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Standard Test Method for Performance of Rotisserie Ovens¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method evaluates the energy consumption and cooking performance of rotisserie ovens. The food service operator can use this evaluation to select a rotisserie oven and understand its energy performance.

1.2 This test method is applicable to thermostatically-controlled gas and electric rotisserie ovens designed for batch cooking.

1.3 The rotisserie oven can be evaluated with respect to the following (where applicable):

- 1.3.1 Energy input rate (10.2),
- 1.3.2 Preheat energy and time (10.4),
- 1.3.3 Idle energy rate (10.5),
- 1.3.4 Pilot energy rate, if applicable (10.6),
- 1.3.5 Cooking energy efficiency and production capacity (10.9), and
- 1.3.6 Holding energy rate and product shrinkage (optional, 10.10),

1.4 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The SI units given in parentheses are for information only.

1.5 *This test method does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ANSI Document:

ANSI Standard Z83.11 American National Standard for Gas Food Service Equipment²

2.2 ASHRAE Document:

ASHRAE Guideline 2—1986 (RA90) Engineering Analysis of Experimental Data³

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *cooking cavity, n*—that portion of the appliance in which food products are heated or cooked.

3.1.2 *cooking energy, n*—energy consumed by the rotisserie oven as it is used to cook whole chickens under heavy- and light-load conditions.

3.1.3 *cooking energy efficiency, n*—quantity of energy imparted to the chickens and appropriate spits, expressed as a percentage of energy consumed by the rotisserie oven during the cooking event.

3.1.4 *cooking energy rate, n*—average rate of energy consumption (Btu/h or kW) during the cooking energy efficiency tests.

3.1.5 *cook time, n*—time required to cook thawed (38 to 40°F) whole chickens as specified in 7.4 to an average temperature of 195°F during a cooking energy efficiency test.

3.1.6 *energy input rate, n*—peak rate at which a rotisserie oven consumes energy (Btu/h or kW), typically reflected during preheat.

3.1.7 *idle energy rate, n*—the rate of energy consumed (Btu/h or kW) by the rotisserie oven while “holding” or “idling” the cooking cavity at the thermostat set point.

3.1.8 *holding energy rate, n*—the rate of energy consumed (Btu/h or kW) by the rotisserie oven while keeping cooked product warm for display or merchandising purposes.

3.1.9 *pilot energy rate, n*—average rate of energy consumption (Btu/h) by a rotisserie oven’s continuous pilot (if applicable).

3.1.10 *preheat energy, n*—amount of energy consumed by the rotisserie oven while preheating the cooking cavity from ambient room temperature (75 $\pm$ 5°F) to a calibrated 350°F.

3.1.11 *preheat rate, n*—average rate (°F/min) at which the rotisserie oven’s cooking cavity is heated from ambient temperature (75 $\pm$ 5°F) to 350°F.

3.1.12 *preheat time, n*—time required for the rotisserie oven to preheat from ambient room temperature (75 $\pm$ 5°F) to 350°F.

3.1.13 *production capacity, n*—maximum rate (lb/h) at which the rotisserie oven can bring thawed (38 to 40°F) whole chickens as specified in 7.4 to an average temperature of 195°F.

3.1.14 *production rate, n*—rate (lb/h) at which the rotisserie oven brings thawed (38 to 40°F) whole chickens as specified in

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