

# Features to look for in a **WOOD BURNING STOVE**



A wood burning stove can be a great focal point in your living room, creating a warm, cosy feel. It can also be a practical way to cut or avoid rising heating bills.

Whatever your reasons for getting a wood burning stove, see below what you need to look for when buying a wood burning stove.



## 1. Heat output

Stoves work best when operating close to their nominal heat output, so it's important to get this right.

A HETAS qualified installer will help to ensure you choose the right stove model for your home.



## 2. Efficiency

Most stoves have an efficiency rating of between 65% and 80%.

The higher the percentage, the less fuel you'll need to heat your home.



## 3. Fuel type



Have you got a supply of **dry logs** readily and locally available? If you're unable to pin down a good, reliable supplier or are short on space then a **multi-fuel** stove could be a good choice

## 4. DEFRA exempt

Many parts of the UK are **Smoke Control Areas** where you can't emit smoke from a chimney unless you're burning an authorised fuel or using exempt appliances.

If you live in a smoke control area and wish to burn wood, look for a Defra exempt appliance



## 5. Automatic control



Regulates the air intake for maximum efficiency, meaning you don't have to control the stove manually.

## 6. Airwash

Helps to prevent soot build-up on the surface of the stove glass.

## 7. Heat retention

Wood burners with accumulation stones are ideal for continuous heating needs, radiating heat steadily long after the fire has gone out.



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