

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF DINAK CHIMNEY FLUES

Because of its constructive and design characteristics, the DINAK chimney flue requires only an easy and simple maintenance. In general, the following recommendations must be considered:

1. Visual inspection at least once a year of the wall support fixings, guy wire cable fixings and all other fixing accessories of the chimney flue.
2. Inspection of the soot collectors. Make sure that the drain tube from the soot collector is clean and allows for a correct drainage of condensations and rainwater.
3. Visual inspection of the inside of the chimney. This must be done on a regular basis to assure that no big quantities of soot are accumulated on the inside of the chimney since these might obstruct the chimney, affect its correct functioning and pose a soot fire risk. Special attention must be paid to the horizontal run of the chimney.

The number of annual inspections will depend on the type of fuel that is being used (carbon or wood, gas-oil, gas, etc) and of the general functioning of the installation (combustion conditions, boiler condition, etc.): For natural gas and light oil we recommend an annual inspection. For solid fuels, an inspection of the inner liner of the chimneys should be carried out every 6 months to see if any soot has accumulated.

4. In case soot has accumulated, proceed in the following way: Loosen the locking band which holds the soot collector at the base of the vertical stack. Remove the soot collector and remove the soot. Clean the inside of the chimney stack with a cylindrical nylon or stainless steel brush or with rags fixed to a guide-rope. Once cleaned, install the soot collector back in place again.

5. The level of soot accumulation will determine the cleaning frequency. For cleaning, use only non abrasive tools or equipment. By cleaning the chimney regularly, possible fires and obstructions inside the chimney will be avoided.

6. Dinak recommends that these operations be carried out by a qualified company or professional.

VERY IMPORTANT:

It is strictly forbidden to use abrasive or corrosive cleaning materials / liquids, as well as the use of fire or explosives.