# **Circulation Heaters**

# Heaters Designed to Heat Forced-Circulation Air, Gases or Liquids

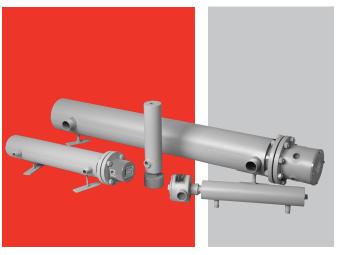
Circulation heaters provide a ready-made means to install electric heating with a minimal amount of time and labor. This is accomplished by combining heating elements, vessel, insulation, terminal enclosure, mounting brackets and inlet and outlet connections into a complete assembly.

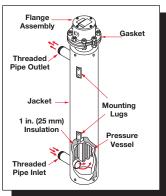
Made from National Pipe Thread (NPT) screw plug or ANSI flange heater assemblies mated with a pressure vessel (tank), circulation heaters are designed to heat forced-circulation air, gases or liquids. Ideal for either in-line or side-arm operations, these assemblies direct fluids past FIREBAR® or WATRODTM heating elements, to deliver fast response and even heat distribution.

Watlow® meets virtually all circulation heater assembly needs with made-to-order units. Watlow circulation heaters can be made from a wide range of heating element sheath materials, wattages, vessel sizes and materials, pressure ratings, terminal enclosures and controls.

#### **Performance Capabilities**

- Watt densities up to 120 W/in<sup>2</sup> (18.6 W/cm<sup>2</sup>)
- · Wattages up to three megawatts
- UL® and CSA component recognition up to 690VAC
- · Ratings up to ANSI Class 600 pressure class
- Alloy 800/840 sheath temperatures up to 1600°F (870°C)
- Passivated 316 stainless steel sheath temperatures up to 1200°F (650°C)
- Steel sheath temperatures up to 750°F (400°C)





#### **Features and Benefits**

#### Catalog screw plug and flange part numbers

 Provides a wide selection of WATROD and FIREBAR elements to meet specific application requirements

Туре	Sizes (in.)
NPT Screw Plugs	11/4, 21/2
ANSI flanges	3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14

# ANSI B16.5 Class 150 on 4 or 6 inch FIREBAR element flanges and 3 to 14 inch WATROD element flanges

· Meets recognized agency standards

### FIREBAR assemblies pack more wattage in a smaller heater bundle

 Replaces larger flanges with round tubular elements, with a smaller package

#### Compacted MgO insulation filled elements

Maximizes dielectric strength, heat transfer and life



#### Features and Benefits (Continued)

## 1 inch (25 mm) thermal insulation rated to 750°F (400°C)

Reduces heat loss from the vessel

#### Heavy-gauge steel jacket (shroud)

 Protects thermal insulation and heating vessel and comes with protective primer coating

#### All catalog units are rated to ANSI pressure Class 150

 Provides pressure vessels (tanks) that are either carbon, 304 or 316 stainless steel

# Standard offering includes units rated for up to and including ANSI pressure class 600 (application review required)

- Provides pressure vessels (tanks) available in carbon steel, 304 or 316 stainless steel materials
- Includes schedule 40, standard and 80 pipe used in the pressure vessel construction

### Catalog units provided with NPT or ANSI Class 150 nozzle connection

 Makes installation easy. Inlet and outlet nozzle connections are threaded MNPT on 8 in. (203 mm) and smaller tanks.
 Class 150 flanged connections on 10 in. (254 mm) and larger tanks

# Mounting lugs are welded onto the tank wall of all $2^{1/2}$ in. (64 mm) NPT and larger units

· Provides mounting support

#### General purpose, moisture resistant enclosures available

· Offers easy access to terminal wiring

#### Flange mounting holes

· Straddles centerline to comply with industry standards

# UL® and CSA component recognition under file numbers E52951 and 31388 respectively

· Meets industry safety standards

#### **Typical Applications**

#### Water:

- Deionized
- Demineralized
- Clean
- Potable
- Process
- Industrial water rinse tanks
- Hydraulic oil, crude, asphalt
- Lubricating oils at API specified watt densities
- Heat transfer oil
- Paraffin
- Caustic cleaners
- Nitrogen, hydrogen and other air/gas systems
- Superheating steam

#### **Options**

#### **Terminal Enclosures**

General purpose terminal enclosures, without thermostats, are supplied on all Watlow circulation heaters. Moisture and explosion resistant ratings are available to meet specific application needs.

#### **Stand-off Terminal Enclosures**

Stand-off terminal enclosures help protect terminal enclosures against excessive temperatures.

#### **ASME Pressure Vessel Code Welding**

Flange or screw plug assemblies can be provided with an ASME Section VIII or Section I, Div. I pressure vessel stamp upon request.

#### **Branch Circuits**

Branch circuits are designed for 48 amperes per circuit maximum. Contact a Watlow representative for circuit requirements other than those listed in the stock charts.

#### **Certified Enclosures**

CSA, ATEX or IECEx certified enclosures protect wiring in hazardous gas environments. These terminal enclosures, covered under CSA file number 61707, ATEX certificate # SIRA 10ATEX 1155X or IECEx certificate # IECEx CSA 09.0010 are available on WATROD flange heaters.

For products that will be installed in hazardous locations, please provide the following information:

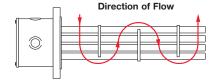
- Operating conditions
- Minimum and maximum ambient temperatures for the installation location
- Mounting orientation

Watlow must understand this information so that an appropriate design can be provided.

#### **Thermostats**

To provide process temperature control, Watlow offers optional single- and double-pole thermostats. Thermostats are typically mounted in the terminal enclosure. Optional side mounting on vessel also available.

#### **Baffles**



Baffles mounted on the heating element bundle enhance and/or modify liquid or gas flow for better heat transfer.

For critical sheath temperature and low flow conditions, baffles may be required.

Contact a Watlow representative for details.

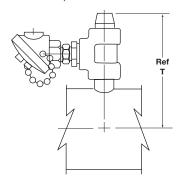
#### **Thermocouples**

To sense process or element sheath temperature, ASTM Type J or K thermocouples are available.

#### **Options** (Continued)

#### **Process Thermocouple in Nozzle**

(Must specify which nozzle)



Ref.	Ref.	Dimension
Tank Size	Nozzle Size	"A"
<b>1</b> <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	<sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> NPT	8 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>16</sub>
2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1 NPT	8 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>16</sub>
3	1 NPT	8 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>16</sub>
4	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> NPT	10 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>
5	2 NPT	<b>11</b> <sup>1</sup> / <sub>16</sub>
6	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> NPT	13 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>
8	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> NPT	14 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>

For 10 in. (254 mm) and larger tanks contact your Watlow representative for dimension.

#### **Sheath Materials**

The following sheath materials are available on WATROD and FIREBAR heating elements:

#### **Standard Sheath Materials**

WATROD	Alloy 800/840 316 SS Steel
FIREBAR	Alloy 800, 304 SS

#### **Made-to-Order Sheath Materials**

WATROD	304 SS Alloy 600
	Titanium Hastelly C276

#### Wattages and Voltages

Watlow routinely supplies circulation heaters with 120 to 690VAC as well as wattages from 500 watts to one megawatt. If required, Watlow will configure circulation heaters with voltages and wattages outside these parameters.

For more information on special voltage and wattage configurations, contact a Watlow representative.

#### **Protective Steel Jacket (Shroud)**

To protect circulation heaters from weather or wash-down conditions, partially welded (standard) outer protective steel jackets are available. Standard steel, or made-to-order 304 or 316 stainless steel or aluminum can be supplied. Jacket diameter is dependent upon thermal insulation thickness.

To order, specify **protective steel jacket, material type** and **weatherproof**, if desired.

#### Passivated Finish

For critical applications, passivation will remove free iron from all wetted surfaces.

Contact a Watlow representative for details.

#### Gaskets

Rubber, asbestos-free and spiral wound gaskets are available for all heater flange, and inlet and outlet flange sizes

Watlow recommends ordering spares in case replacement becomes necessary.

To order, specify gasket type, flange size/rating and process operating temperature.

#### **Inlet and Outlet Nozzle Connections**

All inlet and outlet materials are compatible with the pressure vessel material and pressure class rating.

Vessel sizes from 1½ to 8 inches are typically configured with Male National Pipe Thread (MNPT) nozzles. Optional

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10 inch and larger vessels are supplied with Class 150 inlet and outlet flanges. Optional Class 300 or Class 600 can be provided to mate with existing piping.

To order, specify **type**, **size** and **pressure class** rating for both inlet and outlet nozzle/flange connections.

#### **Support Saddles**

To mate with an existing installation, customized support saddle(s) and/or mounting lugs are available.

To order, specify **mounting lugs** or **support saddles** and supply a dimensional drawing.

#### **High-Temperature Thermal Insulation**

To further minimize heat loss, the pressure vessel's standard one inch thermal insulation wrap may be replaced with thicker and/or higher temperature insulation.

For more information, contact your Watlow representative.

To order, specify **insulation thickness, standard** or **high temperature insulation** and **temperature rating**.

Vessels may be supplied with a primer coating without insulation.

To order, specify no insulation.

#### **Pressure Vessels**

All catalog pressure vessel (tank) materials consist of standard schedule and 150# class forged fittings and are made from one of the following materials:

- Carbon steel
- 316 stainless steel

All catalog pressure vessels (tanks) are steel unless otherwise noted.

316 stainless steel pressure vessels (tanks) are passivated on all wetted surfaces. Available from assembly stock on 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inch NPT and 4 or 6 inch ANSI flange circulation heaters.

Made-to-order units can be made in a variety of materials, flange sizes and pressure classes. Ratings to ANSI class 2500 pressure class are available for high-pressure applications.

#### **Ordering Information**

#### **Part Number**

Stock Plug or ANSI Flange Part Number ②
Optional
Terminal
Enclosures

Optional Process Sensors Sheath Limit Sensors

#### ① Stock Plug or ANSI Flange Part Number

#### Insert Part Number

**Note:** Catalog part numbers include optional enclosures and process sensors. To order optional enclosures or sensors, substitute the appropriate suffix.

2	Optional Terminal Enclosure
S =	General purpose enclosure
W =	Moisture resistant enclosure
E =	Explosion resistant enclosure
C =	Moisture/explosion resistant enclosure

**Note:** Catalog listings include either a general purpose enclosure or moisture/explosion resistant enclosure. Substitute enclosure options are noted.

3	Optional Process Sensor
2 =	30 to 250°F (-1 to 121°C), SPST
3 =	175 to 550°F (79 to 288°C), SPST
4 =	40 to 110°F (-1 to 43°C), DPST
5A =	60 to 250°F (16 to 121°C), DPST (FIREBAR)
7A =	100 to 500°F (38 to 288°C), DPST (FIREBAR)
J =	Type J process thermocouple in thermowell
K=	Type K process thermocouple in thermowell

4	Sheath Limit Sensor
HJ =	Type J high-limit thermocouple, horizontal mount
TJ =	Type J high-limit thermocouple, vertical/housing at top
BJ =	Type J high-limit thermocouple, vertical/housing at bottom
HK =	Type K high-limit thermocouple, horizontal mount
TK =	Type K high-limit thermocouple, vertical/housing at top
BK =	Type K high-limit thermocouple, vertical/housing at bottom
Note: Heater orientation is critical to accurate sensing of limit	
conditioners. Use the appropriate code to indicate heater mounting	
orientations.	









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