HEATED TANK	ADVANTAGES	LIMITATIONS	ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT
Electric (electrode type)	 Compact size Provides a modulated output to a variable demand signal Available with cleanable or disposable tanks Available with self-diagnostics Typically wall-mounted 	 Water minerals precipitate out, remaining in tank Cannot use extremely low conductivity water or purified water Performance can be adversely affected by long steam distribution pipe runs 	 Fill cup extension kits for high back pressure applications Optional tank drain water tempering device Controls Steam dispersion tube, steam dispersion panel for shorter non-wetting distance, or steam blower to disperse steam Steam hose with clamps for steam dispersion
Electric (resistive type)	 Can use any type of fill water: tap, softened, RO/DI Some provide modulated output through SCR/SSR control Available with self-diagnostics Can be wall, floor, or rooftop-mounted 	 Water minerals precipitate out, remaining in tank, unless using RO/DI water Typically larger and heavier than electrode units 	 Optional tank drain water tempering device Controls Steam dispersion tube, steam dispersion panel for shorter non-wetting distance, or steam blower to disperse steam Steam hose with clamps for steam dispersion Roof curb for outdoor mounting
Infrared Steam Humidifiers	■ Simple and compact design	 Infrared bulbs are sensitive and fracture Limited output capacity Control accuracy Radiant energy is converted to heat rather than evaporating water 	■ N/A
Gas Fired Steam Humidifiers	 Can use any type of fill water: tap, softened, RO/DI Low energy costs Offers models with steam capacity greater than electric units Available with self-diagnostics 	 Water minerals precipitate out, remaining in tank unless using RO/DI water Limitations in placement due to venting requirement 	 Steam dispersion tube, steam dispersion panel for shorter non-wetting distance, or steam blower to disperse steam Optional tank drain temperature tempering device Controls Sealed combustion option for dedicated combustion air Roof curb for outdoor mounting

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Steam-to-Steam	 Available with self-diagnostics Chemical-free steam High-capacity units available Can be floor or rooftopmounted 	 Water minerals precipitate out, remaining in tank unless using RO/DI water Condensate pump required to lift condensate discharged from the steam trap 	 Control panel, control valve, steam trap, and strainer Steam dispersion tube, steam dispersion panel for shorter non-wetting distance, or blower for dispersing steam Roof curb for outdoor mounting Optional tank drain water tempering device
Hot Water Humidifiers	 Available with self-diagnostics Chemical free steam High-capacity units available 	 Water minerals precipitate out, remaining in tank unless using RO/DI water Minimum temperature of liquid heat source is 240 degrees F 	 Controls Optional tank drain water tempering device Control panel, control valve, steam trap, and strainer Steam dispersion tube, steam dispersion panel for shorter non-wetting distance, or blower for dispersing steam