New to the Europa 75. Need guidance

Posted by BELLSBURNER - 07 Mar 2012 02:45

Hey all;

I'm not new to burning corn and pellets, I have owned a Baby for 6 years and love it.

I just bought 2 Dell Point Europa 75 stoves for $200 for the pair. 1 is a working stove and 1 needs a little tinkering. Both of them need a major cleaning. These things have so many adjustments and buttons compared to my Baby, where do I start? I would like to try burning pellets, but where do I start as far as setting go? The manual scares the heck out of me compared to my Baby.

Anyone out there have one of these that would share some wisdom with a newbie?

Thanks in advance for your help!!

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Re: New to the Europa 75. Need guidance

Posted by Nogas - 07 Mar 2012 15:30

Good for you Bellsburner. I saw those on Craigs list and was debating on going after them myself, if it's the same ones. Good luck on getting them burning.

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Re: New to the Europa 75. Need guidance

Posted by BELLSBURNER - 07 Mar 2012 16:06

I live around Cincinnati, Ohio and have an ad looking for another Baby. The people I bought these from was going to list them on Craigslist but saw my ad and contacted me.

I hope I can get them burning, but still would rather have the Baby. It just works better for my situation.

I'm going outside today and tinker a little. They definitely are a beast of a stove. Plus battery back up built in.

We'll see if it was worth the money. Just wish I knew more about them. I did list them myself on Craigslist, just to see if sell or trade for one I am a little more familiar with.

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Re: New to the Europa 75. Need guidance

Posted by Nogas - 08 Mar 2012 02:54

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Maybe someone can get you a copy of the manual. Did you see if you could get one on their web site? Sure hope someone sees this and gives you some help.

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Re: New to the Europa 75. Need guidance

Posted by Rootwitch - 08 Mar 2012 03:11

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They are GREAT stoves, I have been very pleased with mine. Hopefully you can get one running well, you got a great deal anyway. I can't help much with problems, mine hasn't really had any other than a worn out auger - but it still works OK even with that.

If one is working, well, try it! Assuming you have it installed, vented and all, clean it out well. Vacuum behind the doors, the combustion fan is behind the door on the back wall on the right side. Take out the burn pot, clean out the air holes, scrape any deposits off (soaking it in warm water helps). Clean the augers like that too. You can check the fuses, on the backside of panel on the left side of the stove, or just see if it runs.

When it's back together, just fill the burn pot about 2/3 full with pellets, and prepare some starter pellets. Probably you know all these details, but anyway, I use a baby jar full of pellets with Heet gasline antifreeze (methanol), but isopropyl will work, mineral spirits, biodiesel, etc. If you use Heet, just use a tablespoon or less, and soak them only for 30 seconds.

(The stove is probably empty of pellets. There is a procedure for priming the auger, but to be honest I've never done that. It will usually start feeding in time to keep things going, but if I am starting up after having run completely out of pellets, I just open the door a few times and throw a handful of pellets in the burn pot until it starts feeding).

Throw the starter pellets in the burn pot, throw in a match (with volatile stuff like Heet, don't get your hand anywhere near the pot, it will poof), close the door, then hit the green "pellet" button on the left side of the stove, and that's it. There's a 30 minute startup cycle during which you can't do anything. After that it will be on heat level 3, with ash and combustion air set at 10. You can adjust ash and air up and down from there, depending on your fuel, draft, etc. With no center auger in mine, I tend to run ash pretty high, around 18, and air at 12-15 to minimize soot buildup on the window.

Mine's on the 4th winter now, and it was a floor model when I got it. Zero problems except for the worn out auger. They draw only around 20 watts, really low power use, and are efficient burning too. They are not as high heat output as some, and I almost never burn mine above level 3, but it's perfect for my house.

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Re: New to the Europa 75. Need guidance

Posted by Nogas - 08 Mar 2012 14:26

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Does this stove only run on pellets, or does it burn corn too?

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Re: New to the Europa 75. Need guidance

Posted by Rootwitch - 08 Mar 2012 19:54

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Does this stove only run on pellets, or does it burn corn too?

I might be wrong here, but "Europa 75" implies an older one, like I have. They have burn programs for corn, pellets, and wheat. I think more recent stoves have burn pots specific to different fuels, so there is more to it than just pressing a button. If it is an older one, there will be three buttons on the panel, one for each fuel.

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Re: New to the Europa 75. Need guidance

Posted by BELLSBURNER - 09 Mar 2012 01:46

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Hey all;

Thanks for the great info. No, I don't have them installed yet, they are still sitting in the shop. I need to get them cleaned up and then I will "test fire" the one that works. I guess I am just spoiled using my "Baby". Light it up and walk away for 24 hrs or so.

Mine are the older ones, serial # 1314 and 1322. 3 green buttons for fuel type.

I'll let you know how things go. Who knows, I may use one of these in my shop instead of my blast heater. I know it would be cheaper to run.

Thanks again for the help.

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Re: New to the Europa 75. Need guidance

Posted by Rootwitch - 09 Mar 2012 03:20

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Wow, $200 for two of them...I think you got the deal of a lifetime! On low heat setting, 1 lb/hr, it will run for almost 3 days on one hopper full. It's a pretty low heat setting; level 3 will get you a day on a hopper and pretty good heat.

Mine is s/n 3771 so yours are definitely older. Check the condition of the augers; if they are original they should need replacing by now (the center one at least), if they've been burning every year anyway.

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