

## **BOILER SELECTION**

**Basic Terminology**  
**Definition**  
**Classifications**  
**Boiler Types**

## BASIC TERMINOLOGY

British Thermal Unit (BTU)

### WHAT IS A BTU?

**A BTU is the amount heat energy needed to raise 1 lbs. of water 1° F**

## BASIC TERMINOLOGY

### **Pounds Per Square Inch (PSI)**

#### **WHAT IS PSI?**

**A measurement of pressure.**

**Boiler pressure is measured in  
PSI.**

## BASIC TERMINOLOGY

**Input (MBH or CFH)**

### **WHAT IS BOILER INPUT?**

**It is the gross amount of heat energy (btu's) being used by the boiler measured in MBH, CFH or GPH.**

**1 MBH = 1,000 btu./hr.**

**Natural Gas = 1,000 Btu / cu. ft.**

**LP Gas = 2,570 Btu / cu. ft.**

**#2 Fuel Oil = 140,000 Btu/gallon**

## BASIC TERMINOLOGY

### Boiler Horsepower (BHP)

#### WHAT IS BOILER HORSEPOWER?

**Boiler Horsepower (BHP) is a measure of a boiler's capacity.**

**1 BHP = 33,472 btu./hr.**

**1 BHP = 34.5 #/hr. of steam (from & @ 212° F)**

**1 BHP = 9.8 KW**

**1 BHP = 139.5 sq. ft. E.D.R (Steam)**

# Definition

## WHAT IS A BOILER?

**Boiler = energy converter / heat exchanger.**

**Converting energy from one form (Fuel – NG, LP, oil, electricity, bio-mass, etc.) to another form (steam or hot water).**

**OAC 4101:4-1-01 Definitions – “boiler” means a closed vessel in which water is heated, steam is generated, steam is superheated or any combination thereof, under pressure or vacuum for use externally to itself by the direct application of heat from the combustion of fuels or from electricity or nuclear energy.**

# Classifications

## **BOILER CLASSIFICATIONS**

### **Low Pressure:**

**Steam: Up to 15 PSIG & 250° F Design.**

**Hot Water: Up to 160 PSIG & 250° F  
Design.**

**ASME Code Section IV (Heating Boilers).**

### **High Pressure:**

**Anything greater than the design  
conditions listed above.**

**ASME Code Section I (Power Boilers)**

# Boiler Types

## **Steel Boilers**

**Firetube Design – combustion gases on the inside of the tubes with water surrounding the outside of the tubes.**

**Water tube Design – water is inside the tubes and combustion gases pass around the outside of the tubes.**

## **Cast Iron Sectional**

## **Electric**

**Condensing – hot water only, available in both firetube and water tube configurations**



# Boiler Types

## Firetube Boilers

### Scotch Marine

335 – 73,645 MBH (10 – 2200 BHP) or 345 PPH  
– 75,900 PPH

Steam DP# - 15, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, & 400  
PSIG

Water DP# - 30 to 100 PSIG at 250° F

Wetback – Dryback construction

Multi-pass designs.

### Firebox

248 – 27,215 MBH (7.4 – 813 BHP) or 255 PPH  
– 28,000 PPH

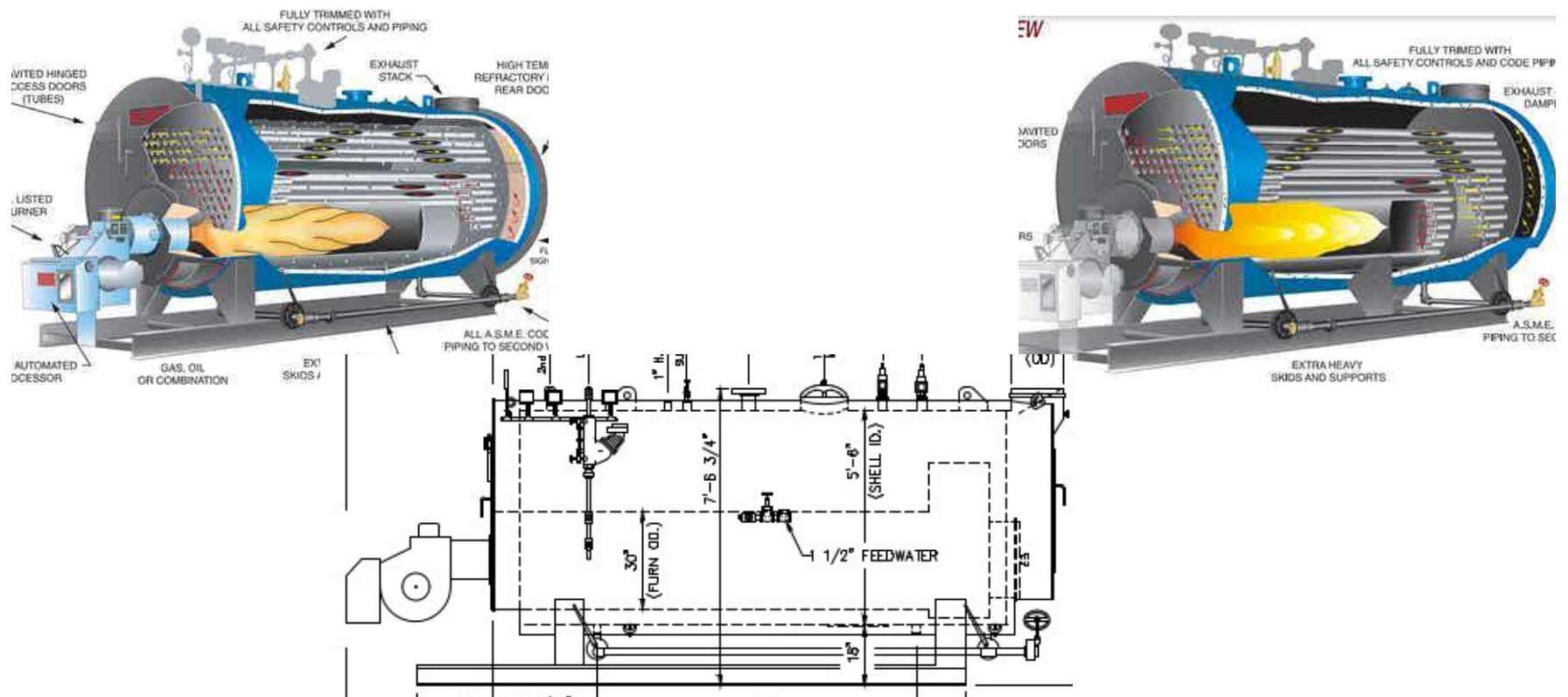
Steam DP# - 15 PSIG

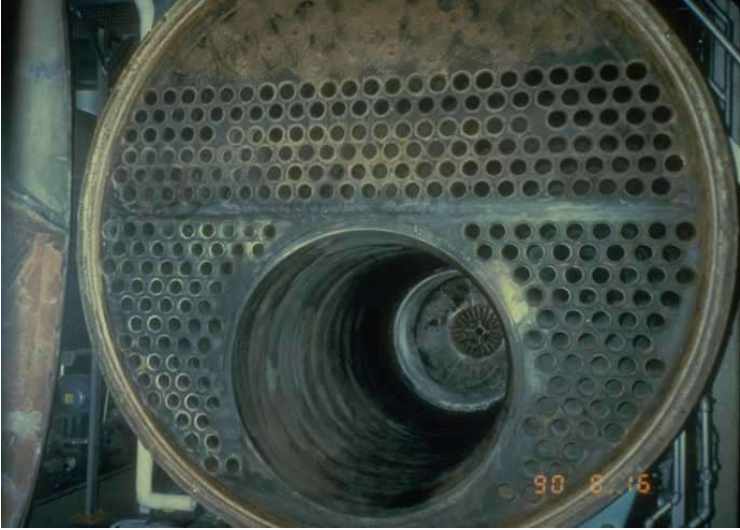
Water DP# - 30, 60, & 100 PSIG at 250° F

Wetback 3 – pass construction.

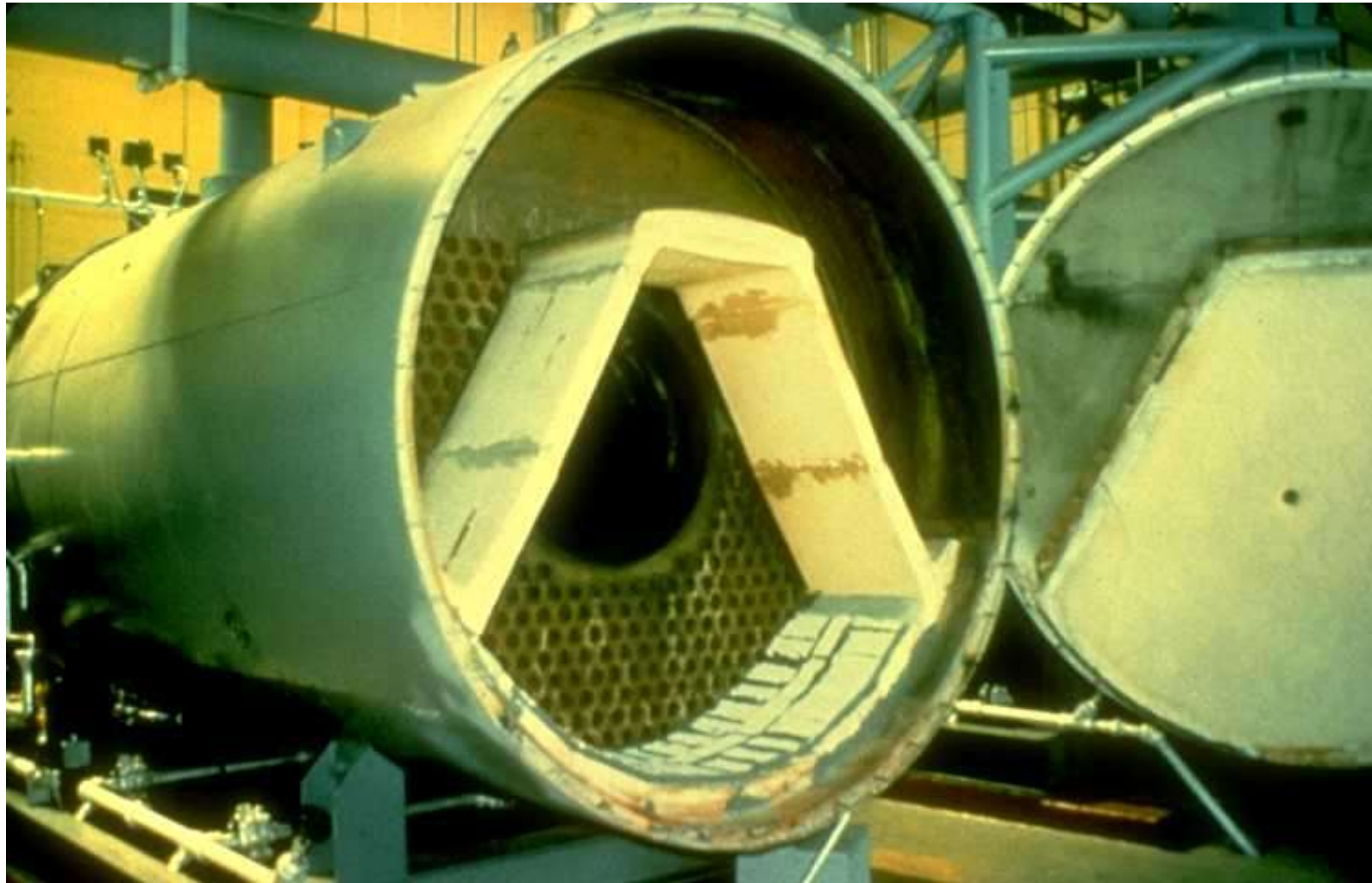
# Boiler Types

## Firetube Scotch Marine Hot Water & Steam Boilers









## Firetube Advantages

- **High Quality Steam**
- **Longevity**
- **Large storage volumes**
- **Multiple fuel options**
- **Replaceable Tubes (inexpensive)**
- **Decent efficiency especially when packaged with flue gas economizer**

## Firetube Disadvantages

- Operating weight
- Footprint
- Space required for tube removal and cleaning
- Thermal shock potential
- Refractory maintenance cost (dryback designs)
- Inability to respond quickly to load changes
- Long time to steaming
- Water treatment required

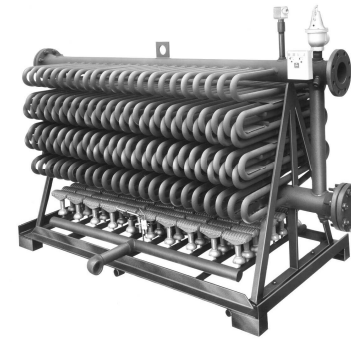
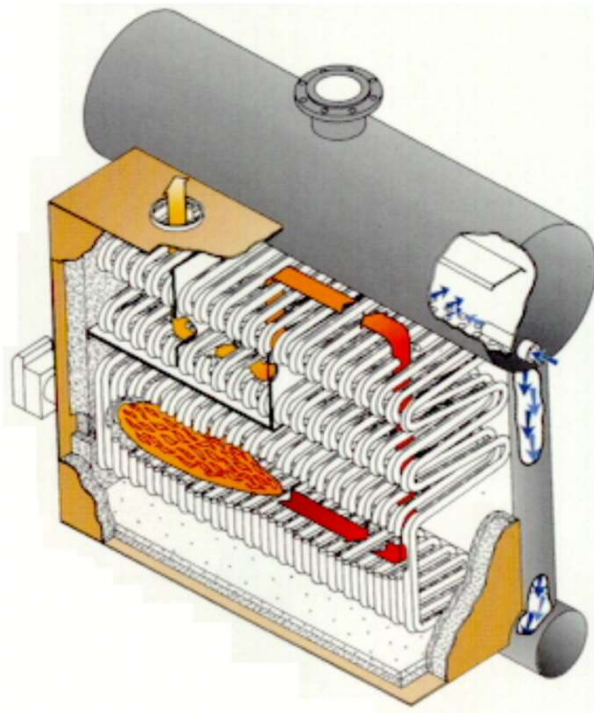
# Water Tube (Steel) Hot Water & Steam Boilers



Commercial (Flextube)  
Industrial (IWT)

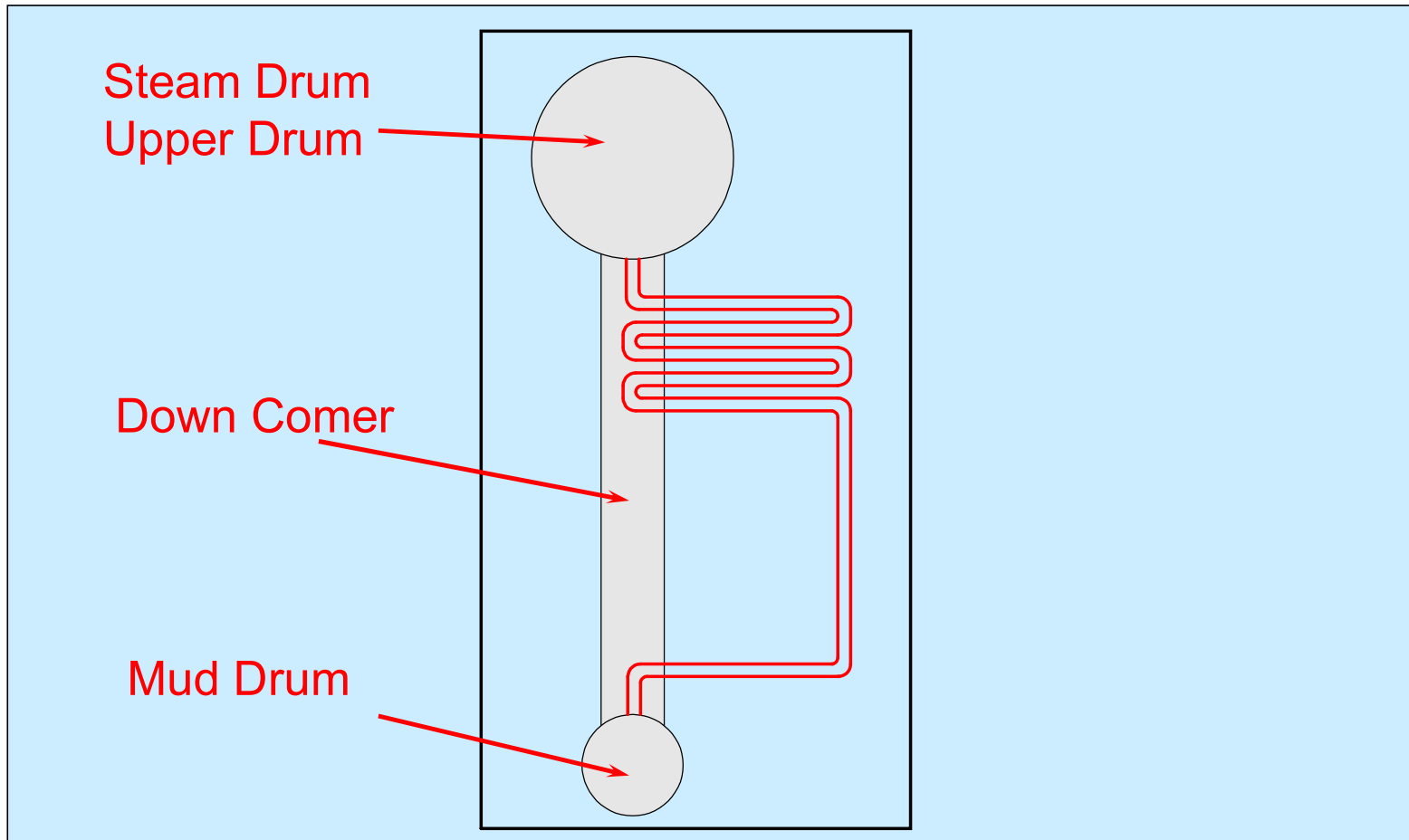


# Flex Tube (Bent Tube) Hot Water & Steam Boilers



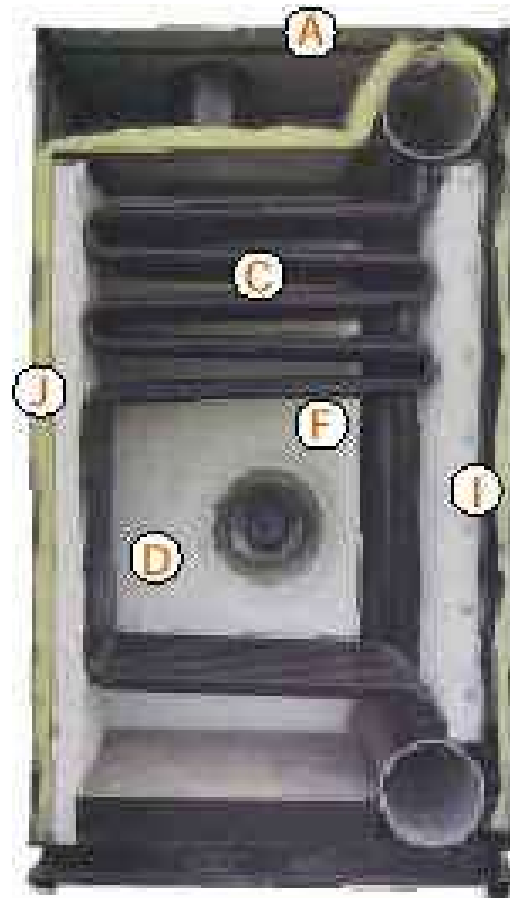


# Water Tube Boiler



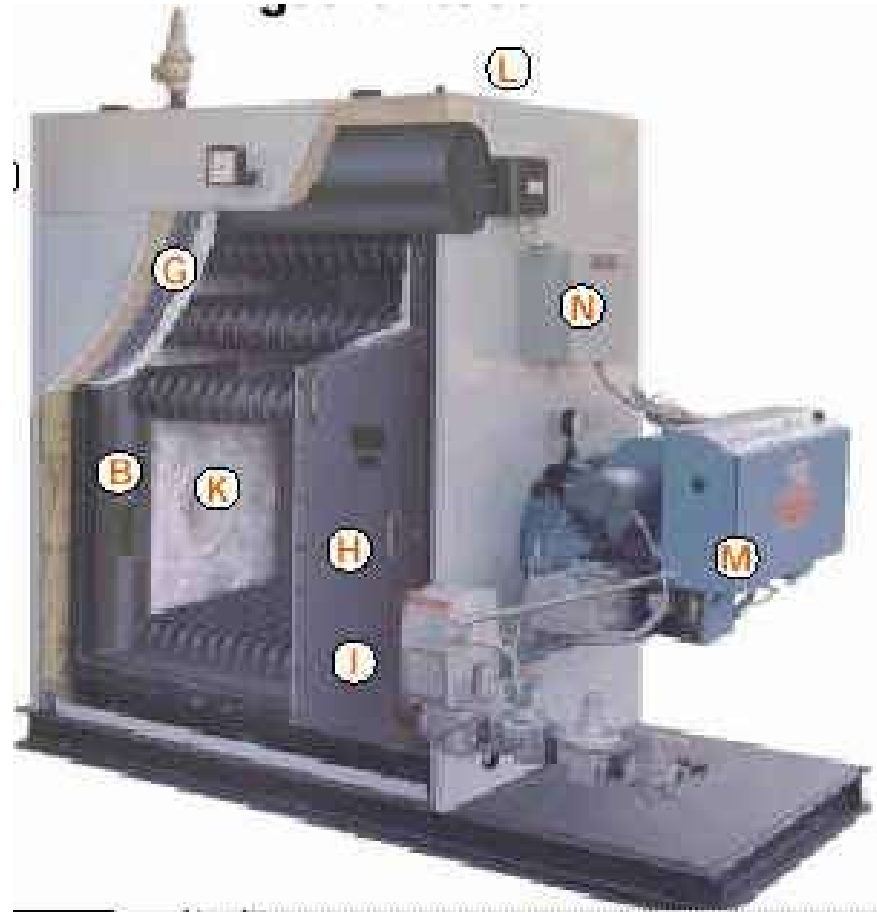
# Steel Watertube Boilers

Bent Watertube



## Steel Watertube Boilers

### Bent Watertube



## Steel Watertube Boilers Commercial

### **Commercial:**

**Gross outputs from 70,000 to 21,000,000 BTUH.**

**Design pressure/temperature:**

**Steam: 15 PSIG or 150 PSIG is standard.**

**Water: Up to 160 PSIG at 250° F is standard.**

# Watertube Advantages

- Initial cost - Operating weight - Longevity - Large furnaces
- Factory packaged or field erected
- Gas, and oil firing
- Footprint
- Bent (flex) tube resistive to thermal shock
- Tube replacement is mechanical – no welding (some designs)
- Low water volume
- Reacts quickly to load swings

# Watertube Disadvantages

- Poor steam quality
- Limited capacity and pressures
- Water side pressure drop on some types
- If refractory is used, high maintenance cost
- Commercial construction

# Industrial Water Tube Boilers



# Steel Watertube Boilers Industrial



## **Gross outputs:**

**10,000 to 500,000 PPH packaged  
(modular) boilers**

## **Design pressure/temperature:**

**Steam: up to 2000 PSIG, Superheated  
1000° F.**

**Water/thermal fluid**

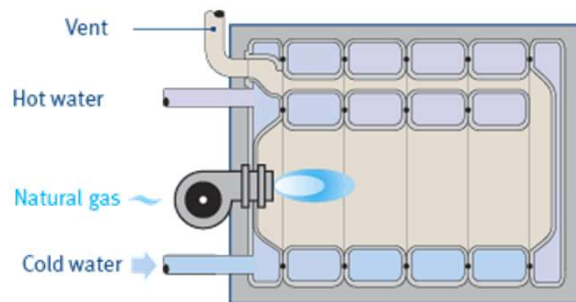
**Waste Heat (HRSG)**

**High Temperature Hot Water**

**“A” “O” & “D” Types**



# CAST-IRON Sectional Hot Water & L.P. Steam Boilers



# Cast Iron Section

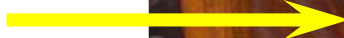
Flue Collector



Water



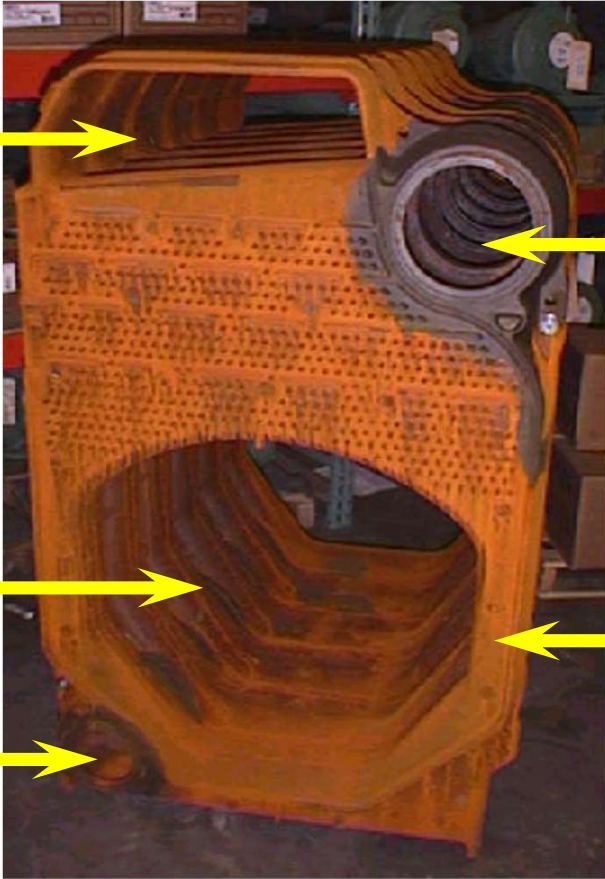
Furnace



Water wall surrounds combustion chamber



Water





Section Draw Rod

Furnace Side Smoke Seal

Sections can be added or deleted as size requirements change.



## Cast Iron Disadvantages

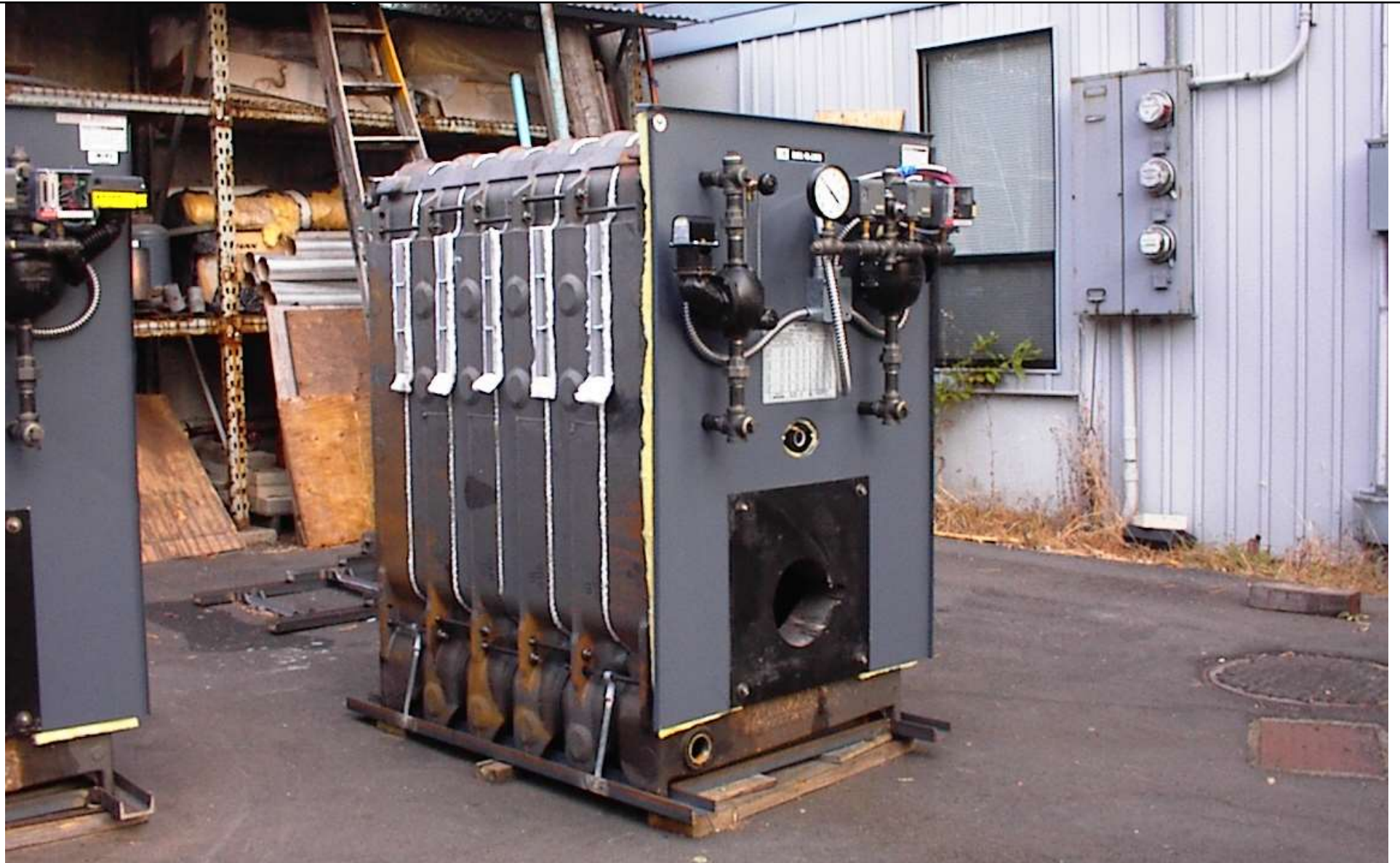
Operating weight.

Low design/operating pressures only.  
(ASME section IV only)

Closed loop applications only.  
(not recommended for process  
applications)

Susceptible to scale





# Electric Boilers Hot Water & Steam



# Electric Resistance Boilers



## Voltages:

- 208-240 V
- 460/480 V
- 600 V



Steam or  
Hot Water

## Capacities:

15 – 3,600 KW

99% Efficiency

51 – 12,283 MBH





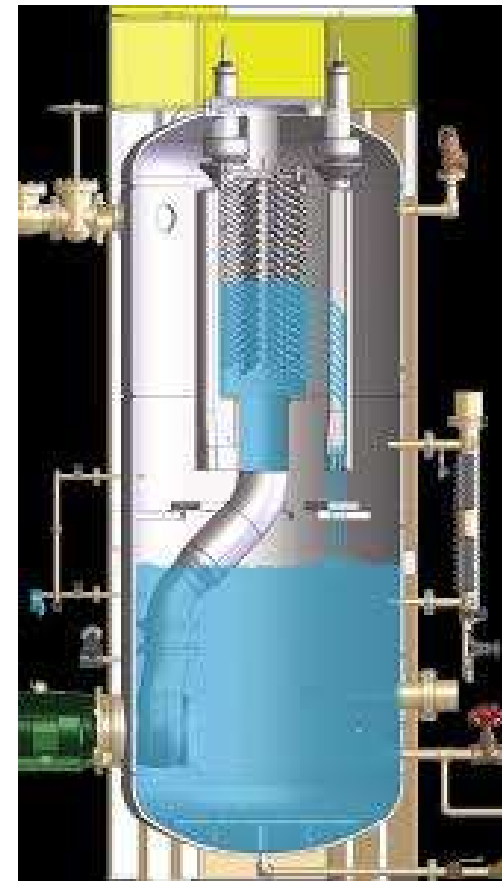
## High Voltage (Jet) Electrode Steam & Hot Water Boilers

Voltages:

- 4160 Volts
- 6.9 KV
- 13.8 KV

Capacities:

800 – 50,000 KW



# Electric Boilers

## Advantages:

Responds well to load swings

High steam quality

Very little to no damage in low water conditions (jet design)

Thermal shock is not an issue

Footprint

No Flue – no exhaust emissions

High steam pressure designs (900 PSIG)

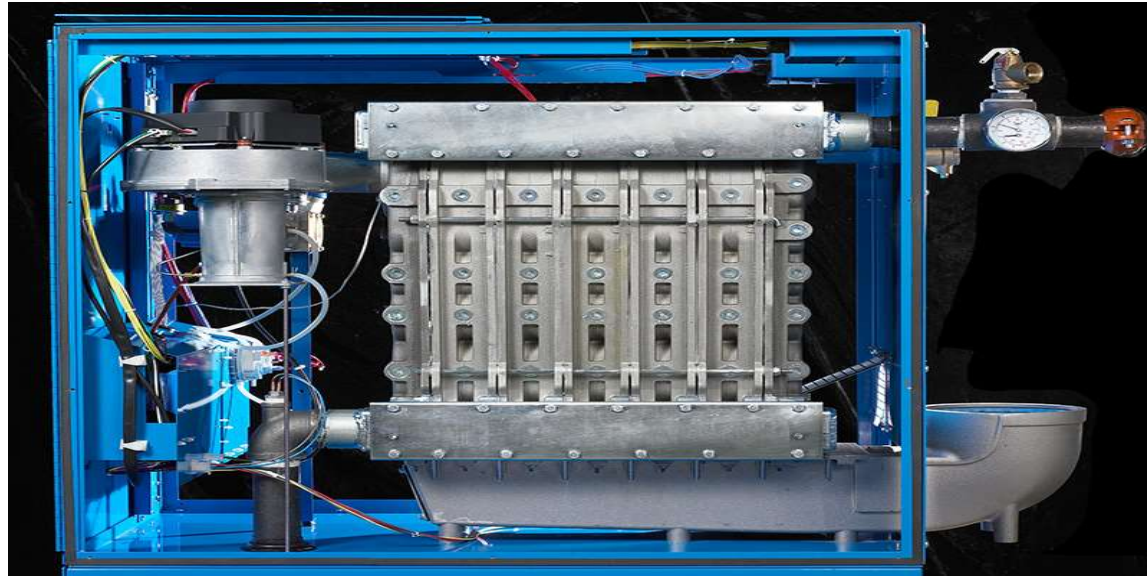
## Disadvantages:

High cost of electricity

Amp service of the building

## COPPER WATER TUBE BOILER





CAST ALUMINUM  
FULL CONDENSING

# Condensing Firetube Boiler



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# What Level is Considered High Efficiency

**Base Efficiency: 80 - 83%**

**Mid Efficiency: 84 - 85%**

**High Efficiency: 86% and up (condensing)**

**Condensing - operate at low water temperatures in order to achieve 90%+ efficiency.**

# OHIO SPECIAL LAW

Applies only to steam boilers (low & high pressure)

First introduced in 1900, enacted into law in 1904

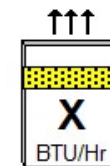
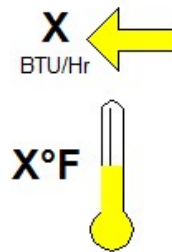
OAC 4101:4-10-01 Licensure and Attendance

Requirements of Operators - states no person shall operate a LP steam boiler or a power steam boiler that has more than 360 sq. ft. of heating surface or a steam engine at more that 30 horsepower unless the person holds the required license or is working under the direct supervision of a person holding the required license.



## What is the Boiler Trying to do?

- Tries to match Boiler Input with BTU Heat Loss.
- Input BTUs into a system at the same rate they are being lost.



BOILER



# Condensing Boiler Sizing

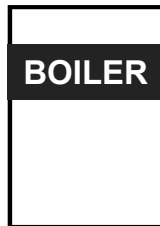
BOILER RATINGS	SC-650 SCD-650	SC-750 SCD-750	SC-850 SCD-850	SC-1000 SCD-1000	SC-1500	SC-2000	SC-3000	SC-4000
EFFICIENCY	94%	94%	94%	92%	96%	96%	96%	96%
MAX BTU/HR INPUT	650,000	750,000	850,000	1,000,000	1,500,000	2,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
MAX KW INPUT	191	220	249	293	439	586	879	1,172
MAX BTU/HR OUTPUT	611,650	705,750	799,850	923,000	1,440,000	1,920,000	2,880,000	3,840,000
MAX KW OUTPUT	179	207	234	271	422	562	844	1125
MIN FLOW @ IGNITION	25	25	30	30	48	48	72	96
MIN FLOW @ IGNITION (LITRES/SEC)	1.58	1.58	1.9	1.9	3.03	3.03	4.54	6.06
MIN BTU/HR INPUT	125,000	125,000	141,000	143,000	300,000	400,000	600,000	800,000
MIN KW INPUT	37	37	41	42	88	117	176	234
MIN BTU/HR OUTPUT	122,300	117,600	133,300	131,850	288,000	384,000	576,000	768,000
MIN KW OUTPUT	36	34.5	40	39	85	113	169	225
INDOOR/OUTDOOR	Indoor	Indoor	Indoor	Indoor	Indoor	Indoor	Indoor	Indoor
TURNDOWN	5:1	6:1	6:1	7:1	5:1	5:1	5:1	5:1
<b>FUEL</b> NG=NATURAL GAS, LP=PROPANE, DF=DUALFUEL	NG LP DF	NG LP DF	NG LP DF	NG LP DF	NG LP DF	NG LP DF	NG LP DF	NG LP DF
DIMENSIONS	SC-650 SCD-650	SC-750 SCD-750	SC-850 SCD-850	SC-1000 SCD-1000	SC-1500	SC-2000	SC-3000	SC-4000
DEPTH (IN / MM)	54 / 1372	54 / 1372	54 / 1372	54 / 1372	65 / 1651	66 / 1674	66 / 1674	66 / 1674
WIDTH (IN / MM)	25 / 641	25 / 641	25 / 641	25 / 641	31 / 787	32 / 808	32 / 808	32 / 808
HEIGHT (IN / MM)	51 / 1295	51 / 1295	51 / 1295	51 / 1295	68 / 1727	65 / 1652	65 / 1652	65 / 1652

# Burner Types

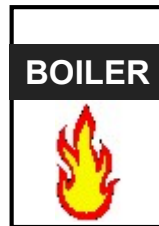
- On/Off Burners

- Flame is OFF
- Flame is ON

OFF



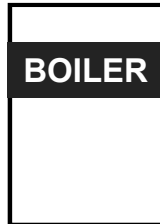
ON



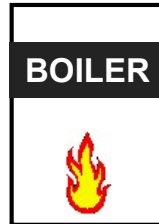
- Lo/Hi Fire Burners

- Flame is Off
- Flame is Low
- Flame is High

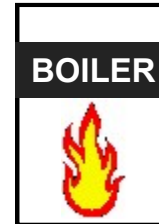
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Low

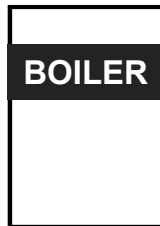


High

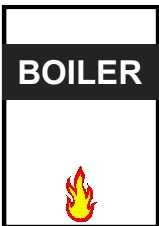
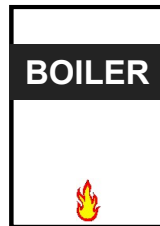


- Full Modulation Burners allow the flame to be adjusted anywhere from low to high fire.

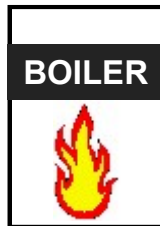
OFF



Low



High



# Turndown Ratios

With Modulating Boilers, 1% may =  
20% of the Boilers Capacity

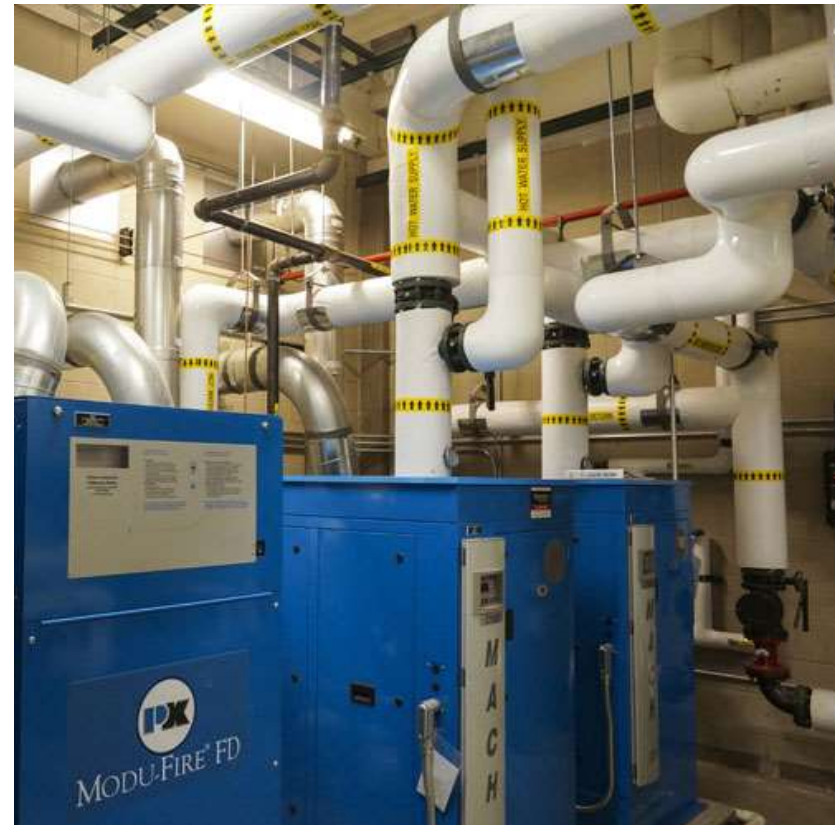
Example: Peak Output Rate = 100,000 BTUh

Stable Low-Fire Rate = 20,000 Btuh

Turndown Ratio = 5-to-1

## Multiple Boilers

- Who is lead?
- When do I change lead?
- When do I bring on next Boiler on?
- What happens if control fails?



# How is the boiler enabled?

State: Pre Purge 11:16 AM  
CH: Waiting for Boiler to Start Wizard11

How is this boiler enabled?

Remote Enable (STAT)

Always On

Outdoor Air

Analog Input

Use BMS/Modbus

Outdoor Air Shutdown Setpoint

Temperature:  80°F

Outdoor Air Shutdown Differential

Temperature:  2°F

Previous  Next

The next question in the wizard set-up is “How is the boiler enabled?” The first decision is to determine if a remote enable signal will be used to allow a remote enable/disable of the system control. Press <REMOTE ENABLE> if it will be used in combination one of the four enable methods

# Venting, venting, venting...

- 97% of all installations are incorrectly vented!?!?
- Condensing boilers have VERY specific draft ranges
- Vent Stacks MUST be ENGINEERED for the application!






## What Does Scale Affect?

**JUST 1.6mm  
OF SCALE  
REDUCES  
BOILER  
EFFICIENCY  
BY 12%**

*British Water*



Cross section of a 3.5" pipe taken from an 80 year old heating system at a school on the South coast. The pipework is designed to push through 25ltrs of water per second, however limescale accumulation had reduced water flow to 3ltrs per second.



## Patterson-Kelley Addresses Water Quality

### WATER QUALITY STANDARDS FOR PEAK EFFICIENCY

pH	6.5 to 8.5 (6.5-9*)
Alkalinity	<300 ppm
Copper	<1 ppm
Iron	<20 ppm
Aluminum	<1 ppm
TSS	<10 ppm
Chlorides	<100 ppm
Hardness	<200 ppm
Conductivity	<3000 uS/cm
Filtration Rate	10 microns

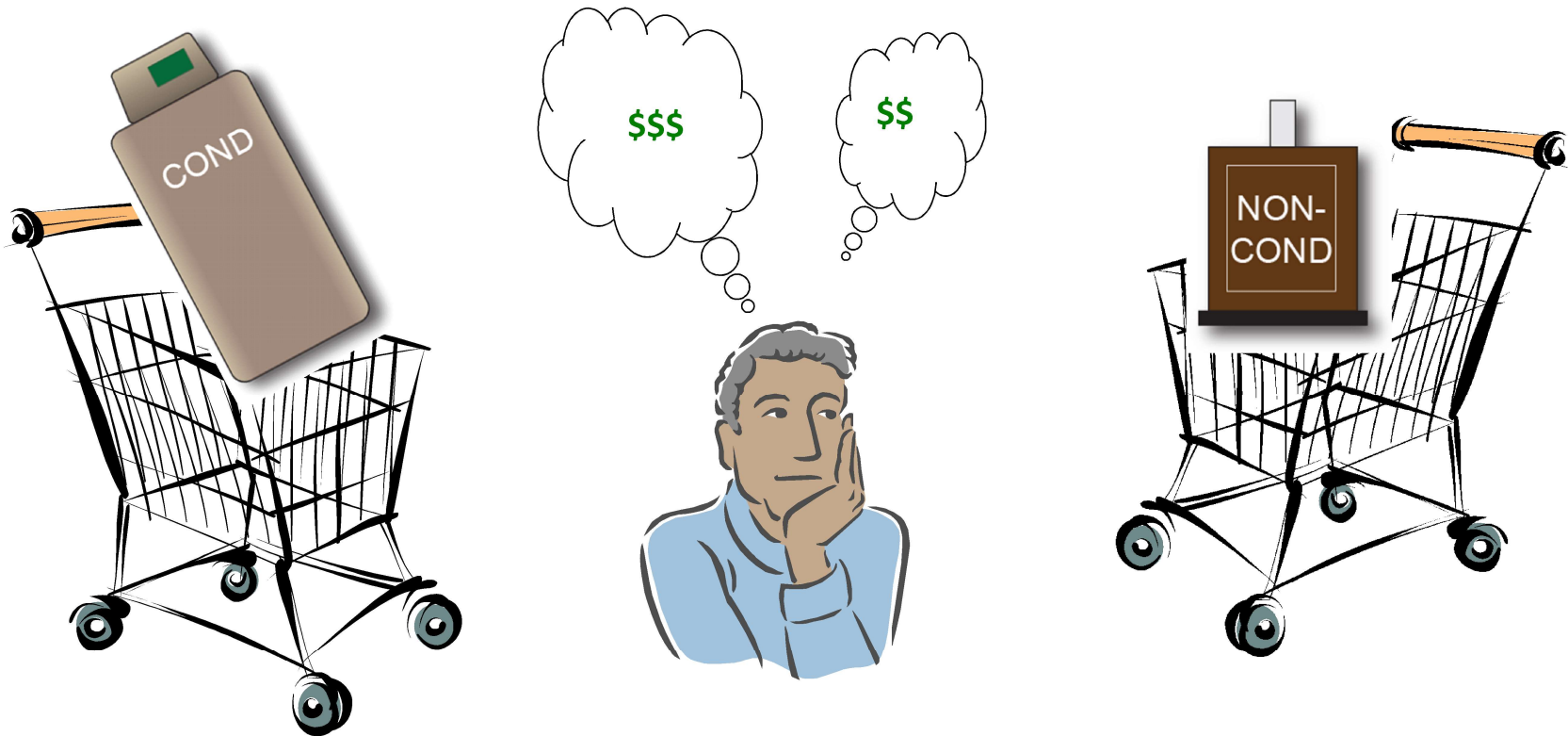
\* Stainless



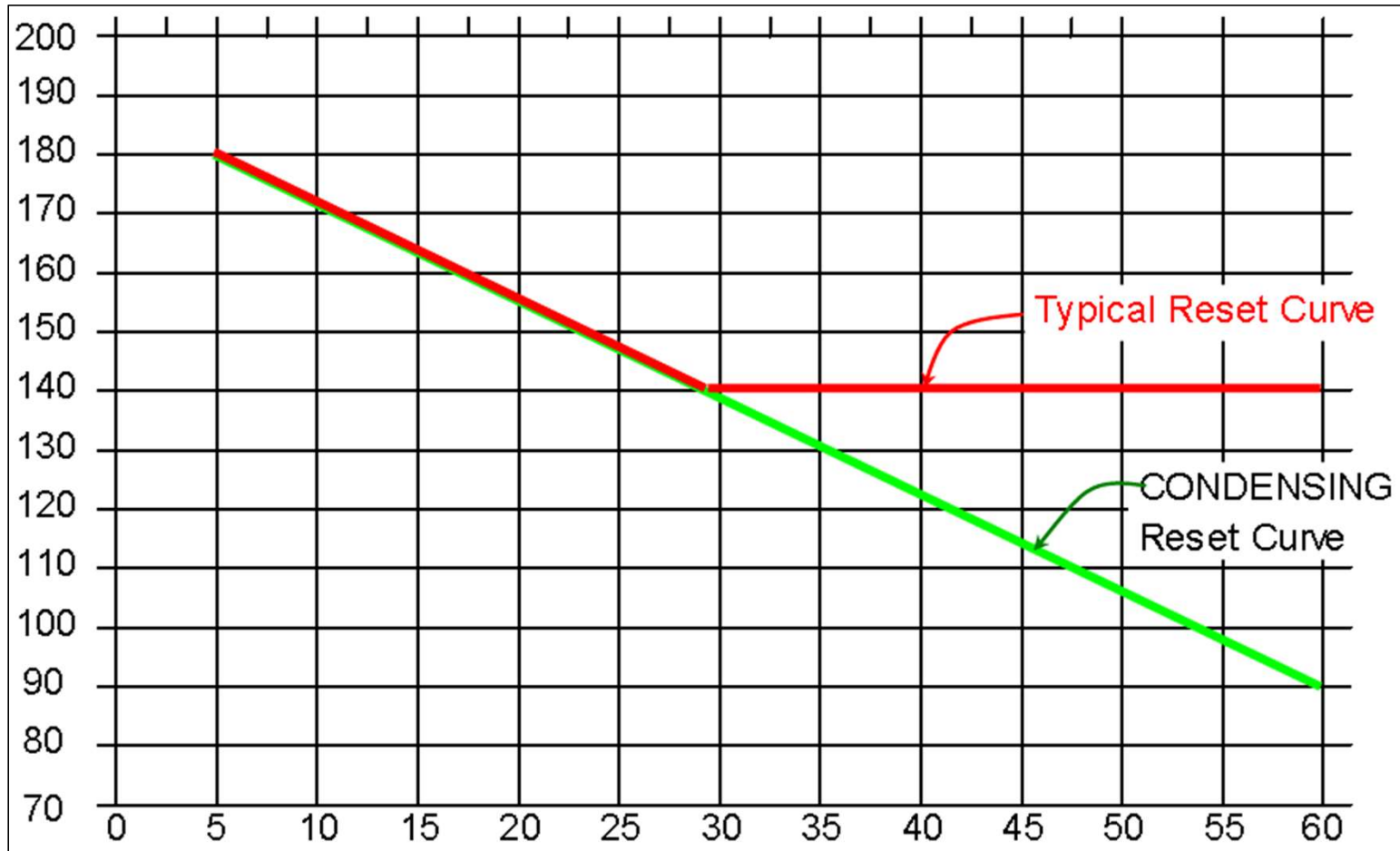
**HARSCO**  
INDUSTRIAL  
Patterson-Kelley

Maintain peak efficiency and reliability by testing water quality is the smart move toward reducing your total energy costs

How does this application \$ave Money?



# Hybrid Boiler System Strategy



# Hybrid Boiler System Strategy

Avg T	BIN	to	Range	TOT	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	% TOT	% CUM	% LOAD	
63	62		64	335				23	45	46	40	45	102	23	11		5.22	5.22	2.78	
61	60		62	308				20	45	45	48	40	59	40	10	1	4.80	10.02	5.56	
59	58		60	200				17	39	33	13	42	36	16	3	1	3.12	13.14	8.33	
57	56		58	273	4		4	29	71	36	22	21	32	45	8	1	4.26	17.40	11.11	
55	54		56	351	8	4	6	38	68	32	10	17	46	89	31	2	5.47	22.87	13.89	
53	52		54	285	5	3	28	46	42	16	6	2	38	51	47	1	4.44	27.32	16.67	
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49	48		50	238	1	7	18	52	22	5			33	42	47	11	3.71	34.64	22.22	
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45	44		46	227	2	2	30	55	22				8	53	39	16	3.54	42.20	27.78	
43	42		44	287	4	5	69	76	24				12	48	30	19	4.47	46.68	30.56	
41	40		42	180	3	8	56	42	10				5	26	15	15	2.81	49.49	33.33	
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23	22		24	142	62	24	32							1	23		2.21	86.50	58.33	
21	20		22	180	45	45	30							7	53		2.81	89.30	61.11	
19	18		20	155	37	47	17							1	53		2.42	91.72	63.89	
17	16		18	105	38	33	7								27		1.64	93.36	66.67	
15	14		16	113	38	47	3								25		1.76	95.12	69.44	
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-5	-6		-4	4	4												0.20	99.94	94.44	
-7	-8		-6														0.06	100.00	97.22	
																	0.00	100.00	100.00	

**78.14% of Heating Season  
Can Use Condensing  
Temperatures in Wilkes-Barre**

**Wilkes-Barre, PA**

## Communications Options

- BACnet
- Modbus
- LonWorks
- Internet

## Sensor Monitoring & History

- Water Meter (Make up Water)
- Sump Pump
- System Temperatures and Pressures

# MACH<sup>®</sup> & SONIC<sup>®</sup> Condensing Boilers

....our  
***“Through the Door”***  
design philosophy





# Thank You!



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