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PRESS RELEASE

Simpson Dura-Vent wins Vesta Award at 2010 Hearth, Patio and Barbecue Exposition

Simpson Dura-Vent won a Vesta Award for its DuraPro Combustion Air System in the Hearth/Barbecue Components & Controls category at the 10th Annual Vesta Awards Ceremony, held Friday March 12, at the Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Expo in Orlando, Florida.

The [Vesta Awards](#) were created by *Hearth & Home* magazine to recognize and honor companies for their innovation in product design and/or technology. Judging teams are made up of retailers, distributors, product designers, test lab engineers, affiliate leaders and industry experts.

The patent-pending Combustion Air System offers an innovative direct vent solution for bringing fresh air, instead of room air, into a free standing wood or pellet stove for combustion. The system is designed as components to the company's DuraTech, DuraPlus HTC, and PelletVent Pro product lines, and consists of uniquely engineered ceiling support boxes and wall thimbles which draws outside air into the appliance. It also provides several other benefits:

- Eliminates using conditioned room air as combustion air, thereby improving the efficiency of a home's central heating system.
- Brings fresh air to wood and pellet stoves in basements and other below grade applications.
- Eliminates the need for a second penetration in the building envelope – combustion air enters a home through the system's unique wall thimble and ceiling support box, then flows down the system specific triple-wall connector pipe (for DuraTech and DuraPlus HTC), or adjustable channel (for PelletVent Pro).

Preseason orders will be accepted in April for shipment in May.

Simpson Dura-Vent is a leading manufacturer of chimney and vent products for the hearth and HVAC markets, with all products made in the USA. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc., Pleasanton, CA. Simpson is a publically traded company on the New York Stock Exchange. The trading symbol is SSD.

