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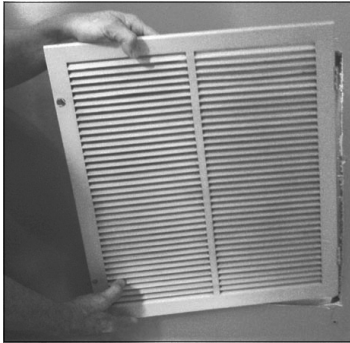
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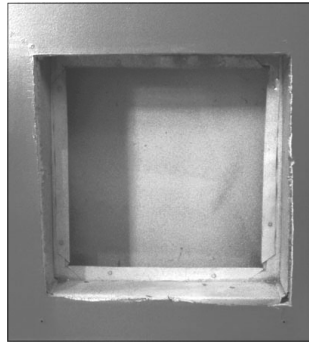
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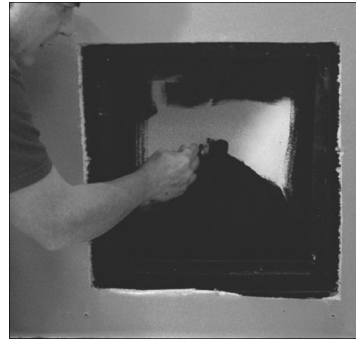
How to install your House of Antique Hardware Decorative Grilles



First remove your old grille by removing the screws. It may need to be pried off with a screwdriver if it is sticking to the wall paint.



Clean dust from plenum or duct with a damp rag and some house cleaner like 409.



Be sure to paint duct behind the grille with flat black paint so you will not see the duct through the pretty grille.



Install grille with the screws provided, then cover the screw heads with the vinyl tabs.

House of Antique Hardware's Decorative Grilles can be installed with or without a damper. **We recommend painting the visible ductwork with flat black paint.** This will highlight the grille and hide the duct behind it. Flat black paint does not reflect light, therefore making the duct disappear.

Our Grilles come with pre-drilled screw holes and necessary hardware for easy installation. Grilles 16" and under, come with four screw holes pre-drilled in the four corners. Larger grilles come with six to eight screw holes in the four corners and in the middle of long sides. The screws we provide are 1-5/8" flat head drywall type screws, since they do not require a pilot hole and can even cut through the sheet metal flange on the duct, directly behind the drywall.

We also try to match the color of the screws or tabs with the finish on the grille you ordered. For instance, if you purchase a bronze finished grille, we provide black drywall type screws and bronze colored tabs to cover the screw heads. White grilles come with black drywall type screws and white tabs to cover the black screw heads. In the case of gold finished grilles, since no one makes gold tabs, we provide brass screws, plus black drywall type screws. Since brass screws are softer than the black steel screws, they tend to bend easily. So we recommend first installing a gold finished grille with the stronger black screws, then one by one removing the black screw and replacing them with the brass screws. This way the stronger black screw cuts the hole for the softer brass screw. This is the only way we know to prevent brass screws from bending.

We recommend **not using any other installation method** like Velcro, tape, adhesives, or powered fastener tools (nail guns) to install your decorative grille, these may damage your grille. Follow the above instructions for the best trouble free professional installation.



In the photo above, the duct was not painted before installation. The photo below has a painted duct.

