Long Life, Best Quality

The most versatile thermodynamic steam trap

Specifications:

- **Discharge Capacity**:
  - 0.03
  - 0.04
  - 0.06
  - 0.08
  - 0.1
  - 0.2
  - 0.3
  - 0.4
  - 0.6
  - 0.8
  - 1.0
  - 1.6

- **Differential Pressure (MPa)**:
  - 2000
  - 1000
  - 800
  - 600
  - 400
  - 200
  - 100

1. **Differential Pressure** is the difference between the inlet and outlet pressure of the trap.
2. **Recommended safety factor**: at least 2.

**PRESSURE SHELL DESIGN CONDITIONS (NOT OPERATING CONDITIONS):**

- **Maximum Allowable Pressure (MPaG)**: PMA = 1.6
- **Maximum Allowable Temperature (ºC)**: TMA = 220 ºC

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**Body Material**

- **Model A3N**
  - Screws: Cast Iron
  - Connection: Flanged
  - Size (mm): 15, 20, 25, 32, 40, 50
  - Max. Operating Pressure (MPaG): PMO = 1.6
  - Min. Operating Pressure (MPaG): 0.03
  - Max. Operating Temperature (ºC): TMO = 220
  - Maximum Back Pressure: 80% of Inlet Pressure
  - Air Venting: Automatic Bimetal
  - Pressure Chamber Insulation: Steam Jacket
  - Valve Seat: Stainless Steel
  - Disc Valve: Stainless Steel
  - Inner Cover: Stainless Steel
  - Bimetal: Outer Cover
  - Ductile Cast Iron or Cast Iron
  - Screen: Stainless Steel
  - Body: Ductile Cast Iron or Cast Iron

**Application**

- **Steam Header Steam Main (Drip) Light Process**
  - 32 - 50 mm
  - 15 - 25 mm

**CAUTION**

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The Thermodynamic Steam Trap of Choice for Over Half a Century... Here's Why:

**Durability**
TLV products are designed from the outset to help minimize life cycle cost. The A3N is quality-made for durability, ensuring long-term stable operation.

**Versatility**
With its high discharge capacity and pressure range up to 1.6 MPaG, the A3N can be used on a wide range of applications – from steam mains to light processes.

**Reliability**
The predecessor of the A3N, the A3, appeared in 1958. Ten times more durable than conventional traps in its day, this line is a longtime bestseller.

**Steam Jacketing**
In traps with a single-layer cap, adverse atmospheric conditions and radiant heat loss result in steam loss from no-load actuation and blowing. While this problem is partly solved with an air-insulated jacket, the A3N’s steam-heated and condensate-cooled jacket offers the greatest protection, ensuring the most stable operation of all thermodynamic steam traps.

**Mirror-polished Sealing Surfaces**
Some valve discs include an air leak pathway or rough finish to prevent air binding. However, this can result in greater surface wear and steam leakage due to no-load actuation. The A3N solves this problem: the bimetal air vent ring eliminates air binding and allows the hardened sealing surfaces to be mirror-polished, resulting in a tight seal that saves steam.

**Bimetal Air Vent Ring**
To reach full operating efficiency, air and condensate must be purged from steam lines. The bimetal air vent ring quickly and efficiently vents traps for rapid start-up without air binding and makes manual blowdown unnecessary.

**Replaceable Module**
Disc-type steam traps often fail from wear due to the repetitive impact of the valve disc against the valve seat. With the A3N’s replaceable module, these parts can easily be replaced as a single unit, reducing replacement time and maintenance costs.
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**How it operates**

1. At start-up, the bimetal air vent ring is contracted, lifting the disc off the valve seat and allowing rapid discharge of air and cold condensate.
2. As temperature in the trap rises, the bimetal expands and releases the disc. The disc is forced downward by the low-pressure area created by the rapid flow of flashing condensate/steam below the disc, and the simultaneous high pressure in the pressure chamber above it. A steam jacket insulates the cap's pressure chamber from the radiant heat loss that could cause no-load actuation.
3. Eventually, the pressure chamber is cooled when condensate enters the space above, lowering the steam pressure in the pressure chamber and thus allowing the inlet pressure to push the disc up and discharge condensate. Entering flashing condensate/steam then closes the trap, as in step 2.
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