

B. Hearth Extension, Building and Finishing

WARNING! Risk of Fire! High temperatures, sparks, embers or other burning material falling from the fireplace may ignite flooring or concealed combustible surfaces.

- Protective metal hearth strips **MUST** be installed.
- Hearth extensions **MUST** be installed exactly as specified.

A hearth extension must be installed with all fireplaces to protect the combustible floor in front of the fireplace from both radiant heat and sparks.

- You **MUST** use a hearth extension with this fireplace.
- Refer to Figure 7.3 for minimum dimensions.
- This fireplace has been tested and approved for use with a hearth extension insulated to a minimum R value of 1.03.
- The hearth extension material **MUST** be covered with tile, stone or other non-combustible material.
- Manufactured hearth materials will usually have a published **R value** (resistance to heat) or **k value** (conductivity of heat). Refer to the formula in Table 7.1 to convert a k value to an R value,
- Refer to Table 7.2 for hearth extension insulation alternatives.

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Hearth & Home Technologies is not responsible for discoloration, cracking or other material failures of finishing materials due to heat exposure or smoke.

- Choose finishing materials carefully.

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- Maintain clearances.
- Use only non-combustible material below standoffs, material such as cement board is acceptable.
- Framing or finishing material used on the front of the fireplace closer than the minimums listed, must be constructed entirely of non-combustible materials (i.e., steel studs, concrete board, etc.).

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Hearth extensions are to be installed only as illustrated to prevent high temperatures from occurring on concealed combustible materials.

Table 7.1

$$R = 1/k \times \text{inches of thickness}$$

Table 7.2

Hearth Extension Insulation Alternatives, R Value = 1.03			
Material	k per inch thick	r per inch thick	Minimum thickness required
Hearth & Home HX3, HX4	0.49	2.06	1/2 in.
USG Micore 300™	0.49	2.06	1/2 in.
USG Durock™ Cement Board	1.92	0.52	2 in.
Cement Mortar	5.0	0.20	5 1/8 in.
Common Brick	5.0	0.20	5 1/8 in.
Ceramic Tile	12.50	0.08	12 1/4 in.
Armstrong™ Privacy Guard Plus	0.46	2.18	1/2 in.
Marble	14.3-20.0	0.07-0.05	14 5/8 in. - 20 3/8 in.

