

Boiler Water Treatment Helpful Hints

Useful Conversions	
1 Hp = 33,475 BTU/hr Output	1 Hp = 8lb. Wood
1 Hp = 42,000 BTU/hr Input	1 ft ³ = 7.48 US Gal
1 Hp = 34.5 lb. Steam/hr @ 212°F	1 Gal H ₂ O = 8.34 lb.
Hp = 4 gal/hr evaporation	1 Grain / Gal = 17.1 ppm
Hp = 42 ft ³ Natural Gas	1 ppm = 0.0585 grains/gal
1 Hp = 1/3 Gal. # 2 Oil	1 mg/l = 0.1 ppm
1 Hp = 0.3 Gal # 6 Oil	1 ppm = 8.34 lb/ million Gal
1 Hp = 4 lb. Coal	1 ppm = 1 lb/1 million lb H ₂ O
	1 Mil lb H ₂ O = 120000 Gal
	Natural Gas = 1000 Btu/ ft ³
	#2 Fuel Oil = 140,000/ Gal
	#6 Fuel Oil = 150000/Gal
	1 KW = 3415 Btu
	1 ft head water = 0.435 psi
	°F = (°C x 1.8) + 32
	°C = (°F - 32) x 0.555
	Blowdown Btu Loss = Blowdown
	Gal/hr x 256 Btu/ hr @ 40 psig

Cost of Water side deposit (100 Hp boiler operating at 100% of capacity)				
Deposit Thickness	Efficiency Loss (%)	Gas Wastage	Oil Wastage	Coal Wastage
1/64 in.	4	168 ft ³ /hr	1.2 Gal/hr	14.0 lb/hr
1/32	7	194	2.1	24.5
1/16	11	462	3.3	38.5
1/8	18	756	5.4	63.0
3/16	27	1123	8.1	94.5
1/4	28	1176	8.4	98.0
3/8	48	2016	14.4	168.0
1/2	50	2520	16.0	210.0

ABMA Boiler Water Limits				Steam Output = Total Steam Produced by Boilers	
Boiler Pressure	TDS (ppm)	M Alk (ppm)	Silica (ppm)	Condensate Return = Condensed Steam which Returns to Boiler	
0 - 300	3500	700	150	Feed Water = Condensate Return + Fresh Make-up Water	
301 - 450	3000	600	90	Make-up = Fresh Water Required to replace blowdown + steam loss	
				Blowdown = Water Withdrawn to control boiler water solids (TDS/CND)	
				Btu = The Heat Required to Raise the Temperature of 1 lb of water 1°F	

Make-Up Water Required due to steam loss (evaporation) Determination							% Return (Gal)			
Hp	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	
40	144	128	112	96	80	64	48	32	16	
50	216	192	168	144	120	95	72	48	24	
80	268	256	224	192	180	128	96	64	32	
100	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80	40	
125	450	400	360	360	250	250	150	106	50	
200	720	640	560	480	400	320	240	180	80	
250	900	800	700	600	500	400	300	200	100	

Formula = Hp x 4 x (1 - CR) = Make up Gallons per hour Total Make-up water = Steam Loss + Blowdown Loss

Blowdown Loss = (Make-up Due to Steam Loss) / (Cycles of Concentration - 1)

Excessive Stack Temperature Chart						Bon Aqua Requirements			
PSIG	Boiler H ₂ O °F/°C	Max Stack °F/°C	PSIG	Boiler H ₂ O °F/°C	Max Stack °F/°C	Pipe Dia.	Units	Pipe Dia.	Units
0	212/100	362/165	100	336/170	488/238	<1.0"	2	10.0"	14
10	240/116	390/182	125	353/178	508/244	1.5"	3	12.0"	17
20	258/127	409/193	150	366/185	518/251	2.0"	4	14.0"	19
35	281/138	431/204	175	377/192	527/258	3.0"	5	16.0"	22
50	297/148	447/214	200	387/198	537/264	4.0"	7	18.0"	25
70	318/158	466/224	225	395/203	545/269	5.0"	8	20.0"	28
90	331/156	481/232	250	406/208	556/274	6.0"	9	24.0"	34
						8.0"	12	36.0"	50