“L” Shaped Bronze, Brass or Aluminum Cast-In Heaters for Square and Rectangular Extruder Barrels

The “L” Shaped Cast-In Heaters are typically used on square and rectangular twin screw extruder barrels in compounding and plastic resin manufacturing applications. Due to high shear rates, which are common in this process, extreme operating temperatures and high watt densities are frequently encountered. For these reasons Tempco manufactures “L” shaped heaters in bronze or brass alloys, which are capable of withstanding high temperatures at higher watt densities.

In the case of applications requiring lower temperatures and lower watt densities, aluminum alloys can be used. Aluminum castings are desirable as they have greater thermal conductivity and weigh substantially less than their bronze or brass counterparts, allowing for greater ease of installation.

For mounting purposes, the heaters can be designed with 45° flanged ear extensions that are bolted and drawn together, or can be made with through holes machined into the casting body to bolt directly onto the barrel itself. Thermocouple and transducer holes or other special features can be accommodated as well.

To enhance cooling capabilities, or to be used in place of integral feed screw cooling, “L” shaped heaters can be manufactured with cast-in cooling tubes to satisfy liquid cooling requirements. This feature allows processors the ease of changing a single unit at a time, thus representing a far less time-consuming and less expensive alternative should a cooling line become clogged or severely restricted.
### Standard (Non-Stock) “L” Shaped Cast-In Heaters

“L” Shaped Bronze, Brass or Aluminum Cast-In Heaters are sold as individual units. They are normally supplied with a moisture resistant junction box. Also available with explosion resistant or cast-on junction box, fitted with convoluted wire braid hose and high temperature lead wire. If required, specify. For additional terminations, see pages 3-54 and 3-55.

The sizes and ratings listed are among the most commonly used. They will provide the shortest lead times.

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**Key for Abbreviations found under the Features Column**

- **E/H** = Each Half
- **C/T** = Cooling Tubes
- **EP** = Explosion Resistant Terminal Housing
- **CW** = Single Set of Cooling Tubes
- **MR** = Moisture Resistant Terminal Housing
- **CWW** = Dual Set of Cooling Tubes
- **MPR** = Moisture Proof Die Cast Aluminum Box
- **RC** = Non-Exposed Cooling Tubes/Recessed NPT Fittings

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“L” Shaped Cast-In Heaters — 45° Flange Mount Style Ordering Information

Dimensions

- “A”  ______  “B”  ______  “C”  ______
- “D”  ______  “E”  ______

Material Specifications

- Aluminum
- Bronze
- Brass

Electrical Specifications

- Watts each piece ______
- Volts each piece ______
- Phase ______

Termination Style

- “S” Post Terminals
- “T7” Post Terminals
- “T” Post Terminals
- “R1” Armor Cable Leads
- “E” Right Angle Lugs

Terminal Protection Box

- None
- “C2” Standard
- Cast on box as shown
- “EP” Explosion Resistant
- “MR1” Rigid Moisture Resistant Box
- “MPR” Moisture Resistant Box
- “P2” High Temperature Quick Disconnect

Clamping Style

- Bolt Clamp
- Other

Cooling Tube Specifications

- 1/4” O.D. SS
- 3/8” O.D. SS
- 1/2” O.D. SS
- 3/8” O.D. Incoloy®
- 1/2” O.D. Incoloy®
- Dual Cooling Tubes
- Standard Wall Thickness
- Other Wall Thickness, Specify _____________

(Cast on box as shown)

(See page 3-5 for Standard Wall Thickness Information)

Cooling Tube Fittings

- Non-exposed 3/8” NPTF
- “HS” Hi-Seal Fitting
- “RA” 90° Copper Elbow
- Non-exposed 1/2” NPTF
- “RT” 90° Threaded Elbow
- “FF” Flared Seal
- “R3” Straight Threaded

Surface Finish

- 125 RMS Standard or to Customer Specifications

Special Cast-In Features

- Holes, Cutouts, Slots, Bevels, Mounting Studs, Stand-Offs and Taper Angles.

For special features a detailed drawing is required.

Note: A drawing indicating location and number of bolt holes for mounting must accompany your purchase order.

Ordering Information

To process your order or quotation, please specify the following information.

For special features a detailed drawing is required.

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### “L” Shaped Cast-In Heaters Bolt Direct to Barrel Style Ordering Information

#### Dimensions

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#### Material Specifications

- Aluminum
- Bronze
- Brass

#### Electrical Specifications

- Watts each piece _______
- Volts each piece _______
- Phase _______

#### Termination Style

- “S” Post Terminals
- “T7” Post Terminals
- “T” Mica Washers
- “R1” Armor Cable Leads
- “E” Right-Angle Lugs

#### Terminal Protection Box

- None
- “EP” Explosion Resistant
- “MR1” Rigid Moisture Resistant Box
- “MPR” Moisture Resistant Box
- “P2” High Temperature Quick Disconnect

#### Clamping Style

- Bolt Clamp
- Other

#### Cooling Tube Specifications

- 1/4” O.D. SS
- 3/8” O.D. SS
- 1/2” O.D. SS
- 3/8” O.D. Incoloy®
- 1/2” O.D. Incoloy®
- Dual Cooling Tubes
- Standard Wall Thickness
- Other Wall Thickness, Specify ________________

(See page 3-5 for Standard Wall Thickness Information)

#### Cooling Tube Fittings

- Non-exposed 3/8” NPTF
- “HS” Hi-Seal Fitting
- “RA” 90° Copper Elbow
- Non-exposed 1/2” NPTF
- “RT” 90° Threaded Elbow
- “FF” Flared Seal
- “R3” Straight Threaded

#### Surface Finish

- 125 RMS Standard or to Customer Specifications

#### Special Cast-In Features

- Holes, Cutouts, Slots, Bevels, Mounting Studs, Stand-Offs and Taper Angles.

*For special features a detailed drawing is required.*

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Liquid-Cooled Cast-In Band Heaters for Extrusion Processing

Type CWW — Dual Set of Cooling Tubes within the Same Cast-In Heater

The Dual cooling tube design incorporates two sets of 3/8" or 1/2" diameter tubing formed into a serpentine or any other suitable shape within the same Cast-In Heater. Dual cooling tubes will actually double the operating life of a Cast-In Heater with liquid-cool function, since cooling tube failures usually occur before heating element failures.

There are two main causes for failure on liquid-cooled Cast-In Heaters: Stress corrosion cracking at the exiting point of the tube extensions and clogged lines due to scale build-up that reduces flow, decreasing cooling capacity and finally completely blocking the tube. Once the first set of cooling tubes has failed, reconnect to the spare set and you are back in operation, thus eliminating costly downtime and additional labor for heater replacement. Dual cooling tubes are also used when additional cooling capacity is required.

Cooling tube extensions can be factory equipped with your choice of fittings. Clamping styles are low thermal expansion alloy straps or bolt clamping. If not otherwise specified, supplied with Type S electrical screw termination, 3" long cooling tube extensions and straps for clamping. For a wide selection of electrical and cooling tube termination options, see pages 3-52 through 3-55. See page 3-63 for complete details on how to order.

Design Features
- Double operating life
- Greater reliability
- Reduces costly downtime
- Better cooling capacity
- Reduces heater replacement inventory
- Various heater terminations
- Available in Bolt Clamping and Strap Clamping
- Made to customer specifications

Type RC — Non-Exposed Cooling Tubes Recessed NPT Fittings

The recessed cooling tube design incorporates 3/8" or 1/2" diameter tubing formed into a serpentine or any other suitable shape with specially designed stainless steel NPT fittings that are welded to the tube ends and cast below the surface of the Cast-In Heater, thus eliminating the troublesome, commonly used tube extensions as they exit the casting for connection to the coolant lines.

Non-exposed fittings will drastically increase the operating life of a Cast-In Heater with liquid cool function, as this feature eliminates broken and/or damaged cooling tube extensions which are a major factor in premature heater failure. Type RC fittings are available in two female NPT thread sizes, 3/8"-18 and 1/2"-14. Standard clamping styles for Cast-In Band Heater sets are low thermal expansion alloy straps or bolt clamping. Specify fitting thread size and clamping style when ordering. If not otherwise specified, supplied with Type S electrical screw termination and straps for clamping. For fittings with special thread size, consult Tempco with your requirements. See page 3-63 for complete details on how to order.

Design Features
- Quick and easy installation
- Exceptionally longer Cast-In Heater life
- Reduces costly downtime
- Greater reliability
- Rugged, durable construction
- Available on all cooling tube sizes
- Available in Bolt Clamping and Strap Clamping
- Made to customer specifications
### Cooling Tube Termination Options for Liquid-Cooled Cast-In Band Heaters

**Type FF Flared Seal Fittings**
Brass flared seal fittings are well adapted for low to medium pressure and resistant to mechanical pullout. Available for 3/8” and 1/2” diameter tubing with SAE 45° flare.

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**Type HS Hi-Seal Fittings**
Hi-seal brass fittings are highly dependable under the most adverse conditions. For reliable and trouble-free service with ease of installation, we strongly recommend hi-seal fittings. Available for 3/8” and 1/2” diameter tubing. Male thread is 1/2” NPT for 1/2” tube and 3/8” tube.

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**Type RA 90° Copper Elbow**
90° copper elbow is brazed to the Cast-In Heater cooling tube extension with additional tube extension for connecting cooling lines with compression and/or flared fittings. Available for 3/8” and 1/2” diameter tubing. If required, specify.

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**Type RT Cast Brass 90° Threaded Elbow**
90° threaded elbow is brazed to the cooling tube extension, providing an easy and quick method for connecting cooling lines. Recommended to be factory installed to assure good braze seals. Available for 3/8” and 1/2” NPT internal threads. If required, specify.

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**Type R3 Straight Threaded Copper Fitting**
Straight threaded fitting is brazed to the cooling tube extensions, providing an easy and quick method for connecting cooling lines. Recommended to be factory installed to assure good braze seals. Available for 3/8” and 1/2” diameter tubing with internal threads. If required, specify.

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**Installation Accessories for Liquid-Cooled Cast-In Band Heaters**

**Stock Tubing for Cooling Lines**

Cooling Line Tubing can be used to connect the Tempco Cast-In heat/cool bands to the plumbing system of your extruder. Tubing is available in 6’8” lengths for U.P.S. shipments and up to 20’ lengths for truck shipments.

Barlow’s formula below was used to calculate Working Pressure in the table:

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\text{Maximum Working Pressure (PSIG)} = \frac{2 \times \text{Material Strength (PSI at Room Temperature)} \times \text{Wall Thickness of Tube (in)}}{\text{OD of Tube (in)} \times \text{SF}} \text{ (Safety Factor of 1.5 to 10 depending on application)}
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**Flexible Teflon® Wire Braided Hose**

Flexible Teflon® Wire Braided Hose provides an excellent means of connecting Cast-In Heaters to the extruder plumbing system. This style of hose meets the demands of medium to tight bending radius requirements. The stainless steel braid protects the Teflon® hose from any harsh mechanical conditions that may be present.

A variety of brass male and female threaded fittings can be incorporated onto the hose, making it a practical choice for use in conjunction with Tempco’s Style RC Non-Exposed Fittings and other available fittings.

Rigid brass adapter fittings as listed below are used to mate the base hose assembly to your existing installation. This allows for the installation of the rigid NPT coupling into the plumbing system and then attaching the swivel fitting on the hose, making assembly relatively easy. Remember to use Teflon® tape or equivalent.

**Standard Hose:** Size 8 (1/2”) .405” I.D., .549” O.D.

**Operating Pressure:** 2000 PSI

**Burst Pressure:** 8000 PSI

**Adapter Fittings for Flexible Teflon® Wire Braid Hose**

Rigid brass adapter fittings are used to mate the base hose assembly to your existing installation.

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**Ordering Information**

The standard hose assemblies are supplied with 1/2” female 37° SAE flare swivel style crimped-on fittings. The hose assemblies can be ordered in 6” increments starting at 18” minimum. Fitting material is Brass.

**Part Number**

WHT05

*Complete the Part Number with length of hose in 6” increments starting at 18” (018).

**Standard lead time is 2 weeks or less.**

**WARNING:** Cancer and Reproductive Harm - www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.
Cast-In Heaters

Electrical Termination Options

Standard Tubular Heater Terminations for Cast-In Heaters

Select the termination style that meets your requirements for space, accessibility and reliability.

**Type S** Standard Unless Otherwise Specified
Heavy Duty Ceramic Insulators.

- .315” diameter heater has 8-32 screw terminals.
- .430” diameter heater has 10-32 screw terminals.

**Type T7**
Ceramic insulator is the same diameter as the heating element.

- .260” diameter heater has 6-32 screw terminals.
- .315” diameter heater has 8-32 screw terminals.
- .430” diameter heater has 10-32 screw terminals.

**Type T**
Mica insulator is the same diameter as the heating element.

- .260” diameter heater has 6-32 screw terminals.
- .315” diameter heater has 8-32 screw terminals.
- .430” diameter heater has 10-32 screw terminals.

**Type C4**
Heavy duty ceramic insulator with terminal cover.

- .315” diameter heater has 10-32 screw terminals.
- .430” diameter heater has 10-32 screw terminals.

**Type P—Plain Pin**
Plain terminal pin. Specify Length “L.” Standard 1/2” (12.7 mm) pin length.

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**Type R**
Mica washers with 90° blockhead screw terminal with 10-32 screw threads. Available for .315” and .430” diameter heaters.

**Type R2**
Mica washers with blockhead and through hole for lead wire connection. Eliminates the use of ring terminals. Available for .315” and .430” diameter heaters. Accepts 6-14 gauge wire.

**Type E**
Right-angle lug welded to pin with mica washer insulators and 10-32 binding head screw. Available for .260”, .315” and .430” diameter heaters.

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### Standard Tubular Heater Terminations for Cast-In Heaters

Select the termination style that meets your requirements for space, accessibility and reliability.

#### Type L & L9
Terminal lug spot welded to pin with 10-32 binding head screw. Available for .260", .315" and .430" diameter heaters. Type L represents straight; Type L9 represents 90° to pin. Specify lug orientation.

#### Type SF & SF9
Quick-disconnect spade tabs spot welded to pin. Available for .260", .315" and .430" diameter heaters. Type SF represents straight. Type SF9 represents 90° to pin. Specify tab orientation.

#### Type F

#### Type R1
Flexible Armor Cable provides excellent protection to lead wires against abrasion and contaminants. Available for .260", .315" and .430" diameter heaters. Specify cable length and lead length. Style may vary from depiction depending on heater diameter and cable diameter used.

#### Type R1A
Stainless Steel Wire Overbraid provides flexibility and excellent protection to lead wires against abrasion. Available for .260", .315" and .430" diameter heaters. Specify stainless steel wire overbraid length and lead length. Style may vary from depiction depending on heater diameter and braid diameter used.

#### Type MR
Moisture resistant shrink strain relief and lead wire with or without stainless steel overbraid. Available for .260", .315" and .430" diameter heaters. Specify lead wire and overbraid length. Maximum operating temperature is 350°F (177°C).

#### Type TS
Contamination seal shrink-down Teflon® sleeving over the heater and lead wire splice. Provides a good moisture resistant seal. Maximum operating temperature 500°F (260°C). Available for .260", .315" and .430" and diameter heaters. Specify lead length.

#### Type P1
Quick-disconnect plug, either mounted directly on casting or on elements ends offset a specified distance from casting. Rating: 16A-250VAC.
Installation Recommendations

Installation Recommendations for Cast-In Thermal Components

Tempco Cast-In Heaters will provide long life and dependable, trouble-free service if properly installed, operated, and maintained as per the following recommendations:

Installation

1. Allow sufficient space for thermal expansion. The amount of space required depends upon the Cast-In Heater size, operating temperature and alloy.
2. Surface being heated must be free of any foreign materials and have a smooth finish.
3. Make sure that the casting is properly seated. The clamping devices used should be tightened down to the correct recommended torque. After initial heat-up, retighten fasteners to the correct recommended torque.

Recommended Torque:
10 ft-lb for 1/4-5/16 bolts, 20 ft-lb for 7/16-5/8 bolts

4. Electrical terminals must be kept free of contaminants, as spillage of plastic, water, oils, and their vapors can cause electric shorts, resulting in heater failure.
5. Liquid Cooled Cast-In Heaters must not be cycled to operate simultaneously. Thermal stresses may result in shorter heater life.
6. The water used on Liquid Cooled Cast-In Heaters must be properly treated. Hard water contains corrosive media that will contaminate the tubing, producing stress corrosion cracks and resulting in shorter heater life. Presence of minerals in water can cause clogged tubes that can result in poor heat transfer and eventually heater failure.

Operation

1. It is recommended to slow start the process during first use.
2. Do not operate above rated voltage. Excess voltage will result in heater failure.
3. Do not operate Cast-In Heaters above recommended temperatures. Heater temperature must be monitored and controlled. Use of over-temperature T/C is strongly recommended for higher temperature applications. Excess temperatures will result in heater failure and/or melting.
4. Liquid Cooled Cast-In Heaters must be kept free of combustible gases and vapors unless specifically manufactured for use in such conditions.

Maintenance

1. Never perform any type of service on heaters prior to disconnecting all electrical power.
2. To ensure good surface contact, periodically check clamping. Retighten clamping to the correct torque when required.
3. Repeat cycling of temperature controls can indicate poor surface contact or a burned-out heater.
4. Heater terminals must be kept free of plastics, oil, water, and any other foreign matter. As these materials carbonize, they create electrical shorts.
5. Heater terminal electrical connections must be kept tight. Loose connections can overheat and eventual destroy the connection or the heater terminal.
6. Water lines must be periodically checked for leaks. Water on heater terminals can be detrimental to the entire heating system.
7. Thermocouples must be kept free of contaminants and be checked for good response to temperature changes. Our recommendation is to change them periodically, as a bad thermocouple can be the cause of destroying an entire heating zone.

Wiring

1. For connections at the heater terminals, use high temperature nickel conductor or nickel clad copper lead wire or alloy bus bar. Keep all electrical connections properly protected to eliminate electric shock to machine operators.
2. Heaters of equal wattage and voltage can be connected in series for higher voltage.
3. Heater installations must be properly grounded to eliminate electric shock hazard, and wiring must comply with electrical codes.
4. Always have a qualified electrician perform all wiring and connection of heaters and control components. Terminals must be tightened to the correct torque (2.5 ft/lb for terminal connections).

CAUTION: Castings are not designed to be lifted or carried by the terminations or leads.

Exposed electrical wiring on cast-in heater installations is a violation of Electrical Safety Codes including O.S.H.A.

Note: See page 16-11 for Wiring Diagrams and page 15-2 for lead wire selection

Accessories Available From Stock

- Stainless Steel Tubing and Fittings For Cooling Lines 3
- Pressure Transducers and Rupture Disks 12
- Temperature Controllers 13
- Temperature Sensors, Thermocouple Wire, Jacks & Plugs 14
- High Temperature Lead Wire & Fiberglass Tape, Ceramic Terminal Covers and Electric Plugs 15

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