Drain Water Heat Recovery: On the Road to Becoming a Mainstream Water Heating Technology
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Drain Water Heat Recovery Systems

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Power-Pipe - 3 In. Diam, 48 In. Long
(Price includes drain connectors)

- Model: R3-48
- Internet/Cat #: 938835
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- Return on investment of 15 to 50 percent - one of the highest for energy saving products!
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions in one home by up to 1 tonne/year
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Corporate Background

- In business since 2000
- 19 employees
- Many successful energy saving projects deployed
- Over 90% of Market in Drain Water Heat Recovery
- Ongoing sales to Canada, USA, and Europe
- Offices:
  - Kitchener, Ontario
  - Hazelton, Penn
What will be Covered in this Presentation

• Drain Water Heat Recovery: Definition, Opportunities and Benefits
• Falling Film Heat Exchangers: Why this class of technology is the most common used for Drain Water Heat Recovery Various proven applications
• Application: Residential, Commercial, Industrial
• Market Challenges – A Technology Stuck between Rating Systems
  • EnergyStar labeling program
  • "Combined Energy Factor for Water Heating"
• Sampling of Various Programs and Energy Performance Building Code Recognition
Drain Water Heat Recovery: Definition, Opportunities and Benefits
The Energy Resource

- Definition of DWHR: the process of using outgoing warm drain water to pre-heat incoming cold fresh water

- Heat energy in drain water in most buildings is a huge untapped resource

- This heat energy can be safely and cost effectively recovered with Drain Water Heat Recovery (DWHR) technology

- Main Benefit: the energy saved by reducing the primary water heating energy load
Energy Flow Diagram - Example of a restaurant

- Without DWHR
Energy Flow Diagram - Example of a restaurant

- With DWHR

![Diagram showing energy flow with DWHR system](image-url)
Other Benefits of Drain Water Heat Recovery

- Cost-effective technology for both new construction and renovation

- Increased effective hot water capacity (reduce primary size) and/or

- Increased life of primary water heater(s)

- Low cost technology for green building program certification (e.g. LEED)

- Specification/design of systems is easily repeated and transferred to other projects

- Technology easily understood and installed
Falling Film Heat Exchangers
“Plate and Frame” and “Tube-in-Shell” are the most common types of Heat Exchangers for Liquid to Liquid heat transfer.

- They work very well when both liquids are clean.
- They cannot pass large solids and tend foul quickly with dirty liquid.
- They are not double-walled and vented, therefore cannot be used for potable water with DWHR.
The center section in which warm drain liquid flows through is an open pipe which can easily pass large solids.

They rely on a principle caused by surface tension: as drain water falls through the center section, it clings to the inner wall.

- high-efficiency, non-fouling and maintenance-free
- Made of standard, accepted plumbing parts
• **Facts:**
  - Heat transfer efficiency is not highly dependent upon contact time
  - Heat transfer efficiency is more dependent upon intimate contact between the fluid and the wall

• **Drain water speeds up as it falls:**
  - Forming a very thin, turbulent film
  - <1 millimeter thick

• **Result:**
  - Drain water film imparts its heat to the fresh water through the pipe wall
1- **Potable Water Safety**
   - unit must be double-walled and vented
   - two walls of separation between dirty drain water and fresh water

2- **Water Pressure Loss**
   - minimize pressure loss so it does not cause fresh water flow problems

3- **Counter-Flow**
   - two fluids flowing in opposite directions
   - maximize efficiency
4- Efficient and Low Maintenance
- Excellent contact between the two walls
- Long service life, maintenance-free, do not foul over time

5- Variety of Sizes
- Drain diameters: 2in, 3in, 4in or 6in
- Drain lengths: 2ft to 10ft, increment of 6in
- Freshwater connection: ¾in or 1in
- Multi-pipe DWHR systems
  - Consist of 2 or more individual units
  - Recover heat from flows of up to 1000gpm
Sizing a DWHR Unit

- Many sizes available to fit many applications

- DWHR unit diameter should match existing drain pipe

- Normally specify longest DWHR unit that can fit in the vertical space

- High-flow applications may require multi-pipe drain water heat recovery units
  - Typically size for 5 to 10 usgpm per single unit
  - Contact the manufacturer or licensed Distributor for assistance
First Generation

- single coil, ½in nominal, arranged on inner drain pipe
- good efficiency if made well because they are “counter-flow” so max efficiency is 100%
- high pressure loss in the freshwater supply line - which can lead to freshwater flow problems at times
Second Generation

- two or more fresh water coils arranged on inner drain pipe and connect in parallel
- low pressure loss
- Is not a “counter-flow” heat exchanger, resulting in lower efficiency:
  - Max Achievable of 75% for 2 coils and even less for more coils
Third Generation

- multiple coils arranged in parallel on inner drain pipe
- “counter-flow” so max efficiency is 100%
- highest efficiency
- very low pressure loss
- optimized model designs for residential and commercial applications
- patented and patents pending
Comparison of the 3 generations of DWHR

A) Pressure loss according to NRCan Study (2007)

![Graph showing pressure loss comparison between different DWHR generations]
Comparison of the 3 generations of DWHR

B) Efficiency according to NRCan Study (2007)

![Graph showing efficiency of Drain Water Heat Recovery units](image)

*Reported Efficiency of Drain Water Heat Recovery units from the Ministry of Natural Resources Canada Testing*

- **60" Power-Pipe** (3rd generation)
- **60" GFX** (1st generation)
- **60" Retherm** (2nd generation)
- **58" Watercycles** (1st generation)

The Power-Pipe multi-parallel coil design has the highest efficiency among all units.

- **1st Generation Single Coil Units**
- **2nd Generation Duo Coil Unit**
- **Standard American Low Flow Showerhead**
- **Standard Canadian Low Flow Showerhead**

Shower Flowrate [USgal/min]
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*NOTE: The California State Energy Commission de-rates the EF of On-Demand Water Heaters with a factor of 0.92

| **MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL**                  |                       |                      |
| • DWHR with eff of 55.7% (e.g. C4-72)       | 25-30%                | 20-40%               |
| • Solar Water Heating (freeze protected)    | 10-50%                | 3-10%                |

| **INDUSTRIAL**                              |                       |                      |
| • DWHR Multi-Pipe System                    | 40-60%                | 50-300%              |
| • Other Heat Exchangers                     | 5-20%                 | 30-400%              |

**DWHR can provide:**
- High % savings impact
- Excellent Return on Investment,
- Long Maintenance-Free Operation, and
- NO negative impact on lifestyle (or process for industrial)

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Typical Residential Installation

- divert entire freshwater supply through DWHR unit immediately after it passes through water meter or water softener

- May feed the kitchen sink with cold water upstream of DWHR, but not necessary

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Equal Flow – Slab-on-grade

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Retrofitting a Home

- DWHR unit to be installed in a home
  - ¾in. cold water line
  - 3in. Black ABS drain pipe
  - equal flow configuration

1. cut in the main cold water line
Retrofitting a Home

2. extend the freshwater water line to and from the location of the DWHR

3. cut the bottom of the existing drain pipe 4 in up from the bottom cleanout fitting
Retrofitting a Home

4. measure the vertical distance equal to the length of the DWHR unit along the drain pipe.

5. cut the drain pipe at marks
5. install DWHR unit and connect the freshwater line:
- the supply line to the bottom of the DWHR
- the return line to the top of the DWHR unit
**DWHR for Multi-Residential**

- **Multi-Residential and lodging:**
  - Central water heating system with recirculation loop

- **Most common design:**
  - Install DWHR units throughout the building
  - Preheat the cold water for up to 6 washrooms

- **Good trade-off between performance and cost**
### 4 Washrooms per DWHR Unit

#### Financial Analysis

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**Typical Energy Savings:** 4% to 7%

**Typical Budgetary Cost:** $310 per suite

**Typical Payback Range:** 3 to 4 years
Equal Flow Pre-Heating

• Maximum energy savings from DWHR with the equal flow plumbing scenario

Apartment Buildings and Condos
• HUGE SAVINGS: Each apartment or condo ought to have its own water heater so user pays for consumption
• One scenario: small tank (20-30 gal) off-peak electric water heating installed with DWHR unit with little risk of running out of hot water
Equal Flow Arrangement

4 WC Equal Flow arranged 2 by 1

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**Typical Budgetary Cost:** $260 to $580 per suite

**Typical Payback Range:** 4-6 years
Commercial Applications

• Overview

• Recreational facilities; High school; Prisons
  - A) Gravity fed DWHR units
  - B) Slab-on-grade case
  - C) Choosing a pump

• Food Services
  - A) Dishwashers applications
  - B) DWHR system configuration
  - C) Examples -
    • DWHR with falling drain flow
    • Multi-pipe DWHR unit
    • Direct pumped drain flow
    • Drain water storage and pumping

• Laundry Facilities
Commercial Applications - Overview

- Many types of commercial applications for DWHR
- Expected return on investment of 30% to 200%

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NOTE: DWHR from showers illustrated. Hospitals have other loads which DWHR can recover heat from at an even higher energy savings rate.

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## Recreation Facilities, High Schools, and Prisons
- Gravity fed DWHR units

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**Gravity fed multi-pipe DWHR system**
Slab-on-grade case

- slab-on-grade/drain flow in floor - elevate drain water using pump

- electrical consumption - only 1-2% of DWHR energy savings

- high schools/prisons - controller may not be required if showers are used all at once or not at all
Laundry Facilities

- drain water elevated and held in tank above
- drain water released to fall to heat exchanger during next hot water filling cycle
**Dishwashers applications**

- **Typical Energy Savings**: 5% to 7%, but can be double
- **Typical Budgetary Cost**: $1,000 (gravity fed, single unit) to $15,000 (large hospital operation)
- **Typical Payback Range**: 3-5 years

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Examples - DWHR with Falling Drain Flow

- water heater located downstream of return line
Examples - Drain Water Storage and Pumping

- batch dishwashers in slab-on-grade food services facilities - need drain water storage for next cycle

- drain water pumped to DWHR unit during next hot water filling cycle
Industrial: High Flows Require Larger Systems

- Single Power-Pipe units do not perform well with large flows because:
  - The freshwater side will have huge pressure loss
  - The film on drain-side would be thick, resulting in low efficiency
- Manifolded units are used to split large flows across multiple Power-Pipe units, ensuring low pressure drop and high efficiency
- Scalable for any size flow:
  - from 2 to 100,000 gpm
- Various designs depending on flow rates, space constraints, type of fluid, etc
- Systems are typically sized for 5–10 gpm per Power-Pipe
Industrial Sector Has Many Applications and ....

Notes on high/low pressure:
The Power-Pipe units will be 3-coil units. The high pressure flow will be connected to two of the coils, and the low-pressure to one coil on each Power-Pipe unit.
Modularity Provides Endless Design Options
The Power-Pipe®
Unilever system provides:

- 90% measured Return on Investment
- Zero Maintenance Operation (over 5 years)
- Increased hot water capacity, eliminating need for additional water heaters when expansion. Peak thermal power performance is above 300 kW
- Increased life to primary water heater due to reduced “thermal shock” because inlet temperature is much warmer with large washing operations
- Savings of 130 Tonnes CO₂ per year
Corrosive Drain Water is Not a Problem

- For hostile drain water Power-Pipe coated with a Heresite protective coating
- The appropriate coating is determined by Heresite based upon the constituents and quality (e.g. pH) of the drain water
- The coating process involves dipping and baking the Power-Pipe(s) multiple times until the specified coating thickness is achieved.
- The outside of the unit is also coated during the process; it will provide excellent protection against harmful vapors which are sometimes are in the air in an industrial facility.
Market Challenge: A Technology Stuck between Rating Systems
There is no EnergyStar labeling program for DWHR because, by itself, it is an Energy Saving Device

What Should be Done?
1) Do nothing and limit energy saving opportunities for Americans
2) Create an EnergyStar label program
3) Create a different label/rating program
Test Procedures for Energy Factor are not well suited for DWHR + Water Heater

What Should be Done?

1) Do nothing and limit energy saving opportunity for Americans

2) Adopt Canadian Test Procedures and “Modified Energy Factor Calculation Method” and allow for labeling

3) Allow/Include in future EF test procedures for each type of water heater
Energy Factor Testing Example:

Standard Gas: EF = 0.58

With Power-Pipe R3-60: EF = 0.80

But, tank did not turn on during the first draw due to the high heat recovery from the Power-Pipe, causing difficulty with EF calculation

Canadian Calculation: EF = 0.87
Sampling of Various Programs and Energy Performance Building Code Recognition
Décrets, arrêtés, circulaires

TEXTES GÉNÉRAUX

MINISTÈRE DE L’ÉCOLOGIE, DE L’ÉNERGIE, DU DÉVELOPPEMENT DURABLE ET DE LA MER, EN CHARGE DES TECHNOLOGIES VERTES ET DES NÉGOCIATIONS SUR LE CLIMAT

Arrêté du 14 octobre 2010 relatif à l’agrément de la demande de titre V relative à la prise en compte du système « Power-Pipe® » dans la réglementation thermique 2005

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State Tax Credits for Oregon Residents

Oregon Department of Energy provides Residential Energy Tax Credits for premium-efficiency appliances and equipment, and renewable energy systems installed in Oregon.

NOTE: There are specific energy efficiency standards and some systems may have specific performance and installation requirements. Please check the Web site at www.oregon.gov/energy or call 1-800-221-8035.

Oregon Residential Energy Tax Credit

- Refrigerator: $50–$70 maximum tax credit
- Clothes washer: $115–$180 maximum tax credit
- Dishwasher: $80 maximum tax credit
- Electric heat pump water heater: $400–$560 maximum tax credit
- Gas water heater: $340 maximum tax credit
- Gas furnace: $350 maximum tax credit
- Gas boiler: $225 maximum tax credit
- Central air conditioning system: $600–$900 maximum tax credit
- Air-source heat pump: $300–$450 maximum tax credit
- Heat pump/central AC commissioning: $250 maximum tax credit
- Duct sealing, furnace, heat pump, ground source heat pump: $250 maximum tax credit
- Air handler with hydronic system: $125 maximum tax credit
- Ductless heat pump (mini-split): $400 maximum tax credit
- Whole house ventilation system (HRV/ERV): $50–$430 maximum tax credit
- Waste water heat recovery: $80–$300 maximum tax credit

Check the following Web sites for specifications, requirements and qualifying models BEFORE you make your purchase to ensure it qualifies for the incentive or tax credit.

- Oregon Residential Energy Tax Credit: www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/CONS/RES/RETC.shtml
- Energy Trust of Oregon: www.energytrust.org

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Water Heating: Simply Save Energy, Save Water and Stop Wasting Money

Drain Water Heat Recovery (DWHR)

Water heating is one of the largest energy expenses in the home, accounting for about 15-25 percent of residential energy costs. Yet, 90 percent of that heat goes right down the drain, costing you energy and money. Drain Water Heat Recovery (DWHR) technology can reduce water heating costs by up to 40 percent. This electric energy savings in turn translates into a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by up to one ton per year.

"There are a hundred different ways to spend money trying to save energy, but this is simple and the payback is quick."

Jay Zielen
Triple E Home builder

IN THE FIELD
Installing DWHR in Existing Homes

"DWHR units are relatively easy to install. You know they work right after you put them in. Turn on the shower and you can feel nice tempered water going to the hot water tank. They reduce wear and tear on the water heater and there are no moving parts, so they are virtually maintenance free. I feel they are a worthwhile investment."

Glen Nordquist, Plumber, Carlson Duluth Company

Click here to read the Building Up Newsletter on Drain Water Heat Recovery
Some Other References

Government of France:

Government of Canada:
http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/residential/personal/retrofit-homes/drain.cfm?attr=4

Minnesota Power:
http://www.mnpower.com/powerofone/one_home/waterheating/dwhr/

U.S. DOE:
http://www.energysavers.gov/your_home/water_heating/index.cfm/mytopic=13040

Sears Canada
• http://www.sears.ca/stores/shop/search?langId=1&storeld=10051&catalogId=10001&N=0&Ntk=level1&Ntt=drain+water+heat+recovery&Nty=1&D=drain+water+heat+recovery&Ntx=mode+matchall&Dx=mode+matchall&initialquery=true&internalSearch=true

Home Depot Canada:
• http://www.homedepot.ca/catalog/drain-water-heat-recovery/173006
Top 10 Reasons: Why Builders Include and Like the Power-Pipe

• It is a low-cost technology for credits in energy efficiency labeling programs (e.g. LEED, ENERGYSTAR for New Homes)
• It is cost-effective for single homes and multi-residential buildings adding little to a mortgage while saving customers up to 30% or more (depending upon unit size) on water heating costs
• Demonstrability: It is one of the most obvious and visible energy saving technologies that a builder can showcase. People can even feel the heat pickup on the unit when hot water runs down the drain
• Positions them as innovative and environmentally aware
• Strengthens reputation as a leading builder
• Triples effective hot water capacity
• Reduces greenhouse gas emissions
• Maintenance free with no moving parts
• Will increase the life of the water heater
• Easy to install
Review and Summary

• DWHR advantages:
  - Practical and proven in many applications
  - Easy to specify and install
  - Cost-effective

• Performance includes 2 factors:
  - Efficiency at nominal flow rate
  - Pressure loss at maximum flow rate

• DWHR should be:
  - Considered a standard appliance
  - Incorporated wherever possible
Questions

There is now time for Product Specific Questions and Discussion

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