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FTH-10 Series

Installation & Maintenance Instructions for Bestobell Steam FTH-10 Series

Warning: Bestobell Steam products must only be used, installed and repaired in accordance with these Installation & Maintenance Instructions. Observe all applicable public and company codes and regulations. In the event of leakage or other malfunction, call a qualified service person; continued operation may cause system failure or a general hazard. Prior to servicing equipment, disconnect, shut off, drain and/or bypass all pressurized fluids.

Pre-Installation

Prior to installation:

- Blow out piping to remove any scale or dirt.
- Verify that your Bestobell steam trap will meet system conditions by checking the nameplate for operating differential pressure and maximum pressure and temperature limits of the trap body.

Installation and Operation

The ball float is connected by a lever to the valve and seat and, once the condensate reaches a certain level in the trap, the float begins to rise. This opens the orifice and the condensate drains until the float is lowered and the valve seat rests tightly on the seat. The float is positioned above the orifice so the condensate forms a water seal and eliminates the loss of any live steam.

At the top of the trap is a thermostatic air vent that discharges all air and non-condensable gases as soon as they reach the trap. This allows for maximum condensate drainage. The air vent reacts to the system temperature and will close at a temperature a few degrees below saturation point.



Initial Warm-up

As with all steam equipment, it is recommended that the external gasketed joints be retorqued after a warm up/ cool-down cycle. Torque the cover bolts in a diagonal sequence. Recommended cover bolt torque valves are:

1/2"	25 ft-lbs
3/4"	25 ft-lbs
1"	25 ft-lbs
1″	25 ft-lbs
1-1/2″	60 ft-lbs
2″	125 ft-lbs

Maintenance

NOTE: Trap users sometimes confuse *flash* steam with *leaking* steam. If the steam blows out continuously, in a *blue* stream, it is *leaking* steam. If steam *floats* out intermittently, each time the trap discharges, in a *whitish* cloud, it is *flash steam*. If traps are found to be leaking steam, the following steps should be taken in the order shown.

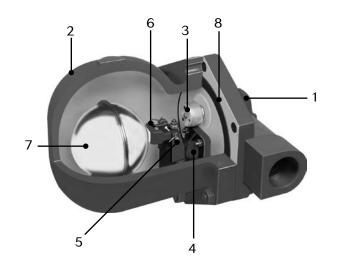
Warning: Be sure that there is no pressure in the trap before loosening any fittings or joints. Shut off the steam supply and allow the trap to cool to prevent rupture or distortion of the float. Isolate connection to condensate system as required.

- 1. Check that steam supply is shut off.
- 2. Trap does not need to be removed from piping to do maintenance. Some hot condensate may be left in trap, so allow trap to cool or remove Cover Bolts slowly from around the flange. Lift off the body (2) of steam trap, which will expose all internal working components.
- 3. Wipe or rinse out interior of steam trap cover.
- 4. Dismantle the valve mechanism by removing the Lever Pin (5) and pulling away the Float/Arm Plug (6). Float can be removed from Lever, if required. Inspect seat (4) and Plug (6) for any scale build-up, worn or pitted seating surfaces. If slight evidence of above conditions exist, then the seating surfaces can be touched up by lapping the Plug to Seat by hand with a very fine grinding compound paste. If the surfaces are badly pitted or worn or do not clean up by above method, replace the Seat and Plug.
- 5. To remove the Seat (4) on 3/4" and 1" traps, use a 5/8" socket over the Seat. On the 1-1/2" or 2" size, a 1-5/8" socket is required. If the Seat has been removed, inspect its seating surface and clean the old gasket material completely away. Replace Gasket (8) as required.

- 6. Inspect the Float mechanism linkage points for wear, especially at pivot points and Lever Pin (5). Replace if worn.
- 7. Inspect Float ball (7) for corrosion pitting, splits or pinholes. Replace if there is any evidence that the Float may leak. Replace if the Float is dented or crushed.
- 8. Inspect the Air Vent (3) for fatigue corrosion or fatigue. The Air Vent (3) can be removed by unthreading the entire sealed assembly from the trap cover with a box wrench and should be replaced if there are any doubts about its condition.
- After cleaning all gasket surfaces, reassemble trap in reverse order. Lubricate the lever pivot points with small amounts of graphite paste. An anti-seize compound on all threads will aid in the disassembly of the trap at a later date.
- 10. Before putting cover and attached mechanisms back into trap body, make sure linkage moves smoothly and freely. Also check that the Valve Plug (6) seats properly on Seat (4).
- 11. Replace Cover assembly into trap body using a new Body Gasket (8). Tighten bolts evenly, then test for any leaks. See recommended cover torques.

Discharge Capacities

Capacities shown in blue represent condensate in lbs. per hour; kg/hr shown in 0.



Item	Part Name	Material	Qty
1	Cover	Ductile Iron	1
2	Body	Ductile Iron	1
3	Air Vent	304	1
4	Seat	410	1
5	Lever Pin	304	1
6	Float Arm/Plug	304	1
7	Ball Float	304	1
8	Gasket	Non-asbestos Fiber	1

Diff.	With 4.5 Orifice				With 10 Orifice			With 14 Orifice				
Pressure	1/2″-3/4″	1″	1-1/2″	2″	1/2"-3/4"	1″	1-1/2″	2″	1/2"-3/4"	1″	1-1/2″	2″
1	250	900	2300	7400	135	385	1500	3900	85	270	1100	1850
(0,07)	(114)	(409)	(1045)	(3364)	(61)	(175)	(682)	(1773)	(39)	(123)	(500)	(841)
5	400	1550	4200	13500	210	660	2800	7300	150	470	1800	3500
(0,34)	(182)	(705)	(1909)	(6136)	(95)	(300)	(1273)	(3318)	(68)	(214)	(818)	(1591)
10	520	2100	6000	19800	280	910	3900	10000	195	640	2600	5000
(0,69)	(236)	(955)	(2727)	(9000)	127)	(414)	(1773)	(4545)	(89)	(291)	(1182)	(2273)
15	600	2500	7500	24000	330	1100	4800	12300	240	750	3200	5900
(1,03)	(273)	(1136)	(3409)	(10909)	(150)	(500)	(2182)	(5591)	(109)	(341)	(1455)	(2682)
20	700	3000	8800	28000	380	1300	5600	14500	280	910	3600	6800
(1,38)	(318)	(1364)	(4000)	(12727)	(173)	(591)	(3545)	(6591)	(127)	(414)	(1636)	(3091)
30	830	3650	10500	34000	420	1500	7000	17500	310	1100	4200	8400
(2,07)	(377)	(1659)	(4773)	(15455)	(191)	(682)	(3182)	(7955)	(141)	(500)	(1909)	(3818)
40	950	4000	12500	40000	480	1750	8000	20000	355	1300	5000	9600
(2,76)	(432)	(1818)	(5682)	(18182)	(218)	(795)	(3636)	(9091)	(161)	(591)	(2273)	(4364)
50	1000	4500	13500	45000	520	1850	9000	22500	390	1400	5450	10500
(3,45)	(455)	(2045)	(6136)	(20455)	(236)	(841)	(4091)	(10227)	(177)	(636)	(2477)	(4773)
65	1150	5100	1500	50500	580	2050	10000	26000	430	1600	6000	12000
(4,48)	(523)	(2318)	(6818)	(22955)	(264)	(932)	(4545)	(11818)	(195)	(727)	(2727)	(5455)
80					630	2250	11500	29000	480	1750	6900	13500
(5,52)					(286)	(1023)	(5227)	(13182)	(218)	(795)	(3136)	(6136)
100					700	2700	13000	32000	515	1850	7800	15000
6,9)					(318)	(1227)	(5909)	(14545)	(234)	(841)	(3545)	(6818)
125					750	2900	14200	35000	545	2100	8600	16500
(8,6)					(341)	(1318)	(6455)	(15909)	(248	(955)	(3909)	(7500)
145					800	3100	15000	40000	600	2200	9000	17500
(10,0)					(364)	(1409)	(6818)	(18182)	(273)	(1000)	(4091)	(7955)
180									660	2600	9650	19000
(12,4)									(300)	(1182)	(4386)	(8636)
200									700	2750	10000	20000
(13,8)									(318)	(1250)	(4545)	(9091)