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Limestone Fireplaces

INSTRUCTIONS FOR INSTALLATION AND USE

IMPORTANT

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE COMMENCING INSTALLATION AS
WE CANNOT ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY DEFECTS CAUSED BY
NON COMPLIANCE WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS**

THESE INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE LEFT WITH THE USER

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Important Information

A FULL AND DETAILED INSPECTION OF ALL COMPONENT PARTS MUST BE CARRIED OUT BY THE INSTALLER & END USER PRIOR TO INSTALLATION TO ENSURE THERE IS NO DAMAGE OR MANUFACTURING DEFECTS WITH THE PRODUCT

ONCE THE FIREPLACE IS INSTALLED, NO CLAIMS OR RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE MANUFACTURERS RELATING TO CHIPS, SCRATCHES OR OBVIOUS MANUFACTURING DEFECTS.

Before installing this fireplace, please ensure you read and fully understand these instructions. This fireplace must be installed only by competent professional fireplace installers and only on suitable surfaces. This is not recommended as a DIY or single person installation. Some of the sections are very heavy and will require two people to lift / carry them. Always take extreme care when lifting heavy or awkward objects.

These instructions are written in accordance with the Stone Federation of Great Britain guidance on fire surrounds, standard building practice, Building Regulations and the relevant British Standards. The constructional part of the chimney breast, flue and hearth **MUST** comply with the current Building Regulations, and must be suitable for the appliance that is to be installed.

All Limestone fireplaces must be fixed by mechanical means to the structure of the wall. Wall construction can vary considerably and it is the installer's responsibility to ensure a strong and lasting fix can be made.

Please note the fixing kit supplied with this fireplace is specifically designed for this fireplace.

Before any Installation Commences

Check the construction of the supporting wall and that the wall is flat and free from any obstructions.

Check that you have the fireplace fixing kit supplied with this fireplace. Do not fix the fireplace without using this kit you must advise Be Modern Ltd immediately if the kit is missing or incomplete.

Check you have the appropriate wall fixings i.e. wall plugs and screws for the application of the fixing brackets supplied in the fixing kit.

Ensure the work area is clean, free from any obstructions and that the wall where the installation is to be completed is suitable for the wall fixings intended to be used, if in any doubt seek advice from a building surveyor or architect.

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Unpacking and handling of Limestone

Sweep the floor area around where the installation is to take place ensuring the area is clear of any dust / debris. Place wooden batons on the floor so that when the fireplace is unpacked the components can be placed on these away from the floor, this will aid lifting and also ensure no damage to the edges of the limestone.

Unpack fireplace from the top of the crate ensuring all screws / nails are removed from the upper edges of the crate to prevent the product being chipped or cracked during the removal process.

Visually inspect all component parts as they are removed from the crate and check they are not damaged, ensure all components and fixing brackets are supplied are correct. If any components are found to be damaged or missing please report this immediately to **Be Modern Ltd on: 0191 489 8266**

Under no circumstances should any fireplace be installed without mechanical fixings, i.e. our approved bracket system. Only when you are satisfied with the above should the installation commence.

Installation of Limestone Fireplaces

Under no circumstances should EVO grip, No Nails or similar wall glues be used as an alternative to the mechanical fixings supplied on any of Be Modern fireplaces. However they can be used as an additional fixing.

Sweep the floor area around where the installation is to take place ensuring the area is clear of any dust / debris. Periodic cleaning of the fireplace and area should be carried out. A damp sponge should be to hand for use on the fireplace.

When installing a limestone suite, it is strongly recommended that the rear, back edges, three piece back panel and the underside of the hearth is coated with PVA glue to ensure any adhesive or mortar used for fixing or sealing does not soak through and cause staining to the visible surfaces. Ensure these surfaces are well coated with PVA glue and it is allowed to dry before fitting.

Prepare the area where the hearth is to be laid with a bed of cement, the hearth should be laid so that it is level, using a spirit level check the hearth is level back to front and also side to side.

Read the instructions enclosed in the fireplace fixing kit and follow them carefully in conjunction with these instructions to ensure a correct and safe fixing of the fireplace to the wall is achieved.

Measure the header to determine where the legs will sit on the hearth and mark the wall with a straight vertical line.

Carefully place the legs onto the hearth making sure that the outside edge is in line with the vertical line marked on the wall. Place the header on top (this is a two man lift) and carryout the fine adjustments required to the legs so any profiles match. From this point you will be able to mark the wall where the appropriate fixing brackets will be secured.

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The components can now be carefully removed and placed back onto the wooden batons on the floor, proceed to fit the fixings brackets to the wall. When screwing the brackets to the wall you must use the appropriate securing screws and wall fixings i.e plugs, which should be suitable for purpose. These are not included in the fixing kit due to the many different wall structures.

All limestone fireplaces MUST BE FIXED USING THE BRACKET SYSTEM SUPPLIED, along with an adhesive substance. We would recommend that tile adhesive be used for this purpose.

When fitting the legs of the fireplace we recommend that the fitter applies a coat of tile adhesive to the bottom edges of the foot as this will help protect from chipping especially when working with a soft stone like limestone. A coating of adhesive should also be applied to the back edges of the legs which will be in direct contact with the wall, this will aid in the securing of these components. The legs are now ready to be lifted in place and secured onto the wall brackets.

Carefully place the three piece limestone back panel into position and secure with adhesive. If the fireplace has a deep rebate you may have to space the back panel from the wall using a Rockwool slab, Thermolite block or similar non-combustible product. Note the space between the back panel and the wall should only be filled with non-combustible material taking into account the intended purpose of the fireplace.

The header should now be fitted using the same process as the leg installation.

Carefully place the shelf onto the header and mark the wall for the wall fixing points on the shelf bracket. Remove the shelf onto the wooden baton area.

Fit the shelf bracket to the underside of the shelf using the supplied fixing screws, now apply adhesive to all of the surfaces of the shelf where it will be in contact with the header, also apply adhesive to the rear edge of the shelf to aid additional security.

Position the shelf bracket into the wall bracket slot and carefully lower the shelf into its final position gently rocking back to front and side to side to make sure the adhesion is spread evenly and that the excess adhesive is expelled.

Wipe clean any residue / overspill of adhesive using a damp sponge. Using a suitable tool i.e. a wall paper scraper, remove / refill the tile adhesive around all of the exposed edges.

Finally wipe clean the wall and the surround with a damp sponge to ensure all the adhesive is removed and the surfaces and joints are clean and smooth.

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Taking care of your Limestone fireplace

We recommend you leave this instruction sheet with the householder.

- Once the installation is complete and all the adhesive is dry, coat the limestone with a suitable stone sealant
- Never use wax or spray polishes on a limestone fireplace as these products can darken the surface of the limestone and create patches
- Never use kitchen or bathroom cleaners as they could react with the limestone surface
- Never allow cigarettes to be placed on the stone surface, the heat could cause brown staining
- Never stand vases with flowers directly on the limestone surface as this could cause a permanent ring mark
- Never stand red wine, tea or coffee etc. directly on your limestone fireplace stains and ring marks could result
- Never stand coal or logs directly on the fireplace surface damage and stains may result
- Never stand candles directly on the fireplace surface, damage and stains may result
- Never plaster on to or down to a limestone fireplace, the stone will take up the colour from the plaster
- Periodically coat the limestone with a suitable stone sealant

The best way to clean off a grubby mark from limestone fireplaces is simply to use a clean cotton cloth dampened with very diluted washing up liquid. Do not soak the stone and try to do the cleaning as soon as you notice the accident. If you do spill coffee or wine onto the stone surface, don't panic just clean it off thoroughly with a dampened cloth and everything should be fine.

Note:- Limestone is absorbent and when it is washed it will appear darker, and may take some time / days to dry out, this will depend very much on the room temperature.

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GUARANTEE

Be Modern (the 'Company') provides a 12 month guarantee in respect of the fireplace (the 'Product') ranges.

1. The 12 month Guarantee applies to:

- a. All products in the ranges manufactured by the 'Company' (but subject to the exceptions below): where
 - b. The product has been purchased and installed within the UK
 - c. It is the initial installation for the original purchaser
- This guarantee is not transferable

2. Proof of Purchase must be retained by the Purchaser.

3. A full and detailed inspection has been carried out on all component parts by the installer and/or the end user prior to the start of installation, to ensure there is no damage or manufacturing defects.

4. The twelve month Guarantee does not apply to:

- a. Damage or inferior workmanship practices whilst the 'Product' is being installed
- b. Damage caused by misuse of the 'Product' or where normal standards of care and use have not been complied with
- c. Damage through an inadequately installed fireplace
- d. Damage or defects due to misuse, accident or unauthorised alterations
- e. Damage or broken parts if the fireplace has been installed
- f. Obvious manufacturing defects reported after installation

5. During the 1 year after the "Product" has been supplied, the Guarantee covers the making good (whether by repair or replacement at the Company's option) of the product only for defects arising from defective manufacture of materials of "Product" covered in Para 1, on the proviso:

- a. The product had been fully inspected prior to installation
- b. The Product has been installed as Be Modern recommendations
- c. Our Liability is limited to the free replacement of the parts affected

This Guarantee does not affect your statutory rights

On requiring service the purchaser should contact the retailer/installer who supplied your product who will assist and advise you as necessary.

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Fireplace Fixing Kit

This guide deals with the correct use of our concealed fireplace fixing bracket kit, used and fixed correctly it will ensure a safe and secure installation.

Please ensure you have fully read and understand these instructions before you attempt the assembly and installation of the fireplace. We want to help you carry out a quality installation so please read both sets of instructions prior to installing your limestone fireplace.

We strongly recommend that you satisfy yourself that all the components of the fireplace and the wall fixing kit are available before you start

Additionally you should ensure you have suitable tools, adhesive and other materials to carry out the installation correctly and safely.

It is important that you establish the makeup of the wall to which it is intended to fix the fireplace, and that you ensure you have suitable wall fixings that can fix the brackets provided in a manner that will withstand the weight of the fireplace that will result in a secure installation.

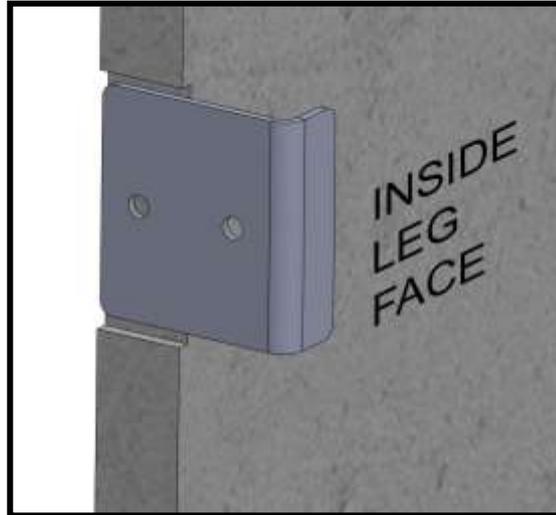
Fixing Kit Contents



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- 1: Fit the 4 off "L" brackets to the rear of the legs. Using the recess and fixing point provided first plug the hole with the supplied wall plug and screw the brackets into position.



- 2: Similar to step 1 fix the remaining two "L" Brackets to the head section again using the recess and fixing point provided.
- 3: On the shelf component another recess will be found, this is for the single flat bracket, plug the hole provided in the recess and secure the bracket in position using the last remaining screw, please ensure that the bracket should be orientated so that the bracket is pointing down when the shelf is installed

After laying the hearth in accordance with the "Fireplace Installation Instruction", very carefully dry build the fireplace without the back panel in position to satisfy yourself that it is correctly positioned on the hearth and all the components line up squarely and neatly against the wall. Using a pencil (not provided) mark the wall through the holes in the brackets, this can be done via the fireplace opening. In some cases this may be difficult so it is advisable to mark the outside profile of the fireplace on the wall then disassemble the fireplace. Offer each part in turn and mark through the hole in the bracket.

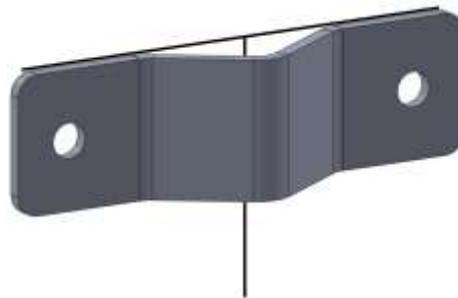
- 4: Fitting the 6 side brackets, align the centre of the angled section of the bracket to the marks made for the legs and head sections, ensure that these are vertical and mark the drilling positions for these brackets

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- 5: For the final bracket, locate the mark from the shelf bracket and measure vertically 40mm upwards and mark a horizontal line, align the point of the raised section of the bracket with the centre line and align the bracket (orientated horizontally as shown) to the horizontal line, mark the drilling positions.



6. Drill and plug the drilling positions and fit the brackets to the wall (ensure you use suitable plugs and screws for your specific wall type – these are not supplied)
7. Using the brackets on the wall as a guide fit the components to the corresponding bracket on the wall starting at the legs, then back panel (if supplied), then header, then shelf. All sections apart from the back panel should slide vertically onto the corresponding brackets.

Rebuild the fireplace (refer to the “Fireplace Installation Instructions”), locating the leg brackets behind the wall brackets, suitable adhesive should be applied to the rear of the legs remembering this time to fit the three piece back panel.

**These instructions do not replace the “Installation of Fireplace”
Instruction supplied with the fireplace but should be used in conjunction with them.**