

# Before using your new Pennsylvania Fireback.™

PLEASE READ

## HANDLE YOUR FIREBACK WITH CARE.

Cast iron is fragile and will crack or break if treated improperly.

**Edges and corners can be sharp.**

## INSPECT IT:

When you first remove your Fireback from its box, examine it carefully for cracks or other damage. Minor imperfections (sand holes, inclusions, dimensional differences) are inherent in the sand casting process.

## ABOUT THE FINISH:

The Fireback has been dipped in a water base paint to inhibit rust during transportation.

**THE FACTORY APPLIED FINISH IS NOT INTENDED FOR DISPLAY.** Paint bubbles, streaks or imperfections will wear off with use or can be removed with a wire brush, steel wool or sandpaper.

If the shipping box is exposed to moisture in transportation or following delivery, surface rust may appear on your Fireback. This surface rust can easily be removed with a wire brush, steel wool or sandpaper.

For use in a hearth, a coat of Stove Polish or Stove Black paste is recommended. Stove Polish or Stove Black can be applied over the factory applied finish. Lightly sanding the high spots of the fireback's factory applied finish with a medium sandpaper is recommended before applying polish. With use, a periodic spot touch-up coat of Stove Polish can be applied in place to your Fireback.

For use of your Fireback behind a cook top or as a wall plaque, a coating of Rust-oleum or similar metal primer and finish spray paint is recommended.

Do not expose your Fireback to water or oil.

## WARNING:

- Do not expose your Fireback to coal fires.
- Do not expose your Fireback to water or oil.
- DO NOT USE your Fireback with a "Wall of Fire" type grate or lean burning logs against your Fireback.

## CURE IT:

A new Fireback must be cured. The gentle process of building several small successive fires will cure the iron for future use. **Rapid expansion of uncured cast iron caused by excessive initial heating can cause your Fireback to crack.**

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# How to install your Pennsylvania Fireback.™

## FREE STANDING:

To insure the proper balance when used free standing in a hearth, the bottom of your Fireback must always be closer to you than the top.

To prevent the top of your Fireback from falling forward place bricks or other suitable non-flammable spacers between the back wall and bottom of the Fireback. The spacers should be thick enough to insure that the bottom of the Fireback can not be pushed out of balance.

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Free Standing



Supported with Saf-T-Boots

## SUPPORTED:

A Fireback can be safely supported in a hearth using the Saf-T-Boot™ support system.

In hearths with forward leaning back walls the Saf-T-Boot's™ patented step design enables a Fireback to be supported at a variety of angles. Saf-T-Boots™ can be used with any standard grate, andirons, or gas log system.

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## MAINTENANCE:

With use, your Fireback can be cleaned in place with a wire brush. To protect your Fireback and give it a bright, durable, and easy to maintain finish in the hearth, it is recommended that a coat of Stove Polish or Stove Black be applied. With use, a periodic spot touch-up coat of polish can be applied in place to your Fireback.

## WARRANTY:

Pennsylvania Firebacks are conditionally guaranteed against defects in the quality of materials and labor for a period of 5 years from date of purchase.

## THINK SAFETY FIRST:

Contact your local certified chimney sweep from the National Chimney Sweep Guild to perform a safety check on your chimney and hearth.