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**SOLAR HOT WATER SYSTEM INSTALLED AT MOBILE, ALABAMA -
FINAL REPORT**

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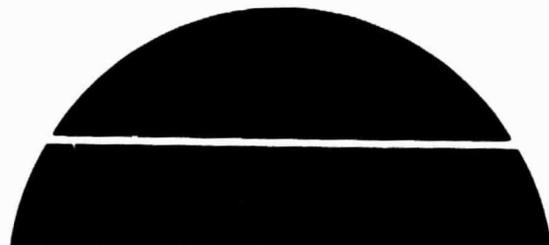
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MOBILE, ALABAMA

I. KEY WORD ABSTRACT

Application	Domestic Hot Water
Collector Type	Flat Plate, Liquid
Collector Manufacturer	Raypak, Inc.
Collector Area	1990 sq. ft. (Approximate)
Storage Capacity	2500 gallons
Hot Water Load	7.36×10^8 BTU/year
BTU's Produced	4.95×10^8 BTU/year
Building Owner	La Quinta Motor Inns, Inc.
Solar System Designer	Travis-Braun & Associates
Contractor (Installer)	Professional Plumbing & Heating

II. INTRODUCTION

La Quinta Motor Inns, Inc. retained Travis-Braun & Associates to design a solar assisted domestic hot water system for the new 122 unit La Quinta Motor Inn in Mobile, Alabama. The system was designed to supply approximately two thirds of the total hot water load. The Inn is a low-rise, two story building with flat roof for installation of solar panels.

III. DESIGN PHILOSOPHY

The Mobile, Alabama property was chosen for solar installation because of the favorable climatic condition and also because electric hot water heating was specified for this property in response to the Government's request to conserve natural gas during the energy crunch of the 1970's.

The system consists of six rows of ten collectors and three rows of eleven collectors mounted on the roof of the property. Griswald flow control valves were installed to regulate the flow to each row. Two Heliotrope electronic thermometers with a combined capability of measuring the temperatures of 22 different locations were installed for monitoring purposes.

Two heat exchanger tube bundles were installed in the 2500 gallon storage for transferring the solar heat to the domestic hot water system.

A. Collectors

The collectors chosen for this project were Model SG-18P manufactured by Raypak, Inc. A total of 93 collectors were used. The collectors were supplied with Model PR-18 Solar Panel Rack Kit which successfully withstood the force of Hurricane Frederick without any structural damage.

(See attached sheets on Raypak collectors.)

B. Storage System

A 2500 gallon insulated vertical steel storage tank was located outdoors next to the Inn's cooling tower. Temperature sensors and thermometers were installed in the storage tank for control function as well as monitoring purposes. A 1/12 Hp Grundfos recirculating pump was installed to improve heat transfer between the heat exchangers and stored water.

C. Heat Exchangers

Two heat exchanger tube bundles were mounted into the storage tank. The upper heat exchanger which served to extract heat from the storage tank to the domestic hot water system was sized for 100 gpm at 10°F temperature rise. The lower heat exchanger which served to transfer heat from the solar collectors to the storage tank was sized for 51 gpm at 10°F temperature drop.

A solution of ethylene glycol was used as heat transfer fluid between the solar collectors and the lower heat exchanger. With the use of the upper heat exchanger for the domestic hot water system, a double wall separation was achieved between the domestic hot water system and the ethylene glycol.

D. Pump and Controls

Two solar loop pumps, each sized for 100% of the solar system requirements were installed. The pumps are controlled by a temperature differential controller with an alternator for equal usage of the pumps.

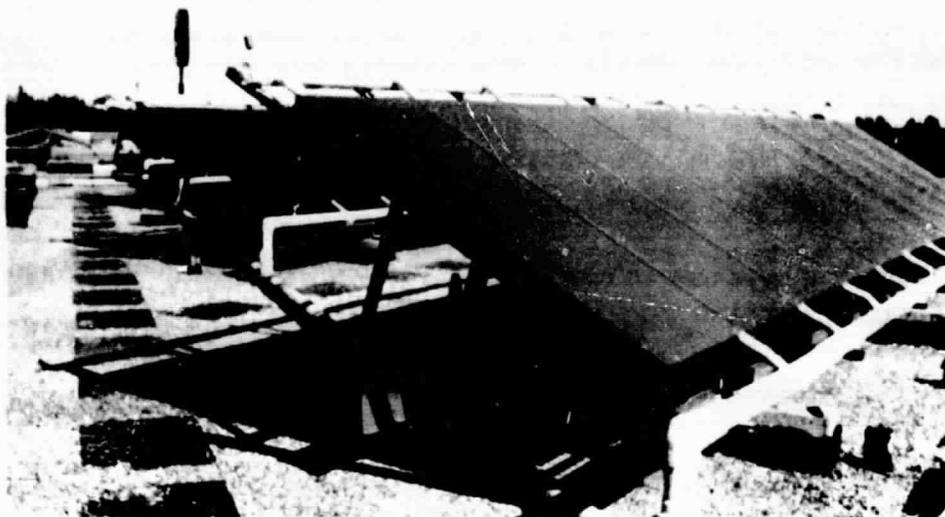
IV. OPERATION OF THE SYSTEM

The system was put into operation in the summer of 1979. Except for a few minor leaks in the piping, the system performed as designed until the property was struck by Hurricane Frederick in September of 1979. Flying debris did extensive damage to the solar panels and the solar system was delayed due to the need to wait for the completion of roof repair. The system was finally repaired by the end of January, 1980 and has been operating satisfactorily since then.

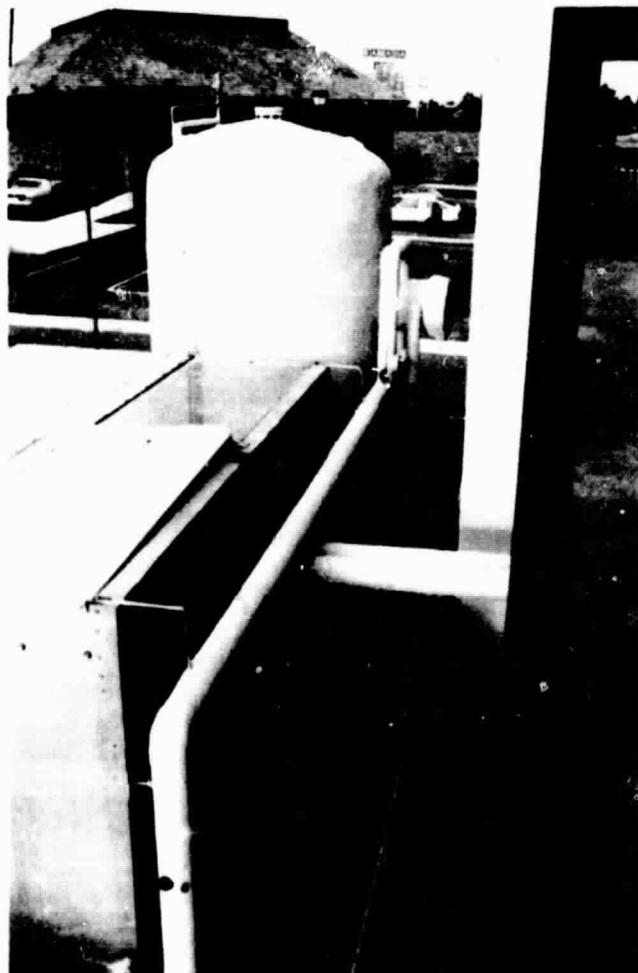
V. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND SOLUTIONS

In checking out the system after repairing the damages inflicted by Hurricane Frederick, it was noted that a few temperature readings were illogical. This was traced to incorrect wiring connections and true readings obtained after re-wiring.

VI. PICTURES OF FINAL INSTALLATION



1. Solar Collector Field

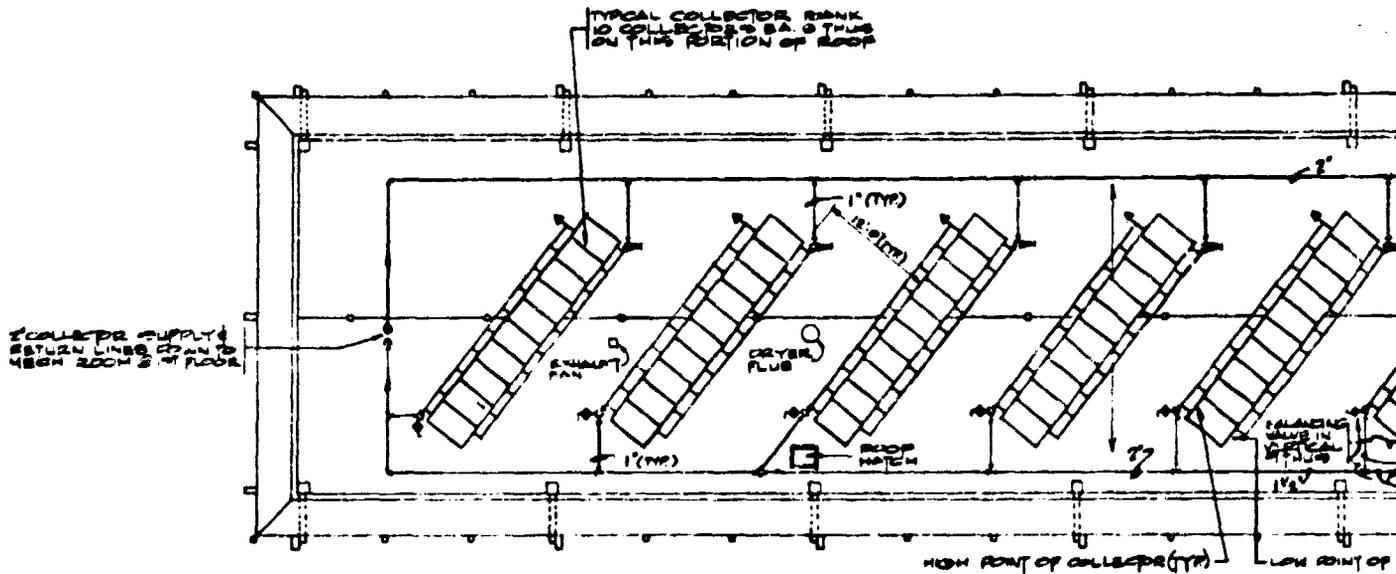


2. Cooling Tower and
Solar Hot Water
Storage Tank

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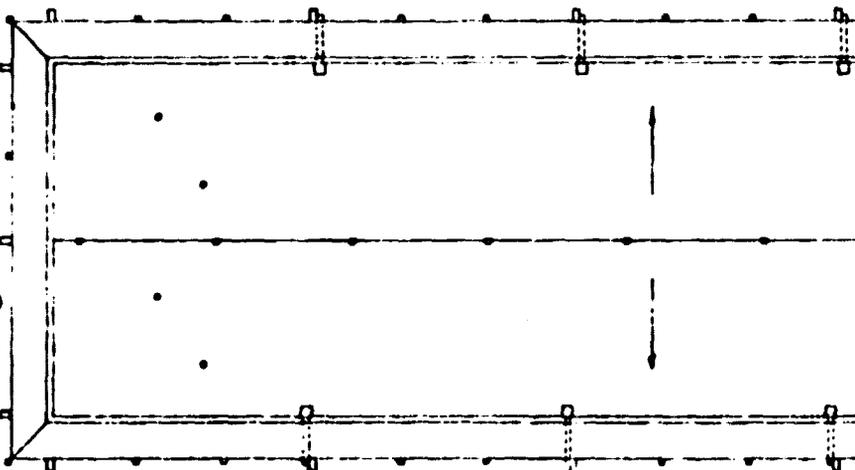
APPENDIX A
ROOF PLAN/SOLAR
FOR
LA QUINTA MOTOR INNS, INC.
MOBILE, ALABAMA

GENERAL NOTE
 CONTRACTOR TO VERIFY NORTH-SOUTH FRAMING
 AND TO LOCATE COLLECTOR PANELS FACING
 DUE SOUTH



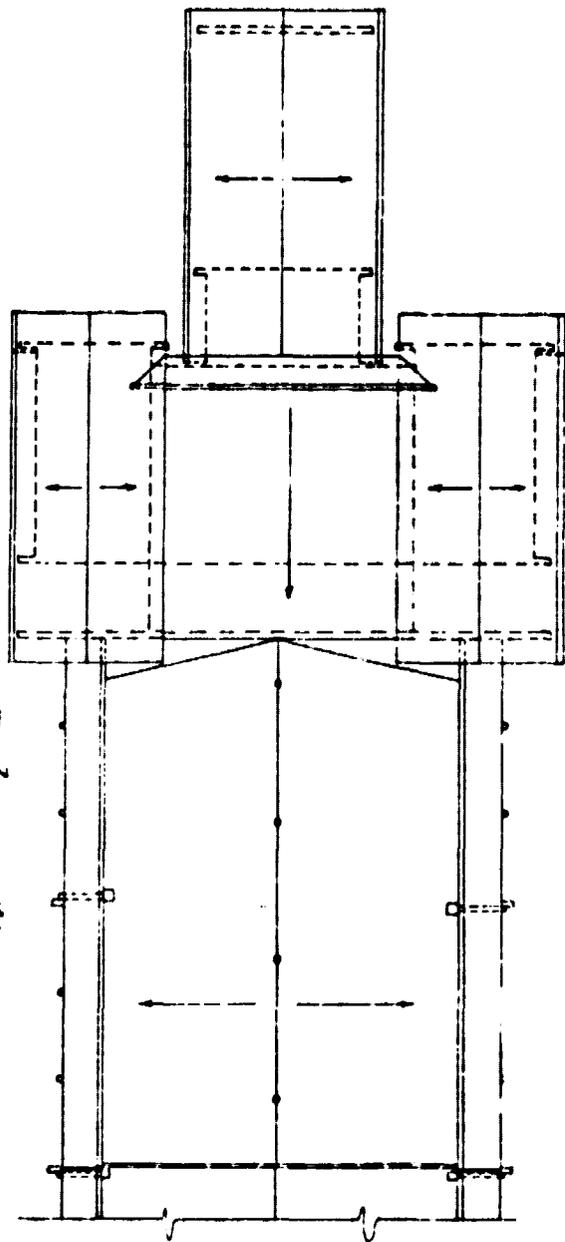
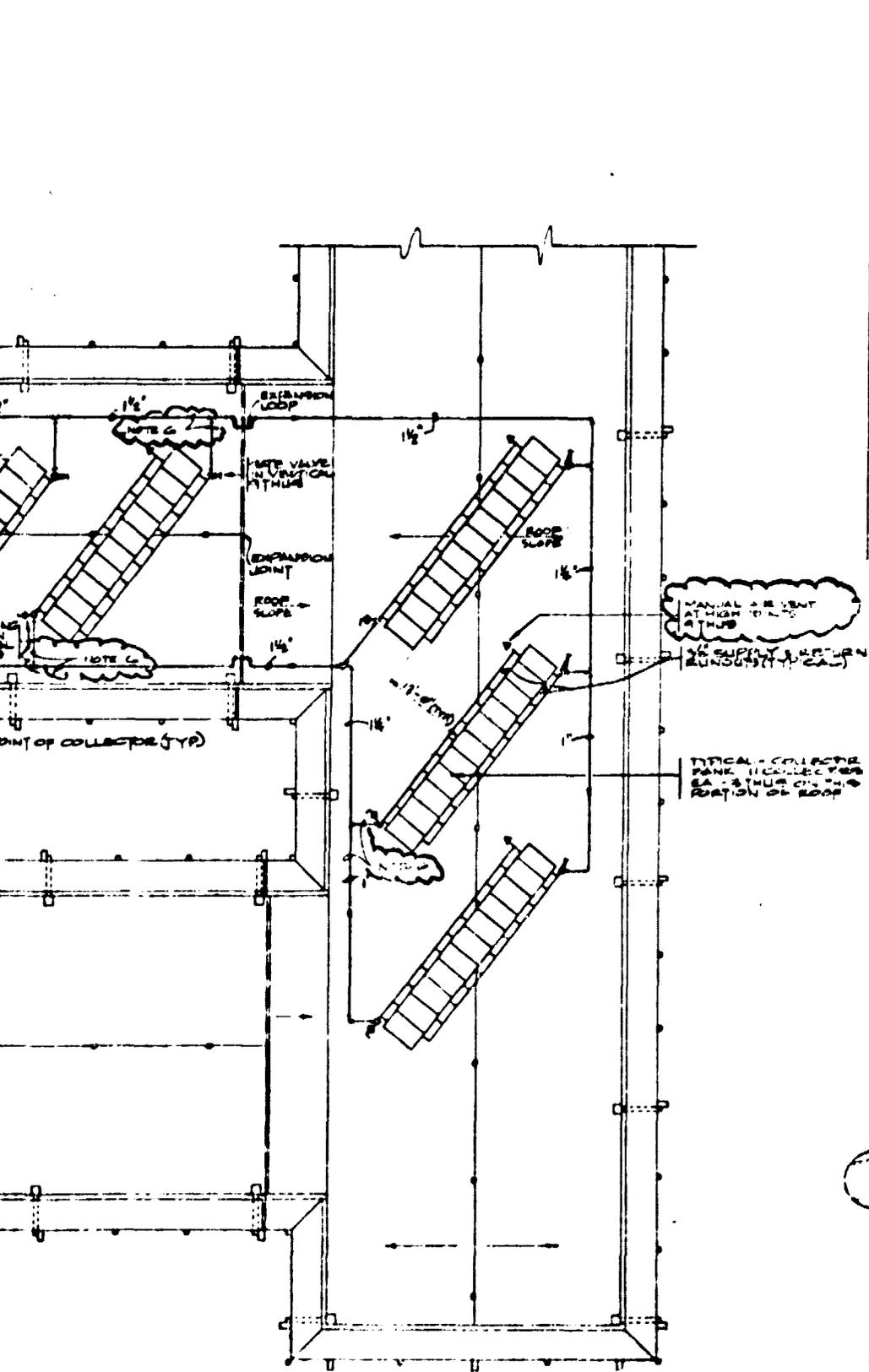
SOLAR NOTES

1. COLLECTOR INFORMATION:
 RAYON COLLECTORS
 UNIT AREA = 2000 SQ FT
 NET AREA = 1000 SQ FT
 NO. OF COLLECTOR PIPES = 10
 NO. ANCHORS = 10
 ANTI-FREEZE PROTECTION TO 4 FEET ABOVE GROUND IS REQUIRED FOR COLLECTOR PIPES. AT 2 FEET ABOVE GROUND IS REQUIRED FOR RETURN PIPES. BRANCHES TO PIPE MANIFOLD SHOULD BE INSULATED BY 2" MIN. OF POLYURETHANE INSULATION TO GROUND. ALL OTHER COLLECTOR PIPES TO BE INSULATED BY 2" MIN. OF POLYURETHANE INSULATION TO GROUND. MATCH PANEL ON 8" CENTER.



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ROLDOUT FRAME

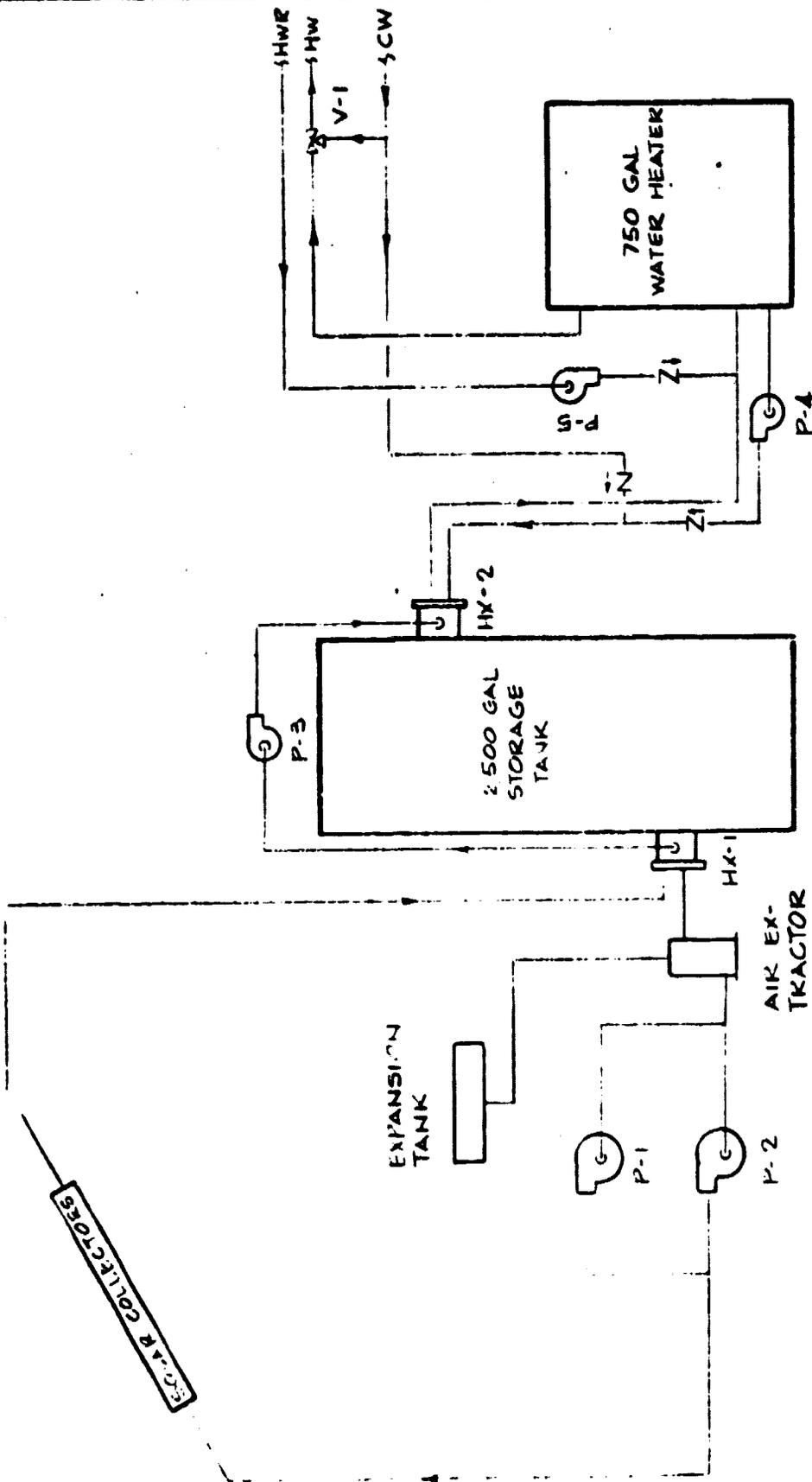


ROOF PLAN - SOLAR
SCALE 3/8" = 1'-0"

FOLDOUT FRAME 2

<p>A-2</p>	<p>ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING</p>	<p>MOBILE, ALABAMA</p>	<p>MOBILE, ALABAMA</p>	<p>MOBILE, ALABAMA</p>
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APPENDIX B
OPERATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
AND
MAINTENANCE MANUAL



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LA QUINTA MOTOR INN
MOBIL ALABAMA

SOLAR SYSTEM
SCHEMATIC

GENERAL DISCUSSION

This is a closed solar system utilizing two heat exchangers to transfer heat from the solar collectors to the domestic hot water system. Please refer to attached schematic drawing of the solar system.

P-1 and P-2 are solar loop pumps that circulate a solution of ethylene glycol and water between the solar collectors and the heat exchanger, HX-1. Only one solar loop pump is needed for the system operation, the other solar loop pump serves as 100% standby. The solar loop pumps are controlled by a temperature differential controller which starts the pump when the temperature at the solar collectors is 15°F higher than the temperature in the 2500 gallon storage tank. The temperature differential controller will deactivate the solar loop pump when the temperature at the solar collectors is not more than 3°F higher than the temperature in the 2500 gallon storage tank. An alternator alternates the operation of P-1 and P-2 for equal usage.

P-3 is a recirculating pump to improve the heat transfer between the heat exchangers and the stored water in the 2500 gallon storage tank. P-3 is interlocked with P-1 and P-2 so that if either P-1 or P-2 is activated, so will P-3.

Domestic cold water will enter heat exchanger, HX-2, to be preheated before entering the 750 gallon water heater. When the temperature in the 2500 gallon storage tank reached a minimum of 10°F higher than the temperature of the water in the 750 gallon water heater, another temperature differential controller will activate pump P-4 to transfer the heat from the 2500 gallon storage tank to the 750 gallon water heater. Pump P-4 will be de-activated when the temperature in the 2500 gallon storage tank is only 5°F higher than the temperature of the 750 gallon water heater.

P-5 is the usual hot water recirculating pump of the buildings hot water system.

Mixing valve, V-1 is set to prevent the temperature of the hot water supplied to the building from exceeding 140°F.

II

MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

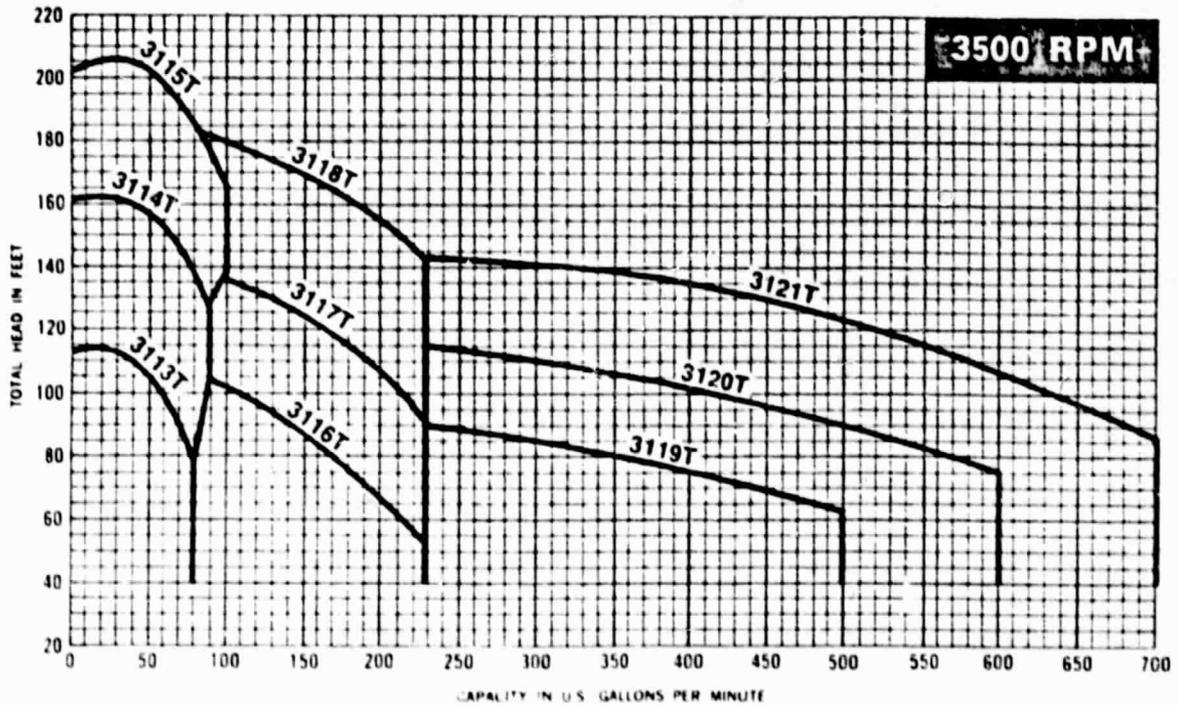
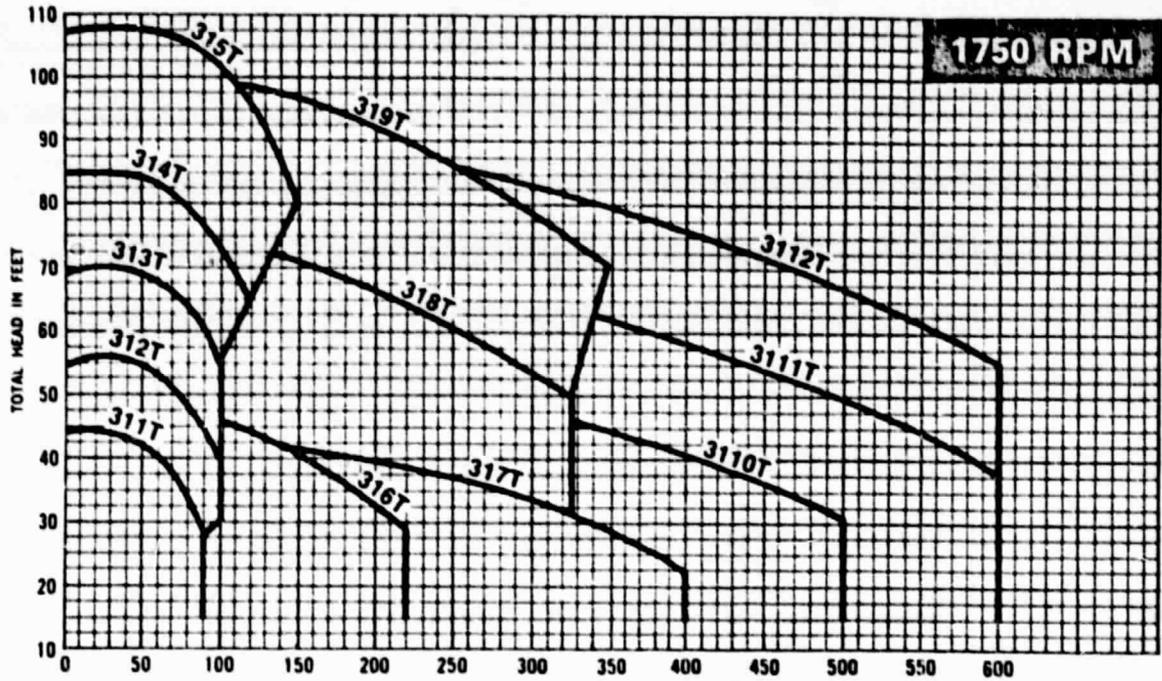
1. Once a Week:
 - a. Check fluid level in the solar system expansion tank. If low, add a 50-50 mixture of ethylene glycol and water to the system. CAUTION: NEVER ADD PLAIN WATER TO THE SYSTEM.
2. Once a Month:
 - a. Wash glass surfaces of the solar collectors using a mild detergent solution and a soft brush. Thoroughly rinse with clean water.
 - b. Check temperature differential controllers and alternator for proper operation.
 - c. Check for fluid leaks from collectors and piping.
3. Once a Year:
 - a. Check pump seals for leakage.
 - b. Draw a sample of heat transfer fluid from the solar system for analysis and determination of any action needed to provide maximum corrosion inhibition.

APPENDIX C
MANUFACTURER'S LITERATURE

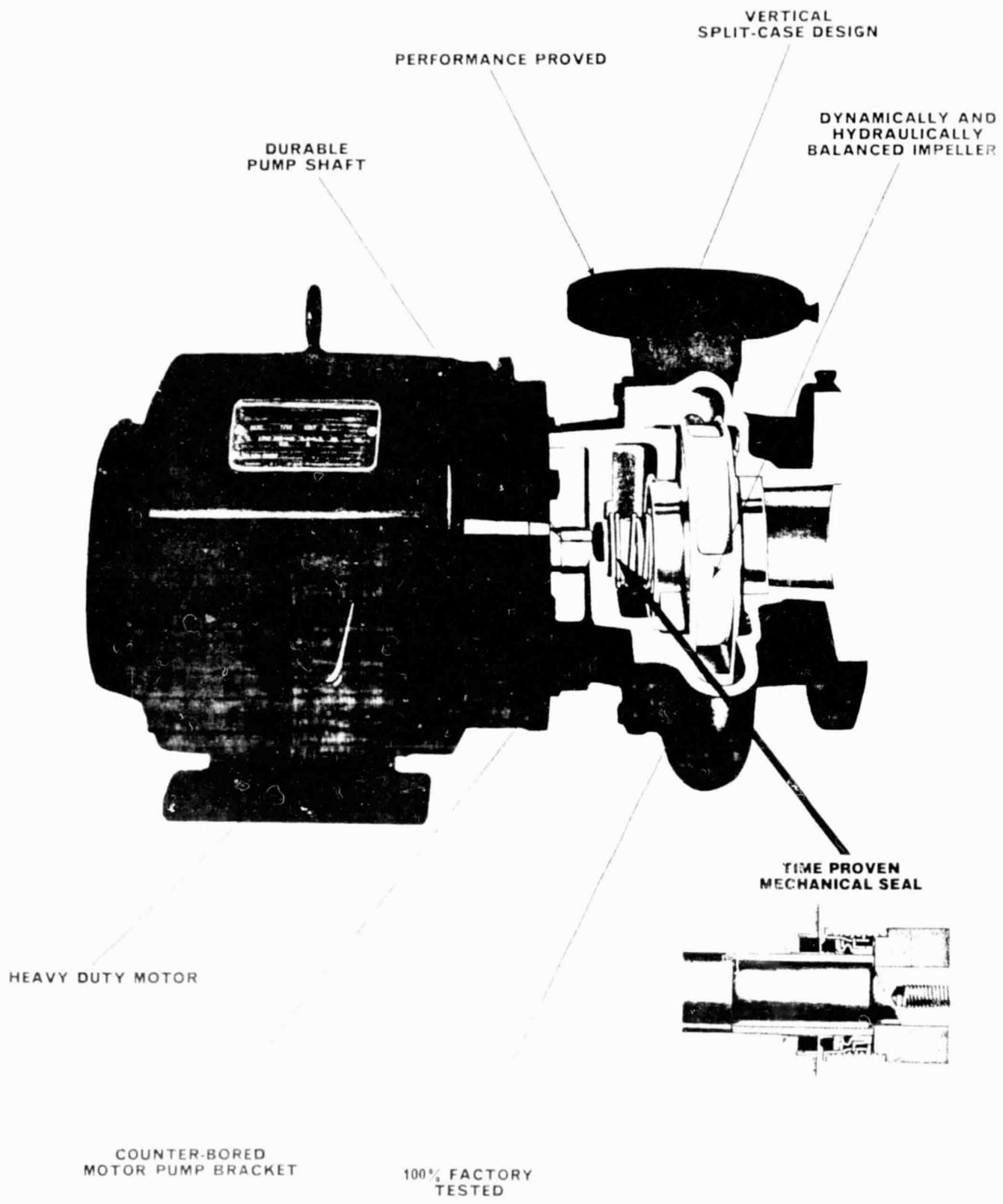
Series 1531 pumps available from stock SELECTION

An important feature of the 1531 Type B pumps is the availability of the most commonly used pump-body and motor combinations from factory stock. These stock pumps assure quick service when immediate shipment of pumps is required. All stock pumps are of bronze fitted construction.

Each pump is available with 208 or 230/460 volt, 60 cycle, 3 phase dripproof motor. For pump capacities or motor characteristics other than those shown see pages 8 through 11.



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VERTICAL
SPLIT-CASE DESIGN

PERFORMANCE PROVED

DYNAMICALLY AND
HYDRAULICALLY
BALANCED IMPELLER

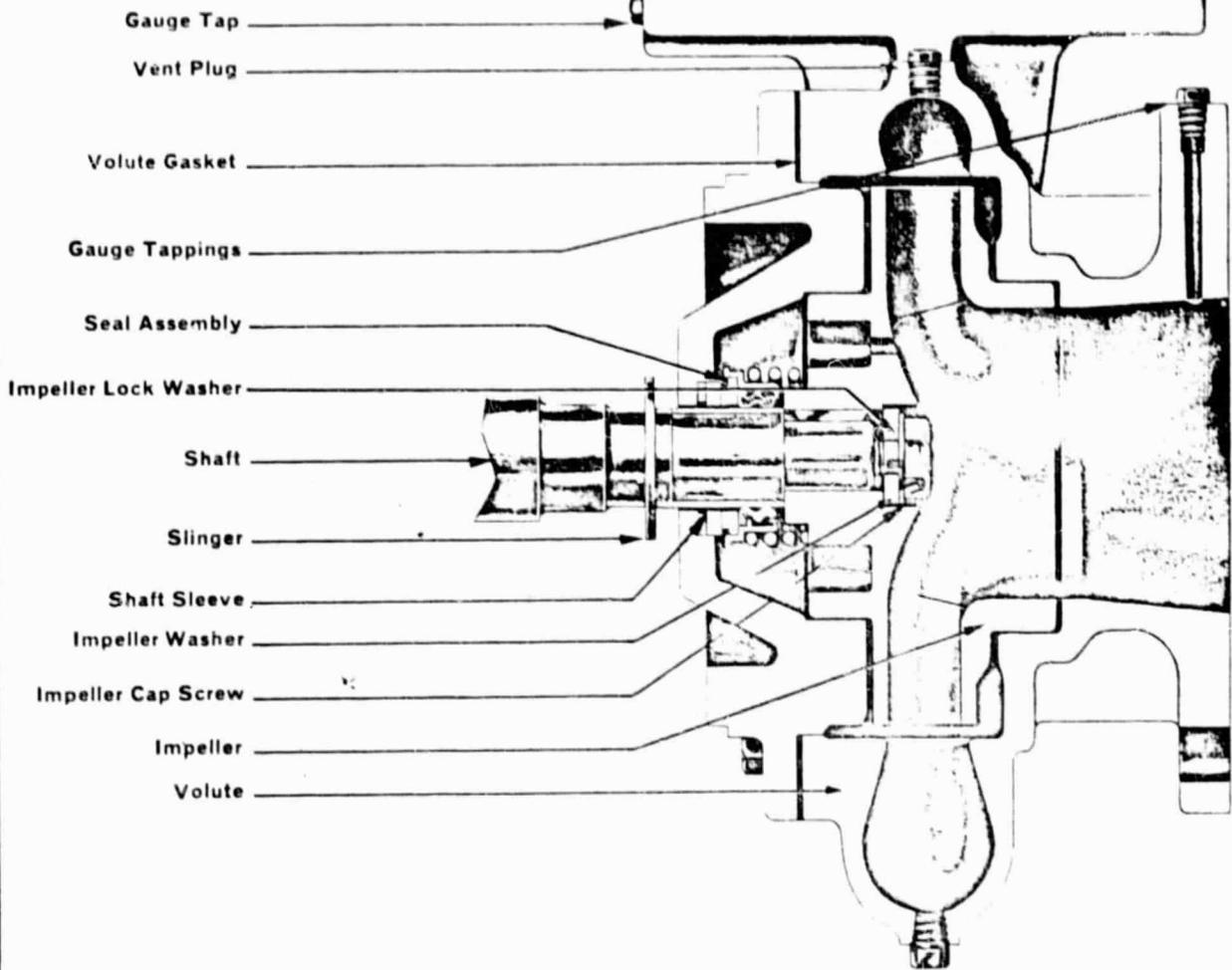
DURABLE
PUMP SHAFT

TIME PROVEN
MECHANICAL SEAL

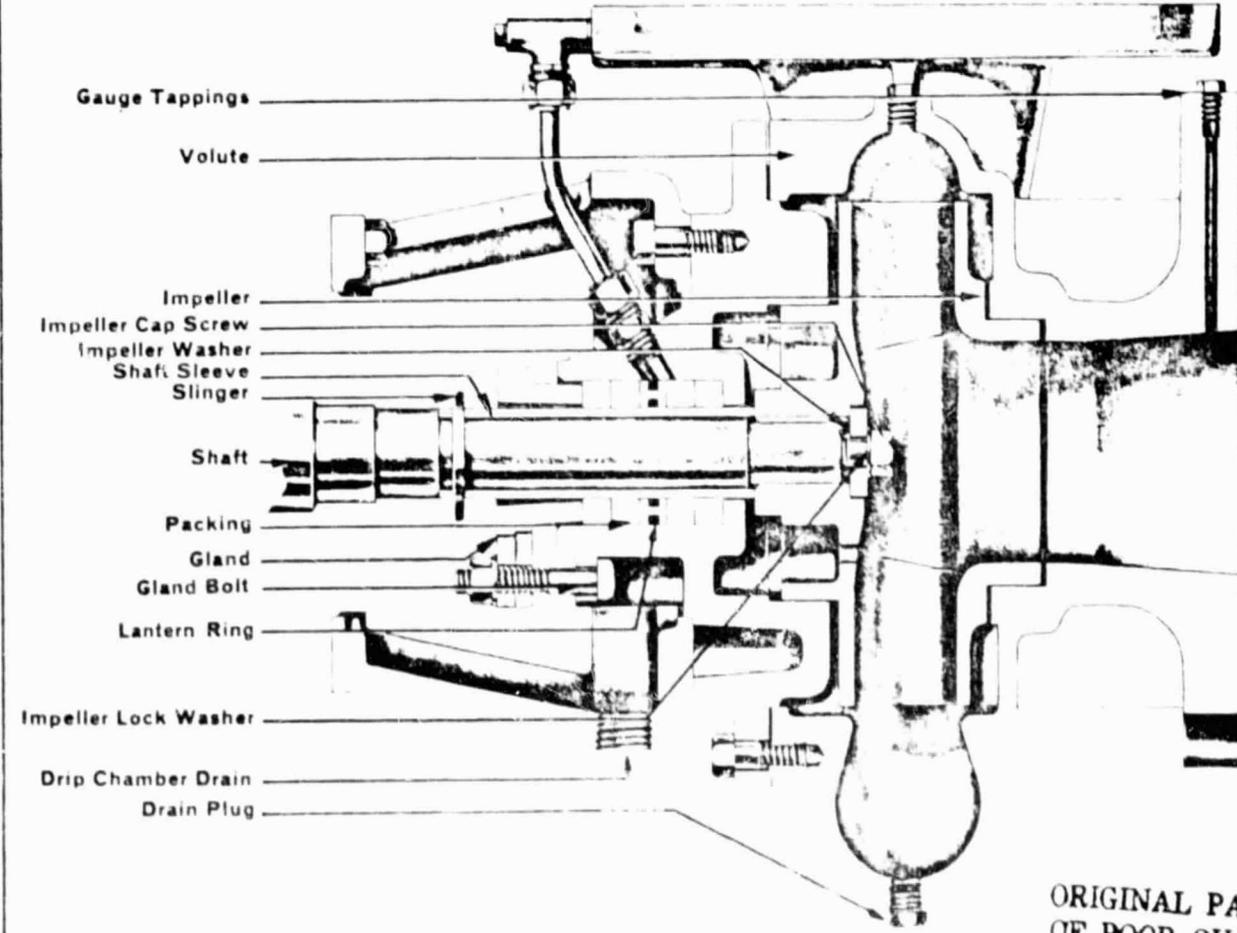
HEAVY DUTY MOTOR

COUNTER-BORED
MOTOR PUMP BRACKET

100% FACTORY
TESTED



1531



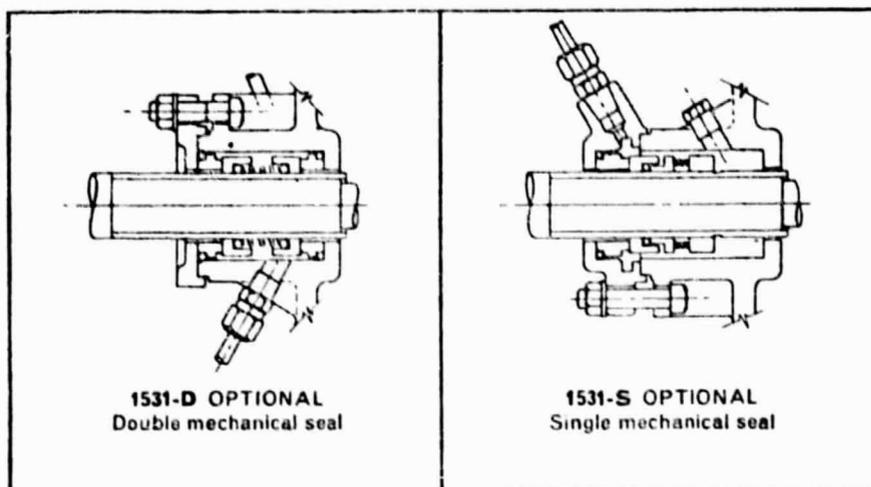
1531-PF

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Construction Materials (for parts in contact with fluid pumped)

STANDARD MECHANICAL SEAL

DESCRIPTION	BRONZE FITTED PUMP	ALL IRON PUMP	ALL BRONZE PUMP
Impeller	Bronze	Cast Iron	Bronze
Impeller Key	Stainless Steel	Stainless Steel	Stainless Steel
Impeller Washer	Brass	Steel	Brass
Impeller Lock Washer	Stainless Steel	Stainless Steel	Stainless Steel
Impeller Screw	Stainless Steel	Stainless Steel	Stainless Steel
Shaft	Steel	Steel	Steel
Shaft Sleeve	Aluminum Bronze	Stainless Steel	Aluminum Bronze
Slinger	Neoprene	Neoprene	Neoprene
Volute	Cast Iron	Cast Iron	Bronze
Volute Gasket	Impregnated Paper	Impregnated Paper	Impregnated Paper
Seal/Seat	Carbon/Ceramic	Carbon/Ceramic	Carbon/Ceramic



Construction Materials (for parts in contact with fluid pumped)

STUFFING BOX CONSTRUCTION

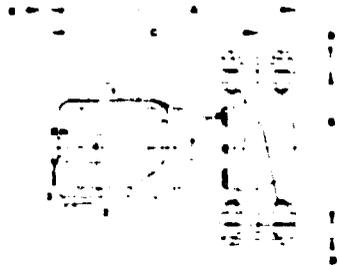
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Impeller Lock Washer	Stainless Steel	Stainless Steel
Impeller Screw	Stainless Steel	Stainless Steel
Packing	Impregnated Asbestos	Impregnated Asbestos
Lantern Ring	Glass Filled Teflon	Glass Filled Teflon
Gland	Bronze	Cast Iron
Gland Nuts and Bolts	Stainless Steel	Stainless Steel
Shaft	Steel	Steel
Shaft Sleeve	Stainless Steel	Stainless Steel
Slinger	Neoprene	Neoprene
Volute	Cast Iron	Cast Iron
Volute Gasket	Impregnated Paper	Impregnated Paper
Shaft Seal/Seat (Single)	Tungsten Carbide/Carbon	Tungsten Carbide/Carbon
(Double)	Ceramic/Carbon	Ceramic/Carbon

IRON AND BRONZE BOOSTER PUMP

Performance characteristics are based on using 1/2" or 1" flanges. When using 3/4" or 1" flanges performance will be slightly reduced.



MODEL NO	FLANGE SIZE NPT INCHES (specify size)	STANDARD 60 CYCLE MOTOR CHARACTERISTICS (special motors available on request)		DIMENSIONS IN INCHES (open drip-proof)					APPROX SHPG. WT LBS	
		HP	VOLTAGE	A	B	C	D	E	IRON BODY	BRONZE
SERIES 100	1 & 1 1/4	1.12	115	15	6 1/2	12 1/4	4 1/2	—	21	21
SC 75	SWEAT			17 1/2	7 1/2	—	15 1/2	—	—	—
SERIES PR	1 & 1 1/4	1	115 With Built in Overload Protection	16 1/4	3 1/2	13 1/4	5 1/2	—	35	37
SERIES HV	1			16 1/4		13 1/4	5 1/2	—	28	30
2	2	1/4	115	17 1/4	10	14 1/4	6 1/2	—	40	42
2 1/2	2 1/2			17 1/4		14 1/4	6 1/2	—	58	62
LD3	3	1/4	208, 230, 460	18 1/4	12	15 1/4	11 1/2	—	55	60
HD3		1/2		18 1/4		15 1/4	11 1/2	—	60	65
PD35 S	3	1/2	115, 230	20 1/4	14 1/2	17 1/4	11 1/2	1 1/2	78	83
PD35 T		3	208, 230, 460	20 1/4		17 1/4		1 1/2	75	80
PD37 S	3	1/4	115, 230	21 1/4	14 1/2	17 1/4	11 1/2	—	85	90
PD37 T		3	208, 230, 460	21 1/4		17 1/4		—	82	87
PD38 S	3	1	115, 230	22 1/4	14 1/2	19 1/4	11 1/2	—	128	138
PD38 T		3	208 or 230, 460	22 1/4		19 1/4		—	125	135
PD40 S	3	1	115, 230	24 1/4	14 1/2	20 1/4	11 1/2	—	130	140
PD40 T		3	208 or 230, 460	24 1/4		20 1/4		—	127	137



ELECTRICAL BOX ARRANGEMENT FOR BOOSTER PUMPS WITH BELL & GOSSETT MANUFACTURED MOTORS

Model Number	#1	#2	#3	#4
Series 100 and SC 75	All Std.	Other		
Series HV and 2"	115 Volt	1 1/2"	3 1/2"	
Series PR 2 1/2", LD3 and HD3		1 1/2"		
PD35 and PD37			All	
PD38 and PD40				All

How to select a B&G Booster Pump
 Required: 10 GPM at 6 ft head. Look first at the bottom of the Booster Pump Capacity Chart where pump delivery is shown. Run a line straight upward from the 10 gallon point until it intersects a horizontal line from the 6 ft. head on scale at left. From this point pump capacity curves slightly above this intersection. The pump is selected in this case is 22 booster pump model PD37. This is the smallest B&G booster pump which will do the job.

MAXIMUM WORKING PRESSURE 125 PSI
 MAXIMUM OPERATING TEMPERATURE
 Standard gear
 25 F. continuous
 25 F. intermittent on closed or restricted
 standard temperature control required
 2. Installation and System Requirements
 1. Be Sealed
 2. Be Continuously monitored
 3. Be properly B&G representative

Seven Vital Points

Explain the preference for the B&G BOOSTER PUMP



The prime requisite of a forced hot water heating pump is quiet operation! In this respect the B&G Booster pump is completely outstanding.

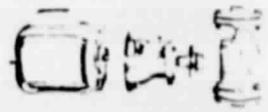
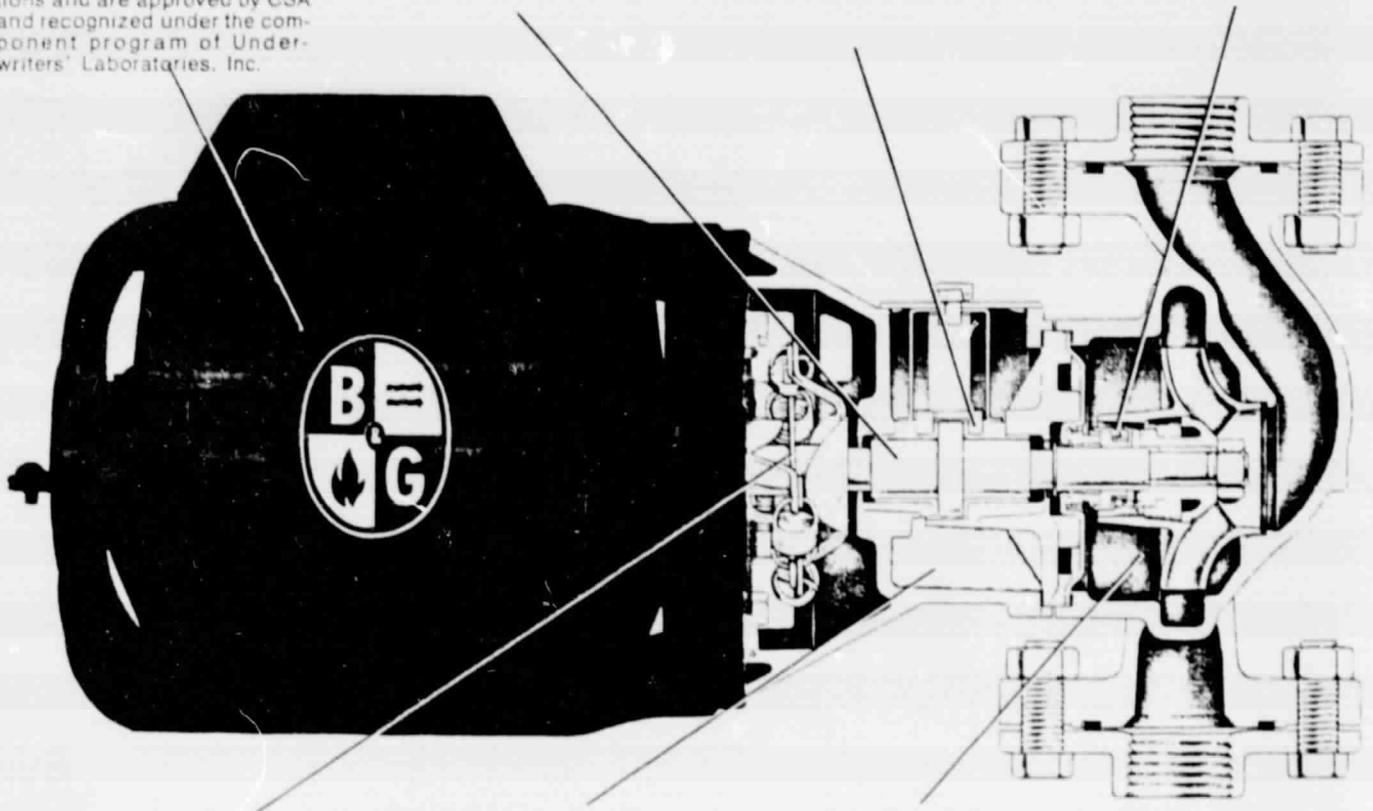
All open motors except 1 HP and 1½ HP single phase ratings are manufactured by Bell & Gossett to rigid specifications and are approved by CSA and recognized under the component program of Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.

The B&G Booster pump shaft is big—oversized—affording large bearing surfaces.

Note the thrust collar—an integral part of the shaft. It prevents end-thrust movement, a deadly enemy of seal and motor bearings.

Bronze, sleeve-type bearings are extra long to maintain the shaft in exact alignment. A special lubrication groove is machined into each bearing to provide a constant circulation of oil over the bearing surface. These features combine to assure smooth, dependable, quiet operation.

This seal provides protection against water leakage into the bearings and has a long record of successful operation. The extremely hard material of which the seal is made and its ingenious method of assembly assure long service.



The arms of the Booster pump coupler are held together with springs—a design which dampens vibration and noise. Since elimination of noise is a primary consideration in heating pump construction, this flexible coupling is a notable feature of the B&G Booster pump. It has such a successful record it is used on all B&G in-line hydronic pumps through ¼ HP.

The oiling system of a B&G Booster pump is very simple and extremely effective. Oil is carried up by wool wicking from a reservoir and keeps the shaft and bearings in a continuous bath of oil.

The impeller is of true centrifugal design. The unique construction effectively prevents the accumulation of air at the seal face* which assures long seal life and quiet operation. Close tolerances between impeller and pump body keep water slippage to a minimum.

*Patent No. 2,541,607

Servicing of B&G Booster Pumps is simplified because the pumps are manufactured to rigid specifications and quality standards which assure complete interchangeability of parts.

By removing a few bolts, the Booster pump can be separated into three parts, permitting servicing without breaking pipe connections.

APPENDIX D
VERIFICATION



VERIFICATIONS

1. Final Field Inspection

A team consisting of Jay Forester, Ronald Wang (Owner's Representatives), Douglas Westrope (Department of Energy Representative), and Jack Lortie (Installing Contractor) met for final inspection on March 3 and 4, 1980.

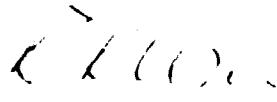
The installation was found to be complete and operating as called for in the plans. The control system was checked out and confirmed to be performing as designed.

2. Data Obtained During Final Field Inspection

Please see attached sheets.

3. Acceptance

The installation is considered completed and accepted.



Ronald K. Wang
Mechanical/Electrical Engineer
Development Division

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Attachments

MOBILE LA QUINTA SOLAR INSTALLATION

DATE	March 3, 1980		
TIME	2:00 pm	3:00 pm	4:00 pm
Solar Bank A Temp., °F	153	145	131
Solar Bank B Temp., °F	153	146	131
Solar Bank C Temp., °F	154	147	133
Solar Bank D Temp., °F	154	147	134
Solar Bank E Temp., °F	154	146	131
Solar Bank F Temp., °F	155	148	135
Solar Bank G Temp., °F	153	145	130
Solar Bank H Temp., °F	153	145	134
Solar Bank I Temp., °F	153	145	130
Inlet Temp. to HX-1 (Solar) °F	155	150	134
Outlet Temp. from HX-1 (Solar) °F	132*	135	118*
Inlet Temp. to HX-2 (HW) °F	56	57	89
Outlet Temp. from HX-2 (HW) °F	81	94	93
Insolation BTU/sq. ft.	380	385	380
Solar Pump Flow G.P.M.	38	38	38
Storage Tank Temp., °F	129	131	130

*Insulation downstream of sensor temporarily removed for inspection.

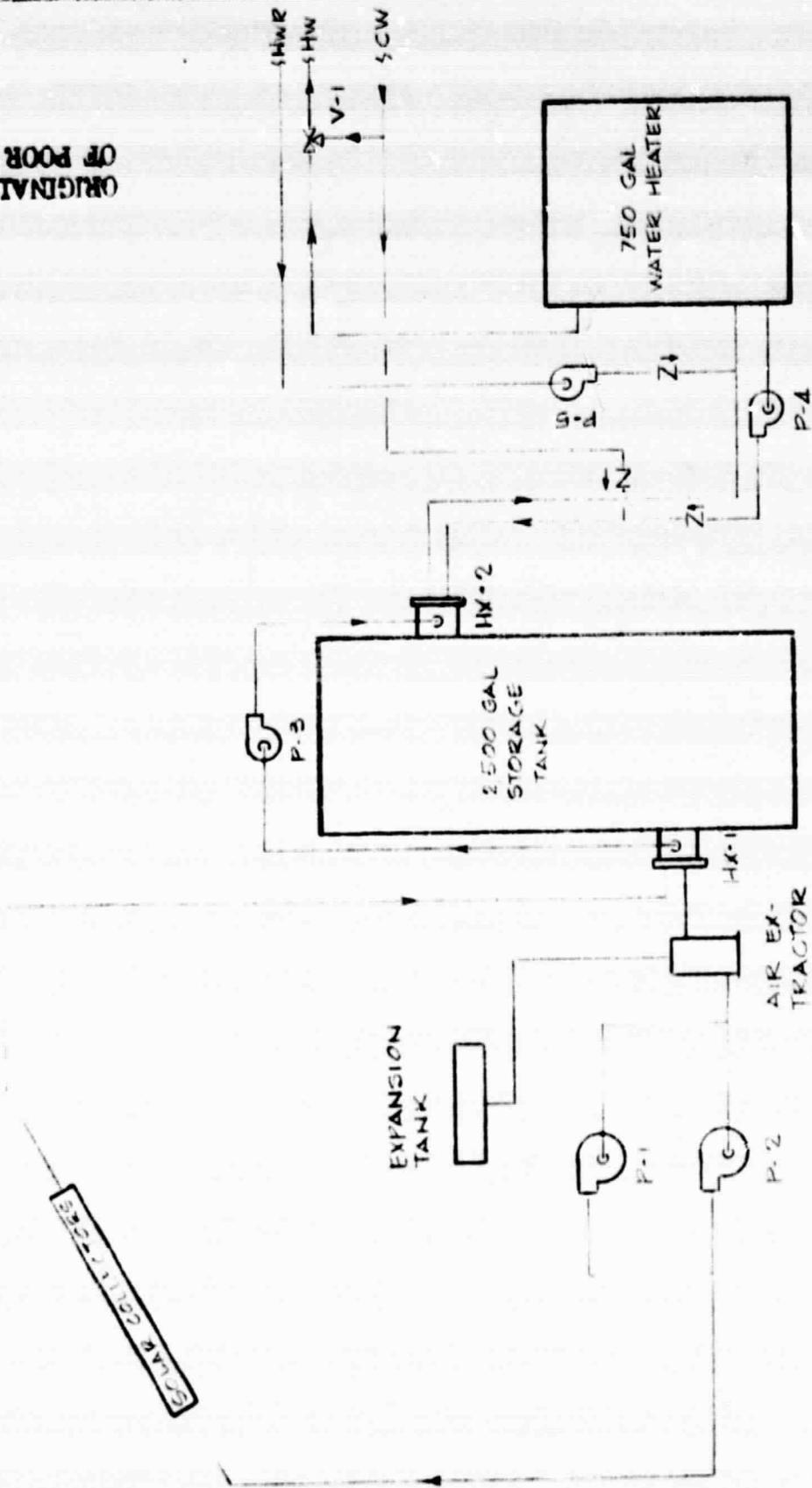
MOBILE LA QUINTA SOLAR INSTALLATION

DATE	March 4, 1980		
TIME	10:30 am	12:00 noon	1:30 pm
Solar Bank A Temp., °F	141	129	141
Solar Bank B Temp., °F	143	139	142
Solar Bank C Temp., °F	138	120	144
Solar Bank D Temp., °F	140	130	143
Solar Bank E Temp., °F	136	121	133
Solar Bank F Temp., °F	136	121	131
Solar Bank G Temp., °F	135	121	135
Solar Bank H Temp., °F	120	120	143
Solar Bank I Temp., °F	120	126	142
Inlet Temp. to HX-1 (Solar) °F	132	130	143
Outlet Temp. from HX-1 (Solar) °F	115	124	137
Inlet Temp. to HX-2 (HW) °F	58	58	59
Outlet Temp. from HX-2 (HW) °F	65	82	81
Insolation BTU/sq. ft.	390	60 - 390+	80 - 120+
Solar Pump Flow G.P.M.	38	38	38
Storage Tank Temp., °F	75	90	108

+Clouds passing overhead.

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SOLAR SYSTEM
SCHEMATIC

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