

Is Your Old Wood Stove Certified or Uncertified?

Solid metal double door



UNCERTIFIED

Double door with glass



UNCERTIFIED

Single solid metal door



LIKELY UNCERTIFIED

Single door with glass



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Wood stove insert

Free-standing wood stove

Does the firebox have 1 – 4 pipes with small holes OR a catalytic device in the ceiling or back of the firebox?

PROBABLY CERTIFIED

YES

NO

Can you view the back of the insert?

YES

NO

Does it have a certification label?

NO

YES

UNCERTIFIED

U.S. EPA Certification



CERTIFIED

Does the firebox have a simple round chimney exit with or without a flat plate?

YES

UNCERTIFIED



If you are trying to determine if your old wood stove or wood stove insert is certified or uncertified, you should have a simpler task if it is a freestanding stove and may have more work to do if it is a wood stove insert. A freestanding wood stove may allow access to view or take pictures of a label on the back of the stove. For a wood stove insert, without removing the insert, and with some accuracy, determining certification may be possible following these steps and using the images on the other page.

First, some simple steps for determining if the old wood stove device is certified or not.

- 1 If your old freestanding wood stove or wood stove insert has **one or two all metal doors** (a few might have 4 folding all metal doors) = **uncertified**.
- 2 If your old freestanding wood stove or wood stove insert has **2 doors with glass** = **likely uncertified**.
- 3 If your old freestanding wood stove or stove insert has **1 single door with glass** = **It may be certified**.
 - For freestanding stoves with a single door with glass, view the back for U.S. EPA certification label. If viewing the back is inaccessible, use a camera or smart phone to take a few pictures and view the label.
 - o If the stove has a **U.S. EPA certification label**, the stove is **certified**.
 - o Some stoves may only have a **testing label** (UL – Underwriters Laboratory or Omni or others). Stoves with only a testing a label are **not certified**.
 - o If there are **no labels**, that stove was **neither tested nor certified**.
 - For wood stove inserts with a single door with glass where the label is inaccessible, view the inside of the firebox.
 - o If the firebox only has the **round opening (top, rear or side) for the chimney**, the insert is **uncertified**.
 - o If the firebox has a **flat plate near the top and only the round opening (top, rear or side) for the chimney**, the insert is **uncertified**.
 - o If the firebox has **1, 2, or 3 pipes near the top with small holes**, it is very **possible the insert is certified**.
 - o If the exit for the chimney has a **honeycomb type device** (see images on the other page), it is likely a catalytic combustor device and the stove is **likely certified**.

Note: Catalytic devices should be replaced every 3-5 years depending on the amount of use of the stove/insert.

If the owner's manual is still in your possession, it may note the year of publishing. This may be helpful, particularly with wood stove inserts, in assessing the year the stove was manufactured.

The "sure fire" way to determine certification is always locating a label and confirming U. S. EPA certification. Some newer stoves may have a the U. S. EPA certification labels permanently attached by a cable. You can also look up stoves on the EPA-Certified Wood Stove Database

<https://cfpub.epa.gov/oarweb/woodstove/index.cfm?fuseaction=app.search>

For older stoves, use the link for Previously EPA Certified (1988 and 2015 Rules).

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