

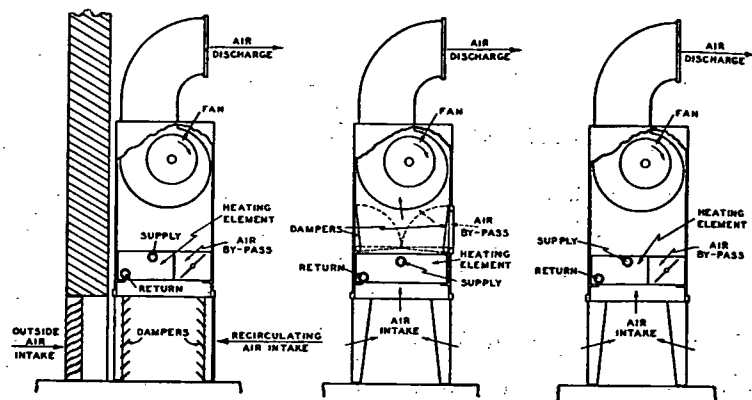


FIG. 1. CENTRIFUGAL FAN TYPE UNIT HEATER—FLOOR MOUNTED

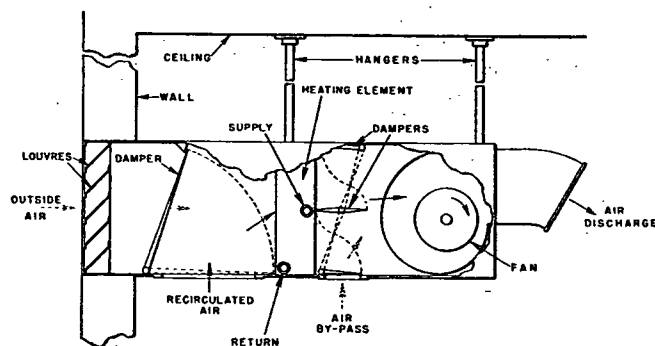


FIG. 2. CENTRIFUGAL FAN TYPE UNIT HEATER—SUSPENDED

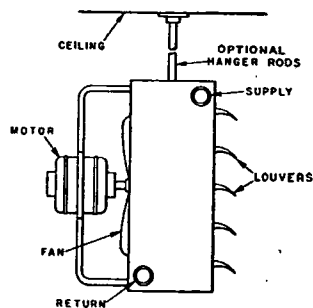


FIG. 3. PROPELLER FAN TYPE UNIT HEATER—HORIZONTAL BLOW

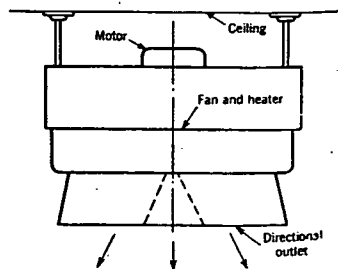


FIG. 4. PROPELLER FAN TYPE UNIT HEATER—VERTICAL BLOW

Application of Unit Heaters

There are three major factors to consider in the application of unit heaters, namely: (1) heating medium, (2) air distribution, and (3) location of unit.

Steam or hot water unit heaters are used principally for heating commercial and industrial structures such as garages, factories, laboratories, and stores. They may also be used for heating finished rooms, if properly applied and concealed, and if some consideration is given to the problem of noise.

Unit heaters may also be adapted to a number of industrial processes, such as drying and curing, in which the use of heated air in rapid circulation with uniform distribution is of particular advantage. They may be used for moisture absorption, such as fog removal in dye houses, or for the prevention of condensation on ceilings or other cold surfaces of buildings in which process moisture is released. When such conditions are severe, it is necessary that the unit heaters draw air from outside in enough volume to provide a rapid air change, and that they operate in conjunction with ventilators or fans for exhausting the moisture-laden air. (See discussion of condensation in Chapter 10.)

Electric unit heaters can be used to advantage for supplemental heat in residences, for the heating of ticket booths, watchmen's offices, factory offices, locker rooms, and other isolated rooms scattered over large areas. They are particularly useful in isolated and untended pumping stations or pits where they may be thermostatically controlled to prevent freezing temperatures.

Gas-fired unit heaters find application in industrial plants, offices, stores, garages; in fact, in almost every location where steam-type units are used. The installation cost of gas-fired units is usually less than that of a type requiring that a new boiler be installed, unless the number to be installed would justify the cost of a boiler and steam or hot-water unit heater system.

Oil-fired unit heaters are used in industrial plants, garages and commercial buildings.

Coal-fired unit heaters are used principally in large industrial plants such as foundries.

Outlet Velocities

Outlet velocities of unit heaters vary from about 400 to 2500 fpm, depending upon the type of unit and the distance (blow) to which the air is to be projected. Noise and drafts must be considered in the choice of air velocities, since both generally increase with increase of air velocity.

In the selection of unit heaters it is important to ascertain that the blow and coverage are sufficient. The blow is dependent to a marked degree on the temperature of air leaving the heater, as well as upon its velocity. (See discussion under heading of Inlet, Outlet, and Space Temperatures with Unit Heaters.) Recommended coverage and mounting heights should be obtained from the manufacturer.

In order to obtain the desired air distribution and heat diffusion, unit heaters are commonly equipped with directional outlets, adjustable louvers, or fixed types of diffusers.

Ratings of Unit Heaters

It is standard practice to rate unit heaters on the basis of the amount of heat delivered by the air in Btu per hour above an entering air temperature