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The first published use of the "Perceived Arousal Scale was by Anderson, Deuser, and DeNeve, 1995, in a study on heat effects on affect, cognition, and arousal. We have used the scale several times since then, including in the Anderson, Anderson, and Deuser (1996) study of weapon and temperature effects, and in a series of studies currently in preparation for a chapter in the *Advances in Experimental Social Psychology* series.

Researchers may use this scale free of charge for research purposes.

The current version of the scale has 24 items, some of which are reverse scored, as shown in the second version below. We have successfully used both 5-point as well as 7-point scales.

We hope you find this scale useful in your research. I would love to see copies of your research papers that use this scale. Please send them to me at:

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Thank you!

Anderson, C.A., Deuser, W.E., DeNeve, K. (1995). Hot temperatures, hostile affect, hostile cognition, and arousal: Tests of a general model of affective aggression. Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, 21, 434-448.

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*Item needs to be reverse scored. The asterisks are not present in the scale when presented to research participants.