

Table 2 Heat Losses from Horizontal Bare Steel Pipes and Flat Surfaces
in Btu per (Sq Ft of Pipe Surface) (Hour) (F Deg Temperature Difference Between Pipe and Air)

Pipe Size Inches	Linear Foot Factor*	Temperature Difference F Deg Between Pipe Surface and Surrounding Air, Air at 80 F.																	
		50	100	150	200	250	300	350	400	450	500	550	600	650	700	750	800	850	900
1/4	0.220	2.12	2.48	2.80	3.10	3.42	3.74	4.07	4.47	4.86	5.28	5.72	6.19	6.69	7.22	7.79	8.39	9.03	9.70
1/2	0.275	2.08	2.43	2.74	3.04	3.35	3.67	4.00	4.40	4.79	5.21	5.65	6.12	6.61	7.15	7.71	8.31	8.95	9.62
3/4	0.344	2.04	2.38	2.69	2.99	3.30	3.61	3.94	4.33	4.72	5.14	5.58	6.05	6.54	7.07	7.64	8.23	8.87	9.55
1	0.435	2.00	2.34	2.64	2.93	3.24	3.55	3.88	4.27	4.66	5.07	5.51	5.97	6.47	7.00	7.56	8.16	8.79	9.47
1 1/4	0.497	1.98	2.31	2.61	2.90	3.20	3.52	3.84	4.23	4.62	5.03	5.47	5.93	6.43	6.96	7.52	8.12	8.75	9.43
1 1/2	0.622	1.95	2.27	2.56	2.85	3.15	3.46	3.78	4.17	4.56	4.97	5.41	5.87	6.37	6.89	7.45	8.05	8.68	9.36
2	0.753	1.92	2.23	2.52	2.81	3.11	3.42	3.74	4.12	4.51	4.92	5.36	5.82	6.31	6.84	7.40	7.99	8.63	9.30
3	0.916	1.89	2.20	2.49	2.77	3.07	3.37	3.69	4.08	4.46	4.87	5.31	5.77	6.26	6.79	7.35	7.94	8.57	9.25
3 1/2	1.047	1.87	2.18	2.46	2.74	3.04	3.34	3.66	4.05	4.43	4.84	5.27	5.73	6.23	6.75	7.31	7.91	8.54	9.21
4	1.178	1.85	2.16	2.44	2.72	3.01	3.32	3.64	4.02	4.40	4.81	5.25	5.71	6.20	6.72	7.28	7.87	8.51	9.18
4 1/2	1.309	1.84	2.14	2.42	2.70	2.99	3.30	3.61	4.00	4.38	4.79	5.22	5.68	6.17	6.69	7.25	7.85	8.48	9.15
5	1.456	1.83	2.13	2.40	2.68	2.97	3.28	3.59	3.97	4.35	4.76	5.20	5.65	6.15	6.68	7.23	7.82	8.45	9.12
6	1.734	1.80	2.10	2.37	2.65	2.94	3.24	3.55	3.94	4.32	4.72	5.16	5.61	6.10	6.63	7.19	7.78	8.41	9.08
7	1.996	1.79	2.08	2.35	2.63	2.91	3.21	3.53	3.91	4.29	4.69	5.13	5.58	6.07	6.60	7.15	7.75	8.38	9.05
8	2.258	1.77	2.06	2.33	2.60	2.89	3.19	3.50	3.88	4.26	4.67	5.10	5.56	6.05	6.57	7.12	7.72	8.35	9.02
9	2.520	1.76	2.05	2.31	2.59	2.87	3.17	3.48	3.86	4.24	4.65	5.08	5.53	6.02	6.54	7.10	7.69	8.32	8.99
10	2.814	1.75	2.03	2.30	2.57	2.85	3.15	3.46	3.84	4.22	4.62	5.05	5.51	6.00	6.52	7.08	7.67	8.30	8.97
12	3.338	1.73	2.01	2.27	2.54	2.83	3.12	3.43	3.81	4.19	4.59	5.02	5.48	5.96	6.48	7.04	7.63	8.26	8.93
14	3.665	1.72	2.00	2.26	2.53	2.81	3.11	3.41	3.79	4.17	4.57	5.00	5.46	5.94	6.47	7.02	7.61	8.24	8.91
16	4.189	1.70	1.98	2.24	2.51	2.79	3.08	3.39	3.77	4.14	4.55	4.98	5.43	5.92	6.44	6.99	7.58	8.21	8.88
18	4.717	1.69	1.96	2.22	2.49	2.77	3.07	3.37	3.75	4.12	4.53	4.96	5.41	5.90	6.42	6.97	7.56	8.19	8.86
20	5.238	1.68	1.95	2.21	2.47	2.75	3.05	3.36	3.73	4.11	4.51	4.94	5.39	5.88	6.40	6.95	7.54	8.17	8.84
24	6.283	1.66	1.93	2.19	2.45	2.73	3.02	3.33	3.70	4.07	4.48	4.90	5.36	5.84	6.36	6.92	7.51	8.14	8.80
Vertical Surface	1.84	2.14	2.42	2.70	3.00	3.30	3.62	4.00	4.38	4.79	5.22	5.68	6.17	6.70	7.26	7.85	8.48	9.15	9.86
Horizontal Surface Facing Upward	2.03	2.37	2.67	2.97	3.28	3.59	3.92	4.31	4.70	5.12	5.56	6.02	6.52	7.05	7.61	8.21	8.85	9.52	10.24
Horizontal Surface Facing Downward	1.61	1.86	2.11	2.36	2.64	2.93	3.23	3.60	3.97	4.37	4.80	5.25	5.73	6.25	6.80	7.39	8.02	8.69	9.39

Values are for Flat Surfaces four square feet or more in area.

* To secure losses per linear foot, multiply sq ft losses in table by this factor. The losses per sq ft of pipe surface for pipes larger than 24 in. can be considered the same as the losses for the 24-in. pipe.

between the pipe and the surrounding atmosphere up to 525 F, are shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3.

The actual thickness of many molded pipe coverings is not exactly 1 in. However, the loss through any given thickness of insulation can be obtained by interpolation.

The heat losses through 1, 1 1/2, and 2-in. thick block, blanket, or cement insulation when applied to a flat vertical surface is given in Fig. 4.

The losses through any of the insulations given in Table 1 can be obtained by multiplying the losses obtained from Figs. 1, 2, 3, or 4 by the factors given in Table 6.

Pipes operating at high temperatures are frequently insulated to the best advantage by combining a high temperature insulation near the pipe with a moderate or low temperature insulation around it as an outer layer. By this method an efficient material may be used for each of the two temperature ranges encountered. In calculating the heat loss through such a combination the mean temperature of each layer must be determined along with the thickness of each. This is readily done in two or three calculations performed as a series of approximations, in which assumptions of thick-

ness and mean temperature are adjusted as indicated in the discussion which follows.

In the case of a single thickness of pipe covering, the quantity of heat transferred per square foot of outer surface of the insulation is given by the equation:

$$q_o = \frac{k(t_1 - t_2)}{r_1 \log_e \frac{r_2}{r_1}} \quad (1)$$

where

q_o = Btu per (hour) (square foot of outer surface of insulation).

r_1 = outer radius of pipe or inner radius of insulation, inches.

r_2 = outer radius of insulation, inches.

k = thermal conductivity of insulation, Btu per (hour) (square foot) (Fahrenheit degree per inch).

t_1 = temperature of inner surface of insulation, Fahrenheit.

t_2 = temperature of outer surface of insulation, Fahrenheit.

Table 3 Heat Loss from Horizontal
Tarnished Copper Pipe*

Expressed in Btu per (hour) (linear foot) (Fahrenheit degree difference between the pipe and surrounding still air at 70 F)

Nominal Pipe Size (Inches)	Hot Water (Type K Copper Tube)				Steam (Standard Pipe Size)		
	120 F	150 F	180 F	210 F	227.1 F (5 psig)	267.7 F (50 psig)	337.9 F (100 psig)
1/4	0.250	0.287	0.300	0.321	0.433	0.500	0.530
1/2	0.340	0.381	0.409	0.429	0.533	0.543	0.654
3/4	0.440	0.475	0.509	0.536	0.636	0.746	0.803
1	0.500	0.559	0.618	0.622	0.784	0.878	0.934
1 1/4	0.580	0.656	0.710	0.750	0.904	1.053	1.120
2	0.730	0.825	0.890	0.957	1.101	1.273	1.364
2 1/2	0.880	1.000	1.091	1.143	1.305	1.490	1.605
3	1.040	1.175	1.272	1.343	1.560	1.800	1.940
3 1/2	1.180	1.350	1.454	1.535	1.750	2.020	2.170
4	1.460	1.500	1.635	1.715	1.941	2.240	2.430
4 1/2	1.600	1.812	1.980	2.071	2.131	2.465	2.650
5	1.840	2.125	2.270	2.430	2.387	2.770	2.990
6	2.400	2.685	2.910	3.110	3.310	4.050	4.370

It is convenient to work from the outer surface of the insulation, since the loss through the covering must be determined from the outer surface loss by means of surface loss curves such as given in Fig. 5. The curves were plotted from tests conducted at the Mellon Institute.

After the true heat loss is obtained, the loss per square foot of pipe surface can be calculated from the relationship:

$$q_i = q_o(r_2/r_1)$$

where

q_i = Btu per (hour) (square foot outer surface of pipe).

Table 5 Area of Flanged Fittings, Square Feet*

Nominal Pipe Size (Inches)	Flanged Coupling		90 Deg El		Long Radius El		Tee		Cross	
	Standard	Extra Heavy	Standard	Extra Heavy	Standard	Extra Heavy	Standard	Extra Heavy	Standard	Extra Heavy
1	0.320	0.438	0.795	1.015	0.892	1.083	1.235	1.575	1.622	2.07
1 1/4	0.383	0.510	0.957	1.098	1.084	1.340	1.481	1.925	1.943	2.53
1 1/2	0.477	0.727	1.174	1.332	1.337	1.874	1.815	2.68	2.38	3.54
2	0.672	0.948	1.65	2.01	1.84	2.64	2.84	3.09	3.32	4.06
2 1/2	0.841	1.107	2.09	2.57	2.82	3.21	3.21	4.05	4.19	5.17
3	0.945	1.484	2.38	3.49	2.68	3.74	3.66	5.33	4.77	6.95
3 1/2	1.122	1.644	2.98	3.96	3.28	4.28	4.48	6.04	5.83	7.89
4	1.344	1.914	3.53	4.64	3.96	4.99	5.41	7.07	7.03	9.24
4 1/2	1.474	2.04	3.95	5.02	4.43	5.48	6.07	7.72	7.87	10.07
5	1.622	2.18	4.44	5.47	5.00	6.02	6.81	8.52	8.82	10.97
6	1.82	2.78	5.13	6.99	5.99	7.76	7.84	10.64	10.08	13.75
8	2.41	3.77	6.98	9.76	8.56	11.09	10.55	14.74	13.44	18.97
10	3.43	5.20	10.18	13.68	12.35	15.60	15.41	20.41	19.58	26.26
12	4.41	6.71	13.08	17.73	16.35	18.76	19.67	26.65	24.87	34.11

* Including areas of accompanying flanges bolted to the fitting.

Table 4 External Surface Area per Linear
Foot of Copper Tubing
Outside diameter 1/2 in. greater than nominal size

Tube Size (Inches)	Surface Area (Sq Ft)	Tube Size (Inches)	Surface Area (Sq Ft)	Tube Size (Inches)	Surface Area (Sq Ft)
1/2	0.184	2	0.556	5	1.342
3/4	0.229	2 1/2	0.687	6	1.604
1	0.295	3	0.818	8	2.128
1 1/4	0.360	3 1/2	0.949		
1 1/2	0.426	4	1.080		

The heat loss through two or more thicknesses of insulation applied to a pipe can be calculated by means of the equation:

$$q_o = \frac{t_1 - t_2}{\frac{r_1 \log_e \frac{r_2}{r_1}}{k_1} + \frac{r_2 \log_e \frac{r_3}{r_2}}{k_2} + \dots} \quad (2)$$

where

r_2 = outer radius of second layer of insulation, inches.

r_1 = outer radius of last layer of insulation, inches.

The method of solving Equation 2, which is the most difficult of the two, is given in Example 3.

Example 3: Compute the heat loss per linear foot of pipe surface per hour from a 6-in. pipe, insulated with a 3-in. thickness of 1500 F diatomaceous earth, and a nominal 2-in. thickness of 85 percent magnesia. The pipe is operating at a temperature of 1200 F and is exposed to a room temperature of 80 F.

Solution: In figuring the heat loss from Equation 2, it is necessary to first make an assumption for the outer surface temperature t_2 and the temperature between the diatomaceous earth and 85 percent magnesia insulation, so that the mean temperature of each material can be obtained and the thermal conductivity corresponding to the mean temperature of each material substituted in the equation. First assume an outer surface temperature of 135 F and a temperature of 570 F between the two materials corresponding to a mean temperature of $(1200 + 570) \div 2$ or 885 F for the diatomaceous earth and $(570 + 135) \div 2$ or 352.5 F for the 85 percent magnesia insulation. The conduc-