

TECHNICAL BULLETIN

PRODUCT: CONDENSFIT FLUES

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FLUES INTENDED FOR USE WITH CONDENSING GAS & OIL APPLIANCES.

It is a requirement that flues are adequately supported with suitable brackets. Every flue extension must be supported by a securely fixed bracket; additionally the flue must be supported with a bracket at any change of direction.

Every flue joint must be retained with a screw which is supplied with the flue accessory.

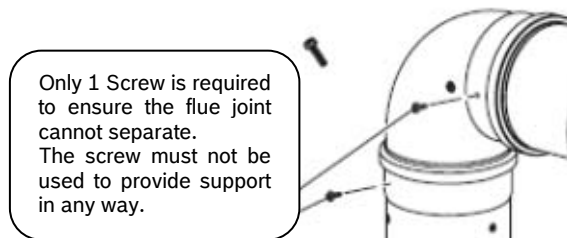
Historically our literature may have referred to one or two screws in each joint; likewise we may have supplied one or two screws with each flue extension or elbow.

Whenever possible, guidance in the manuals should be followed. Screws should be fitted 180° apart on the flue connection, however we recognise that some installations may make it difficult to access the joint sufficiently to fit two screws. On these rare occasions we would deem one screw to be acceptable.

Where only one screw is used, it must be in a visible position for inspection purposes.

The sole purpose of the screws is to ensure that a correctly assembled joint cannot become separated due to external influences.

They are not intended to provide any mechanical strength or support, so it is therefore acceptable for only one screw to be used to retain the flue joints.



Whenever a flue is identified to have only one screw in each joint, providing the flue is correctly supported and the screw is only being used for its intended purpose to prevent the joint from separating due to external influences, then the flue should not be deemed "Not to Current Standards".

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