

PS Model

INSTALLATION AND OPERATION MANUAL FOR WOOD-BURNING SAUNA STOVES



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Please carefully consider the capacity of the sauna stove. Low heating efficiency results in having to heat the sauna stove longer and more intensely, which, in turn, reduces its service life. Resellers as well as the representative of our factory will be happy to assist you in choosing the appropriate sauna stove. For more information, visit our website at **www.skamet.ee**

Dear Client

You have purchased a high quality sauna stove, which will guarantee you sauna pleasures for many years. The purpose of this installation and user's manual is to provide you with detailed information. Please pay attention to important information and data related to fire safety. First of all check whether the delivered sauna stove is intact. In case any damage is caused during transportation, please inform the transport company or consult the supplier, who sold you the device.

We wish you pleasant and refreshing sauna experience during a long time!

Application

The models of this sauna stove are meant to be used for heating smaller saunas and barrel saunas and intended for generating dry or moist steam. The manufacturer confirms that the sauna stoves comply with the requirements of the corresponding CE compliance certificate and are produced according to EN 15821:2011-01 standard. The certificate of conformity is available in Table 1.

The sauna stove is built for heating the steam room in the sauna. Other applications that differ from the purposeful use are considered non-purposeful. Regular maintenance and the service of the stove form a part of purposeful application. The manufacturer shall not be held liable for unauthorised changes executed by the user of the sauna stove, or damage caused due to it. The risk of damage and expenses caused due to the non-purposeful application shall be covered by the person, who made unauthorised changes in the device.

Safe distance from flammable materials/surfaces (cm)	SKAMET PS-110 series models
Distance from the side wall	25
Distance from the back wall	15
Distance from the stones to the ceiling	124
Distance from the flue to the ceiling	108
Thickness of the insulation layer under the stove	4
Distance from the metal stove door to the front wall	50
Distance from the glass stove door to the front wall	65
Efficiency %	70,5
CO emission Vol.% - 13% O ₂	0,23
Heat power kW	9,1
Temperature of the flue gas °C	314
Pressure Pa	12
Amount of the flue gas kg/h	3,0
Duration and fire safety test	Passed

Table 1. CE certificate of conformity

General information

Optimal sauna climate is achieved only when there is natural ventilation in the steam room: the inlet of fresh air has to be under the sauna stove near the floor (marked by letter A in Figure 1), and the outlet has to be by the ceiling (marked by letter B in Figure 1) as far as possible from the stone hearth. The purpose of the opening by the ceiling is to remove moisture from the steam room emitted during sauna procedures. A heated sauna stove by itself ensures efficient air circulation. The stove heats the steam room with convection streams: cold air is blown in through vents and the air warmed by the heated stove rises up. A part of the warmed air is pressed into the steam room via vents. This is the typical way to increase the temperature of the steam room, reaching up to 100 °C below the ceiling and remaining on the level of 30-40 °C on the floor. Due to that it is usual that when temperature is 100 °C below the ceiling of the steam room, the thermometer placed 20-25 cm below the ceiling shows the temperature of only 80 °C. The best steam temperature range on the upper bath-house platform is between 80 °C to 90 °C.

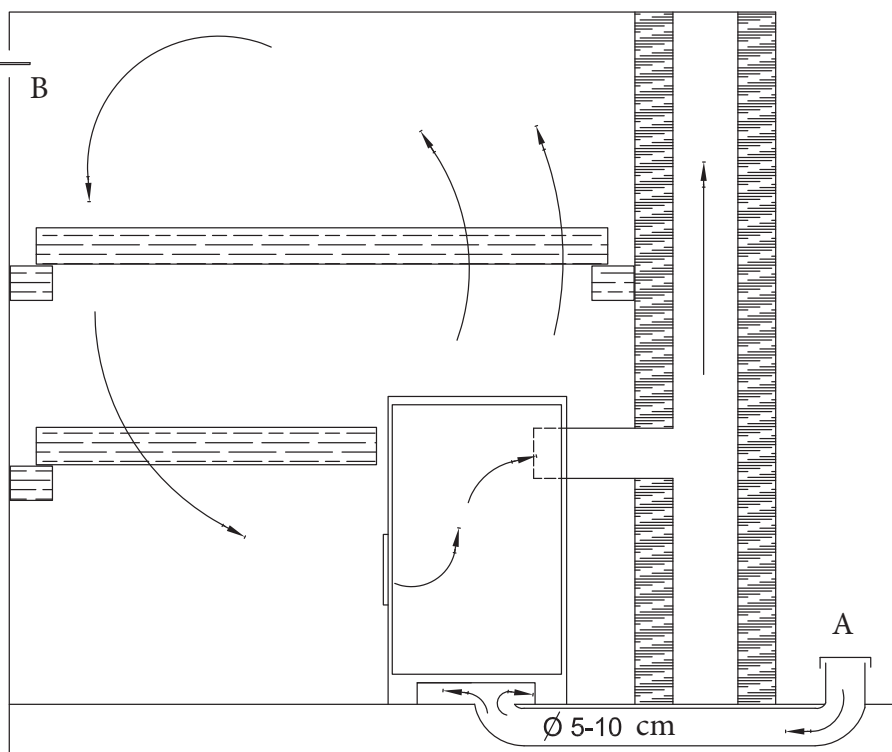


Figure 1. Natural ventilation

Important information

Incorrect installation of the sauna stove may cause fire hazard. Please read through the installation and the user's manual carefully before the installation and use of the sauna stove. During installation it is very important to apply safe distances from the sauna stove and follow the instructions as follows:

The sauna stove is installed in a room especially built for the purpose.

The sauna stove is not used for business purpose.

The installed sauna stove has to be of appropriate output.

Natural ventilation, compliant with requirements, has to be installed in the room.

The sauna stove may be used by a person who has sufficient experience and/or skills.

Ensure permanent supervision of children to avoid their being near the heated sauna stove all alone.

For heating the sauna use only appropriate firewood meant for heating the steam room (low pitch content, unprocessed timber – for the energy content of different firewood see Table 2).

Caution: Wrong installation of the stones of the sauna hearth and/or a covered sauna hearth may cause fire hazard.

Before heating the sauna, be sure that there are no unnecessary things near the stove.

The operating sauna stove works on high temperature and any contact with it may cause serious burns.

Do not forget to open dampers of the gas flue or the chimney before heating the sauna.

Avoid overheating the stove. Check that the side and back walls of the stove (not the housing) and the gas flue would not become red.

In case of fire call the emergency service immediately by emergency number 112.

No electrical appliances or wires are allowed in the safety zone of the stove.

The sauna stove must not be connected into a distributed smoke gas system.

Lamps in the steam room must be spray-proof and tolerate temperature up to 140 °C.

The ash compartment of the sauna stove has to be shut during burning (except during ignition).

The height of the sauna stove may be altered (regulated legs – M12). It is reasonable to use the function when the floor is not even (e.g. there is a drain trap in the steam room).

Please follow the sauna stove manufacturer's requirements and product-based special requirements.

Wood / type of fuel	Moisture content %	Energy value kWh/rm
Ash logs	20	1650
Birch logs	20	1500
Conifer logs	20	1300
Alder logs	20	1200
Aspen logs	20	850
Gray alder logs	20	700

Table 2. Energy value of firewood

1. Ash compartment
2. Ash grate
3. Furnace
4. Vent
5. Beginning of the gas flue
6. Smoke channel
7. Maintenance port
8. End of the smoke channel
9. Opening of the smoke flue

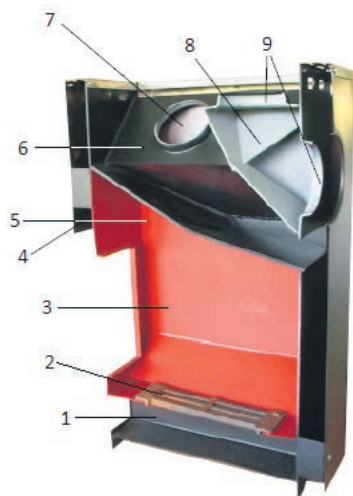
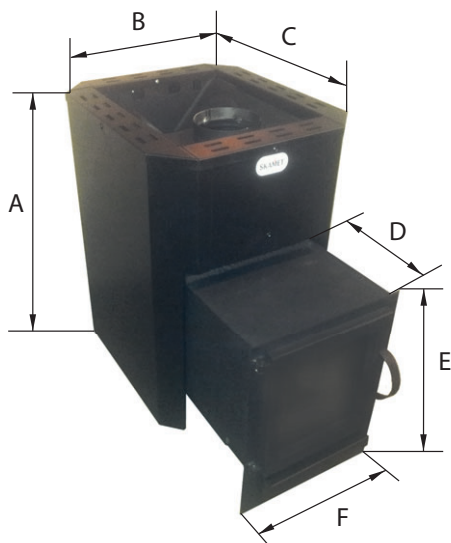


Figure 2. Cross section of the stove

Table 3. Specifications of PS-series models

Model	Cubage min-max(m ³)	Heating power	Weight of the stove (kg)	Amount of stones (kg)	Length of the hearth						
						A	B	C	D	E	F
PS-110	5-12	70,5	40	20	35	60	39	45			
PS-210	5-12	70,5	45	20	55				17	38	29



Description of the sauna stove

The sauna stove is covered by a metal housing. The sauna stove has three (on sides and at the back) double walls, which enable to decrease the safe distances. The stove consists of a furnace with an ash compartment under it and a compartment for stoves for the sauna hearth on top of it with a trapeze-shaped outlet flue in the middle. An after-burning chamber is located at the end of the outlet flue. A narrow cast iron furnace grate is installed between the furnace and the ash compartment. The door of the furnace and the grate are placed so that they form a threshold that prevents firewood from falling out. The air needed for burning comes in through the ash compartment and the grate. The after-burning chamber is equipped with a flue (Ø 11.5 cm), which opens into the chimney on top of the stove. The trapeze-shaped outlet flue is equipped with two cleaning-out openings. There is a 5cm gap between the sauna stove and the housing via which the air moves upwards when the stove is heated. The gap is covered with perforated sheet iron on the top. The openings in the iron sheet create air whirls which prevent air outflow. Due to that some of the air is directed through the vents located in the sides and the back of the stove walls so that the air is directing through the stones of the hearth between the stove ceiling and the flues. Via the vents the air moves the through the stones of the hearth and between the flues warming the stone additionally. Thanks to this kind of ventilation the air in the room is heated intensively and rises to the intended temperature level in the steam room within a short time. In all models it is possible to change the metal plate for a glass plate or vice versa.

PS-210 model has an extra-accessory, which is a decorative bar for covering the wall around the stove door, which is placed around the opening up to 3.5 cm on top and on both sides. Decorative bars are made of black metal painted black and of stainless steel.

Putting into operation for the first time

The housing of the sauna stove is covered by heat resistant paint, which reaches its final hardness during the first heating procedure. Up to that time avoid scratching the painted surfaces of the sauna stove. During the first heating the paint softens at first due to which contact with the painted surfaces has to be avoided. Substances evaporating from the painted surfaces may give off unpleasant smell and due to that the first heating may be done outside or in a well-ventilated room on the installation site of the sauna hearth. After heating the hearth in the steam room for the first time, you definitely have to ventilate the room. The sauna stove is heated for the first time without hearth stones being installed. Also water must not be thrown on the housing of the sauna stove during the first heating. When heating the sauna stove outside, it is recommendable to install the sleeves to eliminate the smell of the emitted substances.

Place of installation

When choosing a place for the sauna stove also the safe distances and distances required for maintenance have to be considered besides the measurements of the stove. In front and towards the depth of the furnace at least one metre radius of space is required for maintenance. The sauna stove has to be installed far enough from inflammable materials (see Table 1). Discharge fans installed in the steam room may affect the operation of the sauna stove.

Protection of walls

When wooden walls (wooden boards, planks, logs, etc.) are closer to the stove than allowed according to safe distances, the walls have to be protected by installing required materials (heat barrier). Single-layer heat barrier is made of at least 7-mm thick fibre-reinforced non-flammable concrete plate or at least 1-mm thick metal plate.

There has to be an adequate number of fixing points to ensure the strength of the construction. A single-layer heat barrier equals to at least 5.5-cm thick brick wall. The wall has to be with open edges and at least 3 cm away from the protected surface reaching 60 cm beyond the total area of the sauna stove and be at safe distance from the side walls (at least 50 cm).

Protection of floors

If a sauna stove is installed on a floor made of flammable material (wood, plastic or other), at least a 4-cm thick concrete base has to be made on the floor to protect it from heat. For example, the used material may be Slica 250 KM. The base has to reach beyond the stove on sides at least 20 cm and at least 30 cm in front. The base plate should be installed a little bit higher of the floor to keep the wooden floor dry. Detailed fire precautions are delivered by the local fire service official, who also coordinates the installation of the sauna stove.

Connecting the sauna stove in the laid flue

The area of the cross-section of the chimney flue must not be smaller than area of the cross-section of the stove flue.

There is a smoke vent on the stove. The opening required for connecting the flue is measured on the base of the chimney and is made a little bigger than the flue pipe. Finally the flue pipe connected to the base of the chimney is sealed with fire-proof with rock wool. Appropriate sealing gap around the pipe is about 1 cm.

The inner corners of the flue opening have to be rounded to ensure free entrance of smoke. The flue connection pipe must not be pushed too deep into the flue. If necessary, the smoke pipe has to be made shorter.

First fix the flue connecting pipe in the smoke vent of the sauna stove. After that the tightness and strength of the connection has to be checked. The stove is placed in the flue opening and is pushed in the direction of the flue. The connecting pipe has to be wrapped in fire-proof rock wool and be pushed into place in the stove. It may be necessary to add fire-proof rock wool when checking the tightness of the sealing of the flue connection. If the sealing wool is deep in the base of the chimney (deeper than 1 cm), the wool may be covered with a layer of plaster or a decorative bar of the smoke pipe. Using a damper in the connection of the sauna stove with the chimney is not compulsory.

Maintenance of the sauna stove

The manufacturer expects that the sauna stove is maintained by a competent specialist. The soot deposited on the smoke channels of the sauna stove are removed via round maintenance trap doors located on the sides of the stone sockets. The smoke outlet and the flue have to be cleaned regularly. The device has to be checked also when it has not been used for a longer period.

Stones may crumble when used and that is why they have to be piled again at least once a year (more often if used intensively). Stone rubble that has gathered in the lower part of the stove has to be removed and broken bricks replaced. The flue has to be cleaned regularly to ensure proper ventilation.

The ash compartment has to be cleaned before every use to ensure air access from the ash compartment through the grate. A metal container should be used for removing the ash. The user of the sauna stove needs at least 1 m² of space in front of the stove.

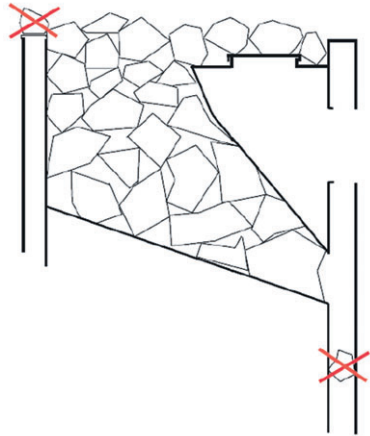
Do not keep the ash container near flammable materials as the removed ash may contain smouldering firebrands.

Hearth stones

Stones of the hearth must not block the air circulation between the centre of the hearth and the housing.

Some natural stones may contain improper substances such as sulphur compounds, which make them unsuitable for the use as hearth stones.

Clean the stones from dust before you pile them on the hearth. Bigger stones are laid at the bottom of the stone base; smoother stones are piled along the walls of the stone base. Smaller stones are laid out on top because they are heated up quickly. The humidity of the steam depends on the amount of stones and the temperature of the sauna. The more stone and the lower temperature, the more humid the steam is.



Heating the sauna stove

Dry firewood is the best for heating the sauna stove. Fuels of high heating value should not be used for heating the sauna, e.g. fibreboard, plastic, plywood, charcoal, etc. Liquid fuels must not be used in any case. It is recommended by the manufacturer to fill only half of the stove with firewood. Filling the furnace at full extent may cause overheating. This shortens the service life of the sauna stove significantly.

The ash compartment may be open only during starting the fire to enable the access of additional air needed for burning. During heating the ash compartment has to be closed, except when adding firewood or removing the ashes, to avoid smoke spreading into the steam room.

Heating the steam room depends on the size of the room, the placement of windows in the steam room, power of the stove and the material of walls. In case of non-insulated wall surfaces (brick, ceramic plate, concrete, etc.) a powerful stove is required: per every m^2 of the wall 1.2 m^3 of additional capacity is needed. In case of log walls the capacity is multiplied by 1.5. A properly chosen sauna stove heats the steam room up to the required temperature within 1 (one) hour.

Water for steam

Clean water is used for making steam. Salty, hard or water rich in iron causes corrosion and shortens the service life significantly.

Warranty conditions

The manufacture undertakes to exchange or repair a defective stove within 24 months from the date of sale in factory or shop on condition the consumer has not failed to follow the requirements of the installation and the user manual. The warranty is effective on condition the stove is used for its intended purpose and the manufactured construction is not changed. If the door glass of the sauna stove is broken, the manufacture is not obliged to change it.

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