

TYPE DFA DRAIN ORIFICE STEAM TRAP

Pressures To 2500 PSIG (172 barg)
Temperatures to 750°F (400°C)

APPLICATIONS

- Pressure Reduction
- Ratio of Flow-mixing two or more fluids at fixed ratio
- Fixed Flow-i.e. gland seal recirculation of cooling water on pumps, compressors, process analyzers, etc.
- Intermittent Drainage-i.e. air tools, air storage tanks, cleaning fixtures, air vents, etc.
- Cryogenic Storage Venting
- Low Pressure Blanking
- Sampling of process fluids at a fixed flow rate for use with Instrument Analyzers

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MAINTENANCE BENEFITS

- Typical service life exceeds 10 years.
- Zero maintenance costs over the service life of the Orifice.
- No moving parts offers maintenance free operation when properly installed.
- Low spare parts inventory.
- Easy to install.

ENERGY SAVING BENEFITS

- Design factor results in reduced initial steam loss.
- Fuel savings to 50% achieved in applications during past 10 years.
- Maintains low rate of steam loss over entire service life.
- Cannot fail open, eliminating large steam losses.

OPERATING BENEFITS

- Accommodates varying condensate loads created by modulating pressures.
- Freeze proof.
- Resists thermal and hydraulic shock.
- Reduces make-up water to boiler and water chemical treatment costs.
- Maintains constant pressure to condensate return systems.
- Meets dimensional requirements of MS 18301 Specifications.

MODELS

- DFA-Drain Orifice Trap with gaskets and inlet screen.
- DFR-Replacement gasket kit including inlet screen.

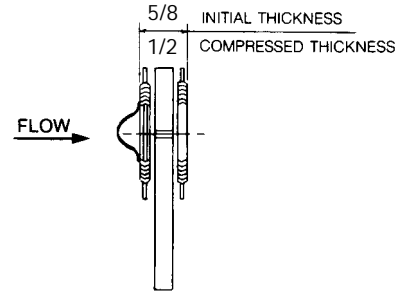
OPERATION

The Nicholson Drain Orifice Trap is an engineered, continuous flow device. The controlling element in the Drain Orifice Assembly is a flat S.S. plate, 1/4" thick. Drain Orifices discharge air, condensate and all other non-condensable gases with minimal live steam loss. The fixed orifice size is calculated, for a given application, to discharge the condensate load at a maximum thermal efficiency. Approximately 10-25% of discharging hot condensate flashes to steam at the downstream side of the orifice, at a constant pressure drop. This flashing effect further restricts the flow of

saturated steam. In actual conditions, a minimum percentage of steam, by weight, is discharged with condensate, since the specific volume of steam is large compared to that of the condensate. The velocity through the orifice is highly turbulent. The initial calculated steam loss can be expected to remain relatively constant over the expected 10+ years trap life. The major factor for energy efficient performance is based on initial orifice sizing for the application. Properly sized, thermal efficiencies of 98%+ can be attained. The Drain Orifice Trap is ideally suited for use on high pressure steam (saturated or superheated) from 600 PSIG to 2500 PSIG with minimum steam loss, zero maintenance and long service life.

TYPE DFA DRAIN ORIFICE STEAM TRAP SPECIFICATION

Orifice Drain shall comply with dimensional requirements of MILSPEC MS 18301 and consist of 1/4" 304 stainless orifice plate fixed between user supplied flanges. It shall be sealed by spiral wound gaskets. Inlet gasket shall be modified with a stainless steel mesh strainer affixed across the inside diameter. Orifice shall be sized for the application to a minimum of 0.020".



Connections: 1/2" – 2" Wafer Style
ANSI 150#, 600#, 1500# & 2500#

MAXIMUM OPERATING CONDITIONS

PMO: Max. Operating Pressure 2500 psig (172 barg)
TMO: Max. Operating Temperature 750°F (400°C)
PMA: Max. Allowable Pressure 2500 psig (172 barg)
TMA: Max. Allowable Temperature 750°F (400°C)

MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION

Inlet GasketSpiral-wound 347 S.S./Graphite
.....w/S.S. 60 mesh dome strainer insert
Orifice Plate304 S.S., 1/4" thick
Outlet GasketSpiral-wound 347 S.S./Graphite
Customer to supply ANSI B16.5 flanges.

SIZING*

Consult Factory–required information:

- Condensate Load _____
- Inlet Pressure _____
- Outlet Pressure _____
- Elevation of return line over trap (if any) _____

* Specify orifice size when ordering .

Dimensions		
Pipe Size NPT	Min. Pipe Bore (in.)*	Min. Orifice
1/2"	9/16	.020
3/4"	3/4	.020
1"	7/8	.020
1 1/4"	N/A	.020
1 1/2"	N/A	.020
2"	N/A	.020

* Dome strainer used for sizes up to 1".
Flat strainer used for larger sizes.