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## **TLV** FREE FLOAT STEAM TRAPS **SH SERIES**

### SH3NL/SH5NL/SH6NL SH5NH/SH6NH





#### SH5VL



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## Introduction

**CAUTION** 

Before beginning installation or maintenance, please read this manual to ensure correct usage of the product. Keep the manual in a safe place for future reference.

The inline repairable steam traps of the SH Series, with thermostatic air vent, are suitable for applications with pressures up to 10 MPaG\* (1500 psig), temperatures up to 425 °C (800 °F), and under superheat conditions. The traps discharge condensate continuously and automatically at a temperature slightly lower than saturation temperature.

 $1 \text{ MPa} = 10.197 \text{ kg/cm}^2$ , 1 bar = 0.1 MPa

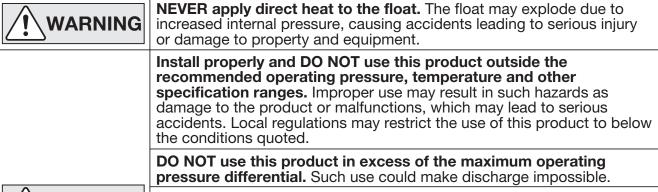
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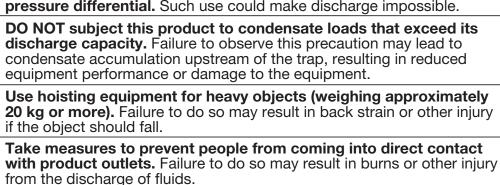
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## 1. Safety Considerations

- 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.

! DANGER	WARNING	CAUTION
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.

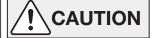




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When disassembling or removing the product, wait until the internal pressure equals atmospheric pressure and the surface of the product has cooled to room temperature. Disassembling or removing the product when it is hot or under pressure may lead to discharge of fluids, causing burns, other injuries or damage.

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



Do not use excessive force when connecting threaded pipes to the product. Overtightening 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 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.

## 2. Specifications

Refer to the product nameplate for detailed specifications.

A Model

**B** Nominal Diameter

C Maximum Allowable Pressure\*

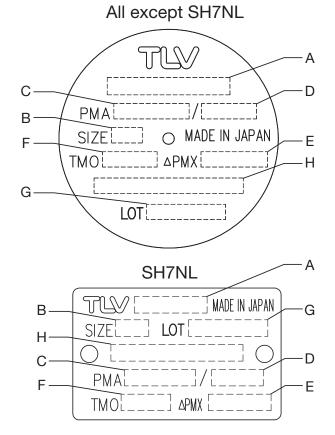
D Maximum Allowable Temperature\* TMA

E Maximum Differential Pressure

F Maximum Operating Temperature

G Serial Number

H Valve No.\*\*



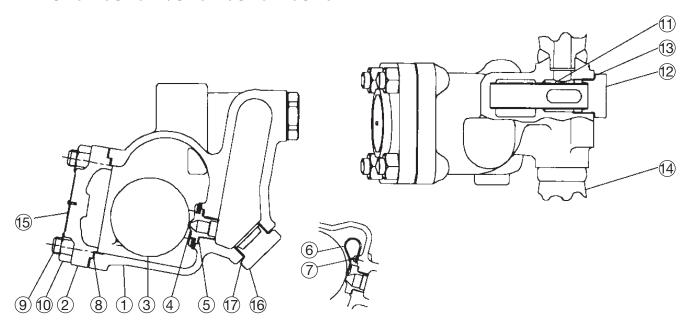
- \* Maximum allowable pressure (PMA) and maximum allowable temperature (TMA) are PRESSURE SHELL DESIGN CONDITIONS, **NOT** OPERATING CONDITIONS.
- \*\* "Valve No." is displayed for products with options. This item is omitted from the nameplate when there are no options.

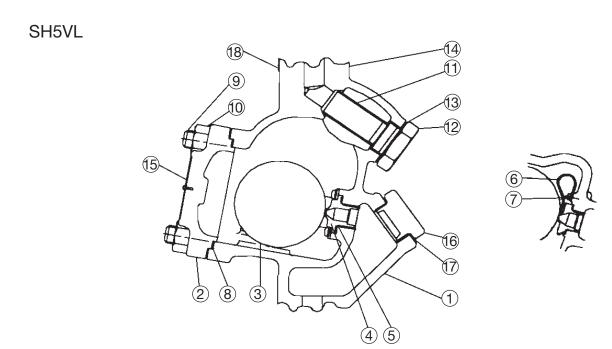


To avoid malfunctions, product damage, accidents or serious injury, install properly and DO NOT use this product outside the specification range. Local regulations may restrict the use of this product to below the conditions quoted.

# 3. Configuration

#### SH3NL/SH5NL/SH6NL/SH5NH/SH6NH





No.	Description	M*	R*	No.	Description	M*	R*
1	Body			10	Cover Nut		
2	Cover			11	Screen		<b>✓</b>
3	Float			12	Screen Holder		
4	Orifice		<b>✓</b>	13	Screen Holder Gasket	<b>✓</b>	✓
5	Orifice Gasket	<b>✓</b>	<b>V</b>	14	Flange / Socket		
6	Air Vent Strip		✓	15	Nameplate		
7	Screw with Spring Washer		<b>✓</b>	16	Orifice Plug		
8	Cover Gasket	<b>V</b>	✓	17	Plug Gasket	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
9	Cover Bolt			18	UP-Seal (SH5VL)		

<sup>\*</sup> M : Maintenance Kit; R : Repair Kit

Float Replacement	Replacement floats are available for all SH series models.

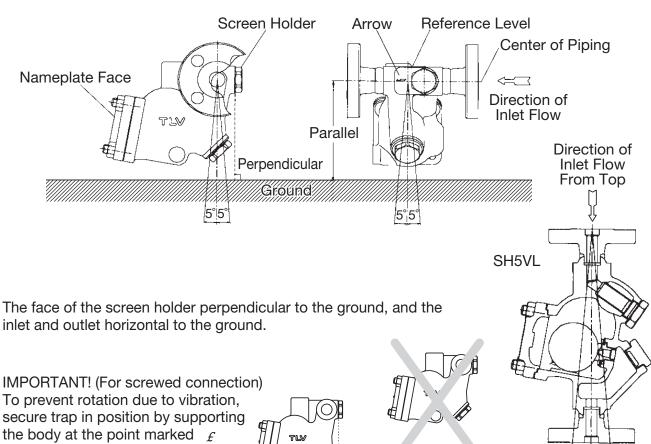
## 4. Proper Installation



- Installation, inspection, maintenance, repairs, disassembly, adjustment and valve opening/closing should be carried out only by trained maintenance personnel.
- Take measures to prevent people from coming into direct contact with product outlets.
- Use hoisting equipment for heavy objects.
- Install for use under conditions in which no freeze-up will occur.
- Install for use under conditions in which no water hammer will occur.
- 1. Before installation, be sure to remove all protective seals.
- 2. Install the trap within the allowable inclination, as shown below. Also make sure that the arrow mark on the body corresponds with the direction of flow.
- 3. Before installing the trap, blow out the inlet piping to remove all dirt and oil.
- 4. Install the trap in the lowest part of the pipeline or equipment so the condensate flows naturally downward into the trap by gravity. The inlet pipe should be as short and have as few bends as possible.
- 5. Support the pipes properly within 0.8 meters (2.5 ft.) on either side of the trap.
- 6. Install a bypass valve to discharge condensate, and inlet and outlet valves to isolate the trap in the event of trap failure or when performing maintenance.
- 7. Install a check valve at the trap outlet whenever more than one trap is connected to the condensate collection pipeline.
- 8. We recommend unions to facilitate connection and disconnection of the screwed version.

#### Allowable Inclination

#### SH3NL / SH5NL / SH6NL / SSH5NH / SH6NH



Ground

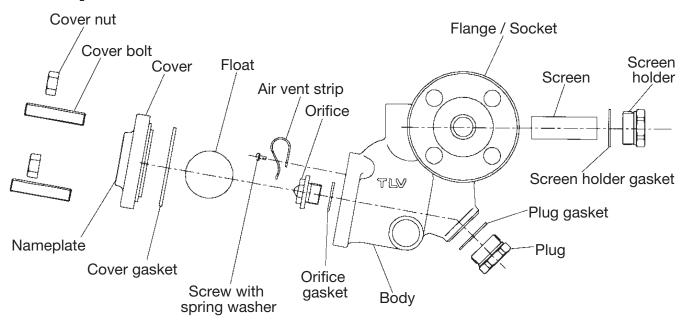
## 5. Piping Arrangement

Requirement	Correct	Incorrect
Install a 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.
To prevent rust and scale from flowing into the trap, connect the inlet pipe 25 - 50 mm (1 - 2 in) 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 nothing obstructs the flow of condensate.		Condensate collects in the pipe.

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

- 1. Is the pipe diameter suitable?
- 2. Has the trap been installed within the allowable inclination and with the arrow on the body pointing in the direction of flow?
- 3. Has sufficient space been secured for maintenance?
- 4. Have maintenance valves been installed at inlet and outlet? If the outlet is subject to back pressure, has a check valve been installed?
- 5. Is the inlet pipe as short as possible, with as few bends as possible, and installed so that the condensate will flow naturally down into the trap?
- 6. Has the piping work been done with the proper methods as shown in the table above?

## 6. Exploded View



## 7. Inspection and Maintenance

Operational inspections should be performed at least twice per year, or as called for by trap operating conditions. Steam trap failure may result in a temperature drop in the equipment, poor product quality or losses due to steam leakage.



NEVER apply direct heat to the float. The float may explode due to increased internal pressure, causing accidents leading to serious injury or property and equipment damage.



- Installation, inspection, maintenance, repairs, disassembly, adjustment and valve opening/closing should be carried out only by trained maintenance personnel.
- Before attempting to open the trap, close the inlet and outlet isolation valves and wait until the trap has cooled completely. Failure to do so may result in burns.
- Be sure to use the proper components and NEVER attempt to modify the product.

Parts Inspection Procedure				
Body, Cover	Check inside for damage, dirt, grease, oil film, rust or scale			
Gaskets	Check for warping or damage			
Air Vent Strip	Check for damage			
Screen	Check for clogging, corrosion or damage			
Float	Check for deformation, damage, oil film or water inside			
Orifice	Check for rust, scale, oil film, wear or damage			

Disa	ssembly/Reassembly (to reassemble	e, follow procedures in reverse)
Part & No.	During Disassembly	During Reassembly
Screen Holder 12	Remove with a socket wrench	Coat threads with anti-seize, then tighten to the proper torque
Screen Holder Gasket 13	Remove gasket and clean sealing surfaces	Replace with a new gasket, coat surfaces with anti-seize
Screen 11	Remove without bending	Reinstall without bending
Cover Nut 10	Remove with a hex wrench.	Coat threads with anti-seize, then tighten to the proper torque
Cover Bolt 9	Remove only if corroded or damaged	Replace with a new bolt if corroded or damaged
Cover 2	Remove, being careful not to scratch sealing surfaces of body and cover	Make sure there are no pieces of old gasket left on the sealing surface of body and cover, then reattach
Cover Gasket 8	Remove gasket and clean sealing surfaces of cover and body	Replace with a new gasket, do not apply anti-seize
Float 3	Remove, being careful not to scratch its polished surface	Insert into body, being careful not to scratch its polished surface
Screw with Spring Washer 7	Remove with a Phillips screwdriver	Reinstall with a Phillips screwdriver, then tighten to the proper torque
Air Vent Strip 6	Remove without bending	Reattach without bending
Orifice 4	Remove with a socket wrench	Coat threads with anti-seize, then tighten to the proper torque
Orifice Gasket 5	Remove gasket and clean sealing surfaces	Replace with a new gasket, do not apply anti-seize
Plug 16	Remove with a socket wrench	Coat threads with anti-seize, then tighten to the proper torque
Plug Gasket 17	Remove gasket and clean sealing surfaces	Replace with a new gasket, coat surfaces with anti-seize

Tightening Torque and Distance Across Flats										
	Cove	er Nut	Orifice		Orifice Plug		Screen Holder		Screw	
Model	N·m (lbf·ft)	mm (in)	N·m (lbf·ft)	mm (in)	N·m (lbf·ft)	mm (in)	N·m (lbf·ft)	mm (in)	N·m (lbf·ft)	mm (in)
SH3NL	60 (44)	17 ( <sup>21</sup> / <sub>32</sub> )	60 (44)	17 ( <sup>21</sup> ⁄ <sub>32</sub> )	200 (150)	38 (1½)	200 (150)	38 (1½)	0.3 (0.2)	+
SH5NL	120 (88)	22 (½)	80 (59)	19 (¾)	200 (150)	38 (1½)	200 (150)	38 (1½)	0.3 (0.2)	+
SH6NL	130 (95)	22 (½)	200 (150)	30 (1 <sup>3</sup> ⁄ <sub>16</sub> )	400 (290)	50 (2)	200 (150)	38 (1½)	0.3 (0.2)	+
SH5NH	150 (110)	22 (½)	100 (73)	21 ( <sup>13</sup> ⁄ <sub>16</sub> )	200 (150)	38 (1½)	200 (150)	38 (1½)	0.3 (0.2)	+
SH6NH	370 (270)	30 (1 <sup>3</sup> ⁄ <sub>16</sub> )	220 (160)	30 (1 <sup>3</sup> ⁄ <sub>16</sub> )	400 (290)	50 (1 <sup>31</sup> / <sub>32</sub> )	200 (150)	38 (1½)	0.3 (0.2)	+
SH5VL	120 (88)	22 ( <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> )	80 (59)	19 ( <sup>3</sup> ⁄ <sub>4</sub> )	300 (220)	38 (1½)	200 (150)	38 (1½)	0.3 (0.2)	+

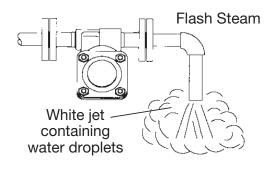
If drawings or other special documentation were supplied for the product, any torque given there takes precedence over values shown here.  $1 \text{ N·m} \approx 10 \text{ kg·cm}$ 

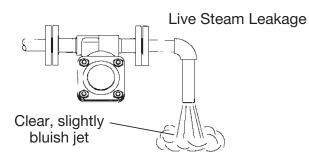
## 8. Operational Check

A visual inspection can be carried out to aid in determining the necessity for immediate maintenance or repair, if the trap is open to atmosphere. If the trap does not discharge to atmosphere, use diagnostic equipment such as TLV TrapMan or TLV Pocket TrapMan (within its pressure and temperature measurement range).

Normal:	Condensate is discharged continuously 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 trap is quiet and makes no noise, and the surface temperature of the trap 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 trap outlet together with the condensate and there is a high-pitched sound.

(When conducting a visual inspection, flash steam is sometimes mistaken for steam leakage. For this reason, the use of a steam trap diagnostic instrument such as TLV TrapMan is highly recommended.)





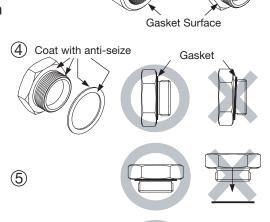
## 9. Instructions for Plug / Holder Disassembly and Reassembly

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The seal on the threaded plugs/holders found on TLV products is formed by a flat metal gasket. There are various installation orientations for the gaskets, such as horizontal, diagonal and downward, and the gasket may be pinched in the thread recesses during assembly.

#### **Instructions for Disassembly and Reassembly**

- 1 Remove the plug/holder using a tool of the specified size (distance across flats).
- ② The gasket should not be reused. Be sure to replace it with a new gasket.
- ③ Clean the gasket surfaces of the plug/holder and the product body using a rag and/or cleaning agents, then check to make sure the surfaces are not scratched or deformed.
- ④ Coat both the gasket surface of the plug/holder and the threads of the plug/holder with anti-seize, then press the gasket onto the center of the gasket surface of the plug/holder, making sure the anti-seize affixes the gasket tightly to the plug/holder. Check to make sure the gasket is not caught in the recesses of the threads.
- ⑤ Hold the plug/holder upside down to make sure that the anti-seize makes the gasket stick to the plug/holder even when the plug/holder is held upside down.
- ⑥ Screw the plug/holder by hand into the product body while making sure that the gasket remains tightly affixed to the center of the gasket surface of the plug/holder. Make sure the entire gasket is making contact with the gasket surface of the product body. It is important at this point to make sure the gasket is not pinched in the thread recesses of the plug/holder.



Do not pinch gasket in thread recesses

- 7 Tighten the plug/holder to the proper torque.
- ® Next, begin the supply of steam and check to make sure there is no leakage from the part just tightened. If there is leakage, immediately close the inlet valve and, if there is a bypass valve, take the necessary steps to release any residual pressure. After the surface of the product cools to room temperature, repeat the procedure beginning from step.

## 10. Troubleshooting

If the expected performance is unachievable after installation of the steam trap, read chapters 4 and 5 again, and check the following points for the appropriate corrective measures.

Problem	Cause	Remedy		
No condensate is discharged	Float is damaged or filled with condensate	Replace with new float		
(blocked) or	The float is sticking to the orifice	Clean		
discharge is poor	Orifice, screen or piping is clogged with rust or scale	Clean		
	Steam locking has occurred	Blowdown through the bypass or close the trap inlet valve and allow the trap to cool		
	Flow exceeds trap's rated capacity	Check specifications and reselect trap suitable for actual flow		
	The trap operating pressure exceeds the maximum specified pressure, or there is insufficient differential pressure between the trap inlet and outlet	Compare specifications and actual operating conditions		
Steam is discharged or leaks from the trap outlet (blowing) (Steam leakage)	Rust and scale have accumulated around the orifice or under the float	Clean		
	Scratches on the orifice	Replace with a new orifice		
	Float is deformed or coated with scale	Clean or replace the float		
	Trap is installed above the maximum allowable inclination angle	Correct the installation		
	Vibration of trap occurs	Lengthen inlet piping, then fasten it securely		
	The air vent strip is damaged	Replace with a new air vent strip		
Steam leaks from	Deterioration of or damage to gaskets	Replace with new gaskets		
a place other than the trap outlet	Improper tightening torque on cover nuts was used	Tighten to the proper torque		
Float is frequently damaged	Water hammer occurs	Examine the piping for problems that can cause water hammer		

**NOTE:** when replacing parts with new, use the parts list for reference, and replace with parts from the Maintenance Kit, Repair Kit, etc. Please note that replacement parts are only available as part of a replacement parts kit.

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