Table 1. Heat-carrying Capacity of Standard Black Pipes with Temperature Drop of 20 Deg[a]

Nominal Pipe Sizes ⅜ in. to 12 in., and Friction 4 to 800 milinches per foot (A = Capacity, Mbh. B = Velocity, inches per second) (One milinch equals 0.001 in.)

Milinch Friction Loss per Foot of Pipe		Nominal Pipe Size, Inches															
		⅜	½	¾	1	1¼	1½	2	2½	3	3½	4	5	6	8	10	12
4	A	0.75	1.35	2.85	5.4	11.3	17.0	33.0	53.1	95	141	197	363	596	1250	2320	3730
	B	1.5	1.7	2.1	2.4	2.9	3.2	3.8	4.3	5.0	5.5	6.0	7.0	7.9	9.6	11	12
6	A	0.9	1.7	3.6	6.75	14.0	21.2	41.3	66.4	119	176	248	456	748	1570	2920	4690
	B	1.8	2.1	2.6	3.0	3.6	4.0	4.7	5.3	6.2	6.9	7.5	8.8	10	12	14	16
8	A	1.05	2.0	4.2	7.9	16.4	24.8	48.4	77.9	140	207	291	535	879	1850	3440	5520
	B	2.1	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.2	4.7	5.6	6.3	7.3	8.0	8.8	10	12	14	17	19
10	A	1.2	2.2	4.7	8.9	18.6	28.0	54.7	88.1	158	234	329	605	997	2100	3910	6270
	B	2.4	2.8	3.4	4.0	4.8	5.3	6.3	7.1	8.2	9.1	9.9	12	13	16	19	27
12	A	1.35	2.45	5.2	9.8	20.5	31.0	60.4	97.4	175	259	364	671	1100	2320	4330	6950
	B	2.7	3.1	3.7	4.4	5.3	5.9	6.9	7.8	9.1	10	11	13	15	18	21	24
14	A	1.45	2.65	5.65	10.7	22.3	33.7	65.8	106	190	282	397	731	1200	2530	4730	7590
	B	2.9	3.4	4.1	4.8	5.7	6.4	7.6	8.5	9.9	11	12	14	16	20	23	26
16	A	1.55	2.85	6.05	11.5	24.0	36.3	70.8	114	205	303	428	787	1300	2730	5100	8190
	B	3.1	3.6	4.4	5.1	6.2	6.9	8.1	9.7	11	12	13	15	17	21	25	28
20	A	1.75	3.25	6.85	13.0	27.1	41.0	80.0	129	232	344	484	892	1470	3100	5790	9300
	B	3.5	4.1	4.9	5.8	7.0	7.7	9.2	10	12	13	15	17	20	24	28	32
25	A	2.0	3.65	7.75	14.7	30.6	46.3	90.5	146	263	389	548	1010	1670	3510	6570	10560
	B	4.0	4.6	5.6	6.5	7.9	8.8	10	12	14	15	17	19	22	27	32	36
30	A	2.2	4.0	8.55	16.2	33.8	51.2	100	162	290	430	607	1120	1850	3900	7280	11710
	B	4.4	5.1	6.1	7.2	8.7	9.7	11	13	15	17	18	22	25	30	35	40
35	A	2.35	4.4	9.3	17.6	36.8	55.7	109	176	316	469	661	1220	2010	4250	7940	12780
	B	4.7	5.5	6.7	7.9	9.5	11	13	14	16	18	20	23	27	33	39	44
40	A	2.55	4.7	10.0	18.9	39.6	59.9	117	189	341	505	712	1320	2170	4580	8570	13780
	B	5.1	5.9	7.2	8.4	10	11	13	15	18	20	22	25	29	35	42	47
50	A	2.85	5.3	11.3	21.4	44.7	67.7	133	214	386	572	807	1490	2460	5190	9720	15650
	B	5.7	6.7	8.1	9.5	12	13	15	17	20	22	24	29	33	40	47	54
60	A	3.15	5.85	12.4	23.6	49.4	74.9	147	238	427	633	893	1650	2730	5760	10780	17360
	B	6.3	7.4	8.9	11	13	14	17	19	22	25	27	32	36	44	52	60
70	A	3.45	6.35	13.5	25.7	53.8	81.4	160	258	465	690	973	1800	2970	6280	11760	18950
	B	6.9	8.0	9.7	11	14	15	18	21	24	27	29	35	40	48	57	65
80	A	3.7	6.8	14.5	27.6	57.9	87.6	172	278	500	743	1050	1940	3200	6770	12690	20440
	B	7.4	8.6	10	12	15	17	20	22	26	29	32	37	43	52	62	70
100	A	4.15	7.7	16.4	31.1	65.4	99.0	194	314	566	840	1190	2200	3630	7680	14400	23200
	B	8.3	9.7	12	14	17	19	22	25	30	33	36	42	48	59	70	80
150	A	5.2	9.6	20.4	38.8	81.6	124	243	393	709	1050	1490	2760	4560	9650	18120	29220
	B	10	12	15	17	21	23	28	32	37	41	45	53	61	74	88	101
200	A	6.05	11.2	23.9	45.4	95.5	145	285	461	832	1240	1750	3240	5360	11350	21320	34400
	B	12	14	17	20	25	27	33	37	43	48	53	62	71	87	104	118
300	A	7.5	13.9	29.7	56.6	119	181	356	577	1040	1550	2190	4060	6730	14270	26830	43300
	B	15	18	21	25	31	34	41	46	54	60	66	78	90	110	131	149
400	A	8.75	16.2	34.7	66.2	140	212	417	676	1220	1820	2570	4780	7910	16790	31580	51000
	B	18	21	26	30	36	40	48	54	64	71	78	92	105	129	154	175
500	A	9.85	18.3	39.2	74.8	158	239	471	765	1380	2060	2910	5410	8970	19040	35840	57880
	B	20	23	29	33	41	45	54	62	72	80	88	104	119	147	174	199
600	A	10.9	20.2	43.2	82.5	174	264	521	846	1530	2280	3220	5990	9930	21100	39740	64210
	B	22	26	32	37	45	50	60	68	80	89	97	115	132	162	193	221
800	A	12.7	23.6	50.5	96.5	204	310	610	992	1790	2670	3780	7030	11670	24820	46780	75620
	B	25	30	37	43	52	59	70	80	94	104	114	135	155	191	228	260

[a]For other temperature drops the pipe capacities may be changed correspondingly. For example, with a temperature drop of 30 deg the capacities shown in this table are to be multiplied by 1.5.

Table 2. Heat-carrying Capacity of Type L Copper Tubing with Temperature Drop of 20 Deg[a]

Nominal Tube Sizes ⅜ in. to 4 in., and Friction 60 to 720 milinches per foot. (A = Capacity, Mbh. B = Velocity, inches per second) (One milinch equals 0.001 in.)

Nominal Tube Size, In.		Milinch Friction Loss per Foot of Tube											
		720	600	480	360	300	240	180	150	120	90	75	60
⅜	A	10	9	8	6.8	6.2	5.4	4.6	4	3.6	3	2.8	2.4
	B	27	24	21	18	16.5	14	13	11	10	8.5	8	7
½	A	20	18	16	13.5	12	10.8	9	8	7	6	5.4	4.7
	B	35	30	25	21	19	17	15	13	12	10	9	8
⅝	A	36	30	26	22.1	20	17.8	15	13.1	11.8	9.9	9	7.9
	B	37	34	30	24	21	19	17	15	13	11	10	9
¾	A	51	46	40	34	31	28	23.2	20.5	18.1	15.3	13.9	12.1
	B	42	38	33	27	24	21	19	17	14	12	11.5	10
1	A	104	94	82	70	63	56	47	42	37	32	28	25
	B	48	45	39	34	30	25	22	19	17	14.5	13	12
1¼	A	185	169	149	125	112	100	84	75	66	56	50	44
	B	55	51	45	39	35	30	25	22	19	17	15	13
1½	A	300	270	235	200	180	160	134	120	105	90	81	71
	B	62	57	51	43	39	35	30	25	22	19	17	15
2	A	625	560	495	420	375	335	280	250	200	168	170	150
	B	76	68	59	51	47	42	36	32	27	22	20	18
2½	A	1130	1010	890	750	680	600	500	450	395	335	305	270
	B	90	80	69	58	49	47	42	37	33	26	23	21
3	A	1840	1650	1450	1210	1100	980	820	740	650	550	490	420
	B	98	90	80	66	59	52	47	42	36	30	27	23
3½	A	2750	2480	2170	1840	1650	1450	1210	1100	980	820	740	650
	B	110	100	89	75	66	57	51	45	40	35	30	26
4	A	3900	3505	3100	2600	2350	2090	1760	1580	1390	1180	1080	950
	B	120	108	96	83	73	63	55	49	44	37	34	29

[a]For other temperature drops the pipe capacities may be changed correspondingly. For example, with temperature drop of 30 deg, the capacities shown in this table are to be multiplied by 1.5.

Table 3. Iron and Copper Elbow Equivalents[a]

Fitting	Iron Pipe	Copper Tubing	Fitting	Iron Pipe	Copper Tubing
Elbow, 90-deg	1.0	1.0	Angle radiator valve	2.0	3.0
Elbow, 45-deg	0.7	0.7	Radiator or convector	3.0	4.0
Elbow, 90-deg long turn	0.5	0.5	Boiler or heater	3.0	4.0
Elbow, welded, 90-deg	0.5	0.5			
Reduced coupling	0.4	0.4	Tee, per cent flowing		
Open return band	1.0	1.0	through branch:		
Open gate valve	0.5	0.7	100	1.8	1.2
Open globe valve	12.0	17.0	50	4.0	4.0
			25	16.0	20.0

[a]The friction in one 90 deg standard elbow is approximately equal to the friction of a length of straight pipe of the same nominal size and 25 diam long. Hence one elbow equivalent equals 25 *D* divided by 12 ft of straight pipe or tubing.

When a reversed return system is used, it is usually found that but little adjustment is required to attain uniform distribution to all radiators. In larger systems, orifices may become desirable to assist in balancing flow. The resistance introduced by various sizes of orifices is listed in Table 4.

As systems increase in size, it becomes desirable to provide two valves