

## FIREPLACE SURROUNDS USING CAESARSTONE

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Very rarely can Caesarstone be used around a fireplace in any configuration. Only very low BTU units (20,000 or less) should be considered.

NEVER try to use a cut out type of opening, as it will fail probably on the first use of the fireplace. As the heat builds and rises up the front, the top portion expands and cracks the corners even if they are rounded. Even a low BTU unit will fail with this type of opening.

If you have a low BTU unit and the fascia is flush or recessed from the firebox and the unit has a fan to blow the heat away from the fascia, then it might be possible to use but we still do not recommend it. The configuration must be separate pieces, preferably silicone to the substructure, with no adhesive in the joints to allow the upper piece to expand and contract with no resistance it may perform as required. Remember Caesarstone can be thermal formed, that is heat bend at 90 to 100 degrees Celsius, so it is obvious that the heat from a fire will potentially exceed that temperature and warping could occur.

There will be no warranty coverage for Caesarstone used for fireplace fascia starting Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

Please pass this on to those in your organization that need to know this information.

**We acknowledge the risks associated with using a Quartz product for fireplace application, and assume responsibility for it as such.**

**CUSTOMER SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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