



Instruction Manual

Micro Air Vent SA3

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Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the TLV micro air vent.

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 micro air vent is designed to automatically discharge/release gases (such as air) trapped in water-carrying pipes during water transport. It also automatically discharges the air that was entrained in the water during operation and has subsequently been separated and collected in specific locations in the piping.

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 DANGER, WARNING or CAUTION item.

↑ 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

MARNING

DO NOT use for toxic, flammable or otherwise hazardous fluids.

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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.

DO NOT use this product in excess of the maximum operating pressure differential.

Such use could make discharge impossible (blocked).

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Failure to do so may result in burns or other injury from the discharge of fluids.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Use only under conditions in which no water hammer will occur.

The impact of water hammer may damage the product, leading to fluid discharge, which may cause burns or other injury.

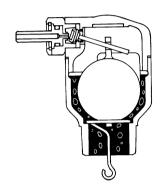
Feature

- 1. This product is designed to be compact and lightweight.
- 2. In case of a water leak, water can be drained to a drain pan, etc. by connecting a vinyl tube.

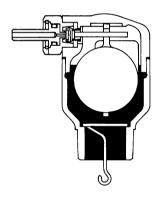
Operation

Principles of air discharge:

1. Upon start-up, the float is in the lowest position due to gravity and the valve is fully open, allowing for the rapid discharge of initial air.

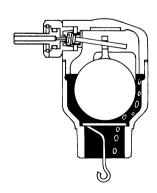


 When initial air has been completely discharged, the water level rises in the body. This causes the float to rise, closing the valve. The coil spring pushes the valve against the valve seat, keeping the valve closed, providing a tight seal.



 When air enters, the water level falls lowering the float. This causes the valve to open and air to be automatically discharged through the valve orifice.

In this manner, the air vent constantly responds to the amount of liquid flow by automatically adjusting discharge.



Specifications



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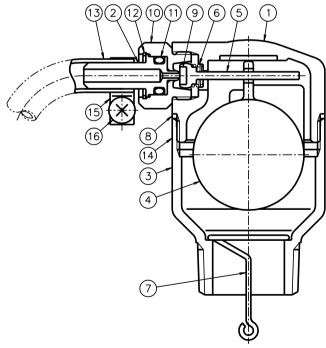


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Model	Oper Pres	Operating (Minimum Operating Pressure		mum rating erature MO	Maxii Allow Pres PM	able sure	Allov Tempo	imum wable erature //A *
	MPaG	(psig)	MPaG	(psig)	°C	(°F)	MPaG	(psig)	°C	(°F)
SA3-3	0.3	(45)	0.01	(1.5)	100	(212)	1.0	(150)	100	(212)
SA3-10	1.0	(150)	0.1	(15)	100	(212)	1.0	(150)	100	(212)

 $(MPa = 10.197kg/cm^2)$

Configuration



No.	Name
1	Body
2	Valve Seat
3	Base
4	Float
5	Valve Holder
6	Coil Spring
7	Siphon Rod
8	Body Gasket
9	Valve
10	Valve Seat Holder
11	O-Ring
12	Snap Ring
13	Vinyl Tube
14	Nameplate
15	Worm Drive Clamp
16	Clamp Screw

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

Installation



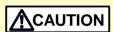
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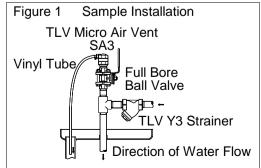
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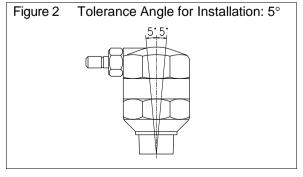


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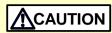
Installation, inspection, maintenance, repairs, disassembly, adjustment and valve opening/closing should be carried out only by trained maintenance personnel.

- 1. Before installation, be sure to remove all protective seals.
- 2. Before installing the product, open the inlet valve and blow out the piping to remove any piping scraps, dirt and oil. Close the inlet valve after blowdown.
- 3. This product must be installed vertically, with the inlet at the bottom and the outlet at the side. This product must be installed within the allowable angles of inclination of 5° vertically and front-to-back (Figure 2).
- 4. Install the product in a location where air is likely to collect, such as a bend in the piping.
- 5. To prepare for the unlikely event of a water leak, be sure to run the vinyl tube installed on the outlet to a catch pan or a drain pipe. Make sure the end of the pipe is above the waterline, so that dirt and water can not be sucked up by vacuum when the system shuts down (Figure 1).
- 6. Inlet piping with no horizontal portion is recommended for water/air displacement. If there is a horizontal portion, make the pipe diameter of the horizontal portion larger than the vertical portion or make the horizontal portion as short as possible.
- 7. Make sure the inlet piping diameter is at least as large as the product's inlet diameter.
- 8. Installation of an isolation valve just before the product's main connection is recommended as it enables maintenance during operation. A full-bore ball valve is recommended.
- 9. Make sure to take measures to prevent foreign matter from flowing into the product. If there is a problem, determine the cause using the "Troubleshooting" section in this manual.

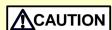




Maintenance



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Operational Check

A visual inspection of the following items should be done on a daily basis to determine whether the air vent is operating properly or has failed.

If the air vent should fail, it may cause water leakage or hindrance to water flow.

Normal : Air is discharged as it accumulates, with the air vent

closing (with no leakage) when no air is present in the

piping

Blocked : No air is discharged though air accumulates in the air

(Discharge Impossible) vent

Leakage : Water is discharged or leaks through the air vent outlet

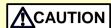
during closed position

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
Body Gasket, O-ring	: Check for warping and damage
Valve, Valve Seat	: Check for scratches or wear

Disassembly/Reassembly



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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

Part	Disassembly	Reassembly
Base	Remove with a wrench	Consult the table of tightening torques and tighten to the proper torque
Body Gasket	Remove the gasket	Replace with a new gasket
Siphon Rod	Remove the siphon rod	Attach the siphon rod to the base
Vinyl Tube, Worm Drive Clamp, Clamp Screw	Loosen the clamp screw with a Phillips screwdriver and remove the worm drive clamp; remove the vinyl tube from the valve seat	Reattach the vinyl tube to the valve seat, reattach the worm drive clamp, and then tighten the clamp screw with a Phillips screwdriver
Valve Seat Holder	Remove with a wrench	Consult the table of tightening torques and tighten to the proper torque
Valve Holder (Valve), Coil Spring	Remove from the body	Replace with a new valve together with a valve holder if the valve is misshapen or damaged Insert the valve holder into the hole in the float
Float	Remove from the body	
Snap Ring	Remove with a needle-nose pliers	Insert securely into the slot
Valve Seat	Remove from the valve seat retainer	Replace with a new valve seat if damaged Be careful not to damage the seating surface
O-Ring	Remove the o-ring	Replace with a new o-ring; be sure to coat the o-ring with heat-resistant grease

Table of Tightening Torques

Dort	To	rque	Distance Across Flats		
Part	N⋅m	(lbf-ft)	mm	(in)	
Body, Base	15	(11)	32	(11/4)	
Valve Seat Holder	8	(5.9)	12	(¹⁵ / ₃₂)	

 $(1 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \approx 10 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{cm})$

Troubleshooting



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, use the following table to locate the cause and remedy.

Problem	Cause	Remedy
No air discharged or discharge is poor	Air is not reaching the vent because the liquid in the piping is not being displaced by air	Correct the inlet piping
	The valve seat is clogged	Clean the valve seat
	The inlet or outlet piping is clogged	Clean the piping
	The operating pressure exceeds the rated maximum operating pressure	Replace the air vent with a model of suitable operating pressure
Liquid leaks when the valve is closed	The valve seat is clogged with dirt or scale or is damaged	Clean the valve seat or replace it with a new valve seat
	Improper installation	Correct the installation
Valve does not close and liquid spurts out	Specific gravity of the liquid is not suitable for this product	Select a product with suitable specifications for the operating conditions

How to Clean the Valve Seat

Remove the vinyl tube and turn the tip of the valve seat left and right.

Remove the snap ring and clean the valve orifice and the valve area with a soft cloth.

(The valve is sealed off internally, so there is no need to close the inlet valve.)

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- 2. dirt, scale or rust, etc.; or
- improper disassembly and reassembly, or inadequate inspection and maintenance by persons other than TLV or TLV group company personnel, or service representatives authorized by TLV; or
- 4. disasters or forces of nature or Acts of God; or
- 5. abuse, abnormal use, accidents or any other cause beyond the control of TLV, TII or TLV group companies; or
- 6. improper storage, maintenance or repair; or
- 7. operation of the Products not in accordance with instructions issued with the Products or with accepted industry practices; or
- 8. use for a purpose or in a manner for which the Products were not intended; or
- 9. use of the Products in a manner inconsistent with the Specifications; or
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- 11. failure to follow the instructions contained in the TLV Instruction Manual for the Product.

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