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# Investigation of the Performance of Automatic Storage-type Gas and Electric Domestic Water Heaters 

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#### Abstract


In the fall of 1951, the Committee on Comparison of Competitive Services of the American Gas Association entered into an agreement for cooperative research with the Engineering Experiment Station at the University of Illinois to investigate the performance characteristics of automatic storagetype gas and electric domestic water heaters.

The performance tests included in this program were conducted on commercial models of commonly used comparable and representative water heaters. Six gas heaters representing both external and internal flue types and having nominal tank capacities ranging from 20 gal to 50 gal were studied. The gross heat input rates ranged from 20,000 to 42,900 Btu per hr. The seven electric heaters ranged in size from 30 gal to 80 gal nominal tank capacity, their input rates ranged from 1600 watts to 5000 watts; both immersion-type and attached-type heating elements were represented. In general, the test installations were established in accordance with American Standards Association standards for gas and electric water heaters. Usable hot water was defined as water at temperature of 120 F or higher.

From the results of this investigation the following general conclusions may be drawn:

The one-hour delivery studies showed an average recovery efficiency, i.e. ratio of heat utilized in heating water to heat input, for the gas water heaters to be 76 percent compared with 93 percent for the electric water heaters. The one-hour delivery for a 90 F temperature rise varied widely due to the wide variation in tank capacities and gross heat input rates. However, on a comparable figure, namely gallons delivered per gallon of actual tank capacity, the gas heaters showed a value
of 1.88 as compared to 0.94 for the electric, or twice as great an output for the gas heaters. The required heat input per gallon of hot water delivered was found to be 1000 Btu for the gas and 800 Btu for the electric.

The two-hour delivery studies showed the same recovery efficiencies at the one-hour studies, whereas the delivery per hour per gallon of actual tank capacity was found to show 1.50 to 0.62 , or about $21 / 2$ times as much output from the gas as from the electric water heaters. The required heat input was the same as that found in the one-hour tests.

With regard to the daily usage tests the results are best shown by the accompanying figures:

Table A shows the daily withdrawal schedule that was used. This schedule is taken from the A.S.A. Standards Bulletin C72.1-1949 "Household Automatic Electric Storage-Type Water Heaters" and is presumed to be representative of the daily hot water draw-offs of an average family from 6:30 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. It shows the time and quantity of each withdrawal, with the quantity expressed as a percentage of the total withdrawal.

| Table A. Daily Withdrawal Schedule |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Rate: 5 gpm |  |
| Time of Day | Withdrawal |
| 6:30 a.m. | \% of total |
| $7: 30$ | 11 |
| $8: 00$ | 5 |
| $9: 00$ | 17 |
| $10: 00$ | 14 |
| $11: 00$ | 13 |
| $12: 00$ noon | 4 |
| 1:00 p.m. | 4 |
| $5: 00$ | 7 |
| $6: 00$ | 3 |
| $7: 30$ | 4 |
| $10: 30$ | 5 |
|  | $\underline{13}$ |

These percentages were applied to the basic daily hot water usage rates to simulate the daily usage habits of the average householder.


Fig. A. Required Heat Input During 24-Hour Period for Water Heating at Various Daily Usage Rates

Figure A shows the required heat input during a 24 -hr period for variable daily usages of water heated through a 90 F temperature rise and withdrawn in a 24 -hr day as specified in the predetermined draw-off schedule. The figure shows average values for the gas and electric water heaters over a range of 50 to 150 gal used daily. This range is shown because most of the heaters performed satis-


Fig. B. Service Efficiencies
factorily over this range. The figure also shows curves of heat input for the most efficient and least efficient heaters of each type.

Figure B shows the same series of curves for


Fig. C. Gas vs. Electric Energy Ratios


Fig. D. Monthly Cost of Operation of Gas Water Heaters
service efficiency against daily usage rates. The service efficiency may be defined as the ratio of the heat utilized in the hot water delivered compared to the heat input per day to heat this delivered water, as well as the heat required to maintain the tank full of hot water.

In Figure C the energy ratio, i.e. the ratio of required Btu per $24-\mathrm{hr}$ day heat input of the gas water heaters to the required Btu per 24 -hr day heat input of the electric water heaters, is plotted against daily usage rates. The center curve is the average of all the gas water heaters compared with the average of all electric water heaters. The upper curve is a comparison of the poorest gas heater to the best electric; the lower curve shows the best gas heater compared with the poorest electric.

Also shown are curves representing the energy ratio for the comparison of poorest gas to poorest electric and best gas to best electric water heaters. It can be seen that the average ranges from about $1.60: 1$ at 50 gal per day to about $1.41: 1$ at 150 gal per day.

Figures D and E show average monthly operating costs for gas fired and electric water heaters respectively. These figures are shown with different gas rates from $4 \phi$ to $24 \xi$ per therm and electric rates of $3 / 4$ to $2.5 \dot{\phi}$ per kilowatt-hour, and both are shown for daily usages up to 150 gal per day. It can be seen that a gas rate of $20 \phi$ per therm is approximately equivalent to an electric rate of


Fig. E. Monthly Cost of Operation of Electric Water Heaters
$1.0 ¢$ per kilowatt-hour. (A therm has a heat equivalent of 100,000 Btu. A kilowatt-hour has a heat equivalent of 3413 Btu.) Table B gives the same information in tabular form.

The automatic clothes washer studies showed that all of the gas water heaters, except the 20 -gal heater, satisfactorily supplied hot water for four consecutive washer cycles; whereas only the 80 -gal electric heater satisfactorily supplied hot water. Electric heater L having a 66 -gal capacity and 4.5 kilowatt input fulfilled the requirements, but the water temperature in the fourth cycle averaged 125.3 F. The required input per cycle for the gas water heaters was approximately $22,500 \mathrm{Btu}$ as compared with a requirement of approximately $15,900 \mathrm{Btu}$ for the electric water heaters, or an energy ratio of about 1.41:1.

The stand-by studies showed that the daily required input for the gas water heaters was, on the
average, approximately 23,000 Btu per day. This ranged from a low of 17,900 to a high of 27,600 Btu per day. The average for all of the electric heaters was approximately 9100 Btu per day with a range
from 6690 to 12,600 Btu per day. From the average it can be seen that approximately $2^{1 / 2}$ times more heat is required by the gas water heaters than the electric heaters to maintain a tank full of hot water.

| Gas Rate per Therm | Table B. Cost of Operation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Gas Water Heaters (Dollars per Month) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 18 | 20 | 22 | 24 |
| 0 Gal Hot Water/Day 6.90 Therms/Month | 0.27 | 0.41 | 0.55 | 0.69 | 0.83 | 0.97 | 1.10 | 1.24 | 1.38 | 1.52 | 1.66 |
| 50 Gal Hot Water/Day | 0.86 | 1.29 | 1.72 | 2.15 | 2.57 | 3.00 | 3.43 | 3.86 | 4.29 | 4.72 | 5.15 |
| 100 Gal Hot Water/Day | 1.45 | 2.17 | 2.90 | 3.62 | 4.35 | 5.07 | 5.80 | 6.52 | 7.25 | 7.97 | 8.70 |
| 150 Gal Hot Water/Day | 2.02 | 3.03 | 4.04 | 5.06 | 6.07 | 7.08 | 8.09 | 9.10 | 10.11 | 11.12 | 12.13 |

Note: Monthly costs are based on average performance of all heaters tested.


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## I. INTRODUCTION

## 1. Preliminary Statement

In recent years large new demands have been imposed on domestic (residential) water heaters due to the greatly increased usage of household appliances which use considerable quantities of hot water, i.e. automatic clothes washers and dishwashers, to mention but two. In many instances the water must be at a higher temperature than was formerly considered satisfactory. These demands have introduced many problems involving quantities, temperatures, recovery rates, corrosion, and scaling, to mention a few.

The average householder has little knowledge of the actual requirements he will impose on his hot water heater. Even members of the water heater industry, manufacturers, dealers, and some government agencies need adequate and reliable performance information and acceptable procedures for selecting the proper sizes and capacities of domestic water heaters. All are cognizant of the fact that nominal storage tank size alone is not an adequate specification for capacity.

## 2. Objective and Scope of Investigation

The objective of the investigation was to obtain engineering performance data on commonly used, comparable and representative, automatic, storagetype, gas and electric domestic water heaters.

The scope of the investigation was to determine this performance under, as nearly as possible, actual operating conditions for both normal usage of the heaters and for predetermined specific uses.

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## II. LABORATORY AND EQUIPMENT

## 4. Laboratory

The heaters were located in a $9^{\prime} 9^{\prime \prime} \times 12^{\prime} 7^{\prime \prime} \times 7^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime}$ high room, as shown in Fig. 1, during all studies. This room was equipped with individual Type B vents 4 in . in diameter and 15 ft in vertical height for use in operating each gas water heater. The horizontal distance from the center of each heater to the center of the vertical vent was maintained at $41 / 2 \mathrm{ft}$ maximum. The slope of the horizontal run of each vent connection was maintained at 1 in . per ft . Adequate openings were supplied in the north wall of the room for the admission of combustion air and to insure free venting.

The ambient air temperature in the room was maintained automatically at $75 \mathrm{~F} \pm 2 \mathrm{~F}$ by means
of an air conditioner located outside of the room. The conditioned air was introduced and removed in such a manner that the air movement was minimal. A record of the air temperature in the center of the room 30 in . above the floor, as well as the inside surface temperature of the four walls, was made during all tests. Humidity observations were also recorded.

## 5. Water Control

The inlet water to the heaters was maintained at $58 \mathrm{~F} \pm 2 \mathrm{~F}$ and the flow was measured with a calibrated water meter located in the $3 / 4-\mathrm{in}$. inlet water line to each heater. A pressure regulator located in the inlet line maintained a pressure of 45 psig.


Fig. 1. Test Room Floor Plan


Fig. 2. Gas Water Heater Test Equipment Diagram

All draw-offs of hot water were made at a rate ing tank. The draw-offs were made through a quick of 5 gal per min through a $1 / 2-\mathrm{in}$. line, 15 ft long. This rate was fixed and maintained by a calibrated orifice located in the hot water line near the weigh-
opening valve. Figures 2 and 3 show the arrangement of the piping and equipment for the gas and electric water heaters, respectively.


Fig. 3. Electric Water Heater Test Equipment Diagram

## 6. Gas and Electric Control

The natural gas was supplied through a typical household gas pressure regulator set to deliver gas at a pressure of 7 in . of water. The water heaters which were equipped by the manufacturer with an appliance pressure regulator, namely heaters B and F , were tested with gas supplied at $31 / 2$ in. water pressure at the appliance regulator outlet. The gas pressure in the line to the burners was read and recorded during the testing. A calibrated, wet-type gas flow meter was used to determine the gas consumption. It was installed between the line pressure regulator and the heater, or the appliance regulator, if one was used. The gas consumed and its heating


Fig. 4. Water Heater Section Showing Thermocouple Location
value, as supplied by the distributor of the natural gas, were used to determine the heat input to the heater. The heating value of the natural gas ranged from 982 to 1011 Btu per cu ft. The orifice to the burner of each heater was initially adjusted so that the rated heat input, as specified on the heater data plate, was obtained. Figure 2 shows the diagrammatic arrangement of the gas piping and metering.

The electric energy input to each electric heater was measured with a calibrated watt-hour meter. The voltage of the electric supply was maintained with an automatic voltage regulator at 236 volts $\pm 2$ volts, and this voltage was recorded by a recording voltmeter. Both heating elements in each heater were available for use during all tests as required and they were controlled by their individual thermostats. Each heating element was checked for rated input. Figure 3 shows the electrical wiring and metering.

## 7. Thermostat Settings

All thermostats were set to cut-off when the temperature of the water at the given thermostat level was $150 \mathrm{~F} \pm 3 \mathrm{~F}$. These settings were made with the water slowly heating to this temperature.

The electric water heaters were so connected to the power supply that each of the two heating elements was separately activated by its own thermostat. In a few cases, due to unusual conditions existing during certain draw-offs, the temperature of the water at the level of the upper thermostat exceeded the set temperature of 150 F .

## 8. Heater Instrumentation

Each heater was equipped with 6 exposed thermocouples located inside of the water tank at the mid-point of each six sections of equal volume from the top to the bottom of the water tank as shown in Fig. 4. In addition, thermocouples were located within the tank at the horizontal level of each thermostat. Thermocouples were also located in the hot water outlet pipe within 6 in . of the heater, and in the cold water inlet pipe, upstream from a thermal trap but still within 6 in . of the heater. All of the readings of these thermocouples were recorded throughout the test period by automatic recorders, as shown in Fig. 5, and these recorded data were utilized in the performance calculations. The recorders were checked hourly by means of a manually operated potentiometer.


Fig. 5. The Data Recording Station which was situated directly below the enclosed, temperature-controlled room contained weighing and temperature measuring equipment. Equipment at the station included water piping with valves and orifices for regulating water flow rates and a quick emptying tank on a precision scale for accurately measuring water flow rates. The thermocouple switchboard had selector switches, type K-2 potentiometer for manual reading of the thermocouple millivoltages, and four 16 -point indicating-recording potentiometers for making continuous records of water, heater, flue gas, and ambient air temperatures. The gage for indicating the water pressure, as well as the gas flow meters and the watt-hour meters for measuring the energy input to the water heaters, was located in the room with the water heaters as shown in Figs. 6 and 7.


Fig. 6. Typical Gas Water Heater Installation


Fig. 7. Typical Electric Water Heater Installation

## 9. Water Heaters Studied

The six representative gas and seven electric water heaters studied are listed in Table 1. A typical gas water heater hookup is shown in Fig. 6, and an electric water heater installation in Fig. 7. The gas heaters were assigned the letters $\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{B}, \mathrm{C}$, D, E, and F and the electric heaters the letters G, H, J, K, L, M, and N. Each heater was also assigned a built-up designation number composed of


Table 1

The heater designation signifies: G-Gas; I or E-Internal or External flue; single number-heater number; double number-heater's nominal capacity; double number plus decimal-heater input in thousands of
Btu/hr. (Example: Heater E-Gas, External flue, heater number 2, 30-gal rated capacity, $32,500 \mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{hr}$ input.)

> Electric

Heater G - EI -1-30-1.0/0.6
Heater H - EI -2-52-1.5/1.0
Heater J - EA-3-52-1.5/1.0
Heater K H EA- $\mathrm{EA}-66-2.0 / 1.25$
Heater K—EA-5-66-2.5/2.0
Heater L E EA
Heater M—EI-680-2.5/1.5
Heater M-EI $-6-80-2.5 / 1.5$
Heater N - EI $-7-80-3.0 / 2.0$
The heater designation signifies: E-Electric; I or A-Immersion or externally attached heating elements; single number-heater number; double number-heater's nominal capacity; mixed numbers with inclined break between them represent the heat input in kilowatts with the upper heating element represented first and followed by the heat input of the element, heater number 4, 66-gal rated capacity, 2.0 kilowatt input in element, heater number $4,66-\mathrm{gal}$ rated capacity, 2.0 kilowatt input in
upper element and 1.25 kilowatt input in lower element. These heaters upper element and 1.25 kilowatt input in ower element. These heaters
comply with NEMA recommended ratings with the exception of heaters $\stackrel{\text { comply }}{ } \mathrm{L}$ and N .
letters and numbers. The explanation of the significance of each letter and each number in these designation numbers is given in Table 1. Hereafter each heater is referred to by letter, such as heater $\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{B}, \mathrm{C}$, etc.

The nominal tank capacities of the gas water heaters ranged from 20 to 50 gal , with a range of heat inputs from 20,000 to 42,900 Btu per hr. Two different types were studied, one with an internal flue in which the flame and products of combustion passed up through a circular flue or opening extending up through the center of the water tank, and another with an external or annular flue in which the flame and products of combustion passed up around the water tank.

The nominal tank capacities of the electric water heaters ranged from 30 to 80 gal, with a range of heat inputs from 1600 to 5000 watts ( 5461 to $17,045 \mathrm{Btu}$ per hr ). Two different types were studied, one with an immersion-type heating element in which the heating element is inserted into the water through a fitting in the water tank; another with an external-type heating element in which the heating element is wrapped around the outside surface of the water tank. In both types there were two heating elements, one placed in the lower third of the water heater and the other in the upper third.


Fig. 8. Results of Capacity Studies Showing the Amount of Hot Water Available

## III. CAPACITY STUDIES FOR ONE-HOUR AND TWO-HOUR PERIODS

Two series of tests were made to determine the maximum amount of usable hot water which could be drawn off at the rate of 5 gal per min in a 1 -hr and a 2 -hr period. Usable hot water was defined as water at a temperature of 120 F or higher. These tests were started at the completion of a thermostat cycle, that is, with the tank full of water at 150 F , the thermostat satisfied and equilibrium conditions in the heater. Water was withdrawn at the prescribed rate until the temperature of the outlet water dropped to 120 F . The withdrawal was then stopped. The test was continued with no further withdrawal until 30 min after the start of the test. If any water above 120 F was available at the heater outlet, a withdrawal of water was then repeated as before. If the temperature of the water at the heater outlet was still below 120 F , the test was continued without drawing water for another $30-\mathrm{min}$ interval. At that time, water was withdrawn as at the start of the test. The sum of these withdrawals was construed to be the total hot water
capacity of the heater for a 1 -hr period, Series I Tests. A similar procedure was followed for a $2-\mathrm{hr}$ period, Series II Tests, except that there were four $30-\mathrm{min}$ periods instead of two.

However, if observation showed that the thermostat was satisfied before the expiration of any of the $30-\mathrm{min}$ periods between draw-offs, the test procedure was modified to provide for shorter periods; namely, with the withdrawals starting at the time of recovery. Recovery is defined as the point at which the thermostat was satisfied. This occurred when the temperature of the water at the thermostat level was within the range of $150 \mathrm{~F} \pm$ 3.0 F . If observations indicated that the heater would not fully recover during the following $30-\mathrm{min}$ interval, the available hot water was not withdrawn at the end of the present period unless said period was the last period of the test.

In determining the fuel or energy consumption for these tests, the heaters were maintained in operation after the completion of the last withdrawal


Fig. 9. Results of Capacity Studies Showing Required Heat Input per Gallon of Hot Water Delivered
until the thermostat was again satisfied and the heater had returned to the equilibrium state that existed at the start of the test. If the final equilibrium state differed from the initial equilibrium state, the difference in energy content of the tank full of water at the beginning and the end of the test was computed and applied to the total measured heat input for the test period. The fuel, or energy consumption, for the given test was then taken as that consumed between the time of the start of the original withdrawal and the end of the final withdrawal corrected for difference in stored energy at the beginning and end of the test period.

The results of these two series of tests are shown in Tables 2 and 3. The "Recovery Efficiency" as
shown in these tables is the ratio of the energy utilized in heating the water contrasted with the energy consumption of the heater during the complete test period.

Figure 8 shows the equivalent delivery of 90 F temperature rise water in gallons for both the 1-hr and 2 -hr periods.

Figure 9 shows the energy input per gal of equivalent delivery of 90 F rise water for both the 1 -hr and 2 -hr series of tests for each water heater. The graph shows that approximately 1000 Btu input is required to supply a gallon of 90 F temperature rise water by the gas water heaters and approximately 800 Btu per gallon by the electric water heaters.

Table 2
Hot Water Delivery: Capacity of Heaters in One-Hour Period
Series I Tests


Table 3
Hot Water Delivery: Capacity of Heaters in Two-Hour Period
Series II Tests

1. Actual Tank Capacity (gal)
2. Initial Draw-Water above
120 F (gal)
3. Total Water above 120 F
Delivered (gal/test)
4. Usable Hot Water (deg-gal)
5. Recovery Efficiency (\%)
6. Equivalent Delivery for
90 F Temperature Rise
(gal/test)
7. Heat Input/Gal Delivered
for 90 F Temp Rise
(Btu)
A
18.5
17.0
60.7
968
78.1
52.5

961

## IV. DAILY USAGE STUDIES WITH CONVENTIONAL AND AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES

Tests simulating the daily hot water requirements of an average family were conducted with each water heater to determine the maximum quantity of water available at temperatures above 120 F when the water was withdrawn in accordance with the preselected daily draw-off schedule shown in Table 4. This schedule, taken from A.S.A. Standards Bulletin C72.1-1949*, is presumed to be representative of the daily hot water draw-offs of an average family from 6:30 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. It gives the time and quantity of each withdrawal, with the quantity expressed as a percent of the total withdrawal for the simulated day of 16 hr .

The hot water requirements of a conventional clothes washing machine were taken into consideration in the development of Table 4. In order to adjust the schedule to make it more representative of the usage of a family using an automatic clothes washing machine, 3 gal were added to the 9 a.m. withdrawal, for daily usages of less than 100 gal. If the total daily withdrawal was 100 gal or more, it was decided that an average family would require in addition 6 gal of hot water to provide for three consecutive cycles of an automatic clothes washer. To meet this estimated requirement, 3 gal were added to the 8 a.m., 9 a.m., and 10 a.m. withdrawals.

An initial test based on a total withdrawal of 50 gal for the day or $16-\mathrm{hr}$ period was conducted on each water heater. Additional tests with withdrawals based on increased per day rate of usage in increments of 50 gal per day were made until the outlet water temperature during any individual withdrawal dropped below 120 F . For each water heater the maximum daily usage was determined to the nearest 10 gal. A service efficiency was determined for each test. The results of these tests are presented in two forms. Table 5 gives the results of

[^0]Daily Withdrawal Schedule for an Average Family
Schedule A includes conventional clothes washing machine requirements. Schedule $B$ includes automatic clothes washing machine requirements; 3 gallons added to $9 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. withdrawals for daily usages of less than 100
gal per day or 3 gal added to each of the $8 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$., $9 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$., and $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. withgal per day or 3 gal added to each of the 8 a.m., 9 a
drawals for daily usage of 100 gal or more per day.

| Time of Day | Elapsed Time, Hours | Withdrawal, Percent of Total <br> Schedule A | Schedule B |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

All withdrawals were at the rate of 5 gal per min . The percentages shown were applied to the basic daily hot water usage rates to simulate the daily usage habits of the average householder.
tests conducted on each heater with different daily usage rates. Withdrawal schedule A is for an average family with a conventional clothes washing machine and withdrawal schedule B for an average family with an automatic clothes washing machine. In Table 5 the highest actual delivery is the maximum daily usage rate for the heater.

The service efficiencies and the heat inputs for different daily usage rates withdrawn as per Schedule A and as per Schedule B, and corrected to a common 90 F rise in water temperature, are given for each of the water heaters in Figures 10, 11 and 12. In Figure 10 are shown the performance characteristics for all of the gas water heaters investigated. It should be noted that the curve for heater C, the middle graph on the left, is to a different scale than the other graphs. This was necessitated by the large capacity of this heater in comparison to the other heaters. The data for electric water heater G is shown in Figure 12, separately from that of the other electric heaters, since it has a much smaller capacity. It is a special purpose appliance which does not have the application of the other heaters investigated.

All tabulated results and plotted data are an average of at least two test runs that agree within

Service efficiency and heat input required for varied daily consumption of hot water

gallons withdrawn per 24 hr day as per schedule $A(\circ)$, or schedule $B(\bullet)$
Standby loss a
Fig. 10. Performance Curves for Gas Water Heaters A-F During Daily Usage Studies

Service efficiency and heat input required for varied daily consumption of hot water


Fig. 11. Performance Curves for Electric Water Heaters H-N During Daily Usage Studies

Table 5
Results of Daily Usage Studies for Each Heater
Schedule A represents an average family with conventional clothes washing machine;

Schedule B represents an average family with automatic clothes washing machine.
All results corrected for a 90 F temperature rise.
A 1. Daily Usage Rate, gal/day 2. Actual Delivery (gal/test) 3. Heat Input (Btu/day)
4. Service Efficiency by Test ( $\%$ )
5. Deg-Gal Actually Delivered
6. Btu Input/Deg-Gal Delivered

B

1. Daily Usage Rate, gal/day 2. Actual Delivery (gal/test) 3. Heat Input (Btu/day)
2. Service Efficiency by Test (\%)
3. Deg-Gal Actually Delivered
4. Btu Input/Deg-Gal Delivered

C 1. Daily Usage Rate, gal/day
2. Actual Delivery (gal/test
. Heat Input (Btu/day)
4. Service Efficiency by Test (\%)
5. Deg-Gal Actually Delivered
6. Btu Input/Deg-Gal Delivered

D 1. Daily Usage Rate, gal/day
2. Actual Delivery (gal/test)
3. Heat Input (Btu/day)
4. Service Efficiency by Test (\%)
6. Btu Input/Deg-Gal Delivered

E 1. Daily Usage Rate, gal/day
2. Actual Delivery (gal/test)
4. Heat Input (Btu/day)
4. Dervice Efficiency by rest
6. Btu Input/Deg-Gal Delivered

F 1. Daily Usage Rate, gal/day 2. Actual Delivery (gal/test)
. Heat Input (Btu/day)
4. Service Efficiency by Test (\%)
5. Deg-Gal Actually Delivered

G 1. Daily Usage Rate, gal/day 2. Actual Delivery (gal/test)
3. Heat Input (Btu/day)
4. Service Efficiency by Test (\%)
5. Deg-Gal Actually Delivered
. Btu Input/Deg-Gal Delivered
H

1. Daily Usage Rate, gal/day
2. Actual Delivery (gal/te
3. Heat Input (Btu/day)
4. Heat Input (Btu/day)
5. Service Efficiency by Test (\%)
6. Deg-Gal Actually Delivered
7. Btu Input/Deg-Gal Delivered

J 1. Daily Usage Rate, gal/day
2. Actual Delivery (gal/test)
3. Heat Input (Btu/day)
4. Service Efficiency by Test (\%)
5. Deg-Gal Actually Delivered

K 1. Daily Usage Rate, gal/day 3. Heat Input (Btu/day)
4. Service Efficiency by Test (\%)
5. Deg-Gal Actually Delivered

L 1. Daily Usage Rate, gal/day 2. Actual Delivery (gal/test)
4. Service Efficiency by Test (\%)
4. Service Efficiency by Test
. Btu Input/Deg-Gal Delivered
M

1. Daily Usage Rate, gal/day
2. Actual Delivery (gal/test)
3. Service Efficiency by Test (\%)
4. Service Efficiency by Test (\%)
5. Deg-Gal Actually Delivered

N 1. Daily Usage Rate, gal/day
2. Actual Delivery (gal/test)
3. Heat Input (Btu/day)
4. Service Efficiency by Test (\%)
5. Deg-Gal Actually Delivered
6. Btu Input/Deg-Gal Delivered



Fig. 12. Performance Curves for Electric Water Heater G During Daily Usage Studies
$2 \%$. For all tests the actual results were reduced to a common 90 F water temperature rise in accordance with the procedures agreed to by the sponsor's committee and the research staff. The heat input curves in Figures 10, 11 and 12 have been extended to the left to show the heat input for zero withdrawal, which is the standby loss for each of the heaters as explained in Part VI.

In Table 6 the performance data of each of the
water heaters are arranged in accordance with the different daily usage rates and withdrawal schedules. This arrangement expedites the comparison of one water heater with another for a given daily usage rate and withdrawal schedule. Again, all of the data are corrected to a common 90 F rise in water temperature.

Figure 13 is a compilation of the service efficiencies of all tests at different daily usage rates as per Schedule A and as per Schedule B, corrected to a common 90 F rise in water temperature. In general, the service efficiencies of the gas water heaters were 48 to $70 \%$ over the range of daily usage rates of from 50 to 160 gallons per day, whereas the efficiencies of the electric water heaters were 77 to $96 \%$. Most of the heaters in this investigation operated satisfactorily throughout the above mentioned daily usage rate.

It should be noted that with each water heater the service efficiency increases quite rapidly with increased daily water usage rate and approaches the recovery efficiency of the heater. This is true because as the usage rate increases, the standby loss has less influence on the efficiency.

Table 6
Results of Daily Usage Studies for Variable Deliveries
Schedule A represents an average family with conventional clothes washing machine; Schedule B represents an average family with automatic clothes washing machine.

Withdrawal Schedule A

|  | Gas Water Heaters |  |  |  |  |  | Electric Water Heaters |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 50 Gallons | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | J | K | L | M | N |
| 1. Actual Tank Capacity (gal) | 18.5 | 28.5 | 52.9 | 28.3 | 30.9 | 23.3 | 28.5 | 50.2 | 50.3 | 64.2 | 64.2 | 80.2 | 80.2 |
| 2. Average Output (Btu/day) | 37500 | 37500 | 37500 | 37500 | 37500 | 37500 | 37500 | 37500 | 37500 | 37500 | 37500 | 37500 | 37500 |
| 3. Heat Input (Btu/day) | 66200 | 65800 | 75300 | 78600 | 69200 | 74000 | 43500 | 42300 | 47600 | 44000 | 44800 | 44700 | 46100 |
| 4. Service Efficiency by Test (\%) | 56.6 | 57.0 | 49.8 | 47.7 | 54.2 | 50.7 | 86.2 | 88.6 | 78.9 | 85.3 | 83.7 | 83.8 | 81.4 |
| 5. Deg Gal Actually Delivered | 4500 | 4500 | 4500 | 4500 | 4500 | 4500 | 4500 | 4500 | 4500 | 4500 | 4500 | 4500 | 4500 |
| 6. Btu Input/Deg Gal Delivered | 14.7 | 14.6 | 16.7 | 17.5 | 15.4 | 16.4 | 9.67 | 9.41 | 10.6 | 9.77 | 9.96 | 9.94 | 10.2 |
| 100 Gallons/Day |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Actual Tank Capacity (gal) | Out | 28.5 | 52.9 | 28.3 | 30.9 | 23.3 | Out | Out | 50.3 | 64.2 | 64.2 | 80.2 | 80.2 |
| 2. Average Output (Btu/day) | " | 75000 | 75000 | 75000 | 75000 | 75000 | " | '* | 75000 | 75000 | 75000 | 75000 | 75000 |
| 3. Average Input (Btu/day) | " | 114400 | 118900 | 128700 | 119500 | 122500 | . | " | 84900 | 82100 | 80900 | 82400 | 83700 |
| 4. Service Efficiency by Test (\%) | " | 65.5 | 63.1 | 58.3 | 62.8 | 61.2 | " | " | 88.4 | 91.3 | 92.7 | 91.1 | 89.6 |
| 5. Deg Gal Actually Delivered | " | 9000 | 9000 | 9000 | 9000 | 9000 | * | " | 9000 | 9000 | 9000 | 9000 | 9000 |
| 6. Btu Input/Deg Gal Delivered | " | 12.7 | 13.2 | 14.3 | 13.3 | 13.6 | - | " | 9.45 | 9.13 | 8.99 | 9.15 | 9.31 |
| 150 Gallons/Day |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Actual Tank Capacity (gal) | Out | 28.5 | 52.8 | 28.3 | 30.9 | Out | Out | Out | Out | 64.2 | 64.2 | 80.2 | 80.2 |
| 2. Average Output (Btu/day) | " | 112500 | 112500 | 112500 | 112500 |  |  |  | * | 112500 | 112500 | 112500 | 112500 |
| 3. Average Input (Btu/day) | " | 161200 | 165800 | 182300 | 164800 | " | " | " | " | 119700 | 119700 | 117800 | 120900 |
| 4. Service Efficiency by Test (\%) | " | 69.8 | 67.7 | 61.7 | 68.2 | " | " | " | " | 94.0 | 94.0 | 95.5 | 93.1 |
| 5. Deg Gal Actually Delivered | " | 13500 | 13500 | 13500 | 13500 | " | " | " | " | 13500 | 13500 | 13500 | 13500 |
| 6. Btu Input/Deg Gal Delivered | " | 11.9 | 12.3 | 13.5 | 12.2 | * | " | " | * | 8.87 | 8.87 | 8.72 | 8.95 |
| Withdrawal Schedule B |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 50 Gallons/Day+3 Gallons |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Actual Tank Capacity (gal) | 18.5 | 28.5 | 52.9 | 28.3 | 30.9 | 23.3 | 28.5 | 50.2 | 50.3 | 64.2 | 64.2 | 80.2 | 80.2 |
| 2. Average Output (Btu/day) | 39700 | 39700 | 39700 | 39700 | 39700 | 39700 | 39700 | 39700 | 39700 | 39700 | 39700 | 39700 | 39700 |
| 3. Average Input (Btu/day) | 66600 | 66400 | 78400 | 81300 | 72600 | 78400 | 44500 | 43700 | 49600 | 46000 | 46000 | 47200 | 48800 |
| 4. Service Efficiency by Test (\%) | 59.7 | 59.9 | 50.7 | 48.9 | 54.8 | 50.7 | 89.3 | 91.0 | 80.2 | 86.4 | 86.4 | 84.3 | 81.4 |
| 5. Deg Gal Actually Delivered | 4770 | 4770 | 4770 | 4770 | 4770 | 4770 | 4770 | 4770 | 4770 | 4770 | 4770 | 4770 | 4770 |
| 6. Btu Input/Deg Gal Delivered | 14.0 | 13.9 | 16.4 | 17.0 | 15.2 | 16.4 | 9.33 | 9.16 | 10.4 | 9.65 | 9.65 | 9.89 | 10.2 |
| 100 Gallons/Day +9 Gallons |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Actual Tank Capacity (gal) | Out | 28.5 | 52.9 | 28.3 | 30.9 | 23.3 | Out | Out | Out | 64.2 | 64.2 | 80.2 | 80.2 |
| 2. Average Output (Btu/day) | " | 81700 | 81700 | 81700 | 81700 | 81700 | " | " | " | 81700 | 81700 | 81700 | 81700 |
| 3. Average Input (Btu/day) | " | 120300 | 127500 | 137400 | 127700 | 130500 | " | " | $\because$ | 88700 | 88100 | 87600 | 90300 |
| 4. Service Efficiency by Test (\%) | * | 68.0 | 64.1 | 59.5 | 64.0 | 62.7 | * | " | " | 92.2 | 92.7 | 93.3 | 90.5 |
| 5. Deg Gal Actually Delivered | " | 9810 | 9810 | 9810 | 9810 | 9810 | " | " | " | 9810 | 9810 | 9810 | 9810 |
| 6. Btu Input/Deg Gal Delivered | " | 12.3 | 13.0 | 14.0 | 13.0 | 13.3 | * | ${ }^{\prime}$ | ${ }^{\prime}$ | 9.04 | 8.99 | 8.93 | 9.20 |



Fig. 13. Service Efficiencies of Gas and Electric Automatic Storage-Type Water Heaters

## V. HOT WATER REQUIREMENTS FOR AUTOMATIC CLOTHES WASHING MACHINE

The hot water requirements for automatic clothes washing machines were regarded as very important in determining the performance of water heaters for householders. A typical operating cycle and the hot water requirements for a representative 8 -gal per tub automatic clothes washing machine was set up. It is shown in Table 7. This operating cycle shows load, soak, wash, spray-rinse, firstrinse, second-rinse and dry periods, with the quantity of 150 F and 60 F water and the temperature of the water required for each period. The soak period requirements were included in addition to that of the wash period in order to study the performance of the water heaters under maximum demand.

Continuous performance tests were conducted with repeated operation of this cycle until the outlet water temperature dropped to 120 F , or until the 4 complete washing cycles were completed. The results of this series of tests conducted on each water heater are given in Table 8. They include the heat input per operating cycle and the outlet water temperature for each cycle.

The word "out" is used in Table 8 to indicate the particular cycle in which the outlet water temperature dropped below 120 F . This occurred during

| Time, min | Table 7 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Typical Operating | Cycle and Water Requirements |  |  |
|  | for Automatic Washing Machine |  |  |  |
|  | Operation | Water U | d, gal* | Water Temperature |
|  |  | $150 \mathrm{~F}$ | 60 F <br> Watcr | for Operation, deg F |
| 0- 5 | Load |  |  |  |
| 5-15 | Soak | 3.5 | 4.5 | 90-110 |
| 15-27 | Wash | 8.0 |  | 150 |
| 27-28 | Spray Rinse | 2.2 | 2.8 | 90-110 |
| 28-35 | 1st Rinse | 3.5 | 4.5 | 90-110 |
| $35-41$ | 2nd Rinse | 3.5 | 4.5 | 90-110 |
| 41-45 | Dry | 0 | 0 |  |
|  |  | $\overline{20.7}$ | $\overline{16.3}$ |  |
| * Based on 8 ral per tub. |  |  |  |  |

the second operating cycle in the case of gas water heater A and electric water heater G. With electric water heaters $H$ and $J$ the outlet water temperature dropped below 120 F during the third operating cycle. In the case of electric water heater K the requirements for three cycles were available, but there was no water above 120 F available to start the fourth cycle. With all of the other water heaters the outlet water temperature remained above 120 F at all times during the continuous test composed of four repeated operating cycles. However, the average temperature of rinse water for electric water heater L was at 120 F and, as shown in Table 8, the average wash water temperature was 125.3 F . This heater barely fulfilled the agreed requirements.

Table 8

|  | Table |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Results of Automatic Washing Machine Studies |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Gas Water Heater |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Electric Water Heaters |  |  |  |  |
|  | A | B | C | D | E | F | C | H | J | K | L | M | N |
| 1. Actual Tank Capacity (gal) | 18.5 | 28.5 | 52.9 | 28.3 | 30.9 | 23.3 | 28.5 | 50.2 | 50.3 | 64.2 | 64.2 | 80.2 | 80.2 |
| 2. Inlet Water Temp (deg F) | 57.7 | 56.3 | 56.6 | 57.4 | 56.8 | 57.1 | 57.5 | 58.5 | 57.0 | 59.4 | 56.7 | 58.0 | 57.6 |
| 3. Wash Water Temp (deg F)* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cycle 1 | 152.4 | 151.3 | 154.4 | 154.4 | 154.4 | 153.2 | 149.2 | 155.0 | 151.1 | 151.3 | 148.4 | 149.6 | 152.9 |
| Cycle 2 | 126.7 | 150.8 | 165.3 | 149.5 | 149.5 | 156.7 | Out | 154.2 | 150.3 | 151.2 | 148.0 | 149.1 | 152.7 |
| Cycle 3 | Out | 151.8 | 171.8 | 148.0 | 149.0 | 156.6 | Out | 114.3 | 122.3 | 150.1 | 146.4 | 148.4 | 152.1 |
| Cycle 4 | Out | 152.3 | 173.9 | 147.5 | 148.5 | 156.8 | Out | Out | Out | Out | 125.3 | 137.6 | 140.6 |
| 4. Input/Test (Btu) | 34800 | 85800 | 97800 | 92300 | 84500 | 92100 | 18500 | 41100 | 42100 | 48400 | 60400 | 61700 | 65400 |
| 5. Input/Cycle (Btu) | 17400 | 21500 | 24500 | 23100 | 21100 | 23000 | 15800 | 16100 | 16500 | 16100 | 15100 | 15400 | 16400 |

## VI. STAND-BY STUDIES

The fuel or energy consumption required to maintain a water heater filled with water at a given temperature during a day in which no water was withdrawn was determined. The test was started at the completion of a thermostat cycle; namely, when the water in the tank had been heated to $150 \mathrm{~F} \pm$ 3.0 F . At this time the initial readings were recorded. After an interval of at least 48 hr a final reading was recorded, again at the completion of a thermostat cycle. From these data the test results, shown in Table 9, were determined.*

From the tabulated results it can be seen that, on the average, the stand-by loss in Btu per 24-hr day for the gas water heaters is about two and onehalf times that for the electric heaters.

* The stand-by loss (\%/Hour) was calculated by means of the following expression:

$$
S=\frac{H}{8.333 \times \Delta t \times V \times L} \times 100
$$

where $S=$ stand-by loss, $\%$ per hour $H=$ total gas consumption, Btu/test
$\Delta t=$ temperature difference between room and hot water stored $V=$ capacity of storage vessel, gal
$L=$ duration of stand-by period, hr
Fundamentals of Domestic Gas Water Heating. Bulletin No. 9, American Gas Association Testing Laboratories, January 1940, Chapter VI, page 147.

Table 9
Results of Stand-by Studies
Heat input required to maintain tank filled with hot water with no withdrawals for a 24 -hr period

|  |  |  | Gas W | Heat |  |  |  |  | Elec | W | eaters |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | J | K | L | M | N |
| 1. Actual Tank Capacity (gal) | 18.5 | 28.5 | 52.9 | 28.3 | 30.9 | 23.3 | 28.5 | 50.2 | 50.3 | 64.2 | 64.2 | 80.2 | 80.2 |
| 2. Stand-by loss (Btu/24-hr Day) | 19100 | 17900 | 27600 | 25900 | 22400 | 25100 | 7830 | 7950 | 12600 | 6690 | 7080 | 10500 | 11300 |
| 3. Stand-by Loss (\%/hr) | 7.63 | 4.84 | 3.77 | 6.35 | 5.44 | 7.76 | 1.97 | 1.17 | 1.82 | 0.74 | 0.81 | 0.94 | 0.99 |

## VII. GENERAL CONCLUSIONS

The following general conclusions may be drawn from the results of this investigation:

1) For both the $1-\mathrm{hr}$ and 2 -hr capacity tests, Series I Tests and Series II Tests, the average energy input per gallon of equivalent delivery of 90 F temperature rise water was about 1000 Btu and 800 Btu , respectively, for the gas and electric water heaters. The average recovery efficiencies for 1 -hr and 2 -hr tests ranged from 69.9 to $81.1 \%$ for the gas water heaters and from 91.0 to 94.9 percent for the electric water heaters.
2) Over the range of daily usage rates of from 50 to 160 gal per day, the service efficiencies of the gas water heaters were 48 to $70 \%$ and those of the electric water heaters were 77 to $96 \%$.
3) The energy ratio, or the ratio of the average of the energy inputs of all of the gas water heaters compared with the average of the energy inputs of all of the electric water heaters, varied with the daily usage rate. For daily usage rates of 50,100 and 150 gal, energy ratios were $1.60,1.46$ and 1.41 .
4) The energy input required to heat 1 gal of water from 60 F to 150 F varied with each water heater, but in all cases it decreased with increased daily usage rates. For daily usage rates of 50, 100 and 150 gal , the average of these energy inputs for the gas water heaters were 1400,1200 and 1100 Btu, and for the electric water heaters 880,830 and 800 Btu . These values may be compared with the actual quantity of energy, 750 Btu required to heat 1 gal of water from 60 to 150 F . For these same daily usage rates, the average energy inputs per degree gallon for the gas water heaters were 15.5, 13.4 and 12.5 Btu and for the electric water heaters
$9.75,9.20$ and 8.85 Btu. These may be compared with an actual energy requirement of 8.33 Btu per degree-gallon.
5) The maximum daily usage rates were determined and are shown in Table 5 for each heater as the highest actual delivery under each withdrawal schedule.
6) All of the gas water heaters, except Heater A, supplied sufficient hot water (above 120 F ) withdrawn in accordance with the requirements of four consecutive complete operating cycles of a representative automatic clothes washing machine. Electric water heaters $\mathrm{L}, \mathrm{M}$ and N also met these hot water requirements, but electric water heaters $G$, $\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{J}$ and K did not. However, heater L met the requirements by the narrowest of margins as the last rinse water average temperature was 120 F and the wash water average temperature was 125.3 F . It would therefore be questionable whether heater L would prove satisfactory in household usage.
7) The stand-by losses, expressed as heat input in Btu per 24-hr day with no water drawn, ranged from 17,900 to $27,600 \mathrm{Btu}$ for the gas water heaters and from 6690 to $12,600 \mathrm{Btu}$ for the electric water heaters.

The results, as given in the tables, are in all cases the average of a minimum of two test runs that agree within $\pm 2$ percent. For this reason the sample calculations, as shown in Appendices A through F , will not show the actual values as found in the tabulated results. In Appendix $G$ will be found an aid for the home owner in determining the required size heater and the approximate cost of operation for this heater.

# APPENDIX A: SAMPLE DATA SHEET AND CALCULATIONS FOR CAPACITY STUDIES FOR ONE-HOUR PERIOD (Table 2) 

Rate 5 gpm
Date: December 17, 1952

1. Inlet Water
2. Inlet Air
3. Outlet Air
4. Room
5. Top of Tank No. 8
6. Water Meter
7. Gas Meter
8. Gas Line Pressure
9. Gas Heater Pressure

Gas Water Heater "C"

Item 1. Actual tank capacity: Measured in laboratory- 52.9 gal
Item 2. Initial draw-water above 120 F (gal): Difference between second and first water meter reading, $16473.7-16421.4=52.3 \mathrm{gal}$
Item 3. Total water above 120 F delivered (gal): Difference between final and initial water meter reading, $16522.0-16421.4=100.6 \mathrm{gal}$
Item 4. Usable hot water (deg-gal): Sum of gallons delivered per withdrawal times average temperature of delivered water minus 120 F

Delivery- 52.3 gal
First withdrawal Average temperature of delivered water - 142.7 F
Degree-gallons - $52.3 \times(142.7-120)=1187$
Delivery - 48.3 gal
Second withdrawal Average temperature of delivered water - 129.2 F
Degree-gallons - $48.3 \times(129.2-120)=444$
Usable hot water $=1187+444=1631$ deg-gal above 120 F
Item 5. Recovery efficiency: Ratio of heat utilized to heat input
Heat utilized $=8.333 \times$ sum of (gallons delivered per withdrawal times average temperature of delivered water minus inlet water temperature)
First withdrawal: $52.3 \times(142.7-56.7)=4497.8$
Second withdrawal: $48.3 \times(129.2-56.7)=3501.8$
Total: $7999 \times 8.333=66660$ Btu/test
Heat input: Higher heating value $\times$ gas consumption $\times$ correction factors $-971.9 \times 86.22 \times$ $0.958=80,280 \mathrm{Btu} /$ test
Correction for stored heat in water in tank due to difference in initial tank temperature and tank temperature after recovery $=0$ Btu due to zero temperature difference between tank temperature at start of test and tank temperatures at recovery
Recovery efficiency $=\frac{66660}{80280}=83.0 \%$

Item 6. Equivalent delivery for 90 F temperature rise (gal/hr):
Test delivery $\times \frac{\text { average temp rise }}{90}$
$100.6 \times \frac{79.5}{90}=88.9 \mathrm{gal}$
Item 7. Heat input per gallon of equivalent delivery (Btu/gal): Corrected heat input: 80,280 Btu/test
Equivalent delivery: 88.9 gal
Heat input per gallon of equivalent delivery $=\frac{80,280}{88.9}=903 \mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{gal}$
Electric Water Heater "L"
Rate 5 gpm
Date: March 27, 1953

1. Thermostat - Inside

Top off 152.3 F
Bottom off 150.0 F
Start $1 / 2 \mathrm{Hour} \quad 1 \mathrm{Hour}$ Recovery
2. Inlet Water
58.3 F
3. Inlet Air
74.4 F
4. Outlet Air
73.5 F
5. Room
75.5 F
6. Top of Tank No. 8
152.3 F
7. Water Meter
26188.7
26251.9
8. Electric Meter
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Top } & 651.70 \\ 656.11\end{array}$
Bottom
482.26
493.29
9. Clock Time

Top 1 hr 40 min
Bottom 5 hr 24 min
Item 1. Actual tank capacity: Measured in laboratory - 64.2 gal
Item 2. Initial draw-water above 120 F (gal): Difference between second and first water meter reading, $26251.9-26188.7=63.2$ gal
Item 3. Total water above 120 F delivered (gal): Difference between final and initial water meter reading, $26251.9-26188.7=63.2$ gal
Item 4. Usable hot water (deg-gal): Average temperature of delivered water minus $120 \mathrm{~F}=149.4-$ $120=29.4 \mathrm{~F}$
Usable hot water $=29.4 \times 63.2=1860$ deg gal above 120 F
Item 5. Recovery efficiency: Ratio of heat utilized to heat input
Heat utilized $=8.333 \times 63.2 \times(149.4-58.3)=48,000 \mathrm{Btu}$
Heat input $=$ Corrected power consumption $\times 3413$
$(15.44-0.17) \times 3413=15.27 \times 3413=52,100$
Correction for stored heat in $\operatorname{tank}=-447 \mathrm{Btu}$ due to 0.8 F temperature increase between tank temperature at start of test and tank temperature at recovery
Recovery efficiency $=\frac{48,000}{52,100-447}=92.8 \%$
Item 6. Equivalent delivery for 90 F temperature rise (gal/hr): $63.2 \times \frac{91.1}{90}=64.0 \mathrm{gal}$
Item 7. Heat input per gallon of equivalent delivery: $\frac{51,650}{64.0}=808 \mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{gal}$

## APPENDIX B: SAMPLE DATA SHEET AND CALCULATIONS FOR CAPACITY STUDIES FOR TWO-HOUR PERIOD (Table 3)

Rate 5 gpm
Date: December 29, 1952

|  | Start | 1/2 Hour | 1 Hour | 11/2 Hour | 2 Hour | Recovery |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Inlet Water | 56.1 F |  | 56.5 F |  | 56.3 |  |
| 2. Inlet Air | 74.4 F |  | 74.2 F |  |  |  |
| 3. Outlet Air | 71.5 F |  | 72.6 F |  |  |  |
| 4. Room | 74.3 F |  | 75.1 F |  |  |  |
| 5. Top of Tank No. 8 | 149.7 F |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. Water Meter | 17367.0 | 17419.2 | 17467.5 |  | 17517.0 |  |
| 7. Gas Meter | 1746.35 |  |  |  |  | 1877.38 |
| 8. Gas Line Pressure | 7.0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9. Gas Heater Pressure | 7.0 |  |  |  |  |  |

Item 1. Actual tank capacity: Measured in laboratory - 52.9 gal
Item 2. Initial draw-water above 120 F (gal): Difference between second and first water meter reading, $17419.2-17367.0=52.2$ gal
Item 3. Total water above 120 F delivered: Difference between final and initial water meter reading, $17517.0-17367.0=150.0 \mathrm{gal}$
Item 4. Usable hot water (deg-gal):
First withdrawal $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Delivery - } 52.2 \text { gal } \\ \text { Average temp of delivered water - } 146.2 \mathrm{~F} \\ \text { Degree-gallons - } 52.2(146.2-120)=1370\end{array}\right.$
(Delivery - 48.3 gal
Second withdrawal Average temp of delivered water - 127.6 F
Degree-gallons - $48.3(127.6-120)=370$
(Delivery - 49.5 gal
Third withdrawal Average temp of delivered water - 130.3 F
Degree-gallons - $49.5(130.3-120)=510$
Usable hot water $=1370+370+510=2250$ deg-gal above 120 F
Item 5. Recovery efficiency:
Heat utilized:
First withdrawal: $\quad 52.2(146.2-56.1)=4700$
Second withdrawal: $48.3(127.6-56.5)=3430$
Third withdrawal: $49.5(130.3-56.3)=3670$

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11, \overline{800} \times 8.333=98.300 \mathrm{Btu}
$$

Heat input: $131.03 \times 974.8 \times 0.958=122,400 \mathrm{Btu}$
Correction for stored heat in water in tank $=+1100$ due to 2.1 F temperature decrease between tank temperature at start of test and tank temperature at recovery
Recovery efficiency $=\frac{98,300}{122,400+1100}=79.6 \%$

Item 6. Equivalent delivery for 90 F temperature rise (gal/test): $150.0 \times \frac{78.7}{90}=131$ gal per test
Item 7. Heat input per gallon of equivalent delivery (Btu/gal): $\frac{122,400+1100}{131}=942 \mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{gal}$

## Electric Water Heater "L"

Rate 5 gpm
Date: August 5, 1953

1. Thermostat - Inside

Top off
Bottom off
2. Inlet Water
3. Inlet Air
4. Outlet Air
5. Room
6. Top of Tank No. 8
7. Water Meter
8. Electric Meter

Top
Bottom
9. Clock Time

Top $\quad 2 \mathrm{hr} 57 \mathrm{~min}$
Bottom
66.1 F
75.7 F
75.2 F
150.0 F
29502.8
235.59
896.11

$$
150.3 \mathrm{~F}
$$

$$
150.0 \mathrm{~F}
$$

$$
\text { Start } \quad 1 / 2 \text { Hour } \quad 1 \text { Hour } \quad 11 / 2 \text { Hour } 2 \text { Hour Recovery }
$$

29566.4 29591.2
243.35
908.40

Item 1. Actual tank capacity: Measured in laboratory - 64.2 gal
Item 2. Initial draw-water above 120 F (gal): Difference between second and first water meter reading, $29566.4-29502.8=63.6$ gal
Item 3. Total water above 120 F delivered (gal): Difference between final and initial water meter reading, $29591.2-29502.8=88.4$ gal
Item 4. Usable hot water (deg-gal):
First withdrawal $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Delivery - } 63.6 \text { gal } \\ \text { Average temperature of delivered water - } 147.6 \\ \text { Degree-gallons - } 63.6(147.6-120)=1760\end{array}\right.$
(Delivery - 24.8 gal
Second withdrawal Average temperature of delivered water - 139.0
Degree-gallons - $24.8(139.0-120)=470$
Usable hot water $=1760+470=2230$ deg-gal above 120 F
Item 5. Recovery efficiency:
Heat utilized:
First withdrawal: $\quad 63.6 \times(147.6-58.3)=5680$
Second withdrawal: $24.8 \times(139.0-57.1)=\underline{2030}$ $\overline{7710} \times 8.333=64,200$
Heat input: $(20.05-0.21) \times 3413=67,700$
Correction for stored heat in $\operatorname{tank}=+670$ due to 1.2 F decrease between tank temperature at start of test and tank temperature at recovery
Recovery efficiency $=\frac{64,200}{67,700+670}=94.0 \%$
Item 6. Equivalent delivery: $88.4 \times \frac{87.2}{90.0}=85.7 \mathrm{gal}$
Item 7. Heat input per gallon of equivalent delivery: $\frac{67,700+670}{85.7}=798 \mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{gal}$

# APPENDIX C: SAMPLE DATA SHEETS AND CALCULATIONS FOR DAILY USAGE STUDIES (Table 5) 



Item 3 (Cont.)
Heat input while tank is on stand-by: ( 7.5 hr from recorder) $=7.5$ hours $\times 1150 \mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{hr}=+8630 \mathrm{Btu}$
Total heat input $=143,150-2670+8630=149,100$
Corrected for 90 F temperature rise $=149,100 \times \frac{90}{105}=127,900 \mathrm{Btu} /$ day $(105 \mathrm{~F}$ is average temperature rise between inlet and withdrawal water temperature)
Item 4. Service efficiency by test: Ratio of heat to water for daily consumption compared to heat input in 24-hr day
Heat to water $=8.333 \times 109 \times 90=81,700 \mathrm{Btu} /$ day
Heat input - from Item $3=127,900$ Btu/day
Service efficiency $=\frac{81,700}{127,900} \times 100=63.9 \%$
Item 5. Degree-gallons delivered: $90 \times 109=9810$ deg-gal
Item 6. Btu input per degree-gallon delivered: $\frac{\text { Item } 3}{\text { Item } 5}=\frac{127,900}{9810}=13.0$ Btu per deg-gal

> Electric Water Heater "L"
> Schedule " $A$ "

Rate 5 gpm
Date: April 2, 1953
Total Daily: 160

Time of Day
6:30 a.m.
7:30
8:00
9:00
10:00
11:00
12:00 noon 1:00 p.m. 5:00 6:00 7:30 10:30

1. Thermostat

Top off
Bottom off
2. Inlet Water
3. Room
4. Top of Tank
5. Inlet Air
6. Outlet Air
7. Water Meter Reading
8. Electric Meter Reading

Top 679.90-688.98
Bottom
9. Clock Time

Top $\quad 3 \mathrm{hr} 26 \mathrm{~min}$
Bottom
150.3 F
150.9 F
58.7 F
76.1 F
150.9 F
76.1 F
76.1 F
26795.9-26955.9
600.12-629.46 17 hr 48 min

Withdrawal " $A$ "
\% gal
$5 \quad 8.0$
$17 \quad 27.2$
$14 \quad 22.4$
$13 \quad 20.8$
$4 \quad 6.4$
$4 \quad 6.4$
$7 \quad 11.2$
$3 \quad 4.8$
$4 \quad 6.4$
$5 \quad 8.0$
$\frac{13}{100 \%} \quad$ Total $\frac{20.8}{160.0}$

Item 1. Daily usage rate (gal/day): 160 gal per day
Item 2. Actual delivery (gal/day): 160 gal per day
Item 3. Heat input (Btu/day):
Heat input from start of test until recovery after final draw-off:
$=$ corrected meter reading $\times 3413=(38.42-0.42) \times 3413=129,680$ Btu $/$ day
Correction for stored heat in tank $=-670 \mathrm{Btu} /$ day due to 1.2 F temperature increase between tank temperature at start of test and tank temperature at recovery
Heat input while tank is on stand-by $=5.33 \mathrm{hr} \times 29.5 \mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{hr}=1570 \mathrm{Btu} /$ day
Total heat input $=129,680-670+1570=130,580$ Btu $/$ day
Corrected for 90 F temperature rise $=130,580 \times \frac{90}{92.3}=127,300 \mathrm{Btu} /$ day $(92.3 \mathrm{~F}$ is average temperature rise between inlet and withdrawal water temperature)
Item 4. Service efficiency by test: as above
Heat to water $=8.333 \times 160 \times 90=120,000 \mathrm{Btu} /$ day
Heat input - from Item $3=127,300 \mathrm{Btu} /$ day
Service efficiency $=\frac{120,000}{127,300}=94.2 \%$
Item 5. Degree-gallons delivered: $90 \times 160=14,400$ deg-gal
Item 6. Btu input per degree-gallon: $\frac{\text { Item } 3}{\text { Item } 5}=\frac{127,300}{14,400}=8.85$ Btu per deg-gal

## APPENDIX D: SAMPLE DATA SHEETS AND CALCULATIONS FOR DAILY USAGE STUDIES (Table 6)

See data sheet for the gas water heater given in Appendix C.

Gas Water Heater "C"

Schedule " $B$ "
109 gal per day
Item 1. Actual capacity (gal): Measured in laboratory - 52.9 gal
Item 2. Average output (Btu/day): $8.333 \times 90 \times 109=81,700 \mathrm{Btu} /$ day
Item 3. Heat input (Btu/day): Same as Item 3, Appendix C=127,900 Btu/day
Item 4. Service efficiency by test: Same as Item 4, Appendix C=63.9\%
Item 5. Degree-gallons delivered: Same as Item 5, Appendix $\mathrm{C}=9810 \mathrm{deg}$-gal
Item 6. Btu input per degree-gallon delivered: Same as Item 6, Appendix $\mathrm{C}=13.0$ Btu per deg-gal
Sample calculations for the electric water heater are similar to those in Appendix C, Table 5

## APPENDIX E: SAMPLE DATA SHEET AND CALCULATIONS FOR AUTOMATIC CLOTHES WASHING MACHINE STUDIES (Table 8)

## Rate 5 gpm

Date: December 24, 1952

Cycle 1
Draw-

| Time | Draw- <br> Off |  |  | Time |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0-5$ | $8: 10$ | 0 | $0-5$ | $8: 55$ | 0 |
| $0-15$ | Off |  |  |  |  |


| Time |  | Draw- <br> Off |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0-5$ | $9: 40$ | 0 |
| $5-15$ | $9: 45$ | 4.00 |
| $15-27$ | $9: 55$ | 8.00 |
| $27-28$ | $10: 07$ | 2.50 |
| $28-35$ | $10: 08$ | 4.00 |
| $35-41$ | $10: 15$ | 4.00 |
| $41-45$ | $10: 21$ | 0 |

Cycle 3

Cycle 4

## Draw-

| Time |  | Off |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0-5$ | $10: 25$ | 0 |
| $5-15$ | $10: 30$ | 4.00 |
| $15-27$ | $10: 40$ | 8.00 |
| $27-28$ | $10: 52$ | 2.50 |
| $25-35$ | $10: 53$ | 4.00 |
| $35-41$ | $11: 00$ | 4.00 |
| $41-45$ | $11: 06$ | 0 |

1. Thermostat

On
Off
2. Inlet Water
3. Room
4. Top of Tank No. 8
5. Inlet Air
6. Outlet Air
7. Water Meter Reading
8. Gas Meter Reading
9. Gas Line Pressure
10. Gas Heater Pressure

Gas Water Heater "C"

Item 1. Actual tank capacity (gal): Measured in laboratory - 52.9 gal
Item 2. Inlet water temperature (deg F): As recorded on temperature recorder - 56.9 F
Item 3. Wash water temperature (deg F): As recorded on temperature recorder:
Cycle $1=154.6 \mathrm{~F}$; Cycle $2=165.3 \mathrm{~F}$; Cycle $3=171.9 \mathrm{~F}$; Cycle $4=174.3 \mathrm{~F}$
Item 4. Input per test (Btu): Differential gas meter reading $\times$ correction factor $\times$ higher heating Value stored heat corrections $=(1403.37-1292.75) \times 0.963 \times 974.8=103,800$ Btu $/$ test
Correction for stored heat in $\operatorname{tank}=-3300 \mathrm{Btu} /$ test due to 6.1 F temperature increase between tank temperature at start of test and tank temperature at recovery
Heat input $=100,500 \mathrm{Btu} /$ test
Item 5. Input per cycle (Btu): $\frac{\text { Item } 4}{\text { Number of Complete Cycles }}=\frac{100,500}{4}=25,100$ Btu per cycle

## Electric Water Heater "L"

Rate 5 gpm
Date: March 30, 1953

Cycle 1

| Time |  | Draw- <br> Off | Time |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0-5$ | $11: 50$ | 0 | $0-5$ |
| $5-15$ | $11: 55$ | 4.00 | $5-15$ |
| $15-27$ | $12: 05$ | 8.00 | $15-27$ |
| $27-28$ | $12: 17$ | 2.50 | $27-28$ |
| $28-35$ | $12: 18$ | 4.00 | $28-35$ |
| $35-41$ | $12: 25$ | 4.00 | $35-41$ |
| $41-45$ | $12: 31$ | 0 | $41-45$ |

Cycle 2

1. Inlet Water
2. Room
3. Top of Tank No. 8
4. Inlet Air
5. Outlet Air
6. Water Meter Reading
7. Electric Meter Reading Top Bottom
8. Clock Time

Top
Bottom
149.1 F

1 hr 48 min
6 hr 37 min

Cycle 3
Draw-

Cycle 4
Draw-
Draw-

## Time

$0-5 \quad 1: 20 \quad 0$
$\begin{array}{lll}5-15 & 1: 25 & 4.00\end{array}$
15-27 1:35 8.00 27-28
28-35
$\begin{array}{lll}35-41 & 1: 55 & 4.00 \\ 4.00\end{array}$
41-45 2:01

$$
56.7 \mathrm{~F}
$$

74.3 F
65.5 F
74.3 F
26377.2-26460.0

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659.45-664.23
$$

524.23-537.75

Item 1. Actual tank capacity (gal): Measured in laboratory - 64.2 gal
Item 2. Inlet water temperature $(\operatorname{deg} \mathrm{F}):$ As recorded on temperature recorder - 56.7 F
Item 3. Wash water temperature ( $\operatorname{deg} \mathrm{F}$ ): As recorded on temperature recorder:
Cycle $1=148.4 \mathrm{~F}$; Cycle $2=148.0 \mathrm{~F}$; Cycle $3=146.4 \mathrm{~F}$; Cycle $4=125.3 \mathrm{~F}$
Item 4. Input per test (Btu): Corrected power consumption $\times 3413-$ stored heat correction $=(18.30-0.20) 3413=61,800$ Btu per test
Correction for stored heat in tank $=-1400 \mathrm{Btu} /$ test due to 2.5 F temperature increase between tank temperature at start of test and tank temperature at recovery
Heat input $=60,400 \mathrm{Btu} /$ test
Item 5. Input per cycle (Btu): $\frac{\text { Item } 4}{\text { Number of Complete Cycles }}=\frac{60,400}{4}=15,100$ Btu per cycle

## APPENDIX F: SAMPLE DATA SHEETS AND CALCULATIONS FOR STAND-BY STUDIES (Table 9)

Date: January 3-4-5, 1953

1. Gas Meter Reading
2. Gas Meter Temp
3. Gas Line Pressure
4. Gas Heater Pressure
5. Water Meter Reading
6. Readings on $\mathrm{K}_{2}$ Potentiometer
7. Thermostat
8. Top of Tank No. 8
9. Room

Gas Water Heater "C"

Date: Jay

| Start | 24 Hour | 48 Hour | 55 Hour |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8:00 a.m. | 8:00 a.m. | 8:00 a.m. | $3: 00 \mathrm{p.m}$ |
| 2651.08 | 2675.80 | 2708.40 | 2718.62 |
| 75 F | 74.8 F | 75 F | 74.6 F |
| 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 |
| 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 |

18103.0
18103.0
18103.0
18103.0

Item 1. Actual tank capacity: Measured in laboratory - 52.9 gal
Item 2. Stand-by loss (Btu/24-hr day)
Gas consumption: $\quad 67.54 \mathrm{ft}^{3}$
Elapsed time: $\quad 55.0 \mathrm{hr}$
Gas consumption: $\frac{67.54}{55.0} \times 24.0=29.47 \mathrm{ft}^{3} /$ day
Gas consumption: $29.47 \times \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{f}}=28.06 \mathrm{Std} \mathrm{ft}^{3} /$ day
H.H.V. fuel (saturated): $984.7 \mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{ft}^{3}$

Heat input: $28.06 \times 984.7=27,600 \mathrm{Btu} /$ day
Item 3. Stand-by loss (\%/hr)

$$
S=\frac{H}{8.333 \times \Delta t \times V \times L} \times 100
$$

$H=$ heat input, Btu/day: 27,600 (Item 2)
$\Delta t=$ temperature difference between room and hot water stored
Average tank water temperature read from recorder: 144.3 F
Average room temperature read from recorder: $\quad 75.0 \mathrm{~F}$

$$
\Delta t=69.3 \mathrm{~F}
$$

$V=$ capacity of storage vessel: 52.9 gal (Item 1)
$L=$ duration of stand-by period: 24 hr

$$
S=\frac{27,600}{8.333 \times 69.3 \times 52.9 \times 24} \times 100=3.77 \%
$$

Date: April 11-13, 1953
Electric Water Heater "L"

|  |  |  | Recovery |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Start | 24 Hour | 48 Hour | 57.6 Hour |
| 7:50 a.m. | 7:50 a.m. | 7:50 a.m. | 5:26 p.m. |

1. Electric Meter Reading
Top
Bottom
724.38
802.48
724.38
724.38
724.38
804.23
806.52
807.60
2. Clock Time

Top
Bottom
0:0 0:0
$\begin{array}{llll}0: 0 & 0: 51 & 1: 59 & 2: 30\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{llll}0: 0 & 0: 51 & 1: 59 & 2: 30\end{array}$
0:0
$\begin{array}{llll}27810.0 & 27810.0 & 27810.0 & 27810.0\end{array}$
3. Water Meter Reading
4. Readings on $\mathrm{K}_{2}$

1. Thermostat - Inside

Top
Bottom
2. Top of Tank No. 8
3. Room

| 149.2 F | 146.7 F |
| ---: | ---: |
| 148.7 F | 146.3 F |
| 149.2 F | 146.5 F |
| 76.4 F | 76.6 F |

147.2 F
148.4 F
.
Item 1. Actual tank capacity: Measured in laboratory - 64.2 gal
Item 2. Stand-by loss (Btu/24 hr day)
Corrected power consumption: 5.06 Kw Hr
Elapsed time: 57.6 hr
Heat input: $\frac{5.06}{57.6} \times 24 \times 3413=7200 \mathrm{Btu} /$ day
Item 3. Stand-by loss (\%/hr)

$$
S=\frac{H}{8.333 \times \Delta t \times V \times L} \times 100
$$

$H=$ heat input, Btu/day: 7200 (Item 2)
$\Delta t=$ temperature difference between room and hot water stored as determined for gas water heaters: $\Delta t=68.4 \mathrm{~F}$
$V=$ capacity of stored vessel: 64.2 gal (Item 1)
$L=$ duration of stand-by period: 24 hr

$$
S=\frac{7200}{8.333 \times 68.4 \times 64.2 \times 24} \times 100=0.82 \%
$$

## APPENDIX G: SELECTION OF HOT WATER HEATERS

In selecting a water heater for a given home and family, a number of factors should be taken into consideration. For the purpose of this study it is assumed that both sources of energy (gas and electricity) are readily available, that material used in the tank meets water conditions in the locale, that adequate space and ventilating facilities are available and that the initial costs of the heaters, including installation, are competitive.

There then remains the amount of hot water required and the cost to heat the water to the required temperature.

One must know the following in order to determine the total water required:

1. Number of consecutive automatic clothes washer cycles expected.
2. Maximum daily consumption expected on most critical day (wash day) based on following quantities of hot water reportedly required:

| Tub bath | 15 gal |
| :--- | :---: |
| Shower | $3 \mathrm{gal} / \mathrm{min}$ |
| Dishwasher (automatic) | $7 \mathrm{gal} / \mathrm{load}$ |
| Dishwashing (hand) | $3 \mathrm{gal} / \mathrm{meal}$ |
| Personal toilet | $2 \mathrm{gal} / \mathrm{person} /$ day |
| Washing machines, conventional type | $17.5 \mathrm{gal} / \mathrm{load}$ |
| Washing machines, automatic cycle type | $20.7 \mathrm{gal} / \mathrm{load}$ |

Assuming the maximum clothes washing required would be three consecutive loads, the Heaters A and G would automatically be out. Heaters H and J would do, but would not be too satisfactory (see Table 8). Then determine required additional hot water based on above table. Let us assume:

| 2 Tub baths | 30 gal |
| :--- | :---: |
| 1 Shower, 5 minutes | 15 gal |
| 2 Automatic dishwasher loads | 14 gal |
| Personal toilet | 8 gal |
| 3 Automatic clothes washer loads | 62.1 gal |
| TOTAL | $129.1 \mathrm{gal} /$ day |

From this total requirement one could eliminate Heaters A, G, H, and J. Any of the other heaters should be satisfactory and supply enough hot water to satisfy the above demands (Tables 5 and 6 ).

In order to estimate the monthly operating cost using gas or electricity, it is necessary to estimate in a similar manner the average daily hot water requirement. Such an average could probably best be obtained by prorating over a 7 -day period the number of gallons of water used for clothes washing on the laundry day or days and adding this figure to the normal daily hot water requirements for personal and household uses. Using this resultant average gallons per day figure and knowing the gas rate in cents per therm ( $100,000 \mathrm{Btu}$ ) and the electric rate in cents per kilowatt hour (3413 Btu) Figures E and F of the abstract can be used to obtain the monthly gas and electric costs.

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