5 easy steps
- to lighting the fire in your fireplace

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The simple solution
to unsufficient chimney draught

By installing an exodraft chimney fan, you achieve optimum draught in your chimney regardless of weather conditions as well as:

- Better combustion and fuel economy

- A healthier indoor climate

- Fast and easy lightning your fireplace

- No smoke or odours

- Additional ventilation (even in the summertime)

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Good combustion
Optimum energy means
Look out for these indicators of good combustion.

- When wood burns it should be flaming until charcoal.

- If there are fire-resistant stones in the fire box, they should not be blackened.

- Steel or cast iron parts in the fire box should never be sooty.

- If the fireplace/ stove has a glass door, the glass should be clear or possibly hazy, but never black.

- Smoke from the chimney should be light, white or invisible.

Step 1 - **Prepare the fireplace/stove**

- Clean the fireplace/stove and empty the ash pan.

- Check that the damper, if fitted, is open and if you have a stove, check that all the air vents are open.

Step 2 - **Use proper fuel**

Use only seasoned wood - max 20% moisture content and dried for at least one year. We recommend hardwood such as beech, ash, oak, hornbeam or cherry.

- Use fire starters or paper and soft kindling wood to start the fire.

- Never burn household waste, cardboard packaging, printed matter or wood that has been painted or treated in any other way.

- Do not use unseasoned wood or soft wood logs as this will cause large amounts of soot and tar which can result in chimney fires.

Step 3 - **Prepare the fire**

- Place 2-3 split logs of firewood in your stove.

- Stack kindling wood on top of these.

- The kindling wood should be placed in a crisscross pattern - leaving space for air circulation.

- Place a couple if fire starters or crumbled paper on top. be aware that newspaper can cause soot and blacken the glass in your stove.

Step 4 - **Light the fire**

- Light the fire starters or the paper. The surrounding kindling wood will soon catch fire.

- The logs at the bottom should be burning steadily before you add more logs.

- If the air vents do not provide enough combustion ait, leave the stove door open until the fire is established.

If you have a chimney fan installed on your chimney, the fire should be established after a few minutes.

Step 5 - Tending the fire

- When the fire is established, adjust the air vents according to manufacturer's recommendations in order to control the temerature.

- Do not add more wood until the fire is going steadily. Never overfill the stove and avoid using oversized logs.

- Using seasoned wood and correct ait vent settings, the new load should ignite quickly.

- Do not close the air vents and dampers until the fire has completely gone out.

When the fire won't catch

If the fire won't catch, it may be due to insufficient draught in your chimney. The reason for this vary, but

the most common are:

- Installation of a new, highly effiecient wood-burning stove on an existing chimney.

- The chimney is too short or otherwise disproportioned.

- Weather conditions cause downdraught in the chimney.

By installing an **exodraft** chimney fan, you will get sufficient draught and an optimized combustion in your wood-burning stove or fireplace at all times

Since 1957, **exodraft** has sold more than 400,000 chimney fans, and the majority of these are in operation today. We have a long list of satisfied customers from all around the world, who benefit from using our chimney fans on a daily basis to improve their chimney draught.

exodraft chimney fans make people's lives easier and safer, and they contribute to a better environment thanks to guaranteed improved combustion.

exodraft guarantees a good customer experience from the initial enquiry to product quality and customer service.

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