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Report

The Quadra-Fire Explorer 3 Free-standing appliance installed with a Wildcat 6” triple flue kit with 8” decromesh casing and optional rear flue shield installed between the decromesh casing and the active flue was tested in two positions in a manner conforming to joint Australian/New Zealand Standard 2918:2018, Appendix B.

A minimum 960mm deep x 885mm wide x 6mm thick floor protector (compressed board) should be used under and in front of the appliance base when installing the appliance (see joint AS/NZS 2918:2018 3.3.2). The floor protector should extend 320mm in front of the appliance door and be placed centrally in the 885mm width. The Thermal resistivity of the floor protector is 0.08m².K/W for 6mm thick sheets.

The Quadra-Fire Explorer 3 Free-Standing solid fuel appliance installed with a Wildcat 6” triple flue kit with 8” decromesh casing with optional rear flue shield installed between the decromesh casing and the active flue the appliance conforms to the requirements of the joint AS/NZS 2918:2018 Standard, Appendix B.

The appliance and flue system were tested at the following clearances;

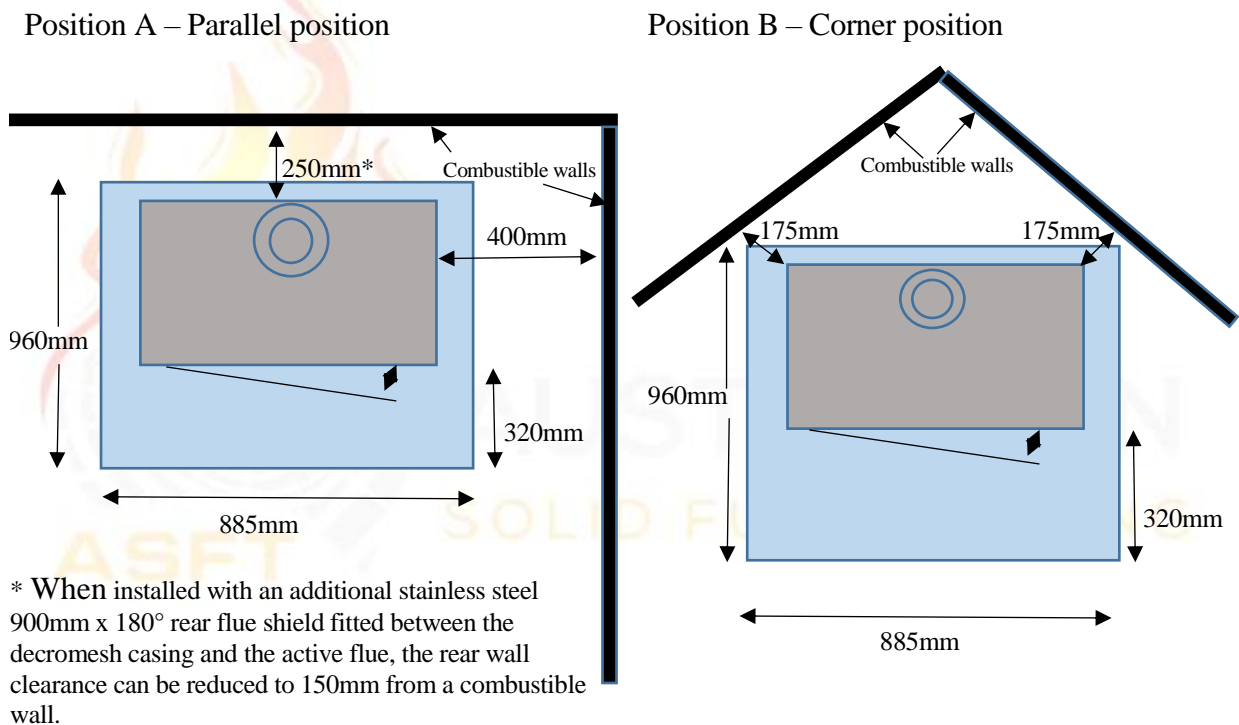




Figure 1 – Clearance Diagram

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1. INTRODUCTION

Thermal Clearance testing of the Quadra-Fire Explorer 3 appliance and flue system took place on January 8 & 9, 2019 at the Australian Solid Fuel Testing Laboratory located at 3 Garden Street, Morwell, Victoria. The testing was performed by Mr G.W. Mooney and Mr S. Marland.

2. PROCEDURE

Testing was conducted as per Appendix B of AS/NZS2918;2018, Hot sites were located with the aid of an infra-red thermometer. Thermocouple tips were stapled onto the test surfaces, with black tape over the first 100 mm to facilitate consistent and accurate recording of temperatures.

Thermocouple positions are shown in the table below;

Position A – Parallel Position

| Thermocouple No. | Position | Thermocouple No. | Position |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|---|
| 1 | Floor - 1300mm in front of centre | 16 | Floor – 150mm RHS of centre |
| 2 | Floor – 1200mm in front of centre | 17 | Floor – 300mm RHS of centre |
| 3 | Floor - 1050mm in front of centre | 18 | Floor – 450mm RHS of centre |
| 4 | Floor – 900mm in front of centre | 19 | Ceiling Ring – Inner front |
| 5 | Floor – 750mm in front of centre | 20 | Ceiling Ring – 25mm in front |
| 6 | Floor – 600mm in front of centre | 21 | Ceiling Ring – Inner side |
| 7 | Floor – 450mm in front of centre | 22 | Ceiling Ring – 25mm to side |
| 8 | Floor – 300mm in front of centre | 23 | Rear wall – 586mm from corner, 776mm above the floor |
| 9 | Floor – 150mm in front of centre | 24 | Rear wall – 739mm from corner, 948mm above the floor |
| 10 | Floor – Centre of flue | 25 | Rear wall – 691mm from corner, 1058mm above the floor |
| 11 | Floor – 150mm behind centre | 26 | RHS wall, 1065mm from corner, 542mm above the floor |
| 12 | Floor – 300mm behind centre | 27 | RHS wall, 448mm from corner, 629mm above the floor |
| 13 | Floor – 450mm LHS of centre | 28 | RHS wall, 483mm from corner, 910mm above the floor |
| 14 | Floor – 300mm LHS of centre | 29 | Rear wall – 551mm from corner, 988mm above the floor |
| 15 | Floor – 150mm LHS of centre | 30 | Ambient temperature |

Position B – Corner Position

| Thermocouple No. | Position | Thermocouple No. | Position |
|------------------|---|------------------|---|
| 19 | Ceiling Ring – Inner front | 25 | LHS wall – 719mm from corner, 719mm above the floor |
| 20 | Ceiling Ring – 25mm in front | 26 | RHS wall, 797mm from corner, 656mm above the floor |
| 21 | Ceiling Ring – Inner side | 27 | RHS wall, 920mm from corner, 593mm above the floor |
| 22 | Ceiling Ring – 25mm to side | 28 | RHS wall, 790mm from corner, 932mm above the floor |
| 23 | LHS wall – 894mm from corner, 585mm above the floor | 29 | LHS wall, 809mm from corner, 640mm above the floor |
| 24 | LHS wall – 737mm from corner, 945mm above the floor | 30 | Ambient temperature |

TABLE 1

3. TEST FUEL

Testing was conducted with Pinus Radiata as the test fuel which had a moisture content of 10.2% moisture. Each firewood piece was 300mm x 100mm x 40mm.

4. FLUE SYSTEM

The flue system used during testing was a Wildcat 6" triple flue kit with 8" decromesh casing and optional rear flue shield was supplied by Wildcat Industries (Aust) Pty Ltd. This flue system has not been tested to joint AS/NZS 2918:2018, Appendix F. The flue height was 4.6 ± 0.1 m from the floor protector. Appendix 1 shows details of the flue system.

5. RESULTS

5.1 High Fire Test

The appliance was fired in accordance with Section B9.1 of AS/NZS2918;2018. The level of fuel was maintained between 50-75% of the full volume level of the fuel chamber during the High Fire test.

The average fuel load for initiating the High Fire tests was 12.0kg with an average refuelling rate of 1.2kg/10 minutes.

During High Fire testing it was found that the highest surface temperatures occurred when the primary air control of the appliance was fully open.

5.2 Flash Fire Test

Immediately after the High Fire test was completed, sufficient embers were removed to bring the fire bed to a level of 15-25% of the fuel chamber volume. The appliance was then fired in accordance with Section B9.2 of AS/NZS2918;2018.

The average fuel load for initiating the Flash Fire tests was 9.9kg.

The highest temperature rises were achieved by leaving the main door resting against the door catch and the ash pan door open with the primary air fully open.

5.3 Ambient and Test Surface Temperatures

The Tables below show the Ambient temperatures and test surfaces temperatures during testing of the appliance and flue combination;

Ambient Temperature Range °C

| Position | High Fire | Flash Fire |
|----------|-------------|-------------|
| A | 10.5 – 24.3 | 21.2 – 31.6 |
| B | 21.8 – 27.8 | 22.1 – 27.1 |

Maximum Surface Temperature Rise above Ambient - Position A

| Position | Thermocouple Number | High Fire Test (°C) | Thermocouple Number | Flash Fire Test (°C) |
|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Floor | 3 | 60.7 | 3 | 56.6 |
| Ceiling | 19 | 22.9 | 19 | 27.7 |
| Rear Wall | 29 | 60.3 | 23 | 52.2 |
| Side Wall | 27 | 60.7 | 27 | 76.9 |

Maximum Surface Temperature Rise above Ambient - Position B

| Position | Thermocouple Number | High Fire Test (°C) | Thermocouple Number | Flash Fire Test (°C) |
|----------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Ceiling | 19 | 25.5 | 19 | 29.7 |
| RHS Wall | 26 | 62.2 | 26 | 74.9 |
| LHS Wall | 24 | 60.0 | 24 | 79.3 |

5.4 Uncertainty of Measurement Statement

5.5.1 The uncertainty of distance measurement for determining clearance distances was not greater than ± 3 mm.

5.5.2 The uncertainty of temperature measurement during the entire test period was a maximum of $\pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ at a 95% confidence level.

6. APPLIANCE CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

The test results reported directly relate to the appliance/flue system tested. The details of the appliance given in this section include features which may affect safety clearances. Any change in the design/construction of this appliance or flue may invalidate this report. Below are the constructions details of the appliance;

| | | |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Appliance Model Name: Quadra-Fire Explorer III | | Serial No: CV06301407 |
| Manufacturer: Hearth & Home Technologies | | |
| Overall Height: 805mm | Overall Depth: 643mm | Overall Width: 765mm |
| Top Plate Width: 765mm | Top Plate Depth: 465mm | Top Plate Thickness: 8mm |
| Appliance legs Height: 210mm Depth: 2×35 - 75mm & 2×35 - 110mm Width: 2×35 - 70mm & 2×35 -95mm | | |
| Usable Firebox Height: 314 - 324mm | Width: 562mm | Depth: 405mm |
| Usable Firebox Volume: 71.43 Litres | | |
| Firebox Material Type/Seam Fully Welded: Fully welded 5mm steel | | |
| Firebrick Type: Fully lined up to 230mm with 30mm thick ceramic | | |
| Main Door Opening Height: 330mm | | Width: 485mm |
| Door Height: 433mm | Width: 596mm | Depth: 30mm |
| Door glass Height: 330mm | | Width: 510mm |
| Fuel loading door on top of appliance: 543×272×8mm | | |
| Primary Air Location: Below firebox at front | | |
| Dimension of Primary Air: 1 bullet shaped slot @ 76mm long x 13 – 38mm wide | | |
| Area of Primary (mm ²): 2310mm² | | |
| Fitted with 20 minute delayed timer for primary air | | |
| Boost Air Location: Above door at front of firebox 19 holes 7.94mm dia and Below door at front of firebox facing in, 1 hole 12.65mm dia & 7 holes 9.46mm dia | | |
| Dimensions of Boost Air: 1 hole 12.65mm, 7 holes 9.46mm and 19 holes 7.94mm diameter | | |
| Area of Boost Air: 1558.66mm² | | |
| Secondary/Tertiary Air Location: 3 tubes below baffle, 2 tubes with 17×4.76mm holes each. Front tube 25×4.76mm holes. All holes facing forward | | |
| Dimension of Secondary/Tertiary Air: 59×4.76mm | | |
| Area of Secondary/Tertiary Air (mm ²): 1050mm² | | |
| Baffle Plate size: 627×347×20 - 90mm | | |
| Flue Dimensions: 152mm | | |
| Spigot Dimensions: | | OD: 162mm ID: 155mm |
| Spigot to Rear of Appliance: 22mm | | |
| Rear Internal to External Heat Shield: 57mm | | |
| Firebox to Side External Heat Shield: N/A | | |
| Heat Shield Material Type: 1.2mm steel | | |
| Water Heater Fitted: No | | |
| Fan Location/Speeds: No | | |
| Catalytic Combustor fitted: No | | |
| Grate: No | | |
| Ash pan fitted | | |
| NOTE: Accuracy of measurement is ±5% of the measured value | | |

7. CONCLUSION

The Quadra-Fire Explorer 3 Free-standing appliance installed with a Wildcat 6” triple flue kit with 8” decromesh casing and optional rear flue shield, conforms to the requirements of Australian/New Zealand Standard 2918:2018, with respect to floor, ceiling, side wall and rear wall surface temperatures, when tested in the test positions shown in Figure 1 of this report in accordance with Appendix B of AS/NZS2918:2018.



APPENDIX 1:

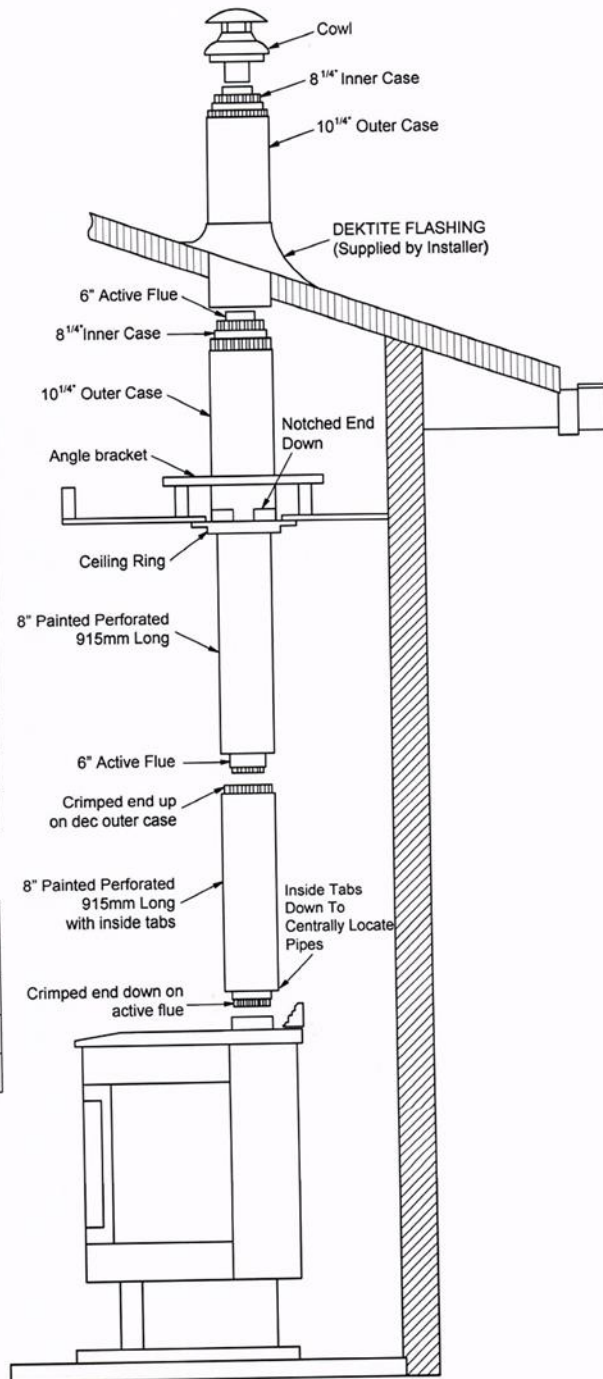


**Freestanding Triple Skin
 Flue Kit Perforated
 6" - 8" - 10" System**

| QTY | DESCRIPTION |
|-----|---|
| 4 | 6" Stainless Steel Inner Flue 915mm Long |
| 1 | 7 3/4" Painted Perforated 915mm Long |
| 1 | 7 3/4" Painted Perforated 915mm Long with in-tabs |
| 2 | 8" Galvanized Inner Flue Casing 915mm Long |
| 1 | 10" Galvanized Notched Outer Flue Casing 915mm Long |
| 1 | 10" Galvanized Outer Flue Casing 915mm Long |
| 1 | Cowl |
| 1 | Ceiling Ring |
| 2 | 75 x 25 Angles 915mm Long |
| 1 | Installation Guide |

| CARTON SPECIFICATIONS | |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Height | 460mm |
| Width | 460mm |
| Length | 1150mm |
| Weight | 32kg |

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