

The logo for 'Centro' is a dark grey rectangle with the word 'Centro' written in a white, sans-serif font.

# Centro Oven Curing Process

The Centro oven requires to be cured slowly.

This is carried out building increasingly larger fires.

To start a small fire is made and kept at a very low temperature.

Not doing this and building large and hot fires will compromise the oven's longevity and the ability for cooking due to cracking.

The oven contains moisture in all of the porous parts such as the walls, floor, hearth and mortars.

We recommend using a temperature gauge to carry out and complete the curing process. You can use either an analogue metal gauge or a digital infrared thermometer.

The curing or firing of the Centro oven is carried out over 5 days.

***Whilst it can be difficult to maintain consistency at the temperatures it is critical on the first and second days of curing not to exceed these temperatures for proper curing.***

Here are the temperatures and durations for the curing process. Temperature is measured on the floor adjacent to the fire.

## Day 1

A fire that is maintained of 150°C throughout the day. We recommend rolls of newspaper are ideal for the first day. For at least 3-4 hours. For curing put the newspaper in the centre of the oven.

## Day 2

A fire that is maintained at 175°C. We recommend using kindling for 3-4 hours, placed again in the centre of the oven.

## Day 3

Repeat day to at a temperature of 200°C. To increase the temperature use approximately 20% more kindling than the previous day.

## Day 4

Repeat Day 3 with a temperature of 225°C.

## Day 5

Repeat day 4 with a temperature at 250°C.

To preserve dryness of the oven, close the door each night of curing.

If you have any questions during the curing process give either of the following a call:

- Chris on 0432 381 000; or
- Andy on 0427 734 993

In the dome area of your Centro oven, it is normal for small hairline cracks to occur with the normal use of the oven.

Should cracks that are 3mm or large appear please contact The Pizza Oven Store.

The Centro ovens are designed to be used with solid fuels only.

The Centro ovens should only be used with dry medium or hard firewood.

Firestarters that contain liquids such as petroleum, kerosene or other liquids should not be used with the Centro oven.

Water should never be used in the Centro ovens. This could damage the oven.

Water should not be used to extinguish the fire.

Location and the installation of the oven should be to Australian Codes and Local Authority guidelines. Please take particular attention to wood-burning / solid fuel burners flue regulations.