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### Energy Saving with Steam Trap Management

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### Who are we?

- Techmatic Controls was founded in 1990.
- Supply of industrial valves on pipeline focusing on fluid control
- Provide engineering solutions for our customers
- Local authorised distributor and representative for various brands in SEA













# Miyawaki Company Profile

- Started in 1933 designing steam traps
- Manufactures a wide range of steam traps and other valves used in many industrial areas.
- More than 200 patents in Japan and overseas







## Agenda

- Basic information on steam traps
- How can steam trap management help you save energy
- What is a steam trap management plan

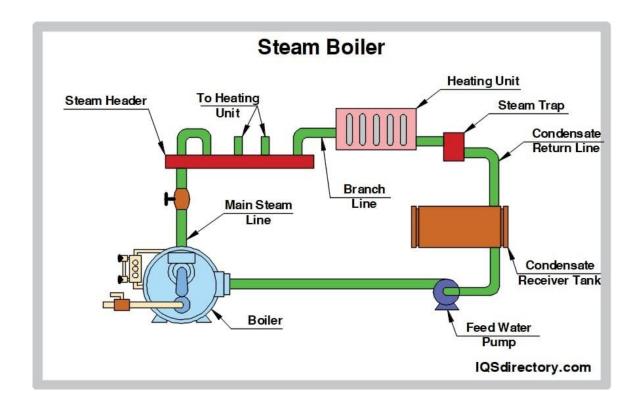


## Steam as an energy transfer system

- Steam is commonly used in industries to transfer energy to processes
- Once steam has released its energy, it will return back to condensate
- Condensate in steam lines must be removed



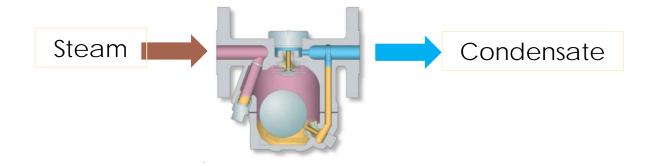
# Steam as an energy transfer system





### What is a steam trap?

- Automatic valves to discharge condensate and keep the steam in.
- Can be found in steam pipes and equipment.



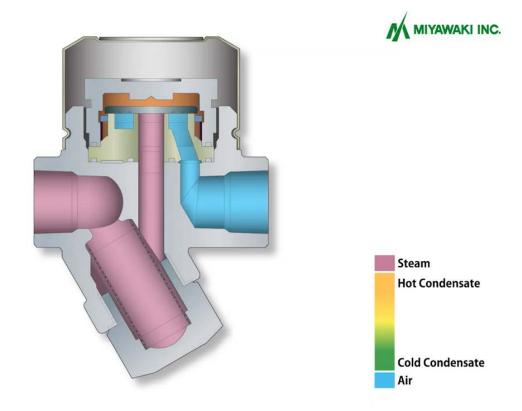


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## How does a steam trap work?

Model SC31

Startup



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### Why is steam trap management important

- It can save you MONEY
- ✓ Reduce downtime and maintain production efficiency.
- ✓ Saves energy costs
- Prevents environmental & safety hazards



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### Why happens when a steam trap fails

- Stuck in Open position: Leaking / Passing
- Stuck in Closed position: Plugged / Choked



### Why happens when a steam trap fails

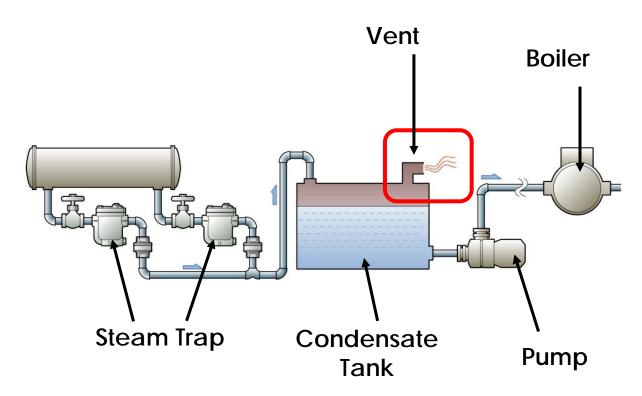
- 1) Steam Trap Leak
  - Due to Wear & Tear
  - Steam Cuts on disc & seat
  - Pinhole on body



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### Why is steam trap management important





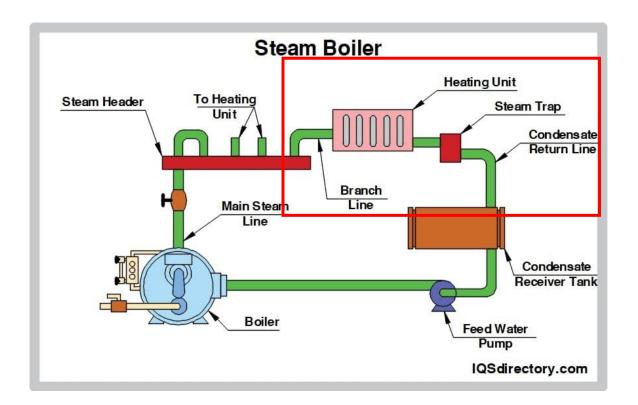
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- 2) Steam Trap Plugged
- Plugged trap cannot discharge water to remove condensate
- Due to pipe scale, rust
- Affects heating process



### Why is steam trap management important

2) How can a plugged steam trap affect the heating





### Why is steam trap management important

• Damage to due water hammer







### Why is steam trap management important

### **Summary**

- ✓ Lower Utility Costs
- ✓ Reduce equipment downtime
- ✓ Improve heating efficiency
- ✓ Reduce long term maintenance costs
- ✓ Improve overall plant safety



## What is steam trap management?

#### Objectives of steam trap management

- Systematic approach to manage all steam traps in a plant
- Preventive maintenance by detecting deteriorating steam traps
- Reduce consumption of energy in the form of steam
- Reduce overall maintenance cost





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## Steam Trap Management

Proper steam trap management:

Create/update
database of all
steam traps and their
locations

Action plan to replace faulty steam traps

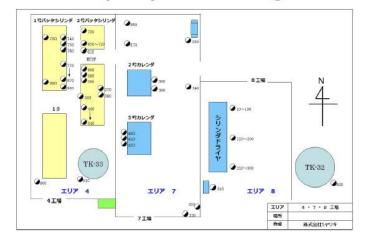
Steam Trap Survey -Identify faulty steam traps



## Create Steam Trap Database

- Create Steam Trap Database
- Map out location of steam traps
- Tag all steam traps for easy identification

#### **Trap Layout Drawing**



#### Steam Trap tag





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## Perform Steam Trap Survey

Identify faulty steam traps
Plan for replacement of steam traps







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# Perform Steam Trap Survey

Thermal Imaging Ultrasonic Detector



Listening Rod



Dr. Trap Software





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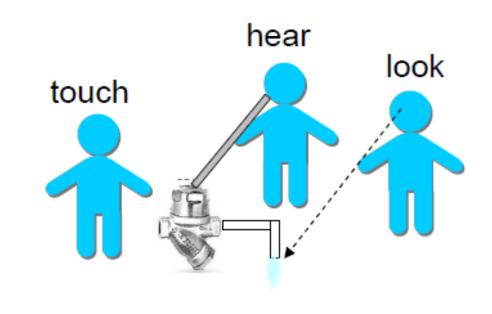
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### Perform Steam Trap Survey

### Before starting any diagnosis

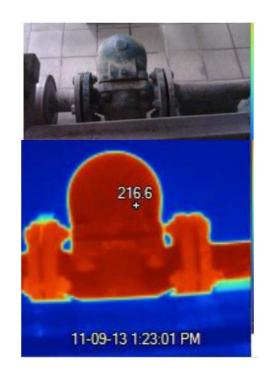
- Access the steam trap and its surroundings first.
- Look out for safety hazards and how to approach the steam trap
- Observe the discharge (if possible)





## Perform Steam Trap Survey

- 1) Temperature Method
- Use of thermal imaging and infrared temperature gun
- Check upstream and discharge temperature





# Perform Steam Trap Survey

2) Ultrasonic Detector





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## Perform Steam Trap Survey

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





## Perform Steam Trap Survey

What happens after doing the steam trap survey?

- Data analysis to generate steam loss report
- Plan to replace faulty steam traps
- Update Steam Trap database after replacement



## Steam Trap Analysis

### Miyawaki Dr. Trap Steam Trap Management Software

- Database Management
- Keep track of individual steam trap historical records
- Generate reports
- Track financial loss over time

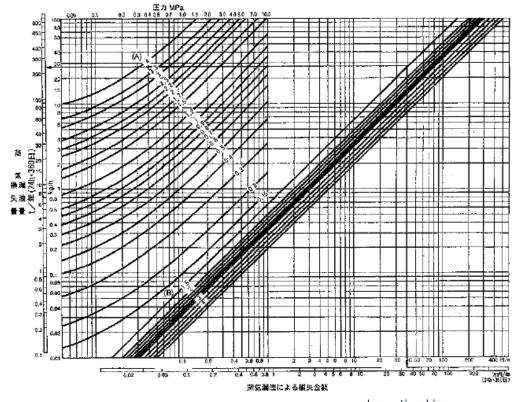




# Steam Trap Analysis

- Calculate the leak amount and cost
- Depends on pressure, time, \*nozzle port and steam cost.

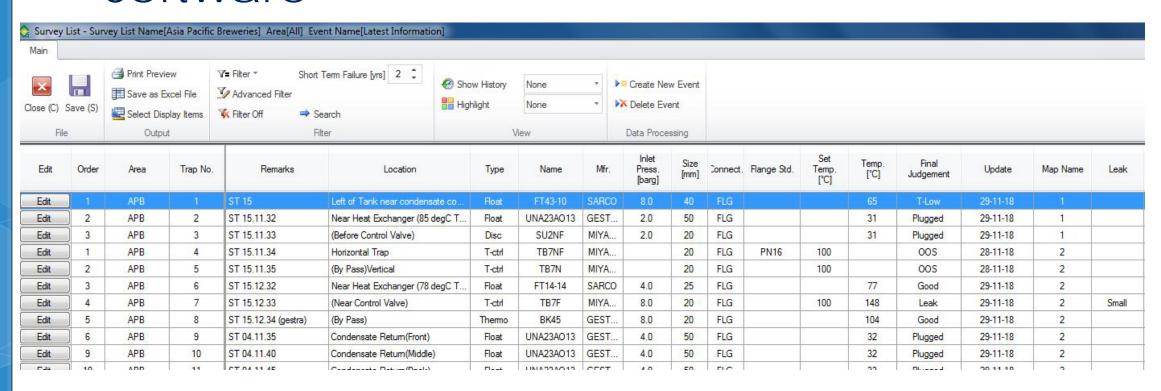
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	passing	leak
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Float	Ф3.0	Ф0.8
Inverted Bucket	Ф1.7	Ф0.3





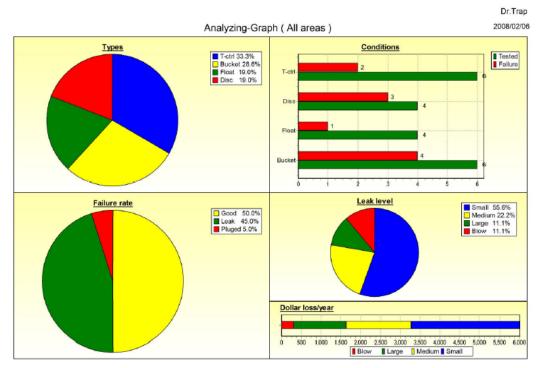
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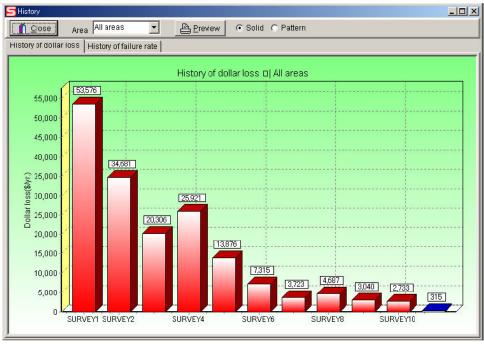
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## Steam Trap Analysis

- Why engage a professional to do steam trap survey?
  - o Experience needed to interpret the results.
  - Knowledge of steam traps needed.
  - Capturing of the data and subsequent analysis of the results is laborious





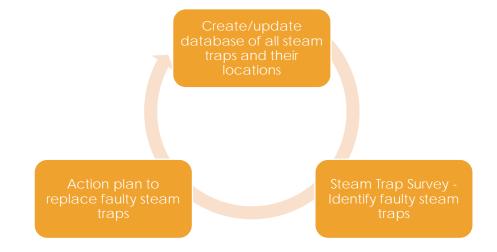
## Summary

- How does steam trap management help you:
- ✓ Reduce costs
- ✓ Reduce equipment downtime
- ✓ Reduce long term maintenance costs



## Summary

• How to do proper steam trap management



• There is no such thing as zero failure.







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