

One type of room instrument consists of a blackened copper sphere of 6 or 8 in. in diameter, in which a cylindrical sump contains a volatile liquid. A small electric heating coil creates in the sphere a vapor pressure which remains constant as long as the total heat loss from the sphere is at the desired rate. If the Operative Temperature becomes too high for comfort, a greater vapor pressure results from the smaller heat loss from the sphere. This acts on a diaphragm and reduces the supply of heat to the room. With too low an Operative Temperature the reverse action occurs. A similar instrument which has an electric heating element for warming the air inside the sphere and the thermostat operated switch is also used for controlling room conditions.

In addition to a thermostatically controlled device for modulating the temperature of the circulating water, it is advantageous to insert in each coil a locked flow control or adjustable resistance to give uniform conditions throughout all rooms. Owing to unforeseen difficulties with varying frictional losses in pipes, emission factor, and exposures, it is an advantage to be able to regulate permanently the flow through each circuit by means of a key operated valve as indicated in Fig. 4.

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