

Classy New Stove Looks Like Fine Furniture

You'll like the looks of the new Meridian ceramic tile stove, a colorful new household burner from California that's made almost entirely from heat-radiating ceramic materials.

Colorful tiles cover the outside of the spherical wood burner. "It adds to room decor, rather than detracting from it," says John Emery, marketing director for the Ceramic Energy Corp., manufacturer of the stove. "The ceramic tiles are also functional, however, in that they keep the outside temperature of the stove low enough so that children can't get burned. Also, the stove can be placed within 9½ in. of walls — closer than any other stove on the market. The outside walls of the stove are normally a moderate 140° and never more than 212°."

In addition to tiles on the outside, the entire base structure of the stove is made from ceramics, including the spherical firebox. Emery says the advantage of ceramics is that it holds about 80% more heat than metal. "At night, when the fire burns down, the ceramics will continue to give off heat for hours," he points out.

There is a secondary heat exchanger chamber between the outer and inner wall of the stove, and a 2-in. gap between the 8-in. dia. flue and the 10-in. flue cover over it. A small blower at the base of the stove pulls warmer, stagnant air down from near the ceiling and through the heat exchanger chamber, warming it and blowing it out the bottom of the stove.



Heat-retaining ceramic tile covers the outside of the new stove.

The Vycor glass in the main firebox doesn't soot up, according to Emery, because of the high temperatures inside the firebox. Water heating coils can be installed in the walls of the stoves, which are entirely handmade. Ceramic Energy says their stove has undergone tests at Underwriters' Laboratories and received the UL stamp of approval.

The stove, 44 in. high and 32 in. wide, weighs 500 lbs. It retails for \$1,495.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Ceramic Energy Corporation, Box 2659, Oroville, Cal. 95965 (ph 916 534-0700).

about an hour for the stove to heat enough water for a bath during the summer. With constant winter operation, though, hot water should be ready on demand.

Cost for a Kroupa stove is \$1,295, plus an \$80 duty fee in the U.S. This duty fee may soon be omitted since Kroupa is lining up a U.S. manufacturer. He already manufactures the

stoves in Nova Scotia and British Columbia in Canada. Shipping weight is about 640 lbs.

For more details, including a 4-color brochure, send \$1 to: FARM SHOW Followup, Kroupa Stove, Grand Etang, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, Canada BOE 1L0 (ph 902 224-2849).



Heat from the stove is channeled over and under a see-through oven that's big enough for an 18 lb. turkey.

IT COOKS, BAKES, WARMS YOUR HOME AND HEATS YOUR WATER

New "Do Everything" Wood-Burning Stove

If you've decided to let wood heat help you fight energy problems, there's a new-style wood stove you should know about. Instead of just providing heat for your house, the new "do everything" Kroupa wood-burning stove also features a cooktop, a see-through oven, an eye-pleasing windowed firebox and an optional water heater unit.

"For home heating, the Kroupa stove provides up to 600°F of radiant heat. Vycor glass in the main firebox door permits you to enjoy the sight of the fire and helps to radiate even more of the heat into the house," explains inventor Gene Kroupa.

Stainless steel cover fits over the glass at night for extra safety. Also, the reflective surface of the stainless steel plate reflects the heat of the fire back onto the Vycor glass which burns off accumulated creosote and soot so you never have to scrub the

glass. (Kroupa doesn't recommend burning coal in his stoves.)

There's also a second, smaller firebox just below the cooktop surface. It's handy for summertime cooking when you don't want to heat up the entire house with the regular firebox. Heat from both fireboxes is channeled over and under a see-through oven compartment for even, complete baking. The oven is big enough to handle an 18-lb. turkey or six loaves of bread. "With glass on both sides of the oven, it's nearly impossible to forget you have something in the oven," notes Kroupa.

There's also an optional water heater element which inserts just below the cooktop. The heated water automatically flows to the top of the storage tank through thermosiphoning and permits the heavier, cool water to run through the heat coils. Kroupa estimates it takes

PEELS ENOUGH FOR FOUR IN TWO MINUTES

Automatic Potato Peeler

Latest new kitchen worksaver is this automatic potato peeler introduced by Torode Appliance Products, Palm Harbor, Fla.

"It'll peel enough potatoes to feed a family of four in two minutes — with no waste," reports Thomas Dollnig, vice president of marketing. "It also performs very well on carrots and apples.

"It's easy to operate. You simply put in the potatoes, add water and turn it on," explains Dollnig. "It peels

skin-deep. All parts are dishwasher safe, except the motor base, so cleanup after the job is finished is quick and easy."

The Potato Peeler is being introduced by most major retailers, including Wards and Target.

If you're interested and local stores don't yet have it, contact: Torode Appliance Products, 660 Sandy Hook Rd., Palm Harbor, Fla. 33563 (ph 813 784-7581).



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