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Domestic Hot Water – Part 3: All-Electric Design & Construction Series

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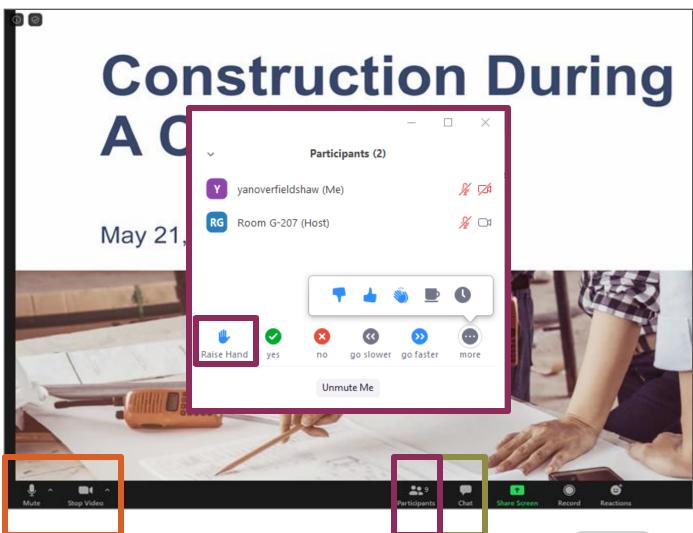
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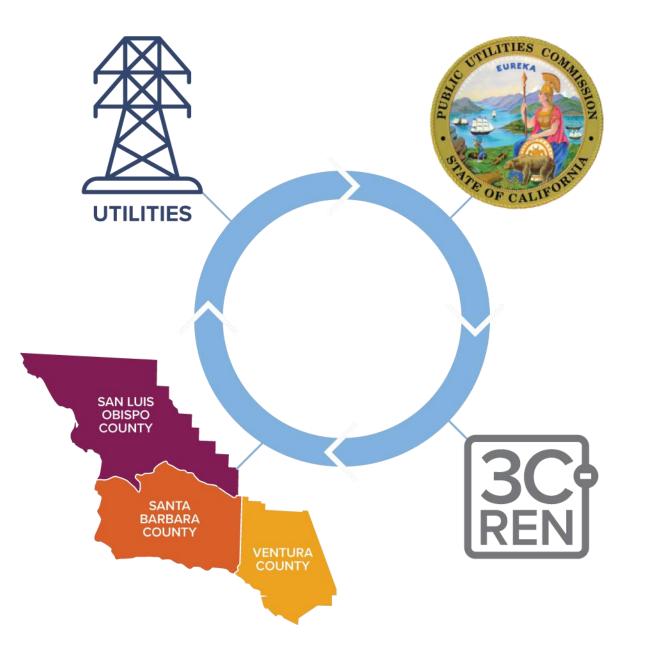


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Tri-County Regional Energy Network

3C-REN is a collaboration between the tri-counties

Our programs reduce energy use for a more sustainable, equitable and economically vibrant Central Coast

Our free services are funded via the CPUC, bringing ratepayer dollars back to the region



Our Services

Incentives



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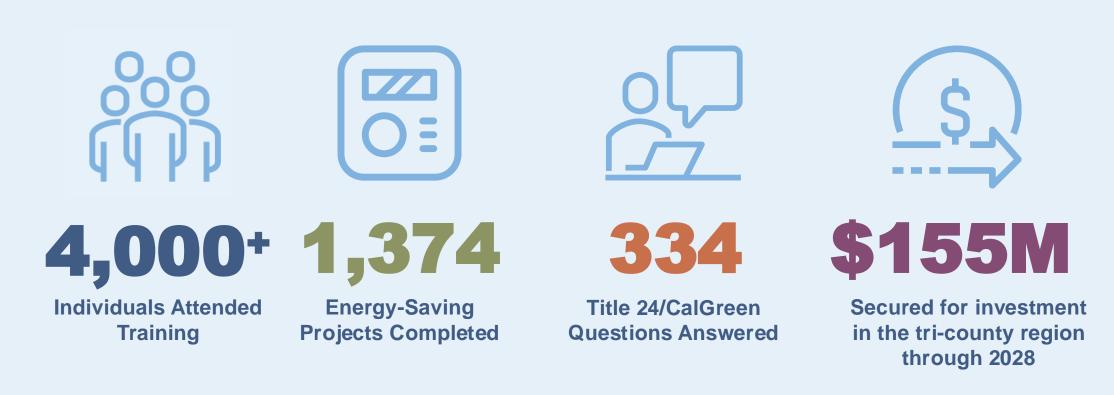


ENERGY ASSURANCE SERVICES

3c-ren.org/assurance



3C-REN Achievements



Data from 2019-2022 for three programs



California Licensure & AIA Learning Units

- Beginning in 2023 Licensed Architects are required by the State of California to take five (5) hours of Continuing Education (CE) coursework in Zero Net Carbon Design (ZNCD).
- This course is designed to count towards CA's ZNCD requirement <u>as</u> <u>well as</u> AIA's Health, Safety, Welfare (HSW) Learning Units.
- The whole series provides **5 AIA HSW / CA ZNCD** Learning Units
- For more information see <u>https://www.cab.ca.gov/docs/misc/ab1010_zncdce_faq.pdf</u>









Series Outline





- 1. Overview: Carbon Reduction through Building Electrification
- 2. ZNCD for Heat Pumps for Heating and Cooling
- 3. ZNCD for Domestic Hot Water
- 4. ZNCD for Ventilation and HRV
- 5. ZNCD for Appliances & Energy Storage



Today's Learning Objectives

- Learn the 'why' behind California's shift to building electrification and the link to Zero Net Carbon Design
- Learn the pros and cons of various products to help in selecting appropriate systems that meet electrification and carbon-reduction goals
- Learn critical installation details such as dimensions and venting to call out in plans and/or identify early in construction
- Understand the local market for specific all-electric/ZNCD equipment, including cost, availability and lead times.

Learning Units:

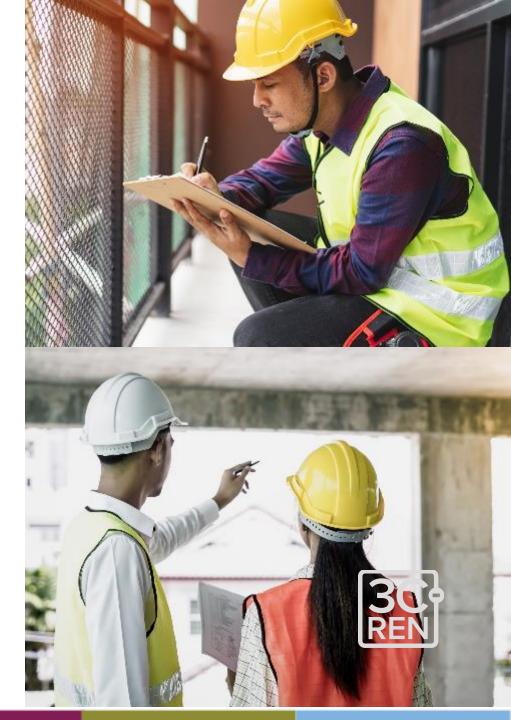
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Agenda

- 1. Context: CA Clean Energy Goals
- 2. Heat Pumps for Water Heating
- 3. Hot Water Heat Pumps for the Consumer
- 4. Tips for Managing Client Expectations





ZNCD and California's Clean Energy Goals

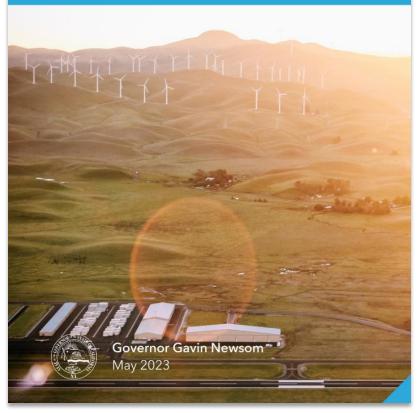


California's Plan for Grid Stability and Expansion

A carbon-free electric grid where:

- Buildings are increasingly decarbonized.
- The Industrial Sector is powered by clean electricity, and by clean fuels, such as green hydrogen.
- Transportation choices are zero-emission and able to plug into the electric grid at places of convenience for all customers

BUILDING THE ELECTRICITY GRID OF THE FUTURE: CALIFORNIA'S CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION PLAN



https://www.gov.ca.gov/wpcontent/uploads/2023/05/CAEnergyTransitionPlan.pdf

Big Picture Goals for the 2022 Code and 2025 Updates

HOMES AND BUSINESSES USE NEARLY **70 PERCENT** OF CALIFORNIA'S ELECTRICITY AND ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR A QUARTER OF CALIFORNIA'S GREENHOUSE GAS (GHG) EMISSIONS.

- Encourage heat pump technology for space and water heating
- Establish electric-ready requirements for single family homes
- Expand PV systems and battery storage standards
- Strengthen IAQ ventilation standards



Refrigerants and GWP

- Most heat pumps use R-410A with a GWP of 2088
- Many residential scale heat pump water heaters use R-134A with a GWP of 1430
- The American Innovation and Manufacturing (AIM) ACT calls for the phase out of refrigerants with a high GWP
- Under the AIM ACT, the EPA set a limit of 700 GWP for chillers, air conditioning, and heat pumps manufactured after Jan, 2025
- R-513A, GWP of 630, is being adopted for commercial and residential scale air to water heat pumps
- R-32, with a GWP of 675, is slightly flammable therefore most units using R-32 will have leak detection and a mechanism to clear the refrigerant



A.O. Smith Emerge-x

Uses low GWP Refrigerant: R-513A with GWP of 630



SANCO2

Uses an ultra low GWP Refrigerant: R-744 (CO2) has a GWP of 1





Heat Pumps for Water Heating



Where can HPWH be used?

Single Family Dwellings

Commercial Applications

Industrial Applications or Large Central Systems

Multifamily, Grouped or Central Systems

New Construction and

Alterations/Replacement – any existing water heater, electric or gas



A. O. Smith - Res

Sanden – Multifamily – Grouped or Single Split System



AO Smith –Small Commercial





Nyle –Industrial or Large Central Systems



Lochinvar Commercial Scale

Small Scale Commercial and Residential –Multifamily and Single



Single Family

Low-Rise Multifamily

Senior Living / Hospitality / Central Multifamily





Central Systems – Pre-configured for a "drop-in" solution



https://www.waterdropsystems.com



Inside the Water Drop Unit...









Large Scale and Commercial Split System Applications





Office / Multifamily / Hospitality

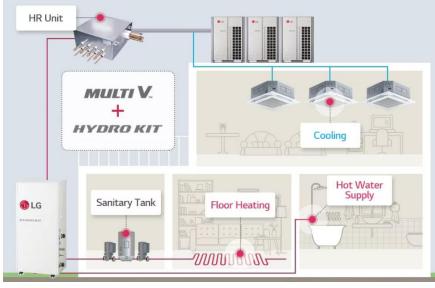


Source: www.rheem.com/commercialheatpumpwaterheater





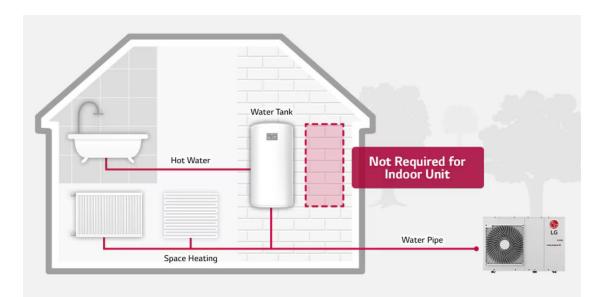
Combined Systems –Water Heating and Space Heating



Source: www.lg.com

Mixed Use / Multifamily / Hospitality

- Captures Heat from VRF Cooling
- Water Pipes can provide Space Heating and Domestic Hot Water



Source: www.lg.com Therma V R-32 Monobloc

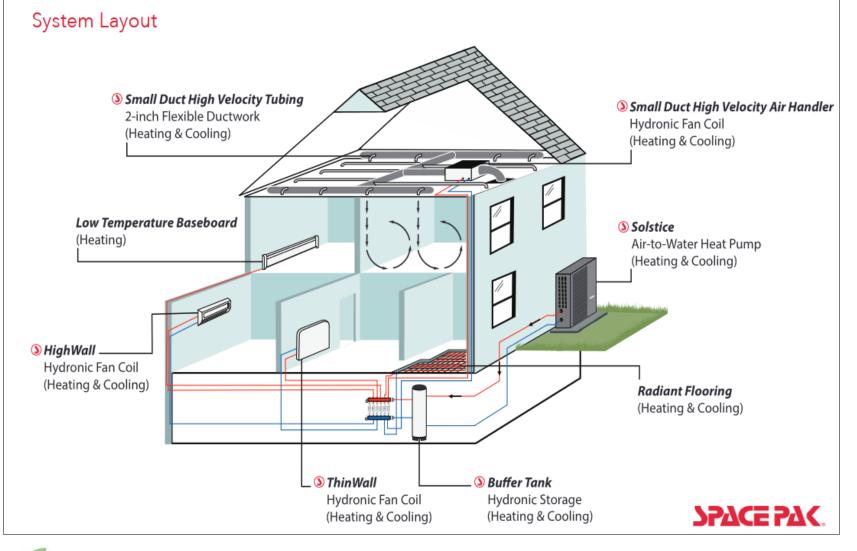
Single Family

- Dedicated Air to Water system
- Water Pipes provide Space Heating and Hot Water
- Indoor Boiler/Gas Heater not needed in most climate zones





Combined Systems –Water Heating and Space Heating



Solstice® Inverter Monobloc Air-to-Water Heat Pump



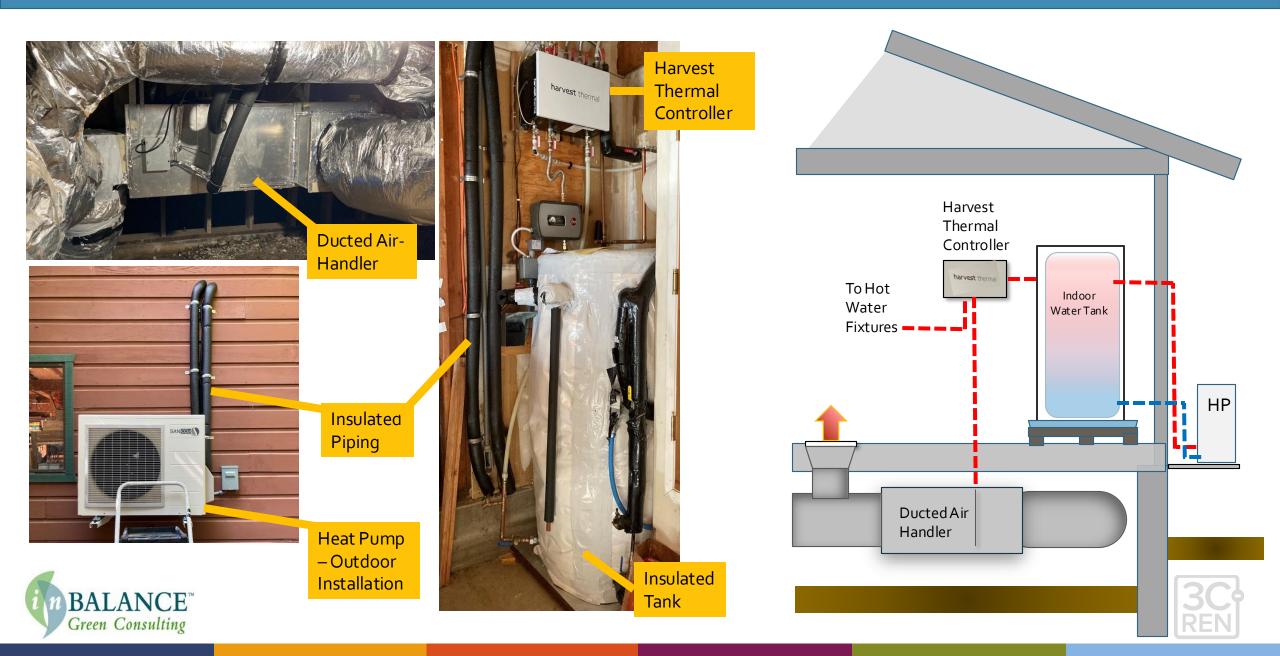
- Available with R-32 Refrigerant
- Hot or Cold water circulates within the house –not refrigerant
- Uses a ducted system to deliver cooling
- Uses Mitsubishi Inverter for high performance

https://www.spacepak.com/ R32-heat-pumps



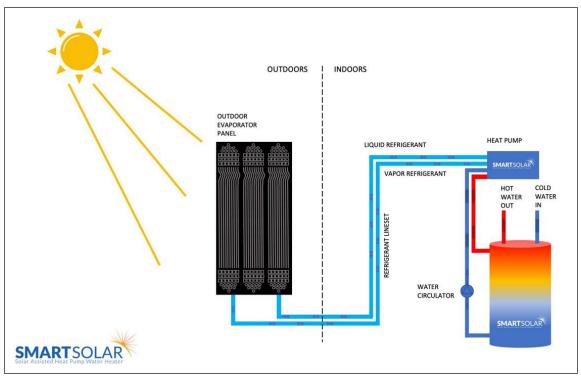


Combined Heating and DHW –Harvest Thermal System Example



Innovative Split Systems

Smart Solar: "solar assisted" SA-HPWH



https://smartsolarwaterheater.com







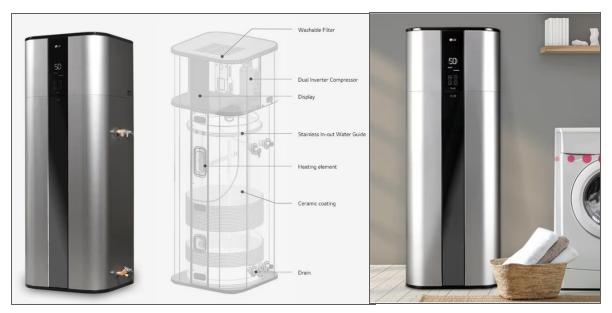
Solar PV and DHW/Thermal Batteries Innovations

CABEC Conf. Trade Show Business marketing their DHW/Thermal Battery Kit –an LG Inverter HPWH, Smart Controls, and Solar PV



Happy entrepreneur

Plumbing attachments are on backside of appliance



Source: LG Inverter Heat Pump Water Heater Marketing Material







A Closer Look at Heat Pump Water Heaters for the Consumer

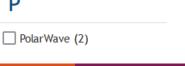
EnergyStar Brands in the USA –Qualify for Tax Credits and Rebates

https://www.energystar.gov/product finder/product/certified-heat-pumpwater-heaters/



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- Approx 31 Brands Available under EnergyStar
- EnergyStar Products Qualify for Rebates and Tax Credits
- EnergyStar is an easy to use resource for comparing products and finding rebates





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The Current Market

In the US, we have seemingly many brands, but only a handful of manufactures:



Central Coast California Retailers Offer a Few Common Brands

...Some Companies have brands that are exclusive to their marketing region and retailer

Parent Company – Rheem:

- Friedrich
- Rheem
- Richmond
- Ruud

Parent Company -AO Smith:

- AO Smith
- American Water Heaters
- Lochinvar
- Reliance Water Heaters
- State Water Heaters

Most products can be ordered on-line and through plumbing distribution centers / whole-sellers / retailers.

Home Depot	Lowe's	Fergusons Supply House
Rheem	AO Smith	AO Smith
		State
		Bradford White
		Rheem





Two Types of Heat Pumps for Domestic Water Heating

Air-Source – Integrated and/or Hybrid



'Hybrid' often refers to electric heat pump and electric resistance back-up

A. O. Smith

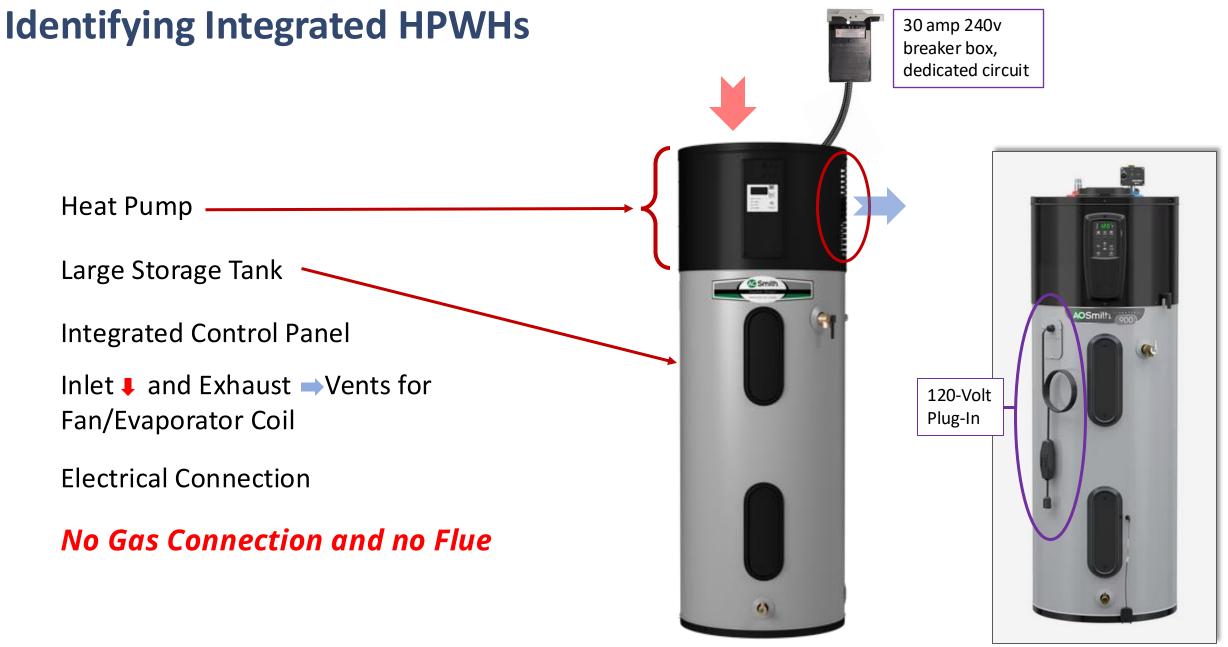
'Integrated' refers to a unitary system where the heat pump and tank are one appliance

Air-Source – Split Systems

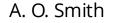


'**Split System**' refers to a system where the heat pump and tank are separate components

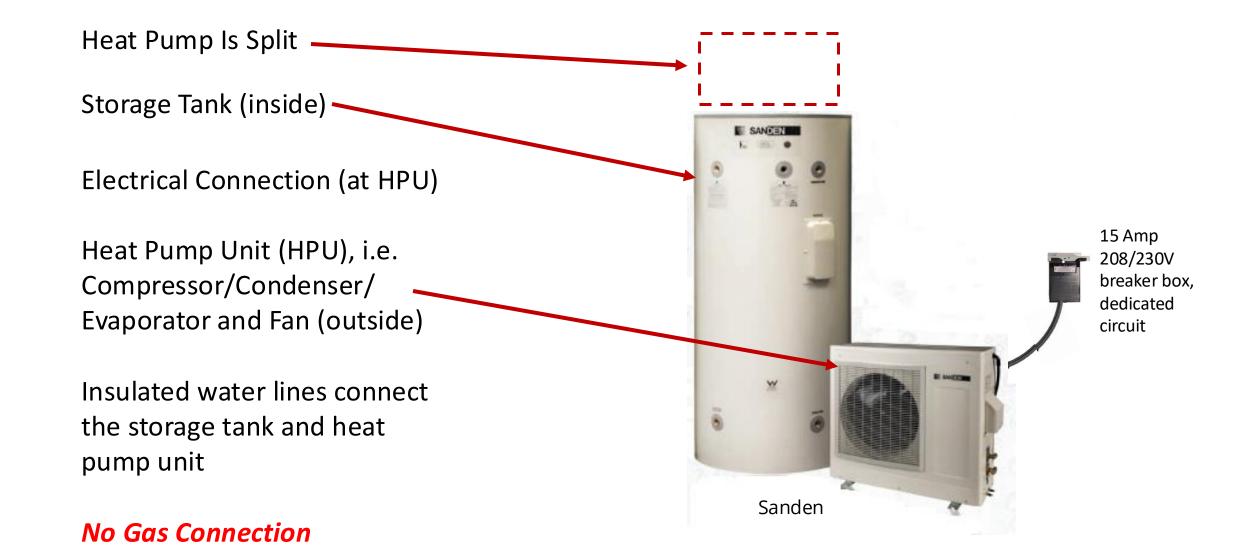




A. O. Smith



Identifying Split HPWH's

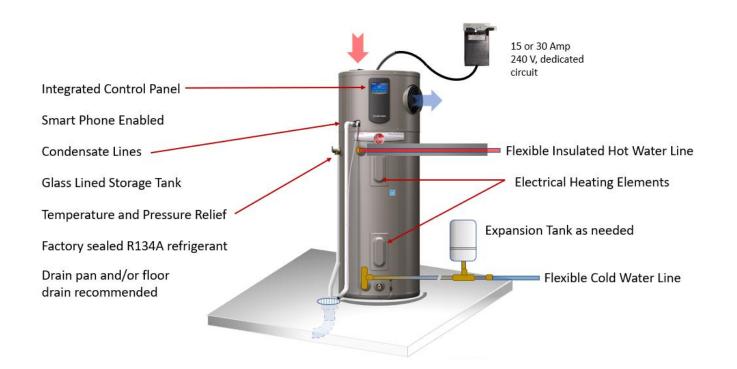


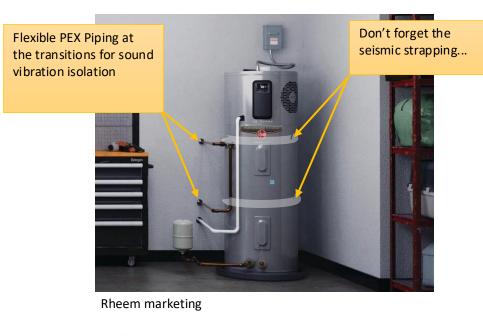
Integrated HPWH



Integrated HPWH Considerations

- Integrated HPWH tanks taller than standard gas or electric units
- Sound Level is typically around 50 db, newer models report 45 db
- Cold dehumidified air is expelled
- Condensate Drainage needs to be addressed
- Older models needed 1000 cubic feet volume, or ducted vent kit
- Current models need around 700 cu ft
- Some of the newest models need only 450 cu ft
- 120-volt plug-in varieties now available for easy retrofit/replacement







Modes of Operation

- Efficiency: heat pump only
- Hybrid: both heat pump and electrical resistance heating elements
- Electric: electrical resistance heating only
- Vacation: puts the heater on hold at 60 deg F





Care and Maintenance

Changing the filter Setting the temperature Choosing the operation mode





Examples of High Efficiency HPWH Installations



Image source: IBGC – PSHH Office

- 'Large' Utility Room with Floor Drain
- New Construction
- All Pipes Insulated

- Existing 2-car garage
- Retrofit/Replacement
- Plumbing and Electrical Trades Involved

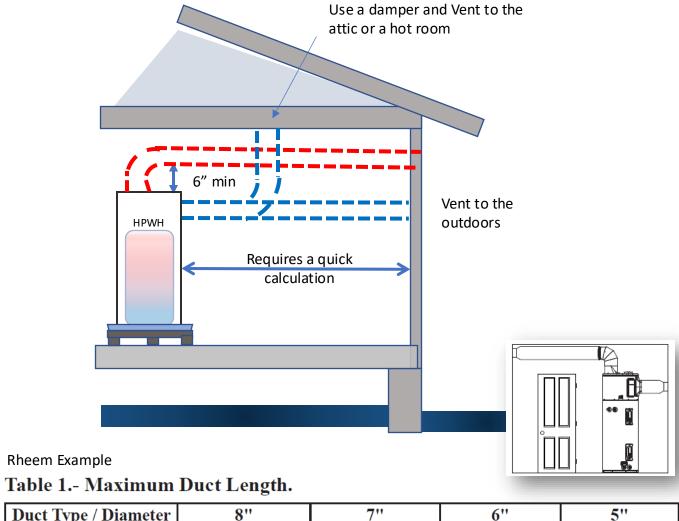


Image source: M. Zimney, IBGC – Private Residence

Ducted Options are Available



Photo Credit: IBGC – Multifamily Project in SLO



Duct Type / Diameter	8"	7''	6"	5"
Rigid	340'	160'	65'	17'
Flexible	125'	65'	25'	

Split System HPWH



SanCO2 – readily available in the US

Many other brands are *available internationally* –and have been for years.



SanCO2 Split System HPWH Considerations

- Outdoor unit operates at outdoor temps of 20 deg F below zero
- Uses R-744 CO2 refrigerant very low GWP of 1
- No noise from the indoor tank
- Tank does not need power –no filters, no anode rods, no electric resistance element –can be located in small closet, under stairs, cabinet
- Tank temp 130-176 deg F
- Rule of thumb: tank to plumbing fixture 65' to 100' (longer depending on application)



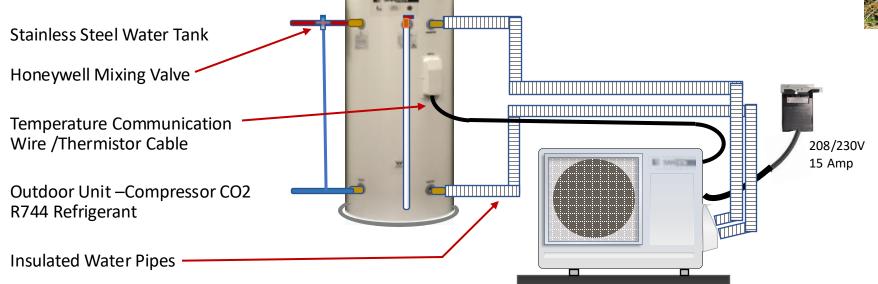
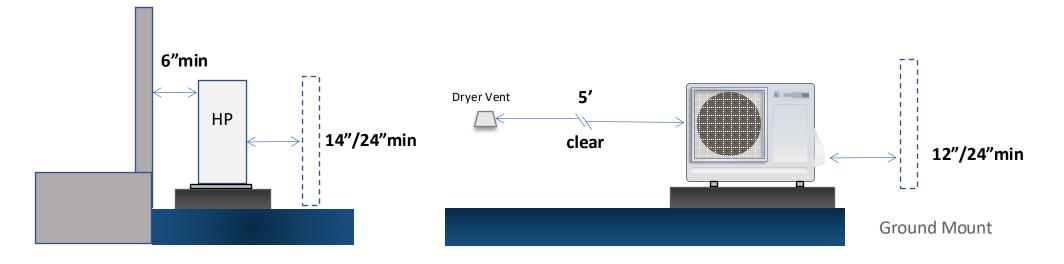


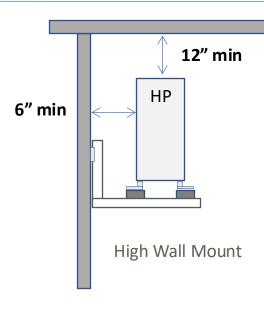
Photo Credit: IBGC - Cox Cottages



Clearances and Mounting









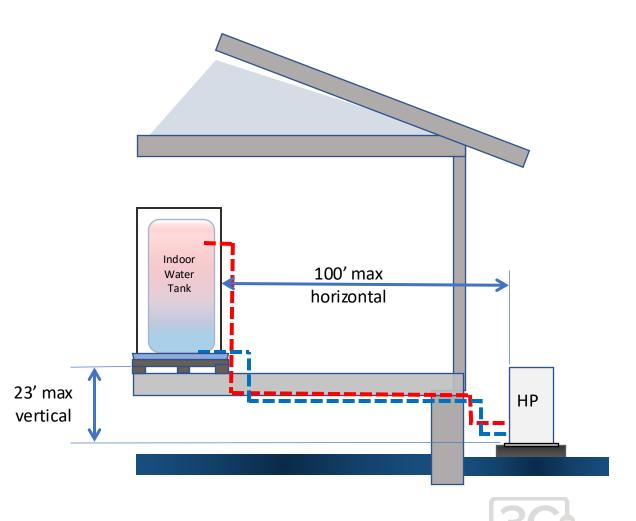
Indoor Tank Clearances and Piping Distances



Photo Images: https://www.eco2water heater.com/gallery

- Only a few inches clearance needed
- No moving parts
- No noise
- No filters, etc





Items and Features that Impact Purchase Price and Operation

- Integrated or Split: Split systems cost more than Integrated
- Promotional Pricing: Rebates and Tax Credits
- Size / Capacity (gal): nominal 40, 50, 60, 80, 119+ gals –brand and type dependent
- Efficiency COP: Higher efficiency can cost more, EnergyStar qualifies for Tax Credit
- First Hour Rating (gal/min): Important for right-sizing
- Lower and Upper Temp Limit: Some integrated units can only go to 45 F, some split system to -20 F
- Sound and Vibration: Location and plumbing details
- Electrical Voltage: 240V less expensive than 120V plug-in units
- Refrigerant and/or Water Line: Longer lengths can impact performance

Promotional Pricing Look for Sales and Rebates... **Older vs Newer Models** 12% OFF 40 gal 40 gal Rheem Professional Rheem Professional Prestige®ProTerra[™] 40 Prestige®ProTerra[™] 40 Rheem gal, Tall 4.5kW Electric gal. Tall 4.5kW Electric Heat Pump Water Heater... Heat Pump Water Heater. Performance Part #RPROPH40T2RH37530 Part #RPROPH40T2RH375SO Platinum 10-Year... Item #9117337 Item #9117336 Mfr. Part #PROPH40 T2 RH375 Mfr. Part #PROPH40 T2 RH375-30

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\$1.976.00 EACH

\$1,399.00 \$1,599

Home Depot, 4+

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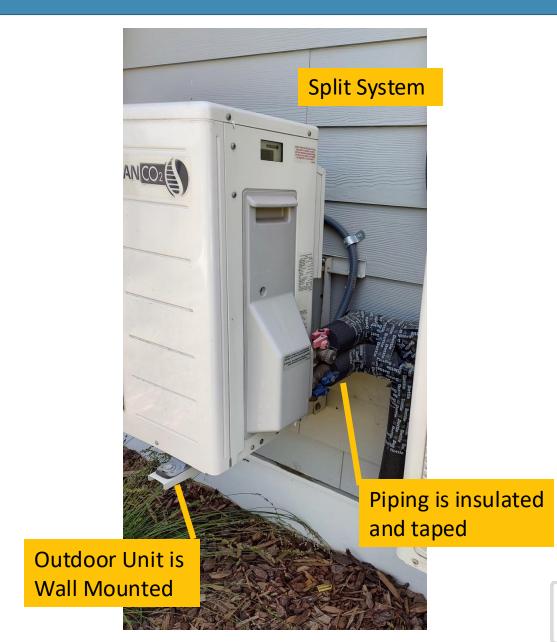
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Additional Items for a Complete Job

Better Quality Install and Site Specific Items

- Insulation Refrigeration Lines and/or Water Piping
- Exterior Line Set Covers Remodels –Protects Piping
- Outdoor Unit Mounting Options: Ground Mount Pads, Racks, and Wall Hangers, etc.
- Electrical Work –120V Plug-in or New Electrical – i.e. 240V power/breaker/junction box-shut off, panel space or upgrade, etc





Before you shop: Learn what size (gal) HPWH you will need

New or Existing Situation –Offers Brand 'Best Matches', including HPHW

https://www.hotwater.com/resources/water-heater-selector-tool



Home > Resources > Residential Water Heater Selecto



WATER HEATER SELECTION TOOL

Residential Water Heater Selector

Not sure what size water heater size you need? Answer some questions about your household water usage and we'll recommend the best product for you.

Get Started

Designed for a Replacement –Links to List of EnergyStar Models

https://basc.pnnl.gov/hpwh_installation_tool

heater nameplate.

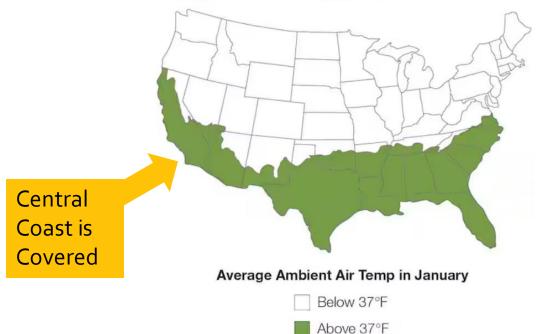






120V Plug-in HPWH – Gas Replacement Option

For optimal performance, Rheem recommends this model to be installed within the green US map zone. For other locations, consult a Professional Installer for more hybrid water heating options.

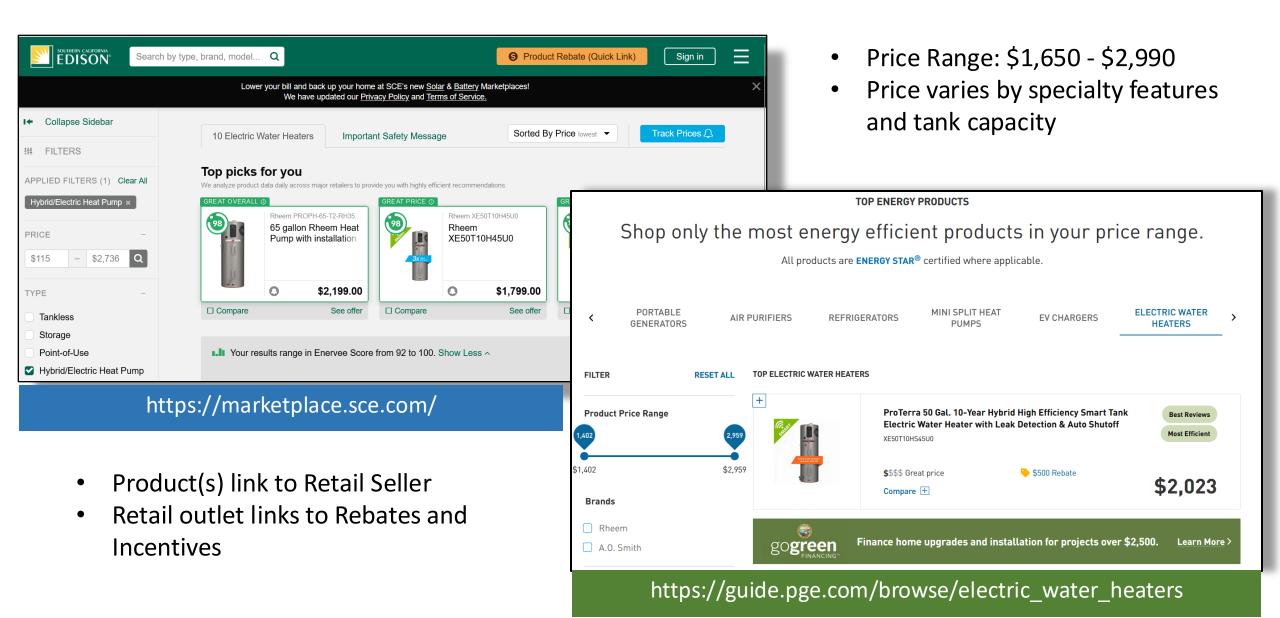








Consumer Shopping – Integrated HPWH



Ferguson Plumbing Example of AO Smith Voltex Line

Older Models

700 cu ft

R-134A Refrigerant

Baseline 4.5 kW Elec 30 Amp, **3.45 UEF**

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50 gal

A.O. Smith Voltex® 50 gal. Tall 4.5kW Residential Hybrid Electric Heat Pump Water Heater with...

Part #AHPTU50CTA20217200 Item #9317972 Mfr. Part #100338904

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\$1,810.08 EACH

CTA-2045-A Utility Port for Demand Response



50 gal

A.O. Smith Voltex® 50 gal. Tall 4.5kW Residential Hybrid Electric Heat Pump Water Heater

Part #AHPTU50N202172000 Item #7113150 Mfr. Part #100313031

(0) **\$1,637.00** EACH Baseline



A.O. Smith Voltex® 50 gal. Tall 9kW Residential Hybrid Electric Heat Pump Water Heater

Part #AFPTU50202172000 Item #7188326 Mfr. Part #100314534 (0)

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Two 4.5kW Elec Elements

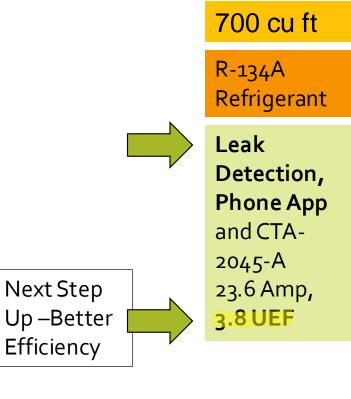
Standard:

- 50 Gal Nominal –46 Gal Rated
- 10 yr Warranty
- Vacation Mode: Tank Temp Maintenance at 60 F
- Temp Range: 45 deg F



Ferguson Plumbing Example of AO Smith Voltex Line







A.O. Smith Voltex® 50 gal. Tall 4.5kW Residential Smart Hybrid Electric Heat Pump Water Heater with ... Part #AHPTS50202172000 Item #9845370 Mfr. Part #100350404

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\$1,747.00 EA

Efficiency



Standard:

- 50 Gal Nominal –46 Gal Rated
- 10 yr Warranty
- Vacation Mode: Tank Temp Maintenance at 60 F
- Temp Range: 45 deg F •



Lowe's Example of AO Smith 'Signature 900' Example

Newest Model

450 cu ft R-134A Refrigerant

Leak Detection, Phone App, and CTA-2045 23.6 Amp, 3.8 UEF



A.O. Smith Signature 900 Tall 10-year Warranty... \$1,950.00

Item #4065452 | Model #HPS10-50H45DV



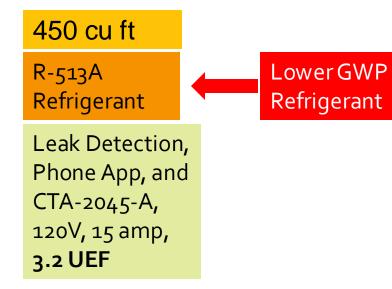
- Top Air Inlet and Top Exhaust Vent
- Top or Side Cold and Hot Pipe Connections
- Temp Range: 37 F to 120 F





Example of AO Smith Voltex 120V Plug-In –Replacement for Gas Tank

Newest Model



SIZING RECOMMENDATION FOR EQUIVALENT FIRST HOUR RATING

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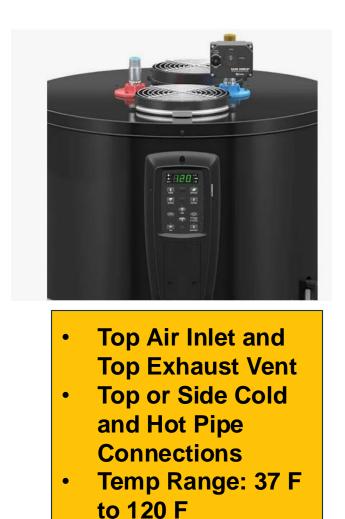
Voltex 120	V Plug-In Heat Pump	Gas Water Heater		
Model Nominal Capaci		Nominal Capacity		
HPTV-66	66 gal (76 FHR)	30-40 gal (60-75 FHR)		
HPTV-80	80 gal (93 FHR)	50 gal (80-100 FHR)		

Voltex AL is recommended to replace a standard electric water heater or for use in new construction.



Residential Hybrid Electric Heat Pump Water Heater Part #AHPTV66202172000 Item #10176592 Mfr. Part #100361937

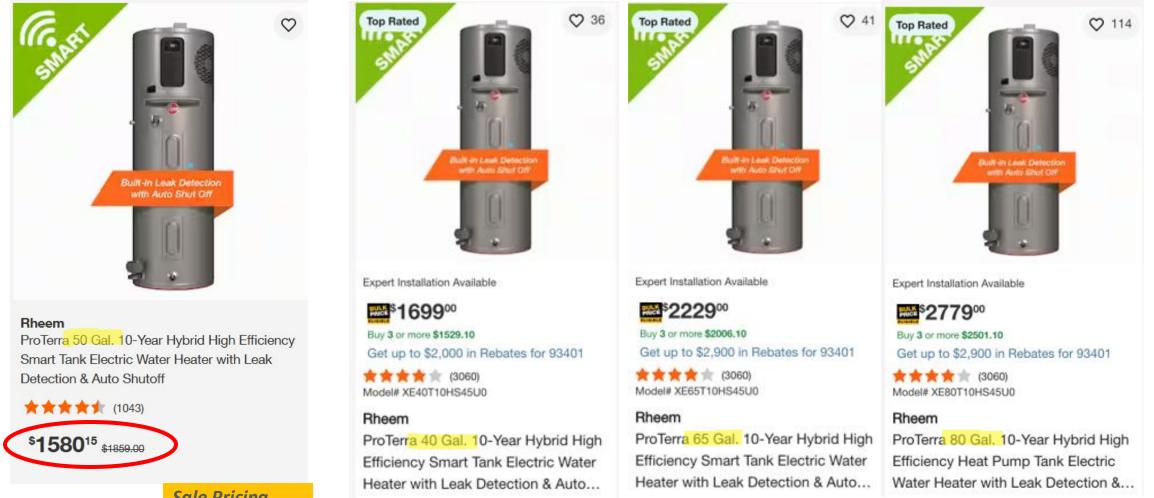




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Price Typically Increases with Tank Size – Rheem Example

Local Home Depot Example – Rheem ProTerra, UEF 3.88





Sale Pricing...

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Consumer Shopping – Split System



https://smallplanetsupply.us/

- Price Range: \$5,400 \$7,200
- Price varies by tank capacity

Split Systems Cost More than Integrated HPWH –SanCO2 Example

but, may be worth it...

- Outdoor unit operates at outdoor temps of 20 deg F below zero
- Uses R-744 CO2 refrigerant very low GWP of 1
- No noise from the indoor tank
- Tank does not need power –no filters, no anode rods, no electric resistance





\$6,225.53



High Efficient He...

SANCO2 119 Gallon High... \$7,139.55

Price Increases with tank size.

Installations cost of the Whole System can vary...

- Add another \$1000 for materials
- Add \$1000 for electrician
- Add \$3600-\$5000 for Install depending on the complexity of the job





Incentives and Rebates



Tax Credits

https://www.energystar.gov/about/federal-tax-credits/heat-pump-water-heaters

Rebates –Links to your State https://www.energy.gov/save/rebates



The **Inflation Reduction Act of 2022** created two programs to encourage home energy retrofits:

- Home Efficiency Rebates (HOMES) to fund whole house energy efficiency retrofits, and
- Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (HEEHRA) to help low-moderate income households "go electric" through qualified appliance rebates.



https://techcleanca.com/incentives



https://goldenstaterebates.com

NOTE: Access the programs via TECH Clean California. HOMES program will launch in 2025.



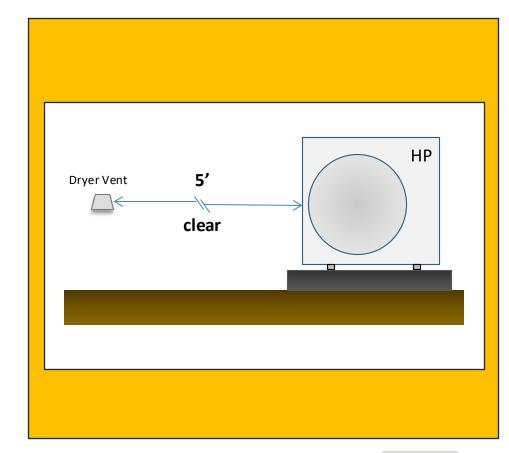




Tips for Managing Client Expectations and Title 24 for Residential Occupancies

Managing client expectations

- Split System Outdoor Unit: Locate at least 5 ft away from dryer vents
- Owner Maintenance: Integrated Units have filters that require periodic cleaning; the filter is designed to help keep the coil clean
- Owner Operation: 'Heat Pump Only' mode has best efficiency; 'Hybrid' mode increases capacity –useful when for guests or increased hot water need; 'Vacation' mode can save homeowner some money.
- Integrated Units: Reminder that noise and cold air can be problematic for some occupants





Specific Tier 2 Equipment Verification – HERS Required

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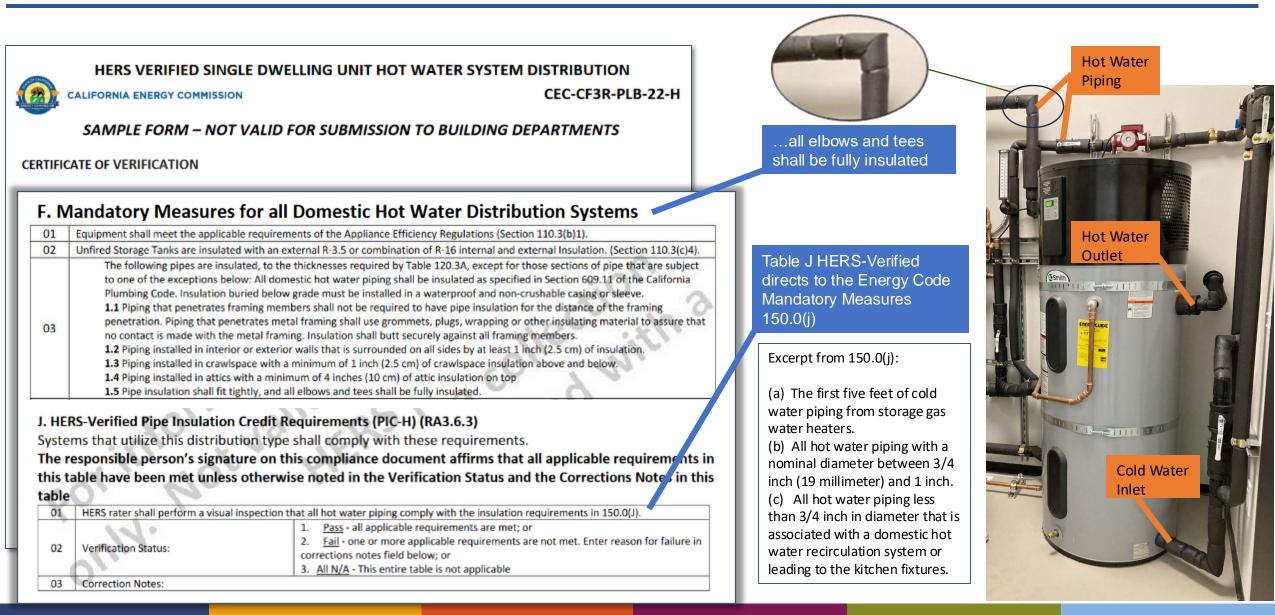


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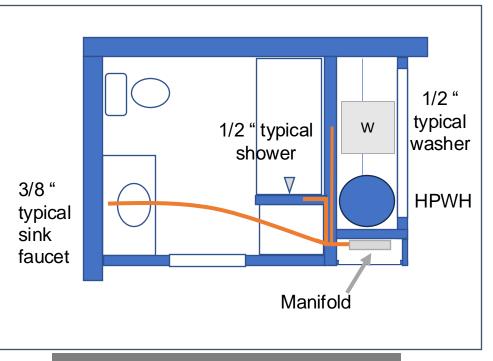
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01	The system operates "on-demand", meaning that the pump begins to operate shortly before or immediately after hot water draw begins, and stops when the return water temperature reaches a certain threshold value. For Demand Recirculation Manual Control,	
	the pump shall be turned on using a manual switch system. For Demand Recirculation Sensor Control, the pump shall be turned on using a sensor system.	Manual Shut Off
02	The controls shall be located in the kitchen, bathroom, and any hot water fixture location that is at least 20 feet from the water heater.	
03	Manual controls may be active by wired or wireless mechanisms.	and Check Valve
04	Sensor Controls may be activated by wired or wireless mechanisms, including buttons, motion sensors, door switches and flow switches. Each control shall have standby power of 1 Watt or less.	Smith State
05	Pump and control placement shall meet one of the following criteria: When a dedicated return line has been installed the pump, controls and thermo-sensor are installed at the end of the supply portion of the recirculation loop; or The pump and controls are installed on the dedicated return line near the water heater and the thermo-sensor is installed in an accessible location as close to the end of the supply portion of the recirculation loop as possible; or When the cold water line is used as the return, the pump, demand controls and thermo-sensor shall be installed in an accessible location at the end of supply portion of the hot water distribution line (typically under a sink). After the pump has been activated, the controls shall allow the pump to operate until the water temperature at the thermo-sensor rises to one of the following values: Not more than 10°F (5.6°C) about the initial temperature of the water in the pipe Not more than 10°F (38.9°C).	Manual Control and Mandatory Requirements
07	Controls shall limit operation to no more than 9 minutes following activation.	
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Pipe Insulation – Mandatory Measure / HERS Credit Option CF3R-PLB-22-H



Point of Use (POU)



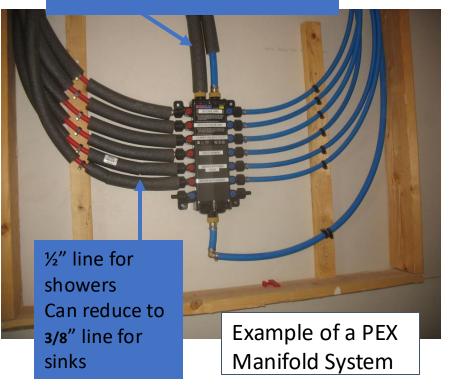
POU - Point of Use Distribution

Table 4.4.5					
Size Nominal (Inch)	Length of Pipe (feet)				
3/8″	15				
1/2″	10				
3/4″	5				
Line size vs Length for each run					
Take most direct path with truck-branch line. If two pipe sizes are used in a single run,					
half the length of pipe shall be considered for					

each pipe size.

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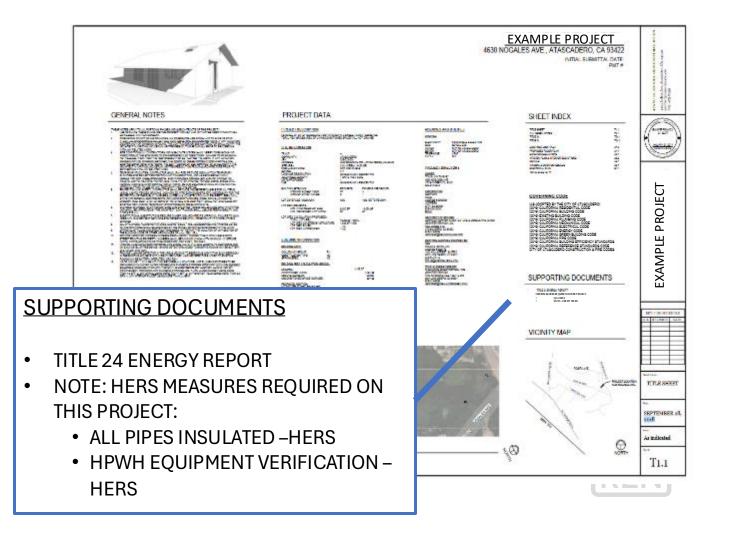
³⁄₄" Hot Water Line Directly from Water Heater





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- 'Code Analysis'
- Supporting Documents'
- 'HERS Summary'



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