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New Residential 55-Gallon Atmospheric Vent Gas Water Heater

We are pleased to announce the release of our new 55 gallon high capacity atmospheric vent residential gas water heater product. This water heater was developed to replace the void left in our product line from when the 65 gallon models became history with the change in the efficiency regulations (NAECA) implemented earlier this year. This change in efficiency regulations mandated a higher efficiency requirement for the larger than 55-gallon atmospheric vent heaters, ultimately requiring them to be of a condensing type design.

Our new model is a full 55 gallon storage capacity and has an input of 60,000 Btu's. This model will not perform exactly like the 65 gallon model but if the installation location will not allow for a larger footprint model to be installed this model will get you operating with similar performance and fit nicely back into the same space without modifying the installation area. If performance is critical and you have plenty of space to install a larger water heater then our 75 gallon model might be the best choice for your application.

The standard atmospheric vent specification sheet has been revised to include this model into the product family so please visit our website to review the specification and performance information for this new model and for all of our water heater products at www.hotwater.com.

These models are available now and you may begin to place orders immediately.

Should you have questions, please feel free to contact me or your A. O. Smith Representative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Cliff Deidiker'.

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