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JENN-AIR INTRODUCES ITS FIRST DUCT-FREE DOWNDRAFT RANGE COLLECTION

BENTON HARBOR, Mich. (March 19, 2015) – Reinforcing its position as a luxury appliance innovator, Jenn-Air is introducing a 30-inch range with downdraft ventilation that also features its first-ever option for duct-free range installation. With a full-depth design that easily installs seamlessly into a standard opening, these elegantly designed ranges keep both air and sight lines clear. Available in dual fuel and electric models that can either be vented outside or utilize the duct-free option that doesn't require exterior duct work, they join a recently introduced collection of 30-inch updraft range models.

"For the first time, exterior ducting issues will not limit the choices of those who have a standard 30-inch space and prefer the high performance downdraft ventilation our brand offers," notes Jenn-Air marketing director Brian Maynard. "Whether the challenge is a high-rise environment that prohibits this choice, or simply a homeowner not wanting to install exterior duct-work, these ranges offer a premium, high performance option for this very common footprint."

According to Maynard, downdraft ventilation is appreciated by both consumers and designers alike for its performance and aesthetic benefits. Downdraft ventilation, with its location on the cooktop rather than above it, immediately whisks away smoke, steam and cooking odors at the cooking surface before they escape into the kitchen. Additionally, notes Maynard, downdraft ventilation eliminates the need for overhead ventilation, allowing for the uninterrupted sight lines popular in today's modern, open kitchen designs.

New dual-fuel downdraft range models feature cooking surfaces with four brass burners, including a 17,000 BTU Dual-Stacked PowerBurner offering the control and flexibility to immediately transition from a high-heat sear to a delicate simmer. The PowerBurner is complemented by 15,000- and 9,200-BTU burners, together with a 5,000 BTU simmer burner. An included aluminum die-cast griddle offers the convenience of a broad flat surface to handle everything from cooking bacon and pancakes to searing shrimp. DuraFinish™ Protection on these models helps keep the stainless steel surface looking like new.

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Cooking surfaces on the electric range models feature four radiant elements including a Dual Zone Element that can reach a searing 3,000 watts while accommodating various sized cookware. Additional elements include a Rapid Boil Element; a 1,200-watt 6-inch Element; and a Melt Element that helps prevent scorching of more delicate ingredients like chocolate and butter.

With a generous 6.2 Cu. Ft. baking capacity, both new range options feature ovens with a 3,200 Watt true convection element that distributes heated air throughout the oven cavity for temperature consistency. An Auto Convection Conversion quickly converts traditional cooking times and temperatures. Other powerful oven elements in the ovens include a 3,600-Watt Hidden Bake Element and a 4,000-Watt Broil Element.

Additional features throughout the line include soft-close oven doors and ramp up theatre lighting. Easily maneuverable telescoping glide racks in the ovens extend out smoothly and provide easy access when removing or checking on dishes in progress. An offset rack provides further flexibility for items in the oven.

Both new models are scheduled to be available in May and will be available in Euro-Style stainless steel featuring sleek, slightly curved handles or in Black Floating glass with a color-coordinated handle. The dual-fuel model is also available in Pro-Style® stainless, offering a more commercial look and a handle designed with diamond etching.

About Jenn-Air Brand:

Since the introduction of the first self-ventilated cooktop in 1961 and downdraft ventilated range in 1965, Jenn-Air brand has consistently grown its reputation as a technology and design innovator. Its selection of style options includes two distinct stainless steel collections and a cutting-edge Floating Glass finish in black. From downdraft cooktops, wall ovens and professional style ranges to dishwashers, refrigerators and such entertaining essentials as warming drawers, built-in ice machines and wine cellars, Jenn-Air brand offers a complete line of major kitchen appliances. To learn more about the Jenn-Air® appliance collection, or speak with a member of the concierge team, please visit jennair.com, facebook.com/jennair, instagram.com/jennairusa and twitter.com/jennairusa.

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