Creosote?
Posted by command_z - 10 Dec 2012 05:07

Have any of you guys had any creosote build up from pellets? I was just reading a blurb about pellets and the guy said that he had a creosote build up. I have never found any creosote in my stove or exhaust

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Re: Creosote?
Posted by rona - 10 Dec 2012 19:49

After reading that information it looks like something Indeck put out to gain sales. I'm not bashing Indeck as I have been burning their pellets for 3 years but to me it is a half-assed way of misusing statements made by other people much the same as politicians do. Burning pellets at low temps can cause buildup in pipes no arguements about that. Same applies to wood stoves but I have never seen creosote in the pipes as you get when burning wood. And pine sap would make the fire burn hotter.

Preventive maintenence will take care of these problem either burning hot once in a while durning shoulder seasons or cleaning the stove pipes twice a season or as required. Long pipes with elbows need more attention rather then a straight out the back system. Reading and doing what the book says will go a long ways in preventing problems

A old friend and a stove dealer once told me the big difference between hardwood and softwood pellets was whichever he had in stock at the time was the best.

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Re: Creosote?
Posted by tfgrower - 10 Dec 2012 19:49

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command_z wrote:

Here is just one of the places that talks about creosote. The other places I found are from owners who have had creosote (or what they are calling creosote)actually build up in their stove.

http://www.indeckpellets.com/news/Dangerous%20Softwood.pdf

I seen this awhile back. There is one way you could get creosote that I can think of. If pellets were yellow pine maybe. It is full of turpintine and resin.

I tried some yellow pine when I used to burn wood. It just can't burn all the energy thats in there. It gunked my pipes puffed back etc. etc.I can't imagine a pellet being made from this and at the time I

thought well they are selling pellets by making some imaginary somebody look bad. Maybe

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Re: Creosote?
Posted by Corny - 10 Dec 2012 20:09

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command_z wrote:

...but only if not burning correctly.

I'd second that.

And, Pete, sure glad that you got of that tree with your boots (and everything inbetween) intact.

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Re: Creosote?
Posted by FirepotPete - 10 Dec 2012 20:30

Corny wrote:

And, Pete, sure glad that you got of that tree with your boots (and everything inbetween) intact.

Ya, me too, bow hunting, before you could carry a firearm, never did it again.

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Re: Creosote?
Posted by tfgrower - 10 Dec 2012 20:35

I'll bet that bear was looking for the man with the stick after that

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Re: Creosote?
Posted by burnsalot - 12 Dec 2012 22:25

I got this out of a corn boiler.

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Re: Creosote?
Posted by command_z - 12 Dec 2012 22:34

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1) nice to hear from an old familiar face again burnsalot! 2) that is a huge pile of nastiness. Is it actually creosote? I never dealt with that stuff before. I thought wood is the only thing that would cause that.

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Re: Creosote?
Posted by burnsalot - 12 Dec 2012 23:17

I am not sure what to call the stuff. I did not find it often. It seemed a lot like creosote except it was not sticky.

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Re: Creosote?
Posted by command_z - 12 Dec 2012 23:23

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ummmm...do you have really big birds that have built a nest in your stack?

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Re: Creosote?
Posted by FirepotPete - 13 Dec 2012 03:53

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Hi burnsalot, always was envious of the size of your burn pot on the old forum.

That black crud you posted pics of, you said it wasn't sticky. Was it hardened by the time you removed it, like a plastic? Also, did you ever try and ignite it with a torch? I'm guessing it was hard because you said it wasn't sticky and that if you tried to ignite it it would probably crumble once reheated.

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