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## CHOOSING THE RIGHT INSPECTION

### **SITE® (System Inspections and Technical Evaluation)**

Trying to figure out what type of inspection is needed for your situation? Use the charts below to select the right inspection and WETT-certified professional that can meet your needs.

Each inspection will come with documentation on WETT forms to clearly indicate the findings.

This table is intended to assist readers and clearly outline what will be done. **An inspection at a specific level may include more, but NOT LESS than, that outlined in the SITE® table.**

**NOTE:** Inspection of a solid-fuel-burning system may result in a recommendation for further action; including, but not limited to, repair or replacement of system components, and/or sweeping of the venting system, and/or a more detailed inspection.

WETT-certified individuals do not certify installations/systems. The WETT inspection form will indicate if each section on the form is Not Applicable, Compliant, Not Compliant, or Unable to Inspect (UTI). No matter what type of inspection is done, there will be a number of UTI responses provided, based upon the type of inspection agreed upon.

## “Visual” Inspection

Purpose: (What is it used for)	Scope: (What is included)	When Required:
<p>This type of inspection may be required as part of a real estate purchase, as requested by your insurer, as required by the Authority Having Jurisdiction or as part of a Fire Code requirement. It also provides peace of mind to you prior to use.</p>	<p>This includes a basic inspection of the solid-fuel-burning appliance and venting system components <b>that are visible</b>. It will include measurements of clearances, opening doors or dampers, and a visual inspection of the chimney from the ground. It will identify any noted deficiencies and red flags that may require a more detailed inspection.</p> <p>It will include a final report on WETT inspection forms.</p>	<p>If you have just purchased the property and are unsure about the appliance, you should have this inspection done. If you change your appliance or some of the visible components of the system, you should have the inspection done prior to operation.</p> <p>If there is obvious evidence of a problem with the system, a <b>“Technical”</b> inspection should be completed.</p>

## “Technical” Inspection

Purpose: (What is it used for)	Scope: (What is included)	When Required:
<p>This type of inspection may be required by the insurance company or Authority Having Jurisdiction. It can be a follow-up to the <b>“Visual”</b> inspection where further investigation was recommended.</p>	<p>This inspection would include all elements of a <b>“Visual”</b> inspection. It would also include a hands-on inspection, which may include taking apart flue pipes, opening clean-outs, entering the attic to view additional system components, and may include accessing the chimney on the roof.</p> <p>The WETT inspection report will include all findings and clearly define what was able to be accessed and what not able to be inspected.</p>	<p>This could be required where there are concerns noted in a <b>“Visual”</b> inspection, or after a significant period of time where the appliance was not used. If you have replaced some components in the system, this inspection will review the system as a whole.</p> <p>It may also include a recommendation for an invasive review where some components are not accessible.</p> <p>A <b>chimney fire, seismic event or suspected incident</b> may require completing an <b>“Invasive”</b> inspection if some components of the system are not accessible through the <b>“Technical”</b> inspection.</p>

## “Invasive” Inspection

Purpose: (What is it used for)	Scope: (What is included)	When Required:
<p>This inspection would be driven by an existing concern or event such as a chimney fire or other suspected incident. It may be required by the Authority Having Jurisdiction or an insurance company.</p> <p>The result of the inspection would be to identify areas that require repair or replacement and direction on how to resolve existing deficiencies. It does not include repairs to the system. This may be addressed with additional contracts with the technician or other trades people, depending upon the complexity and type of work required.</p>	<p>This inspection would include an invasive review of components. It may include opening walls (drywall), or other tasks that require additional construction-related skills.</p> <p>The extent of the inspection and its purpose should be clearly discussed with the WETT technician prior to commencing.</p> <p>The WETT inspection form will be provided at the end of the inspection, and will include additional narratives to describe the results of the invasive work.</p>	<p>When concealed components identified in a <b>“Technical”</b> inspection require further investigation, this inspection should be completed.</p> <p>If there has been a chimney fire or suspected incident and there are components not accessible with a <b>“Technical”</b> inspection, complete an <b>“Invasive”</b> inspection. The corrective actions indicated in the report must be completed prior to the appliance being used again.</p>