



Flare Outdoor Fire - Finish & Cure Guide

Important Please Read Carefully

Finish – How It Arrives

- Due to the nature of casting Masonry expect some irregularities with your Fireplace. Surfaces will not be completely flat and not 100% level. Also during transit often other minor defects may occur.

Concrete is brittle and easily chipped, if this occurs the defects can be easily repaired.

Defects deeper than 5mm should be filled with chemset (included in the kitset), apply it just below the surface. Then use the Rockcote or Plaster supplied to fill in the remaining area.

Defects less than 5mm deep use the Rockcote or Plaster to fill.

The Fireplace has a quality check before it leaves our yard. Once it has left any damage occurred is the responsibility of the Freight Company, installer, or owner. Depending who is responsible for the damage. We are not liable to fix any damage. However we will help with the process to ensure the product is repaired or replaced and charged to those responsible.

The Three Finish Options: Natural Precast is how it comes out of the moulds we touch up some defects however the fireplace is still raw concrete with surface air holes and other minor defects. We supply a bag of Rockcote which you can use to fill the joins or any defects once the fireplace is together.

Plastered finish is a textured plaster look (acrylic base). Once the fireplace is together apply the silicone supplied to the joins then paint the Fireplace with Resene X200. You can choose any colour and use a basic roller to apply.

Polished finish is a combination of Plaster and Exposed concrete. The Front of the Firebox and Chimney is polished and the top front and tops of the Woodbox's Polished, the rest of the Fireplace is plastered.

Note: We do not plaster the back of the Fireplace if this is requested extra charges will apply.

We suggest that you cure the Fireplace first before applying Rockcote, silicone or paint to joins and surfaces. That also includes any other finish that you apply to the Fireplace.

Cure – First Fires

- Allow 40 hours **Minimum** of small fires when you first begin to use the Fireplace. During this period the Fireplace should not be run for longer than 5 hours at one time. This enables the Firebricks and the Masonry Modules to cure. If at any stage the Masonry Modules begin to sweat while the fire is running, the fire needs to be relocated in the Firebox away from where it is sweating and no more wood should be added for 30 minutes. The moisture you can see on the outside of the Fireplace you do not want to turn to steam in the Masonry, as cracks can form at this time. Following this procedure allowing your Fireplace to cure properly will minimise the chance of the Fireplace cracking.

However Concrete has a mind of its own and in our experience often you can do the right thing to minimise cracking but unfortunately cracks still appear. The cracks are of no concern structurally. The Fireplace has a lot steel through it and will not fill apart.

This mainly applies to our Natural Precast and Polished Concrete options as you will notice the cracks, which aesthetically is not so pleasing.

Now gather round and enjoy your Flare outdoor Fireplace!