**Vent-Sure**

**Downdraft Vent for L&L Kilns**

**FEATURES**

**Type of Vent:** Downdraft - pulls air from the bottom of a kiln to ventilate fumes from the kiln under vacuum. Vents kiln fumes to the outside. The Vent-Sure downdraft ventilation system produces better firing by promoting higher temperature uniformity in the kiln - up to a 1/2 cone improvement.

**Voltage and Amperage:** 120 Volts at 1.37 Amps.

**On/Off Switch and Cord:** Switch on six foot cord.

**Blower Mounting:** Blower is normally mounted on the wall with discharge through a 4” round opening. (See Options below for optional Multi-mount bracket). This keeps the heat of the kiln away from the motor (for long motor life) and keeps the motor vibration away from the kiln (which can cause ware to move, damage to the kiln, and misfiring of cones on a kiln sitter). Although the vent motor normally discharges right through the wall it is mounted on, use of 4” duct can extend this distance 60 feet (horizontally or vertically) with up to four 90 degree bends.

**Duct Work:** 15 Feet of 3” flexible and expandable duct is included along with necessary hose clamps. Longer lengths or lengths of 3” stove pipe can be used as well.

**Capacity:** The blower vents up to 148 cfm (cubic feet per minute). This will handle up to a 20 cubic foot kiln (and usually larger) or even two separate kilns. More than one vent can be attached to larger kilns.

**Vent Control:** A vacuum bypass on the kiln bypass/collection box adjusts the amount of venting from the system.

**Application:** The Vent-Sure is designed to be used on almost all our kilns, as well as other brand kilns. You can order one of our Easy-Fire kiln stands with the bypass/collection box attached to the bottom or you can attach the bypass collection box directly to the side of the kiln. (See hotkilns.com/vent.pdf).

**Warranty:** Limited 3 year warranty. (See hotkilns.com/warranty.pdf).

**UL Listing:** The Vent-Sure is c-MET-us listed to UL499 standards for use with Easy-Fire, Jupiter, JH Series, and DaVinci kilns. It is MET-us listed to UL499 standards for use with Hercules, Easy-Load, and Renaissance kilns.

**OPTIONS**

**Vent Doubler:** The Vent-Doubler allows you to connect two kilns to a Vent-Sure vent system. This can be added to an existing vent system or ordered with a new vent. In some cases you may be able to fire two kilns at once. The Vent-Sure has enough force to vent at least 20 cubic feet of kiln. The “T” duct fitting attaches to the inlet of the fan motor. There are two dampers on it to allow you to both control the flow and to shut off one or the other kiln. Flexible aluminum duct connects this “T” duct and the two fittings that attach to the kiln stands. M-V-VENT/DB

**Multi-Mounting Bracket:** An adapter to mount our motor on the floor is available for people who don’t want to mount the motor on the wall. There is a 4” duct outlet that you can hook up to an existing wall opening. This can be used to mount motor on wall as well with output going into an existing ventilation system. M-V-BRKT/00

**220-240 Volt Option:** Motor is 220 volt. Plug to be specified.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I know if the system is working?
The easiest way to test the operation of the vent system is to turn the unit on and to place a lit match directly over and level with one of the holes in the bottom of the kiln. The flame from the match should be gently pulled into the kiln as a result of the draft.

How hot does the duct get during the firing?
Due to the introduction of fresh air through the plenum of the vent system mixing with the hot gases being drawn from the kiln, the temperature of the duct is below 150°F. This will prevent burns from occurring in the event of the duct being touched.

How long can the duct be and with many bends?
Up to 60 feet of ducting containing four 90 degree bends may be safely used with no drop in static air flow at the duct exhaust point or a reduction in draw at the kiln. The ducting can be run either horizontally or vertically.

Do I need double wall duct when going through the roof?
You do not normally need double wall ducting when going through the roof since the pipe or duct does not reach high temperature. It is always advisable to check your local building codes for their requirements.

What type of duct do I use if I need more than 15 feet?
You can use more of the flexible aluminum dryer ducting or you can use galvanized furnace ducting. We recommend using 4” diameter galvanized duct.

Will the cold air entering the kiln damage the product?
The amount of air that is entering the kiln is so small that it does not cause problems with the ware. The top holes are placed toward the outside of the chamber area so that no air comes down directly onto ware that is placed near the top of the kiln. (L&L NOTE: This is fine but we do not normally recommend holes in the lid - a kiln is porous enough).

Will faster cooling crack the ware if I leave the vent on during the cooling Cycle?
No. Some kilns can cool an average of 4-1/2 hours faster with the use of the vent system. The cooling is faster but it is taking place at an even rate throughout the kiln avoiding uneven stresses being placed on the ware. Most ceramic ware can be cooled more quickly if the cooling takes place at an even rate. The rate of cooling increase will depend on the kiln size and the density of the load. The vent will remove more molecules of air and hence heat as the kiln cools. This is because the density of the air increases the lower in temperature you go. This is one reason why kiln vents are so efficient - they don't remove too much heat when you don't want them too at the higher temperatures).

What should I do if I still smell fumes?
You should check your duct work to make sure it is properly connected and that the joints are sealed. You can also check for extra air leaks around your kiln and repair these if necessary.

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