

Part 3 LABTQ /LABNET. Technical experience with testing ECO design parameters

4) Hot water production, what accuracy to expect? (DGC)



References:

- HOT WATER PRODUCTION: ESTIMATION OF THE UNCERTAINTIES Note / DGC August 1999
- Uncertainties measurement of the standby loss measurement for boilers. Working document DGC JSC

Based on testing experience

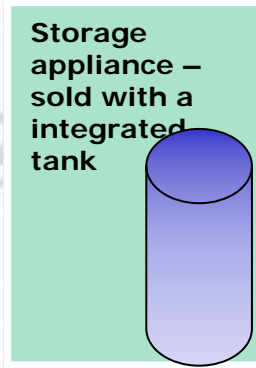
Three configurations



Instantaneous appliance

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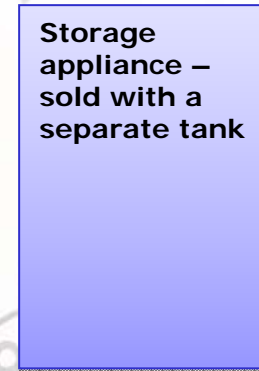
Dynamic test with boiler start stop



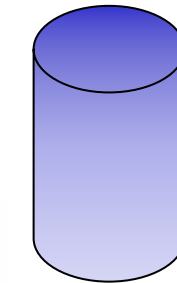
Storage appliance – sold with an integrated tank

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Strong interaction tank - boiler



Storage appliance – sold with a separate tank

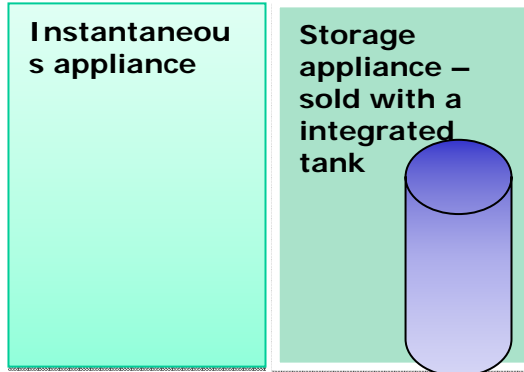


TANK LOSSES

Similar to boiler SBY loss ?

Uncertainties measurement of the standby loss measurement for boilers. Working document DGC JSC:
Example =
For 10 W measured $U = 2,25 W (22,5\%)$
For 100 W measured $U = 4,5 W (4,5\%) \rightarrow$ contradicted by SBY data from RRT (much larger)
For 1000 W measured $U = 27 W (2,7\%)$

Two configurations with tapping test



Example Table – Tapping cycle n° 2

	Start (h.min)	Energy (kWh)	Type of delivery	ΔT desired (K), to be achieved during tapping	Min. ΔT (K), = start of counting useful energy
1	07.00	0,105	Small		15
2	07.15	1,400	Shower		30
3	07.30	0,105	Small		15
4	08.01	0,105	Small		15
5	08.15	0,105	Small		15
6	08.30	0,105	Small		15
7	08.45	0,105	Small		15
8	09.00	0,105	Small		15
9	09.30	0,105	Small		15
10	10.30	0,105	Floor cleaning ?	30	0
11	11.30	0,105	Small		15
12	11.45	0,105	Small		15
13	12.45	0,315	Dish washing	45	0
14	14.30	0,105	Small		15
15	15.30	0,105	Small		15
16	16.30	0,105	Small		15
17	18.00	0,105	Small		15
18	18.15	0,105	Household Ccleaning		30
19	18.30	0,105	Household Ccleaning		30
20	19.00	0,105	Small		15
21	20.30	0,735	Dish washing	45	0
22	21.15	0,105	Small		15
23	21.30	1,400	Shower		30
Total		5,845			

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1.1 Repeatability: ability of the system to repeatability

- The repeatability might very much depend on the system tested. (Thermostat position, interaction tank, boiler, etc.). The influence of the ambient conditions is also a factor to take into account

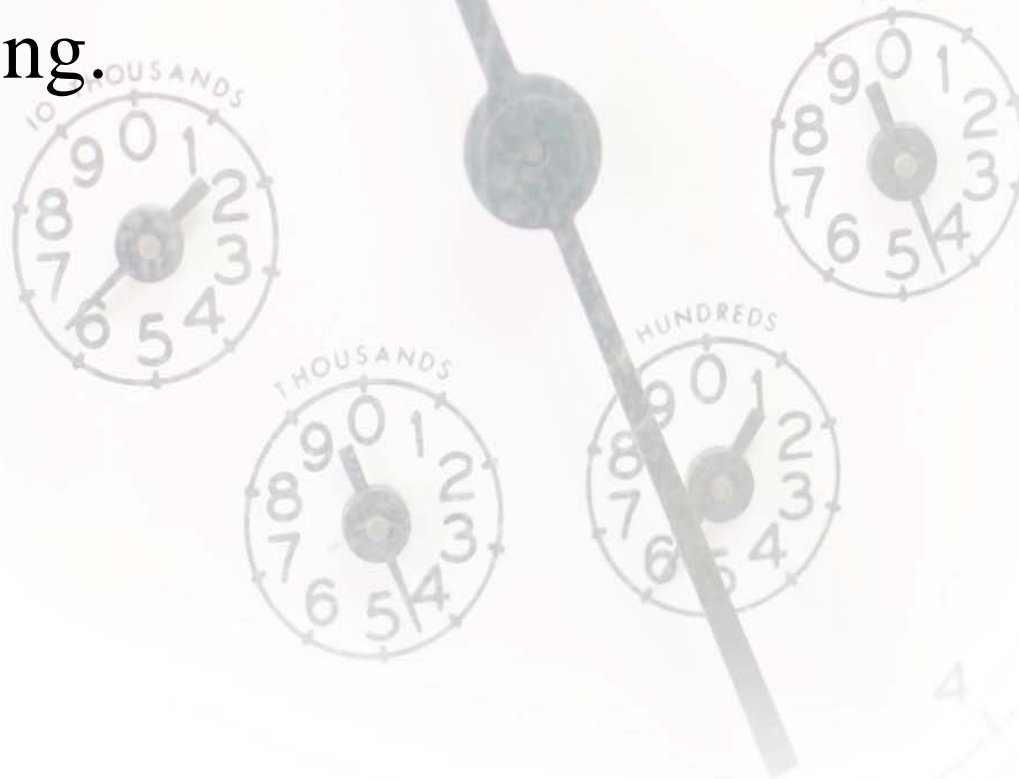
- 1.2 Repeatability of measurement
- 1.3 Ability to retrieve the initial heat content in the system to be tested.
- 1.4 Problems related to the water temperature measurement

Response time

- 1. The probe response time
- 2. The heating of the part of the pipe where T_{out} is measured
- 3. The measured dead volume of water (between the real outlet of the tank and the probe).

- The error due to the time constant (τ) of the temperature probe is the main factor here.

As an example, when $\tau = 30$ s the relative error can typically be 10% for a 0.6 kWh tapping.



- **1.5 Uncertainty of meters**

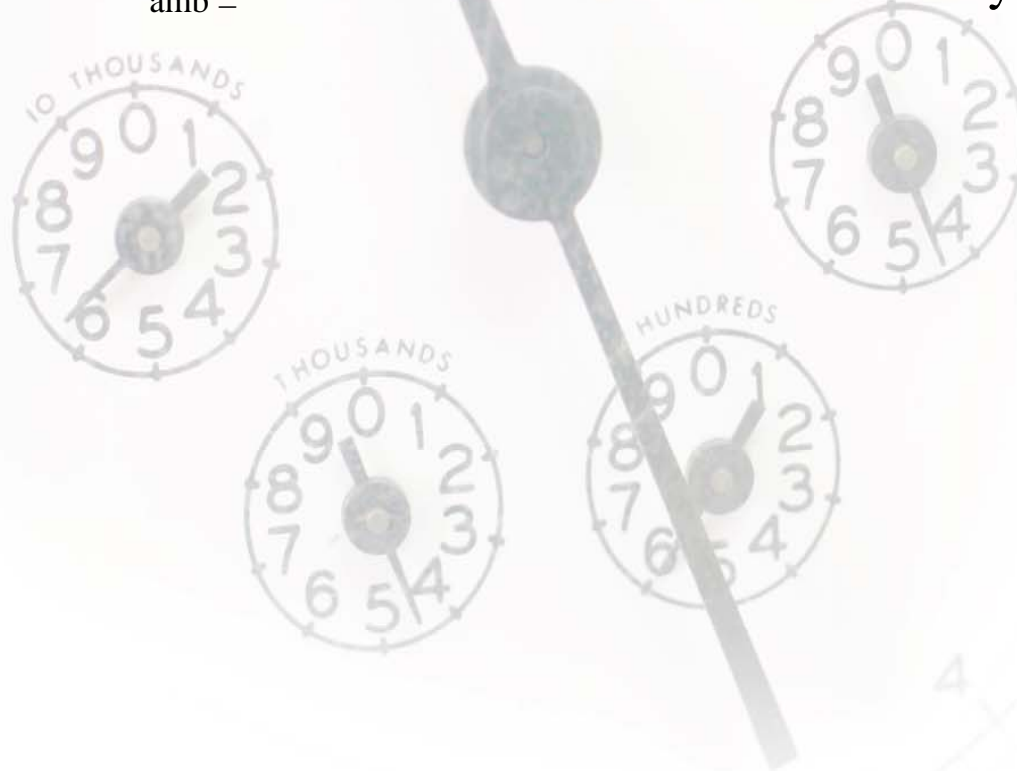
The normal uncertainty on temperature has a very little effect as the ΔT to be measured are generally large (>20 k).

The heat input is in any normal case lower than 2%.



1.6 Influence factors

- Among the influence factors, which are not depending on the boiler/tank technology, the ambient conditions are probably the most important ones.
- The ambient temperature will change the energy losses of the water tank and therefore influence the standby losses.
- For a typical situation, where the water temperature is about 65°C and the ambient temperature 20°C, the error due to a variation in ambient temperature of $\Delta T_{\text{amb}} = 5 \text{ C}$ will lead to an error on standby losses of 13%



- **1.7 Errors due to the testing procedures**
- **1.7.1. Tolerance on the energy really taken from the tank**
- **1.7.2 Setting of the boiler (eg thermostat)**
- **1.7.3 Starting point of the tapping**
- The procedure says that the tapping shall start at the latest one hour after the burner has stopped for reheating. The influence of the one-hour tolerance is not known.
- **1.7.4 Calculation**
- **1.7.5 Sampling time** (The sampling time is an important factor especially for small tapping.
- **1.7.6 Peaks of flow**

EXAMPLE OF U CALCULATION DK TAP

UNCERTAINTY/ERROR:	TYPE	VALUE estimation	VALUE		
			% of eff. Random	Syst. (%)	
Repeatability of the system	Random	5 %	?	5.0	
Repeatability of measurements	Random	2 %		2.0	
Influence of heat content balance	Random	0.12 kWh		0.8	
Water temperature influence	Systematic	-7.70 % on eff Tap		-6.3	
Uncertainty meters	Random	2.2 % on eff		2.2	
Influence of ambient temperature	Systematic	12.88 % on eff		2.4	
Influence of tank real temperature	Random	5 % on eff	?	5.0	
Non identified influences/errors	Random	5 % on eff	?	5.0	
Tolerance on energy tapped	Random	0.1 kWh		0.8	
Tolerance on tapping starting point	Random	5 %		5.0	
TOTAL				10.5	3.8
		Option 1 NO CORRECTION	U=	14.3 % rel.	
		Option 2 CORRECTION	U=	10.7 % rel.	

(*) A negative error will have the effect of decreasing the efficiency given

Lessons for CEN 13203 testing

For instantaneous appliances some of the U factor will not apply → better accuracy, but experiments also shows that worse case are obtained with small tapping.