

Buying Considerations for Pellet Stoves

The first step in purchasing a pellet stove is to measure the dimensions of your home floor sketch plan. If you have this information, you will help the manufacturer or supplier determine the best size or type of pellet stove to heat your house. Make sure that you see two labels on the stove. One label is from the Protection Agency to certify that the stove passed all tests of their emissions standard. The other label is the heat output and efficiency range. There are two kinds of pellet stoves...

There are two kinds of pellet stoves. One is free standing, which can be placed anywhere in your home. It has good burning efficiency and produces low heat. This is the one that you can place one inch away from the wall. The other kind is called the insert stove. This can already replace your fireplace. If you notice, typical fireplaces send some of the heat up in the chimney which reduces the heat that is supposed to be brought inside your home. Instead of using chopped wood to heat your house, why not replace it with a pellet insert stove that will do a better job in keeping the heat. Pellet stoves will generally cost around \$1,700-\$3,000. It all depends on where you are located and what brand you choose. You can visit appliance shops or you can buy online. If you choose to buy online, make sure you check out the authorized dealers only. If you don't see a statement in the website saying that they are authorized dealers, they are probably not. Beware of these suppliers; the manufacturer's warranty might be void. You also need to consider the installation expense. Installing this stove is a bit complicated even if you follow the manual. You may try to set it up first, but if you are unable to do so, you may need to pay around \$150 to \$400 for the installation fee where a professional will come to your house and install it for you. Pellet stoves can heat a single room very well. But if you would like to heat your entire house, you need to look into those kinds that have built-in blowers that can blow the air directly into the home ventilation system. You can also look for those with draft induced fans to have the best heat performance as well as a cleaner burn. Most of the stoves have an onboard computer which monitors the heat and will feed the pellets automatically. This is an intelligent feature and will be a great advantage if you purchase a pellet stove with this internal computer.