Seisco Product Manual — Description & Specifications



SEISCO[®] PRODUCT DESCRIPTION & SPECIFICATIONS

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General Product Description

<u>SIZE:</u> Seisco Water Heaters are manufactured in two basic sizes, a large four-chamber unit (15 _' x 15 _' x 6 _') and a smaller two-chamber unit (15 _' x 10 _' x 6 _'). The same advanced microprocessor technology and thermoplastic construction are used in both sizes. Therefore, many of the parts are interchangeable.

MODELS: There are three models of each size available. The four-chamber models are RA-18, RA-22, & RA-28. These models are designed generally for domestic water heating in whole house and booster applications. Also, the two-chamber models are RA-9, RA-11, & RA-14. The two-chamber models are designed for space heating applications and point-of-use in commercial applications. The available models and their descriptions are listed on pages following this section. Refer to *Applications & Diagrams* for more design and application details.

FEATURES: There are no moving parts or flow restricting devices used in Seisco heaters. Seisco uses a unique flow/no flow detection system utilizing it's temperature sensors for flow detection. In standby, the heater maintains a very subtle temperature gradient and flow is detected when there is a change in the gradient. The advanced microprocessor control turns the power on through a set of relays and turns the power off when flow stops. The most important feature may be the patented "Power Sharing" technology which provides for evenly distributed power to the heating elements. This in turn, helps eliminate scalding potential, scaling and sediment build-up. Also, the control logic allows the power level to vary which is beneficial in minimizing the use of power for periods of less demanding usage.

CONSTRUCTION: Seisco heating chambers are modular and molded of light weight thermoplastic materials. The chamber is specifically engineered for durability in harsh water heating environments and capable of withstanding extreme temperature swings and pressure changes. Heating elements, sensors and detection devices, that come in contact with the water, are machined in brass or made of copper to help resist corrosion. Standard 1 _ inch, flanged screw-type heating elements are utilized which are interchangeable with heating elements available at local hardware stores.

SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE: Seisco was designed with a complete array of dependable safety features to prevent harm to the user and the heater. There are several redundant safety features as well. They include, dual high temperature switches on independent circuitry in addition to the control's internal high temperature shut down. Dual low level detectors are used to prevent dry firing of the heating elements and a leak detector is mounted on the casing that in the event of a leak, sounds an alarm to the user. Although the control board is protected against electrical surges, additional heater protection is achieved when the relays are opened during periods of standby, providing no path for the surge to reach the heating elements. Also, the chamber is designed with a patented venting system that continuously vents harmful gasses and air during operation. The microprocessor control is programmed to provide self diagnostics that significantly reduces trouble shooting and service time. In the event of a problem with the heater, the control emits a visual or optional built-in audible code. There is no maintenance required of the Seisco. However, there are clean-out plates below the heater chamber to allow removal of sand and grit that may build-up from a well water system.

POWER RATING: The four-chamber models contain four electric heating elements whose combined wattage is the total power rating of the heater. For instance, the standard RA-28 model contains four 7000 watt elements for a total of 28,000 watts, or 28 kilowatts (kW) of power. The two-chamber model, RA-14, contains only two 7000 watt elements for a total power rating of 14,000 watts, or 14 kilowatts (kW). However, because of Seisco's "Power Sharing" technology, the heater may not always use the maximum available power. The power output can vary with flow rate and temperature rise. Refer to the *Product Specifications Table* for the maximum power ratings of each model.

HEATING OUTPUT: The heating output of the Seisco is simply the total kilowatt power rating of the combined heating elements converted to BTU's using 3,413 BTU/kW. For instance, the RA-28 has a total power rating of 28 kW or a 95,564 BTU heat output rating. The four-chamber models have the higher output ratings; 61,434 BTU's for the RA-18 model, and 75,086 BTU's for the RA-22 model. The lower output two-chamber models, are; 47,782 BTU's for the RA-14, 37,543 BTU's for the RA-11, and 30,717 BTU's for the RA-9. These ratings vary with the operating voltage or service voltage to the heater. Refer to the *Product Specifications Table* for the BTU ratings of each model.

VOLTAGE RATING: Seisco heaters are manufactured with common 240 volt (AC) heating elements designed for optimum operation on a standard residential 240 volt (AC) electric service. Also, the Seisco will operate at 208 VAC, a typical commercial voltage, with standard 240 VAC heating elements. However, when operating the heater at 208 VAC, the power rating and the heat output rating is significantly reduced. Seisco models can be special ordered with 208 VAC heating elements to help maximize the power and heating output. Refer to the *Product Specifications Table* for details on the various voltage ratings.

MAXIMUM CURRENT RATING: Each Seisco Model has a maximum electrical current rating (or amp rating) equivalent to the sum of the heating element ratings. For example, a four-chamber model, RA-28, operating at 240 VAC has four heating elements, each with a maximum rating of 29 amps. The maximum current rating or total current rating of the RA-28 is therefore 116 amps or the sum of the four heating elements. However, because of Seisco's "Power Modulating Technology", the actual current measured during relatively low flow rates and/or low temperature rises can be less than the maximum rating of the heater during operation. Refer to the A (max) or maximum amp rating under "Electrical" in the *Product Specifications Table* for each model.

TEMPERATURE RISE: The temperature rise must be determined in order to help choose the appropriate Seisco heater. The rise can be determined by knowing the input water temperature and the desired output temperature of the heater. The Seisco's output temperature is typically set for about 120 degrees F at the factory. Therefore, if the input or cold water inlet temperature is 50 degrees F, then the temperature rise is the difference or 70 degrees F. If the desired output temperature is 125 degrees F, then the temperature rise would be 75 degrees F. With the temperature rise determined, the *Product Specification Table* provides the associated flow rate capacity of the various Seisco models.

FLOW RATE: The flow rate for each model is given in the "Temperature Rise" table of the *Product Specification Table*. Along with the temperature rise, the flow rate must also be determined in order to choose the appropriate Seisco heater. The flow rate is determined by the type of faucet and also, life style. Refer to the chart below for typical faucet flow rates in the home. However, if the desired life style in the home requires running multiple faucets at the same time, then the flow rates must be added together to determine the peak flow demand. The Seisco or the possibility of multiple Seisco's should be selected to match the peak flow rate.

Below are typical flow rates for new residential construction. There may be exceptions with new designer type fixtures and faucets. For instance, large custom body spa showers, whirl pool and Jacuzzi tubs may have faucets with flow rates ranging from 7 gpm to 14 gpm. However, a combination of multiple Seisco heaters (preferably plumbed in a parallel configuration) can be installed to match these higher flow rates. The same peak design approach would be necessary for the anticipated life style of multiple flow rates occurring at the same time. Otherwise, use the table below and match the Seisco according to the peak flow and associated temperature rise of a single tub or shower.

Fixture Type	Lavatory	Bathtub	Shower	Kitchen Sink	Pantry Sink	Laundry Sink	Dish- Washer
Flow Rates	0.8 – 1.5	2.0 - 4.0	1.5 - 3.0	1.0 - 1.5	1.5 – 2.5	2.5 - 3.0	2.0-3.0

Typical Flow Rates in Gallons per Minute (gpm)

SEISCO[¤] FOUR CHAMBER MODELS

SEISCO RA-28

The RA-28 is the most popular residential model for the whole house and for commercial applications, such as specialty restaurants, convenience stores, hotels, pet grooming shops. A perfect back-up to Solar and Geothermal passive heat recovery systems and a powerful replacement for boilers and storage tanks used in Hydronic heating and Radiant Floor heating systems. (Minimum 200 AMP Whole House Electrical Service recommended)



SEISCO RA-22

The RA-22 is ideal for the whole house, apartment or condominium dwelling, where the incoming water temperature rarely drops below 55 degrees F. Also, great as a back-up to passive heat recovery systems, excellent for split systems serving individual entities such as lavatories, shower/bath rooms and kitchens. Radiant Floor heating systems, spas and hot tubs. (Minimum 150 AMP Whole House Electrical Service recommended)



SEISCO RA-18

The RA-18 is the perfect supplement to an existing water heater which is unable to satisfy user requirements. Ideal for the whole house, where incoming water temperatures rarely fall below 65 degrees F. Excellent for split systems serving lavatories, individual showers and kitchens. Radiant Floor heating systems, spas and hot tubs. (Minimum 125 AMP Whole House Electrical Service recommended)



SEISCO[¤] TWO CHAMBER MODELS

SEISCO RA-14

The RA-14 is excellent for point-of-use applications at single showers and multiple sinks. Ideal for supplementing existing water heaters which are unable to satisfy user requirements in beach houses, hair salons, horse stables, hunting and fishing cabins. Great for small homes, condominiums and individual entities, where the incoming water temperature rarely falls below 75 degrees F. Radiant Floor heating systems, spas and hot tubs.



SEISCO RA-11

The RA-11 is great for point-of-use applications such as coffee bars, office & industrial warehouse wash sinks, single lavatory and emergency showers; to comply with code. Perfect for RV s, small motor homes, Radiant Floor heating, and supplements existing water heaters. Requires only one 50 Amp, 240 Volt electrical circuit.



SEISCO RA-9

The RA-9 is used much like the RA-11, for point-of-use applications such as coffee bars, single sinks and emergency showers in office & industrial warehouses; to comply to code. A perfect replacement for 10 & 20 gallon tank heaters in RV s and small motor homes. Supplements existing water heaters and requires only one 40 Amp, 240 Volt electrical circuit.



Standard 240 Volt (AC) Operation, 240 VAC Rating

SEISCO^{^{°°} Electric Fluid Heating System}

MODEL	RA-28	RA-22	RA-18	
1-W	28	22	18	
Flements	$7000 \text{ watts} \times 4$	5500 watts $\times 4$	4500 watte $\times 4$	
Den/ha	7000 watts × 4	5500 watts × 4	4500 walls ~ 4	
Btu/hr	95560	/5080	61430	
kg-cal/min	400	315	258	
TEMPERA	TURE RISE			
	95 ¡F @ 2.0 GPM	75 ¡F @ 2.0 GPM	61 ;F @ 2.0 GPM	
	76 ¡F @ 2.5 GPM	60 ¡F @ 2.5 GPM	49 ¡F @ 2.5 GPM	
	64 ¡F @ 3.0 GPM	50 ¡F @ 3.0 GPM	40 ¡F @ 3.0 GPM	
	48 ¡F @ 4.0 GPM	37 ¡F @ 4.0 GPM	30 ¡F @ 4.0 GPM	
	50 ¡C @ 8 L/min	39 ¡C @ 8 L/min	32 ;C @ 8 L/min	
	40 ¡C @ 10 L/min	31 ¡C @ 10 L/min	26 ¡C @ 10 L/min	
	33 ¡C @ 12 L/min	26 ¡C @ 12 L/min	21 ¡C @ 12 L/min	
	25 ¡C @ 16 L/min	20 ¡C @ 16 L/min	16 ¡C @ 16 L/min	
MECHAN	ICAL			
Size	15156_ in /	15156_ in /	15156_ in /	
H_W_D	40_40_16 cm	40_40_16 cm	40_40_16 cm	
Plumbing	in NPT nipple _ 2	in NPT nipple _ 2	in NPT nipple _ 2	
fittings				
Shipping	23 lbs / 10.5 kg	23 lbs / 10.5 kg	23 lbs / 10.5 kg	
weight				
ELECTRIC	CAL			
V	240	240	240	
A (max)	116	91	75	
Hz	50 / 60	50 / 60	50 / 60	
Circuits ¹	30A_4	50A_2	40A_2	
APPLICATIONS				
	Whole-house unit;	Whole-house unit;	Whole-house unit; for use where	
	specialty restaurants;	for use where ambient water	ambient water temperature rarely	
	convenience stores; hotels; pet	temperature rarely drops below	drops below $65 _{i}\text{F} / 18 _{i}\text{C}.$	
	grooming establishments.	55 ¡F / 13 ¡C.	Radiant floor heating. Minimum	
	Backup to passive systems such	Radiant floor heating.	125 recommended electrical	
	as solar and heat-recovery.	Minimum 150A electrical	service.	
	Radiant floor heating. Minimum	service.		
	200A electrical service.			

Temperature rise refers to the *maximum* amount of water heating available, given a specific wattage and flow rate. For example, a 60 ¡F water inlet and a 120 ¡F outlet temperature represents a rise of 60 ¡F. Referring to the table above, if a flow of 3 GPM (gallons per minute) is desired, a 28-kW (kilowatt) RA-28 heater is required, which at 3 GPM can yield a temperature rise of up to 64 ¡F.

¹ Each circuit requires one double-pole breaker (240 V line to line connection).

Standard 240 Volt (AC) Operation, 240 VAC Rating

SEISCO[¤] ELECTRIC FLUID HEATING SYSTEM [TWO CHAMBER MODELS]

MODEL	RA-14	RA-11	RA-9		
kW	14	11	9		
Elements	7000 watts $\times 2$	5500 watts $\times 2$	4500 watts $\times 2$		
Btu/hr	47780	37540	30710		
kg-cal/min	200	158	129		
TEMPERA	TURE RISE				
	95 ¡F @ 1.0 GPM	75 ¡F @ 1.0 GPM	61 ¡F @ 1.0 GPM		
	64 ¡F @ 1.5 GPM	50 ¡F @ 1.5 GPM	40 ¡F @ 1.5 GPM		
	48 ¡F @ 2.0 GPM	37 ¡F @ 2.0 GPM	30 ¡F @ 2.0 GPM		
	38 ¡F @ 2.5 GPM	30 ¡F @ 2.5 GPM	24 ¡F @ 2.5 GPM		
	50 ¡C @ 4 L/min	39 ¡C @ 4 L/min	32 ¡C @ 4 L/min		
	33 ¡C @ 6 L/min	26 ¡C @ 6 L/min	21 ¡C @ 6 L/min		
	25 ¡C @ 8 L/min	20 ¡C @ 8 L/min	16 ;C @ 8 L/min		
	20 ¡C @ 10 L/min	16 ¡C @ 10 L/min	13 ¡C @ 10 L/min		
MECHANI	ICAL				
Size	15106_ in /	15106_ in /	15106_ in /		
H_W_D	40_26_16 cm	40_26_16 cm	40_26_16 cm		
Plumbing	in NPT nipple _ 2	in NPT nipple _ 2	in NPT nipple _ 2		
fittings					
Shipping weight	15 lbs / 7 kg	15 lbs / 7 kg	15 lbs / 7 kg		
ELECTRIC	CAL				
V	240	240	240		
A (max)	58	46	37.5		
Hz	50 / 60	50 / 60	50 / 60		
Circuits ²	30A_2	50A _ 1	40A _ 1		
APPLICATIONS					
AITLICAT	Whole-house unit;	Point-of-use such as: coffee	Point-of-use such as: coffee		
	for use where ambient water	bars; wash sinks in light	bars; wash sinks in light		
	temperature rarely drops below	industrial warehouse; emergency	industrial warehouse; emergency		
	/5 jF / 24 jC. Single shower /	showers; to comply with code;	showers; to comply with code;		
	sink; nunting and fishing cabins;	supplementing existing water	supplementing existing water		
	supplementing existing water	homes: Rediant floor heating	homes: Rediant floor heating		
	satisfy users requirements	nomes, Raulant noor neating.	nomes, Raulant noor neating.		
	Radiant floor heating				
MECHANI Size H_W_D Plumbing fittings Shipping weight ELECTRIC V A (max) Hz Circuits ² APPLICAT	$\begin{array}{c} \mbox{if} F @ 2.0 \ \mbox{GPM} \\ \mbox{38 } F @ 2.5 \ \mbox{GPM} \\ \mbox{38 } F @ 2.5 \ \mbox{GPM} \\ \mbox{50 } C @ 4 \ \mbox{L/min} \\ \mbox{33 } C @ 6 \ \mbox{L/min} \\ \mbox{25 } C @ 8 \ \mbox{L/min} \\ \mbox{20 } C @ 10 \ \mbox{L/min} \\ \mbox{CAL} \\ \mbox{15 } 10_{-}6_{-} \ \mbox{in} \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \$	$37 \text{ ; F } @ 2.0 \text{ GPM}$ $30 \text{ ; F } @ 2.5 \text{ GPM}$ $39 \text{ ; C } @ 4 \text{ L/min}$ $26 \text{ ; C } @ 6 \text{ L/min}$ $20 \text{ ; C } @ 8 \text{ L/min}$ $16 \text{ ; C } @ 10 \text{ L/min}$ $15_10_6_\text{ in /}$ 40_26_16 cm $\\text{in NPT nipple_2}$ 15 lbs / 7 kg 240 46 $50 / 60$ $50A_1$ Point-of-use such as: coffee bars; wash sinks in light industrial warehouse; emergency showers; to comply with code; supplementing existing water heaters; RV s and small motor homes; Radiant floor heating.	40 µ @ 1.5 GPM30 ¡F @ 2.0 GPM24 ¡F @ 2.5 GPM32 ¡C @ 4 L/min11 ¡C @ 6 L/min16 ¡C @ 8 L/min13 ¡C @ 10 L/min15106in /40_26_16 cmin NPT nipple _ 215 lbs / 7 kg24037.550 / 6040A _ 1Point-of-use such as: cofbars; wash sinks in lightindustrial warehouse; emergshowers; to comply with csupplementing existing wheaters; RV s and small mhomes; Radiant floor heat		

Temperature rise refers to the *maximum* amount of water heating available, given a specific wattage and flow rate. For example, a 60 ¡F water inlet and a 120 ¡F outlet temperature represents a rise of 60 ¡F. Referring to the table above, if a flow of 1.5 GPM (gallons per minute) is desired, a 14-kW (kilowatt) RA-14 heater is required, which at 2 GPM can yield a temperature rise of up to 64 ¡F.

² Each circuit requires one double-pole breaker (240 V line to line connection).

Commercial 208 Volt (AC) Operation, 240 VAC Rating

Commercial and industrial locations are often served by 208 V three-phase electrical services. Where 240-V rated SEISCO heaters are used at 208 V, their available wattage, and therefore their temperature rise, are de-rated by 25%. The table below shows which ratings are affected. Other specifications are the same as for 240 V operation.

SEISCO^{^{¹⁰} Electric Fluid Heating System}

[FOUR CHAMBER MODELS]

MODEL	RA-28	RA-22	RA-18	
kW	21	16.5	13.5	
Elements	7000 watts \times 4	5500 watts $\times 4$	4500 watts \times 4	
Btu/hr	71670	56310	46070	
kg-cal/min	300	236	194	
TEMPERA	TURE RISE			
	71 ;F @ 2.0 GPM 57 ;F @ 2.5 GPM 48 ;F @ 3.0 GPM 36 ;F @ 4.0 GPM 37 ;C @ 8 L/min 30 ;C @ 10 L/min 25 ;C @ 12 L/min	56 ;F @ 2.0 GPM 45 ;F @ 2.5 GPM 37 ;F @ 3.0 GPM 28 ;F @ 4.0 GPM 30 ;C @ 8 L/min 24 ;C @ 10 L/min 20 ;C @ 12 L/min	45 ;F @ 2.0 GPM 36 ;F @ 2.5 GPM 30 ;F @ 3.0 GPM 22 ;F @ 4.0 GPM 24 ;C @ 8 L/min 19 ;C @ 10 L/min 15 ;C @ 12 L/min	
	19 ¡C @ 16 L/min	15 ¡C @ 16 L/min	12 ¡C @ 16 L/min	
ELECTRICAL				
V	208	208	208	
A (max)	101	79	65	
Hz	50 / 60	50 / 60	50 / 60	
Circuits	30A_4	50A_2	40A _ 2	

[TWO CHAMBER MODELS]

MODEL	RA-14	RA-11	RA-9	
kW	10.5	8.25	6.75	
Elements	7000 watts \times 2	5500 watts $\times 2$	4500 watts \times 2	
Btu/hr	35830	28150	23030	
kg-cal/min	150	118	96	
TEMPERA	TURE RISE			
	71 ;F @ 1.0 GPM 48 ;F @ 1.5 GPM 36 ;F @ 2.0 GPM 28 ;F @ 2.5 GPM	56 ;F @ 1.0 GPM 37 ;F @ 1.5 GPM 27 ;F @ 2.0 GPM 22 ;F @ 2.5 GPM	45 ;F @ 1.0 GPM 30 ;F @ 1.5 GPM 22 ;F @ 2.0 GPM 18 ;F @ 2.5 GPM	
	37 ¡C @ 4 L/min 25 ¡C @ 6 L/min 19 ¡C @ 8 L/min 15 ¡C @ 10 L/min	29 ;C @ 4 L/min 19 ;C @ 6 L/min 15 ;C @ 8 L/min 12 ;C @ 10 L/min	24 ;C @ 4 L/min 15 ;C @ 6 L/min 12 ;C @ 8 L/min 9 ;C @ 10 L/min	
ELECTRICAL				
V	208	208	208	
A (max)	50.5	39.5	32.5	
Hz	50 / 60	50 / 60	50 / 60	
Circuits	30A _ 2	50A _ 1	40A _ 1	

Commercial 208 Volt (AC) Operation, 208 VAC Rating

Commercial and industrial locations are often served by 208 V three-phase electrical services. SEISCO heaters are available with 208 V heating elements that are 10 to 15% lower wattage than the 240 V elements. Therefore the heater s temperature rise is lower. The table below shows which ratings are affected.

SEISCO^{^{°°} Electric Fluid Heating System}

[FOUR CHAMBER MODELS]

MODEL	RA-28	RA-22	RA-18	
kW	24	20	16	
Elements	$6000 \text{ watts} \times 4$	5000 watts \times 4	$4000 \text{ watts} \times 4$	
Btu/hr	81910	68260	56600	
kg-cal/min	342	285	236	
TEMPERA	TURE RISE			
	81 ;F @ 2.0 GPM 65 ;F @ 2.5 GPM 54 ;F @ 3.0 GPM 30 ;F @ 4.0 GPM	64 ¡F @ 2.0 GPM 51 ¡F @ 2.5 GPM 42 ¡F @ 3.0 GPM 31 ¡F @ 4.0 GPM	52 ¡F @ 2.0 GPM 42 ¡F @ 2.5 GPM 34 ¡F @ 3.0 GPM 25 ¡F @ 4.0 GPM	
	42 ¡C @ 8 L/min 34 ¡C @ 10 L/min 27 ¡C @ 12 L/min 21 ¡C @ 16 L/min	33 ;C @ 8 L/min 26 ;C @ 10 L/min 22 ;C @ 12 L/min 17 ;C @ 16 L/min	27 ;C @ 8 L/min 22 ;C @ 10 L/min 18 ;C @ 12 L/min 13 ;C @ 16 L/min	
ELECTRICAL				
V	208	208	208	
A (max)	115	96	77	
Hz	50 / 60	50 / 60	50 / 60	
Circuits	30A_4	50A_2	40A_2	

[TWO CHAMBER MODELS]

MODEL	RA-14	RA-11	RA-9	
kW	12	10	8	
Elements	$6000 \text{ watts} \times 2$	5000 watts $\times 2$	4000 watts $\times 2$	
Btu/hr	40950	34130	27300	
kg-cal/min	171	142	114	
TEMPERA	TURE RISE			
	81 ¡F @ 1.0 GPM 54 ¡F @ 1.5 GPM 41 ¡F @ 2.0 GPM 32 ¡F @ 2.5 GPM	64 ;F @ 1.0 GPM 42 ;F @ 1.5 GPM 31 ;F @ 2.0 GPM 25 ;F @ 2.5 GPM	52 ;F @ 1.0 GPM 34 ;F @ 1.5 GPM 25 ;F @ 2.0 GPM 20 ;F @ 2.5 GPM	
	42 ;C @ 4 L/min 28 ;C @ 6 L/min 21 ;C @ 8 L/min 17 ;C @ 10 L/min	33 ;C @ 4 L/min 22 ;C @ 6 L/min 17 ;C @ 8 L/min 13 ;C @ 10 L/min	27;C @ 4 L/min 18;C @ 6 L/min 13;C @ 8 L/min 11;C @ 10 L/min	
ELECTRICAL				
V	208	208	208	
A (max)	58	48	38.5	
Hz	50 / 60	50 / 60	50 / 60	
Circuits	30A _ 2	50A _ 1	40A _ 1	



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