

Removal of Inner 5/8" Type X Drywall Requirement

We are happy to announce that Ortal, Lyric, and Wilderfire fireplaces are approved to be installed without an inner layer of 5/8" Type X Drywall inside the chase. This approval applies to all Ortal-manufactured built-in fireplaces sold in the North American market, with exception of the Ortal Traditional 90 & 110 that do not have easy-installation stand-offs (pre-serial #29730).

The temperatures inside the cavity can reach up to 90°F above room temperature and the appliances are meeting these criteria and approved by CSA with no requirement to use the inner layer of 5/8" Type X Drywall.

Figure 1 below illustrates framing installation without the inner layer of 5/8" Type X Drywall inside the chase.

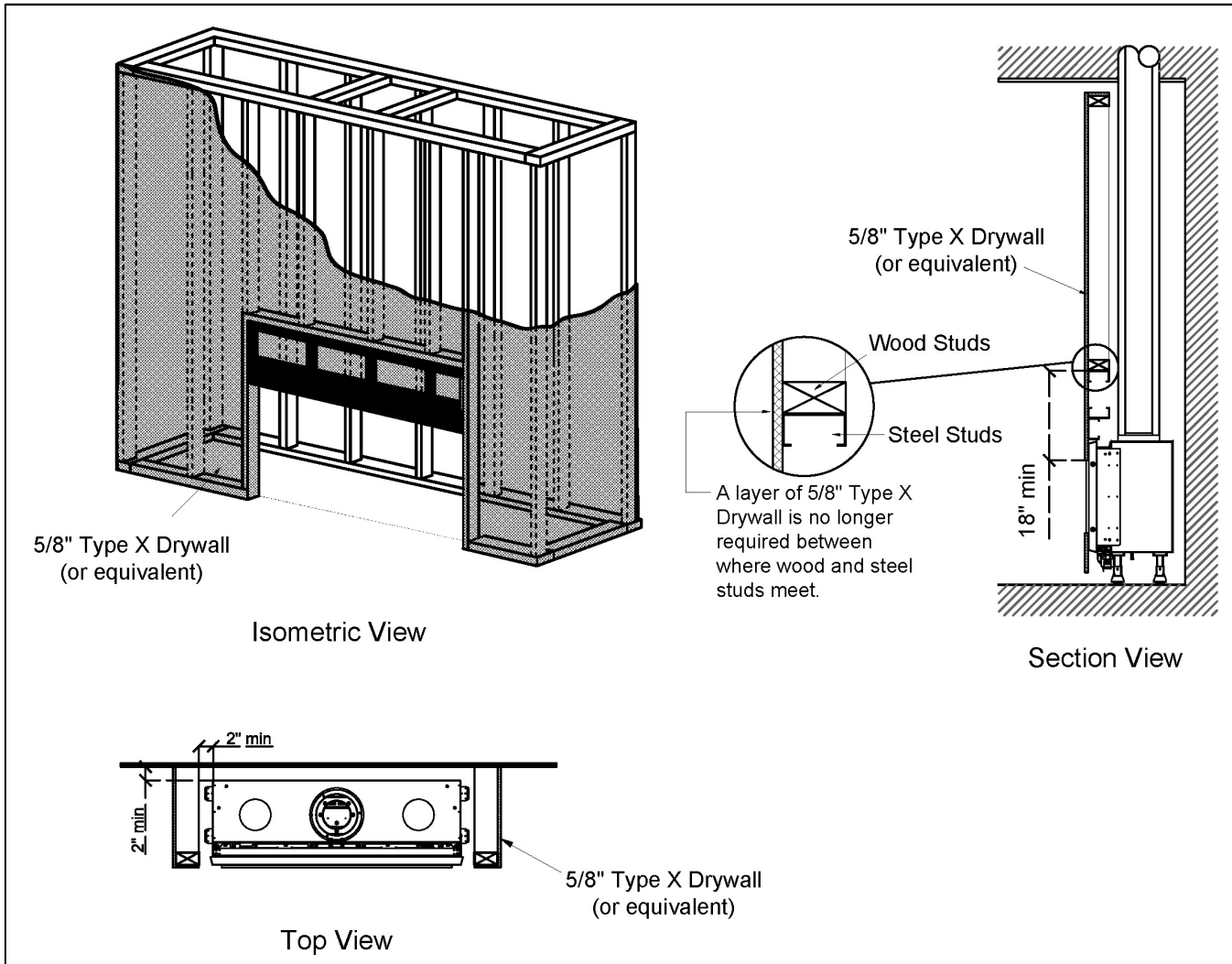


Figure 1: Framing Installation without Inner 5/8" Type X Drywall Layer

All other framing and building requirements remain unchanged.

We will be working to update all our manuals and technical documents with this information. In the meantime, this document serves as official approval letter to permit installations that follow these new installation instructions. This document is retroactive and supersedes all current and previous manuals.

Warmly,

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