

Table 14.3.1 Selection of Inspection Type

Criteria	Inspection Types		
	Level I	Level II	Level III
Scope	Readily accessible areas of chimney, structure, and flue; lack of obstruction or combustible deposits in flue; basic appliance installation and connection	All subjects of a Level I inspection; proper construction and condition of accessible portions of the chimney structure and all enclosed flues; proper clearances from combustibles in accessible locations; size and suitability of flues for connected appliances	All subjects of Level I and Level II inspections; proper construction and condition of concealed portions of chimney structure and enclosed flues; proper clearances from combustibles
Degree of Access Required	Readily accessible portions of chimney exterior and interior; accessible portions of appliance and chimney connection	All accessible portions of the chimney exterior and interior, including areas within accessible attics, crawl spaces, and basements, and accessible portions of the appliance and chimney connection; includes inspection by video scanning or other means	External and internal portions of chimney structure, including concealed areas of the building or chimney; includes removal of components of building or chimney where necessary, but only as necessary to gain access to areas that are the subject of the inspection
Circumstances	Annual inspection as required by Section 13.2; during routine cleaning of chimney flue; upon direct replacement of connected appliance with one of similar type, input rating, and efficiency	Upon addition or removal of one or more connected appliances or replacement of appliance with one of dissimilar type, input rating, or efficiency; prior to relining or replacement of flue lining; upon sale or transfer of the property; after operating malfunction or external event likely to have caused damage to the chimney	Where necessary for the investigation of an incident that has caused damage to the chimney or building; where a hazard detected or suspected as the result of a Level I or II inspection cannot be fully evaluated without access to concealed areas
Indications	For verification of suitability of the chimney for continued service, under the same conditions and with the same appliance or appliances	For verification of suitability of the chimney for new or changed conditions of service; Level I inspection not sufficient to determine serviceability of the chimney	When construction of all or part of chimney is deemed critical to its renewed or continued use; required only for those areas that cannot be properly evaluated by a Level I or Level II inspection

Note: The inspection is not required when the last connected appliance is removed and chimney use is discontinued.

14.4.2.2 Readily accessible areas of the chimney flue that can be observed through existing openings, such as a thimble, cleanout opening, or flue termination, shall be examined for the presence of a continuous flue liner, proper installation, and no damage or deterioration.

14.4.2.3 The following shall apply to inspection of flues:

- (1) Where an inspection is conducted in accordance with Section 13.2, the inspection shall include all flues within the chimney and connected appliances.
- (2) An inspection conducted during cleaning or appliance replacement shall include the flue or flues being cleaned and the appliance or appliances connected to each.

14.4.2.4 The inspection shall include verification that the flue or flues being inspected are free of combustible deposits and blockage or obstruction.

14.4.2.5 The connected appliance or appliances, their chimney connectors, and surroundings shall be examined for proper clearances, floor mounting and protection, damage or deterioration, and observable evidence of operating malfunction.

14.4.2.6 Chimney connector inspection shall meet the following criteria:

- (1) Connectors shall be examined for proper support and fastening of joints, pitch, and securement to the chimney.
- (2) Connectors shall be examined for damage, deterioration, internal blockage or obstruction, and freedom from combustible deposits.

14.4.2.7 Internal surfaces of fireplaces and smoke chambers shall be examined for damage and deterioration, combustible deposits, and evidence of operating malfunction.

14.4.2.7.1 Fireplace inserts, stoves, or accessories shall be removed from the fireplace as necessary to permit such examination.

14.4.2.7.2 The means of connecting a fireplace insert or stove to the chimney flue shall be examined for compliance with 12.4.5.

14.4.2.7.3* Fireplace inserts, stoves, or accessories shall not be required to be removed when the venting system can be thoroughly cleaned without such removal.