CHEMICAL APPLICATION GUIDE
FIRED HEATERS

Improve Fired Heater Efficiency and HSE

Reduce emissions, increase safety, and lower energy costs with improved fired heater efficiency.
Industry Facts
You Need to Know

REDUCE YOUR ENERGY INTENSITY
- Fired heaters account for 37% of the U.S. manufacturing energy end use (Source: Dept. of Energy/Mfg. Energy Consumption Survey)
- 30% to 50% percent of an operating budget is typically spent on energy (Source: Energy Star Guide)

IMPROVE FUEL EFFICIENCY AND EMISSIONS
- A 2% reduction in O₂ (from 4% down to 2%) can result in up to 24% in fuel savings (Source: API RP 535)
- A 2% O₂ increase can result in a 25%-30% increase in NOx emissions (Source: API RP 535)

IMPROVE YOUR BOTTOM LINE
- Moving from a traditional pressure- or volume-based fuel gas control scheme to a mass-based one, could result in more than $250K Net Present Value (NPV) savings depending on heater duty (Source: API RP 556 Sub-committee)

Positively Impact Your Energy, Emissions, and Safety

Utilize Emerson solutions to stabilize control of your fired equipment and reduce emissions, improve safety, and reduce energy costs.

The control strategy of fired equipment impacts energy, emissions, and safety. By measuring the concentration of oxygen in the flue gas of the stack, which serves as an indicator of both safety and efficiency of the heater, you can greatly improve the performance of your fired equipment.

When natural gas is used as the fuel source for combustion, the composition of these gases can change making the heating value of the gas variable. Air requirements for combustion also vary, leading to unstable or insufficient combustion.

In most fired heaters, the outlet temperature of the heater is cascaded to a volumetric flow controller or a pressure controller for the fuel gas. Neither of these options respond efficiently to a change in the heating value or energy content of the fuel.

Therefore, as a safety margin, heaters are operated with high excess air which leads to increased energy costs and emissions. To improve heater efficiency and safety, reducing control variability with mass-based control and better measurements can contribute to a more stabilized control and operation with less excess air.

APPLICATION CHALLENGES
Reducing energy intensity and achieving your company’s ESG targets is your goal. We can help you with these major challenges, so you can better control your fired heater for optimal operation and improved profitability.

- Reduce energy consumption and emissions
- Operate with less excess air for maximum efficiency
- Prevent safety trips caused by rich fuel conditions
- Comply with environmental reporting requirements
Emerson can help you improve fired heater performance. A mass-based fuel gas measurement control scheme can result in significant savings in energy costs, reductions in emissions, and safety improvements.

With Emerson’s solutions you can:

- **Optimize the air-to-fuel ratio** based on changing gas compositions with a mass-based fuel gas control scheme using Micro Motion™ Coriolis meters.
- **Reduce fuel usage and emissions plus realize cost savings** with accurate flue gas O₂ measurement and better control of O₂ in the stack.
- **Ensure safety** by stabilizing fired heater operations, detecting flame instability, and avoiding trips during rich fuel conditions.
- **Comply with environmental standards and regulations** by using Continuous Emissions Monitoring Systems (CEMS).
GOAL: REDUCE ENERGY COSTS AND LOWER EMISSIONS

Issues | Solutions | Featured Products
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Fluctuations in fuel gas composition make it difficult to maintain an optimal fuel to air ratio resulting in poor efficiency and increased emissions | Use mass-based fuel gas control and compositional analysis | Micro Motion Coriolis Meters -  
- stabilizes combustion control with lower Btu content variability by controlling fuel gas on a mass-basis  
- typical NPV savings of $250K by moving from a volumetric to mass-based control scheme

Balancing excess oxygen in the flue gas to maximize efficiency, reduce emissions, and prevent unsafe fuel rich conditions | Implement reliable excess oxygen measurement of the flue gas | Rosemount™ OX8800 Oxygen and Combustibles Analyzer -  
- provides a continuous, accurate measurement of the oxygen remaining in flue gases coming from any combustion process  
- combustibles sensor alerts to the presence of excess combustibles leading to more efficient combustion control and increased safety  
- reduce maintenance with auto calibration capabilities of the transmitter

Inadequate measurement and control of heater air flow reduces combustion efficiency and increases emissions | Leverage the best available technology to measure air flow to the fired heater | Rosemount 3051SFA Annubar™ Flow Meter -  
- enables accurate flow measurement for challenging installations like air ducts and stack flow measurements  
- increase energy efficiency and reduce NOx emissions by operating with less excess air and tightening air flow control  
- for stack measurement, a Pitot traverse technique determines meter factor correction improving accuracy for control and emissions reporting

KEMET is a collaborative partner. Our team works along with you to help improve fired heater combustion control and reduce energy costs and emissions. On the next few pages, see how our product solutions have helped customers meet their goals of:

- Reducing energy costs and lowering emissions
- Ensuring safety while avoiding unplanned shutdowns
- Tracking emissions and regulatory reporting compliance

Let’s start a conversation on how our team can work with you.
**GOAL: ENSURE SAFETY WHILE AVOIDING UNPLANNED SHUTDOWNS**

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<td>Ensuring fired heater safety and prevention of heater tube damage often requires SIL-rated complex redundant measurements</td>
<td>Use fit-for-purpose, SIL-rated flowmeters with built-in redundancy to reduce installation complexity and cost</td>
<td>Rosemount 8800 Vortex Flow Meter - reduces spurious trips on heater pass measurements and maintenance caused by impulse line challenges</td>
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<td>the all-welded non-clogging single, dual and quad configurations provide reliable flow readings with lower installation costs by a single drop in assembly</td>
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<td>Rosemount 9295 Process Flow Meter - meets challenging installation requirements with conditioning orifice technology in a ready-to-install spool that requires no additional straight runs</td>
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<td>an all-welded design eliminates leak points with rugged isolation valves that improve process safety</td>
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<td>Rosemount 3144P Temperature Transmitter - provides the highest accuracy transmitter and measurement redundancy for heater outlet and stack temperature control</td>
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<td>Undetected flame instability could lead to a flame-out resulting in hazardous unburned fuel left in the firebox and uncontrolled combustion resulting in a safety incident or equipment damage</td>
<td>Leverage flame instability detection technology to prevent dangerous flame-out conditions</td>
<td>Rosemount 3051S Series Pressure Transmitters - combining the highest safety-rated pressure transmitter in the industry with Process Intelligence Diagnostic ensures burner safety and prevents unnecessary trips by providing early detection of burner flame instability</td>
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<td>Reduce response time and keep people safe by detecting fires that may occur near combustion equipment</td>
<td>Implement flame detection technology near potential fire sources</td>
<td>Rosemount 975MR Multi-Spectrum Infrared Flame Detector - provides the best possible combination of detection speed, performance, and false alarm immunity</td>
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**GOAL: TRACK EMISSIONS AND REGULATING REPORTING COMPLIANCE**

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<td>Leverage turnkey continuous emissions monitoring systems (CEMS) and gas analysis solutions</td>
<td>Rosemount CT5100 Continuous Gas Analyzer - provides all CEMS measurements when using hot/wet sampling systems</td>
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<td>leverages quantum cascade laser (QCL) and tunable diode laser (TDL) technology with up to six laser measuring cells that can handle sample gas temperatures up to 190°C (375°F), making them well suited for hot/wet sampling systems</td>
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<td>Rosemount X-STREM Enhanced XECLD Continuous Gas Analyzer - provides all CEMS measurements when using a traditional cold/dry sampling systems. Includes technologies such as Non-Dispersive Infrared (NDIR)/Non-Dispersive Ultraviolet (NDUV) for CO and CO₂, Chemiluminescence for NOx, Paramagnetic for O₂, and Electrochemical for cells and sensors</td>
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<td>Rosemount 370XA Gas Chromatograph and Rosemount 770XA Gas Chromatograph- compact field installed gas chromatograph solutions that provide accurate real-time gas compositional analysis and Btu calculations of fuel and natural gas for control and emissions reporting calculations</td>
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Emerson has the portfolio breadth and industry experience to help you leverage automation technologies. If you’re having unplanned fired heater trips caused by variations in fuel gas composition or looking to lower emissions and energy costs, Emerson is uniquely qualified to help you improve fired-heater combustion control and reduce energy costs and emissions.

A – Flue gas flow measurement
B – Continuous emissions monitoring
C – Stack temperature monitoring
D – Oxygen and COe measurements
E – Process fluid feed measurements
F – Temperature pass measurements
G – Temperature cascade control
H – Fuel gas pressure measurement
I – Fuel gas composition and Btu measurement
J – Mass flow control for fuel gas
K – Flame stability monitoring
L – Air flow measurement
M – Air flow pressure compensation
N – Air flow temperature compensation
O – Pilot gas pressure measurement
P – Flow pass pressure measurement
Q – Multi-spectrum infrared flame detector

Please contact your Emerson sales representative to discuss solutions to meet your goals.
Measurement Instrumentation

The broadest range of measurement and analytical technologies for the chemical industry.

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