

3. CLEARANCES FOR UNCERTIFIED APPLIANCES

handle the weight loading and abrasion of fuel loading. Brick or flagstone may also be used as floor pads, provided the joints are mortared or grouted. When deciding on the materials to be used for a floor pad, consider the weight and normal wear to which it will be exposed. Make sure that tile, brick or flagstone floor pads have enough support to prevent cracking of grout and loosening of the pieces.

Radiation from the bottom of uncertified appliances can overheat combustible floors. Specified forms of protection are based on the distance above the floor that the legs support the appliance. These requirements are complicated, so you should always refer to B365 to make sure your interpretation is correct.

Several premanufactured floor pads made from ceramic tile, metal surfaces, etc. are found in local hardware stores. These may not be suitable for uncertified appliances, so remember always to check the stove leg length and refer to the requirements of the B365.

If the appliance is on a solid concrete floor (basement) poured on soil, with no combustibles, then this would be considered a suitable floor pad.