Getting into Hot Water: Heat Pump Water Heaters Put Builders on Target for Reducing the Single Largest Load in New Homes

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Outline

- HPWH Magnitude of savings
 - Specifications
- Who makes the major brands?
- Installation considerations (the water heater as a system)
 - Size
 - Location
 - Plumbing layout
 - Circulator pumps and drain water recovery
- Emerging Trends:
 - Connected home
 - Demand Response (CTA 2045)
 - Split Systems
 - New Products Coming
- Value Proposition to Customer:
 - Total Cost of ownership





Experience in the Room





How many heat pumps are in the typical home?





Old Standard vs. HPWH – The New Standard





All Three of the major OEMs are making great products-AO Smith Rheem Bradford White



Consumer Profile

Accounts for 18% of energy load

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40%

66%

63%

50%

99%

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DIY







Explaining the Technology Features





Heat pump technology: 2 to 4 times more efficient than electric resistance



Moves heat (like a fridge or A/C in reverse) instead of generating it (like electric resistance water heaters)



HPWH Benefits vs. a Standard

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FEATURES	BENEFITS	HPWH	STANDARD TANK
Reliable Hot Water	Hot water when you need it	\checkmark	\checkmark
10 Year Warranty	Peace of mind	\checkmark	
Cuts cost by up to 60%	Save up to \$400/year or over \$4,000 over 10 years	\checkmark	
Incentive and Tax Credits up to \$1,100	Low upgrade costs lead to faster pay back of 2-3 years	\checkmark	
Leak Detection	Avoids a \$4,000 water damage invoice	\checkmark	



AeroTherm vs. Standard Electric





Installation Considerations

Space

- 700 cubic ft. of space or ducting
- Clearance requirements
 - Piping
 - Anode rod service
 - Air filter replacement

Condensate

- Remove condensate
 - Pump or sloped system
 - Terminate into an existing drain or outside
 - Condensate is non-toxic

Ducting

- Confined spaces or to remove cold air
- Mounting vibration isolation recommended







Ideal Locations*

- 1. Insulated garage
- 2. Attic*
- 3. Uninsulated garage*
- 4. Laundry room
- 5. Heated basement
- 6. Basement mechanical room (staircase from hell)
- 7. Dugout crawl space
- 8. Closet built around existing water heater
- 9. Unheated basement
- 10. Low boy under the sink

* Climate dependent

Training Example: How would you respond?







Value Proposition to Installers and Builders

Installer Value (approximate)	Standard Tank	HPWH	30%-140% more
Gross profit per water heater	\$550	\$700 - \$1,300	than standard tank
Gross profit for 24 units / year	\$13,200	\$16,800 - \$31,200	
Large Scale Builder Value	Standard Tank	HPWH	150% μ more
Large Scale Builder Value (approximate) Gross profit per water heater	Standard Tank \$80	HPWH \$200 - \$400	150% + more than standard tank

Includes local average incentives



States with Large Target Markets and Significant Incentive Coverage

Replacement & New Construction Markets

- SE: North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia
- NW: Washington, Oregon
- MW: Ohio
- SW: Arizona
- Replacement Market
 - Mid-Atlantic: Pennsylvania, Maryland, DC
- New Construction Market
 - California
 - Florida



HPWH Benefits to the Customer





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Up to \$400 / annual savings Reduced total cost of ownership

Immediate savings through incentives

Peace of mind through warranty

Same reliable hot water delivery

Avoids **average \$4,000** water damage bill through leak detection



Water heating as a system for maximum appreciation

- Proper sizing of tank
- Ideal location of tanks
- Plumbing considerations
 - Core location
 - Trunk, branch and twig
- Circulator considerations
 - Timer minimum
 - Learning controls
 - On demand ideal
- Fixtures
 - Low Flow
 - Temperature activated
- Waste heat recovery

What size water heater do I need?

The right heat pump water heater for your home is determined by the number of bedrooms and bathrooms in your home, not by the number of occupants.

Bedrooms	Bathrooms	Size Needed
1-2	1- 2.5	50 Gallons
3	1 - 3.5	60 Gallons
4 - 6	2 - 3.5	80 Gallons







Example of Recirculation System On Demand System





Plumbing Distance Matters: Lessons learned?

Plumbing layout and pumps greatly impact delivered hot water times

Homeowner expectations in high efficiency homes are high

Volume in Minimum Time-to-Tap (seconds) at Selected Flow Rates the Pipe (ounces) 0.25 gpm 0.5 gpm 2.5 gpm 1.5 gpm 1 gpm 2 gpm 0.9 0.6 0.5 0.4 2 1.9 4 8 4 1.9 1.3 0.9 0.8 15 2.5 8 8 1.9 1.5 4 30 15 16 8 5 4 3 24 5 45 23 8 6 11 32 60 30 10 6 15 8 64 120 60 30 20 15 12 240 24 128 120 60 40 30

HOW LONG SHOULD WE WAIT?

ASPE Time-to-Tap Performance Criteria

Acceptable Performance	1 - 10 seconds
Marginal Performance	11 - 30 seconds
Unacceptable Performance	31+ seconds

Source: Domestic Water Heating Design Manual - 2th Edition, ASPE, 2003, page 234

Homeowner education is key to meeting both expectations and performance



Emerging Trends

- Connected home
- Demand response (CTA 2045)
- Split systems
- Sustainable communities
 - Renewable integration
 - Gas to electric or all electric homes
- New Products



Connected Home Core Values

- Device Control
- Security
- Energy Management
- Maintenance





Demand Management Requirements

- Utility's Perspective

- 1. Dispatch-able (aka reliable)
- 2. Measureable demand reduction
- 3. Low cost
- 4. Can be built incrementally

- Customer Perspective

- 5. Does not impact benefits provided from connected device (water is hot, room temperature is good . . .)
- 6. No effort required
- 7. What's in it for me? (\$, services, feel good, mgmt.)





Open Source Standard for demand management







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Water Heater Example





Split Systems – Great COP more coming



Benefits

- COP of over 4
- Operate at lower temperatures
- High capacity



Sustainable Communities

- Growing number of communities across the US
- Aggressive CO2 goals
- See Heat Pump technologies as prime partners to meet goals
- Integrating more renewables
- Electronification ~ Gas to Electric conversions
- All electric homes ~ moving to code reqd.





The Age of Renewable Generation

Three Solutions

- 1. Turn off PV or Wind (wasteful)
- 2. Battery Storage (expensive, but essential)
- 3. Flexible Loads

(use renewable electricity when °^{+120m}





Water heater CO2 emissions*

As CA grid gets cleaner, HPWH offer pathway to very low-GHG hot water



* Assumes:

1) Fugitive methane emissions not included

2) 45%-efficiency combined cycle gas plant (build margin)



-Load

 Energy with no place to go!

Reference: Investigating a Higher Renewables Portfolio Standard [RPS] in California, Energy and Environmental Economics, Inc., 101 Montgomery St. San Francisco, CA 94104, Jan 2014



New designs and products coming

- Split systems for challenging installs
- Higher tank temperatures with mixing valves
- Smaller tank heat pumps
- PV direct powered systems
- 120 volt system
- Multi-family solutions
- Change in refrigerants
- Off shore suppliers









Resources to Get You Started

Installer Resources

- Best Practices Installation Guide
- Homeowner Quick Reference
 Guide
- Hot Water Solutions Image Library
- <u>Sales sheet</u>
- Advanced Water Heater Specification
- Qualified Products List
- Incentive listings
- Program Website: <u>http://hotwatersolutionsnw.org/partners/resources</u>





