



Posi-Pressure Control System Suggested Installation



Posi-Pressure Control System Kit, consisting of controller, check valve, airflow meter

## Forget About Flooded Heat Exchangers

The major cause of flooded heat exchangers is a lack of sufficient pressure differential across the steam trap under modulated steam conditions. With Armstrong's Posi-Pressure Control System, there is always a minimum preset differential pressure between the heat exchanger and the condensate return system. Even if the pressure in the condensate return changes, the Posi-Pressure Controller automatically adjusts to maintain the preset differential.

## Forget About Water Hammer

When heat exchangers flood, steam and cold condensate frequently come in contact with each other. When this happens, the steam rapidly condenses, causing water hammer. This water hammer condition can cause damage to heat exchangers, piping and fittings. By eliminating heat exchanger flooding, the Posi-Pressure Control System will solve the problem.

## Forget About Frozen Steam Coils

Most steam coils freeze because they are flooded with condensate. Costly—bulky—and high maintenance face and by-pass coil systems were created to solve this problem by maintaining a positive differential steam pressure. Now, with Armstrong's Posi-Pressure Control System, simple and inexpensive modulated control systems can do the same job. However, we must caution that proper steam coil design, steam trapping and venting practices are also required for freeze protection. If assistance is needed, Armstrong's Representatives are trained to analyze your total steam system and offer you solutions to your problems.

## How Does the Posi-Pressure Control System Work?

A normal steam system may modulate into a vacuum to control temperature. A vacuum breaker is often installed to prevent this condition. Once the vacuum breaker opens, temperature control is accomplished by mixing the air with the steam. The steam/air mixture results in a lower

temperature. However, even a vacuum breaker will not work if condensate has to be elevated to an overhead return, or if the return system is pressurized.

The Posi-Pressure Control System acts as a vacuum breaker. Instead of introducing air at atmosphere pressure, the controller injects air at an elevated pressure into the heat exchanger. The user presets the level of elevated air pressure at the time of installation. Rather than a specific pressure, the controller maintains a specific differential pressure across the steam trap. Even if a steam trap fails or other causes change the condensate return pressure, the controller will sense this difference and maintain the preset differential.

## How Much Air Will Be Used?

The Posi-Pressure Control System uses very little air. The amount depends upon the size of the steam trap selected. Air usage can vary from as little as 10 SCFH to 90 SCFH or more on large systems. To put this in perspective, a 27 SCFH parcel of air amounts to a 3-foot cube in one hour! Once the initial air is introduced, only the leakage through the large vent bucket in the steam trap must be added. This air volume is so low that it is practically undetectable in a deareator.

## Are There Any Other Advantages?

Yes! It is generally recommended that float and thermostatic traps be used on modulated steam systems because they drain better when there is no motive pressure other than the static head of condensate. With a positive pressure always being maintained by the Posi-Pressure Control System, an inverted bucket steam trap with its inherent longer life expectancy can, and must, be used. Since air is injected at a positive pressure, carbon dioxide (the real cause of corrosion) is diluted and swept clear of the heat exchanger.