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## SECTION I

### INTRODUCTION

The EPA-Van is a research unit designed and constructed by Engelhard Industries for the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). It is a part of EPA's research program to control air pollution through the demonstration of an energy supply system for the home which contains environmentally clean and energy conserving components. The EPA-Van is designed to be mobile for experimental testing in various parts of the United States.



## SECTION II

### GENERAL SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

The EPA-Van, a research unit designed and constructed by Engelhard Industries for the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), is part of EPA's research program to control air pollution. The pollution control technique is an energy supply system for the home which contains environmentally clean and energy-conserving components. The EPA-Van is designed to be mobile for experimental testing in various parts of the United States.

The EPA-Van's energy supply system includes fuel cells, a solar energy collector, a heat pump, and catalytic appliances. This essentially non-polluting equipment is integrated so as to optimize the energy-conserving features which characterize each of its components. The integrated system provides all the energy needed by the EPA-Van for space heating, cooling and ventilating; cooking; lighting; food refrigeration; water heating; and for appliances.

#### EPA-Van Design

The design of the EPA-Van began in 1973. Engineers at EPA's Industrial Environmental Research Laboratory, Research Triangle Park, N.C. decided to combine three approaches for reducing air pollution and conserving energy: (1) better home construction, and (2) solar energy (both of which reduce fuel consumption and thereby reduce pollution) and (3) low-polluting devices such as fuel cells and catalytic appliances.

#### Better Home Construction

Better home construction includes heavily insulated walls, floors, and ceiling; storm doors and double-pane windows; and accurately-controlled ventilation (uncontrolled infiltration of cold air and exfiltration of heated room air is a large waster of energy). The walls consist of several bonded layers: a polystyrene core (5 cm) is sandwiched between two sets of wall studs (3.75 cm each); the studs are covered by an outer skin of aluminum and an inner sheet of wood paneling; and urethane foam fills the cavities between the studs.



## Solar Energy

Solar energy is used in a manner unique to the EPA-Van: the solar energy system is integrated with an electrically driven heat pump.

### Solar Energy System (Fig. 1)

The solar energy system includes a collector mounted on the roof and a thermal storage tank located under the kitchen floor. (In an actual home, the tank could be installed in a basement or utility room or buried nearby.) The collector itself is a commercially available standard design: a solution of ethylene glycol and water is heated as it circulates (at 10 liters/min) in tubes mounted on a black panel and under a glass cover. The heated solution is either used immediately for space heating, or its heat is transferred to the storage tank (1,400 liters of water) for later use.

### Heat Pump (Fig. 1)

The heat pump extracts heat from the solar energy system through a glycol-solution/Freon<sup>R</sup> heat exchanger. Solar-heated glycol solution from the storage tanks is used to vaporize Freon<sup>R</sup> in the heat pump. Thus, solar energy becomes the heat source for the heat pump. (In conventional units, the heat source is usually the air outside the home.) The rest of the heat pump is conventional; the vaporized Freon<sup>R</sup> is compressed and used to heat air (via Freon<sup>R</sup> condensation) which is delivered to the living areas. (The heat pump is also used for cooling the EPA-Van in the summer; it operates just like a conventional air conditioner, extracting heat from the inside air and delivering it to the outside air. No solar energy is used.)

The addition of a heat pump to a solar energy system offers several advantages. First, unlike other solar heating systems, the EPA-Van's system can extract energy from the thermal storage tanks even when the temperature of the stored water is below room temperature (down to 50°F or lower). This characteristic increases the effective energy storage capacity of the tanks and permits longer periods of operation without sunlight. Second, because the tank temperature can be lower, the EPA-Van's solar collector will operate at lower temperatures (on the average) than those in other solar heating systems. This is an advantage because a solar collector is more efficient at low temperatures--it retains more of the incident energy. Consequently, the EPA-Van can be heated with a smaller solar collector, but at the expense of electrical energy to drive the heat pump.

## Low-Polluting Devices (Fig. 1)

**Fuel Cells:** The EPA-Van needs electricity to power the glycol-solution pumps for the solar energy system, the Freon<sup>R</sup> compressor, the air blower for the heat pump, and the lighting, food refrigeration, and electrical appliances. Normally, electricity would be purchased from a local power company; but the EPA-Van uses a different approach, one which will result in less pollution and more efficient use of our energy resources.

A fuel cell produces electricity by electrochemically combining oxygen from the air with hydrogen. The by-products of this process are heat and water. The EPA-Van utilizes two Engelhard Model 750 fuel cells connected in parallel. Each fuel cell produces 800 watts nominal at 28 volts. Storage batteries are electrically floated in parallel with the fuel cells to provide supplementary power during start-up and periods of peak power demand.

The fuel cells employ a cell design developed by Engelhard that utilizes a single air stream to perform the three functions of removing heat, removing moisture, and providing oxygen for the fuel cell reaction. The basic cell contains two platinum-catalyzed electrodes separated by a polymer matrix containing the phosphoric acid electrolyte.

The hydrogen fuel for the fuel cells is produced in the EPA-Van from anhydrous ammonia which is catalytically dissociated into a fuel gas consisting of 75 percent H<sub>2</sub> and 25 percent N<sub>2</sub>. Traces of undissociated ammonia are scrubbed from the fuel gas (via silica gel treated with sulfuric acid) before it enters the fuel cells. The ammonia dissociator is heated by a burner that consumes the bleed gas from the fuel cell.

The EPA-Van's fuel-cell system offers many advantages in the form of low maintenance, simple operation and being virtually pollution free. The use of the immobilized electrolyte and air cooling permits a system which is simple (no bulk liquids) and reliable (only one moving part, the air blower). More importantly, fuel cells appear to be nearly pollution-free---they produce only electricity, water, and hot air. (The effluents from the hydrogen generator's burner and scrubber are potential sources of pollution, though believed to be minor. These effluents will be analyzed thoroughly during the testing program) In addition, the hot air (~200°F) is not always discarded but is used in winter for space heating. Thus, the heat from the fuel cells supplements that provided by the solar/heat pump system. During severely cold and cloudy periods, when the energy demand for heating could exhaust the capacity of the fuel cells and the solar/heat pump system, an auxiliary heater is used to supplement the solar energy system.

## Catalytic Appliances (Fig. 1)

The auxiliary heater and the cooking range, are further examples of the EPA-Van's special design. These two appliances burn a gaseous fuel catalytically. The operation of the cooking range is described below.

The range looks like a modern smooth-top unit, but underneath is a catalytic burner. Inside the burner, hydrogen fuel (from the ammonia dissociator) and air are passed over a platinum-catalyzed surface. There the hydrogen burns readily without a flame, thereby releasing heat and producing water vapor. The heat is transmitted by radiation from the catalyst surface to the underside of the range top. The top, made of ceramic/glass material called CER-VIT<sup>R</sup>, conducts the heat to the cooking utensil. The combustion gases do not enter the kitchen, as they do with most gas ranges, but are vented to the outside.

The catalytic burner does not need a pilot light for ignition. Ignition occurs spontaneously at room temperature as soon as the hydrogen reaches the catalyst. Thus the elimination of pilot lights could significantly reduce energy consumption and its associated pollution.

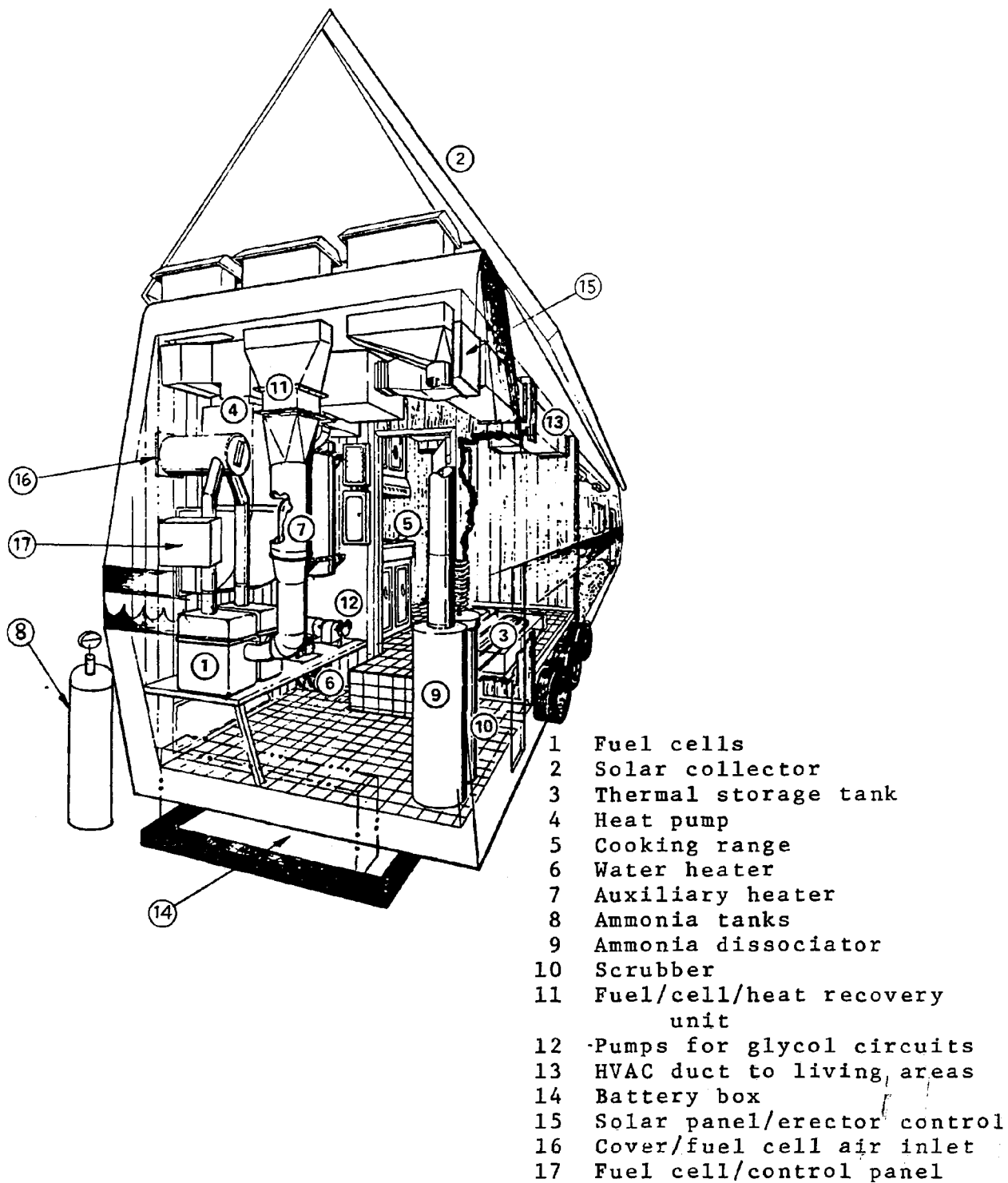
Flameless, catalytic combustion offers other environmental benefits as well. Whereas normal gas ranges reach combustion temperatures of 3,000°F or more, the catalytic range operates at only 1,600°F. This means that the formation of nitric oxide, which occurs at temperatures above 2,800°F, is virtually eliminated. The catalytic combustion of hydrogen appears to be nearly pollution-free; water is the combustion product. Even if unburned hydrogen were to appear in the exhaust gases, no environmental damage would result, since hydrogen is not considered to be a pollutant. However, hydrogen's safety hazard's do require very careful consideration.

The other catalytic appliance, the auxiliary heater, uses the same type of catalytic burner as the range, although the burner shape and operating temperature is somewhat different.

## Water Heater

Initially designed and successfully tested in the laboratory with a catalytic heating unit, the water heater was converted to flame heating using the 75 percent H<sub>2</sub>, 25 percent N<sub>2</sub> as fuel. The standard gas controls for the burner was successfully integrated into the EPA-Van control system.

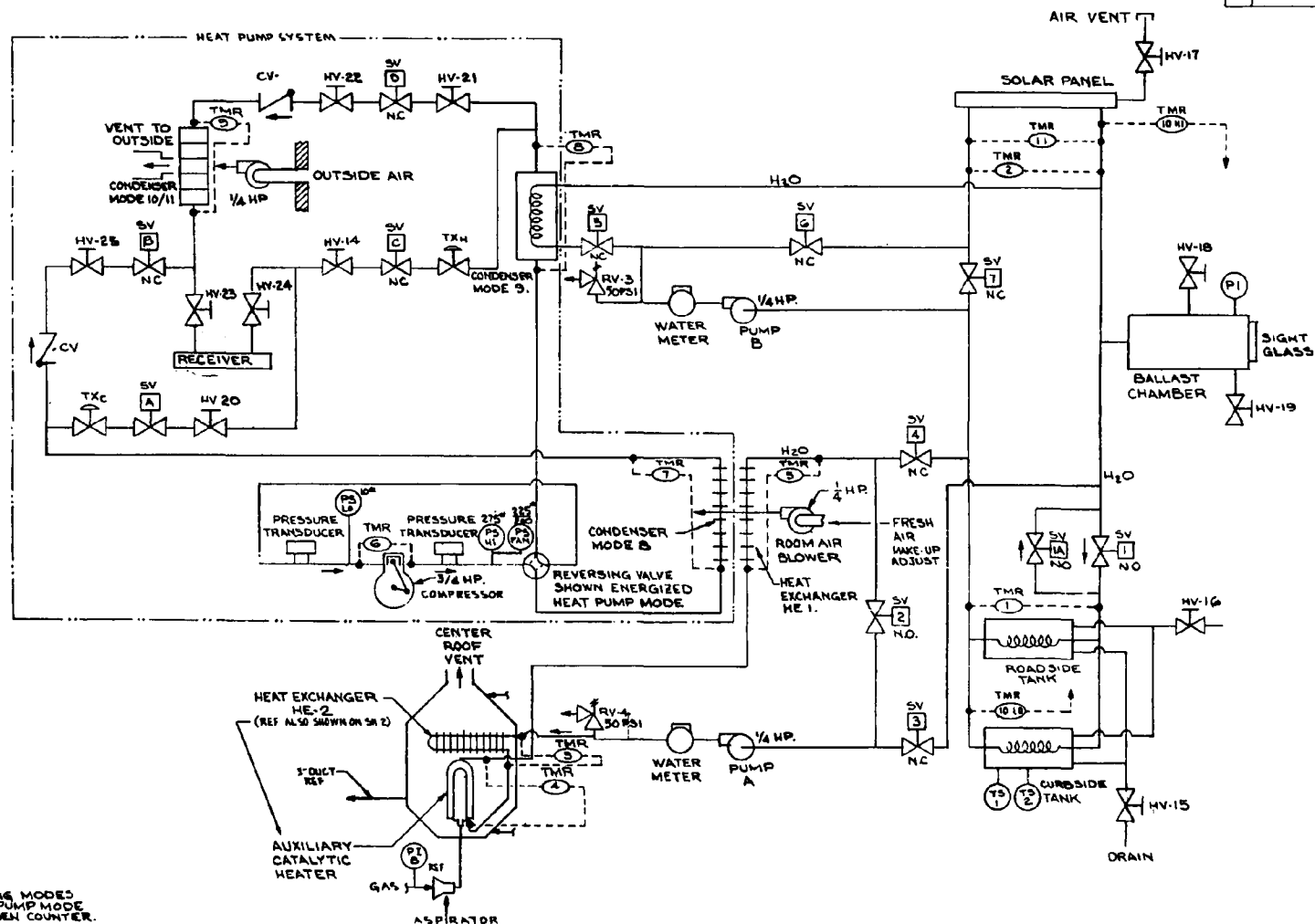
The flame temperature was found to be 2100°F, well below the formation temperature of nitric oxides.



SYSTEM COMPONENT LOCATION  
 FIGURE 1

**LEGEND**

CV CHECK VALVE  
 HV HAND VALVE  
 MV MOTOR VALVE  
 NC NORMALLY CLOSED  
 NO NORMALLY OPEN  
 PI PRESSURE INDICATOR  
 PR PRESSURE REGULATOR  
 PS PRESSURE SWITCH  
 RV RELIEF VALVE  
 SV SOLENOID VALVE  
 T THERMOMETER  
 TC TEMPERATURE CONTROLLER  
 T1, T2 THERMAL EXPANSION VALVE, COOLING MODES  
 TXH THERMAL EXPANSION VALVE, HEAT PUMP MODE  
 RBV RANGE BURNER VALVE, ON KITCHEN COUNTER  
 TMR AT TRANSMITTERS (11)  
 SLV SLIDE VALVE



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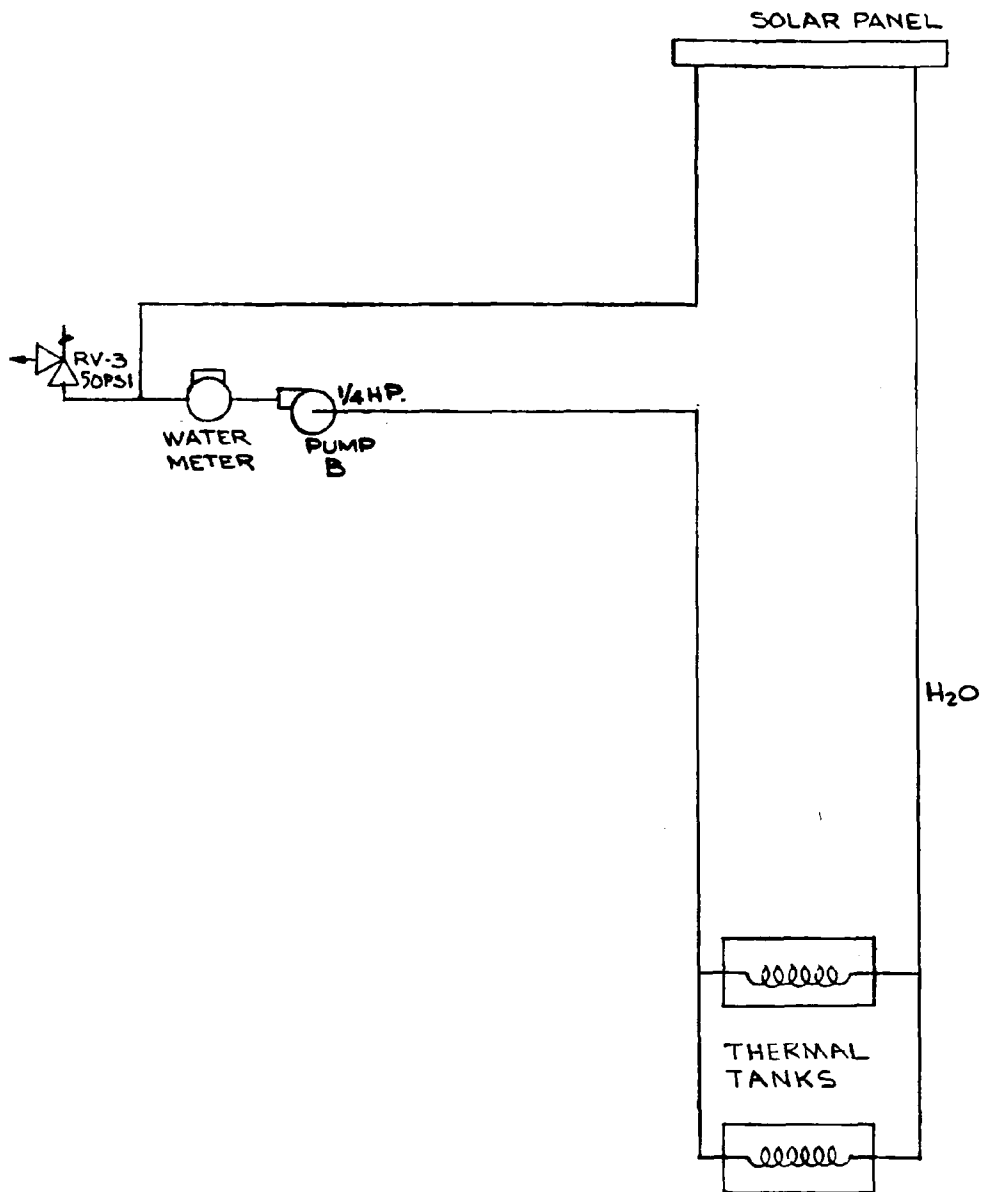
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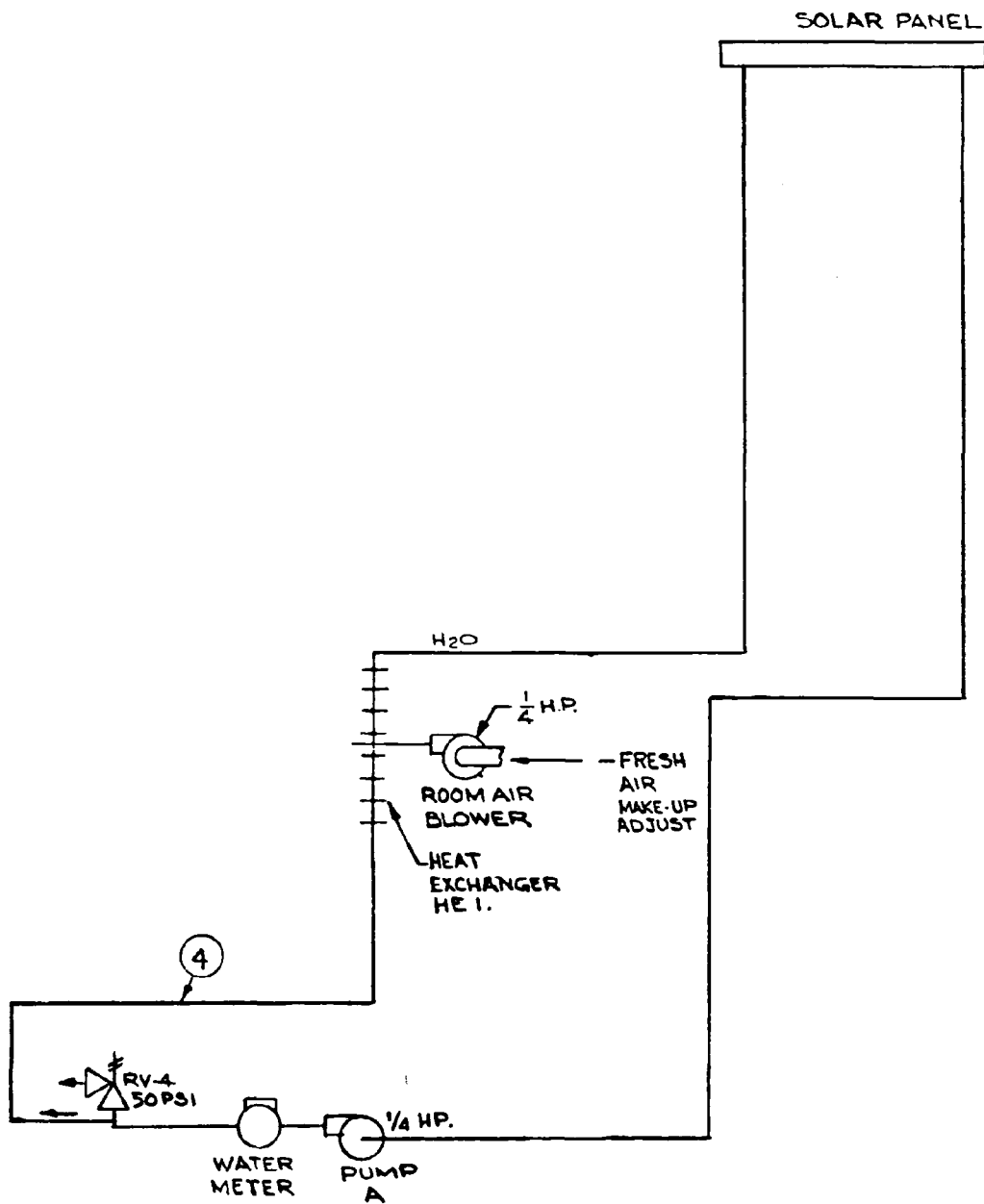
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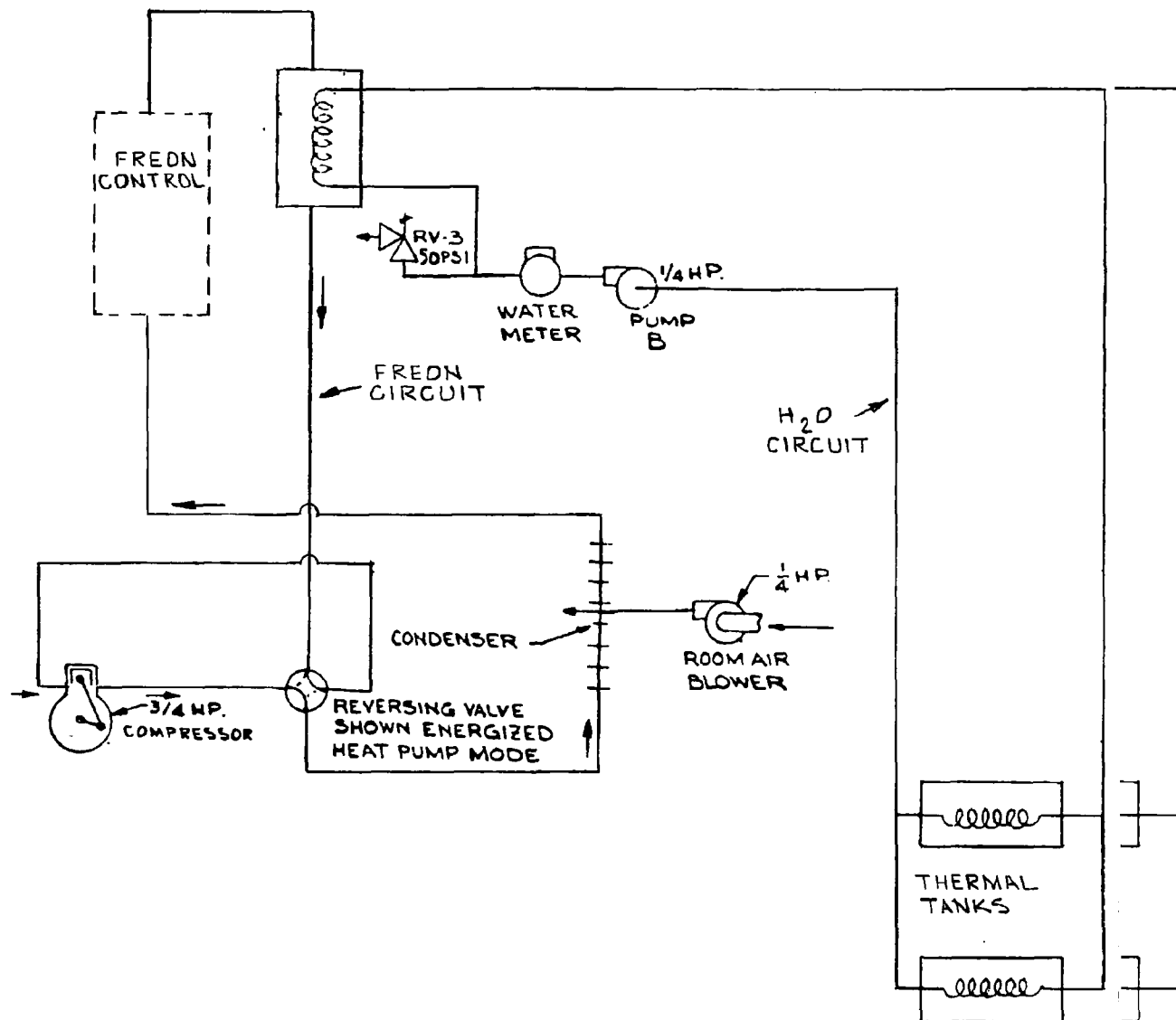


"1st" Circuit  
Solar Heat Storage  
Fig. 2A



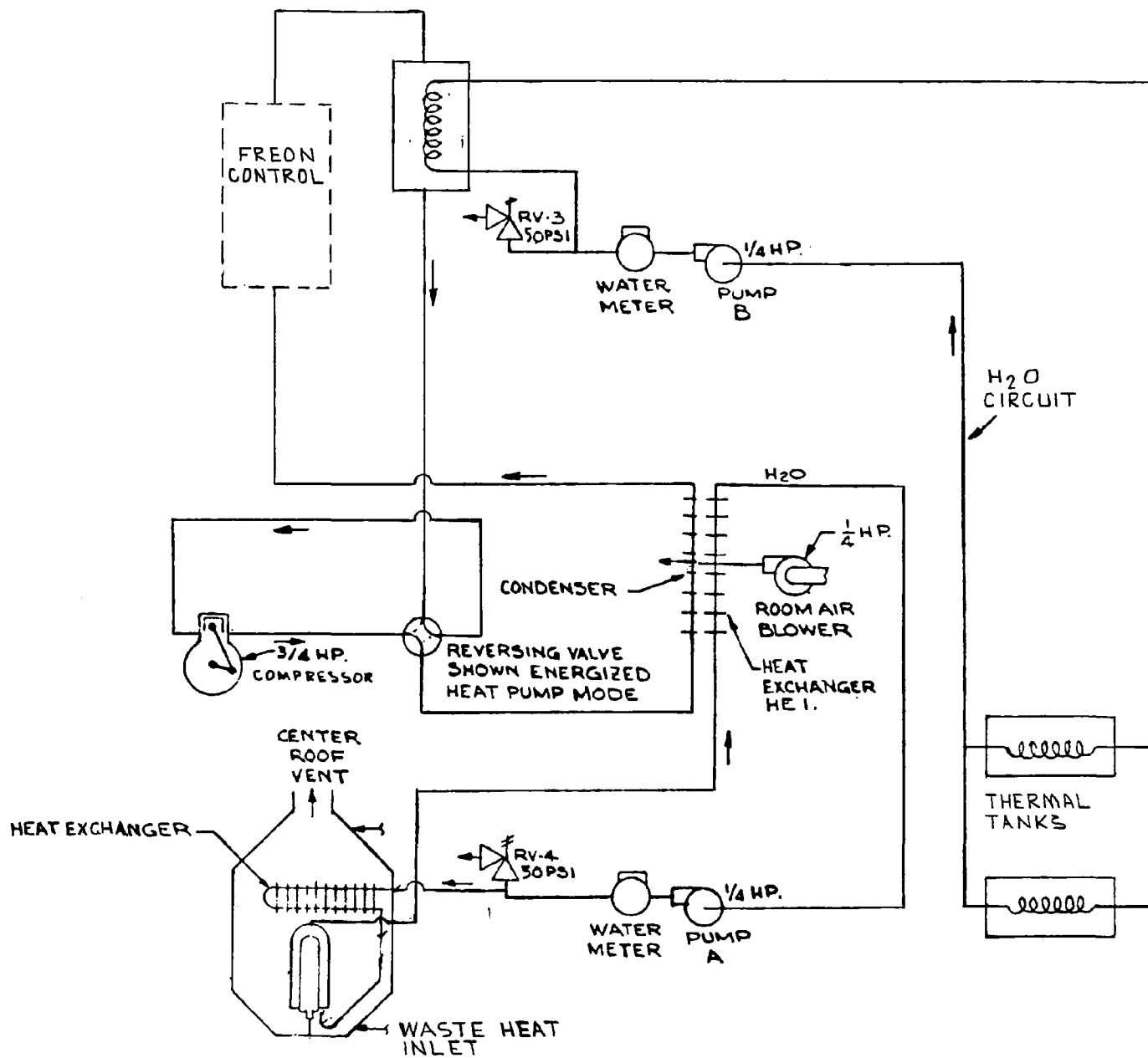
"2nd" Circuit  
Direct Heating from  
Solar Panel

Fig. 2B



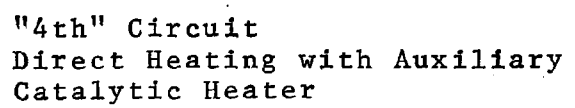
"3rd" Circuit  
 "Indirect" Heating  
 Heat Pump in Heating Mode

Fig. 2C-1



"3rd" Circuit, Indirect Heating:  
Heat Pump With Waste Heat

Fig. 2C-2



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## The Integration of Components

As previously described, the EPA-Van is composed of a solar collector and storage tank, a heat pump, two fuel cells, a water heater, and two catalytic appliances. These components do not function independently, however, but are integrated into one system, which satisfies all domestic needs. The system provides for space heating, cooling, and ventilating; cooking; water heating; and electricity for lighting, food refrigeration, and all other needs.

The methods by which the EPA-Van components are linked together and controlled are discussed in the following sections.

### Four Glycol-Solution Circuits (Fig. 2,2A,2B,2C-1,2C-2,2D)

Four glycol-solution circuits serve as the key linkages between the EPA-Van components. Each circuit is a closed loop which transfers energy between two components. The first circuit transfers solar energy from the solar collector to the thermal storage tank. The second circuit transfers solar energy from the collector to a glycol-air heat exchanger for "direct" space heating. (Return air from the living areas is heated in this exchanger and then recirculated.) The third circuit transfers energy from the storage tanks to the heat pump for "indirect" heating. The fourth circuit transfers energy from the auxiliary heater to the glycol/air exchanger for "direct" space heating. Pumps and control valves allow two circuits, the first and fourth, to be operated simultaneously.

### Eight HVAC Functions (Fig. 3)

The four glycol circuits allow for great flexibility in operating the EPA-Van's system for heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (the HVAC system). Eight separate HVAC functions are possible, as summarized below:

<u>Operation</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Function</u>
Heating	1	Fuel-Cell Waste Heat
	3	Auxiliary Heater
	4	Stored Heat from Thermal Storage Tank
	5	Heat Pump
	7	Direct Solar Heat
Cooling	6w	Heat Pump Rejecting Heat to Thermal Storage Tank
	6a	Heat Pump Rejecting Heat to Outside Air
Neutral	2	Solar Energy Storage

ECN	LET.	CHANGE	DATE	CHECKER	ENG.
1670	A	ADDED VALVES HEAT PUMP	5/25/75	WS	HA
1822	B	NOTE: W.H.S. M.O.S. LOCKED OUT WHEN K.R. IS ON, SYSTEM GOES TO M.O.S.	3-26-76	LS	HA

LEGEND:  
 O VALVE OPEN  
 X VALVE CLOSED  
 + MOTOR OPERATING  
 H HEATING  
 C COOLING  
 A AIR  
 W WATER

		SOLENOIDS											PUMPS		FANS	C <sub>W</sub>	SWITCH	LOCKOUT	VALVES HEAT PUMP			
MODES OF OPERATION		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	CB	A	B	RH	AC	HP	H/C	A/W	WH	KR	A/B	B/C	K/R	
1	WASTE HEAT	O	O	X	X	X	X	X	+		+				H	W						
2	SOLAR HEAT STORAGE	O	O	X	X	X	O	X	X		+	+			H	W						
3	WH+ SHST	O	O	X	X	X	O	X	X	+	+	+			H	W						
4	WH+CAT.BURNER	O	O	X	X	X	X	O	+		+				H	W	X	*				
5	WH+CB+SHST	O	O	X	X	X	O	X	O	+	+	+			H	W	X	*				
6	WH+ TANK HEAT	O	X	O	O	X	X	X	+		+				H	W						
7	WH+SOLAR HEAT	X	X	O	O	X	X	O	X	+		+			H	W						
8	WH+HEAT PUMP/H	O	O	X	X	O	X	X	X	+	+	+		+	H	W	X		X	O	O	
9	HP/COOL (WATER)	O	O	X	X	O	X	X	X		+	+		+	C	W	X		O	X	X	
10	HP/COOL (AIR)	O	O	X	X	X	X	X	X			+	+	+	C	A	X		O	X	X	
11	HP/C (AIR)+SHST	O	O	X	X	X	O	X	X		+	+	+	+	C	A	X		O	X	X	

SOLAR PANEL									
DIFFERENTIAL								ABS	
<3°F				>3°F				>100°F	
TANK TEMP →		< 50	50-100	>100	< 50	50-100	>100		
ROOM TEMP.	>78	10	9	10	11	9	11	COOLING	
	70-78				2	2	2	NEUTRAL	
	69-70	1	1	1	3	3	3	HEAT	
	< 69	4	8	6	5	8	6		

SOLAR PANEL	
DIFFERENTIAL	
<3°F	>3°F

TANK TEMP →		< 50	50-100	>100	< 50	50-100	>100	
ROOM TEMP.	>78	10	9	10	11	9	11	COOLING
	70-78				2	2	2	NEUTRAL
	69-70	1	1	1	3	3	3	HEAT
	< 69	4	8	6	5	8	6	

NOTE:  
 \* MODES 4 & 5 CATALYTIC BURNER LOCKED OUT WHEN  
 KITCHEN RANGE IS ON. SOLENOIDS 1 AND 2 ARE N.O.  
 OTHERS N.C.

ITEM	QTY.	DESCRIPTION				PART NO.
LIST OF MATERIAL						
		4-8-75	4-8-75	4-8-75		
		JZ.	WS	B.V.	40003	
MATERIAL	SCALE	DRAFTSMAN	CHECKER	ENG	PROJ. ENG.	
				USED ON	NEXT ASSEM.	
EPA VAN MODES & ENVIRON. CONT. SYSTEM				B-18090	B	
TITLE				SWE. NO.	REV.	

UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED: ALL  
 DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES, LIMITS ON:  
 FRACTIONS ± DECIMALS ± ANGLES ±

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Fig. 3  
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### HVAC Controller (Fig. 3)

The HVAC control system, automatically selects the proper HVAC functions. Like the thermostat in a conventional home, the controller senses room temperature and thereby determines the HVAC requirements of the EPA-Van. It also selects the most fuel conservative function (or combination of functions) to satisfy the HVAC requirements.

Four temperature inputs allow the HVAC control system to select the proper function(s): room temperature, storage tank temperature, solar collector outlet temperature, and solar collector inlet/outlet differential temperature (dynamic). Using these inputs, and the logic matrix, the controller calls for heating, cooling, or neutral functions.

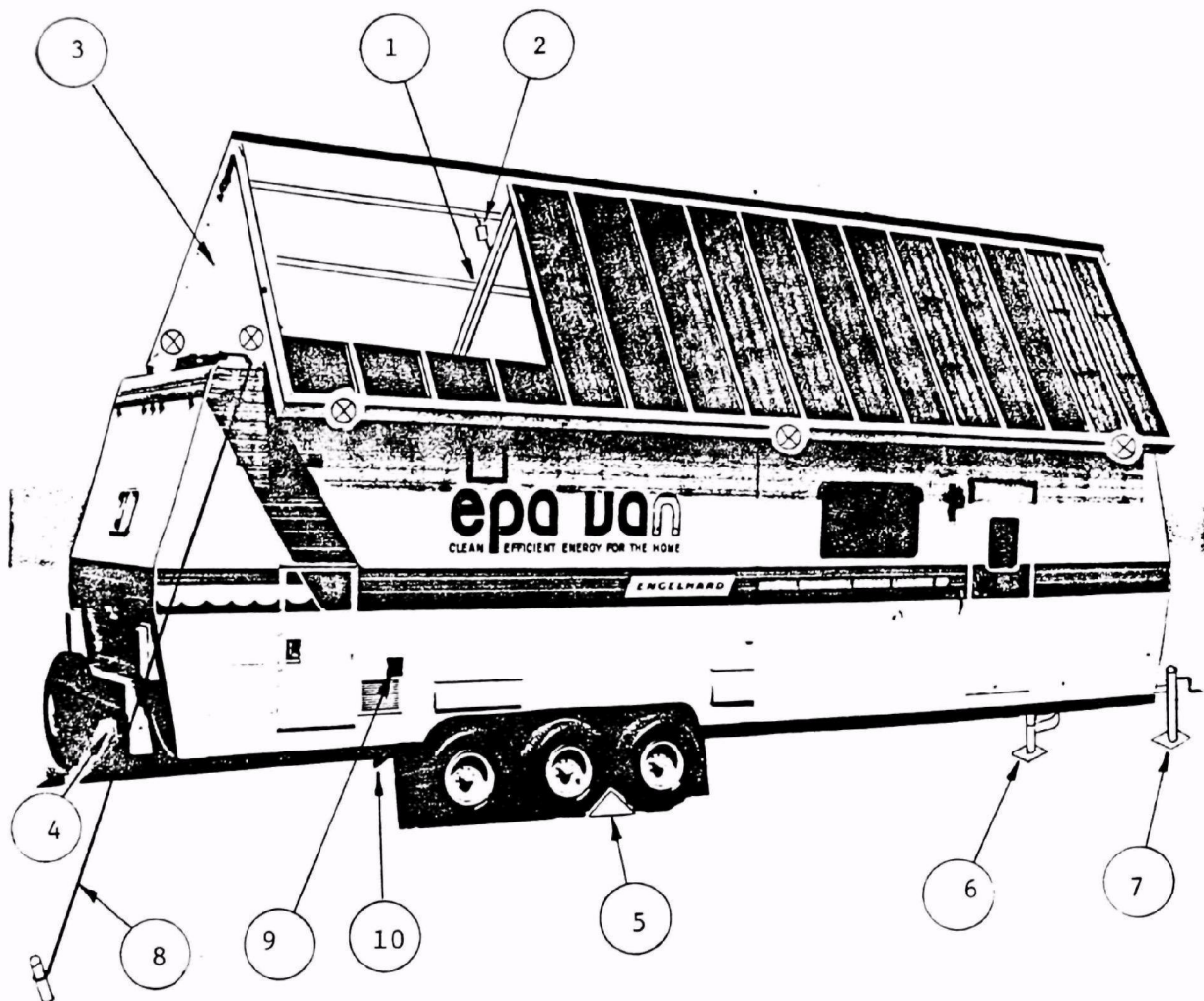
Heating: When the room temperature falls below 70°F, the HVAC control system calls for heating. The fuel-cell waste heat, which is always the most fuel-conservative function, is used first. If this waste heat is inadequate to maintain the room above 69°F, it is supplemented by one of the other four heating functions, depending upon solar conditions and the storage tank temperature.

If the sunlight is intense (i.e., the glycol-solution exits the solar collector above 100°F), direct solar heating is used. If there is no sun, but the storage tank is hot (+ 100°F), stored heat is used. If the tank is warm (50-100°F), the heat pump function is used. If the tank is cold (+50°F) and there is insufficient sunlight, the auxiliary heater is called for.

Cooling: When the room temperature rises above 78°F, the HVAC control system calls upon the heat pump for cooling. The heat pump rejects its heat either to the outside air or to the thermal storage tank, depending upon the tank temperature.

Neutral: At room temperatures between 70 and 78°F, neither heating nor cooling is required. But if there is adequate sunlight, solar energy is stored in the thermal storage tank for later use. To be adequate, the amount of solar energy collected must exceed the "pumping energy" consumed in transferring the solar energy into and out of storage. Engelhard has calculated that an inlet/outlet differential temperature of 3°F is adequate.

Solar energy is also stored concurrently with certain heating and cooling functions. This concurrent capability is particularly valuable during certain periods in the fall and spring; the solar energy which is stored during the warm days, when the heat pump is cooling the home, is used to heat the home during the cool nights. Moreover, since the heat pump rejects its heat to the thermal storage tanks during the day, this rejected heat is also available for heating at night.



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| Item 1 | Roof Support (Total 6)   |
| 2      | Tie-Down Hook (Total 6)  |
| 3      | Awning (Total 2)         |
| 4      | Battery Box (Total 1)    |
| 5      | Chucks (Total 2)         |
| 6      | Hydraulic (Total 4)      |
|        | Jacks                    |
| 7      | Mechanical (Total 4)     |
|        | Jacks                    |
| 8      | Hurricane (Total 4)      |
|        | Tie-Down                 |
| 9      | Filling (Total 1)        |
|        | Connection Thermal Tanks |
| 10     | Drain Valve (Total 1)    |
|        | Thermal Tanks            |

⊗ Location of shipping tie-down straps.

EXTERIOR COMPONENT LOCATIONS

FIG. 4

### SECTION III

#### TRANSPORTATION INSTRUCTIONS

For basic trailer information and maintenance refer to trailer manual.

A. Check List Prior to Transportation (Fig. 4)

1. Remove all roof supports, cleavices, and awnings pack properly into compartments provided on the roof of the trailer.
2. Retract solar panel all the way in and fasten solar panel cover to bottom frame securely using the appropriate straps.
3. Install three (3) shipping retainers on front and three (3) on back of solar panel.
4. Close all ammonia valves tightly and remove ammonia tanks from trailer.
5. Place the batteries (4 banks) in living room compartment under front table.
6. Empty H<sub>2</sub>O tanks by opening appropriate valves located underneath the trailer.
7. Secure all loose accessories and hardware.

B. Recommendations for Towing

1. Trailer dimensions:

Length: 41 ft. 3 inches  
Width : 8 ft. 0 inches  
Height: 13 ft. 4 inches

2. Trailer Shipping Weight:

Gross Vehicle Weight: 21,500 lbs.  
Hitch Weight: 2,440 lbs.



3. Towing Vehicle:

Minimum weight: 24,000 lbs.  
Ball Diameter : 2-5/16 inches

4. Safety Chain Arrangement:

A heavy safety chain must be used between the frame of the towing vehicle and the hitch frame on the trailer.

5. Coupler Safety Lock:

Use the coupler safety lock to prevent accidental release of the spring loaded latch.

6. Escort Vehicles:

It is recommended to use both a front and a rear vehicle during transport of the trailer. Both vehicles should carry flags or lights for warning.

7. Maximum Speed:

The towing speed should never exceed 40 miles per hour. Adjust the speed to road, wind, and traffic conditions.

8. Wind Speed:

Do not tow the trailer when the wind velocity exceeds 20 miles per hour.

9. Tunnels:

Tunnels should be avoided at all cost. Use detours around the tunnel to avoid being jammed against the roof of the tunnel.

10. Parking During Transport:

If short term parking is required make sure to park on a level area, where the trailer is protected against wind gusts. Place the 2 chucks provided between the wheels. If overnight parking is needed use both the 4 hydraulic and the 4 mechanical jacks in addition to the chucks to secure the trailer.

C. Set-Up of Trailer at Location (Fig. 4)

1. Orientation of the trailer should be such that the solar panel has a due South exposure.
2. Leveling Jacks: The trailer should be leveled using the 4 hydraulic jacks and the tongue jack.

Shoring lumber and/or timber may be needed to extend the use of the hydraulic jacks working length.

3. Stabilizing: Use the four mechanical corner jacks for stabilizing the trailer after the leveling has been completed.
4. Hurricane Tie-Downs: Connect the 4 steel cables between the eye-rings in the solar panel base frame and 4 solid anchors, secure firmly.
5. Return the batteries to the box on the rear bumper, and make the connections in proper sequence, as marked within the box.

NOTE: MAKE CONNECTIONS BOTH FOR 24 VOLTS AND 12 VOLTS SERVICE. OBSERVE POLARITY AND MAKE SURE THE WIRES ARE FASTENED SECURELY.

6. Shoreline: 110V, 60 Hz, 1 Ph., 30 amperes. Connect the shoreline to an outside power source, with a fusible disconnect switch.

The shoreline provides the following power:  
1) For start-up 110V A.C. required and 2) all 24V-DC power normally provided by the fuel cells.

7A. Erection of Solar Panel: (Figs. 1 and 4)

NOTICE: FILL THE 2 TANKS WITH WATER (350 GAL.) BEFORE ATTEMPTING ANY SOLAR PANEL OPERATION.

THE RECIRCULATING SYSTEM IS ALREADY PRECHARGED WITH WATER/GLYCOL MIXTURE.

- a) The erection operation takes 2 men to perform. Remove the 3 shipping tie-down straps from the curbside and the 3 clamps on each end, and loosen the 2 hand lines.
- b) Inspect the top front and back for obstructions.

- c) Have 1 man take hold of the handlines, to prevent wind gusts from catching the top cover. Use only enough force on the line to keep control of the panel.
- d) Power the erector control panel. Shoreline rectified or battery power can be used individually.
- e) Pressing and retaining pressure on the "UP" pushbutton will erect the panel.

WARNING: THE OPERATOR SHOULD BE ALERT FOR ANY UNUSUAL BEHAVIOUR OR NOISES DURING THE ERECTION. HE MUST INVESTIGATE AND CORRECT ANY PROBLEMS, OR THE SOLAR PANEL MAY BE DESTROYED.

- f) Press the "UP" button until no further upward motion is detected. A limit switch is provided to cut-off motor power once optimum solar panel position is attained (60° from horizontal).

NOTICE: IF IT IS REQUIRED TO ERECT OR RETRACT THE SOLAR PANELS DURING SEVERE WIND CONDITIONS, MAN BOTH END CABLES AS WELL AS THE HANDLINE.

- g) Push circuit breaker to the "OFF" position.
- h) Go up to Van roof and install the roof support between the roof frame and the solar panel.
- i) Secure tie-down hooks to cover frame and tighten securely. Large blue arrows show these locations.
- j) Install the triangular awning cover on each end of the roof.

NOTICE: BY OBERVING THE MAIN DC AMMETER, IT WILL BE FOUND THAT THE CURRENT DRAWN BY THE ERECTOR MOTOR RUNS AT 11 TO 12 AMPS, EXCEPT FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF UP TO 52 AMPS. THE 52 AMP LOAD CORRESPONDS TO THE INITIAL PANEL LIFT OFF FROM THE CAM FOLLOWERS.

#### 7B. Retraction of Solar Panel:

NOTICE: THE SAME PRECAUTIONS FOR ERECTION MUST BE OBSERVED DURING THE RETRACTION OF THE SOLAR PANEL.

- 1. Remove triangular awnings for both ends of the roof.

2. Remove the tie-down hooks and the six support rods and place them in the provided compartment on the roof.
3. Push circuit breaker to the "ON" position.
4. Press "DOWN" button until the solar collector is in the down position, the motor power will cut off automatically. as a separate limit switch is provided for the downward motion.
5. Secure roof cover to bottom frame with tie-down straps.
6. Push circuit breaker to the "OFF" position.
8. Ammonia Supply:

The ammonia supply to the system can be in the form of a large supply tank or in the form of 150 lb. cylinders.

#### WARNING

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THE CYLINDERS BE STORED WITHIN THE EPA-VAN.

IN CASE OF A FIRE IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO SAFELY REMOVE THE CYLINDERS FROM THE UTILITY ROOM. THE CYLINDERS WILL DEVELOP DANGEROUSLY HIGH PRESSURES WHEN EXPOSED TO TEMPERATURES ABOVE 120°F.

The proper orientation of the EPA-Van and the location of the ammonia door allow for keeping the cylinders in the shade during daylight hours.

The cylinders must be securely chained to prevent accidental upsets.

The cylinders can remain upright during operation.

#### Ammonia Quality:

NOTE: ONLY HIGH PURITY GRADE AMMONIA SHOULD BE USED, I.E. METALLURGICAL GRADE TO PROVIDE LONG CATALYST LIFE IN THE AMMONIA CRACKER.

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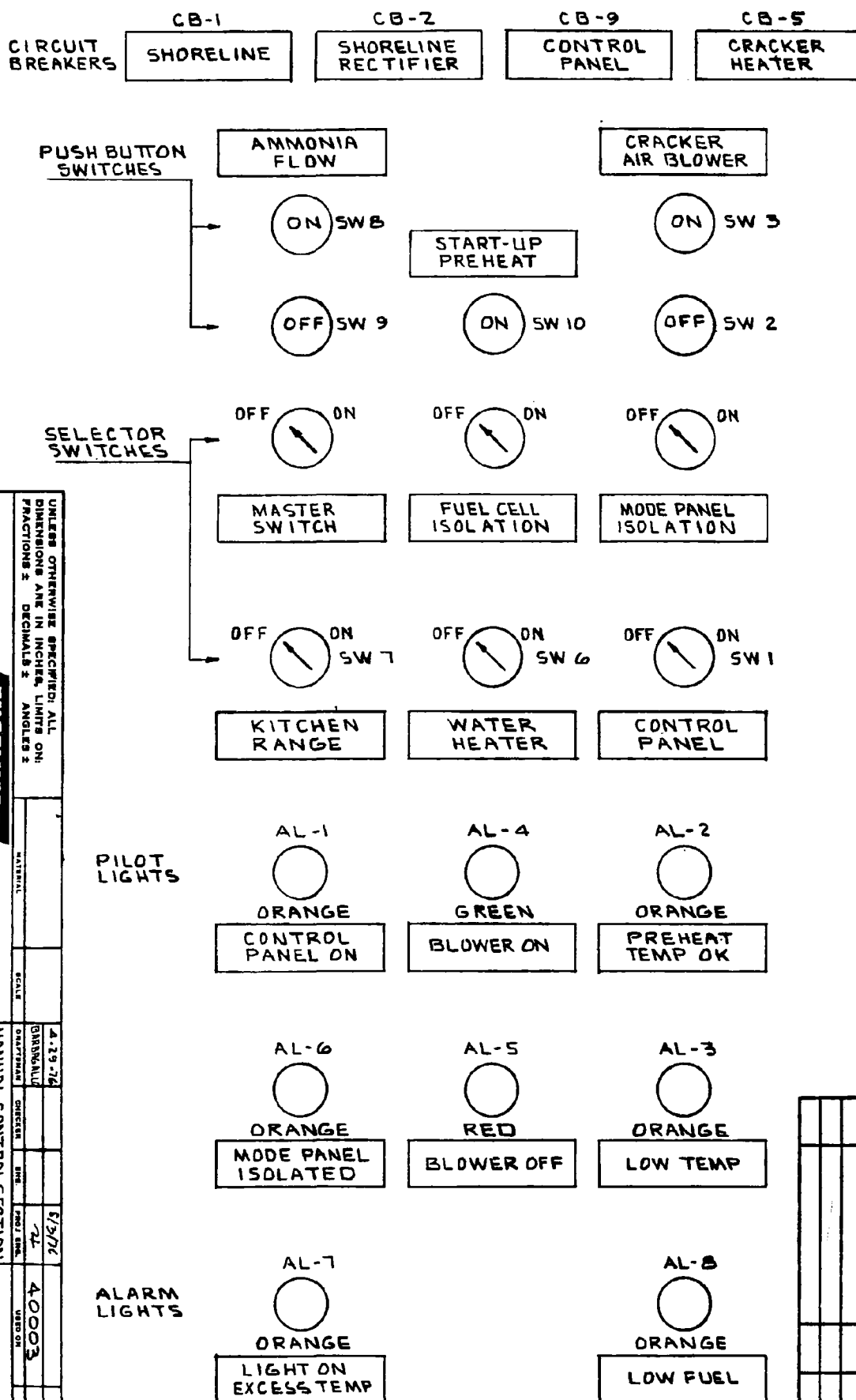
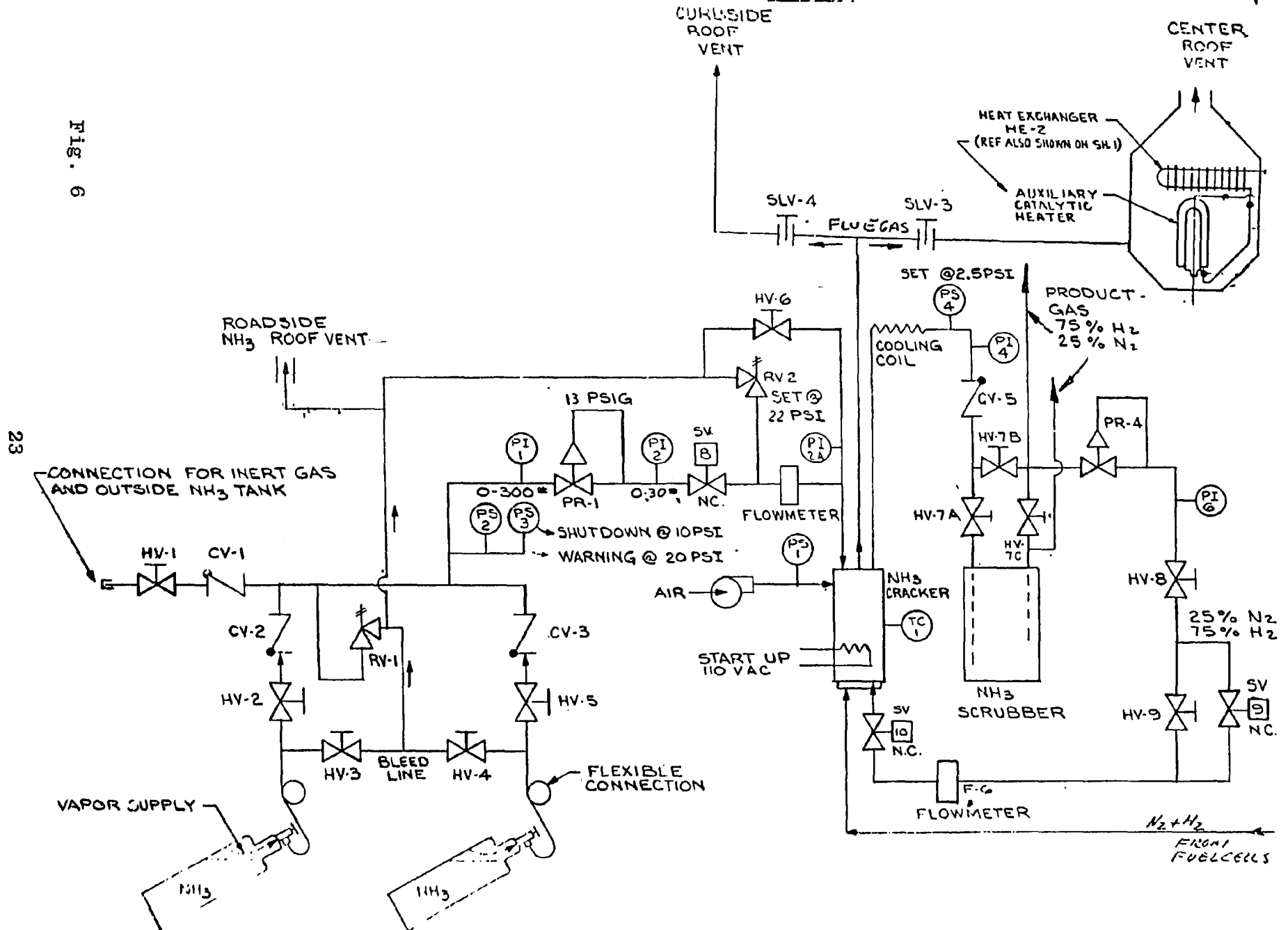


Fig. 5

Fig. 6





SECTION IV  
START-UP INSTRUCTIONS

1. Start-Up Ammonia Cracker (Fig. 6)
  - A) Close all hand valves shown on Fig. 6. Except HV-8 and HV-9. These two valves are preset for gas burner control.
  - B) Hook-up and secure yokes on  $\text{NH}_3$  cylinder. Use a new rubber washer for each  $\text{NH}_3$  cylinder. Check for leaks.
  - C) Electric Preheat: (Fig. 5 and 7)
    - 1. Provide external power to the shoreline.
    - 2. Close CB-1 circuit breaker "SHORELINE".
    - 3. Close CB-9 circuit breaker "CONTROL PANEL".
    - 4. Close CB-2 circuit breaker "SHORELINE RECTIFIED".
    - 5. Switch SW-1 "CONTROL PANEL" to "ON" position. "CONTROL PANEL" light will be lit. P-4 "SOLAR PANEL ABSOLUTE TEMP", P-6 "SOLAR PANEL TANK DELTA T", and P-7 "SOLAR PANEL DELTA T, instruments will be powered.
    - 6. Press SW-3 "CRACKER" green pushbutton in. Indicator lights on P-1 "CRACKER TEMP" and P-2 "CRACKER TEMP PROTECTOR" instruments will show power "ON".

Initially, "LOW TEMP" (RED) light will light, and the blower will start. Make sure the cracker blower control is set at "LOW" position.
    - 7. Check settings on P-1 and P-2.

P-1: (Yellow setpoint) should be set at  $810^{\circ}\text{F}$ .  
(Red setpoint) should be set at  $1350^{\circ}\text{F}$ .  
P-2: (Red setpoint) should be set at  $1700^{\circ}\text{F}$ .



(Yellow setpoint) should be set at 1850°F.

- 8. Press SW-10 "START-UP" black pushbutton in. Press cracker heater breaker "ON". This will initiate electric preheat of the cracker.
- 9. Switch SW-15 "BURNER CONTROL" to HI/LO position.

D) Preheat: Using Partially Cracked Ammonia:

When the temperature on P-1 reads 800°F sufficient H<sub>2</sub> can be generated to start using the Gas Burner in the generator.

- 1. Open one NH<sub>3</sub> cylinder valves using appropriate wrenches.
- 2. Open HV-2, or HV-5 depending on which cylinder is to be used.

(Use one NH<sub>3</sub> cylinder at any given time, the other cylinder is used for changeover.)

NOTE: HV-1 IS OPENED FOR OUTSIDE TANK CONNECTION. WHEN OUTSIDE TANK CONNECTION IS USED, CLOSE HV-2 AND HV-5. APPROPRIATE CHECK VALVES (CV) WHICH INSURE AGAINST LIQUID AMMONIA BACKFLOW ARE PROVIDED FORWARD OF HV-1, HV-2, AND HV-5; HOWEVER CLOSING OF UNUSED INLET VALVES ARE RECOMMENDED.

- 3. Open valve HV-7B fully to allow flow to the burner section of the ammonia cracker.
- 4. Turn blower speed control to "80%" setting.
- 5. Press "AMMONIA FLOW" on button and hold depressed until P1-4 reads 3 psig.
- 6. Flow should now be indicated on the F-6 flowmeter at the "8" mark. If not, adjust HV-8 to obtain this reading.
- 7. Switch "BURNER CONTROL" SW-15, Fig. 7 to "LO" position to check the flow in "LOW FIRING". F-6 should read about 1/2 to 1 mark on the flowmeter. Return "BURNER CONTROL" to "HI/LO".
- 8. The heating of the generator is now done both by the electrical heater and the gas-fired burner. The temperature rise will now proceed at a more accelerated rate.

When P-1 red setpoint (1350°F) is attained; "PREHEAT TEMP OK" (green) light should go on. This means that cracker heating is being accomplished solely by generated hydrogen and that electrical preheating has turned off automatically.

The heating will now continue until the P-2 setpoint of 1700°F is satisfied. At 1700°F the control will turn the gas flow for the burner to "LOW" as registered on flowmeter F-6 approximately at "1/2". Once the temperature on P-2 is 1700°F the generator is ready to deliver a product gas suitable for use in the fuel cells, water heater, auxiliary catalytic heater, and in the kitchen range.

Do not admit the product gas unless the proper procedure for starting each individual component has been followed.

NOTICE: THE FUEL GAS TO THE FUEL CELLS MUST ALWAYS PASS THRU THE SCRUBBER TO REMOVE THE RESIDUAL AMMONIA. THE FUEL GAS TO THE WATER HEATER, THE AUXILIARY CATALYTIC HEATER, AND THE KITCHEN RANGE, DOES NOT PASS THRU THE SCRUBBER IN ORDER TO EXTEND THE LIFE OF THE SCRUBBER MATERIAL.

THE SMALL AMOUNT OF FREE AMMONIA IN THE UNSCRUBBED PRODUCT GAS WILL COMPLETELY DISSOCIATE IN THE WATER HEATER, CATALYTIC AUXILIARY HEATER, AND THE KITCHEN RANGE.

#### Start-Up Fuel Cells: (Figs. 1,5,8,9)

1. Start preheat when gas firing begins on the cracker.
2. Press the green "HEATER" button on the fuel cell control panel, located on the rear wall in the utility room.

After about 30 minutes the green light "FUEL ON" will light.

3. Allow a minimum of 45 minutes of preheat time prior to admitting product gas to the fuel cells.
4. Press "HEATER OFF" button after 1 hour of preheat time.

CAUTION: Do not operate preheat for more than 1 hour.

#### Placing the Fuel Cells in Power Operation:

1. a) Remove the fuel cell air-intake cover on the road side wall.

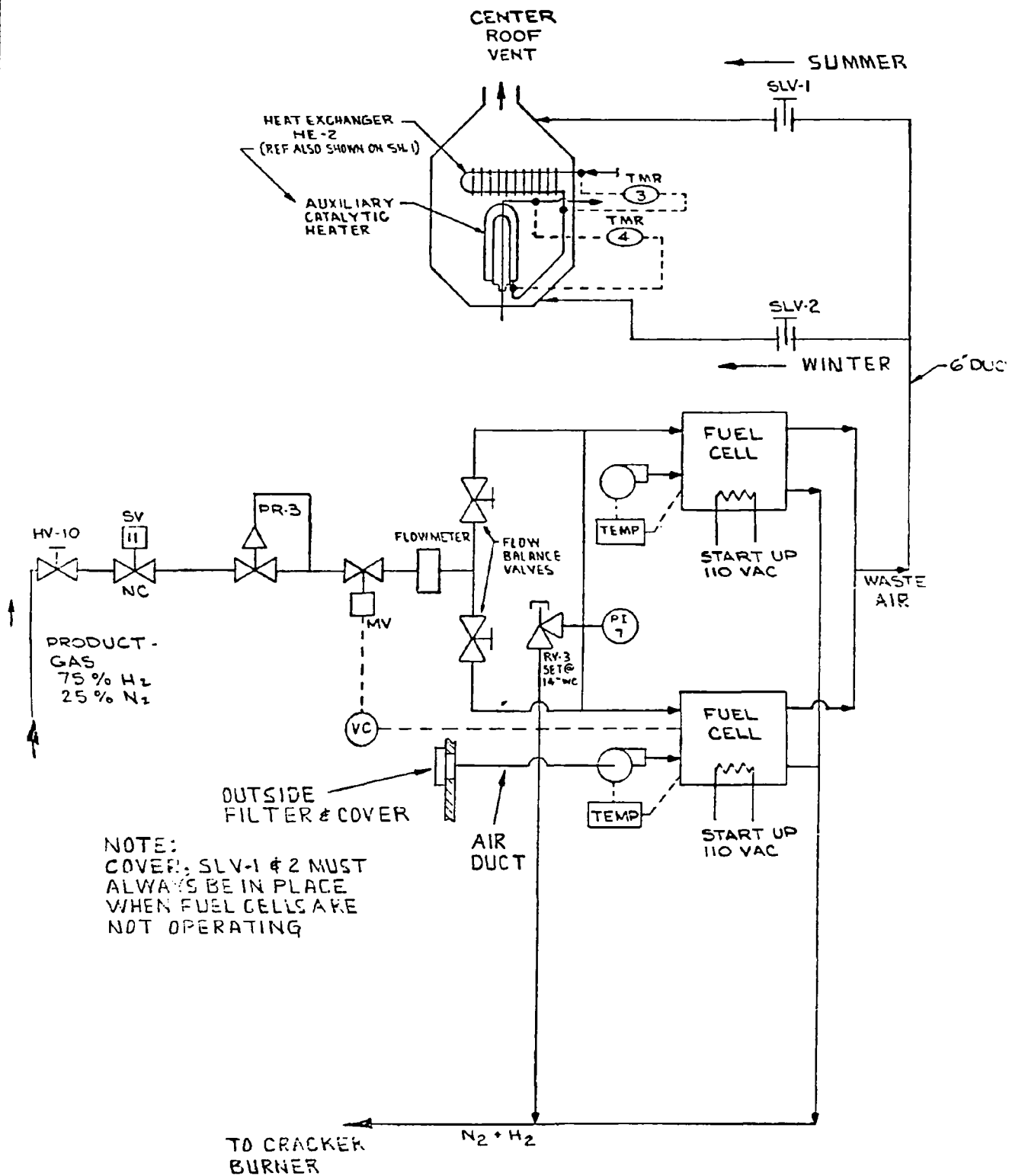


FIG. 8



- b) Using SLV-1 and SLV-2 direct the waste heat flow for winter use below HE-2 or above HE-2 for summer use.
  - c) Shutdown the use of shoreline by placing "SHORELINE", CB-1, circuit breaker in "OFF" position.
- 2. Close MS-2 "FUEL CELL ISOLATION".
- 3. Shut off all lights and motors in the Van.
- 4. Close the battery circuit breaker CB-10, located on the side of the battery charger.
- 5. Set P-3, "FUEL CELL CONTROL" to 1700°F.
- 6. Set P-2, "CRACKER CONTROL" to 1500°F.
- 7. Restart ammonia cracker by pressing:
  - a) SW-3 cracker "ON".
  - b) SW-8 ammonia flow "ON".
- NOTE: HOLD SW-8 IN UNTIL P1-4 READ 3 PSIG.
- 8. Open HV-10 fully and press "FUEL ON" button on the fuel cell control panel (rear wall).
 

NOTE: THE FUEL CELLS ARE NOW OPERATING "OPEN CIRCUITED" WITH A MINIMUM FUEL FLOW GOING THROUGH THE CELLS. MAINTAIN THIS CONDITION FOR 4 MINUTES TO STABILIZE THE FUEL CELL TEMPERATURE.

CHECK THE TEMPERATURE ON THE CRACKER CONTROL INSTRUMENT TO MAKE SURE THAT EXCESS TEMPERATURE CONDITION IS NOT REACHED.

AT THIS POINT THE EPA-VAN IS POWERED USING THE BATTERIES ONLY TO SUPPLY BOTH THE 24 VOLTS DC AND THE 115 VOLTS AC VIA THE INVERTER.
- 9. Place MS-2 "FUEL CELL ISOLATION" in "OFF" position. This places the fuel cells in parallel with the batteries. Observe the main D-C voltmeter, 24 volt should be maintained.
- 10. Gradually increase the electrical load on the system as follows:
  - a) kitchen lights : 93 watts

- b) Living room lights : 186 watts
- c) Room air blower : 186 watts
- d) Pump A : 186 watts
- e) Pump B : 186 watts
- f) Heat pump motor : 186 watts

After each new load is added, observe the main D.C. voltmeter. The voltmeter reading should not fall below 24 volts, or the system will shutdown due to low voltage dropout of the D-C relays. As the fuel cells recover, the DC-voltage will stabilize and the next load can be added.

Once the two fuel cell ammeters indicate outputs of 24 to 28 amps and the main voltmeter maintains a steady 24 volts reading, the entire trailer system can be placed in automatic mode operation.

### 3. Environmental Heating/Cooling (Fig. 2, 10)

- A. Set the room thermostat in living room at 68°F for the heating setpoint.
- B. Set the room thermostat for cooling at 78°F.
- C. Set tank temperature switch No. 1 for 50°F.
- D. Set tank temperature switch No. 2 for 100°F.

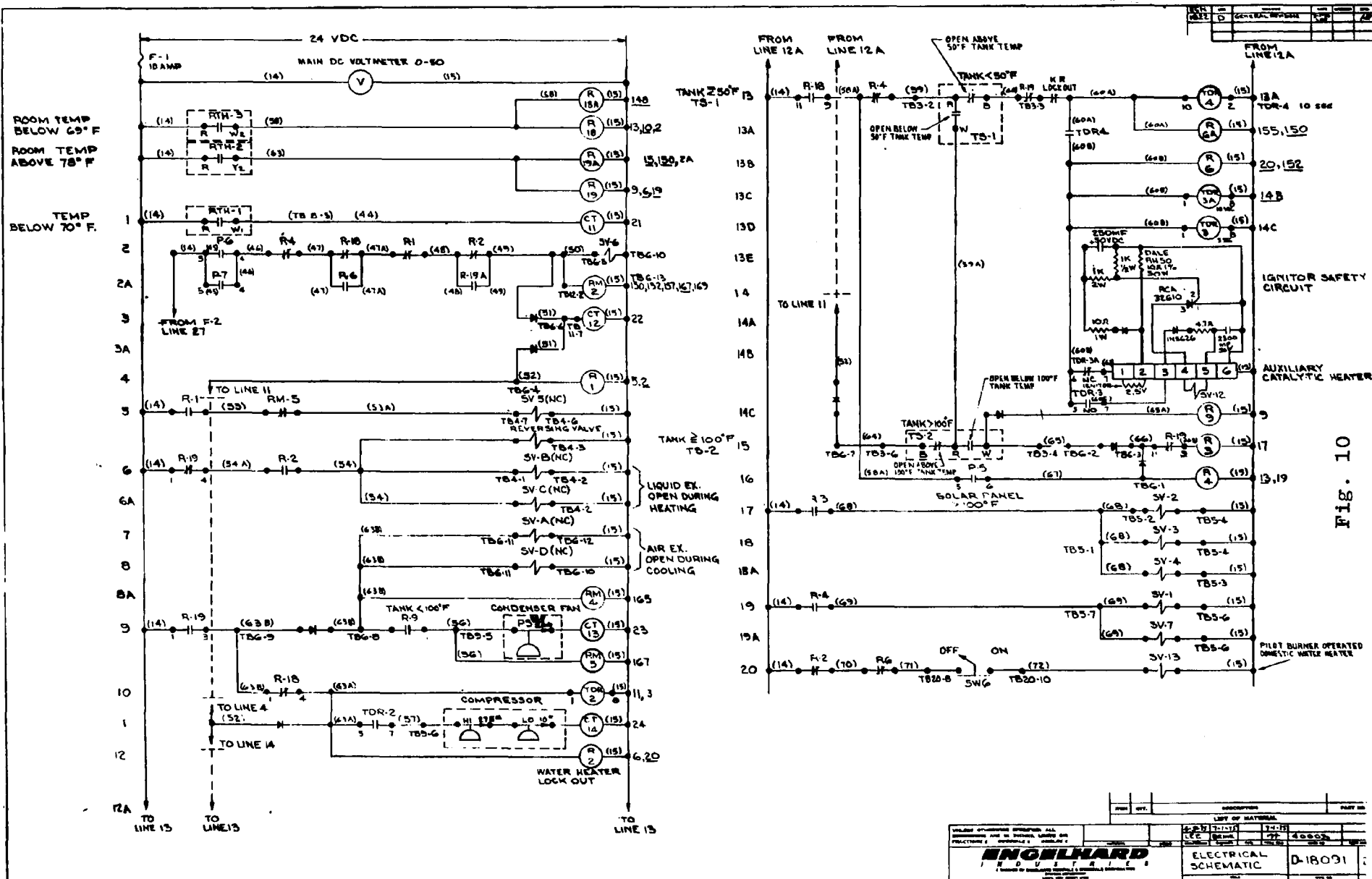
NOTE: BOTH TS NO. 1 AND TS NO. 2 ARE LOCATED IN THE LOWER LEFT-HAND SIDE OF THE PROJECTOR COUNTER CABINET, ONCE THE SETTINGS ARE CORRECT NO FURTHER ATTENTION WILL BE NEEDED.

#### E. Close the circuit breakers on the motor control panel:

- 1) Room air blower CB-7
- 2) Pumps A & B CB-8
- 3) Heat Pump Compressor CB-4
- 4) Condenser Fan CB-3

#### F. Adjust the makeup air louver to provide the required makeup air.

#### G. Waste heat control is done by using SLV-1 and SLV-2 for the fuel cells. SLV-3 and SLV-4 controls the



waste heat flow from the ammonia cracker. The use of waste heat is depending on summer or winter operation. In periods where no heating of the Van is required the waste heat from both the fuel cells and the ammonia cracker should be vented to the outside without passing across heat exchanger HE-2.

#### Auxiliary Catalytic Heater (Fig. 2, 12)

1. Open HV-11. The heater will automatically cut in and out to satisfy the environmental heating control demand.
4. Water Heater (Note: Flame Type Combustion) (Fig. 13)
  - A) Fill the water system as described in the trailer manual, See appendix.
  - B) The water heater burner system is lighted as per the instructions attached to the cover plate.
  - C) The gas supply to the burner system is activated as follows:
    1. Close "WATER HEATER" switch on the main control panel (SW-6).
    2. Open the hand valves HV-12 and HV-13.
    3. Check that the pressure on Pl-9 does indicate 0.5 psig for actual operation.
    4. Follow the burner lighting instructions (B).

NOTICE: ONCE THE PILOT HAS BEEN LIGHTED IT REMAINS "ON" AS LONG AS THE PRODUCT GAS IS AVAILABLE. THE MAIN BURNER WILL ONLY OPERATE DURING MODES 1, 2, 3, 6, AND 7 WHEN THE THERMOSTAT CALLS FOR OPERATION.

#### 5. Kitchen Range (Fig. 13)

- A) Remove the transport cover plate from the air-grill on the road side.
- B) Install the storm cover using the cover plate from "A" as the outer cover.
- C) The gas supply to the range is opened by:
  1. Open HV-12 and HV-14.
  2. Close SW-7 "KITCHEN RANGE" on main panel.



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Flow System 3  
Aux Heater

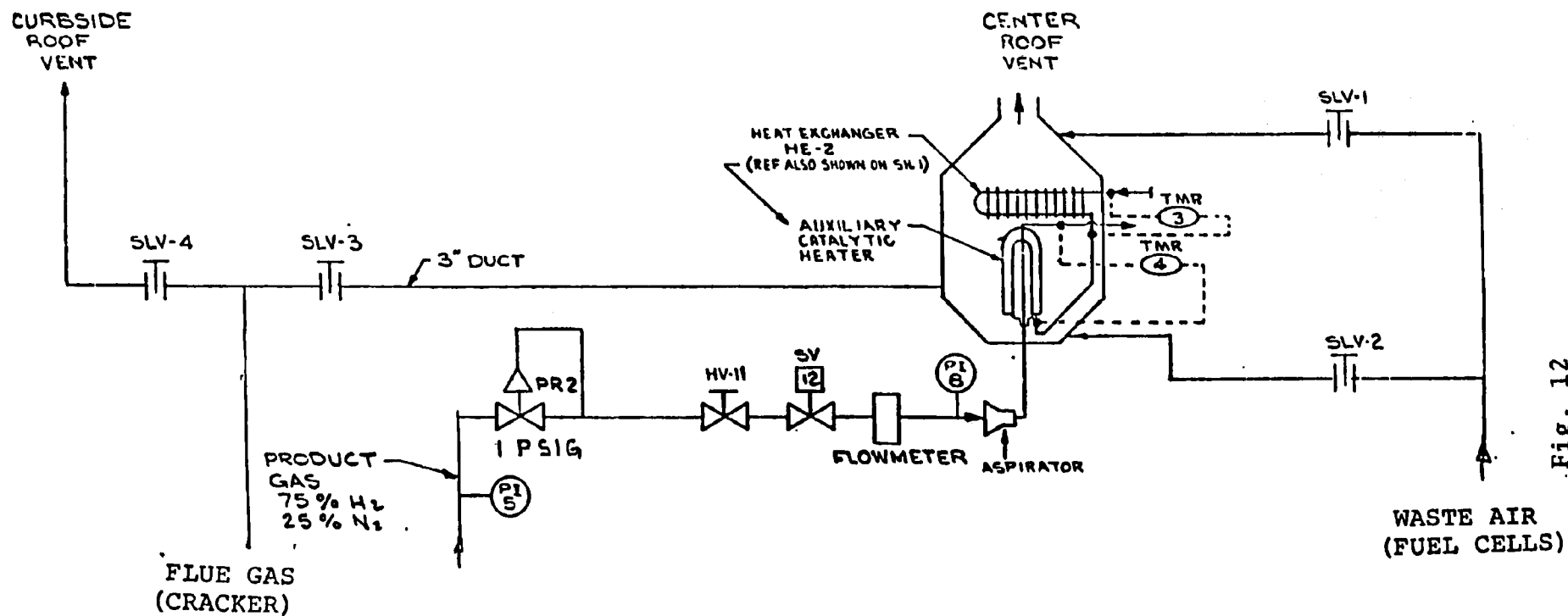


Fig. 12

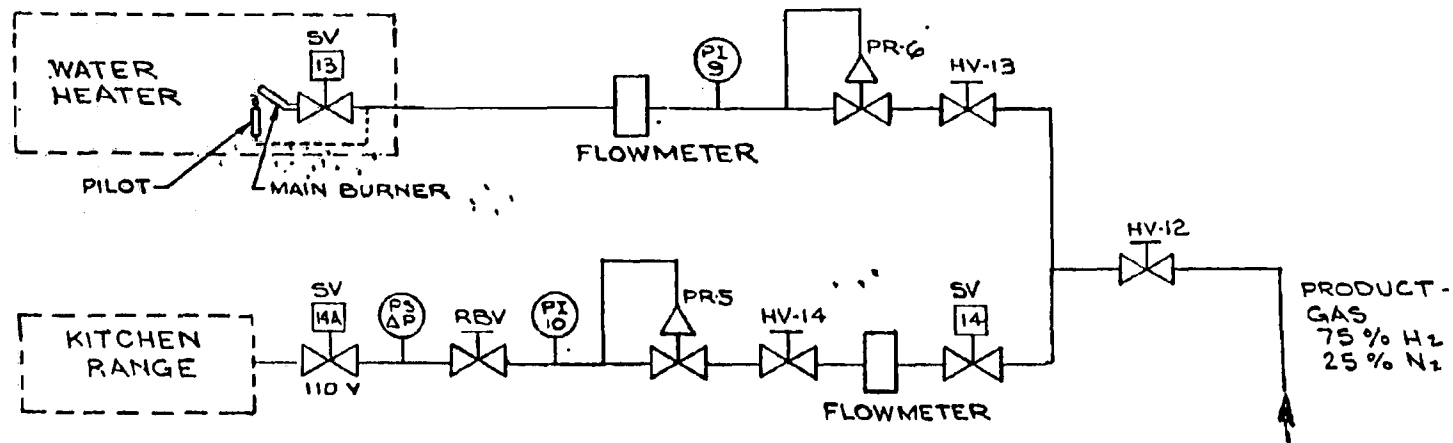


Fig. 31

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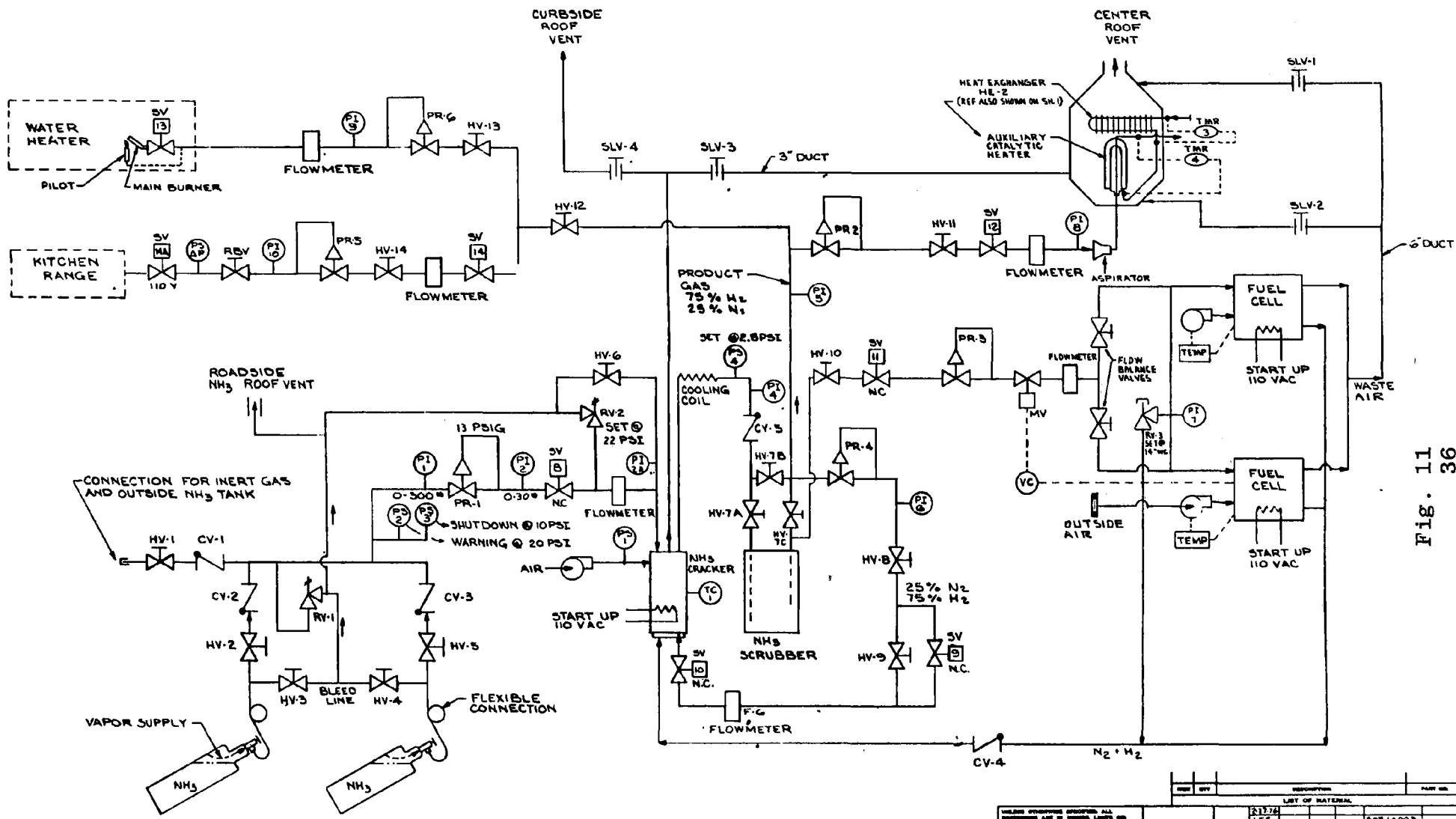


Fig. 11 36

REV	DATE	DESCRIPTION	BY	CHK
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UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, ALL MATERIALS AND COMPONENTS ARE TO BE OF THE FOLLOWING GRADES AND MANUFACTURERS:		LIST OF MATERIAL		PART NO.	
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NH <sub>3</sub> / PRODUCT GAS FLOW SCHEMATIC		EPA VAN		D-1822B C	
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3. The pressure gage "P1-10" should read 0.5 psig.
4. Open "RBV" valve fully. This valve is located on the front side of the kitchen counter just below the range.

The range plate will start heating up in 10 to 15 seconds.

#### 6.0 System Shutdown Procedure

The normal shutdown sequence of the system is as follows:

1. All motor circuit breakers in motor control panel.
2. Product gas supply to appliances.
3. Fuel cell operation shutdown.
4. Transfer to shoreline operation.
5. Ammonia cracker shutdown.
6. Charging of batteries.

#### 6.1 Motor Control Panel (Fig. 7)

Place the following circuit breakers in "OFF".

1. Heat pump compressor.
2. Condenser fan.
3. Pump.
4. Living room blower.

#### 6.2 Product Gas Supply (Fig. 5, 11, 12, 13)

Switch and valve shutdown sequence:

	<u>Number</u>		<u>Number</u>
Appliance	Hand Valve		Selector Switch
Water Heater	HV-12	HV-13	SW-6
Kitchen Range	HV-12	HV-13	SW-7
Aux Catalytic Heater		HV-11	None

#### 6.3 Fuel Cell Operation Shutdown (Fig. 5, 1, 8)

- a) Open "FUEL CELL ISOLATION" switch. "MS-2".

- b) Press "FUEL OFF" button.
- c) Close HV-10 manual valve.

NOTICE: THE SYSTEM IS NOW OPERATING ON THE BATTERY BANK ONLY, THUS THIS CONDITION SHOULD BE OF AS SHORT DURATION AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO AVOID DRAINING THE BATTERY BANK.

#### 6.4 Transfer to Shoreline Operation (Fig. 5, 7, 9)

- a) Open battery circuit breaker (located on the side of the battery charger).
- b) Close "SHORELINE" circuit breaker "CB-1".
- c) Close "SHORELINE RECTIFIER".
- d) Restart "CRACKER BLOWER" by pressing "ON" button.
- e) Raise blower speed to maximum.

#### 6.5 Ammonia Cracker Fuel Supply

- a) Press "AMMONIA FLOW" off button.
- b) Close hand valves HV-1, HV-2, HV-5.
- c) Close ammonia cylinder valve.
- d) Close hand valve HV-7A, 7B, 7C.
- e) Leave "CRACKER AIR BLOWER" running for cooling of the cracker. When P-1 indicates a temperature of 400°F, it is safe to shut the power off to the ammonia cracker by pressing SW-2, the "CRACKER AIR BLOWER" off button.

Return the blower speed setting to "LOW".

#### 6.6 Start Battery Charge (Fig. 9)

- a) Close the switch SW-11 located next to the battery circuit breaker on the side of the battery charger.
- b) Set the timer to the full timing. The charging rate will register on the ammeter on front of the battery charger.

SECTION V  
SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

1. Before the system is made operational, make sure the hydrogen detectors located in living room, kitchen, utility room are on. The instrument console is located on the top shelf in the kitchen above the mode panel.
2. Make sure the  $\text{NH}_3$  supply is adequate, have extra supply available and hooked up for easy changeover and replacement.
3. Ammonia odor is easily detectable by the human nose and if ammonia leakage is detected, trace and pinpoint leak by using a sulfur candle, and eliminate the leak(s).
4. When trailer/home is parked and operational, make sure that trailer is anchored and fastened down on all four corners using the guy wires provided.
5. When strong winds above 50 MPH are expected, the solar panel has to be retracted and the solar panel cover tied down securely. (See III 7B F 16 4 & 7)
6. Alarm System - An alarm condition exists and an audio alarm (horn) will sound whenever any of the following conditions prevail.
  - a) Hydrogen present in the room air (i.e., at 1%  $\text{H}_2$  in air).
    1. Red light on the left instrument means hydrogen in the utility room.
    2. Red light on the center instrument means hydrogen in the kitchen.
    3. Red light on the right instrument means hydrogen in the living room.

Existence of this alarm condition shuts off  $\text{NH}_3$

feed to the cracker. Audio alarm can be silenced by pressing the alarm SILENCE BUTTON on the instrument console. (Fig. 9)

However, corrective measures must be taken to eliminate the hydrogen leak before pressing the reset button.

- b) Low Fuel Condition as evidenced by flashing light by the  $\text{NH}_3$  supply timer on the mode panel. When this condition occurs, silence the horn by pressing the horn silence button on top of the mode panel.

NOTE: THIS ALARM CONDITION IS PRESET AT 20 PSI ON THE  $\text{NH}_3$  SUPPLY SYSTEM.

THE SYSTEM WILL SHUTDOWN WHEN THE FUEL PRESSURE DROPS TO 10 PSI. AT 10 PSI, SYSTEM OPERATION IS AUTOMATICALLY TERMINATED. PROVIDE A NEW CYLINDER BEFORE THIS HAPPENS.

- c) Excess temperature or thermocouple break as evidenced by RED light on control panel. When this condition exists,  $\text{NH}_3$  supply shuts down automatically.

If a full upscale indication is consistent on P-1/P-2 an open circuit must be corrected, or a broken thermocouple be replaced in the ammonia cracker control system.

SECTION VI  
TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

Ammonia Cracker (Fig. 5, 6, 7)

- 1) Excess temperature condition - refer to Section IV No. D-7 (page 26 ).
- 2) Temperature dropping towards lower setpoint on Temperature Protector, P-2 dialatrol.
  - a) Check SW-10, make sure switch position is on "HI/LO".
  - b) Check fuel supply gages, PI-2, Pl-1. Pl-1 should be minimum of 20 psi. Pl-2 should be set at 13 psig.
  - c) If alarm condition has just occurred, press (green) NH<sub>3</sub> supply pushbutton in to reset switch. (Fig. 5)
- 3) Fresh Ammonia Supply - low pressure in system.
  - a) Refer to Fig. 6, RV-1 or RV-2 (Relief Valves) may be opened. Valve O-rings may have opened. Valve O-rings may have to be replaced.
  - b) Check NH<sub>3</sub> supply for closed valves.
- 4) Alarm Conditions - Refer to Section VI, 1, 2, 3.

Kitchen Range Section

- 1) Chattering of switch, amber light blinking on and off check pressure gauge Pl-10 under countertop, set at .5 psig.
- 2) Pilot light stays on, no heat being generated - this indicates that initial combustion condition was achieved, but time delay relay contact dropped out before the thermoswitch was satisfied. The 24V solenoid coil is closed so there is no danger of



hydrogen leak but gas is trapped in the line thereby keeping the pressure switch contact closed and the pilot light on. This situation may occur when room temperature in the trailer is allowed to drop to 40°F during winter. Close the valve RBV Fig. 13, wait 30 seconds and reopen the valve.

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WEATHER      CONDITION

Sun	Rain	Wind	Temp/Hum.
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**LOCATION** \_\_\_\_\_

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SECTION VII  
MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Calibrate H<sub>2</sub> Detectors as recommended in the equipment manual. Calibrate weekly until experience warrants longer periods. DO NOT EXCEED 6 MONTHS BETWEEN CALIBRATIONS.

2. Check for free ammonia in the product gas. Use the two test ports located on the top of the ammonia scrubber.

The test port originating in the outlet elbow takes the sample halfway down the scrubber material.

The test port in the outlet tube provides a sample of the final scrubbed gas.

The halfway sample should be used to guide and judge the operation time still available before new scrubber material will be needed. Contact Engelhard Industries for proper material replacement.

There should be no free ammonia in the gas going to the fuel cells.

3. Data Logging

Figures 23 and 24.

The use of these data sheets provides an easy way of understanding the system operation and component location.

The data sheets also provides a ready means of pinpointing potential problems.

Any unusual pressure drops will reveal the location of problem.

4. Refrigeration Service

Have a competent refrigeration serviceman check periodically the system for proper operational

pressures. (Fig. 2)

## 5. Fuel Cells

The air inlet cover and SLV's No. 1 and No. 2 must always be closed during down time to prevent moisture from entering the fuel cells when they are cold.

Remove and clean the air filter regularly.

## 6. Recommended Test Equipment

- 1) Volt-Ohm Milliammeter  
Simpson Model 260
- 2) Temperature Measuring Instrument  
Thermoelectric "Minimate"  
Range: 0-2000°F Type K & Type J
- 3) Free Ammonia Tester  
Bendix/Gastel Model 400  
Test Tubes for: 2-30 ppm  
50-500 ppm  
1-18%
- 4) Calibration Gas for H<sub>2</sub> Detector  
0.8% H<sub>2</sub> in air.

# EPA VAN SEQUENCE START-UP TIME TABLE

COMPONENT

TIME IS APPROXIMATE AFTER 0 - HOUR

HOURS

0

$\frac{1}{2}$

1

$1\frac{1}{2}$

2

$2\frac{1}{2}$

AMMONIA  
DISSOCIATOR

TEMPERATURE  
ELECTRICAL PREHEAT

AMBIENT  
START

800°F

1350°F  
STOP

1700°F

AMMONIA FLOW

START

GAS HEATING

START AUTO. TEMP. CONTROL

FUEL  
CELLS

ELECTRICAL PREHEAT  
START

START

STOP

INLET AIR DUCT  
FUEL SUPPLY

OPEN  
START

HEATING/COOLING  
ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEM

START

WATER HEATER

START

AUX CATALYTIC  
HEATER

START


KITCHEN RANGE

START

REV.	CHANGE	DATE	CHECKED	ENG

CONTROL INSTRUMENT				SENSING/CONTROLLED COMPONENT	FUNCTION	POWER SYSTEM
No.	TYPE	RANGE	SET POINT			
POWER SYSTEM	P-1	DIALATROL	0-2000°F	1350°F 800°F	NH <sub>3</sub> CRACKER	EL - PREHEAT HOLD BACK OF AMMONIA
	P-2	DIALATROL	0-2000°F	1750°F 1850°F	NH <sub>3</sub> CRACKER	OPERATING TEMPERATURE EXCESS TEMPERATURE } GAS BURNER
	P-3	DIALATROL	0-2000°F	1700°F	NH <sub>3</sub> CRACKER/FUEL CELLS	GAS FLOW TO FUEL CELLS [EXCESS H <sub>2</sub> GOES TO GAS BURNER] NOTICE FOR FUEL CELL OPERATION RESET P-2 TO 1500°F
MODE SYSTEM CONTROL	P-5	DIALATROL	0-400°F	100°F	SOLAR PANEL ABSOLUTE TEMP. AIR/WATER	START SOLAR HEATING OF TRAILER [MODE 7]
	P-6	DIALATROL	0-50 MV [0-150°F]	5 MV 15°F	SOLAR PANEL/TANK Δ T	STARTS SOLAR HEAT STORAGE MODES 2,3,5,11
	P-7	DIALATROL	0-50 MV [0-150°F]	1 MV 3°F	SOLAR PANEL Δ T	TERMINATE SOLAR HEAT STORAGE AT Δ T BELOW 3°F
	TS-1	THERMAL SWITCH	0-200°F	50°F	TANK TEMP.	CONTROLS AUX CATALYTIC BURNER BELOW 50°F [MODE 5] ABOVE 50°F MODE SELECTION TRANSFERS TO TS-2
	TS-2	THERMAL SWITCH	0-200°F	100°F	TANK TEMP.	CONTROLS MODES 6,8,9,10,11
	RTH-1	LIVING ROOM THERMOSTAT	44-86°F	HEATING 68°F	ENVIRONMENTAL HEATING/COOLING	ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL HEATING MODES 1,3,4,5,6,7,8 COOLING MODES 9,10,11
	RTH-2			COOLING 78°F		

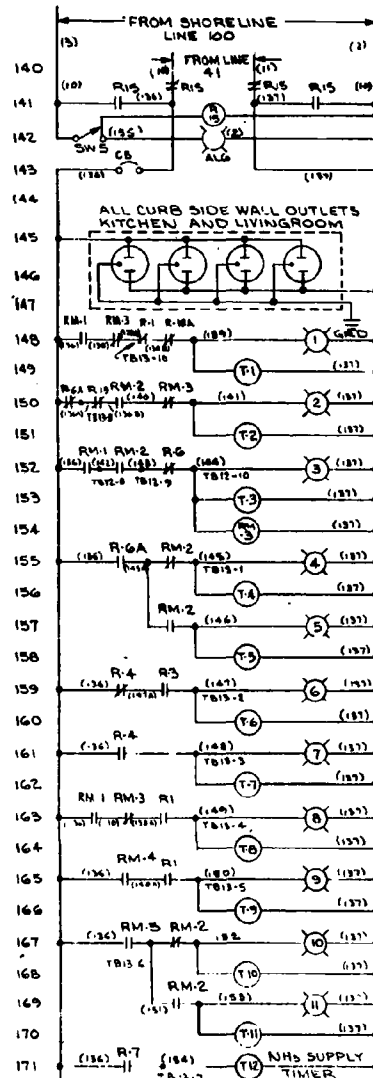
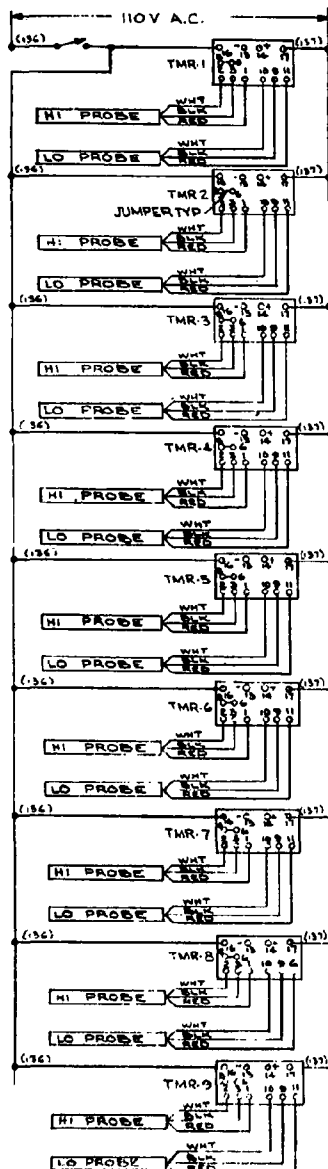
Fig. 15

UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED: ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES. LIMITS ON: FRACTIONS ± DECIMALS ± ANGLES ±		4-11-72		EPA VAN	
MATERIAL		SCALE		40003	
DRAWN BY		CHECKED		ENG	
PROJECT		PROJ. ENG		USED ON	
		CONTROL INSTRUMENTS FUNCTIONS & SETPOINTS		B-18379	
TITLE		DWS NO		REV	



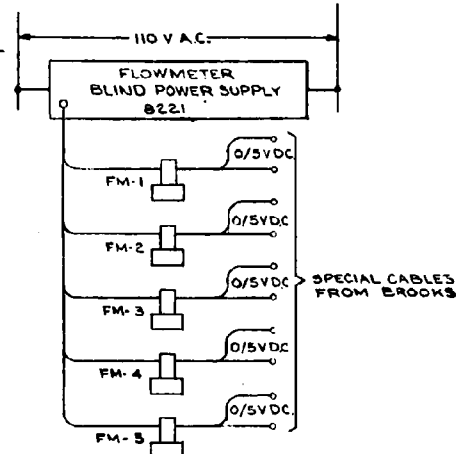
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A	REVISED			
B	REVISED			
C	REVISED			
D	REVISED			

TMR  
ISOLATION  
SWITCH



BREAK OUTLET  
AWAY FROM  
KITCHEN WALL  
REF. DRYER.  
2. JOIN THIS  
OUTLET WITH  
CABLE # TO  
ALL OTHER  
CURB WALL  
OUTLETS.

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REV	DATE	DESCRIPTION	BY	CHKD
A	REVISED			
B	REVISED			
C	REVISED			
D	REVISED			

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Fig. 16



ECN	REV.	CHANGE	DATE	CHECKER	ENG.
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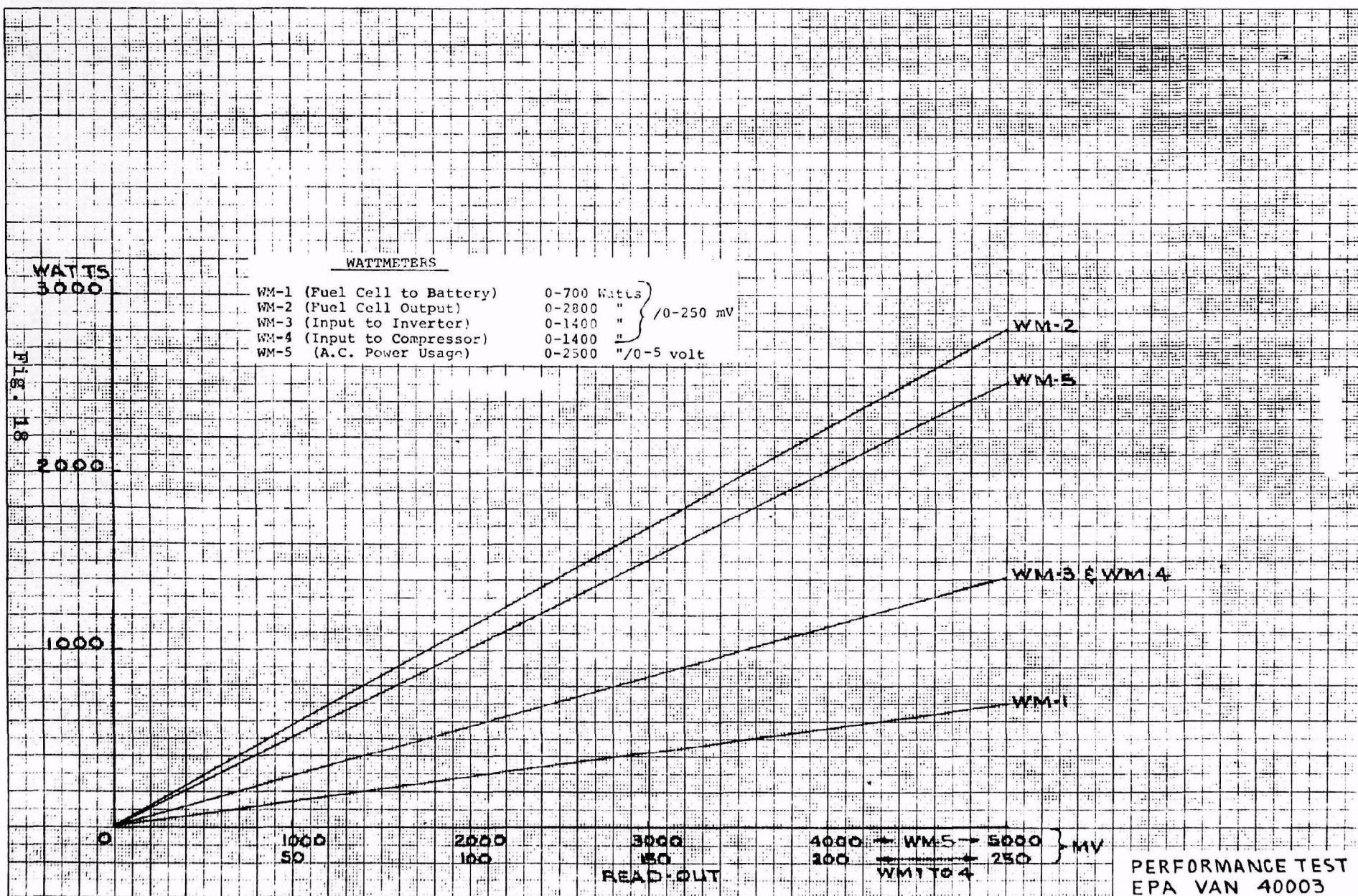
AC TERMINALS	DESCRIPTION	DC TERMINALS	DESCRIPTION	FLOWRATE/0-5 VDC
1	Mode 1	27 & 28	NH <sub>3</sub> Flowmeter	0-60 SL/M
2	Mode 2	29 & 30	Kitchen Flowmeter, H <sub>2</sub>	0-50 "
3	Mode 3	31 & 32	Water Heater Flowmeter H <sub>2</sub>	0-20 "
4	Mode 4	33 & 34	Fuel Cell Flowmeter H <sub>2</sub>	0-100 "
5	Mode 5	35 & 36	Catalytic Burner Flowmeter H <sub>2</sub>	0-50 "
6	Mode 6	37 & 38	} NOT USED	
7	Mode 7	39 & 40		
8	Mode 8	45 & 46	WM-1 (Fuel Cell to Battery)	0-700 Watts
9	Mode 9	47 & 48	WM-2 (Fuel Cell Output)	0-2800 " }
10	Mode 10	49 & 50	WM-3 (Input to Inverter)	0-1400 " /0-250 mV
11	Mode 11	51 & 52	WM-4 (Input to Compressor)	0-1400 "
12	Neutral	53 & 54	WM-5 (A.C. Power Usage)	0-2500 "/0-5 volt
19	Vacant	55 & 56	TMR-1 (Tank H <sub>2</sub> O In Out T)	} 0-180°F/0-5 volt
20	Alarm Hot	57 & 58	TMR-2 (Solar Panel H <sub>2</sub> O)	
21	Alarm Neutral	59 & 60	TMR-3 (Input Heat Exchanger)	-HE-2
22	Vacant			
23	Hot 110 volts	61 & 62	TMR-4 Auxilliary Catalytic Heater	} 0-125°F/0-5 volts
24	Neutral 110 volts	63 & 64	TMR-5 Output, Heat Exchangers	
25	Speaker +	65 & 66	TMR-6 Freon, Compressor	-HE-1
26	Speaker -	67 & 68	TMR-7 Freon, Condenser	
		69 & 70	TMR-8 Freon to H <sub>2</sub> O, Heat Exchanger	
		71 & 72	TMR-9 Freon to Air, Heat Exchanger	

#### TERMINALS NOT POWERED

13,14,15	NO, C, N.C. Pump A (H <sub>2</sub> O Flowmeter)
16,17,18	NO, C, N. C. Pump B (H <sub>2</sub> O Flowmeter)
41 & 42	Compressor Pressure (inlet)
43 & 44	Compressor Pressure (Outlet)

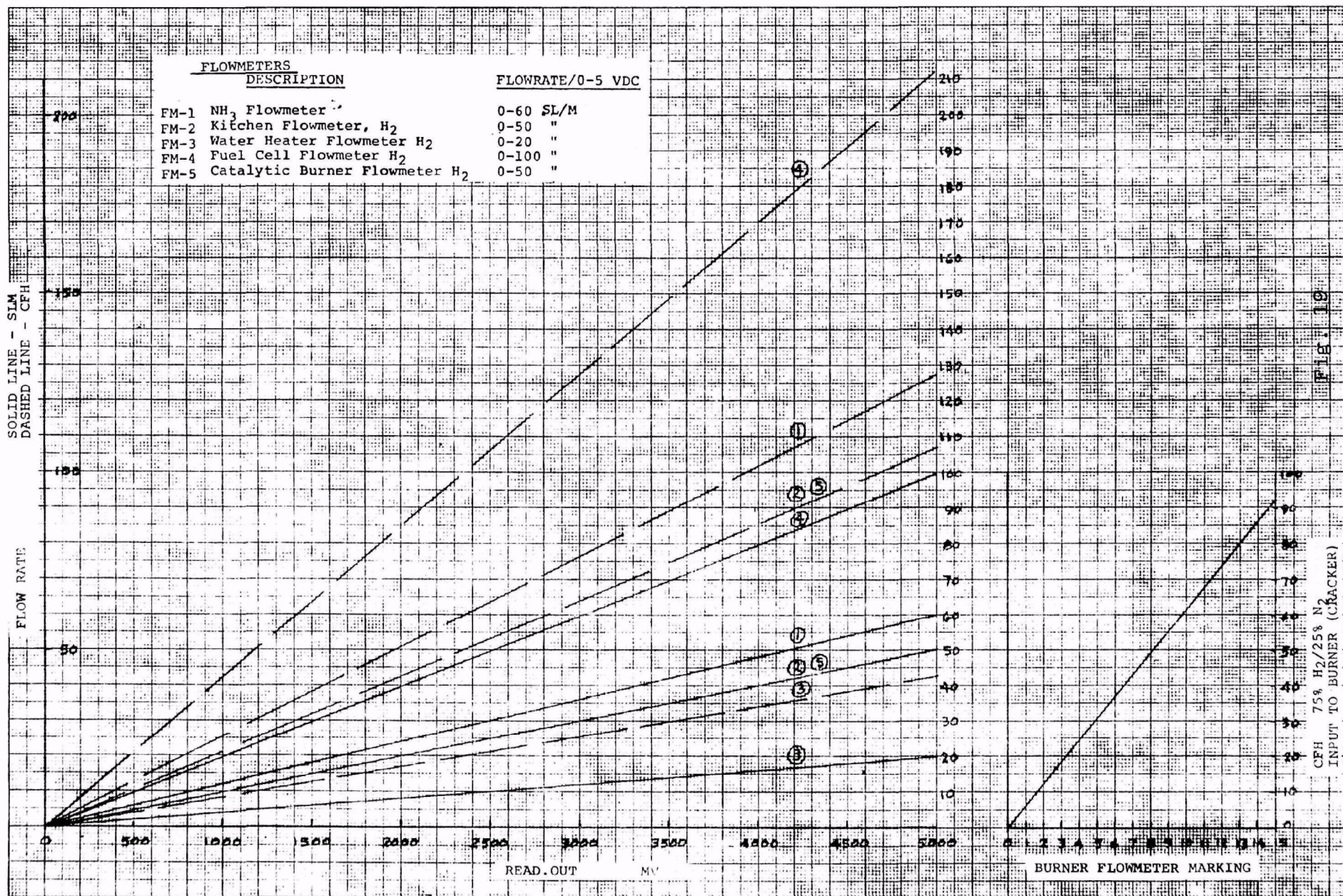
ITEM	QTY.	DESCRIPTION	PART NO.
LIST OF MATERIAL			
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MATERIAL		SCALE	40003
DRAFTSMAN	CHECKER	ENG.	PROJ ENG
TERMINAL CONNECTIONS PERFORMANCE TEST FOR EPVAN		B-18296 - B	
TITLE		BNG NO	
REV.		REV.	

Fig. 17

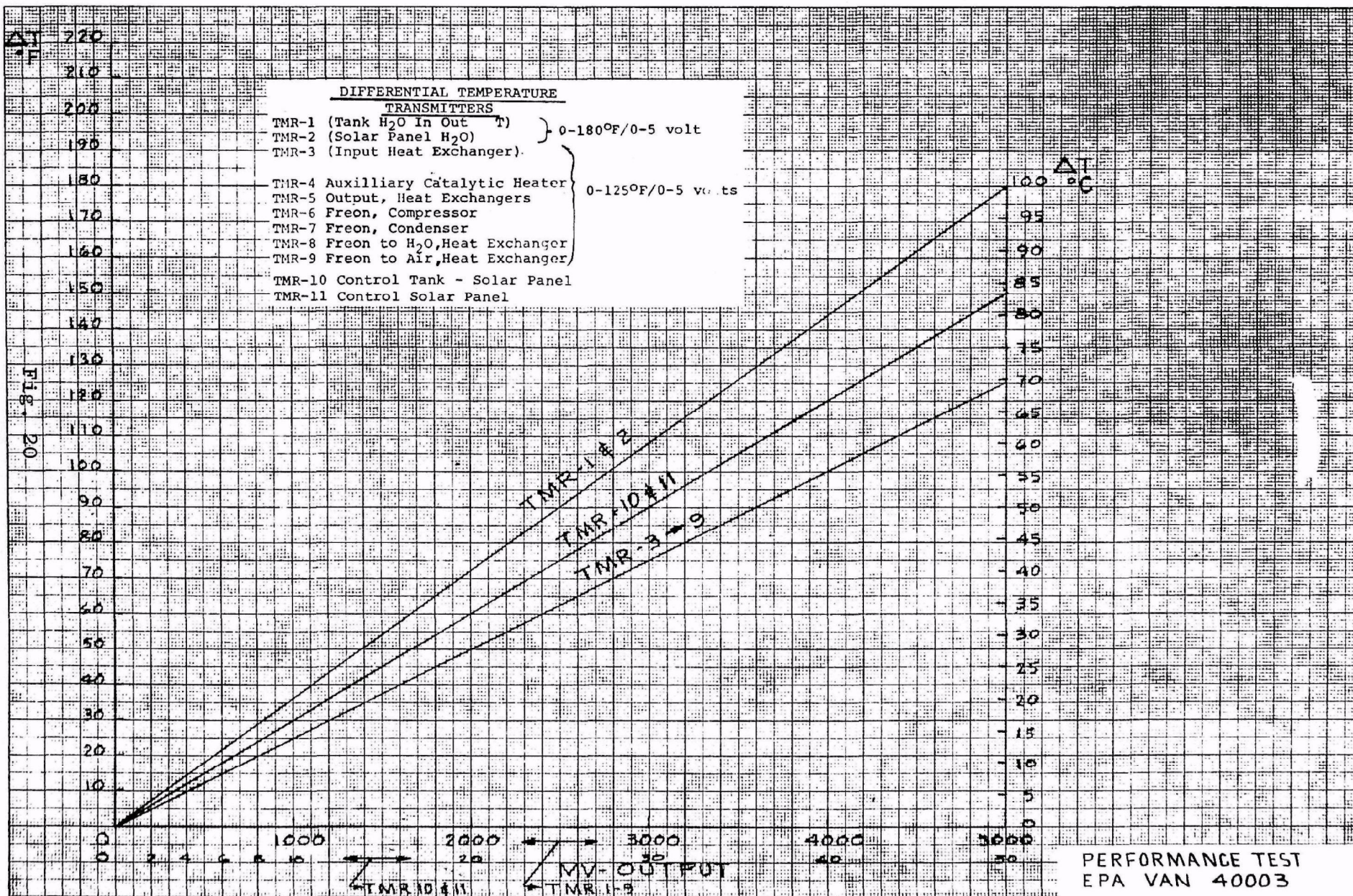


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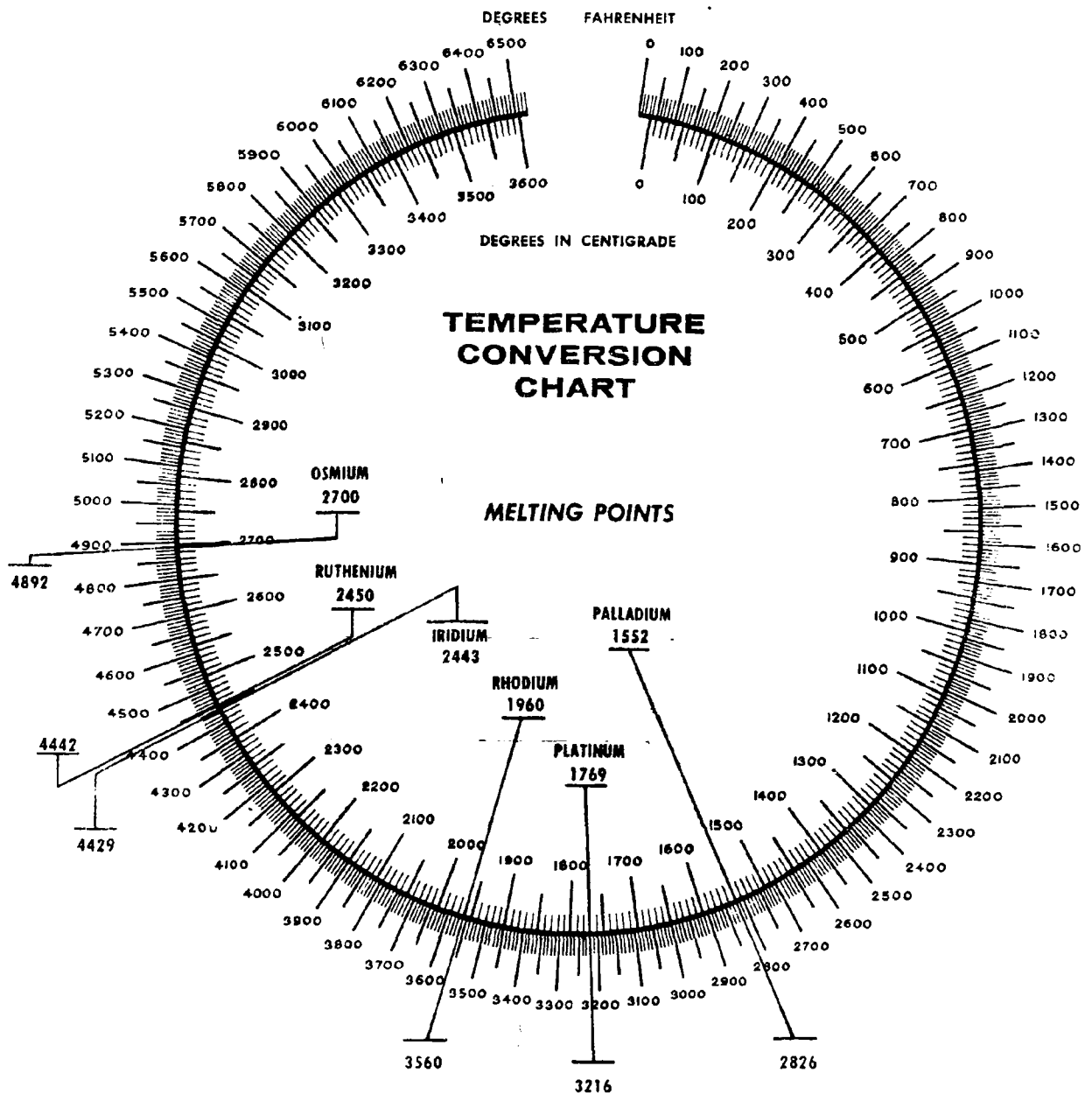
	To Convert to		Multiply by
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	Inches	Meters	$2.54 \times 10^{-2}$
	Miles	Kilometers	1.6093
<u>Volume:</u>	Gallons	Liters	3.785
	Cubic Ft.	Liters	28.32
<u>Mass:</u>	Pounds	Kilograms	0.45359
<u>Pressure:</u>	Pounds/in <sup>2</sup>	Kilo Pascal	6.8948
<u>Velocity:</u>	Miles/hr	Km/hr	1.6093
<u>Flowrate:</u>	Cubic Ft/hr	Liters/Min.	0.472
<u>Temperature:</u>	Celsius-°C	°C = $5/9$ (°F-32)	
	Kelvin °K	°K = °C + 273.15	
	Fahrenheit °F	°F = $9/5$ (°C) + 32	

Figure 21

# MELTING POINTS OF THE PLATINUM GROUP METALS

$$\text{Degrees F} = (^{\circ}\text{C} \times 9/5) + 32$$

$$\text{Degrees C} = (^{\circ}\text{F} - 32) \times 5/9$$



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Fig. 22

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		6. PERFORMING ORGANIZATION CODE
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16. ABSTRACT  The manual generally describes the EPA Van, and discusses both its energy control system and Van operation. The manual includes instructions for the Van's transportation, setup, safety, troubleshooting, and maintenance. The Van is a mobile research unit, designed for testing in various parts of the United States. Its unique energy supply system includes fuel cells, a solar energy collector, a heat pump, and catalytic appliances. An energy control system optimizes the energy consumed by the integrated system.		
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Heat Sources Solar Energy	EPA Van	10B
Laboratories Solar Energy Con-	Energy Consumption	14B
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