

UNITUBE®



SPECIAL FEATURES

VARIETY OF END TERMINALS

The Unitube® Heater is available with a variety of end termination designs.

NO EXTERNAL REFLECTOR REQUIRED

The Unitube® Heater has an internal reflector which does not require maintenance. The reflector has a groove to position the coil and is rigidized for extended life.

CUSTOM WATTAGE AND VOLTAGES

The Unitube® heater is available in watt densities up to 60 watts per lineal inch, and up to 600 volts.

ADAPTABILITY

Unitubes® can be oriented across product flow or canted in direction of product flow, to eliminate the possibility of “striping” sensitive products.

COOLING AIR NOT REQUIRED

Terminal ends of the Unitubes® do not require cooling air.

With new product and process technology under continuous development, production equipment is required to give precise and flexible control over production quality, while operating efficiently with minimum maintenance. For over forty years, Casso-Solar Corporation has been providing our customers the competitive edge.

NO REFLECTORS REQUIRED

Unlike conventional tubular quartz heaters, the Unitube® directs over 90% of its radiant energy output to the product. A patented construction utilizes a specially shaped refractor, built into the quartz tube, eliminating the need for external reflectors which would otherwise require costly maintenance and replacement.

CONSERVES ENERGY

The Unitube® provides energy efficiencies of up to 80%, drastically reducing electrical power consumption over competitive tubular heaters.

Like all Casso Solar Infrared Heaters®, the Unitube® can be tuned to match the peak consumption point of the material being heated over the usable wavelength range of 2.4-6.0 microns, with emitter temperatures of up to 1800°F.

Unitubes® can be arranged to provide temperature profiling, or can be shut down to conserve energy with narrow width products.

FAST RESPONSE

Rapid warm-up is an important feature of the Unitube®. Peak radiant output can be achieved in less than 15 seconds with complete saturation in under one minute. Complete cool down can be within seconds of a line stoppage with the aid of a purge blower, thus protecting valuable product.

STURDY CONSTRUCTION

A heavy walled, 5/8" diameter, quartz tube is used in the Unitube® construction, making the heater one of the strongest of its kind.

EASY TO CONTROL

Through the use of fast cycle zero-crossing SCRs, or phase angle firing SCR power controllers for precision applications, the Unitube® can maintain product temperature to within ± 2°F across the web. With both control options, a thermocouple located within a quartz thermowell can accurately measure the emitter temperature. Optional optical pyrometers can measure product temperature and automatically control the process.

DESIGN FLEXIBILITY

Unitubes® can be mounted together to form banks; prewired into single or multiple zones. Supply and exhaust air systems can be provided for moisture removal or use in solvent environments.

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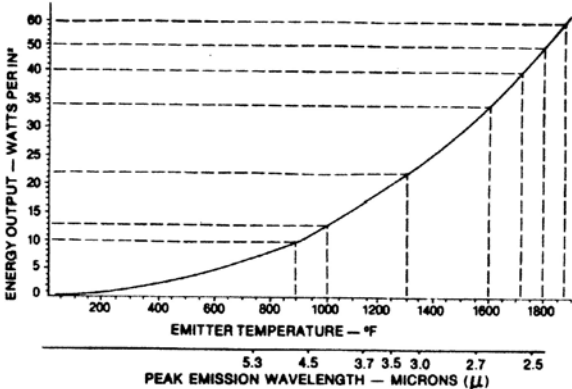
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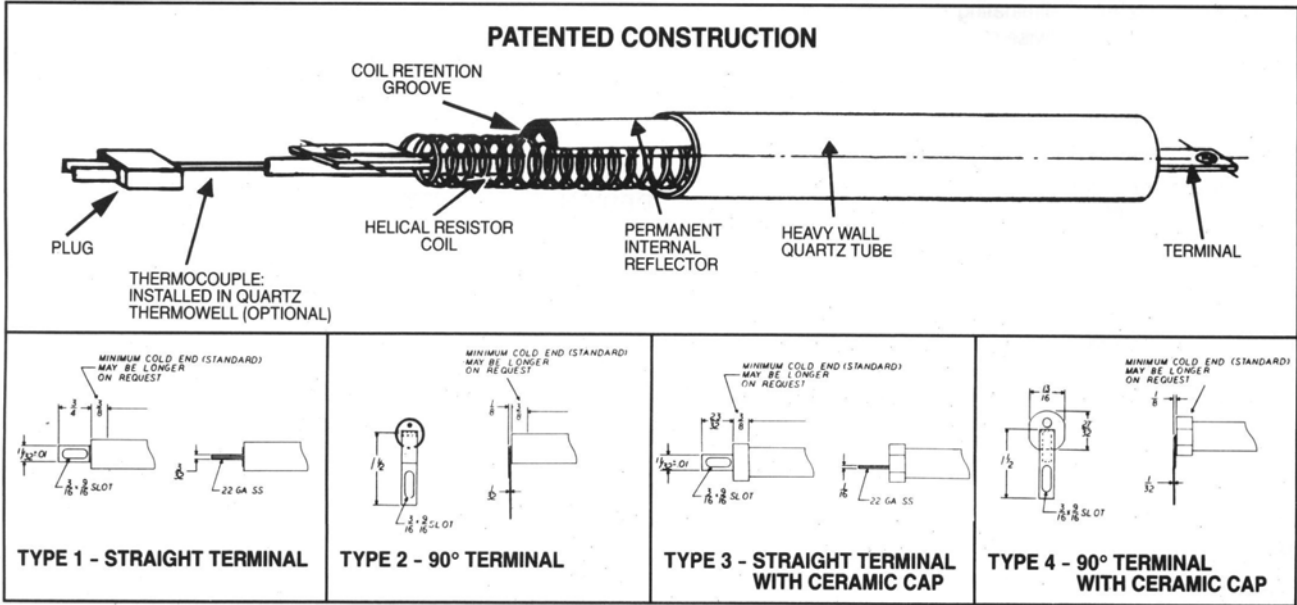
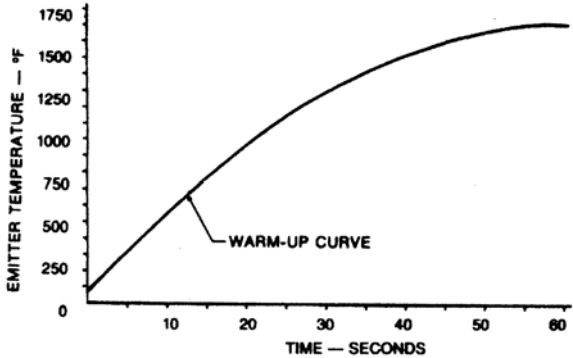


EMISSION OUTPUT CURVE

The emission output curve at the left shows emitter temperature versus watt density and the corresponding wavelength emitted for a specific emitter temperature. For example, an emitter temperature of 1300°F would correspond to a peak wavelength of 3.2 microns with a free air watt density of 22 watts per square inch. The key to efficiency is to select the emitter wavelength that best matches the peak absorption of the product to be processed.

WARM-UP CURVE

The warm-up curve at right shows the response time of the Unitube®, as measured by the thermocouple, from a cold start to a maximum temperature, for a 50 watt per lineal inch heater. Changes in temperature, or partial warm-up, will be along this characteristic curve.



SPECIFICATIONS:

- WATT DENSITIES:** Up to 80 watts per lineal inch (32 watts per centimeter) generating watt densities up to 80 watts per square inch (12.6 watts/cm²).
- VOLTAGES:** Up to 600 volts.
- SIZES:** All heaters are custom built. Available heated lengths from 3" (8 cm) to 144" (365 cm). Nominal size range: 12" (31 cm) to 96" (244 cm). All tubes 5/8" diameter (1.6 cm). Clear quartz.
- WAVELENGTH EMISSION:** 2.5 - 6.0 microns, peak adjustable by emitter temperature.
- TEMPERATURE RANGE:** Up to 1800°F (980°C).

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