



Instruction Manual

Sewage Initial Air Vent **VP1**

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Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the TLV Sewage Initial 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 Sewage Initial Air Vent is exclusively designed and manufactured for manhole pumps. It remains open while the manhole pump is stopped, resulting in easy sewage inflow into the pump as air cumulated in the pump is vented. It immediately closes when the pump starts and sewage discharge begins. Then it automatically opens again when the pump stops. Thus it prevents the pump from air-locking phenomenon.

Its simple, compact construction, with no hinges or levers and only one moving part, the float, provides trouble-free operation and long service life.





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.
	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

	<p>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.</p>
	<p>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.</p>
	<p>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.</p>
	<p>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.</p>

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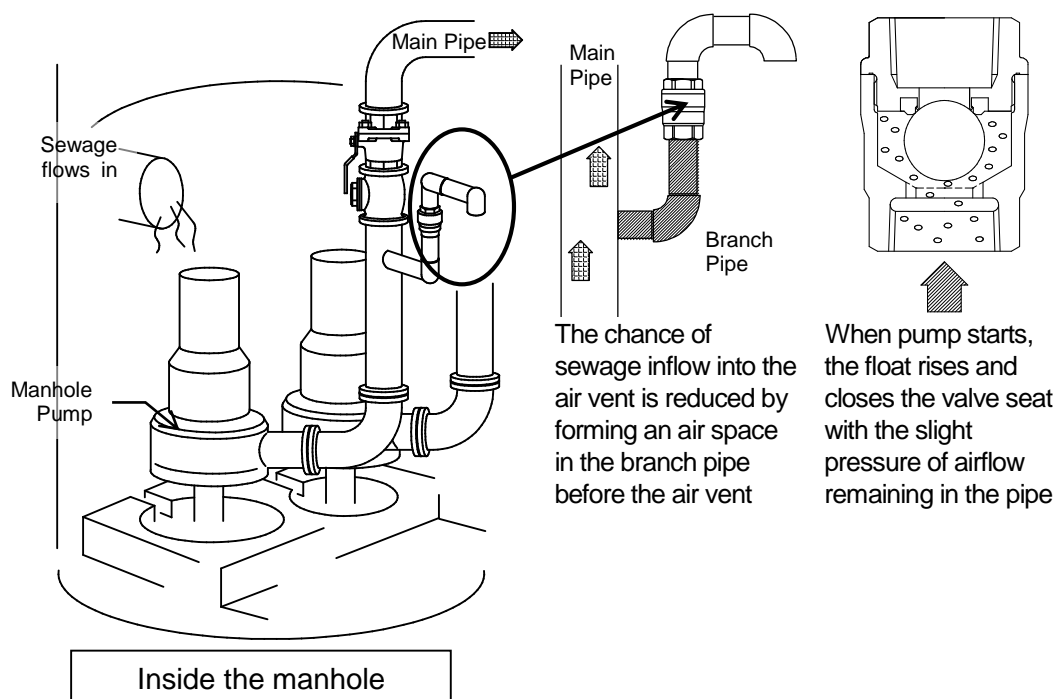
 CAUTION	Be sure to use only the recommended components when repairing the product, and NEVER attempt to modify the product in any way.
	Failure to observe these precautions may result in damage to the product and burns or other injury due to malfunction or the discharge of fluids.
	Do not use excessive 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.

Operation

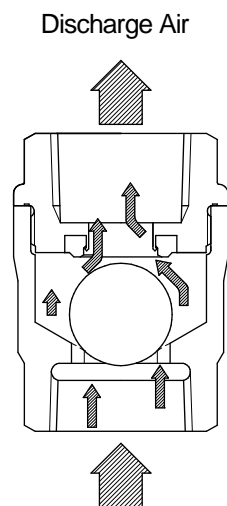


Take measures to prevent people from coming into direct contact with product outlets. Failure to do so may result in burns or other injury from the discharge of fluids.

1. The float in the air vent immediately rises and closes the valve seat with the slight pressure of airflow at the start-up of the manhole pump. At this time, an air space is formed between the air vent and the piping before the air vent, thereby reducing the chance of sewage inflow into the air vent.



2. The air vent remains open while the manhole pump is stopped, and discharges air that enters the main pipe and pump.



Specifications

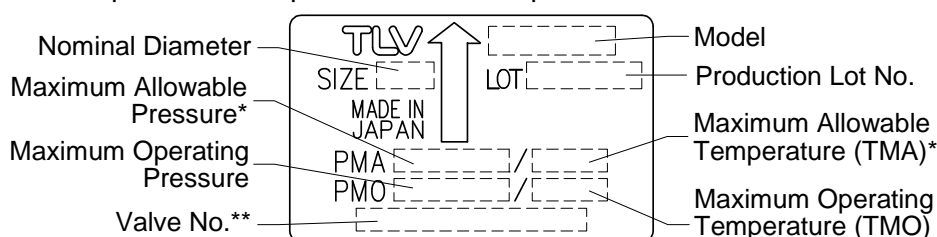


Install properly and **DO NOT** use this product outside the recommended operating pressure, temperature and other specification ranges. Improper use may result in such hazards as damage to the product or malfunctions which may lead to serious accidents. Local regulations may restrict the use of this product to below the conditions quoted.



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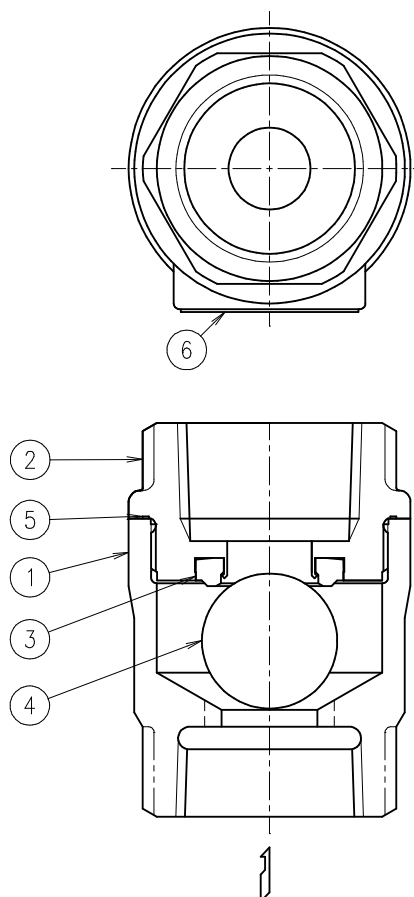
Refer to the product nameplate for detailed specifications.



* 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



No.	Name
1	Body
2	Union
3	Valve Seat
4	Float
5	Union Gasket
6	Nameplate

Installation



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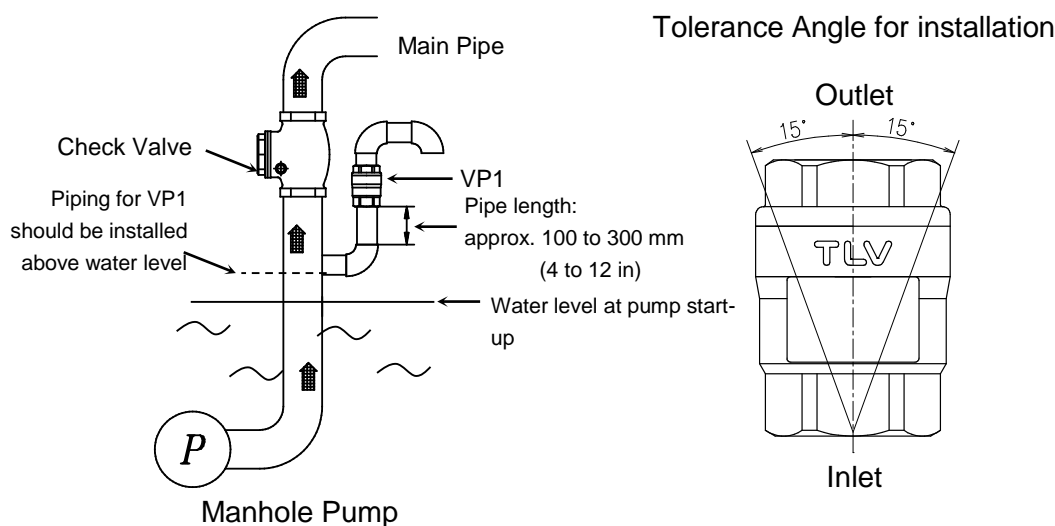


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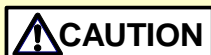
Installation, inspection, maintenance, repairs, disassembly, adjustment and valve opening/closing should be carried out only by trained maintenance personnel.

1. This product is for exclusive use with manhole pumps.
2. Before installation, be sure to remove all protective seals.
3. Before installing the product, blow out the inlet piping to remove any piping scraps, dirt and oil.
4. This product must be installed vertically, with the inlet at the bottom and the outlet at the top (arrow pointing upwards), and should be inclined no more than 15° horizontally and front-to-back.
5. This product should be installed on a branch pipe bifurcated from the main pipe between the manhole pump and the check valve. Make sure that the piping (branch pipe) for this product is installed at a position higher than the water level at pump start-up so that the pipe is always above the water.
6. This product should be installed on a branch pipe larger than nominal size of 20 mm (1 in).
7. The length of the vertical straight run of the branch pipe should be approx. 100 to 300 mm (4 to 12 in).
8. For safety, the outlet pipe from this product should be made to face downwards using elbows, etc.
Make sure that the end of the pipe is above the water level.

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



Maintenance



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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:	check for warping and damage
Valve Seat:	check for scratches or wear
Float:	check for scratches, dents and water inside

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 Procedure

Part	During Disassembly	During Reassembly
Union	Remove with a socket wrench or an adjustable wrench	Consult the table of tightening torques and tighten to the proper torque
Union Gasket	Remove, clean sealing surfaces	Replace with a new gasket if damaged
Float*	Remove, being careful not to scratch the polished surface	Insert, being careful not to scratch the polished surface

*Float may be dented or scratched if dropped. Care should be taken when handling.

Torque Tightening Table

Part Name	Torque		Distance Across Flats	
	N·m	(lbf·ft)	mm	(in)
Union	80	(59)	41	(1 ⁵ / ₈)

(1 N·m ≈ 10 kg·cm)

NOTE: - Coat all threaded portions with anti-seize.
- If drawings or other special documentation were supplied for the product, any torque given there takes precedence over values shown here.

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 air is discharged and air-locking phenomenon in the pump	The trapped air cannot displace the sewage in the piping	Correct the inlet piping (Nominal diameter of the inlet pipe should be 20mm (1 in) or greater)
	The valve seat is clogged with dirt or foreign matter	Clean the valve seat
	The inlet or outlet piping is clogged	Clean the piping
Sewage leaks when the vent is closed	There is a build-up of rust or scale on the valve seat	Clean the valve seat
	The valve seat is damaged or worn	Replace with a new union *Since the valve seat is inlaid into the union, whole union needs to be replaced.
	The float is damaged, dented or misshapen	Replace with a new float
	The float is dirty or has a film build-up	Clean the float
	The installation angle of inclination is incorrect	Correct the installation
The vent does not close and sewage is blowing	The float is damaged or filled with water	Replace with a new float
Air is leaking from a place other than the outlet	Gasket deterioration or damage	Replace with a new gasket
	Improper tightening torques were used	Tighten to the proper torque

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