

Usable thermal energy stored in stratified Thermal Energy Storage Tanks as a function of temperature difference (ΔT)

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Typical Heating regime (T _{supply} / T _{return})	ΔT (T _{supply} - T _{return}), K	Net water volume of the Thermal Energy Storage Tank, V _{net}							
		50 m ³	80 m ³	100 m ³	150 m ³	200 m ³	300 m ³	400 m ³	500 m ³
45 / 35 °C (low-temp buffer for heat pump) 50 / 40 °C (low-temp buffer for heat pump) 55 / 45 °C (low-temp buffer for heat pump) 60 / 50 °C (low-temp buffer for heat pump)	10	522.5	836	1045	1567.5	2090	3135	4180	5225
50 / 35 °C (low-temp buffer for heat pump) 55 / 40 °C (low-temp buffer for heat pump) 60 / 45 °C (low-temp buffer for heat pump) 65 / 50 °C (low-temp buffer for heat pump)	15	783.8	1254	1567.5	2351.2	3135	4702.5	6270	7837.5
50 / 30 °C (low-temp buffer for heat pump) 55 / 35 °C (low-temp buffer for heat pump) 60 / 40 °C (low-temp buffer for heat pump) 65 / 45 °C (low-temp buffer for heat pump) 70 / 50 °C (boiler based heating system) 75 / 55 °C (boiler based heating system) 80 / 60 °C (boiler based heating system) 85 / 65 °C (boiler based heating system) 90 / 70 °C (boiler based heating system) 95 / 75 °C (boiler based heating system)	20	1045	1672	2090	3135	4180	6270	8360	10450
55 / 30 °C (low-temp buffer for heat pump) 60 / 40 °C (low-temp buffer for heat pump) 65 / 40 °C (low-temp buffer for heat pump) 70 / 45 °C (boiler based heating system) 75 / 50 °C (boiler based heating system) 80 / 55 °C (boiler based heating system) 85 / 60 °C (boiler based heating system) 90 / 65 °C (boiler based heating system) 95 / 70 °C (boiler based heating system)	25	1306.2	2090	2612.5	3918.8	5225	7837.5	10450	13062.5
60 / 30 °C (low-temp buffer for heat pump) 65 / 35 °C (low-temp buffer for heat pump) 70 / 40 °C (boiler based heating system) 75 / 45 °C (boiler based heating system) 80 / 50 °C (boiler based heating system) 85 / 55 °C (boiler based heating system) 90 / 60 °C (boiler based heating system) 95 / 65 °C (boiler based heating system)	30	1567.5	2508	3135	4702.5	6270	9405	12540	15675
65 / 30 °C (low-temp buffer for heat pump) 75 / 40 °C (boiler based heating system) 80 / 45 °C (boiler based heating system) 85 / 50 °C (boiler based heating system) 90 / 55 °C (boiler based heating system) 95 / 60 °C (boiler based heating system)	35	1828.8	2926	3657.5	5486.2	7315	10972.5	14630	18287.5
75 / 35 °C (boiler based heating system) 80 / 40 °C (boiler based heating system) 85 / 45 °C (boiler based heating system) 90 / 50 °C (boiler based heating system) 95 / 55 °C (boiler based heating system)	40	2090	3344	4180	6270	8360	12540	16720	20900
		Stored / Usable thermal energy (kWh)							

Assumptions:

1. Water as heat carrier, density $\rho = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$, specific heat capacity $c = 4.18 \text{ kJ/kg}\cdot\text{K}$, closed pressurized system.
2. Stratification efficiency factor $\eta_s = 0.9$ is assumed for well-designed stratified thermal energy storage tanks with low internal mixing.
3. Usable thermal energy calculated as: **Q_{usable} = $\rho \cdot V_{\text{net}} \cdot c \cdot \Delta T \cdot \eta_s$**
4. For a given TES tank volume, usable thermal energy depends on temperature difference ΔT only;
different supply/return regimes with the same ΔT result in the same stored energy.
5. Listed regimes represent typical design examples.