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# Steam Traps

Techmatic Controls

# The Presenter

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- 2019-Present: Business Development for Techmatic Controls



# Who are we?

- Techmatic was founded in 1990.
- Supply of industrial valves on pipeline focusing on fluid control
- Provide engineering solutions for our customers
- Local authorised distributor and representative for various brands in SEA
- Office / Warehouse in Kaki Bukit Road 1

# Miyawaki Company Profile

- Started in 1933 designing and producing steam traps
- Manufactures a wide range of steam traps and other valves used in many industrial areas.
- Focus on energy conservation, performance and quality



# Agenda

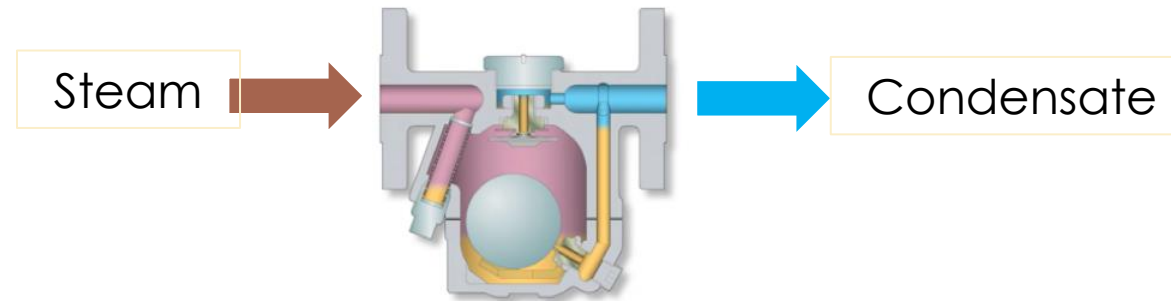
- What is a steam trap and how does it conserve energy
- Selection, Sizing & Installation
- Energy Conservation through Implementation of a Steam Trap Management Program

# Steam as an energy transfer system

- Steam is commonly used in industries to transfer energy to processes
- Once steam has released its energy, it will return back to condensate
- You'd want to get rid of condensate in your steam pipes as they can cause many problems

# What is a steam trap?

- Automatic valves to discharge condensate and non-condensable gases with minimal loss of steam.
- Can be found in steam pipes and equipment.



- Operate on positive differential pressure between inlet and outlet

# The IDEAL Steam Trap

- Discharge condensate perfectly without loss of steam
- Wide Pressure Range
- Large Capacity
- Zero Maintenance
- Cheap

# Types of Steam Traps



Float



Inverted Bucket



Thermodynamic



Thermostatic

# Types of Steam Traps - Float



GH40

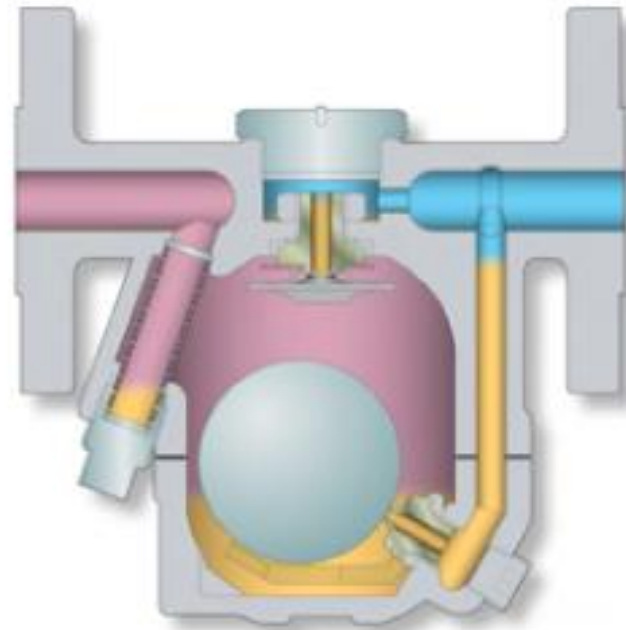


GC20

# Types of Steam Traps - Float

Model G20

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Steam  
Hot Condensate  
Cold Condensate  
Air

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# Types of Steam Traps - Float

- + Great for processes
- + Continuous discharge: No holdback of condensate
- + Large capacity
- + Reliable
- + Good energy conservation
- More costly
- Installation orientation is important

# Types of Steam Traps - Bucket



ES5

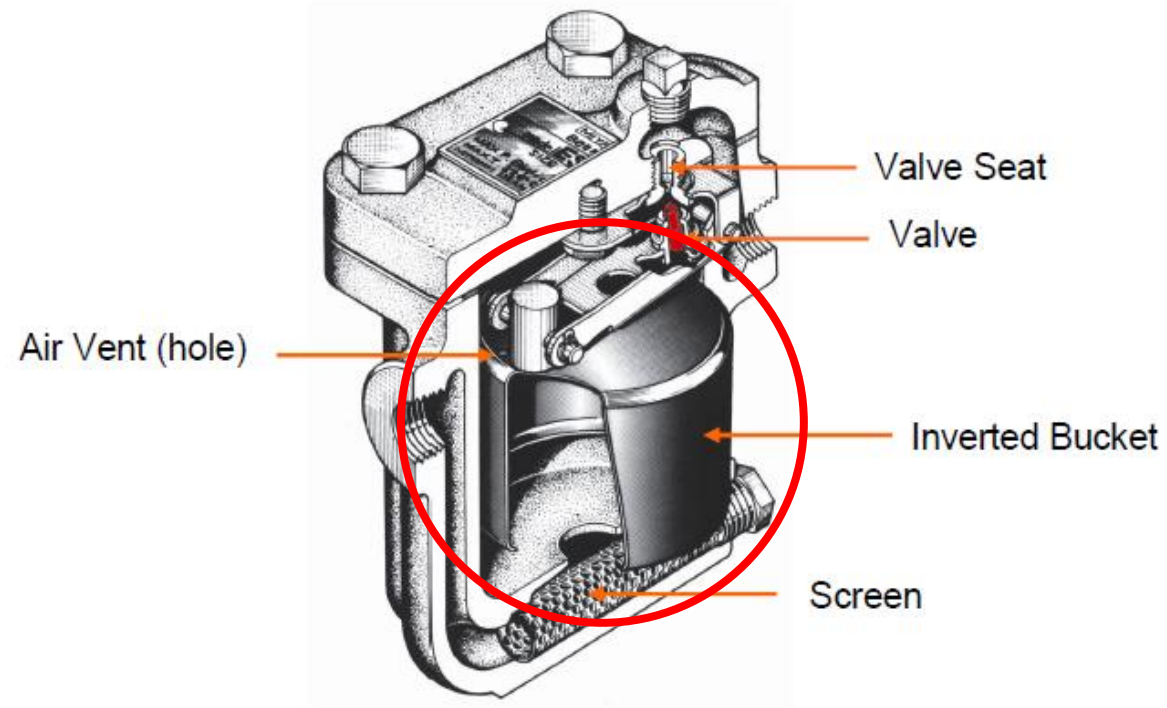


ER25



ER110

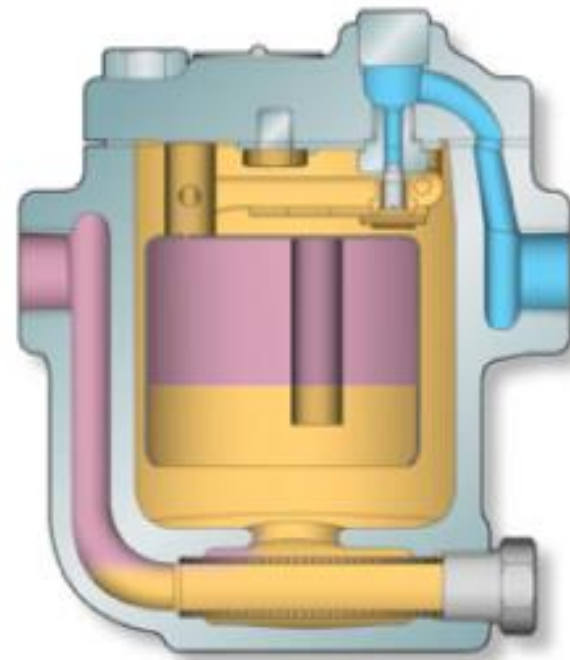
# Types of Steam Traps - Bucket



# Types of Steam Traps - Bucket

Model ES8N

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# Types of Steam Traps - Bucket

- + Great for processes
- + Large capacity
- Oversizing will cause the steam trap to leak, as there is not enough condensate.
- Installation orientation is important

# Types of Steam Traps - Thermodynamic



S55N



SU2N

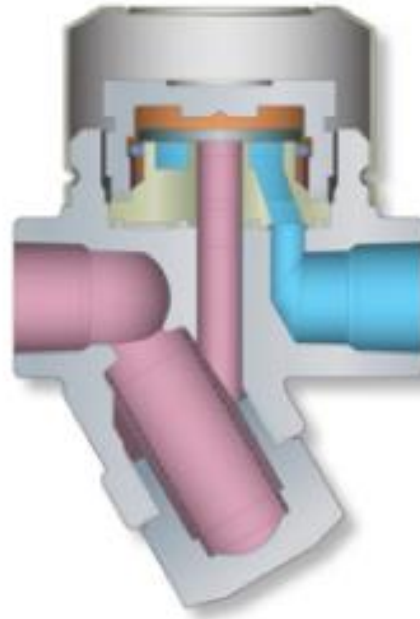


SC31

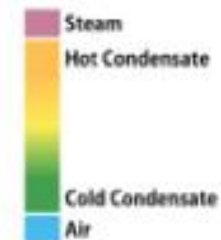
# Types of Steam Traps - Thermodynamic

Model SC31

**Startup**



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# Types of Steam Traps - Thermodynamic

- + Economical
- + Compact
- + Can install in any orientation
- Smaller capacities
- Less energy saving, as live steam is usually lost with the discharge of condensate

# Types of Steam Traps - Thermostatic



TBU4



TB52



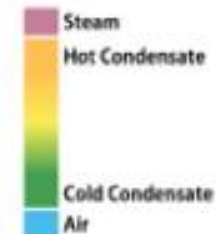
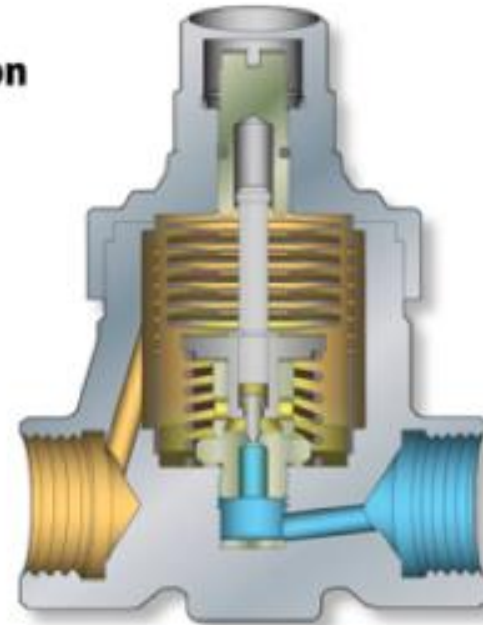
TB9N

# Types of Steam Traps – Thermostatic

Model TB7N

**Normal Operation**

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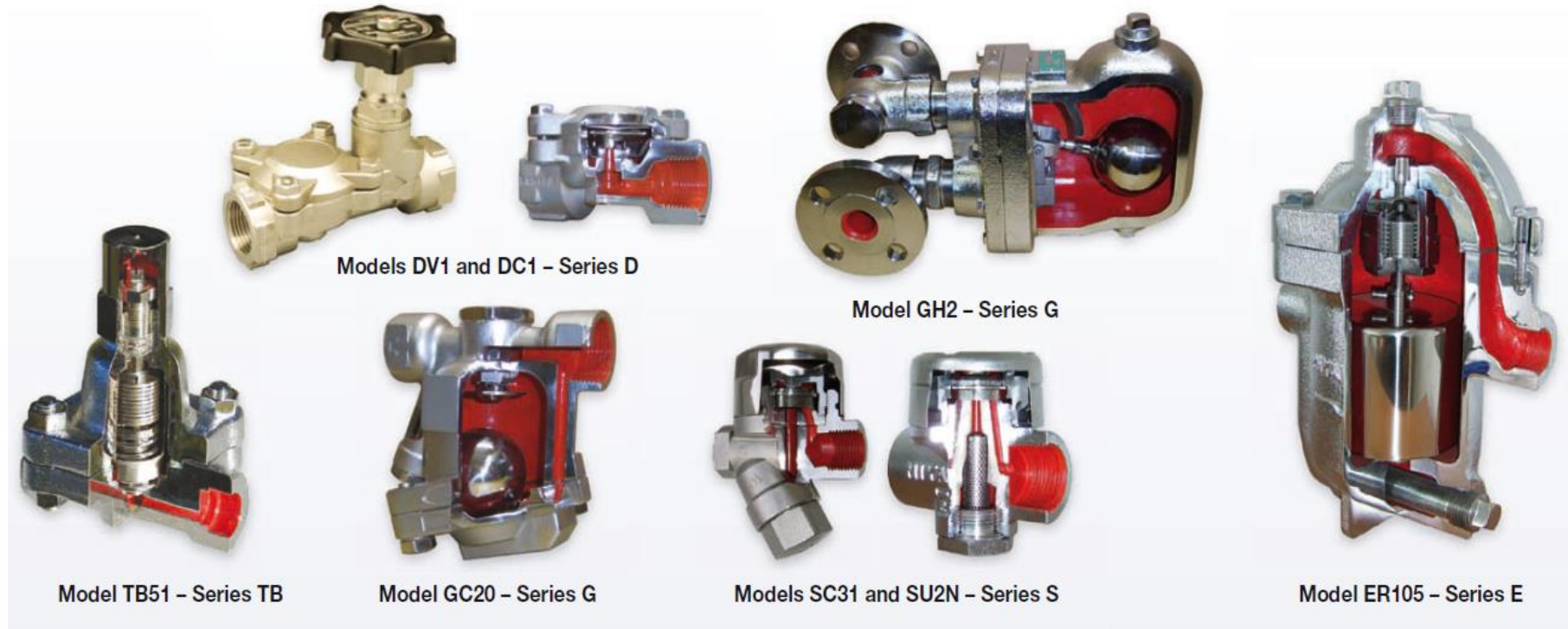


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# Thermostatic

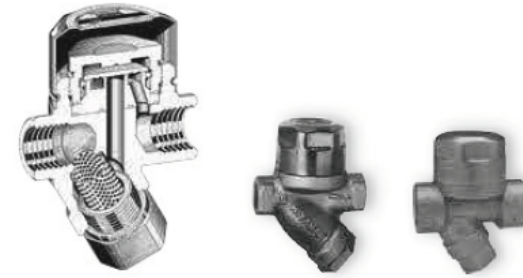
- + Energy Saving
- + Compact
- + Can set discharge temperature on site
- Holds back condensate, require longer drip leg
- Not recommended for process
- Fail closed relatively easily

# Selection, Sizing & Installation



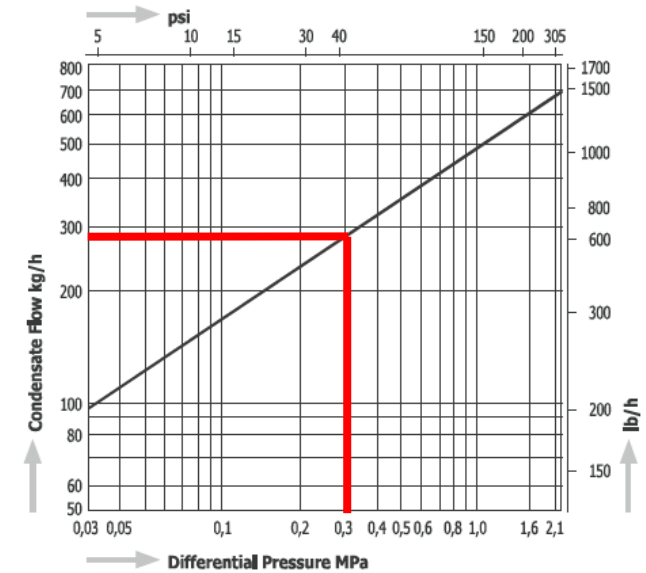
# What are the steps?

1. Decide the capacity required
2. Select type and model based on application
3. Check capacity of selected steam trap



Capacity Chart

SC31 & SC31F/S31N & S31NF 1/2" – 1"



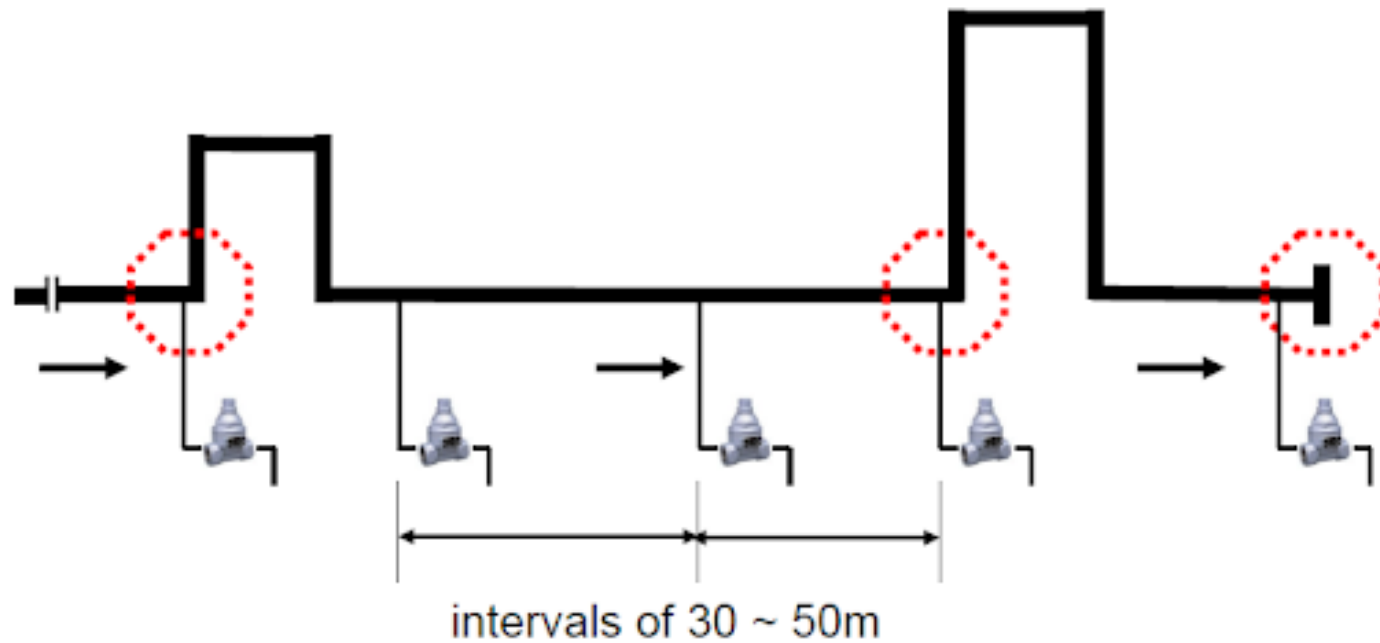
# Proper Sizing

- Oversizing leads to:
  - Reduced life time
  - Increased steam loss
- Undersizing
  - Reduced life time
  - May take longer time to heat up a process
- Inappropriate Type
  - Could lead to issues with heating

# Installation of steam traps

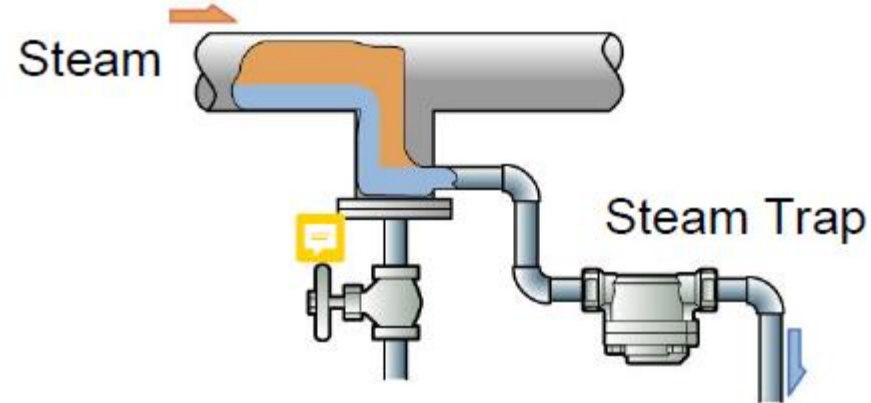
- Flow Direction
- Installation Orientation
- Gravity Flow to steam trap
- Space around the trap

# Good Practices



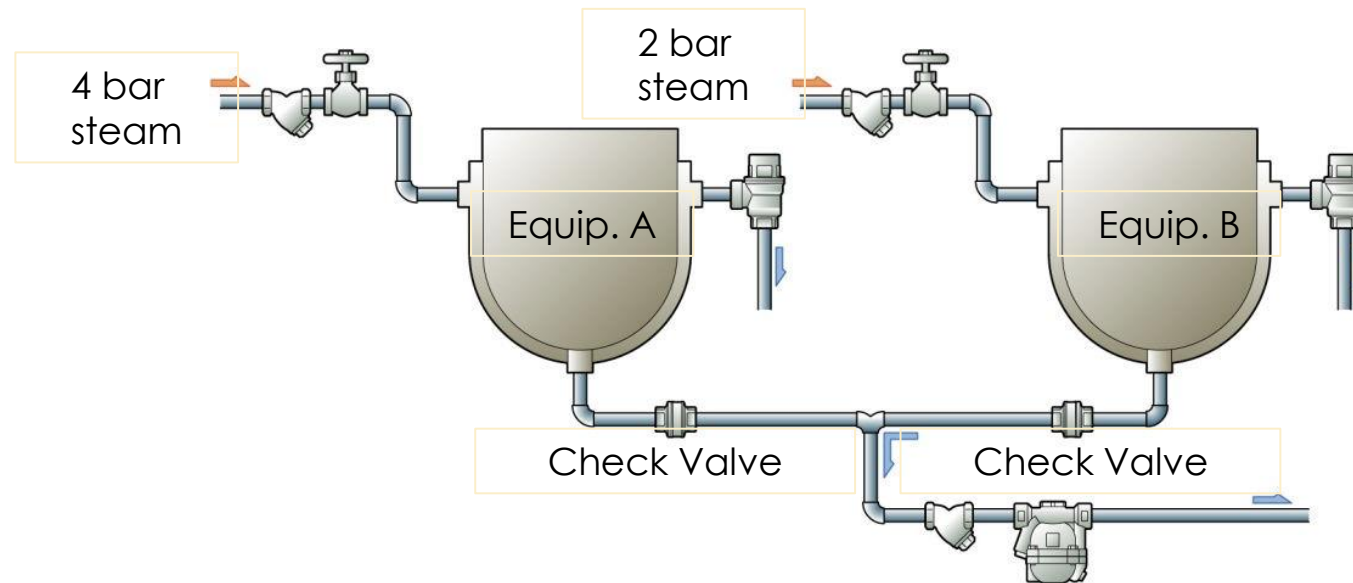
# Good Practices

- Use a pocket to capture condensate moving along the steam mains at high speed.



# Avoid Group Trapping

- Condensate from equipment B cannot be discharged properly as the check valve cannot open!



# Steam Energy Management



# Effective use of steam

- Reduce boiler fuel costs
- Improve efficiency of heat supply to process
- Improve lifespan and performance of steam distribution system

# Effective use of steam

## 3 key elements

- Reduce heat loss
- Proper supply of steam to process equipment
- Use steam condensate heat

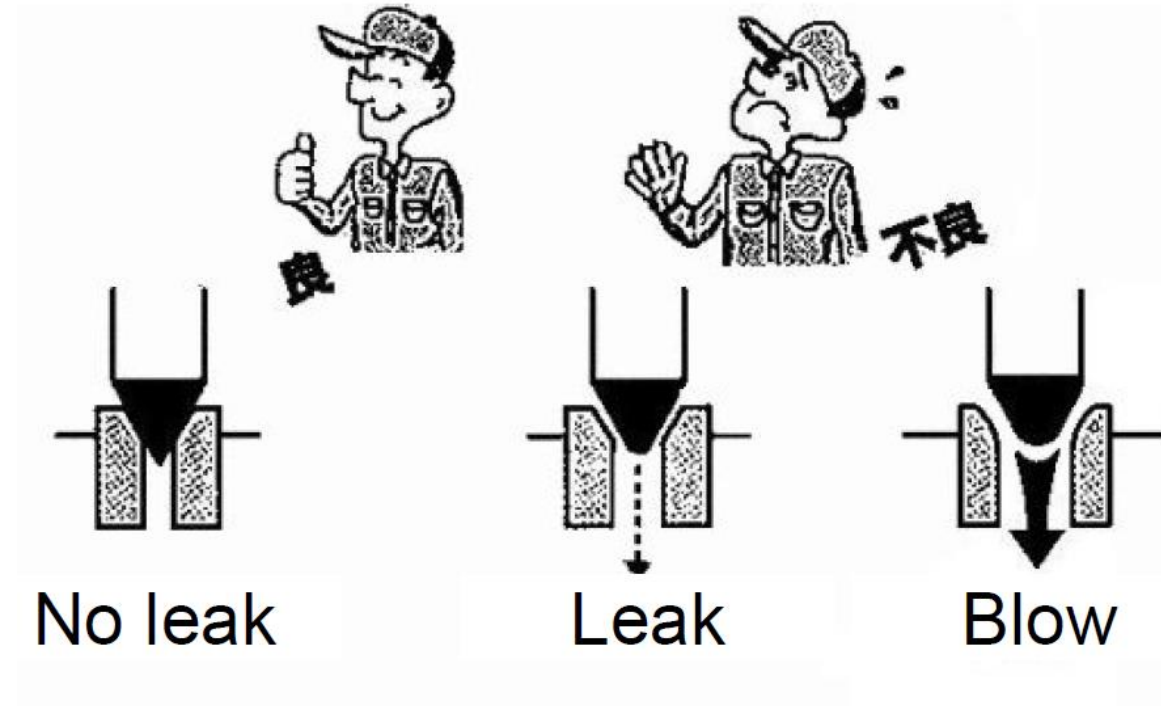
# Steam Trap Failure

- Loss of live steam -> higher utility bills
- Water hammer can cause equipment failure
- Reduced operating capacity / takes a long time to heat up process
- Typically 5%-15% of steam traps need to be replaced every year!

# Steam Trap Failure

## Steam Leak

- Normal wear and tear
- Steam cuts

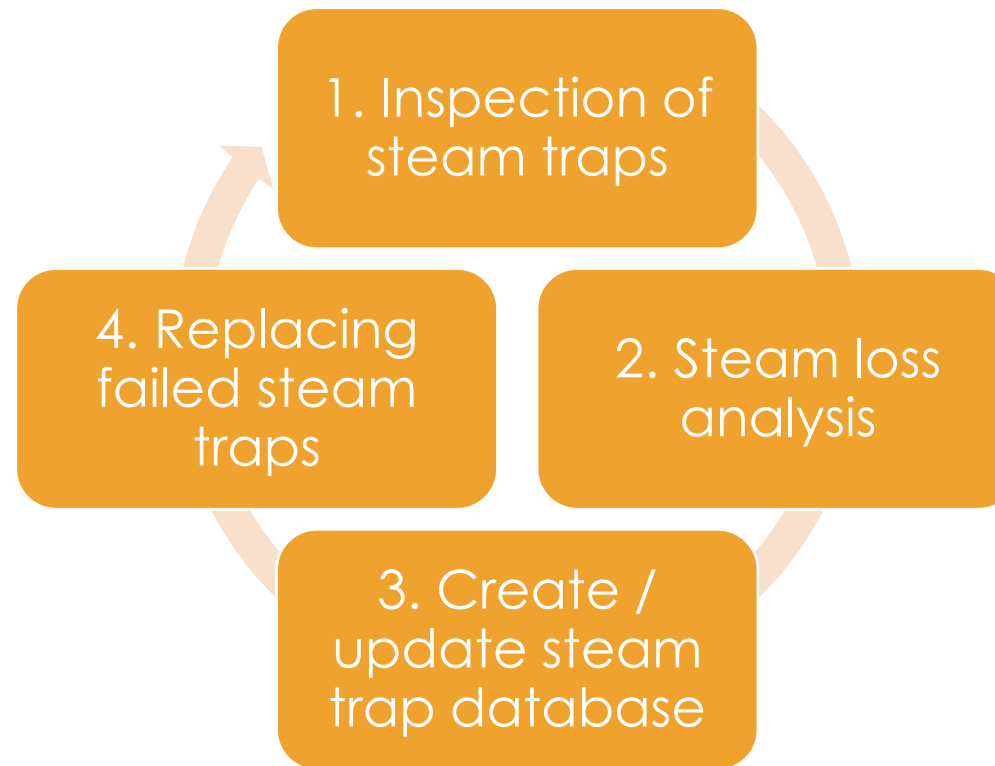


# Steam Trap Failure

## **Plugged (Waterlogged)**

- Caused by dirt / debris such as pipe scale
- Condensate may back up into process equipment

# Steam Trap Management Plan

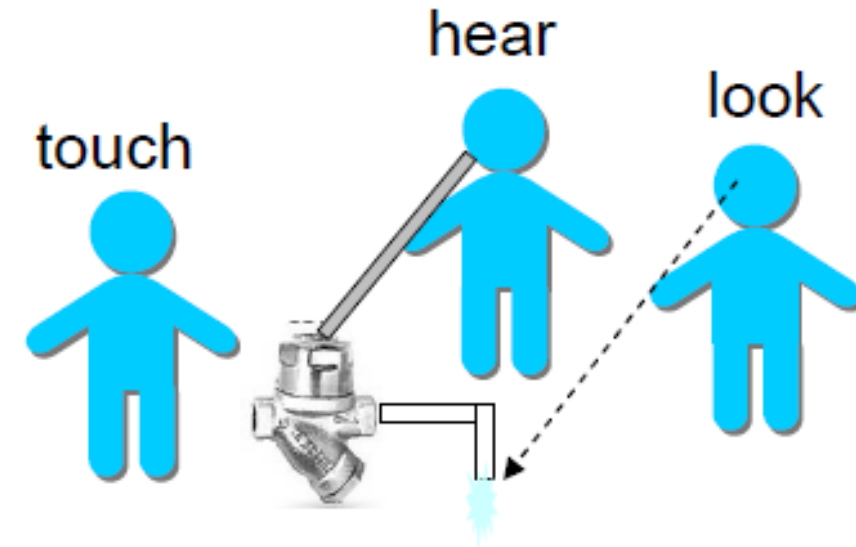


# Inspection of steam traps



# How is it done?

- Direct Visual Inspection & Observations
- Measurement of Temperature
- By hearing (using industrial stethoscope)
- Ultrasonic Detector



# Testing methods – Visual

- Observe the discharge
- Time between discharge (thermodynamic & bucket)
- Condition of the steam trap

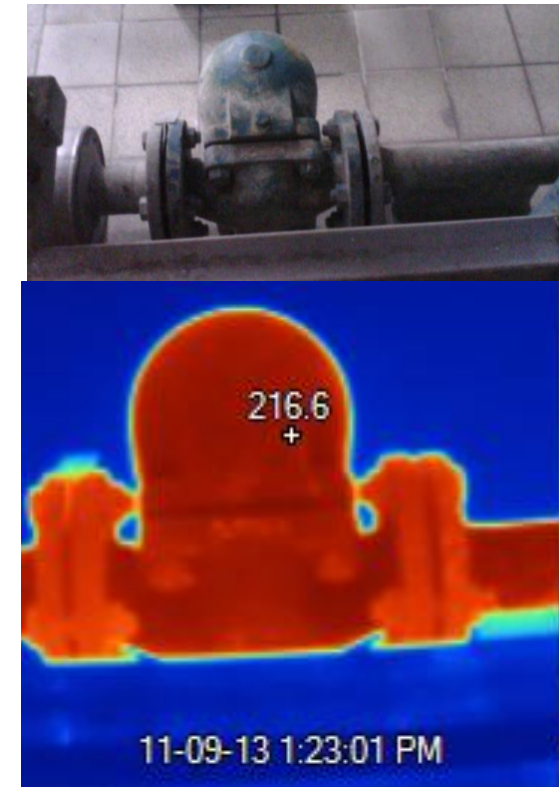
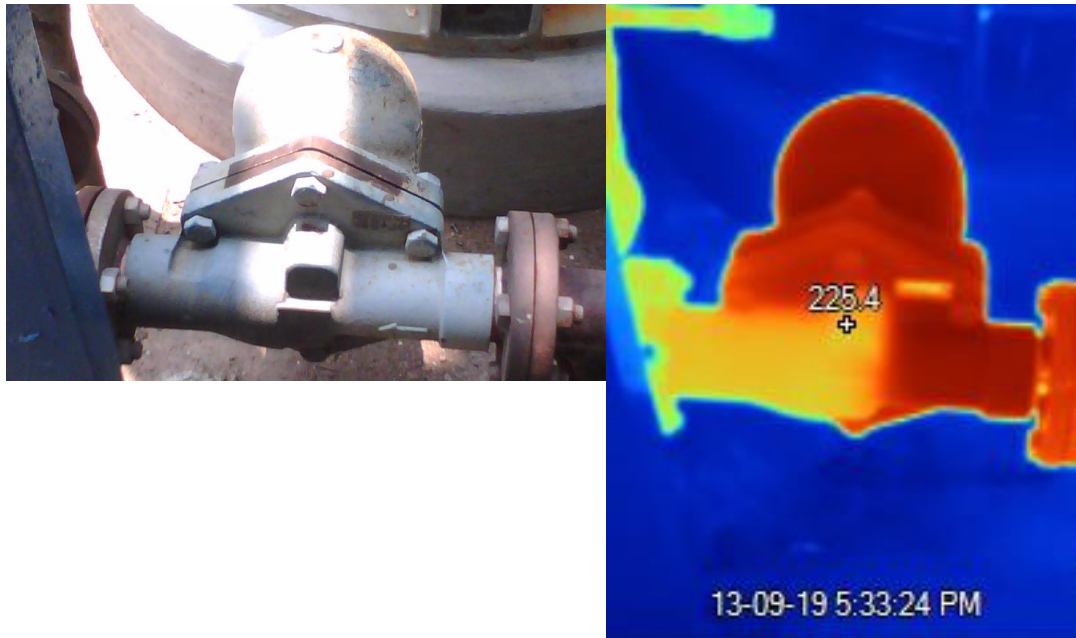
# Flash steam Vs Live steam



# Testing methods - Temperature

- Use of thermal imaging and infrared temperature gun
- Check upstream and discharge temperature
- Sometimes surface temperature can be misleading.
- Good to know the pressure of steam

# Testing methods - Temperature



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# Testing methods - Sound

- Useful for closed system
- Using industrial stethoscope
- Requires experience



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# Testing methods - Sound

- Measuring the ultrasound generated by passage of steam or gas through an orifice
- Most reliable method of measuring steam leaks



PM11 Steam Trap  
Ultrasonic Checker

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# Steam Loss Analysis: Dr Trap

100	ES8NF-16	ハット	ミヤキ	1	15	FF		65	漏れ	中1	7.9	75	2009/02/03
110	DC1-21	パイプラム	ミヤキ	1.2	15	Rc		0	正常				2009/02/03
120	DF1-21	パイプラム	ミヤキ	1.2	15	Rc		0	正常				2009/02/03
130	S31N	ディスク	ミヤキ	0.8	15	Rc		0	正常				2009/02/03
140	BF3-21	パイプ	ミヤキ	0.8	15	Rc		0	正常				2009/02/03
150	TB3	温調	ミヤキ	0.4	15	Rc	100	120	漏れ	吹放し	11.9	115	2009/02/03
160	TB3	温調	ミヤキ	0.4	15	Rc	100	0	正常				2009/02/03
170	DF1-21H	パイプラム	ミヤキ	0.4	15	Rc		0	正常				2009/02/03
180	TB5	温調	ミヤキ	0.4	15	Rc	100	16	漏れ	小1		33	2009/02/03
190	DF1-21H	パイプラム	ミヤキ	0.4	15	Rc		24	漏れ	小2	3.0	33	2009/02/03
200	DF1-21H	パイプラム	ミヤキ	0.4	15	Rc		0	正常				2009/02/03
210	TB5F	温調	ミヤキ	1	20	FF	120	0	正常				2009/02/03
220	TB5F	温調	ミヤキ	1	20	FF	120	96	漏れ	大1	9.7		2009/02/03
230	TB51F-45	温調	ミヤキ	3	20	FF	170	0	正常				2009/02/03
240	TB51F-45	温調	ミヤキ	3	20	FF	170	0	正常				2009/02/03
250	SU2NF	ディスク	ミヤキ	3	20	FF		22	漏れ	小1	5.6		2009/02/03
260	DL1-21H	パイプラム	ミヤキ	0.8	15	Rc		0	正常				2009/02/03
270	DL1-21L	パイプラム	ミヤキ	0.8	15	Rc		0	正常				2009/02/03
280	SD1	ディスク	ミヤキ	0.8	8	Rc		0	正常				2009/02/03
290	SD1	ディスク	ミヤキ	0.8	8	Rc		96	漏れ	吹放し	6.4		2009/02/03
300	TB3	温調	ミヤキ	0.8	20	Rc	100	0	正常				2009/02/03
310	G11N-8	フポート	ミヤキ	0.4	20	Rc		0	正常				2009/02/03
320	G11N-8	フポート	ミヤキ	0.4	20	Rc		45	漏れ	中2	4.5	43	2009/02/03
330	G12N-8	フポート	ミヤキ	0.4	20	Rc		0	正常				2009/02/03

By entering only vibration value, how much leak, steam loss and cost are automatically analyzed.

# How much steam loss?

Basic Information | Diagnostic Log | Other Failure Found Near Trap | Additional Information | Image Information

Final Judgement Information  
Select a Survey Result

New  
Delete

Update	Final Judgement	Temp. [°C]	Leak	Leak Level	Steam Loss [kg/h]	Money Loss [SGD/yr.]
13-11-20	Leak	150	Blow	10	11.1	1,865
13-11-20	Leak	150	Small	1	0.9	151

Final Judgement: Leak  
Temp. [°C]: 150  
Leak: Small  
Leak Level: 1

Steam Loss [kg/h]: 0.9  
Money Loss [SGD/yr.]: 151

\* Assuming 200 days / 12hrs operation

\*\* Steam costs assumed to be S\$75/ton

# How much steam loss?

Basic Information **Diagnostic Log** Other Failure Found Near Trap Additional Information Image Information

Final Judgement Information  
Select a Survey Result

New  
Delete

Update	Final Judgement	Temp. [°C]	Leak	Leak Level	Steam Loss [kg/h]	Money Loss [SGD/yr.]
13-11-20	Leak	150	Blow	10	23.4	3,931
13-11-20	Leak	150	Small	1	3.6	605

Final Judgement: Leak  
Temp. [°C]: 150  
Leak: Blow  
Leak Level: 10

Steam Loss [kg/h]: 23.4  
Money Loss [SGD/yr.]: 3,931

\* Assuming 200 days / 12hrs operation

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# How much steam loss?

Basic Information | **Diagnostic Log** | Other Failure Found Near Trap | Additional Information | Image Information

Final Judgement Information  
Select a Survey Result

New  
Delete

Update	Final Judgement	Temp. [°C]	Leak	Leak Level	Steam Loss [kg/h]	Money Loss [SGD/yr.]
13-11-20	Leak	260	Small	1	50.6	8,501
13-11-20	Leak	260	Blow	10	326.8	54,902

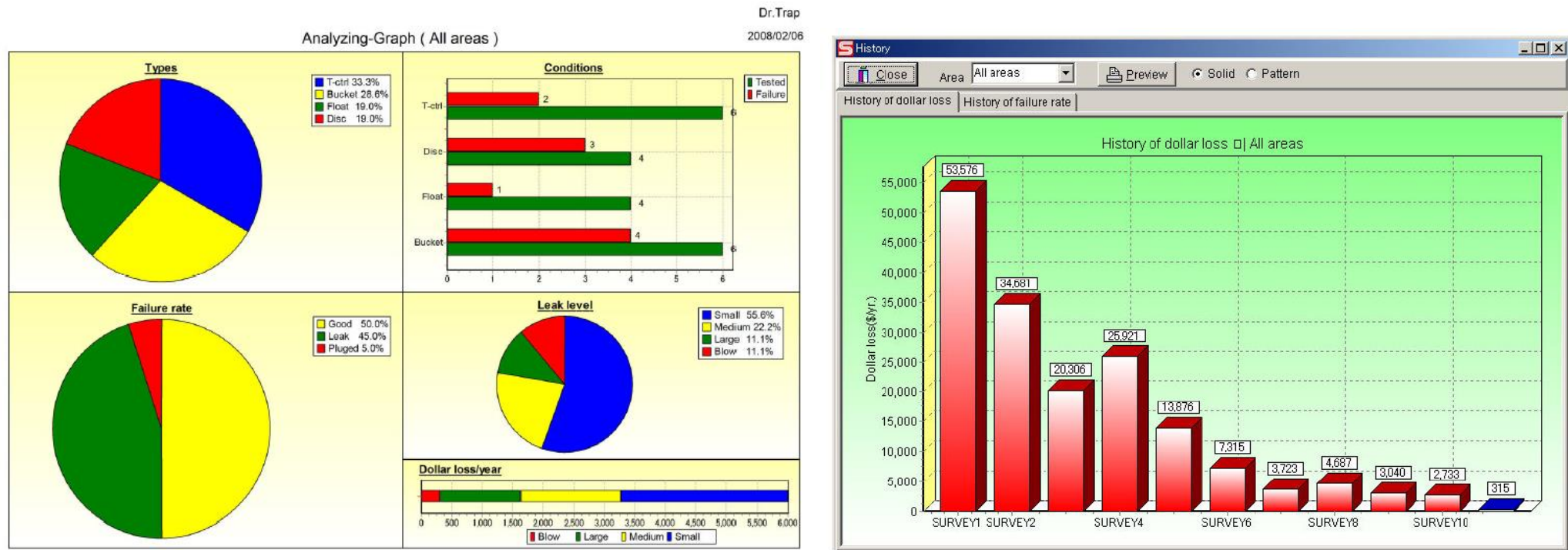
Final Judgement: Leak  
Temp. [°C]: 260  
Leak: Blow  
Leak Level: 10

Steam Loss [kg/h]: 326.8  
Money Loss [SGD/yr.]: 54,902

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# Steam Loss Analysis: Dr Trap

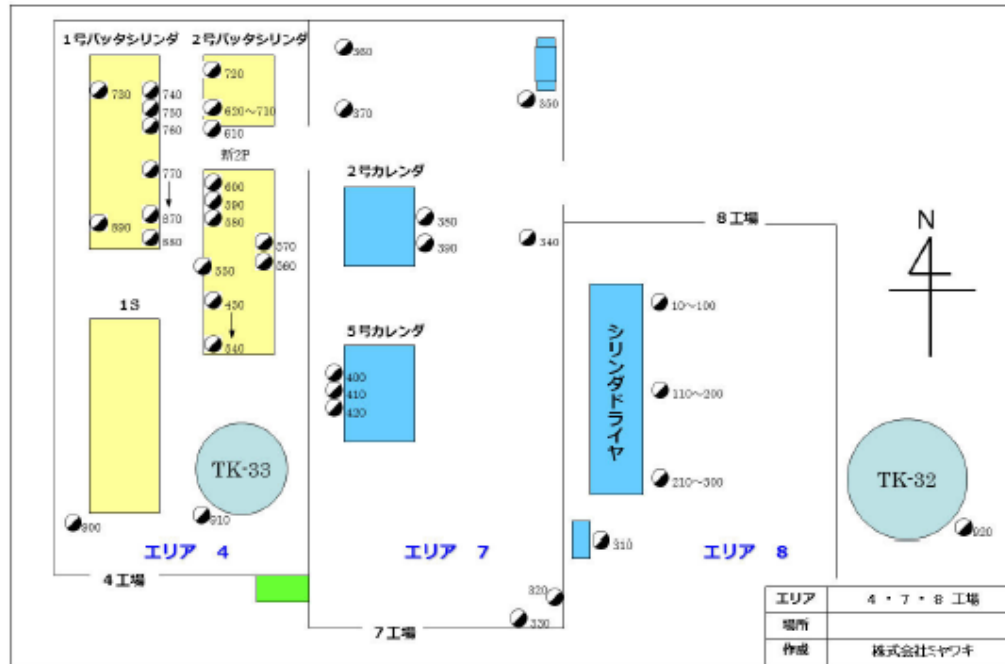


# Steam Loss Analysis: Dr Trap

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Amount of the bad Steam Trap	681	326	289	262	204
Percentage of the bad Steam Trap (%)	16.8	7.3	6.9	6.1	4.9
Steam Wastage (Ton/year)	16,796	2,993	2,461	1,418	1,508
Amount of loss (year)	¥25,221,000	¥4,554,000	¥3,937,000	¥2,218,000	¥2,316,000
CO2 emission (Ton-CO2/year)	3,201	570	471	270	288

# Maintain Steam Trap Database

## Trap Layout Drawing



## Steam Trap tag



# Maintain Steam Trap Database

Survey List - Survey List Name[Asia Pacific Breweries] Area[All] Event Name[Latest Information]																		
Main																		
Close (C)    Save (S)			Print Preview    Save as Excel File    Select Display Items			Filter    Advanced Filter    Filter Off    Search			Show History    Highlight			Create New Event    Delete Event						
File			Output			Filter			View			Data Processing						
Edit	Order	Area	Trap No.	Remarks	Location	Type	Name	Mfr.	Inlet Press. [barg]	Size [mm]	Connect.	Flange Std.	Set Temp. [°C]	Temp. [°C]	Final Judgement	Update	Map Name	Leak
	1	APB	1	ST 15	Left of Tank near condensate co...	Float	FT43-10	SARCO	8.0	40	FLG			65	T-Low	29-11-18	1	
	2	APB	2	ST 15.11.32	Near Heat Exchanger (85 degC T...	Float	UNA23AO13	GEST...	2.0	50	FLG			31	Plugged	29-11-18	1	
	3	APB	3	ST 15.11.33	(Before Control Valve)	Disc	SU2NF	MIYA...	2.0	20	FLG			31	Plugged	29-11-18	1	
	1	APB	4	ST 15.11.34	Horizontal Trap	T-ctrl	TB7NF	MIYA...		20	FLG	PN16	100		OOS	28-11-18	2	
	2	APB	5	ST 15.11.35	(By Pass)Vertical	T-ctrl	TB7N	MIYA...		20	FLG		100		OOS	28-11-18	2	
	3	APB	6	ST 15.12.32	Near Heat Exchanger (78 degC T...	Float	FT14-14	SARCO	4.0	25	FLG			77	Good	29-11-18	2	
	4	APB	7	ST 15.12.33	(Near Control Valve)	T-ctrl	TB7F	MIYA...	8.0	20	FLG		100	148	Leak	29-11-18	2	Small
	5	APB	8	ST 15.12.34 (gestra)	(By Pass)	Thermo	BK45	GEST...	8.0	20	FLG			104	Good	29-11-18	2	
	6	APB	9	ST 04.11.35	Condensate Return(Front)	Float	UNA23AO13	GEST...	4.0	50	FLG			32	Plugged	29-11-18	2	
	9	APB	10	ST 04.11.40	Condensate Return(Middle)	Float	UNA23AO13	GEST...	4.0	50	FLG			32	Plugged	29-11-18	2	
	10	APB	11	ST 04.11.45	Condensate Return(Rear)	Float	UNA23AO13	GEST...	4.0	50	FLG			32	Plugged	29-11-18	2	

# Maintain Steam Trap Database

Basic Information

Diagnostic Log

Other Failure Found Near Trap

Additional Information

Image Information

Final Judgement Information

Select a Survey Result

New

Delete

Update	Final Judgement	Temp. [°C]	Leak	Leak Level	Steam Loss [kg/h]	Money Loss [USD/yr.]
29-11-18	Good	150				
01-11-17	Leak	148	Small	3	3.3	1,156

Final Judgement

Leak

Temp. [°C]

148

Leak

Small

Leak Level

3

Steam Loss [kg/h]

3.3

Money Loss [USD/yr.]

1,156

Calculated Information

CO2 Emissions [kg-CO2]

0.5

Survey Cost [USD]

Ave. Consumption Cost [USD/yr.]

0

Period of Service [Year]

0.6

Good Operating Period [Year]

0.6

# Photos



