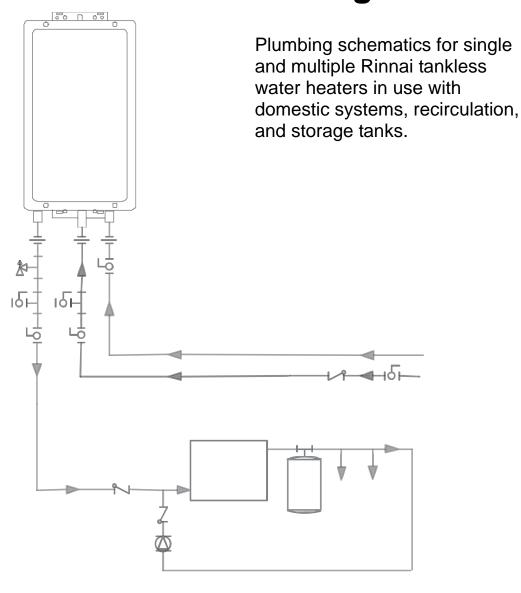
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## Hot Water System Design Manual



This document, R-TRWH-E-02 Rev A (6/14/2007), supersedes and replaces the previous Hot Water System Design Manuals, R-TRWH-E-02 (6/6/2007) and ENG.2002.9.

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### Certifications

 REU-V1616W
 REU-V2532W
 REU-V3237-W

 REU-V1616WC
 REU-V2532WC
 REU-V3237-WC

 REU-V2020W
 REU-V2532WD
 REU-V3237-W-ASME

 REU-V2020WC
 REU-V2532WCD
 REU-V3237-WC-ASME

REU-V2526W

 REU-V2520FFU
 REU-V2532FFU
 REU-V3237-FFU

 REU-V2520FFUC
 REU-V2532FFUC
 REU-V3237-FFUC

 REU-V2520FFUD
 REU-V2532FFUD
 REU-V3237-FFU-ASME

 REU-V2520FFUCD
 REU-V2532FFUCD
 REU-V3237-FFUC-ASME

These models have received the following certifications:



Certified to applicable U.S. standards for appliances using gas or other petroleum fuel.



Certified to applicable Canadian standards for appliances using gas or other petroleum fuel.



Certified by the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC)



Energy efficiency certified by Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA), www.gamanet.org



Certified by National Sanitation Foundation (NSF), www.nsf.org (indoor models must use the NSF approved top guard)

Met the California Energy Commission (CEC) standards

Received New York City's Material and Equipment Acceptance (MEA)

Approved by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

REU-V3237-W-ASME

REU-V3237-FFU-ASME

REU-V3237-WC-ASME

REU-V3237-FFUC-ASME





These models are built in accordance with the requirements of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code and received the Certificate of Authorization from the National Board. The heat exchanger has the NB and the HLW stamps.

### Rinnai Accessories

MSA Controller: The MSA-2M and MSA-2S packs are optional accessories that electronically

connects 2 to 5 water heaters and allows them to function as one hot water source.

**EZConnect:** The EZConnect cable is an optional accessory that electronically connects 2 REU-

V3237 water heaters and allows them to function as one hot water source.

multiple unit connections:

Guidelines for • Do not install both the EZConnect and the MSA packs because they are not designed to operate together.

> Water heaters connected with the EZConnect Cable or the MSA-2M and MSA-2S packs cannot be used for the bathfill function.

• Temperature settings can only be changed on the controller for the primary unit.

• Do not use the EZConnect or MSA pack with storage tank applications.

Rinnai Installation Kits - available with threaded (F) or sweated (C) connections

WRIK-F, WRIK-C, For models rated below 200,000 BTU/hr, provides isolation valves, pressure relief

SRIK-F, SRIK-C: valve, and full port drains with easy union installation.

WRIK-32F, For models rated above 200,000 BTU/hr (REU-V3237), provides isolation valves,

pressure relief valve, and full port drains with easy union installation. WRIK-32C:

Remote Controllers: MC-91-1US (included)

Deluxe controller: MC-100V-1US (optional) Bathroom controller: BC-100V-1US (optional)

Wireless controller (with transceiver): MC-502RC-1US-MS (optional)

**Ubbink Rolux** 3"/5" dia. concentric plastic or metal vent components; (not applicable to Indoor

V3237 models) Venting:

ProTech Venting: 4" dia. stainless steel components for exhaust vent and concentric

terminations (for V3237 models only)

Condensate Trap (224050) for trapping and draining condensate

Battery Backup: 750VA; supplies power for a short period in case there is a loss of

electricity.

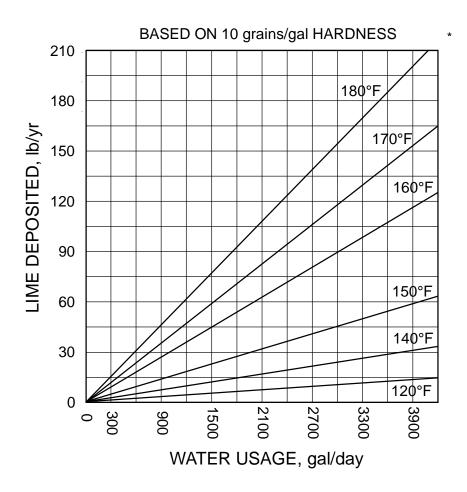
Outdoor

Model	Recess Boxes protects and hides the unit from view	Pipe Covers for security, weather protection, and finished look
REU-V1616W(C), REU-V2020W(C)	RGB-20-W	PC-20-W (white)
REU-V2526W, REU-V2532W(C)	RGB-25-W RGB-25-MS (moisture seal - riveted construction) RGB-25-MSW (moisture seal - welded construction)	PC-25-W (white) PC-25-G (gray)
REU-V2532W(C)D	RGB-25-D	PCD03-SM (silver-gray) PCD03-MG (white)
REU-V3237-W(C), REU-V3237-W(C)-ASME	RGB-32	PC-32-W (white) PC-32-G (gray)

Rinnai is continually updating and introducing new products and accessories. For the latest information, contact Rinnai at 1-800-621-9419, FAX: 1-888-474-6624, or www.rinnai.us.

## Water Quality and Scale

A complete water analysis and an understanding of system requirements are needed to protect the Rinnai tankless water heaters and water heating systems from scale. Water analysis shows whether water is hard or soft. Hard water, unless treated, will cause scaling or liming of the Rinnai heat exchanger. The rate of scaling increases with temperature and usage because calcium carbonate and other scaling compounds lose solubility (fall out of solution) at higher temperatures. For example, for every 20°F over 140°F, the rate of scale increases by a factor of 2 (See figure below). Reference target water quality levels found in the operation / installation manual and consider water treatment if these levels are exceeded. \*



<sup>\*</sup>Source 2003 ASHRAE Handbook HVAC Applications

## **Pump Sizing for Circulation**

1. Use the chart below or one appropriate for your conditions to determine the heat loss in the length of the hot water supply and return piping. For example, 100 ft of 1-1/2 in bare copper tubing results in a heat loss of 5300 Btu/h.

Approximate Heat Loss from Piping at 140 °F Inlet, 70 °F Ambient \*

Nominal Size, in.	Bare Copper Tubing, Btu/h-ft	1/2 in. Glass Fiber Insulated Copper Tubing, Btu/h-ft
3/4	30	17.7
1	38	20.3
1-1/4	45	23.4
1-1/2	53	25.4
2	66	29.6
2-1/2	80	33.8
3	94	39.5
4	120	48.4

<sup>\*</sup> Source: 2003 ASHRAE Handbook HVAC Applications

- 2. Determine the acceptable temperature drop at the last fixture in the loop. For example, if the supply temperature from the water heater is 120 °F (49 °C) and an acceptable temperature at the last fixture is 100 °F (38 °C) then the acceptable temperature drop is 20 °F (7 °C).
- 3. Calculate the required pump flow rate using the following formula:

- 4. Based on the above calculations select a pump for the type of circulation system you will be utilizing:
  - A). Preferred Method (reference drawing WH-1-RGE) Reference pump manufacturers flow vs. pressure specifications to select a pump that can provide the flow rate calculated above while overcoming the pressure loss through:
    - Tank water heater (reference manufacturer's information)
    - All building supply and return plumbing in the circulation loop (reference local plumbing codes, standards, or practices)
  - B). Optional Method (WH-1-R) Reference pump manufacturers flow vs. pressure specifications to select a pump that can provide 3 gpm of flow or the flow rate calculated above, whichever is greater, while overcoming the pressure loss through:
    - Rinnai tankless water heater (reference flow vs. pressure curve of the Rinnai model being used)
    - Optional storage tank (reference manufacturer's information)
    - All building supply and return plumbing in the circulation loop (reference local plumbing codes, standards, or practices)

NOTE: Only use pumps of brass or stainless steel construction. Do not use pumps of iron construction as they will oxidize and clog the inlet filter on the appliance.

## Tank Water Heaters in a Circulation Loop

The following applies when using a tank water heater (gas or electric) to provide heat for a circulation loop. Drawing WH-1-RGE is an example.

The heat *output* of the tank must be equal to or greater than the calculated circulation loop heat loss.

(Reference page 6, Step 1 on calculating heat loss).

#### Electric Tank Water Heater

Since the input and output are the same for an electric tank water heater, this can be expressed as:

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Electric Tank Input (Kw) > Circulation loop heat loss (Btu/h) 3413 (1 Kilowatt = 3,413 BTU)
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#### Gas Tank Water Heater

When using a gas style water heater, the efficiency of the tank must be taken into account.

Available Btu output = (Btu input of tank) x (efficiency) > Circulation loop heat loss (Btu/h)

#### Example:

30,000 Btu input gas tank 0.62 Efficiency

30,000 x .62 = 18,600 available Btu output

## **Additional Guidelines**

**Rinnai water heaters not recovering a storage tank:** In applications involving a commercial dishwasher, a hot water circulation loop feeding the dishwasher is required.

**Rinnai water heater recovering a storage tank:** In applications involving a commercial dishwasher, a hot water circulation loop feeding the dishwasher may be required depending on the distance between the dishwasher and the storage tank. Refer to local codes when determining the need for circulation loops to dishwashers.

## Pump Sizing for Storage Tank Application

The following applies when using Rinnai tankless water heaters to recover a storage tank. Drawing WH-1-B is an example.

Rinnai Tankless water heaters have a pressure loss which must be considered in the system design. Reference the pressure loss curve for the Rinnai model being used to determine the pump size for the desired recovery rate.

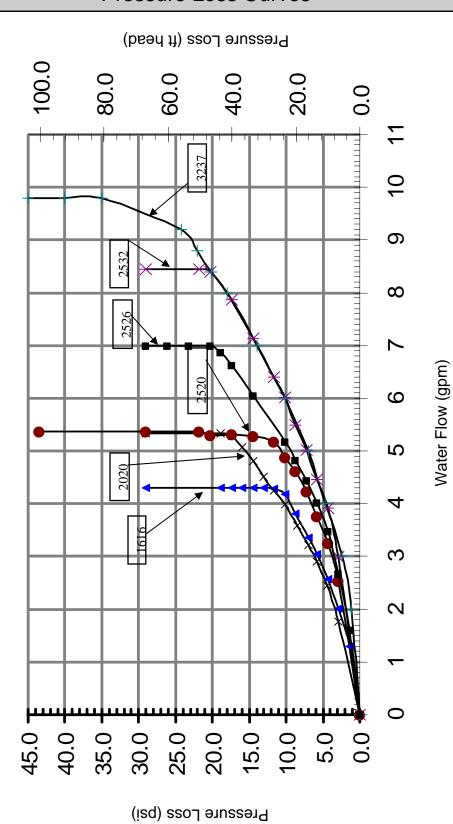
For recommended pump sizes use the table below. Additional pressure losses in plumbing between the Rinnai(s) and the storage tank must also be taken into consideration.

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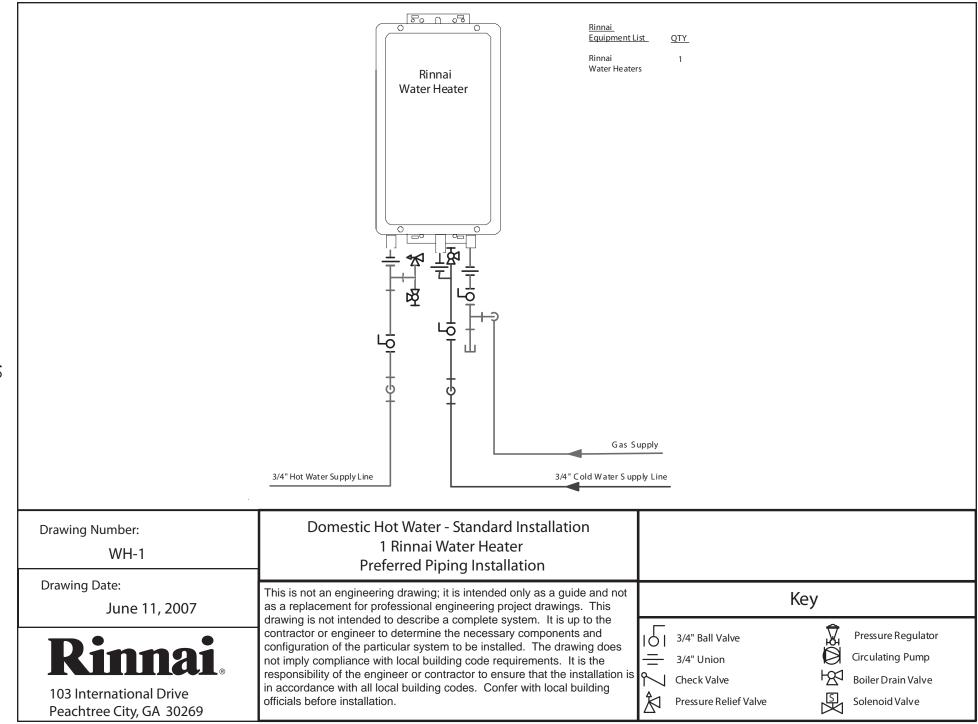
The model numbers listed below include indoor, outdoor, ASME versions, and Designer Plus series models.

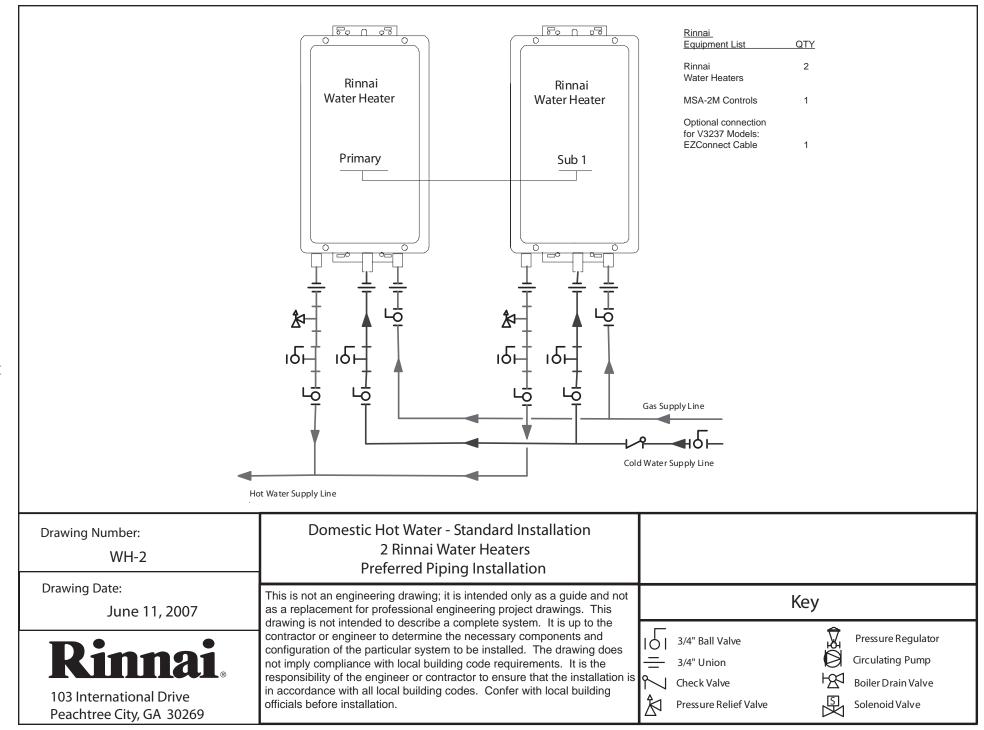
Pump Flow Requirements				
Number of Rinnai Water Heaters	REU-V2532 REU-V3237	REU-V2520 REU-V2526	REU-V1616 REU-V2020	
1	6 gpm @ 30' head	5 gpm @ 25' head	4 gpm @ 25' head	
2	12 gpm @ 30' head	10 gpm @ 25' head	8 gpm @ 25' head	
3	18 gpm @ 30' head	15 gpm @ 25' head	12 gpm @ 25' head	
4	24 gpm @ 30' head	20 gpm @ 25' head	16 gpm @ 25' head	
5	30 gpm @ 30' head	25 gpm @ 25' head	20 gpm @ 25' head	
6	36 gpm @ 30' head	30 gpm @ 25' head	24 gpm @ 25' head	
7	42 gpm @ 30' head	35 gpm @ 25' head	28 gpm @ 25' head	
8	48 gpm @ 30' head	40 gpm @ 25' head	32 gpm @ 25' head	
9	54 gpm @ 30' head	45 gpm @ 25' head	36 gpm @ 25' head	
10	60 gpm @ 30' head	50 gpm @ 25' head	40 gpm @ 25' head	
11	66 gpm @ 30' head	55 gpm @ 25' head	44 gpm @ 25' head	
12	72 gpm @ 30' head	60 gpm @ 25' head	48 gpm @ 25' head	
13	78 gpm @ 30' head	65 gpm @ 25' head	52 gpm @ 25' head	
14	84 gpm @ 30' head	70 gpm @ 25' head	56 gpm @ 25' head	
15	90 gpm @ 30' head	75 gpm @ 25' head	60 gpm @ 25' head	

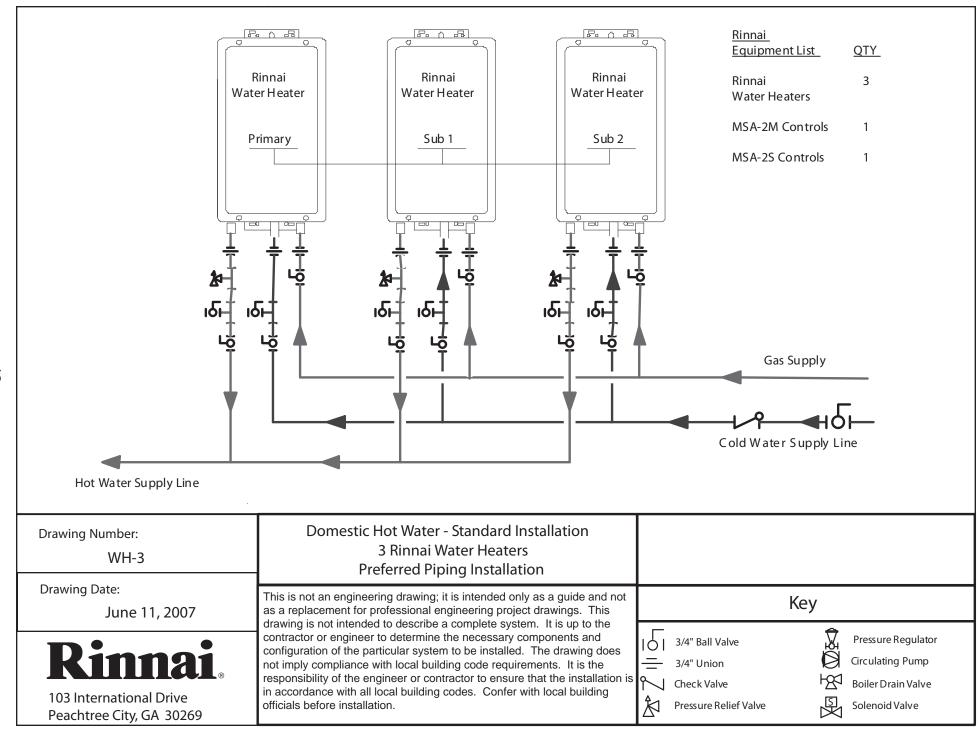
## **Pressure Loss Curves**

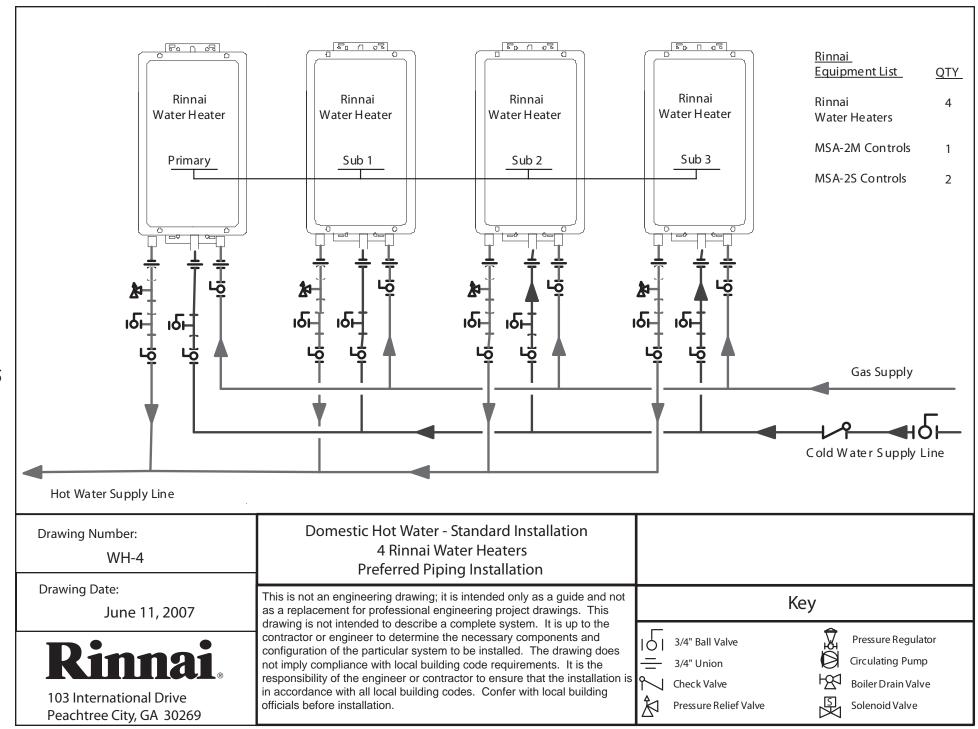


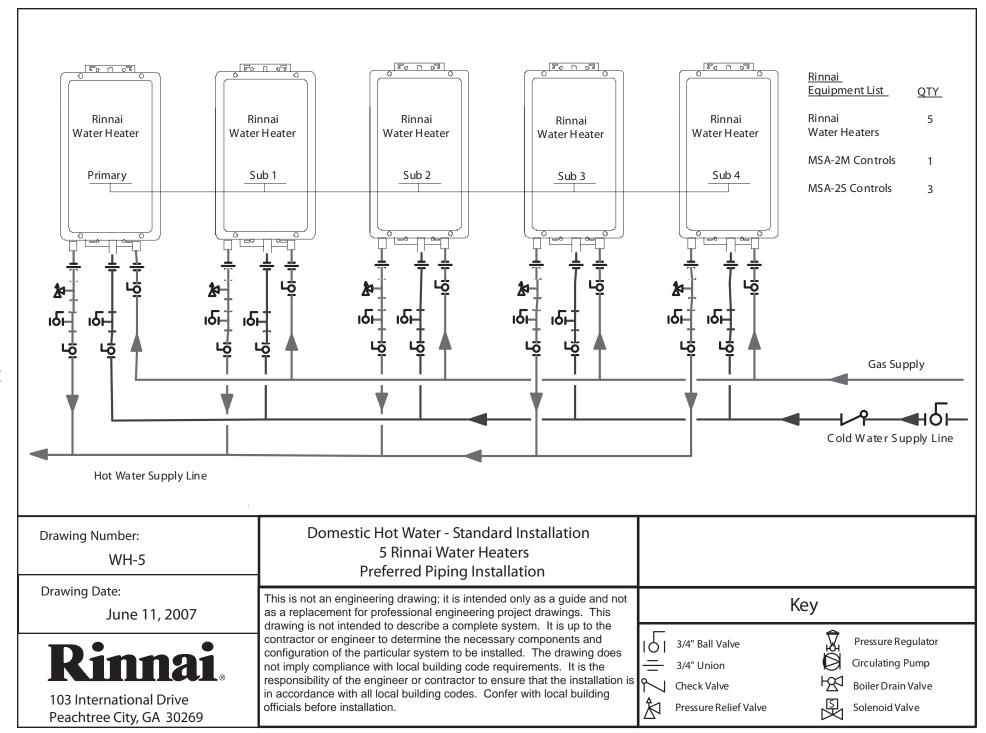
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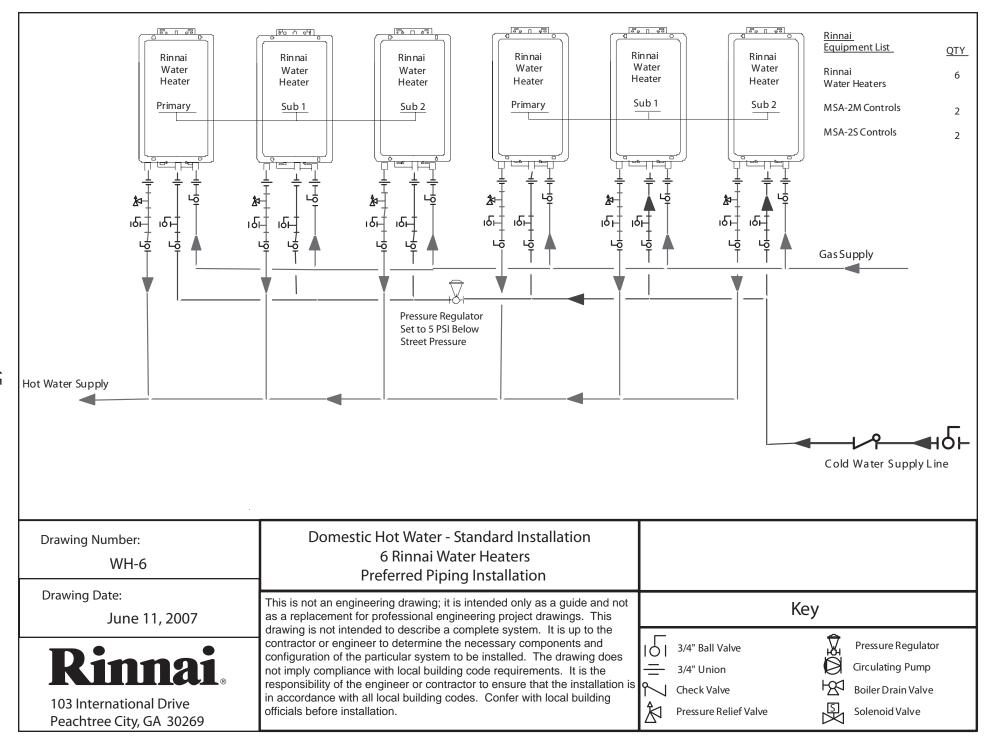












With electrical power supplied to a Rinnai water heater, it will not freeze in enviornments as cold as -30°F, when protected from direct wind exposure.

In the event of a power failure at temperatures below freezing, the water heater should be drained of all water to prevent freezing damage.

The unit may be drained manually or through the installation of the Optional solenoid valves as shown.

The electrical connections for the two solenoid valves should be tied to the 120 V power terminals provided on the PC Board of the water heater.

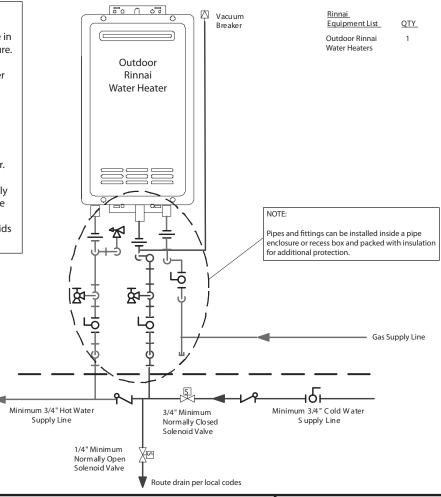
When the electrical power to the water heater fails, the cold water supply solenoid valve closes, stopping the flow of water into the heater, and the drain down solenoid valve opens, allowing the water heater and associated piping to drain. Ensure that you run the drain for the solenoids per local codes.

#### NOTE:

Freeze protect all water pipes and fittings located outside building structure. These are indicated by being above the dashed line.

All pipes and fittings shown below the dashed line should be located inside the building

The vacuum breaker line should be located inside the building structure.



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## Domestic Hot Water - Optional Freeze Protection 1 Outdoor Rinnai Water Heater **Preferred Piping Installation**

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#### Key



3/4" Ball Valve

3/4" Union

Check Valve



Pressure Regulator

Circulating Pump Boiler Drain Valve



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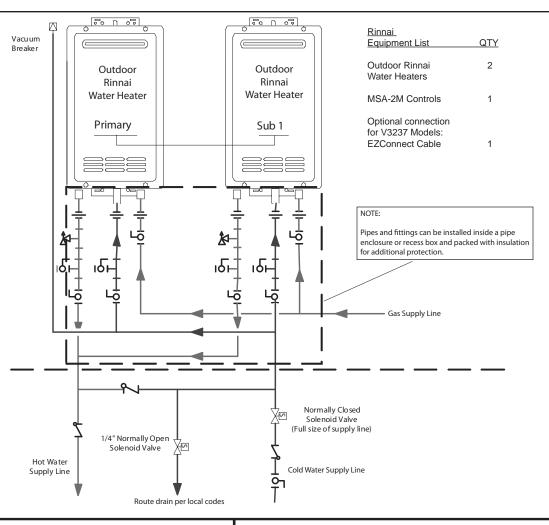
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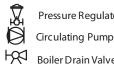
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## Key



Check Valve Pressure Relief Valve



Pressure Regulator

Boiler Drain Valve

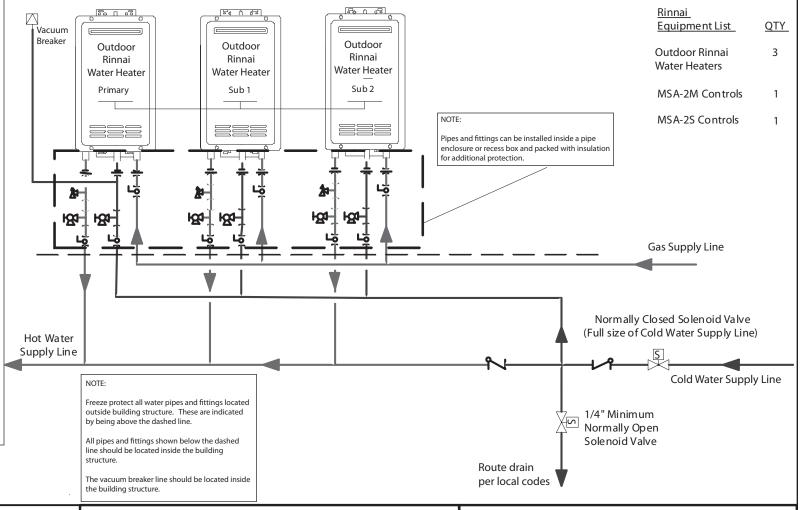
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The unit may be drained manually or through the installation of the Optional solenoid valves as shown.

The electrical connections for the two solenoid valves should be tied to the 120 V power terminals provided on the PC Board of the water heater.

When the electrical power to the water heater fails, the cold water supply solenoid valve closes, stopping the flow of water into the heater, and the drain down solenoid valve opens, allowing the water heater and associated piping to drain. Ensure that you run the drain for the solenoids per local codes.



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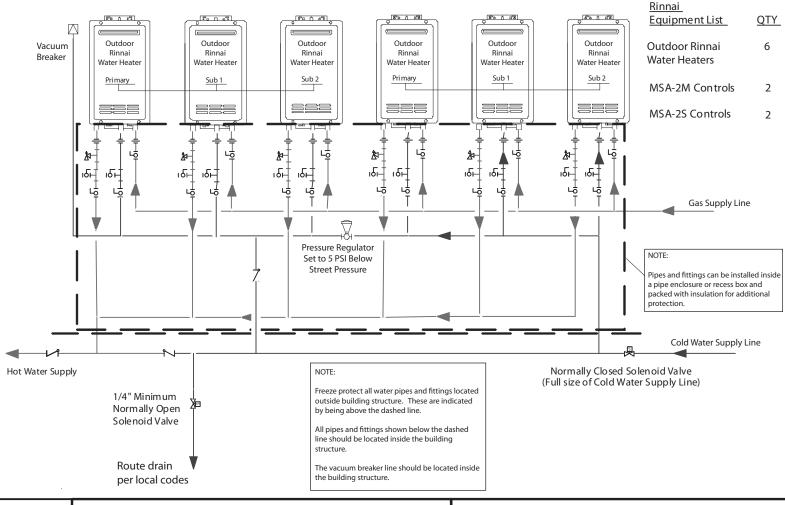
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## Key



Circulating Pump

Pressure Regulator

Boiler Drain Valve

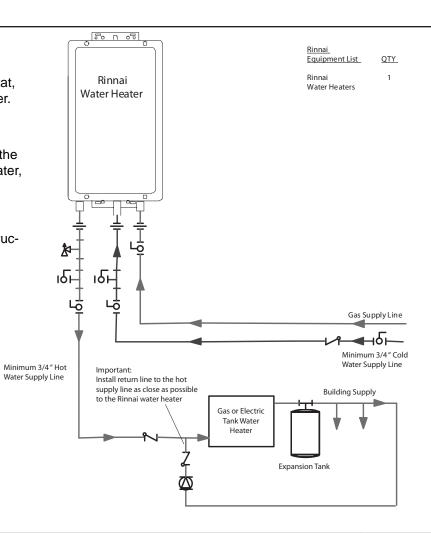
#### For this application:

Pump should be controlled by an Aquastat, Timer or Combination Aquastat and Timer.

Pump to be sized to maintain circulation loop temperature.

The pump should be sized to overcome the pressure loss through the tank water heater, and supply and return plumbing in the circulation loop. Reference the section *Pump Sizing for Circulation*.

Pump to be of bronze or stainless construction.



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### Key



3/4" Ball Valve

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√ Check Valve

Pressure Relief Valve



Pressure Regulator

Circulating Pump

Boiler Drain Valve



#### For this application:

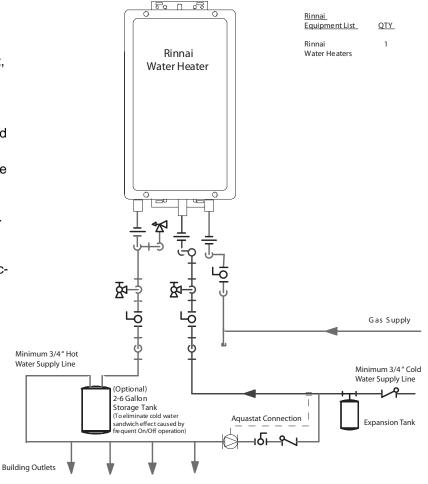
Pump should be controlled by an Aquastat, Timer or Combination Aquastat and Timer.

Pump to be sized to maintain circulation loop temperature.

A minimum of 3 GPM flow is recommended for the circulation system.

The pump should be sized to overcome the pressure loss through the Rinnai water heater, optional storage tank, and supply and return plumbing in the circulation loop. Reference the section *Pump Sizing for Circulation*.

Pump to be of bronze or stainless construction.



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## Key



3/4" Ball Valve

3/4" Union

Check Valve

Pressure Relief Valve



Pressure Regulator

Circulating Pump

Boiler Drain Valve

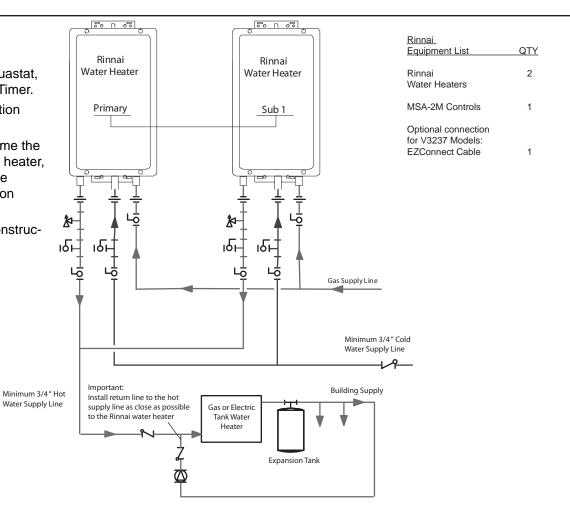
#### For this application:

Pump should be controlled by an Aquastat, Timer or Combination Aquastat and Timer.

Pump to be sized to maintain circulation loop temperature.

The pump should be sized to overcome the pressure loss through the tank water heater, and supply and return plumbing in the circulation loop. Reference the section *Pump Sizing for Circulation*.

Pump to be of bronze or stainless construction.



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## Domestic Hot Water - Circulation Systems 2 Rinnai Water Heaters with Gas or Electric Tank Preferred Piping Installation

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### Key



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3/4" Union

Check Valve

Pressure Relief Valve

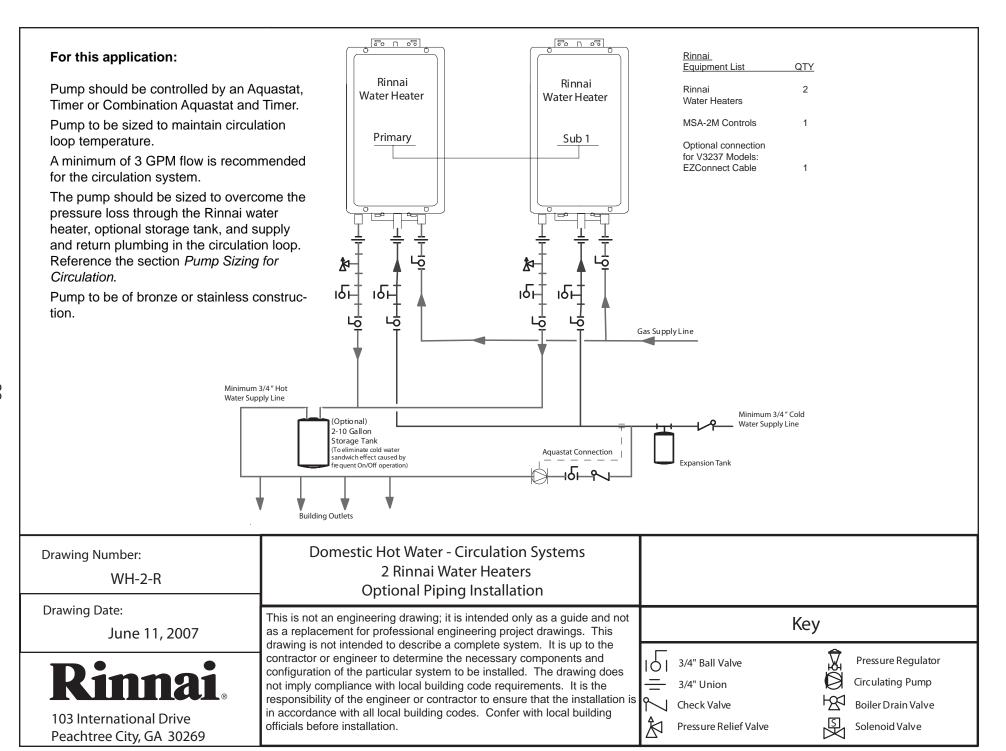


Pressure Regulator

Circulating Pump

Boiler Drain Valve





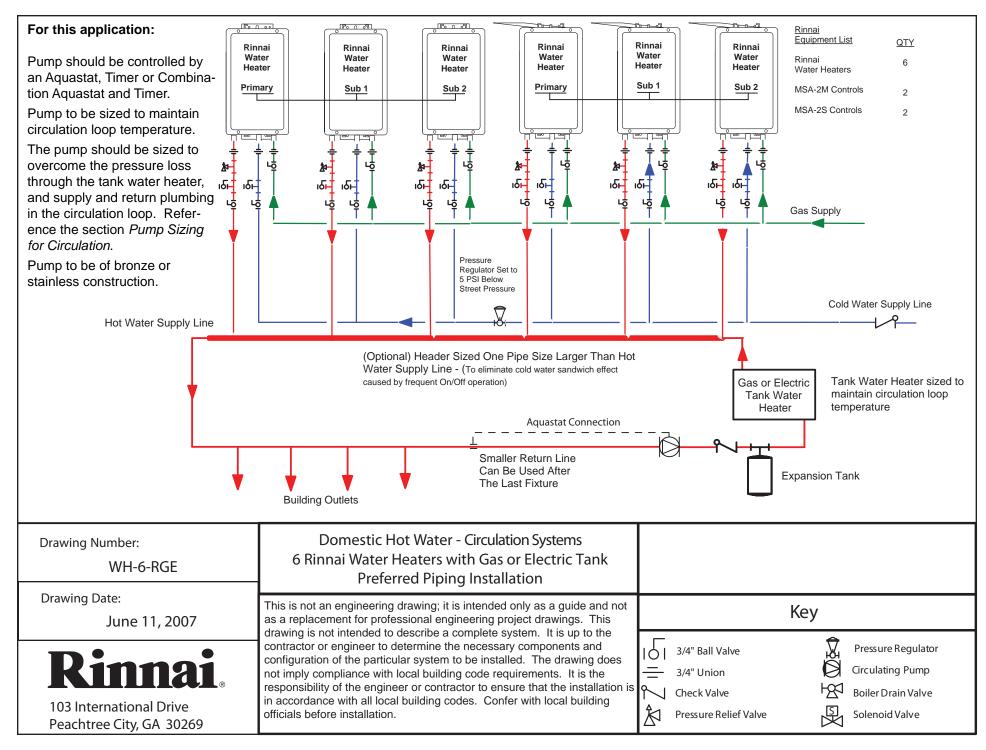
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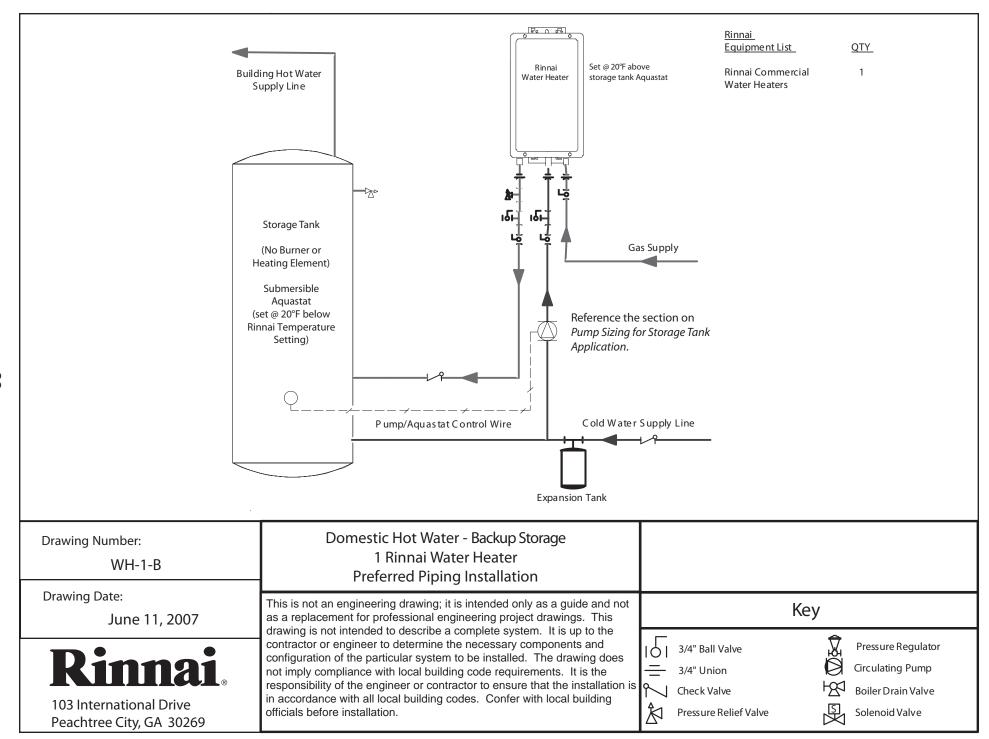
#### ₽° ∩ °3 For this application: Rinnai **Equipment List** QTY Rinnai Rinnai Rinnai Pump should be controlled by an Aquastat, 3 Rinnai Water Heater Water Heater Water Heater Water Heaters Timer or Combination Aquastat and Timer. MSA-2M Controls Pump to be sized to maintain circulation Primary Sub 1 Sub 2 loop temperature. MSA-2S Controls The pump should be sized to overcome the pressure loss through the tank water heater, and supply and return plumbing in the circulation loop. Reference the section Pump Sizing for Circulation. Pump to be of bronze or stainless construction. Gas Supply Cold Water Supply Line Hot Water Supply Line (Optional) Header Sized One Pipe Size Larger Than Hot Water Supply Line - (To eliminate cold water sandwich effect caused by frequent On/Off operation) Gas or Electric Tank Water Heater sized to Tank Water maintain circulation loop temperature Heater **Aquastat Connection** Smaller Return Line Can Be Used After **Expansion Tank** The Last Fixture **Building Outlets** Domestic Hot Water - Circulation Systems **Drawing Number:** 3 Rinnai Water Heaters with Gas or Electric Tank WH-3-RGE **Preferred Piping Installation** Drawing Date: This is not an engineering drawing; it is intended only as a guide and not Key as a replacement for professional engineering project drawings. This June 11, 2007 drawing is not intended to describe a complete system. It is up to the contractor or engineer to determine the necessary components and Pressure Regulator 3/4" Ball Valve configuration of the particular system to be installed. The drawing does Circulating Pump 3/4" Union not imply compliance with local building code requirements. It is the responsibility of the engineer or contractor to ensure that the installation is Boiler Drain Valve Check Valve in accordance with all local building codes. Confer with local building 103 International Drive

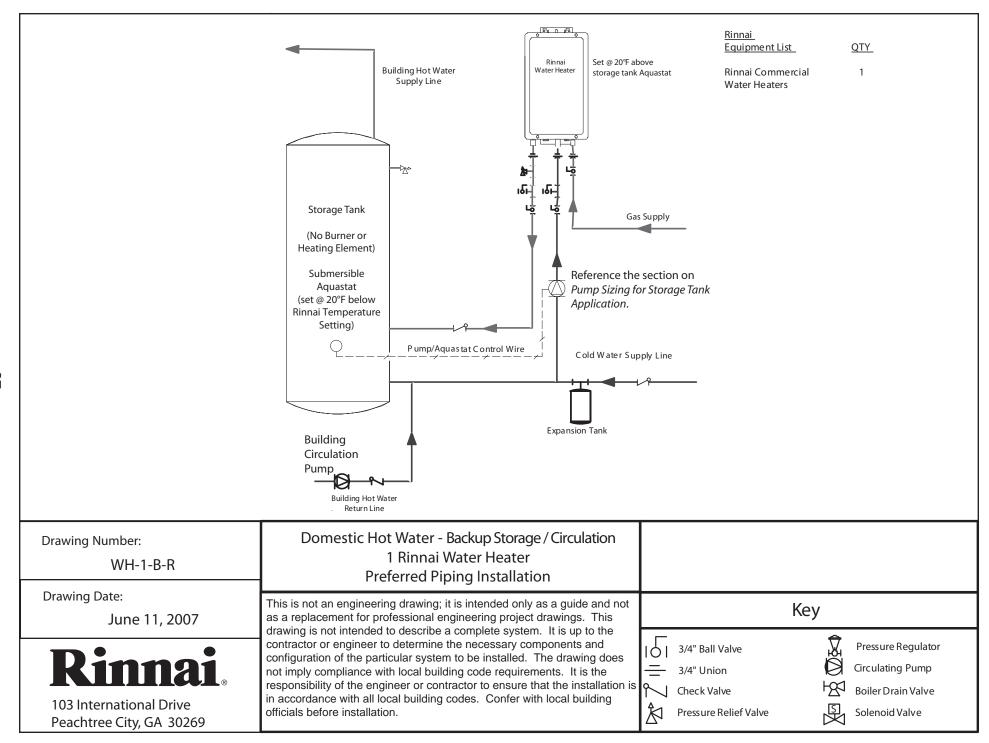
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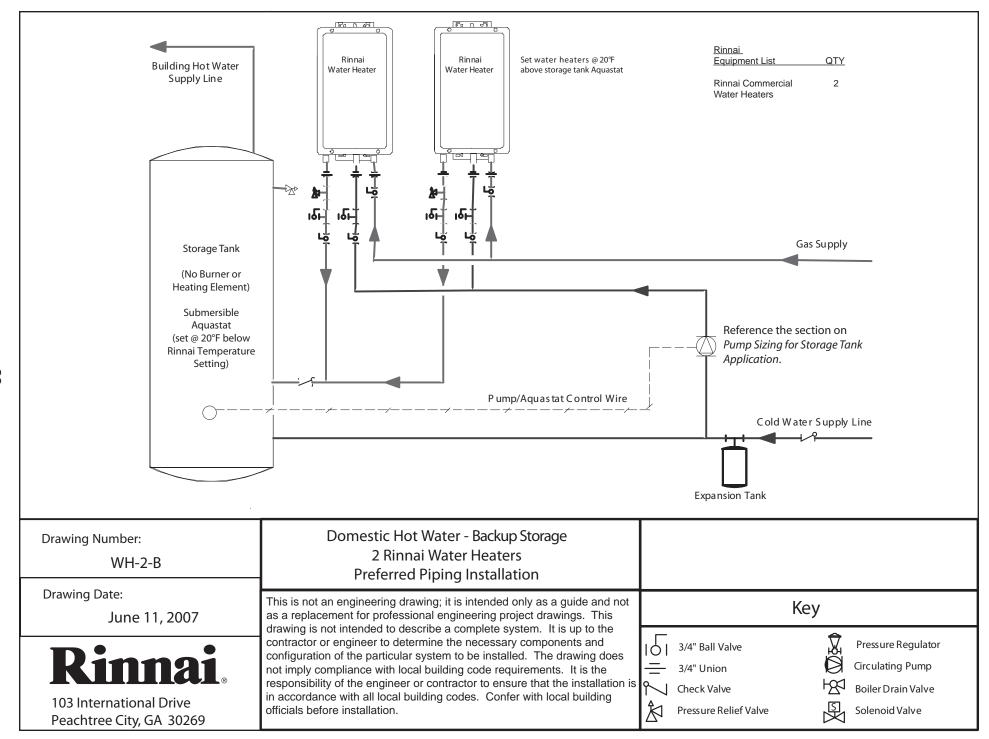
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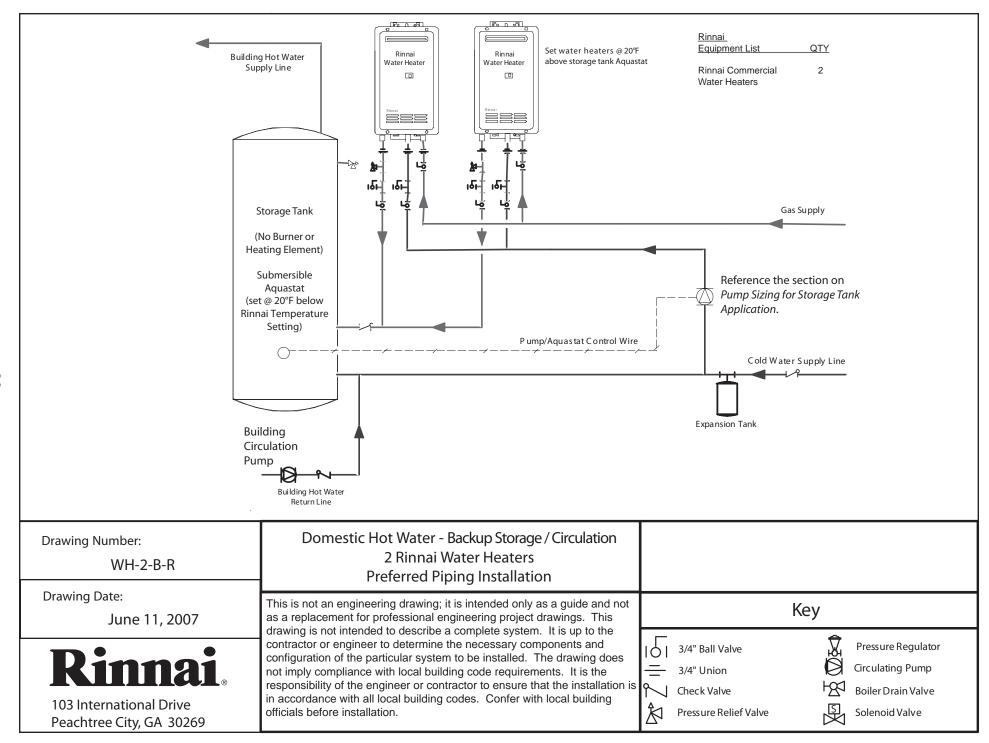
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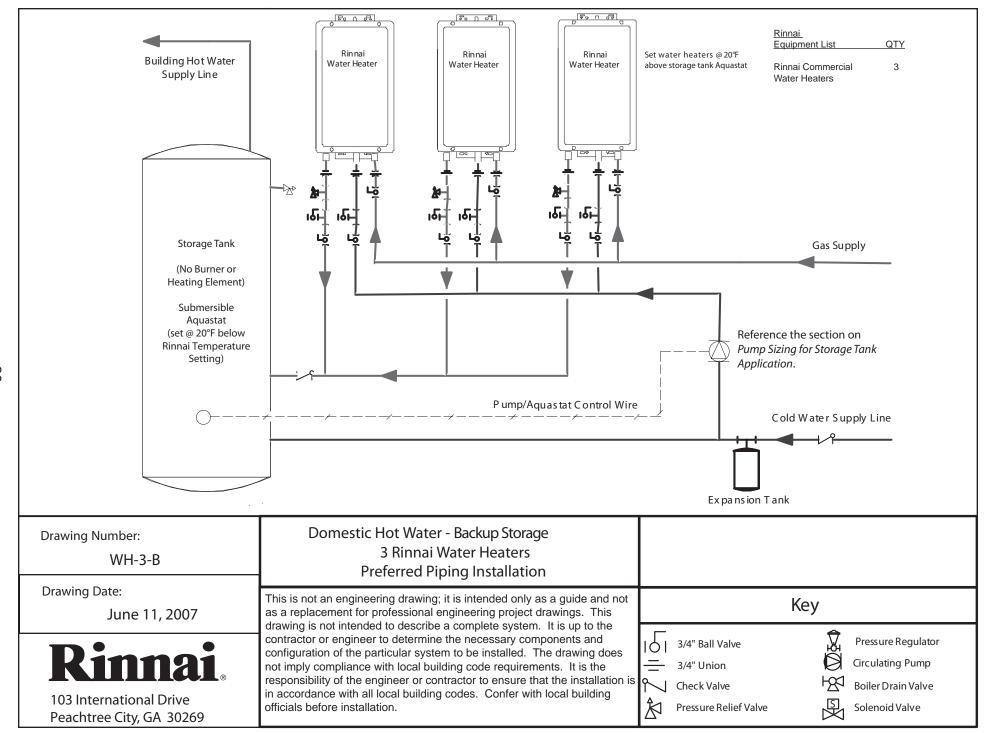


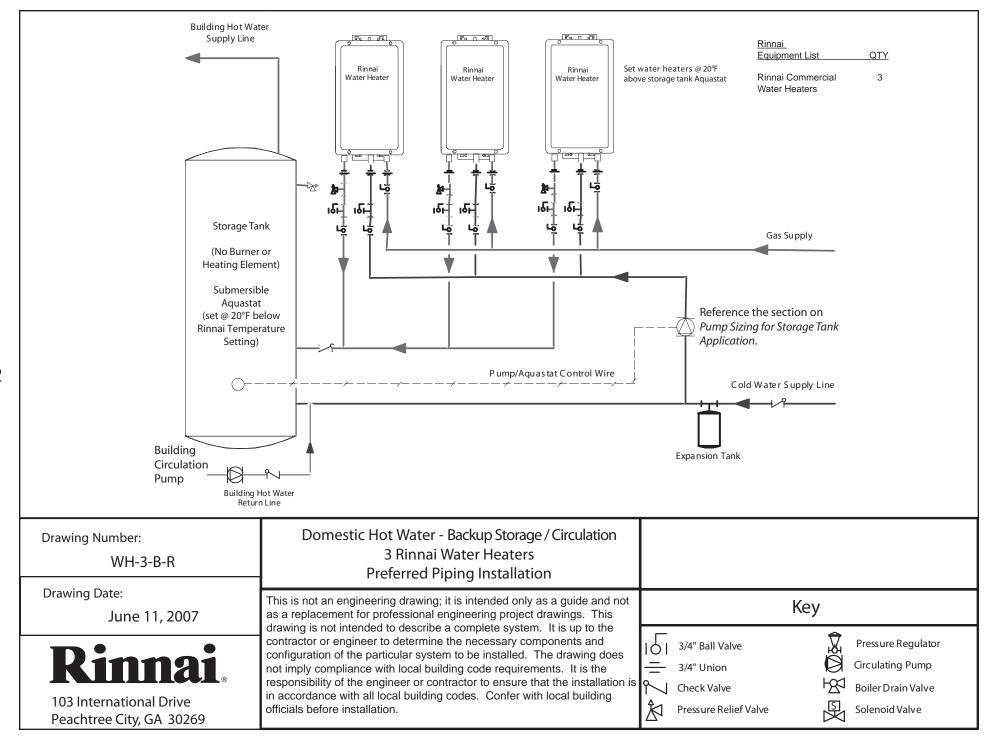


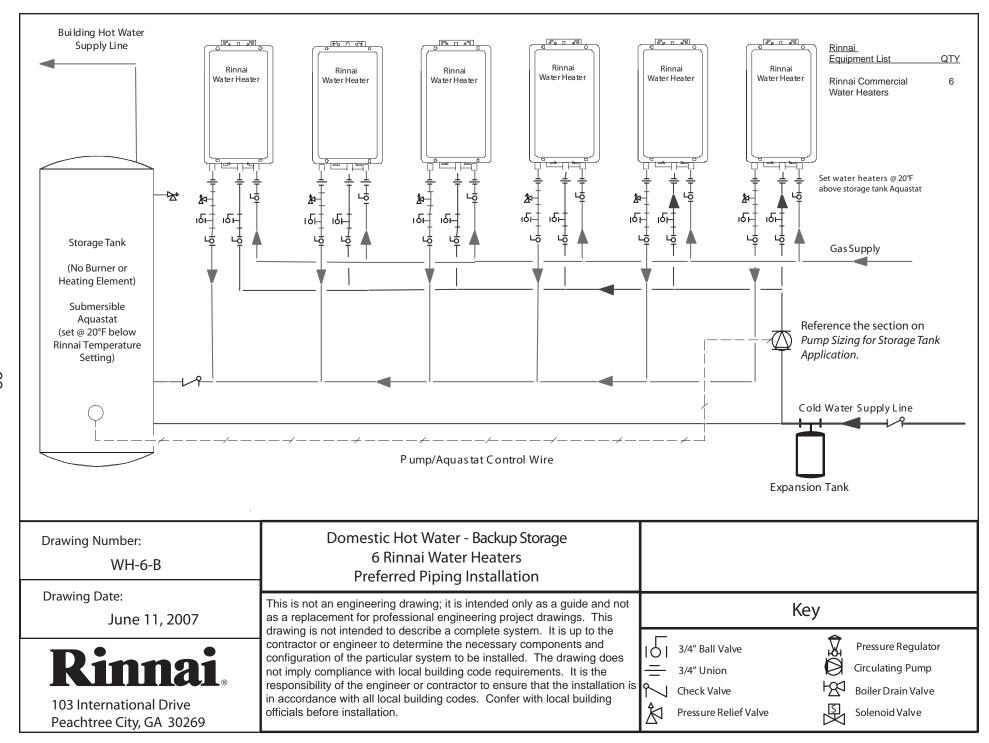


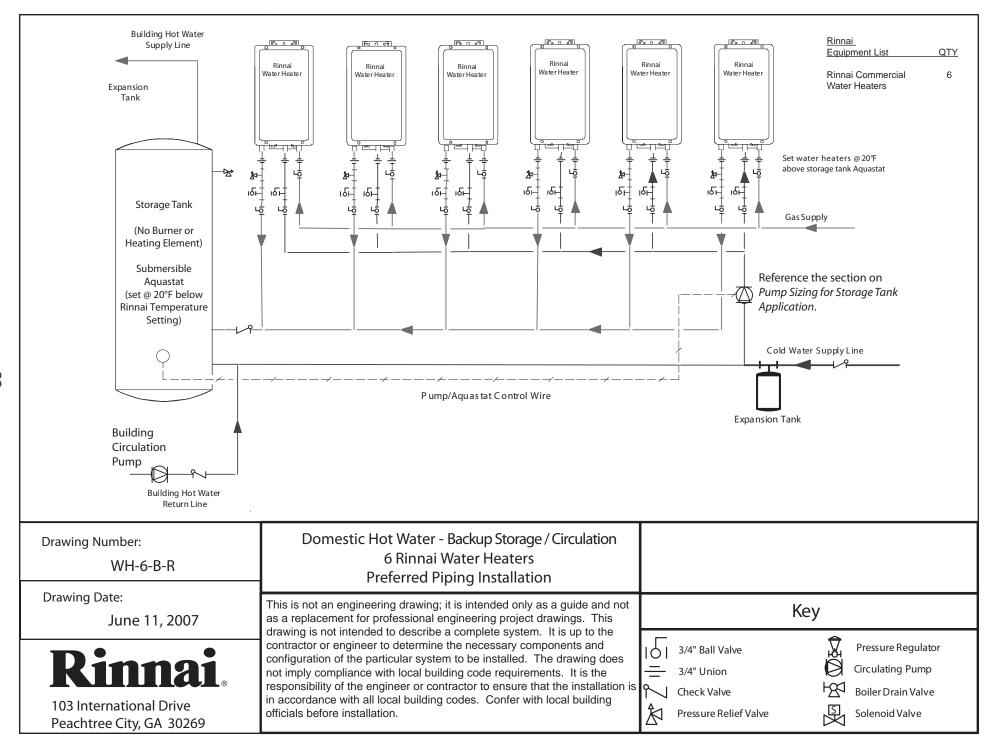






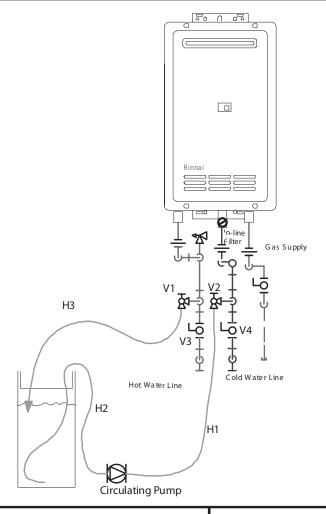






#### Flush Procedure

- 1. Disconnect electrical power to the water heater.
- Close the shutoff valves on both the hot water and cold water lines (V3 and V4).
- 3. Connect pump outlet hose (H1) to the cold water line at service valve V2.
- 4. Connect drain hose (H3) to service valve V1.
- 5. Pour approximately 4 gallons of virgin, food grade, white vinegar or citric acid into pail.
- 6. Place the drain hose (H3) and the hose (H2) to the pump inlet into the cleaning solution.
- 7. Open both service valves (V1 and V2) on the hot water and cold water lines.
- 8. Operate the pump and allow the cleaning solution to circulate through the water heater for at least 45 minutes.
- 9. Turn off the pump.
- 10. Rinse the cleaning solution from the water heater by:
  - a. remove the free end of the drain hose (H3) from the pail
  - b. close service valve, V2, and open shutoff valve, V4. Do not open shutoff valve, V3.
  - c. allow water to flow through the water heater for 5 minutes
  - d. close service valve, V1, and open shutoff valve, V3.
- 11. Disconnect all hoses.
- 12. Remove the in-line filter at the cold water inlet and clean out any residue. Place filter back into unit.
- 13. Restore electrical power to the water heater.



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