

37.40 A 25ft long hot water pipe with a 3in O.D. has an average surface temperature of 175°F in a room with an ambient temperature of 60°F. The convection coefficient is $2 \frac{Btu}{hr \cdot ft^2 \cdot ^\circ F}$. What is the total heat loss from the pipe, assuming all surfaces are considered to be black, and no insulation is used?

- A. $3000 \frac{Btu}{hr}$
- B. $4500 \frac{Btu}{hr}$
- C. $7500 \frac{Btu}{hr}$
- D. $15,000 \frac{Btu}{hr}$

Consider both **Convection** and **Radiation**. The total heat loss is found by combining the two.

$$\dot{Q}_{combined} = \dot{Q}_{convection} + \dot{Q}_{radiation}$$

Write the formula for convection found by searching **Newton's Law of Cooling**. The convection coefficient is given. The surface area of the pipe is defined as $A = \pi DL$. The temperatures are known. Substitute and solve for the heat loss due to convection.

$$\dot{Q}_{conv} = hA\Delta T$$

$$\dot{Q}_{conv} = \left(2 \frac{Btu}{hr \cdot ft^2 \cdot ^\circ F} \right) \left[\pi \left(\frac{3}{12} ft \right) (25 ft) \right] (175^\circ F - 60^\circ F) = 4516 \frac{Btu}{hr}$$

Write the formula for radiation. Since all surfaces are black, assume $\varepsilon = 1$. σ is the **Stefan-Boltzmann Constant**. Surface area is the same as in the convection analysis. Temperatures must be in absolute terms i.e. Rankine.

$$\dot{Q}_{rad} = \varepsilon \sigma A (T_1^4 - T_2^4)$$

$$\dot{Q}_{rad} = (1) \left(0.1713 \times 10^{-8} \frac{Btu}{hr \cdot ft^2 \cdot ^\circ R^4} \right) \left(\left[\pi \left(\frac{3}{12} ft \right) (25 ft) \right] \right) \left[(635^\circ R)^4 - (520^\circ R)^4 \right] = 3009 \frac{Btu}{hr}$$

Solve for the combined heat loss by taking the sum of the heat loss due to convection and radiation.

$$\dot{Q}_{combined} = 4516 \frac{Btu}{hr} + 3009 \frac{Btu}{hr} = 7525 \frac{Btu}{hr}$$

Answer C