

Murustone Fireplace Surrounds Care And Maintenance

This bulletin is to instruct the new owner of a MuruStone fireplace surround in the care and maintenance of the hearth and stone surround on their fireplace. MuruStone has a very high end furniture finish. It is tough and durable, and its high gloss or satin finish makes it a beautiful surround that will accent your fireplace for many years.

Cleaning

1. Clean regularly with clear water or Windex and a soft cloth.
2. If substance is spilled on the hearth that doesn't respond to water or Windex, any solvent or cleaning material can be used as long as it **does not contain abrasives**. Paint thinner alcohol, or bleaches will not affect MuruStone. Care must be taken to keep them off the carpet or other surfaces adjacent to the surround.
3. Do not use metal or other scraping tools on MuruStone.
4. If you wish to polish your MuruStone with furniture polish or Armourall, it will not harm Murustone. It will however leave a coating on the stone which will need to be removed from time to time to maintain a beautiful appearance.

Maintenance

1. If you chip a corner or edge of the MuruStone, it can be repaired by painting the edge with touchup paint in the primary color of the pattern. Auto touchup, markers or laminate touchup/repair materials found in any building materials store can all be used.
2. Gouges in the surface can be colored with the same material.

Adhesive application-

1. The hearth must be set on a level surface with full contact under the panel. If the substrate is flat a minimum amount of adhesive is required to keep the hearth in place. If there is variation shim the low spots with walnut sized spots of ceramic tile adhesive. A buffer board is required by some codes. You can use ½" suspended ceiling tile material to satisfy this requirement if it applies.
2. Apply adhesive to the header panels and legs. Adhesive should be applied in walnut sized dabs. There must be at least one dab of adhesive for each square foot of panel. Extra dabs may be used to adjust the flatness of the panels if the wall is uneven.
3. When using construction adhesive, follow the instructions on the label including the instructions to remove and replace the panels.
4. Place the panel slightly up and to the side then slide the panel into its final location.
5. Tamp the entire panel with a padded board to bed it into the adhesive.
6. Panels must be left undisturbed for at least 24 hrs.

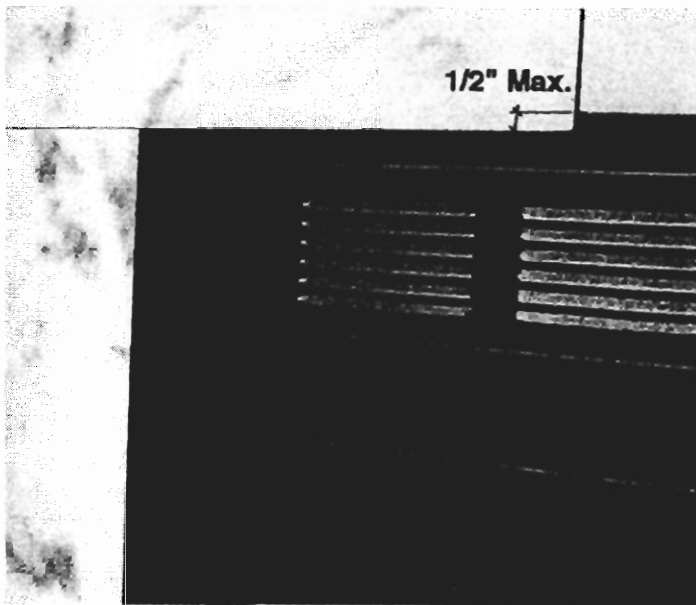
Field cutting-

1. Panels that need to be cut should be cut with a wet saw or an angel grinder and a diamond blade to Cause the least damage on the edge of the cut.
2. Use a straight edge and utility knife to score thru the finish.
3. Cut to the line, not down the line in order to cause the least lifting of the edge of the coating.
4. Holes in the panels can be made with an angle grinder and a drill with a masonry bit.
5. When the murustone is cut there will be a lifting of the extreme edge of the panel. This must be relieved by using a file or rasp to sand the cut edge on a 45 deg angle. Remove only as much required to make a clean even edge. You can also use a palm sander with 100 (or greater) grit paper. If the panels will have a butt edge, the relieved edge may be colored with a felt marker or with paint to match the predominate color of the panel.

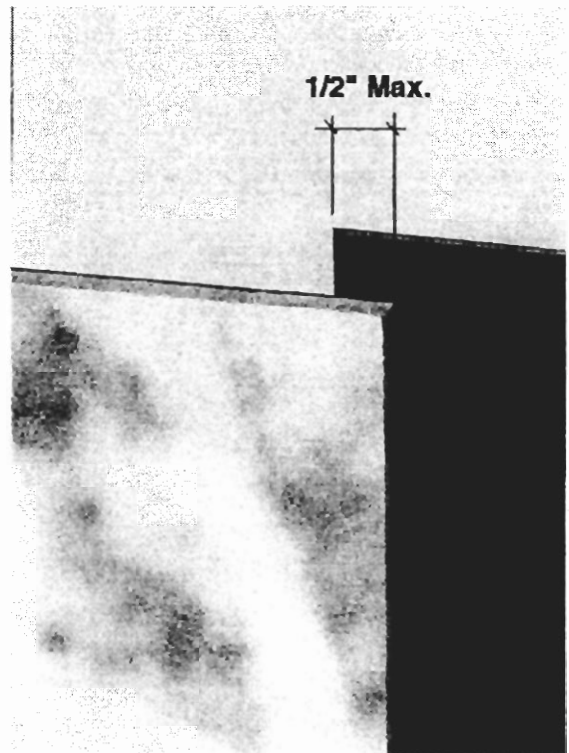
Mantles-the mantles should not be installed until the adhesive used to install the MuruStone has set (Usually overnight).The mantle is installed over the MuruStone. Most mantles come with a scribe mold that installs on the inside of the mantle opening. The scribe mold closes the opening between the face of the MuruStone and the inside of the mantle. The surround should be oversized to extend behind the face pieces of the mantle and it should be covered up by the scribe mold. Complete directions for the assembly of the mantle or cabinet will be supplied with the mantle or cabinet.

For questions or comments call 1-800-767-0195

DDS Specification for Vent Free Fireboxes



The MuruStone goes on to the metal a maximum of 1/2" whether there are vents or not.



Placement of the leg onto the firebox metal frame a maximum of 1/2"

These photos are for the purpose of making clear our specification for the installation of MuruStone on vent free and wood burning fireboxes. Our specification has always been to limit the application of the MuruStone to 1/2" maximum cover on to the metal frame of vent free fireboxes.

The industry standard temperature that collateral materials must be prepared to endure is 150 deg. F. over ambient. MuruStone is designed to withstand this temperature. Our experience with vent free fireboxes is that actual temperatures may exceed the industry standard. Our requirement to only cover a maximum of 1/2" of the firebox frame will avoid any problems such as fading of the MuruStone.

If the firebox is installed incorrectly (no hoods, no blowers when they are supposed to be part of the installation), we cannot be responsible.

This flyer is NOT intended for direct vent, B vent or electric fireboxes. MuruStone can cover as much metal (not including louvered areas) as desired.

Any firebox made to be used as a primary heat source such as Travis Extraordinaire need to be qualified prior to using MuruStone. If the expected temperatures to be withstood by collateral materials, exceeds 150 deg. F over ambient, you should not use MuruStone as a surround for these stoves.