Hoffman Specialty®
Series 8C, 9C and 17C
Balanced Pressure
Thermostatic Steam Traps

Model 8C Angle
½ NPT

Model 8C and 17C Angle
½ NPT

Model 17C Angle w/short nipple
½ NPT

Model 17C
Angle
½ NPT

Model 8C and 17C Straightway
½ NPT

Model 17C Vertical
½ NPT

Model 9C and 17C
1 NPT

CAUTION

• Before using product, read and understand instructions.

• Save these instructions for future reference.

• All work must be performed by qualified personnel trained in the proper application, installation, and maintenance of steam systems in accordance with all applicable codes and ordinances.

• To prevent serious burns, wear heat resistant gloves when opening and closing steam valves, or handling hot equipment.

• To prevent serious burns, the internal pressure of the trap must be 0 psi (0 bar) before servicing.

• To prevent serious personal injury from steam pipe blow down, connect a temporary pipe between the steam pipe opening and a drain, or stand at least 100 ft. (30m) from the front of the pipe opening.

Failure to follow this caution will cause personal injury.

IMPORTANT: To prevent system damage from water hammer or sudden shock, open supply valves slowly.

The trap pressure rating must be equal or greater than the maximum system pressure.

If you are uncertain about the product’s adaptability for your application, please call the factory or authorized representative before using the product.
INSTALATION –
STEP 1 - Where to Install the Thermostatic Steam Trap

Determine where to install the thermostatic steam trap based on the following information.

a. The trap should be located below the equipment to be drained.

b. The trap discharge should drain by gravity into a vented return line.

c. Allow plenty of space around the trap for servicing, which may require removal of the cap or body.

TYPICAL INSTALLATION DIAGRAMS

A. For Radiators

Radiator connections taken from up or downfeed risers

Dripping heel of downfeed riser into dry return
TYPICAL INSTALLATION DIAGRAMS

A. For Radiators (cont’d)

Radiator connections from horizontal supply main into dry return

Connections to ceiling radiator located above supply and return

Connections to ceiling radiators with return bleed into wet return
INSTALLATION –
STEP 1 - Where to Install the Thermostatic Steam Trap (cont’d)

TYPICAL INSTALLATION DIAGRAMS

B. For Steam Unit Heaters

Unit heater connections for two pipe gravity or vacuum system with supply branch dripped through trap

Unit heater connections for two pipe gravity or vacuum system

C. For Drip Traps

Dripping drop riser or end of main into dry return

Dripping end of supply main into dry return
INSTALLATION –
STEP 1 - Where to Install the Thermostatic Steam Trap (cont’d)

**TYPICAL INSTALLATION DIAGRAMS**

*D. For Conectors*

![Diagram of Thermostatic Steam Trap for Convectors]

*E. For Pipe Coils*

Connections to header coils (not over 8 pipes)

![Diagram of Thermostatic Steam Trap for Pipe Coils (less than 8 pipes)]

Connections to header coils (more than 8 pipes)

![Diagram of Thermostatic Steam Trap for Pipe Coils (more than 8 pipes)]
INSTALLATION –
STEP 2 - Install Trap

a. Steam lines and equipment connected to the trap should be clean. If necessary, blow down the equipment with steam and allow it to cool before servicing, or flush with water.

b. Slide the union nut (A) over the nipple (B) so that the union nut threads (C) extend beyond the union end of the nipple (D).

c. Screw the nipple (B) into the equipment’s condensate drain connection (E).

d. Screw the nipple and union nut (F) on to the trap body (G).

CAUTION

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INSTALLATION –
STEP 2 - Install Trap (cont’d)

e. Connect the trap discharge tapping (H) to the return line (J). It should be positioned so that the return line can drain by gravity.

f. Slowly open the steam supply valve.

STEP 3 - Testing

a. Inspect joints for leaks. Stop all leaks by tightening joints, if necessary

MAINTENANCE

When checked regularly and properly maintained, the Balanced Pressure Thermostatic Steam Traps will provide optimum performance and long life.

SCHEDULE:
• Initially, every 2-3 days after start-up until system is clean.
• Every 6 months thereafter.

PROCEDURE:
Test traps by following the “Troubleshooting” procedure.

CAUTION
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**TROUBLESHOOTING**

We recommend trap replacement when parts no longer operate properly. A new trap is more economical than repairing or replacing parts and it will provide greater reliability. If you choose to repair the trap, order Hoffman Specialty replacement parts and follow the Repair Procedure provided.

**Problem:**

1. **Improper Heating**
   
   **Cause:** The thermostatic element is not opening or functioning properly.
   
   This could be caused by dirt, or a broken element.
   
   **Test:** Use a thermometer to test inlet temperature. A cold trap is an indication the trap failed closed.
   
   **Solution:** Disassemble the trap and inspect the thermostatic assembly. Replace any worn or defective parts. Clean any dirt from trap body.

2. **Energy Wasted**
   
   **Cause:** A leak in the thermostatic element caused a loss of fill in the element, which caused the element to fail open.
   
   **Test:** Using a stethoscope or ultra sound device, listen for a low pitch whistle sound. A low pitch whistle sound indicates the trap is open and blowing live steam.
   
   **Solution:** Replace the trap or disassemble the trap and replace the thermostatic element.

**COMMERCIAL WARRANTY**

**Warranty.** For goods sold to commercial buyers, Seller warrants the goods sold to Buyer hereunder (with the exception of membranes, seals, gaskets, elastomer materials, coatings and other “wear parts” or consumables all of which are not warranted except as otherwise provided in the quotation or sales form) will be (i) be built in accordance with the specifications referred to in the quotation or sales form, if such specifications are expressly made a part of this Agreement, and (ii) free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of one (1) year from the date of installation or two (2) years from the date of manufacture, whichever shall occur first, unless a longer period is specified in the product documentation (the “Warranty”).

Except as otherwise required by law, Seller shall, at its option and at no cost to Buyer, either repair or replace any product which fails to conform with the Warranty provided Buyer gives written notice to Seller of any defects in material or workmanship within ten (10) days of the date when any defects or non-conformance are first manifest. Under either repair or replacement option, Seller shall not be obligated to remove or pay for the removal of the defective product or install or pay for the installation of the replaced or repaired product and Buyer shall be responsible for all other costs, including, but not limited to, service costs, shipping fees and expenses. Seller shall have sole discretion as to the method or means of repair or replacement. Buyer’s failure to comply with Seller’s repair or replacement directions shall terminate Seller’s obligations under this Warranty and render the Warranty void. Any parts repaired or replaced under the Warranty are warranted only for the balance of the warranty period on the parts that were repaired or replaced. Seller shall have no warranty obligations to Buyer with respect to any product or parts of a product that have been: (a) repaired by third parties other than Seller or without Seller’s written approval; (b) subject to misuse, misapplication, neglect, alteration, accident, or physical damage; (c) used in a manner contrary to Seller’s instructions for installation, operation and maintenance; (d) damaged from ordinary wear and tear, corrosion, or chemical attack; (e) damaged due to abnormal conditions; vibration, failure to properly prime, or operation without flow; (f) damaged due to a defective power supply or improper electrical protection; or (g) damaged resulting from the use of accessory equipment not sold or approved by Seller. In any case of products not manufactured by Seller, there is no warranty from Seller; however, Seller will extend to Buyer any warranty received from Seller’s supplier of such products.

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