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## Steam Trap Selection Guide



## Series H Float and Thermostatic Steam Traps

| Materials of Construction |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Part | Specifications |
| Body and Cover | Cast Iron 30,000 psi tensile |
| Valve Pin and Seat | Stainless Steel (Hardened) |
| Float | Stainless Steel |
| Lever Assembly | Stainless Steel |
| Thermostatic Air Vent | Stainless Steel Cage <br> and Thermal Element |
| Cover Bolts | Grade 5 |


| Ratings |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NPT <br> Size <br> Inches | Maximum <br> Allowable <br> Pressure <br> psi (bar) | Maximum <br> Operating <br> Pressure <br> psi (bar) | Maximum <br> Temperature <br> ${ }^{2} F$ <br> $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ |  |
| $3 / 4,1 \&$ <br> $1-1 / 4$ | $250(17.3)$ | $175(12.1)$ | $406(208)$ |  |
| $1-1 / 2 \& 2$ | $175(12.1)$ | $175(12.1)$ | $377(192)$ |  |

Meets Mil Specification A-A-60001 Type VI, Class 1-5.

| PART <br> NUMBER | MODEL <br> NUMBER | SIZE <br> NPT <br> INCHES | INLET <br> PRESS. <br> pSi (bar) | DIFF. <br> PRESS. <br> psi (bar) | FLOW <br> RATE <br> R/hr (kg/hr) | TAGGING <br> INFORMATION | QUANTITY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |$|$

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Dimensions, in. (mm)

| NPT Size in. | A | B | C | D | E | F | H | I | Weight lbs. <br> (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $3 / 4$ | $5-1 / 2(140)$ | $5-18 / 32(142)$ | $6-1 / 2(165)$ | $3-5 / 16(84)$ | $3-13 / 32(86)$ | - | $3-1 / 16(78)$ | $1-5 / 64(27)$ | $11.7(5.3)$ |
| 1 | $5-1 / 2(140)$ | $5-19 / 32(142)$ | $6-1 / 2(165)$ | $3-5 / 16(84)$ | $3-13 / 32(86)$ | - | $3-1 / 16(78)$ | $1-5 / 64(27)$ | $11.7(5.3)$ |
| $1-1 / 4$ | $5-1 / 2(140)$ | $5-19 / 32(142)$ | $6-1 / 2(165)$ | $3(76)$ | $3-13 / 32(86)$ | - | $3-1 / 16(78)$ | $1-5 / 64(27)$ | $11.7(5.3)$ |
| $1-1 / 2$ | $6-3 / 8(162)$ | $7-11 / 16(195)$ | $8-7 / 32(209)$ | $5-1 / 4(133)$ | $4-13 / 32(112)$ | $3-13 / 16(97)$ | $3-13 / 16(97)$ | $1-11 / 32(34)$ | $22(10)$ |
| 2 | $6(152)$ | $11(279)$ | $9-5 / 32(233)$ | $7-15 / 32(190)$ | $4-17 / 32(115)$ | $4-7 / 32(107)$ | $4-5 / 8(117)$ | $1-5 / 8(41)$ | $38(17)$ |


| Model | NPT <br> Size <br> in. | Orifice <br> Size <br> in. <br> (mm) | PressureDifferential in Pounds Per Square Inch (bar) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} 1 / 4 \\ (0.017) \end{gathered}\right.$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} 1 / 2 \\ (0.035) \end{array}\right\|$ | $\left(\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ (0.07) \end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{gathered} 2 \\ (0.14) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 5 \\ (0.35) \end{gathered}$ | $\left(\begin{array}{c} 10 \\ (0.69) \end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{gathered} 15 \\ (1.0) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20 \\ (1.4) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 25 \\ (1.69) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 30 \\ (2.1) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 40 \\ (2.8) \end{gathered}$ | $\binom{50}{(3.5)}$ | $\left.\begin{array}{c} 60 \\ (4.2) \end{array}\right)$ | $\begin{gathered} 75 \\ (5.2) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 100 \\ (6.9) \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 125 \\ (8.6) \end{gathered}$ | $\left.\begin{array}{c} 150 \\ (10.4) \end{array}\right)$ | $\begin{gathered} 175 \\ (12.1) \end{gathered}$ |
|  |  |  | Capacity in Pounds of Condensate Per Hour (kg/hr) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| FT015H-3 | 3/4 | $\begin{aligned} & .253 \\ & (6.4) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 390 \\ (177) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 500 \\ & (227) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} \hline 680 \\ (308) \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 910 \\ (413) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1100 \\ & (500) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1450 \\ & (858) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1600 \\ & (725) \end{aligned}$ | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| FT015H-4 | 1 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 253 \\ & (6.4) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 390 \\ (177) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 500 \\ & (227) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 680 \\ (308) \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 910 \\ (413) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1100 \\ & (500) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1450 \\ & (658) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1600 \\ & (725) \end{aligned}$ | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| FT015H-5 | 1-1/4 | $312$ <br> (8) | $\begin{gathered} 600 \\ (272) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 770 \\ & (350) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} \hline 980 \\ (444) \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1240 \\ & (562) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1640 \\ & (744) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2000 \\ & (907) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2340 \\ (1062) \end{gathered}$ | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| FT015H-6 | 1-1/2 | $\begin{aligned} & .500 \\ & (13) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1280 \\ & (581) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1700 \\ & (771) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2050 \\ & (830) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 2550 \\ (1157) \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 3500 \\ (1588) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 4400 \\ (1996) \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 5300 \\ (2404) \end{gathered}$ | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| FT015H-8 | 2 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline .687 \\ & (17) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{c\|} \hline 2500 \\ (1134) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 3150 \\ (1429) \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4000 \\ & (1814) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 5000 \\ (2268) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 6800 \\ (3084) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 8300 \\ (3765) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 9800 \\ (4405) \end{array}$ | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| FTO30H-3 | 3/4 | $\begin{aligned} & .235 \\ & (6) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 380 \\ (172) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 470 \\ (214) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 630 \\ (285) \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 870 \\ (385) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1050 \\ & (475) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline 1380 \\ (625) \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline 1530 \\ (695) \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1700 \\ & (770) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1820 \\ & (825) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 1900 \\ & (860) \end{aligned}$ | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| FTO30H-4 | 1 | $.235$ <br> (6) | $\begin{gathered} 380 \\ (172) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 470 \\ & (214) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 630 \\ (285) \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 870 \\ (385) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1050 \\ & (475) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1380 \\ & (625) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1530 \\ & (695) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1700 \\ & (770) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1820 \\ & (825) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1900 \\ & (860) \end{aligned}$ | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| FTO30H-5 | 1-1/4 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline .253 \\ & (6.4) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 420 \\ & (190) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 550 \\ & (250) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 740 \\ (335) \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1000 \\ & (450) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1200 \\ & (545) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1550 \\ & (700) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1760 \\ & (800) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1850 \\ & (840) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2000 \\ & (907) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 2200 \\ (1000) \end{array}$ | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| FTO30H-6 | 1-1/2 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline .438 \\ & (11) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 580 \\ & (263) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 800 \\ (362) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1200 \\ & (544) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1680 \\ & (762) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 2600 \\ (1179) \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 3500 \\ (1387) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 4500 \\ (2041) \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 5200 \\ (2358) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 5700 \\ (2585) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 6100 \\ (2766) \end{array}$ | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| FT075H-3 | 3/4 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline-166 \\ & (4.2) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 160 \\ & (72) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 210 \\ & (95) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{c\|} \hline 280 \\ (125) \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 360 \\ (165) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 520 \\ & (235) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 700 \\ (320) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 800 \\ (380) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 870 \\ & (395) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 930 \\ (420) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 970 \\ (440) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l\|} \hline 1120 \\ (510) \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 1230 \\ (560) \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1300 \\ & (590) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{l\|} \hline 1450 \\ (658) \end{array}$ | - | - | - | - |
| FT075H-4 | 1 | $\begin{aligned} & .166 \\ & (4.2) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 160 \\ & (72) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 210 \\ & (95) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 280 \\ (125) \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 360 \\ (165) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 520 \\ (235) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 700 \\ (320) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} \hline 800 \\ (380) \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 870 \\ (395) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 930 \\ (420) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 970 \\ (440) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1120 \\ & (510) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 1230 \\ (560) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 1300 \\ (590) \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 1450 \\ (658) \\ \hline \end{array}$ | - | - | - | - |
| FT125H-3 | 3/4 | $\begin{aligned} & .125 \\ & (3.2) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \\ & (45) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 130 \\ & (60) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 170 \\ & (77) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 230 \\ (104) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 330 \\ (150) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 410 \\ & (186) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 500 \\ (225) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 560 \\ & (255) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 620 \\ (280) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 660 \\ (300) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 750 \\ (340) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 830 \\ (375) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 890 \\ (400) \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 970 \\ (440) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1100 \\ & (500) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1190 \\ & (540) \end{aligned}$ | - | - |
| FT125H-4 | 1 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline .125 \\ & (3.2) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \\ & (45) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 130 \\ & (60) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 170 \\ & (77) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 230 \\ (104) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 330 \\ (150) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 410 \\ (186) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 500 \\ (225) \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 560 \\ & (255) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 620 \\ (280) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} \hline 660 \\ (300) \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 750 \\ (340) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 830 \\ (375) \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 890 \\ (400) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 970 \\ (440) \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1100 \\ & (500) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 1190 \\ (540) \\ \hline \end{array}$ | - | - |
| FT175H-3 | 3/4 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline .106 \\ & (2.7) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 70 \\ (32) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 80 \\ (36) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 110 \\ & (50) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 140 \\ & (63) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 220 \\ (100) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 280 \\ & (127) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 340 \\ (155) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 380 \\ & (172) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 400 \\ & (180) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 420 \\ (190) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 460 \\ (210) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 480 \\ (220) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 520 \\ (235) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 580 \\ (263) \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 690 \\ (315) \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 850 \\ (385) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 980 \\ (435) \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1000 \\ & (454) \end{aligned}$ |
| FT175H-4 | 1 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 106 \\ & (2.7) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 70 \\ (32) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 80 \\ (36) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 110 \\ & (50) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 140 \\ & (83) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 220 \\ (100) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 280 \\ & (127) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 340 \\ (155) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 380 \\ (172) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 400 \\ (180) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 420 \\ (190) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 460 \\ (210) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 480 \\ (220) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 520 \\ (235) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 580 \\ (263) \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 690 \\ (315) \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 850 \\ (385) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 960 \\ (435) \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1000 \\ & (454) \end{aligned}$ |

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Instructions for finding F\&T steam trap size.
Things to ask customer:

1) Pounds per hour of Steam. $\qquad$
2) System Pressure (this usually the relief valve pressure). $\qquad$
Multiply pounds per hour of steam by 1.5. ( $\qquad$ x $1.5=$ $\qquad$ _)

Under the "Pressure differential in pounds per square inch" fine the " $1 / 2$ " column in chart on page 2 and find the calculated pounds per hour from the previous step.

Using the column on the left of the chart find the relief pressure for the system. This will be the numbers to the right of the "FT" part of the model number.

The model number that contains the system pressure and is to the left of the calculated pounds per hour of steam is the model number of your steam tap.

The following pages are from Xylem and is the selection guide that they publish for all of their Steam Traps.

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## Steam Traps

## Selecting and Sizing Steam Traps

Selecting the proper steam trap is important in effective operation of steam systems. Steam traps are automatic valves that open to pass condensate and close to prevent the flow of steam. The functions of a steam trap in a steam system are to:

- Vent air from the system so steam can enter
- Hold steam in the system until the steam latent heat is removed
- Drain condensate from the system as it is formed after the latent heat is removed.
Removing condensate from piping helps prevent erosion and water hammer. Removing condensate from heat exchangers is required to make room for new steam for the heating process.
There are many types of steam traps. The Steam Trap Selection Guide Chart points out system conditions that may be encountered and suggests the trap type(s) that may best handle the requirement. Several types of traps may be used for a specific application.
Factors to consider in selecting the type of trap include:
- Constant or modulating condensate load
- Constant or fluctuating pressure
- Speed of air venting required
- Trap location


## TRAP SIZING

1. Determine the maximum condensate load (capacity) requirement for the trap by one of the following:

- Referring to the manufacturers' specifications for the system equipment.
- Approximating condensate loads using the "General Usage Formulas".
- Using the "CalcLoad" Load Calculator available through "Steam Specialty Component Selector" on the Hoffman Specialty website or ESP-Plus.

2. Determine the available steam inlet pressure at the trap (This pressure could be different than supply pressure at boiler.)
3. Determine the outlet pressure (backpressure) at the trap discharge. (Pressure against the outlet can be due to static pressure in return line or due to lifting to an overhead return).
4. Determine a Safety Factor. The Safety factor will depend on accuracy in determining condensate load, inlet and outlet pressures. Recommendations:

- Float \& Thermostatic Trap 1.5 to 2.5
- Bucket Trap

2 to 4

- Thermostatic Trap

2 to 4

- Thermodisc Trap

1 to 1.2
6. Multiply normal maximum condensate load (as determined above) by Safety Factor.
7. Use the Capacity Tables for the selected type of trap to determine the trap model number.
8. Use Ordering Information Charts to determine the part number.

## Guidelines:

- The trap seat rating must always be higher than the maximum inlet pressure at the trap.
- When a modulating control valve controls the inlet to equipment, select a trap size with a pressure rating greater than the maximum inlet pressure at the trap.
- Trap capacity should be checked at the minimum differential pressure to assure complete condensate removal under all possible conditions.


## Inverted Bucket Trap Operating Pressure Selection:

- Bucket traps are offered with various orifice sizes that determine the maximum operating pressure rating.
- A trap with a lower seat pressure rating has a larger sized orifice than a trap with a higher seat pressure rating. The larger orifice provides a larger condensate rating. When the actual operating pressure is higher than the seat rating, the pressure differential across the seat will prevent the trap from opening. Thus, an invert-
ed
bucket trap must be selected for the maximum differential pressure that will be encountered by the trap.
- Trap Capacity Tables show trap capacities at lower differential pressures than the trap rating. This allows selection of a trap at various operating points. A trap with a higher seat pressure rating may be used at lower pressure differentials. However, the capacity rating at that pressure differential will be less than the same size trap with a lower seat pressure rating.

4. Determine the pressure differential across the trap. (inlet pressure - outlet pressure = differential pressure).

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## Steam Traps (continued)

## Selecting and Sizing Steam Traps (continued)

Lifting Condensate to Overhead Return
Condensate must be lifted in applications where the trap is installed below the return line.

## Guidelines:

- Steam pressure at the trap inlet lifts the condensate. Differential steam pressure across the steam trap of $1 \mathrm{psi}(0.07 \mathrm{bar})$ will lift condensate 2 ft . $(0.6 \mathrm{~m})$.
- Do not return condensate to an overhead return if modulating control valves are installed. Modulating control valves may cause the inlet pressure to modulate
to 0 psi ( 0 bar ). This condition will result in no differential pressure to push the condensate into the overhead return. When this happens, condensate will back up into the steam chamber and result in water hammer. Use a Hoffman condensate unit to collect condensate

Steam Trap Criteria Comparison

| CRITERIA | F\&T | Inverted Bucket | Thermostatic | Thermodisc |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Response to Load Changes | Fast | Moderate | Moderate | Slow |
| Air Venting | Medium/High | Low | High | Low |
| Thermal Efficiency | Medium/High | Medium | High | Medium |
| Primary Applications | Drip Legs Process Equip. | Drip Legs Process Equip. | Drip Legs Process Equip. Tracing | Drip Legs Tracing |
| Affected by Ambient Temperatures | No (Susceptible to freezing) |  | No | Yes (unless insulated) |
| Relative Cost | Medium/High | Medium/Low | Low | Low |
| Capacity | High | High | Medium | Low |
| Pressure Range | to 250 psig (17.3 bar) | to 250 psig (17.3 bar) | to 125 psig ( 8.6 bar ) | to 600 psig ( 41.4 bar ) |
| Size vs. capacity | Large | Large | Small | Medium |
| Ease of Maintenance | Moderate | Moderate | Very Easy | Very Easy |
| Orientation limits | Yes | Yes | No | No |

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Steam Trap Selection Guide Chart


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## Steam Traps (continued)

## Steam Trap Application Guide

This application guide is designed to help in the selection of the type of steam trap for the type of application. The choices are based upon common usage. However, the
specific choice of trap type should be based upon variations in the individual system and personal preference. This chart should serve only as a guide.

| APPLICATION | F\&T | Inverted Bucket | Thermostatic | Thermodisc |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mains \& Tracing Lines |  |  |  |  |
| Steam Mains |  |  |  |  |
| to 30 psig (2.1 bar) | 2 | 3 | 1 |  |
| to 250 psig (17.3 bar) | 1 | 2 |  | 3 |
| to 600 psig (41.4 bar) |  |  |  | 1 |
| Steam Tracing Lines |  |  |  |  |
| Critical | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Non-Critical | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| HVAC |  |  |  |  |
| Heat Exchangers |  |  |  |  |
| to 20 psig (1.4 bar) | 1 | 2 | 2 |  |
| to 125 psig ( 8.6 bar ) | 1 | 2 | 2 |  |
| to 250 psig (17.3 bar) | 1 | 2 |  |  |
| Radiators |  |  | 1 |  |
| Unit Heaters | 1 | 2 | 1 |  |
| Air Heating Coils |  |  |  |  |
| to 15 psig (1.0 bar) | 1 | 3 | 2 |  |
| to 60 psig ( 4.1 bar) | 1 | 2 | 2 |  |
| Absorption chiller | 1 | 2 | 2 |  |
| PROCESS EQUIPMENT |  |  |  |  |
| Process Vats | 1 |  |  | 2 |
| Tank Heating |  |  |  |  |
| Storage Tanks | 2 |  | 1 |  |
| Line Heaters | 1 |  | 2 |  |
| Reboiler | 1 | 2 |  |  |
| Rotating Cylinders | 1 | 2 |  |  |
| Evaporators | 1 | 2 |  |  |
| Sterilizer | 1 |  | 2 |  |
| Pressing | 1 | 2 | 1 |  |
| Cooker/Reactor |  |  |  |  |
| to 15 psig (1.0 bar) | 1 | 3 | 2 |  |
| to 60 psig (4.1 bar) | 1 | 2 | 1 |  |
| to 150 psig (10.1 bar) | 1 | 2 |  |  |

KEY: 1 = First Choice
2 = Second Choice
3 = Third Choice
Blank = Not Recommended
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