

# CHIMNEY BALLOON

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## CHART OF APPROXIMATE CHIMNEY SIZES FOR VARIOUS TYPES AND AGE OF HOUSE.

Note that this is only an approximate guide, and applies to the date the chimneys were built. There are regional variations, tending to be smaller in the north and in coal mining areas so it is best to measure (about a foot above the opening, inside the chimney) to make sure. To go higher up, ask for an extra-long handgrip, 15" long. Note also handgrip extension kit with tap on end, adding 16" to handgrip length. STANDARD SIZES: Small = 15"x9" Medium = 24"x12" Large = 36"x15" Small lined flue (8"-9" dia) 9"x9" Large lined flue 12"x12". Some old chimneys deteriorate, and may have been lined recently to prevent leakage of fumes. The 9"x9" Chimney Balloon fits these. Chimneys originally built for a kitchen range often narrow quickly to 12"x12". The 12"x12" Chimney Balloon obviously fits here.

S = Small M = Medium L = Large	Small Mid Terrace		Small End Terrace		Small Semi-Detached			Small Detached			Large or Tall Terrace, Large Semi-detached			Large Detached		
	Ground	First	Ground	First	Ground	First	(2nd.)	Ground	First	2nd.	Ground	First	2nd.	Ground	First	2nd.
Up to 1800	Generally, chimneys before 1800 are wider from front to back than later ones, so they need to be measured and the Chimney Balloon made to size. Expect common sizes such as 36"x24", 36"x18", 24"x16". See also Inglenooks.															
1800-1850	M	S	L or M	S	L or M	S	S	L or M	M or S	S	L	L or M	S	L	L or M	S
1850-1900	M	M or S	L or M	M or S	L or M	M or S	S	L or M	M or S	S	L	M	S	L	M	S
Around 1900	M	S	L	M or S	*	S	S	*	S	S	L	M	S	L	M	S
1910-1935	*	S	M	S	*	S	S	*	S	S	L or M	M or S	S	*	M	S
1935-1960	S	S	S	S	†	S	S	†	S	S	M	S	S	M	S	S
1960-1965	S	S	S	S	M	S		M	S		M	S	S	M	S	S
1965 on	Chimneys after 1965 have liners. There are two types, either 8" to 9" diameter or 11" to 12" square. Some liners are too far up to reach, and instead a Small, 18"x12", or Medium can be fitted in the space just above the fireplace opening.															
<b>Canopies</b>	Normally, a Chimney Balloon can be fitted at the top. It will usually be somewhere between Small and Medium, but may be an odd size. Jagged edges of metal and the sharp ends of screws should be avoided - please ask for our advice.															
<b>Inglenooks</b>	If the chimney gathers slowly, you can fit a Chimney Balloon in a reasonably accessible position. We can supply extra-long handgrips to give more reach. Sometimes there are 2 metal bars in the chimney: just above is a good place. Less old inglenooks (say 250 years) normally gather fairly quickly, and it is best not to position a Chimney Balloon in the gather. Where the flue passes the floor above it is a lot smaller, and this is the best place. Expect something like 3' x 2'.															
*	Sometimes a Medium Chimney Balloon, but some chimneys around this time were made wide and slim to keep the chimney breast from jutting out into the room. They vary around 30"x10", and are made specially to suit (price as Large).															
†	Usually Small, but where a back boiler was originally fitted (usually the back room), it will probably be a Medium.															