

Chimney

There may be a large gap where a masonry chimney rises through the attic. This space can be partially sealed by stuffing it tightly with pieces of mineral wool batt. **Do not use any material that is, or may become, flammable.** For greater effectiveness, cut pieces of sheet metal to fit around the chimney. Seal all the joints with a flexible, **heat-resistant** sealant (see diagram below).

If you have a factory-built metal chimney rising through the attic, do not insulate closer than 2 inches as this can create hot spots in the chimney lining and can present a fire hazard. Instead, install a collar of metal or other fire-resistant material around the chimney and caulk to prevent air leakage

