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Preface

This is the eighth edition of CSA/ANSI Z21.10.1 • CSA 4.1, *Gas water heaters, volume I, storage water heaters with input ratings of 75,000 Btu per hour or less*. It supersedes the previous editions published in 2017, 2014, 2013, 2009, 2004, 2001 and 1998.

This Standard is considered suitable for use for conformity assessment within the stated scope of the Standard.

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Technical Subcommittee on Gas-Fired Water Heaters under the jurisdiction of the Z21/83 Technical Committee on Performance and Installation of Gas Burning Appliances and Related Accessories and the Strategic Steering Committee on Fuels and Appliances. It has been formally approved by the Z21/83 Technical Committee, the Canadian Technical Committee on Gas Appliances and Related Accessories, and the Interprovincial Gas Advisory Council.

This Standard has been developed in compliance with Standards Council of Canada requirements for National Standards of Canada. It has been published as a National Standard of Canada by CSA Group.

This Standard has been approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) as an American National Standard.

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- 2) *Although the intended primary application of this Standard is stated in its Scope, it is important to note that it remains the responsibility of the users of the Standard to judge its suitability for their particular purpose.*
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 - c) *wording of the proposed change; and*
 - d) *rationale for the change.*

History of the development of standards for Gas water heaters, volume I, storage water heaters with input ratings of 75,000 Btu per hour or less

Note: This history is informative and is not part of the standard.

With the onset of the Free Trade Agreement between the United States and Canada on January 2, 1988, significant attention was given to the harmonization of the United States and Canadian safety standards addressing gas-fired equipment for residential, commercial, and industrial applications. It was believed that the elimination of the differences between the standards would remove potential trade barriers and provide an atmosphere in which North American manufacturers could market more freely in the United States and Canada. The harmonization of these standards was also seen as a step toward harmonization with international standards. Joint subcommittees were established to facilitate the standards harmonization process between the United States and Canada.

The draft harmonized standard was based on current coverage from the American National Standard for *Gas Water Heaters, Volume I, Storage Water Heaters with Input Rating of 75,000 Btu Per Hour or Less*, ANSI Z21.10.1-1993 and Addenda Z21.10.1a-1994, Z21.10.1b-1994, Z21.10.1c-1995 and the Canadian Standard for *Gas-Fired Automatic Storage Type Water Heaters with Inputs Less than 75,000 Btuh*, CAN1-4.1-M85. The draft was subsequently issued for public review and comment during March 1996.

Following reconsideration and modification of the proposed draft standard, in light of comments received, the joint water heater subcommittee, at its July 24-25, 1996 meeting, recommended the proposed draft to the Z21 Committee and the CGA Standards Steering Committee for approval.

The proposed draft of the harmonized standard for *Gas Water Heaters, Volume I, Storage Water Heaters with Input Ratings of 75,000 Btu per Hour or Less*, as modified by the joint subcommittee at its meeting of July 24-25, 1996, was approved by the Z21/CGA Committee at its April 17, 1997 meeting and by the CGA Standards Steering Committee on May 6, 1997.

The first edition of the harmonized Z21/CSA Standard for *Gas Water Heaters, Volume I, Storage Water Heaters with Input Ratings of 75,000 Btu per Hour or Less*, was approved by the Canadian Interprovincial Gas Advisory Council in September 10, 1997 and by the American National Standards Institute Inc. on March 3, 1998.

The second edition of the harmonized Z21/CSA Standard for *Gas Water Heaters, Volume I, Storage Water Heaters with Input Ratings of 75,000 Btu per Hour or Less*, was approved by the Canadian Interprovincial Gas Advisory Council in August 1, 2001 and by the American National Standards Institute Inc. on December 20, 2001.

The third edition of the harmonized Z21/CSA Standard for *Gas Water Heaters, Volume I, Storage Water Heaters with Input Ratings of 75,000 Btu per Hour or Less*, was approved by the Canadian Interprovincial Gas Advisory Council in May 18, 2004 and by the American National Standards Institute Inc. on July 2, 2004.

The fourth edition of the harmonized Z21/CSA Standard for *Gas Water Heaters, Volume I, Storage Water Heaters with Input Ratings of 75,000 Btu per Hour or Less*, was approved by the Canadian Interprovincial Gas Advisory Council on January 15, 2009 and by the American National Standards Institute Inc. on June 20, 2008.

The fifth edition of the harmonized Z21/CSA Standard for *Gas Water Heaters, Volume I, Storage Water Heaters with Input Ratings of 75,000 Btu per Hour or Less*, was approved by the Canadian Interprovincial

Gas Advisory Council on February 25, 2013 and by the American National Standards Institute Inc. on January 10, 2013.

The sixth edition of the harmonized Z21/CSA Standard for *Gas Water Heaters, Volume I, Storage Water Heaters with Input Ratings of 75,000 Btu per Hour or Less*, was approved by the Canadian Interprovincial Gas Advisory Council on November 26, 2014 and by the American National Standards Institute Inc. on August 15, 2014.

The seventh edition of the harmonized Z21/CSA Standard for *Gas Water Heaters, Volume I, Storage Water Heaters with Input Ratings of 75,000 Btu per Hour or Less*, was approved by the Canadian Interprovincial Gas Advisory Council on August 17, 2017, and by the American National Standards Institute Inc. on August 21, 2017.

This, the eighth edition of the harmonized Z21/CSA Standard for *Gas Water Heaters, Volume I, Storage Water Heaters with Input Ratings of 75,000 Btu per Hour or Less*, was approved by the Canadian Interprovincial Gas Advisory Council on October 9, 2019, and by the American National Standards Institute Inc. on September 23, 2019.

The previous editions of the Standard for *Gas Water Heaters, Volume I, Storage Water Heaters with Input Ratings of 75,000 Btu per Hour or Less*, and addenda thereto, approved by the Interprovincial Gas Advisory Council and American National Standards Institute, Inc. are as follows:

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Z21.10.1b-2004 • CSA 4.1b-2004	
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Z21.10.1b-2006 • CSA 4.1b-2006	
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The following identifies the designation and year of the eighth edition of the Standard:

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Gas water heaters, volume I, storage water heaters with input ratings of 75,000 Btu per hour or less

1 Scope

1.1

This Standard applies to newly produced, automatic storage water heaters having input ratings of 75,000 Btu/hr (21 980 W) or less (see Clause [3](#), Definitions), hereinafter referred to as water heaters or appliances, constructed entirely of new, unused parts and materials:

- a) for use with natural gas;
- b) for use with manufactured gas;
- c) for use with mixed gas;
- d) for use with liquefied petroleum gases;
- e) for use with LP gas-air mixtures;
- f) for recreational vehicle installation for use with liquefied petroleum gases only (see Clause [4.1.26](#));
- g) for manufactured home (mobile home) installation convertible for use with natural gas and liquefied petroleum gases when provision is made for the simple conversion from one gas to the other (see Clause [4.1.25](#));
- h) for recreational vehicle installation convertible for use with natural gas and liquefied petroleum gases when provision is made for the simple conversion from one gas to the other (see Clause [4.1.26](#)); and
- i) for use with combination potable water/space heating applications (see Clause [4.1.29](#) and Clause [3](#), Definitions).

1.2

This Standard also applies to water heaters incorporating heat pipe heat exchangers (see Clause [4.4](#), Heat pipe heat exchangers).

1.3

Direct vent water heaters anticipated by this Standard are essentially balanced flue appliances with the air intake and vent outlet in close proximity. Other designs are to be subjected to such additional tests as believed necessary at the discretion of the testing agency.

1.4

Water heaters for installation in recreational vehicles are to be of the direct vent type.

1.5

This Standard also applies to water heaters with draft hoods which are factory-equipped with automatic vent damper devices (see Clause [3](#), Definitions), hereinafter referred to as vent damper devices.