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# Standard Test Method for Measurement of Particulate Emissions and Heating Efficiency of Solid Fuel-Fired Hydronic Heating Appliances<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This test method applies to wood-fired or automatically fed biomass burning hydronic heating appliances. These appliances transfer heat to the indoor environment through circulation of a liquid heat exchange media such as water or a water-antifreeze mixture.

1.2 The test method simulates hand loading of seasoned cordwood or fueling with a specified biomass fuel and measures particulate emissions and delivered heating efficiency at specified heat output rates based on the appliance's rated heating capacity.

1.3 Particulate emissions are measured by the dilution tunnel method as specified in Test Method E2515. Delivered efficiency is determined by measurement of the usable heat output (determined through measurement of the flow rate and temperature change of water circulated through a heat exchanger external to the appliance) and the heat input (determined from the mass of dry fuel burned and its higher heating value). Delivered efficiency does not attempt to account for pipeline loss.

1.4 Products covered by this test method include both pressurized and non-pressurized heating appliances intended to be fired with wood or automatically fed biomass fuels. These products are hydronic heating appliances which the manufacturer specifies for outdoor or indoor installation. They are often connected to a heat exchanger by insulated pipes and normally include a pump to circulate heated liquid. They are used to heat structures such as homes, barns, and greenhouses and can heat domestic hot water, spas, or swimming pools.

1.4.1 Hydronic heating systems that incorporate a high mass heat storage system that is capable of storing the entire heat output of a standard fuel load are tested by the procedure specified in Annex A1. Systems that incorporate high mass

heat storage capable of storing a portion of the output from a standard fuel load are tested by the procedure specified in Annex A2.

1.5 Distinguishing features of products covered by this standard include:

1.5.1 Manufacturers specify indoor or outdoor installation.

1.5.2 A firebox with an access door for hand loading of fuel or a hopper and automated feed system for delivery of particulate fuel such as wood pellets or solid biomass fuel to a burn pot or combustion chamber.

1.5.3 Typically a thermostatic control device that controls combustion air supply or fuel delivery, or both, to maintain the liquid in the appliance within a predetermined temperature range provided sufficient fuel is available in the firebox or hopper.

1.5.4 A chimney or vent that exhausts combustion products from the appliance.

1.6 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.6.1 *Exception*—Metric units are used in 13.1, 13.4.3, Tables 4-6, and A1.11.6.

1.7 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

## 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:<sup>2</sup>

D4442 Test Methods for Direct Moisture Content Measurement of Wood and Wood-Based Materials  
E631 Terminology of Building Constructions

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

**E711 Test Method for Gross Calorific Value of Refuse-Derived Fuel by the Bomb Calorimeter (Withdrawn 2011)**<sup>3</sup>

**E2515 Test Method for Determination of Particulate Matter Emissions Collected by a Dilution Tunnel**

2.2 *Other Standards:*

**CAN/CSA-B415.1-2010 Performance Testing of Solid-Fuel-Burning Heating Appliances**<sup>4</sup>

**ASME Pressure Vessel Code**<sup>5</sup>

**EN303-5 Pressure Vessel Code**<sup>6</sup>

**NIST Traceable Methods**<sup>7</sup>

2.3 *Other Documents:*<sup>7</sup>

**Monograph 175 Temperature-Electromotive Force Reference Functions and Tables for the Letter-Designated Thermocouple Types Based on the ITS-90**

### 3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Definitions are in accordance with Terminology **E631**, unless otherwise indicated.

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *burn rate*—the rate at which test fuel is consumed in an appliance measured in kilograms or pounds of fuel (dry basis) per hour.

3.2.2 *delivered efficiency*—the percentage of heat available in a test fuel charge that is delivered to a simulated heating load as specified in this test method. This test does not account for jacket losses or for transfer line losses which will vary with actual application.

3.2.3 *firebox*—the chamber in the appliance in which the test fuel charge is placed and combusted.

3.2.4 *hydronic heating*—a heating system in which a heat source supplies energy to a liquid heat exchange media such as water that is circulated to a heating load and returned to the heat source through pipes.

3.2.5 *manufacturer's rated heat output capacity*—the value in Btu/h (MJ/h) that the manufacturer specifies a particular model of hydronic heating appliance is capable of supplying at its design capacity as verified by testing, in accordance with Section **12**.

3.2.6 *overall efficiency, also known as stack loss efficiency*—The efficiency for each test run as determined using the CSA B415.1-2010 Stack Loss Method (SLM)

3.2.7 *test fuel charge*—a full load of fuel as specified in Section **12** placed in the appliance at the start of the emission test run or the mass of fuel consumed by automatically fed appliance during a test run.

3.2.8 *test run*—an individual emission test which encompasses the time required to consume the mass of the test fuel charge.

3.2.9 *thermostatic control*—a control device that opens, closes or modulates a circuit to control the rate of fuel consumption in response to the temperature of the heating media in the heating appliance.

### 4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 *Dilution Tunnel*—Emissions are determined using the “dilution tunnel” method specified in Test Method **E2515**. The flow rate in the dilution tunnel is maintained at a constant level throughout the test cycle and accurately measured. Samples of the dilution tunnel flow stream are extracted at a constant flow rate and drawn through high efficiency filters. The filters are dried and weighed before and after the test to determine the particulate emissions catch and this value is multiplied by the ratio of tunnel flow to filter flow to determine the total emissions produced in the test cycle.

4.2 *Efficiency:*

4.2.1 *Delivered Efficiency*—The efficiency test procedure takes advantage of the fact that this type of appliance delivers heat through circulation of the heated liquid (water) from the appliance to a remote heat exchanger and back to the appliance. Measurements of the water temperature difference as it enters and exits the heat exchanger along with the measured flow rate allow for an accurate determination of the useful heat output of the appliance. The input is determined by weight of the test fuel charge, adjusted for moisture content, multiplied by the higher heating value. Additional measurements of the appliance weight and temperature at the beginning and end of a test cycle are used to correct for heat stored in the appliance.

4.2.2 *Overall Efficiency*—Overall Efficiency (SLM) is determined using the CSA B415.1-2010 Stack Loss Method for data quality assurance purposes.

4.3 *Operation*—Appliance operation is conducted on a hot-to-hot test cycle meaning that the appliance is brought to operating temperature and a coal bed is established prior to the addition of the test fuel charge and measurements are made for each test fuel charge cycle. The measurements are made under constant heat draw conditions within predetermined ranges. No attempt is made to modulate the heat demand to simulate an indoor thermostat cycling on and off in response to changes in the indoor environment. Four test categories are used. These are:

4.3.1 *Category I*—A heat output of 15 % or less of Manufacturer's Rated Heat Output Capacity.

4.3.2 *Category II*—A heat output of 16 to 24 % of Manufacturer's Rated Heat Output Capacity.

4.3.3 *Category III*—A heat output of 25 to 50 % of Manufacturer's Rated Heat Output Capacity.

4.3.4 *Category IV*—Manufacturer's Rated Heat Output Capacity.

### 5. Significance and Use

5.1 The measurement of particulate matter emission rates is an important test method widely used in the practice of air pollution control.

<sup>3</sup> The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org).

<sup>4</sup> Available from Canadian Standards Association (CSA), 5060 Spectrum Way, Mississauga, ON L4W 5N6, Canada, <http://www.csa.ca>.

<sup>5</sup> Available from American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), ASME International Headquarters, Three Park Ave., New York, NY 10016-5990, <http://www.asme.org>.

<sup>6</sup> Available from European Committee for Standardization (CEN), Avenue Marnix 17, B-1000, Brussels, Belgium, <http://www.cen.eu>.

<sup>7</sup> Available from National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), 100 Bureau Dr., Stop 1070, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1070, <http://www.nist.gov>.

5.1.1 These measurements, when approved by federal or state agencies, are often required for the purpose of determining compliance with regulations and statutes.

5.1.2 The measurements made before and after design modifications are necessary to demonstrate the effectiveness of design changes in reducing emissions and make this standard an important tool in manufacturer's research and development programs.

5.2 Measurement of heating efficiency provides a uniform basis for comparison of product performance that is useful to the consumer. It is also required to relate emissions produced to the useful heat production.

5.3 This is a laboratory method and is not intended to be fully representative of all actual field use. It is recognized that users of hand-fired wood burning equipment have a great deal of influence over the performance of any wood-burning appliance. Some compromises in realism have been made in the interest of providing a reliable and repeatable test method.

## 6. Apparatus

6.1 *Scale*—A platform scale capable of weighing the appliance under test and associated parts and accessories when completely filled with water to an accuracy of  $\pm 1.0$  lb ( $\pm 0.5$  kg).

6.2 *Heat Exchanger*—A water-to-water heat exchanger capable of dissipating the expected heat output from the system under test.

6.3 *Water Temperature Difference Measurement*—A Type -T "special limits" thermopile with a minimum of five pairs of junctions shall be used to measure the temperature difference in water entering and leaving the heat exchanger. The temperature difference measurement uncertainty of this type of thermopile is equal to or less than  $\pm 0.50^\circ\text{F}$  ( $\pm 0.25^\circ\text{C}$ ). Other temperature measurement methods may be used if the temperature difference measurement uncertainty is equal to or less than  $\pm 0.50^\circ\text{F}$  ( $\pm 0.25^\circ\text{C}$ ).

6.4 *Load Side Water Flow Meter*—A water flow meter shall be installed in the inlet to the load side of the heat exchanger. The flow meter shall have an accuracy of  $\pm 1\%$  of measured flow.

6.4.1 *Optional Appliance Side Water Flow Meter*—A water flow meter with an accuracy of  $\pm 1\%$  of the flow rate is recommended but not required to monitor appliance side water flow rate to the heat exchanger.

6.5 *Recirculation Pump*—Optional circulating pump used during test to prevent stratification of liquid being heated.

6.6 *Water Temperature Measurement*—Thermocouples or other temperature sensors to measure the water temperature at the inlet and outlet of the load side of the heat exchanger. Must meet the calibration requirements specified in 10.1.

6.7 *Wood Moisture Meter*—Calibrated electrical resistance meter capable of measuring test fuel moisture to within 2% moisture content. Must meet the calibration requirements specified in 10.4.

6.8 *Flue Gas Temperature Measurement*—Must meet the requirements of CSA B415.1-2010, Clause 6.2.2.

6.9 *Test Room Temperature Measurement*—Must meet the requirements of CSA B415.1-2010, Clause 6.2.1.

6.10 *Flue Gas Composition Measurement*—Must meet the requirements of CSA B415.1-2010, Clauses 6.3.1 through 6.3.3.

## 7. Hazards

7.1 These tests involve combustion of solid fuel and substantial release of heat and products of combustion. The heating system also produces large quantities of very hot water and the potential for steam production and system pressurization. Pressurized (closed system) appliances must include an appropriately rated American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) pressure relief device and a pressure vessel that complies with the ASME Pressure Vessel Code or EN303-5 pressure vessel code. Alternatively, a pressure vessel may be installed open to the atmosphere with a stand pipe if allowed by the manufacturer's installation instructions. Appropriate precautions must be taken to protect personnel from burn hazards and respiration of products of combustion.

## 8. Sampling, Test Specimens, and Test Appliances

8.1 Test specimens shall be supplied as complete appliances including all controls and accessories necessary for installation in the test facility. A full set of specifications and design and assembly drawings shall be provided when the product is to be placed under certification of a third-party agency. The manufacturer's written installation and operating instructions are to be used as a guide in the set up and testing of the appliance.

## 9. Preparation of Apparatus

9.1 The appliance is to be placed on a scale capable of weighing the appliance fully loaded with a resolution of  $\pm 1.0$  lb ( $\pm 0.5$  kg).

9.2 The appliance shall be fitted with the type of chimney recommended or provided by the manufacture and extending to  $15 \pm 0.5$  ft ( $4.6 \pm 0.15$  m) from the upper surface of the scale. If no flue or chimney system is recommended or provided connect the appliance to a flue of a diameter equal to the flue outlet of the appliance and extending  $15 \pm 0.5$  ft ( $4.6 \pm 0.15$  m) from the top of the scale. For flue systems not provided by the manufacturer, the flue section from the appliance flue collar to  $8 \pm 0.5$  ft ( $2.44 \pm 0.15$  m) above the scale shall be single wall stove pipe and the remainder of the flue shall be double wall insulated Class A chimney.

### 9.3 Optional Equipment Installation:

9.3.1 The manufacturer may request that a recirculation pump be installed between connections at the top and bottom of the appliance to minimize thermal stratification. The pump shall not be installed in such a way as to change or affect the flow rate between the appliance and the heat exchanger.

9.3.2 If the manufacturer specifies that a thermal control valve or other device be installed and set to control the return

water temperature to a specific set point, the valve or other device shall be installed and set per the manufacturer’s written instructions.

9.4 Prior to filling the tank, weigh and record the appliance mass.

9.5 Heat Exchanger Temperature, Differential Temperature and Water Flow Instrumentation:

9.5.1 Plumb the unit to a water-to-water heat exchanger with sufficient capacity to draw off heat at the maximum rate anticipated. Route hoses and electrical cables and instrument wires in a manner that does not influence the weighing accuracy of the scale as indicated by placing dead weights on the platform and verifying the scale’s accuracy.

9.5.2 Locate thermocouples to measure the water temperature at the inlet and outlet of the load side of the heat exchanger.

9.5.3 Install a thermopile meeting the requirements of 6.3 to measure the water temperature difference between the inlet and outlet of the load side of the heat exchanger.

9.5.4 Install a calibrated water flow meter in the heat exchanger load side supply line. The water flow meter is to be installed on the cooling water inlet side of the heat exchanger so that it will operate at the temperature at which it is calibrated.

9.5.5 Place the heat exchanger in a box with 2 in. (51 mm) of expanded polystyrene (EPS) foam insulation surrounding it to minimize heat losses from the heat exchanger.

9.5.6 The reported efficiency and heat output rate shall be based on measurements made on the load side of the heat exchanger. (See Fig. 1.)

9.6 Temperature instrumentation shall be installed on the output and return lines from the appliance (supply side). The

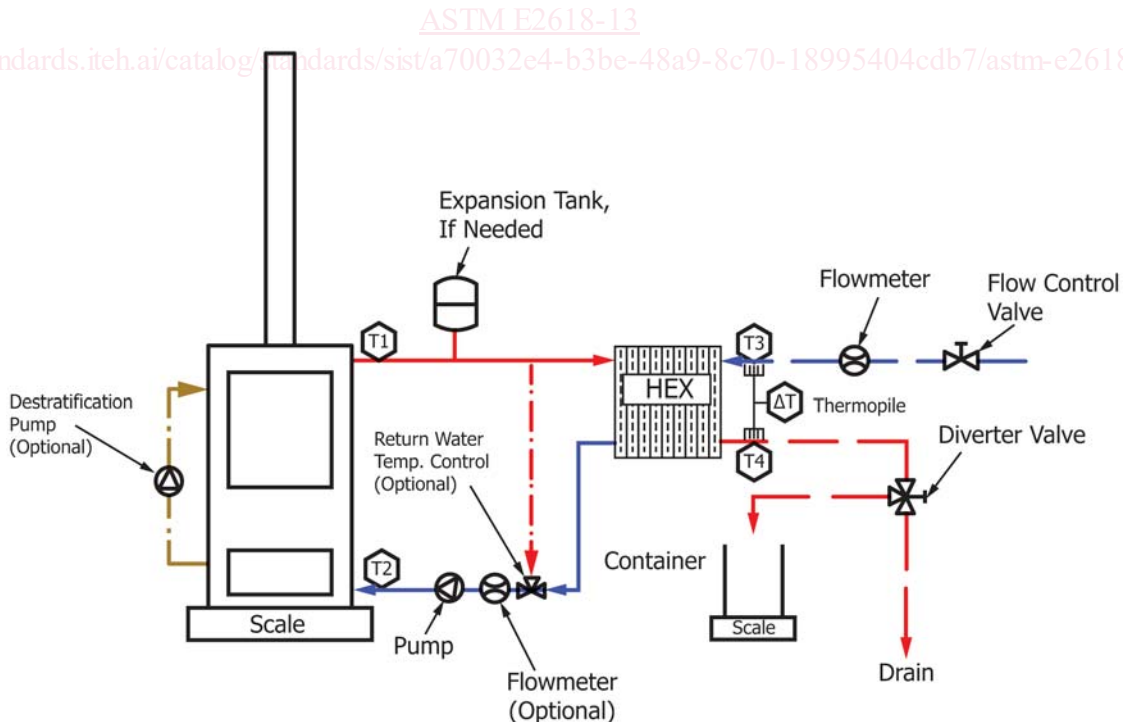
average of the outlet and return water temperature on the supply side of the system shall be considered the average appliance temperature for calculation of heat storage in the appliance ( $TF_{avg}$  and  $TI_{avg}$ ). Installation of a water flow meter in the appliance (supply) side of the system is optional.

9.7 Fill the system with water. Determine the total weight of the water in the appliance when the water is circulating. Verify that the scale indicates a stable weight under operating conditions. Make sure air is purged properly.

10. Calibration and Standardization

10.1 Temperature Sensors—Temperature measuring equipment shall be calibrated before initial use and at least semi-annually thereafter. Calibrations shall be in compliance with National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Monograph 175, Temperature-Electromotive Force Reference Functions and Tables for the Letter-Designated Thermocouple Types Based on the ITS-90.

10.2 Water Flow Meter—The heat exchanger load side water flow meter shall be calibrated within the flow range used for the test run using NIST Traceable Methods. Verify the calibration of the water flow meter before and after each test run by comparing the water flow rate indicated by the flow meter to the mass of water collected from the outlet of the heat exchanger over a timed interval. Volume of the collected water shall be determined based on the water density calculated from Eq 10, using the water temperature measured at the flow meter. The uncertainty in the verification procedure used shall be 1 % or less. The water flow rate determined by the collection and weighing method shall be within 1 % of the flow rate indicated by the water flow meter.



Illustrated appliance pump location and flow path through the appliance are generic and may vary based on the unit being tested.

FIG. 1 Set-Up Schematic

10.3 *Scales*—The scales used to weigh the appliance and test fuel charge shall be calibrated using NIST Traceable Methods at least once every six months.

10.4 *Moisture Meter*—The moisture meter shall be calibrated per the manufacturer’s instructions and checked before each use.

## 11. Conditioning

11.1 Prior to testing, the appliance is to be operated for a minimum of 48 h using a medium heat draw rate. The pre-burn for the first test can be included as part of the conditioning requirement. If conditioning is included in pre-burn, then the appliance shall be aged with fuel meeting the specifications outlined in 12.2 with a moisture content between 18 and 28 % on a dry basis. Record and report hourly flue gas exit temperature data and the hours of operation. It is acceptable that the conditioning procedure may be conducted and documented by the manufacturer prior to submission of the test appliance to a testing laboratory or it may be conducted and documented by the testing laboratory.

## 12. Procedure

12.1 *Appliance Installation*—Assemble the appliance and parts in conformance with the manufacturer’s written installation instructions. Clean the flue with an appropriately sized, wire chimney brush before each certification test series.

### 12.2 *Cordwood Fueled Appliances:*

#### 12.2.1 *Fuel Properties:*

12.2.1.1 *Fuel Species and Properties*—The test fuel charge shall be comprised of any species of cordwood with a specific gravity in the range of 0.60 to 0.73 based on oven dry weight and volume. Refer to **Table 1** for examples of some fuel species that typically meet the specific gravity requirement. Other fuel species may be used if they meet the specific gravity requirement. Only cordwood pieces that are free of decay, fungus and loose bark shall be used.

12.2.1.2 *Test Fuel Moisture*—Using a fuel moisture meter as specified in 6.7 of the test method, determine the fuel moisture for each test fuel piece used for the test fuel load by averaging at least five fuel moisture meter readings measured parallel to the wood grain. Penetration of the moisture meter insulated electrodes for all readings shall be 1/4 the thickness of the fuel piece or 3/4 in. (19 mm), whichever is greater. One measurement from each of three sides shall be made at approximately 3 in. from each end and the center. Two additional measure-

ments at approximately 1/3 of the fuel piece thickness shall be made centered between the other three locations. Each individual moisture content reading shall be in the range of 18 to 28 % on a dry basis. The average moisture content of each piece of test fuel shall be in the range of 19 to 25 %. Moisture shall not be added to previously dried fuel pieces except by storage under high humidity conditions and temperature up to 100°F. Fuel moisture shall be measured within 4 h of using the fuel for a test.

**NOTE 1**—Once split cordwood pieces have dried to an average moisture content that is near the top of the allowable moisture content range, it has been found that to maintain the fuel pieces within the allowable moisture content range, storage at a relative humidity of 95 % or higher and temperature of 90 to 100°F is necessary. In addition, storage at these conditions for a period of several months helps achieve a more uniform moisture content throughout the fuel pieces and thus improves the accuracy of the moisture content measurement.

12.2.2 *Firebox Volume*—Determine the firebox volume in cubic feet. Firebox volume shall include all areas accessible through the fuel loading door where firewood could reasonably be placed up to the horizontal plane defined by the top of the loading door. A drawing of the firebox showing front, side and plan views or an isometric view with interior dimensions shall be provided by the manufacturer and verified by the laboratory. Calculations for firebox volume from computer aided design (CAD) software programs are acceptable and shall be included in the test report if used. If the firebox volume is calculated by the laboratory the firebox drawings and calculations shall be included in the test report.

12.2.3 *Test Fuel Charge*—Test fuel charges shall be determined by multiplying the firebox volume by 10 lb (4.54 kg), or a higher load density as recommended by the manufacturer’s printed operating instructions, of wood (as used wet weight) per cubic foot. Select the number of pieces of fuel that most nearly match this target weight using **Table 2** and **Fig. 2** as a guide. When the manufacturer’s printed instructions specify fuel loading to a specific level, the firebox shall be loaded with fuel as specified in 12.2.1 to the level indicated and the weight of the fuel load recorded. This weight shall then be divided by the firebox volume as determined in accordance with 12.2.3 and the resulting loading density shall be reported. If this loading density is less than 10 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (160 kg/m<sup>3</sup>), all tests shall be run with fuel load densities of 10 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (160 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) even though this could require loading to a level higher than indicated in the manufacturer’s instructions.

12.2.4 *Sampling Equipment*—Prepare the sampling equipment as defined by Test Method **E2515**.

12.2.5 *Appliance Start-Up*—The appliance shall be fired with wood fuel of any species, size and moisture content at the laboratories discretion to bring it up to operating temperature. Operate the appliance until the water is heated to the upper operating control limit and has cycled at least two times. Then remove all unburned fuel, zero the scale, and verify the scales accuracy using dead weights.

12.2.6 *Pretest Burn Cycle*—Reload appliance with fuel wood meeting the requirements of 12.2.1 and allow it to burn down to the specified coal bed weight. Pretest burn cycle fuel charge weight shall be within ±10 % of the test fuel charge weight. At least 1 h prior to starting the test run, adjust water

**TABLE 1 Specific Gravity of Commercially Important Species of Wood Based on Oven-Dry Weight and Oven-Dry Volume**

Species	Specific Gravity
Ash, white	0.63
Beech	0.67
Birch, sweet	0.71
Birch, yellow	0.65
Elm, rock	0.67
Maple, hard (black)	0.60
Maple, hard (sugar)	0.67
Oak, red	0.66
Oak, white	0.71
Pine, Southern, longleaf	0.64

TABLE 2 Correlation of Cordwood Wood Pieces with Appliance Firebox Volume

Firebox Volume ft <sup>3</sup> (m <sup>3</sup> )	Cross-section of piece in. (mm)		Minimum weight of piece lb (kg)	Maximum weight of piece lb (kg)	80 % piece weight range lb (kg)	Number of pieces
	Minimum	Maximum				
<4 (<0.11)	2 (51)	6 (152)	2.2 (1)	13.2 (6)	3 to 11 (1.5 to 5)	4 to 7
4 to <10 (0.11 to <0.28)	2.5 (64)	8 (203)	4.4 (2)	17.6 (8)	6.6 to 15.4 (3 to 7)	5 to 10
10 to <20 (0.28 to <0.56)	3 (76)	10 (254)	6.6 (3)	22 (10)	8.8 to 19.8 (4 to 9)	8 to 15
≥20 (≥0.56)	3 (77)	12 (305)	8.8 (4)	26.5 (12)	8.8 to 22 (4 to 10)	>12

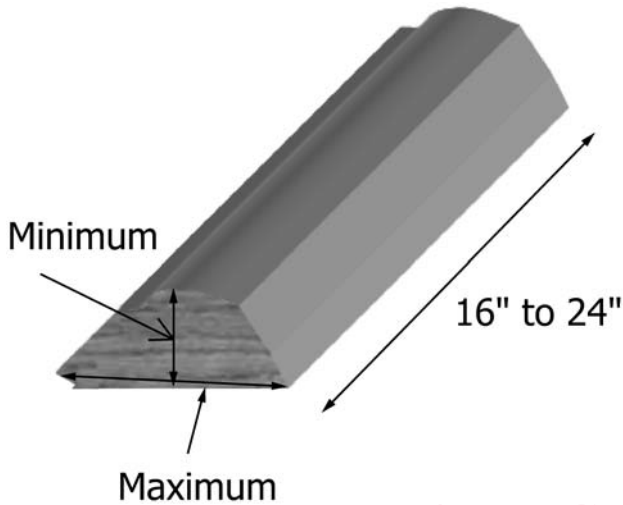


FIG. 2 Cordwood Fuel

flow to the heat exchanger to establish the target heat draw for the test. For the first test run the heat draw rate shall be equal to the manufacturer’s rated heat output capacity.

12.2.7 Allowable Adjustments—Fuel addition or subtractions, and coal bed raking shall be kept to a minimum but are allowed up to 15 min prior to the start of the test run. For the purposes of this method, coal bed raking is the use of a metal tool (poker) to stir coals, break burning fuel into smaller pieces and dislodge fuel pieces from positions of poor combustion. Record all adjustments to and additions or subtractions of fuel, and any other changes to the appliance operations that occur during pretest ignition period. During the 15-min period prior to the start of the test run, the appliance loading door shall not be open more than a total of 1 min. Coal bed raking is the only adjustment allowed during this period.

12.2.8 Coal Bed Weight—The appliance is to be loaded with the test fuel charge when the coal bed weight is between 10 and 20 % of the test fuel charge weight. Coals may be raked as necessary to level the coal bed or position coals as recommended in the manufacturer’s printed operating instructions but may only be raked and stirred once between 15 to 20 min prior to the addition of the test fuel charge.

12.2.9 Test Cycle—For all test runs, the return water temperature to the hydronic heater must be equal to or greater than 120°F. Aquastat or other heater output control device settings that are adjustable shall be set using manufacturer specifications, either as factory set or in accordance with the owner’s manual, and shall remain the same for all burn categories. Complete a test run in each heat output rate category, as follows:

12.2.9.1 Test Run Start—Once the appliance is operating normally and the pretest coal bed weight has reached the target value in accordance with 12.2.8, tare the scale, start all sampling systems and load the full test charge into the appliance. Time for loading shall not exceed 5 min. The actual weight of the test fuel charge shall be measured and recorded within 30 min prior to loading.

(1) Record all water temperatures, differential water temperatures and water flow rates at time intervals of 1 min or less.

(2) Record particulate emissions data per the requirements of Test Method E2515.

(3) Record data needed to determine Overall Efficiency (SLM) per the requirements of CSA B415.1-2010 Clauses 6.2.1, 6.2.2, 6.3, 8.5.7, 10.4.3 (a), 10.4.3 (f), and 13.7.9.3

(a) Measure and record the test room air temperature in accordance with the requirements of Clauses 6.2.1, 8.5.7 and 10.4.3 (g).

(b) Measure and record the flue gas temperature in accordance with the requirements of Clauses 6.2.2, 8.5.7 and 10.4.3 (f).

(c) Determine and record the Carbon Monoxide (CO) and Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) concentrations in the flue gas in accordance with Clauses 6.3, 8.5.7 and 10.4.3 (i) and (j).

(d) Measure and record the test fuel weight per the requirements of Clauses 8.5.7 and 10.4.3 (h).

(e) Record the test run time per the requirements of Clause 10.4.3 (a).

(4) Record water flow and temperature data and monitor the average heat output rate. If the heat output rate gets close to the upper or lower limit of the target range (±5 %) adjust the water flow through the heat exchanger to compensate. Make changes as infrequently as possible while maintaining the target heat output rate. The first test run shall be conducted at the Category IV heat output rate to validate that the appliance is capable of producing the manufacturer’s rated heat output capacity.

12.2.9.2 Test Fuel Charge Adjustment—It is acceptable to adjust the test fuel charge (that is, reposition) once during a test run if more than 60 % of the initial test fuel charge weight has been consumed and more than 10 min have elapsed without a measurable (1 lb (0.5 kg) or 1 % of the test fuel load weight, whichever is greater) weight change while the operating control is in the demand mode. The time used to make this adjustment shall be less than 60 s.

12.2.9.3 Test Run Completion—The test run is completed when the remaining weight of the test fuel charge is 0.0 lb (0.0 kg). End the test run when the scale has indicated a test fuel charge weight of 0.0 lb (0.0 kg) or less for 30 s. At the end of the test run, stop the particulate sampling and record the run time and all final measurement values.