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Rheem launches new stainless steel range Stellar® Stainless Steel available in gas and electric

Rheem Australia has bolstered its popular Stellar® suite of products with the launch of a new range of stainless steel water heaters. The new Rheem Stellar Stainless Steel is available in models suitable for connection to either electricity or gas.

"This is a logical extension of the established and popular Rheem Stellar brand – the introduction of superior stainless steel water heaters in both electric and gas versions," says Gareth Jennings, Rheem's general manager of marketing and corporate affairs.

"There are a myriad of benefits to stainless steel water heaters, and we recognised the need to provide the trade and consumers with an option, depending on their individual requirements."

The new Rheem Stellar Stainless Steel water heaters have been designed with performance, high energy efficiency, features and aesthetics firmly in mind. Plus they are backed by a 10-year warranty on the cylinder¹.

Rheem's stainless steel water heaters are lighter compared to vitreous enamel (the electric models up to 40% lighter than comparable Rheemglas® electric water heater models), making them easier to handle, transport and install. They are also sleek, modern and durable.

"As the electric models are significantly lighter, it's great news for plumbers who often need to move these units up several flights of stairs in apartment blocks, or negotiate narrow side passageways of houses," Jennings adds. "And compared to vitreous enamel, stainless steel cylinders are intrinsically more prone to resist corrosion."

Key features include:

Rheem Stellar Electric

- Superior energy efficiency: reduces running costs compared to conventional electric water heaters
- Perform 12-24% better than Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPS)
- Available in a range of sizes 80L, 125L, 160L, 250L and 315L
- 160L models and up are suitable for connection to economical off peak tariffs
- Doesn't require a sacrificial anode for protection, thus long term maintenance and service costs are reduced
- Top mounted water outlet, providing the hottest water available in the tank to the tap
- Higher thermostat setting to 75°C maximum

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¹ Conditions apply, see the Rheem warranty set out in the product Owner's Guide or view it at www.rheem.com.au/warranty.

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- Water heater is up to 40% per cent lighter than comparable Rheemglas models; easier to install and handle
- 10-year cylinder warranty¹

Rheem Stellar Gas 330 stainless steel

- 5 Star energy efficiency, for reduced energy costs
- Up to 390L first-hour hot water capacity
- Superior recovery, for that extra hot water when it's required:
 - o 185L of mains pressure hot water recovery every hour
 - o Up to 50L additional recovery available via the inbuilt user-adjustable mixing valve
- Mains pressure to power many hot water demands at once, enough for the largest family
- Doesn't require a sacrificial anode for protection, thus long term maintenance and service costs are reduced
- 10-year cylinder warranty

Note: stainless steel will last longer in good water quality areas (i.e. water which contains low chlorides and is relatively pH neutral). For further information on whether these products are suitable for particular areas refer to www.rheem.com.au.

About Rheem Australia - www.rheem.com.au

Rheem has been manufacturing in Australia since 1937 and is the largest producer of water heaters in Australia. Its brands include Rheem, Solahart, Vulcan, Raypak, Accent Air and Everhot. It employs in excess of 1300 people in Australia in five manufacturing facilities in NSW, Victoria and Western Australia. It has additional subsidiary organisations in New Zealand, China and Europe. It is the worldwide market leader in Solar Thermal products.

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