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DRAFT-NOT FOR RELEASE**STATE SELECT® SPECIALTY-VENT WATER HEATERS ON DISPLAY  
AT INTERNATIONAL BUILDERS' SHOW****Collection Offers a Variety of Water Heater Solutions**

ASHLAND CITY, TENN. — January 13, 2005 — State Water Heaters is showing its Select® Power Vent water heater at the 2005 International Builders' Show in the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA) booth, #W1983. The entire family of State Select specialty-vent water heaters consists of the following models: Select Power Vent, Select Power Direct Vent, and Select Direct Vent.

State's specialty vent options provide flexible alternatives to conventional vertical-vent gas water heaters that require the use of metal ducts for venting. This family of gas water heaters provides builders, remodelers, and plumbing contractors a variety of solutions for venting challenges in new construction and replacement applications.

As homes are increasingly built to minimize air leakage in or out of the house, the combustion air required for gas water heaters to operate properly is often not sufficient. This consideration has led to the development of direct-vent systems such as those found on State Select water heaters. These models vent and draw air from outside the home, eliminating concerns about indoor ventilation and air quality by venting directly through the roof or an outside wall.

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The Select family of water heaters also addresses the need for high-capacity water heaters as families grow and homes include more hot-water amenities such as whirlpool tubs and custom showers. Tank capacities range from 40 to 75 gallons on State Select water heaters. The larger capacities combine with inputs of up to 75,000 BTUs to provide first-hour ratings as high as 128 gallons.

“We developed the Select family of water heaters to give our partners a water heater solution for a variety of applications,” states Cliff Deidiker, product manager for State Water Heaters. “There are many challenges associated with water heater installation, and we’re making it easier for builders and contractors to give their customers the best option available,” he continued.

### **Select Power Direct Vent**

When space concerns are the biggest consideration, the Select Power Direct Vent model can be placed in a convenient location and vented – vertically or horizontally. A two-pipe “closed combustion” system allows for combined horizontal and vertical venting and air intake runs up to 45 feet. Additional features of Select Power Direct Vent models include:

- Tank capacities ranging from 40-75 gallons with recovery rates of 41-72 gallons per hour (90 degree Fahrenheit rise) and BTU inputs of 40,000-70,000
- Quiet modular blower with 110/120 volt electrical system and seven foot cord
- Long-lasting polymer dip tube with diffuser design to protect against lime and sediment buildup
- Standard Intelli-Vent gas control with silicon nitride hot surface igniter to ensure optimum performance

### **Select Direct Vent**

In applications where the benefits of direct-vent design are required with no available electrical power, Select Direct Vent models provide a logical solution with a single pipe/coaxial vent system. This model can be installed up to four feet from an existing wall to eliminate indoor air quality concerns. A polymer dip-tube with diffuser design protects against lime and sediment buildup.

### **Select Power Vent**

Well-suited for applications where placement of the water heater is difficult and hot water demand is high, Select Power Vent models offer through-the wall horizontal or vertical venting permitting a vent run of up to 80 feet. Other highlights of Power Vent models include:

- Tank capacities ranging from 40-75 gallons with recovery rates of 42-77 gallons per hour (90 degree Fahrenheit rise) and BTU inputs of 40,000-75,000
- Quiet modular blower with 110/120 volt electrical system and six foot cord
- Long-lasting polymer dip tube with diffuser design to protect against lime and sediment buildup
- Standard Intelli-Vent gas control with silicon nitride hot surface igniter to ensure optimum performance

All State Select residential gas water heaters are equipped with the eco-friendly State Green Choice™ gas burner that delivers 33 percent lower nitrous oxide (NOx) emissions than standard burners. They also have durable brass drain valves with a

tamper-resistant design, aluminum anode rods to provide added protection against tank corrosion, and factory-installed temperature and pressure relief valves. Each model carries a 6-year tank and parts warranty.

State Water Heaters is a leader in the design and manufacture of a comprehensive line of water heaters for commercial and residential applications. The company currently holds several patents for technological advancements in the water heater category. For more information on Premier and the complete line of State residential water heaters, call 1-800-365-0024, or visit [www.statewaterheaters.com](http://www.statewaterheaters.com).