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## **STATE EXPANDS HIGH-EFFICIENCY COMMERCIAL WATER HEATER SELECTION WITH NEW FORCE 90™**

ASHLAND CITY, Tenn. – May 8, 2006 – The new Force 90™ commercial gas water heater gives plumbing contractors and other plumbing professionals an even broader selection of State high-efficiency units. The 90 percent efficient Force 90 is a light-duty, power-vent unit with 76,000 BTU input and joins the four State Ultra Force™ units, all of which deliver exceptional hot water output and thermal efficiencies of 90 percent or higher.

The exceptional efficiency of Force 90 results from a coil heat exchanger, fully submerged inside the tank for exceptional heat transfer efficiency. Force 90 offers the dual benefits of lower operating costs and higher hot water output (83 GPH recovery at 100°F temperature rise), when compared to other light-duty commercial units.

Power-vent design allows combined horizontal or vertical vent runs up to 128 equivalent feet using 4-inch PVC vent pipe. Force 90 can also vent using 2-inch or 3-inch PVC pipe. Additional installation flexibility for limited-space applications is provided by the unit's compact 22-inch footprint. With side-mounted hot and cold recirculating taps, Force 90 can also be used in combination systems, providing potable hot water plus hot water for forced-air space heating or floor heating applications.

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Force 90 is also equipped with the Intelli-Vent<sup>®</sup>\* electronic gas control valve, which features advanced circuitry for precise adjustment of temperature and LED diagnostic codes for easy troubleshooting. Intelli-Vent also incorporates a silicon nitride hot surface ignitor, which assures long life and dependable performance.

Force 90 is an important addition to State's offering of fully condensing, high-efficiency commercial units, which includes four 94 percent efficiency Ultra Force models, ranging from 60 gallons/120,000 BTUs to 100 gallons/240,000 BTU. Ultra Force design permits conventional single-pipe power-venting or two-pipe sealed combustion power direct-venting.

State Industries, Inc. offers a comprehensive selection of water heaters for professional contractors and has been a leader in the design and manufacture of water heaters for commercial and residential applications since 1946. For more information, visit [www.statewaterheaters.com](http://www.statewaterheaters.com).

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