



WOLF STEEL'S PRODUCT INFORMATION BULLETIN



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TO: ALL DEALERS & INSTALLERS

SUBJECT: FLEXIBLE VENTING IDENTIFICATION

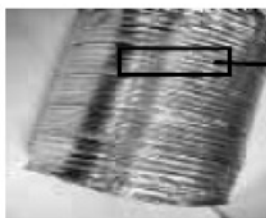
Since 1988 Wolf Steel's flexible co-axial vent systems have been used in installations all over North America. Occasionally the acceptability of this venting material has been challenged by inspectors who were unfamiliar with it or the fact that the vent systems were approved as part of the appliance. This often caused frustration as installations were put on hold until an inspector could be educated regarding the testing and approval process for the fireplace and its vent system.

In fact, the "Z FLEX" stamped on this venting material often added confusion as an inspector would check the listing of that product and determine that it was only approved for lining chimneys and not for use as we instructed. This often hurt both the dealer's and our credibility, as the installation was challenged by these inspectors even though, eventually we would resolve the matter by presenting documentation to validate our instructions.

In response to those challenges and the seemingly more and more popular misconception that flexible venting is only approved for lining chimneys, we are pleased to announce that effective immediately, the 7" flexible vent pipe will now be readily identifiable in the field installations. The words "Wolf Steel Approved Venting" are now visible from all sides as they are stamped into the continuous seams of the flexible vent pipe every 8".

As always, if an inspector chooses to challenge flexible venting as being approved with our direct vent fireplaces, our Technical Department will still provide documentation supporting this fact but we expect that these requests will be greatly reduced with this method of identification.

Use only approved flexible vent pipe kits marked:



"Wolf Steel Approved Venting" as identified by the stamp only on the 7", 8" & 10" flexible vent pipe.