

# OIL HYDRONICS

# SERVICE CERTIFICATION

## Certification Information

**Scope** - Tests a candidate's knowledge of the installation, service, maintenance, and repair of hot water heating systems. System sizes are limited to 400,000 BTU or less heating capacity.

## Qualifications

- Y This is a test and certification for **TECHNICIANS** in the HVAC industry. The test is designed for top level service technicians. This test for certification is not intended for the HVAC system designer, sales force, or the engineering community. To become NATE-certified, you must pass this specialty and a CORE SERVICE exam.
- Y This test will measure what 80% of the **Oil Hydronics** candidates have an 80% likelihood of encountering at least once during the year on a **NATIONAL** basis.
- Y Suggested requirement is two years of field experience working on Oil Hydronics systems as a service technician and technical training for theoretical knowledge.

## Test Specifications

**Closed Book    2.5 Hour Time Limit    100 Questions    Passing Score: PASS/FAIL**  
Listed are the percentages of questions that will be in each section of the **Oil Hydronics** exam.

<b>SECTION AREA DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>SECTION PERCENTAGE</b>
Installation	20%
Service	45%
Components	25%
Applied Knowledge	10%

## Oil Hydronics Industry References

The reference materials listed below will be helpful in preparing for this exam. These materials may **NOT** contain all of the information necessary to be competent in this specialty or to pass the exam.

- American National Standards Institute (ANSI) / Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA) Manuals - Latest Edition
  - “D”, “J”, “QI” - Quality Installation, and “S”
- ACCA Manuals “T” and “RS” - Latest Editions
- ACCA Residential Duct Diagnostics and Repair - Latest Edition
- AHRI-Hydronics Section-IBO/RAH Latest Edition
- International Energy Conservation Code - Latest Edition with Addendum
- International Mechanical Code - Latest Edition with Addendum
- International Plumbing Code - Latest Edition with Addendum
- Uniform Mechanical Code - Latest Edition with Addendum
- Specification of Energy-Efficient Installation and Maintenance Practices for Residential HVAC Systems developed by Consortium for Energy Efficiency (CEE) - Latest Edition with Addendum
- ASHRAE Standard-62.2 - Latest Edition with Addendum
- ANSI / ASHRAE Standard-152-2004 - Latest Edition with Addendum
- ENERGY STAR™ Home Sealing Standards - Latest Edition with Addendum
- American National Standards Institute (ANSI) / Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors’ National Association, Inc. (SMACNA) Manuals
  - HVAC Duct Construction Standards - Metal and Flexible
- Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors’ National Association, Inc. (SMACNA) Manuals
  - Fibrous Glass Duct Construction Standards, Residential Comfort System Installation Standards Manual, and HVAC Air Duct Leakage Test Manual

## Passing Score Development Process

The passing scores for the NATE tests were established using a systematic procedure (a Passing Score Study). This procedure employed the judgment of experienced HVAC professionals and educators representing various HVAC specialties and geographical areas. The passing scores were set using criteria defining competent performance. The passing score for different test forms may vary slightly due to the comparative difficulty of the test questions.

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# Heating - Hydronics - Oil

## Service

### INSTALLATION

#### INSTALLING OIL BOILERS

##### SELECTING OIL TANK LOCATION

- Locating oil tanks outdoors - above ground
- Locating oil tanks outdoors - below ground
- Locating oil tanks in basements

##### SELECTING OIL BOILER SITES

- Locating boilers in attics
- Locating boilers in crawlspaces
- Locating boilers in closets
- Locating boilers in basements
- Locating boilers in utility rooms
- Locating boilers in garages
- Locating packaged rooftops with boilers
- Locating boilers outdoor

##### PLACEMENT OF BOILERS

- How to place boilers in attics
- How to place boilers in crawlspaces
- How to place boilers in closets
- How to place boilers in basements
- How to place boilers in utility rooms
- How to place boilers in garages
- How to place packaged rooftops with boilers
- How to place boilers outdoor

##### INSTALLATION OF UTILITIES

- Installation of oil supply
- Installation of oil returns
- Wiring oil boilers

##### INSTALLATION OF METAL VENTING SYSTEMS

- Determination of routing
- Cutting of metal vent systems to proper length
- Assembly of metal vent systems
- Securing of metal vent systems
- Installing power venting equipment

##### INSTALLATION OF COMBUSTION AIR INLET ACCESSORIES

- Combustion air inlets in confined spaces - attics
- Combustion air inlets in confined spaces - basements
- Combustion air inlets in confined spaces - closets
- Combustion air inlets in confined spaces - crawlspaces
- Installation of powered combustion air intakes

##### SIZING OIL BOILERS

- Sizing for structure capacity
- Sizing for domestic water capacity
- Sizing for radiant capacity
- Sizing for total capacity
- Sizing for snow melt capacity

#### DUCT INSTALLATION FOR HOT WATER HEATING SYSTEMS

##### DUCT FAB EQPMNT - INSTALL/REPAIR DUCTS TO HW COILS

- Ductboard tools - 90 V-groove, end cutoff, female shiplap, hole cutter, stapler, etc.
- Flex tools - tensioning strap tools, knives, etc.
- Metal tools - metal snips, sheers, benders, breaks, hand formers, calipers, rulers, stapler, etc.

##### FIELD CONSTRUCTION/INSTALL - CONNECTING HW COILS

- Ductboard installation technique
- Techniques for joining dissimilar duct
- Duct of alternate materials - wood, aluminum, etc.

##### INSTALL/REPAIR METAL DUCT - CONNECTING HW COILS

- Assembly methods for rectangular duct

- Installation technique - rectangular metal
- Assembly methods for round duct
- Installation technique - round metal
- Hanging ductwork
- Sealing metal duct
- Insulation - internal and external, vapor barriers
- Assembling for low noise and low pressure drop
- INSTALL/REPAIR FLEXIBLE DUCT - CONNECTING HW COILS**
  - Assembly methods - appropriate length
  - Flexible duct joints
  - Hanging flexible duct
  - Installation technique - flex duct
  - Sealing flexible duct
- INSTALL/REPAIR DUCTBOARD - CONNECTING HW COILS**
  - Assembly methods for ductboard - supports
  - Installation technique - ductboard
  - Hanging methods for ductboard
  - Sealing ductboard
- INSTALL GRILLE, REGISTER, DIFFUSER, DAMPER-HW COIL**
  - Mounting to ductwork
  - Securing methods
- CHASES USED AS DUCTS FOR HW COILS**
  - Floor joists as air ducts
  - Vertical chases
- REPAIR DUCT WHEN REPLACING EQUIPMENT - HW COILS**
  - Reconnecting metal duct
  - Reconnecting flexible duct
  - Reconnecting ductboard duct
- INSTALL/REPAIR OF PLENUMS & DUCT - HW COIL SYSTEMS**
  - Sizing plenums for physical fit
  - Types and styles of plenums selected
  - Insulation of plenums and ducts
- HYDRONIC COMPONENT INSTALLATION**
- INSTALLATION OF HEATING COMPONENTS (EMITTERS)**
  - Sizing and placement of baseboard units
  - Sizing and placement of kickspace heaters
  - Sizing and placement of unit heaters
  - Sizing and placement of duct mounted heating coils
  - Sizing and placement of hot water coil air handlers
  - Sizing and placement of heating units
  - Sizing and placement of air vents (manual or auto)
  - Sizing and placement of domestic hot water heating
  - Sizing and placement of radiant panels-floor and ceiling
  - Sizing and placement of radiators
  - Sizing, placement, and conversion of steam radiators to hot water radiators
  - Sizing, placement, and conversion of steam systems to hot water systems
- INSTALLATION OF COMPONENTS**
  - Location, selection, and sizing of circulators
  - Location and sizing of Expansion tanks
  - Location of Air Separators
  - Location of Pressure Reducing Valve
  - Location of Backflow Preventer
  - Location and sizing of Relief Valves
  - Location of Zone Valves
  - Location of Flow Check Devices
  - Location of indirect hot water heating
  - Location and placement of heat emitters
  - Location of Low water cutoffs
  - Location of manual reset aquastats
- INSTALLATION OF PIPING SYSTEMS**

- Installation of Series-loop system
- Installation of One-pipe system
- Installation of Two-pipe system (Reverse return)
- Installation of Two-pipe system (direct return)
- Installation of Primary-secondary piping system
- Installation of multiple zone systems
- Installation of system bypass and boiler bypass piping
- Installation of Indirect Water Heaters
- Installation of Low Water Cutoffs
- Installation of direct water heaters
- Installation and selection of antifreeze solutions

## INSTALLING ACCESSORIES

### INSTALLING THERMOSTATS

- Locating and mounting
- Wiring electromechanical thermostats
- Wiring electronic thermostats
- Programming of electronic thermostats
- Installation of Outdoor Reset Controls

### INSTALLING HUMIDIFIERS

- Installing humidifiers
- Wiring humidifiers
- Controlling humidifiers

### INSTALLING ELECTRONIC AIR CLEANERS

- Installing electronic air cleaners
- Wiring electronic air cleaners
- Controlling electronic air cleaners

## START-UP AND CHECKOUT

### PRE-START PROCEDURE

- Oil supply and proper shutoff
- Electrical
- Adequate combustion air provisions
- Venting system
- Coils connected to ducted systems
- Condensate system
- Filling and purging boiler and piping system

### START-UP PROCEDURES AND CHECKS

- Voltage checks
- Check thermostat and set heat anticipator
- Motor checks
- Water circulation checks
- Airflow checks for coils connected to ducted systems
- Check call for heat sequences
- Oil supply checks including purging fuel lines

### OIL BURNER ADJUSTMENTS

- Unit preparations
- Nozzle checks
- Electrode adjustments
- Air adjustment at burner
- Adjusting oil pressure
- Adjusting draft
- Checking smoke readings
- Smoke vs. Carbon Dioxide graph
- Final adjustments
- Measuring stack temperature
- Checking ignition
- Checking pump cutoff

### COMBUSTION CHECKS

- Flame checks
- Stack temperature check
- Carbon Dioxide checks

- Smoke test
- Overfire draft check
- Breech draft check
- Oxygen checks
- Efficiency check
- Burner motor checks - output pressure, amp draw, etc.
- Supply and return airflow checks

#### LEAK DETECTION TOOLS

- Pressurization for leak detection

#### AIRFLOW - DUCTED SYSTEMS W/ HOT WATER COILS

##### AIRFLOW VELOCITY MEASUREMENTS

- Pitot tube and manometer in measuring static pressure
- Discharge velocity equipment
- Velometer - electronic and mechanical
- Anemometer
- Velocity measurement procedures
- Gauge calibration
- Velocity

##### AIRFLOW PRESSURE MEASUREMENTS

- Overview of static pressure measurements
- Inclined manometer
- Diaphragm type differential pressure gauge U-tube manometer
- Electronic manometer / pressure measurement
- Gauge / meter calibration
- Absolute vs. Gauge Pressure
- Static pressure
- Air pressure measurement terminology
- Velocity pressure
- Total pressure

##### AIR VOLUME MEASUREMENTS

- Airflow hood
- Formulae for determining CFM of air
- Formulae for weight of air
- Locations for air volume measurements
- Airflow volume - CFM / SCFM (Static CFM)

#### WATER MEASUREMENTS

##### WATER PRESSURE MEASUREMENTS

- Pressure Requirements
- Pump head
- Static fill pressure
- Pressure Drop

##### WATER VOLUME MEASUREMENTS

- GPM Requirements

##### TEMPERATURE MEASUREMENTS

- Temperature Rise
- Temperature Drop

##### FREEZE PROTECTION FLUID

- Checking and correcting acidity

#### OIL BURNER COMBUSTION SETUP TOOLS

##### OIL PRESSURE MEASUREMENTS

- High pressure dial gauges
- Vacuum dial gauges

##### FLUE GAS ANALYSIS

- Draft gauge
- Smoke tester
- Carbon Dioxide analyzer
- Combustion efficiency slide rule
- Stack Thermometer

##### LEAK DETECTION - CO

Carbon Monoxide detector - electrical

Carbon Monoxide detector - manual

## SETUP

Nozzle wrench

Oiling cans

Electrode/Nozzle gauge

Flame mirror

## SERVICE

### PLANNED MAINTENANCE

#### SYSTEM MECHANICAL PM CHECKS

Filter-check and change

Lubrication

Cabinet care

Fan blades / blower scroll

Oil connections

Flue / vent stack inspection

Combustion air supply

Duct inspection for systems with hot water coils installed in ducts

Heat exchanger - inspection, cleaning, replace gaskets etc

Burner assembly

System airflow

Oil tank

Combustion tests

Combustion chamber inspection

Barometric regulator

Combustion air supply

Expansion Tank

Water Treatment

Circulators

#### BURNER MECHANICAL PM CHECKS

Oil lines / connections

Combustion air supply check and adjustment

Nozzle replacement

Oil pump-pressure, vacuum etc

Pump strainers

Oil filter cleaning and cartridge replacement

Electrodes - clean, inspect and adjust

Ohm cad cell and clean

Combustion head

Transformers

Burner motor

#### ELECTRICAL PM CHECKS

General wiring

Power burner operation

Burner motor operation

Air distribution blower motor

Boiler operating sequence

Thermostat calibration and operation

Fan switch and high limit control

Limit controls operation

Aquastat operation

Low Water Cut Off (LWCO) Operation

### DIAGNOSTICS AND REPAIR

#### TROUBLESHOOTING SEQUENCE OF OPERATION

Check for proper sequence of operation

Interpreting system fault during sequence interruption

#### ANALYZING REPORTED SYMPTOMS

Insufficient / no heat

Short cycle

Humidity problems

- Drafty
- Noise problems
- System runs continuously
- High utility bills
- Wide swings in room temperatures
- Air quality - odors, fumes, etc.
- Noisy conditions due to air in piping

#### ANALYZING COMBUSTION

- CO<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> checks for efficiency
- Interpreting a smoke test
- Balancing excess air and the smoke test
- Diagnosing air leaks and efficiency loss
- Diagnosing low draft-stack, overfire
- Diagnosing excessive draft-stack, overfire
- Diagnosing excessive draft on off cycle
- Interpreting steady state efficiency measurements - stack loss calculations
- Interpreting oxygen content for combustion diagnostics

#### SYSTEM AIR SIDE DIAGNOSTICS - SYSTEMS W/ HW COILS

- Temperature checks
- Checking system static pressure
- Checking total CFM
- Checking supply CFM at registers and diffusers
- Checking return CFM
- Checking for leaks in supplies
- Checking for leaks in returns

#### ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT CHECKS

- Supply voltage
- Supply air blower
- High voltage transformer
- Low voltage transformer
- Power burner
- Room thermostat
- Electronic controllers - input / output

#### ELECTRICAL COMPONENT CHECKS

- Thermostat
- High voltage transformers
- Low voltage transformers
- Oil burner motor
- Electrodes
- Flame sensor/cad cell
- Overcurrent protection
- Relays and contactors
- Capacitor - Burner Motor
- Limit control-high temperature
- Door interlock switch
- Burner motor
- Stack switches-flame proving
- Circulators
- Zone Valves
- Boiler water controls (high limit, low limit, and operating)
- Low water cut off
- Flow switch

#### REPAIR EXCLUDING POWER BURNER

- Electrical wiring
- Flue stack / venting system
- Combustion chamber-lining
- Oil lines
- Shafts, bearings, mounts etc
- Circulators - shafts, bearings, mounts, etc.
- Piping repair

## REPAIR - POWER BURNERS

- Output pressure adjustment
- Bleeding air
- Cleaning burner - end cone, blower wheel, blast tube, etc.
- Clean and adjust electrodes

## COMPONENT REPLACEMENTS

- High voltage transformers
- Low voltage transformers
- Flame retention heads
- Electrodes
- Nozzle
- Combustion chamber
- Heat exchanger
- Oil burner blower
- Relay and Contactors
- Motor, shaft, and wheel-Burner, Pumps, etc.
- Capacitors
- Oil pump-Fuel Unit
- Safety circuit switches-limit
- Barometric damper
- Primary control
- Cad cells
- Blast tubes
- Fan and limit switches
- Circuit boards – fan
- Circulators
- Zone Valves for non-radiant systems
- Zone Valves for radiant systems
- Boiler water controls
- Bearing Assemblies
- Low Water Cut Off (LWCO)
- Indoor/Outdoor Resets
- Modulating Valves
- Mixing Valves
- Boiler Protection

## VENT SYSTEM CHECKS

- Checking draft
- Correcting insufficient draft
- Checking for leaks
- Checking for obstructions - vent connection and chimney

## DIAGNOSING OIL COMBUSTION PROBLEMS

- Overheated nozzle
- Sooting
- Discolored flame
- Intermittent flame
- Partial burner flame-low viscosity
- Delayed ignition - puffback
- Carbon build up
- Retention head burnoff
- Trip on high limit-overfiring
- Carbon Monoxide
- Off center burn
- Airtube burn-off
- Nozzle afterdrip
- Lack of ignition
- Afterburn
- Low capacity-clogging, oil supply contamination

## SYSTEM WATER SIDE DIAGNOSTICS

- Temperature checks
- Checking system water pressure



- Checking zone valve operation
- Checking supply GPM
- Checking for leaks in supplies
- Checking for leaks in returns
- Checking low water cutoffs
- Checking flow control valves
- Checking mixing valves
- Checking relief valves

## OVERVIEW OF ELECTRICAL TROUBLESHOOTING

### LOW VOLTAGE CIRCUITS

- Voltage tests
- Control string analysis
- Understanding the logic of low voltage troubleshooting
- Troubleshooting equipment with electronic devices
- Troubleshooting with schematics
- Troubleshooting without schematics
- Current tests
- Equipment continuity tests
- Ground tests

### LINE VOLTAGE CIRCUITS

- Voltage tests
- Current tests
- Component tests
- Circuit tracing line voltages
- Troubleshooting with schematics
- Troubleshooting without schematics
- Equipment continuity tests
- Ground tests

## AIR BALANCING FOR SYSTEMS WITH HOT WATER COILS

### GATHERING DESIGN INFORMATION

- Interpreting system design
- Interpreting specifications
- Interpreting equipment information
- Interpreting control data
- Modifying system design

### PREPARATION OF SYSTEM FOR AIR TESTS

- Locating registers, grilles, equipment, controls, and dampers in building walkthrough
- Setting dampers for tests
- Setting thermostat for tests
- Checking for proper fan pump operation and rotation
- Checking for proper static pressure and temperature

### PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING AIR TESTS

- Measurements of each supply outlet - total readings
- Measurements of each return inlet - total readings

### MAKING ADJUSTMENTS

- Adjust airflow to achieve required total airflow Re-measure total supply and return grille airflow Adjust dampers to obtain design airflow
- Re-measure total airflow to verify that it is within +/- 10%

### FINAL TEST

- Comparing manufacturer's equipment information with test results
- Record sheave, pulley, and belt sizes data
- Test and record full load motor amperes
- Test and record voltage
- Test and record motor and fan RPM
- Test and record supply and return static pressures
- Test and record supply and return air temperatures - heat and cool

### COMPLETION OF APPROPRIATE FORMS

- HVAC system report
- System diagrams

Duct traverse or data pulley forms  
Instrument list - including calibration dates

### WATER BALANCING

#### GATHERING DESIGN INFORMATION

Interpreting system design  
Interpreting specifications  
Interpreting equipment information  
Interpreting control data  
Modifying system design

#### PREPARATION OF SYSTEM FOR WATER TESTS

Locating equipment and controls building walkthrough  
Setting equipment and controls for tests  
Setting thermostat for tests  
Checking for proper pump operation and rotation  
Checking for proper pressure and temperature

#### PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING WATER TESTS

Measurements of each supply outlet - total readings  
Measurements of each return inlet - total readings

#### MAKING ADJUSTMENTS

Adjust flow to achieve required total flow  
Re-measure total supply and return flow  
Adjust valves to obtain design flow  
Re-measure total flow to verify that it is within +/- 10%

#### FINAL TEST

Comparing manufacturer's equipment information with test results  
Record equipment data  
Test and record full load motor amperes  
Test and record voltage  
Test and record motor and pump RPM with visible components  
Test and record supply and return pressures  
Test and record supply and return temperatures - heat and cool

#### COMPLETION OF APPROPRIATE FORMS

HVAC system report  
System diagrams  
Instrument list - including calibration dates

### BASIC HVAC SYSTEM ANALYSIS

#### NOISE PROBLEMS

Interpreting supply / return water volume  
Noise problems  
Pump cavitation  
Oil canning  
Motor / belt noise  
Vibration

#### HIGH UTILITY BILLS

Interpreting supply / return water temperature  
Interpreting supply / return water volume  
Evaluating Leakage  
Evaluating Insulation  
Envelope infiltration  
Thermostat location and adjustment

#### WIDE TEMPERATURE SWINGS

Interpreting supply / return water temperature  
Interpreting supply / return water volume  
Interpreting Leakage  
Interpreting Insulation  
Envelope infiltration  
Thermostat air sensing

#### SINGLE AREA IS HOT OR COLD

Interpreting supply / return water temperature  
Interpreting supply / return water volume

- Evaluating Leakage
- Evaluating Insulation
- Envelope infiltration
- Thermostat air sensing
- Zone Valves
- Circulator
- Circulator controls
- Venting
- Variable speed pumps Multi-zone controls
- Set point boiler protection

#### INDOOR AIR QUALITY

- Number of air changes per hour
- Odor control
- Contaminants
- Humidity

#### ANALYZING REPORTED SYMPTOMS IN HEATING

##### IMPROPER HEATING

- Interpreting supply / return water temperature (TD)
- Interpreting supply / return water volume
- Interpreting system sizing
- Evaluating leakage
- Temperature Drop/Rise of air in ducted hot water coil systems
- Zone Valves
- Circulators
- Circulator controls
- Outdoor Reset Control
- Venting

##### HUMIDITY PROBLEMS

- Interpreting Low Humidity
- Interpreting High Humidity
- Interpreting Correct Humidity

##### DRAFTY

- Interpreting supply / return water and air temperature
- Interpreting supply / return water and air volume

#### SYSTEM COMPONENTS

#### INTRODUCTION TO BASIC SYSTEMS & COMPONENTS

##### HEAT TRANSFER

- Fundamentals of heat transfer
- Psychrometrics

#### BOILER CONFIGURATIONS & APPLICATIONS

##### BOILER CONFIGURATIONS

- Gravity hot water
- Forced hot water
- Diverter tee
- Series loop
- Direct return
- Reverse return
- Pump Return
- Air handling systems
- Zone Control
- Wet-base Dry-base
- Horizontal Tube
- Near boiler piping
- Radiant
- Primary / secondary loop piping

##### OIL BOILER WITH SPLIT OR HYDRO-AIR AC SYSTEMS

- Introduction to oil boiler with split system AC
- Electrical layouts

- Specifications
- Attic layouts
- Crawlspace layouts
- Closet layouts
- Basement layouts
- Ventilation options
- Regional considerations

**OIL TRANSFER PRINCIPLES**

- Fundamentals of oil transfer
- Basic oil supply circuit

**COMBUSTION PROCESS FOR OIL BOILERS**

**COMBUSTION - FUEL OIL**

- Describe combustion of fuel oil
- Describe carbon dioxide as a product of combustion
- Describe air's role in combustion
- Describe carbon monoxide as a product of incomplete combustion
- Water vapor as product of combustion
- Contaminants from improper combustion
- Effects of contaminated oil on combustion

**FUNDAMENTALS OF OIL COMBUSTION BOILERS**

- Natural draft oil boilers
- Overview of operation for oil boilers

**VENT SYSTEMS**

- Fundamentals of natural draft systems
- Natural draft systems with power venters
- Vent system options-masonry chimneys, manufactured chimneys
- Role of barometric dampers in vent systems

**CONTROL FUNCTIONS**

- Fan control
- Heat limit control
- Flame proving
- Introduction to primary controls
- Door interlocks
- Room thermostats

**ATMOSPHERIC OIL BOILERS - COMPONENTS**

**OIL SUPPLY SYSTEMS**

- Above ground tanks
- Below ground tanks
- Indoor tanks
- Supply lines
- Filters
- Manual shutoffs
- Single pipe systems
- Two pipe systems
- Single pipe to two pipe conversion
- Electric shutoffs, solenoids
- Check valves

**POWER BURNERS**

- Functions of the power burner
- Gun type burners
- Single stage pumps/fuel units
- Two stage pumps /fuel units
- Combustion air blowers
- Flame retention heads
- Combustion intakes - outdoor

**COMBUSTION CHAMBERS**

- Construction
- Refractory
- Non refractory
- Stainless steel

Role of configuration in proper combustion

## HEAT EXCHANGERS

Construction

Materials

Functions of heat exchanger

## NOZZLES

Construction

Flow rates vs. pressure

Angles and patterns

Effects of excess air

Atomization

Selection of nozzles

Effects of viscosity on nozzle flowrate and pattern

Filters for nozzles

## COMBUSTION AIR REQUIREMENTS

### OUTDOOR AIR SPECIFICATIONS

Attic applications

Crawlspace applications

Closet applications

Basement applications

Outdoor applications

## AIR DISTRIBUTION FOR SYSTEMS WITH HOT WATER COILS

### DUCT SYSTEMS

Duct system design

Duct configurations

Return configurations

Return grille locations

Supply locations

### SUPPLY BLOWERS

Introduction to supply blowers

Supply blowers - types and selection

Blower operation

Fan laws

## HYDRONIC DISTRIBUTION

### WATER DISTRIBUTION

Pumps

Two way valves

Three way valves

Diverter tee systems

### PIPING SYSTEM

Piping system design

Piping configurations

### FLUID FLOW

Introduction to circulators

Zone Valves

Flow Checks

Mixing valves

Thermostatic valves

Diverter tee systems

Balancing Zones

Compression / expansion tanks

## WIRING LAYOUTS

### POWER WIRING

Power wiring for boiler

Power wiring for split system air handler

### LOW VOLTAGE

Overview of low voltage wiring

Zone control wiring

Outdoor reset wiring

## ELECTROMECHANICAL SENSING CONTROLS

## ELECTROMECHANICAL ROOM THERMOSTATS

- Basic thermostat types and operation
- Selecting room thermostats and sub-bases
- Thermostat terminals and wiring
- Using electromechanical thermostats
- Selecting location
- Role of anticipators in thermostatic control

## ELECTROMECHANICAL TEMPERATURE CONTROLS

- Introduction to bimetal controls
- Disc type temperature limit controls
- Fuses and fuse links
- Fossil fuel kits
- Motor overloads
- Stack temperature controls

## PRESSURE CONTROLS

- Operation of pressure control-power venters
- Using pressure controls-power venters
- Vacuum relief valve to regulate inlet combustion air

## FLUID LEVEL AND FLOW CONTROLS

- Operation of low water controls
- Using low water controls
- Operation of fluid flow switches
- Using fluid flow switches

## NON-SENSING CONTROLS

### RELAYS AND CONTACTORS

- Relays and contactors
- Relay and contactor operation - inrush and holding
- Selecting relays and contactors
- Applications for relays and contactors

## ELECTRONIC CONTROLS

### ELECTRONIC CONTROLLERS

- Input / output operations
- Logic

### ELECTRONIC THERMOSTATS

- Fundamentals of electronic thermostats
- Selecting electronic thermostats
- Electronic thermostat operation
- Outdoor Reset Controllers for non-zoned systems
- Outdoor Reset Controllers for zone systems (pump and/or zone valves)

### ELECTRONIC TIMERS

- Blower delay timers
- Purging timers

### PRIMARY CONTROLS

- Construction
- Operation

## *APPLIED KNOWLEDGE: REGS, CODES, & DESIGN*

### REGULATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

#### INDOOR AIR QUALITY

- Fresh air intake supplies

#### FUEL HANDLING AND STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

- Storage tank regulations-above the ground
- Storage tank regulations-below ground

### ELECTRICAL CODE

#### ELECTRIC REQUIREMENT

- Overview of electric code
- Overcurrent protection
- Wiring methods and materials
- Line voltage wiring sizing
- Low voltage wiring sizing
- Conduit sizing

Definitions

Safety listings - UL / ARL / ETL

## STATE AND LOCAL REGULATIONS AND CODES

### STATE AND LOCAL REGULATIONS

State licensing requirements for technicians

Use of Carbon Monoxide detectors

Smoke detector requirements

### CODES

Plumbing

Municipalities

Oil boilers for light commercial

Oil boilers for residential

## FIRE PROTECTION REGULATIONS AND CODES

### REQUIRED COMPONENTS

Return air sensors

Fire dampers

Smoke dampers

Components

### COMBUSTION AIR

Sizing air intakes in confined spaces

Sources of combustion air

### BOILER ACCESS

Access to boiler for service

Access to utilities for service

### OIL PIPING

Sizing for capacity

Length limitations

Attachment to appliance

### INSTALLATIONS

Installation of oil burning equipment

### FIRE PREVENTION

Overview of fire prevention

### VENTING REQUIREMENTS

Specifications for venting

Types of venting systems to be used

## DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS - COMFORT

### TEMPERATURE

Designing for capacity

Using industry standards

### HUMIDITY

Role of humidity in comfort

Using industry standards

### INDOOR AIR QUALITY

Ventilation - comfort

Air cleaning for comfort

Industry standards for air quality

### SOUND LEVEL

Equipment location considerations

Isolation, mounting pad, duct, and structure

## DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS - OIL BOILER EQUIPMENT

### OIL BOILER WITH SPLIT OR HYDRO-AIR AC SYSTEMS

System designs - closets, basements, etc.

Equipment location

Electrical layouts

Ventilation - fresh air

Regional design considerations

Combustion flue gases

Ventilation - equipment

Condensate drains / pans

Mounting of equipment

- Combustion air
- Fuel oil burner - forced air system

## VENTING

- Sizing flue pipe
- Flue pipe layout
- Adapting vent draft control - damper
- Roof fittings - cap, collar, flashing, etc.
- Pipe types - L-metal

## DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS - EXTERNAL COMPONENTS

### FLUID DISTRIBUTION ACCESSORIES

- Distribution for capacity including baseboard, floor, kick-space, panel and other emitters
- Distribution for reduced sound including baseboard, floor, kick-space, panel and other emitters
- Locations

### AIR SIDE ACCESSORIES

- Humidifier sizing
- Twinning kits
- Electronic air cleaners (EAC's)
- Selecting diffusers, grilles, registers for systems with distribution devices in ducts.

## MECHANICAL CODE

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### WATER PIPING

- Cross Contamination/backflow prevention

## INDUSTRY STANDARDS

### EQUIPMENT STANDARDS

- Performance and safety standards
- Efficiency requirements
- Manufacturers specifications

### SYSTEM STANDARDS

- Industry standards

## BIDS AND PROPOSALS

### SYSTEM SIZING

- Survey of requirements
- Selecting equipment
- Sizing components
- Adding accessories
- Basic calculation of heating loads

### ESTIMATING INSTALLATION

- Installation price
- Understanding proposal forms
- Understanding bid forms - bid to specs and flat rate pricing
- Legal implications of a bid

### EFFECT OF ELECTRICAL SUPPLY ON BID

- Effects of electrical power on bid
- Electrical analysis – power



$$\frac{CFM_n}{CFM_o} = \frac{RPM_n}{RPM_o}$$

*o* = old, *n* = new  
CFM and RPM are interchangeable.

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Hydronics: AP = SP, CFM = GPM, RPM = GPM

$$MAT = (OAT \times \%OA) + (RAT \times \%RA)$$

O = Outside  
T = Temperature  
R = Return  
M = Mixed  
A = Air

$$Btuh \text{ hydronic (H}_2\text{O only)} = 500 \times GPM \times AT$$

$$Btuh \text{ sensible (at sea level)} = 1.08 \times CFM \times AT$$

$$Btuh \text{ latent (at sea level)} = 0.68 \times CFM \times A \text{ Grains}$$

$$Btuh \text{ total (at sea level)} = 4.5 \times CFM \times A \text{ Enthalpy}$$

$$CFM = \frac{AC/Hr \times Volume}{60min}$$

$$V = 4005 \times .Jvp$$

$$Vp = <4.05 \text{ )}^2$$

$$Pressure (PSI) = 0.433 \times Head \text{ (feet of water)}$$

$$1 IWC = 0.0360 PSI$$

$$1 PSI = 27.72 IWC$$

$$Pressure 1 \times Volume 1 = Pressure 2 \times Volume 2$$

$$Area = 1t \times radius^2$$

$$A^2 + B^2 = C$$

$$Diameter = \frac{Circumference}{1t}$$

$$Rectangular \text{ Duct Area (ft}^2\text{)} = \frac{Length \times Width}{144}$$

$$Round \text{ Duct Area (ft}^2\text{)} = \frac{1t \times diameter}{576}$$

$$mfd = \frac{(2650 \times I)}{E}$$

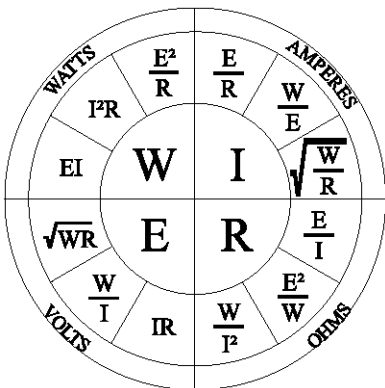
$$FR = \frac{ASP \times 100}{TEL} \quad (IWq100)$$

$$CFM = Velocity (fpm) \times Duct Area (ft^2)$$

$$CFM = \frac{(Watts \times 3.413)}{AT \times 1.08}$$

$$Cr \text{ (Series)} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{C1} + \frac{1}{C2} + \dots + \frac{1}{CN}}$$

$$Cr \text{ (Parallel)} = C1 + C2 + \dots + CN$$



# TEMPERATURE PRESSURE CHART-atsealevel



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Of	OC	22	134a	404A	407C	410A	4220	507
-40	-40.0	0.6	<i>14.8</i>	4.3	4.6	10.7	2.3	5.4
-38	-38.9	1.4	<i>13.9</i>	5.3	3.2	12.0	0.8	6.4
-36	-37.8	2.2	<i>13.0</i>	6.3	1.6	13.4	0.4	7.5
-34	-36.7	3.1	<i>12.0</i>	7.4	0.0	14.8	1.2	8.6
-32	-35.6	4.0	<i>10.9</i>	8.5	0.8	16.2	2.1	9.8
-30	-34.4	4.9	9.8	9.6	1.6	17.8	3.0	11.0
-28	-33.3	5.9	8.7	10.8	2.5	19.3	3.9	12.2
-26	-32.2	6.9	7.5	12.0	3.5	21.0	4.9	13.5
-24	-31.1	8.0	6.3	13.3	4.4	22.7	5.9	14.8
-22	-30.0	9.1	5.0	14.6	5.4	24.4	7.0	16.2
-20	-28.9	10.2	3.7	16.0	6.5	26.3	8.1	17.6
-18	-27.8	11.4	2.3	17.4	7.6	28.1	9.2	19.1
-16	-26.7	12.6	0.8	18.9	8.7	30.1	10.4	20.6
-14	-25.6	13.9	0.4	20.4	9.9	32.1	11.7	22.2
-12	-24.4	15.2	1.1	22.0	11.1	34.2	12.9	23.8
-10	-23.3	16.5	1.9	23.6	12.3	36.4	14.3	25.5
-8	-22.2	17.9	2.8	25.3	13.7	38.6	15.6	27.3
-6	-21.1	19.4	3.6	27.0	15.0	40.9	17.1	29.1
-4	-20.0	20.9	4.6	28.8	16.4	43.3	18.5	30.9
-2	-18.9	22.4	5.5	30.7	17.9	45.8	20.1	32.8
0	-17.8	24.0	6.5	32.6	19.4	48.3	21.6	34.8
1	-17.2	24.9	7.0	33.6	20.2	49.6	22.5	35.8
2	-16.7	25.7	7.5	34.6	21.0	51.0	23.3	36.9
3	-16.1	26.5	8.0	35.6	21.8	52.3	24.1	37.9
4	-15.6	27.4	8.5	36.6	22.6	53.7	25.0	39.0
5	-15.0	28.3	9.1	37.7	23.5	55.0	25.8	40.0
6	-14.4	29.2	9.6	38.7	24.3	56.5	26.7	41.1
7	-13.9	30.1	10.2	39.8	25.2	57.9	27.6	42.2
8	-13.3	31.0	10.8	40.9	26.1	59.3	28.5	43.4
9	-12.8	31.9	11.3	42.0	27.0	60.8	29.5	44.5
10	-12.2	32.8	11.9	43.1	27.9	62.3	30.4	45.7
11	-11.7	33.8	12.5	44.3	28.8	63.8	31.3	46.8
12	-11.1	34.8	13.1	45.4	29.8	65.4	32.3	48.0
13	-10.6	35.8	13.8	46.6	30.7	66.9	33.3	49.3
14	-10.0	36.8	14.4	47.8	31.7	68.5	34.3	50.5
15	-9.4	37.8	15.0	49.0	32.7	70.1	35.3	51.7
16	-8.9	38.8	15.7	50.2	33.7	71.7	36.4	53.0
17	-8.3	39.9	16.4	51.5	34.7	73.4	37.4	54.3
18	-7.8	40.9	17.0	52.7	35.7	75.1	38.5	55.6
19	-7.2	42.0	17.7	54.0	36.8	76.8	39.6	56.9
20	-6.7	43.1	18.4	55.3	37.9	78.5	40.7	58.2
21	-6.1	44.2	19.1	56.6	39.0	80.3	41.8	59.6
22	-5.6	45.3	19.9	58.0	40.1	82.0	42.9	61.0
23	-5.0	46.5	20.6	59.3	41.2	83.8	44.1	62.4
24	-4.4	47.6	21.3	60.7	42.3	85.7	45.2	63.8
25	-3.9	48.8	22.1	62.1	43.5	87.5	46.4	65.2
26	-3.3	50.0	22.9	63.5	44.7	89.4	47.6	66.7
27	-2.8	51.2	23.7	64.9	45.9	91.3	48.8	68.2
28	-2.2	52.4	24.5	66.4	47.1	93.2	50.1	69.7
29	-1.7	53.7	25.3	67.8	48.3	95.2	51.3	71.2
30	-1.1	55.0	26.1	69.3	49.6	97.2	52.6	72.7
31	-0.6	56.2	26.9	70.8	50.8	99.2	53.9	74.3

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33	0.6	58.8	28.6	73.9	53.4	103.3	56.5	77.4
34	1.1	60.2	29.5	75.5	54.8	105.4	57.9	79.0
35	1.7	61.5	30.4	77.1	56.1	107.5	59.3	80.7
36	2.2	62.9	31.3	78.7	57.5	109.7	60.6	82.3
37	2.8	64.3	32.2	80.3	58.9	111.9	62.0	84.0
38	3.3	65.7	33.1	82.0	60.3	114.1	63.5	85.7
39	3.9	67.1	34.1	83.7	61.7	116.3	64.9	87.5
40	4.4	68.6	35.0	85.4	63.2	118.6	66.4	89.2
42	5.6	71.5	37.0	88.8	66.1	123.2	69.4	92.8
44	6.7	74.5	39.0	92.4	69.2	127.9	72.5	96.4
46	7.8	77.6	41.1	96.0	72.3	132.8	75.6	100.2
48	8.9	80.8	43.2	99.8	75.5	137.8	78.9	104.0
50	10.0	84.1	45.4	103.6	78.8	142.9	82.2	108.0
52	11.1	87.4	47.7	109.2	101.7	148.1	96.1	112.0
54	12.2	90.8	50.0	113.3	105.6	153.5	99.8	116.1
56	13.3	94.4	52.4	117.4	109.6	159.0	103.6	120.4
58	14.4	98.0	54.9	121.7	113.7	164.7	107.4	124.7
60	15.6	101.6	57.4	126.0	117.9	170.4	111.4	129.1
62	16.7	105.4	60.0	130.5	122.3	176.3	115.4	133.7
64	17.8	109.3	62.7	135.0	126.7	182.4	119.5	138.3
66	18.9	113.2	65.4	139.7	131.2	188.6	123.8	143.1
68	20.0	117.3	68.2	144.4	135.8	194.9	128.1	147.9
70	21.1	121.4	71.1	149.3	140.5	201.4	132.5	152.9
72	22.2	125.7	74.1	154.3	145.4	208.0	137.1	158.0
74	23.3	130.0	77.1	159.4	150.3	214.8	141.7	163.2
76	24.4	134.5	80.2	164.6	155.4	221.8	146.5	168.5
78	25.6	139.0	83.4	169.9	160.5	228.9	151.3	174.0
80	26.7	143.6	86.7	175.4	165.8	236.1	156.3	179.5
82	27.8	148.4	90.0	181.0	171.2	243.6	161.3	185.2
84	28.9	153.2	93.5	186.7	176.8	251.2	166.5	191.0
86	30.0	158.2	97.0	192.5	182.4	258.9	171.8	197.0
88	31.1	163.2	100.6	198.4	188.2	266.8	177.2	203.0
90	32.2	168.4	104.3	204.5	194.1	274.9	182.7	209.2
92	33.3	173.7	108.1	210.7	200.1	283.2	188.4	215.5
94	34.4	179.1	112.0	217.0	206.3	291.6	194.1	222.0
96	35.6	184.6	115.9	223.4	212.5	300.3	200.0	228.6
98	36.7	190.2	120.0	230.0	219.0	309.1	206.0	235.3
100	37.8	195.9	124.2	236.8	225.5	318.1	212.1	242.2
102	38.9	201.8	128.4	243.6	232.2	327.2	218.4	249.2
104	40.0	207.7	132.7	250.8	239.0	336.6	224.8	256.3
106	41.1	213.8	137.2	257.8	245.9	346.2	231.3	263.7
108	42.2	220.0	141.7	265.1	253.0	355.9	237.9	271.1
110	43.3	226.4	146.4	272.5	260.3	365.9	244.7	278.7
112	44.4	232.8	151.1	280.1	267.6	376.1	251.6	286.5
114	45.6	239.4	156.0	287.9	275.1	386.4	258.8	294.4
116	46.7	246.1	160.9	295.8	282.8	397.0	265.8	302.4
118	47.8	253.0	166.0	303.8	290.6	407.8	273.2	310.7
120	48.9	260.0	171.2	312.1	298.6	418.8	280.6	319.1
125	51.7	278.0	184.6	333.3	319.2	447.4	299.9	340.8
130	54.4	296.9	198.7	355.6	340.7	477.4	320.2	363.6