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### **ICC-ES Verifies the Recycled Content of European Copper's Chimney Pots**

The ICC Evaluation Service<sup>®</sup> (ICC-ES<sup>®</sup>) Sustainable Attributes Verification and Evaluation<sup>™</sup> (SAVE<sup>™</sup>) program has issued European Copper a Verification of Attributes Report<sup>™</sup> (VAR<sup>™</sup>-1001) for its masonry chimney spark arrestor products. The ICC-ES<sup>®</sup> VAR<sup>™</sup> provides reliable, third-party evidence of the type and amount of recycled content contained in the European Copper chimney pots.

Patrick Keegan, director of Sales and Marketing at European Copper says, "We are proud to be one of the first manufacturers to go through the ICC-ES<sup>®</sup> SAVE<sup>™</sup> Program. Along with aesthetics and safety, European Copper is focused on building environmental sustainability into all of our products. Since ICC sets the industry standard with regard to building codes, it's important for us to have this organization's stamp of approval in terms of sustainable value as well."

During the SAVE<sup>™</sup> evaluation process, ICC-ES<sup>®</sup> technical staff reviewed European Copper's production process against the ICC-ES<sup>®</sup> Evaluation Guideline for Determination of Recycled Content of Materials. Designed for masonry, B-vent, direct vent, and zero-clearance fireplaces, European Copper chimney pots are constructed of a copper outer shell, stainless steel inner lining, stainless steel clips and stainless steel rivets. The European Copper chimney pots are compatible with both masonry and pre-engineered fireplaces and are available in three styles, seven sizes and two finishes. The products are designed to protect the chimney's draft and keep out water and pests.

Mark Johnson, ICC-ES<sup>®</sup> President, says, "In these times when words like sustainability and green seem like buzz words, it is imperative that manufacturers, like European Copper, are able to demonstrate proven sustainable value."

In addition to the SAVE<sup>™</sup> VAR<sup>™</sup>-1001, European Copper also has an ICC-ES<sup>®</sup> Evaluation Report<sup>®</sup> (ESR-2287) that provides evidence that the company's chimney pots meet requirements of the International Building Code<sup>®</sup> and the International Residential Code<sup>®</sup>.

## **More about the SAVE Program**

Under the SAVE™ Program, ICC-ES® evaluates products in eight additional categories besides recycled content. These include: regional materials, biobased materials, certified wood products, solar reflectance index and thermal emittance of roofing materials, volatile organic compound content and emissions of adhesives and sealants, volatile organic compound content and emissions of paints and coatings, urea formaldehyde resin content in composite wood products and volatile organic compound content and emissions of floor coverings.

The SAVE™ guidelines address the production stage of the item under review beginning with raw material acquisition and progressing through final manufacturing and packaging. The subsequent program reports can be useful when seeking points under major green building rating systems—U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED, Green Building Initiative’s Green Globes, the NAHB and ICC-700 *National Green Building Standard*, or the *2008 California Green Building Standards Code*.

For more information about the ICC-ES® SAVE™ Program and to view the European Copper Verification of Attributes Report™, visit [www.icc-es.org/save](http://www.icc-es.org/save). Manufacturers who would like to have their products evaluated under the SAVE™ Program can view the Application Details at [www.icc-es.org/save/applications](http://www.icc-es.org/save/applications). ICC-ES® maintains a list of products successfully evaluated under the SAVE™ Program in a Directory of Reports available at [www.icc-es.org/save](http://www.icc-es.org/save).

## **About ICC-ES and ICC**

A nonprofit, public-benefit corporation, ICC-ES® is the United States’ leading evaluation service for innovative building materials, components and systems. The ICC-ES® Evaluation Reports® and PMG Listing Program provide evidence that products and systems meet requirements in codes and standards. The ICC-ES® SAVE™ Program provides verification that products have been independently verified as having the sustainable attributes claimed by the manufacturer to develop and advance sustainable design and construction. ICC-ES® is a subsidiary of the International Code Council®.

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