

Dehumidify: To remove water vapor from the atmosphere; to remove water vapor or moisture from any material.

Density: The weight of a unit volume, expressed in pounds per cubic foot. ρ (rho) = $\frac{W}{V}$.

Dew-Point Temperature: The temperature corresponding to saturation (100 per cent relative humidity) for a given moisture content.

Diffuser: A vaned device placed at an air supply opening to direct the air flow.

Direct-Indirect Heating Unit: A heating unit located in the room or space to be heated and partially enclosed, the enclosed portion being used to heat air which enters from outside the room.

Direct Radiator: Same as *radiator*.

Direct-Return System (Hot water): A hot water system in which the water, after it has passed through a heating unit, is returned to the boiler along a direct path so that the total distance traveled by the water is the shortest feasible, and so that there are considerable differences in the lengths of the several circuits composing the system.

Down-Feed One-Pipe Riser (Steam): A pipe which carries steam downward to the heating units and into which the condensation from the heating units drains.

Down-Feed System (Steam): A steam heating system in which the supply mains are above the level of the heating units which they serve.

Draft Head (Side Outlet Enclosure): The height of a gravity convector between the bottom of the heating unit and the bottom of the air outlet opening.

Draft Head (Top Outlet Enclosure): The height of a gravity convector between the bottom of the heating unit and the top of the enclosure.

Dry Air: Air with which no water vapor is mixed. This term is used comparatively, since in nature there is always some water vapor included in air, and such water vapor, being a gas, is dry.

Dry-Bulb Temperature: The temperature of the air indicated by any type of thermometer not affected by the water vapor content or relative humidity of the air.

Dry Return: A return pipe in a steam heating system which carries both water of condensation and air. See *wet return*.

Dust: Solid material in a finely divided state, the particles of which are large and heavy enough to fall with increasing velocity, due to gravity in still air. For instance, particles of fine sand or grit, the average diameter of which is approximately 0.01 centimeter, such as are blown on a windy day, may be called dust.

Dynamic Head or Pressure: The total or impact pressure. This is the sum of the radial pressure and the velocity pressure at the point of measurement.

Effective Temperature: An arbitrary index of the degree of warmth or cold felt by the human body in response to temperature, humidity, and movement of the air. Effective temperature is a composite index

which combines the readings of temperature, humidity, and air motion into a single value. The numerical value of the effective temperature scale has been fixed by the temperature of saturated air which induces an identical sensation of warmth.

Enthalpy: Total heat or thermal potential.

Entropy: The logarithmic probability of a state. It is the integration between two absolute temperatures of the quotient of the quantity of heat divided by the absolute temperature at the condition at which the temperature is taken. It is, therefore, a numeric which explains a difference in conditions between two points in a heat cycle.

Entropy, which can vary with temperature, volume, or pressure, is constant during adiabatic expansion in a reversible cycle or during isentropic expansion in an irreversible cycle. Entropy is a function of the unavailable energy in any system.

Equivalent Evaporation: The amount of water a boiler would evaporate, in pounds per hour, if it received feed water at 212 F and vaporized it at the same temperature and atmospheric pressure.

Estimated Design Load: The load, stated in Btu per hour or equivalent direct radiation, as estimated by the purchaser for the conditions of inside and outside temperature for which the amount of installed radiation was determined. It is the sum of the heat emission of the radiation to be actually installed plus the allowance for the heat loss of the connecting piping plus the heat requirement for any apparatus requiring heat connected with the system. (A.S.H.V.E. Standard Code for Rating Steam Heating Solid Fuel Hand-Fired Boilers—edition of April 1932.)

Estimated Maximum Load: Construed to mean the load stated in Btu per hour or equivalent direct radiation that has been estimated by the purchaser to be the greatest or maximum load that the boiler will be called upon to carry. (A.S.H.V.E. Standard Code for Rating Steam Heating Solid Fuel Hand-Fired Boilers—edition of April 1932.)

Extended Heating Surface: See *Heating Surface*.

Extended Surface Heating Unit: A heating unit having a relatively large amount of extended surface which may be integral with the core containing the heating medium or assembled over such a core, making good thermal contact by pressure or by being soldered to the core or by both pressure and soldering. An extended surface heating unit is usually placed within an enclosure and therefore functions as a convector.

Fan Furnace System: See *Warm Air Heating System*.

Force: The action on a body which tends to change its relative condition as to rest or motion. $F = \frac{WV}{gt}$.

Fumes: Particles of solid matter resulting from such chemical processes as combustion, explosion, and distillation, ranging from 0.1 to 1.0 micron in size.

Furnace: That part of a boiler or warm air heating plant in which combustion takes place. Also, a fire-pot.

Furnace Volume (total): The total furnace volume for horizontal-return tubular boilers and water-tube boilers is the cubical contents of the