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**2. Access:** Chimneys must be installed so that access is provided for inspection and cleaning.

**3. When to Clean:** The chimney should be inspected at least once every month during the heating season to determine if creosote or soot has built up. Check spark arrestor screens at least every 2 to 4 weeks. If creosote or soot has accumulated, it should be cleaned or replaced to reduce the risk of chimney fire.

**4. How to Clean:** Have your chimney cleaned by a professional chimney sweep if you have doubts about your ability to clean it. Use a plastic, wood, or steel brush. Do not use a brush that will scratch the stainless steel liner of your chimney. Scrub the spark arrestor with a wire brush. To remove the Chimney Cap for cleaning, either twist counter-clockwise to remove the entire cap, or unscrew the four (4) screws that attach the cap's support legs to the cap base. The Tee Cleanout Cap can be removed by turning counter-clockwise. Be sure to replace Tee Cleanout Cap when you are finished cleaning the chimney.

**5. Coal:** To reduce corrosion in chimneys where coal is burned, clean the chimney thoroughly within 48 hours of shutting down the stove for the season.

**6. Chemical Cleaners:** Use chemical cleaners only as a last resort, and use only those which the manufacturer specifically warrants as being noncorrosive to the chimney liner. Ecovent will assume no liability for damage resulting from the use of chemical cleaners.

**7. In Case of Fire:** If a flue fire occurs, close all appliance air inlets, and call your Fire Department. Do not use the chimney again, until it has been inspected for possible damage.

**8. Painting:** As an option, you can coat all exterior metal parts, with the exception of the Chimney Cap, with high temperature, rust proof paint. Wash the metal with a vinegar and water solution before painting. Painting the chimney will help to increase chimney life.

**9. Creosote Formation:** Ecovent assumes no liability for any structural damage or roof contamination as the result of creosote formation. It is the owner's responsibility to comply with inspection and cleaning requirements as described in these instructions, and those of the appliance manufacturer.

**10. Warranty:** Ecovent proudly offers a limited lifetime warranty on RB-HST chimney components. The warranty includes all components manufactured by Ecovent except chimney caps, which are warranted for 5 years. For specific details, refer to the printed warranty included in the Chimney Product Catalog.