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A. O. SMITH UNVEILS NEW COMMERCIAL "GREEN" PRODUCT

The New Cyclone Xi Adds to Already Efficient Family of Products

ASHLAND CITY, Tenn.- May 15, 2007- A. O. Smith today announced the introduction of the new Cyclone Xi, a part of the Cyclone XHE ® product family that represents the industry's most technologically advanced commercial water heaters.

The innovative design takes the units' performance to a higher level with up to 96 percent thermal efficiency. The Cyclone Xi provides significantly higher hot water output, with dramatic savings on operating costs compared to units with the standard 80 percent efficiency. The high efficiency Cyclone Xi is engineered to deliver conventional power-vent or sealed combustion power direct-vent versatility and low NOx emissions in a space-saving design.

Models are available from 120K BTU up to 500K BTU, and each unit includes a submerged combustion chamber with helical heat exchanger coil, powered anodes, Permaglas Ultra Coat glass lining, mechanical venting versatility and a high efficiency pre-mix powered burner. All units received upgraded capabilities, and A. O. Smith took this opportunity to develop the 500K BTU model with heavy duty applications in mind.

The Cyclone Xi also features an Intelligent Control System (ICS) making it the "smartest" water heater in the industry. The ICS with LCD display is an exclusive A. O. Smith designed control that provides detailed status information, allows precise temperature control, and includes built-in diagnostics.

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The Cyclone Xi is the latest enhancement to A. O. Smith's extensive family of Cyclone high efficiency commercial water heaters. First launched in 1997 and continually improved since its introduction, the Cyclone family remains the most widely accepted high-efficiency commercial water heaters on the market.

About A. O. Smith:

Headquartered in Ashland City, Tenn., A. O. Smith is a leading manufacturer and marketer of residential and commercial water heaters and hydronic boilers. A. O. Smith offers contractors an additional competitive advantage in that the company designs, builds, distributes and field supports the world's broadest and deepest line of residential and commercial water heaters, as well as commercial boilers. This single-source concept simplifies ordering, installation and service and is backed by more than 70 years of research and innovation. For more information, visit www.hotwater.com.

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