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(54) **Heat pump type hot water supply system**

(57) A heat pump type hot water supply system includes a hot water storage tank (3), and a circulation line (12) connecting a water outlet (10) at the lower part of the storage tank (3) and a hot water inlet (11) at the upper part thereof. The circulation line (12) is provided partway therealong with a heat exchange line (14) to be heated by a heat pump heat source. The system is configured to return hot water heated up in the heat exchange line (14) to the hot water storage tank (3) through the hot

water inlet (11) When the heated water temperature of the heat exchange line (14) is equal to or below a set point, the return of the water to the hot water storage tank (3) through the hot water inlet (11) is hindered, and when the heated temperature of the heat exchange line (14) is above the set point, the outgoing water from the heat exchange line (14) is returned to the hot water storage tank (3) through the hot water inlet (11).

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