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Instruction Manual

Free Float Steam Trap

Featured Models: SS3N/SS3V/SS5N/SS5V/SS5NH/SS5VH

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Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the TLV free float steam 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 free float steam trap uses a precision-ground float and three-point support for the valve body. With no hinges or levers, the trap automatically continuously discharges condensate, preventing it from collecting.

The three-point seating for the valve body supports the precision-polished float securely at three points and ensures a high degree of sealing for even minute quantities of condensate.

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.

Cautionary items and definitions



Danger

Indicates an urgent situation which poses a threat of death or serious injury



Warning

Indicates that there is a potential threat of death or serious injury



Caution

Indicates that there is a possibility of injury or equipment/product damage

Safety Considerations for the Product



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

Install properly and DO NOT use this product outside the recommended operating pressure, temperature and other specification ranges. 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.



Caution

DO NOT use this product in excess of the maximum operating pressure differential. Such use could make discharge impossible (blocked).



Caution

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.



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**Caution**

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 and burns or other injury due to malfunction or the discharge of fluids.

**Caution**

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.

**Caution**

Use only under conditions in which no freeze-up will occur. Freezing may damage the product, leading to fluid discharge, which may cause burns or other injury.

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Checking the Piping

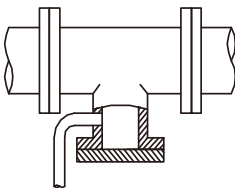
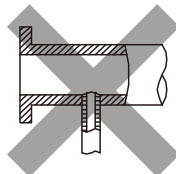
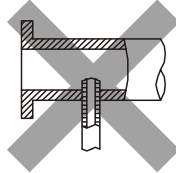
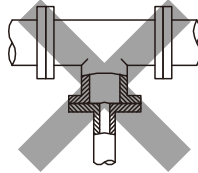
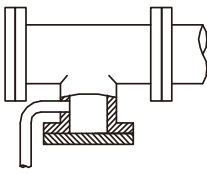
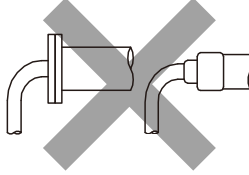


Caution

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Check to make sure that the pipes to be connected to the product have been installed properly.

1. Is the pipe diameter suitable?
2. Is the piping where the product is to be installed horizontal (SS3N/SS5N/SS5NH) or vertical (SS3V/SS5V/SS5VH)?
3. Has sufficient space been secured for maintenance?
4. Have isolation valves been installed at the inlet and outlet?
If the outlet is subject to back pressure, has a check valve (TLV-CK) been installed?
5. Is the inlet pipe as short as possible, with as few bends as possible, and installed so the liquid will flow naturally down into the product?
6. Has the piping work been done correctly, as shown in the figures below?

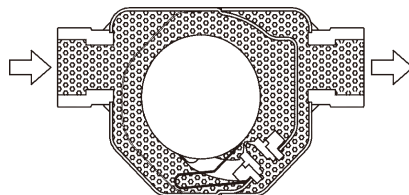
Requirement	Correct	Incorrect
Install catchpot with the proper diameter.		 Diameter is too small.
Make sure the flow of condensate is not obstructed.		 Diameter is too small and inlet protrudes into pipe interior.
To prevent rust and scale from flowing into the product, the inlet pipe should be connected 25 to 50 mm above the base of the T-pipe.		 Rust and scale flow into the trap with the condensate.
When installing on the blind end, make sure the flow of condensate is not obstructed.		 Condensate collects in the pipe.

Operation

Principles of air and condensate discharge:

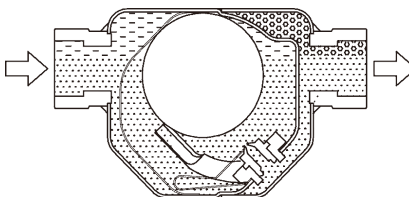
1. Start-up air and cold condensate discharge

At start-up, before steam is supplied, the system is cold and the bimetal air vent strip is expanded, holding the float off of the orifice. This allows for the rapid discharge of air and cold condensate through the orifice when steam is first supplied to the system. After the discharge of initial air and cold condensate, the heat of the inflowing steam and condensate cause the bimetal air vent strip to contract.



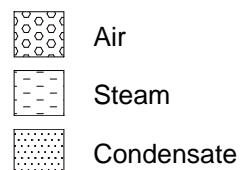
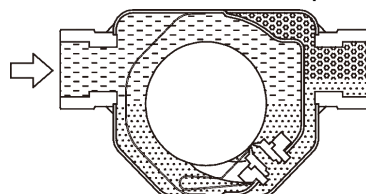
2. Condensate discharge

As steam is supplied, condensate flow begins. The rising condensate level causes the float to rise due to buoyancy, opening the orifice and allowing condensate to be discharged.



3. Closed position

When the condensate flow rate decreases, the float falls, closing off the orifice opening. A water seal is maintained at all times over the orifice to prevent steam loss.



Specifications



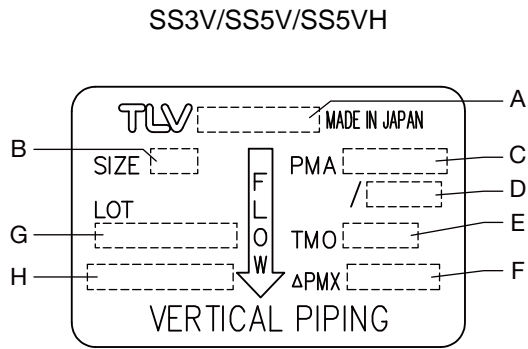
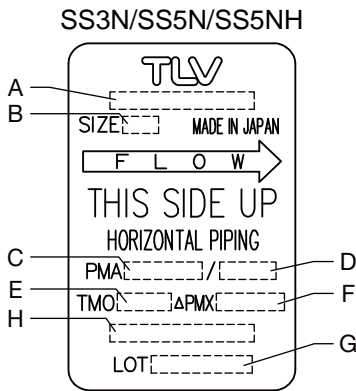
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Refer to the product nameplate for detailed specifications.

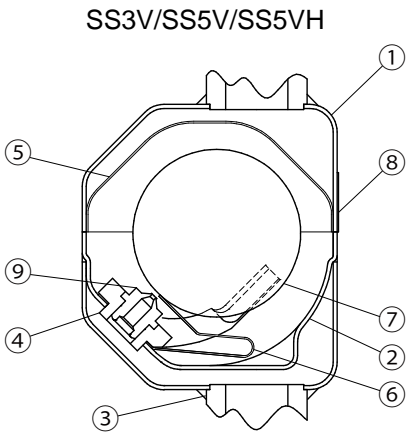
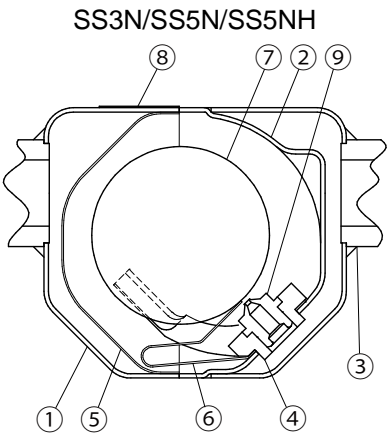


A	Model	E	Maximum Operating Temperature (TMO)
B	Nominal Diameter	F	Maximum Differential Pressure (PMX)
C	Maximum Allowable Pressure (PMA) ⁰¹	G	Production Lot No.
D	Maximum Allowable Temperature (TMA)	H	Valve No. ⁰²

⁰¹Maximum allowable pressure (PMA) and maximum allowable temperature (TMA) are PRESSURE SHELL DESIGN CONDITIONS, **NOT** OPERATING CONDITIONS.

⁰²Valve No. is displayed for products with options. This item is omitted from the nameplate when there are no options.

Configuration



No.	Part Name	No.	Part Name
1	Body	6	Air Vent Strip (bimetal)
2	Inner Cover	7	Float
3	Socket/Flange	8	Nameplate
4	Guide	9	Orifice
5	Screen		

Installation



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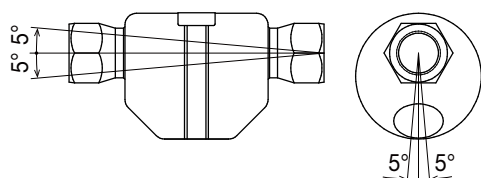
Installation, inspection, maintenance, repairs, disassembly and adjustment and valve opening/closing should be carried out only by trained maintenance personnel.

1. Before installation, be sure to remove all protective seals.
2. Before installing the product, blow out the inlet piping to remove any piping scraps, dirt and oil. Close the inlet valve after blowdown.
3. Install the product so the arrow on the body is pointing in the direction of flow.
4. The product should be inclined no more than 5° in any plane. For models SS3V/SS5V/SS5VH, make sure to install the product with the "UP" sticker (a) on the upper section.
5. Install a condensate outlet valve and outlet piping.
6. Open the inlet and outlet valves and ensure that the product functions properly.

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

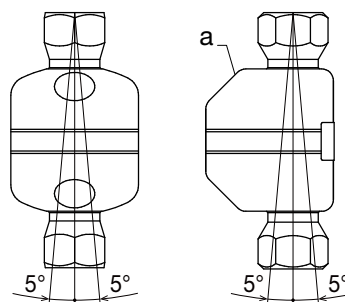
Tolerance Angle for Installation: 5°

SS3N/SS5N/SS5NH



Install on a horizontal pipe with the nameplate facing upwards and the arrow pointing in the direction of flow

SS3V/SS5V/SS5VH



Install on a vertical pipe with the inlet on top, the outlet on the bottom and the arrow pointing in the direction of flow

Maintenance



Caution

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.

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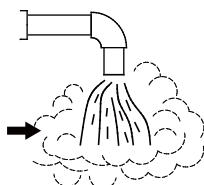
Operational Check

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, thermometer, TLV Pocket TrapMan or TLV TrapMan.

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

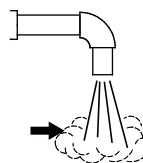
Normal:	Condensate is discharged continuously, together with flash steam, and the sound of flow can be heard. If there is very little condensate, there is almost no sound of flow.
Blocked (Discharge Impossible):	No condensate is discharged. The product is quiet and makes no noise, and the surface temperature of the product is low.
Blowing:	Live steam continually flows from the outlet and there is a continuous metallic sound.
Steam Leakage:	Live steam is discharged through the product outlet together with condensate, accompanied by a high-pitched sound.

Flash Steam



White jet containing water droplets

Live Steam Leakage



Clear, slightly bluish jet

Troubleshooting



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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 product operating pressure exceeds the maximum specified pressure, or whether there is insufficient pressure differential between the product inlet and outlet	Compare specifications and actual operating conditions
	The piping is clogged with rust and scale	Clean the piping
	The capacity of the product is insufficient	Compare specifications and actual operating conditions
	Steam-locking has occurred	Perform a bypass blowdown or close the product inlet valve and allow the product to cool
Steam is discharged or leaks from the outlet (blowing) (steam leakage)	Improper installation orientation	Correct the installation
	Product vibration	Lengthen the inlet piping and fasten it securely
Steam is leaking from a place other than the outlet	The outside of the product has sustained damage	Replace with a new product
Float becomes damaged	Water hammer has occurred	Study and correct the piping



Note

SS3N/SS3V/SS5N/SS5V/SS5NH/SS5VH steam traps are of all-welded, single unit construction, so they cannot be repaired.

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Options

Insulation cover

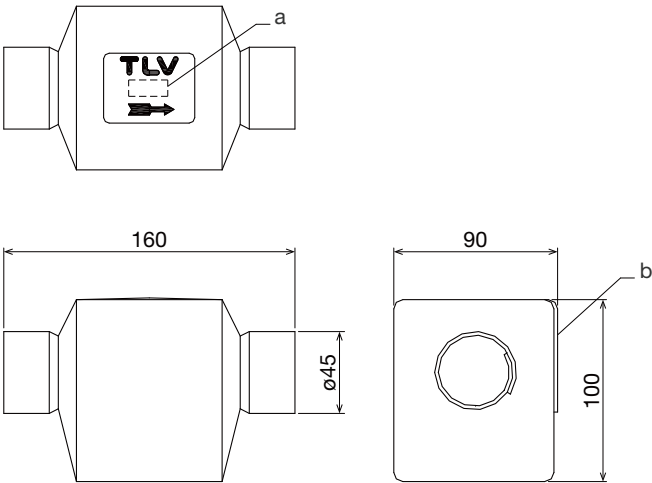
The insulation cover (glass mat/glass fiber cloth) is available as an option.

Install according to the following steps.

- 1. Allow the trap to cool to ambient temperature.
- 2. Open the cover along the Velcro strip.
- 3. Place cover evenly around the body with the arrow on the cover facing the same direction as the arrow on the trap body.
- 4. Reattach the Velcro strip.
- 5. Secure the ends of the cover around the trap inlet and outlet with the binding strips.

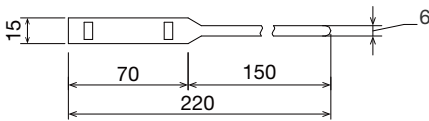
Insulation cover

Unit: mm



binding strip (2 pcs)

Unit: mm



Model	Applicable Steam Trap Model	a	b
RK4	SS3N/SS3V	Model	Velcro Strip