



$F$  = Depth of Finish Coat—Assumed as  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. of concrete. Finish Coat may be asphalt but then cover slab should be reduced from 3 in. Depth of slab should always keep thermal resistance equal to 3 in. of concrete.  
 $S$  = Depth required by structural design (should be a minimum of 3 in. of concrete).

Fig. 1.... Detail of Snow Melting Panel

trace quantities about twice as often as there are for measurable quantities of 0.01 in. or more. It is assumed that these light falls can be handled by the idling load.

The remaining columns of Table 1 represent the frequency distribution of required heat output. This distribution is based on the solution to the basic equation for two values of the free area ratio,  $A_f$ . This distribution represents the basis of the analysis and is also the basis for Tables 3 and 4.

For specific conditions, or for cities other than those given in Table 1, the solutions to Equation 2 are given in Table 2.

Table 2.... Heat Output and Fluid Temperature for Snow-Melting System

| Rate of Snowfall<br>$s$ | $A_f$ |       | $t_a = 0^\circ F$ |     |           |     | $t_a = 10^\circ F$ |     |           |     | $t_a = 20^\circ F$ |     |           |     | $t_a = 30^\circ F$ |    |           |   |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------------------|-----|-----------|-----|--------------------|-----|-----------|-----|--------------------|-----|-----------|-----|--------------------|----|-----------|---|
|                         |       |       | Speed $v$         |     | Speed $v$ |     | Speed $v$          |     | Speed $v$ |     | Speed $v$          |     | Speed $v$ |     | Speed $v$          |    | Speed $v$ |   |
|                         |       |       | 5                 | 10  | 15        | 5   | 10                 | 15  | 5         | 10  | 15                 | 5   | 10        | 15  | 5                  | 10 | 15        | 5 |
| 0.08                    | 1.0   | $q_a$ | 151               | 205 | 260       | 127 | 168                | 209 | 102       | 128 | 154                | 75  | 84        | 94  |                    |    |           |   |
|                         |       | $t_m$ | 108               | 135 | 162       | 97  | 117                | 138 | 85        | 97  | 110                | 70  | 75        | 79  |                    |    |           |   |
|                         | 0.0   | $q_a$ | 66                | 66  | 66        | 64  | 64                 | 64  | 62        | 62  | 62                 | 60  | 60        | 60  |                    |    |           |   |
|                         |       | $t_m$ | 66                | 66  | 66        | 65  | 65                 | 65  | 64        | 64  | 64                 | 63  | 63        | 63  |                    |    |           |   |
| 0.16                    | 1.0   | $q_a$ | 218               | 273 | 327       | 193 | 233                | 274 | 165       | 191 | 217                | 135 | 144       | 154 |                    |    |           |   |
|                         |       | $t_m$ | 142               | 169 | 198       | 129 | 149                | 170 | 117       | 129 | 142                | 100 | 105       | 109 |                    |    |           |   |
|                         | 0.0   | $q_a$ | 133               | 133 | 133       | 129 | 129                | 129 | 125       | 125 | 125                | 121 | 121       | 121 |                    |    |           |   |
|                         |       | $t_m$ | 99                | 99  | 99        | 97  | 97                 | 97  | 95        | 95  | 95                 | 93  | 93        | 93  |                    |    |           |   |
| 0.25                    | 1.0   | $q_a$ | 292               | 347 | 401       | 265 | 305                | 346 | 235       | 261 | 287                | 203 | 212       | 221 |                    |    |           |   |
|                         |       | $t_m$ | 179               | 206 | 234       | 165 | 186                | 206 | 151       | 163 | 176                | 134 | 139       | 144 |                    |    |           |   |
|                         | 0.0   | $q_a$ | 208               | 208 | 208       | 202 | 202                | 202 | 195       | 195 | 195                | 188 | 188       | 188 |                    |    |           |   |
|                         |       | $t_m$ | 137               | 137 | 137       | 134 | 134                | 134 | 131       | 131 | 131                | 127 | 127       | 127 |                    |    |           |   |

Note: This table is based on a relative humidity of 80 percent for all air temperatures.

$s$  = rate of snowfall, inches of water equivalent per hour.  
 $A_f$  = free area ratio.  
 $q_a$  = slab output, Btu per (hour) (square foot).  
 $t_m$  = air temperature, Fahrenheit.  
 $t_a$  = fluid temperature, Fahrenheit. Based on construction as shown in Fig. 1.  
 $v$  = wind speed, miles per hour.

Table 3.... Design Data for Three Classes of Snow-Melting System\*

| City                         | Design Output, Btu per (hr) (Sq Ft) |                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                              | Class I system <sup>1</sup>         | Class II system <sup>2</sup> | Class III system <sup>3</sup> |
| Albuquerque, N. M.           | 71                                  | 82                           | 167                           |
| Amarillo, Tex.               | 98                                  | 143                          | 241                           |
| Boston, Mass.                | 107                                 | 231                          | 255                           |
| Buffalo-Niagara Falls, N. Y. | 80                                  | 192                          | 307                           |
| Burlington, Vt.              | 90                                  | 142                          | 244                           |
| Caribou-Limestone, Me.       | 89 (93)                             | 138                          | 307                           |
| Cheyenne, Wyo.               | 83                                  | 129                          | 425                           |
| Chicago, Ill.                | 89                                  | 165                          | 350                           |
| Colorado Springs, Colo.      | 49 (63)                             | 63                           | 293                           |
| Columbus, Ohio               | 52                                  | 72                           | 253                           |
| Detroit, Mich.               | 69                                  | 140                          | 255                           |
| Duluth, Minn.                | 83 (114)                            | 206                          | 374                           |
| Falmouth, Mass.              | 93                                  | 144                          | 185                           |
| Great Falls, Mont.           | 84 (112)                            | 138                          | 372                           |
| Hartford, Conn.              | 115                                 | 254                          | 260                           |
| Lincoln, Neb.                | 64 (67)                             | 202                          | 246                           |
| Memphis, Tenn.               | 134                                 | 144                          | 212                           |
| Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.  | 63 (95)                             | 155                          | 254                           |
| Mt. Home, Idaho              | 50                                  | 90                           | 140                           |
| New York, N. Y.              | 121                                 | 298                          | 342                           |
| Ogden, Utah                  | 98                                  | 216                          | 217                           |
| Oklahoma City, Okla.         | 66                                  | 81                           | 350                           |
| Philadelphia, Pa.            | 97                                  | 229                          | 263                           |
| Pittsburgh, Pa.              | 89                                  | 157                          | 275                           |
| Portland, Ore.               | 86                                  | 97                           | 111                           |
| Rapid City, S. D.            | 58 (86)                             | 102                          | 447                           |
| Reno, Nev.                   | 98                                  | 154                          | 155                           |
| St. Louis, Mo.               | 122                                 | 152                          | 198                           |
| Salina, Kan.                 | 85                                  | 120                          | 228                           |
| Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.      | 52 (78)                             | 144                          | 213                           |
| Seattle-Tacoma, Wash.        | 92                                  | 128                          | 133                           |
| Spokane, Wash.               | 87                                  | 127                          | 189                           |
| Washington, D. C.            | 117                                 | 121                          | 144                           |

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\* Where idling rate is greater than Class I design rate, idling rate is given in parenthesis and should be used as Class I design output.

<sup>1</sup> For Class I (residential) Systems, the design output is set at that required heat output (see Table 1) when  $A_f = 0$  at the 98th percentile of the frequency distribution; that is where 98% of the hours have this output or less.

<sup>2</sup> For Class II (commercial) Systems, the design output is the maximum output when  $A_f = 0$  in Table 1 (last column).

<sup>3</sup> For Class III (industrial) Systems, the design output is determined by the following four requirements: (1) Output is never exceeded for two consecutive hours; (2) Output for  $A_f = 1$ , Table 1, is at least 1 Btu per hour per sq ft greater than maximum output for  $A_f = 0$ ; (3)  $A_f$  is greater than or equal to 0.5 maximum requirement shown in Table 1 for  $A_f = 1$ . That is,  $q_a = q_a + q_a + 0.5 (q_a + q_a)$  for the conditions where  $q_a = q_a + q_a + q_a$  are a maximum; (4) The free area ratio  $A_f$  is unity for at least 98% of the hours listed in Table 1.

Table 4.... Yearly Operating Data

| City                         | Idling                         |                                         |                                             | Melting                        |                    |                                             | City                    | Idling                         |                                         |                                             | Melting                        |                    |                                             |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|
|                              | Time, <sup>1</sup> hr per year | Rate, <sup>2</sup> Btu per (hr) (sq ft) | Output, <sup>3</sup> Btu per (year) (sq ft) | Time, <sup>4</sup> hr per year | Class <sup>5</sup> | Output, <sup>6</sup> Btu per (year) (sq ft) |                         | Time, <sup>1</sup> hr per year | Rate, <sup>2</sup> Btu per (hr) (sq ft) | Output, <sup>3</sup> Btu per (year) (sq ft) | Time, <sup>4</sup> hr per year | Class <sup>5</sup> | Output, <sup>6</sup> Btu per (year) (sq ft) |
| Albuquerque, N. M.           | 897                            | 32.5                                    | 29100                                       | 22                             | I                  | 908                                         | Mt. Home, Idaho         | 1546                           | 41.9                                    | 64800                                       | 40                             | I                  | 1260                                        |
| Amarillo, Tex.               | 944                            | 51.1                                    | 48200                                       | 33                             | II                 | 1150                                        | New York, N. Y.         | 1532                           | 50.7                                    | 77700                                       | 76                             | II                 | 1530                                        |
| Boston, Mass.                | 1140                           | 52.1                                    | 59400                                       | 145                            | I                  | 2150                                        | Ogden, Utah             | 1655                           | 44.6                                    | 73800                                       | 160                            | I                  | 4180                                        |
| Buffalo-Niagara Falls, N. Y. | 1702                           | 50.2                                    | 85500                                       | 240                            | II                 | 2520                                        | Oklahoma City, Okla.    | 719                            | 56.2                                    | 40400                                       | 44                             | II                 | 4690                                        |
| Burlington, Vt.              | 1978                           | 76.9                                    | 152000                                      | 236                            | III                | 2770                                        | Philadelphia, Pa.       | 820                            | 31.4                                    | 25700                                       | 58                             | III                | 4710                                        |
| Caribou-Limestone, Me.       | 2563                           | 93.0                                    | 238000                                      | 290                            | I                  | 8000                                        | Pittsburgh, Pa.         | 1445                           | 49.5                                    | 71500                                       | 182                            | I                  | 7050                                        |
| Cheyenne, Wyo.               | 1808                           | 77.7                                    | 140000                                      | 138                            | II                 | 9080                                        | Portland, Ore.          | 221                            | 17.4                                    | 3840                                        | 36                             | II                 | 7370                                        |
| Chicago, Ill.                | 1848                           | 67.8                                    | 125000                                      | 134                            | III                | 11800                                       | Rapid City, S. D.       | 1873                           | 86.4                                    | 162000                                      | 116                            | I                  | 2380                                        |
| Colorado Springs, Colo.      | 1583                           | 63.4                                    | 100000                                      | 76                             | I                  | 14600                                       | Reno, Nev.              | 1510                           | 36.9                                    | 55700                                       | 87                             | II                 | 2800                                        |
| Columbus, Ohio               | 1383                           | 45.0                                    | 62200                                       | 105                            | II                 | 14900                                       | St. Louis, Mo.          | 1104                           | 44.8                                    | 4950                                        | 33                             | III                | 5400                                        |
| Detroit, Mich.               | 1790                           | 49.0                                    | 87600                                       | 134                            | I                  | 18000                                       | Salina, Kan.            | 1398                           | 53.9                                    | 75400                                       | 54                             | I                  | 2710                                        |
| Duluth, Minn.                | 2922                           | 113.8                                   | 332000                                      | 250                            | II                 | 18000                                       | Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. | 2512                           | 77.7                                    | 195000                                      | 345                            | II                 | 3100                                        |
| Falmouth, Mass.              | 1071                           | 44.2                                    | 47400                                       | 73                             | III                | 18000                                       | Seattle-Tacoma, Wash.   | 392                            | 17.2                                    | 6750                                        | 44                             | I                  | 17600*                                      |
| Great Falls, Mont.           | 1677                           | 111.6                                   | 187000                                      | 174                            | I                  | 33200*                                      | Spokane, Wash.          | 1673                           | 39.1                                    | 65500                                       | 196                            | II                 | 22300                                       |
| Hartford, Conn.              | 1412                           | 41.9                                    | 59200                                       | 171                            | II                 | 38500                                       | Washington, D. C.       | 770                            | 30.6                                    | 23600                                       | 33                             | III                | 3350                                        |
| Lincoln, Neb.                | 1906                           | 67.2                                    | 128000                                      | 91                             | I                  | 4750*                                       |                         |                                |                                         |                                             |                                |                    | 1850                                        |
| Memphis, Tenn.               | 454                            | 32.0                                    | 14500                                       | 11                             | II                 | 8330                                        |                         |                                |                                         |                                             |                                |                    | 1660                                        |
| Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.  | 2570                           | 95.1                                    | 244000                                      | 203                            | III                | 8520                                        |                         |                                |                                         |                                             |                                |                    | 1690                                        |

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Notice that these solutions are for a relative humidity of 80 percent. For other values of relative humidity, corrections can be obtained by using Equations 8 and 9 as follows:

$$\frac{dq_a}{dp_{wv}} = -A_f(0.0201v + 0.055)h_{f,v} \quad (8)$$

$$\frac{dq_m}{dp_{wv}} = \frac{-A_f}{2} (0.0201v + 0.055)h_{f,v} \quad (9)$$

Snow-melting installations are classified in Table 3 according to types as Class I, II, or III. These classes have been discussed thoroughly in Reference 3, and are defined in