GAS FURNACES

INSTALLATION CERTIFICATION

Certification Information

Scope - Tests a candidate's knowledge of the installation, service, maintenance, and repair of HVAC systems. System sizes are limited to 400,000 BTU or less heating capacity.

Oualifications

- Y This is a test and certification for **TECHNICIANS** in the HVAC industry. The test is designed for top level installation technicians. This test for certification is not intended for the HVAC system designer, sales force, or the engineering community. To become NATE-certified, you must pass this specialty and a CORE INSTALL exam.
- Y This test will measure what 80% of the **Gas Furnaces** candidates have an 80% likelihood of encountering at least once during the year on a **NATIONAL** basis.
- Y Suggested requirement is one year of field experience working on Gas Furnaces systems as an installation technician and technical training for theoretical knowledge.

Test Specifications

Closed Book 2.5 Hour Time Limit 100 Questions Passing Score: PASS/FAIL Listed are the percentages of questions that will be in each section of the Gas Furnaces exam.

SECTION AREA DESCRIPTION	SECTION PERCENTAGE
Installation	40%
Service	10%
System Components	30%
Applied Knowledge	20%

Gas Furnaces Industry References

The reference materials listed below will be helpful in preparing for this exam. These materials may <u>NOT</u> contain all of the information necessary to be competent in this specialty or to pass the exam.

- American National Standards Institute (ANSI) / Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA) Manuals Latest Edition
 - "D", "J", "QI" Quality Installation, and "S"
- ACCA Manuals "T" and "RS" Latest Editions
- ACCA Residential Duct Diagnostics and Repair Latest Edition
- AHRI-Hydronics Section-IBO/RAH Latest Edition
- International Energy Conservation Code Latest Edition with Addendum
- International Mechanical Code Latest Edition with Addendum
- International Plumbing Code Latest Edition with Addendum
- Uniform Mechanical Code Latest Edition with Addendum
- Specification of Energy-Efficient Installation and Maintenance Practices for Residential HVAC Systems developed by Consortium for Energy
 Efficiency (CEE) Latest Edition with Addendum
- ASHRAE Standard-62.2 Latest Edition with Addendum
- ANSI / ASHRAE Standard-152-2004 Latest Edition with Addendum
- ENERGY STAR™ Home Sealing Standards Latest Edition with Addendum
- Duct Calculators Sheet Metal, Ductboard, and Flexible Duct
- American National Standards Institute (ANSI) / Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association, Inc. (SMACNA)
 Manuals
 - HVAC Duct Construction Standards Metal and Flexible
- Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association, Inc. (SMACNA) Manuals
 - Fibrous Glass Duct Construction Standards, Residential Comfort System Installation Standards Manual, and HVAC Air Duct Leakage Test Manual
- Air Diffusion Council Flexible Duct Performance & Installation Standards
- North American Insulation Manufacturers Association (NAIMA) Manuals
 - · Fibrous Glass Duct Construction Standards and A Guide to Insulated Air Duct Systems
- International Fuel Gas Code Latest Edition with Addendum
- National Fuel Gas Code Latest Edition with Addendum

Passing Score Development Process

The passing scores for the NATE tests were established using a systematic procedure (a Passing Score Study). This procedure employed the judgment of experienced HVAC professionals and educators representing various HVAC specialties and geographical areas. The passing scores were set using criteria defining competent performance. The passing score for different test forms may vary slightly due to the comparative difficulty of the test questions.

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Heating - Warm Air - Gas

Installer

INSTALLATION

INSTALLING GAS FURNACES

SELECTING GAS FURNACE SITES

Locating furnaces in attics

Locating furnaces in crawlspaces

Locating furnaces in closets

Locating furnaces in basements

Locating furnaces in utility rooms

Locating furnaces in garages

Locating packaged furnaces on rooftops

Locating packaged furnaces for outdoor installations

MOUNTING FURNACES

How to suspend horizontal furnaces in attics

How to suspend horizontal furnaces in crawlspaces

How to mount horizontal furnaces on attic floors

How to mount upflow / downflow furnaces in closets

How to mount upflow / downflow furnaces in basements

How to mount upflow / downflow furnaces in utility rooms

How to mount upflow / downflow furnaces in garages

How to mount packaged furnaces on rooftops

How to mount packaged furnaces for outdoor installations

CONNECTING UTILITIES

Connection of gas piping

Connection of field wiring

INSTALLATION OF METAL VENTING SYSTEMS

Determination of routing

Cutting of metal vent systems to proper length

Assembly of metal vent systems

Securing of metal vent systems

Installation of vent termination

INSTALLATION OF PVC / ABS VENTING SYSTEMS

Determination of routing

Cutting PVC & ABS pipe to proper length Dry-

fitting the assembly

Sealing PVC pipe

Sealing ABS pipe

Securing of pipe

Installation of vent termination

INSTALLATION OF CONDENSATE DRAINS FOR COND. FURN.

Determination of routing

Cutting PVC pipe to proper length

Dry-fitting the assembly

Sealing PVC pipe

Securing of pipe

Installation of condensate drain pan - attic installations

Installation of condensate drain pumps

DUCT INSTALLATION

DUCT FABRICATION EQUIPMENT

Ductboard tools - 90 V-groove, end cutoff, female shiplap, hole cutter, stapler, etc.

Flex tools - tensioning strap tools, knives, etc.

Metal tools - metal snips, sheers, benders, breaks, hand formers, calipers, rulers, stapler, etc.

FIELD CONSTRUCTION / INSTALLATION

Ductboard installation technique

Techniques for joining dissimilar duct

Duct of alternate materials - wood, aluminum, etc.

INSTALLING METAL DUCT

Assembly methods for rectangular duct

Installation technique - rectangular metal

Assembly methods for round duct

Installation technique - round metal

Hanging ductwork

Sealing metal duct

Insulation - internal and external, vapor barriers

Assembling for low noise and low pressure drop

INSTALLING FLEXIBLE DUCT

Assembly methods - appropriate length

Flexible duct joints

Hanging flexible duct

Installation technique - flex duct

Sealing flexible duct

INSTALLING DUCTBOARD

Assembly methods for ductboard - supports

Installation technique - ductboard

Hanging methods for ductboard

Sealing ductboard

INSTALLING GRILLES, REGISTERS, DIFFUSERS, & DAMPER

Mounting to ductwork

Securing methods

CHASES USED AS DUCTS

Floor joists as air ducts

Vertical chases

RECONNECTING DUCT WHEN REPLACING EQUIPMENT

Reconnecting metal duct

Reconnecting flexible duct

Reconnecting ductboard duct

INSTALLATION OF PLENUMS AND DUCT

Sizing plenums for physical fit

Types and styles of plenums selected

Insulation of plenums and ducts

INSTALLING ACCESSORIES

INSTALLING THERMOSTATS

Locating and mounting

Wiring electromechanical thermostats

Wiring electronic thermostats

Programming of electronic thermostats

INSTALLING HUMIDIFIERS

Installing humidifiers

Wiring humidifiers

Controlling humidifiers

INSTALLING ELECTRONIC AIR CLEANERS

Installing electronic air cleaners

Wiring electronic air cleaners

Controlling electronic air cleaners

INSTALLING ECONOMIZERS

Installing economizers

Wiring economizers

Controlling economizers

START-UP AND CHECKOUT

PRE-START PROCEDURES

Gas supply and proper shutoff

Electrical

Adequate combustion air provisions

Venting system

Ductwork system

Condensate system

START-UP PROCEDURES AND CHECKS

Voltage checks

Check thermostat and set heat anticipator

Motor checks

Airflow checks

Check call for heat sequences

Manifold gas pressure check

Flame quality check

Firing rate

LEAK DETECTION TOOLS

Soap solution

Electronic leak detectors

Ultrasonic leak detector

Use of dye leak detectors

Pressurization for leak detection

Meter calibration and maintenance

AIRFLOW MEASUREMENTS

INTRODUCTION TO AIRFLOW MEASUREMENTS

Introduction to airflow

Static pressure

AIRFLOW VELOCITY MEASUREMENTS

Introduction to airflow velocity

Velometer - electronic and mechanical

Anemometer

Velocity measurement procedures

Gauge calibration

AIRFLOW PRESSURE MEASUREMENTS

Overview of static pressure measurements

Inclined manometer

Diaphragm type differential pressure gauge

U-tube manometer

Electronic manometer / pressure measurement

Gauge / meter calibration

Absolute vs. Gauge Pressure

AIRFLOW VOLUME MEASUREMENTS

Introduction to volume

Airflow hood

Formulae for determining CFM of air

Formulae for weight of air

Locations for air volume measurements

AIRFLOW CHECKS & DESIGN TOOLS

Using manufacturer's airflow charts and tables

Using a duct calculator and design charts

SERVICE

DIAGNOSTICS

STARTUP REPAIRS

Electrical wiring

Electrical components

Fuel supply

Flue stack / venting system

Condensate / drain system

INTRODUCTION TO ELECTRICAL TROUBLESHOOTING

LOW VOLTAGE CIRCUITS

Voltage tests

Current tests

Equipment continuity tests

Ground tests

LINE VOLTAGE CIRCUITS

Voltage tests

Current tests

Component tests

Circuit tracing line voltages

Equipment continuity tests

Ground tests

Polarity tests

SYSTEM COMPONENTS

INTRODUCTION TO SYSTEMS

HEAT TRANSFER

Fundamentals of heat transfer

Basic gas furnace components

FUNDAMENTALS OF GAS COMBUSTION

Types of gases - Natural and Manufactured

Requirements for proper combustion - fuel, air, heat By-

products from combustion

FURNACE CONFIGURATIONS & APPLICATIONS

GAS FURNACES WITH SPLIT SYSTEM AIR CONDITIONER

Introduction to gas furnace with split system AC

Electrical layouts

Specifications

Attic layouts

Crawlspace layouts

Closet layouts

Basement layouts

Ventilation options

Regional considerations

MULTI-POSITION FURNACE

Four-way Three-

way Two-way

PACKAGED GAS FURNACE SYSTEMS

Introduction to package gas furnace systems

Electrical layouts

Specifications

Single story applications Multi-

story applications

Applied with crawlspace duct designs

Ventilation options

Economizer options

Regional considerations

COMBUSTION PROCESS FOR GAS FURNACES SYSTEMS

COMBUSTION - NATURAL GAS

Describe methane's role in combustion

Describe carbon dioxide as a product of combustion

Describe oxygen's role in combustion

Describe carbon monoxide as a product of combustion

Describe ethane's role in combustion

COMBUSTION - MANUFACTURED GAS

Describe liquefied petroleum's role in combustion

Describe butane's role in combustion

Describe propane's role in combustion

Describe oxygen's role in combustion

FUNDAMENTALS OF GAS COMBUSTION SYSTEMS

Category I - Negative pressure vent - non-condensing

Category II - Negative pressure vent - condensing

Category III - Positive pressure vent - non-condensing

Category IV - Positive pressure vent - condensing NATURAL DRAFT GAS FURNACE

OPERATION

Overview of operation for standing pilot furnace

Overview of operation for intermittent pilot furnace

Overview of operation for direct ignition furnace

IGNITION

Basics of operation

Types of ignition systems

VENTING

Categories of venting systems

Types of venting systems

Construction materials

CONTROL FUNCTIONS

Fan control

Heat exchanger limit control Roll-

out switch

Flame proving - flame switch and thermocouple

Gas valve

Door interlocks

COMPONENTS

Heat exchangers

Burners

COMBUSTION AIR REQUIREMENTS

DIRECT VENT (OUTDOOR AIR) SPECIFICATIONS

Attic applications

Crawlspace applications

Closet applications

Basement applications

NON-DIRECT VENT (INDOOR AIR) SPECIFICATIONS

Attic applications

Crawlspace applications

Closet applications

Basement applications

AIR DISTRIBUTION

DUCT SYSTEMS

Duct system design

Duct configurations

Return configurations

Return grille locations

Supply locations

Duct locations - attic, basement, crawlspace, slab, roof, furr down, and exposed

Fitting nomenclature - plenum, transition, elbow, round duct, rectangular duct

SUPPLY BLOWERS

Introduction to supply blowers

Supply blowers - types

Blower operation

WIRING LAYOUTS

POWER WIRING

Power wiring for package unit furnace

Power wiring for split system furnace

LOW VOLTAGE

Overview of low voltage wiring

INDUCED DRAFT NON-CONDENSING FURNACE

OPERATION

Overview of operation for standing pilot furnace

Overview of operation for intermittent pilot furnace

Overview of operation for direct ignition furnace

IGNITION

Basics of operation

Types of ignition systems

VENTING

Categories of venting system

Types of venting systems

Construction materials

CONTROL FUNCTIONS

Fan control

Heat exchanger limit control Roll-

out switch

Flame proving - flame sensor and thermocouple

Pressure proving switch

Gas valve

Door interlocks

Ignition control

COMPONENTS

Heat exchangers

Burners

Induced draft blowers

INDUCED DRAFT CONDENSING FURNACE

OPERATION

Overview of operation for intermittent pilot furnace

Overview of operation for direct ignition furnace

IGNITION

Basics of operation

Types of ignition systems

VENTING

Category IV venting system

Types of venting systems

Construction materials

CONTROL FUNCTIONS

Fan control

Heat exchanger limit control Roll-

out switch

Flame proving - flame sensor and thermocouple

Pressure proving switch

Gas valve

Door interlocks

Ignition control

Condensate proving switch

COMPONENTS

Heat exchangers

Burners

Induced draft blowers

APPLIED KNOWLEDGE: REGS, CODES, & DESIGN

AIR QUALITY REGULATIONS

INDOOR AIR QUALITY

Fresh air supplies

ELECTRICAL CODE

REQUIREMENTS

Overview of electrical code

General wiring practices

STATE AND LOCAL REGULATIONS AND CODES

STATE AND LOCAL REGULATIONS

State requirements for technicians

Use of Carbon Monoxide detectors

Smoke detector requirements

CODES

Plumbing

Municipalities

Gas furnace for Lt. Commercial

Gas furnace for Residential

FIRE PROTECTION REGULATIONS AND CODES

REQUIRED COMPONENTS

Return air sensors

Fire dampers

FIRE PREVENTION

Overview of fire prevention

VENTING REQUIREMENTS

Specifications for venting

Types of venting systems to be used

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS - COMFORT

TEMPERATURE

Designing for capacity

Using industry standards

HUMIDITY

Role of humidity in comfort

Using industry standards

INDOOR AIR QUALITY

Ventilation - comfort

Air cleaning for comfort

Industry standards for air quality

SOUND LEVEL

Equipment location considerations

Isolation, mounting pad, duct, and structure

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS - EQUIPMENT

GAS FURNACES WITH SPLIT SYSTEM AIR CONDITIONER

System designs - closets, basements, etc.

Equipment location

Electrical layouts

Ventilation - fresh air

Regional design considerations

Combustion flue gases

Ventilation - equipment

Condensate drains / pans

Mounting of equipment

Combustion air

PACKAGED SYSTEMS

System designs

Equipment location

Electrical layouts

Ventilation - fresh air

Mounting of equipment

Combustion air

COMBUSTION GAS VENTING

Sizing flue pipe - ICC tables

Flue pipe layout - ICC tables

Adapting vent draft control - damper

Roof fittings - cap, collar, flashing, etc.

Pipe types - PVC and B-metal

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS - COMPONENTS

DIFFUSERS, REGISTERS, AND GRILLES

Selection considerations

Locations

ACCESSORIES

Humidifier locating

Electronic air cleaners (EAC's)

MECHANICAL CODE

COMBUSTION AIR

Sizing air intakes in confined spaces

Sources of combustion air

FURNACE ACCESS AND CLEARANCES

Access to furnace

Access to service panel

Combustible clearances

GAS PIPING

Length limitations

Attachment to appliance

$$\frac{\text{CFM}_n}{\text{CFM}_o} = \frac{\text{RPM}_n}{\text{RPM}_o}$$

o = old, n = newCFM and RPM are interchangeable.

$$CFMn = CFMo X RPM = RPMo X CFM$$

$$\left(\frac{\text{CFM}_n}{\text{CFM}_o}\right)^2 = \frac{\text{Sp}_n}{\text{Sp}_o}$$

$$CFM_n = CFM_o X \sqrt{\frac{Sp_n}{Sp_o}}$$

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$$(CF_{o}^{T})^{3} = BHP_{o}$$
 Or $CFM_{o} = BHP_{o}$ $CFM_{n} = CFM_{o} \times \sqrt[3]{\frac{BHP_{n}}{BHP_{o}}}$ $BHP_{o} = BHP_{o} \times (CFM_{o}^{T})^{3}$

$$CFM_n = CFM_o X \sqrt[3]{\frac{BHP_n}{BHP_o}}$$

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Hydronics:

$$^{CS:}$$
 $AP = Sp$, $CFM = GPM$, $RPM = GPM$

$$MAT = (OATx \%OA) + (RATx \%RA)$$

0 = Outside

T = Temperature

R = Return

M=Mixed

A=Air

Btuh hydronic (H_2 0 only) = 500 x GPM x AT Btuh sensible (at sea level) = $1.08 \times CFM \times AT$ Btuh latent (at sea level) = $0.68 \times CFM \times AGrains$ Btuh total (at sea level) = $4.5 \times CFM \times AEnthalpy$

$$V=4005 \times .Jvp$$

$$Vp = <4:05)2$$

Pressure $(PSI) = 0.433 \times Head$ (feet of water)

1IWC = 0.0360 PSI $1 \, PSI = 27.72 \, IWC$

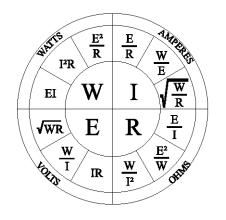
Pressure 1 x Volume $1 = Pressure 2 \times Volume 2$

 $Area = 1t \times radius^2$

$$A^2 + B^2 = C$$

Circumference

$$FR = {ASP \times 100 \over TEL} (IWqIOO)$$



Rectangular Duct Area (ft2) =
$$\frac{Length \times Width}{144}$$

Round Duct Area (
$$ft2$$
) = $\frac{1 \text{tx} diameter}{576}$

$$mfd = \begin{pmatrix} (2650 \times I) \\ E \end{pmatrix}$$

 $CFM = Velocity (fpm) \times Duct Area (ft^2)$

$$CFM - \frac{(Watts \times 3.413)}{(ATx 1.08)}$$

$$Cr (Series) = \begin{array}{c|c} & & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline C1 & C2 & \dots \end{array}$$

$$C_T$$
 (Parallel) = $C_1 + C_2 + ... + C_N$

TEMPERATURE PRESSURE CHART-atsealevel



Pressure (PSIG), Vacuum (in. Of Hg)-Bold Italic Figures

To determine subcooling for 404A, 407C, and 4220, use BUBBLE POINT values (temperatures above 50°F -gray background) To determine superheat for 404A, 407C, and 4220, use DEW POINT values (temperatures 50°F and below)

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