CASE STUDY

Symmons Building Management

Discovers Incorrect Hot Water Settings

Unaware of existing water issues, this hotel learns it has cold showers

A Boston hotel's water heaters were turned off for a gas repair. After being turned on again, the set point of the domestic hot water to the rooms, 126° F, was too low for the hotel's standards, which required a temperature of 135° F.

> *You guys give ammunition back to the mother ship to tell the plumber, 'This is not right, and here's why.'*
> *GM, 3-Star Branded Hotel*

CHALLENGE

If the water temperature set point was not addressed promptly, some guests would not have enough hot water while showering or would run out of hot water during peak showering times.

SOLUTION

Fortunately, this hotel had installed Symmons Evolution two months prior to the water heater repair. Symmons Evolution had been monitoring this hotel's water system's domestic cold, hot, and hot water return temperatures during this time, and was also able to detect the drop in water temperature following the repair.
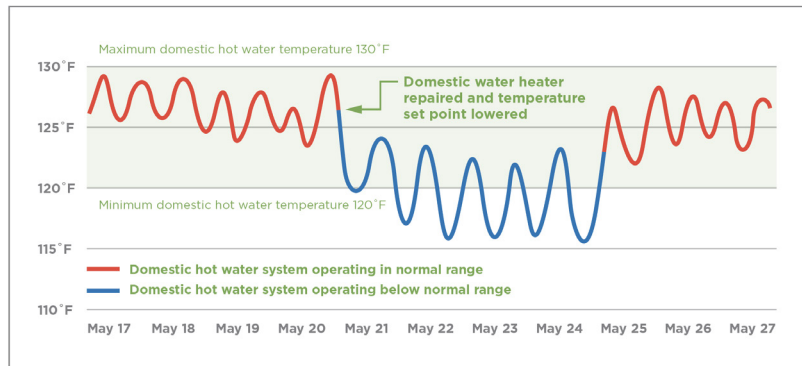
RESULT

The Symmons Evolution team alerted the hotel engineer of its findings, and the engineer confirmed that the domestic water heater set point was too low. They adjusted the water temperature and resolved the issue before guests were impacted.

This screenshot from the Symmons Evolution dashboard shows data from the hotel's domestic hot water main. At times, the line in the figure dips below the 120°F minimum temperature range. This fluctuation will cause the thermostatic mixing valve output range to drop to even lower temperatures.

☑ Discovered an issue that would have gone unknown

☑ Led to fix that prevented negative guest experience

☑ Issue was resolved before guests were impacted

Maximum domestic hot water temperature 130˚F

Domestic water heater repaired and temperature set point lowered

Minimum domestic hot water temperature 120˚F

— Domestic hot water system operating in normal range
— Domestic hot water system operating below normal range

130˚F 125˚F 120˚F 115˚F 110˚F

May 17 May 18 May 19 May 20 May 21 May 22 May 23 May 24 May 25 May 26 May 27

Savings after implementation

$560
Per day in potential cost of customer room comps

$3,920
Per week in potential cost of customer room comps

$203,840
Per year in potential cost of customer room comps

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