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# Instruction Manual

Air Trap  
**TATSU2**

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## Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the **TLV** Air Trap.

This product has been thoroughly inspected before being shipped from the factory. When the product is delivered, before doing anything else, check the specifications and external appearance to make sure nothing is out of the ordinary. Also be sure to read this manual carefully before use and follow the instructions to be sure of using the product properly.

This air trap automatically drains high viscosity oil and condensate from air and gas lines and receiver tanks. Its unique design allows self-cleaning of the trap interior during each discharge cycle, and the large size orifice eliminates problems due to dirt and oil accumulation.

If detailed instructions for special order specifications or options not contained in this manual are required, please contact **TLV** for full details.

This instruction manual is intended for use with the model(s) listed on the front cover. It is necessary not only for installation but for subsequent, maintenance, disassembly/reassembly and troubleshooting. Please keep it in a safe place for future reference.

## Safety Considerations

- Read this section carefully before use and be sure to follow the instructions.
- Installation, inspection, maintenance, repairs, disassembly, adjustment and valve opening/closing should be carried out only by trained maintenance personnel.
- The precautions listed in this manual are designed to ensure safety and prevent equipment damage and personal injury. For situations that may occur as a result of erroneous handling, three different types of cautionary items are used to indicate the degree of urgency and the scale of potential damage and danger: DANGER, WARNING and CAUTION.
- The three types of cautionary items above are very important for safety: be sure to observe all of them as they relate to installation, use, maintenance, and repair. Furthermore, TLV accepts no responsibility for any accidents or damage occurring as a result of failure to observe these precautions.

### Symbols

	Indicates a <b>DANGER, WARNING or CAUTION</b> item.
	Indicates an urgent situation which poses a threat of death or serious injury
	Indicates that there is a potential threat of death or serious injury
	Indicates that there is a possibility of injury or equipment / product damage
	<b>NEVER apply direct heat to the float.</b> The float may explode due to increased internal pressure, causing accidents leading to serious injury or damage to property and equipment.
	<b>Install properly and DO NOT use this product outside the recommended operating pressure, temperature and other specification ranges.</b> Improper use may result in such hazards as damage to the product or malfunctions that may lead to serious accidents. Local regulations may restrict the use of this product to below the conditions quoted.
	<b>DO NOT use the trap in excess of the maximum operating pressure differential.</b> Such use could make discharge impossible (blocked).
	<b>Use hoisting equipment for heavy objects (weighing approximately 20 kg or more).</b> Failure to do so may result in back strain or other injury if the object should fall.
	<b>Take measures to prevent people from coming into direct contact with product outlets.</b> Failure to do so may result in burns or other injury from the discharge of fluids.

Safety cautions continued on next page.

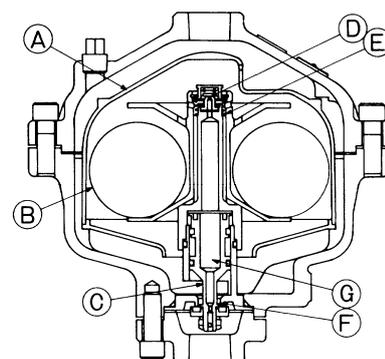
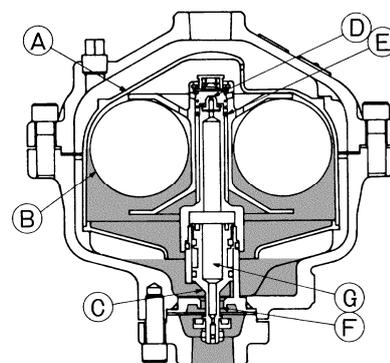
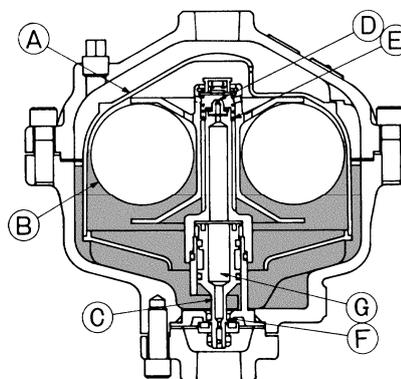
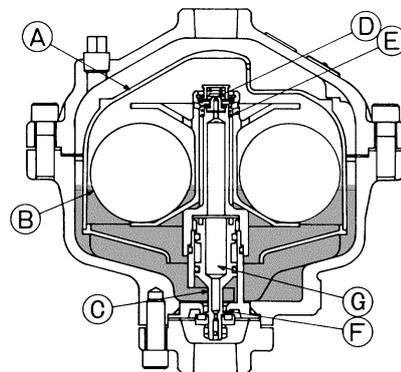
 <b>CAUTION</b>	<p><b>When disassembling or removing the product, wait until the internal pressure equals atmospheric pressure and the surface of the product has cooled to room temperature.</b> Disassembling or removing the product when it is hot or under pressure may lead to discharge of fluids, causing burns, other injuries or damage.</p> <p><b>Be sure to use only the recommended components when repairing the product, and NEVER attempt to modify the product in any way.</b> Failure to observe these precautions may result in damage to the product and burns or other injury due to malfunction or the discharge of fluids.</p> <p><b>Do not use excessive force when connecting threaded pipes to the product.</b> Over-tightening may cause breakage leading to fluid discharge, which may cause burns or other injury.</p> <p><b>Use only under conditions in which no freeze-up will occur.</b> Freezing may damage the product, leading to fluid discharge, which may cause burns or other injury.</p>
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## Operation

### Principles of Condensate Discharge

1. Condensate and oil flow into and accumulate in the trap.
2. When the condensate level in the trap body rises to a certain point, the floats (B) rise. This, together with the help of the coil spring (E), lifts the float holder, causing the pilot valve (D) to open.
3. When the pilot valve (D) opens, compressed air (primary side) enters the pressure chamber (G) and pushes the piston (C) down, opening the main orifice (F) to discharge condensate and oil. The pressure inside the float cover (A) is lower than that outside, so the condensate outside the float cover discharges first, after which the condensate inside the float cover discharges. As the condensate inside the float cover discharges, some pressurized air will discharge with the condensate to flush out any oil or dirt in the trap and provide a self cleaning action.
4. When the condensate has been discharged, the floats (B) fall, causing the pilot valve orifice (D) to close. When the pilot valve orifice (D) closes, the pressure in the pressure chamber (G) is released to the outlet and the piston (C) rises to close the main valve orifice (F).

Note: In this manner, inflowing condensate is intermittently discharged.



## Specifications



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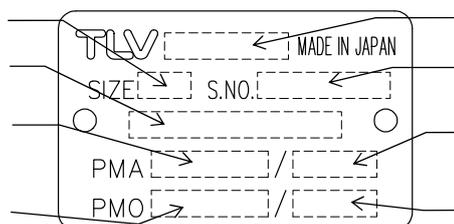
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Refer to the product nameplate for detailed specifications.

Nominal Diameter  
Valve No.\*\*  
Maximum Allowable Pressure\*  
Maximum Operating Pressure



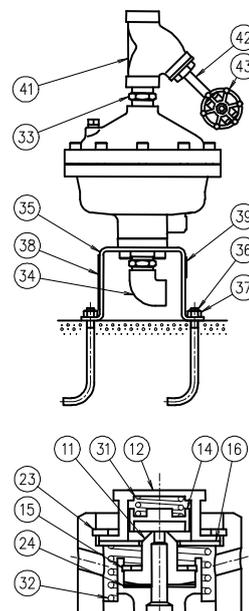
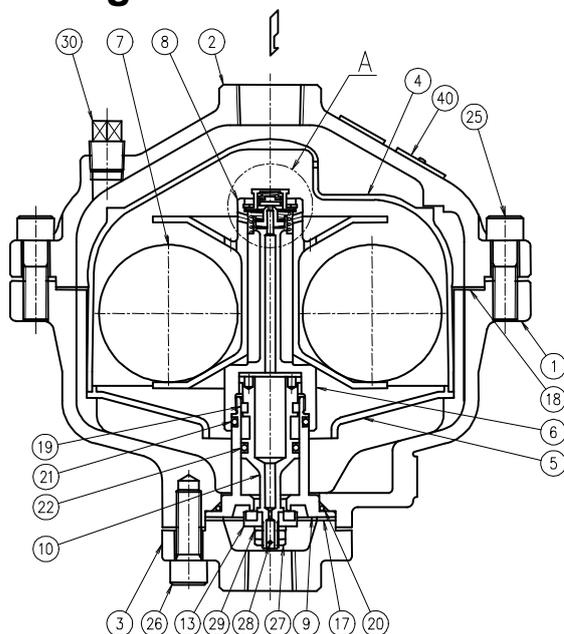
Model  
Serial Number  
Maximum Allowable Temperature (TMA)\*  
Maximum Operating Temperature (TMO)

Minimum operating pressure: 0.2 MPaG

\* Maximum allowable pressure (PMA) and maximum allowable temperature (TMA) are PRESSURE SHELL DESIGN CONDITIONS, **NOT** OPERATING CONDITIONS.

\*\* Valve No. is displayed for products with options. This item is omitted from the nameplate when there are no options.

## Configuration



A: Pilot Valve

No.	Name	No.	Name	No.	Name	No.	Name	No.	Name
1	Body	10	Piston	18	Cover Gasket	28	Split Pin	37	Anchor Nut
2	Cover	11	Pilot Valve Seat	19	Slide Ring	29	Spring Washer	38	Caution Faceplate
3	Outlet Union	12	Spring Holder	20	Main Valve O-Ring	30	Balancing Line Plug	39	Caution Faceplate
4	Float Cover	13	Main Valve	21	Piston Guide O-Ring	31	Sealing Spring	40	Nameplate
5	Bottom Plate	14	Pilot Valve	22	Piston O-Ring	32	Opening Spring	41	Y-Strainer
6	Piston Guide	15	Snap Ring	23	Snap Ring	33	Nipple	42	Pipe
7	Float	16	Pilot Valve Support Plate	24	Valve Seat Gasket	34	Elbow	43	Strainer Blow Valve
8	Float Holder	17	Outlet Union Gasket	25	Cover Bolt	35	Mounting Base		
9	Main Valve Seat			26	Outlet Union Bolt	36	Anchor Bolt		
				27	Castle Nut				

## Installation



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Take measures to prevent people from coming into direct contact with product outlets. Failure to do so may result in burns or other injury from the discharge of fluids.

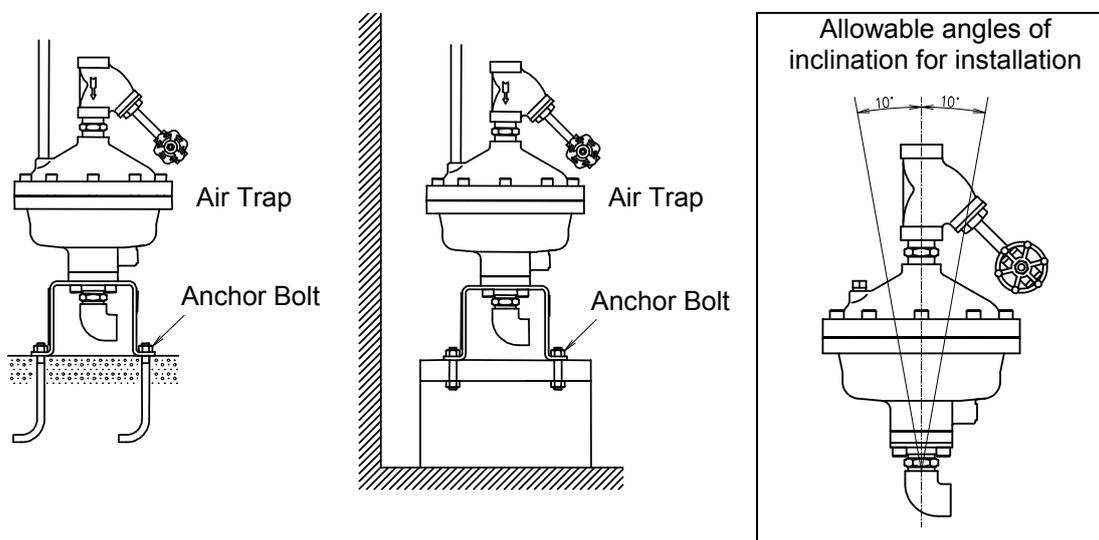


Do not use excessive force when connecting threaded pipes to the product. Over-tightening may cause breakage leading to fluid discharge, which may cause burns or other injury.

Installation, inspection, maintenance, repairs, disassembly, adjustment and valve opening/closing should be carried out only by trained maintenance personnel.

1. Before installing the product, blow out the inlet piping to remove any piping scraps, dirt and oil. Close the inlet valve after blowdown.
2. Before installation, be sure to remove all protective seals.
3. Using the nipple, attach the Y-strainer to the inlet of the TATSU2 cover.
4. Install the product so that the arrow on the body is pointing in the direction of condensate flow.
5. Install the product with the trap body oriented vertically. The product should be inclined no more than 10° horizontally and front-to-back.
6. Install the product in the lowest part of the pipeline or equipment so that condensate flows naturally into the trap by gravity.
7. To insure proper condensate flow into the trap, remove the balancing line plug and install a pressure-balancing line. Connect the end of the pressure-balancing line to the air main or an area with an air pocket. For more details, see the section "The Need for a Pressure-balancing Line".
8. If the compressor vibrates heavily, secure the product in place using anchor bolts.

If there is a problem, determine the cause using the "Troubleshooting" section in this manual.



## Maintenance



Take measures to prevent people from coming into direct contact with product outlets. Failure to do so may result in burns or other injury from the discharge of fluids.



Be sure to use only the recommended components when repairing the product, and NEVER attempt to modify the product in any way. Failure to observe these precautions may result in damage to the product or burns or other injury due to malfunction or the discharge of fluids.

### Operational Check

A visual inspection of the following items should be done on a daily basis to determine whether the product is operating properly or has failed. Periodically (at least biannually) the operation should also be checked by using diagnostic equipment such as a stethoscope.

If the trap should fail, it may cause damage to piping and equipment, resulting in faulty or low quality products or losses due to leakage.

- Normal : When condensate accumulates inside the body, the valve opens and the sound of flow can be heard as the condensate discharges. The sound of air being discharged can then be heard, after which the valve closes. This cycle repeats.
- Blocked (Discharge Impossible) : A long time passes with no condensate discharged (no sound of flow, no discharge cycle is heard).
- Blowing : A large quantity of air continually flows from the outlet and there is a loud blowing sound.
- Air Leakage : When the trap valve is closed, a small amount of air is discharged through the trap outlet together with condensate, accompanied by a high-pitched hissing sound.

### Parts Inspection

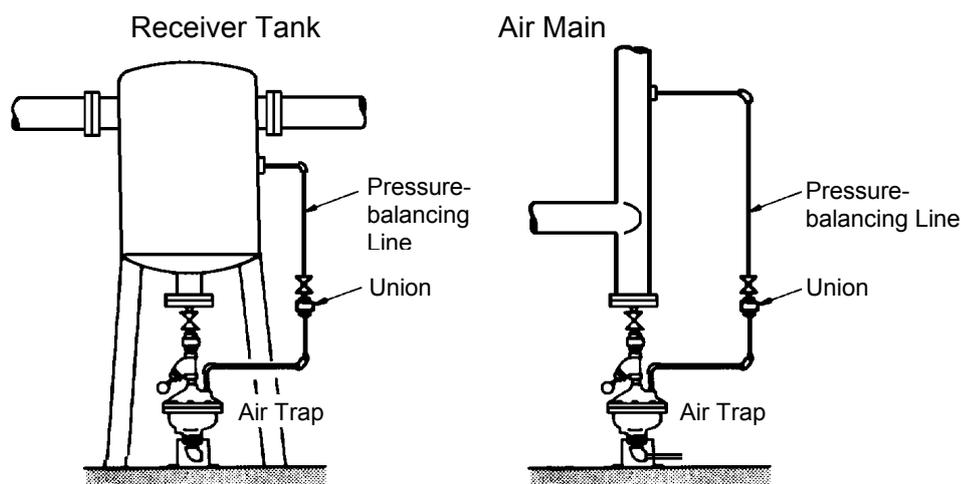
When parts have been removed, or during periodic inspections, use the following table to inspect the parts and replace any that are found to be defective.

Procedure
Gasket(s): check for warping and damage
Screen: check for clogging and corrosion
Floats: check for deformation
Spring Holder: check for dirt or a dirty coating
O-ring: check for warping and damage
Pilot Valve Seat: check for dirt, wear and damage
Surfaces that Seat with Pilot Valve: check for dirt, wear and damage
Main Valve: check dirt, oil film, wear and damage

## The Need for a Pressure-balancing Line

This air trap is designed to automatically and intermittently discharge inflowing condensate. However, if the condensate completely fills the inlet path to the trap, air in the trap body will not be able to escape, preventing displacement by condensate, and thus preventing condensate from entering the trap. This phenomenon is called air binding. A pressure-balancing line installed between the trap cover and the dry portion of the receiver tank is used to prevent this phenomenon from occurring.

Connect the pressure-balancing line in the following manner:



Note: Be sure to connect the pressure-balancing line to an area with the same pressure or to an air section downstream of the flow medium.

## Disassembly / Reassembly



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When disassembling or removing the product, wait until the internal pressure equals atmospheric pressure and the surface of the product has cooled to room temperature. Disassembling or removing the product when it is hot or under pressure may lead to discharge of fluids, causing burns, other injuries or damage.

Use the following procedures to remove components. Use the same procedures in reverse to reassemble. (Installation, inspection, maintenance, repairs, disassembly, adjustment and valve opening/closing should be carried out only by trained maintenance personnel.)

### Disassembly / Reassembly Procedure

NOTE: Disconnect any lines that must be disconnected before disassembly can take place (inlet piping, pressure-balancing line, condensate discharge piping, etc.). Remove the anchor bolts and move to an open space or work bench for disassembly.

Part	During Disassembly	During Reassembly
Y-Strainer	Remove with a wrench	Wrap threads on nipple with 3 – 3.5 turns of sealing tape; reattach
Cover Bolts	Remove with an allen wrench	Consult the table of tightening torques and tighten to the proper torque
Cover	Lift off of the body	Set gently on the body
Cover Gasket	Remove; clean sealing surfaces on cover and body	Replace with a new gasket
Float Cover	lift off of the bottom plate	Set on the bottom plate's grooved track
Float Holder	Lift straight off of the guide; be careful not to drop the floats	Slide onto the guide being careful not to drop the floats
Floats	Remove, being careful not to scratch the polished surface	Insert carefully, taking care not to scratch or misshape
Bottom Plate	Lift off of grooved shelf in body	Set on grooved shelf in body
Outlet Union Bolts	Remove with a hex key	Consult the table of tightening torques and tighten to the proper torque
Mounting Base	Take off of the outlet union	Place on the outlet union and align bolt holes
Outlet Union	Remove from the body being careful not to damage the piston or main valve;	Align and reattach to the body
Outlet Union Gasket	Remove; clean sealing surfaces on the body and outlet union	Replace with a new gasket
Piston Unit (Piston, Piston Guide, Piston Valve Seat)	Carefully remove from the body; no further disassembly is advised	This unit should be considered one part; in times of malfunction, all parts should be replaced together

### Torque Tightening Table

Part	Torque (N·m)	Distance Across Flats (mm)
Cover Bolt	70	10
Outlet Union Bolt	50	10

(1 N·m ≈ 10 kg·cm)

## Troubleshooting



**WARNING**

NEVER apply direct heat to the float. The float may explode due to increased internal pressure, causing accidents leading to serious injury or damage to property and equipment.



**CAUTION**

When disassembling or removing the product, wait until the internal pressure equals atmospheric pressure and the surface of the product has cooled to room temperature. Disassembling or removing the product when it is hot or under pressure may lead to discharge of fluids, causing burns, other injuries or damage.

When the product fails to operate properly during operation, first confirm the following items:

1. Make sure that there is pressure at the trap inlet, and that the pressure is within the correct operating range. (Operating pressure range: 0.2 – 1.0 MPaG)
2. Check to make sure that the pressure-balancing line is correctly installed.
3. Make sure that condensate is flowing into the trap. Lastly, make sure that the piping is configured in a way that allows condensate to flow freely into the trap.

When the product fails to operate properly, use the following table to locate the cause and remedy.

Problem	Cause	Remedy
No condensate is discharged (blocked) or discharge is poor	The pilot valve seat is clogged with scale	Clean parts
	There is a build-up of scale between the piston and the main valve seat	Clean parts
	There is a build-up of rust or scale between the float holder and the piston guide	Clean parts
	The trap has the wrong number of floats (requires 4), or the floats are damaged or full of condensate	Inspect and replace if necessary
	The vent hole in the float cover is clogged with rust and scale	Clean parts
	The pressure-balancing line is clogged with rust and scale	Clean parts
	The opening spring is broken	Inspect and replace if necessary
Air and/or condensate leaks from the outlet between discharge cycles (air leakage)	Scale has built up on the pilot valve seat or valve or the seating surfaces are scratched, crushed or worn	Clean or replace parts*
	Scale has built up on the main valve seat or main valve or the seating surfaces are scratched, crushed or worn	Clean or replace parts*
	The trap is subjected to direct heavy vibration from the compressor	Inspect and anchor if necessary
	The sealing surfaces of an O-ring are scratched or damaged	Inspect and replace if necessary*
Air is blowing and the valve does not close (blowing)	There is a build-up of sticky scale between the float holder and the piston guide	Clean parts
	The orifice of the piston is clogged with scale	Clean parts
	Scale has built up on the pilot valve seat	Clean parts
	The sealing spring is broken	Inspect and replace if necessary
Air is leaking from a place other than the outlet	Gaskets are deteriorated or damaged	Replace with new gasket(s)
	Improper tightening torques were used	Tighten to the proper torque

\* The Piston Unit (Piston, Piston Guide, Piston Valve Seat) should be considered one part; in times of malfunction, all parts should be replaced together

## Product Warranty

1. Warranty Period  
One year following product delivery.
2. Warranty Coverage  
TLV CO., LTD. warrants this product to the original purchaser to be free from defective materials and workmanship. Under this warranty, the product will be repaired or replaced at our option, without charge for parts or labor.
3. This product warranty will not apply to cosmetic defects, nor to any product whose exterior has been damaged or defaced; nor does it apply in the following cases:
  - 1) Malfunctions due to improper installation, use, handling, etc., by other than TLV CO., LTD. authorized service representatives.
  - 2) Malfunctions due to dirt, scale, rust, etc.
  - 3) Malfunctions due to improper disassembly and reassembly, or inadequate inspection and maintenance by other TLV CO., LTD. authorized service representatives.
  - 4) Malfunctions due to disasters or forces of nature.
  - 5) Accidents or malfunctions due to any other cause beyond the control of TLV CO., LTD.
4. Under no circumstances will TLV CO., LTD. be liable for consequential economic loss damage or consequential damage to property.

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For Service or Technical Assistance:

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