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Hot Water System Design Manual

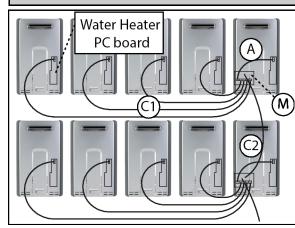
Plumbing schematics for single and multiple Rinnai water heaters in use with domestic systems, recirculation, and storage tanks.



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MSB Kits for Connecting Multiple Water Heaters



Each bank is controlled by an MSB-M control board. These boards are connected to each other with MSB-C2 cables. One MSB-M is the controlling or master MSB-M for the entire system.

- (M) MSB-M control board
- (A) Connector cable A (part of MSB-M kit; replace with MSB-C3 cables for V Series)
- MSB-C1 cable for connecting water heaters within a banked system (up to 5), (use MSB-C3 cables for V Series)
- (C2) MSB-C2 cable for connecting MSB-M control boards (up to 5)

	Number of Kits Required				
No. of water heaters	No. of water heaters for each bank	MSB-M	MSB-C1 See note *	MSB-C2	MSB-C3 See note *
2	2	1	NA	NA	1
3	3	1	1	NA	2
4	4	1	2	NA	3
5	5	1	3	NA	4
6	3/3	2	2	1	4
7	4/3	2	3	1	5
8	4/4	2	4	1	6
9	5/4	2	5	1	7
10	5/5	2	6	1	8
11	4/4/3	3	5	2	8
12	4/4/4	3	6	2	9
13	5/4/4	3	7	2	10
14	5/5/4	3	8	2	11
15	5/5/5	3	9	2	12
16	4/4/4/4	4	8	3	12
17	5/4/4/4	4	9	3	13
18	5/5/4/4	4	10	3	14
19	5/5/5/4	4	11	3	15
20	5/5/5/5	4	12	3	16
21	5/4/4/4/4	5	11	4	16
22	5/5/4/4/4	5	12	4	17
23	5/5/5/4/4	5	13	4	18
24	5/5/5/5/4	5	14	4	19
25	5/5/5/5/5	5	15	4	20

MSB Kits - Parts Needed

Use the table to determine the type and number of kits necessary for your system.

Up to 5 water heaters can be connected together using the MSB-M and MSB-C1 kits. When over 5 water heaters are connected together, MSB-M control boards are connected using MSB-C2 kits.

If multiple MSB-M control boards are used, then at least three water heaters should be connected to each MSB-M. Example: With 7 water heaters, one MSB-M should control 4 water heaters and the other MSB-M should control 3 water heaters.

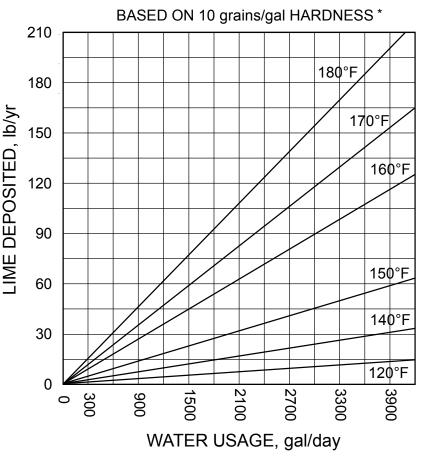
Detailed installation instructions are provided with each of the kits.

* V Series models use the MSB-M, MSB-C2, and MSB-C3 cables. V Series models must use the MSB-C3 cables instead of the MSB-C1 cables and the Cable A in the MSB-M.

Water Quality and Scale

A complete water analysis and an understanding of system requirements are needed to protect the Rinnai tankless water heaters and water heating systems from scale. Water analysis shows whether water is hard or soft. Hard water, unless treated, will cause scaling or liming of the Rinnai heat exchanger.

The rate of scaling increases with temperature and usage because calcium carbonate and other scaling compounds lose solubility (fall out of solution) at higher temperatures. For example, for every 20°F over 140°F, the rate of scale increases by a factor of 2 (See figure below). Reference target water quality levels below and treat the water if these levels are exceeded.



* Source 2015 ASHRAE Handbook HVAC Applications

Consideration of care for your water heater should include evaluation of water quality.

The water must be potable, free of corrosive chemicals, sand, dirt, or other contaminates. It is up to the installer to ensure the water does not contain corrosive chemicals, or elements that can affect or damage the heat exchanger. Water that contains chemicals exceeding the levels below affect and damage the heat exchanger. Replacement of the heat exchanger due to water quality damage is not covered by the warranty. If you install this water heater in an area that is known to have hard water or that causes scale build-up the water must be treated and may require more frequent heat exchanger flushing schedule.

When scale build-up in the heat exchanger begins to affect the performance of the water heater, a diagnostic code "LC#" will display. Flush the heat exchanger to prevent damage to it. Scale build up is caused by hard water and can be accelerated if the unit is set at a high temperature.

	Maximum Level
Total Hardness	Up to 200 mg / L
Aluminum *	Up to 0.2 mg / L
Chlorides *	Up to 250 mg / L
Copper *	Up to 1.0 mg / L
Dissolved Carbon Dioxide (CO2)	Up to 15.0 mg / L or PPM
Iron *	Up to 0.3 mg / L
Manganese *	Up to 0.05 mg / L
pH *	6.5 to 8.5
TDS (Total Dissolved Solids) *	Up to 500 mg / L
Zinc *	Up to 5 mg / L

^{*} Source: Part 143 National Secondary Drinking Water Regulations

Pump Sizing for Circulation

1. Use the chart below or one appropriate for your conditions to determine the heat loss in the length of the hot water supply and return piping. For example, 100 ft of 1-1/2 in bare copper tubing results in a heat loss of 5300 Btu/h.

Approximate Heat Loss from Piping at 140 °F Inlet, 70 °F Ambient *

Nominal Size, in.	Bare Copper Tubing, Btu/h-ft	1/2 in. Glass Fiber Insulated Copper Tubing, Btu/h-ft
3/4	30	17.7
1	38	20.3
1-1/4	45	23.4
1-1/2	53	25.4
2	66	29.6
2-1/2	80	33.8
3	94	39.5
4	120	48.4

^{*} Source: 2015 ASHRAE Handbook HVAC Applications

- 2. Determine the acceptable temperature drop at the last fixture in the loop. For example, if the supply temperature from the water heater is 120 °F (49 °C) and an acceptable temperature at the last fixture is 100 °F (38 °C) then the acceptable temperature drop is 20 °F (7 °C).
- 3. Calculate the required pump flow rate using the following formula:

- 4. Based on the above calculations select a pump for the type of circulation system you will be utilizing:
 - B). Circulation system Reference pump manufacturers flow vs. pressure specifications to select a pump that can provide 3 gpm of flow or the flow rate calculated above, whichever is greater, while overcoming the pressure loss through:
 - Rinnai tankless water heater (reference flow vs. pressure curve of the Rinnai model being used)
 - All building supply and return plumbing in the circulation loop (reference local plumbing codes, standards, or practices)

NOTE: Only use pumps of brass, bronze, or stainless steel construction. Do not use pumps of iron construction as they will oxidize and clog the inlet filter on the appliance. The pump should be controlled by an aquastat, timer, or combination of the two. A demand control (motion sensor, push button, or door contact) may also be used.

Additional Guidelines

Rinnai water heaters not recovering a storage tank: In applications involving a commercial dishwasher, a hot water circulation loop feeding the dishwasher is required.

Rinnai water heater recovering a storage tank: In applications involving a commercial dishwasher, a hot water circulation loop feeding the dishwasher may be required depending on the distance between the dishwasher and the storage tank. Refer to local codes when determining the need for circulation loops to dishwashers.

When using a Rinnai product as the heat source for a circulation loop, the piping systems should be designed with a hot water circulation loop having a minimum circulating flow rate of 3 gpm. You must also review pressure drop curves for the Rinnai when sizing circulators.

Rinnai water heaters cannot be used in applications requiring 180º-195º F water at a DISHWASHER, unless a booster heater capable of producing 180º-195º F water is provided at the dishwasher. The Rinnai water heater is not to be used as a booster water heater in these applications.

For beauty salon applications, a hot water circulation loop feeding the head wash stations is highly recommended. This provides instant hot water to the head wash stations and reduces the possibility of cold bursts at the stations. (Refer to the piping schematics in this manual.) Insulation of circulation piping is also recommended for heat retention.

Exhaust gases from beauty salon applications and fume hoods of commercial dish washers with chemical sanitizers can be highly corrosive and may cause premature failure of water heater components. Care must be taken to ensure that the water heater and vent termination are installed away from that area. An uncontaminated supply of combustible air must be maintained for optimum performance of the water heater.

If the intended installation is located in hard water area, a softener or similar water treatment system must be used. Always remember to perform routine maintenance.

Some models may require the us of the MCC-91-2 temperature controller (purchased separately) for applications requiring temperatures above 140° F. For further information refer to the tankless water heater installation and operation manual.

All condensate must drain and be disposed of according to local codes. Use only corrosion resistant materials for the condensate drain lines such as PVC pipe or plastic hose. The condensate drain pipe (along its entire length) must be at leas the same diameter as the drain line, (1/2 inch NPT).

Where the drain pipes from more than one unit are manifolded together for condensate drainage, the pipe or tubing shall be sized in accordance with an approved method as dictated by local codes. The end of the condensate drain pipe should be open to the atmosphere. The end should not be under water or other substances. Condensate must be disposed of according to local codes.

Pump Sizing for Storage Tank Application

The following applies when using Rinnai tankless water heaters to recover a storage tank. Drawing WH1-BC is an example.

Rinnai Tankless water heaters have a pressure loss which must be considered in the system design. Reference the pressure loss curve for the Rinnai model being used to determine the pump size for the desired recovery rate.

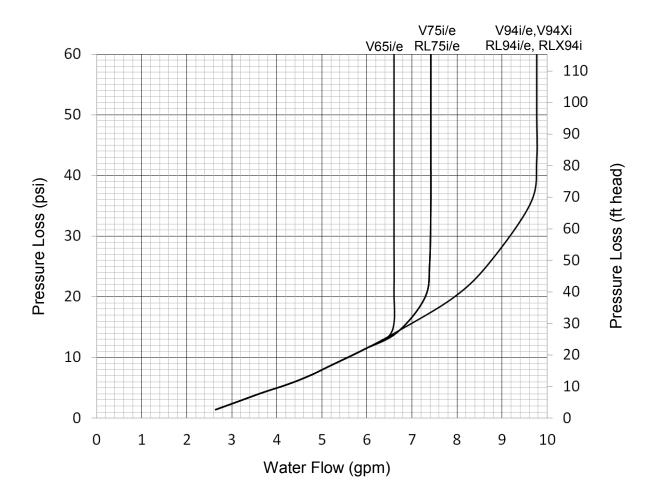
For recommended pump sizes use the table below. Additional pressure losses in plumbing between the Rinnai(s) and the storage tank must also be taken into consideration.

The specified pump size is to provide maximum recovery of the storage tank. A smaller pump size may be used, but could result in longer recovery time of the tank. Please contact the engineering department with any questions on pump sizing.

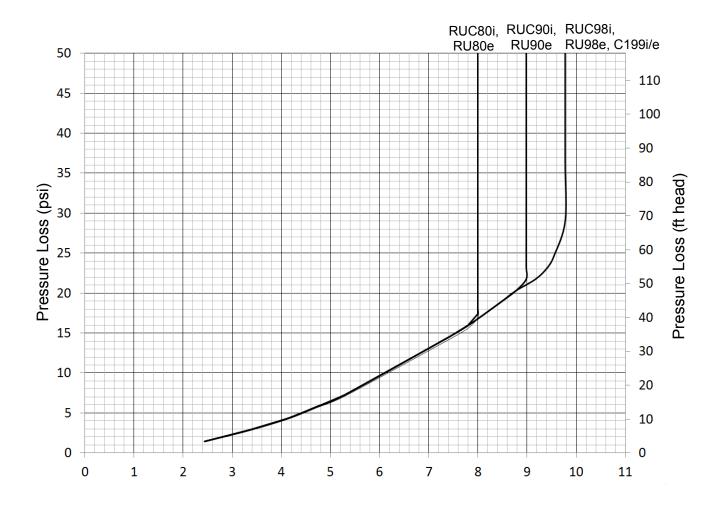
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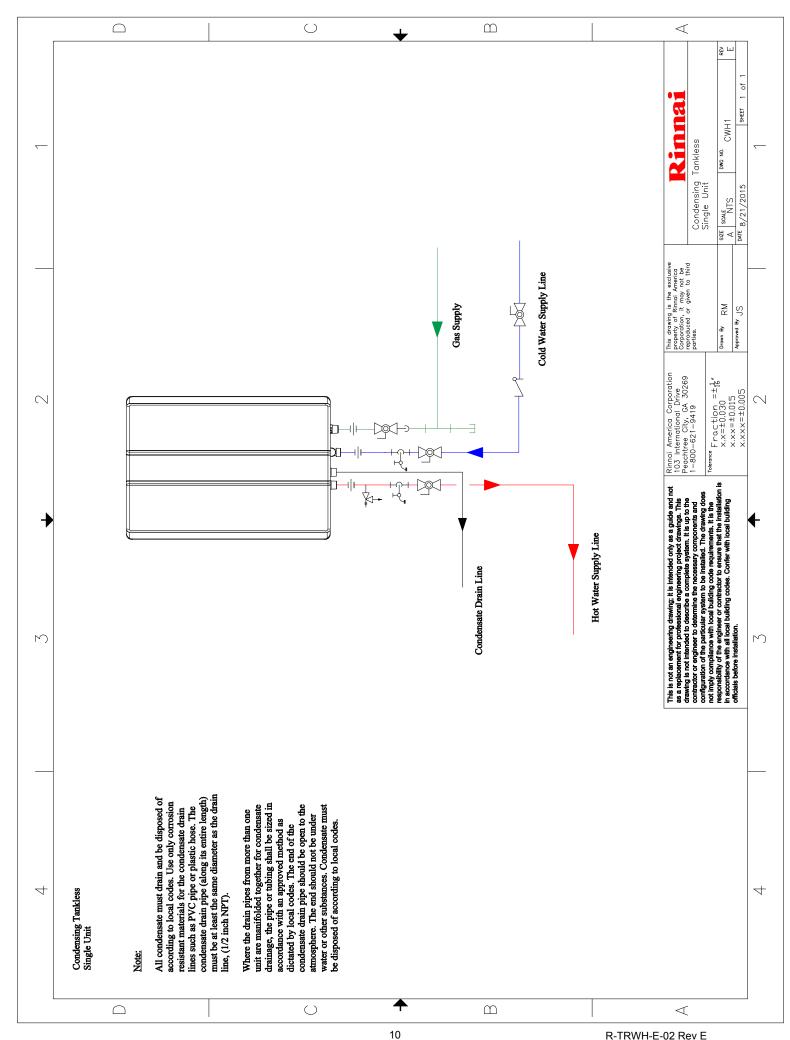
Pump Flow Requirements					
Number of Rinnai Water Heaters	RL94i/e, RLX94i, RUC98i, RU98e, RUC90i, RU90e, RUC80i, RU80e, C199i/e	RL75i/e, V75i/e,	V53e, V65i/e		
1	5 gpm @ 30' head	5 gpm @ 25' head	4 gpm @ 25' head		
2	10 gpm @ 30' head	10 gpm @ 25' head	8 gpm @ 25' head		
3	15 gpm @ 30' head	15 gpm @ 25' head	12 gpm @ 25' head		
4	20 gpm @ 30' head	20 gpm @ 25' head	16 gpm @ 25' head		
5	25 gpm @ 30' head	25 gpm @ 25' head	20 gpm @ 25' head		
6	30 gpm @ 30' head	30 gpm @ 25' head	24 gpm @ 25' head		
7	35 gpm @ 30' head	35 gpm @ 25' head	28 gpm @ 25' head		
8	40 gpm @ 30' head	40 gpm @ 25' head	32 gpm @ 25' head		
9	45 gpm @ 30' head	45 gpm @ 25' head	36 gpm @ 25' head		
10	50 gpm @ 30' head	50 gpm @ 25' head	40 gpm @ 25' head		
11	55 gpm @ 30' head	55 gpm @ 25' head	44 gpm @ 25' head		
12	60 gpm @ 30' head	60 gpm @ 25' head	48 gpm @ 25' head		
13	65 gpm @ 30' head	65 gpm @ 25' head	52 gpm @ 25' head		
14	70 gpm @ 30' head	70 gpm @ 25' head	56 gpm @ 25' head		
15	75 gpm @ 30' head	75 gpm @ 25' head	60 gpm @ 25' head		

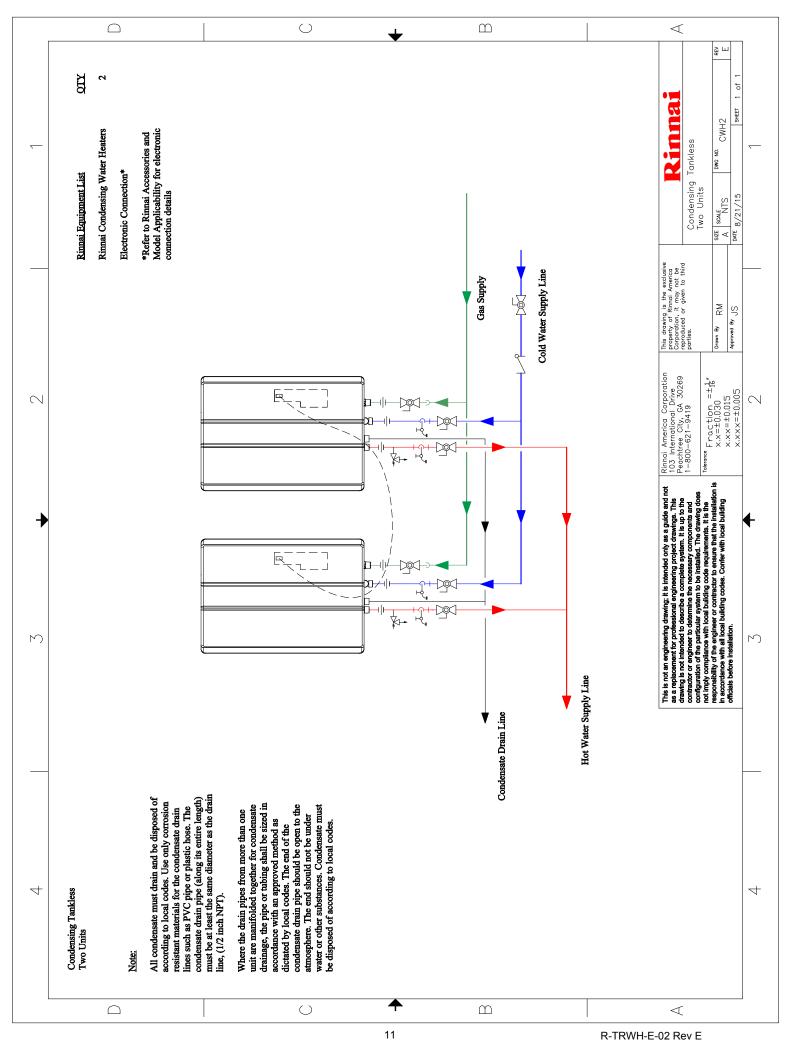
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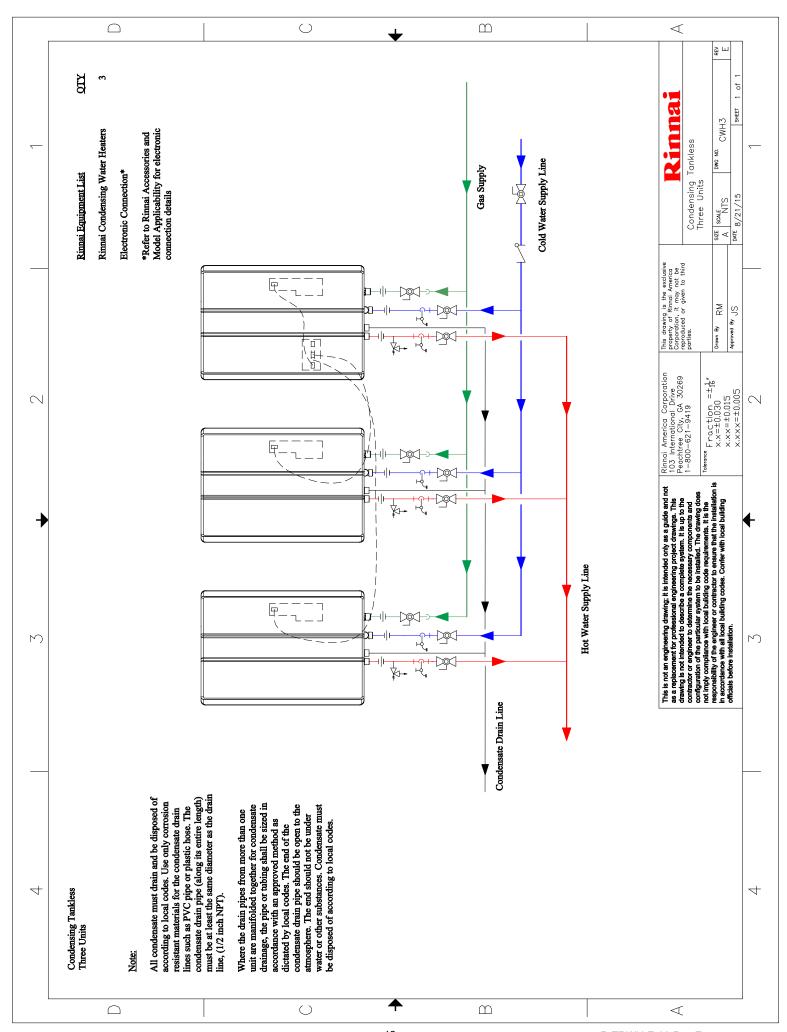


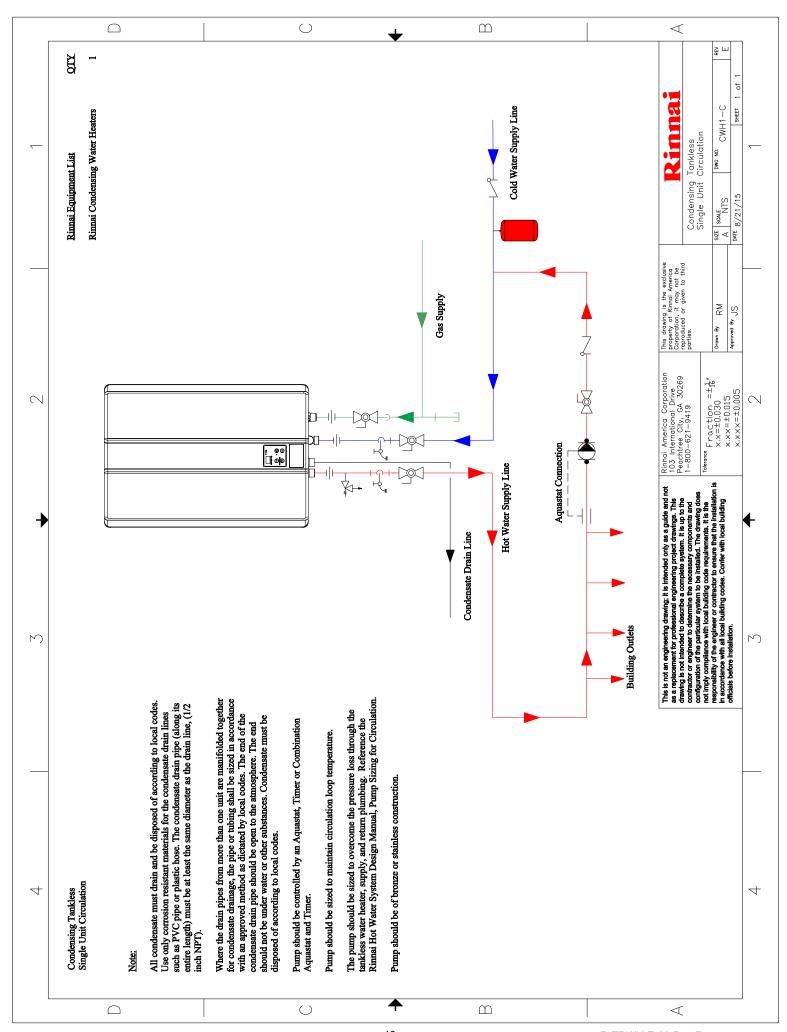
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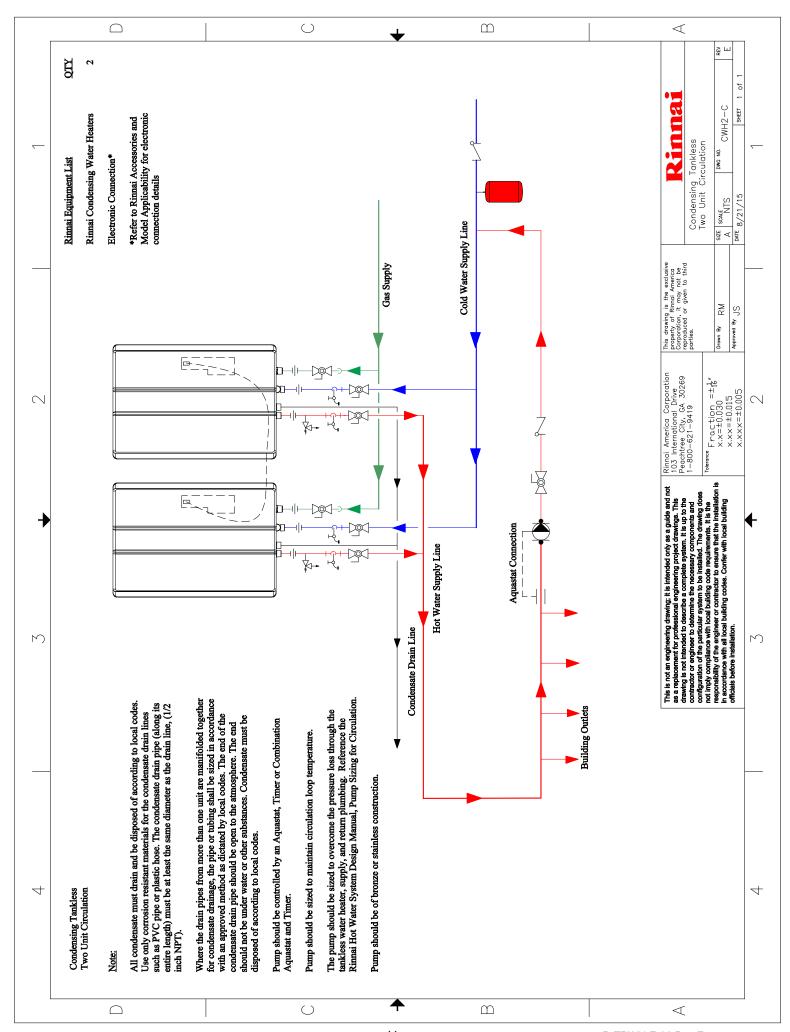


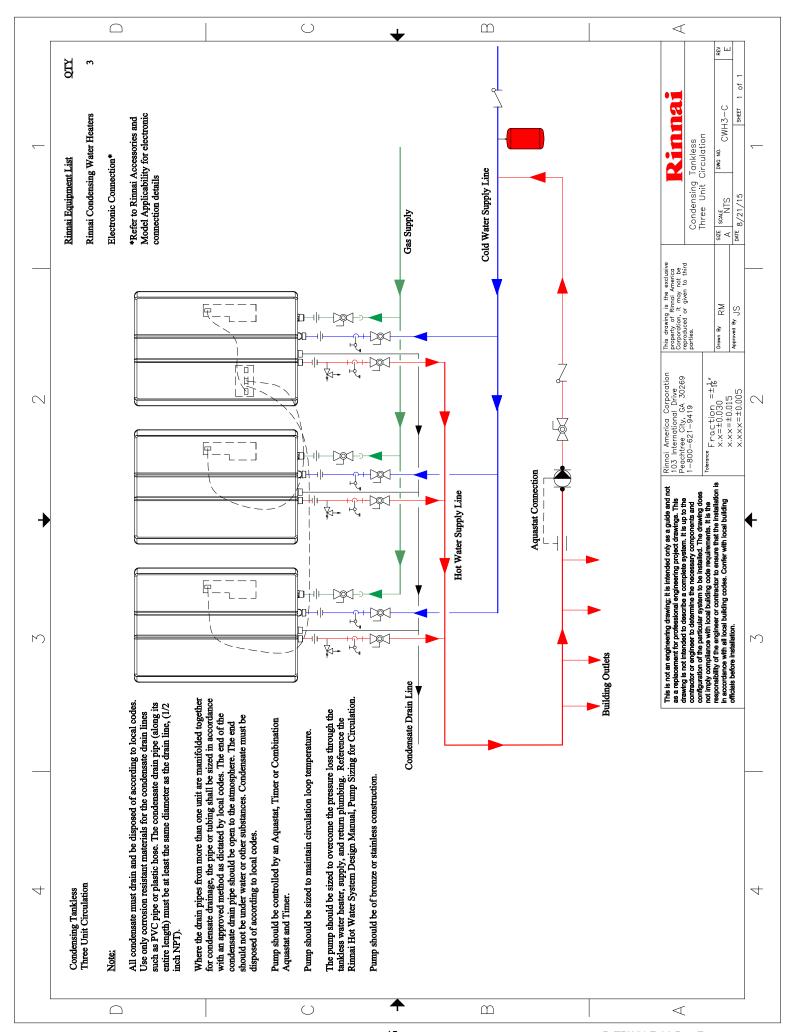


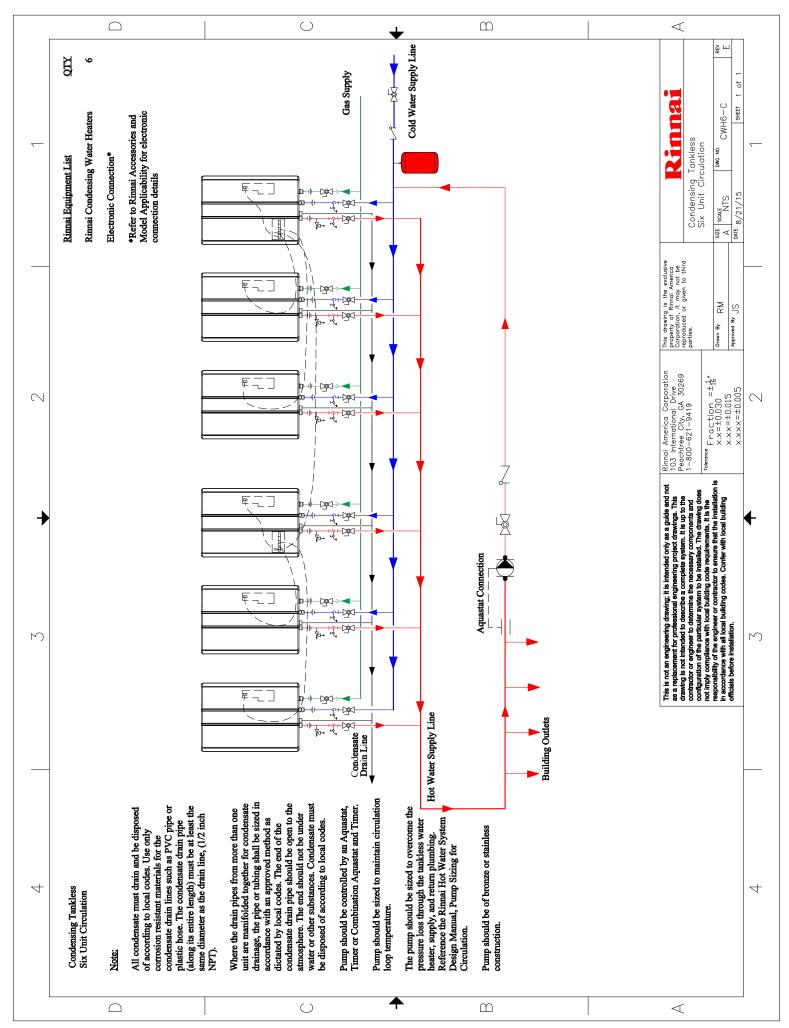


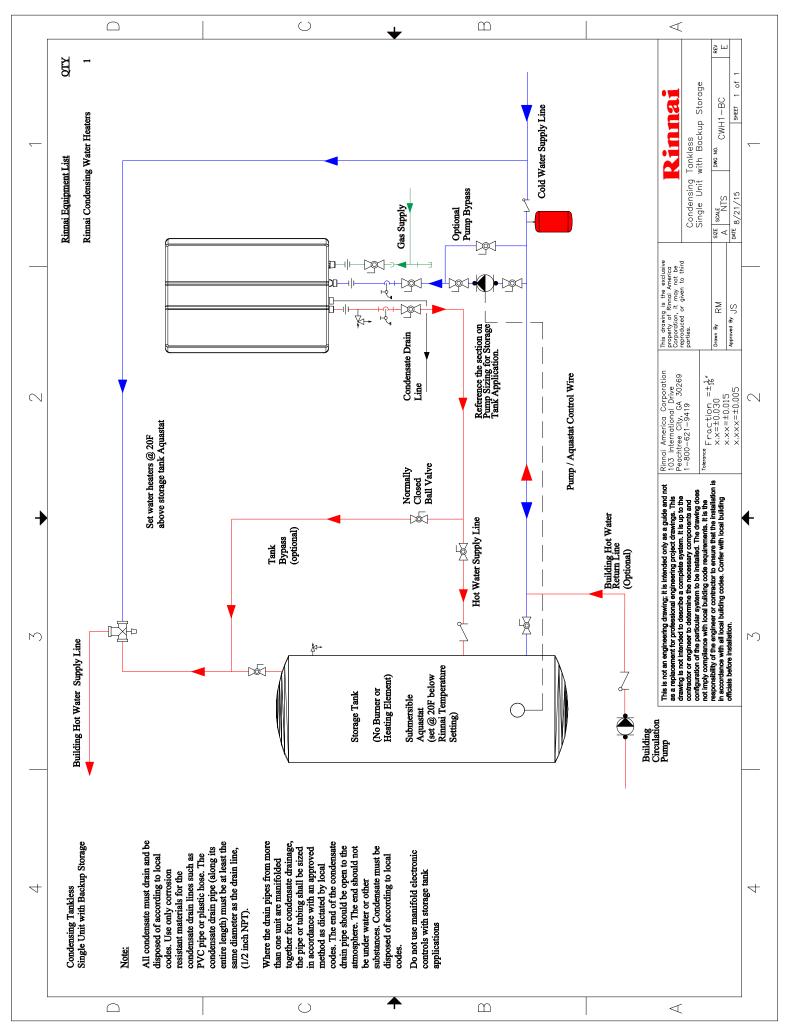


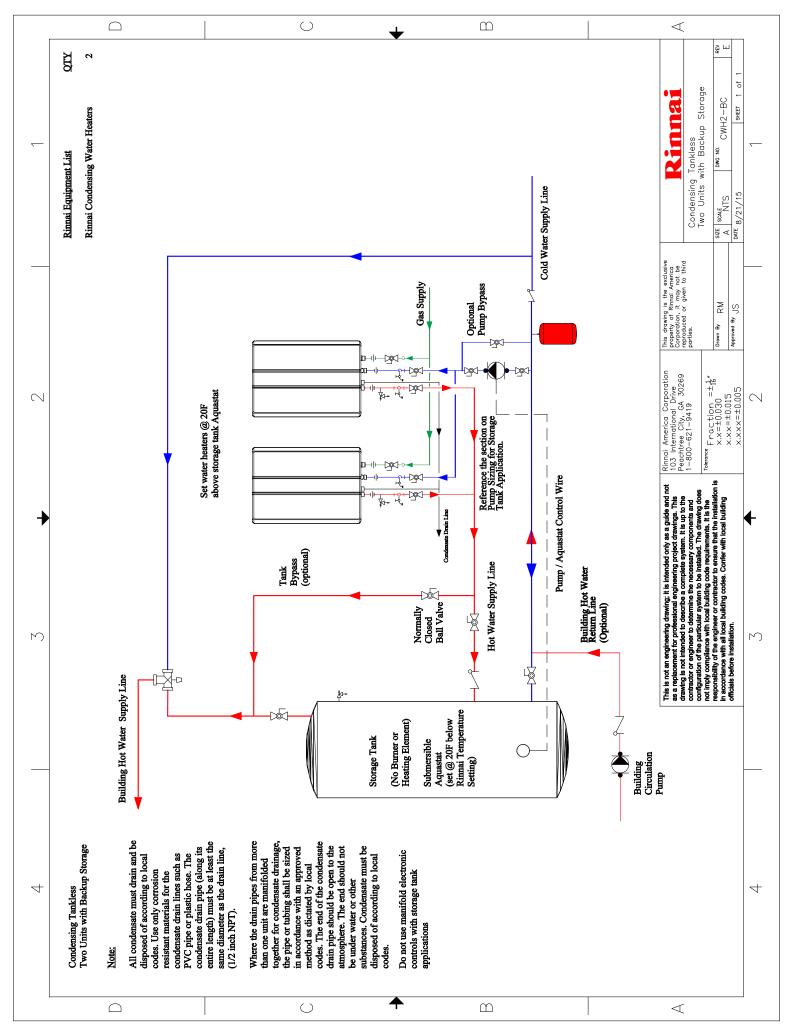


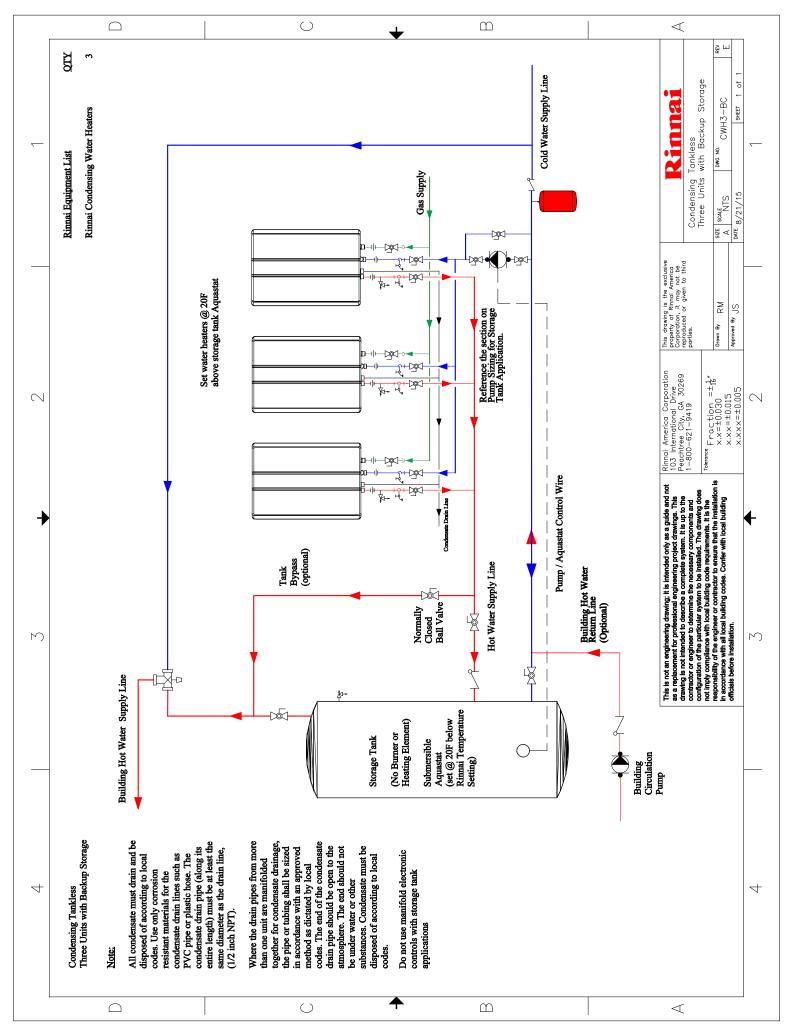


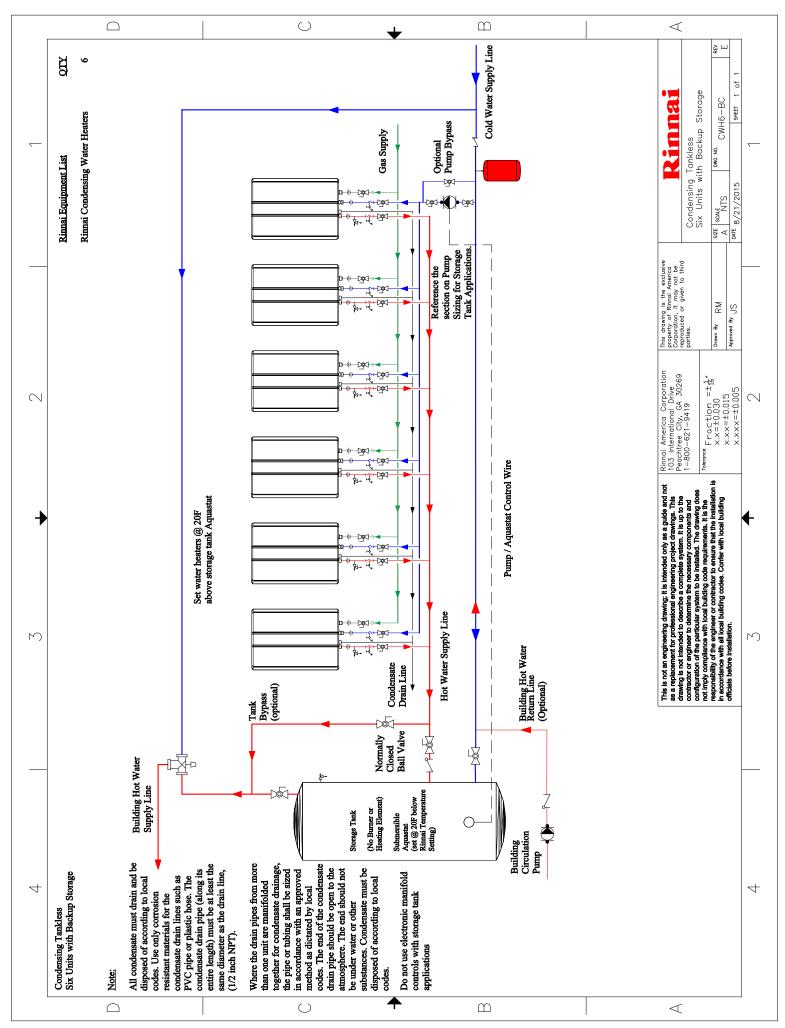


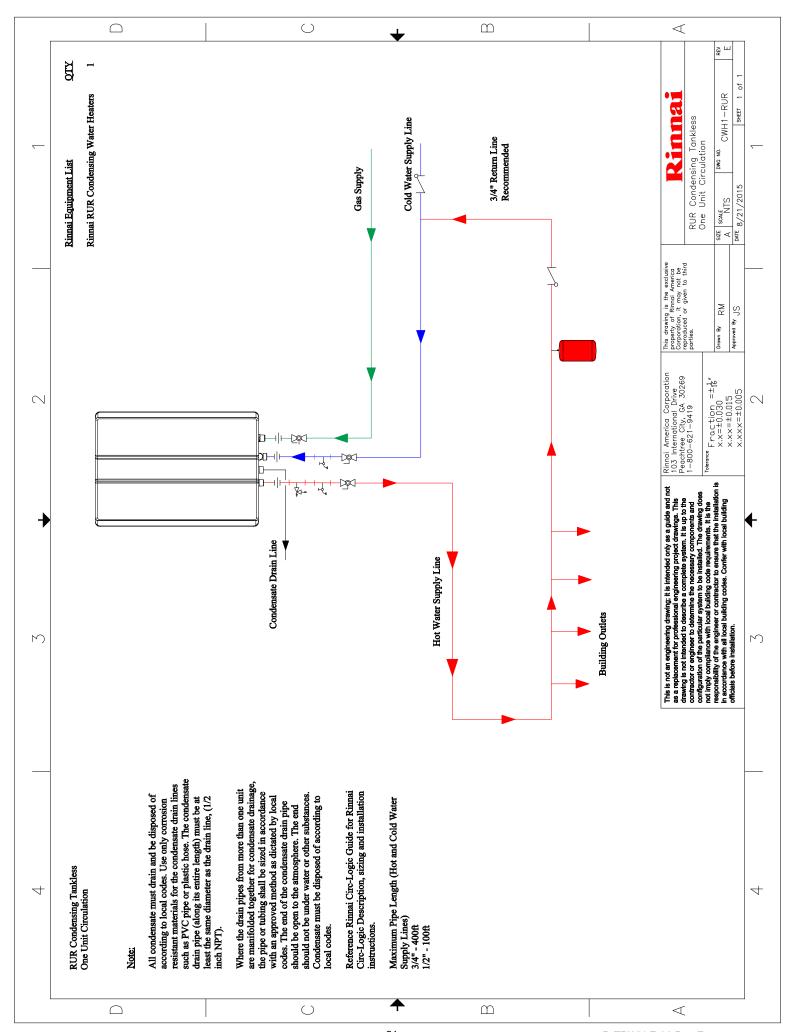


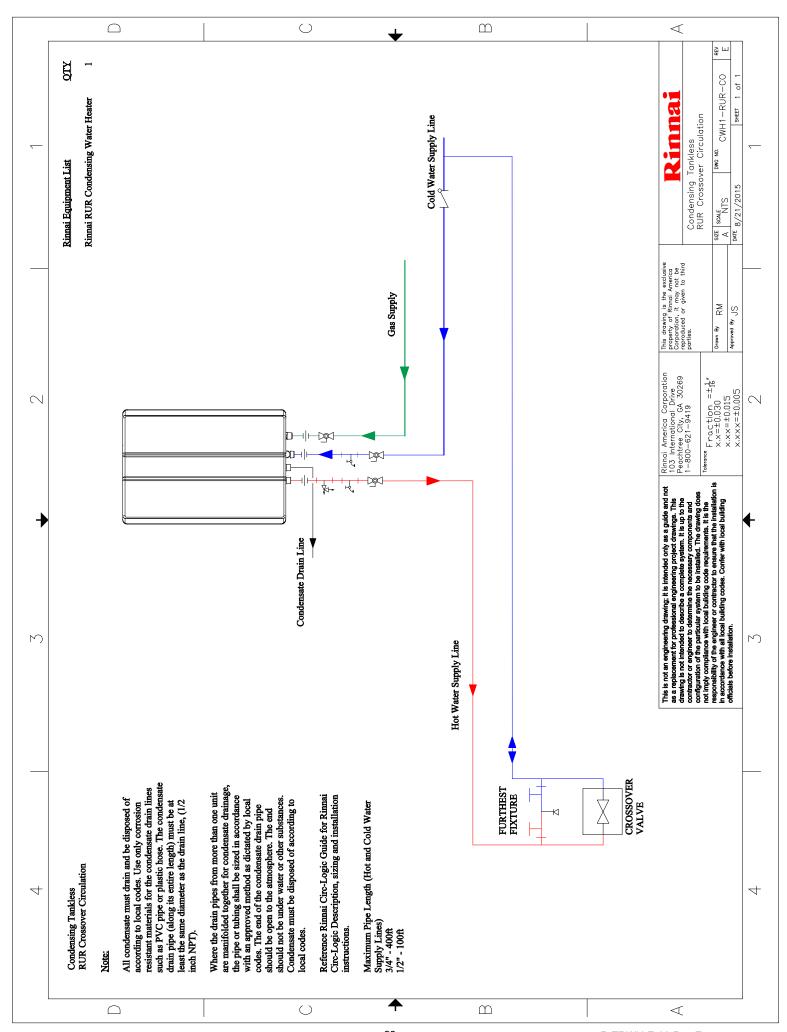


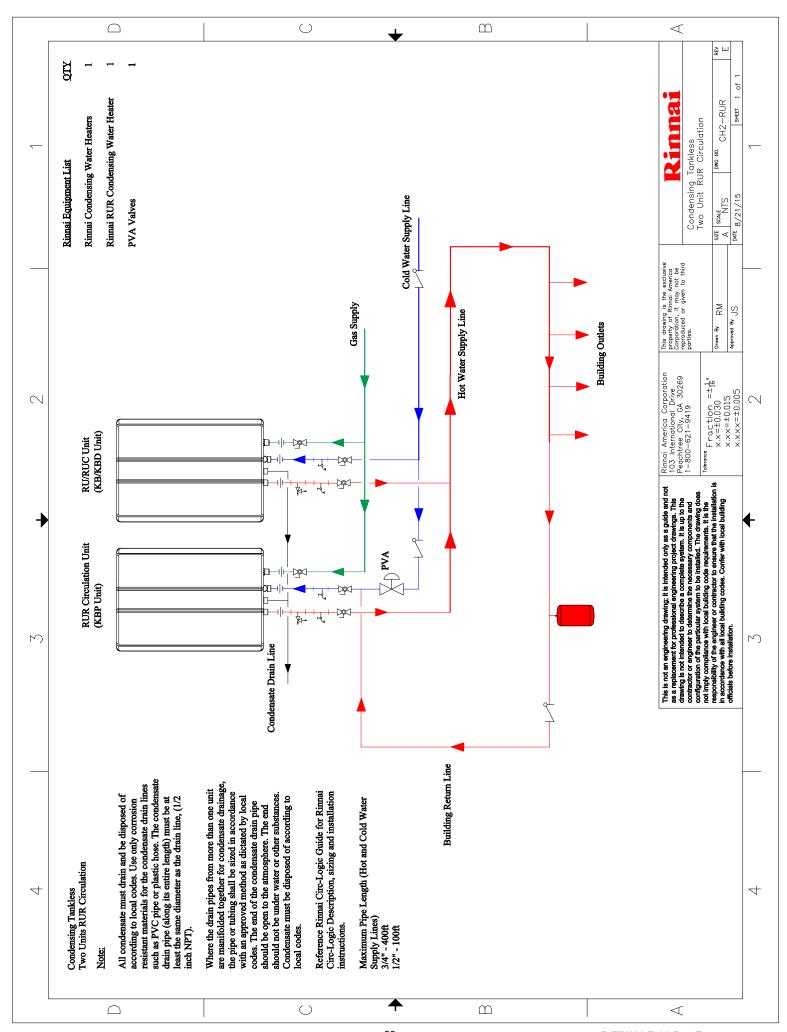


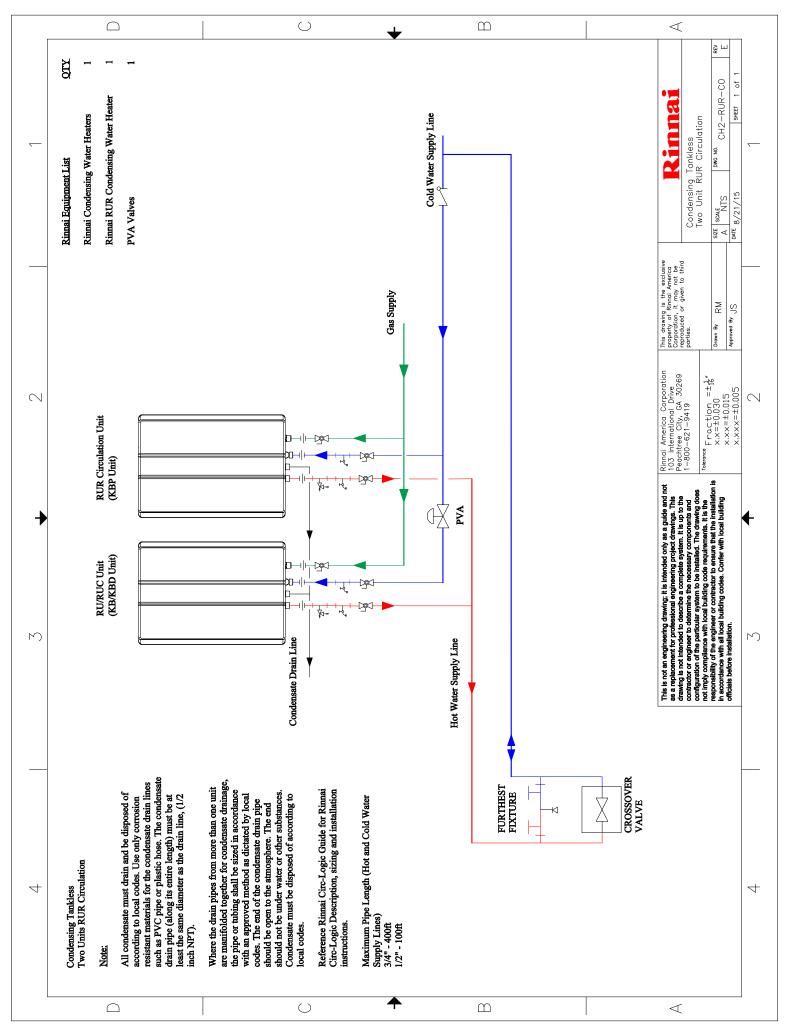


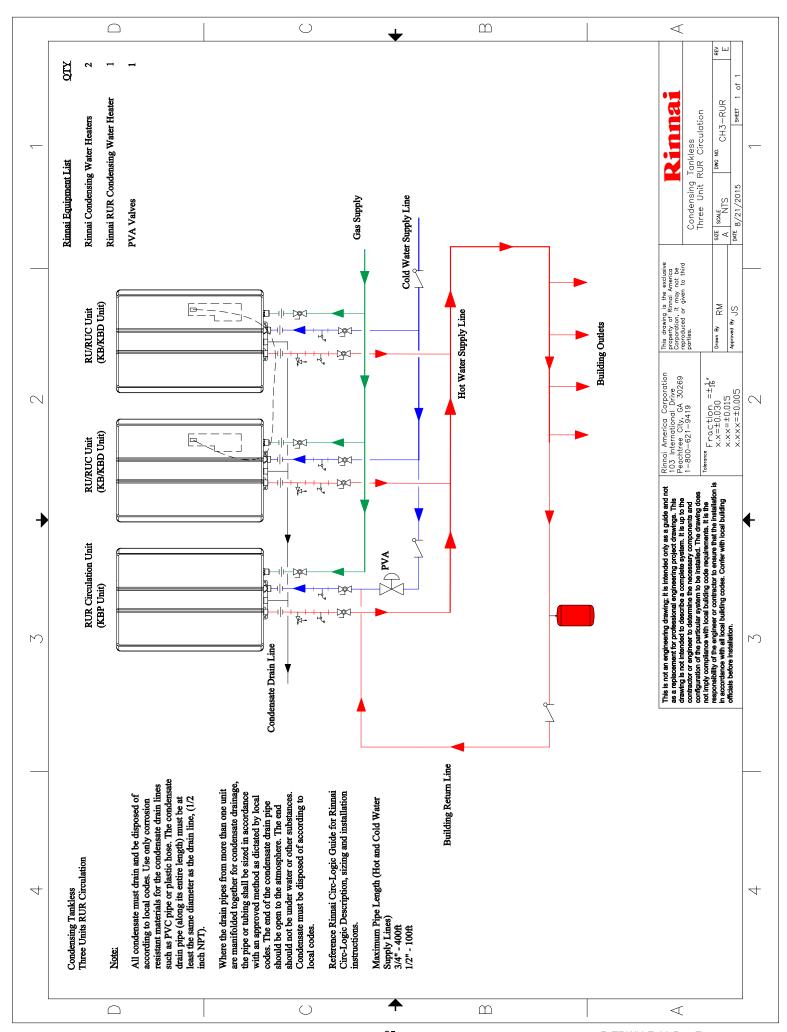


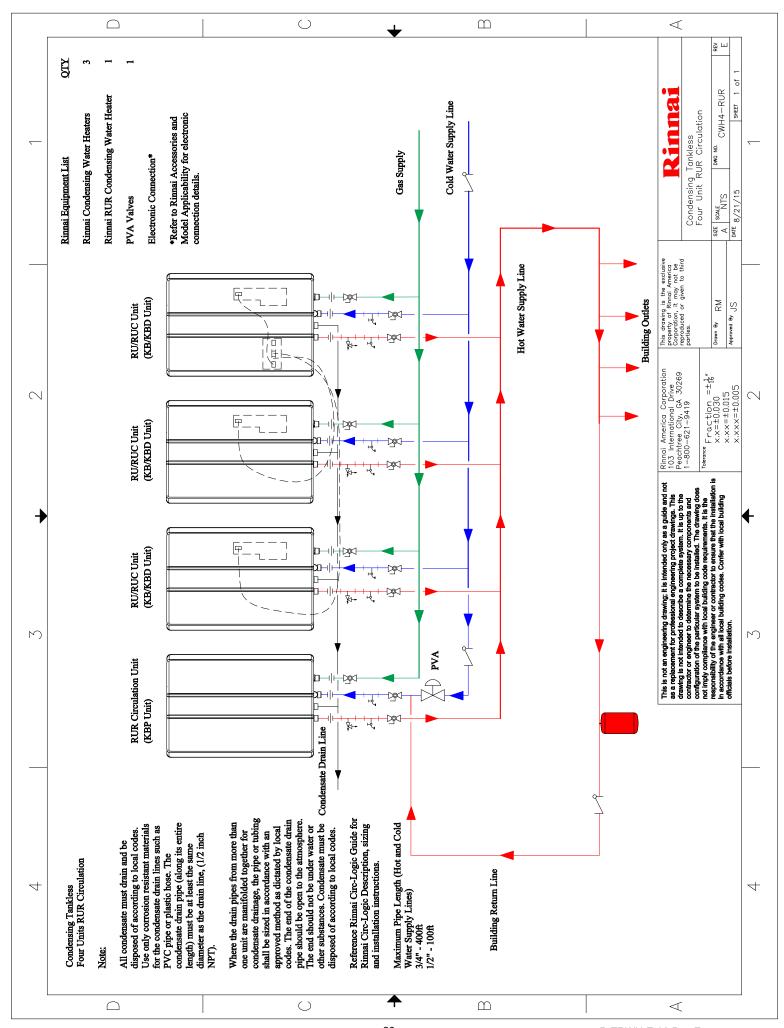


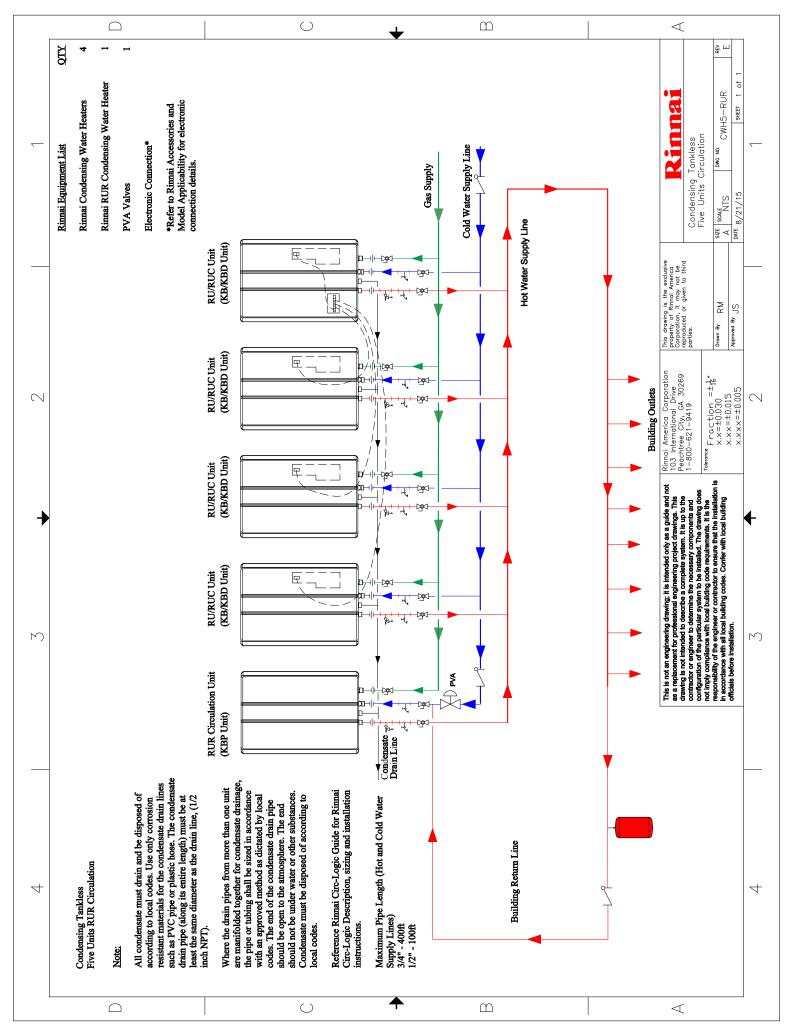


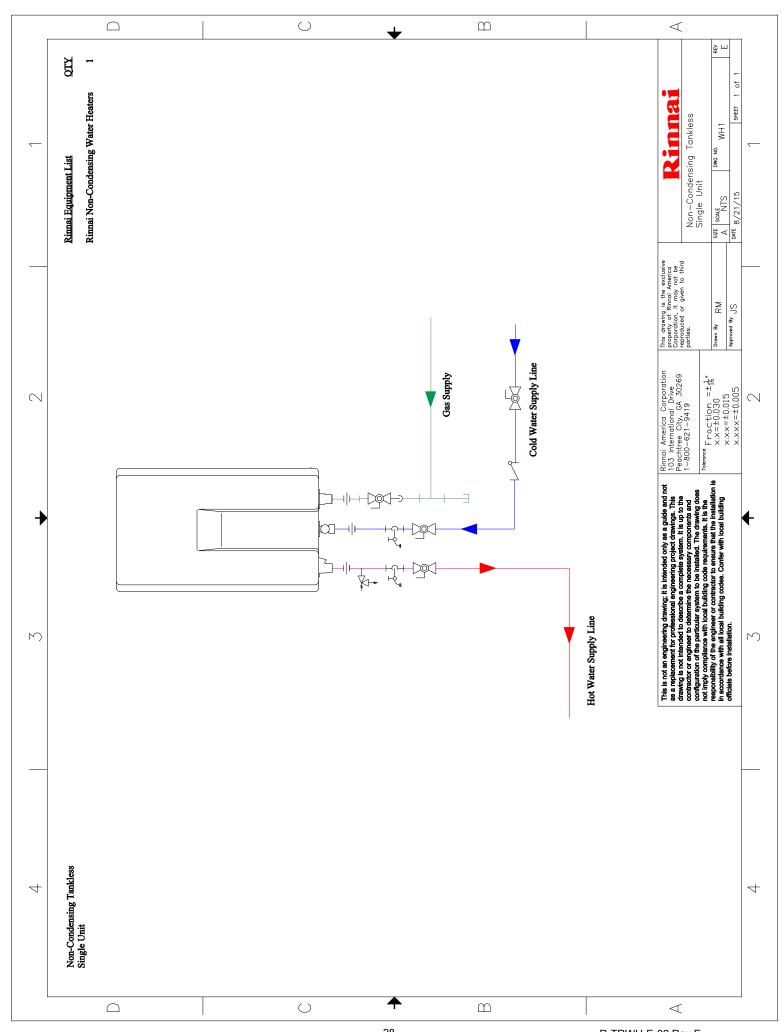


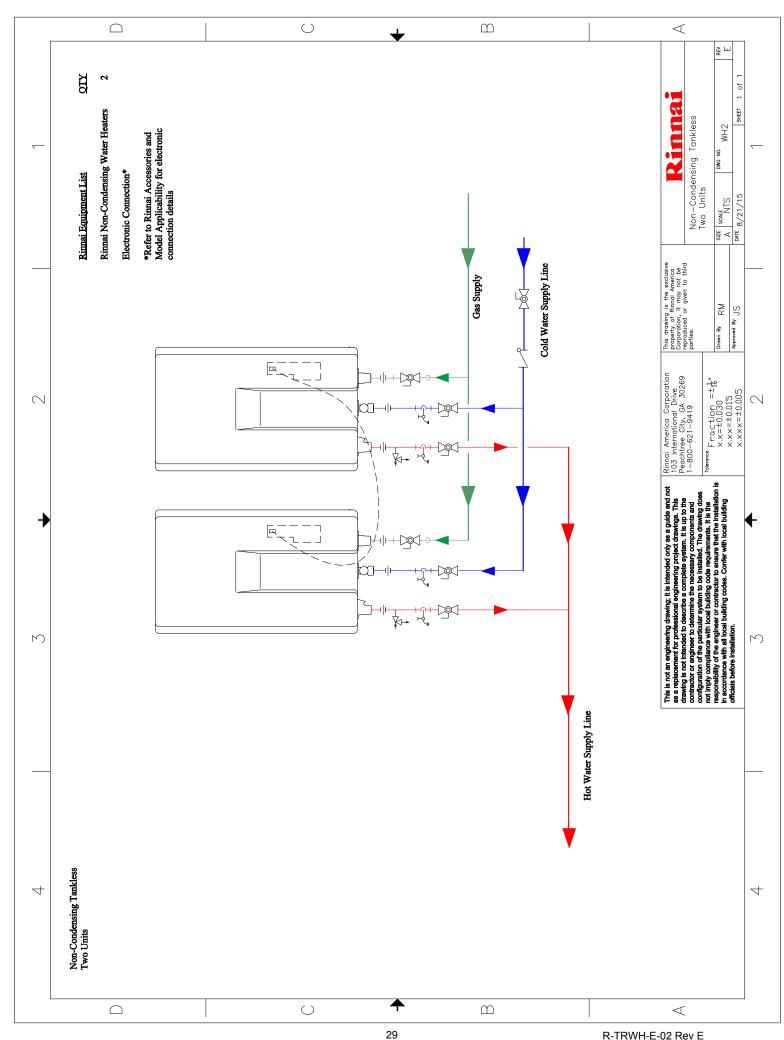


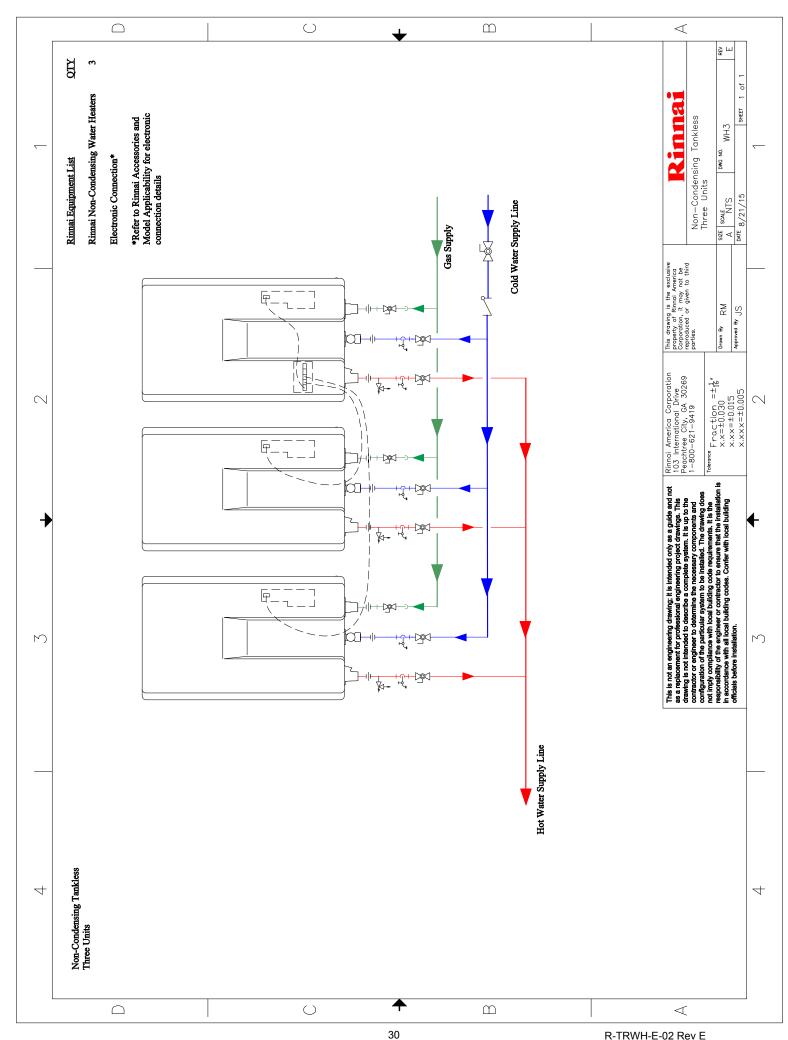


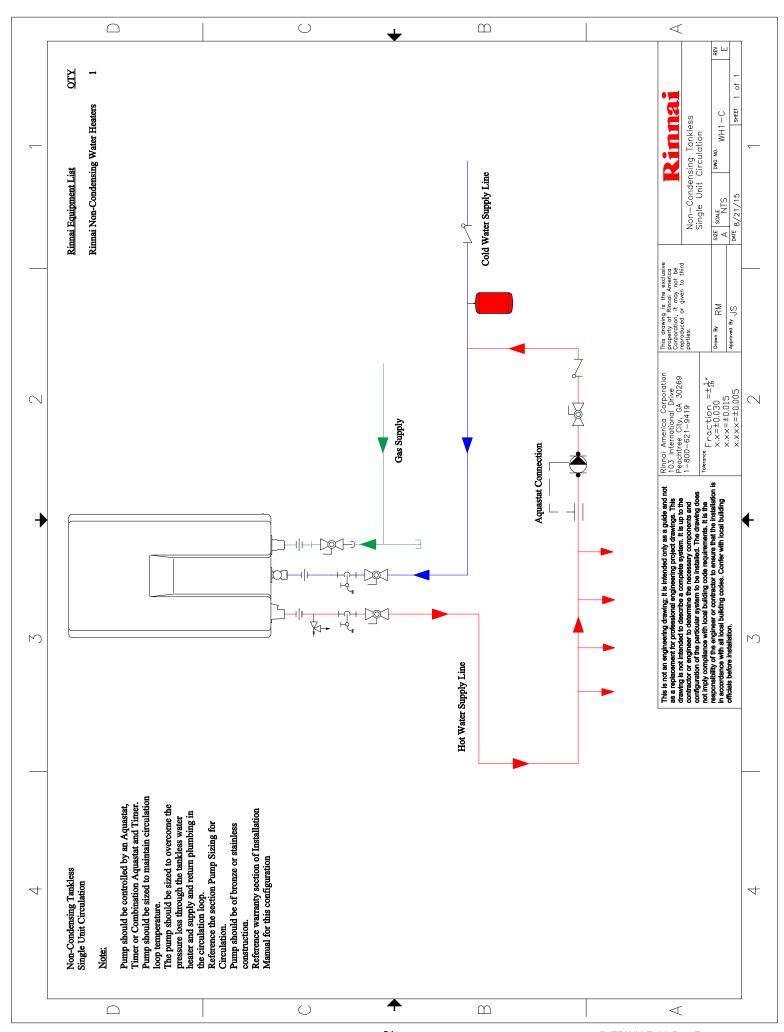


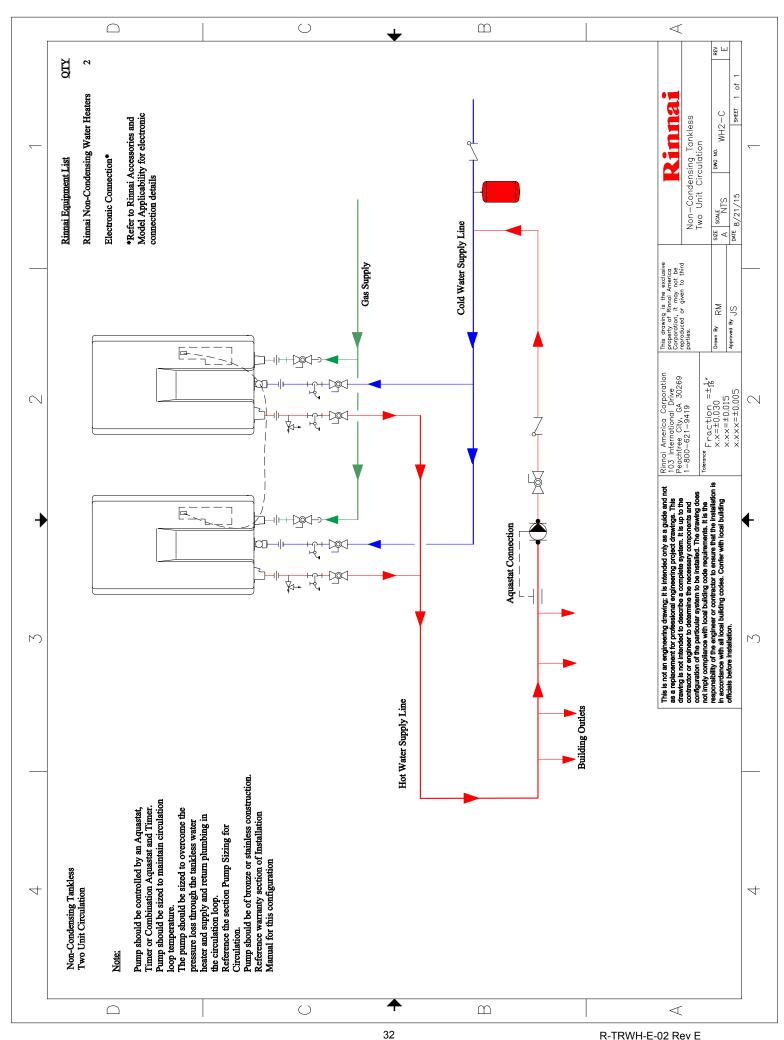


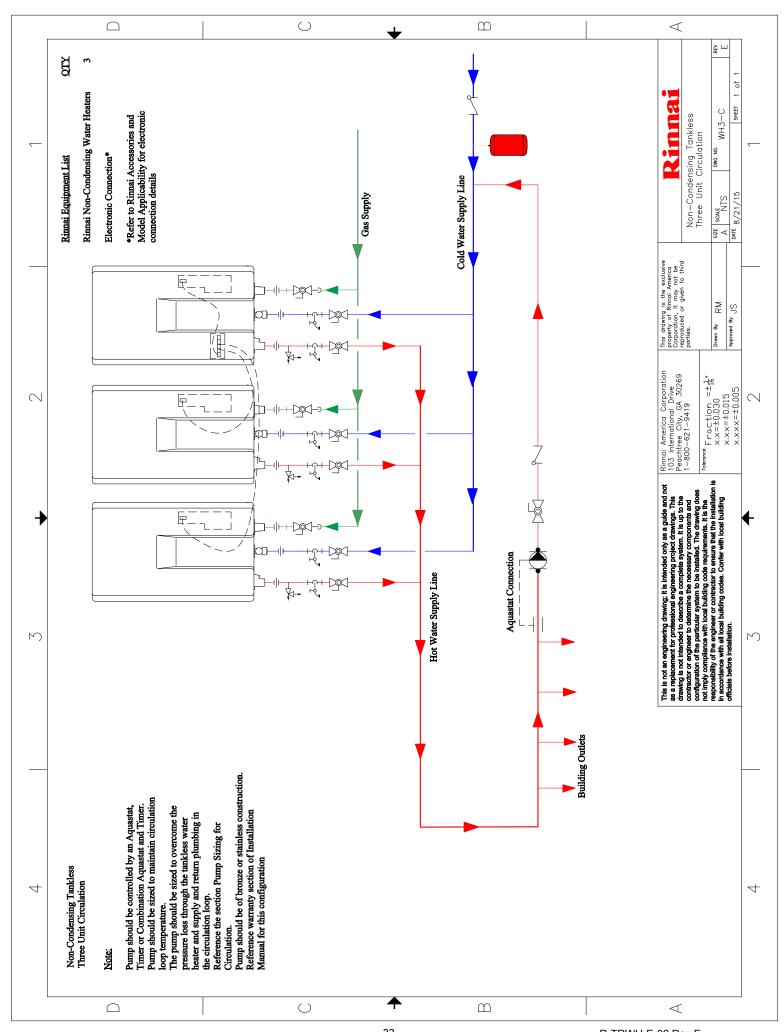


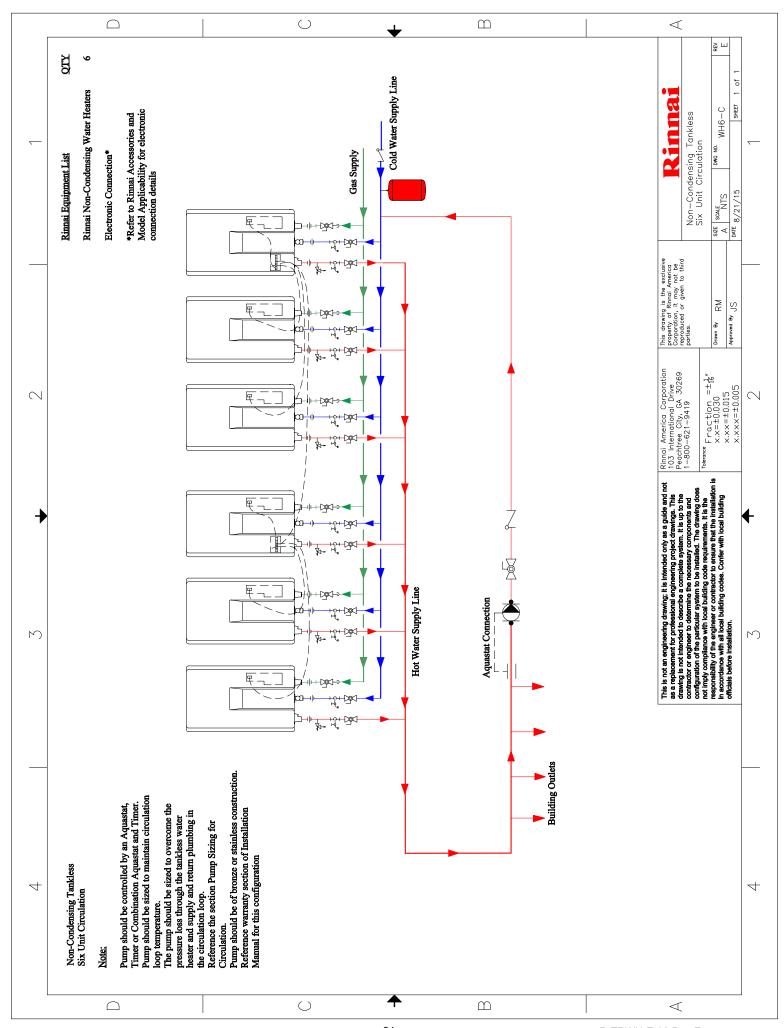


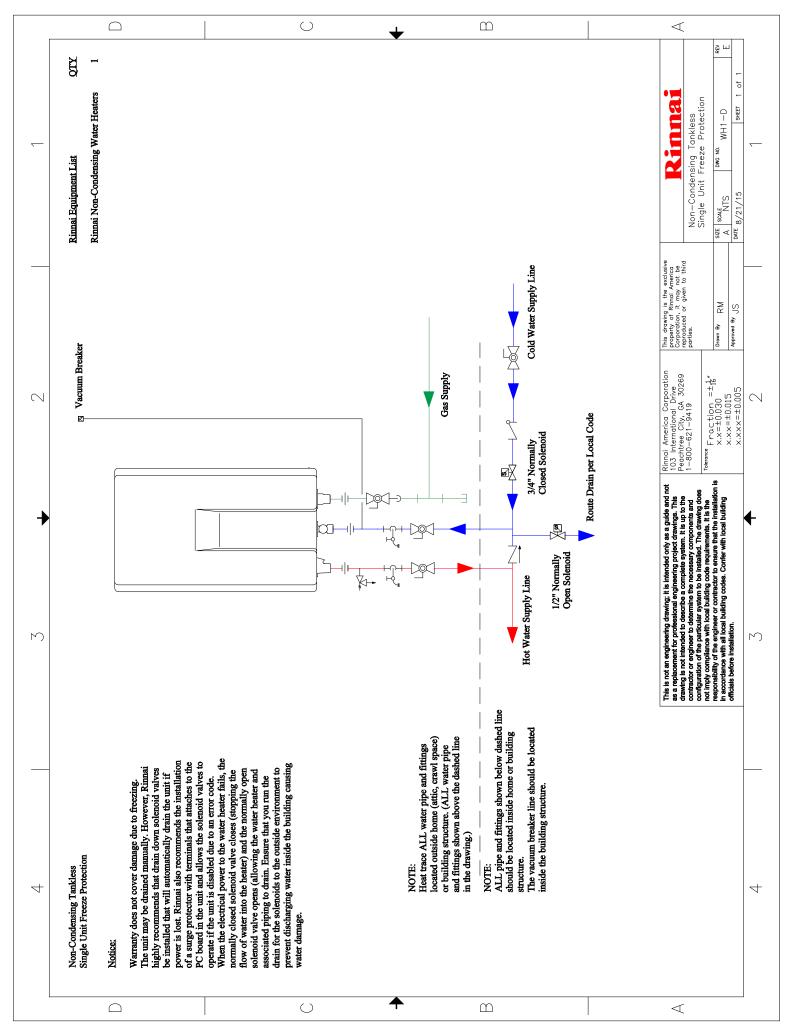


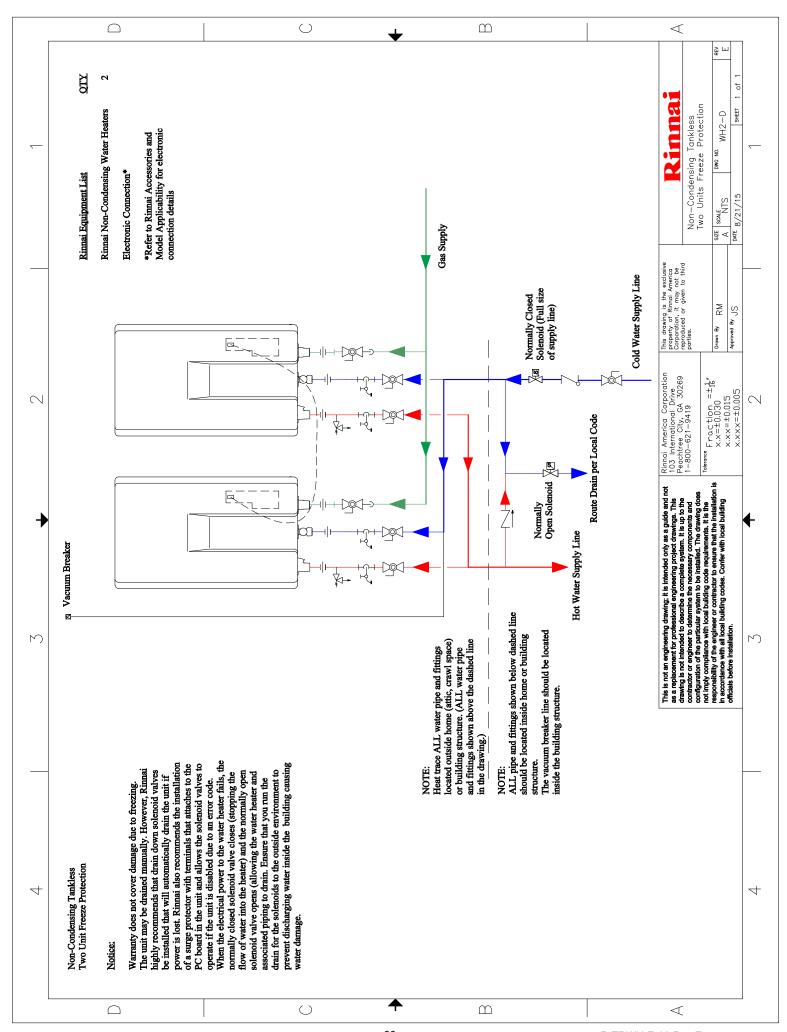


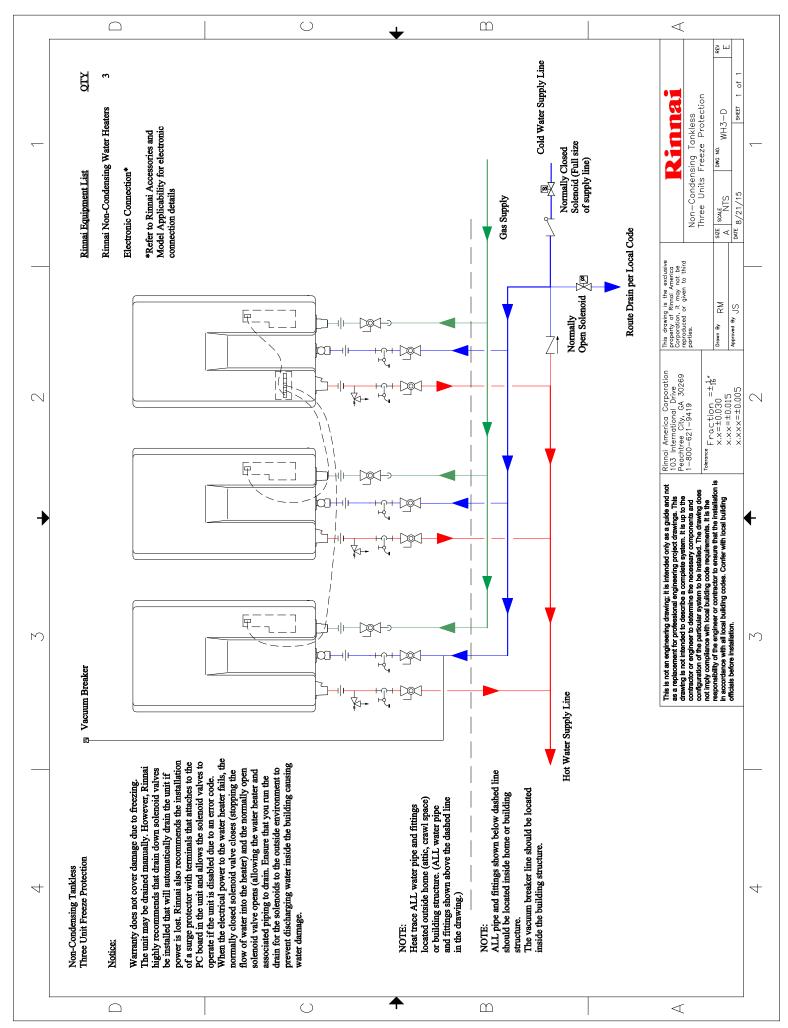


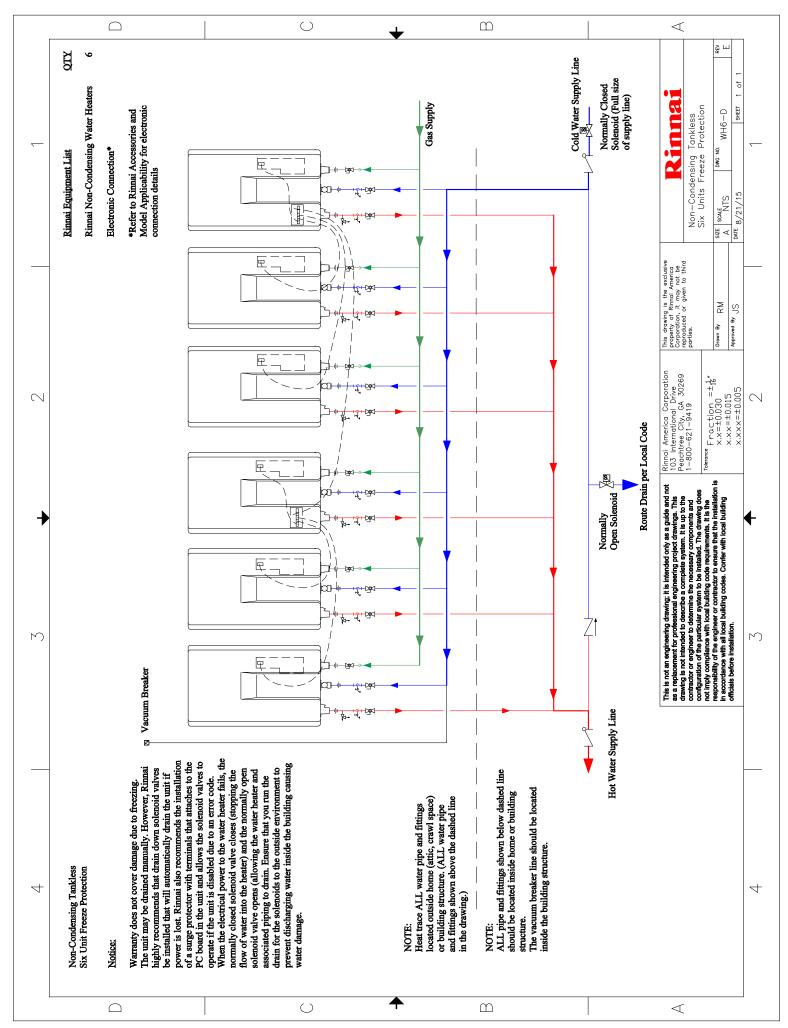


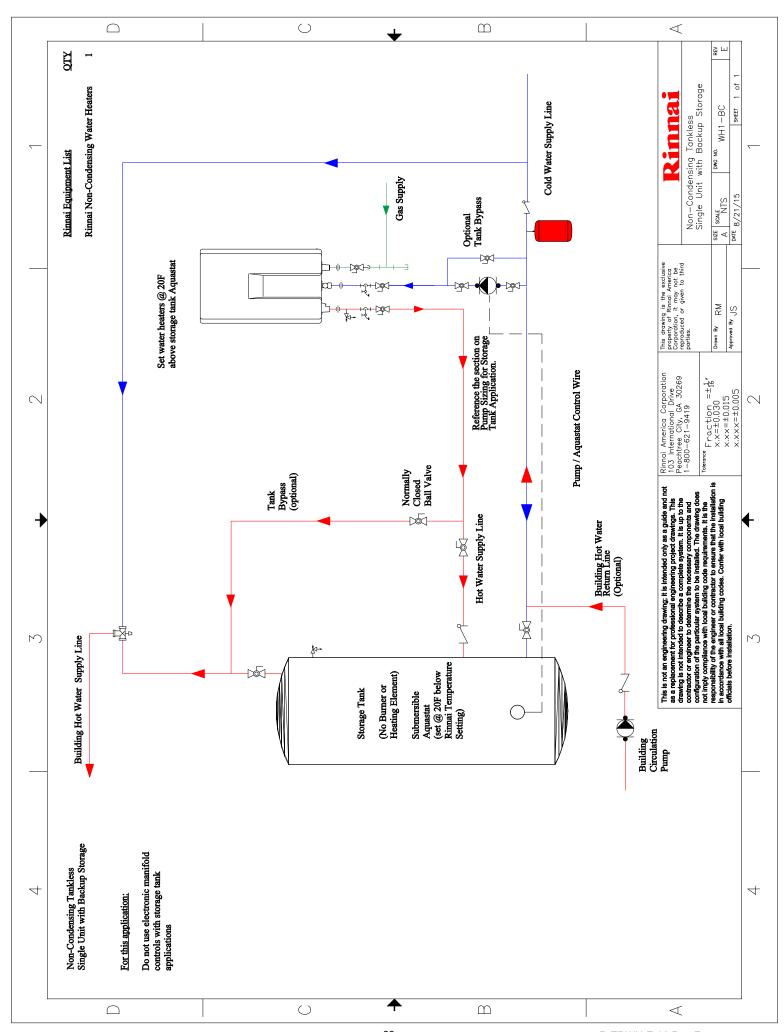


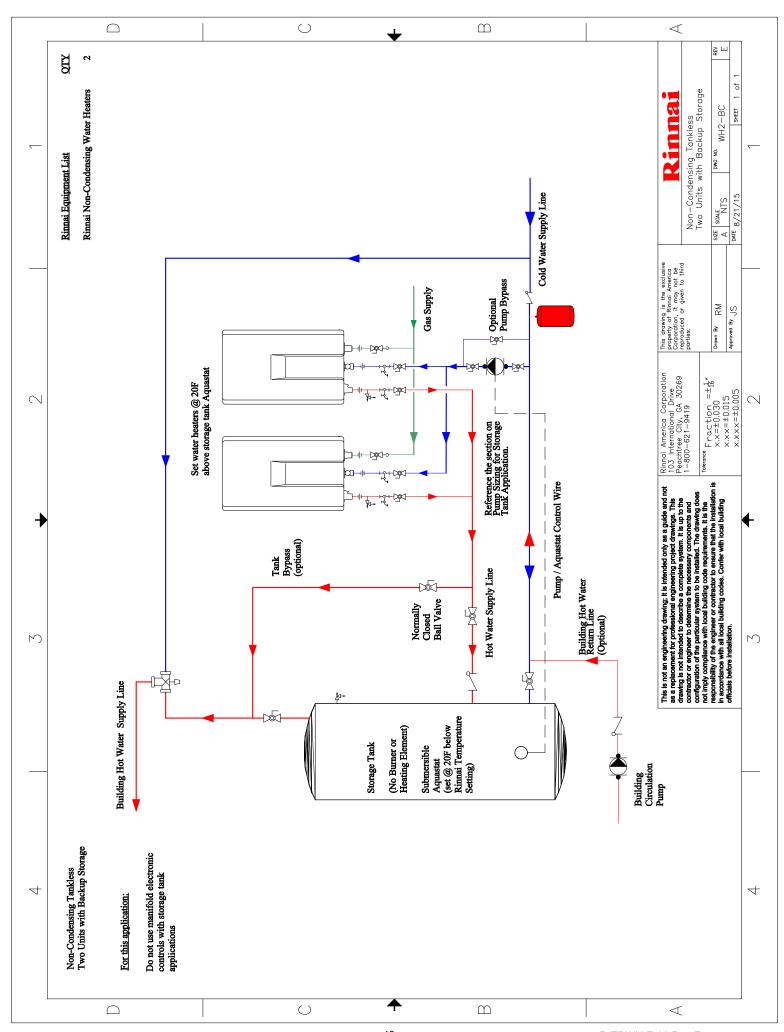


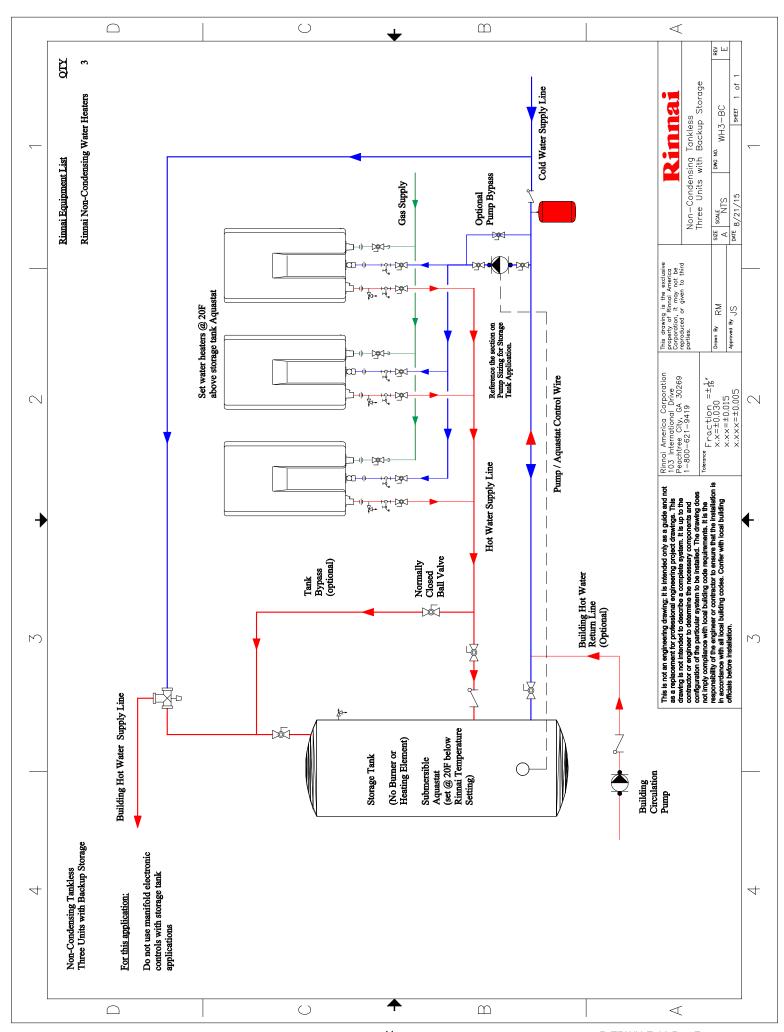


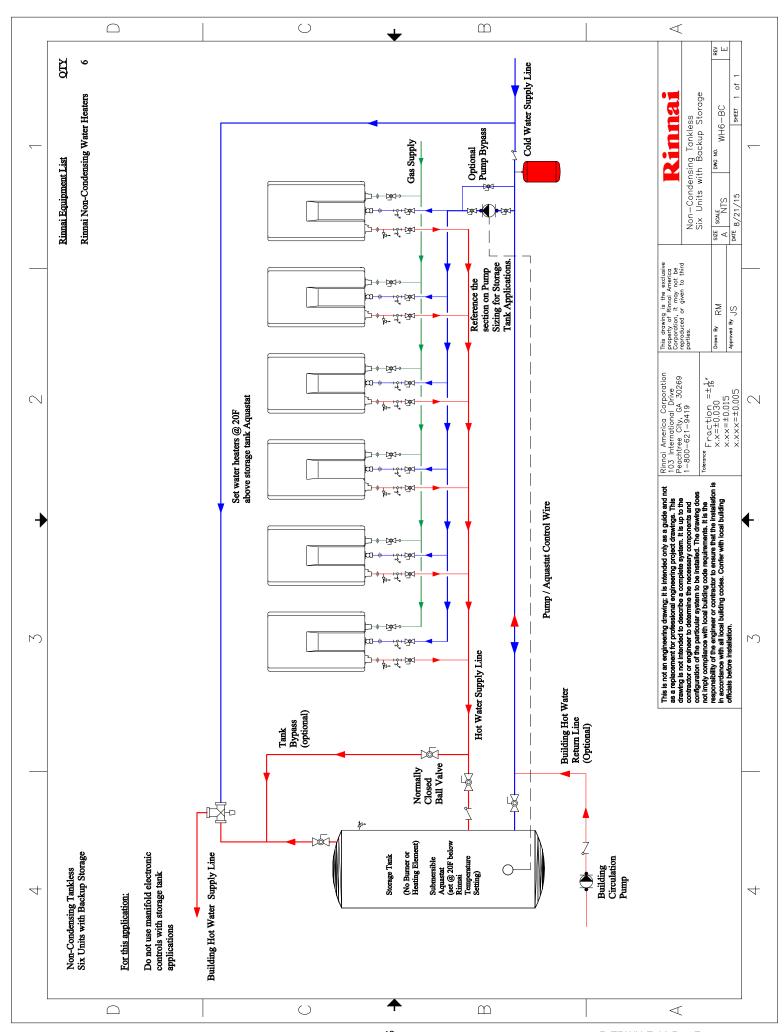


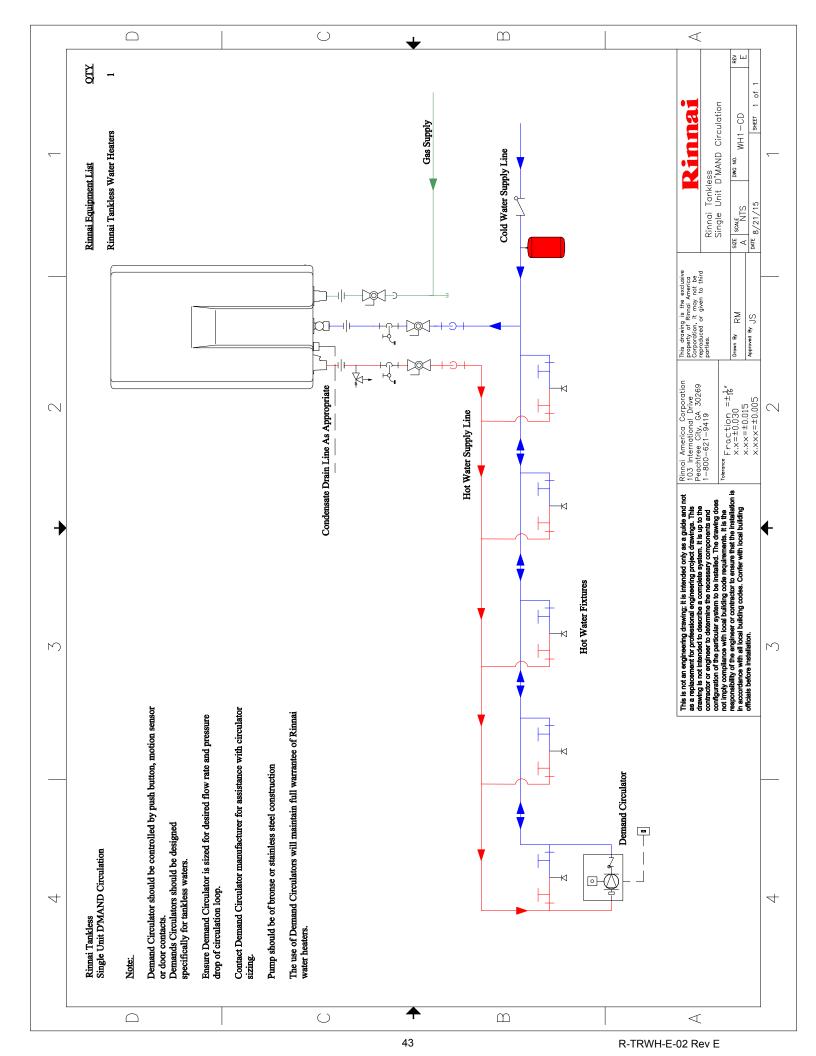


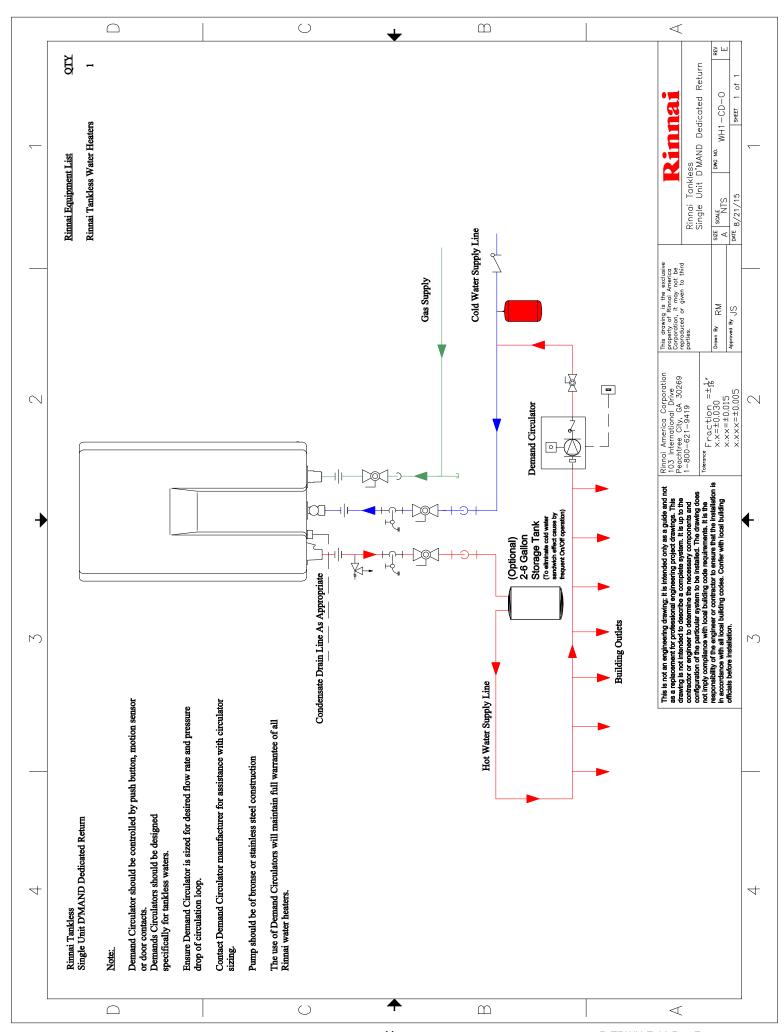


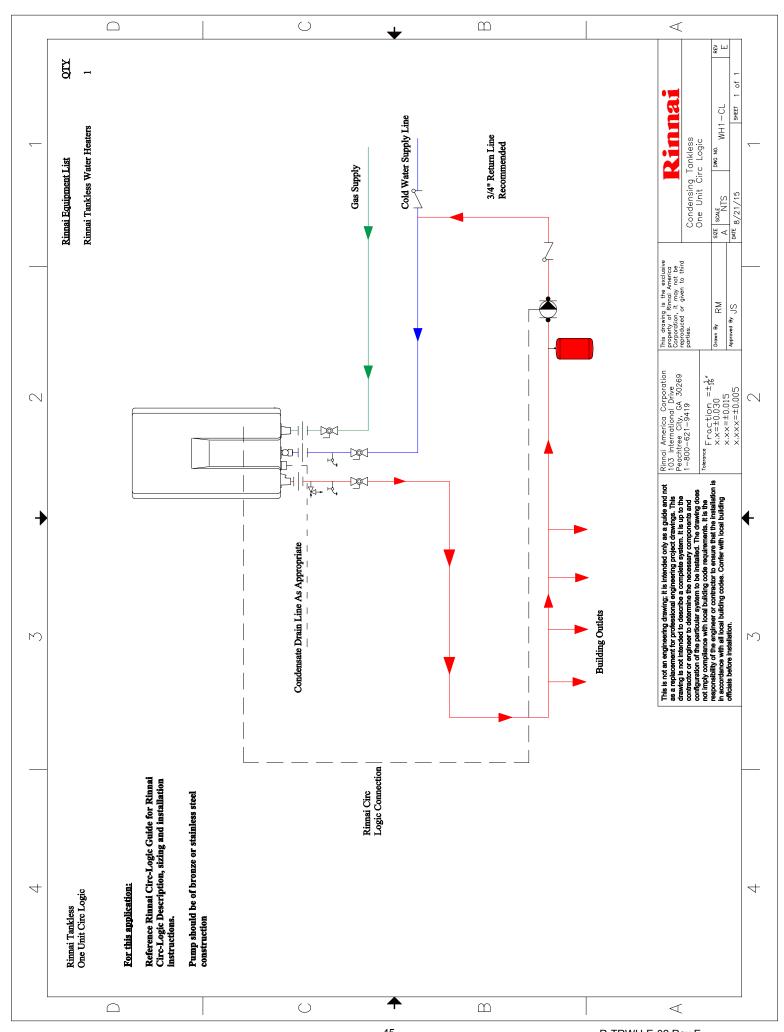


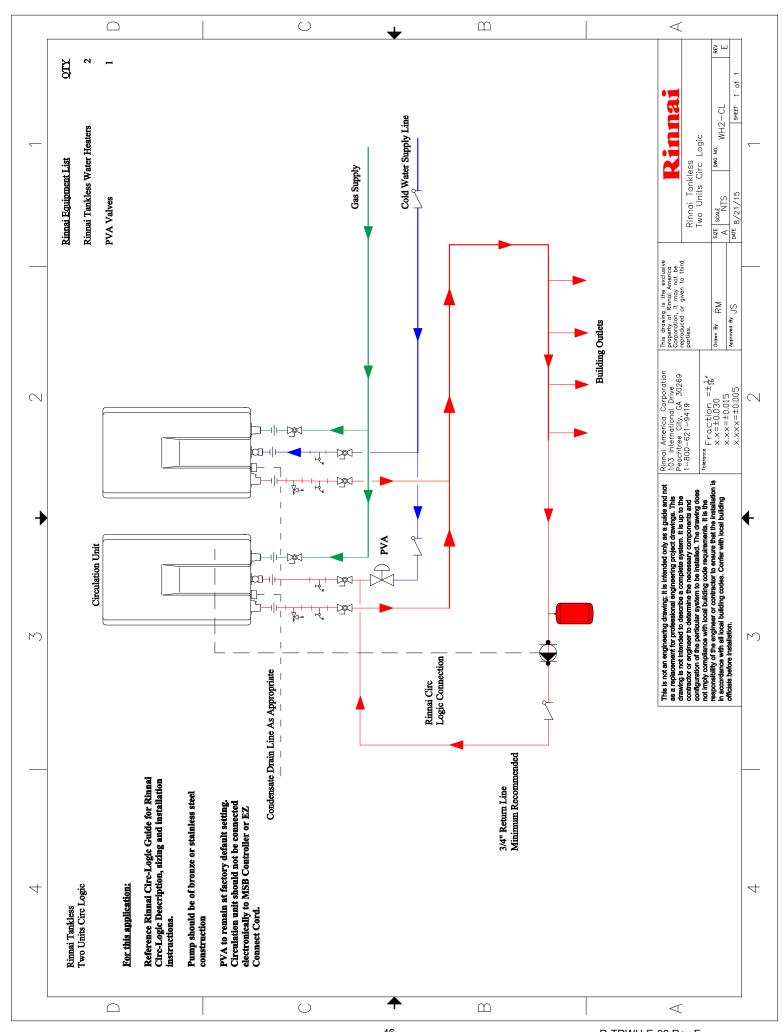


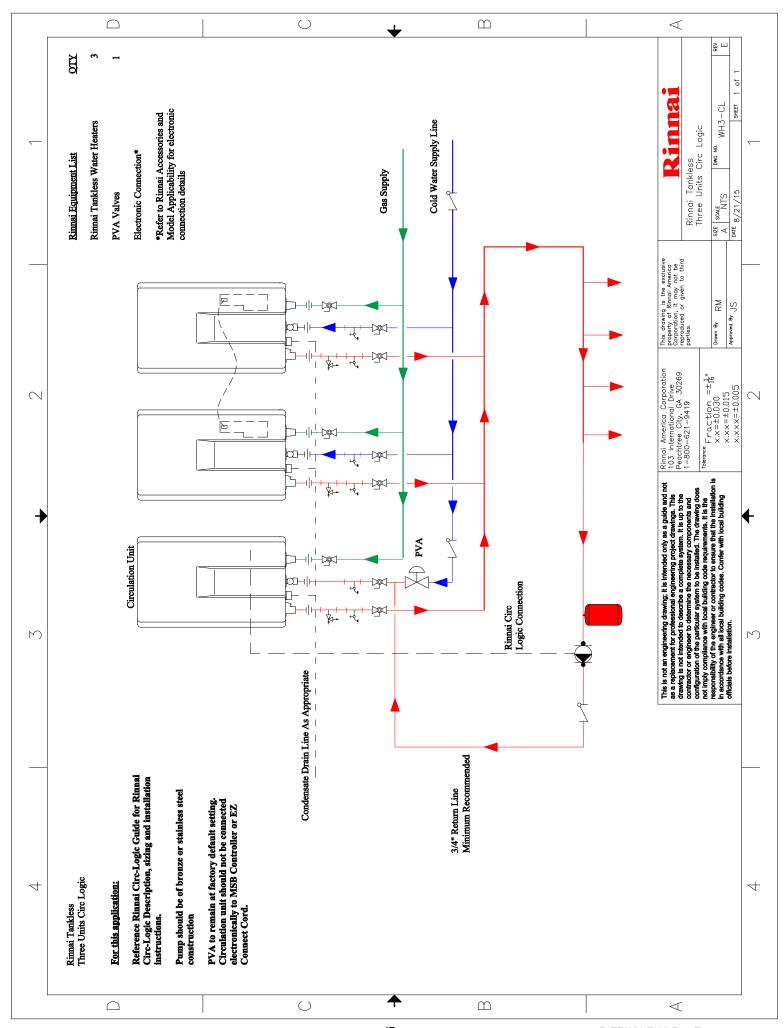


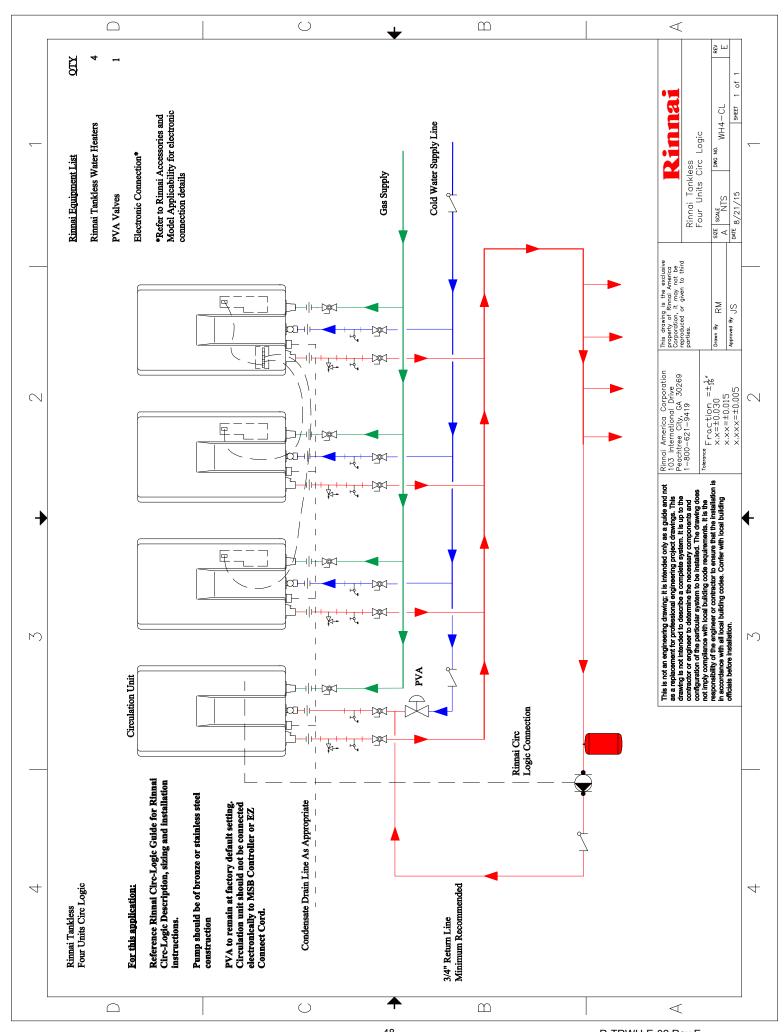


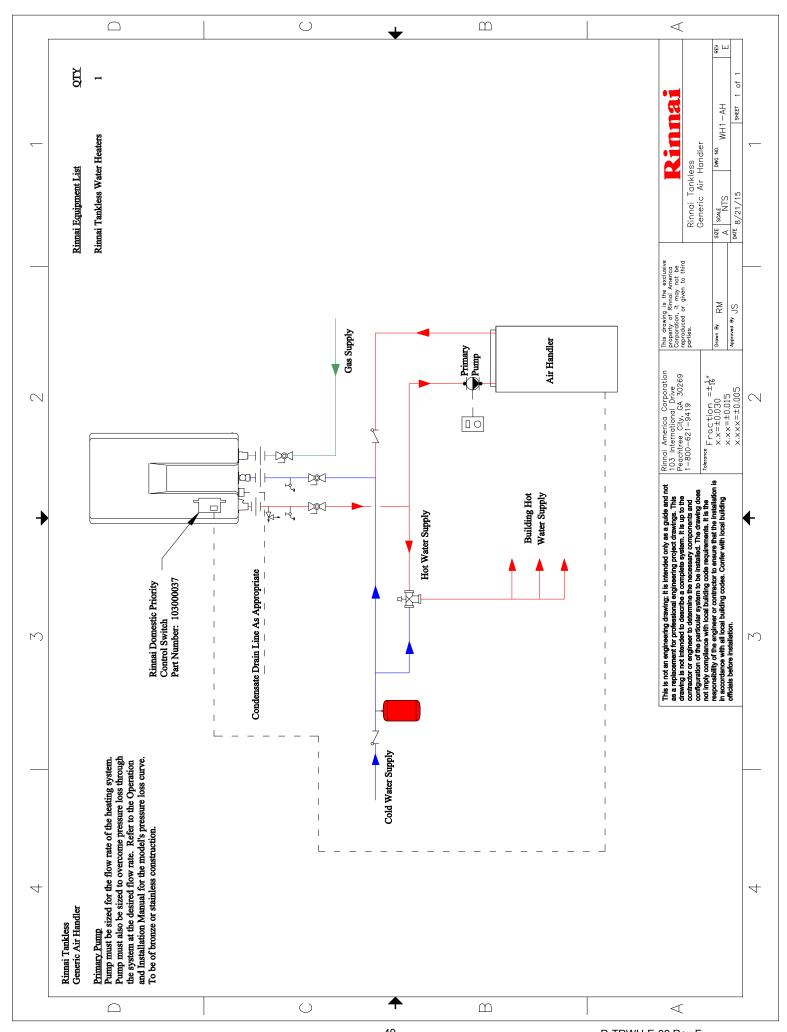


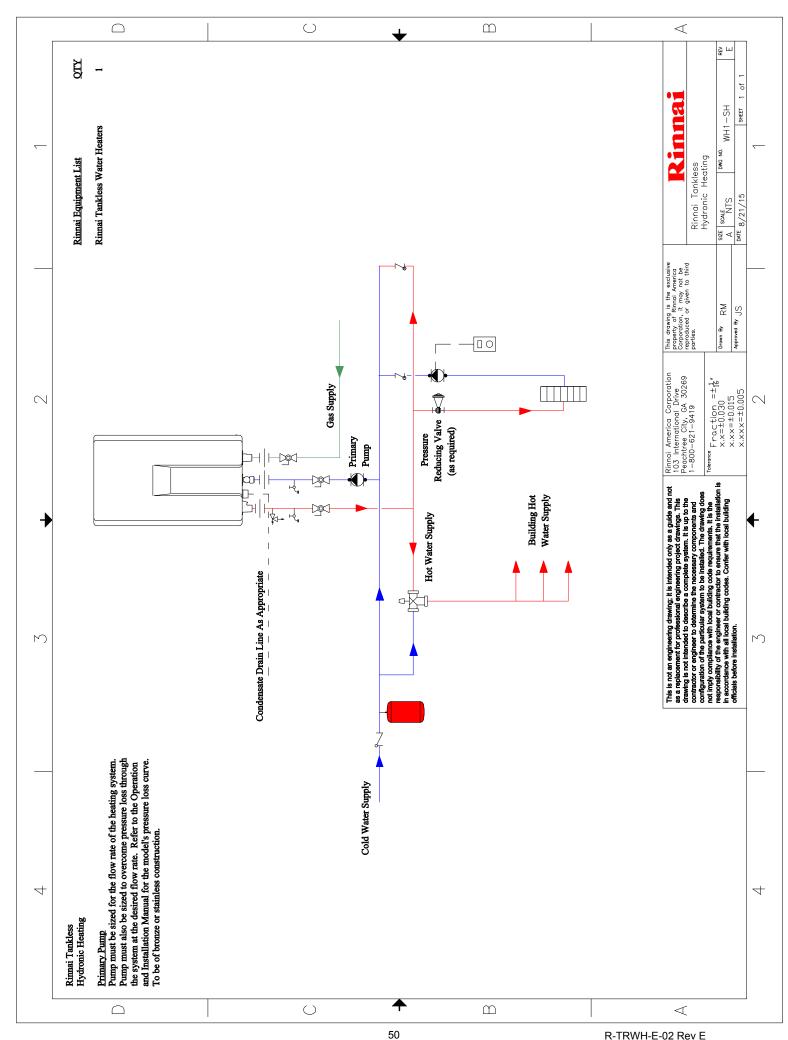


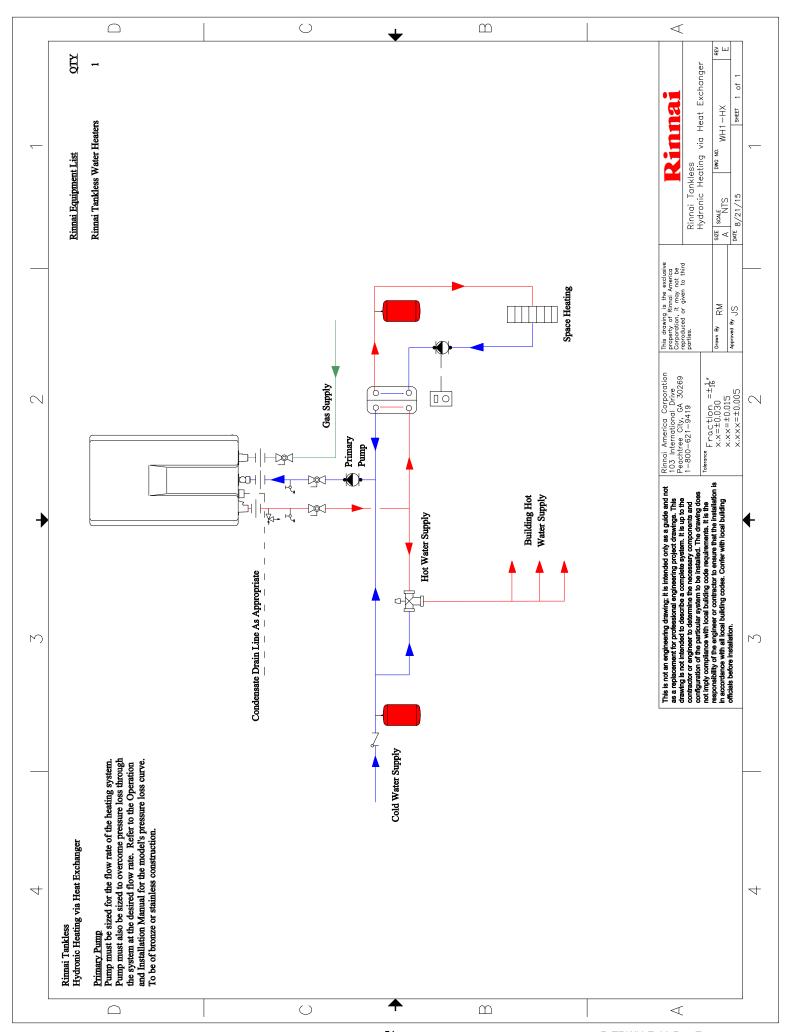


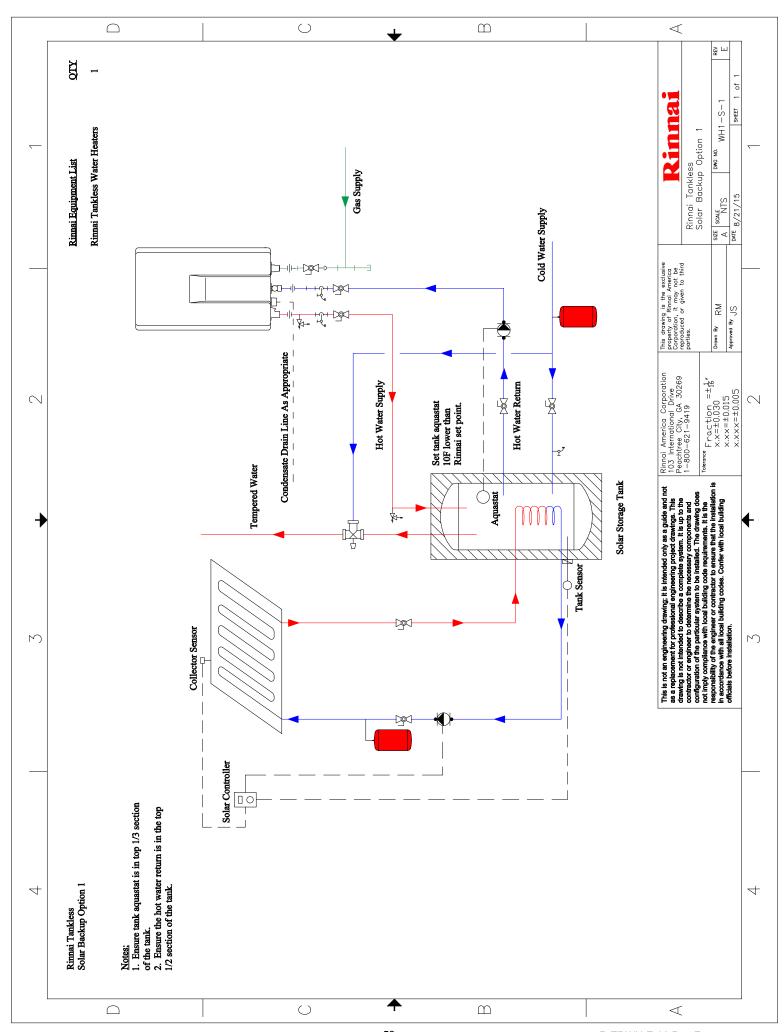


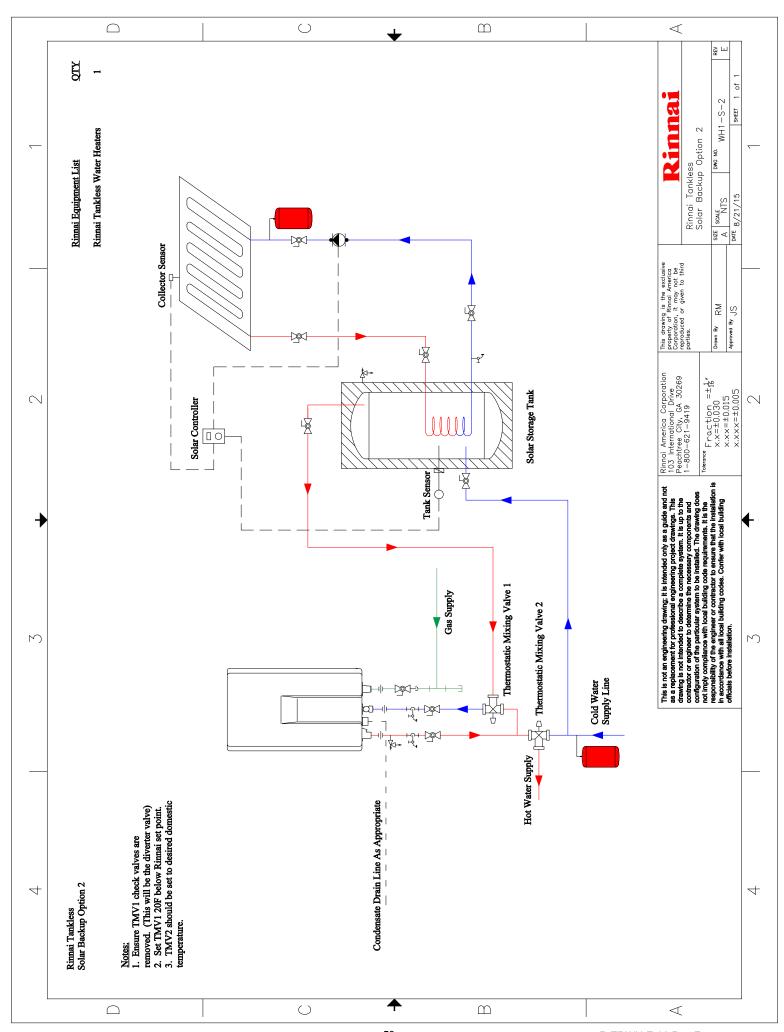


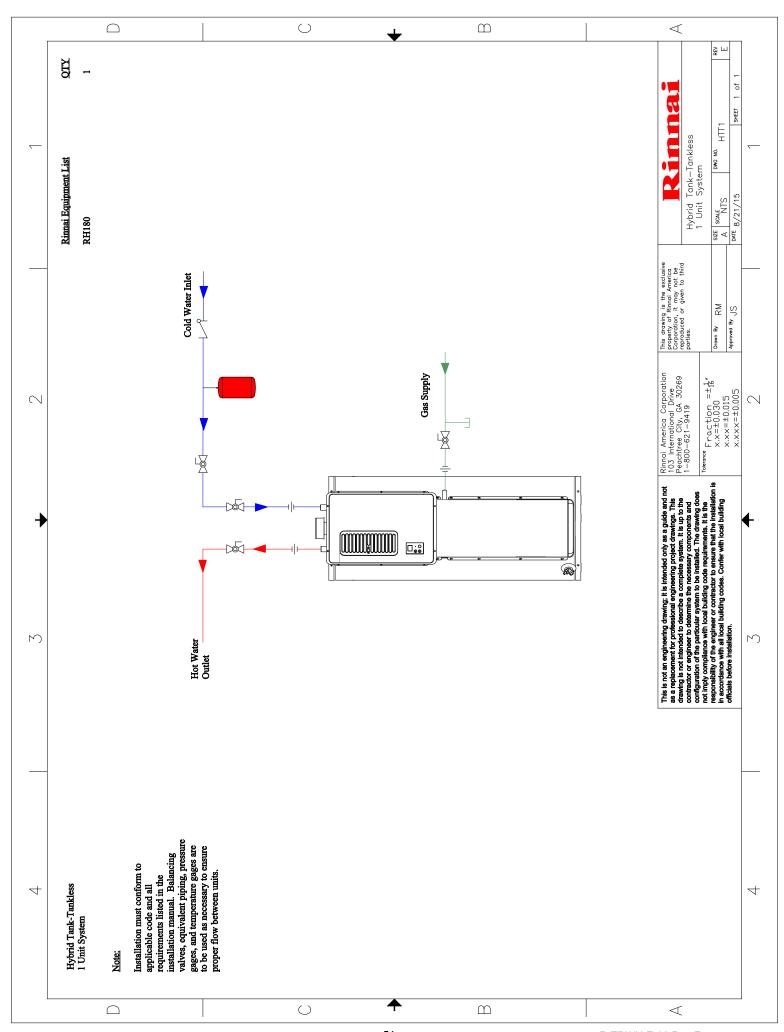


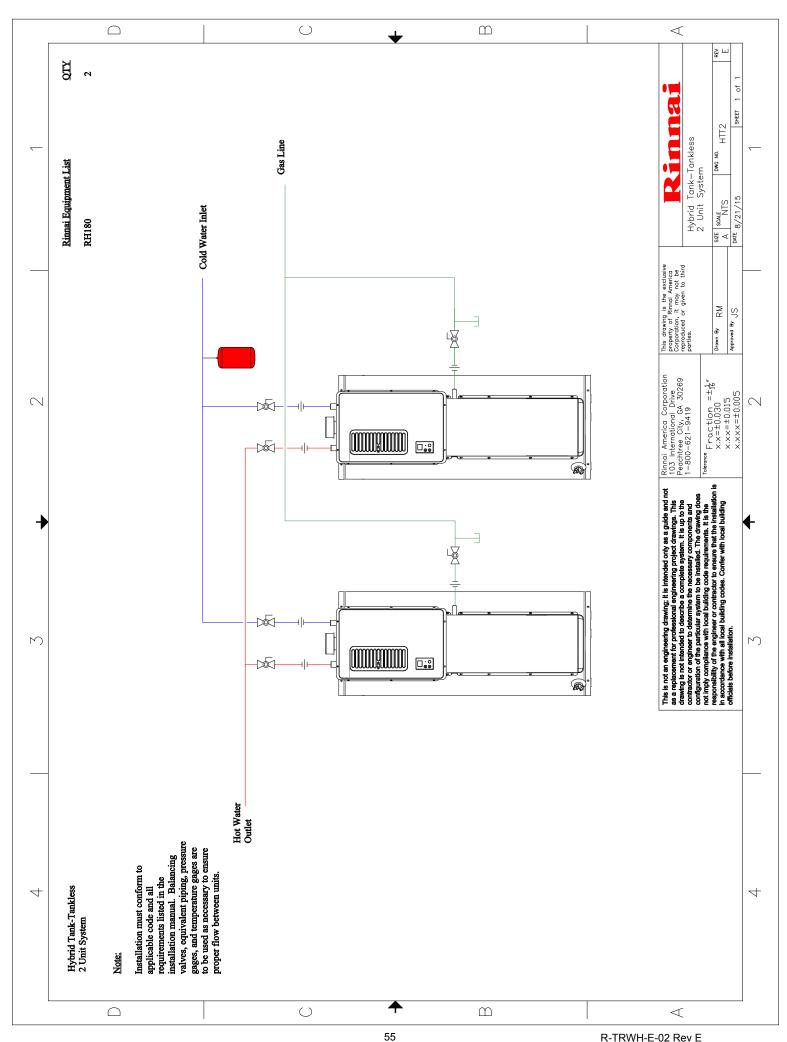


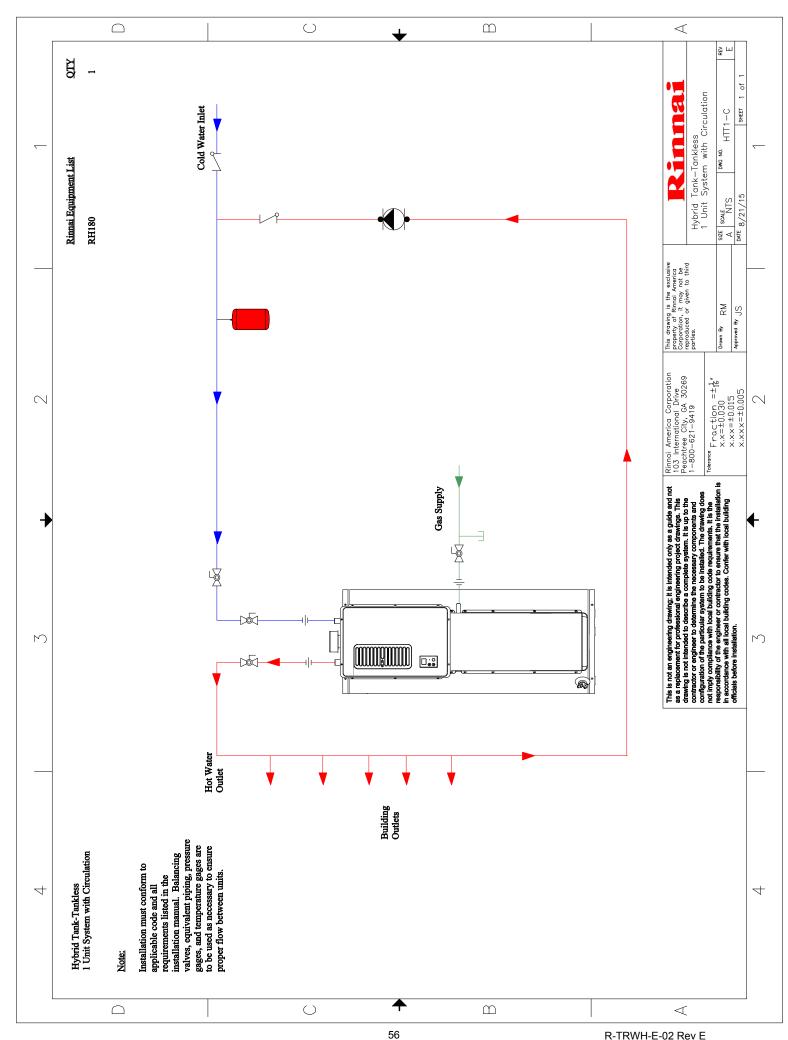


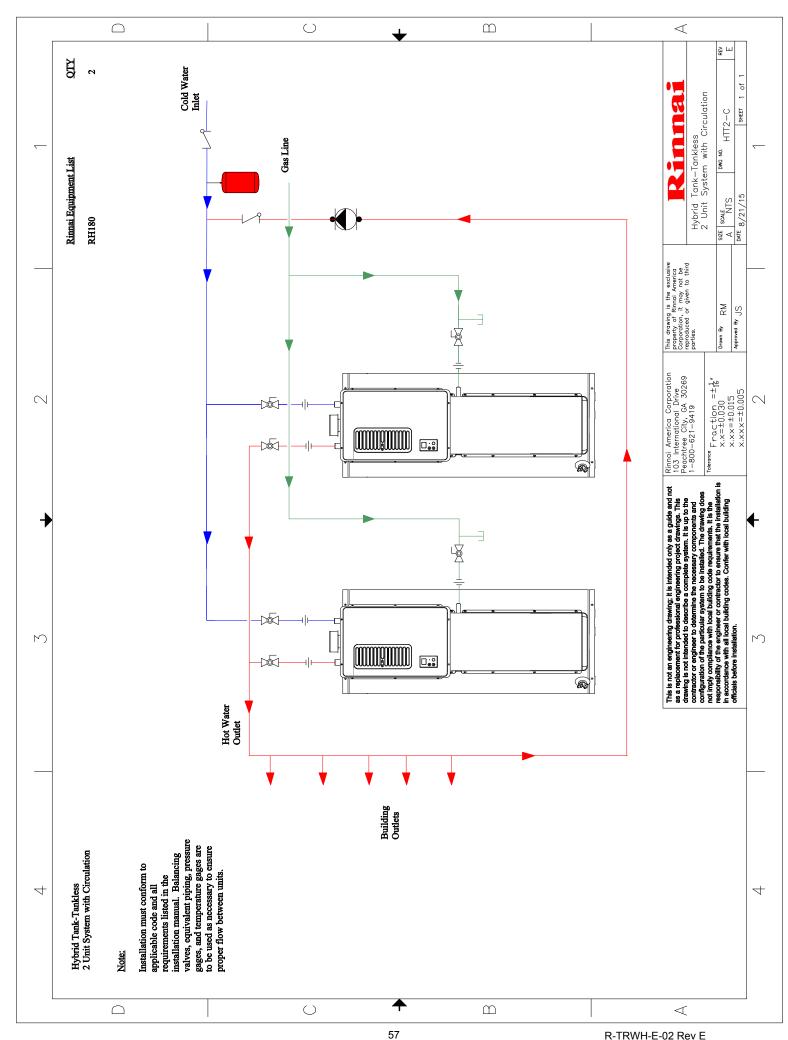


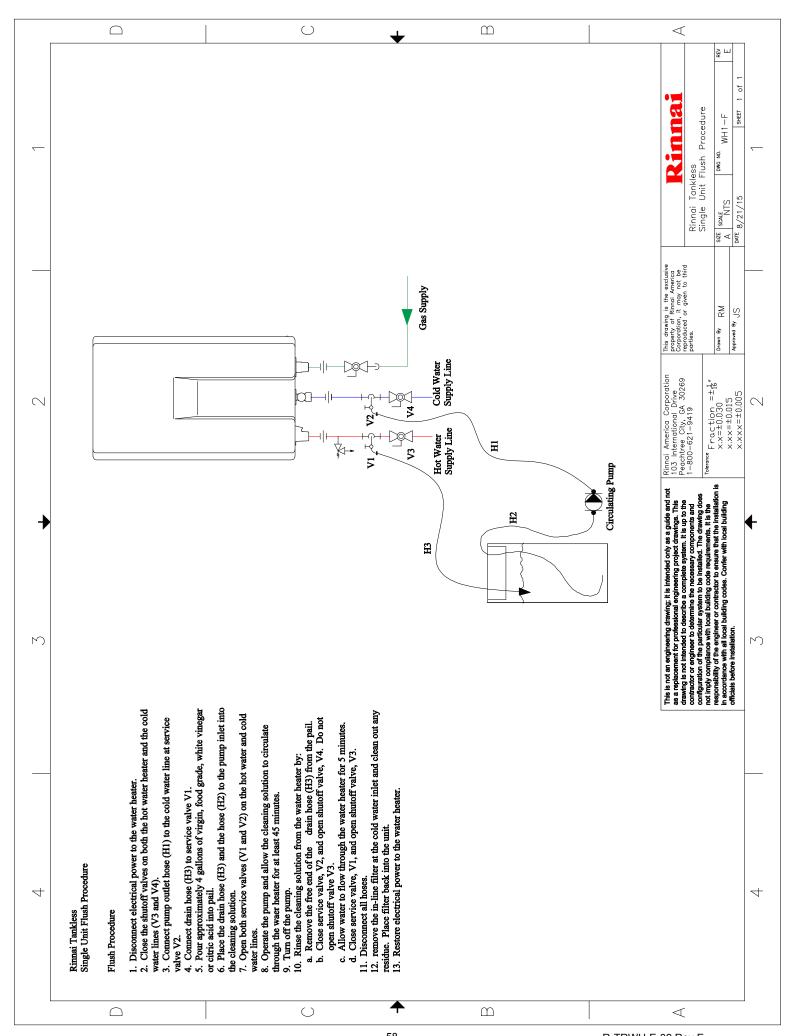


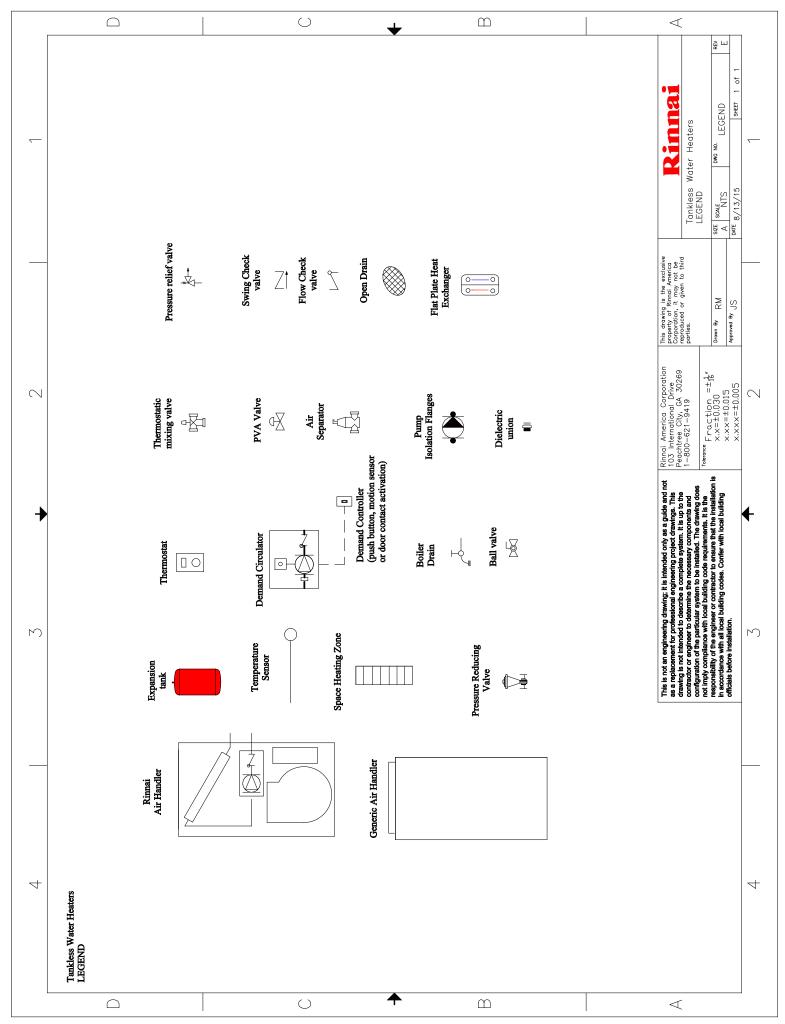












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