

Congratulations!

After assembly and finishing, your **Cuore1200 Wood-Fired Oven** is now ready. However, before using it for the first time, some very important steps must be taken to ensure a very long and worry-free service life. After that, it will provide endless hours of fun and great food to share with your family and friends.

**Important!**

- Read this manual thoroughly and keep it for future reference.
- Do not allow children and pets near the oven during assembly and finishing, as well as during operation.
- After finishing the oven, you must wait a minimum of 15 days before igniting any fire for the first time. This period is necessary to safely ensure the oven and the finishing materials are properly dry.

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**Heat-conditioning your oven**

**Attention! Very important information! After the oven is finished, there must be a minimum 15-day curing time before starting any fire in the oven. Failure to do so may damage the oven and will result in loss of the warranty.**

After the waiting period is over, you should start the process of heat-conditioning your **Cuore1200 Wood-Fired Oven**. This process will prepare the oven for regular use. It will cause the various parts to accommodate themselves so as to avoid tensions and cracks. This is accomplished by lighting a series of progressively larger fires on every consecutive day until the maximum possible fire is achieved.

**Please follow these instructions closely:**

- On day 1, light a small metal container with a pint of alcohol in the center of the fire chamber and let it burn completely.
- On day 2, light a small metal container with a quarter gallon of alcohol in the center of the fire chamber and let it burn completely.
- On day 3, light a small fire with wood in the center of the fire chamber and let it burn completely.
- On day 4, light a larger fire with wood in the center of the fire chamber and feed it slowly for two hours, then let it die naturally.  
Leave the embers to cool down before cleaning.
- On day 5, light a still larger fire with wood in the center of the fire chamber and feed it with some 20 pounds of wood during one and a half hours, then let it die naturally. Leave the embers to cool down before removing them.
- Your oven is now ready to use. Enjoy!

**Important!**

- Don't skip days, follow this process for five days in a row.
- If your oven is left unused for 6 months or more, repeat the process starting from day 4.
- Never close the door if there's fire inside the oven.
- Never, ever, under any circumstances, use water or any other liquid to put out the fire or cool the oven. It will crack the oven and likely damage it beyond repair. It will void the warranty. Thermal shock is a mortal enemy of any wood fired oven.
- Small fissures are normal and won't affect the warranty in any way.
- Do not use the pallet wood as fuel. Due to international trade regulations, it is treated with chemicals for pest control. Discard it.

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## Cooking with your oven

Your **Cuore1200 Wood-Fired Oven** is now ready for cooking!

**IMPORTANT! Safety always comes first!**

- This oven is for home use ONLY!
- The oven interior and the door will get very hot during operation. Never allow children or pets near it while it's hot, and never put your unprotected hands and arms or any other body part inside during operation. Always use long oven gloves and mitts to manipulate anything inside the oven and the door during operation. The door will get very hot and may cause serious burns if touched! Always use the door handle! Keep a safe distance from your clothes and face during operation. Failure to do so may result in serious skin burns.
- Never elevate the fire, place the wood always directly on top of the refractory tiles.
- Burn only dry firewood for cooking in this oven. Never use sappy woods (pine or pine nodes), compressed or chipped wood products, laminated wood or any other combustible materials except firewood.
- Do not use the pallet wood as oven fuel. Due to international commerce regulations, it is treated with chemicals to avoid pest contamination.
- Do not use this oven for any function other than cooking, like burning garbage or smelting.
- Never use any flammable liquids (alcohol, gasoline, lighter fluid, kerosene or similar fluids) to start or maintain the fire.
- Sparks and embers may be ejected from the oven mouth during operation, so take care and be sure to keep any combustible materials away during operation.
- Although this oven door is not the sealing type to allow for some air circulation during operation, do not close the door completely while the fire is on. When you open the door, there will be a surge in available oxygen inside the oven and the flames may quickly erupt.
- Again, never use water or any other liquid to extinguish or control the fire! The oven will likely crack due to thermal shock and void the Product Warranty.
- When disposing of the ashes after the oven has cooled down, use a small metal shovel. Place them in a metal container with a tightly fitting lid. After the ashes are completely cool, dispose of them according to your area regulations.
- When not in use, keep the oven door closed to avoid moisture, foreign objects or animals from getting inside.

Fires should always be started small and grown slowly, so the oven heats up gradually and evenly. Ideally, you should light up your oven two hours before cooking starts.

**IMPORTANT!** Never use flammable liquids to light the oven! The mixture of air and flammable liquid vapors inside the oven may cause an explosion.

By feeding around 20 pounds of good, dry wood during these two hours, your oven should reach almost 600 F. **Do not repeat this process, it will overheat the oven and it might crack!** As the fire dies and the embers remain, the oven's thermal mass should allow for two to three hours of cooking.

Always start the fire gently using 4 or 5 pieces of dry wood (2" x 5" or similar size is fine) in the center of the oven. Slowly build up the fire and the heat for two hours, adding wood as necessary, and then spread the embers to one side, allowing room for the food. Brush the oven floor (always and only with a copper brush, never steel or any fiber or cloth) where the food will seat. Always avoid tall flames against the oven walls before it is fully heated. Avoid building the fire near the oven mouth and never let the flames escape through it.

The only foods to have direct contact with the oven surface should be doughs, like pizza and bread. All other foods, like poultry, cakes, meat, etc. should only be cooked in an appropriate container. Check our website ([www.cuoreovens.com](http://www.cuoreovens.com)) or our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/cuoreovens](http://www.facebook.com/cuoreovens)) for delicious recipes, cooking tips and techniques!

When you are done cooking, let the fire die naturally. Never use water or any liquid to extinguish the fire, and – **safety first** – allow for the oven to cool completely before sweeping the ashes out. Remember, excessive fire or extreme temperature swings may damage the oven even after heat conditioning. However, even during normal operation small fissures may develop over time. This is absolutely normal. It's not an indication of malfunction and will have no effect on the structure and operation of the oven, nor will it affect the warranty. Now enjoy your **Cuore1200 Wood-Fired Oven**! Bring your family and friends together for endless hours of fun around some great food!

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### The thermometer

Your **Cuore 1200 Wood-Fired Oven** comes with a bimetallic analog thermometer.

It should be placed in the appropriate hole above the oven mouth. For proper operation, the thermometer stem should not protrude inside the fire chamber, because direct exposure of the stem to the flames will quickly ruin the thermometer. The stem end should be tucked inside the hole as close as possible to the inner chamber surface, but never protrude inside. This is not a critical distance and may vary by up to one inch. You may have to provide an appropriate recess on the oven finishing so as to keep this recommended distance. Your thermometer may come with a metal clip. This clip is only used to keep it upright if you opt to use it directly on the oven floor.

The thermometer needle will lock in place if the oven is heated above the maximum temperature. This will void the warranty.

**IMPORTANT!** Never try to bend the thermometer stem. This will ruin the thermometer.

If you do not wish to use this thermometer, simply fill the thermometer hole with refractory cement.

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### Cuore1200 Wood-Fired Oven Kit - Limited Product Warranty

**Cuore Ovens Co.** warrants this product (the **Cuore1200 Wood-Fired Oven Kit**) to be free from materials or craftsmanship defects for a period of 12 (twelve) months from the shipping date.

The Product Warranty stated above will be considered void and not valid if one or more of these circumstances have occurred:

1 - The installation of this product did not follow the instructions specified in this manual and the local building codes.

2 - This product has been used in any way other than for home cooking, or used with any burning fuels other than the ones specified in this manual, or used with fuels expressly forbidden by this manual, and thus subjected to temperatures above the recommended ones, causing damage to the product.

3 - This product has been damaged due to thermal shock by water or any other liquid, or by neglecting the warm-up period before each operation.

4 - This product has been damaged by over-firing or lack of a proper heat-conditioning sequence as specified in this manual.

5 - Normal wear and tear of parts that would be normally worn or replaced under normal operating conditions. Normal wear and tear include small fissures and cracks resulting from the expansion and contraction of the oven parts, either from the shell or the refractory bricks. These are not defecting and will not affect the oven operation and performance in any way.

On limitation of liability.

It is understood and expressly agreed that the sole obligation of Cuore Ovens and the purchaser's only and exclusive compensation under this Product Warranty or any other implied or expressed warranty will be limited to replacement, repair or refund as specified above. Such liability shall not include, and the purchaser renounces specifically to any rights to recover, consequential, incidental, special or any other damages of any kind whatsoever, including, but not limited to, damage to property, injuries to persons, loss of profits or anticipated profits, or loss of use of the product. Cuore Ovens shall not be responsible, in no event, for any incidental or consequential damages caused by defects in its products, whether such damage occurs or is discovered before or after replacement or repair, and whether or not such damage is caused by Cuore Oven's negligence. As some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, the above limitations or exclusions may not apply to you. The duration of any implied warranty with respect to this Product is limited to the duration of the foregoing warranty. As some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, the above may not apply to you.

On investigation of claims against this Product Warranty.

**Cuore Ovens Co.** reserves the right to investigate all claims against this Product Warranty and to deliberate and decide upon the method of settlement.

Our employees and dealers do not have the authority to modify or supplement this Product Warranty in any way, nor authorize any remedies in addition to, or inconsistent with the terms of this Product Warranty.

On registering a claim against this Product Warranty.

For any claim against this Product Warranty to be valid, it must be notified to Cuore Ovens in written form (support@cuoreovens.com) or by phone (954-805-0050). Written claims should include a description of the defect and the installation date.

