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### SECTION 15565A

#### HEATING SYSTEM; GAS-FIRED HEATERS 12/01

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NOTE: This guide specification covers the requirements for gas-fired heaters, including unit heaters, wall furnaces, and infrared heaters.

Comments and suggestions on this guide specification are welcome and should be directed to the technical proponent of the specification. A listing of technical proponents, including their organization designation and telephone number, is on the Internet.

Recommended changes to a UFGS should be submitted as a Criteria Change Request (CCR).

Use of electronic communication is encouraged.

Brackets are used in the text to indicate designer choices or locations where text must be supplied by the designer.

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## PART 1 GENERAL

### 1.1 REFERENCES

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NOTE: Issue (date) of references included in project specifications need not be more current than provided by the latest guide specification. Use of SpecsIntact automated reference checking is recommended for projects based on older guide specifications.

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The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referred to within the text by the basic designation only.

AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE (ANSI)

ANSI Z21.44	(1995) Gas-Fired Gravity and Fan Type Direct Vent Wall Furnaces
ANSI Z21.49	(1992; A 1995) Gas-Fired Gravity and Fan Type Vented Wall Furnaces
ANSI Z21.66	(1996) Automatic Vent Damper Devices for Use with Gas-Fired Appliances
ANSI Z83.4	(1991; A 2002) Non-Circulating Direct Gas-Fired Industrial Air Heaters
ANSI Z83.6	(1990; A 1993) Gas-Fired Infrared Heaters
ANSI Z83.8	(2002) Gas Unit Heaters and Gas-Fired Duct Furnaces
ANSI Z83.9	(1990; A 2002) Gas-Fired Duct Furnaces

CANADIAN STANDARDS ASSOCIATION(CSA)

CSA Directory	(updated continuously) Certified Products Listings
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NATIONAL ELECTRICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION (NEMA)

NEMA MG 1	(2003) Motors and Generators
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NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA)

NFPA 211	(2003) Chimneys, Fireplaces, Vents, and Solid Fuel-Burning Appliances
NFPA 54	(2002) National Fuel Gas Code

UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES (UL)

UL Gas&Oil Dir	(2003)Flammable and Combustible Liquids and Gases Equipment Directory
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1.2 SUBMITTALS

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NOTE: Submittals must be limited to those necessary for adequate quality control. The importance of an item in the project should be one of the primary factors in determining if a submittal for the item should be required.

A "G" following a submittal item indicates that the submittal requires Government approval. Some submittals are already marked with a "G". Only delete an existing "G" if the submittal item is not complex and can be reviewed through the Contractor's Quality Control system. Only add a "G" if the submittal is sufficiently important or complex in context of the project.

For submittals requiring Government approval on Army projects, a code of up to three characters within the submittal tags may be used following the "G" designation to indicate the approving authority. Codes for Army projects using the Resident Management System (RMS) are: "AE" for Architect-Engineer; "DO" for District Office (Engineering Division or other organization in the District Office); "AO" for Area Office; "RO" for Resident Office; and "PO" for Project Office. Codes following the "G" typically are not used for Navy projects.

Submittal items not designated with a "G" are considered as being for information only for Army projects and for Contractor Quality Control approval for Navy projects.

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Government approval is required for submittals with a "G" designation; submittals not having a "G" designation are [for Contractor Quality Control approval.] [for information only. When used, a designation following the "G" designation identifies the office that will review the submittal for the Government.] The following shall be submitted in accordance with Section 01330 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES:

#### SD-02 Shop Drawings

##### Heating System Installation

Detail drawings consisting of illustrations, schedules, performance charts, instructions, brochures, diagrams, and other information to illustrate the requirements and operation of the system. Detail drawings for space heating equipment, controls, associated equipment, and for piping and wiring. Drawings shall show proposed layout and anchorage of equipment and appurtenances, and equipment relationship to other parts of the work including clearances for maintenance and operation.

#### SD-03 Product Data

##### Heating System

Spare parts data for each different item of materials and equipment specified, after approval of the detail drawings, and not later than [\_\_\_\_\_] months prior to the date of beneficial occupancy. The data shall include a complete list of parts and supplies, with current unit prices and source of supply.

#### SD-06 Test Reports

##### Testing, Adjusting, and Balancing

Test reports shall be submitted in booklet form showing all field tests performed to adjust each component and all field tests performed to prove compliance with the specified performance criteria, upon completion and testing of the installed system.

Each test report shall indicate the final position of controls.

#### SD-10 Operation and Maintenance Data

##### Instructions

[Six] [\_\_\_\_\_] complete copies of operating instructions outlining the step-by-step procedures required for system startup, operation and shutdown. The instructions shall include the manufacturer's name, model number, service manual, parts list, and brief description of all equipment and basic operating features. [Six] [\_\_\_\_\_] complete copies of maintenance instructions listing routine maintenance, possible breakdowns, repairs and troubleshooting guide. The instructions shall include simplified piping, wiring, and control diagrams for the system as installed.

### 1.3 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

#### 1.3.1 Nameplates

Each major component of equipment shall have the manufacturer's name, address, type or style, model or serial number, and catalog number on a plate secured to the equipment.

#### 1.3.2 Equipment Guards

Belts, pulleys, chains, gears, couplings, projecting setscrews, keys, and other rotating parts so located that any person may come in close proximity thereto shall be completely enclosed or guarded. High-temperature equipment and piping so located as to endanger personnel or create a fire hazard shall be guarded or covered with insulation of type specified for service.

#### 1.3.3 Verification of Dimensions

The Contractor shall become thoroughly familiar with all details of the work, verify all dimensions in the field, and shall advise the Contracting Officer of any discrepancy before performing any work.

### 1.4 DELIVERY AND STORAGE

All equipment delivered and placed in storage shall be stored with protection from weather, humidity and temperature variations, dirt and dust, or other contaminants.

## PART 2 PRODUCTS

### 2.1 STANDARD PRODUCTS

Material and equipment shall be standard products of a manufacturer regularly engaged in manufacturing of the products. Equipment shall essentially duplicate equipment that has been in satisfactory use at least 2 years prior to bid opening.

### 2.2 ELECTRICAL WORK

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**NOTE: Indicate motor type, class, and enclosure type on the drawings.**

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Electrical motor driven equipment shall be provided complete with motors, motor starters, and controls. Motors shall conform to NEMA MG 1. Electrical equipment and wiring shall be in accordance with Section 16415A ELECTRICAL WORK, INTERIOR. Electrical characteristics shall be as specified or indicated. Unless otherwise indicated motors of 745.7 W (1 Hp) 1 Hp and above shall be high efficiency type. Motor starters shall be provided complete with thermal overload protection and other appurtenances necessary for the motor control specified. Each motor shall be of sufficient size to drive the equipment at the specified capacity without exceeding the nameplate rating of the motor. Manual or automatic control and protective or signal devices required for the operation specified and any control wiring required for controls and devices specified, but not shown, shall be provided.

## 2.3 HEATERS

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NOTE: Heater mounting brackets and related hardware should be specified to be furnished by the equipment manufacturer with factory finish if project does not warrant separate specification sections for miscellaneous metals and field painting. The designer should consult specification sections 13080 and 15070 to determine if seismic details are required. If required, refer to specification sections 13080 and 15070 or include the necessary details on the drawings. Delete the reference to seismic details, if they are not required. Indicate all applicable vent pipe routing on drawing.

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Heaters shall be equipped for and adjusted to burn [natural] [liquified petroleum] [dual fuel natural/liquified petroleum] gas. Each heater shall be provided with a gas pressure regulator that will satisfactorily limit the main gas burner supply pressure. Heaters shall have an intermittent or interrupted electrically ignited pilot or a direct electric ignition system. Safety controls shall conform to the ANSI standard specified for each heater. Mounting brackets and hardware shall be furnished by the heater manufacturer and shall be factory finished to match the supported equipment. Seismic details shall be [in accordance with Sections 13080 SEISMIC PROTECTION FOR MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT and 15070A SEISMIC PROTECTION FOR MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT] [as indicated].

### 2.3.1 Direct Fired Make-Up Air Heaters

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NOTE: Designer should choose inlet or discharge damper according to climate zone. Generally, locations which experience more than 2220 heating degree C days (4,000 heating degree F days) should use discharge dampers on units located outdoors, and inlet dampers on units located indoors. Applications in moderate climates can be specified at the designer's option.

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Heaters shall be in accordance with ANSI Z83.4. Direct fired make-up air heaters use outside air directly ducted to the heater. The products of combustion generated by the heater are released into the outside air stream being heated. Heaters shall be equipped with [motorized [inlet] [and] [outlet]] [backdraft] dampers, [discharge air diffuser,] [duct collar,] [air filters,] [and] [bird screen]. Gas control valve shall be [single-stage] [two stage] [modulating] type. Maximum air temperature rise during minimum burner fire shall be 4 degrees C (7 degrees F). 7 degrees F. Fan shall be [single-speed] [two speed, with low speed approximately two-thirds of high speed] [variable speed]. Outdoor heaters shall be weatherized and shall have manufacturer's standard exterior finish for outdoor units. Motorized [inlet] [and] [outlet] dampers shall be closed when the unit is shut down. Dampers shall be interlocked to prevent burner operation when dampers are closed. Heaters shall be provided with a [space] [discharge air] thermostat, a low limit air stream thermostat, and an ambient air thermostat. The [space] [discharge air] thermostat shall control the gas control valve. The low limit air stream thermostat shall shut down the entire unit if the discharge air temperature drops below the [space] [discharge] thermostat setting. The ambient air thermostat shall shut down the burner if the outside air exceeds the [discharge] [space] thermostat setting.

### 2.3.2 Unit Heaters

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**NOTE: Aluminized steel heat exchangers will be  
satisfactory in most applications. Omit the  
aluminized if there is a corrosive condition.**  
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Heaters shall conform to requirements of ANSI Z83.8. Heat exchangers shall be [aluminized steel] [or] [stainless steel]. Air discharge section shall be equipped with adjustable [horizontal louvers] [and] [vertical louvers or fins]. Fan shafts shall be either directly connected to the driving motor, or indirectly connected by multiple V-belt drive. Fans in one unit shall be of the same size. Heaters shall be power-vented type, suitable for sidewall vent discharge and single-wall-thickness vent piping. Heaters shall have automatic ignition. Heaters shall employ metered combustion air with enclosed draft diverter (no open flue collar). Heaters shall have minimum steady state thermal efficiencies of 80 percent at maximum rated capacity and 75 percent at minimum rated capacity that is provided and allowed by the controls. Heaters shall be provided with a space thermostat which controls both unit's fan and burner.

### 2.3.3 Wall Furnace

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**NOTE: ANSI Z21.49 defines the gravity type units  
which are designed to draw combustion air from  
within the space. ANSI Z21.44 defines the fan type  
units which are designed to draw combustion air from  
outdoors. Indicate on the drawings the type of air  
discharge; top or front.**  
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Wall furnace shall be the [gravity] [fan] type in accordance with [ANSI Z21.49] [ANSI Z21.44] and as indicated. Furnace shall have a minimum thermal efficiency of 77 percent. Furnace shall be provided with a space thermostat which controls both the unit's fan and burner.



#### 2.3.4 Duct Furnace

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NOTE: Aluminized steel heat exchangers will be  
satisfactory in most applications. Omit the  
aluminized steel if there is a corrosive condition.  
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Duct furnace shall be in accordance with ANSI Z83.9. Furnace shall be power-vented type, suitable for sidewall vent discharge and single wall thickness vent piping. Furnace shall have automatic ignition. Furnace shall employ metered combustion air with enclosed draft diverter (no open flue collar). Furnace heat exchangers shall be [aluminized steel] [or] [stainless steel]. Furnace shall have minimum steady state thermal efficiency of 80 percent at maximum rated capacity and 75 percent at minimum rated capacity that is provided and allowed by the controls. Furnace shall be provided with a [space] [discharge air] thermostat which controls the unit's burner.

#### 2.3.5 Infrared Heaters

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NOTE: Unvented infrared heaters may be employed  
only in buildings with high ceilings such as shop  
buildings, industrial buildings, etc. Exhaust vents  
will not be located directly above infrared heaters.  
The location of the heaters should be coordinated  
with light fixtures, sprinkler systems, structural  
members, and any other items that may be sensitive  
to the heat that will be generated. Where the units  
are used in metal buildings, the roof will be  
insulated and an adequate noncombustible vapor  
barrier will be provided. Unvented infrared heaters  
will not be used in hazardous areas. Select type of  
heater required and delete the inapplicable type of  
ventilation. Capacity of the exhaust system must be  
a minimum of 6.4 liters per second per 1000 Watt  
hour (4 cfm per 1,000 Btu per hour) input to  
properly dilute the carbon dioxide produced.  
Provision will be made to provide air to the space  
in an amount equal to the exhaust.  
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Heaters shall conform to the requirements of ANSI Z83.6 and shall be [vented] [or] [unvented] type [as indicated]. [Vented heaters shall be vented to the outside atmosphere.] Heater style shall be [surface combustion] [tubular] type [as indicated]. Reflector shape shall be [parabolic] [horizontal] [or] [standard] [as indicated]. Heaters shall be provided with space thermostats which control the unit's burner. Thermostats located in the direct radiation pattern shall be covered with a metal shield.

#### 2.4 THERMOSTATS

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NOTE: Single stage thermostats are used to control  
a unit at 100 percent capacity only. Two stage  
thermostats can be used to stage a unit's capacity  
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to either 50 or 100 percent. Two stage thermostats are only applicable for unit heaters and duct furnaces.

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Thermostats shall be the adjustable electric or electronic type. Control wiring required to complete the space temperature control system shall be included. Thermostats shall have a [2 degree C (3 degree F) 3 degree F] differential and a set point range of [4 to 24 degree C (40 to 75 degrees F) 40 to 75 degrees F] [minus 18 to 38 degrees C (0 to 100 degrees F) 0 to 100 degrees F] [27 to 49 degrees C (80 to 120 degrees F) [40 to 75] [80 to 120] degrees F]. Thermostats shall be the [single] [two] stage type.

## 2.5 VENT PIPING

Vent piping shall conform to the requirements of NFPA 54. Plastic material polyetherimide (PEI) and polyethersulfone (PES) are forbidden to be used for vent piping of combustion gases.

## 2.6 ELECTRIC AUTOMATIC VENT DAMPERS

Electric automatic vent dampers shall conform to the requirements of ANSI Z21.66 and shall be provided in the vents of heaters [except unvented infrared heaters] using indoor air for combustion air.

## 2.7 INSULATION

Insulation for piping and equipment and application shall be in accordance with Section 15080A THERMAL INSULATION FOR MECHANICAL SYSTEMS.

## 2.8 FACTORY FINISHES

Equipment and component items, when fabricated from ferrous metal, shall be factory finished with the manufacturer's standard finish.

# PART 3 EXECUTION

## 3.1 INSTALLATION

Equipment shall be installed as indicated and in accordance with the recommendations of the equipment manufacturer and the listing agency, except as otherwise specified.

### 3.1.1 Heating Equipment

Heaters shall be installed with clearance to combustibles complying with minimum distances as determined by CSA Directory, UL Gas&Oil Dir and as indicated on each heater approval and listing plate. Heaters shall be independently supported from the building structure as indicated and shall not rely on support from suspended ceiling systems.

### 3.1.2 Vents

Vent dampers, piping and structural penetrations shall be located as indicated. Vent damper installation shall conform to ANSI Z21.66. Vent pipes, where not connected to a masonry chimney conforming to NFPA 211, shall extend through the roof or an outside wall and shall terminate, in compliance with NFPA 54. Vents passing through waterproof membranes shall be provided with the necessary flashings to obtain waterproof installations.

### 3.1.3 Gas Piping

Gas piping shall be connected as indicated and shall comply with the applicable requirements at Section 15190A GAS PIPING SYSTEMS.

### 3.2 TESTING, ADJUSTING, AND BALANCING

Testing, adjusting, and balancing shall be as specified in Section 15990A TESTING, ADJUSTING, AND BALANCING OF HVAC SYSTEMS.

### 3.3 Training

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NOTE: Insert the number of hours to train personnel  
for equipment operations. Consult equipment  
manufacturer for recommended time.  
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The Contractor shall conduct a training course for the maintenance and operating staff. The training period of [\_\_\_\_\_] hours normal working time shall start after the system is functionally complete but before the final acceptance tests. The training shall include all of the items contained in the approved operation and maintenance instructions as well as demonstrations of routine maintenance operations. The Contracting Officer shall be given at least two weeks advance notice of such training.

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