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INTRODUCTION.

The following diagrams illustrate a variety of options which can be used in heating systems.

1. WARNINGS

1. Where thermal stores, open vented cylinders and un-vented cylinders are illustrated, it is assumed that they are designed and manufactured by approved manufacturers and are supplied complete with all safety devices and interlocks which may not be illustrated in our diagrams.

2. Make sure that all equipment used such as pipe work, fittings, controls, wiring, electrical equipment, solar equipment, cylinders, tanks, valves and thermal stores are all manufactured to the appropriate current national standards.

3. Only suitably qualified persons are allowed to work on any systems or diagrams illustrated in this publication.

HETAS for solid fuel.

OFTEC for oil fired.

GAS SAFE registered engineers for gas.

Anyone working on unvented systems must have the appropriate qualifications.

4. Where solid fuel, non automatic stoves and boilers are illustrated, they must all have:-

An uninterrupted feed and expansion with no valving whatsoever between the appliance and the expansion tank, minimum dia 28mm made from copper.

The feed and expansion must be correctly installed in line with manufactures instructions and all national rules and regs currently in force.

F and E tanks and overflows must be made from metal.

ON SOLID FUEL SYSTEMS, where electrically operated valves are used, they must be normally open valve which will fail open in the case of an electrical power cut.

2. CONVENTIONAL SYSTEMS OIL STOVE FIRED.

1. UNVENTED OIL STOVE GRAVITY SYSTEM



2. OIL STOVE PRESSURISED SYSTEM USING TWO WATER CIRCULATING PUMPS.

This is a system for use on vessels where two water circulating pumps are used.

The major problems with this type of design is that it is not prioritised and therefore the hot water and heating tend to all be at the same temperature and take a much longer time to reach a useful working temperature and the central heating can rob the hot water cylinder of its temperature.



3. CONVENTIONAL SYSTEMS SOLID FUEL FIRED.

1. GRAVITY SYSTEM.

It is important to make sure that the feed and expansion tank is located directly above the boiler.



2. SOLID FUEL PUMPED SYSTEM.

It is important to make sure that the feed and expansion tank is located directly above the boiler.

The circulating pumps are controlled by a clip on pipe stat fitted to the hot water tank wired in such a way as to allow the hot water pump to run first and the heating pump to run second.



4. OIL FIRED BUBBLE PJ AUTO BOILER SYSTEMS.

1. SCHEMATIC GRUNDFOSS TWIN PUMP SYSTEM.



2. SCHEMATIC Y PLAN SYSTEM.



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4. UNDERFLOOR HEATING USING TWO THERMAL STORES AND BUBBLE PJ AUTO BOILER.

This layout is designed to provide under floor heating and instant hot water using two small thermal stores.

The Bubble PJ Auto Boiler thermostat is set to run at 80 deg C and each of the thermal stores has its own clip on, adjustable thermostat set at the temperature required for each application.

The hot water store is allowed to maintain a high temperature and the hot water outlet from the cylinder is connected to a flow share blending valve which can be set at whatever temperature the user requires.

The underfloor heating store thermostat will control the temperature at whatever the user requires without the need for complex manifolds and thermostats.

For the main part the system operates with a minimum of complexity and has a high degree of robustness and longevity with water flow direction being mainly controlled by pumps as opposed to motorised valves.



5. UNDERFLOOR AND CONVENTIONAL RADIATOR PLUS HOT WATER SYSTEM.

General description of circuit.

1. This circuit consists of a Marine type 230VAC, un-vented, automatic oil boiler, running on red diesel and powering a mixture of under floor and conventional heating, plus hot water via an un-vented calorifyer.

Note that the hot water can be stored at a high temperature and at the hot water outlet a flow share vale can be fitted to regulate the water temperature.

- 2. The whole circuit is powered by 230VAC and standard domestic equipment is utilised.
- 3. The controls can be either Y plan or S plan or Pump plan.

To reduce electrical consumption the circulating pumps can be low wattage, "A" rated

Controls.

The whole system is automatically controlled allowing the user to set:-

- 1. The required on off times via the conventional 7 day programmer
- 2. The required room temperature via the room stat.
- 3. The required hot water stat via the cylinder stat.
- 4. The boiler operating temperature via the boiler stat.

5. The temperature of the underfloor heating pipework is controlled by item 4B which is a non electric, thermostatically operated, three port valve with adjustable temperature settings from 20 to 60 degrees C.



5. TWO HEAT SOURCE SYSTEMS.



1. KEY TO DIAGRAM

	Item Description	Supplier	Pt No
1	Auto air vent	altecnic	
1A	3 Way underfloor distribution manifold for flow side plus flow		
	meters with immersion probe socket.		
1B	3 Way underfloor distribution manifold, return side		
2	Potable Expansion Vessel, filling loop, pressure gauge, safety valve.	altecnic	
2A	Potable Expansion Vessel, pressure gauge, safety valve.	altecnic	
	Filling loop not required.		
3	Non Potable Expansion Vessel, filling loop, pressure gauge, safety	altecnic	
	valve.		
3а	Non Potable Expansion Vessel, filling loop, pressure gauge, safety	altecnic	77-07-020
	valve.		

4	3 Way motor valve	danfoss	
4A	2 Way motor valve	danfoss	
4B	3 Way non electric valve with thermostatic head and remote sensor.		
5	Non Return valve.		
7	61 deg flow share valve, three way.	acasso	
7A	Differential bypass vale, adjustable, min 22mm		
8	Circulating Pump and valve set.		
8 <i>A</i>	Low wattage circulating pump and valve set.	Laing	
9	Automatic Filling valve (High flow type.) normally open, only closed		
	for filter inspection, must be fitted on min dia 15mm feed pipe		
	within 1 meter of boiler.		
9A	Pressure regulation valve.		
10	Pressure regulated, potable water pressurization pump.		
11	Strainer.		
12	Non return valve Min size 22mm.		
14	High pressure fed, unrestricted mains cold water blow down valve.	Callefi	B60012922
	Callefi 544 series		
15	Sensor probe for Callefi blow down valve. To be inserted into boiler	INCLUDED	INB60012922
	sensing pocket	1.1000000	
16	Heat leak radiator of 2KW to be connected in the bypass circuit on		
	min dia 22mm pipe work (28mm preferred)		
17	Discharges from safety valves must go via visible tundishes to drain		
	capable of safely taking and discharging of high volume, boiling		
	water.		
18	Clip on cylinder stat.	danfoss	
18 <i>A</i>	Room Thermostat		
20	Blending Valve.	altecnic	
25	Normally open single port valve 28mm min or bigger depending upon		
	the boiler output.		
30	Unvented Thermal Store sized to the situation requirements.		
31	Open Vented Thermal Store, sized to the situation requirements.		
40	Unvented Oil or Gas boiler, not combi		
41	Open vented Oil or Gas boiler, not combi		
44	Wood Burning stove or boiler must be thermostatically controlled		
50	H20 or Compact wood pellet boiler	thermorossi	
60	Emersion Heater		
62	High limit thermostat		
63	Low limit thermostat		
101	Heat exchange coil for under floor heating sized to the heat load		
102	Heat exchange coil for solar nick up sized to the solar namels		
102	Heat exchange coil for the automatic wood nellet boiler sized to		
105	the bailer output		
104	Heat exchange coil for the domestic / commoncial hot water		
104	requirement in liter per minute of flow		
110	Solar Pumping and control station sized to match the color penale	Acasso	
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6. SPACE HEATING SOLID FUEL AND BUBBLE PJ AUTO BOILER.

This is a typical layout of a broad beam narrowboat where a solid fuel corner stove and a PJ Auto Boiler are used. Option 1 is where the boiler and hot water cylinder are fitted in the engine room using a horizontal cylinder fitted on the swim top.

Option 2 is where the boiler is fitted in an aft galley and the hot water cylinder fitted in the bath room.



7. NOTES AND COMMISSIONING WET SYSTEMS.

PREAMBLE.

Installation of the wet appliances will be the same as for dry appliances except that when dealing with the location an extra element comes in to the equation and that is connecting the stove up to the heating circuit.

Before designing the fireplace, take great care about making adequate provision for boiler connections.

To facilitate removal of the appliance, make sure that there is:-

- Easy access to the boiler unions.
- Easy access to the drain down valve.
- Easy access to any other connections.

When installing water heating Bubble stoves, the space heating output will be reduced slightly.

Bubble Boilers are generally high water content and suitable for pumped or gravity systems, provided that the pipework is correctly designed.

If you are not suitably qualified, arrange for a heating engineer to do the design work for you.

1. CALORIFIERS.

Indirect calorifiers must be used on gravity or pumped systems.

On gravity systems the calorifiers must be located higher than the stove and as close as possible to it, obviously keeping horizontal runs as short as possible, in some cases where this is not possible, it may be necessary to fit a pump, just for the calorifyer.

2. VENTING OF AIR.

Gravity or Pumped systems must be open vented with cold feed, ball valve controlled expansion tanks.

The feed and expansion tank must be as close as possible to the boiler and be fitted at the highest part of the circuit.

Consult an experienced boat-heating engineer for advice on feed and expansion tanks. To vent the system of air use automatic air vents on all possible air lock locations.

3. PIPE WORK.

All gravity pipe work must rise on flow and fall on return and be a minimum of 28mm dia. (35mm dia preferred)

To reduce resistance to flow-:

- Use swept bends, do not use elbows.
- Use copper pipe work.
- Use high water content radiators.

3. On Bubble Stoves, the primary <u>circuit</u> must have a total length of not more than 6 meters otherwise the recovery time of the calorifyer will be increased beyond an acceptable period of time. On PJ boilers this does not apply.

4. Primary circuit pipe work must not have valves or other devices that can be used to interfere with the free flow of water.

4. PUMPED SYSTEMS

Always come off the stove with 28mm copper for a minimum run of 350 mm before dropping on to a proprietary plastic heating pipe.

3. Great care should be taken with the positioning of the circulating pump/pumps and the feed and expansion tank to make sure that the water flows where it should and that over pumping does not occur.

4. The heating circuit must be piped in 22mm copper or Hep 20 with 15mm stabs to radiators.

5. Where additional radiators are fitted as heat leaks, the pipe work must be kept as short as possible, rise on feed and fall on return.

5. SAFETY VALVE

1. A 1" safety valve must be fitted as close to the boiler as possible (within 300mm) and the outlet from it must be directed to a safe location so as not to present any danger should the valve blow-off and exit steam or boiling water. (*Available ex Harworth Heating.*)

2. Note that safe location could be through the side of the boat, with a deflector to stop any horizontal emission.

6. WATER TREATMENT

1. To reduce the build up of lime scale in the primary circuit pipe work the temperature of the water should not be allowed to exceed 65 Deg C and a suitable water treatment should be added.

2. If the boat is to be left unattended the water, in the heating system should also have suitable antifreeze added or be drained down.

7. DRAIN DOWN.

1. A drain down valve should be fitted at the lowest point of the circuit.

8. CIRCULATING PUMP.

1. On pumped systems make sure that the circulating pump is fitted in such a way as to make it easily replaceable, this means lock shielded values at either side or easy access.

10. ASSOCIATED READING

http://www.oilstoves.co.uk/webdocs/articles/Reduce_Your_Heating_Costs_27-06-08.pdf

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