



# Mantel Installation & Use Guide

INCLUDED IN YOUR MANTEL PACKAGE ARE THE FOLLOWING:

1. ONE BREAST WITH SHELF ASSEMBLY
2. TWO LEGS
3. ONE MOUNTING BRACKET
4. THREE SCRIBE MOULDINGS

*Please contact your distributor or retailer if anything is missing, or a defect is found.*

## INSTALLATION & ASSEMBLY

- A.) Place breast and shelf assembly upside down on the floor.
- B.) Attach legs to breast, inserting pins in the end of legs into the holes in the breast assembly and lock CAMS. Glue may be applied to mating surfaces.
- C.) Carefully lift mantel against wall, centering above fireplace opening. Check for level and make light pencil mark on wall along top shelf.
- D.) Remove mantel from wall and set aside.
- E.) Measure 5 3/8" down from line on wall and mark second line on wall.
- F.) Screw mounting bracket to wall through studs with 2 1/2" sheetrock screws just above lower pencil line.
- G.) Tap shelf downward with hammer using a wood block to protect shelf, until mantel fits snugly down on mounting bracket and legs touch the floor. (It may be necessary to adjust bracket up or down for perfect fit).
- H.) Once you are sure you have mantel situated correctly on the wall, remove and glue, or caulk, to back edges of legs and rehang on mounting bracket. Or, drill through the bottom outside edge of leg down into floor being careful not to chip hearth) and anchor with #10 finish nails.
- I.) Once mantel is secured to wall you can install the precut scribe moldings to cover the inside edges of the mantel opening using small brads or finish nails. (Predrilling to avoid splitting is recommended).

Before filling impact holes, we recommend using a clear oil base sealer on mantels that are to be finished natural or with stain to avoid staining surrounding wood with the filler. Use a good oil base primer for mantels being painted. Some light sanding before finish coat will reduce raised grain on wood.

*Do not use water base paint on bare wood as it may cause warpage.*

**It is the responsibility of the installer to make sure wooden mantels meet all codes with respect to minimum clearances to fireplace opening.**