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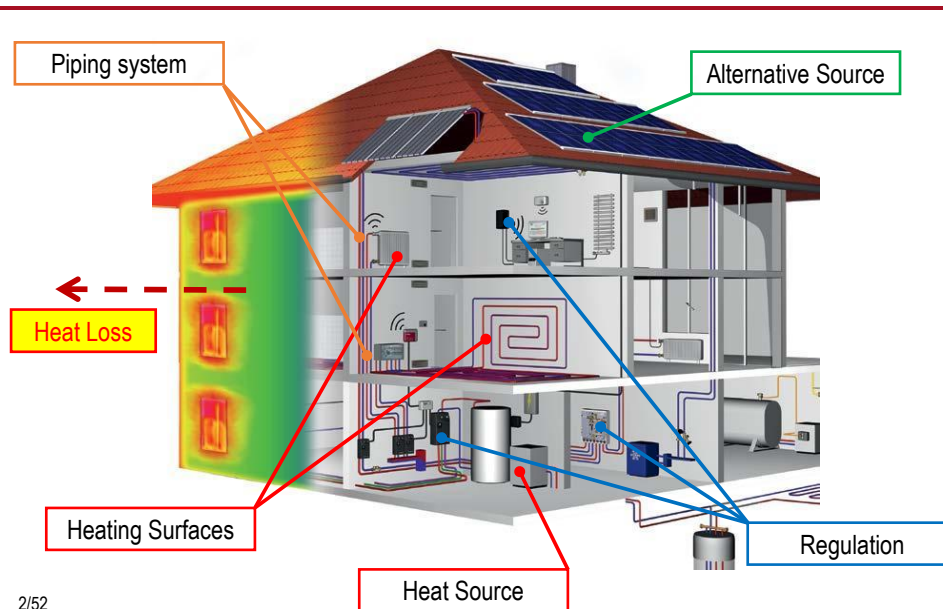
Heating Systems

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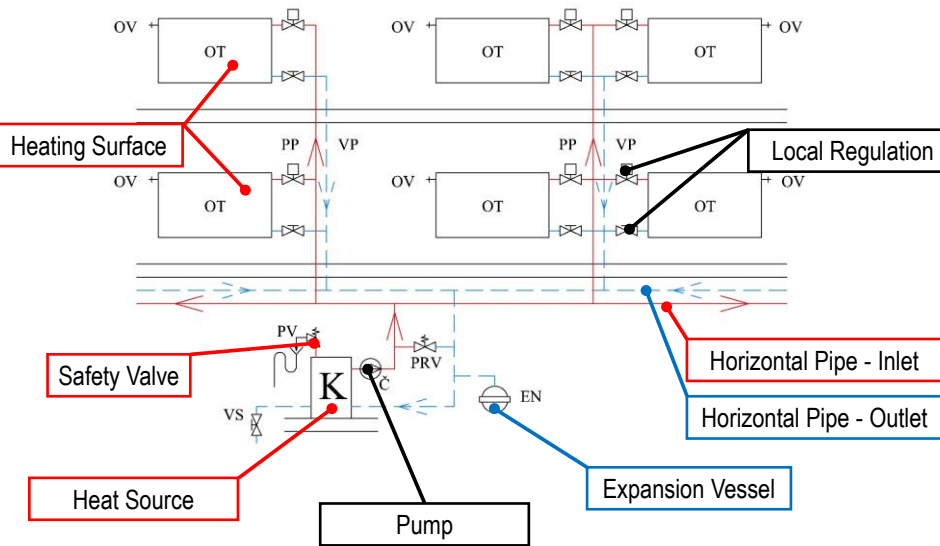
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Heating Systems – Basic Elements



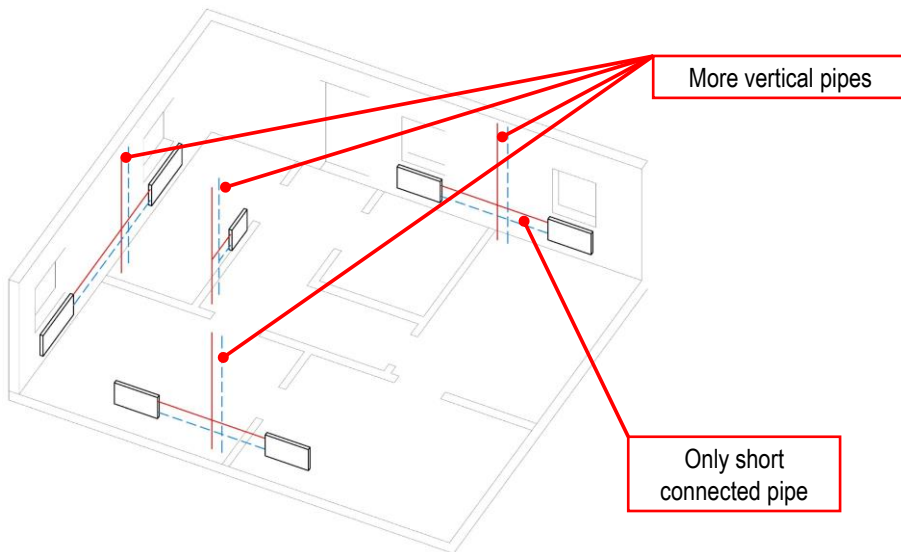
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Heating Systems – Typical Elements - Drawing



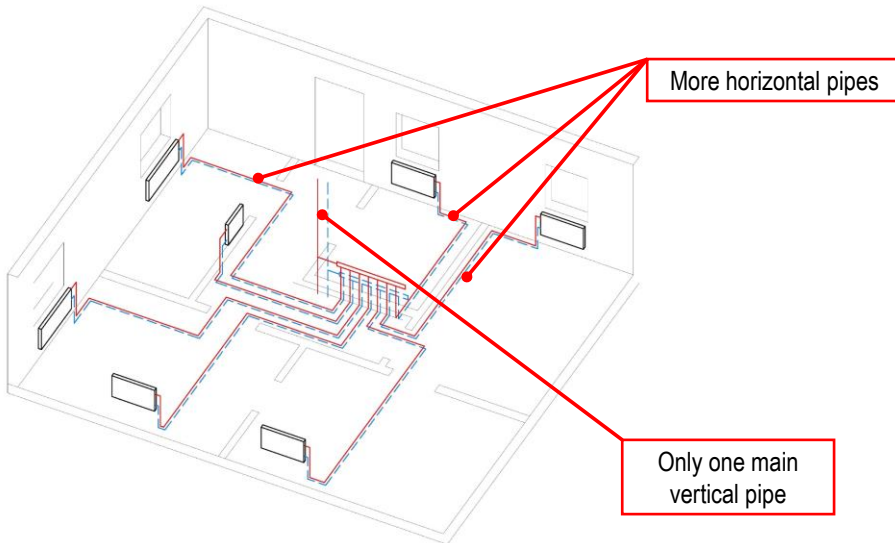
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Vertical Heating Systems



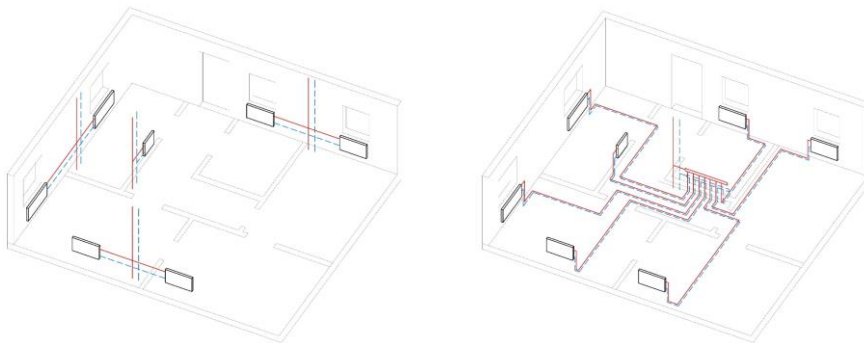
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Horizontal Heating Systems



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Horizontal vs. Vertical Heating Systems

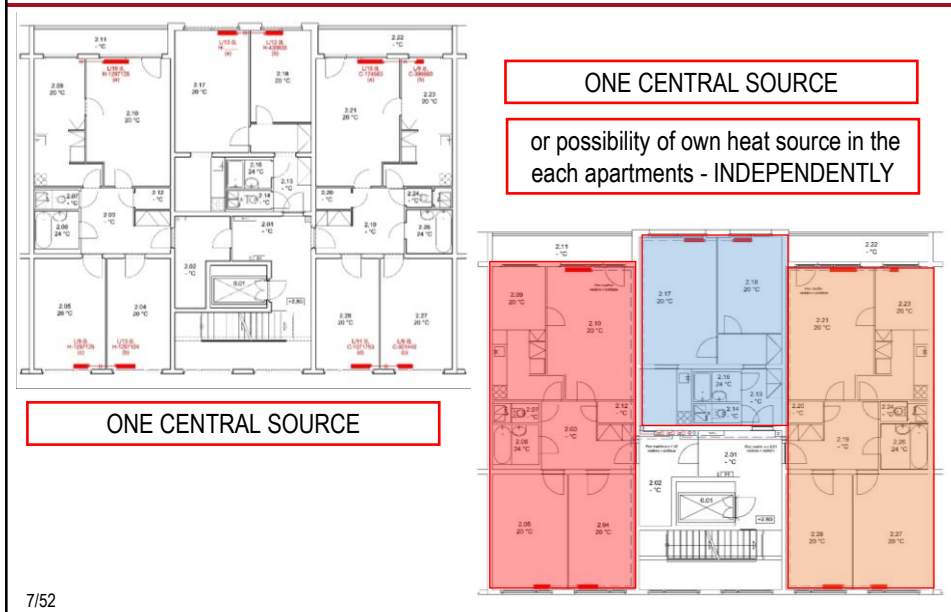


Less Pipe (shorter pipe lengths)

Exactly measurement of heat consumption

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Horizontal vs. Vertical Heating Systems



Heating Systems – Pipe materials

Copper - Cu



Advantages:

- ✓ high corrosion resistance,
- ✓ low weight of 1 m of pipe = easier installation,
- ✓ lower pressure losses (compared to steel)

Soldering - burner



Pressing – special pliers



Disadvantages:

- ✓ higher price,
- ✓ greater thermal expansion (compared to steel by about 40 %)

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Heating Systems – Pipe materials

Plastic



Pressing – special pliers



Advantages:

- ✓ corrosion resistance,
- ✓ low pressure drop (compared to all metallic materials),
- ✓ electrical non-conductivity and hygienic safety



Butt welding



Disadvantages:

- ✓ more higher values of thermal expansion (10 times more than with metallic materials),
- ✓ lower heat and pressure resistance,
- ✓ **flammability !!!!!!!**

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Heating Systems – Pipe materials

Steel - Fe

Advantages:

- ✓ lower price,
- ✓ high variability of connection

Thick-walled pipes – threaded joints



Thick-walled pipes - welding



Thin-walled pipes – pressing special pliers



Disadvantages:

- ✓ low corrosion resistance,
- ✓ weight (for thick-walled pipes)

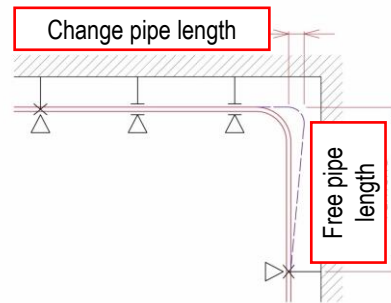
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Heating Systems – Pipe materials – Thermal Expansion

$$\Delta l = l_0 \cdot \alpha \cdot \Delta t$$

- Δl – change pipe length [mm]
 l_0 – pipe length [m]
 α – coefficient of thermal particle expansion [mm/m·K]
 Δt – temperature difference [K]

Pipe Material	Coefficient of thermal particle expansion α [mm/m·K]
Steel	0,012
Copper	0,017
Aluminium	0,0238
Plastic (PVC)	0,026
Plastic (PEX)	0,08



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Heating Systems – Pipe materials – Thermal Expansion

Example 1:

$$\Delta l = l_0 \cdot \alpha \cdot \Delta t$$

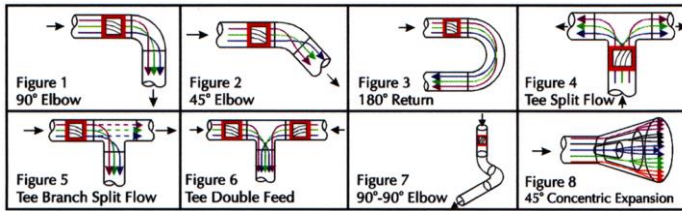
Pipe length is 10 m for pipe DN 15, when heated by 50 K.

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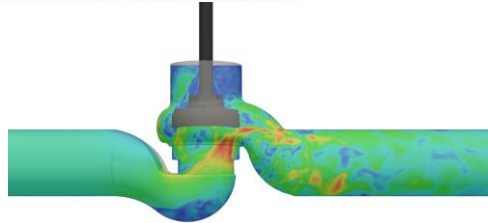
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Heating Systems – Pressure Equations

Local Loss



- ✓ Elbows, Tee-Elements, Expansion, etc.
- ✓ Valves, Check Valve, Radiators, etc.

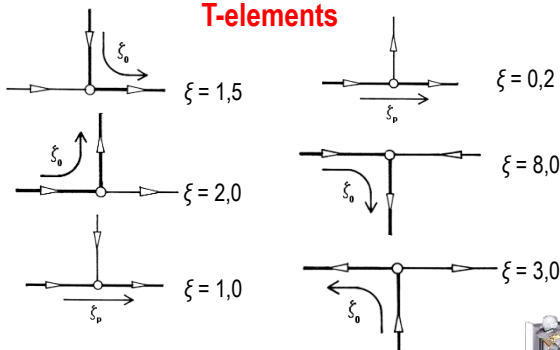


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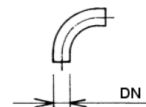
Heating Systems – Pressure Equations

Local Loss

T-elements



Elbow - Bend



DN	ξ [-]
10-15	2,0
20-25	1,5
32-40	1,0
50 and more	0,5



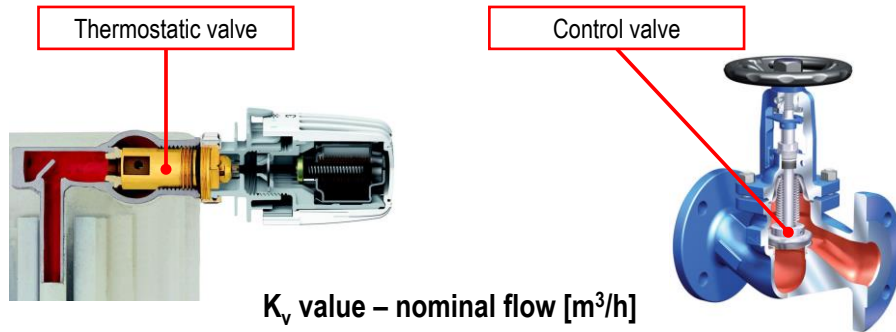
Main parts	ξ [-]
Boiler cast iron	2,50
Boiler steel	2,00
Element radiator	2,50
Panel radiator	8,50



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Heating Systems – Pressure Equations

Local Loss - Valves



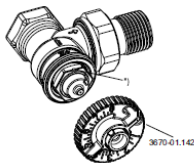
$$k_v = \dot{V} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{100}{\Delta p_{\text{Valve}}}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{1000}} \Rightarrow \Delta p_{\text{Valve}} = \left(\frac{\dot{V}}{k_v} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{\rho}{10}$$

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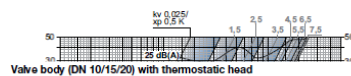
Heating Systems – Pressure Equations

Local Loss - Valves

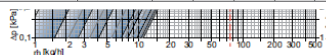
Thermostatic valve



Diagram, valve body with thermostatic head
P-band [kPa] 1.0 K



		Presetting							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
P-band [kPa] 1.0K	Kv-value	0.049	0.082	0.130	0.215	0.246	0.303	0.335	0.343
P-band [kPa] 2.0K	Kv-value	0.049	0.090	0.150	0.265	0.330	0.470	0.590	0.670
	Kvs	0.049	0.102	0.185	0.313	0.420	0.565	0.740	0.860
	Flow tolerance ± [%]	20	18	16	14	12	10	10	10



K_v value – nominal flow [m^3/h]

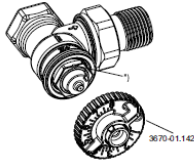
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Heating Systems – Pressure Equations

Example 2:

Thermostatic valve



Water flow

0,05 [m³/h]

Position 1

$k_v = 0,049$ [m³/h]

Position 8

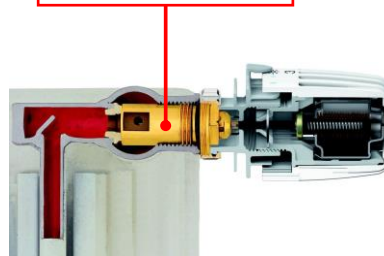
$k_v = 0,86$ [m³/h]

$$\Delta p_{\text{Valve}} = \left(\frac{\dot{V}}{k_v} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{\rho}{10}$$

$$\Delta p_{\text{Valve Position 1}} = \dots$$

$$\Delta p_{\text{Valve Position 8}} = \dots$$

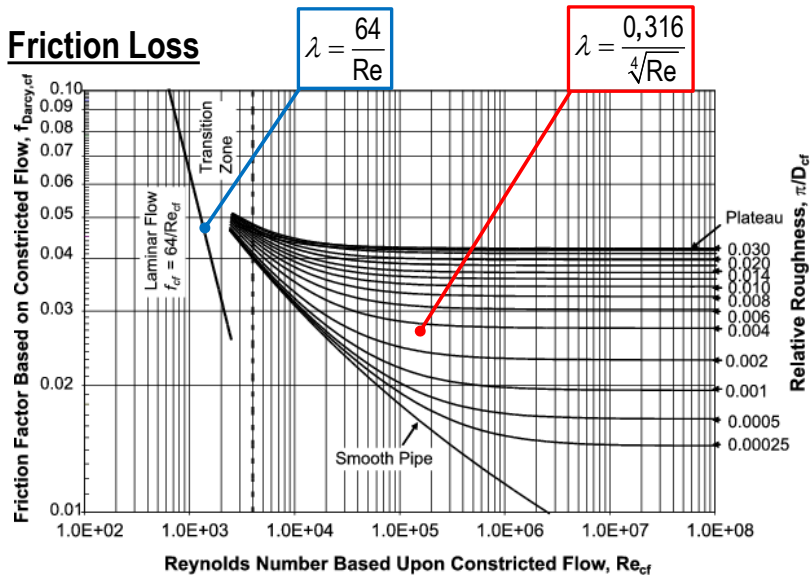
Thermostatic valve



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Heating Systems – Pressure Equations

Friction Loss



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Heating Systems – Pressure Equations

Total Pressure Loss

$$\Delta p_{\text{Total}} = \Delta p_{\text{Friction}} + \Delta p_{\text{Local}} = \lambda \cdot \frac{L}{d} \cdot \frac{w^2}{2} \cdot \rho + \sum \xi \cdot \frac{w^2}{2} \cdot \rho = \left(\lambda \cdot \frac{L}{d} + \sum \xi \right) \cdot \frac{w^2}{2} \cdot \rho$$

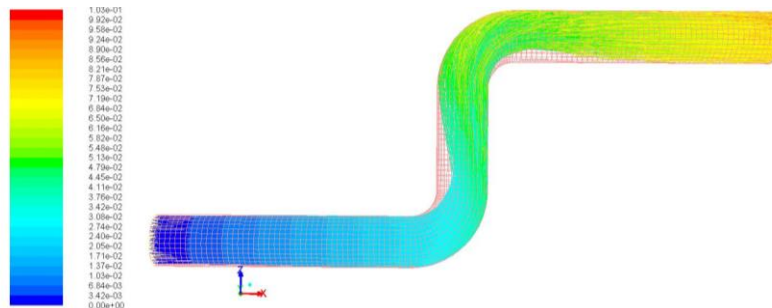
λ	- friction coefficient [-]
d	- inner pipe diameter [m]
L	- pipe length [m]
w	- velocity [m/s]
ρ	- density [kg/m ³]
ξ	- local loss coefficient [-]

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Heating Systems – Pressure Equations

Example 3:

Total pipe length	5 [m]
Elbow local loss coefficient	2,0 [-]
Inner diameter	15 [mm]
Water flow	0,4 [m ³ /h]



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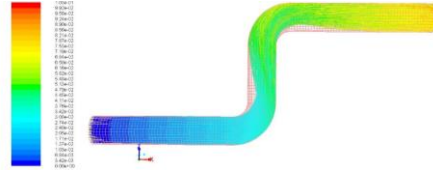
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Example 3:

$$\dot{V} = \frac{\pi \cdot d^2}{4} \cdot w \Rightarrow w = \frac{4 \cdot \dot{V}}{\pi \cdot d^2} = \dots$$

$$\text{Re} = \frac{w \cdot d}{\nu} = \dots$$

ν - kinematic viscosity [m²/s] (for 50 °C is 0,553·10⁻⁶)



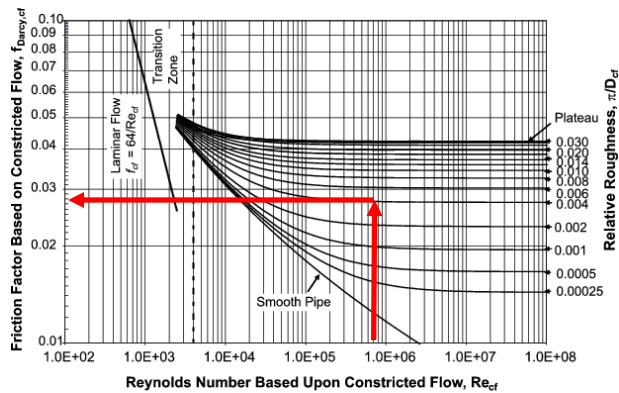
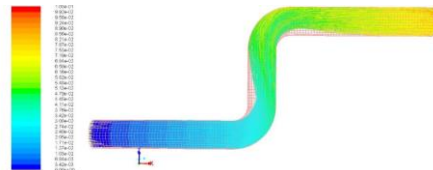
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Heating Systems – Pressure Equations

Example 3:

$\lambda = \dots$

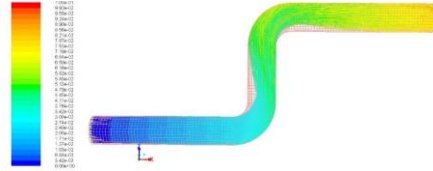
$$\lambda = \frac{0,316}{\sqrt[4]{\text{Re}}}$$



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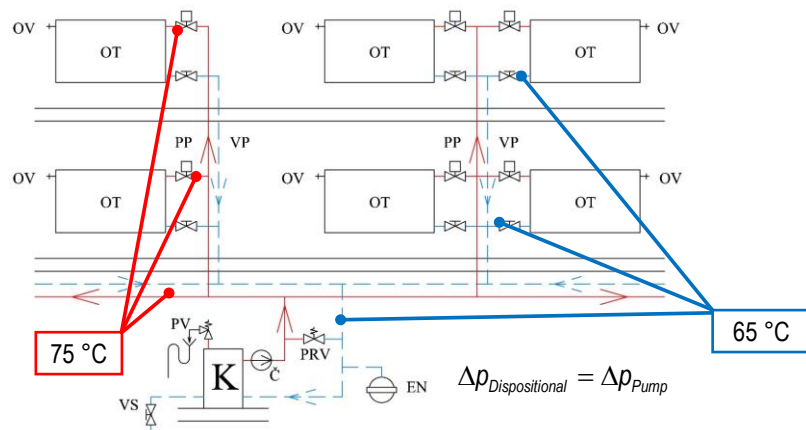


$$\Delta p_{Total} = \Delta p_{Friction} + \Delta p_{Local} = \lambda \cdot \frac{L}{d} \cdot \frac{w^2}{2} \cdot \rho + \sum \xi \cdot \frac{w^2}{2} \cdot \rho = \left(\lambda \cdot \frac{L}{d} + \sum \xi \right) \cdot \frac{w^2}{2} \cdot \rho$$

$$\Delta p_{Total} = \left(\dots \cdot \frac{5}{0,015} + \sum 2 \cdot 2,0 \right) \cdot \frac{\dots^2}{2} \cdot 1000 = \dots$$

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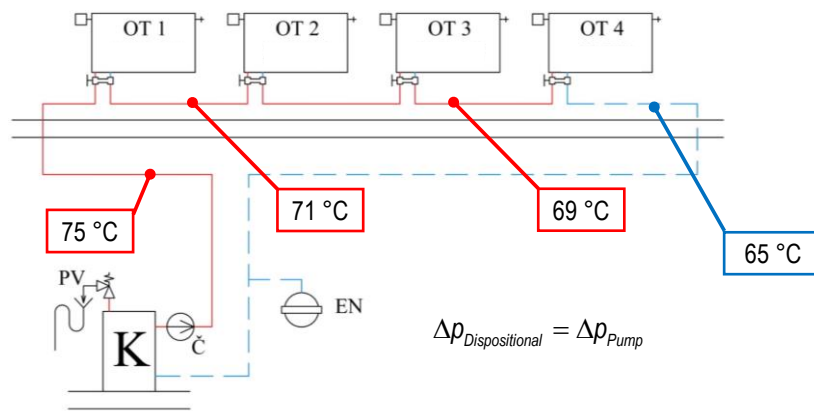
Heating Systems – Pipe Design



Two-pipe systems with pump (forced) is optimal velocity of 0,6 m/s.

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Heating Systems – Pipe Design



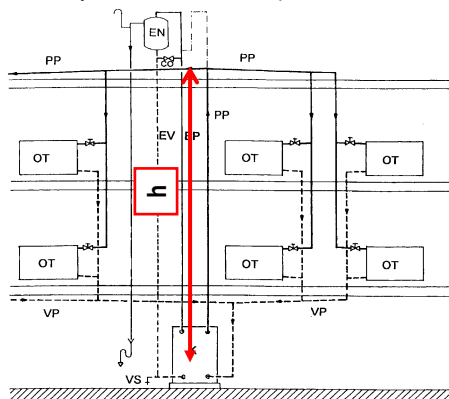
One-pipe systems with pump (forced) is optimal velocity of 1,0 m/s.

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Heating Systems – Pipe Design

Gravity heating systems

The boiler is located at the lowest point in the system. The **warm** water has a lower density (it is lighter) than the **cooled** return water. Therefore, water in the system automatically starts circulate due to buoyant pressure. There is no need for a pump. As there is only a small differential pressure, wide-diameter pipes are required.



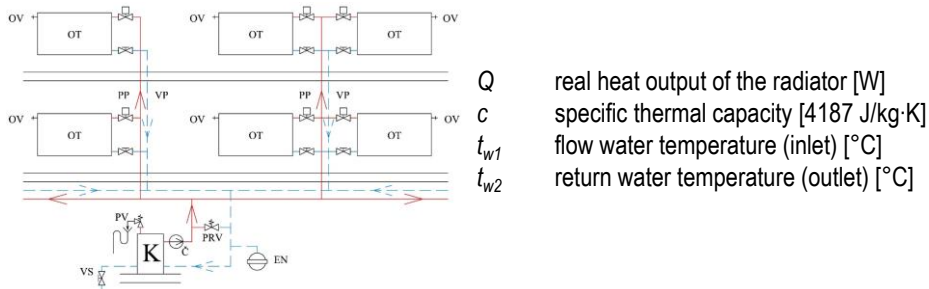
Two-pipe gravity systems is optimal velocity of 0,2 m/s.

$$\Delta p_{Dispositional} = \Delta \rho \cdot g \cdot h$$

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Heating Systems – Pipe Design

Mass flow rate is determined from basic calorimetric equation
(output for chosen radiator)



$$\dot{Q} = \dot{m} \cdot c \cdot (t_{w1} - t_{w2}) \Rightarrow \dot{m} = \frac{\dot{Q}}{c \cdot (t_{w1} - t_{w2})}$$

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Heating Systems – Pipe Design

Internal (optimal) diameters are designed according to the selected optimal (i.e. economic) velocity:

$$\dot{m} = \dot{V} \cdot \rho = S \cdot w_{opt} \cdot \rho = \frac{\pi \cdot d_{opt}^2}{4} \cdot w_{opt} \cdot \rho \Rightarrow d_{opt} = \sqrt{\frac{4 \cdot \dot{m}}{\pi \cdot \rho \cdot w_{opt}}}$$

After calculation diameter you have to select the nearest nominal diameter from real production line and subsequently **you have to calculate real velocity!** (and real pressure drop of course)

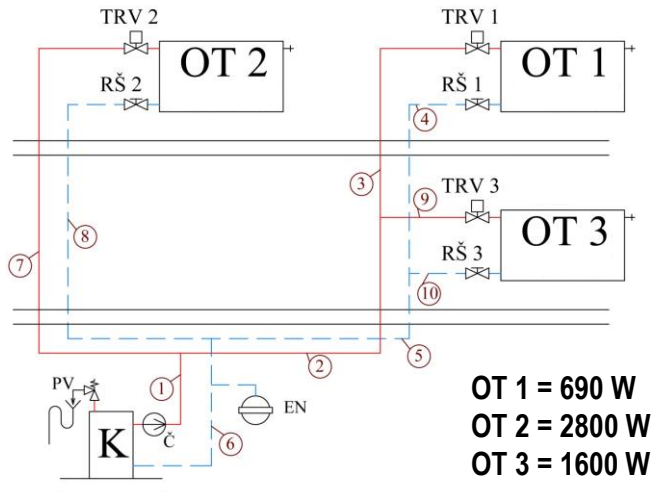
$$d_{opt} \Rightarrow d_{real} \quad w_{real} = \frac{4 \cdot \dot{m}}{\pi \cdot \rho \cdot d_{real}^2}$$

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Heating Systems – Pipe Design

Example 4:

60/50 °C



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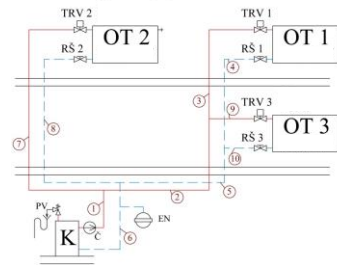
Heating Systems – Pipe Design

Example 4:

60/50 °C

OT 1 = 690 W
OT 2 = 2800 W
OT 3 = 1600 W

Determine mass flow rate for each radiator
(in kg/h)



$$\dot{m} = \frac{\dot{Q}}{c \cdot (t_{w1} - t_{w2})}$$

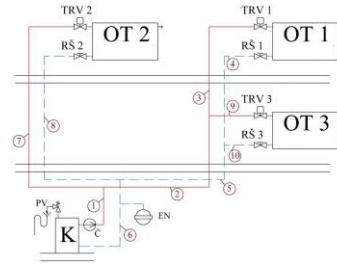
i	Q [W]	\dot{m}_i [kg/s]	\dot{m}_i [kg/h]
1	690		
2	2800		
3	1600		

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Example 4:

Determine mass flow rates in each section



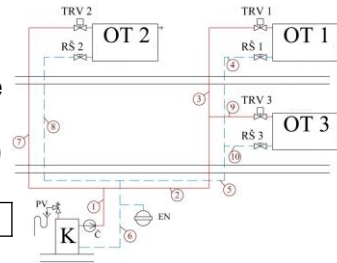
Section	m [kg/s]	m [kg/h]
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		

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Heating Systems – Pipe Design

Example 4:

Select the nearest real diameter from real line according to calculated optimal (internal!) diameter.
Calculate real velocity according chosen (inner) diameters of individual sections.



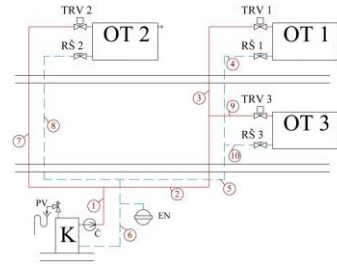
d _{i, real} [mm]	4	6	8	10	13	16	20
Section	m [kg/s]	d _{opt} [mm]	d _{real} [mm]	w _{real} [m/s]	<div>Receivable If possible smaller diameters big pressure</div>		
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
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Recommendation (practical note):
If possible, never use diameters smaller than 8 mm (pipes with this diameters are expensive and causes big pressure loss...)

Heating Systems – Pressure Loss

Example 4:



$$\Delta p_{\text{Total}} = \Delta p_{\text{Friction}} + \Delta p_{\text{Local}} = \lambda \cdot \frac{L}{d} \cdot \frac{w^2}{2} \cdot \rho + \sum \xi \cdot \frac{w^2}{2} \cdot \rho = \left(\lambda \cdot \frac{L}{d} + \sum \xi \right) \cdot \frac{w^2}{2} \cdot \rho$$

$$\Delta p_{\text{Total}} = \Delta p_{\text{Friction}} + \Delta p_{\text{Local}} = R \cdot L + Z$$

$$R = \lambda \cdot \frac{w^2}{2 \cdot d} \cdot \rho \quad [\text{Pa} / \text{m}]$$

$$Z = \sum \xi \cdot \frac{w^2}{2} \cdot \rho \quad [\text{Pa}]$$

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Heating Systems – Pressure Loss

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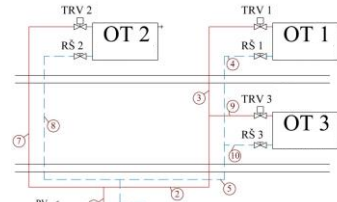
$$R = \lambda \cdot \frac{w^2}{2 \cdot d} \cdot \rho \quad [\text{Pa} / \text{m}]$$

Cu pipes	8 x 1 ($d_i = 6 \text{ mm}$)		10 x 1 ($d_i = 8 \text{ mm}$)		12 x 1 ($d_i = 10 \text{ mm}$)		15 x 1 ($d_i = 13 \text{ mm}$)		18 x 1 ($d_i = 16 \text{ mm}$)		22 x 1 ($d_i = 20 \text{ mm}$)	
M [kg/h]	R [Pa/m]	w [m/s]	R [Pa/m]	w [m/s]	R [Pa/m]	w [m/s]	R [Pa/m]	w [m/s]	R [Pa/m]	w [m/s]	R [Pa/m]	w [m/s]
50	805	0,50	155	0,28	43,5	0,18	13,0	0,11	5,70	0,07	2,35	0,04
71	1475	0,71	375	0,40	120	0,25	24,5	0,15	8,25	0,10	3,30	0,06
100			680	0,56	235	0,36	68,0	0,21	19,5	0,14	5,40	0,09
140			1225	0,80	420	0,50	120	0,30	45,0	0,19	14,5	0,12
200			2300	1,10	790	0,71	225	0,42	83,5	0,28	29,0	0,18
250					1170	0,90	330	0,53	125	0,34	42,5	0,22
320					1810	1,10	515	0,67	190	0,45	65,5	0,28
360					2235	1,30	630	0,75	235	0,50	80,5	0,32
400							760	0,85	280	0,56	97,0	0,36
450							940	0,95	345	0,63	120	0,40
500							1130	1,00	415	0,71	145	0,45

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Heating Systems – Pressure Loss

Example 4:



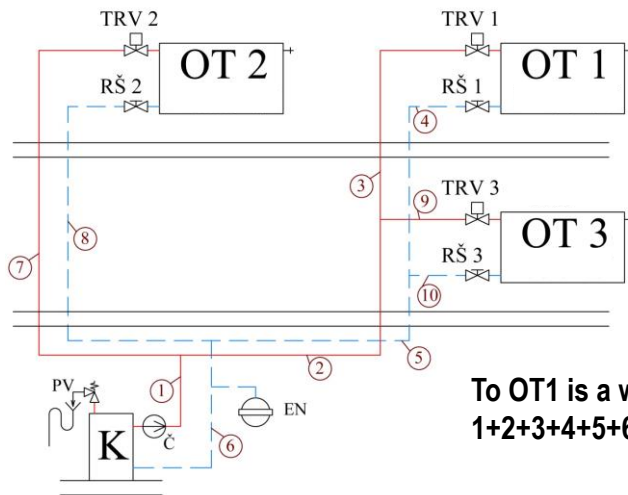
Section	m [kg/h]	d_{opt} [mm]	d_{real} [mm]	w_{real} [mm]	L [m]	R [Pa/m]	ξ [-]	R·L [Pa]	Z [Pa]	R·L+Z [Pa]
1					2		4,1			
2					5		2,5			
3					3		1,0			
4					3		2,5			
5					5		2,5			
6					2		0,6			
7					8		2,0			
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9					1		0			
10					1		0			

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Heating Systems – Pipe Design

Example 4:

60/50 °C

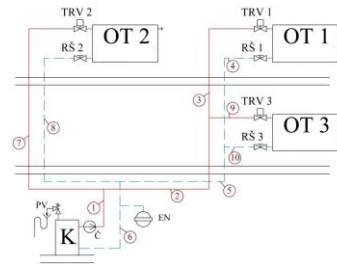


To OT1 is a way:
1+2+3+4+5+6

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Heating Systems – Pressure Loss

Example 4:



Next step is to set TRV (thermostatic valve) and RV (regulation valve) on each radiator in such way to achieve the same total pressure loss as in circuit OT 2 (i.e. increase pressure loss of circuits OT 1 and OT 3).

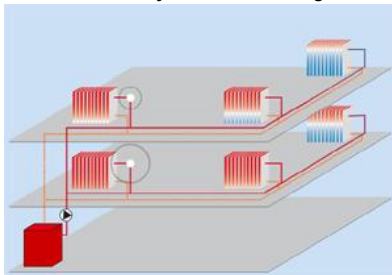
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Heating Systems – Pressure Loss

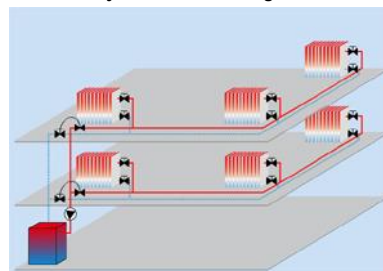
Example 4:

Without hydronic balancing



Disadvantages:
 High energy consumption
 Overheated or under-cooled rooms
 Flow noises at the valves

With hydronic balancing

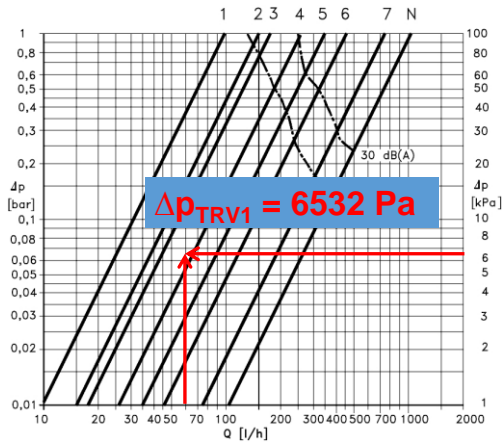


Advantages:
 Energy saving effect
 Optimum room temperatures
 No flow noises
 Good regulation behaviour of the system

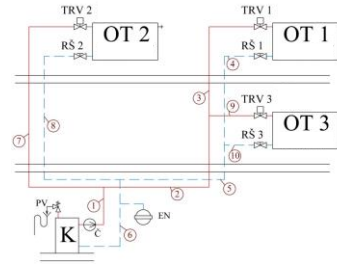
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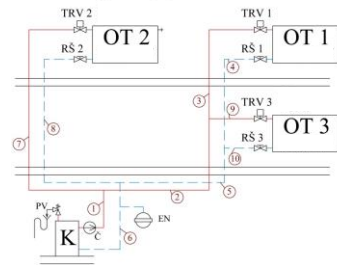


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Heating Systems – Pressure Loss

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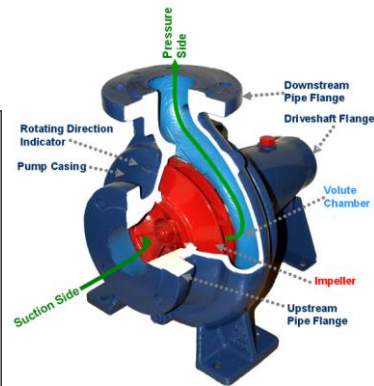
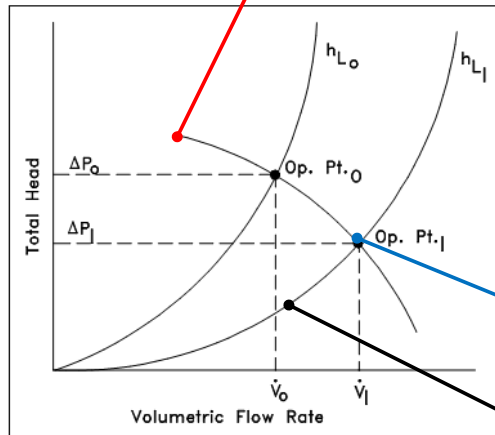


Finally – in all parts of heating system is the same pressure loss 15 331 Pa and 438 kg/h.

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Heating Systems – Pump

Pump characteristic:



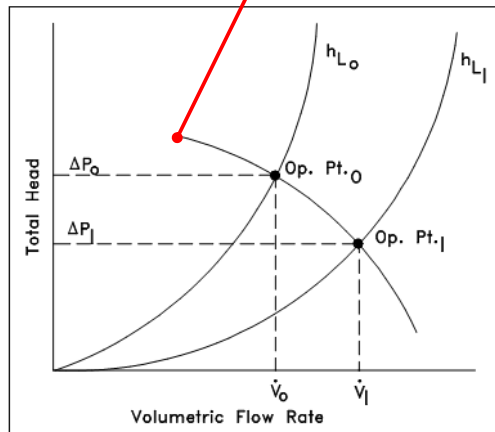
Operating point

System characteristic

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Heating Systems – Pump

Pump characteristic:

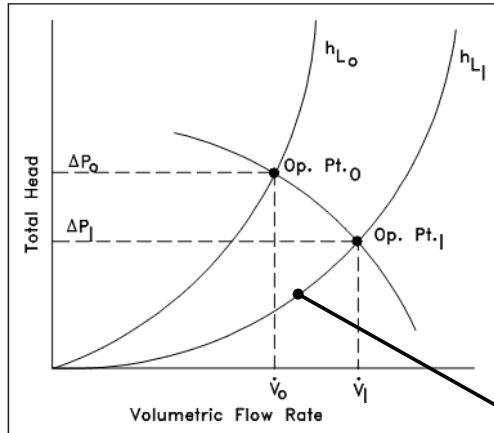


The **pump characteristic** curve describes the delivery pump pressure (or head) (Δp or H) as a function of the delivery volume of water, i.e. $\Delta p = f(V)$ or $H = f(V)$.

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Pump characteristic:



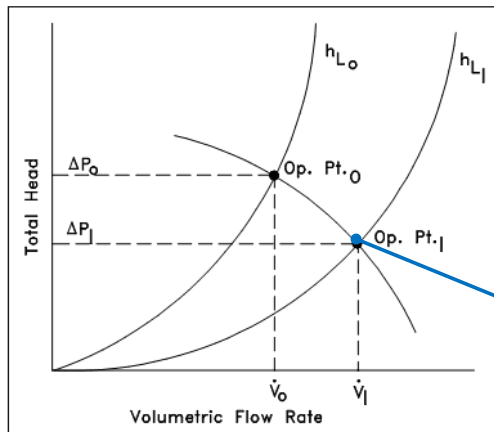
The **system characteristic** curve expresses the total pressure loss Δp_t (or total head loss H_f) required by the system as a function of the water flow rate V .

System characteristic

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Heating Systems – Pump

Pump characteristic:



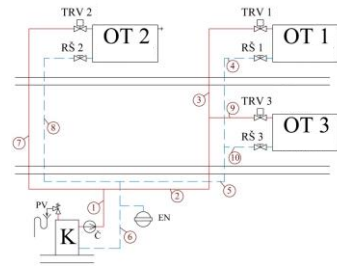
The **intersection point** of the system characteristic and the characteristic curve of a pump is called **operating point**. The point of operation determines current operating pressure (head) and the operating volume flow rate in the system.

Operating point

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Heating Systems – Pressure Loss

Example 4:



Finally – in all parts of heating system is the same pressure loss 15 331 Pa and 438 kg/h.

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Heating Systems – Expansion Vessel

Mostly it is the expansion vessel (tank) - a “cushion” for the expansion of hot water caused by heating. The size of this vessel depends on the overall water content in the heating system.

Different types:

- closed (pressure) expansion vessel
 - with half membrane (for small plants)
 - with full membrane

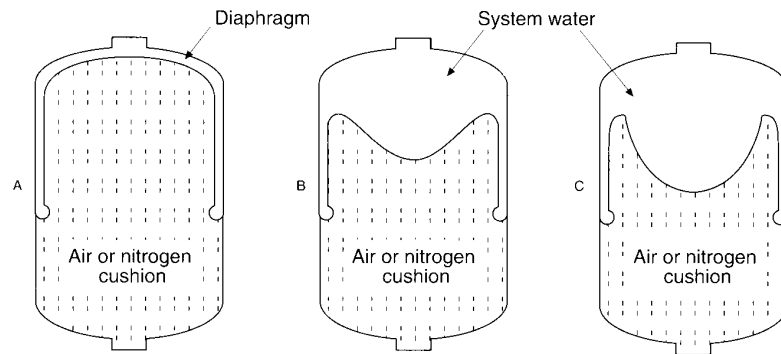


- automatic expansion device



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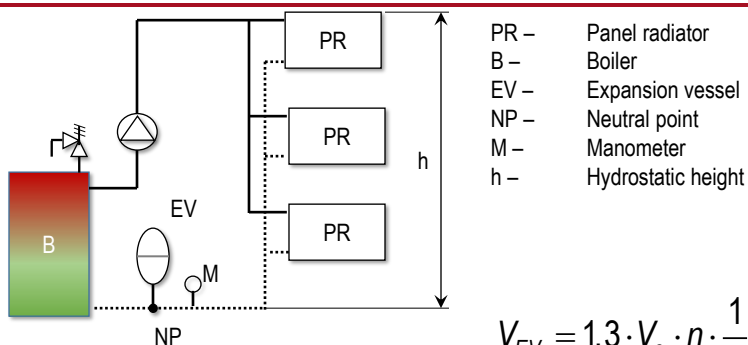
Heating Systems – Expansion Vessel



- A. When system is filled, no water enters tank when cushion and water pressure are in equilibrium
- B. As temperature increases, diaphragm moves to accept expanded water
- C. When water rises to maximum, full acceptance of expansion is achieved

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Heating Systems – Expansion Vessel



$$V_{EV} = 1,3 \cdot V_o \cdot n \cdot \frac{1}{\eta}$$

- V_{EV} – volume of closed exp. vessel [litres]
1,3 – safety coefficient [-]
 V_o – volume of water in the heating system [litres]
 n – expansion coefficient [-]
 η – degree of utilization of closed expansion vessel [-]

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Heating Systems – Expansion Vessel

Example 5:

V_0 is in our case 320 litres (the sum of water volume in pipes, heating radiators, boiler, etc.)

$$n = f(\Delta t_{max} = t_{max} - t_{min})$$

t_{max} is e.g. **60 °C** (according to maximum design temperature in our heating system)

t_{min} is usually **10 °C** (supposed as minimum temperature of cold water in heating systems - when filling system)

$$V_{EV} = 1,3 \cdot V_0 \cdot n \cdot \frac{1}{\eta}$$

Δt_{max} [K]	20	30	40	45	50	55	60	65	70
n [-]	0,00401	0,00749	0,01169	0,01413	0,01672	0,01949	0,02243	0,02551	0,02863
Δt_{max} [K]	75	80	85	90	95	100	105	110	115
n [-]	0,03198	0,03553	0,03916	0,04313	0,04704	0,05112	0,05529	0,05991	0,06435

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Heating Systems – Expansion Vessel

Example 5:

V_0 is in our case 320 litres (the sum of water volume in pipes, heating radiators, boiler, etc.)

$$V_{EV} = 1,3 \cdot V_0 \cdot n \cdot \frac{1}{\eta}$$

η is calculated according to following formula:

$$\eta = \frac{p_{h,dov,A} - p_{d,dov,A}}{p_{h,dov,A}}$$

Where pressures are the same as described previously, but they have to be expressed like absolute pressures by adding up barometric pressure $p_B = 100 \text{ kPa}$ (e.g. $p_{h,dov,A} = p_{h,dov} + 100 \text{ kPa}$)!

Highest allowed pressure is equal to opening pressure of safety valve and it is $p_{ot} = 350 \text{ kPa}$.

$$p_{d,dov,A} = 1,1 \cdot \rho \cdot g \cdot h \cdot 10^{-3} + p_B$$

Height h of our system is 4,5 m, density of water is $1000 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$

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Heating Systems – Expansion Vessel

Example 5:

V_0 is in our case 320 litres (the sum of water volume in pipes, heating radiators, boiler, etc.)

$$\Delta t_{max} = 60 - 10 = 50 \text{ K}$$

$$n = 0,01672 \text{ (from the table)}$$

$$p_{h,dov,A} = p_{ot,A} = 350 + 100 = 450 \text{ kPa}$$

$$p_{d,dov,A} = 1,1 \cdot \rho \cdot g \cdot h \cdot 10^{-3} + p_B = 1,1 \cdot 1000 \cdot 9,81 \cdot 4,5 \cdot 10^{-3} + 100 = \dots$$

$$\eta = \frac{p_{h,dov,A} - p_{d,dov,A}}{p_{h,dov,A}} = \frac{450 - \dots}{450} = \dots$$

$$V_{EV} = 1,3 \cdot V_0 \cdot n \cdot \frac{1}{\eta} = 1,3 \cdot 320 \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{1}{\dots} = \dots$$

Then you have to select vessel with the closest higher volume from the available sizes of the production line (2,4,6,10,15,30,60,... litres)

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