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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A research project was conducted to find and evaluate remedial measures for combustion venting problems with oil-fired appliances. It was hoped to find measures that held promise for near- to mid-term commercialization. The project was one of three projects conducted by a multi-disciplinary team of scientists and engineers to investigate combustion venting remedial measures for several types of combustion appliances. The research represents one sub-project in an overall project to investigate residential combustion venting failure. Three remedial measures for oil-fired appliances were evaluated and were found to hold varying degrees of promise for near- to mid-term commercialization. The measures evaluated were the solenoid delay valve, the draft inducing fan and a comprehensive retrofit package consisting of a sealed insulated flue liner, a sealed flue pipe (with no barometric damper) and a high pressure burner. No attempts were made to evaluate issues such as long term durability, or compliancies with codes and standards.

INTRODUCTION

This report describes one of seven sub-projects of an overall project entitled -

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- which was carried out for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation by the Scanada Sheltair Consortium Inc. A summary of the overall project is provided in Appendix A.

This is one of several final reports on the fifth sub-project, "Remedial Measures", which was concerned with research on remedial measures for various types of combustion equipment experiencing combustion venting problems. This report deals with remedial measures for oil-fired appliances.

This phase of the project was designed to focus on those remedial measures that promised to be simple, cost-effective and widely applicable to houses experiencing typical combustion venting failures. In order to identify measures meeting these criteria, a review of available measures was undertaken. This review and its results are described in Appendix B, which also provides the rationale for choosing the three measures which were finally included in this research.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

The research on remedial measures for oil-fired appliances was conducted by Solsearch Inc. of Charlottetown, P.E.I. under subcontract to the Scanada Sheltair Consortium. Solsearch's detailed reports are appended as follows:

Appendix B - an early progress report providing the rationale for Solsearch's choice of measures to investigate

Appendix C - Solsearch final report

The results reported in the final report are summarized here.

The combustion venting system of an oil furnace is significantly more complex than that of a gas furnace due to the presence of the burner blower and the barometric damper. The blower pressurizes the combustion chamber flue pipe and portions of the flue, thus helping to resist backdrafting but perhaps exacerbating any tendency to spillage. The barometric damper adds higher friction losses to dilution flow than is the case for a gas furnace dilution port but it also provides very strong resistance to spillage flow because it closes and presents very little flow area.

This complexity created problems in the research, resulting in several abortive, exploratory tests in addition to those that produced more tangible output.

Flue Pipe Flow

A very instructive test performed by Solsearch was designed to determine the effect of house depressurization on direction of flow in the flue pipe. This was accomplished by inserting an air flow meter in the flue pipe, approximately 1 m downstream from the furnace breaching, and recording flow while gradually depressurizing the room with a blower door. The burner fan was operating but there was no oil flow and hence no firing. The test was performed on a conventional oil burner (Aero Environmental Model FAFC), with a 1.25 USGPH nozzle and barometric damper, set up in the laboratory of Holland College in Charlottetown. The results are shown in Figure 1.

The point to note in Figure 1 is that, even without the buoyancy created by a firing burner, flow in the flue was positive (up the chimney) until the house was depressurized to 65 Pa. The significance of this is that we need not be concerned about backdrafting with oil furnaces. The burner fan is able to develop sufficient pressure (and the barometric damper closes and thus does not release that pressure) to overcome any level of depressurization likely to be encountered in a house.

Thus we need only be concerned about spillage of combustion gases due to an imbalance between the rate of flow through the furnace and the rate of flow up the chimney. When the rate of flow through the furnace exceeds the rate of flow in the chimney, even when the latter is upward, the flue pipe and portions of the flue will be pressurized and flue gases will be spilled into the furnace room through leaks around

the barometric damper, along the flue pipe and at the flue pipe's connections to the furnace and the chimney. Such a condition is most likely to occur at furnace start-up, when the chimney is cold, and will continue until hot gases are introduced into the vertical portions of the venting system so that their buoyancy can accelerate flue flow to eventually match the furnace flow.

Solsearch looked at three remedial measures for oil furnaces subject to pressure-induced spillage:

- the solenoid oil flow delay valve,
- the retrofit draft-inducing fan, and
- elimination of the barometric damper combined with a high pressure burner and insulated chimney.

Solenoid Delay Valve

A delayed action solenoid valve allows the fan on the oil burner to activate before the oil flow is started. The fan pressurizes the combustion chamber and at least the base of the chimney. The laboratory tests conducted by Solsearch confirmed that this initial pressurization will reverse a backdrafting chimney before the burner fires and combustion products are created. However, because the flue pipe is pressurized, there can still be spillage from the unintentional or intentional holes (e.g. barometric damper perimeter). Thorough sealing of the flue pipe and all connections will reduce this spillage. Also, since proper flow

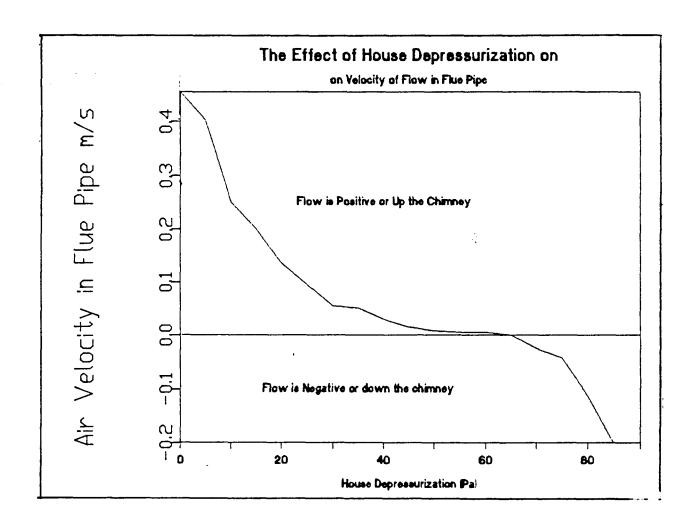


FIGURE 1: Effect of Depressurization on Flue Pipe Flows

in the chimney is established sooner relative to the burner's first firing, the duration of spillage of combustion products may be reduced; however, no measurements of the effects of this remedial measure on spillage duration were undertaken during these tests.

Draft-Inducing Fan

The induced draft fan, mounted on the flue pipe, draws the products of combustion out of the combustion chamber and then pushes this flow up the chimney. Because the induced draft and burner fans create different pressure regimes in the furnace-flue pipe-chimney system, they were tested both separately and together at the Holland College Energy Systems Technology Laboratory.

The results of these tests showed that the induced draft fan, especially if used in conjunction with a solenoid delay on the burner, can reverse backdrafts and minimize spillage under any likely house depressurization. Downstream of the fan there may be some start-up spillage at flue pipe joints, unless these are properly sealed. The key advantage of the induced draft fan over other oil remedial measures is that it depressurizes the flue pipe upstream of the device, thereby eliminating spillage through the barometric damper, flue pipe leaks and breech connection leaks. However, this device may also depressurize the combustion chamber possibly altering flame patterns. There was no investigation of the effect of the fan on furnace/boiler burner performance.

Elimination of Barometric Damper

The "high pressure burner/insulated flue combination" recommended by ESSO Canada was evaluated in this project. This retrofit system consists of three elements:

- replacement of the existing oil burner with a high pressure burner
- sealing of the flue pipe, including elimination of the barometric damper
- installation of a seamless, insulated flue liner in the existing masonry chimney, complete with wind-diverting cap

To test the improvement of draft due to this system, two houses were retrofitted with it. Tests before and after the installations showed a 4 to 7 Pa improvement in draft. The possible reduction in condensation due to the chimney insulation was not investigated.

The system does create improved chimney draft and results in fewer holes at which flue gas spillage can occur. The margin of improvement is not as great as with the induced draft fan and the cost of this retrofit is quite high. However, it may be a good option for homeowners with a furnace/boiler in good condition and a chimney in need of repair (e.g suffering from condensation problems). In many cases it may also provide energy savings due to improved efficiency and thus the cost can be offset against this benefit as well as its benefit to combustion venting.

APPENDIX A

OVERALL PROJECT SUMMARY

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The project reported on here was designed to expand on previous studies of the problem of incomplete venting of combustion products from heating appliances in order to approach a more nearly comprehensive understanding of the extent and nature of the problem in the Canadian housing stock. This project, which was carried out for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation by the Scanada Sheltair Consortium Inc., consisted of the seven subprojects described below.

PROJECT 1 COUNTRY-WIDE SURVEY

Spillage detectors were installed on the draft hoods or barometric dampers of gas and oil furnaces and water heaters in 937 houses spread throughout the Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa and Charlottetown regions. The detectors were left in place for approximately 2 months in late winter.

Of the gas heated houses surveyed, 10% had experienced prolonged and unusual amounts of combustion gas spillage and 65% had experienced either short duration start-up spillage or prolonged spillage of small amounts of combustion gas. Of the oil heated houses, 55% had experienced significant spillage of high temperature combustion gas, but some of these spillage events may have been of only short duration.

Preliminary analysis indicates that spillage problems seem to be related to the following house or heating system characteristics:

- Winnipeg houses (believed to be more nearly airtight due to extensive use of stucco)
- pre-1945 houses
- post-1975 houses
- one storey houses
- exterior chimneys

- masonry
 chimneys with
 under-sized
 metal liners
- houses with three or more exhaust fans
- houses with two open masonry fireplaces
- poorly maintained heating appliances

PROJECT 2 MODIFICATIONS AND REFINEMENTS TO THE FLUE SIMULATOR MODEL

FLUE SIMULATOR, a detailed theoretical computer-based model of the combustion venting process had been developed for CMHC prior to this project. It is intended for use as an aid in understanding the mechanisms of combustion venting failure and the circumstances that give rise to them. The modifications undertaken in this project were intended to make the program easier to use and to allow it to model a wider variety of furnace/flue/house systems. The modifications included -

- o refinements to algorithms
- o more efficient operation of the program
- o modelling additional features and system types
- o user-friendly input and output

The modified model was validated against field test data and used to investigate a number of issues.

A separate developmental version of the program, called WOOD BURNING SIMULATOR, was successfully developed to model the combustion and combustion venting process in wood stoves and fireplaces.

PROJECT 3 REFINEMENT OF THE CHECKLISTS

A procedure for identifying and diagnosing combustion venting failures had previously been developed for CMHC - the Residential Combustion Safety Checklist. This project provided an opportunity to refine the checklist and develop variations of it suitable for a variety of possible users such as furnace service personnel, air sealing contractors, homeowners, etc. Early in the project, it was decided to separate the identification procedures from the diagnostic procedures. This allowed the process of identifying houses with potential for combustion venting problems to remain relative simple and allowed the diagnostic process to become more complex since it would only be used on houses where the extra effort would likely be worthwhile. Thus the original backdraft checklist has grown into five separate tests/procedures

Venting Systems Pre-test

- a quick, visual inspection procedure which identifies a house as either unlikely to experience pressure-induced spillage or requiring further investigation

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Venting Systems Test

a detailed test procedure for determining to what extent the combustion venting system of a house is affected by the envelope airtightness and operation of exhaust equipment, perhaps the clearest descendent of the old backdraft checklist.

Chimney Performance Test

a simple method of determining whether a chimney is capable of providing adequate draft

Heat Exchanger Leakage Test

a quick method of determining if the heat exchanger of a furnace has a major leak

Chimney Safety Inspection

a visual check for maintenance problems in the chimney system

These tests/procedures are all presented in a manual entitled "Chimney Safety Tests". Full trials of the procedures were carried out on the case study houses investigated in Project 6.

PROJECT 4 HAZARD ASSESSMENT

Although little was known at the outset of this project about the frequency of combustion spillage, even less was known about how much of a health hazard such spillage represents. Therefore this sub-project was included to investigate the real nature of the health and safety risk associated with venting failures. work was divided into five tasks -

- 1. Review of current knowledge on pollutant generation due to improper venting of combustion appliances (literature review).
- 2. Development of a computer program to predict levels of various pollutants under various combustion venting failure scenarios.
- Acquisition and calibration of a set of instruments required 3. to measure the various pollutants at the levels predicted by the computer model.
- 4. Monitoring pollutant levels in problem houses identified in the Country-wide Survey (Project 1) using the instruments acquired in Task 3.
- Analysis of the results of Task 4 to arrive at an overall 5. assessment of the health hazard represented by combustion venting failures in Canadian houses.

The results indicate that, in most houses, one would rarely encounter acute, immediately life-threatening concentrations of pollutants as a result of combustion spillage from furnaces or water heaters. However, chronic health risk due to low level, long term exposure to pollutants , particularly NO2, may be a more significant problem which requires further investigation. High levels of CO do not seem to be caused by the problems which cause spillage and thus occur in spillage events only as a result of coincidence.

PROJECT 5 REMEDIAL MEASURES

Remedial measures for pressure-induced combustion venting problems were identified and researched for a number of different types of combustion appliances.

The remedial measures identified for FIREPLACES were:

Spillage Advisor

This is an adjustable volume alarm triggered by a combination of particulate and CO detectors and intended to be mounted on the front of the mantle or on the wall just above the fireplace.

Airtight Glass Doors Combined With An Exterior Combustion Air Supply Duct

The research indicated that conventional glass doors are not nearly airtight and do little to separate the fireplace from the house's pressure regime. Prototype doors using special glass, heavier than normal steel frames and special sealing techniques were fabricated and installed and tested. It was found that these doors increased the level of house depressurization required to cause prolonged spillage from the fireplace from 3 Pa to 22 Pa. It is estimated that the installed cost would be \$600. Further research on the effect of airtight doors on temperatures within the fireplace and flue and the possible hazard to surrounding combustible materials is required.

The remedial measures identified for GAS-FIRED APPLIANCES were:

Spillage Advisor

This could be similar to the fireplace spillage advisor but would be triggered by a heat probe mounted in the

dilution port of the appliance. The heat probes investigated could also be used to trigger other remedial measures discussed below.

Draft-inducing Fan

A paddle-wheel-type fan mounted in the vent connector was found to increase the level of house depressurization required to cause irreversible spillage from a naturally aspirating gas furnace from 7 Pa to more than 20 Pa.

Draft-assisting Chamber

A chamber surrounding the appliance's dilution port and extending downwards contains combustion products flowing out of the dilution port and prolongs the period before they are actually spilled into the room. It was expected that the chamber would also use the buoyancy of the contained combustion products to assist the flue in developing upward flow and thus would increase its resistance to house depressurization; however, the results obtained with the prototype tested did not live up to expectations. It is expected that modification of the design and testing with a furnace/flue/house combination more prone to pressureinduced spillage will improve this aspect of the chamber's performance.

The research on remedial measures for OIL-FIRED APPLIANCES indicated that stable backdrafting is unlikely to be a problem with oil-fired appliances since the pressure generated by the burner blowers is able to rapidly overcome backdrafting due to house depressurization and initiate upward flue flow. However, this pressurization of the flue system is what accounts for the start-up spillage associated with oil appliances and it is the duration of this spillage that remedial measures must address. The measures identified were:

Solenoid Valve

By delaying the start of combustion until the burner has had a chance to overcome backdrafting and initiate upward flue flow, the solenoid valve reduces the duration of spillage but does not eliminate it altogether.

Draft-inducing Fan

A fan, similar to that described above under gas appliances, mounted in the flue pipe downstream of the barometric damper is not needed to overcome backdrafting since the burner blower can do this. However, it does relieve pressurization of that portion of the flue pipe upstream of itself and hence reduces spillage from that portion. There can still be spillage from the downstream portion; but, since that portion does not include the barometric damper, it is easier to seal.

Elimination of the Barometric Damper

- Provision of a well-sealed flue pipe without a barometric damper is one obvious way to reduce spillage. However, elimination of the barometric damper exposes the burner to the full chimney draft and disturbs the combustion process of conventional burners. Therefore this procedure must include replacement of the conventional burner with a high pressure burner which is less influenced by flue pressure. Provision of an insulated flue liner is often included as part of this measure.

The work on MAKE-UP AIR SUPPLY remedial measures was less directed towards specific measures but served to clarify a number of general air supply issues. It indicated that the provision of additional supply air is not likely to be effective as a remedy for pressure-induced spillage of combustion products if the supply air is introduced unaided through an envelope opening of any size likely to considered practical. It is only likely to be effective if a supply air fan is used and if that fan has a capacity at least equal to the total capacity of all exhaust equipment it is attempting to counteract. The discharge from such a supply air fan can be introduced essentially anywhere in the house, but is likely to create fewer thermal comfort problems if introduced in a normally unoccupied area such as the furnace room.

The knowledge generated in the remedial measures research and already available to Consortium members was synthesized into the draft Remedial Measures Guide, a manual intended to be a decision-making guide for tradesmen and contractors who have identified pressure-induced spillage problems in houses with vented fuel-fired appliances and want to know how best to remedy these problems. It is designed to accompany the Venting Systems Test. Although the draft Guide is not yet comprehensive and in some cases describes procedures which have not been thoroughly field tested and/or approved by regulatory authorities, it is hoped it will stimulate thought and discussion and improve current trade practices.

PROJECT 6 PROBLEM HOUSE FOLLOW-UP

Twenty of the houses identified in the country-wide survey as experiencing the worst combustion spillage problems were visited with the following objectives:

- to categorize and quantify the nature of venting failures
- to isolate contributing factors
- to collect field data on venting failures for use in the flue simulator model validation
- to measure the frequency and quantity of spillage in problem houses
- to measure the approximate impact on air quality of venting failures in houses
- to evaluate the effectiveness of the chimney safety tests in diagnosis of failures and identification of remedial measures
- to evaluate communications techniques
- to evaluate remedial measures under field conditions

In most of the houses, there were several factors that were assessed as contributing causes of the combustion spillage problem - thus confirming the "systems" nature of the problem. It is also worth noting that, in many houses, although the spillage observed was indeed pressure-induced, it occurred at quite low levels of house depressurization because the chimneys were only able to generate very weak draft due to some problem such as a blocked or leaky flue. The main problem in these cases, therefore, was not depressurization but weak chimneys.

PROJECT 7 COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

As the survey revealed that the problem, while substantial, is not epidemic in proportion, there is no need to create widespread alarm in the general public. A communication strategy has been drafted with this in mind. It places emphasis on motivating the heating and housing industries to be aware of the combustion venting problem and its causes and to make effective use of the diagnostic tools and preventive and remedial measures developed in this project.

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OVERALL PROJECT SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The project has gone a long way towards meeting its original objectives and has significantly advanced the state-of-the-art in this field.

It has led to improved understanding of the combustion venting process and confirmed the "systems" nature of the failures that lead to combustion venting problems.

It appears that a significant portion of the Canadian housing stock has potential for combustion venting failure to occur on a regular basis. In most cases, this is unlikely to lead to immediate life-threatening pollution levels, but long term chronic health hazards could be a problem; however this latter concern requires further investigation before any definite conclusion can be reached.

A number of techniques are available for identifying houses prone to combustion venting failure and for diagnosing the causes of such failure. There are also available a number of measures for preventing combustion venting failure in new houses and for remedying it in existing houses. A communication strategy has been drafted for conveying these techniques and measures to relevant people in the housing and heating industries and for encouraging them to make use these tools.

APPENDIX B

RESEARCH PLAN FOR OIL-FIRED REMEDIAL MEASURES

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1.0 IDENTIFICATION OF PRIORITIES

The Atlantic Region is one of the last areas where a major percentage of residential heating is still provided by oil appliances. Aside from improvements in burner hardware and flue construction techniques there is little research into remedial measures for these existing units. This is due primarily to the fact that the majority of houses, those built prior to 1975, seldom have combustion venting failure. (Although in older homes there is often evidence of spillage or puffing at start up not considered as venting failures.) In the case where houses built within the last ten years have failed backdraft tests, the homeowners are either unaware of the venting failure in their homes or accept these conditions as consequences of new insulation and building practices. Further, the burner service industry is not addressing these problems because of the lack of tested remedial measures and products available to them.

Our initial research into remedial actions for oil fired appliances centers on these five areas of work:

- 1. Combustion air supplied directly to the furnace or boiler.
- 2. Pre-purge cycle for residential applications utilizing either the burner fan or external draft inducers to overcome venting failure.
- 3. Exhaust appliance prioritization using electrical interlocks with combustion equipment.
- 4. Sealed combustion appliance systems. These systems include new burner and flue technology.
- 5. Spillage and backdraft alarms

Of these five the combustion air supply (1) and the sealed combustion system utilizing a forced draft burner and an insulated and downsized flue liner (4) were identified as two priority remedial actions for oil fired combustion units by resource personnel. These two areas of development have received the most study to date:

Several air supply systems for combustion appliances are available in the marketplace. Sealed combustion units are being aggressively marketed by at least two major oil companies. As well, these new burner systems have prompted a significant amount of research into insulated flue and cap design and flue sizing.

Combustion Air supply should be considered as a priority recommendation in homes with venting failures. We have installed a number of these devices as a result of previous backdraft testing. We will be very interested to see SRC's work in this area.

Electrically interlocking combustion appliances with exhaust equipment (3) and Spillage and backdraft alarms (5) were considered important as low cost safety options:

Moffat's work using a relay to shut down the furnace burner when powerful exhaust fans are in use is a failsafe approach to venting failure problems caused by the simultaneous use of exhaust appliances. This method is well documented and the technologies for installation are easily accessible.

We have seen several alarm devices for gas combustion appliances and we expect that these devices will shortly be available for oil fired appliances as well.

Pre-purge cycle for residential oil systems

In consultation with Rod Arsenault of Holland College, we propose to look more closely at pre-purge cycles (common to commercial boilers) as they might be applied to residential oil heating equipment. In commercial burners this cycle establishes positive draft prior to combustion utilizing the forced air burner fan. In discussions with others there was some ambivalence about the burner fans ability to overcome backdrafting. Previous work by Moffat on one furnace indicates that cold furnace (no combustion) pressure measurements at the breech were consistently 30 pa. (.12" water) with the burner fan operating. We found this figure intriguing because if it is repeatable on other furnace makes, pre-purge cycles could be utilzed as a remedial measure to overcome backdraft prior to furnace startup.

The research will involve testing and analysis of two remedial actions concerning Pre-purge cycles:

- 1. Testing and Assessment of the burner fan's ability to establish significant pressure to overcome backdrafting when utilizing a delayed action solenoid.
- Testing and assessment of pressures developed by induced draft kits interlocked with furnace burner and /or exhaust appliances.

Justification of Priorities

Usefulness and repeatability of the remedial measure:

Pre-purging cycles are commonly used in commercial boilers to overcome backdrafting prior to ignition. Conceptually this technique is transferable to residential equipment to solve similar draft problems.

Preliminary testing indicates that standard residential equipment can be modified simply with CSA approved materials to incorporate the new cycle.

It is probable that pressures produced by the furnace fan and/or induced draft kits will be sufficient to overcome negative pressures developed by exhaust appliances used in the household.

Cost of the remedial measures will be low.

Technology of these measures is understood and easily transferable to the electrical and burner service industry.

Conclusions of study:

The study will be conducted under controlled conditions giving accurate test results and data for each remedial measure.

Several different burners and furnace types will be tested under similar lab conditions providing uniformity of results.

Remedial measures will be analyzed as to ease of installation and cost of equipment during the progress of the tests.

2.0 RESEARCH PLAN FOR PRE-PURGE CYCLE TESTING

Remedial Measure #1 - Delayed Action Solenoid Valve

Background: The installation of solenoid valves in the maritime region has been an energy conservation recommendation for several years and eligible for funding under several past government programs. The devices were originally marketed for oil savings of approximately 3%. Many of the solenoid devices that were installed were the 8 second delayed action variety. Under one government program furnace servicemen throughout PEI were trained to install these units and there is now a general acceptance of the device.

Discussion: The delayed action solenoid valve delays the flow of oil to the burner for a specified period of time allowing the burner fan to establish an updraft in the chimney prior to ignition. In addition the delayed action solenoid valve may eliminate spillage and puffing at startup by allowing the oil pump to reach maximum pressure for atomization of oil prior to ignition. The theory is that this device has the ability to establish draft in the chimney overcoming negative pressures within the home caused by exhaust appliances. Moffat's cursory tests indicate that delaying combustion allows the furnace fan to develop relatively high static pressure within the flue pipe under cold combustion chamber conditions.

The air pressure created by the average burner (1750 RPM) is about .25" water (60Pa) measured in the burner air tube. Moffat's measurments at the breech of .12" water (30Pa) indicates an ability for the furnace fan to develop significant pressure to establish draft in the chimney.

However, there is some skepticism about the ability of the burner fan alone to overcome backdrafting. Although the fan has the ability to develop 60 Pa pressure in the air delivery tube, turbulance and resistance of the heat exchanger and smoke pipe might significantly reduce any ability of the fan to overcome negative pressure and establish updraft. (Note the significant pressure drop between the assumed air pressure in the burner tube and Moffat's air measurements at the breech of the furnace.)

It is the purpose of this research to determine how various fans in boilers and hot air-furnaces vary in their ability to overcome backdrafting. The method of testing and results are outlined later in the research plan.

Remedial Measure #2 - Induced Chimney Draft

Background: Induced chimney draft may prove to be an appropriate remedial measure in homes experiencing negative draft pressures which cannot be safely overcome by burner fans and thermal draft. Chimney draft is induced by installing a low horsepower fan directly in the flue pipe. Induced draft kits are now available. The investigation of these devices will determine whether they can eliminate the use of the barometric damper, control cold back drafting and overcome significant negative pressure within the household.

Discussion: The induced draft fans will be run through a test regime (similar to that used in testing the furnace burner fan) to determine the characteristics of operation and MAD limits. The fan will be used in conjunction with a delayed action solenoid valve on the burner. Several methods of controlling the induced draft fans are under consideration:

Control operation of the fan by means of the household thermostat. The delayed action solenoid will allow the fan to develop draft in the chimney prior to combustion.

Interlock induced draft fan to exhaust appliances by means of a relay to power fan whenever exhaust appliances are in use. This method of control may reduce the possibility of cold or hot backdraft tendencies.

Control induced draft fan by means of a differential pressure switch sensing chimney draft. The proving switch would activate the fan when pressure within the chimney dropped below .01" of water. Using this control may reduce hot and cold backdrafting.

These methods of controlling the induced draft fan will be assessed after the following tests indicate the potential of this remedial measure to overcome venting failures.

3.0 PROPOSED METHOD OF RESEARCHING REMEDIAL MEASURES

The objectives of these tests are to determine the effectiveness and ability of each remedial measure to overcome backdrafting under controlled conditions.

The testing will take place at the Holland College Energy Systems Technology Centre. These facilities include a library of research work and manuals for oil combustion furnaces and a workshop for fabrication and installation of test equipment. The remedial measures will be tested in a furnace room with two furnaces, a hydronic system and a forced air system. These furnaces can be fitted with several different burners.

Variables to be considered and required equipment are listed below.

VARIABLE MEASURE / CONTROL

Furnace room pressure (Pa) Retrotec Door Fan

Pressure in flue (Pa) Dwyer Manometer

Delay (seconds) Universal variable delay

timer with solenoid valve

Stopwatch

Draft direction Smoke Pencils

Outdoor temperature, Weather office wind speed and direction

The tests below will be conducted on both a hot air furnace and boiler utilizing several different burner makes.

Description of Tests:

Test 1. Static pressure induced by fans

Condition: Flue Blocked

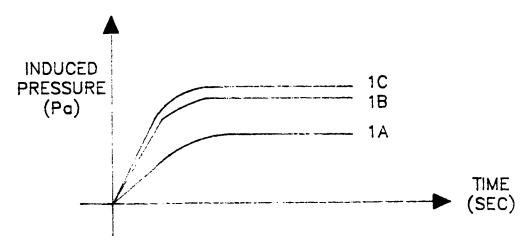
Monometer to measure pressure inside flue

pipe vs time

1a. Burner fan operating and flue pressure will be recorded over time until steady state pressure is reached.

- 1b. As above, but draft inducer fan replaces burner fan.
- 1c. As above, with both fans running together.

Data will be graphically displayed in a pressure v.s. time graph as below:



Results will determine:

- time required to reach maximum fan effectiveness.
- maximum pressure each fan is capable of producing.
- a comparison of boiler and furnace characteristics.

Test 2. Backdraft & Spillage points (cold)

- 2.1 With burner fan on, the room will be gradually depressurized until spillage and backdraft occur.
- 2.2 As above, but using draft inducer.
- 2.3 As above, using both fans.

Results will determine:

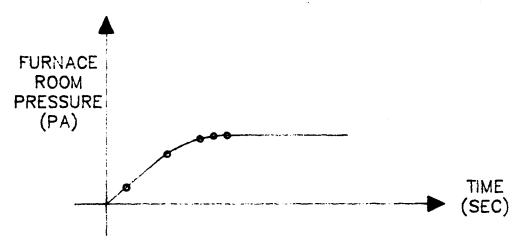
- Absolute MAD (cold) in Pa.

Test 3. Solenoid Delay Time Required to Establish Updraft

Starting with the fan off, the time required to establish updraft will be measured at a series of appropriate depressurization levels.

Results will determine:

- Actual MAD (cold)
- Maximum practical delay



Data will be graphically displayed ia a pressure v.s. time graph.

Test 4. Backdraft and Spillage Tests (Hot)

With the burner firing, Tests 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3 will be repeated.

Results will determine:

- Absolute MAD (Hot).

It is likely that further tests will be included as this work develops. The remedial measures will be assessed on the basis of equipment installation, cost and data collected during the test period and presented in the final report.

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1. SUMMARY

This work, by Solsearch Inc., is part of the CMHC project, "Residential Combustion Venting Failures - A Systems Approach", managed by the Scanada Sheltair Consortium.

Six potential measures which could reduce spillage or backdrafting in oil fired combustion systems were assessed and the three most practical measures were chosen for testing.

Spillage occurs when a portion of the combustion products vents into the house. Backdrafting occurs when the flow in the chimney is reversed, and under this condition, all combustion products vent into the house.

The three measures tested were: (1) a delayed action solenoid valve; (2) an induced draft fan; and (3) a high pressure burner with a damperless, insulated flue.

The first series of tests tested the ability of a conventional burner fan to reverse flow in a backdrafting chimney, under different levels of house depressurization. The second series of tests measured the static pressure obtainable by the burner fan and/or draft inducing fan with a blocked flue. The third series of tests determined the level of home depressurization at which a boiler would begin to show spillage. The fourth series of tests were field testing of high pressure burners and damperless, insulated flues installed in two houses.

These limited tests demonstrated that the remedial measures suggested for oil furnaces seem to be suitable ways to minimize combustion gas spillage.

The induced draft fan, especially if used in conjunction with a solenoid delay on the burner, can reverse backdrafts and minimize spillage under any likely house depressurization. Downstream of the fan there may be some start-up spillage at flue pipe joints, unless these are properly sealed. There was no investigation of the effect of the fan on furnace/boiler burner performance.

The delayed action solenoid gives sufficient time for the burner fan to reverse an initial backdraft. It does not prevent spillage from the unintentional or intentional holes (eg. damper perimeter), although by better establishing proper flow in the chimney, it may reduce the duration of spillage. By a thorough sealing of the flue pipe and all connections, this spillage will be further reduced. No measurements of the effects of the remedial measures on spillage duration were undertaken during these tests.

The damperless, insulated flue and high pressure burner does create an improved chimney draft and fewer holes for flue gas spillage to occur. The margin of improvement is not as great as with the induced draft fan and the cost of this retrofit is quite high. It seems to be a good option for homeowners with a furnace/boiler in good condition and a chimney in need of repair (or suffering from condensation problems).

2. INTRODUCTION

The CMHC project, "Residential Combustion Venting Failure - A Systems Approach", is the culmination of several years of research into chimneys that fail to properly vent exhaust gases. As part of the 1986 research, remedial measures were to be investigated to counteract the spillage of combustion products from oil, gas, and wood-burning appliances. The Scanada Sheltair Consortium, which managed the project, chose Solsearch Inc., of Prince Edward Island, to undertake the research into remedial measures for oil-fired systems. A description of typical oil furnace operation, for those unfamiliar with the process, is included in Appendix 1.

After discussions with various authorities, a list of six measures was created (see Appendix 2). These were assessed in turn to produce a short list of three devices that were feasible, practical, and suitable for testing: (1) Delayed Action Solenoid Valve; (2) Induced Draft Fan; and (3) High Pressure Burner/Insulated Flue.

The first two devices were laboratory tested. A delayed action solenoid valve allows the fan on the oil burner to activate before the oil flow is started. The combustion chamber, and at least the base of the chimney, is pressurized by this fan flow, and the theory was that this initial pressurization could reverse a backdrafting chimney before the burner fired and combustion products were created.

The induced draft fan, mounted on the flue pipe, pulls the products of combustion out of the combustion chamber and then pushes this air flow up the chimney. Because the induced draft and burner fans create different pressure regimes in the furnace-flue pipe-chimney system, they would have to be tested both separately and together. These tests were undertaken at the Holland College Energy Systems Technology Laboratory.

The third suggested remedial measure is the "high pressure burner/insulated flue combination" recommended by ESSO Canada. To test the improvement of draft and the reduction of possible spillage due to this system, two houses were retrofitted with the burner/chimney. Tests before and after the installations showed the draft improvement. The possible condensation prevention, due to the chimney insulation, was not investigated.

3. PROCEDURE

The first two remedial measures, the delayed action solenoid valve and the induced draft fan, were tested at the Holland College Energy Systems Technology Laboratory. The geometry and dimensions of the boiler/flue pipe are detailed in Figure 1. Note that there are 6.3 metres of flue pipe and chimney inside the building and less than a metre above the roof. Essentially, this installation is an internal chimney and should show little susceptibility to outside temperature in regards to flue gas cooling. Points A and B on Figure 1 are 6mm holes in the flue pipe, used for observation, and Point C is the inspection port on the face of the boiler.

The boiler is a Kerr Model A3 & A4. Several burners were fitted to it sequentially:

Conventional burner: Aero Environmental, Model FAFC

1.25 USGPH nozzle

Fan rpm 1725 Solenoid delay 8 seconds

High pressure burner: Riello Mectron M3, Type 215 TC

0.60 USGPH

(a 0.95 USGPH nozzle was

tested separately)

Fan rpm 3250

Solenoid delay 12 seconds Air supply damper closes when

unit not operating

Modifications were made to the burners to allow the oil supply to be cut off, even though the burner had been activated (see Figure 2). This allowed the testers to keep the flue cool, if desired, when running a series of "start-up against backdraft" tests.

The draft inducer was a Tjernlund Autodraft, Model D2, paddle type which was mounted on the flue pipe about 1m from the boiler (see Figure 1). The inducer did not affect the flow of flue gases when not in operation. See Appendix 3 for details of the inducer.

To model negative house pressure in the laboratory, a Retrotec RDF 400 door fan was installed in one of the laboratory doors. The pressure measurement was by a Dwyer Durablock Model 115 manometer with a reading accuracy of about 0.3 Pa. However this apparent accuracy should be qualified by windy testing conditions which made the manometer oscillations + 1 Pa. If the pressure fluctuations exceeded this figure, testing was aborted.

There are some discrepancies in terminology in the test reporting. In the original testing, as shown in the Glossary and the raw data appended, there were two spillage points observed. "Cross-over" occurred when the candle flame indicated varied flow in, and out of, the observation hole. "Spillage" was defined as continuously outward flow of combustion gases from the flue to the room. In the body of the report, the "cross-over" data has been used to indicate that spillage is starting, and this data is labelled as "spillage" data.

Figure 1 - Burner and Flue Geometry

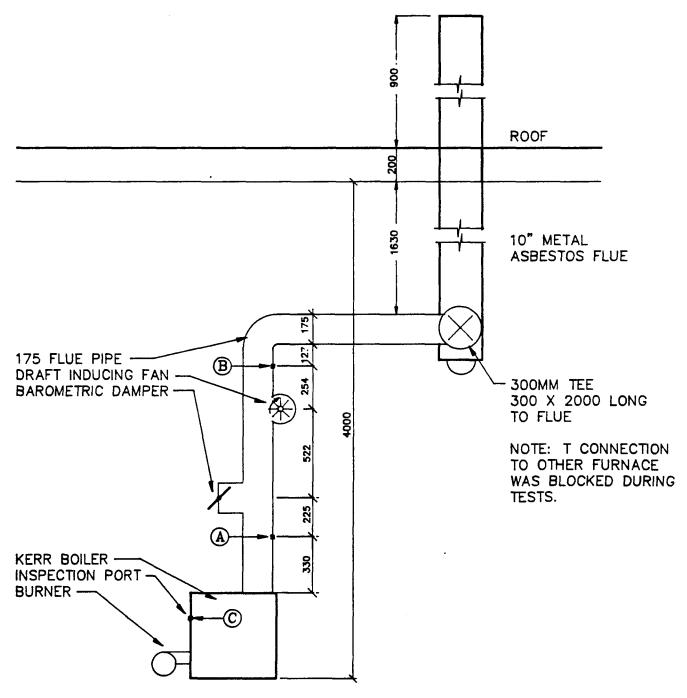
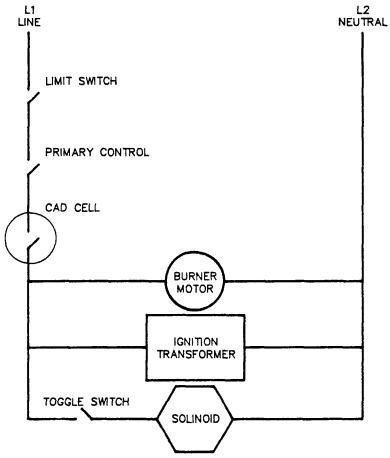


Figure 2 - Circuit Diagram of Conventional Burner



NOTE: The toggle switch is used to delay the oil coming into the combustion chamber.

The burner is allowed to run and induce air movement into the Flue without combustion.

After burner fan started the cad cel terminals were shorted to prevent shut—down.

Figure 2 Circuit Diagram of Conventional Burner

3.1 BACKDRAFT TESTING

The first series of tests was performed to establish whether a burner fan or a draft inducer, during the solenoid delay before the burner ignites, could reverse a backdrafting chimney. If a chimney has cooled during the off-cycle and house depressurization causes the chimney to act as an air supply to the house, chimney flow must be reversed upon furnace or boiler start-up. Without any delay in burner activation, such situations result in furnace backpuffing and rumbling. The tests were performed when outside temperatures were approximately -10°C. Chimney temperatures approached -10°C after extensive backdrafting. Colder conditions would have provided a more difficult environment for draft re-establishment, as chimney pre-cooling would be more severe.

The tests were performed with the laboratory room depressurized to discreet levels by the door fan, to a maximum of 60 Pa. The system was run against a variety of depressurizations, and the times were recorded when the backdrafting flow was effectively stalled by the burner fan flow. This was indicated by the visually observed reversal of smoke flow of a smoke pencil centred in the smoke pipe (Point A).

A second series of flow testing was undertaken with a velometer air flow meter installed in the flue pipe. The burner fan was activated, without oil flow, to aid the natural draft of the chimney. The room was then slowly depressurized to 85 Pa, with the flue pipe air flow being recorded.

3.2 STATIC PRESSURE TESTING

On a more general basis, some tests were performed to determine the time vs. pressure characteristics of the fans involved. The different burner fans installed on the boiler, including a 0.95 USGPH high pressure burner, were activated with and without the draft inducing fan. The pressure in the flue pipe, at Point B, was measured with the Dwyer manometer, and time required for the pressure rise recorded by stopwatch. The fan curves produced are unique to this boiler/flue pipe system and are referenced only to the one point of pressure measurement at Point B. These tests were performed without oil flow and represent only the pressures that the burner fans could produce. Thermally-created draft was not a factor in these tests and the flue pipe was blocked at the chimney.

A final test was undertaken to establish the leakage characteristics of the flue pipe itself. With the conventional burner fan activated and the flue pipe disconnected from the chimney and blocked, the pressure in the flue pipe was measured at Point A. To view the effects of the pipe leakage, this test was re-run with all joints, test holes, and the barometric damper sealed with aluminum tape. A third test involved removing the flue pipe from the boiler, blocking the boiler exhaust, and sampling the burner fan pressure through this blockage. This establishes the range of possible pressures and points to the sections where pressure losses and spillage locations are created.

3.3 SPILLAGE TESTING

The previous tests determined whether, and by what margin, the burner fan or draft inducer was able to reverse an initial backdraft. The tests also delved into the leakiness of the boiler/flue pipe system.

Spillage testing is not related to flow direction (eg. normal upward exhaust vs. backdrafting), but whether the components of the system are at a higher pressure than the surrounding room air. If the flue pipe-to-house pressure is positive and leakage areas exist, the exhaust gases will spill into the house air in varying amounts.

Testing was performed on the same laboratory set-up as in Figure 1 and evidence of spillage was recorded at Points A, B and C. Spillage concerns the exhaust products that actually enter the house air. A remedial measure designed to prevent backdrafting may still cause spillage, especially if limited in time. It is, however, less of a safety problem than backdrafting.

The recording of spillage was quite subjective; it was determined by the use of a candle flame or smoke pencil. See the raw data in Appendix 4 and the definitions in the Glossary to appreciate the subtle distinctions between "cross-over", "spillage", and "puffing". Consider the transitions in a dynamic situation, be it a backdraft reversal or boiler start-up, and how they may be affected by fluctuating winds outside. Factor in instrumentation lag and reading error, and, only then, look at the spillage testing section. Results, shown in Table 2, are probably good to approximately + 2 Pa, so 5 Pa differences are generally significant.

The spillage tests were performed in the same variety of systems as the preceding backdraft tests. In this case, the burner fan or induced draft fan was activated, without oil

flow and burner activation. When operating pressures were established, the door fan was used to create a laboratory depressurization. Spillage was monitored at Points A, B and C under varying levels of depressurization. To simulate operating burners, the boiler/flue pipe was heated up by the burner for 15 minutes to create a "hot flue". The burner oil flow was then shut off for the "hot flue" testing. This procedure was used to minimize progressive heating of the flue with burner operation, but flue gas temperatures during "hot flue" testing still varied widely (from 87-196°C). This variation certainly affected the test results.

3.4 FIELD TESTING OF THE DAMPERLESS, INSULATED FLUE WITH HIGH PRESSURE BURNER

The remedial measure "damperless flue with high pressure burner" was developed and promoted by Imperial Oil Canada. It was recommended by a member of the project Advisory Committee, Harry West of ESSO. See Appendix 3 for details on the chimney installation.

The system consists of a high pressure burner (similar to those already mentioned), and a seamless, insulated flue liner installed in the existing masonry chimney, complete with wind-diverting cap. There is no barometric damper in the system.

Two houses were selected for retrofit with this remedial measure. Both were relatively new R-2000 type houses with 200x300mm masonry chimneys. Each of the homes was tested in 1984-85 as part of the Residential Combustion Safety Checklist research project. One of the houses already had high pressure oil burners without barometric dampers installed on a boiler and hot water heater. Attempts were made to locate houses with draft failures due specifically to oversized masonry chimneys, without success. It was noted, however, that both flues in the test houses, though only two years old, had chipped liners, signs of condensation and frost damage.

A detailed description of the two houses follows:

PIERCY HOUSE

Type: single family

Structure: 1-1/2 storey with basement

Insulation: R-2000 standards

Tested air leakage: 1.43 ACH at 50 Pa

 $C = 6.26 \text{ l/(s} \cdot \text{Pa}^{\text{n}})$

n = 0.86

Heating system: oversized boiler; 2.00 GPH capacity

Burner: conventional Aero before retrofit

Riello M3 high pressure burner after retrofit

.65 USGPH nozzle

Barometric damper: yes before; none after

Age of boiler: 8 years

Nozzle size: 0.75 USGPH before; 0.65 USGPH after

Chimney: 200x300mm flue with ceramic liner; 7.2 m height

Special equipment: air-to-air heat exchanger; clothes dryer

Previous testing had shown spillage when the air-to-air heat exchanger was sealed and the clothes dryer (located in the basement) was operating. Two heat sensitive discs affixed to the barometric damper had changed colour, indicating that spillage had occurred. The owner reported the smell of oil fumes present when the clothes dryer was operating.

LOSIER HOUSE

Type: single family

Structure: bungalow with basement

Insulation: R-2000 standards

Tested air leakage: 0.26 ACH at 50 Pa

 $C = 2.46 \text{ 1/(s} \cdot \text{Pa}^{\text{11}})$

n = 0.70

Heating system: oil hot air furnace and oil hot water heater

Burners: Riello M3 high pressure burners

Barometric dampers: none

Age of furnace: new

Nozzle sizes: 0.40 USGPH

Chimney size: 200x300mm flue with ceramic liner;

5.56 m height

Special equipment: air-to-air heat exchanger; clothes dryer

Previous testing had shown spillage when the air-to-air heat exchanger was sealed and the clothes dryer (located in the basement) was operating.

The owner had complained of the smell of oil fumes in the basement but had attributed the problem to an imbalance in the heat exchanger system. As a solution he had adjusted the heat exchanger to induce a slight positive pressure in the house.

Flexible 125mm stainless steel liner kits were sized and supplied by Esso Petroleum Canada. The kits also included double base "T's" and special Aerocowl caps designed to reduce the effect of the wind on the draft. Waterproofed Vermiculite specified for insulation was not available. "Perlite", a volcanic, waterproof block fill, was used for insulation instead. 125mm connecting flue pipes were made locally of sheet steel. The insulated flue liners were installed by masons. The installation procedure is fully documented in the installation manual. (See Appendix.)

In the Piercy home, the existing oil burner was replaced with a new high pressure burner (Riello M3) with an integral air supply damper and delayed action solenoid valve. As recommended by the manufacturer, the nozzle size of the new burner was 15 percent smaller than that of the replaced burner to account for the increased oil pressure of the new burner. The two existing high pressure burners at the Losier home are also M3 Riello burners.

Four tests were performed on these houses using a Dwyer manometer, a candle to indicate spillage at a 6mm hole in the flue pipe, and the doorfan to create house depressurization.

- 1. Cold flue spillage
 - To what house depressurization could the off-cycle flue pipe resist spillage of flue gas into the room air?
 - If the house has two oil appliances (Losier house), how does one appliance affect the other?
- 2. Hot flue spillage
 - How much would heating the flue (by operating the burner with oil flow) improve the draft?
- 3. Maximum house depressurization against which normal burner operation could re-establish upward flow.
 - What is the maximum house depressurization that the burner fan can overcome at start-up? (tested postretrofit on Piercy house only)
- 4. House depressurization by the use of house fans only
 - To what levels of depressurization can the exhaust appliances bring the house? (clothes dryer and air-to-air exchangers tested under worst case conditions)

4. RESULTS

There is a distinction to be made between remedial measures that address backdrafting and those that deal with spillage. At times, these measures can be counterproductive. A high capacity burner fan will be more apt to reverse an initial backdraft, but will also provoke more combustion gas spillage out the observation port or barometric damper of a conventional furnace.

Effectiveness of the remedial measures may also be somewhat obscured by the wealth of data. On testing a delayed action solenoid valve as a remedial measure, the time lag of the device can be accurately established. The tests undertaken were designed to show if such a time delay would permit various burner fans to establish an updraft under adverse conditions. The results of these tests are unique to the equipment used and weather conditions at the time of testing. The universality of the measures can be inferred from the data but there is a degree of uncertainty involved.

The backdraft test shows that the burner fan is capable of reversing chimney flows at up to 60 Pa negative pressure, more than any likely house depressurization. The flow reversal happens in less than 1/2 second, well within the 8 to 12 second delay of a solenoid valve. (See Appendix 4 for detailed data.)

The chimney flow velocities under increasing depressurization are charted in Figure 3.

The burner fan easily creates positive flow up to 30 Pa, and marginally from 30 to 60 Pa, before the chimney flow reverses. The rate of increase of door fan flow during testing may have affected this point of flow stalling.

Note that these two tests were made with a 1.25 USGPH conventional burner only. Results for other burner types or nozzle sizes can only be inferred. In one case, a 0.65 USGPH high pressure burner with oil flow clearly was unable to start at a negative pressure of only 15 Pa. (Piercy house, post-retrofit). Flow direction was not measured in this latter case, but failure of the the combustion process may occur well before actual chimney flow reversal due to changes in the oil/air mix.

The fan characteristic testing shown in Figure 4 is taken from data in Appendix 4. In these tests, the burner fans created static pressures in the blocked flue pipe, measured at Point B. The conventional burner eventually produced only 10 Pa at Point B, compared to 15-20 Pa for the 0.95 USGPH nozzle or the draft inducer acting alone. When the draft inducer acted together with either burner fan, roughly 30 Pa of pressure was produced in the flue pipe. The standard 0.60 USGPH Riello burner fan produced only 4 Pa.

The same burner fan with a 0.95 USGPH nozzle produced over three times the pressure and it can be inferred that the ability of the burner fan to reverse backdraft would be very dependent on nozzle size. The combustion air supply is adjusted according to the nozzle size, (more oil, more air), indicating that the fan's ability to develop pressure is dependent on the air supply.

Table 1 shows how the pressure characteristics are affected by the leakiness of the flue pipe. With the flue pipe blocked at the chimney, 19 Pa of static pressure is developed. Sealing the damper, joints, and observation holes triples this pressurization to 56 Pa.

Spillage generally ocurs at much lower levels of depressurization, and results fluctuate considerably due to changes in wind, exterior temperature, chimney temperature and measurement location. Results are shown in Table 2 (and in Appendix 4). The following generalities can be extracted:

- 1. The effect of the burner fan is variable. At measurement Point B, when the burner fan is activated, the now pressurized flue pipe will spill at a lower depressurization than with no fans. At Points A and C, spillage with the fan is at higher depressurizations with a hot flue. A possible explanation is that, in the "Hot" tests, the boiler water and boiler heatchanger is hot. The fan flow carries this heat to the chimney, creating additional draft.
- 2. The draft inducer prevents spillage upstream (eg. Points A and C) at room depressurizations of 20 Pa and more. Downstream towards the chimney, where it pressurizes the flue pipe, spillage is apt to occur at under 8 Pa room depressurization when the flue is cold, and about 10-19 Pa when hot.

For the damperless, insulated flue with a high pressure burner, the results are also affected to a large degree by the weather conditions during testing. In Table 3 and Appendix 5, no cold flue improvement is seen in the Losier house, but the pre-retrofit testing conditions were much more conducive to good draft. With a hot flue, results are too variable for any conclusions. High winds during testing are blamed.

The Piercy house showed an off-cycle draft increase from 2 to 6 Pa with the retrofit, and from 8 to 15 Pa on the hot flue. Note that these houses can be depressurized by their own fans to 7.5 and 5.6 Pa respectively (see Appendix 5). This shows that the margin of safety in preventing cold flue backdraft is minimal.

The maximum Piercy house depressurization against which draft could be re-established (against initial backdraft)

was 8-10 Pa using the burner fan only, and 13-15 Pa with both burner and burner fan activated. These results are for the post-retrofit case only. No data is available for the pre-retrofit systems.

Figure 3 - Effect of Depressurization on Flue Pipe Flows

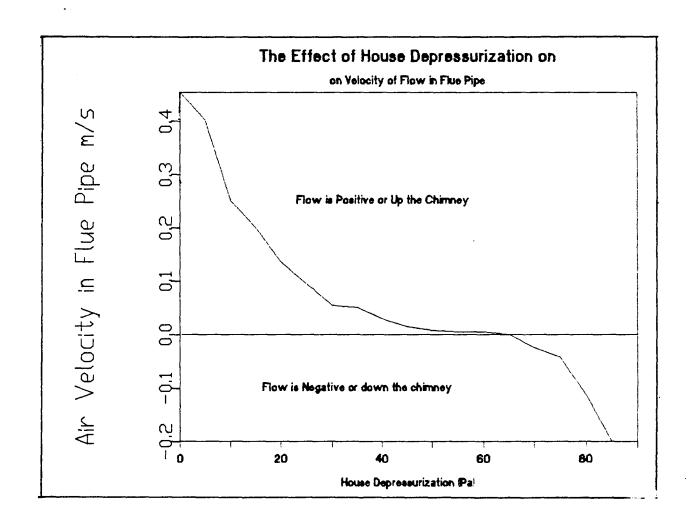


Figure 4 - Measured Fan and System Characteristics

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High Pressure Burner Fan 0.60 Nozzle

High Pressure Burner Fan 0.95 Nozzle

Conventional Burner Fan 1.25 Nozzle

Draft Inducer with Conventional Burner (off)

Praft Inducer with High Pressure Burner (off)

Traft Inducer with Conventional Burner Fan

Draft Inducer with High Pressure burner Fan (0.60)
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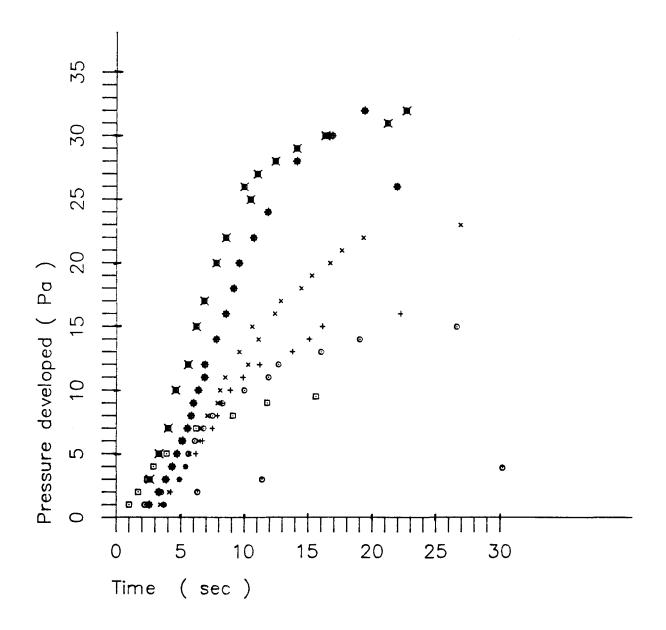


TABLE 1 COMBUSTION PATH LEAKS

	Static pressure developed by oil burner (no oil flow)			
	Pa			
Condition:				
Flue pipe blocked just before entering metal chimney	1 9			
As above. All joints and barometric damper sealed with duct tape.	5 6			
Flue pipe removed from boiler and outlet sealed.	7 0			

TABLE 2 RESISTANCE OF OPERATING SYSTEM TO DEPRESSURIZATION

Pressure at Which Spillage was Observed (to nearest Pa)

Observation Point	Conventions	al Burner	High Efficiency Burner			
Point	Spillage	at Pa	Spillage at Pa			
Condition 1:	No fans					
	cold	hot	cold	hot		
Point A B C	3 2 3	4 5 5	6 3 6	6 6 7		
Condition 2:	Burner fan only			•		
Point A B C	0 1 0	9 6 13	2 1 2	9 5 14		
Condition 3:	Induced draft fa	an only				
Point A B C	2 8 8 2 4	25 10 33	2 4 3 2 9	3 0 1 2 3 7		
Condition 4:	Both fans on					
Point A B C	17 5 15	20 14 26	18 1 24	22 13 26		

The results are averages of two tests on two different days. See individual test sheets in Appendix B for specific test data and weather data.

TABLE 3 FIELD TESTS OF THE DAMPERLESS, INSULATED FLUE WITH HIGH PRESSURE BURNER

Depressurizations Measured That Created Spillage (Pa)

	Appliance	A1:	Col	d Flue	Pre-heated Flue (2		
House	Checked for Spillage	Appliance Burner Fan (ON/OFF) (1)	Before	Post- Retrofit	Before	Post- Retrofit (3	
Losier (4)	Furnace	OFF	5	5(5)	يد جيدة والله فيده بيدة والله الله ويد	- 100, 100 tap 100, 100 tap 100 tap 100 T	
	DHW	OFF	5	5(5)			
	Furnace DHW	ON OFF			5 4	1 8	
	Furnace DHW	OFF ON			1 3 7	1 9 1 5	
	Furnace DHW	ON ON			9 7	3 6	
Piercy	Boiler	OFF	2	6			
	Boiler	OFF			8(5)	15	
	Boiler	ON			9(5)	14	

- (1) These tests were run with oil flow to the burners disconnected, so that the burner fan activated without the burner firing. This was done to limit the transient draft differences due to flue heating, which would require significant delays in measurement, until steady state conditions were reached.
- (2) This is a hot flue, preheated for this test.
- (3) For weather data see Appendices 5 and 6. Post-retrofit testing was conducted in warmer weather, with lower wind speeds.
- (4) The Losier house has two appliances connected to the same flue. The tests were done in pairs for each case.
- (5) Estimates only, based on Solsearch "Spillage" data increases. (See Appendix 5.)

5. CONCLUSIONS

The tests demonstrated that the remedial measures suggested for oil furnaces seem to be suitable ways to minimize combustion gas spillage, based on this limited field testing.

The induced draft fan, especially if used in conjunction with a solenoid delay on the burner, can reverse backdrafts and minimize spillage under any likely house depressurization. Downstream of the fan there may be some start-up spillage in flue pipe joints, unless these are properly sealed. There was no investigation of the effect of the fan on furnace/boiler burner performance.

The delayed action solenoid gives sufficient time for the burner fan to reverse an initial backdraft. It does not prevent spillage from the unintentional or intentional holes (eg. damper perimeter), although by better establishing proper flow in the chimney, it may reduce the duration of spillage. By a thorough sealing of the flue pipe and all connections, this spillage will be further reduced.

The damperless, insulated flue and high pressure burner does create an improved chimney draft and fewer holes for flue gas spillage to occur. The margin of improvement is not as great as with the induced draft fan and the cost of this retrofit is quite high. It seems to be a good option for homeowners with a furnace/boiler in good condition and a chimney in need of repair (or suffering from condensation problems).

While these remedial measures do reduce the range of house conditions under which spillage will occur, the effect of the measures on spillage duration is unknown. If further research shows that even short term spillage of oil-fired appliances can seriously degrade indoor air quality, spillage duration investigations must take place.

GLOSSARY

Barometric Damper is an air check valve located on the flue pipe between the furnace/boiler and the masonry flue. The barometric damper is usually of the same diameter as the flue pipe and will only let air into the flue. The damper is weighted with an adjustable weight, set to allow the damper to open if the chimney draft exceeds a certain positive number. The effect of the damper is to reduce the effect of draft variations at the combustion chamber. The barometric damper has no seals and is not airtight. Due to its location near corrosive gases, the damper frequently does not operate properly. Although barometric dampers are required by code, high pressure burners are often installed with damperless, insulated chimneys.

Backdraft occurs when the flow of the combustion gases is blocked or reversed from the usual direction up the chimney. Backdrafting usually occurs when the burner is off. If backdrafting occurs with the burner on, all the combustion products will vent into the house through air supply ports, the barometric damper and other combustion path holes.

Cold Flue is a flue that has not been used overnight and has reached a minimum steady state temperature. The actual flue temperature was not measured. Since the flue is an insulated metal asbestos flue, there is little thermal mass.

Cross-over is the "stall point" between positive and negative draft, when some smoke spills out or pulses in and out of the inspection hole, but direction is not definitely established. During testing, the determination of the cross-over point was a "judgement call" on the part of the tester, since the beginning of the spillage process was determined visually by a slight fluttering of the candle flame. For this series of tests, the tester estimated the point at which the flow fluctuated between equal periods of intake and exhaust through the inspection port.

Draft is the pressure differential measured in Pa between the furnace room and the interior of the flue pipe. The draft is usually positive due to chimney effect and will exhaust air from the furnace room to the outside. The draft may become negative if, for instance, the furnace room is under negative pressure relative to the exterior, due to competing exhaust appliances. In this case, gases from the interior of the combustion system may spill into the furnace room.

Hot Flue is a flue that has reached maximum steady state temperature by firing the burner for a minimum of 15 minutes prior to tests.

Negative Pressure is established when exhaust appliances in a tight home cause the interior house pressure to be negative relative to the outside pressure.

Puffing is temporary flow reversal or bursts of spillage occurring during ignition at appliance start-up.

Spillage is the flow of flue gases from burner, boiler and flue into the interior of the house. The flow was visually detected with a candle or smoke pencil. For the field trials, the tester waited for a definite exhaust of the gases (as opposed to crossover) when determining the spillage point.

APPENDIX 1:

OPERATION OF A TYPICAL OIL-FIRED FURNACE

The start-up sequence begins when the controller provides electrical power to the blower fan and transformer. The oil pump is driven by the same motor as the fan; consequently, oil pressure builds simultaneously with air pressure. If a solenoid valve is installed, oil flow to the nozzle is delayed, allowing the fan and pump to develop maximum rpm. Combustion air is drawn in through an adjustable port on the burner and the air is mixed with the oil, which is vaporized at the nozzle. When the mixture is first ignited by the electrodes, the force of the ignition forces the barometric damper shut. Often a puff of smoke enters the room via various leakage points in the combustion path.

During the first few minutes of operation the combustion may be unsteady and the draft not well established. This will manifest itself with a closed barometric damper and puffs of exhaust emerging through leaks. Simultaneously, however, the oil burner fan is exhausting air from the furnace room, which is replaced with air from elsewhere in the house; in effect, purging the room. As the chimney is heated by the flue gases, the draft improves and the barometric damper opens, exhausting additional air from the house.

After several minutes of operation the chimney draft may develop 10 to 30 Pa, while negative pressures generated by competing exhaust appliances within the house might range from 3 to 7 Pa. When the burner stops after a 5 to 20 minute cycle, the chimney is still warm and air will continue to be exhausted from the room through the barometric damper and oil burner air ports, unless the burner is of the high pressure type. High pressure type burners are sometimes installed without barometric dampers and the model tested has a built-in damper on the air supply which closes automatically when the burner is not operating.

The typical oil-fired furnace system is designed to operate with a positive chimney draft (updraft). If positive draft is not present, spillage will occur, but positive flow up the chimney is usually maintained. Only under unusual circumstances, such as flue blockage, is chimney flow reversed, in which case black smoke will pour into the furnace room.

APPENDIX 2:

SELECTION AND DESIGN OF SIX REMEDIAL MEASURES

Based on consultation and feedback from John Haysom (Scanada) and Harry West, we considered the remedial measures further.

The list of remedial measures is reorganized as follows to more clearly connect the remedial action to the problem it is supposed to resolve. Note that group No. 1 are not really remedial actions, but diagnostic tools which may or may not be invoked prior to undertaking one of the remedial measures.

- 1. Alarm/Checklist/Test
- 2. Air supply to furnace room. Furnace room sealed from rest of house or sealed air intake (not, to our knowledge, available on oil-fired units.)
- 3. Prepurge cycle/solenoid valve.
- 4. Exhaust appliance priorization.
- 5. New insulated flue/with or without burner with damper.
- 6. Draft inducer fan.

Consultation and Review

1. Diagnostic Devices

1.1 Alarms Our knowledge of this item is based solely on the work of Sheltair. It is not a solution, but may be used as a diagnostic device if chimney failure is suspected.

If no other competing sources of dust or smoke exist near the furnace, then an ordinary smoke alarm may well be the best solution. The more expensive CO detector eliminates some false alarms, such as alarms caused by dust.

Guidelines need to be developed as to the proper location of alarms. Guidelines should be simple enough to follow by an ordinary homeowner who may choose to spend \$10 to \$30 on a self-installed detector prior to calling in a professional serviceman.

We note that, in our experience, fire alarms are frequently disconnected if they are seen to give "false" alarms, such as being set off by a toaster. It should be made clear to homeowners that if the alarm sounds once, the next step is a check by a qualified technician. (Checklist)

- 1.2 Checklist The checklist would be the next step if an alarm or other evidence did show the presence of backdraft problems. We have reviewed the checklist proposed by Sheltair and agree that this checklist should be able to be performed by a technician without sophisticated equipment such as a door fan. Our firm has had simple checklists and tests with smoke pencils in previous backdraft measurements. It is our opinion that additional equipment, such as manometers and door fans, serves to quantitate the problems but does not assist significantly in determining the nature of the problems.
- 1.3 Test We have performed tests with sensitive manometers and door fans to quantify the nature of backdraft problems and the spill-over points for various competing appliances. These instruments are excellent research tools, but do not add significantly to the diagnosis of the problems. The tools are extremely sensitive to variations in the weather.

2. Separate Air Supply

Our knowledge of this subject is through installing separate air supplies in five projects where previous airsealing resulted in backdrafting (as measured by Sheltair's method), documents presented in this project, and conversations with Harry West.

Two methods of providing a separate air supply are:

- 2.1 Sealed supply, a direct duct from the exterior directly connected to the burner. This method is available for condensing gas boilers but is not, to our knowledge, available for oil burners. The theoretical advantage is the total isolation from any competing appliance. Disadvantages may include a great variation in the temperature of the air supply.
- 2.2 Air supply to sealed furnace room. The air supply can be (a) a window or other direct opening or (b) a duct with cold air lock or motorized damper. A 5" or 6" diameter opening prevented backdrafting as per the Sheltair test in our test houses. NBC however requires 3.3 mm²/watt (NBC sec. 6.2.5.1.(2)). For a typical furnace with a 1 gallon nozzle, this translates to 150 sq. inches, substantially bigger than air supplies typically provided.

Undercut furnace room doors and other air leaks to the remainder of the house may hinder the effectiveness of the air supply in the presence of other competing appliances. Regular airsealing techniques can, however, overcome this problem. If a competing appliance such as a dryer is located within the room the supply must be sized to handle both appliances.

Even with a U-shaped cold air lock, homeowners report cold drafts from air supply when the burner is not in use. Local contractors have manufactured motorized dampers, which open only when the furnace is on. The damper can be wired "fail safe", with a spring loaded, normally open damper, switched to allow burner operation only when open. The cost is approximately \$100.

Bare metal air supply ducts will typically cause condenstion. Harry West reports successfully avoiding this by insulating ducts with 1" foil-covered glass fibre batts.

3. Prepurge Cycle/Solenoid Valve

Discussed in detail in previously submitted paper, this low cost solution offers in addition to reduced backdrafting a bonus in a cleaner heat exchanger and resulting greater efficiencies and fuel savings.

4. Exhaust Appliance Prioritization

One successful prioritization (Jennair Stove disabling furnace, when operating) has been reported by Sheltair. It is a low cost solution, but adds to the technical complexity of the house. The unsuspecting furnace repairman may not realize that a malfunctioning furnace may be connected to the stove and one can imagine a situation where the homeowner leaves the house with the Jennair on to clear the air in the house, and returns much later to find the pipes frozen.

5. New Insulated Flue

This remedial measure has been documented by Harry West in "Stainless Steel Liners" Standards and Installation manual. A typical installation is done in conjunction with the installation of a high pressure burner with an integral damper on the air supply and elimination of the barometric damper. The reduced opening, insulated stainless steel flue reduces backdraft due to the thermal mass of an oversize masonry chimney. The safety of any deteriorated flue is also drastically increased. A vent cap reduces backdraft due to wind gusts.

The burner also has an integral delayed action solenoid valve. The elimination of the barometric damper and the air supply valve not only reduces the backdrafting potential but also eliminates the standby stack losses. The installation manual of the burners does not specify the removal of the barometric damper, and most installers here on P.E.I. leave the barometric dampers on.

6. Draft Inducing Fan

Located after the appliance, before or in the chimney, the draft inducing fan boosts the draft of the chimney. The use of this device is common in industrial applications, but is rarely used residentially. Harry West feels that the increased draft may potentially damage the fire box. The cost of the device is fairly high (\$500 range). The device does not really solve the cause of any backdrafting problems, and may indeed cause other appliances to backdraft. Technical complexity, noise and maintenance costs are increased. Located in a corrosive atmosphere, such a device can be expected to have a shorter lifespan.

Harry West reports that he eliminates dampers and employs reduced flue sizes under a section of the B139 Code, allowing qualified consultants to take such steps. This leaves the liability squarely on the installer. It would be desirable to get direct code approval for removal of the backdraft damper if this is going to be a commonly recommended remedial measure. There is also the question of boiler warranty, when reducing the flue size below the size recommended by the boiler manufacturer.

On the question of liability, Skip Hayden comments that in the course of the widely used burner conversion program here on P.E.I., where thousands of burner/boilers were equipped with retention heads, the retrofits were done without obtaining prior approval from boiler manufacturers or CSA approvals for specific system combinations.

Plan for Insulated Flues

- Location: Two houses with backdraft problems will be selected. Both will have previously installed Riello burners. One house is to be new and relatively airtight. The other house is to be old and relatively leaky, with backdraft likely to be due to an oversized chimney.
- Testing: Tests 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be conducted on the furnace/chimney prior to and after installation of the new insulated chimney. A "cold" chimney test will offer a several-hour cooling period.
- Installation: A contractor familiar with the installation of chimney liners will be engaged to install liners as per the manual. Henry West has agreed to visit the sites during installation. His time will be shared between: technical transfer (his insulated chimney system is not well known in P.E.I.) and discussing the chimney test program.
- Cost: Harry West will provide flue materials free of charge. The project will be charged the direct cost of employing a mason, estimated at \$300 to \$400 per house.

Discussion: Since submitting the original research paper, additional input from other team members has initiated additional topics to be considered.

The objectives of any remedial measure are:

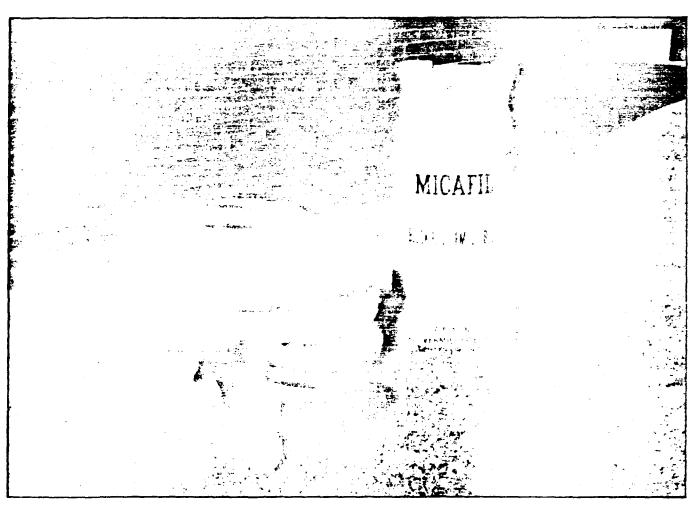
- 1. to reduce or eliminate chance of backdrafting
- 2. to utilize existing equipment and servicemen if possible
- 3. to be inexpensive, or if expensive, offer other benefits which justify the greater cost
- 4. not to add to the complexity or service requirements of the mechanical systems of the house.
- Re 1. Alarms and checklists are clearly diagnostic tools, not a solution, and therefore do not fall within our task. We suggest however that conventional smoke alarms be tested out as a warning device in a few of the houses where the spot test may indicate problems.
- Re 2. Separate air supply is an excellent remedy. To be tested and developed by SRC.
- Re 3. Prepurge cycle/solenoid valve. In houses previously tested, the backdrafting problems were all overcome by the burner, after a short period. The device is easily installed and is in fact standard on some equipment. The device is inexpensive and results in cleaner operation and fuel savings. Clearly a superior solution to be tested.
- Re 4. Prioritization. Although an inexpensive measure, this measure adds to the complexity of the system. Backdrafting problems may be resolved, but new problems, such as freeze-up, may be added. Not recommended as a measure.
- Re 5. Insulated flue. The high cost is the only drawback of this measure. Where a deteriorated flue justifies work on the chimney, this is a recommended solution. Particularly suitable for the many century old flues of P.E.I. At Harry West's suggestion, this measure will be tested in two locations. The measure not only improves draft but greatly increases the general safety of the flue.
- Re 6. Draft assistance. As already outlined previously, a draft assistance fan will be tested at Holland College. With a relatively high cost, plus added complexity, this is not a recommended measure, but testing will serve as a useful "benchmark" against which to test the obtainable pressure of oil burners.

APPENDIX 3:

SPECIFICATIONS OF EQUIPMENT USED IN TESTING

STAINLESS STEEL LINERS

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STANDARDS AND INSTALLATION MANUAL

TABLE #1
Combustion Products Plus Barometric Damper Dilution

% EXCESS AIR	10	15	25	35	50	6 5	85	110
*% 0 ₂	2	3.5	4.5	6.5	7.5	9	10.5	11.5
*CO2	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7

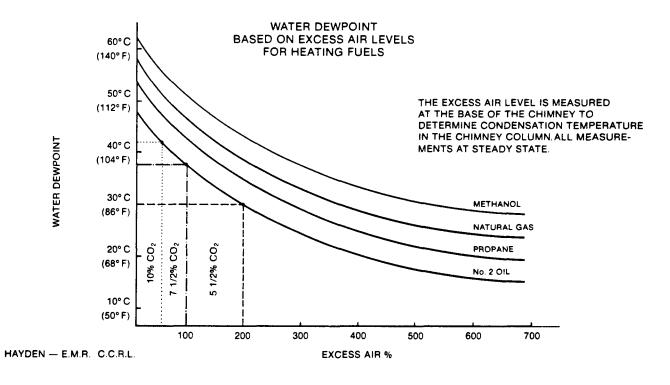
FIRING RATE U.S.G.P.H.	CUBIC FEET PER MINUTE							
1.10	25.5	27.1	29.5	32.2	35.4	39.1	43.6	49.5
1.00	24.3	25.8	28.1	30.7	33.7	37.1	41.5	47.2
. 8 5	20.6	21.9	23.9	26.1	28.6	31.6	35.3	40.1
.75	18.2	19.4	21.0	23.0	25.3	27.9	31.2	35.4
. 6 5	15.8	16.8	18.2	19.9	21.9	24.8	27.0	30.€
.60	14.5	15.5	16.8	18.4	20.2	22.3	24.9	28.3
.50	12.1	12.9	14.0	15.3	16.9	18.6	20.8	23.9

^{*}Measured at Chimney Base

Table #1 shows volumetic flow rates of gas at 15.5° C (60° F) associated with various excess air levels.

Chimney Construction

A typical chimney in North America is a brick/block masonry construction with a standard chimney tile liner down to the clean-out. The clean-out is normally 18" to 24" below the inlet of the heating appliance. In some construction only two clay tiles were used top and bottom. This resulted in two courses of brick to make the chimney perimeter between the two tiles.



Conditions (cont'd.)

Volume of Flue Gases = 30.3 cu. ft. per minute Weight of Flue Gases = 30.3 x .075 = 2.28

Heat Content

(2.28 weight) x (60 Time) x (275°F Temp.) x (0.24)

9,028 B.T.U.H.

*Absorption rate of flue B.T.U.H. at 25° F

(65.3 sq. ft. area) x (199° F average temperature) x (1.0 coefficient)

= 12,995 B.T.U.H.

*Absorption rate of flue B.T.U.H. at —3° F (65.3 sq. ft. area) x (199° F) x (2.0 coefficient) = 25,592 B.T.U.H.

*N.B. The ability of the chimney to absorb all the heat is self evident but the centre core of flow does not come in contact with the tile liner. 100% condensation does not happen.

The variables that cause condensation:

- (1) Time delay to achieve steady state, up to 5 minutes.
- (2) Appliances do not cycle for 60 minute burn time for maximum B.T.U.H. input.
- (3) High relative humidity of the dilution air changes the dewpoint upwards from that calculated with dry air.
- (4) The flue can absorb more latent heat than the heating appliance can produce. Cold outdoor temperatures with long off cycles normally produce pulsations on start.

Case

Installation of 5" of stainless steel liner insulated between the liner and the existing tile liner.

Chimney Height

8.5M

28'

Temperature at Breach

287.7° C

550° F

255° F

CO2 at Breach

13-1/2%

Temperature at Base of Chimney

123.8° C

CO2 at Base

6-1/2%

Flue gas exit temperatures

96.1°C

205° F

Centre of Flow 8" below exit

Average temperature of flue

230° F

Heat Loss or Absorption Rate

Perimeter = 15.7"

Height = 28'

Area = $15.7 \times (28 \times 12) \div 144 = 36.3 \text{ sq. ft.}$

Total B.T.U.H. Loss

Square ft. of surface area x average flue gas temperature x coefficient of heat transfer = Loss

 $36.3 \text{ sq. ft.} \times 230^{\circ} \times 0.4 = 333.96 \text{ B.T.U.H.}$

The use of a stainless steel chimney liner will eliminate or control condensation problems, establish draft almost instantaneously and provide a designed venting system for increased efficiency during operation.

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Z Flex Stainless Steel Liners

MATERIAL: The material used for production of Z Flex Liner is a special 316 alloy 0.005" thick.

CONSTRUCTION: Spiral look continuous seam.

TESTING: A series of performance tests were completed by Warnock Hersey, an independent testing lab. The tests were conducted under the guidelines: "Underwriters Laboratory Proposed Requirements Liners for Masonry Chimneys Venting Oil and Gas Fired Appliances". The test file is #FL 200-290-040 and the tests were conducted under requirements outlined in ULC-S629-M1981 which is requirement for **650° C** factory built insulated chimneys.

Additional tests were conducted for:

CORROSION: Severe sulphurous acid bath ULC S 609 standard for L vents.

STRENGTH: A 200 pound force was exerted on a section of liner suspended from a forklift truck.

FLEXIBILITY: Liner was bent around a wooden form of 17.5" radius through 180° for three separate

applications. No separation or collapse.

TORSION: A sample liner suspended from a beam in a fixed position was rotated 180° clockwise

and then returned to its original position. This test was repeated three times; no

separation was observed.

ABRASION: An eight foot long sample liner of 5" nominal was drawn through an unlined masonry

chimney ten times. The flue was $7 \frac{1}{4}$ " x $7 \frac{1}{4}$ ". The liner withstood the test without showing any joint separation, rupture, or visually observable damage which would

cause the material to be unsuitable for its intended use.

TIGHTNESS TEST: Samples of the liner were subjected to a tightness test after the temperature, strength, flexibility, torsion and abrasions tests were completed. Both ends of the sample liners were plugged with wooden plugs and sealed with silicone sealant. Each sample was pressurized to 0.5" water gauge using compressed air. The pressure was monitored to a minimum leakage rate of 0.42 cubic feet per hour. After all previous tests the samples all passed a tightness test or leakage rate less than the detectable flow rate. The liner was subjected to additional tests for puncture rate, liquid penetration and a brush sweep test for cleaning.

The conclusions by K. S. Chan, P. Eng., Metallurgical Engineer, Physical Testing Services for Warnock Hersey Professional Services Ltd.:

"The chimney liners of various nominal diameters complied with the proposed requirements for flexible liners for masonry chimneys for venting oil and gas fired appliances issued by ULC and dated August 31, 1982.

The liner, when installed with the proper care and following the instruction procedures, will provide the consumer with a safe, highly efficient venting system."



The vent chimney adapter is seriously corroded after only three years. The opening was causing the excessive dilution of the flue gases and the potential for severe leakage is self-evident if the chimney becomes plugged.



Outside the residence, the chimney condensation has migrated over a wide area of the brick work — a tell-tale sign of a potential problem by visual observation.



A close-up of the damage starting over the window lintel.



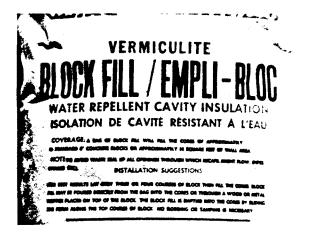
Close-up of the chimney base.

Note: There is no metal thimble in the opening to accept the vent pipe.



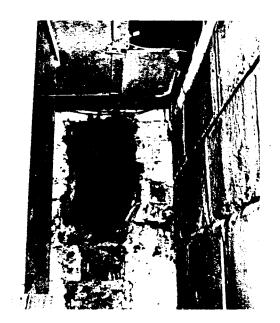
The Liner Kit: 316 stainless U.L. listed and Warnock Hersey tested. The kit shown is a 25' 5" diameter unit. The actual kit length required on our installation was 18'. There will be 20' kits available for future installations.

The cap in the foreground is a special aerocowl cap which we have evaluated with the permission of the Ministry of Commercial and Consumer Relations — Fuel Safety Branch. The units you will receive will have the aerocowl U.L. listed cap for installation.



Industrial Vermiculite

The back fill material to provide easy installation of insulating material is a block fill vermiculite. The block fill insulation must be waterproof type that will not become water laden by osmosis. Wet insulation surrounding a round liner, if low temperature causes freezing, will destroy the chimney. The use of insulating material improves the performance of your vent system by decreasing the temperature drop in the vent. The use of insulation will also prolong the life of the liner by maintaining the flue gas temperatures above the dew point for all applications properly sized. No condensation, no damage.



The enlarged opening.



Ensure that if the open webbs of the blocks are visible, plug the openings to stop the insulation from leaking into the block foundation.



Chimney contractor uses strong cord to attach to the plug. The plug is used to lead the liner down the existing chimney and around any offsets that may be encountered.

Special Note:

The normal installation of this liner will be easy with offsets of up to 45° angles. If the chimney offset is over 45°, the outside wall will have to be opened to allow the offset installation of the liner. The use of extreme force to pull the liner around a severe offset will only crush the liner, choke the free area and cause you further problems plus expense. Don't risk a severe offset with five inch diameter liner unless it is a 12" x 12" tile.



Slowly feed the liner into the masonry chimney.



Feeding the liner with the rope being pulled down at basement level from the enlarged opening.



The liner is now in position at the basement opening.

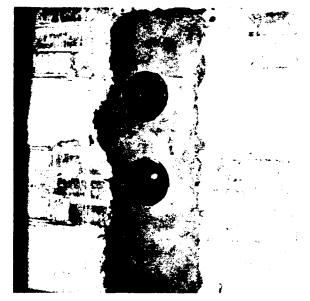
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Fiberglass insulation is now packed at the rear and sides of the double base tee. This will help centre the double base tee in the cavity.



Close-up of the double base tee in place. To keep mortar out of the vent during rebricking and plastering of the opening, a fiberglass plug is useful.



The Finished Opening

Bricks should be laid and then mortar applied as a plaster coat to make the wall smooth.

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Cutting excess liner material using either a utility knife or a set of pipe shears. Cut the liner a minimum 8" to 12" above the tile liner. The exact height required can be determined later when the aerocowl is being installed.



The Final Cut

Because the material is spiral locked, very sharp edges are produced during cutting. Use care or a severe laceration may occur. If you can work with gloves, do so.



Install stainless steel adapter for mounting aerocowl on liner.

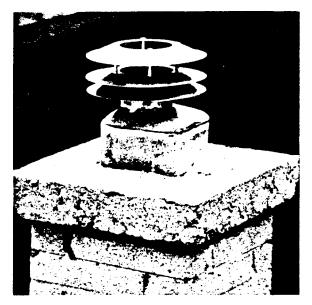
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Now start placing the special mortar.



Trowel up a shoulder.



The finished product.

The mortar should be a minimum of 3" of depth inside the tile flue and raised above the tile flue to form a rain collar sloping from the liner to the flue tile. Ensure that the mortar is smooth, packed and sloped.

The use of "approved" stainless steel liner material is a must to provide the longevity and safety that is required. With a venting system, the proper care taken during the installation procedure will also ensure proper efficient operation of the heating appliance connected to the liner.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The continuing search for answers to the problems with high efficiency equipment venting systems was long, but in the end, rewarding.

Various people in their daily job functions provided information that kept the search for the right answers on track.

A special thanks to C. S. "Cliff" James, of Esso Petroleum Canada, who provided technical answers from a storehouse of information and turned up with the solutions for sizing, friction, loss, and condensation plus the rates of thermal loss that we were encountering in the field tests.

H. R. West Esso Petroleum Canada September, 1985

ELECTRICAL WIRING

Dashed Lines Represent 24 Volt Circuit. Solid Lines Represent 115 Volt Circuit Unless Noted Otherwise.

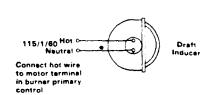


DIAGRAM NO. 1 MOTOR DRIVEN OIL OR GAS BURNER Fan Prover Switch Omitted

- Burner and inducer start simultaneously
 Diagram applicable when total of amperes for burner motor, transformer, valve etc. plus inducer motor does not exceed amperage rating of burner primary control.
- Relat Connect relay coil to motor Draft terminal in burner primary 5 control 115/1/50 Hot o

DIAGRAM NO. 2 MOTOR DRIVEN OIL OR GAS BURNER Fan Prover Switch Omitted

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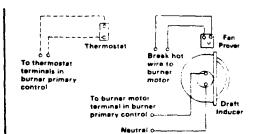


DIAGRAM NO. 3 OIL BURNER WITHOUT OIL VALVE

Burner fires after inducer operation is proved
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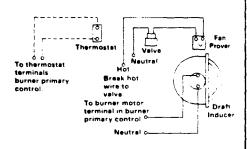


DIAGRAM NO. 4 MOTOR DRIVEN GAS BURNER OR OIL BURNER WITH VALVE

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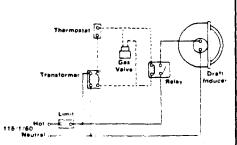


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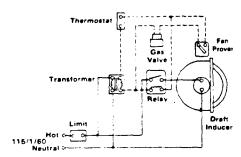


DIAGRAM NO. 6 ATMOSPHERIC GAS BURNER 24 Volt Control

Burner fires after inducer operation is proved

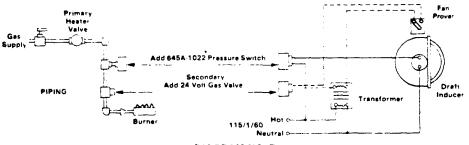


DIAGRAM NO. 7 NON-ELECTRIC OR POWERPILE CONTROL WATER HEATER

- When control on water heater calls for heat, gas pressure is established up to new pressure switch and as far as new secondary gas valve. Gas pressure switch starts inducer
 When inducer operation is proved, fan prover opens secondary gas valve, allowing gas flow to burner

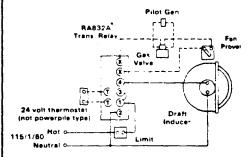
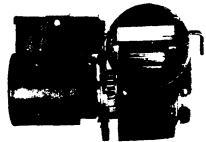


DIAGRAM NO. 8 POWERPILE TYPE GAS BURNER Fan Prover Switch Omitted

Burner and inducer start simultaneously

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AUTO-DRAFT® INDUCERS

SIMPLE INSTALLATION

CUT SLOT IN PIPE



(Template furnished)

2. INSERT INDUCER •



INSTALL BANDS



NOTE Inducer is shown tilted in above pictures to show slot. Actual distallation must have shaft notizontal

INSTALLATION AND SERVICE INFORMATION

MOUNTING—The draft inducer may be mounted on vertical, horizontal or inclined smokepipe. NOTE: This inducer must not be used in sidewall venting applications. Sidewall venting requires the use of a Tjernlund HS-Series inducer. If used on a horizontal smokepipe, mount inducer of contain of pipe, not on top, to avoid creating a heat trap in inducer. Out rectangular siot in pipe and fasten in place with incumting bands provided (the Model DJ2 does not require bands—use mounting screws provided). Select a position between barometric draft regulator or diverter and the chimney locating the inducer as near chimney as possible. The motor shaft must be level and horizontal to avoid excessive wear of bearings. Do not use "bullhead" tees when connecting two smokepipes together.\When tees are necessary connect at 45° angle or less, if change in smokepipe size is required use tapered increaser or reducer.

DRAFT CONTROL—The degree of the induced draft provided by the Auto-Draft inducer can be varied by the exclusive Varioraft Control. Moving the lever of the Vari-Draft while observing readings with a draft gauge will allow setting for maximum draft required.

Oil burning installations and gas-fired units without a draft hood should include a barometric draft regulator. This should be adjusted to barely close when conditions require maximum effect of the draft induced. The barometric control will then open to regulate draft as external conditions change to lessen effect required by the inducer.

The Model DJ2 does not have lever adjustment of Vari-Draft, but the inducer can be removed from the smokepipe and the Vari-Draft blade bent by hand

When several heaters, or a single heater with more than one smoke outlet are installed, it is possible that draft may vary widely at each outlet. If this condition exists, restrictions such as baffles or locked dampers may be required in outlets where

highest draft occurs. Restricting these outlets will increase draft in remaining connections.

FAN PROVER (Recommended) - Instructions for mounting Prover are packed with each prove

The Tjernland Fan Prover had been designed to monitor the pressure within the fan housing one. A nictor or wheelfanire will decrease housing pressure and actuate the pressure switch thus preventing combustion.

The Fan Prover is not a safety control designed to ensure proper draft or to indicate chimney failure. It is the responsibility of the end user to properly maintain both the combustion equipment and its chimney or vent. Yearly maintenance and inspection should be conducted by qualified service personnel. Failure to follow such maintenance and inspection procedures may result in generation of toxic carbon monoxide gas.

SERVICE—Specific instructions cannot be made concerning frequency of lubrication. Normal usage will require oiling no more than twice a year. No more than 3 drops of S.A. E. 20 oil should be used. Oil notes or lances are provided at front and rear faces of motor. Units with sealed ball bearings will normally operate for years without repacking of bearings.

Belts on belt driven inducers should be checked and adjusted at least once a year. Replace worn belts immediately. On Model HD two belts are used and when either belt needs replacement, a matched pair of new belts must be installed.

Misadjusted and inefficient burning of firing device may cause soct and hard carbon buildup on inducer wheel. This can result in an unbalanced wheel and damage may occur to shaft and bearings, as well as reduce the efficiency of the inducer inspect inducer periodically and clean if necessary. Correct burner operation to cleanup fire.

ELECTRICAL WIRING

Dashed Lines Represent 24 Volt Circuit. Solid Lines Represent 115 Volt Circuit Unless Noted Otherwise.

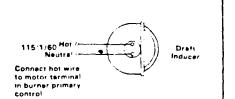


DIAGRAM NO. 1 MOTOR DRIVEN OIL OR GAS BURNER Fan Prover Switch Omitted

- Burner and inducer start simultaneously
- Diagram applicable when total of amperes for burner motor, transformer, valve, etc., plus inducer motor does not exceed amperage rating of burner primary control.

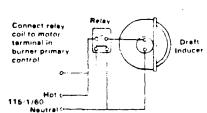


DIAGRAM NO. 2 MOTOR DRIVEN OIL OR GAS BURNER Fan Prover Switch Omitted

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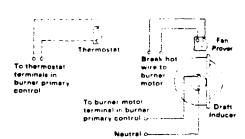


DIAGRAM NO. 3 OIL BURNER WITHOUT OIL VALVE

- Burner fires after inducer operation is proved
 Diagram applicable when total of amperes for burner motor transformer valve etc. plus inducer motor does not exceed amperage rating of burner primary control.

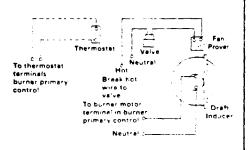


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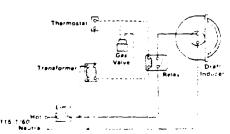


DIAGRAM NO. 5 ATMOSPHERIC GAS BURNER 24 VOLT CONTROL Fan Prover Switch Omitted

Burner and inducer start simultaneously

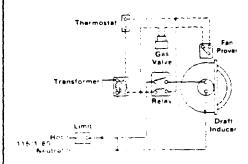


DIAGRAM NO. 6 ATMOSPHERIC GAS BURNER 24 Voit Control

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DIAGRAM NO. 7 NON-ELECTRIC OR POWERPILE CONTROL WATER HEATER

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 When inducer operation is proved fan prover opens secondary gas valve, allowing gas flow to burner.

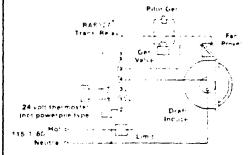
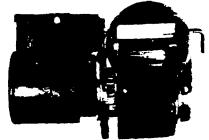


DIAGRAM NO. 8 POWERPILE TYPE GAS BURNER Fan Prover Switch Omitted

● Burner and inducer start simultaneously

OTHER TJERNLUND PRODUCTS



HS INDUCERS

Special design for gas and oil-fired applications High pressure permits substantial reduction in flue size



DUCT BOOSTER

Increases flow in warm or cold air branch ducts



ELECTRICAL WIRING cont.

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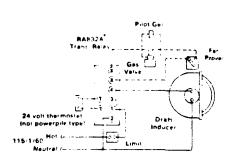


DIAGRAM NO. 9 GAS BURNER WITH POWERPILE

Burner fires after inducer operation is proved

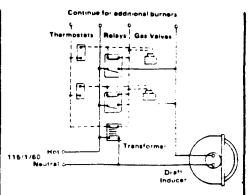


DIAGRAM NO. 10 MULTIPLE ATMOSPHERIC GAS BURNERS Fan Prover Omitted

Any thermostat will start draft induce:
 Corresponding burner will fire simultaneously

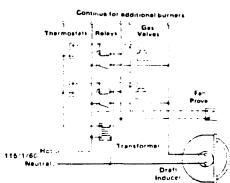


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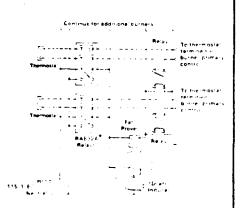


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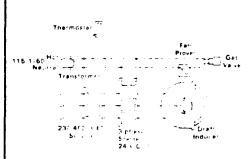


DIAGRAM NO. 14 GAS BURNER 24 Vols Control With Model HD Draft Inducer

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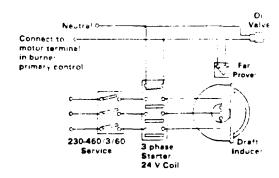


DIAGRAM NO 15 OIL BURNER WITH MODEL HD DRAFT INDUCER

Burner fires after operation is proved

Mpls, Honeywell Model No.

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PLASTIC PORTABLE GAGES

Dwyer solid plastic portable manometers are precision instruments in inclined and vertical (well-type) styles for the measurement of static pressure, vacuum or differential pressure.

To assure the accuracy required in instruments of this type, all machining of bores and wells is to the highest standards of precision backed by Dwyer's years of experience in the fabrication of acrylic instruments.

Design and Service Features

- 1" Thick Acrylic Plastic Body is a solid block, virtually unbreakable, stable and free of the danger of distortion.
- Drilled Bore Accurate to ±.0002" are permanently free of bends or crooks, will not require recalibration because of distortion.
- Selected Gage Oil with high wetability characteristics forms a consistent, well shaped meniscus for easy readability.
- Adjustable Reflective Chrome Finish Scales with thumbscrew locking for easy zeroing.
- Parallax-Free Reading for maximum accuracy and consistency is achieved by simply aligning the meniscus with its image reflected in the polished aluminum scale.
- Screw Type Leveling Adjustment for inclined style gages provides rapid and accurate leveling with reference to integral sensitive ground glass bubble level.
- Furnished Complete with accessories and plastic carrying case.

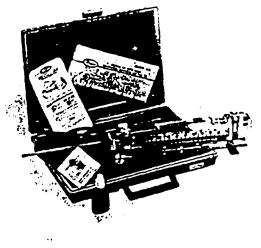


Fig. 4-1. No. 100.5 solid plastic portable gage with .10-0-1.0" W.C. range. Shown with carrying case and standard accessories.

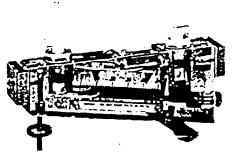


Fig. 4-2. No. 170 solid plastic gage shown on stand provided for all Dwyer portable inclined gages. Magnetic clips are also furnished to permit easy mounting on any vertical steel surface.

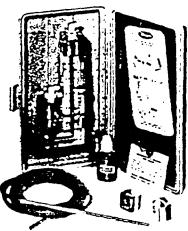


Fig. 4-3. No. 104 solid plastic portable vertical manameter shown attached to inside of carrying case cover. Gage may also be removed from case and used in standing partition or attached to any vertical store surface with magnetic clip provided.

SPECIAL PURPOSE PORTABLE GAGE KITS



NO. 400 AIR VELOCITY METER KIT

Dual scale inclined-vertical manometer reads in feet per minute from 500 FPM and inches of water with 0.01" W.C. minor divisions. Furnished as a complete Lit. See Bulletin No. 11-100.

NO. 102-AV and NO. 115-AV AIR VELOCITY KITS



Complete kits include solid plastic gages No. 102 or No. 115 described above with dual scales in feet per minute and inches of water and all accessories necessary for measurement of air velocity. See Bulletin II-100 for further information.

SERIES VT-170 AIR VOLUME GAGE KITS

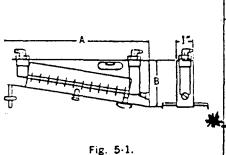


Complete Vits for use in determining air volume by reading differential pressure across air conditioning coils use gages No. VI-170, No. VI-171 and No. VI-172 dec. above. See Bulletin No. VI-170.

RANGES AND DIMENSIONS

Suitable for total pressures up to 100 psig, temperature cop to 150° b. Accuracy #2% of full scale (1% on model 115 only)





	Range	Minor		Dimen	nensions Carrying Case		Weight	
Model No.	Inches of	Scale, Divisions	Scale. Length	A/ -	В	Туро	· Dimensions	Ibs-oz.
100	10.0-1.0	02	1.516	B1711	31/4	Plastic	1214 x 614 x 114	3.7
100.5	.10-0-1.0	- 01 3	B1/4	-1 1 1/Yi	21/11	Plastic	13½ x 10 x 2½	5- 1
101	.05 0 .50	.01	5.	81/2	2716	Plastic	1214 x 614 x 114	3. 5
102	.20-0-2.0	.02	81/4	111/2	4716	Plastic	13½ × 10 × 2½	5. 9
102.5	.20-0-2.0	.01	8%*	12	41/2	Plastic :	13½ x 10 x 2%	5-10
108	50-0-50	.02	5*	B17/s	31/6	Plastic	1214 x 614 x 114	3. 7
109	.20-0-3.0	.02	. 8%*	111/2	51/14	Plastic	· 13½ × 10 × 2½	6
115	.05-0 .25	.005	6.	91/2	31/10	Plastic	121/4 x 61/4 x 11/4	3-10
170	050	.02	21/2"	5¾	21/16	Plastic	7 x 9	1. 7
171	025	.01	21/2"	51/4	1%	Plastic	7 x 9	1. 6
172	0-1.0	.02	31/4.	674	2%	Plastic	7 x 9	1. 9

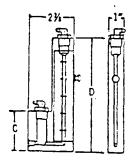


Fig. 5.2.

VERTICAL TYPE

Model	Range	Minor		Dimensions Carrying Case		Carrying Case		*****
No.		Scale Divisions	Scale Length	С	D	Type	Dimensions	Weight Ibs-oz.
104 104-6	0-4	.10	4½°	311/16	8¼ 10%	.Plastic	12¼ x 6¼ x 1¼ 13½ x 10 x 2½	3. 0 4. 8
104-8 104-10	0- 8 0-10	.10 .10	11%.	4% 5%	13½ 15¼	Metal Motal	18½ x 4½ x 2½ 18½ x 4½ x 2½	4-12 4-15

STANDARD ACCESSORIES: plastic or steel carrying case, (except 170, 171, and 172 which include plastic pouch) pair of magnetic mounting clips, two molded nylon tubing connectors, rapid shutoff type, one 9 length rubber tubing and one brass terminal tube, extra bottle of .826 sp. gr. red gage oil.

STANDARD EQUIPMENT FOR SOLID PLASTIC PORTABLE MANOMETERS

MOLDED NYLON RAPID SHUT OFF TUBING CONNECTORS

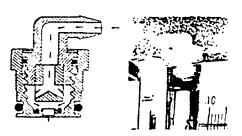


Fig. 5-3. Exclusive Dwyer leak-proof, corrosion-proof, virtually unbreakable molded nylon connector requires just one counter-clockwise turn to open, one clockwise turn o close. Rotating connector seats on Oling for absolute closure and is Oling sealed at top Connector body is also Oling sealed and is easily removed for cleaning or adding fluid.

MAGNECLIPS FOR SPLIT SECOND MOUNTING ON ANY STEEL SURFACE

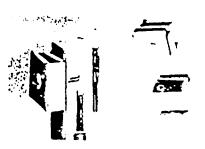


Fig. 5.4. Dwyer mounting magnets are attached to all Dwyer solid plastic inclined portable gages (left, above) and furnished as clips that can be attached to all Dwyer solid plastic vertical portable gages (right, above). Just touch the magnets to any vertical steel surface; gage will "stay put" until it is forcibly detached.

HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE FOAM LINED CARRYING CASES

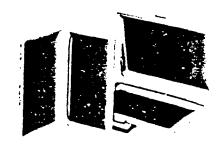


Fig. 5-5. Atost Dwyer portable gages are furnished with carrying cases of high density polyethylene. Models 104-8. & 104-16, have steel cases. For protection of the gage and accessories, both plastic and steel cases are fined with resident polyurethane plastic training. Nos. 176, 171. & 172 include plastic pouch.

APPENDIX 4: DETAILED RESULTS FOR TEST SERIES 1 - BACKDRAFT TESTING

TABLE 1 EFFECT OF DEPRESSURIZATION ON CHIMNEY FLOW

Conventional burner fan adjusted for 1.25 USGPH nozzle, no oil flow.

	Test 11:30 to 12:30	Test 13:30
Pressure (Pa)	Time to Reverse Flow Seconds	Time to Stop Spillage Seconds
0	no backdraft	no spillage
4	no backdraft	no spillage
4 6 8	0	no spillage
8	1/4	7
1 0	1 / 4	spillage
1 2	1 / 2	spillage
14	1 / 2	spillage
16	1 / 2	spillage
18	1 / 2	spillage
2 0	3 / 4	spillage
2 2	1 / 2	spillage
2 4	1 / 2	spillage
2 6	1 / 2	spillage
30	1 / 2	spillage
3 5	1 / 2	spillage
40	3 / 4	spillage
4 5	1 / 2	spillage
50	1/2	spillage
5 5	1 / 2	spillage
60	1 / 2	spillage
limit of manometer		

Date of Test: January 28, 1987

Interior Temperature: 21°C

Time	12:00	13:00	14:00
Exterior Temperature ^O C	-11	-10	- 10
Wind Speed* kph	15	1 9	19

^{*}at weather station. No wind observed on site.

EFFECT OF HOUSE DEPRESSURIZATION ON FLOW VELOCITY

Flow 1 meter above breech. No oil flow.

Depressurization (Pa)	Feet/Min	Burner Fan
0	10 to 20	OFF Natural Draft
0	80 to 100	ON
5	70 to 90	ON
10	40 to 50	ON
15	38 to 42	ON
2 0	25 to 28	ON
2 5	18 to 20	ON
3 0	10 to 12	ON
3 5	10	ON
4 0	5 to 7	ON
4 5	3	ON
5 0	1 to 2	ON
5 5	0 to 2	ON
6 0	0 to 2	ON
6 5	0	ON Flow Reversal
7 0	0 to -10	ON
7 5	-5 to -12	ON
80	-15 to -30	ON
85	-30 to -50	ON

TEST SERIES 2 - STATIC PRESSURE TESTS

Objective

This series of tests was designed to repeat Moffat's pressure measurements on the oil burner fan. It was believed that the static pressure achieved by the burner fan would indicate the degree to which this option would address venting failure.

In this series of tests the flue was blocked and the pressure induced by the burner fan and induced air fan was measured over time with a manometer and stopwatch at Point B (downstream from both fans). These tests were conducted to determine:

- (a) the time required to reach maximum fan effectiveness in order to determine the optimum length of delay for the solenoid valve; and
- (b) the maximum pressure each fan was capable of producing as a comparison of relative power of the fans and ability to overcome negative pressure.

Summary of Results

The maximum static pressure achieved by the conventional burner of 19.5 Pa is well below that measured by Moffat in his tests achieving 30 Pa. Higher results were established by the high pressure burner.

1A: All burner fans obtain 2/3 maximum pressure within the first 10 sections of operation.

1B: The maximum pressure developed is highly dependent on supply air as determined by nozzle size and the associated adjustment of the air supply damper.

1C: The pressure of the draft inducing fan is dependent on the burner (despite the presence of an operating barometric damper). This may mean that the draft inducing fan could affect burner performance.

1D: When both burner fan and draft inducer fan are working together, differences due to burners disappear. This would be the typical mode of operation if a draft assisting fan was installed. A draft assisting fan with a burner reaches 2/3 of maximum pressure within 10 seconds. This indicates that a recommendation to utilize the induced draft fan would be accompanied by a recommendation to use it with a burn delay such as offered by a delayed action solenoid valve.

Test Results

Note: The burners are never firing in these tests. Only the fans of the burners are used. Pressure is measured at Point B.

TEST 2A - Burner Fan Only

Conventional Burner		High Pre Burner 0.95		High Pressure Burner 0:60 Nozzle		
Induced Pressure (Pa)	Time (sec)	Pressure (Pa)	Time (sec)	Pressure (Pa)	Time (sec)	
1	1.0	1	2.2	1	3.7	
2	1.7	2	3.5	2	6.3	
3	2.4	3	3.8	3	11.4	
4	2.9	4	4.4			
5 6	3.9	5 6	5.6	3.9 max	30.2	
6	5.1	6	6.1			
7	6.2	7	6.8			
8	9.1	8	7.5			
9	11.8	9	8.3			
9.5 max	15.6	10	10.0			
		11	11.9			
		1 2	12.7			
		13	16.0			
		14	19.0			
		15	26.6			
		15.5 max				

In this test the high pressure burner was tested with two different nozzles. Note that the bigger nozzle and the associated bigger air supply increases the pressure drastically.

TEST 2B - Draft Inducer Only

Note: The high efficiency burner has an automatic air damper which is closed when the burner fan is not operating. The barometric damper was operating in both cases.

Induced Pressure (Pa)	Conventional Burner Not Working Time (sec)	High Pressure Burner Not Working Time (sec)			
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1	3.7	3.4	3.5		
2	4.2	4.1	4.3		
3	4.9	4.9	4.9		
4	5.4	5.4	5.1		
5	6.2	5.7	5.7		
6	6.7	6.4	6.4		
7	7.5	6.6	6.7		
8	7.9	7.1	7.4		
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	8.2	7.9	7.9		
10	8.9	8.1	8.2		
11	9.9	8.5	8.7		
1 2	11.2	10.3	8.9		
1 3	13.8	9.6	10.0		
14	15.1	11.1	11.4		
15	16.1	10.6	11.9		
16	22.2*	12.4	13.6		
17		12.9	13.2		
18		14.5	14.7		
19		15.3	16.2		
20		16.7	18.5		
21		17.6	18.8		
$\begin{array}{c} 2 \ 2 \end{array}$		19.3	25.9		
2 3		26.9*	20,0		

Steady state: conventional burner = 16+0.5 Pa (fluctuating)

Steady state: Riello burner = 24 ± 0.5 Pa (fluctuating)

Note: The significant difference, given that the same fan is tested in both cases, was noted. The repeat test with the high pressure burner was run to verify previous test results. It is conjectured that the difference in pressure is due to varying air turbulence at the barometric damper.

^{*}measurement is the average of 3 readings

TEST 2C - Both Fans Operating Simultaneously

Induced Pressure	and Conventional Burner	Draft Inducer and Conventional Burner		
(Pa)	Time (sec)	Time (sec)		
1	100 may from 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 10	2.56		
1		3.31		
2 7	2.60	3.85		
2 3 4	2.00	4.35		
5	3.32	4.73		
6	VV-2	5.15		
5 6 7	4.03	5.54		
8		5.83		
9		6.00		
10	4.60	6.39		
11		6.88		
1 2	5.57	6.89		
1 3				
1 4		7.81		
1 5	6.21			
16		8.55		
17	6.85			
18		9.18		
19				
20	7.80	9.60		
21	0 * 0	10 75		
2 2	8.56	10.75		
23		11.87		
2 4 2 5	10.48	11.67		
26	9.98	12.94		
27	11.03	12.54		
28	12.45	14.15		
2 9	14.13	17.10		
30	16.34	16.88		
31	21.21	10.00		
3 2	22.68	19.41		
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TEST SERIES 3 - SPILLAGE TESTING

TEST 3A-1 - Cold Chimney, Oil Burners Not Firing

Pressure at Which Spillage was Observed (Pa)

Observation Point	Conventions	l Burner	High Efficie	ncy Burner
	Cross-over	Spillage	Cross-over	Spillage
Condition 1:	No fans on			
Point A	5	6	6	8
B C	5 5	6 5	4 7	6 9
	o	J	•	9
Condition 2:	Burner fan only			
Point A	1	4	1	2
В	1	2	1	2 7
С	1	2	3	7
Condition 3:	Induced draft fa	an only		
Point A	3 0	3 5	2 3	28
В	1 1	1 5	5	8
С	2 9	3 3	3 0	3 5
Condition 4:	Both fans on			
Point A	18	2 4	18	2 3
В	5	1 3	1	7
С	18	2 6	2 3	3 1

NOTE: In some cases, particularly Condition #2 on the conventional burner, it was difficult to differentiate between cross-over and spillage, i.e., spillage occurred almost immediately.

Date of Test: March 24, 1986 Interior Temperature: 21.0°C

Time	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00
Exterior Temperat OC		-1.1	0	1.5	2.6	3.4	3.2	2.9	1.3
Wind Spe	ed:								
kph	15	19	19	19	15	19	19	2 2	15

TEST 3A-2 - Cold Chimney, Oil Burners Not Firing

Pressure at Which Spillage was Observed (Pa)

Observation	Conventions	l Burner	High Efficiency Burner		
Point	Cross-over	Spillage	Cross-over	Spillage	
Condition 1:	No fans on	20 - 1930 - 1930 - 1930 - 1930 - 1930 - 1930 - 1930 - 1930 - 1930 - 1930 - 1930 - 1930 - 1930 - 1930 - 1930 -	The tab has ago (ago any -ago reto net tab far van '		
Point A B C	1 0 1	2 1 2	5 2 5	7 3 6	
Condition 2:	Burner fan only				
Point A B C	0 1 0	1 1 1	3 1 1	4 2 1	
Condition 3:	Induced draft fa	an only			
Point A B C	2 5 5 1 9	3 0 1 0 3 0	2 4 1 2 8	3 1 1 5 3 2	
Condition 4:	Both fans on				
Point A B C	1 6 4 1 2	1 8 1 1 1 6	1 8 1 2 4	2 3 1 4 2 8	

NOTE: In some cases, particularly Condition #2 on the conventional burner, it was difficult to differentiate between cross-over and spillage, i.e., spillage occurred almost immediately.

Date of Test: April 1, 1986

Interior Temperature: 21.0°C

Time	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00
Exterior Temperate OC	ure: 6.2	6.8	7.5	7.6	9.0	9.1	9.5	9.2	10.0
Wind Spe	ed:								
kph	13	C	1 3	1 3	15	15	15	15	2 2

TEST 3B-1 - Hot Chimney*

Pressure at Which Spillage was Observed (Pa)

	Conventiona	l Burner	Riello	Burner
Point			Cross-over	Spillage
Condition 1:	Burner off, draf			
Point A	1	4	4	6
В	1	4 5 5	3	6
С	3	5	8	10
Condition 2:	Burner firing, d	lraft inducer (off	
Point A	10	14	7	10
В	7	9	1	7
С	1 2	17	1 2	20
Condition 3:	Burner off, draf	't inducer on		
Point A	1 2	2 0	2 2	3 0
В	4	10	0	14
С	2 7	3 3	3 1	3 8
Condition 4:	Burner firing, d	raft inducer (on	
Point A	1 5	2 1	1 5	2 3
В	21	27	2	15
č	21	3 3	2 1	3 2
*The burner w	vas operated with to testing.	oil for fiftee	en minutes to wa	rm the

Date of Test: March 25, 1986

Interior Temperature: 21.0°C

Time	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00
Exterior Temperatu OC	re: -8.8	-8.2	-7.7	-6.8	-6.6	-5.6	-5.0	-4.0	-3.4
Wind Spee	d:								
kph	28	28	28	28	2 4	19	1 5	9	7

TEST 3B-2 - Hot Chimney*

Pressure at Which Spillage was Observed (Pa)

Observation	Conventional	Burner	Riello	Burner
Point	Cross-over	-	Cross-over	Spillage
Condition 1:	Burner off, draft		•	
Point A B C			5 1 3	6 5 5
Condition 2:	Burner firing, dr	aft inducer	off	
Point A B C	3 0 3	5 3 9	4 0 3	8 3 9
Condition 3:	Burner off, draft	inducer on		
Point A B C	1 8	2 9	1 8 4 2 7	2 9 1 0 3 5
Condition 4:	Burner firing, dr	aft inducer	on	
Point A B C	5 2 11	1 8 1 0 1 9	1 2 2 1 1	2 0 1 0 1 9
*The burner we chimney prior	was operated with coto testing.	oil for fifte	een minutes to w	arm the
Date of Test:	April 2, 1986			
Interior Temp	perature: 21.0°C			
Time 9:0	00 10:00 11:00 1	2:00 13:00	14:00 15:00	16:00 17:00
Exterior Temperature: OC 8.	4 10.2 11.7	13.0 14.1	13.8 14.0	11.6 9.0

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Wind Speed:

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APPENDIX 5:

TEST SERIES 4 - DETAILED TEST RESULTS OF THE
DAMPERLESS, INSULATED FLUE WITH HIGH PRESSURE BURNER

Test Weather Data applies to all Series 4 tests.

Dat e	Interior Temperature OC	Exterior Temperature OC	Wind Speed k/hr
Losier before March 20	18	1.9	24.7
Losier after April 1	18	7.3	8.7
Piercy before March 23	18	-0.9	18.3
Piercy after April 11	18	7.6	11.7

Temperatures are daily highs recorded at the Charlottetown Weather Station. Winds are daily averages. For further weather details see Appendix 6.

Negative Pressures Created by Appliances

	Losier (Pa)	Piercy (Pa)
air exchanger (inlet blocked)	6.5	2.3
dryer	1.5	3.0
both	7.5	5.6

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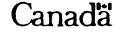
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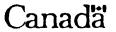
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