



Reducing Waste Through
Steam System Efficiency

ENERGY LOSS RESULTING FROM WET STEAM



The loss of BTUs in Latent Heat is in direct proportion to your percentage of condensate in your steam.



At 100psig if 5% of your steam has condensed you loose 5% of your BTUs.

880 BTUs in the Latent Heat $880 \times .05 = 44$ lost BTUs per pound of steam



If your plant boilers produce 5,000 pounds of steam per hour you would be losing 220,000 BTUs per hour.



IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

KEY AREAS FOR EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS


- PROPER INSULATION
- CONDENSATE DRAINAGE LOCATIONS
- PROPER TRAPPING FOR APPLICATIONS
- TRAP SELECTION



INSULATION IS CRITICAL TO STEAM SYSTEM MANAGEMENT

- THE LACK OF PROPER INSULATION ON STEAM PIPING IS FIRST A SAFETY ISSUE
- ONE OF THE MOST PERVASIVE ENERGY LOSS ISSUES IS RADIANT HEAT LOSS
- STEAM CONDENSES AT A MUCH FASTER RATE IN BARE PIPE. INSULATION HOLDS IN THE TEMPERATURE
- THE RESULTING ENERGY LOSS IS ENORMOUS





PIPE SIZE	INSULATION THICKNESS	INSULATED HEAT LOSS <i>(BTU/ft/hr)</i>	UNINSULATED HEAT LOSS <i>(BTU/ft/hr)</i>
1/2"	1/2"	36	200
2"	1"	70	500
4"	1 1/2"	86	850
12"	2"	170	2200



CONDENSATE DRAINAGE LOCATIONS

**IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE
AWARE OF NECESSARY
PLACEMENT OF CDL'S:**

- EVERY 150 FEET OF STEAM PIPING
- AT THE BOTTOM OF ALL ELEVATION RISES
- BEFORE VALVES, PARTICULARLY CONTROL OR EXPENSIVE VALVES
- BOTTOM OF LARGE DROPS
- END OF STEAM MAIN AND DEAD ENDS IN GENERAL
- A TRAP IS NEEDED AT ALL LOW POINTS



PROCESS APPLICATION

- AIR HANDLING UNITS
- JACKETED TANKS
- SUBMERGED COILS
- HEAT EXCHANGERS
 - SHELL & TUBE
 - PLATE & FRAME



TRAP TYPES

THERMODYNAMIC (DISC)

- OPERATE ON PRESSURE
- TYPICALLY, HIGH CAPACITY

FLOAT & THERMOSTATIC (FREE FLOAT)

- PROCESS TRAPS
- GREAT MODULATING APPLICATIONS

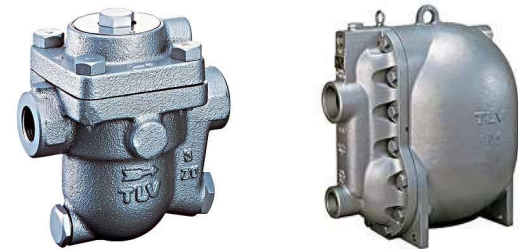
THERMOSTATIC

- OPERATE ON TEMPERATURE
- RELEASE AIR IN THE SYSTEM

THERMODYNAMIC



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WHY HAVE A STEAM TRAP MANAGEMENT SYSTEM?

- THE AVERAGE STEAM LOSS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT SMALL/MEDIUM/LARGE LEAKS, IS \$1000 PER TRAP PER YEAR
- 10% OF YOUR TRAP POPULATION FAILS ANNUALLY ON A NATIONAL AVERAGE
- UNMANAGED FOR TWO YEARS, A SYSTEM WITH 1000 TRAPS WOULD LOSE OVER \$100,000



TAKEAWAYS

- CORRECT INSULATION YIELDS LESS ENERGY WASTE THROUGH RADIANT HEAT LOSS
- PROPER TRAPPING REMOVES CONDENSATE FROM THE SYSTEM WHICH LOWERS LATENT HEAT TRANSFER
- PROPER TRAPPING ON PROCESS EQUIPMENT CAN PRESERVE LIFESPAN OF EQUIPMENT AND ALLOW FOR BETTER PRODUCTION QUALITY AND STARTUP TIMES
- STEAM SYSTEM MANAGEMENT CAN BE A LEADER IN ENERGY CONSERVATION AND WASTE REDUCTION



HOW WE CAN HELP

- STEAM SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS
- STEAM TRAP SURVEYS / TESTING
- ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS
- INCENTIVIZED PROGRAMS WITH ENERGY PROVIDERS
- TRAINING AND SYSTEM TROUBLESHOOTING





QUESTIONS?

