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Instruction Manual

Free Float Steam Trap

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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 is suitable for condensate discharge from process and steam-using equipment. It automatically and continuously discharges the inflowing condensate that is continuously generated by the steam-using equipment, preventing the collection of condensate and thereby improving the heat transfer efficiency of the equipment.

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

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



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Use hoisting equipment for heavy objects (weighing approximately 20 kg (44 lb) or more). Failure to do so may result in back strain or other injury if the object should fall.



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Use heat-resistant gloves when operating the lock release valve and keep all body parts well clear of the product. Failure to do so could result in burns, other injury or damage from the blowing of small amounts of steam and condensate.

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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.

**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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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.

Checking the Piping

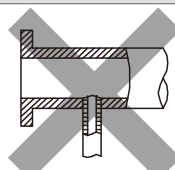
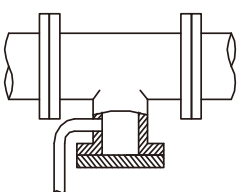
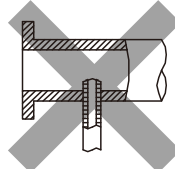
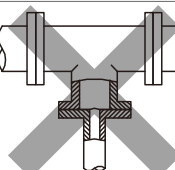
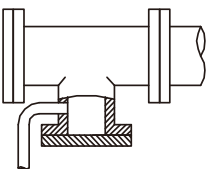
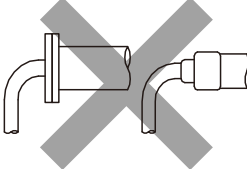


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Check to make sure that the pipes to be connected to the product have been installed properly.

1. Is the pipe diameter suitable?
2. Is the piping where the product is to be installed horizontal?
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?

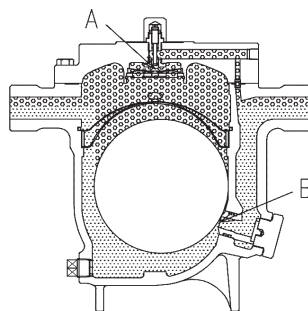
Requirement	Correct	Incorrect
Install catchpot with the proper diameter.		 Diameter is too small.
Make sure the flow of condensate is not obstructed.		 Diameter is too small and inlet protrudes into pipe interior.
To prevent rust and scale from flowing into the product, the inlet pipe should be connected 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:

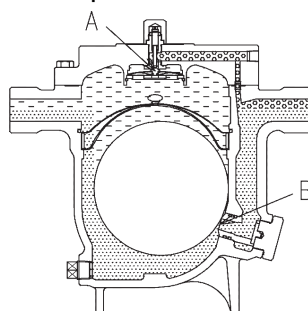
1. Start-up air and cold condensate discharge

At start-up, before steam is supplied the system is cold and the bimetal plate is flexed downward, keeping the air vent valve (A) open. This allows for the rapid discharge of air through the vent (A) and cold condensate through the orifice (B) when steam is first supplied to the system.



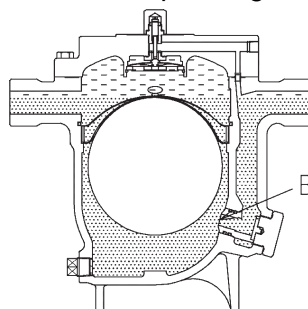
2. Condensate discharge

After the discharge of initial air and cold condensate, the heat of the inflowing steam and condensate cause the bimetal plate to flex upward, closing the air vent valve (A). The rising condensate level causes the float to rise due to buoyancy, opening the orifice (B) and allowing condensate to be discharged. The flexed bimetal plate keeps the vent closed and will not open again during normal operation.



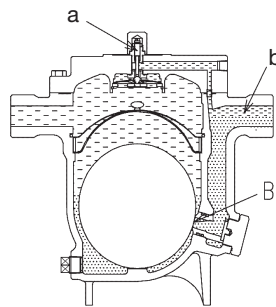
3. Discharge of large quantities of condensate

Increases in the condensate inflow rate cause the condensate level in the trap to rise. The float consequently rises and enlarges the opening of the orifice (B), allowing more condensate to be discharged. In this manner, continuous condensate discharge occurs while the opening size of the orifice varies depending on the condensate flow rate.

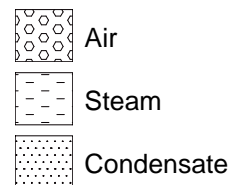


4. Closed position

When the condensate flow rate decreases, the float falls, closing off the orifice (B) opening. A water seal is maintained at all times over the orifice (B) to prevent steam loss. On equipment where steam-locking or air-binding tends to occur, system integrity can be maintained by operating the properly adjusted lock release valve (a).



(b): Flash Steam



Specifications



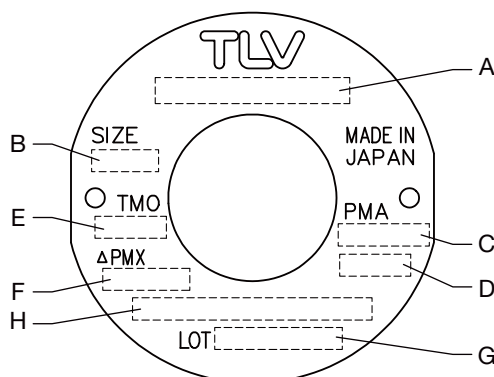
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Refer to the product nameplate for detailed specifications.

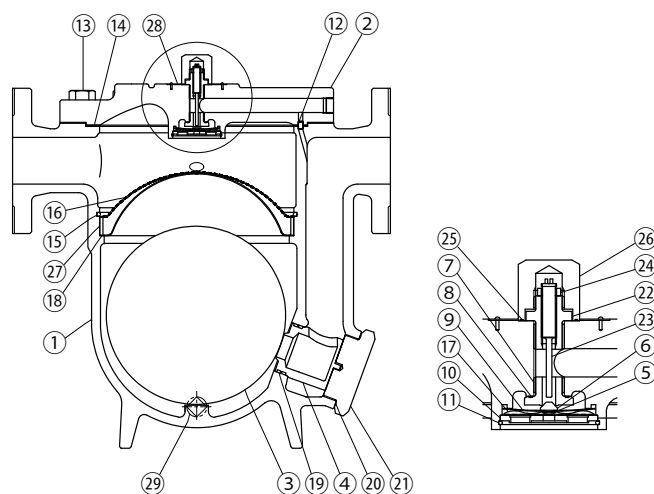


A	Model	E	Maximum Operating Temperature (TMO)
B	Nominal Diameter	F	Maximum Differential Pressure (PMX)
C	Maximum Allowable Pressure (PMA) ⁰¹	G	Production Lot No.
D	Maximum Allowable Temperature (TMA) ⁰¹	H	Valve No. ⁰²

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	16	Screen
2	Cover	17	Wave Spring
3	Float	18	Screen Holder
4	Orifice	19	Orifice O-ring
5	Snap Ring	20	Orifice Plug Gasket
6	Air Vent Valve Plug	21	Orifice Holder Plug
7	Air Vent Valve Seat	22	Valve Holder
8	Air Vent Valve Seat Gasket	23	Valve Push Rod
9	Bimetal Plate	24	Lock Nut
10	Air Vent Cover	25	Cap Nut Gasket
11	Snap Ring	26	Cap Nut
12	Connector	27	Screen Holder Retainer
13	Cover Bolt	28	Nameplate
14	Cover Gasket	29	Drain Plug
15	Snap Ring		

Installation



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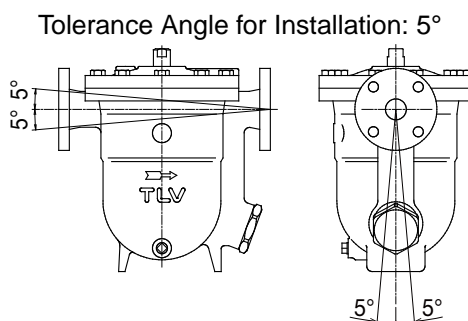
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Do not use excessive force when connecting threaded pipes to the product. Over-tightening may cause breakage leading to fluid discharge, which may cause burns or other injury.

Installation, inspection, maintenance, repairs, disassembly 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° horizontally and front-to-back.
5. Connect the outlet piping.
6. Open the inlet valve, and check to make sure that the product functions properly

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



Make sure the product is installed with the raised TLV lettering on the body horizontal.

Maintenance



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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.

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.

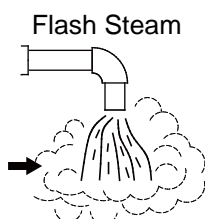
If the product should fail, it may cause damage to piping and equipment, resulting in faulty or low quality products or losses due to steam leakage.

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.

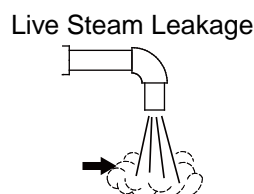
Blocked (Discharge Impossible): No condensate is discharged. The product is quiet and makes no noise, and the surface temperature of the product is low.

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.



White jet containing water droplets



Clear, slightly bluish jet

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.

Gaskets: Check for warping or scratches

O-Ring: Check for warping or scratches

Screen: Check for clogging or corrosion

Bimetal Plate: Check for scratches

Air Vent Valve Plug: Check for scratches

Air Vent Valve Seat: Check for scratches

Float: Check for scratches or dents

Body Interior: Check for build-up

Orifice Opening: Check for dirt, oil film wear or scratches

Lock Release Valve



Caution

Use heat-resistant gloves when operating the lock release valve and keep all body parts well clear of the product. Failure to do so could result in burns, other injury or damage from the blowing of small amounts of steam and condensate.

Use on equipment where steam-locking or air-binding, which slows the discharge of condensate and reduce equipment efficiency, tends to occur (cylindrical dryers, air fin heater, etc.).

Operating Instructions for lock release valve

Remove the cap nut.

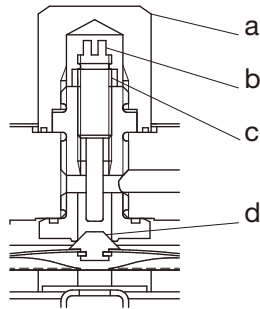
Loosen the lock nut slightly and screw the valve push rod in 1.5 turns clockwise. This causes the tip of the valve push rod to come into contact with the air vent valve plug. Further turning the valve push rod causes the air vent valve to open.

Adjust the degree of opening as necessary (clockwise: increase opening; counterclockwise: decrease opening).

After adjustment, be sure to retighten the lock nut.

Reattach the cap nut.

1. While use of the lock release valve eliminates the problem of steam-locking and improves heat transfer efficiency, a small amount of steam is lost.
2. When the product is shipped from the factory, the lock release valve is in the position indicated in figure right, and does not operate. To operate, adjust according to the procedure outlined in the "Operation" section above.



- a: Cap Nut
b: Valve Push Rod
c: Lock Nut
d: Air Vent Valve Plug

Part Name	Tools Required	Torque N-m	Blade thickness mm	Distance across flats mm
Valve Push Rod	Flat-head screwdriver	—	max.1.2	—
Lock Nut	Wrench	10	—	8
Cap Nut	Wrench	15	—	17

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.

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Drain Plug

Part Name & No.	During Disassembly	During Reassembly
Drain Plug 29	Remove with a socket wrench	Wrap 3 to 3.5 turns of sealing tape around threads, consult the table of tightening torques and tighten to the proper torque

Detaching/Reattaching the Cover

Part Name & No.	During Disassembly	During Reassembly
Cover Bolt 13	Remove with a socket wrench	Consult the table of tightening torques and tighten to the proper torque
Cover 2	Remove by lifting up and off	Reattach, lining up the connector
Connector 12	Remove the connector	Insert into hole in body
Cover Gasket 14	Remove the gasket and clean sealing surfaces	Replace with a new gasket

Disassembly/Reassembly of Components Inside the Cover

Part Name & No.	During Disassembly	During Reassembly
Snap Ring 5	Pinch ends and pull towards inside, and remove from cover	Insert securely into groove
Air Vent Cover 10	Remove from cover	Set in cover with proper orientation (Screen is inside)
Wave Spring 17	Remove	Insert
Bimetal Plate 9	Remove air vent parts from cover	Make sure to reinsert in the proper orientation (Air Vent Valve Plug is inside)
Air Vent Valve Plug 6		
Snap Ring 11		
Air Vent Valve Seat 7	Remove with a socket wrench	Consult the table of tightening torques and tighten to the proper torque
Air Vent Valve Seat Gasket 8	Remove gasket and clean sealing surfaces	Replace with new gasket only if warped or damaged

Disassembly/Reassembly of the Lock Release Valve

Part Name & No.	During Disassembly	During Reassembly
Cap Nut 26	Remove with a wrench	Remove with a flat-head screw driver
Cap Nut Gasket 25	Remove the gasket and clean sealing surfaces	Replace with a new gasket only if misshapen or damaged
Valve Holder 22	Remove with a wrench	Consult the table of tightening torques and tighten to the proper torque
Lock Nut 24	Remove with a wrench	Consult the table of tightening torques and tighten to the proper torque
Valve Push Rod 23	Remove with a flat-head screw driver	Screw into the valve holder; be careful not to screw in far enough to prevent the air vent valve from closing

Disassembly/Reassembly of Components Inside the Body

Part Name & No.	During Disassembly	During Reassembly
Snap Ring 15	Pinch the insides together and remove	Insert securely into the snap ring groove
Screen 16	Lift straight up and out	Place it on the screen holder retainer, making sure the rounded side is on top
Screen Holder Retainer 27	Lift straight up and out	Insert into the body straight
Screen Holder 18	Lift straight up and out	Insert into the body, making sure the rounded side is on top
Float 3	Remove, being careful not to scratch the polished surface	Insert, being careful not to scratch or misshape
Orifice Holder Plug 21	Remove with a socket wrench	Consult the table of tightening torques and tighten to the proper torque
Orifice Plug Gasket 20	Remove the gasket and clean sealing surfaces	Replace with a new gasket if damaged
Orifice 4	From inside the body, push out through the orifice holder plug opening	Insert with the proper orientation: insert from the outside, pushing in until it contacts the stopper inside; if the condensate discharge hole is pointing sideways, extended use may result in a hole in the body
Orifice O-ring 19	Be careful not to damage the rubber orifice O-ring	Coat with heat-resistant grease; use new orifice O-ring whenever replacing the orifice

Table of Tightening Torques

Part Name & No.	Torque N·m	Distance Across Flats mm
Orifice Holder Plug 21	600	85
Drain Plug 29	40 ⁰¹	14
Air Vent Valve Seat 7	30	17
Cover Bolt 13	160	24
Cap Nut 26	15	17
Valve Holder 22	20	17

⁰¹These values represent tightening torques for threads that are wrapped with 3 to 3.5 turns of sealing tape.



Note

Coat threaded portions of orifice holder plug, air vent valve seat and cover bolt with anti-seize.

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 float is damaged or filled with condensate	Replace with a new float
	The orifice opening, screen or piping are clogged with rust and scale	Clean parts
	Steam-locking has occurred	Operate the lock release valve
	The bimetal plate is scratched or damaged	Replace with a new bimetal place
	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
Steam is discharged or leaks from the outlet (blowing) (steam leakage)	Clogged orifice valve opening or rust and scale build-up on the float	Clean parts
	Scratches on the orifice	Replace with a new orifice
	The float is misshapen or has a build-up	Clean or replace with a new float
	Improper installation orientation	Correct the installation
	Product vibration	Lengthen the inlet piping and fasten it securely
	The bimetal plate is scratched or damaged	Replace with a new bimetal place
	The air vent valve plug or air vent valve seat have dirt build-up or are damaged	Clean or replace with a new air vent valve plug or air vent valve seat
Steam is leaking from a place other than the outlet	The lock release valve is operating	If lock release valve operation is not necessary, close the lock release valve
	Gasket deterioration or damage	Replace with new gasket(s)
	Improper tightening torques were used	Tighten to the proper torque

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2. dirt, scale or rust, etc.; or
3. 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
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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
10. use of the Products with Hazardous Fluids (fluids other than steam, air, water, nitrogen, carbon dioxide and inert gases (helium, neon, argon, krypton, xenon and radon)); or
11. failure to follow the instructions contained in the TLV Instruction Manual for the Product.

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