

**DIRECT VENT GS®**  
**MOST COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**\*ALWAYS REFER TO YOUR STOVE MANUFACTURER'S INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. What is the clearance to combustibles for Direct Vent?**

Clearances on pipe are specified in the manufacturer's installation instructions.

**2. Do I need a wall thimble or is the wall thimble cover okay?**

Only in Canada do you need a 2-piece wall thimble. The US only requires a decorative wall thimble cover.

**3. Can I install the snorkel underground?**

No, air must get to the base of the snorkel and proper drainage must occur below.

**4. What type of silicone/sealant can I use?**

Sealant is specified by the appliance manufacturer's installation instructions.

**5. Can I interchange Direct Vent GS (4 x 6 5/8) with Heat-N-Glo Slimline (4 x 6 5/8)?**

No, the appliances are approved for the specific venting system.

**6. Can I use the chimney conversion kit in Canada?**

No. The conversion kit is not approved for Canada.

**7. Do I need to use Simpson DuraFlex pipe in the conversion kit?**

Any flex pipe will work: Z-Flex, DuraFlex, Brand "X".

**8. How many elbows can I have in my system?**

2 - 3 elbows is typical, but check the appliance manufacturers installation instructions for limitations on number of elbows or minimum height.

**9. How is this pipe listed and tested?**

By maker of the direct vent appliance and it tested as a system with our vent.

**10. What flashing can I use for steep roofs over 7/12 pitch?**

Use steep roof flashing (Stock # 943S for 4 x 6 5/8 and #1243S for 5 x 8).

**11. Do I use a vinyl siding standoff for the snorkel?**

There is no snorkel vinyl siding standoff. It is not needed.

**12. What do I use to go through a ceiling?**

Use a cathedral ceiling support box or a round ceiling support.

**13. How high above the roofline do I need to go?**

1' if under 7/12 pitch.\*

**14. Can I use B vent or a B vent cap?**

You must always use a direct vent termination cap.

**15. Should a restricter disk be used?**

Only if specified by the appliance manufacturer.

**16. How close to a wall can I terminate?**

8' unless a lesser distance is tested by appliance manufacturer.\*

**17. How close to the eaves can I terminate?**

12" (minimum) below the lowest part of eaves.\*

**18. *Can I paint it?***

**Yes. The Simpson Dura-Vent Engineering Dept. recommends Krylon BBQ & Stove paint (color: BBQ Black 1618), usually available at Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Lowes and elsewhere nationwide, or call 1-800-4-KRYLON or [www.krylon.com](http://www.krylon.com). Red Devil BBQ & Hi-Temp (BBQ Black) may also be used, but availability is more limited than Krylon.**

**Source: [www.duravent.com](http://www.duravent.com) FAQ's**