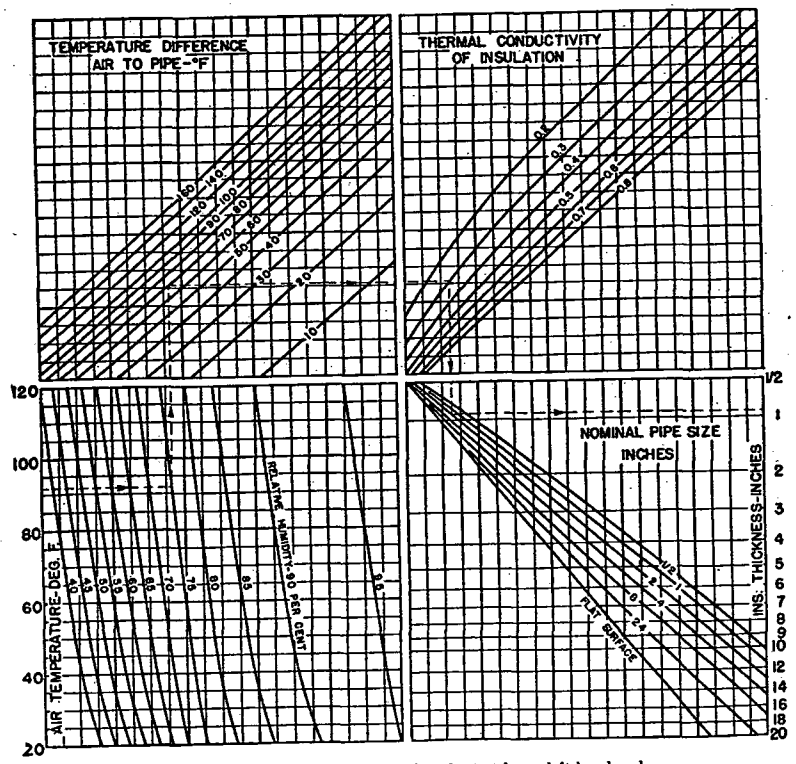
manufacturers to suit their products, and others by applicators and users. Unless time-proven methods are known, specifications of insulation manufacturers should be obtained and followed carefully.

Piping must be carefully protected against corrosion caused by condensation of water vapor. All metallic surfaces should be coated with a vapor-



[a] Solve problems as indicated by dotted line, entering chart at lower left hand scale

FIG. 5. THICKNESS OF PIPE INSULATION TO PREVENT CONDENSATION ON OUTER SURFACE[a]

impervious barrier (some types of which have an asphaltic or tar base) without any breaks or openings in order to prevent corrosion.

The thickness of insulation required to prevent condensation on the outer surface is that thickness which will raise the temperature of the outer surface of the insulation to a point slightly higher than the dew-point of the surrounding vapor. The dew-point for various humidities can be readily ascertained from a psychrometric chart. The external vapor barrier must be made as nearly perfect as possible in order to prevent leakage of vapor into the insulation.

The approximate required thickness of insulation to prevent condensation on pipes and flat metallic surfaces may be obtained from Fig. 5 in which a surface resistance of 0.606, corresponding to a film conductance of 1.65, was used in calculating the curves. This value provides a slight factor of safety and its use is known to give satisfactory field results. In using the chart it is advisable to specify the next thicker, rather than the next thinner, commercial insulation in cases where an intermediate thickness is indicated.

Heat gains for pipes insulated with a material having an installed conductivity of 0.30 Btu per (sq ft) (hr) (F deg per in.) are given in Table 8. This table may be used for any of the commercial insulations offered for this purpose since they have conductivities very near the 0.3 value used.

TABLE 8. HEAT GAINS FOR INSULATED COLD PIPES

Rates of heat transmission given in Btu per (hour) (Fahrenheit degree temperature difference between fluid in pipe and surrounding still air)

Based on materials having conductivity, k = 0.30

Nominal Pipe Size (Inches)	Ice Water Thickness			Brine Thickness			Heavy Brine Thickness		
	Thickness of Insulation (Inches)	Btu Per Linear Foot	Btu Per Sq Ft Pipe Surface	Thickness of Insulation (Inches)	Btu Per Linear Foot	Btu Per Sq Ft Pipe Surface	Thickness of Insulation (Inches)	Btu Per Linear Foot	Btu Per Sq Ft Pipe Surface
¼	1.5	0.110	0.502	2.0	0.098	0.446	2.8	0.087	0.394
½	1.6	0.119	0.431	2.0	0.111	0.405	2.9	0.094	0.340
1	1.6	0.139	0.403	2.0	0.124	0.352	3.0	0.104	0.294
1¼	1.6	0.155	0.357	2.4	0.131	0.300	3.1	0.113	0.260
1½	1.5	0.174	0.351	2.5	0.134	0.270	3.2	0.118	0.238
2	1.5	0.200	0.322	2.5	0.151	0.244	3.3	0.134	0.214
2½	1.5	0.228	0.303	2.6	0.170	0.226	3.3	0.147	0.197
3	1.5	0.269	0.293	2.7	0.186	0.202	3.4	0.162	0.176
3½	1.5	0.295	0.282	2.9	0.191	0.183	3.5	0.176	0.167
4	1.7	0.294	0.248	2.9	0.209	0.176	3.7	0.182	0.154
5	1.7	0.349	0.239	3.0	0.241	0.165	3.9	0.202	0.138
6	1.7	0.404	0.233	3.0	0.259	0.150	4.0	0.228	0.130
8	1.9	0.455	0.201	3.0	0.318	0.140	4.0	0.263	0.116
10	1.9	0.559	0.198	3.0	0.383	0.135	4.0	0.309	0.110
12	1.9	0.648	0.194	3.0	0.438	0.131	4.0	0.364	0.108

INSULATION OF PIPES TO PREVENT FREEZING

If the surrounding air temperature remains sufficiently low for an ample period of time, insulation cannot prevent the freezing of still water, or of water flowing at such a velocity that the quantity of heat carried in the water is not sufficient to take care of the heat losses which will result and cause the temperature of the water to be lowered to the freezing point. Insulation can materially prolong the time required for the water to give up its heat, and if the velocity of the water flowing in the pipe is maintained at a sufficiently high rate, freezing may be prevented.

Table 9 may be used for making estimates of the thickness of insulation necessary to take care of still water in pipes at various water and surrounding air temperature conditions. Because of the damage and service interruptions which may result from frozen water in pipes, it is essential that an efficient insulation be utilized. This table is based on the use of a material having a conductivity of 0.30. The initial water tem-