

## What is this control?

This is a cylinder thermostat. You will find it strapped around your hot water tank in your airing cupboard.

## What does it do?

It controls the temperature of the water from your hot water taps. The recommended setting for this control is $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / 140^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. (Storing hot water at temperatures of less than $55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ is not advisable due to potential for Legionnaires disease).

If the water coming out of your taps is too hot then check this control as it could be set too high. Turning it down to $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / 140^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ will save you money!

## My hot water tank is not insulated, am I losing money?

Yes! An extra $£ 60$ worth of heat each year is lost from an uninsulated hot water tank compared with a well insulated tank. Think about this if you have stripped off the tank jacket in order to dry clothes in the airing cupboard.

A well insulated tank and pipework still lose some heat so your airing cupboard will still be warm.

## My friend's hot water tank has a red jacket around it, but mine is green and has been factory insulated. Is this enough insulation, as my friend's tank jacket seems to be thicker?

Yes, the new spray foam insulation fitted to hot water tanks in the factory is very efficient at reducing heat loss from the tank.

