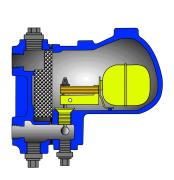
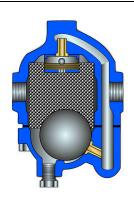
COMPARISON SHEET VELAN MFT STEAM TRAP VS. BALL FLOAT DESIGN



Velan MFT Steam Trap



Ball Float Steam Trap

RAPID AIR VENTING

At startup, the Velan steam trap is fully open, venting air quickly and efficiently. This results in a faster startup with fewer plant personnel required to supervise venting of main lines during warmup.

STELLITE 6 TRIM STANDARD

All Velan steam traps are fitted with Stellite 6® seat facings to resist wear by high velocity flow, dirt and scale. Stellite 6® has 3 times the wear resistance of induction hardened stainless steel.

The valve of the Velan steam trap is held closed by the pull of the bimetal plates. When water hammer occurs, the force of the bimetals is overcome by the pressure, and it is released into the downstream piping without damaging the trap or the equipment.

UNAFFECTED BY WATER HAMMER

INTEGRAL STRAINER

All Velan steam traps are fitted with integral stainless steel screens to protect the trap operating mechanism from damage by dirt and scale. These strainers can be cleaned by way of a blow down port on the outside of the trap body.

INTEGRAL CHECK VALVE

The discharge valve in the trap acts as a check valve providing full back flow control.

NO PLUGGING

The valve on the Velan steam trap is in the downstream position. All flashing of condensate occurs after it has passed through the orifice. Copper and Iron oxides will not foul or plug the orifice in the Velan steam trap.

SINGLE ORIFICE

Velan steam traps are manufactured with a single orifice. This ensures the TRAP WILL NOT FAIL CLOSED.

POOR AIR VENTING

Air is vented through the steam trap through a secondary orifice, typically controlled by a thermostatic bellows. The bellows is inherently weak and can fail in both the open and closed position.

ALLOY TRIM NOT AVAILABLE

Ball float steam traps are not available with cobalt based alloy trim.

FAILS DUE TO WATER HAMMER

The float ball on the upstream side of the orifice prevents release of overpressure. Both the float ball and the thermostatic bellows can be crushed due to water hammer.

STRAINER CANNOT BE BLOWN DOWN

The internal strainer on most ball float traps cannot be effectively blown down for cleaning.

CHECK VALVE NOT AVAILABLE

Check valves are not available on most ball float steam traps.

PLUGS DUE TO DIRT AND COPPER OXIDES

Due to the upstream valve position, condensate flashes inside of the orifice. Copper and Iron oxides chemically bond to the inside of the orifice, eventually closing the flow path. This leads to plugging, water-logging, and freezing.

TWO ORIFICES

Ball float traps are manufactured with two orifices, one for condensate one for air and non-condensible gases.

This TRAP CAN FAIL CLOSED.