** When the unit is hooked to a Thermostat and calling for heat, the Insert will advance to the Heat level set at the Control board. Once the Heat demand has
been met the Insert will drop to the #1 Heat Level setting and pilot for one hour. If the
Thermostat does not call for heat during that hour, the unit shuts off and then re-lights
itself the next time the Thermostat calls for heat. This setting is best used when a more
constant heat is needed.

6. Cleaning Cycle. The Program for the Ashby-P allows the unit to operate in an Automatic
mode using the Igniter. The program has a Cleaning Cycle built into it that allows excess ash to
be blown out of the pot using air. During the cleaning cycle the unit drops to the #1 heat level for
5 minutes every two hours. During the cleaning cycle the Combustion Fan will run on high to
blow excess ash from the burn pot. The ON/OFF light blinks slowly and the control board is
locked out during this cycle. You will notice your flame get smaller during this cycle.

Pre-Lighting Instructions

The Ashby-P can be converted to a corn stove by installing a Multi-Fuel burn pot and the
Control Board has multiple programs to accommodate that change. Two of the programs on your
board are for the Ashby-MF (Programs 1 & 2) and two of the programs are for the Ashby-P
(Programs 3 & 4). Your Ashby-P is set to the correct program, which is program 3, but if you
notice the stove is not dropping pellets during the first five minutes and is slow to start, ask your
dealer how to check the program or follow the instructions on page 30.

The difference between the programs:

Program 1. The Cycle Time is 11.5 seconds. This program is only to be used with the Ashby-
MF model. (DO NOT USE THIS PROGRAM WITH THE ASHBY-P).

Program 2. The Cycle Time is 13 seconds. This program is only to be used with the Ashby-MF
model. (DO NOT USE THIS PROGRAM WITH THE ASHBY-P).

Program 3. The Cycle Time is 11.5 seconds. This Program offers Self-Ignition and is only for
units that have the Versa Grate system & Igniter installed. This program is the default program
for use with the Ashby-P and is for use with PFI Premium Pellets. (DO NOT USE THIS
PROGRAM WITH THE ASHBY-MF).

Program 4. The Cycle Time is 10 seconds. This Program offers Self-Ignition and is only for
units that have the Versa Grate system & Igniter installed and is for use with PFI Premium
Pellets. (DO NOT USE THIS PROGRAM WITH THE ASHBY-MF).

The difference between the 4 programs is in the cycle times and feed rates for the different fuels.
The Cycle time is the total of the ON Time & OFF Time added together. When a longer cycle
time is used, it lengthens the OFF time which in turn slows down the feed rate.

Program 4 is for adjusting for variations that occur with PFI Premium Pellets. See page 25 for
more information on variations between different brands of pellets. Ask your dealer before using
this Program in your unit.
Changing the program on the Control Board

To change the Program the Insert must be in the OFF position, the unit must be completely cooled down so the Proof of Fire Switch is Open and the Thermostat slide switch must be in the Manual mode. (See figure 18)

Press & hold the Auger Feed Button, then press the Trim High & Low Button at the same time and immediately release the two buttons. The five LED lights will flash. The number of times the lights Flash will indicate which program is running.

Program 1 – LED lights flash once
Program 2 – LED lights flash twice
Program 3 – LED lights flash three times
Program 4 – LED lights flash four times

Figure 18

Danger: Risk of Fire or Explosion - Do not burn Garbage, Gasoline, Drain Oil or other Flammable Liquids.

WARNING: - Risk of Fire.
- Do not operate with the Firebox door or Ash Removal doors open
- Do not store Fuel or other Combustible material within marked Installation Clearances.
- Inspect and Clean Flues and Chimneys regularly.

WARNING: Do not bypass the hopper lid switch. The auger can start at any time while the Stove is running, this is a high torque motor that is capable of doing SERIOUS harm to fingers. Keep fingers and other objects away from the auger.

Lighting Your Ashby-P

When lighting your Stove for the first time the auger tube will be empty, it helps to hold the Auger Button in until you hear fuel drop into the burn pot.

1. First make sure the Shaker Media has been added to the burn pot. See instructions (or see FAQ point 12 in the back of the manual) in the bag of Shaker Media to add the proper amount. It should only cover the Shaker plate one layer deep.
2. Make sure there are pellets in the hopper and the viewing door and ash pan door are closed.

3. Push the On/Off button on the control board.  

   (See figure 16 on page 27)

Once the On/Off button has been pushed the Ignition Cycle takes over and all that needs to be done is to monitor the burn pot to make sure the stove starts up properly.

The Ignition Cycle works as follows:

   a. The Combustion fan and Room fan come on at high speed and the control board checks to make sure the Vacuum switch locks in.  (See Diagnostic features on page 35 and 36).

   b. If the board senses the Vacuum switch closing the Combustion fan will drop to the #1 setting and the Room fan shuts off.

   c. The Igniter and the Versa Grate motor come on and the Auger feed continuously for 1.5 minutes and then switches to the #1 feed setting for the remainder of the ignition cycle.

   d. The stove will typically light in the first 3 - 4 minutes.  After 5 minutes the board starts checking for “Proof of Fire”.  Once the board senses P.O.F. the Igniter shuts off and the stove has started successfully.  The unit now enters “Normal Operation Mode”.

   If the board fails to sense the Proof of Fire switch during the first 15 minutes, the Stove will go into “Safety Shutdown” and Flash the #3 LED error code.  (See section on Diagnostic Features on page 35 and 36.)  If this happens, simply repeat the Start-Up process.  **CAUTION: NEVER ADD FIRE STARTER TO A HOT STOVE.**

**Shutting the Unit Off**

1. Press the On/Off switch once; the lights will go off and the fire will go out in a few minutes.  The board essentially goes into “Safety shutdown”.

2. As long as the temperature within the Ashby-P remains above 110°F the Fans will continue to run.  When the P.O.F. switch drops out, the room fan shuts off.  The Combustion fan will run for another 10 minutes and finally shut down completely.

   **NEVER unplug the Stove to shut it off. Doing so may cause smoke to enter the room.**

**Importance of proper Draft**

Do not neglect to adjust the Combustion Air Damper during the break in period of your new Stove  

(See Figure 19).  Your Stove is equipped with an air inlet damper.  The purpose of this damper is to adjust combustion airflow to match the characteristic of each specific air inlet and chimney configuration.  See figure 20 for initial damper settings for pellets.  The damper will most likely only need a small adjustment during the break-in period.  Break-in requires the burning 15 bags of pellets or a continuous burn for two weeks.
Figure 19 shows the location of the damper control lever. The tabs and notches shown each represent 1/16”. See figure 20 and note the location where the damper handle stops towards the open position and note the location where the damper stops towards the closed position.

Units connected to a **Horizontal Vent** system by using the “Zero Clearance Cabinet as shown in figure 6 or vented as shown in figure 13 may require the damper to be open further, start by opening the damper an additional 1/16” to compensate for any restriction due to venting horizontally.

### Flame Pattern Characteristics

**Correct Flame Pattern** - Bright yellowish-white flame with a brisk movement, having sharp pointed end tips extending up towards the Heat Exchange Tubes while forming a fan-like shape. Small amounts of ash and some live sparks being blown out from the Burn Pot area is considered normal operation.

**Incorrect Flame Pattern** – A Dark Orangish-Brown flame with a lazy movement, having black smoky end tips curling up and over the Heat Exchange Tubes while forming a fireball-like shape. Excessive black soot forming on the ceramic glass surface is a sign of very poor combustion (not enough combustion air) and should not be overlooked.

At the other end of the spectrum; an extremely brisk flame which blows large pieces of live coal out from the Burn Pot area and causes stubborn shiny black build-up on the glass (too much combustion air) is also considered undesirable and requires the damper to be closed.
Initial damper settings for burning Pellets

Heat level 1: Slide towards you until it stops.
Heat level 2: Open damper to 1/16 of an inch.
Heat level 3: Open damper to 1/8 of an inch.
Heat level 4: Open damper to 3/16 of an inch.
Heat level 5: Open damper to 3/16 of an inch.

Observe the flame and if more air is needed based on variations in the installation and adjust the damper from these positions if needed. Adjust the damper 1/16 of an inch at a time and wait 5 minutes between adjustments to allow the pot to balance out.

Figure 20

Adjusting the damper during the break in period when burning Pellets:

Start with the stove running in the pilot mode (#1 heat level) first. A proper burn while burning on Level 1 will prevent creosote formation in the venting system. Running the stove with too much air on the low burns will cause smoke and low Burn Pot temperatures. This can lead to Creosote formation. Once you have adjusted the damper for the best burn, make note of the setting. Now advance the stove one heat level at a time and adjust the damper if needed, making note of the proper setting for future reference.

Conditions indicating excessive Draft: If a black shiny build-up (difficult to wipe off) is noticed on the glass and inner surfaces, after the Stove runs on the low (pilot) setting for an extended period of time, the damper must be closed some. Close the damper 1/16 of an inch at a time until the build-up starts to wipe off easier. Some build up on the glass is normal and should be removed during daily maintenance.

Conditions indicating inadequate Draft: If black soot (wipes off easily) builds up on the glass and black smoke is visible at the tips of the flames start to open the damper 1/16” at a time. Wait 5 – 10 minutes before attempting another adjustment. An occasional wisp of black smoke is normal every now and then.

Occasionally check for the formation of creosote in the unit and venting system during the season. Constantly running the Stove on a low setting with too much combustion air may cause creosote to form. Burn pot temperatures can be “too cool” when burning on low with too much draft.

Additional draft adjustments can be made using the Draft trim feature built into the control board. Read point 4a on page 28 and read the “Frequently Asked Questions” in the back of the manual.
If you notice a difference in the operation of the Stove during the season, first check to see if there has been a change in the fuel you are burning. If the fuel properties have significantly changed, such as the fuel is very dirty, then making a change to the damper is correct.

However if the Stove needs cleaning, changing the Damper may mask the fact that the stove is getting plugged. It is always a good idea to thoroughly clean your stove before making a significant damper change.

If you experience problems adjusting the Stove during the Break-In Period, or if the chimney systems falls outside the norm, for example, a chimney with excessive draft or one with a long horizontal run contact your dealer for assistance.

**USE OF A THERMOSTAT**

The Ashby-P offers the optional feature of thermostatically controlling your new stove. By using a thermostat to control the operation of your Pellet stove, you can benefit two ways. First of all, after setting the thermostat to your desired heating needs, the stove will operate accordingly to maintain your desired temperature setting. Secondly, the fuel consumption is being optimized, which ultimately results in lowering your seasonal heating costs.

While the room temperature remains cooler than your desired thermostat setting, the stove will operate at any of the 5 HEAT ADJUST selector positions. Read the Operations manual to determine which Thermostat Mode you want to use. You can choose between the T-Stat Mode and the Smart-Stat mode.

1. Once you have successfully lit your stove, set the thermostat to your desired heating needs.

2. Set the HEAT ADJUST selector to a position that will effectively create a rise in room temperature above your thermostat setting. The recommended heat settings while using a thermostat will be any Heat Level between 2 through 5.

**Thermostat Hook-up**

To hook up a thermostat connect the wires from the thermostat to the two white wires with red stripes in the harness. These wires are located on the right side of the stove and are labeled as T-Stat.

![Thermostat Wiring Diagram](image)

NOTE: Installers must determine a neutral location of where to mount the thermostat panel in order for accurate room temperature measurements.
Thermostat Control & Pilot Settings: The Ashby-P may be controlled with a thermostat to help maintain a more constant temperature. The Ashby-P may take a little longer in raising the heat in the room when the thermostat calls for heat, because it will slowly ramp up the burn rate. The low setting can be adjusted to increase or decrease the amount of fuel used. This will allow the heat output during the pilot stage to be matched to the size of the home. A larger home will require more heat than a smaller one. The Insert is constantly producing some heat that helps heat the home while it is in pilot mode. If the home seems too warm, and the Thermostat is never calling for heat it may be better to run the stove in T-Stat mode allowing the unit to shut down immediately, preventing the unit from piloting.

Remember: Choosing a lower Pilot setting may require the Draft Fan Voltage or the Damper to be fine-tuned to match the lower feed rate. Monitor how the Ashby is burning on low after a change is made and adjust the damper to prevent creosote forming.

Diagnostic Features of the Control Board

The #2 LED, #3 LED and #4 LED lights on the LED Light bar will flash giving a diagnostic code to help in diagnosing problems that may occur. (Read Frequently Asked Questions for more information)

These conditions fall into 2 categories:

a. Heat related issues.
b. Vacuum related issues.

The Diagnostic Lights flash as follows:

1. The Proof of Fire switch. This switch will sense the temperature of the Exhaust rising during start up. If the Exhaust temperature does not reach 110 degrees F or if during use the temperature drops below 110 degrees F, the Insert will go into “Internal Alarm” and the Auger will quit feeding fuel and the #3 LED will start blinking. (Read Frequently Asked Questions for more information)

2. The High Limit switch. This sensor will sense if the unit reaches temperatures that are too high for normal operation. If this happens the Auger will quit feeding and the #4 LED light will start blinking. (Read Frequently Asked Questions for more information)

3. The Vacuum switch. For the Insert to operate correctly the firebox needs to be sealed. During the first 30 seconds after the unit has been turned on the control board will check to see if the switch senses negative pressure (Vacuum) in the firebox of the Insert. If there is no negative pressure, the Insert will shut down and the #2 LED will start blinking. (Read Frequently Asked Questions for more information)
During “Normal Operation” a 60 second delay has been incorporated before the unit shuts down if the board senses loss of vacuum. This is to accommodate opening the doors during maintenance. Once the board senses loss of vacuum the ON/OFF light will start blinking and the control board will not feed any fuel nor respond to any of the buttons. Once Vacuum has been restored the unit will revert to normal operation.

**Unresponsive Control Board** - When the control board becomes unresponsive, the control board may be in Internal Alarm. The control board has sensed one of the Safety sensors. This may cause the unit to go out and flash a Diagnostic Code. In some cases, after waiting approximately 45 seconds the Insert will start responding to the control board again. Many times, the cause of this is a change in the vacuum inside the firebox. This may be caused by excessive wind or by opening the Firebox door. The control board will monitor the vacuum switch and resume normal operation if the vacuum returns to normal.

**Note:** See Cleaning Cycle on page 29. The control board is locked out during the cleaning cycle and may appear to be unresponsive. Simply wait until the cycle is complete (Once the power light quits blinking) and the board will respond again.

**Safety Features**

1. **"High Limit” switch**, an overheat safety switch will shut off the fuel feed if the Insert reaches temperatures above normal operating temperature. This is a “Normally Closed” switch. If the High limit switch trips several times, the problem in the Insert must be diagnosed before the unit is put back into service, (Defective Room Fan, dirty Room Fan, defective High Limit switch or possibly a bad Control Board)

2. **Vacuum switch** also called the *Negative pressure switch*. When the Insert is turned on the Exhaust fan will create a negative pressure in the firebox. The control board continually checks to see if Negative Pressure (vacuum) is present during operation of the Insert. If the exhaust venting system becomes clogged or obstructed, the firebox door is left open or the exhaust fan quits working the control board will go into “Safety shutdown”. There is a 60 second delay before the unit shuts down to allow for maintenance, such as cleaning the glass or scraping the pot before then unit shuts down. This is usually sufficient for the Daily Maintenance.

3. **Proof of Fire switch** also called the *P.O.F.* This senses the temperature rise in the exhaust system. The switch is “Normally Open” and closes the circuit at 110 degrees. The Insert will shut down if temperatures above 110 degrees F are not sensed during start up or if the temperature drops below 110 degrees during normal operation.

4. **Hopper Lid Switch.** The hopper lid switch will shut off the auger motor when the hopper lid is open. Be sure the lid closes completely when refilling the hopper or the unit will shut down.

**WARNING:** The Insert has been Safety Tested by an accredited, independent laboratory. These safety features are designed to protect life and property. Bypassing these features voids all warranties and the safety listing of the Ashby-P.
Ashby-P Maintenance

NOTE: WHEN YOU FIRST OPERATE YOUR ASHBY-P INSERT, CHECK TO DETERMINE THE NEEDED CLEANING FREQUENCY. THE ASHBY-P REQUIRES A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DAILY MAINTENANCE. REQUIRED MAINTENANCE DEPENDS LARGELY UPON THE QUALITY OF FUEL BURNED AND THE RATE OF BURN. THE AMOUNT OF DAILY MAINTENANCE WILL INCREASE IF FUEL QUALITY DECREASES AND/OR THE BURNING RATE OF THE FUEL INCREASES.

NOTE: FAILURE TO KEEP YOUR INSERT CLEAN, AS DESCRIBED IN THIS MANUAL, COULD RESULT IN POOR OPERATION, INEFFICIENT FUEL USAGE AND A POSSIBLE SAFETY HAZARD! IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER/USER TO DETERMINE THE NEEDED MAINTENANCE FREQUENCY.

CAUTION: THE DOOR AND FRONT PART OF THE INSERT WILL BE HOT. DO NOT TOUCH ANY PART OF THE UNIT THAT IS HOT!

The Versa Grate System

First, let’s become familiar with the burn system in a St. Croix Pellet stove. Remember, cleaning frequency may change dramatically from one fuel to another. Pellets with high ash content or that have increased amounts of impurities or high moisture content. The St. Croix Versa Grate system is a 2-piece burn pot design. The top Part is called the “Grate Weldment”. This sits on top
of the “Shaker Plate”. This in turn sits on top of the “Shaft/Cage Weldment” which is held in place with the “Spacer” & “Self-Locking Twist pin”. The Shaft/Cage Weldment is moved towards the front of the stove and then towards the back of the stove by the “Cam” which is connected to the “Versa Grate Motor”. Shaker Media is placed on top of the Shaker Plate. This motion is constant while the stove is in operation. The only parts that may need to be removed for cleaning purposes during the Daily or Periodic Maintenance are the “Grate Weldment”, the “Shaker Plate” and the “Shaker Media”. This is to check the holes in the burn pot system to see if they are plugged. Refresh the “Shaker Media” once it starts breaking down.

MAINTAINING THE STOVE - The stove requires a certain amount of daily maintenance that must not be ignored. Required maintenance depends largely upon the quality of pellet fuel burned and the rate of burn. The amount of daily maintenance will increase if fuel quality decreases and/or the burning rate of pellets increases.

If the flame becomes dark orange, is accompanied by black smoke or burns with a lazy motion - it’s time to clean the grate When you first operate your stove or whenever you change fuels check to determine needed cleaning frequency.

Daily Maintenance – Ashby-P

CAUTION: THE DOOR AND FRONT PART OF THE STOVE WILL BE HOT. DO NOT TOUCH ANY PART OF THE STOVE THAT IS HOT! CAUTION: NEVER ADD FIRE STARTER TO A HOT STOVE.

1. Check Grate, Shaker Plate and Shaker Media (See figure 23 on the following page (the Shaker Media is not shown) to determine if holes are getting plugged and clean as needed. With proper precautions the grate may be partially cleaned while the stove is hot. Follow these steps:

   a. Wear a leather glove that covers the lower arm.
   b. Turn the Stove to Heat Level 1 and allow the flame to burn down to a low burn.
   c. Open the firebox door slowly to prevent drawing ash or odors into the room.
   d. Use the “Pot Scraper tool” provided to move the burning pellets and Shaker Media to one side of the grate, checking the holes in the bottom of the grate. (See Fig 22 Pot Scraper Tool)
   e. Rake the ash & clinkers out over the grate into the ash pan, if needed.
   f. Rake the burning pellets and Shaker Media back across the bottom of the grate.
   g. Close the door and re-select the desired heat setting.

The “Grate Weldment”, Shaker Plate and the “Shaker Media” may need to be removed for cleaning purposes if the holes have become plugged. This allows a closer inspection of the holes in the pot. Use a 3/16” drill bit to clean out the holes if needed.
2. Shake the ash buildup under the Shaker Plate into the ash pan daily or as frequently as needed. This area will fill up with the ashes that drop through the “Versa Grate System”. Once this area gets plugged, it will choke off the flow of Combustion Air to the Burn Pot, causing the flame to become lazy. Use the Ash Shaker Rod shown below in figure 24 to shake the ashes down into the ash pan.

To reach the Ash Shaker Rod, you must open the ash pan door. The ash pan is shallow and the ashes will pile up in the center if you do not shake the pan every now and then. This will shift the ashes and allow the ash pan to fill more evenly. If you neglect this the ashes will back up and plug the shaker system preventing the ashes below the Versa Grate system from reaching the ash pan as intended.
3. Check ash pan *(See Fig. 24 on page 39)* to determine emptying frequency needed. NOTE: Do not use a vacuum cleaner for this purpose. Hot coals may cause your vacuum filter to catch fire. Place ashes in a metal container with a tight fitting lid. The closed container of ashes should be placed on a noncombustible floor, or outside on the ground well away from all combustible materials, pending final disposal. If the ashes are disposed of by burial in soil or otherwise locally dispersed, they should be retained in the closed container for at least two days until all cinders have thoroughly cooled.

4. Once or twice daily pull the Heat Exchange Tube Scraper, *(See Fig. 1 on page 7)* out and back to clean heat exchange tubes. Failure to operate the tube scraper daily may result in poor combustion and loss of heat output. This should be done when the stove is cool or operating on the low temperature setting. Use the Rod Pull Tool to reach the Tube Scraper Rod.

5. The rate of burn and the quality of fuel will determine how often the window needs cleaning. Prolonged burning at a slow burn rate will result in the need for more frequent window cleaning. Burning poor fuel also increases the need to clean the window. Cooling the stove and wiping the window daily with a cloth or paper towel will normally keep the window from accumulating difficult to clean residue. Use of a glass cleaner ONLY permitted when the stove is cold. *Tip: Dip the damp towel in the ashes to remove stubborn buildup on the glass.*

**CAUTION:** Do not slam the door. Do not operate the stove with a broken or cracked glass. Replace only with heat resistant ceramic glass supplied by the manufacturer.

6. Burn the stove at the HI fuel setting for at least 30 to 60 minutes each day. This helps keep the window, firebrick and firebox area clean. A daily high burn also aids in maintaining the overall efficiency and performance of the stove.

**Periodic Maintenance**

**CAUTION:** Periodic maintenance should only be done while the Insert is shut off and cold.

1. **Ashpan.**

   Empty the ash pan when it appears full (approximately once a week). The frequency of cleaning the ash pan will depend on the quality and amount of fuel being used. Carefully check to make sure the ash pan door is tightly closed after each opening.

2. **Grate Weldment, Shaker Plate and Shaker Media.**

   Once or twice during the week shut the unit down and replace the Shaker Media, if needed. See point 12 in the Frequently Asked Questions for more information on replacing the Shaker Media. Clean Grate Weldment and Shaker Plate holes whenever needed. Remove the Burnpot and use a small metal object (Nail, Drill Bit, etc.) to clean out plugged holes *(see Figure 23)*. The Grate Weldment and Shaker Plate holes can also be cleaned without removing them by using a small steel brush to clean the holes.
3. **Clean-Out Ports.**

The Ashby-P Insert has 2 Exhaust Cleanout Ports located in the LEFT AND RIGHT lower corners of the firebox. Remove covers and clean regularly (see figure 25 below)

![Diagram showing clean-out ports and exhaust system](image)

**Figure 25**

4. **Exhaust Tee clean-out rod**

Figure 25 also shows the location of the Rod to open the slide of the clean-out tee below the vent system. It is located behind the left Clean-Out cover. The insert has a built-in cleanout system to be able to vacuum the buildup that accumulates in the vent system from the front of the unit without having to pull the unit from the fireplace. Figure 26 on the following page shows the area that can be reached with a vacuum cleaner. The Exhaust Tee Cleanout Rod must be pulled forward to open the Cleanout Tee. Cleaning this area on a regular basis will prevent the vent system from becoming plugged with fly-ash. The recommended size of the hose to use for vacuuming this area is 1.25” outside diameter. The hose should be inserted into the left Cleanout Port and vacuum all the way back to below the built-in Tee as shown in Figure 26. **Push the Rod back in to close the bottom of the Cleanout Tee before resuming operation of the stove.**
Frequency of cleaning depends on the amount of fuel being burnt and the quality of the Fuel.

**Failure to clean the ash traps will cause the Insert to become plugged with Fly Ash.**

5. **Heat Exchange Baffle.**

Remove the baffle and clean the ashes that accumulate on a regular basis. Once a month or sooner, depending on the quality of fuel being used (See Figure 27). Clean the baffle on a regular basis. Frequency of cleaning depends on amount of fuel being burnt and the quality of the fuel. Fuel with low ash content is recommended. **Failure to clean the baffle can cause the Ashby-P Insert to become plugged with fly ash.**

To remove the baffle, simply lift the baffle up off of the brick and remove from the insert.
6. **Exhaust System.**

Periodic cleaning of the exhaust system is required. Under certain conditions chimneys may plug up rapidly. Dirty poor quality Fuel and poor installations require more frequent chimney cleanings. The products of combustion will also contain small particles of fly ash. The fly ash will collect in the exhaust vent and restrict the flow of the flue gases. Judge the frequency of cleaning by checking the amount of ash that accumulates in the built in Cleanout Tee in the exhaust system. Ask the dealer for suggested frequency of cleaning, equipment needed and procedures for cleaning. Check the Vent Cap at least once every two months during the heating season to see if it has become plugged. See Page 24 “Preventing Chimney Fires”.

7. **Gaskets.**

Periodically inspect the condition of the rope gasket around the door, window and ash door. Replace as needed.

**Yearly Maintenance**

Many dealers offer a Service Contract that will cover Yearly Maintenance. Contact your St. Croix Dealer for assistance in maintaining your Ashby-P in top condition. Yearly maintenance is designed to assure safe operation, prolong the life of the Ashby and help preserve its aesthetic appeal.

![Figure 28](image)

**NOTE: UNPLUG THE INSERT.** Remove the Surround panels of the Ashby-P and pull the unit from the fireplace. Carefully clean or vacuum any dust, cobwebs and household dust. Carefully vacuum around the fan motors. If electrical wires become disconnected call your dealer for service.
1. **Spring Shutdown.** After the last burn in the spring let the unit cool down. Remove all fuel from the hopper and the auger. Thoroughly clean the burn pot, burn pot box, ash pan and ash traps behind the ash pan. (To locate the ash traps see figure 25)

2. The exhaust system should be thoroughly cleaned at least annually. Call your dealer for this service. (See figure 28 on page 43)

3. The motor/fan area behind the firebox and under the hopper should be vacuumed annually. (See figure 28 on page 43)

4. The exhaust fan should be removed and cleaned with compressed air annually. Call dealer for this service. Annual oiling of the motors is not needed. (See figure 28 on page 43)

5. The Convection fans should be removed and cleaned with compressed air annually. (See figure 28 on page 43)

6. Replace the Door Gaskets if needed.

7. Replace the Ash Pan Door gaskets if needed.

8. Replace the Hopper Lid Gaskets if needed.

**Fall Startup.** Prior to lighting the first fire check the outside area around the exhaust and air intake systems for obstructions. Try all controls to see that they are working prior to lighting a fire.

**SAFE OPERATION.**

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

2. **Never use Gasoline,** gasoline type lantern fluid. Kerosene, charcoal lighter fluid or similar liquids to start or “freshen up” a fire in this heater. Keep all such liquids well away from the heater while it is in use.

3. **Creosote, 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 venting system and restrict the flow of flue gases. Incomplete combustion, such as occurs during start-up and shut-down, or incorrect operation of the room heater will lead to some soot or creosote formation which will collect in the venting system. The exhaust system should be inspected regularly during the heating season to determine if creosote buildup has occurred. Check more frequently at first to determine a schedule for cleaning the venting system based on individual use of this Insert. If creosote has accumulated, it should be removed to reduce the risk of a chimney fire.

4. **Do not Overfire this unit by tampering with the controls on the unit.** Follow all instructions regarding the proper use of this heater.
The Electrical Rating of this Ashby-P Insert is: 120 Volt, 60 Hz, 4 Amp with the igniter running and approximately 2 Amp without the igniter running. The minimum recommended circuit is 15 Amp. A dedicated circuit for the Insert is recommended.

CAUTION: The electrical components of the Ashby-P are not owner serviceable. Call your dealer for proper diagnosis of electrical problems and service to those components.
TROUBLESHOOTING & FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The Insert is very trouble free in operation when properly maintained and quality fuel is used. When the Insert fails to operate properly, troubleshooting by the operator of the Insert is limited. Please read the following guide for answers to frequently asked questions.

1. When first starting your Ashby-P the auger tube is empty, which will delay feeding fuel to the burn pot. This will in some cases prevent the Insert from starting.

   Solution: Prime the burn pot using the Auger Feed button if the auger tube is empty.

2. My Insert keeps overloading the burnpot. First check the Quality of your Fuel to make sure you are using clean fuel. Otherwise this is mainly caused by improper combustion settings. (See Damper Adjustment section of the Operations Manual) Besides the damper adjustment there are several areas that can have an effect on the combustion process. Also see Solution below.

   Solution: Check all Gaskets, Doors and Door Latching Systems for air leaks. Any leaks in these areas will negatively affect the burn process and cause the pot to overload. Clean the Ash Traps and Venting System. Make sure the holes in the pot aren’t plugged. Refresh the Shaker Media in the pot.

3. My Insert isn’t burning and the number 2 LED light is blinking. This diagnostic light indicates the vacuum switch no longer senses negative pressure in the firebox area of the Insert. What causes this?

   a. The door of the unit was left open longer than 60 seconds. (See solution)
   b. The ash pan door was left open for longer than 60 seconds. (See solution)
   c. The combustion fan is not running. (Defective fan, wiring or control board)
   d. The vacuum switch is defective.
   e. The vacuum hose is disconnected
   f. The vent system is plugged with fly-ash.

   Solution: If the fire is out, re-light the Insert. If the fire is still burning make sure all doors are securely latched and hold down the On/Off button (approximately 5 seconds) until Insert starts up again.

4. My Insert isn’t burning and the number 3 LED light is blinking. This diagnostic light indicates that the Proof of Fire Switch no longer senses a fire in the Insert. First check to see if there is Fuel in the hopper. If there is fuel in the hopper check the following items to figure why the Insert went out.
a. Unburned fuel in the burnpot means the fire went out before the auger quit feeding. Fuel continues to feed until the P.O.F. switch eventually shuts the Insert down. (See section covering Damper Adjustment)

What causes this? Too much Combustion Air while burning on the lowest Heat Level could cause the fuel to burn up too quickly and cause the fire to go out.

**Solution:** **Too much Combustion Air on the low setting.** Adjust the air damper or the combustion fan voltage.

b. If all the fuel is burned up means the auger quit feeding fuel while there was still a fire in the burnpot. Check to see if there is fuel in the hopper.

If there is fuel in the hopper check to see if there is an obstruction in the auger system or if the auger set screw is loose.

**Solution:** Remove obstruction and re-light the Insert or tighten the setscrew on the auger shaft.

If the hopper is empty, fill the hopper and re-light the Insert.

4. **My Insert isn’t burning and the #4 LED light is blinking.** This means the high Limit switch has shut the Insert down.

What can cause this? The Convection Blower could be defective or may need cleaning. The high limit switch may be also defective. It is best to call your dealer for support when trying to troubleshoot the High Limit Switch. Do not use your Insert if the High Limit switch frequently trips.

6. **I turned the Insert on with the On/Off switch and nothing happens.** First check to see if the Insert is plugged in and the receptacle has power to it.

**Solution:** Check the fuse on the back of the control board. Replace with a 125 Volt, 5 Amp fuse.

7. **Why is my glass dirty?** Normal operation of your St. Croix Insert will produce a light build-up on the glass that wipes off with a dry paper towel. However extended burning on the low setting only will produce a tan color. These types of build-up on the glass are normal. A heavy black build-up on the glass could indicate a problem.

**Solution:** Adjust the combustion air damper or combustion fan voltage. If this doesn’t seem to help, make sure the clean out cover plates are installed in the Insert. It also could be an indication that the Insert is getting plugged and needs a good cleaning. Refer to the section in the manual that covers the Daily, Periodic and Yearly Maintenance of the Insert.
8. Are there any adjustments that can be made, through the control board, to the amount of fuel that is fed into the burnpot?

Answer: There are several ways to adjust the amount of fuel that is fed into the burnpot. The feed rates can be fine-tuned while the Insert is in operation by pressing and holding the “Auger Feed” button down and then either pressing the “Heat Level High” button to advance the feed rate higher, or pressing the “Heat Level Low” button to decrease the feed rate.

There are 5 levels on the control board and they are indicated by a single flash of the LED’s. The default setting is the center LED. This gives 2 adjustments increasing the feed rate (LED’s 4 & 5) and 2 adjustments decreasing the feed rate. (LED’s 1 & 2) The ON time is increased or decreased .25 seconds with each adjustment.

9. Are there any adjustments that can be made, through the control board, to the Combustion Fan voltages to help adjust the draft?

Answer: The Draft can be adjusted in a similar fashion as mentioned in the previous example.

The Fan voltages can be fine-tuned while the Insert is in operation by pressing and holding the “Auger Feed” button down and then either pressing the “Trim High” button to advance the voltages higher, or pressing the “Trim Low” button to decrease the fan voltages.

There are 5 levels on the control board and they are indicated by single flash of the LED’s. The default setting is the center LED. This gives 2 adjustments increasing the voltage (LED’s 4 & 5) and 2 adjustments decreasing the voltage. (LED’s 1 & 2) The voltage is increased or decreased 2.5 volts with each adjustment.
10. **Are there Cycle Time adjustments on the Control Board for different types of fuel?**

Answer: There are 4 individual programs on the control board, each with a different Cycle time. The Ashby-P uses Programs 3 and 4.

Your Ashby-P has been factory set to Program 3.

**Program 1.** The Cycle Time is 11.5 seconds. This program is only to be used with the Ashby-MF model. *(DO NOT USE THIS PROGRAM WITH THE ASHBY-P)*.

**Program 2.** The Cycle Time is 13 seconds. This program is only to be used with the Ashby-MF model. *(DO NOT USE THIS PROGRAM WITH THE ASHBY-P).*

**Program 3.** The Cycle Time is 11.5 seconds. This Program offers Self-Ignition and is only for units that have the Versa Grate system & Igniter installed. This program is the default program for use with the Ashby-P and is for use with PFI Premium Pellets. *(DO NOT USE THIS PROGRAM WITH THE ASHBY-MF).*

**Program 4.** The Cycle Time is 10 seconds. This Program offers Self-Ignition and is only for units that have the Versa Grate system & Igniter installed and is for use with PFI Premium Pellets. *(DO NOT USE THIS PROGRAM WITH THE ASHBY-MF).*

Program 4 is for adjusting for variations that occur with PFI Premium Pellets. Ask your dealer before using this Program in your unit. See page 25 for more information on variations between different brands of pellets.

11. **How do I change to a different Program on the control board?**

First the Insert must be turned off and cooled down.

Step 1 - The Thermostat switch must be in the Manual position.

Step 2 – Press and hold the Auger Feed Button.

Step 3 – Press and immediately release the Draft Trim High and Low Buttons at the same time.

Step 4 – Observe the LED light flashing according to the Program chosen. Program 1 flashes once, Program 2 flashes twice, Program 3 flashes three times and Program 4 flashes 4 times.

Changing the Cycle Time will change the BTU Input of the Insert. The longer the Cycle time the lower the BTU rating. **Check with your dealer before changing programs.**

Figure 32
12. **How much Shaker Media should I add on top of the Shaker Plate when I replace it?**

Remove pieces larger than 3/4” and smaller than 1/4” and discard

Before lighting your unit for the first time, use a 1/4 cup measuring cup and measure out a ¼ cup of Shaker Media and place it on top of the shaker plate in the Versa Grate System. The Shaker Media should only cover the lowest row of holes in the Burn Grate. Please see figure 34 below.

The Shaker Media in the Versa Grate System should be replaced as it breaks down over time. Frequency of replacing the Media depends on the amount of fuel being burnt and the quality of the Fuel. The Operator of the stove must determine how often to replace the media. Failure to keep the holes in the Pot and Shaker Plate clean will adversely affect how the stove runs.

Shaker Media can be purchased through your St Croix dealer or by calling St Croix direct at 800-553-5422. Ext. 271

To purchase additional Shaker Media, please use the part numbers listed below.

SLR10LB - Shaker Media 10 lbs. bag
SLR05LB - Shaker Media 5 lbs. bag
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15 | 80P53884-R | GRATE WELDMENT
16 | 80P30940-R | SHAKER PLATE
17 | 80P54367-R | BOLT IN SHAKER PLATE ASSEMBLY
18 | 80P52627-R | SLIDER ROD
19 | 65-06-00367-R | MAGNET
20 | 80P54121-R | ROD TOOL ASSEMBLY
21 | 80P52727-R | IGNITER
22 | 80P53914-R | IGNITER TUBE WELDMENT
23 | 10-32x1/4SSS | 10-32 x 1/4” SET SCREW
24 | 80P54454-R | REMOVABLE SHAKER PLATE COVER
25 | 80P31220-R | ADJUSTABEL FRONT BUSHING
26 | 80P31282-R | ASH PAN
27 | 80P54223-R | DOOR MAGNET ASSEMBLY
28 | 80P52710-R | VACUUM SWITCH MOUNTING BRACKET
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ASHBY-P WARRANTY

The Stove manufactured for Johnson Gas Appliance, Inc. is warranted for five (5) years, to the original owner, against defects and workmanship on all steel parts (excluding the Burn Grate and Versa Grate System parts, Baffle and Brick Panels) and two (2) year on electrical components from the date of sale to the original owner. There specifically is no warranty on the paint, glass and all gaskets. There is no written or implied performance warranty on the Stove, as the manufacturer has no control over the installation, daily operations, maintenance or the type of fuel burned.

This warranty will not apply if the Stove has not been installed, operated and maintained in strict accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Burning other than the approved quality fuel may cause Stove damage and voids the warranty.

The warranty does not cover damage or breakage due to misuse, improper handling or modifications.

A warranty registration card is provided. The card is to be checked and signed and returned to factory by the owner. Appropriate information is to be noted on the card.

All claims under this warranty must be made through the dealer where the Stove was purchased. If an inspection by the dealer indicates that a warranty claim is justified, and that all conditions of this warranty have been met, the manufacturer's total responsibilities and liabilities shall be to repair or replace, at the manufacturer's option, the defective part(s). All costs of removal, shipment to and from the dealer or manufacturer, any losses during shipment and reinstallation and any other losses due to the Stove being removed shall be covered by the owner of the Stove.

NEITHER THE MANUFACTURER, NOR THE SUPPLIERS TO THE PURCHASER, ACCEPTS RESPONSIBILITY, LEGAL OR OTHERWISE, FOR THE INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OR PERSONS RESULTING FROM THE USE OF THIS PRODUCT. ANY WARRANTY IMPLIED BY LAW, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS, SHALL BE LIMITED TO ONE (1) YEAR FROM THE DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE. WHEN A CLAIM IS MADE AGAINST THE MANUFACTURER BASED ON THE BREACH OF THIS WARRANTY OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF WARRANTY EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED BY LAW, MANUFACTURER SHALL IN NO EVENT BE LIABLE FOR ANY SPECIAL, INDIRECT, CONSEQUENTIAL OR OTHER DAMAGES OF ANY NATURE WHATSOEVER IN EXCESS OF THE ORIGINAL PURCHASE PRICE OF THIS PRODUCT. ALL WARRANTIES BY MANUFACTURER ARE SET FORTH HEREIN AND NO CLAIM SHALL BE MADE AGAINST MANUFACTURER ON ANY ORAL WARRANTY OR REPRESENTATION.

Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, or limitations of implied warranties; therefore the limitations of exclusions set forth in this warranty may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may have other rights, which vary from state to state.

Notes:
After the break in period, please note any adjustments that were made to the Feed Trim and Draft Trim on the control board in the area below.

Feed Trim: Circle one (See point 2 on page 27)

| LED #1 | LED #2 | LED #3 | LED #4 | LED #5 |

Draft Trim: Circle one (See point 4a on page 28)

| LED #1 | LED #2 | LED #3 | LED #4 | LED #5 |

APPROVED FUEL:

PFI PREMIUM PELLETS

PROGRAM: Circle one (see Figure 18 on page 30)

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Serial Number:

Date of Purchase:

Dealer Information: