

Need A Standby Generator?

Even a short power outage can result in a significant loss of income for many farmers. Crop drying, milk refrigeration, water pumping, heating and ventilation are some of the operations that rely on electricity.

Even though the electric utility industry's service reliability record is more than 99 percent, power outages occur — because of wind, snow, ice, tornados and other unavoidable events.

When a power failure occurs, a properly sized and well-maintain-

ed standby generator reduces inconveniences and maintains productions. It can pay for itself through avoided loss of production from just a few short periods of power loss.

Remember that emergency generators are not designed to power all electrical equipment at one time. However, they should be

large enough to allow all life-sustaining and product-quality equipment to operate as needed.

The number and size of electric motors that must be started is important. Because a motor's starting current is three to five times greater than its running current, the generator must be sized to handle the starting current of the larg-

est motor, plus all other electrical loads that will be operated at the same time.

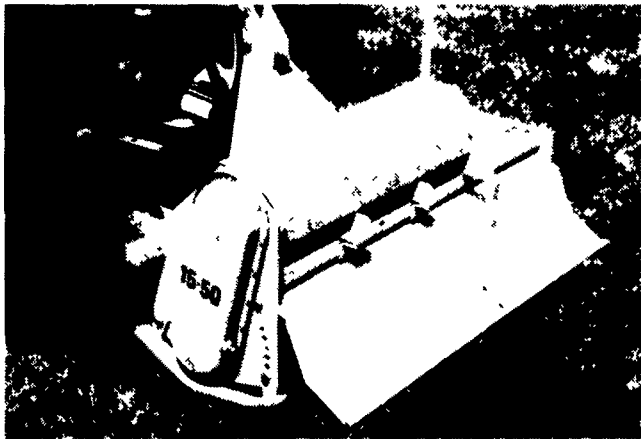
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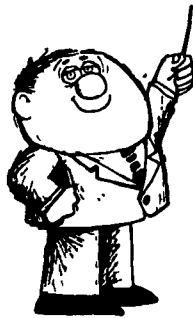
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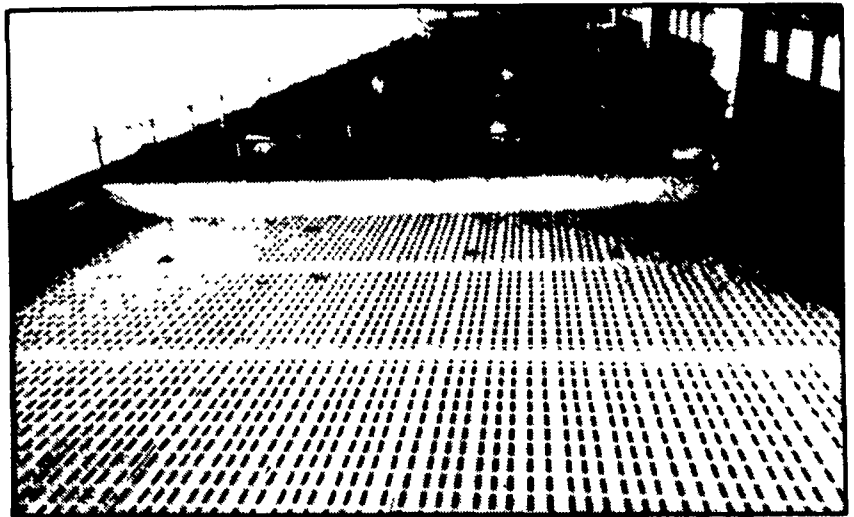
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