

# U.S. FIREPLACE PRODUCTS



**TOP DAMPER**



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## **TOP DAMPER™ \ TOP DAMPER PLUS™ INSTALLATION AND OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS**

**The TOP DAMPER™ is constructed from durable stainless steel and aluminum and is designed to:**

- Help reduce heating and cooling energy costs
- Prevent downdrafts and odors
- Keep out rain, snow, birds, and pests
- Reduce outside noise entering through the chimney

### **PROFESSIONAL INSTALLATION RECOMMENDED**

Some chimneys are difficult to access safely. U.S. Fireplace Products recommends having your local CSIA-certified chimney sweep install your new Top Damper™ and sweep your chimney at the same time. This helps ensure proper installation and confirms that the flue is in good operating condition.

### **SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

When installing this product, especially when working on a roof, observe the following safety measures:

- Use ladders and roof access equipment safely.
- Work only in favorable weather conditions. Do not work in rain, snow, ice, or lightning.
- Verify that the damper opens completely before lighting a fire.
- Wear safety glasses when drilling.
- Use a masonry drill bit when drilling into masonry surfaces.
- Use only the adhesive supplied with the product.
- Check local codes and appliance manufacturer requirements before installation.

**WARNING: THIS DAMPER SHALL NOT BE USED ON FLUES  
SERVING A GAS-FIRED APPLIANCE.**

### **TOOLS REQUIRED**

In addition to the components supplied, you will need:

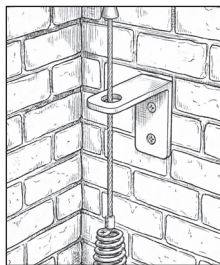
- **Drill**
- **Hammer**
- **Wire Pliers**
- **1/4" Masonry Drill Bit**
- **Open-end or Adjustable Wrench  
(for tightening the dome nut)**

# OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

## OPENING THE DAMPER

### BEFORE STARTING A FIRE

1. Pull the handle down slightly, then release it.
2. Allow the brass lug to rise and hang freely approximately 7 inches above the bracket.
3. If the lug hangs only 1 to 2 inches above the bracket, the damper may not be open.



#### DAMPER OPEN

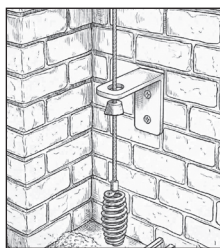
When the lug is above the bracket

**WARNING: DO NOT START A FIRE UNLESS THE DAMPER IS CLEARLY OPEN. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS INSTRUCTION MAY CAUSE SMOKE DAMAGE.**

## CLOSING THE DAMPER

### AFTER THE FIRE IS COMPLETELY EXTINGUISHED:

1. Pull the handle down until the lug is below the bracket.
2. Place the cable into any bracket notch.
3. Release the handle.



#### DAMPER CLOSED

When the lug is below the bracket

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**ENERGY-SAVING TIP: KEEPING THE DAMPER CLOSED WHEN THE FIREPLACE IS NOT IN USE HELPS PREVENT HEATED OR AIR-CONDITIONED AIR FROM ESCAPING THROUGH THE CHIMNEY.**

## MAINTENANCE REMINDER

Have your flue inspected annually for creosote buildup by a CSIA-certified chimney sweep.

# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

## STEP 1: BEFORE GOING ON THE ROOF

### 1. LOCATE THE HARDWARE BAG:

The hardware bag contains:

- Damper assembly with damper, cable, and cable spring
- Adhesive tube
- Allen wrench
- Bracket
- Chain assembly with chain, brass lug, and handle
- Two nail anchors



### 2. ATTACH THE TUBE

1. Remove the dome nut from the tube.
2. Insert the threaded end of the tube through the hole in the damper lid.
3. Tighten the dome nut securely using a 1/2-inch open-end wrench or adjustable wrench.

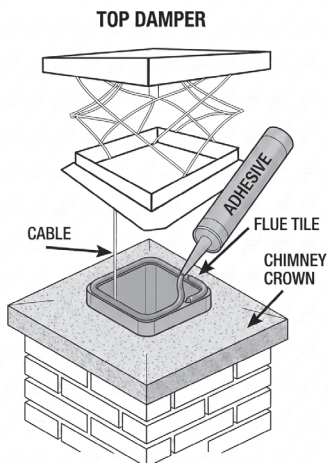
**IF ANY PARTS ARE MISSING,  
CALL U.S. FIREPLACE PRODUCTS AT 888-290-8181.**

## STEP 2: ROOF INSTALLATION

**IMPORTANT: USE ONLY THE ADHESIVE PROVIDED.**

**CAUTION: DIRECT CONTACT WITH ADHESIVE MAY IRRITATE EYES OR SKIN. READ AND FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS ON THE TUBE CAREFULLY. KEEP ADHESIVE OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.**

1. Apply a 1/4-inch bead of adhesive to the top of the flue tile or chimney opening.
2. Feed the cable and handle assembly down the chimney flue until they reach the fireplace.
3. Center the damper base on the flue tile or chimney and press firmly into place.
4. Fill any gaps with adhesive to ensure an airtight seal.
5. Allow the adhesive to cure for 24 hours before using the fireplace.



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**If using an optional Access Plate, center it over the adhesive, press firmly, and attach the damper using the screws supplied with the Access Plate.**

## STEP 3: FIREPLACE INSTALLATION

**CAUTION: WEAR SAFETY GLASSES AND USE ONLY A MASONRY DRILL BIT. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY CRACK THE FIREBOX WALL.**

**IF FIREBRICK IS LOOSE, REPAIR IT WITH REFRACTORY MORTAR BEFORE INSTALLATION OR CONTACT A QUALIFIED MASON.**

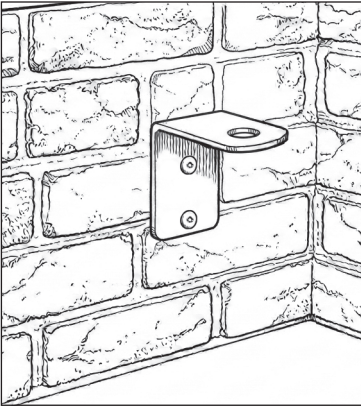
### INSTALL THE BRACKET

1. Select the left or right side of the firebox based on the homeowner's preference for operating the damper.
2. Drill a 1/4-inch hole in the firebrick approximately 20 inches above the firebox floor and toward the front of the fireplace.
3. Insert a nail anchor through the top hole of the bracket and into the drilled hole.
4. Ensure the bracket is straight.
5. Drill the second mounting hole and secure the bracket using the remaining nail anchor.

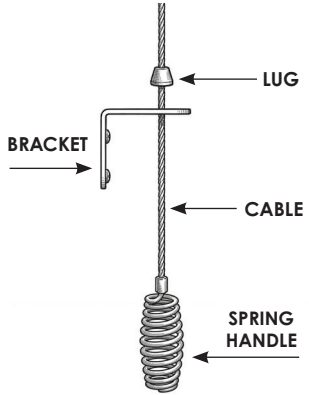
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## PLACEMENT OF BRACKET IN FIREBOX



## BRACKET AND HANDLE ASSEMBLY



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## ATTACH THE CABLE AND HANDLE

1. Feed the handle, chain, and cable through the bracket opening until all slack is removed.
2. If desired, secure the handle in one of the bracket notches.
3. Loosen the brass lug set screw using the supplied Allen wrench.
4. Slide the lug along the cable to position it for the closed setting.
5. Adjust the lug for the tightest possible seal.
6. Tighten the set screw securely.
7. Cut off and discard excess cable.
8. Close the damper by pulling the cable down and positioning the lug beneath the bracket.

## FINAL ADJUSTMENT

1. Return to the roof and verify that the damper seals tightly.
2. If necessary, move the lug upward to improve the seal.
3. Cut off any remaining excess cable.
4. Review damper operation with the homeowner.

## LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY

### U.S. FIREPLACE PRODUCTS INC.

U.S. Fireplace Products warrants to the original purchaser that the Top Damper™ Fireplace Damper, when properly maintained and used on solid-fuel-burning chimneys, will be free from defects in materials and workmanship for the lifetime of the purchaser.

For warranty service, return the damper to the professional who sold it. Upon approval of the claim, U.S. Fireplace Products will repair or replace the damper at its discretion. U.S. Fireplace Products is not responsible for incidental or consequential damages.

Not for use on flues serving gas-fired appliances.

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