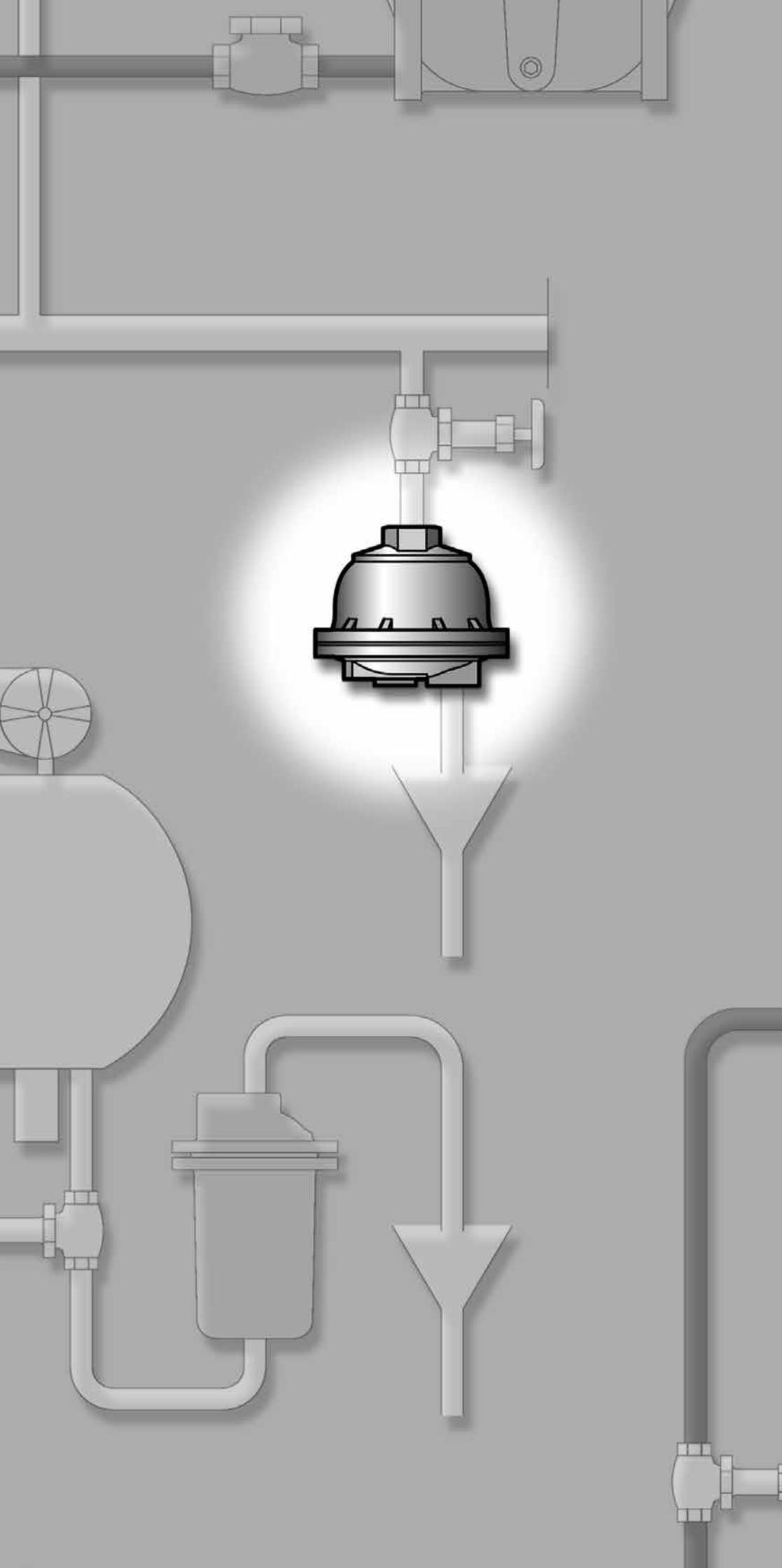


Liquid Drainers





Bringing Energy Down to Earth

Say energy. Think environment. And vice versa.

Any company that is energy conscious is also environmentally conscious. Less energy consumed means less waste, fewer emissions and a healthier environment.

In short, bringing energy and environment together lowers the cost industry must pay for both. By helping companies manage energy, Armstrong products and services are also helping to protect the environment.

Armstrong has been sharing know-how since we invented the energy-efficient inverted bucket steam trap in 1911. In the years since, customers' savings have proven again and again that knowledge not shared is energy wasted.

Armstrong's developments and improvements in drain trap design and function have led to countless savings in energy, time and money. This section has grown out of our decades of sharing and expanding what we've learned. It deals with the operating principles of drain traps and outlines their specific applications to a wide variety of products and industries.

This section also includes Recommendation Charts that summarize our findings on which type of drain trap will give optimum performance in a given situation and why.

Terminology

Drain traps, as described in this section, have many other names in industry. A drain trap is an automatic loss prevention valve that opens to discharge liquids and closes to prevent air or gas loss. In industry, drain traps are also known as:

- Compressed air drains
- Condensate drainers
- Air traps
- Water traps
- Dump valves
- Float traps
- Liquid drainers
- Compressed air traps

This section should be utilized as a guide for the installation and operation of drain trapping equipment by experienced personnel. Selection or installation should always be accompanied by competent technical assistance or advice. We encourage you to contact Armstrong or its local representative for complete details.



Instructions for Using the Recommendation Charts

Quick reference Recommendation Charts appear throughout the "HOW TO DRAIN" pages of this section, pages LD-324 to LD-335.

A feature code system (ranging from A to N) supplies you with "at-a-glance" information.

The chart covers the type of drain traps and the major advantages that Armstrong feels are superior for each particular application.

For example, assume you are looking for information concerning the proper trap to use on an aftercooler. You would:

1. Turn to the "How to Drain Aftercoolers" section, pages LD-328 and LD-329, and look in the lower left-hand corner of page LD-328. (Each application has a Recommendation Chart.) The Recommendation Chart LD-328-1 from page LD-328 is reprinted below as Chart LD-313-1 for your convenience.

2. Find "Aftercooler" in the first column under "Equipment Being Drained" and read to the right for Armstrong's "1st Choice and Feature Code." In this case, the first choice is an IB and the feature code letters F, G, J, K, M are listed.

3. Now refer to the chart below, titled "How Various Types of Drain Traps Meet Specific Operating Requirements" and read down the extreme left-hand column to each of the letters F, G, J, K, M. The letter "F," for example, refers to the trap's ability to handle oil/water mix.

4. Follow the line for "F" to the right until you reach the column that corresponds to our first choice, in this case the inverted bucket. Based on tests, actual operating conditions, and the fact that the discharge is at the top, the inverted bucket trap handles oil/water mixtures extremely well. Follow this same procedure for the remaining letters.

Table LD-313-1. Recommendation Chart
(See below for "Feature Code" references.)

Equip-ment Being Drained	Air		Gas	
	1st Choice and Feature Code	Alternate Choice	1st Choice and Feature Code	Alternate Choice
Aftercooler	IB	FF	*FF	FP
Intercooler	F, G, J, K, M		B, E, J	

* Since IBs vent gas to operate, an FF is suggested because gas venting may not be desirable.

Table LD-313-2. How Various Types of Drain Traps Meet Specific Operating Requirements

Feature Code	Characteristic	IB	FF	FP	FS	D	TV	MV
A	Method of Operation (Intermittent-Continuous)	I	C	C	I	I	I	C
B	Energy Conservation in Operation	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Fair	Poor	Excellent
C	Energy Conservation Over Time	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Poor	Fair	Poor (5)
D	Resistance to Wear	Excellent	Excellent	Fair	Good	Poor	Good	Excellent
E	Corrosion Resistance	Excellent						
F	Ability to Handle Oil/Water Mix	Excellent	Fair	Fair	Fair	Good	Excellent	Excellent
G	Ability to Prevent Sludge Buildup	Excellent	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Good	Excellent
H	Resistance to Damage from Freezing (1)	Good (2)	Poor	Poor	Poor	Good	Fair	Good
I	Performance to Very Light Loads	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Poor	Poor	Poor
J	Responsiveness to Slugs of Liquid (3)	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Poor	Poor	Poor
K	Ability to Handle Dirt	Excellent	Fair	Fair	Excellent	Poor	Excellent	Good
L	Comparative Physical Size	Large	Large	Large	Large	Small	Small	Small
M	Mechanical Failure (Open-Closed)	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open	(4)	(4)
N	Noise Level of Discharge (Loud-Quiet)	Quiet	Quiet	Quiet	Quiet	Loud	Loud	(4)

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|------|---------------------------|-----|--|
| IB = | Inverted Bucket | (1) | Cast iron not recommended. |
| FF = | Float-Free Linkage | (2) | Sealed stainless steel = good. |
| FP = | Float-Fixed Pivot Linkage | (3) | Float traps should be back vented = excellent. |
| FS = | Float-Snap Acting Linkage | (4) | Can be either. |
| D = | Disc | (5) | Usually end up "cracked open." |
| TV = | Timed Solenoid Valve | | |
| MV = | Manual Valve | | |

Guidelines for Draining Liquids

Moisture is always present in compressed air, and oil can be present at some points in a compressed air system. For the efficient operation and long life of gaskets, hoses and air tools, this excess moisture and the oil must be removed from the system.

The removal of moisture and oil from a system involves more than just traps. To maintain high efficiency and avoid costly problems, a compressed air system also requires:

1. Aftercoolers to bring the compressed air down to ambient or room temperature.
2. Separators to knock down suspended droplets of water or fog. Separators are installed downstream from aftercoolers or in air lines near point of use, or both.
3. Drain traps to discharge the liquid from the system with a minimum loss of air.

Table LD-314-1, Weight of Water in grams Per Cubic Meter of Air at Various Temperatures (based on atmospheric pressure of 1 bar(a))

Temperature °C	Percentage of Saturation									
	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
-15	0,14	0,28	0,41	0,55	0,69	0,83	0,97	1,10	1,24	1,38
-12	0,18	0,36	0,54	0,72	0,90	1,08	1,26	1,44	1,62	1,80
-10	0,22	0,43	0,65	0,86	1,08	1,29	1,51	1,72	1,94	2,16
-5	0,32	0,65	0,97	1,30	1,62	1,94	2,27	2,59	2,91	3,24
-2	0,41	0,83	1,24	1,65	2,07	2,48	2,89	3,31	3,72	4,14
0	0,49	0,97	1,46	1,95	2,43	2,92	3,41	3,89	4,38	4,87
2	0,56	1,11	1,67	2,23	2,79	3,34	3,90	4,46	5,01	5,57
4	0,64	1,27	1,91	2,54	3,18	3,82	4,45	5,09	5,72	6,36
6	0,72	1,45	2,17	2,90	3,62	4,35	5,07	5,80	6,52	7,25
8	0,82	1,65	2,47	3,29	4,12	4,94	5,76	6,59	7,41	8,23
10	0,94	1,87	2,81	3,74	4,68	5,61	6,55	7,48	8,42	9,36
12	1,06	2,12	3,18	4,24	5,30	6,36	7,42	8,48	9,54	10,60
14	1,20	2,40	3,60	4,79	5,99	7,19	8,39	9,59	10,79	11,99
16	1,35	2,71	4,06	5,41	6,77	8,12	9,47	10,82	12,18	13,53
18	1,52	3,05	4,57	6,10	7,62	9,15	10,67	12,20	13,72	15,25
20	1,71	3,43	5,14	6,86	8,57	10,29	12,00	13,72	15,43	17,15
21	1,82	3,64	5,46	7,28	9,10	10,91	12,73	14,55	16,37	18,19
22	1,93	3,85	5,78	7,70	9,63	11,55	13,48	15,40	17,33	19,25
24	2,16	4,32	6,47	8,63	10,79	12,95	15,10	17,26	19,42	21,58
26	2,41	4,83	7,24	9,66	12,07	14,49	16,90	19,31	21,73	24,14
28	2,70	5,39	8,09	10,79	13,49	16,18	18,88	21,58	24,27	26,97
30	3,01	6,02	9,02	12,03	15,04	18,05	21,05	24,06	27,07	30,08
32	3,35	6,70	10,05	13,40	16,75	20,09	23,44	26,79	30,14	33,49
34	3,72	7,45	11,17	14,89	18,61	22,34	26,06	29,78	33,51	37,23
36	4,13	8,26	12,40	16,53	20,66	24,79	28,93	33,06	37,19	41,32
38	4,56	9,12	13,68	18,24	22,80	27,36	31,92	36,47	41,03	45,59
40	5,07	10,13	15,20	20,27	25,34	30,40	35,47	40,54	45,60	50,67
42	5,60	11,20	16,80	22,40	27,99	33,59	39,19	44,79	50,39	55,99
44	6,18	12,35	18,53	24,71	30,89	37,06	43,24	49,42	55,59	61,77
46	6,81	13,61	20,42	27,22	34,03	40,83	47,64	54,44	61,25	68,06
48	7,49	14,97	22,46	29,95	37,44	44,92	52,41	59,90	67,38	74,87
50	8,23	16,45	24,68	32,90	41,13	49,35	57,58	65,81	74,03	82,26

Compressed Air/Gases – Basic Concepts

Water carried with air into tools or machines where air is being used will wash away lubricating oil. This causes excess wear to motors and bearings and results in high maintenance expense. Without adequate lubrication, the tools and machines run sluggishly and their efficiency is lowered. This effect is particularly pronounced in the case of pneumatic hammers, drills, hoists and sand rammers, where the wearing surfaces are limited in size and the excessive wear creates air leakage.

Where air is used for paint spraying, enameling, food agitation and similar processes, the presence of water and/or oil cannot be tolerated, nor can particles of grit or scale.

In instrument air systems, water will tend to cling to small orifices and collect dirt, causing erratic operation or failure of sensitive devices.

Pipeline Troubles

When water accumulates at low points in the pipeline, the air-carrying capacity of the line is reduced. Eventually, airflow over the pool of water will begin to carry the water along at high velocity. This produces “water hammer” along the line, and may even carry over a slug of water into a tool. In cold weather, accumulations of water may freeze and burst pipelines.

Air's Capacity to Hold Moisture

At atmospheric pressure (1 bar), 8 m³ of air with an RH of 50% and a temperature of 20°C will contain 68 g of moisture vapor.

When the pressure is doubled (without increasing the temperature) the volume is cut in half (4 m³), but there are still 68 g of moisture. This means the relative humidity is now 100% – all the moisture in vapor form that it can handle.

Increasing the pressure to 8 bar(a), the volume of air is further reduced to approximately 1 m³. This 1 m³ of compressed air still at 20°C can hold a maximum 17 g of moisture. The other 51 g of moisture are condensed.

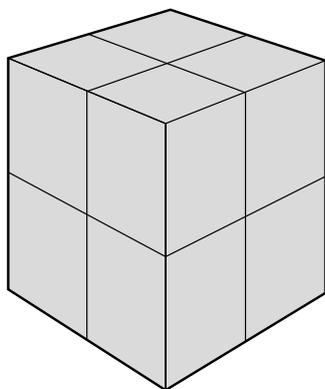


Figure LD-315-1.

Pressure: 1 bar(a)
 Temp: 20°C
 Air = 8 m³
 Moisture = 68 g
 Max Possible = 136 g

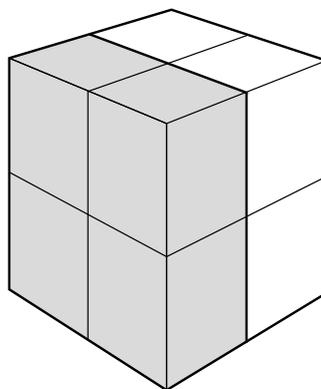


Figure LD-315-2.

Pressure: 2 bar(a)
 Temp: 20°C
 Air = 4 m³
 Moisture = 68 g
 Max Possible = 68 g

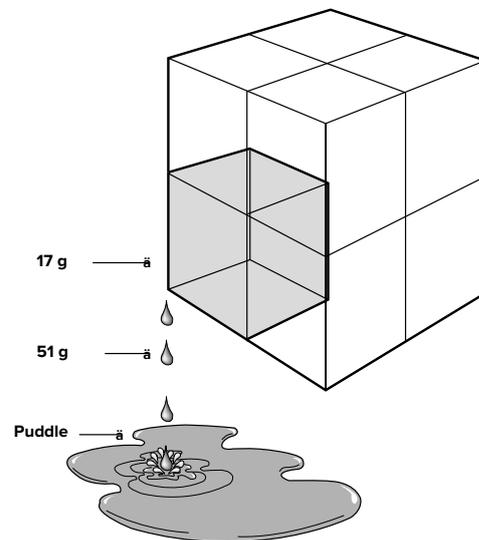


Figure LD-315-3.

Pressure: 8 bar(a)
 Temp: 20°C
 Air = 1 m³
 Moisture = 68 g
 Max Possible = 17g
 51g of Liquid

Drainage Problems and How to Avoid Them

Oil. A critical drainage problem exists at points where oil may be present in the compressed air (principally at intercoolers, aftercoolers and receivers).

Two facts create this problem:

1. Oil is lighter than water and will float on top of water.
2. Compressor oil when cooled tends to become thick and viscous.

The beaker simulates any drain trap that has its discharge valve at the bottom, Fig. LD-316-1. Like the beaker, the trap will fill with heavy oil that may be thick and viscous.

Compare with Fig. LD-316-2, which shows an identical beaker except that the discharge valve is at the same level as the oil. Oil will escape until the oil level is so thin that for every 19 drops of water and one of oil that enter the beaker, exactly 19 drops of water and one drop of oil will leave. The beaker always will be filled with water.

The conclusion is obvious. When there is an oil-water mixture to be drained from an air separator or receiver, use a trap with the discharge valve at the top.

Dirt and Grit. While scale and sediment is seldom a problem between the compressor and receiver, it is encountered in the air distribution system, particularly when the piping is old. In this situation, scale will be carried to a drain trap along with the water. If the drain trap is not designed to handle dirt and grit, the trap may fail to drain water and oil, or the trap valve may not close.

Air Loss. Often in compressed air systems, the solution to one problem may also cause another problem. For example, a common method of draining unwanted moisture is to crack open a valve; however, this also creates a leak. The immediate problem is solved, but the "solution" has an obvious, and usually underestimated, cost of continual air loss.

How much air is lost depends on orifice size and line pressure (see Table LD-317-1). The overall result is a decrease in line pressure, the loss of up to a third of the system's compressed air, and the cost of compressing it.

Leak control involves:

- Looking for leaks during shut-down with an ultrasonic leak detector
- Determining total leakage by observing how fast pressure drops with the compressor off, both before and after a leak survey
- Fixing leaks at joints, valves and similar points
- Replacing cracked-open valves with drain traps
- Checking the system regularly

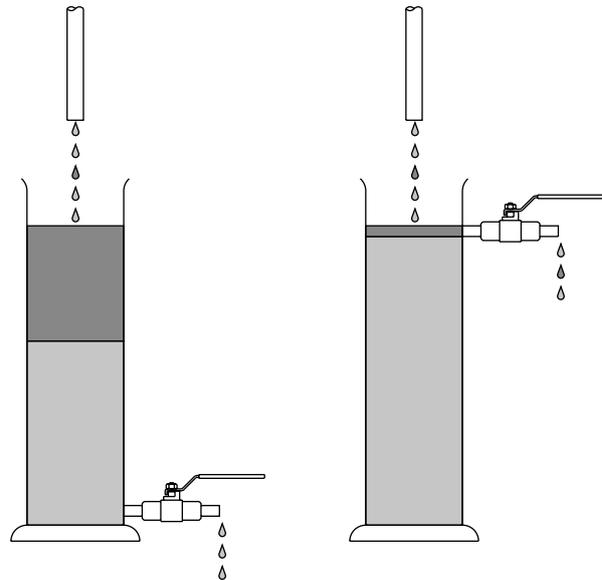


Figure LD-316-1.

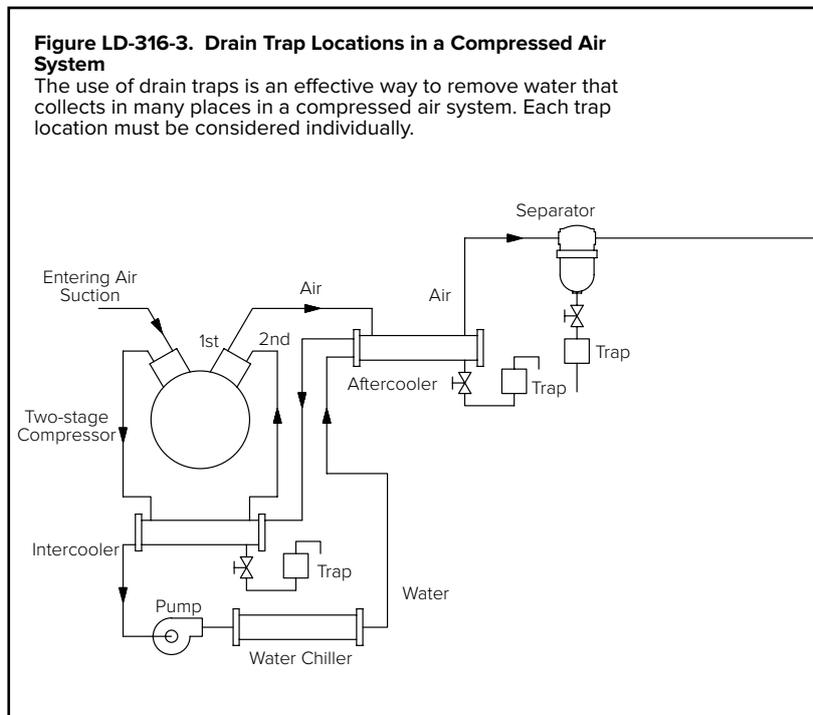
If a beaker collecting oil and water is drained from the bottom at the same rate that oil and water enter, it will eventually fill entirely with oil because oil floats on water.

Figure LD-316-2.

If a beaker collecting oil and water is drained from the top at the same rate that oil and water enter, it soon will be entirely filled with water because the oil floats on the water.

Figure LD-316-3. Drain Trap Locations in a Compressed Air System

The use of drain traps is an effective way to remove water that collects in many places in a compressed air system. Each trap location must be considered individually.



Compressed Air/Gases – Basic Concepts

Drainage Methods

Manual. Liquid may be discharged continuously through cracked-open valves, or periodically by opening manually operated drain valves.

Open drains are a continuous waste of air or gas – and the energy to produce it. A valve manually opened will be left open until air blows freely. Frequently, however, the operator will delay or forget to close the valve, and precious air or gas is lost.

Automatic. Automatic drainage equipment that is adequate for the system is seldom included in the original system. However, subsequent installation of automatic drain traps will significantly reduce energy and maintenance costs.

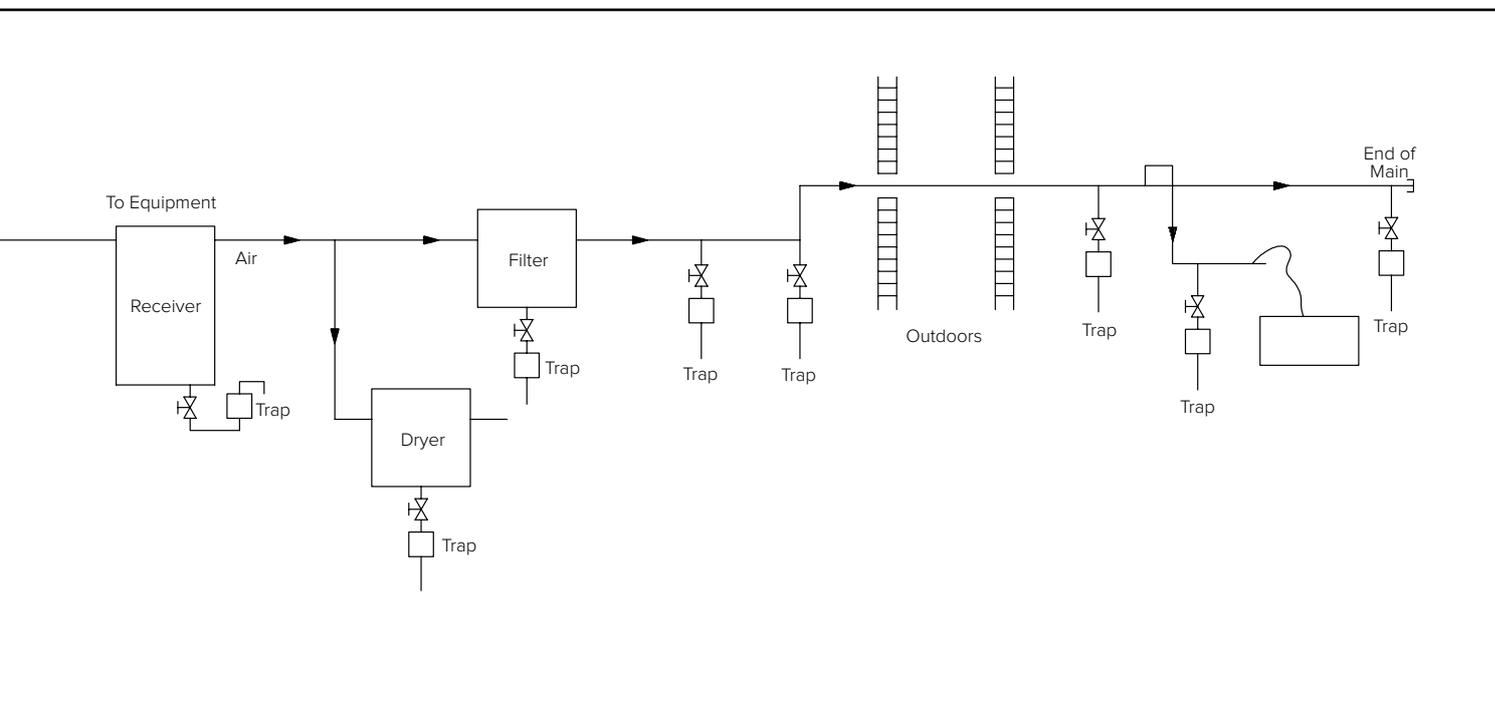
Drain Traps. Water collected in separators and drip legs must be removed continuously without wasting costly air or gas. In instances where drain traps are not part of the system design, manual drain valves are usually opened periodically or left cracked open to drain constantly. In either case, the valves are opened far enough that some air and gas are lost along with the liquid. To eliminate this problem, a drain trap should be installed at appropriate points to remove liquid continuously and automatically without wasting air or gas.

The job of the drain trap is to get liquid and oil out of the compressed air/gas system. In addition, for overall efficiency and economy, the trap must provide:

- Operation that is relatively trouble-free with minimal need for adjustment or maintenance
- Reliable operation even though dirt, grit and oil are present in the line
- Long operating life
- Minimal air loss
- Ease of repair

Table LD-317-1. Cost of Various Size Air Leaks at 6 barg

Orifice Diameter (in)	Leakage Rate m ³ /h	Total Cost Per Month in €	Cost Total Per Year in €
3/8"	234,5	1 207,50	14 490
1/4"	103,6	533,75	6 405
1/8"	26,2	134,75	1 617
7/64"	20,0	103,25	1 239
5/64"	10,2	52,50	630
1/16"	6,5	33,60	403



For Heavy Oil/Water Service

BVSW inverted bucket drain traps are designed for systems with heavy oil or water services.

An inverted bucket is used because the discharge valve is at the top, so oil is discharged first and the trap body is almost completely filled with water at all times.

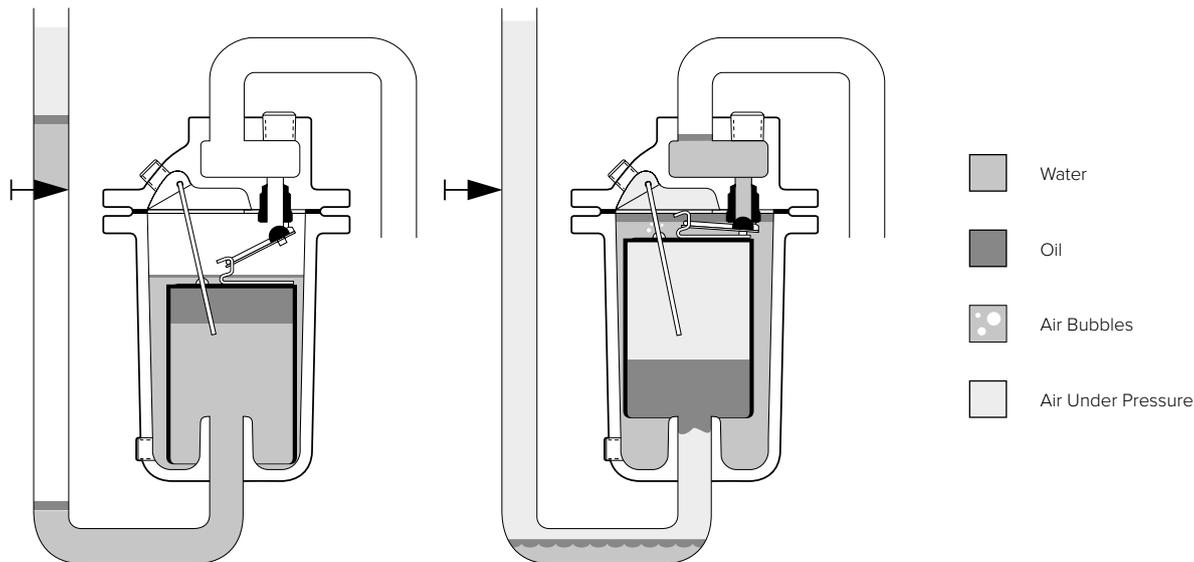
BVSW stands for Bucket Vent Scrubbing Wire. This 1,6 mm diameter wire swings freely from the trap cap and extends through the bucket vent. Its function is to prevent reduction of vent size by buildup of solids or heavy oil in the vent itself. The up-and-down motion of the bucket relative to the vent scrubbing wire keeps the vent clean and full size.

Operation of Inverted Bucket Drain Traps

1. Since there is seldom sufficient accumulation of water to float the bucket and close the valve, the trap must be primed on initial start-up or after draining for cleaning. Step 1 shows "after operating" primed condition with oil in the top of bucket and a very thin layer of oil on top of water in the trap body.

2. When valve in line to trap is opened, air enters bucket, displacing liquid. When bucket is two-thirds full of air, it becomes buoyant and floats. This closes the discharge valve. As bucket rises, the vent scrubbing wire removes oil and any dirt from bucket vent. Both liquid and air in trap are at full line pressure, so no more liquid or air can enter trap until some liquid or air escapes through the discharge valve. Static head forces air through bucket vent. The air rises to top of trap and displaces water that enters bucket at bottom to replace air that passes through vent. Just as soon as bucket is less than two-thirds full of air, it loses buoyancy and starts to pull on valve lever as shown in Step 3.

Figure LD-318-1. Operation of the BVSW Inverted Bucket Drain Trap



1. Trap primed, air off, bucket down, trap valve open.

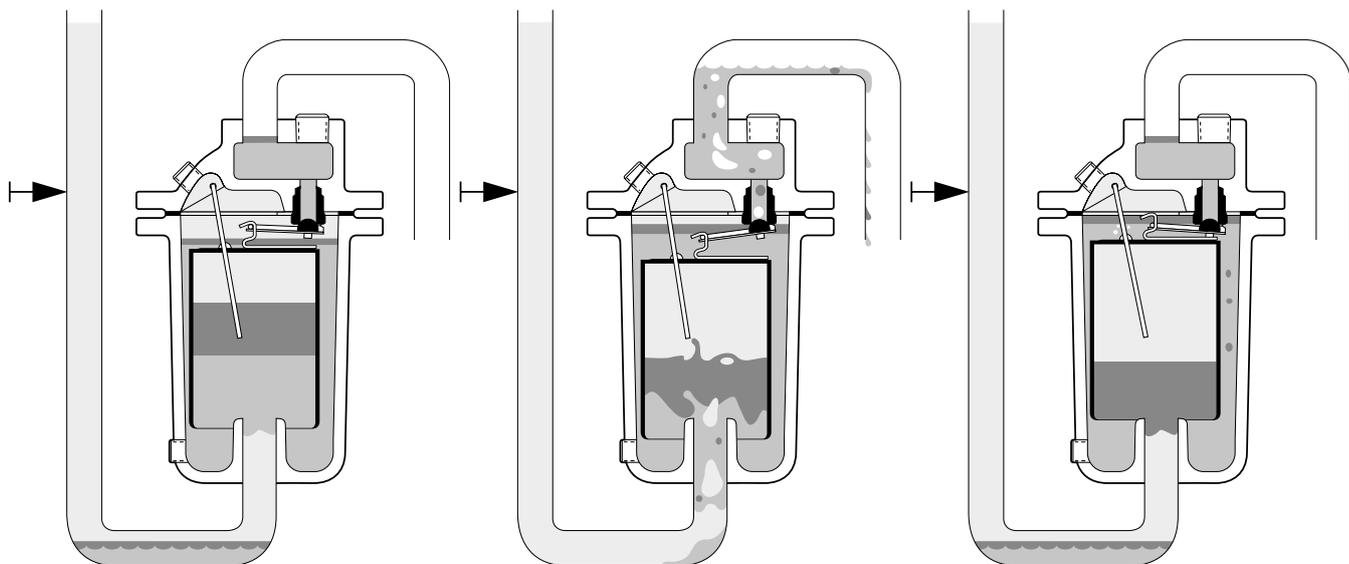
2. Trap in service, bucket floating. Air passes through bucket vent and collects at top of trap.

Inverted Bucket Drain Traps

3. Note that liquid level at top of trap has dropped and the liquid level in the bucket has risen. The volume of water displaced by air exactly equals the volume of water that entered the bucket. During this valve-closed part of the operating cycle – Steps 2 and 3 – water and oil are collecting in the horizontal line ahead of the trap. When the bucket is about two-thirds full of liquid, it exerts enough pull on lever to crack open the discharge valve.

4. Two things happen simultaneously. a) The accumulated air at top of trap is discharged immediately, followed by oil and any water that enters the trap while the valve is cracked. b) Pressure in trap body is lowered slightly, allowing accumulated liquid in horizontal line to enter the trap. Air displaces liquid from the bucket until it floats and closes the discharge valve, restoring the condition shown in Step 2.

5. When full buoyancy is restored, the trap bucket is two-thirds full of air. Oil that has entered while trap was open flows under bottom of bucket and rises to top of water in trap body. The trap normally discharges small quantities of air several times per minute.



3. Water enters bucket to replace air passing through bucket vent. This increases weight of bucket until...

4. ...pull on lever cracks valve. Air at top of trap escapes, followed by oil and water. Liquid in pipe ahead of trap enters bucket followed by air.

5. Air displaces liquid and excess oil from bucket, restoring condition shown in Step 2.

Closed Float

Hollow, thin-wall metal floats are attached through linkages to valves at the trap bottom, and a seat with an appropriately sized orifice is inserted at the trap outlet. Floats are selected to provide adequate buoyancy to open the valve against the pressure difference. Discharge usually is to atmosphere, so the pressure drop is equal to the system air pressure. The float and linkage are made of stainless steel, and the valve and seat are hardened stainless steel for wear resistance and long life. The body is cast iron, stainless steel, or cast or forged steel depending on gas pressure. Bodies may be made of stainless steel to resist corrosive gas mixtures.

Entering liquid drops to the bottom of the body. As liquid level rises, the ball is floated upward, thereby causing the valve to open sufficiently that outlet flow balances inlet flow. Subsequent change

of incoming flow raises or lowers water level further opening or throttling the valve. Thus discharge is proportionally modulated to drain liquid completely and continuously. However, gas flow may be constant or it may abruptly change depending on system demand characteristics. Liquid formation may be sporadic, or the nature of flow generation may cause surges. At times, flow will be very low, requiring operation to throttle the flow or even tight shut-off. Tightness of closure, gas leakage and trap cost will depend on the design of linkage and valve.

Free Floating Lever

The discharge from the Model 1-LD is continuous. The opening of the valve is just wide enough to remove the liquid as fast as it comes to the trap. Thus, at times, the valve is barely cracked from its seat.

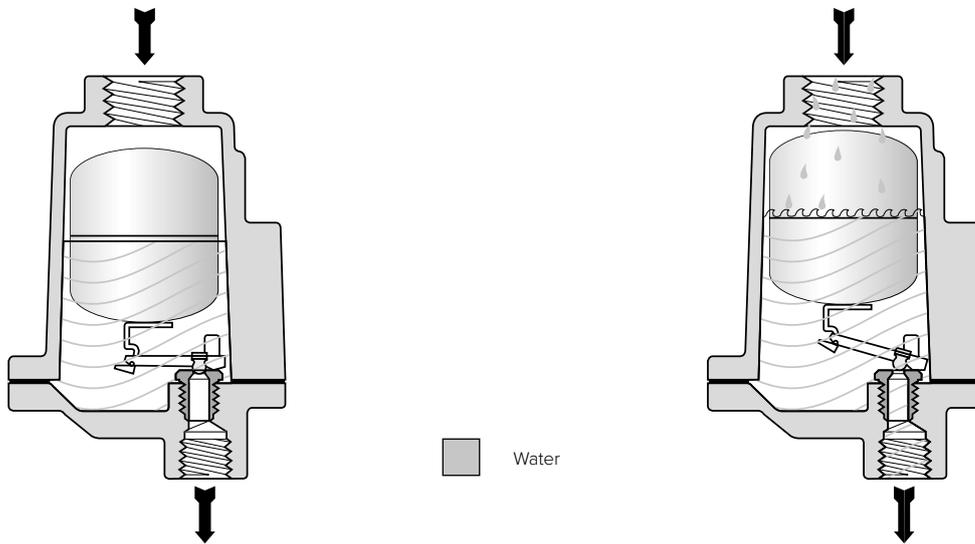


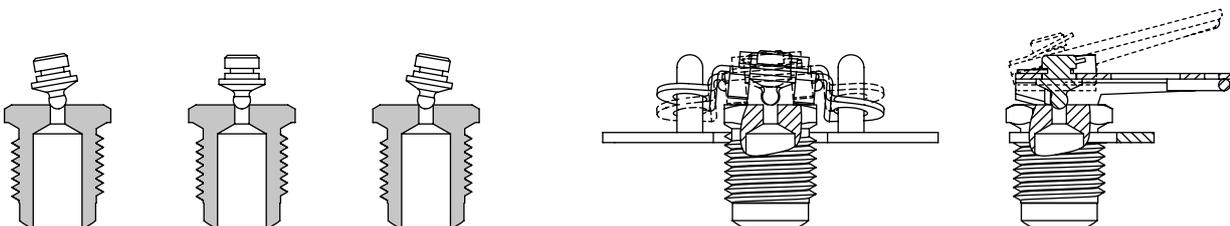
Figure LD-320-1. Operation of the Model 1-LD Free Floating Lever Drain Trap
As water begins to fill the body of the trap, the float rises, opening the discharge valve.
Motion of the free floating valve lever is guided to provide precise closure.

Free Floating Linkage Valve

A hemispherical ball-shaped valve is attached to linkage which is suspended freely on two guide pins. There is no fixed pivot or rigid guides; therefore, the attachment is loose. There are no critical alignments, and the lever and valve may move in all directions.

Consequently, the lever may move the valve to the seat in any alignment. As the valve approaches the seat, the pressure pushes the round valve into the square edge orifice of the seat, effecting a line seal to attain bubble-tight closure.

Figure LD-320-2. Free Floating Linkage



Float Type Drain Traps

Fixed Pivot Conical Valve

A conically shaped valve is attached to a fixed pivot leverage system. The fixed pivot does not allow the valve to move freely to conform to the seat for tight closure.

Thus, it may not seal tightly, and some loss of air or gas may be expected.

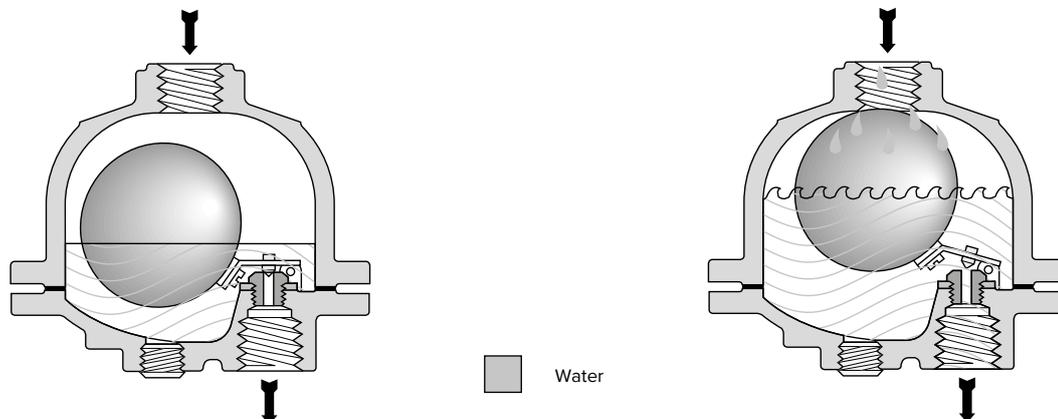


Figure LD-321-1. Operation of Model 21 Fixed Pivot Drain Trap

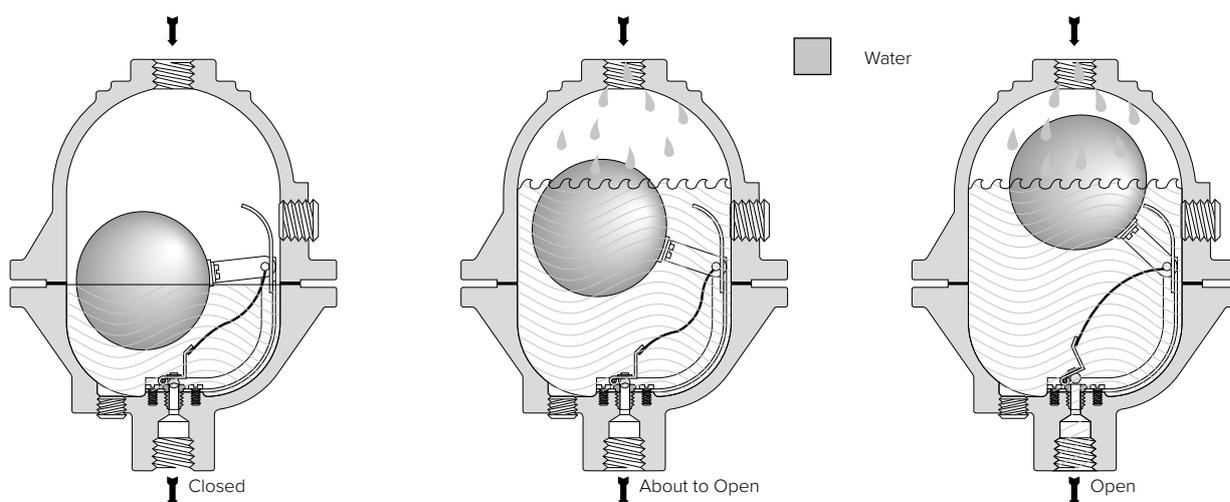
As the water level rises, the ball float cracks the valve to drain liquid at the same rate that it reaches the trap. Changes in the rate of flow to the trap adjust the float level and the degree of opening of the valve.

Snap Action Valve

Because of the sporadic liquid flow, much of the time the valve in a standard float-type drainer is only slightly opened. If there is fine dirt or grit in the liquid, particles may accumulate and clog the partially open valve, or they may lodge between the valve and seat, preventing closure. To overcome this, a special toggle-spring operated valve is used.

A flat spring attached to the leverage system holds the valve closed until liquid level is high enough for the buoyancy to exceed the spring force. Then the valve is snapped open, and the accumulated dirt and grit can be flushed through the wide open valve. When the body is nearly empty, buoyancy is reduced enough to permit the spring to snap the valve closed.

Figure LD-321-2. Operation of Model 71-A Snap Action Drain Trap



Filling Cycle. Trap valve has just closed. Spring bowed to right. Float rides high in water because no force is exerted on spring. As water enters, float rises, storing energy in spring. This increases submergence of float.

Float now is more than half submerged and spring has assumed a "handlebar mustache" shape. Energy stored in spring is due to increased displacement of water. A very slight rise in water level causes spring to snap to the left...

...Instantly the valve opens wide. This releases energy from spring and float again rides high in water. As water level drops, weight of float bends spring to right, causing snap closing of valve before all the water has been discharged.

Drain Trap Selection

Factors Affecting Pressure Differential

Pressure Differential in Detail

Inlet Pressure can be:

1. Air main pressure.
2. Reduced pressure controlled by a pressure reducing valve station.

Discharge can be:

1. Atmospheric.
2. Below atmospheric – under vacuum. Add vacuum to inlet pressure to get pressure differential.
102,4 mm Hg vacuum = approximately 0,1 bar of pressure below atmospheric.

3. Above atmospheric due to:

- a. Pipe friction
- b. Elevating liquid

Every 1 m lift reduces pressure differential by approximately 0,1 bar, when the discharge is only liquid.

Special Considerations

Drain traps are available for services other than those found on standard compressed air systems.

High Pressure

Spring-loaded mechanisms allow float type drain traps to operate on pressures above 200 bar.

Fluids Other Than Water

Different fluids, such as oils and liquid, can be compensated for with specially weighted floats or lower operating pressure ratings. Fluids with specific gravities down to 0,4 will work with float type drain traps.

Materials of Construction

Service requirements for stainless steel or other corrosion-resistant materials can be met by float and inverted bucket type drain traps.

NACE Sour Gas Service

Special materials and construction are required for hydrogen sulfide service.

High Capacity for Large Flow Rates

Ultra-capacity type drain traps allow float type drain traps to be used on service requiring capacities up to 320 000 kg/h.

Dual Gravity

Float type drain traps can be modified to drain a heavier fluid from a lighter fluid.

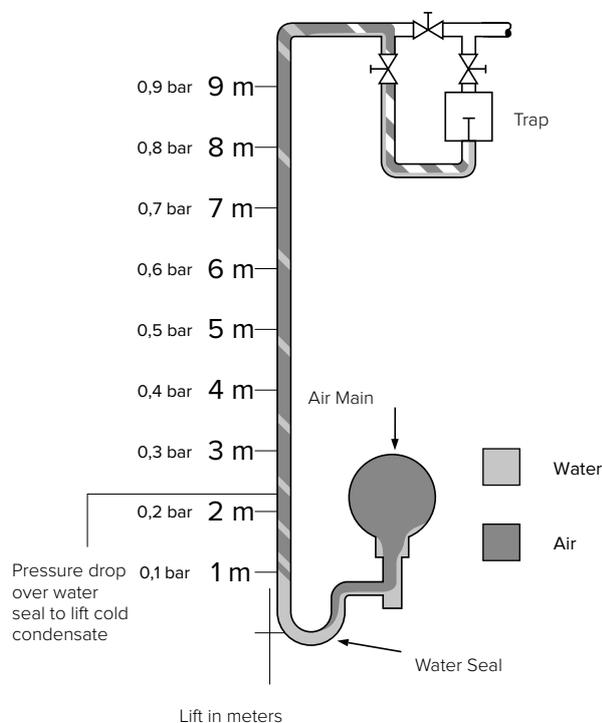


Figure LD-323-1. Liquid from gravity drain point is lifted to trap by a syphon. Every meter of lift reduces pressure differential by approximately 0,1 bar. Note seal at low point and the trap's internal check valve to prevent back flow.

Air distribution systems make up the vital link between compressors and the vast amount of air-utilizing equipment. They represent the method by which air is actually transported to all parts of the plant to perform specific functions.

control valves and other equipment. There is also a freeze potential wherever water is allowed to accumulate. In areas where air is moving slowly, the accumulation of water can effectively reduce the pipe size, thereby increasing the pressure drop and wasting energy.

The three primary components of air distribution systems are air mains, air branch lines, and air distribution manifolds. They each fill certain requirements of the system, and together with separators and traps, contribute to efficient air utilization. Common to all air distribution systems is the need for drip legs at various intervals. These drip legs are provided to:

1. Let liquid escape by gravity from the fast-moving air.
2. Store the liquid until the pressure differential can discharge it through the drain trap.
3. Serve as dirt pockets for the inevitable dirt and grit that will accumulate in the distribution system.

Air mains are one of the most common applications for drain traps. These lines need to be kept free of liquid to keep the supplied equipment operating properly. Inadequately trapped air mains often result in water hammer and slugs of liquid, which can damage

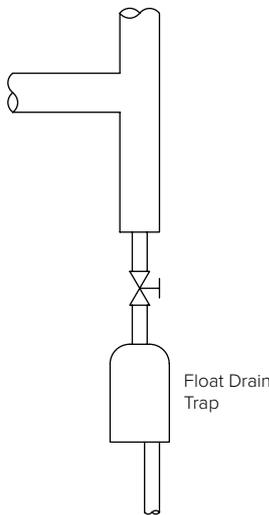


Figure LD-324-1.
Drain trap installed straight under a low point.

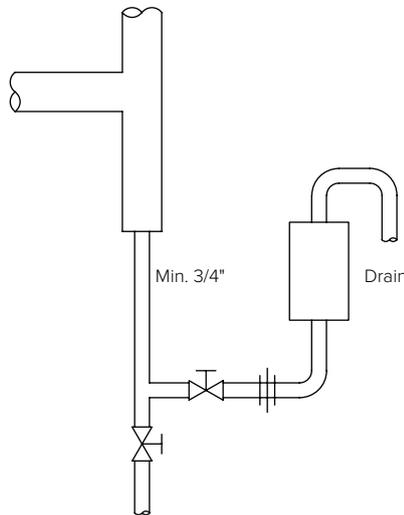


Figure LD-324-2.
Series 200 or 300 inverted bucket drain traps installed on compressed air line contaminated by oil.

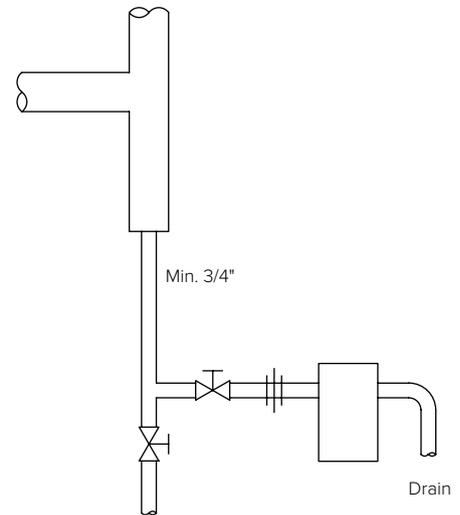


Figure LD-324-3.
Series 800 or 900 inverted bucket drain traps installed on compressed air line contaminated by oil.

Table LD-324-1. Recommendation Chart (See chart on LD-357 for "Feature Code" references.)		
Equipment Being Drained	1st Choice and Feature Code	Alternate Choice and Feature Code
Air Mains	FF B, C, D, J, M	FP*

* IB is a good alternative where heavy oil carryover is likely.

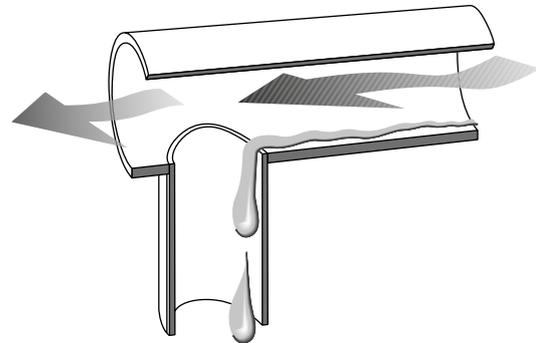


Figure LD-324-4. Drip leg length should be at least 1,5 times the diameter of the main and never less than 10". Drip leg diameter should be the same size as the main, up to 4" pipe size and at least 1/2 of the diameter of the main above that, but never less than 4".

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Selection of Drain Traps and Safety Factor for Air Mains

Traps should be selected to discharge a volume of liquid normally produced when the system is up and running. Liquid loads can be estimated if actual air volume flow is not known. If cold temperatures are possible, the dew point at supply pressure must be known. Once this maximum is determined, the safety factor used to size the trap will be only 10% of the total potential liquid load. Ten percent of the total is used because most of the liquid has been removed in the aftercooler and receiver. The drain trap must handle only the small remaining amount of 10% of the total possible load.

Installation of Drain Traps on Air Mains

Drip Legs. All air mains should utilize drip legs and traps at all low spots or natural drainage points, such as ahead of risers, end of mains, ahead of expansion joints or bends, and ahead of valves and regulators (see installation Fig. LD-324-4).

Where there are no natural drainage points, drip legs and drain traps should still be provided. These should normally be installed at intervals of about 150 m.

Rule of Thumb for Calculating Compressor Liquid Loads

$$\frac{\text{flow in Nm}^3/\text{h} \times 45.59 \text{ g/m}^3}{1000 \text{ g/kg}} = \text{kg/h}$$

1. Assuming worst condition:
38°C @ 100% RH
For other conditions, see page LD-314
2. Using air main safety factor of: Load x 10%



How to Drain Air Distribution Systems

Branch Lines

Branch lines are takeoffs of the air main supplying specific areas of air-utilizing equipment. Branch lines must always be taken from the top of the air main. The entire system must be designed and hooked up to prevent accumulation of liquid at any point. If a specific process area requires it, an air dryer will be installed on the branch line.

Trap Selection and Safety Factor for Branches

The formula for computing liquid load in branch lines is the same as that used for air mains. Branch lines also have a recommended safety factor of 10% of total air load. Drip legs must be installed ahead of risers and at the end of branch lines, especially when branch line runouts exceed 15 m. There are usually several branches off the air main, and in many cases they experience a high liquid load when they run against cold outside walls. This cooling causes more moisture to condense in the branch line than would be seen in the air main.

Distribution Manifolds

A distribution manifold is a terminal for a branch line from which several air users are taken off. They are particularly common in manufacturing facilities for pneumatic tool hookups or takeoffs to cylinder actuators. Like branch lines, it is common for distribution manifolds to be installed against cool walls where low temperatures cause condensation and the accumulation of liquid.

Distribution manifolds are often equipped with filters and regulators. Regulators may also be found at the termination before the air-using device.

Since the air distribution manifold is usually one pipe size larger than the branch line, it is common for air velocity to drop when coming from the branch line. With this decrease in velocity, often combined with lower ambient temperatures, it is common for a liquid to accumulate in the distribution manifold. For this reason, the use of filter-drainer combinations or separate drain traps is recommended. Trapping the liquid in the distribution manifold is important to protect the regulators on air-using equipment and orifices in air-using instruments.

This is a location where manual valves are commonly misused due to their accessibility. To drain the liquid and keep it from fouling an instrument or pneumatic tool, manual valves will often be cracked to atmosphere. When they are left this way, the result is a large air loss due to the unrestricted free blow of air to atmosphere.

Trap Selection and Safety Factor for Distribution Manifolds

Normally the smallest drain trap is practical for distribution manifolds up to manifold diameters of 2". Above 2", the distribution manifold should be considered a branch, and then the sizing procedure from the Air Main section would apply.

Guidelines for Draining Liquids

Table LD-326-1. Recommendation Chart (See chart on LD-313 for "Feature Code" references.)		
Equipment Being Drained	1st Choice and Feature Code	Alternate Choice
Branch Lines	FF B, C, D, J, M	FP*
Distribution Manifolds	FF B, C, D, I, M	FP

* IB is a good alternative where heavy oil carryover is likely.

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Installation

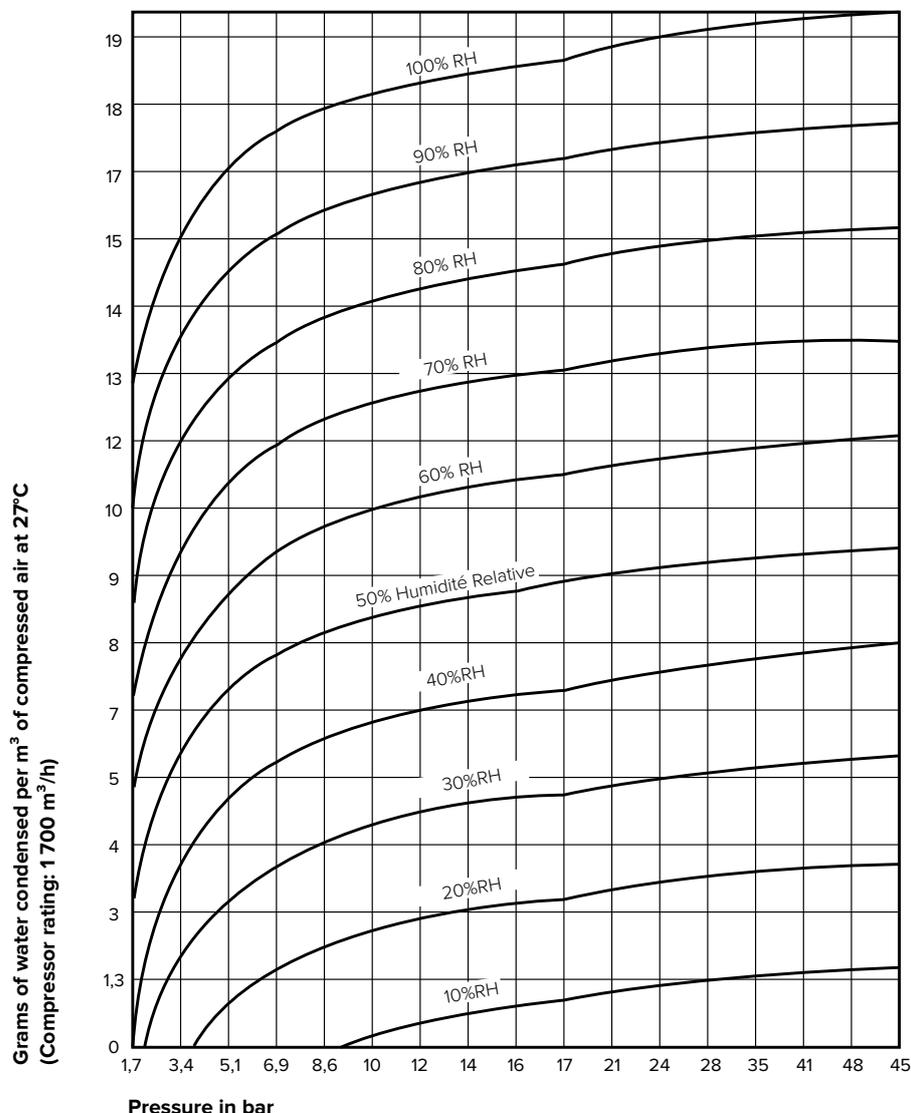
The ABCs of trap installation must be followed: "A" for accessible, "B" for below the point being drained, and "C" for close to the point being drained. If the discharge point for this drain trap is some distance away from the drain point, the discharge line from the trap should be run out – not the inlet to the trap.

When installing traps on the drain connection of filters, particular care should be taken to the connection size. Normally outlet connections on filters are 1/4" in size or less. This connection size is normally not large enough to allow anything but slugs of liquid to flow into the trap housing. If a float trap is utilized, it should be either back vented or the connection size must be increased to 3/4" minimum. For additional installation recommendations, see pages LD-360 and LD-361.

Table LD-327-1. Correction Factors

For grams of water condensed at temperatures other than 27°C find weight condensed at 27°C and multiply by factors shown							
°C	Factor	°C	Factor	°C	Factor	°C	Factor
-12	0,070	10	0,373	38	1,81	60	5,15
-7	0,112	16	0,525	43	2,39	65	6,52
-1	0,176	21	0,729	49	3,12	71	8,19
5	0,259	32	1,35	54	4,02	77	10,2

Chart LD-327-2. Water Condensed From Compressed Air



Note: Amount of water condensed is in direct ratio to compressor rating. For example, for 850 m³/h compressor, multiply determined amount of condensate by 0,50; for 340 m³/h compressor, multiply amount of condensate by 0,20.



How to Drain Intercoolers, Aftercoolers and Aftercooler Separator Combinations

Aftercooler

An aftercooler serves as the primary means of moisture removal on industrial air systems. It increases the efficiency of air distribution by reducing pressure drop created when air flows through the system. It does this by using cooling water to reduce the specific volume of the air which, in turn, allows the air to flow through the system with less pressure drop. Aftercoolers are found on most industrial compressors over 7,5 kw in size. In addition to removing the heat of compression, aftercoolers also remove approximately two-thirds of the liquid found in the air, and help in the removal and knock-down of oil carryover from the compressor.

Intercooler

Compressor intercoolers are designed to increase the efficiency of compression by reducing the temperature and specific volume of air between stages of compression. This allows the compressor to do more work at a lower temperature than would normally occur. Because some condensing will occur in the intercooler, a drain trap is required to protect compressor parts.

If liquid were to carry over from the intercooler, it could also carry dirt or scale into the compressor and/or also cause corrosion within the compressor, both of which are undesirable for efficient compressor operation. If slugs of liquid were to pass from the intercooler into the compressor, it would make the compressor operation erratic. Efficient trapping is required at this point to deliver dry air to the next stage of the compressor.

An intercooler is typically a shell and tube heat exchanger. Liquid condensate flow out of the heat exchanger is usually irregular, causing slugs to accumulate and pass into the drain trap. Because of this, a drip leg is required on the intercooler, and full size outlet piping from the intercooler must be used into a dirt pocket. The drip leg allows the slug of condensate to be handled by the drain trap and handles some small backup while the drain trap is discharging the liquid.

The intercooler may also experience oil carryover if the compressor is not of the oil-less or sealed type. As air enters the intercooler, it carries a mist or tiny droplets of oil along with it. Because the air is at a relatively high temperature, this oil is fairly thin. Then, as the intercooler cools the air and oil, the oil may thicken. The drain trap must be able to discharge this oil before it thickens and negatively affects the drain trap and intercooler operation. Trap selection is very important in this type of application where a water and oil mix must be handled by the trap and the oil must be discharged first.

Since the aftercooler removes approximately two-thirds of the total moisture load, traps here will normally be much larger than those found on the rest of the system.

Trap Selection and Safety Factor

Intercooler

Select the proper trap for:

1. Entering water temperature into the intercooler.
2. Airflow rate through the intercooler.
3. Intermediate pressure at which the intercooler is operated.

Use Chart LD-327-1 on page LD-327, "Water Condensed From Compressed Air" to determine the grams of water condensed per m³. Then multiply by the compressor rating (1 700 m³/h) and divide by 1000 to get the water flow in kg/h. Then use a safety factor of 2:1.

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Table LD-328-1. Recommendation Chart
(See chart on LD-313 for "Feature Code" references.)

Equip-ment Being Drained	Air		Gas	
	1st Choice and Feature Code	Alternate Choice	1st Choice and Feature Code	Alternate Choice
Aftercooler	IB	FF	*FF	FP
Intercooler	F, G, J, K, M	FF	B, E, J	FP

* Since IBs vent gas to operate, an FF is suggested because gas venting may not be desirable.

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When selecting the type of trap, consider the failure mode and the ability of the trap to respond to slugs of liquid. In most cases, an “open” failure mode will be desirable as it is vital to protect the compressor from slugs of liquid. A quick response to slugs is important so there is no delay between the time the liquid accumulates and the trap discharges the liquid.

Aftercooler

When the aftercooler condensing rate is not known, there are two typical methods for calculating condensate load. The first method is to calculate total airflow through the system. Then using Chart LD-327-1 on page LD-327, titled “Water Condensed From Compressed Air” determine grams of water condensed per m^3 . Multiply this by the compressor rating ($1\,700\ m^3/h$) and divide by 1000 for required trap capacity in kg per hour (the entering maximum incoming summertime temperature and relative humidity must be known to use this chart). This load is then multiplied by 2 to determine required trap capacity.

The second method of calculating trap capacity is to look at maximum allowable flow rate through the aftercooler. Use the “Water Condensed From Compressed Air” chart on page LD-327 in the same manner as described in Method 1. Although this method will normally yield a larger trap size, it allows for the addition of another compressor or the interconnection of several compressors to the system in the event of unplanned by-passes.

In the second method, it’s important to estimate the average water temperature within the aftercooler as closely as possible. Not all air actually comes in contact with the water tubes; therefore, the air is not uniformly cooled to the water temperature. If actual leaving air temperature is known, this is by far the most accurate figure to use. A properly sized aftercooler will normally cool compressed air down to within $10^\circ C$ lower than entering air temperature.

Installation

When installing drain traps on aftercoolers or aftercooler separator combinations, the “ABCs” of trap installation should be followed:

- A**ccessible for maintenance and repair.
- B**elow the point being drained.
- C**lose to the drip point as possible.

Be sure to follow manufacturer’s instructions on trap installation. Most aftercoolers are equipped with a separate separator. However, if a separator is not furnished, the aftercooler must be trapped individually. In the case of the aftercooler/separator combination, only the separator normally requires a trap. See Fig. LD-329-1 or LD-329-2. But again, it is important to follow manufacturer’s instructions. For additional installation recommendations, see pages LD-360 and LD-361.

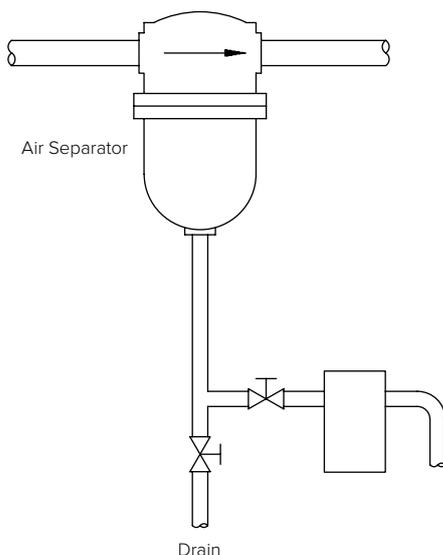


Figure LD-329-1. Installation of a 200 Series inverted bucket drain trap on compressed air contaminated by oil.

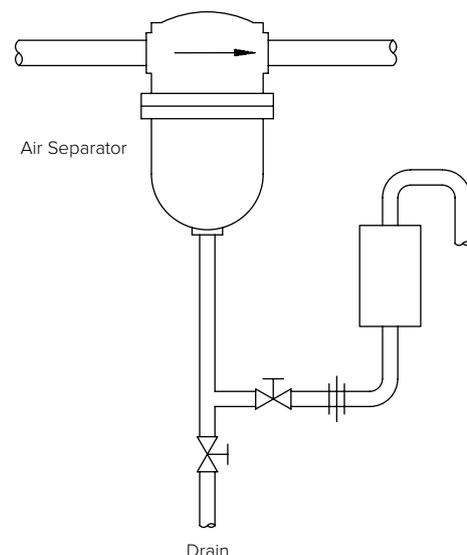


Figure LD-329-2. 800 Series inverted bucket drain trap installed on compressed air contaminated by oil.



How to Drain Separators, Separator Filter Combinations

Separators serve an important function within the compressed air system. Separators may also be known as knockout pots, knockout drums or demisters. Their function is to remove liquid that may be moving at a high speed from the flowing air, and they normally perform this function in a two-step process.

1. Separators increase the flow area and volume of the gas, thereby reducing its velocity. Air within the system may flow at velocities exceeding 45 m/s. At this velocity any liquid will be entrained as droplets and will not be flowing along the bottom of the pipe. To remove these liquid droplets, it is necessary to reduce the velocity of the gas; otherwise, the droplets accumulate and again become entrained with the flowing gas.
2. The second step is to change direction and impinge the liquid. As the velocity of the gas is reduced, the velocity of the fast-moving droplets can be reduced even further by causing the air to take either 90-degree turns or to centrifugally flow within a chamber. Both of these methods serve to "sling" the droplets up against baffles, plates or the wall of the separator.

Because the droplets have a relatively high mass and are incompressible, their velocity will drop dramatically. At this point, gravity will take over, causing the drops to accumulate and flow into the bottom of the separator. Liquid will often fall in sheets down the wall of the separator and collect at the outlet piping in slugs. The immediate drainage of the slugs is important since the separator is normally a final opportunity to protect an air-using device downstream.

If liquid is allowed to accumulate for any amount of time, it may undermine the entire purpose and function of the separator. Therefore, if the separator does not do its job efficiently, it can actually become a reservoir that accumulates condensate and forms slugs to be transmitted down the air line and into the device being protected. In this case, the use of a separator may be worse than no protection at all.

Locations

Separators are normally located on the leaving side of aftercoolers and before the compressed air receiver. They are often integral with filters located before sensitive air-using equipment or as part of the filter on a distribution manifold. In this case there may be a combination filter, oiler, regulator and separator drainage point for liquids to accumulate.

Trap Selection and Safety Factor

If the separator is part of an aftercooler combination installed between the compressor and the receiver, you should refer to the section on Aftercoolers and Aftercooler Separators for trap selection.

Trap selection is fairly critical, especially on equipment with larger than 1" air lines feeding it, since slug formation can wash scale into the air-using equipment and become a serious dirt problem. Therefore, on larger than 1" separators, the flow should be calculated by totaling the air consumption of the devices downstream and using Chart LD-327-1, "Water Condensed From Compressed Air" on page LD-327. Use the full water load expected and the safety factor of 3:1 to figure trap capacity.

Guidelines for Draining Liquids

Table LD-330-1. Recommendation Chart
(See chart on LD-313 for "Feature Code" references.)

Equipment Being Drained	1st Choice and Feature Code	Alternate Choice
Separator Line Size > 1"	FF*	IB
Separator Inlet Pipe > 1"	J, B, C, E	FP*

* IB is a good alternative where heavy oil carryover is likely.

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To determine proper trap capacity for separators with a pipe size of less than 1", the flow can be estimated by using Chart LD-327-2, "Water Condensed From Compressed Air" on page LD-327, and then calculating 20% of full load.

The safety factor for both selection procedures is 3:1 since separators must respond to surges of liquid from the inlet. In this case, the trap must handle far more liquid than would be experienced under normal operation.

Installation

When installing ball float type traps on separators 1" and above, it's important to back vent the trap (refer to the section on how to hook up ball floats for the purpose and function of back vent lines, page LD-360). All other types of drainers should be coupled as closely as possible to the drain leg. The drain leg should be the same size as the drain connection on the separator and extend 150 mm below the separator with another 150 mm allowed for a dirt pocket. The trap is then tee'd off this line (see Figs. LD-331-1 and LD-331-2). This piping is crucial because, as noted above, if the separator does not receive full drainage, it can be worse than no separator at all. For this reason, the "ABCs" are critical:

- A**ccessible for inspection and maintenance.
- B**elow the equipment being drained.
- C**lose to the drain point.

The line size leading from the drip leg to the inlet of the unit should be kept the same size as the trap inlet for good drainage into the trap. Again, when slugs are being handled it's important that the trap begin draining immediately. Back vents on float type traps should be a minimum of 1/2" in pipe size with 3/4" preferred. Any valves used in this back-vent piping should be full ported to allow free gas flow out of and liquid flow into the drain trap. For additional installation recommendations, see pages LD-360 and LD-361.

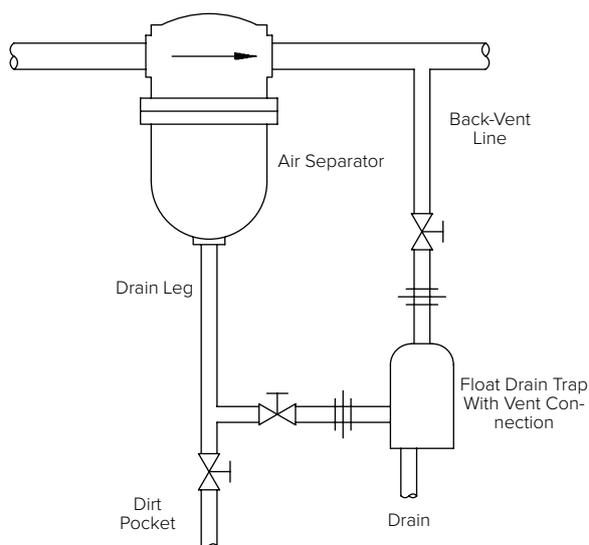


Figure LD-331-1. Installation of a drain trap with equalizing line downstream of the separator in order to assure a quick and regular flow to the drainer. Note side inlet connection from separator.

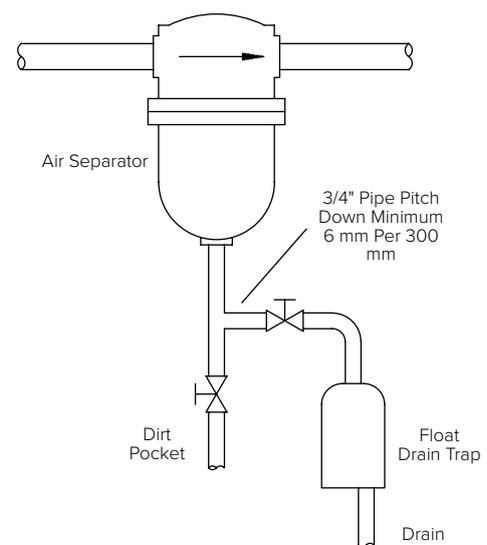


Figure LD-331-2. Installation of a drain trap on side of separator.



How to Drain Receivers

Receivers perform the vital function of storing air for the system. The receiver dampens pressure fluctuations in the system and provides a very short storage time in the event of compressor failure. It also functions as a liquid knockout drum to prevent entrained liquid (which may carry over) from entering the compressed air dryer or the air mains. The receiver should be sized to provide enough storage time for an orderly shutdown, particularly in the case of instrumentation air systems. Receiver volume is what provides the amount of air required for storage periods.

The receiver should be located close to the compressor. Fallout of liquid is normal due to low velocity within the receiver. Velocity is at the lowest point it will reach in any other part of the operating system. The air has a high dwell time within the receiver and is more likely to cool to ambient. This cooling of the air is what causes moisture to condense.

The receiver is equipped with a drain port at the bottom to allow liquids to flow to drain traps. In many cases, because receivers are so large and located adjacent to the compressor, they are installed close to the floor. When this happens, the drain point is relatively inaccessible, making trap piping difficult and gravity flow into the trap often impossible. To avoid this, the receiver should be located on a small concrete pad, which will facilitate efficient drain trap installation and operation.

For several reasons, it's good to keep the receiver drained. When receiver volume is lost, the dampening of the compressed air pressure is reduced and the storage time between compressor failure and system shutdown is greatly reduced. Corrosion within the receiver can also take place when liquid is allowed to accumulate.

Manual valves are commonly used to drain receivers since they are typically installed close to the floor. The resulting loss of receiver volume is seldom noticed in the day-to-day operation of the system. However, with any manual system, the valve can be forgotten and not opened. Then, when the weather changes from a relatively dry, low moisture load to a warm, high moisture load, the receiver will lose volume and the dampening effect and accumulator effect are decreased. The compressor can short cycle under these conditions, increasing the wear and tear on the compressor. In addition, the only reminder to open the manual valve is when carryover occurs. In this case, an air dryer can be damaged, liquid can be introduced into the air mains and surge through the system, causing scale to be washed into the system, water hammer and/or freeze damage.

Trap Selection and Safety Factor

To select the proper trap for the receiver, it is necessary to calculate total system load using Chart LD-327-1, "Water Condensed From Compressed Air," on page LD-327. Once this total potential load is known, it will be multiplied by the following factors: With an aftercooler, multiply the load by 50%, with an aftercooler separator combination, multiply the total load by 40%, and if no aftercooler is present, multiply the total load by 70%. Once this load is known, a safety factor of 2:1 is applied.

Calculate Total System Load with	Aftercooler	Aftercooler Separator	None
Multiply by	50%	40%	70%

Equipment Being Drained	1st Choice and Feature Code	Alternate Choice
Receivers	FS* C, E, I, J, K	IB D

* FF for over 55 kg/h

Guidelines for Draining Liquids

How to Drain Receivers

Installation

When a float type drain trap is used with a receiver, the level will run at about the inlet connection on the trap. Therefore, it is important to locate the trap as close to the floor as feasible and with no dips in the piping. See Figs. LD-333-1 thru LD-333-4. If there is a piping dip with a float type unit and the vent connection is not back vented, the unit will fail to operate. In the case of a back-vented unit, the dip in the piping will be flooded at all times. An inverted bucket trap can be installed above floor level since it will operate above the drain point.

An internal check valve, tube and coupling should be installed to prevent the liquid seal from flowing backward on system shutdown. A snap action type float unit should be used when any amount of grit is expected in the system. In this case, the spring life can be extended by moving the drain trap slightly upward to allow liquid to accumulate both within the receiver and within the trap body between trap cycles. For additional installation recommendations, see pages LD-360 and LD-361.

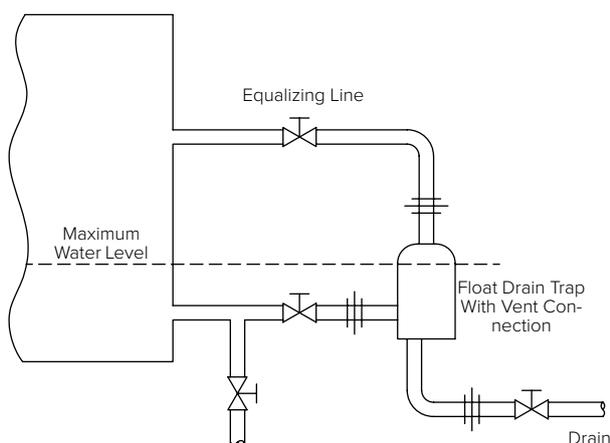


Figure LD-333-1.
 Drain trap installed at side of a receiver, close to floor. Water will rise to broken line before drain trap opens.

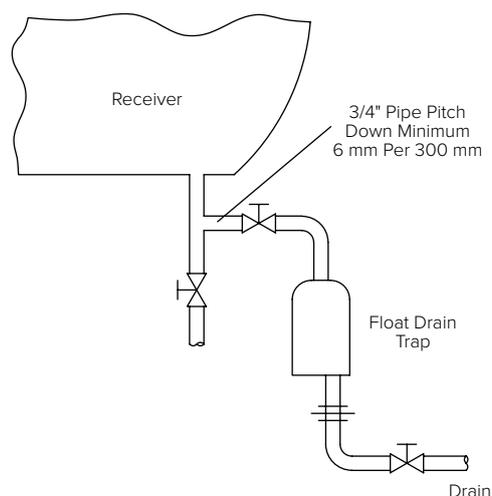


Figure LD-333-2.
 Install the drain trap on side to get better access or compensate for lack of space under the receiver (particularly for drain trap used under compressors).

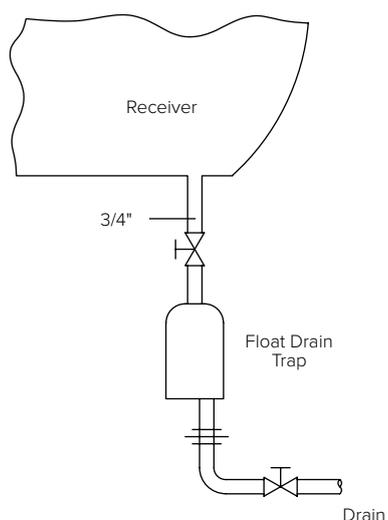


Figure LD-333-3.
 Installation not recommended because of the dirt problem that can occur with a drain trap installed straight under the receiver.

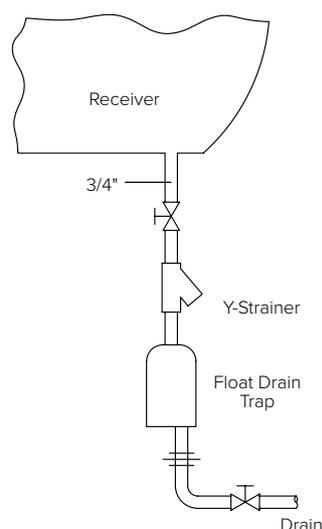


Figure LD-333-4.
 Same installation but with a strainer protecting the drain trap.

The function of dryers is to eliminate liquid in applications where freezing or any moisture accumulation can cause serious problems with the air-consuming equipment. Dryers should always be installed on instrument quality air systems.

Two basic dryer types are desiccant and refrigerated. In the desiccant type, the desiccant chemical absorbs the liquid by chemically bonding with the water molecules. Desiccant dryers can achieve very low dew points and are often installed with a pre-dryer of the refrigerant type. Refrigerant dryers work the same as aftercoolers by circulating cold fluid, causing the moisture to condense. However, their ability to reach low dew points is limited by the temperature at which frost will form on the heat exchanger tubing (greatly reducing heat transfer).

This leads to a discussion of air dew point. Dew point is the temperature at which moisture will condense out from the air due to its relative humidity increasing above 100%; see Chart LD-335-1. When this happens, the moisture condenses out and can be drained to a drain trap. Dew point is also important when considering air that has left the dryer, because if the air is ever exposed to temperatures below its dew point, moisture will form. Therefore, when applying air dryers, it is important to consider two features of compressed air usage that will impact dryer selection.

1. When air is compressed, the dew point is increased. Also, the dew point under pressurized conditions must be known. For example, even though a 4°C dew point is achieved at atmospheric conditions, this becomes a dew point of about 12°C once the air has been compressed to 7 bar. In outdoor systems, when the temperature drops below 12°C, condensing and freezing of that moisture will result.

2. When compressed air is expanded through instruments or air tools, its volume increases, pressure decreases and a temperature drop is usually experienced. If the temperature drops below the dew point of the air, undesirable moisture forms in the equipment. The air would never be subjected to that temperature under any conditions other than when expanding.

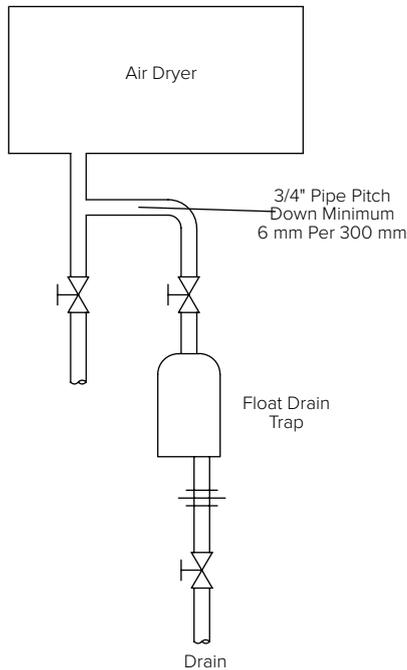


Figure LD-334-1.
Drain trap installation with dirt leg for purging the dirt.

Table LD-334-1. Recommendation Chart (See chart on LD-313 for "Feature Code" references.)		
Equipment Being Drained	1st Choice and Feature Code	Alternate Choice
Dryers	FF B, C, J, N	IB FP

How to Drain Dryers

Drain traps are usually required on refrigerated type dryers only. Here the refrigerant chills air and creates moisture that the drain trap can discharge. In the case of the desiccant type air dryer, the chemical grabs the moisture and bonds chemically with the water molecules, and no liquid accumulates. These bonded water molecules are then usually driven off in a regeneration cycle the dryer must periodically undergo.

Trap Selection and Safety Factor

In most cases, the dryer manufacturer will rate the dryer for a given moisture removal rate. The safety factor should still be applied to this load, however. If the manufacturer's ratings are not known, then it's necessary to calculate the moisture content of the air at aftercooler conditions and the moisture content at ambient conditions. Using the lower moisture content between these two, compare that figure to the moisture content at the dew point of the air leaving the dryer. The difference in these moisture contents is then multiplied by the airflow through the dryer to determine the moisture load. The safety factor applied to the load is 2:1 since liquid should be drained immediately from the dryer and the liquid tends to flow into the drain trap in slugs.

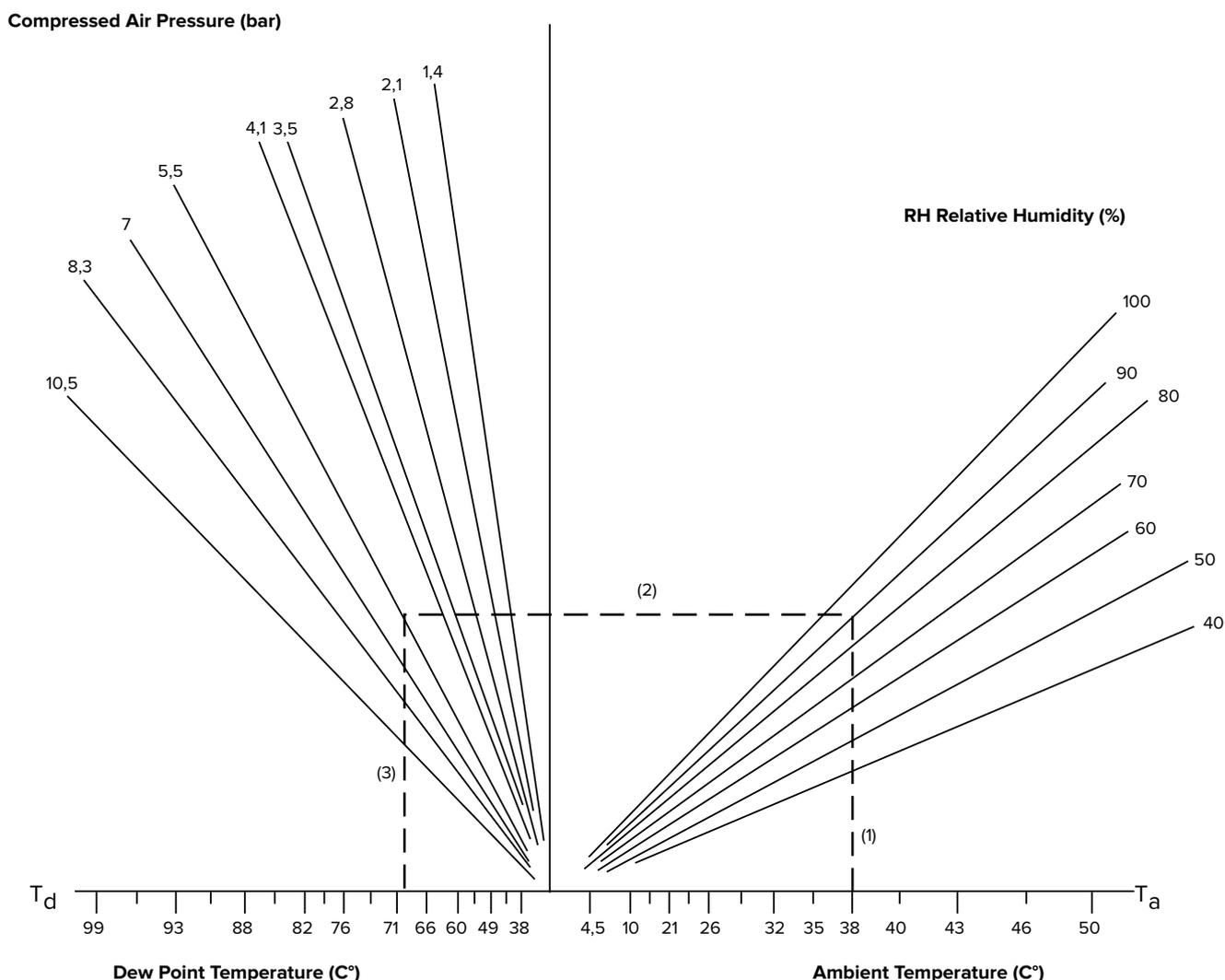
Installation

The dryer should come with a drain port of a given pipe size sufficient to handle the liquid coming out of the dryer. In this pipe size, a drain leg should be piped up 150 mm below the dryer with another 150 mm below that as a dirt pocket. Teeing off this line and into the trap with the same inlet size as the trap will allow for gravity drainage into the trap. Again, the ABCs of trap installation should be followed:

- A**ccessible.
- B**elow the point being drained.
- C**lose to the drain leg as possible.

If the trap is too close to the floor to allow the use of a ball float trap, an inverted bucket trap should be considered. For additional installation recommendations, see pages LD-360 and LD-361.

Chart LD-335-1. Estimated Dew Point of Compressed Air



Nomograph Estimates Dew Point of Compressed Air



How to Select and Size Armstrong Drain Traps

For Draining Liquids From Gases Under Pressure

Armstrong liquid drain traps are offered in a wide variety of sizes and types to meet the most specific requirements. The most widely used models and sizes utilize bodies, caps and some operating parts that are mass produced for Armstrong steam traps. The proven capabilities of these components, along with volume production economies, enable us to offer you exceptionally high quality at attractive prices. You can choose the smallest and least costly model that will meet your requirements with confidence.

Selection Procedure for Draining Liquid From Gas

1. Multiply the actual peak liquid load (kg/h) by a safety factor of at least 1,5 or 2. See paragraph headed "Safety Factors."
2. From Orifice Capacity Chart LD-337-1, find the orifice size that will deliver the required cold water capacity at the maximum operating pressure. If a light liquid is to be drained, convert light liquid capacity in kg per hour to water capacity using factors in Table LD-336-1. Then find orifice size from Chart LD-337-1.
3. From the Orifice Size Operating Pressure tables on the product model pages, find the drain trap(s) capable of opening the required orifice size at a specific pressure (and specific gravity if other than cold water – specific gravity 1,0).

Note: If specific gravity falls between those shown in the tables, use next lower. Example: If specific gravity is 0,73, use 0,70 gravity data.

Safety Factors

Safety factor is the ratio between actual continuous discharge capacity of the drain trap and the amount of liquid to be discharged during any given period. Chart LD-337-1 shows the maximum continuous rate of cold water discharge of the drain trap. However, you must provide capacity for peak loads and, possibly, lower-than-normal pressures. A safety factor of 1,5 or 2 is generally adequate if applied to the peak load and the minimum pressure at which it occurs. If the load discharge to the trap is sporadic, a higher safety factor may be required. Contact your Armstrong Representative for details.

Selection Examples

EXAMPLE No. 1: Find a drain trap to drain 500 kg of water per hour from air at 33 bar pressure differential.

Multiply 500 kg/h by 2 (if not already done) to provide a safety factor; thus, a 1 000 kg/h continuous discharge capacity is required. In Capacity Chart LD-337-1, the 1 000 kg/h capacity line intersects the 33 bar pressure line directly below the #38 drill orifice curve. This orifice is available in the Models 1-LD or 11-LD drain trap, but for much lower pressures. Moving to the 32-LD, a #38 orifice is good to 34 bar. This is the trap/orifice combination to use.

Table LD-346-1, page LD-346, shows the Model 32-LD drain trap with #38 orifice will operate at pressures up to 34 bar and, therefore, is suitable for the job. Further checking shows the Model 2313 HLS drain trap with a 7/64" orifice could also handle the job, but it is designed particularly for low gravity liquids and is more costly than the Model 32-LD, so the Model 32-LD is a better choice.

EXAMPLE No. 2: Find a drain trap to drain 2 900 kg/h (safety factor included) of 0,80 specific gravity liquid from gas at 28 bar pressure differential.

Since Capacity Chart LD-337-1 is based on water capacity, the known light liquid capacity requirement must be converted to its equivalent water capacity with the factor given in Table LD-336-1: $2\ 900 \times 1,12 = 3\ 250$ = water capacity required for using Chart LD-337-1.

Chart LD-337-1 shows that 3 250 kg/h and 28 bar calls for a 7/32" orifice. Entering the 0,80 specific gravity column of Table LD-334-1, page LD-334, shows that a Model 36-LD forged steel drain trap will open a 7/32" orifice at pressures up to 49 bar. As a matter of fact, this drain trap will open a 1/4" orifice at 35 bar and would be the one to use.

Note: While drain traps are sized on the basis of pressure differential, steel must be used whenever gauge pressure in the drain trap exceeds 17 bar.

Where Not to Use

Float type drain traps are not recommended where heavy oil, sludge or considerable dirt are encountered in lines. Dirt can prevent the valve from seating tightly, and cold oil can prevent float traps from opening. Where these conditions exist, Armstrong inverted bucket BVSU traps should be used.

How to Order Drain Traps

Specify:

- Drain trap size by number
- Orifice size
- Pipe connections – size and type
- Maximum operating pressure

If the correct drain trap cannot be determined, tell us capacity required, maximum pressure, and SPECIFIC GRAVITY of liquid.

Table LD-336-1. Conversion Factors to Find Cold Water Capacity Equivalents for Light Liquids

Specific Gravity	Multiply Light Liquid Capacity in Kilogram Per Hour by:
0,95	1,03
0,90	1,06
0,85	1,09
0,80	1,12
0,75	1,16
0,70	1,20
0,65	1,24
0,60	1,29
0,55	1,35
0,50	1,42

How to Select and Size Armstrong Drain Traps

For Draining Water From a Light Liquid

Armstrong dual gravity drain traps for draining water from a light liquid are described on pages LD-356 and LD-357. All models shown are identical to corresponding models of traps used to drain liquid from a gas except that float weights are modified to make them suitable for draining water from a light liquid.

Dual gravity drain trap* selection requires that you know the peak heavy liquid load, maximum operating pressure, and specific gravity of the light liquid. With this information you can determine the orifice size required from Chart LD-337-1 and find the specific drain trap that will meet your conditions from the pressure tables on the dual gravity pages.

Selection Procedure for Draining Water from a Light Liquid

1. Assume a required safety factor of 2:1. Multiply the peak load in kg per hour by 2. (See paragraph on "Safety Factors.")
2. From Capacity Chart LD-337-1, find the intersection of actual load times safety factor and the minimum operating pressure differential. Follow the pressure line immediately above this point to intersect the next higher orifice capacity curve. Then follow this curve downward and to the left to get the orifice size.

3. Inspect the tables on pages LD-356 and LD-357 to find the smallest trap that can open the predetermined orifice size at the maximum operating pressure differential. Do not oversize dual gravity drain traps. Oversizing will cause excessive fluctuation of the interface between the two liquids.

Note: While drain traps are sized on the basis of operating pressure differential, forged steel must be used when total pressure in the drain trap exceeds 17 bar.

How to Order Dual Gravity Drain Traps

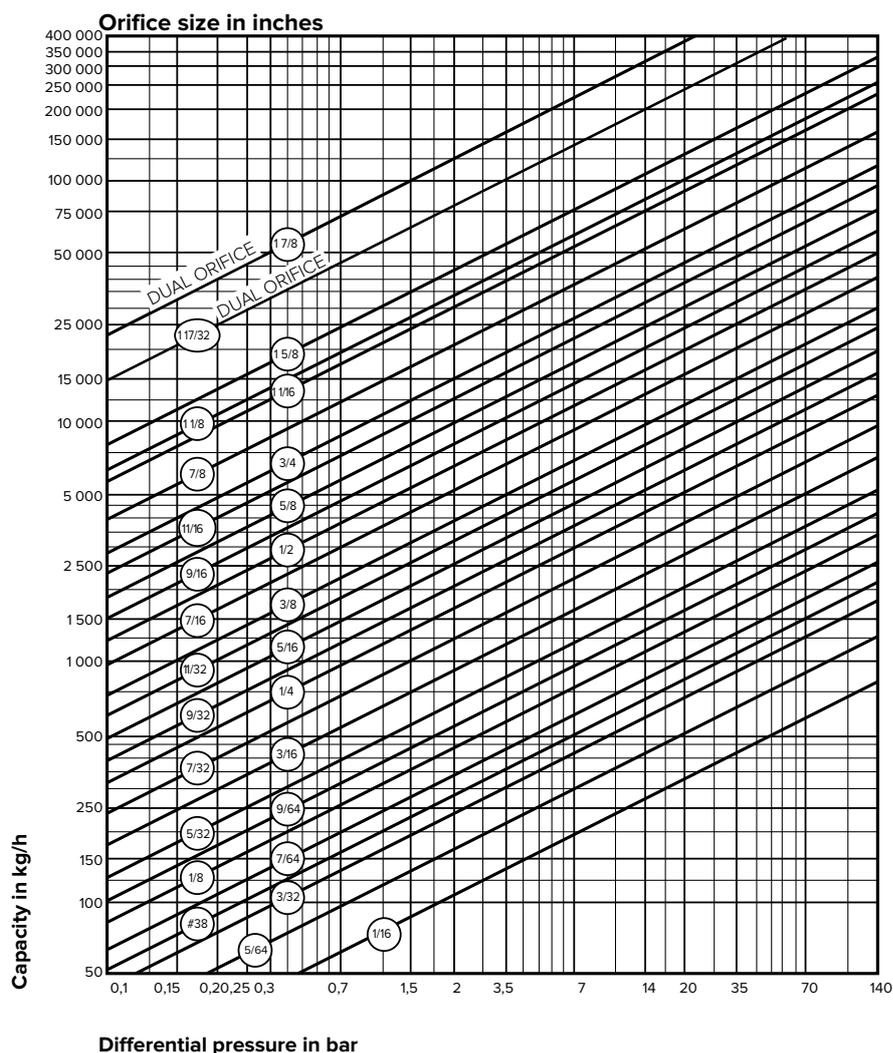
- Specify:
- Drain trap size by number
 - Orifice size
 - Pipe connections – size and type
 - Specific gravity of light liquid
 - Weight of water discharge per hour
 - Maximum operating pressure

If you are not sure of the drain trap size to use, then specify:

- Specific gravity of light liquid
- Capacity in kg of water per hour with safety factor included
- Working pressure – maximum and minimum

Chart LD-337-1.
Calculated Cold Water Capacity of
Armstrong Drain Trap Orifices at Various
Pressures

Actual capacity also depends on trap configuration, piping and flow to trap. It is important to allow for safety factors and fluid density variations due to temperature.



* Floats for dual gravity drain traps are weighted with quenching oil which, in the unlikely possibility of float failure, may be dispersed through the system. If this is a hazard, consult the Armstrong Application Engineering Department.

Guidelines for Draining Liquids

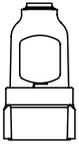
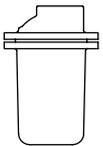
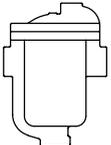
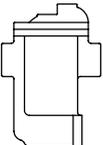
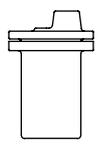
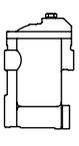
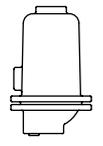
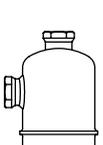
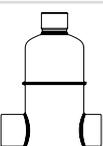


Liquid Drainers



Liquid Drainers

Liquid Drainers ID Charts

Table LD-339-1. Armstrong Liquid Drainers																
Illustration	Type	Flow Direction	Connection Type	Max. Allow. Press. barg	TMA °C	Body Material	Model	Max. Oper. Press. barg	Connection Size						Located on Page	
									1/2"	3/4"	1"	1 1/4"	1 1/2"	2"		
	Series 1-LDC See-Thru Free Floating Lever Drain Traps Capacities to 690 kg/h	↓	Screwed	10	65	Nylon Cap Polysulfone Body	1-LDC	10	●	★★					LD-342	
	Series 200 BVSU Inverted Bucket Drain Traps Capacities to 3 200 kg/h	↑	Screwed Flanged †	17	232	ASTM A48 Class 30 Cast Iron	211 212 213	17	●	●					LD-346	
	Series 800 BVSU Inverted Bucket Drain Traps Capacities to 3 200 kg/h	→	Screwed Flanged †	17	232	ASTM A48 Class 30 Cast Iron	800 811 812 813	10 17 17 17	●	●	●				LD-346	
	Series 880 BVSU Inverted Bucket Drain Traps Capacities to 3 200 kg/h	→	Screwed Flanged †	17	232	ASTM A48 Class 30 Cast Iron	880 881 882 883	10 17 17 17	●	●	●		●			
	Series 300 BVSU Inverted Bucket Drain Traps Capacities to 3 200 kg/h	↑	Screwed Socketweld Flanged †	41 75	343 343	ASTM A105 Forged Steel	312 313	41	●	●	●				LD-346	
	Series 900 BVSU Inverted Bucket Drain Traps Capacities to 3 200 kg/h	→	Screwed Socketweld Flanged †	41	343	ASTM A216 WCB Cast Steel	981 983	22,5 41	●	●	●					
	Series 1, 2, 3, 6 Free Floating Lever Drain Traps Capacities to 22 300 kg/h	↓	Screwed Flanged †	21 17	93 232	ASTM A48 Class 30 Cast Iron	1-LD 2-LD 3-LD 6-LD	21 17	●	●	●			●	●	LD-349
	Series 10 Free Floating Lever Drain Traps Capacities to 4 300 kg/h	↓	Screwed Socketweld Flanged †	34 or 30 41 or 33 39 or 34	38 or 260 38 or 260 38 or 260	304L Stainless Steel	11-LD†† 22-LD 13-LD	28 37 39	●	★★	●					LD-350
	Series 180 Free Floating Lever Drain Traps Capacities to 500 kg/h	↓	Screwed Socketweld	34 or 30	38 or 260	304L Stainless Steel	180-LD 181-LD	16 24	●	●						LD-351

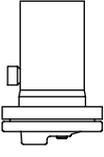
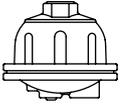
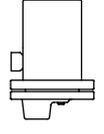
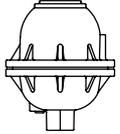
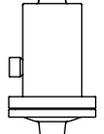
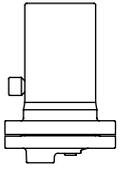
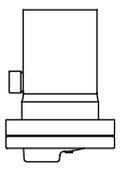
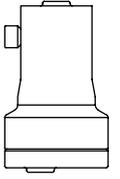
★ 1/4" outlet connection.

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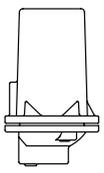
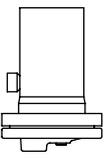
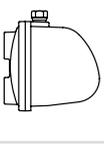
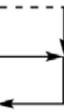
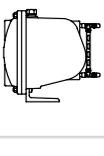
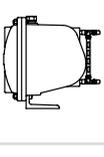
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Table LD-340-1. Armstrong Liquid Drainers

Illustration	Type	Flow Direction	Connection Type	Max. Allow. Press. barg	TMA °C	Body Material	Model	Max. Oper. Press. barg	Connection Size						Located on Page
									1/2"	3/4"	1"	1 1/4"	1 1/2"	2"	
	Series 30 Free Floating Lever Drain Traps Capacities to 19 000 kg/h		Screwed Socketweld Flanged +	41 or 35	38 or 400	ASTM A105 Forged Steel	32-LD	41	●	●				LD-353	
				69 or 41	38 or 400		33-LD	62	●	●	●				
				69 or 41	38 or 400		36-LD	69				●	●		
	Series 21 Fixed Pivot Drain Trap Capacities to 1 230 kg/h		Screwed	17	232	ASTM A48 Class 30 Cast Iron	21	17	●	●					
	Series 21-312 Fixed Pivot Drain Trap Capacities to 1 770 kg/h		Screwed Socketweld Flanged +	41 or 34	38 or 400	ASTM A105 Forged Steel	21-312 21-312V	5,1 41	● ●	● ●			LD-354		
	Series 71-A Snap Action Drain Trap Capacities to 885 kg/h		Screwed	17	232	ASTM A48 Class 30 Cast Iron	71-A	17		●	●				
	Series 71-315 Snap Action Drain Trap Capacities to 885 kg/h		Screwed Socketweld Flanged +	69 or 41	38 or 400	ASTM A105 Forged Steel	71-315	69		●	●	●			
	Series 2300 High Leverage Spring-Loaded Float Type Drain Trap Capacities to 6 580 kg/h		Screwed Socketweld Flanged +	69 or 41	38 or 400	ASTM A105 Forged Steel	2313 HLS 2315 HLS 2316 HLS	69	●	●	●		●	●	LD-356
	Series 2400 High Leverage Spring-Loaded Float Type Drain Trap Capacities to 7 380 kg/h		Screwed Socketweld Flanged +	103 or 62	38 or 454	ASTM A182 Gr. F22 Forged Steel	2413 HLS	103	●	●	●				
				125 or 62	38 or 482		2415 HLS	125			●	●	●		
							2416 HLS	110				●	●		
	Series 2500/2600 High Leverage Spring-Loaded Float Type Drain Trap Capacities to 5 000 kg/h		Screwed Socketweld Flanged +	146 or 117	38 or 482	ASTM A182 Gr. F22 Forged Steel	25133G HLS	146	●	●	●			LD-356	
				174 or 138	38 or 482		25155G HLS	174		●	●	●			
				255 or 207	38 or 482		26155G HLS	255			●	●			

+ Flange selection may limit pressure and temperature rating.

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									1/2"	3/4"	1"	1 1/4"	1 1/2"	2"	2 1/2"	
	Series 2, 3, 6 Free Floating Lever Dual Gravity Drain Traps Capacities to 18 160 kg/h		Screwed Flanged †	17	232	ASTM A48 Class 30 Cast Iron	2-DG 3-DG 6-DG	13 17 17	● ● ●	● ● ●			● ● ●			LD-358
	Series 30 Free Floating Lever Dual Gravity Drain Traps Capacities to 18 160 kg/h		Screwed Socketweld Flanged †	41 or 35 69 or 41 69 or 41	38 or 400 38 or 400 38 or 400	ASTM A105 Forged Steel	32-DG 33-DG 36-DG	22 48 69	● ● ●	● ● ●			● ● ●			
	Series JD & KD Ultra-Capacity Drain Traps Capacities to 137 000 kg/h		Screwed Flanged †	21	343	ASTH A395 Ductile Iron	JD8 KD8 KD10 KD12	20					● ● ●	● ● ●		
	Series L & M Ultra-Capacity Drain Traps Capacities to 318 000 kg/h		Screwed Flanged †	17	232	ASTM A48 Class 30 Cast Iron	L8 L10 M12	17					● ● ●	● ● ●		LD-360
	Series LS & MS Ultra-Capacity Drain Traps Capacities to 318 000 kg/h		Screwed Socketweld Flanged †	31	338	ASTM A216 WCB Cast Steel	LS8 LS10 MS12	31					● ● ●	● ● ●		

† Flange selection may limit pressure and temperature rating.
 All models comply with the Pressure Equipment Directive PED 2014/68/UE. For details, see specific product page or Armstrong PED Certificate.



1-LDC – A See-Thru Body So You'll Know When It's Working

Benefits You Can See

Reduced maintenance
Stainless steel internals mean corrosion resistance and reduced maintenance.

Efficient operation
Simple ball float mechanism discharges only when liquid is present so it doesn't waste air.

Positive seating
Free-floating valve mechanism assures positive seating so it prevents air loss. There are no fixed pivots to wear or create friction, and wear points are heavily reinforced for long life.

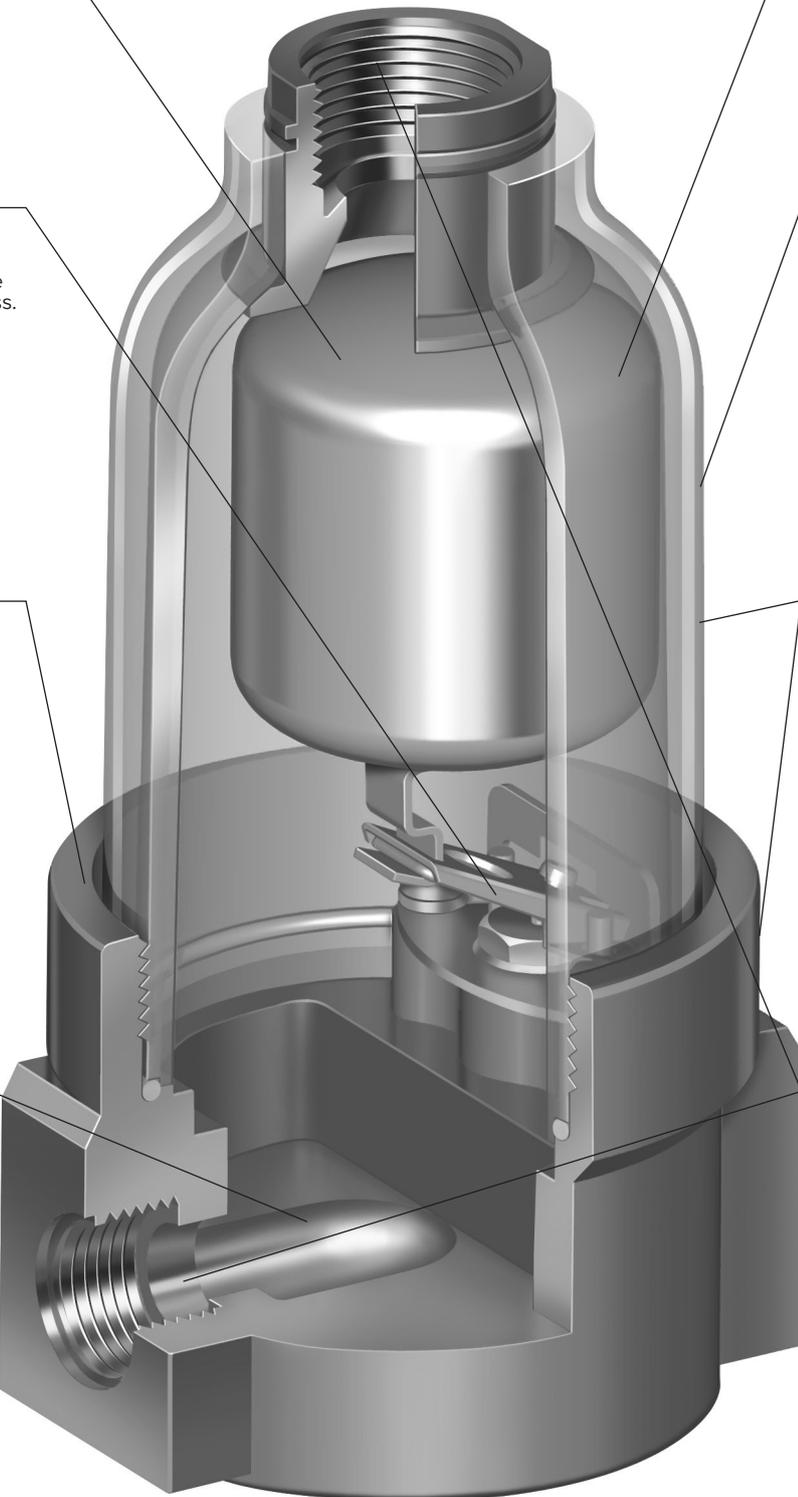
An inside look
See-thru body means you can observe changing conditions as they occur. See a problem in the making – instead of having to deal with it after the fact.

In-line repairability
In-line connections and an O-ring seal make for quick, easy repairs without dismantling piping. Just unscrew and remove the body for maintenance.

Corrosion resistance
Long-lasting polysulfone body and reinforced nylon cap weigh less than 20% of cast iron liquid drain traps. Rugged polysulfone resists corrosion and provides long, trouble-free service life.

Reduced need for cleaning
Recessed dirt pocket gives dirt a place to accumulate away from the valve seat. Valve seat is 32 mm above the dirt pocket. Compared to other ball float drain traps, the Armstrong 1-LDC reduces dirt fouling and needs less frequent cleaning.

Simplified installation
Optional horizontal or vertical inlet with horizontal outlet eliminates the need for extra fittings. Makes installation in existing systems easier. Vertical inlet is 3/4" to accommodate air venting. Requires no electricity.



Note: The Armstrong 1-LDC is not recommended for extremely dirty systems or those with heavy oil carryover. The drain trap should not be used in an environment where there are high levels of ketones or chlorinated or aromatic hydrocarbons.

1-LDC – A See-Thru Body So You'll Know When It's Working



Now, you can literally see what you've been missing – the early warning signs of a drain trap or system problem. Since you'll know the operating condition of a drain trap, you won't waste time and money scheduling maintenance that isn't needed. In other words, you will be able to react to a condition before it becomes a problem.

A simple ball float mechanism requiring no electricity to operate, the new Armstrong 1-LDC discharges automatically only when liquid is present. That means no air loss as with timed devices, which open even when liquid is not present.

Moisture in a compressed air system causes a variety of problems – everything from dirt fouling and potential corrosion to water hammer. Getting the water out – automatically, reliably – builds greater efficiency into your system. In short, pay attention to your compressed air system, and you'll probably pay less to compress air.

Compare...and Save the Difference

Seeing really is believing – especially when you compare the differences in the time and money you can save with a more efficient, easier-to-maintain compressed air system. For more information or technical assistance, contact your local Armstrong Representative.





1-LDC See-Thru Liquid Drainer

For Loads to 690 kg/h...Pressures to 10 bar

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Table LD-344-1. 1-LDC List of Materials	
Name of Part	Material
Cap and Fitting	Reinforced Nylon*
Body	Polysulfone
O-Rings (Cap, Body and Fitting)	Nitrile Elastomer Compound
Float, Lever and Screws	Stainless Steel
Valve & Seat	
Retainer Ring	Zinc-Plated Steel

* UV sensitive

Table LD-344-2. 1-LDC Maximum Operation Pressures and Capacities				
Specific Gravity	1,0		0,95	
	Maximum Operating Pressure	Capacity	Maximum Operating Pressure	Capacity
Orifice Size	bar	kg/h	bar	kg/h
	1/8"	8,3	690	7,6
#38	10,0	510	10,0	490

Capacities given are continuous discharge capacities in kg/h of liquid at pressure differential indicated.

Table LD-344-3. 1-LDC Physical Data	
Inlet Connections (screwed NPT)	mm
	15 - 20
Outlet Connection (screwed NPT)	15
Alternate Inlet or Vent Connection (screwed NPT)	15 - 20
"A"	89
"B"	175
"C"	155
Weight in kg (screwed NPT)	0,45
Maximum Allowable Pressure (Vessel Design)	10 bar @ 65°C
Maximum Operating Pressure	10 bar

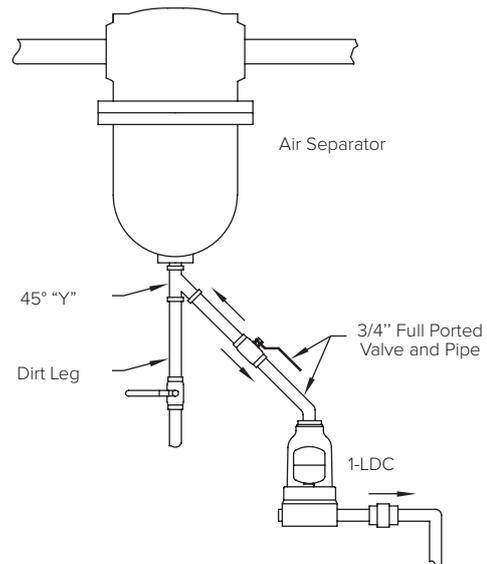
All sizes comply with the article 4.3 of the PED (2014/68/UE).

How to Order

Body Inlet ①	Cap Inlet ②	Cap Outlet ③
20	15	15
15 or 20	15 or 20	15

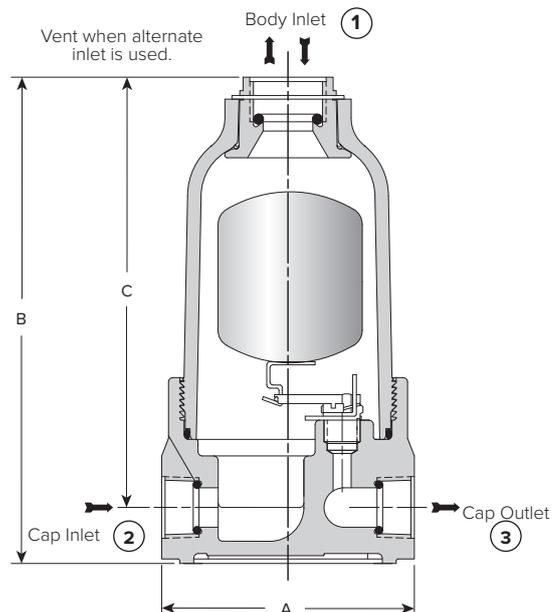
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Figure LD-344-1. Typical Drain Trap Location



Drain traps dispose of water that collects in many places in a compressed air system. Each drain trap arrangement must be considered individually.

Figure LD-344-2.



All dimensions and weights are approximate. Use certified print for exact dimensions. Design and materials are subject to change without notice.



Inverted Bucket Drain Traps (BVS Model)

For Loads to 3 200 kg/h...Pressures to 45 bar

Armstrong inverted bucket drain traps are designed for systems where heavy oil and dirt may be encountered. The enlarged bucket vent equipped with a scrub wire (BVS) allows free flow through the bucket vent and discharge through the orifice located in the top of the trap.



BVS Model No.	Body & Cap	Valve & Seat	Bucket & Leverage System	Gasket
800, 811, 812, 813, 880, 881, 882, 883, 211, 212, 213	Cast Iron ASTM A48 Class 30	Stainless Steel Titanium V&S (pressures higher than 38 bar)		Compressed Asbestos- free
312, 313	Forged Steel ASTM A105			
981, 983	Cast Steel ASTM A216 Grade WCB			

Model No.	800 BVS 880 BVS	811 BVS 881 BVS 211 BVS	812 BVS 882 BVS 212 BVS	312 BVS*	813 BVS 883 BVS 213 BVS 313 BVS* 983 BVS*	981 BVS*
Orifice Size	bar	bar	bar	bar	bar	bar
1/4"	—	—	—	—	8,5	—
7/32"	—	—	—	—	12,5	—
3/16"	—	—	—	—	17,0	3,5
5/32"	—	—	8,5	—	31,0	6,0
1/8"	5,5	8,5	14,0	—	41,0	11,0
7/64"	8,5	14,0	17,0	41,0	—	17,0
#38	10,5	17,0	—	—	—	22,5

Note: Larger capacity models available. Consult your local Armstrong Representative or the Armstrong factory.
* Use steel traps for pressures above 17 bar.

Model No.	800 BVS	811 BVS	812 BVS	813 BVS
Pipe Connections	15 – 20	15 – 20 – 25	15 – 20	20 – 25
Test Plug	1/4"	1/4"	1/2"	3/4"
"A"	95	95	143	178
"B"	138	175	230	298
"C"	127	127	165	197
"CC" "Face-to-Face (flanged PN40)"	195 – 191	195 – 191– 197	233 – 229	261
"D"	70	108	137	179
Number of Bolts	6	6	6	6
Weight in kg (screwed)	2,3	2,7	6,8	12,5
Weight in kg (flanged PN40*)	3,6 – 4,3	4,1 – 4,3 – 4,8	8,2 – 9,0	14,3 – 14,8
Maximum Allowable Pressure (Vessel Design)†	17 bar @ 232°C			
Maximum Operating Pressure	10,5 bar	17,0 bar		

Note: Larger capacity models available. Consult your local Armstrong Representative or the Armstrong factory.
* Other flange sizes, ratings and face-to-face dimensions are available on request.
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† May be derated depending on flange rating and type.

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Inverted Bucket Drain Traps (BVSW Model)

For Loads to 3 200 kg/h...Pressures to 45 bar



Model No.	Cast Iron				Cast Steel	
	880 BVSW	881 - 881F BVSW	882 BVSW	883 BVSW	981 BVSW	983 BVSW
Pipe Connections	15 – 20	15 – 20 – 25	15 – 20	20 – 25 – 32	15 – 20	20 – 25
Test Plug	1/4"	1/4"	1/2"	3/4"	1/2"	3/4"
"A"	95	95	143	178	114	184
"B"	154	179	244	314	219	313
"C"	127	127	165	200	137	197
"CC" "Face-to-Face (flanged PN40 - 881F PN16*)	195 – 191	150 – 150 – 160	233 – 229	264 – 264 – 326	196 – 194	282
"D"	87	113	146	187	122	193
Number of Bolts	6	6	6	6	6	6
Weight in kg (screwed & SW)	2,5	2,7	7,0	14,1	5,2	19,5
Weight in kg (flanged PN40 - 881F PN16*)	4,0 – 4,6	3,8 – 4,2 – 4,6	8,8 – 9,4	15,6 – 16,1 – 17,7	7,0	26,0
Maximum Allowable Pressure (Vessel Design)	17 bar @ 232°C				41 bar @ 343°C	41 bar @ 343°C
Maximum Operating Pressure	10,5 bar	17,0 bar			22,5 bar	41,0 bar

Note: Larger capacity models available. Consult your local Armstrong Representative or the Armstrong factory.

* Other flange sizes, ratings and face-to-face dimensions are available on request.

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Model No.	Cast Iron			Forged Steel	
	211 BVSW	212 BVSW	213 BVSW	312 BVSW	313 BVSW
Pipe Connections	15	15 – 20	15 – 20 – 25	15 – 20 – 25	15 – 20 – 25
Test Plug	1/8"	3/8"	1/2"	—	—
"A"	108	133	162	171	203
"B"	162	203	273	259	295
"BB" Face-to-Face (flanged PN40 - PN100*)	282	320 – 330	390 – 400 – 392	307 – 314 – 320	343 – 349 – 355
"C"	—	—	—	121	130
"K" (∅ Outlet to ∅ Inlet)	—	—	—	31,7	36,5
Number of Bolts	6	8	6	6	8
Weight in kg (screwed & SW)	2,7	5,2	9,2	13,6	22,0
Weight in kg (flanged PN40 - PN100*)	4,1	7,0 – 7,6	11 – 11,6 – 12	14,5 – 15,5 – 16	22,5 – 23,5 – 24
Maximum Allowable Pressure (Vessel Design)	17 bar @ 232°C			41 bar @ 343°C	75 bar @ 343°C
Maximum Operating Pressure	17,0 bar			41,0 bar	45,0 bar

Note: Larger capacity models available. Consult your local Armstrong Representative or the Armstrong factory.

* Other flange sizes, ratings and face-to-face dimensions are available on request.

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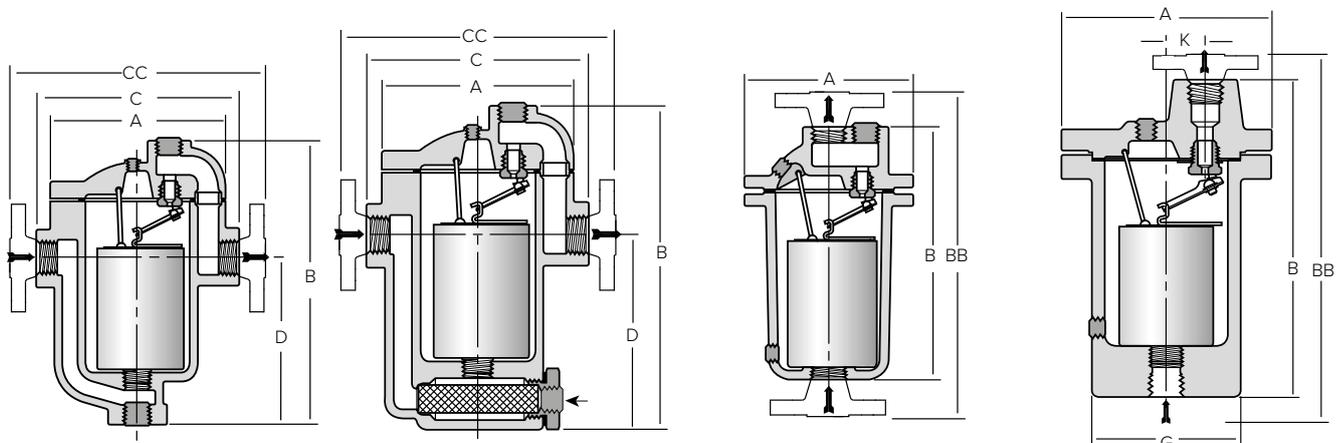


Figure LD-347-1.
Series 800

Figure LD-347-2.
Series 880 & 980

Figure LD-347-3.
Series 200

Figure LD-347-4.
Series 300

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Free Floating Lever Drain Traps

For Loads to 22 700 kg/h...Pressures to 69 bar

Table LD-348-1. Max. Oper. Press. in bar for Handling Different Specific Gravity Liquids With Orifices Available in Guided Free Floating Lever Drain Traps (See pg. LD-336 and LD-337)

Model No.	Sp. Grav.	1,00	0,95	0,90	0,85	0,80	0,75	0,70	0,65	0,60	0,55	0,50	
		Maximum Operating Pressure in bar											
Orifice (in)		bar	bar	bar	bar	bar	bar	bar	bar	bar	bar	bar	
1-LD	1/8"	8,3	7,6	6,8	6,0	5,2	4,4	3,6	2,8	2,0	1,2	0,4	
	7/64"	9,9	9,0	8,0	7,1	6,1	5,2	4,3	3,3	2,4	1,4	0,5	
	#38	12,5	11,0	10,2	9,0	7,8	6,6	5,4	4,2	3,0	1,8	0,6	
	5/64"	20,7	19,9	17,8	15,7	13,7	11,6	9,5	7,4	5,3	3,2	1,1	
11-LD	1/8"	12,1	11,1	10,1	9,0	7,9	6,9	5,8	4,8	3,7	2,7	1,6	
	7/64"	14,0	13,0	12,0	10,7	9,4	8,2	6,9	5,7	4,4	3,2	1,9	
	#38	18,0	17,0	15,0	14,0	12,0	10,4	8,8	7,2	5,6	4,0	2,5	
	5/64"	28,0	28,0	27,0	24,0	21,0	18,0	15,0	13,0	9,9	7,1	4,3	
2-LD to 17 bar 22-LD to 37 bar	5/16"	1,5	1,4	1,3	1,1	1,0	0,9	0,8	0,7	0,5	0,4	0,3	
	1/4"	2,5	2,3	2,1	1,9	1,7	1,5	1,3	1,1	0,9	0,7	0,5	
	3/16"	5,5	5,0	4,6	4,2	3,7	3,3	2,8	2,4	2,0	1,5	1,1	
	5/32"	9,4	8,7	7,9	7,2	6,4	5,6	4,9	4,1	3,4	2,6	1,8	
	1/8"	16,1	14,8	13,5	12,2	10,9	9,6	8,4	7,1	5,8	4,5	3,2	
	7/64"	20,6	19,0	17,3	15,7	14,0	12,0	10,7	9,0	7,4	5,7	4,0	
	#38	25,7	23,6	21,6	19,5	17,4	15,0	13,0	11,2	9,2	7,1	5,0	
	5/64"	37,0	33,0	32,0	29,0	26,0	23,0	20,0	17,0	14,0	10,5	7,4	
32-LD	5/16"	2,0	1,8	1,6	1,4	1,2	1,0	0,9	0,7	0,5	0,3	0,1	
	1/4"	3,3	3,0	2,6	2,3	2,0	1,7	1,4	1,1	0,8	0,5	0,2	
	3/16"	7,2	6,5	5,8	5,2	4,5	3,8	3,1	2,4	1,8	1,1	0,4	
	5/32"	12,0	11,0	10,0	8,9	7,7	6,5	5,4	4,2	3,0	1,9	0,7	
	1/8"	21,0	19,0	17,0	15,0	13,0	11,0	9,0	7,2	5,2	3,2	1,2	
	7/64"	27,0	25,0	22,0	19,0	17,0	14,0	12,0	9,0	6,6	4,1	1,5	
	#38	34,0	31,0	27,0	24,0	21,0	18,0	15,0	11,0	8,0	5,1	1,9	
	5/64"	41,0	41,0	40,0	36,0	31,0	26,0	22,0	17,0	12,0	7,0	2,8	
3-LD to 17 bar (Cast Iron) 13-LD to 39 bar (Stainless) 33-LD to 62 bar (Steel)	1/2"	1,1	1,0	0,9	0,8	0,7	0,6	0,5	0,4	0,3	0,2	0,1	
	3/8"	2,3	2,1	1,9	1,7	1,5	1,3	1,1	0,9	0,7	0,5	0,3	
	5/16"	3,7	3,4	3,0	2,7	2,4	2,1	1,7	1,4	1,1	0,8	0,4	
	9/32"	4,9	4,5	4,0	3,6	3,2	2,7	2,3	1,9	1,4	1,0	0,6	
	1/4"	7,4	6,7	6,1	5,4	4,8	4,1	3,5	2,8	2,2	1,5	0,9	
	7/32"	10,5	9,6	8,7	7,7	6,8	5,9	5,0	4,0	3,1	2,2	1,2	
	3/16"	16,0	14,0	13,0	12,0	10,3	8,9	7,5	6,1	4,7	3,3	1,9	
	5/32"	25,0	23,0	20,0	18,0	16,0	14,0	12,0	9,5	7,3	5,1	2,9	
	1/8"	50,0	46,0	41,0	37,0	32,0	28,0	24,0	19,0	15,0	10,3	5,9	
	7/64"	62,0	58,0	53,0	47,0	41,0	36,0	30,0	25,0	19,0	13,0	7,6	
	6-LD Cast Iron	1 1/16"	1,4	1,3	1,2	1,1	1,0	0,9	0,8	0,7	0,6	0,5	0,4
		7/8"	2,2	2,1	1,9	1,8	1,6	1,4	1,3	1,1	1,0	0,8	0,6
3/4"		3,2	3,0	2,8	2,5	2,3	2,1	1,9	1,6	1,4	1,2	0,9	
5/8"		4,9	4,6	4,2	3,9	3,5	3,2	2,8	2,5	2,1	1,8	1,4	
9/16"		6,5	6,1	5,6	5,2	4,7	4,2	3,8	3,3	2,8	2,4	1,9	
1/2"		9,5	8,8	8,1	7,5	6,8	6,1	5,4	4,8	4,1	3,4	2,8	
7/16"		13,0	13,0	12,0	11,0	10,0	8,7	7,7	6,8	5,8	4,9	3,9	
3/8"		17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	15,0	14,0	12,0	11,0	9,0	7,7	6,2	
11/32"		17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	16,0	14,0	12,0	10,0	8,2	
5/16"		17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	16,0	13,0	11,0	
9/32"		17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	14,0	
1/4"		17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	
7/32"		17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	
3/16"		17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	
36-LD Forged Steel	1 1/16"	1,1	1,0	0,9	0,8	0,7	0,6	0,5	0,4	0,3	0,2	0,1	
	7/8"	1,7	1,6	1,4	1,3	1,1	0,95	0,79	0,63	0,47	0,31	0,16	
	3/4"	2,5	2,3	2,1	1,8	1,6	1,4	1,1	0,91	0,68	0,45	0,22	
	5/8"	3,9	3,5	3,1	2,8	2,4	2,1	1,7	1,4	1,05	0,69	0,34	
	9/16"	5,1	4,6	4,2	3,7	3,2	2,8	2,3	1,8	1,4	0,92	0,46	
	1/2"	7,4	6,7	6,0	5,4	4,7	4,0	3,4	2,7	2,0	1,3	0,66	
	7/16"	10,5	9,6	8,6	7,6	6,7	5,7	4,8	3,8	2,9	1,9	0,94	
	3/8"	17,0	15,0	14,0	12,0	10,5	9,0	7,5	6,0	4,5	3,0	1,5	
	11/32"	22,0	20,0	18,0	16,0	14,0	12,0	10,0	8,0	6,0	4,0	2,0	
	5/16"	28,0	26,0	23,0	21,0	18,0	15,0	13,0	10,3	7,7	5,1	2,5	
	9/32"	37,0	34,0	30,0	27,0	24,0	20,0	17,0	13,0	10,1	6,7	3,3	
	1/4"	54,0	49,0	44,0	39,0	35,0	30,0	25,0	20,0	15,0	9,8	4,9	
	7/32"	69,0	69,0	63,0	56,0	49,0	42,0	35,0	28,0	21,0	14,0	6,9	
	3/16"	69,0	69,0	69,0	69,0	69,0	69,0	68,0	57,0	46,0	34,0	23,0	
Specific Gravity		1,00	0,95	0,90	0,85	0,80	0,75	0,70	0,65	0,60	0,55	0,50	

Note: If specific gravity falls between those shown in the chart, use the next lower gravity. For example, if specific gravity is 0,73, use 0,70 gravity data.

<p>High Temperature Service Maximum allowable working pressures of floats decrease at temperatures above 37,8°C. Allow for approximately:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10% decrease at 93,3°C • 15% decrease at 148,9°C • 20% decrease at 204,4°C 	<p>The float is not always the limiting factor, however. Consult with Armstrong Application Engineering if you have a high-temperature application that also requires maximum operating pressures.</p>
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Free Floating Guided Lever Drain Traps

For Loads to 22 300 kg/h...Pressures to 21 bar

Armstrong's cast iron, free-floating guided lever drain traps use the same bodies, caps, lever mechanisms, valves and seats of Armstrong inverted bucket steam traps that have been proven in years of service. Elliptical floats and high leverage make it possible to open large orifices to provide adequate capacity for drain trap size and weight.

The hemispherical valve, seat and leverage of the 1-LD, 2-LD, 3-LD and 6-LD cast iron traps are identical in design, materials and workmanship to those for saturated steam service up to 21 bar with the exception of the addition of a guidepost to assure a positive, leaktight valve closing under all conditions.

Model No.	Valve & Seat	Leverage System	Float	Body & Cap	Gasket
1-LD 2-LD 3-LD 6-LD	Stainless Steel			Cast Iron ASTM A48 Class 30	Compressed Asbestos-free

For information on special materials, consult the Armstrong Application Engineering Department.

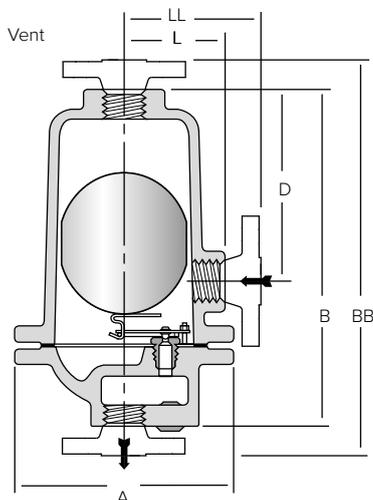


Figure LD-349-1.

Models 2-LD, 3-LD and 6-LD cast iron guided lever drain traps. Model 1-LD has standard top inlet and optional side connection.



Model No.	Cast Iron			
	1-LD	2-LD	3-LD	6-LD
Pipe Connections	15*	15 – 20	15 – 20 – 25	40 – 50
"A"	95	133	162	259
"B"	140	203	273	432
"BB" (PN40**)	N/A	320 – 330	400 – 392	562 – 568
"D"	73	111	155	213
"K" (Q Outlet to Q Inlet)	21	—	—	—
"L"	48	62	73	123
"LL" (PN40**)	N/A	179 – 189	142 – 134	180 – 186
Weight in kg (screwed)	1,8	6	10	36
Weight in kg (flanged PN40**)	N/A	8,7 – 9,6	13,6 – 14,2	42,6 – 45,0
Maximum Allowable Pressure (Vessel Design)††	21 bar @ 93°C		17 bar @ 232°C	

Note: Vessel design pressure may exceed float collapse pressure in some cases.

Pipe size of vent connection is same as that of inlet and outlet connections.

* 1/4" outlet.

** Other flange sizes, ratings and face-to-face dimensions are available on request.

† For pressures not exceeding 17 bar, a maximum temperature of 232°C is allowed.

†† May be derated depending on flange rating and type.

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Free Floating Guided Lever Drain Traps

For Loads to 4 300 kg/h...Pressures to 39 barg

Armstrong's stainless steel, free-floating guided lever drain traps use the same bodies, caps, lever mechanisms, valves and seats of Armstrong inverted bucket steam traps that have been proven in years of service. Elliptical floats and high leverage make it possible to open large orifices to provide adequate capacity for drain trap size and weight.

The hemispherical valve, seat and leverage of the 11-LD, 22-LD and 13-LD stainless steel traps are identical in design, materials and workmanship to those for saturated steam service up to 39 barg with the exception of the addition of a guidepost to assure a positive, leaktight valve closing under all conditions.

Table LD-350-1. 10-LD List of Materials					
Model No.	Valve & Seat	Leverage System	Float	Body & Cap	Gasket
11-LD 22-LD 13-LD	Stainless Steel			Sealed Stainless Steel, 304L	—

For information on special materials, consult the Armstrong Application Engineering Department.

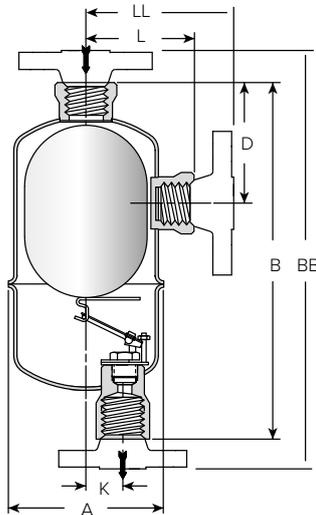


Figure LD-350-1.

Models 11-LD, 22-LD and 13-LD stainless steel guided lever liquid drain trap with sealed, tamperproof construction.



Table LD-350-2. 10-LD Physical Data (dimensions in mm)			
Model No.	Stainless Steel		
	11-LD**	22-LD	13-LD
Pipe Connections	15 - 20*	20	25
"A"	70	100	114
"B"	183	221	289
"BB" (PN40***)	229 – 235	273	373
"D"	—	83	154
"K"	15	23	30
"L"	—	67	83
"LL" (PN40***)	—	95	126
Weight in kg (screwed & SW)	0,8	2.3	3.4
Weight in kg (flanged PN40**)	2.9 – 4.0	5.2	7.3
Maximum Allowable Pressure (Vessel Design)†	34 barg @ 38°C 30 barg @ 260°C	41 barg @ 38°C 33 barg @ 260°C	39 barg @ 38°C 34 barg @ 260°C

Note: Vessel design pressure may exceed float collapse pressure in some cases.

Pipe size of vent connection is same as that of inlet and outlet connections.

* 1/2" outlet. (option)

** No side connection

*** Standard flanges are in carbon steel, stainless steel flanges are optional. Other flange sizes, ratings and face-to-face dimensions are available on request.

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† May be derated depending on flange rating and type.

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180 Series Free Floating Lever Drain Traps

All Stainless Steel for Horizontal Installation

For pressures to 28 bar . . . Capacities to 900 kg/h



Armstrong's stainless steel, free-floating guided lever drain traps use the same bodies, caps, lever mechanisms, valves and seats as Armstrong inverted bucket steam traps that have been proven in years of service. Elliptical floats and high leverage make it possible to open large orifices to provide adequate capacity for drain trap size and weight.

The hemispherical valve, seat and leverage of the 180-LD and 181-LD stainless steel traps are identical in design, materials and workmanship to those for saturated steam service up to 39 bar, except that the 180 Series traps have a guidepost to ensure a positive, leak-tight valve closing under all conditions. The 180 Series is designed for situations where mounting a drainer close to the floor is critical. A back vent connection is required.



Table LD-351-1. 180 Series List of Materials				
Model No.	Valve & Seat	Leverage System	Float	Body & Cap
180-LD 181-LD	Stainless Steel			Sealed Stainless Steel 304L

Table LD-351-2. Physical Data (dimensions in mm) Armstrong 180 Series Free Floating Lever Drain Traps		
Model	180-LD	181-LD
Pipe Connections	15	20
"A" Diameter	68	68
"B" Height	152	184
"C" Face to Face	110	110
"D" Bottom to CL Inlet	130	160
Weight in kg	0,8	1,1

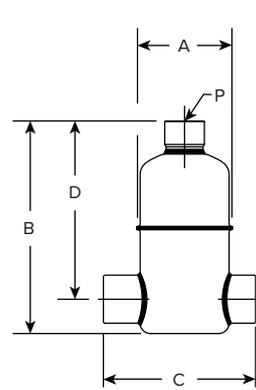


Figure LD-35.
Model 180-LD

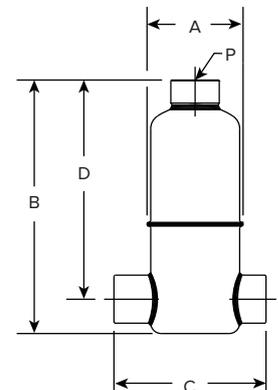
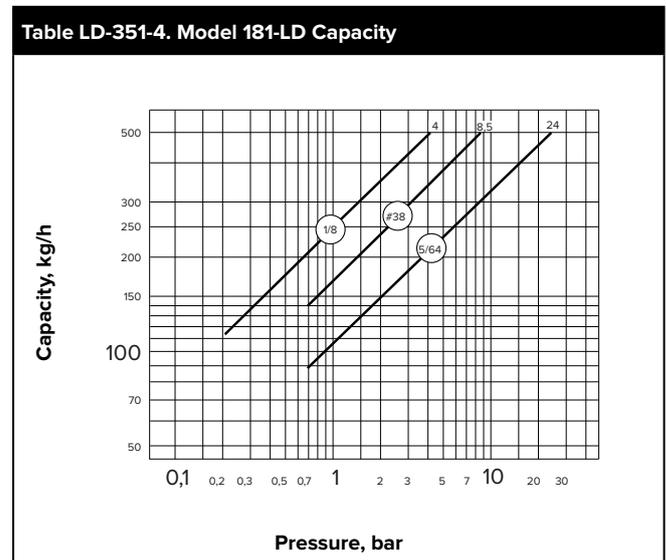
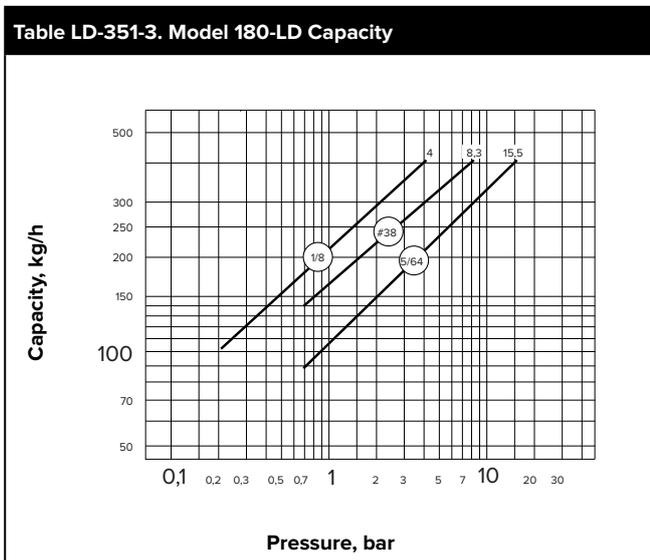


Figure LD-36.
Model 181-LD

All models comply with the article 4.3 of the PED (2014/68/UE).



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Notes

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Liquid Drainers

Free Floating Guided Lever Drain Traps

For Loads to 19 000 kg/h...Pressures to 69 bar

Armstrong's forged steel, free-floating guided lever drain traps use the same bodies, caps, lever mechanisms, valves and seats of Armstrong inverted bucket steam traps that have been proven in years of service. Elliptical floats and high leverage make it possible to open large orifices to provide adequate capacity for drain trap size and weight.

The hemispherical valve, seat and leverage of the 32-LD, 33-LD and 36-LD stainless steel traps are identical in design, materials and workmanship to those for saturated steam service up to 69 bar with the exception of the addition of a guidepost to assure a positive, leaktight valve closing under all conditions.

Table LD-353-1. 30-LD List of Materials					
Model No.	Valve & Seat	Leverage System	Float	Body & Cap	Gasket
32-LD 33-LD 36-LD	Stainless Steel			Forged Steel ASTM A105	Compressed Asbestos-free

For information on special materials, consult the Armstrong Application Engineering Department.

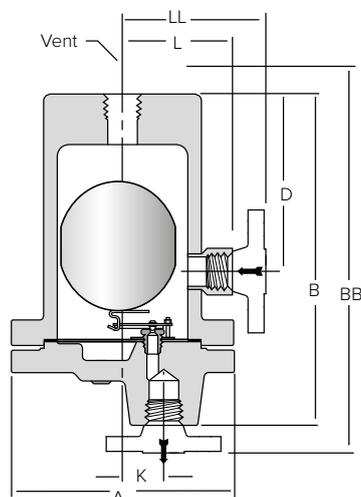


Figure LD-353-1.

Models 32-LD, 33-LD and 36-LD forged steel guided lever drain trap. Socketweld or flanged connections are also available.



Table LD-353-2. 30-LD Physical Data (dimensions in mm)			
Model No.	Forged Steel		
	32-LD †	33-LD †	36-LD †
Pipe Connections	15 – 20 – 25	15 – 20 – 25	40 – 50
"A"	171	203	302
"B"	259	295	435
"BB" (PN40*)	300 – 305	343 – 349 – 355	500 – 505
"D"	141	154	229
"K"	32	37	54
"L"	86	98	154
"LL" (PN40*)	127 – 132	145 – 153 – 159	198 – 204
Weight in kg (screwed & SW)	14	22	74
Weight in kg (flanged PN40*)	15,8 – 17,8	25,0 – 26,0	83,2 – 87,2
Maximum Allowable Pressure (Vessel Design)††	69 bar @ 38°C 41 bar @ 400°C		

Note: Vessel design pressure may exceed float collapse pressure in some cases.

Pipe size of vent connection is same as that of inlet and outlet connections.

† Available in Type 316 stainless steel. Consult factory.

†† May be derated depending on flange rating and type.

* Other flange sizes, ratings and face-to-face dimensions are available on request.

Shade indicates products that are CE Marked according to the PED (2014/68/UE). All the other models comply with the Article 4.3 of the same directive.

All dimensions and weights are approximate. Use certified print for exact dimensions. Design and materials are subject to change without notice.



Fixed Pivot and Snap Action Drain Traps

For Loads to 1 770 kg/h...Pressures to 69 bar

Continuous Flow or On-Off Float Type Drain Traps

Armstrong's line of fixed lever and snap action drain traps includes two basic models available in cast iron and forged steel. The floats are light enough to handle light liquids.

No. 21 – A small, high-quality, economical drain trap for use on drainage jobs where dirt and oil are not encountered. It employs a single lever with a fixed pivot.

No. 21-312 – Forged steel version of the No. 21 with larger float and higher leverage.

No. 71-A – Wide open, tight-shut drain trap for use where fine dirt and grit may be present or where liquid load is light. A flat spring in the leverage system holds the valve closed until the trap body is nearly full of water. Then it snaps open, washing dirt through. When the trap body is nearly empty, the spring snaps the valve shut.

No. 71-315 – Forged steel version of No. 71-A.

Caution: Ball float drain traps are not recommended where heavy oil, sludge or considerable dirt are encountered in lines. Under these circumstances use Armstrong inverted bucket BVSU traps.

Table LD-354-1. Maximum Operating Pressures in bar for Handling Different Specific Gravity With Orifices Available in Fixed Lever and Snap Action Drain Traps (See pages LD-336 and LD-337)

Model No.	Sp. Grav.	1,00	0,95	0,90	0,85	0,80	0,75	0,70	0,65	0,60	0,55	0,50	
		Maximum Operating Pressure in bar @ 38°C											
	Orifice Size (in)	bar	bar	bar	bar	bar	bar	bar	bar	bar	bar	bar	
21	1/4"	1,5	1,4	1,3	1,1	1,0	0,9	0,8	0,7	0,5	0,4	0,3	
	7/32"	1,9	1,8	1,6	1,5	1,0	1,2	1,0	0,9	0,7	0,6	0,4	
	3/16"	2,6	2,4	2,2	2,0	1,8	1,6	1,4	1,2	1,0	0,7	0,5	
	5/32"	3,8	3,5	3,2	2,9	2,6	2,3	2,0	1,7	1,4	1,1	0,8	
	9/64"	4,6	4,2	3,9	3,5	3,1	2,8	2,4	2,1	1,7	1,3	1,0	
	1/8"	5,8	5,4	4,9	4,4	4,0	3,5	3,0	2,6	2,1	1,7	1,2	
	3/32"	10,2	9,4	8,6	7,7	6,9	6,1	5,3	4,5	3,7	2,9	2,1	
	5/64"	14,0	13,0	12,0	11,0	9,9	8,7	7,6	6,4	5,3	4,1	3,0	
	1/16"	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	15,0	13,0	12,0	9,9	8,1	6,3	4,6	
21-312*	96 g Float	1/4"	2,9	2,7	2,5	2,3	2,1	1,9	1,7	1,5	1,3	1,1	0,9
		7/32"	3,8	3,5	3,2	3,0	2,7	2,5	2,2	2,0	1,7	1,5	1,2
		3/16"	5,1	4,7	4,4	4,0	3,7	3,4	3,0	2,7	2,3	2,0	1,6
		5/32"	14,0	14,0	13,0	12,0	10,6	9,6	8,6	7,6	6,6	5,6	4,6
	128 g Float	9/64"	16,0	15,0	14,0	14,0	13,0	12,0	10,6	9,4	8,1	6,9	5,7
		1/8"	20,0	18,0	17,0	15,0	14,0	14,0	13,0	12,0	10,2	8,7	7,2
		3/32"	34,0	32,0	29,0	27,0	24,0	21,0	19,0	16,0	14,0	14,0	13,0
	170 g Float	5/64"	41,0	37,0	34,0	34,0	34,0	30,0	27,0	23,0	19,0	15,0	14,0
		1/16"	41,0	41,0	41,0	41,0	39,0	34,0	34,0	34,0	29,0	23,0	17,0
	71-A & 71-315	1/4"	0,7	0,7	0,7	0,7	**	**	**	**	—	—	—
		3/16"	1,4	1,4	1,4	1,4	**	**	**	**	—	—	—
		1/8"	6,9	6,9	6,9	6,9	**	**	**	**	—	—	—
7/64"		14,0	14,0	14,0	14,0	**	**	**	**	—	—	—	
71-A	5/64"	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	—	—	—	—	—	—		
71-315	5/64"	35,0	35,0	35,0	35,0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	1/16"	69,0	69,0	69,0	69,0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

Note: If actual specific gravity falls between those shown in above table, use next lower. For example, if actual gravity is 0,73, use 0,70 gravity data.

* 5/32" orifice (and smaller) utilizes higher leverage mechanism designated 21-312V.

** For applications on liquids of specific gravity 0,65 to 0,85, consult factory.

Fixed Pivot and Snap Action Drain Traps

For Loads to 1 770 kg/h...Pressures to 69 bar



Table LD-355-1. 21-LD and 71-LD Physical Data in mm				
Model No.	Cast Iron		Forged Steel	
	21 †	71-A*	21-312 †	71-315*
Pipe Connections	15 – 20	20 – 25	15 – 20 – 25	20 – 25 – 32 – 40
"A"	157	216	171	248
"B"	133	273	259	381
"BB" (PN100**)	—	—	300 – 305 – 313	433 – 433 – 437
"D"	—	108	141	198
"K"	33	—	32	—
"L"	—	89	86	117
"LL" (PN100**)	—	—	127 – 132 – 140	169 – 169 – 173
Weight in kg (screwed & SW)	4	13	14	42
Weight in kg (flanged PN100**)	—	—	15,8 – 17,8 – 18,8	43,5 – 46,5 – 48,8
Maximum Allowable Pressure (Vessel Design)††	17 bar @ 232°C		41 bar @ 38°C 34 bar @ 400°C	69 bar @ 38°C 41 bar @ 400°C

† Cast 316 stainless steel body and cap with all stainless steel internals available. Aluminum body and cap available for Model 21 only. Consult factory.

†† May be derated depending on flange rating and type.

* Snap action drain traps should not be used where load exceeds 54 kg/h. Use on greater loads shortens spring life.

** Other flange sizes, ratings and face-to-face dimensions are available on request.

All models comply with the article 4.3 of the PED (2014/68/UE).

Table LD-355-2. 21-LD and 71-LD List of Materials					
Model No.	Valve & Seat	Leverage System	Float	Body & Cap	Gasket
21	Stainless Steel			Cast Iron ASTM A48 Class 30	Compressed Asbestos-free
71-A				Forged Steel* ASTM A105	
21-312 71-315					

* Model 71-315 cap is cast steel.

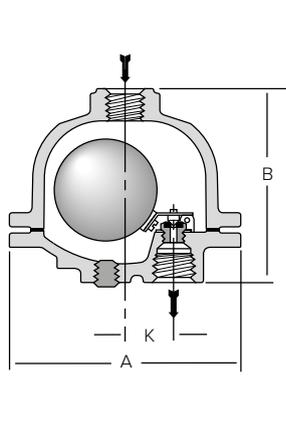


Figure LD-355-1.
Model 21 cast iron fixed lever drain trap.

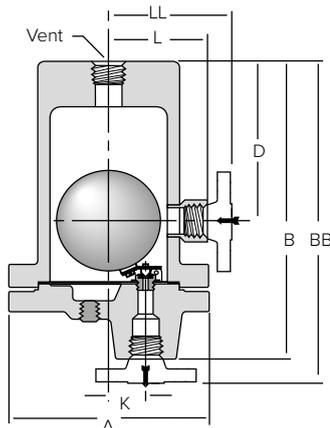


Figure LD-355-2.
Model 21-312 forged steel fixed lever drain trap.

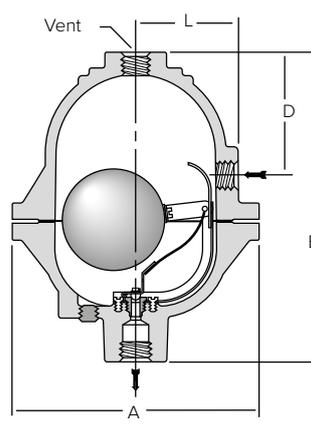


Figure LD-355-3.
Model 71-A cast iron snap action drain trap.

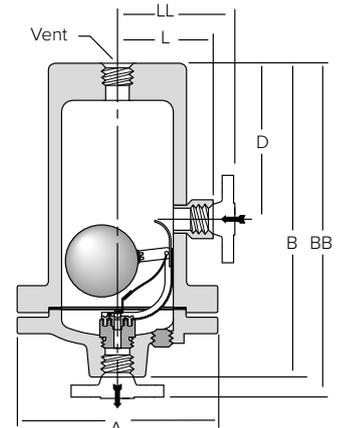


Figure LD-355-4.
Model 71-315 forged steel snap action drain trap.

Liquid Drainers

All dimensions and weights are approximate. Use certified print for exact dimensions. Design and materials are subject to change without notice.



High Leverage Spring-Loaded Ball Float Type Drain Traps

For Low Flows at Pressures to 255 bar and Specific Gravity Down to 0,40

The Armstrong High Leverage Series of liquid drain traps was developed especially for draining low specific gravity fluids from gases at high pressures. They use standard Armstrong forged steel bodies with very high leverage systems and spring assist.

Because of design considerations in this drain trap, it is essential that a safety factor of at least 2 be applied to the peak liquid load for sizing purposes.

Do not use HLS drain traps on steam service.

Note: Models 2313-HLS, 2316-HLS, 2413-HLS and 2415-HLS are also available with cast T-316 stainless steel body and all-stainless steel internals. Consult factory.

Sour Gas Service

Forged steel and stainless steel traps can be modified to resist hydrogen sulfide stress corrosion. These modifications involve annealing the float, which will reduce the maximum working pressure of the float to about half its normal value. Consult Armstrong Application Engineering for allowable working pressures.

Table LD-356-1. HLS Series Reference Data

Model No.	Float Diameter	Unbalanced Float Weight
2313-HLS 2413-HLS 25133G-HLS	89 mm	113 g
2315-HLS 2415-HLS 25155G-HLS 26155G-HLS	102 mm	128 g
2316-HLS 2416-HLS	127 mm	170 g

Table LD-356-2. Maximum Operating Pressures in bar for Handling Different Specific Gravity Liquids With Orifices Available in High Leverage Drain Traps (See pages LD-380 and LD-381)

Model No.	Sp. Grav. Orifice (in)	1,00	0,95	0,90	0,85	0,80	0,75	0,70	0,65	0,60	0,55	0,50	0,45	0,40	
		Maximum Operating Pressure in bar @ 38°C													
		bar	bar	bar	bar	bar	bar	bar	bar	bar	bar	bar	bar	bar	bar
2313-HLS	1/16"	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	43	
	5/64"	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	65	47	29	
	3/32"	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	58	46	33	20	
	7/64"	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	63	53	44	34	25	15	
	1/8"	69	69	69	69	69	63	56	48	41	34	26	19	11,7	
2315-HLS	3/32"	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	66	
	1/8"	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	62	50	38	
	5/32"	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	64	56	48	40	33	25	
	3/16"	69	69	69	67	61	56	50	45	39	34	28	23	17	
2316-HLS	3/32"	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	
	1/8"	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	
	5/32"	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	
	3/16"	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	57	
	7/32"	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	61	52	43	
2413-HLS	1/16"	103	103	103	103	103	103	103	103	103	103	98	71	43	
	5/64"	103	103	103	103	103	103	103	103	101	83	65	47	29	
	3/32"	103	103	103	103	103	103	97	84	71	58	46	33	20	
	7/64"	103	103	103	101	91	82	72	63	53	44	34	25	15	
2415-HLS	3/32"	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	108	87	66	
	1/8"	124	124	124	124	124	122	110	98	86	74	62	50	38	
	5/32"	119	111	103	95	87	80	72	64	56	48	40	33	25	
	3/16"	83	78	72	67	61	56	50	45	39	34	28	23	17	
2416-HLS	3/32"	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	
	1/8"	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	
	5/32"	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	102	84	
	3/16"	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	109	97	84	72	59	
	7/32"	110	110	110	110	110	108	99	90	81	71	62	53	44	
25133G-HLS	1/16"	146	146	146	146	146	146	146	146	146	125	98	71	43	
	5/64"	146	146	146	146	146	146	137	119	101	83	65	47	29	
	3/32"	146	146	146	135	122	110	97	84	71	58	46	33	20	
	7/64"	129	120	110	101	91	82	72	63	53	44	34	25	15	
25155G-HLS	5/64"	174	174	174	174	174	174	174	174	174	174	152	123	93	
	3/32"	174	174	174	174	174	174	174	170	150	129	108	87	66	
	1/8"	174	171	159	147	135	122	110	98	86	74	62	50	38	
	5/32"	119	111	103	95	87	80	72	64	56	48	40	33	25	
	3/16"	83	78	72	67	61	56	50	45	39	34	28	23	17	
26155G-HLS	5/64"	255	255	255	255	255	255	255	241	211	182	152	123	93	
	3/32"	255	255	255	254	233	212	191	170	150	129	108	87	66	
	1/8"	183	171	159	147	135	122	110	98	86	74	62	50	38	
	5/32"	119	111	103	95	87	80	72	64	56	48	40	33	25	
	3/16"	83	78	72	67	61	56	50	45	39	34	28	23	17	
Specific Gravity		1,00	0,95	0,90	0,85	0,80	0,75	0,70	0,65	0,60	0,55	0,50	0,45	0,40	

Note: If actual specific gravity falls between those shown in above table, use next lower. For example, if actual gravity is 0,73, use 0,70 data.

High Leverage Spring-Loaded Ball Float Type Drain Traps

For Low Flows at Pressures to 255 bar and Specific Gravity Down to 0,40



Table LD-357-1. HLS Series List of Materials					
Model No.	Valve & Seat	Leverage System	Float	Body & Cap	Gasket
2313-HLS 2315-HLS 2316-HLS	Stainless Steel			ASTM A105 Forged Steel	Compressed Asbestos- free
2413-HLS 2415-HLS 2416-HLS 25133G-HLS 25155G-HLS 26155G-HLS				ASTM A182 Grade F22 Forged Steel	

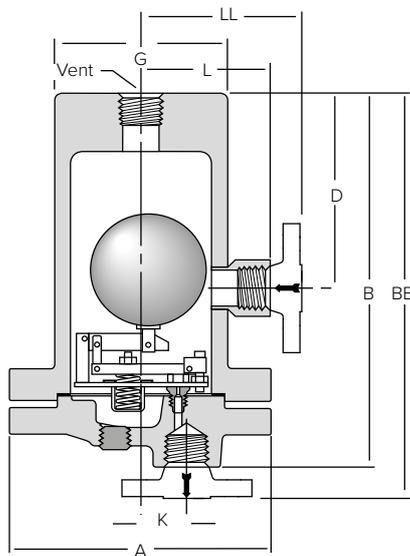


Figure LD-357-1.
High leverage ball float drain trap.

Table LD-357-2. HLS Series Physical Data in mm									
Model No.	2313-HLS †	2315-HLS	2316-HLS †	2413-HLS †	2415-HLS †	2416-HLS	25133G-HLS	25155G-HLS	26155G-HLS
Pipe Connections	15 – 20 – 25	25 – 32 – 40	40 – 50	15 – 20 – 25	25 – 32 – 40	40 – 50	15 – 20 – 25	20 – 25 – 32	25 – 32 – 40
"A"	203	248	302	219	273	318	216	263	298
"B"	295	381	435	305	379	448	362	412	613
"BB" (PN100 – 160 – 250*)	343 – 349 – 355	442 – 444 – 446	500 – 505	353 – 360 – 366	440 – 444 – 448	515 – 526	472 – 473 – 487	540 – 540 – 540	740 – 740
"D"	154	198	229	137	184	229	75	102	127
"G"	130	175	213	137	175	219	146	187	213
"K"	37	44	54	37	44	54	33	44	44
"L"	98	119	146	102	122	148	—	—	—
"LL" (PN100 – 160 – 250*)	145 – 153 – 159	171 – 173 – 175	198 – 204	149 – 156 – 162	181 – 183 – 187	211 – 244	185 – 187 – 190	214 – 214 – 214	224 – 224
Weight in kg (screwed & SW)	21	44	73	31	59	95	51	78	147
Weight in kg (PN100 – 160 – 250*)	23,0 – 25,0 – 26,0	46,0 – 50,0 – 53,0	84,2 – 88,2	35,0 – 37,0 – 38,0	60,6 – 64,6 – 67,6	104,0 – 108,0	56,0 – 57,0 – 58,0	101,0 – 102,0 – 103,0	154,2 – 160,2
Maximum Allowable Pressure (Vessel Design)††	69 bar @ 38°C 41 bar @ 400°C			103 bar @ 38°C 62 bar @ 454°C	125 bar @ 38°C 62 bar @ 482°C		146 bar @ 38°C 117 bar @ 482°C	174 bar @ 38°C 138 bar @ 482°C	255 bar @ 38°C 207 bar @ 482°C

Note: Available with screwed, socketweld or flanged connections.
 † Available with cast 316 stainless steel body and all stainless steel internals. Consult factory.
 †† May be derated depending on flange rating and type.
 * Other flange sizes, ratings and face-to-face dimensions are available on request.
 All products are CE Marked according to the PED (2014/68/UE).

All dimensions and weights are approximate. Use certified print for exact dimensions. Design and materials are subject to change without notice.



Free Floating Lever Dual Gravity Drain Traps

For Pressures to 69 bar

Armstrong free floating lever dual gravity drain traps are identical to the units described on pages LD-349 and LD-353 except float weights are modified to make them suitable for draining water from a light liquid. If you wish to use them for draining any liquid with specific gravity other than 1,00, consult the Armstrong Application Engineering Department.

Floats for dual gravity drain traps are weighted with quenching oil which, in the unlikely possibility of float failure, may be dispersed through the system. If this is a hazard, consult the Armstrong Application Engineering Department.

Note: Armstrong can design dual gravity traps for venting light liquids from above heavier liquids. Consult the Armstrong Application Engineering Department.

Viscosity Considerations for Dual Gravity Traps

The operation of dual gravity traps depends upon a float that will sink in the light liquid and float in the heavy liquid. When the specific gravities of the two liquids are very close, the available operating forces are, therefore, also very small. Viscous fluids may impair the ability of the trap to respond to changing liquid levels.

Consult Armstrong's Application Engineering Department if your application involves fluids more viscous than 70 cs, which is approximately the viscosity of a light machine oil.

Table LD-358-2. Maximum Operating Pressures in bar for Draining Water From Different Specific Gravity Liquids With Orifices Available in Dual Gravity Drain Traps (See pages LD-336 and LD-337)

Model No.	Sp. Grav.	0,50	0,55	0,60	0,65	0,70	0,75	0,80	0,85	
	Float Wt, g	170	184	199	213	228	242	257	271	
Orifice (in)		Maximum Operating Pressure in bar								
2-DG	5/16"	1,0	0,9	0,7	0,6	0,5	0,35	—	—	
	1/4"	1,6	1,4	1,2	1,0	0,8	0,6	0,4	—	
	3/16"	3,6	3,0	2,6	2,2	1,8	1,4	0,9	0,45	
	5/32"	6,0	5,5	4,6	3,8	3,0	2,4	1,6	0,8	
	1/8"	10,0	9,0	8,0	6,5	5,0	4,0	2,6	1,4	
	7/64"	13,0	12,0	10,0	8,5	6,5	5,0	3,4	1,8	
	Sp. Grav.	0,50	0,55	0,60	0,65	0,70	0,75	0,80	0,85	
	Float Wt, g	248	271	293	315	338	360	382	405	
Orifice (in)		Maximum Operating Pressure in bar								
32-DG	5/16"	1,6	1,4	1,2	1,0	0,9	0,7	0,5	—	
	1/4"	2,6	2,4	2,0	1,8	1,4	1,2	0,8	0,5	
	3/16"	6,0	5,0	4,6	3,8	3,2	2,6	1,8	1,2	
	5/32"	10,0	9,0	8,0	6,5	5,5	4,4	3,2	2,0	
	1/8"	17,0	15,0	13,0	11,0	9,5	7,5	5,5	3,4	
	7/64"	22,0	20,0	17,0	15,0	12,0	9,5	7,0	4,4	
	Sp. Grav.	0,50	0,55	0,60	0,65	0,70	0,75	0,80	0,85	0,90
	Float Wt, g	317	345	373	401	430	458	486	514	542
Orifice (in)		Maximum Operating Pressure in bar								
3-DG to 17 bar* Cast Iron	1/2"	0,8	0,7	0,6	0,5	0,45	0,35	—	—	—
	3/8"	1,8	1,6	1,4	1,2	0,9	0,7	0,5	—	—
33-DG for all pressures	5/16"	2,8	2,4	2,2	1,8	1,4	1,2	0,8	0,5	—
	9/32"	3,6	3,2	2,8	2,4	2,0	1,6	1,0	0,6	—
	1/4"	5,5	4,8	4,2	3,6	3,0	2,2	1,6	1,0	—
	7/32"	8,0	7,0	6,0	5,0	4,2	3,2	2,4	1,4	0,45
	3/16"	12,0	10,0	9,0	7,5	6,5	4,8	3,4	2,0	0,7
	5/32"	19,0	16,0	14,0	12,0	10,0	7,5	5,5	3,2	1,0
	1/8"	38,0	34,0	28,0	24,0	20,0	15,0	11,0	6,5	2,2
7/64"	48,0	42,0	36,0	32,0	26,0	20,0	14,0	8,5	2,8	
	Sp. Grav.	0,50	0,55	0,60	0,65	0,70	0,75	0,80	0,85	0,90
	Float Wt, g	1 483	1 622	1 760	1 899	2 038	2 177	2 316	2 455	2 594
Orifice (in)		Maximum Operating Pressure in bar								
6-DG to 17 bar* Cast Iron	1 1/6"	0,9	0,8	0,7	0,6	0,5	0,4	—	—	—
	7/8"	1,4	1,2	1,2	1,0	0,8	0,7	0,5	0,35	—
36-DG to 69 bar Steel	3/4"	2,2	1,8	1,6	1,4	1,2	1,0	0,7	0,5	—
	5/8"	3,2	2,8	2,6	2,2	1,8	1,4	1,2	0,8	0,4
	9/16"	4,2	3,8	3,4	2,8	2,4	2,0	1,4	1,0	0,5
	1/2"	6,0	5,5	4,8	4,2	3,4	2,8	2,2	1,4	0,8
	7/16"	9,0	8,0	7,0	6,0	5,0	4,0	3,0	2,0	1,2
	3/8"	14,0	12,0	11,0	9,5	8,0	6,5	4,8	3,2	1,8
	11/32"	18,0	16,0	14,0	12,0	10,0	8,5	6,5	4,4	2,4
5/16"	24,0	22,0	19,0	16,0	13,0	11,0	8,0	5,5	3,0	
9/32"	32,0	28,0	24,0	20,0	18,0	14,0	11,0	7,5	4,0	
1/4"	46,0	40,0	36,0	30,0	26,0	20,0	16,0	11,0	6,0	
7/32"	65,0	55,0	50,0	44,0	36,0	30,0	22,0	15,0	8,5	
3/16"	69,0	69,0	69,0	69,0	60,0	48,0	36,0	24,0	14,0	

Note: If actual specific gravity falls between those shown in the above table, use the next higher gravity. For example, if actual gravity is 0,73, use 0,75 gravity data.
* For vessel pressures above 17 bar, always use steel drain traps.

Free Floating Lever Dual Gravity Drain Traps

For Pressures to 69 bar



Table LD-359-1. DG Series List of Materials					
Model No.	Valve & Seat	Leverage System	Float	Body & Cap	Gasket
2-DG 3-DG 6-DG	Stainless Steel			Cast Iron ASTM A48 Class 30	Compressed Asbestos-free
32-DG 33-DG 36-DG				Forged Steel ASTM A105	

For information on special materials, consult the Armstrong Application Engineering Department.

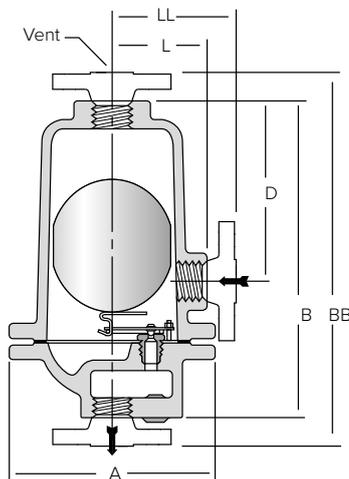


Figure LD-359-1.

Models 2-DG, 3-DG and 6-DG cast iron dual gravity drain traps.

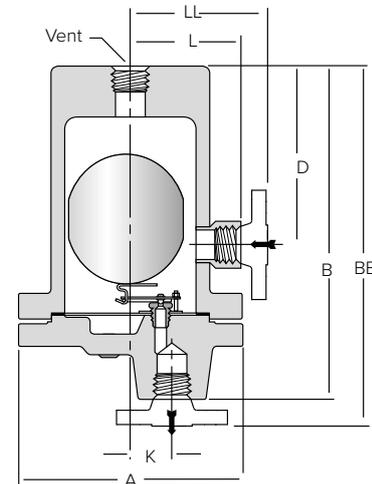


Figure LD-359-2.

Models 32-DG, 33-DG and 36-DG Forged steel dual gravity drain traps. Socketweld or flanged connections are also available.

Table LD-359-2. DG Series Physical Data in mm						
Model No.	Cast Iron			Forged Steel		
	2-DG	3-DG	6-DG	32-DG*	33-DG*	36-DG*
Pipe Connections	15 – 20	15 – 20 – 25	40 – 50	15 – 20 – 25	15 – 20 – 25	40 – 50
"A"	133	161	259	171	203	302
"B"	203	273	432	259	295	435
"BB" (PN40 - PN100**)	320 – 330	400 – 392	562 – 568	300 – 305	343 – 349 – 355	500 – 505
"D"	111	155	213	141	154	229
"K"	—	—	—	32	37	54
"LL" (PN40 - PN100**)	179 – 189	203 – 195	180 – 186	127 – 132	145 – 153 – 159	198 – 204
"B"	203	273	432	259	295	435
Weight in kg (screwed & SW)	6	10	36	14	22	74
Weight in kg (flanged PN40 - PN100**)	8,7 – 9,6	13,6 – 14,2	42,6 – 45,0	15,8 – 17,8	25,0 – 26,0	83,2 – 87,2
Maximum Allowable Pressure (Vessel Design)†	17 bar @ 232°C		17 bar @ 232°C	41 bar @ 38°C 35 bar @ 400°C	69 bar @ 38°C 41 bar @ 400°C	

* Available in Type 316 stainless steel. Consult factory.

** Other flange sizes, ratings and face-to-face dimensions are available on request.

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† May be derated depending on flange rating and type.

All dimensions and weights are approximate. Use certified print for exact dimensions. Design and materials are subject to change without notice.



Ultra-Capacity Drain Traps

Capacities to 317 500 kg/h... Pressures to 31 bar

Armstrong ultra-capacity ball float drain traps are designed to meet exceptionally large capacity needs in draining water and other liquids from air or other gases under pressure.

Options. L and M Series drain traps are available with armored gauge glass with a maximum allowable pressure of 17 bar @ 218°C. When ordering, be sure to specify "Liquid Drainer" or "LD." Example, LS-series LD, 50 mm BSPT, 7/8" orifice.

Table LD-360-1. Maximum Operating Pressures in bar Handling Different Specific Gravity Liquids With Orifices Available in Ultra-Capacity Drain Traps

Model No.	Specific Gravity	1,00	0,95	0,90	0,85	0,80	0,75	0,70	0,65	0,60	0,55	0,50
	Orifice Size in	Maximum Operating Pressure in bar										
JD	1 1/8"	1,0	1,0	0,89	0,82	0,75	0,69	0,62	0,48	0,41	0,34	0,28
	3/4"	2,4	2,2	2,0	1,8	1,6	1,5	1,3	1,0	0,97	0,75	0,62
	9/16"	6,0	5,5	5,0	4,6	4,2	3,8	3,3	2,8	2,4	1,8	1,5
	1/2"	10,0	9,0	8,5	8,0	7,0	6,2	5,5	4,8	4,0	3,2	2,6
	7/16"	12,0	12,0	12,0	12,0	11,0	10,0	8,5	7,3	6,2	5,0	3,9
	3/8"	17,0	16,0	15,0	13,0	12,2	10,9	9,7	8,4	7,1	5,9	4,6
1/4"	21,0	21,0	21,0	21,0	20,7	20,7	20,7	20,7	20,7	18,8	15,4	12,1
30KD	1 7/8" dual orifice	2	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
50KD		3,5	3,5	3,5	3,5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
300KD		21	21	21	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
L to 17 bar	1 5/8"	2,4	2,2	2,0	1,8	1,6	1,6	1,4	1,2	1,0	0,89	0,69
LS For all Pressures	1 1/8"	8,0	7,4	7,0	6,3	5,8	5,2	4,7	4,1	3,6	3,0	2,5
	7/8"	12,0	11,0	10,5	9,5	8,6	7,9	7,0	6,2	5,4	4,5	3,7
	3/8"	22,0*	20,0*	19,0*	17,0	16,0	14,0	13,0	11,0	9,7	8,2	6,7
	1/2"	31,0*	31,0*	31,0*	31,0*	31,0*	28,0*	24,0*	21,0*	17,0	14,0	10,0
M to 17 bar	1 7/8" dual orifice	17,0	17,0	17,0	17,0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MS For all Pressures	1 17/32" dual orifice	31,0*	31,0*	31,0*	31,0*	31,0*	—	—	—	—	—	—

* These pressures applicable only to "LS" and "MS" models.

Table LD-360-2. Ultra-Capacity Drain Traps List of Materials

Name of Part	Material	
	Series JD, KD, L & M	Series LS & MS
Cap & Body	JD, KD ASTM A395 Ductile Iron	ASTM A216 Grade WCB
	L, M ASTM A48 Class 30	
Cap	L, LS 304 Stainless Steel, ASTM A351 Grade CF8	
Extension*	K, M, MS 17-4 Ph, ASTM A747 Grade CB7Cu-1	
Cap Bolting	ASTM A193 Grade B 7**	ASTM A193 Grade B 7
Cap Gaskets	Compressed Asbestos Free	
Float Mechanism	Stainless Steel	

* JD Series does not have cap extension.

** JD and KD Series - ASTM A307 Grade B.

Table LD-360-4. Physical Data - Ultra-Capacity Drain Traps

Trap Series	JD & KD	L & M	LS & MS
Pipe Connections	50 – 65	50 – 65 – 80	50 – 65 – 80
"B"	332	514	508
"C"	246	375	387
"H"	348 – 373	505	508
"HH1" (PN40*)	420 – 448	574 – 580 – 585	571 – 575 – 581
"HH2" (PN40*)	420 – 548	—	—
"M"	152	287	287
"D"	75 – 90	106	106
"S"	—	95	95
"T"	—	305	305
Weight in kg (screwed & SW)	36,3 – 39,5	89	132
Weight in kg (flanged PN40*)	45 – 49	97 – 99 – 101	138 – 141 – 144
Maximum Allowable Pressure (Vessel Design)†	21 bar @ 343°C	17 bar @ 232°C	31 bar @ 338°C
Maximum Operating Pressure	12 bar	17 bar	31 bar

* Other flange sizes, ratings and face-to-face dimensions are available on request. JD, KD, L and M Series also may be used for steam service as float & thermostatic traps and as condensate controllers. Steam service capacities for all configurations are given in the steam trap section of this catalog.

† May be derated depending on flange rating and type.

Table LD-360-3. Ultra-Capacity Drain Traps Connections Available

Model	Size in mm	NPT	BSPT	SW	Flanged
JD	50	X	X	—	X
KD	50, 65, 80	X	X	—	X
L	50 – 65	X	X	—	X
M	80	X	X	—	X
LS	50 – 65	X	X	X	X
MS	80	X	X	X	X

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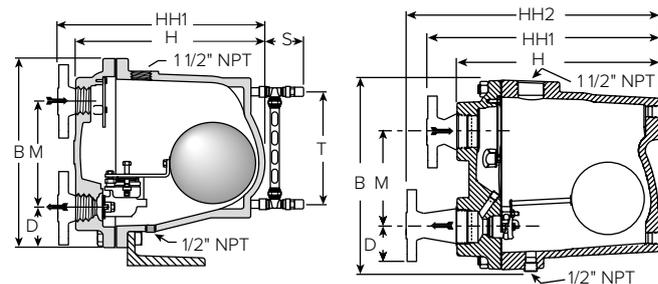


Figure LD-360-1.
L and LS Series

Figure LD-360-2.
JD and KD Series

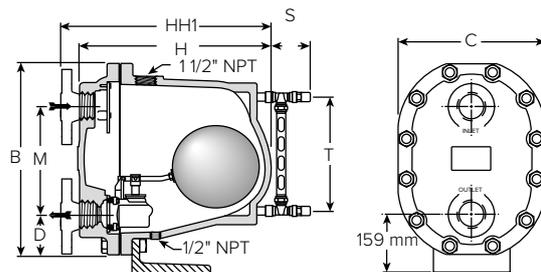


Figure LD-360-3.
M and MS Series

Installation and Maintenance of Drain Traps

For Draining Liquid From Gas...for Draining Water From Light Liquid

Installation Procedures

Pipe Fitting. Adhere to good piping practice. Clean pipes carefully after cutting and threading before hooking up traps. Before connecting traps to system, blow down at full pressure to clear the pipes of dirt, pipe cuttings and other foreign objects.

Strainers are necessary if there is a chance scale and sediment can be carried to the trap.

Blowdown Valves may prove useful.

Shutoff Valves & Unions should be provided so the drain trap can be examined and/or serviced without shutting down the unit drained.

Operation. Maximum operating pressure is stamped on the trap. Do not exceed this pressure.

A. Ball float drain traps must be located below the drain point.

B. Make inlet piping as short as possible with a minimum of elbows and other restrictions.

C. Back venting usually required on ball float drain traps.

1. Pressure vessels should be vented back to any convenient point above the liquid level. Use a full-ported valve in the back-vent line. On larger traps (6 and 36-LD and larger) use a minimum of 3/4" nominal pipe for back venting – 1" or larger preferred for heavy loads. Remember, the pressure in the unit drained and in the drain trap are the same – only the difference in liquid levels produces flow.

2. Separators and drip points should be vented to the downstream side of the unit.

3. On very light loads, venting is not necessary; but use at least a 3/4" connection between the vessel and the trap. Make sure inlet line is vertical or pitched to trap.

4. Float type drain traps do not require priming.

Typical installations of drain traps are shown in drawings in "How to Hook Up Armstrong Drain Traps" section.

Drain Trap Testing and Troubleshooting

Testing Schedule

A regular schedule should be set up for testing and preventive maintenance. Size and operating pressure determine how frequently drain traps should be checked. Units on normal industrial applications should be checked as follows:

High Pressure Drain Traps – 17 bar and up. Test daily to weekly.

Medium Pressure Drain Traps – 4 to 17 bar. Test weekly to monthly.

Low Pressure Drain Traps – 0,07 to 4 bar. Test monthly to annually. Large traps on high capacity jobs can be tested more frequently to good advantage.

Drain Traps on gas and other critical applications should be checked at the same time valves and other line equipment are inspected. Your own experience will determine the required testing schedule.

Troubleshooting

A. Drain trap does not discharge.

1. Insufficient liquid coming to drain trap to permit discharge. Continue operation.

2. Drain trap filled with dirt or sludge. Remove cap and mechanism; clean thoroughly. Install strainer in inlet side of drain trap.

3. Differential pressure across drain trap too high. Check inlet and outlet pressure. If the difference exceeds the maximum operating pressure stamped on the drain trap, the valve will remain closed. Reduce differential pressure if possible, or install properly sized mechanism in drain trap if possible.

4. Worn valve seat. As the seat becomes worn, the seating surface area enlarges, lowering the trap's maximum operating pressure. Replace with new parts.

5. Inlet or outlet line valves closed. Open valves.

6. Strainer clogged. Clean strainer screen.

7. Float defective or collapsed. Replace float.

B. Drain trap discharges continuously.

1. If drain trap discharges full stream of liquid continuously and vessel fills full of liquid –

a. Drain trap too small for job. Replace with correct size.

b. Abnormal amounts of liquid coming to drain trap. Remedy cause or replace with drain trap that has a larger capacity and will handle peak loads.

C. Drain trap blows through.

1. Dirt or scale on valve or seat. Remove cap, clean drain trap, as well as valve and seat.

2. Worn valve, or seat that is wire-drawn. Remove cap, replace mechanism.

3. IB trap may lose its prime.

a. Close the inlet valve for a few minutes. Then gradually open. If the drain trap catches its prime, the chances are that the trap is all right.

b. Frequent loss of prime may require an internal check valve or, if trap is old, valve and seat may be worn.

In the event of any unusual maintenance or operational difficulty, consult your Armstrong Representative, or the Armstrong International Application Engineering Department.



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Installation of Armstrong drain traps for the most satisfactory operation requires that a few simple rules be observed:

Clean Piping. First install piping and valve ahead of trap, then blow down at full air pressure to remove loose dirt. Last of all, screw the trap into position.

Location. Compressed drain traps should be located below and close to the unit being drained (See Figures LD-362-1 and LD-363-1), or as directed by the equipment manufacturer. When headroom is inadequate, inverted bucket drain traps can be installed above the unit drained, but they must be equipped with a check valve in the inlet line (See Fig. LD-362-2). They should be accessible for maintenance.

Priming. Prime bodies of inverted bucket drain traps before turning on the air. Ball float traps do not require priming.

Back Venting (Ball Float Traps Only). Ordinarily a drain trap has little water to handle, and a single line to the top of the trap is sufficient. However, if a ball float trap must be installed at some distance from the drip point, or if there are large quantities of water to be discharged, back venting is good insurance for positive and fast flow of water to the drain. See Fig. LD-363-3. Be sure there are no pockets in the vent line in which water could collect and prevent venting.

See Fig. LD-363-5. If high water level is objectionable, raise the receiver, or dig a pit so top of trap can be at the same level as the bottom of the drain line. See Fig. LD-363-4. Otherwise, use an inverted bucket trap that can be installed above the drip point. See Fig. LD-362-2.

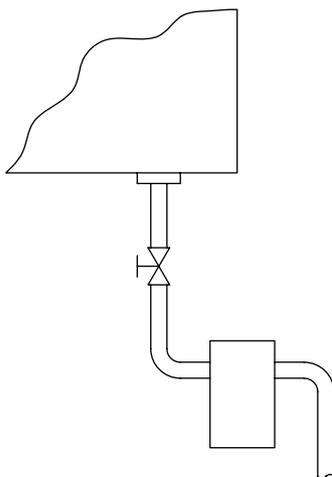


Figure LD-362-1.

Standard hookup for inverted bucket drain trap BVS. **Be sure to fill trap body with water before opening the valve.**

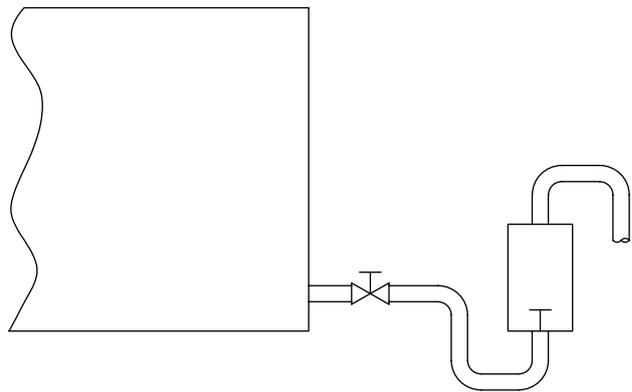


Figure LD-362-2.

The inverted bucket trap draining an air receiver where space limitations prevent installation below the receiver. Note trap should either have internal check valve or a swing check to prevent prime loss when air pressure drops.

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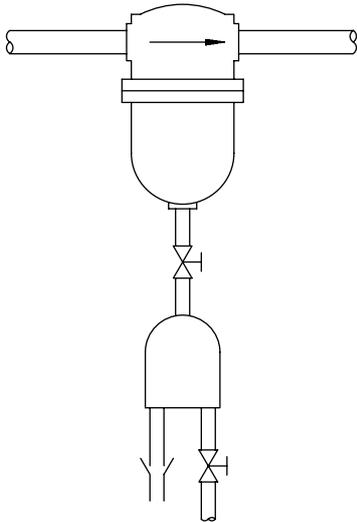


Figure LD-363-1.
Drain trap installed below an air line separator. Keep the pipe as short as possible.

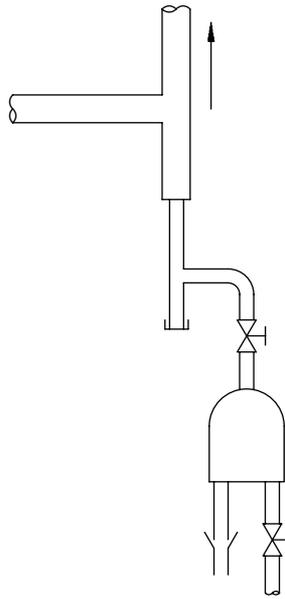


Figure LD-363-2.
Drain trap draining air line drip pocket. Be sure to use a gate valve and blow down the assembly before installing trap.

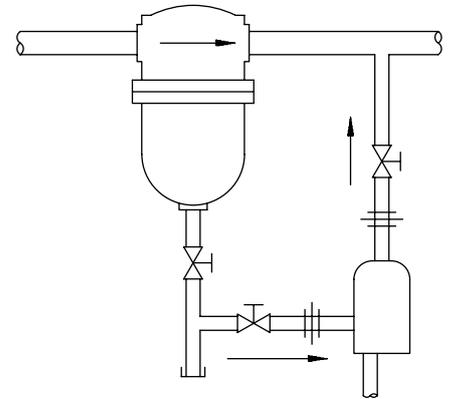


Figure LD-363-3.
Drain trap with vent line to downstream side of air separator to assure positive and fast flow of water to the trap. Note side inlet connection from separator.

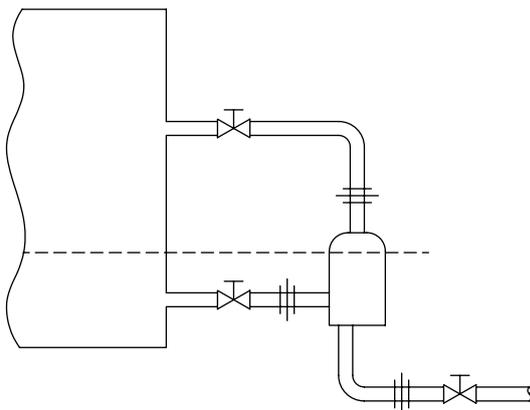


Figure LD-363-4.
Drain trap installed at side of receiver, close to floor. Water will rise to broken line before trap opens.

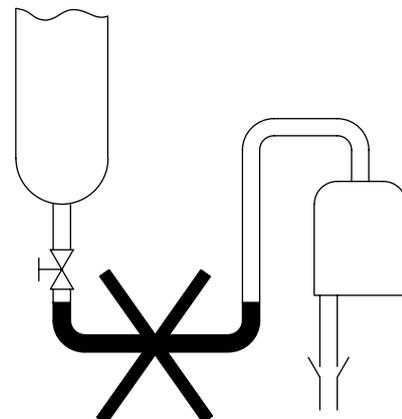


Figure LD-363-5.
Do not install a ball float trap above the drip point or put a loop or pocket in the line to the trap. The water seal prevents air from leaving trap body and allowing liquid to enter.

