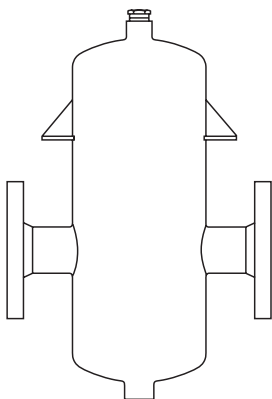


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### Installation and Maintenance Instructions

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# 1. Safety information

Safe operation of these products can only be guaranteed if they are properly installed, commissioned, used and maintained by qualified personnel (see Section 1.11) in compliance with the operating instructions. General installation and safety instructions for pipeline and plant construction, as well as the proper use of tools and safety equipment must also be complied with.

## 1.1 Intended use

Referring to the Installation and Maintenance Instructions, name-plate and Technical Information Sheet, check that the product is suitable for the intended use/application.

- i) The product has been specifically designed for use on steam and compressed air which are in Group 2 of the above mentioned Pressure Equipment Directive.
- ii) Check material suitability, pressure and temperature and their maximum and minimum values. If the maximum operating limits of the product are lower than those of the system in which it is being fitted, or if malfunction of the product could result in a dangerous overpressure or overtemperature occurrence, ensure a safety device is included in the system to prevent such over-limit situations.
- iii) A number of products are supplied for the intention of the end user (or agent thereof) modifying the flange configuration from that supplied. It is the responsibility of the organisation carrying out the modification to do so in accordance with the internationally recognised flange standards and to ensure that the design rating and operation of the product are not compromised. Spirax Sarco will not be held responsible for any unapproved modification or consequential liability resulting in failure to observe these requirements.
- iv) Determine the correct installation situation and direction of fluid flow.
- v) Spirax Sarco products are not intended to withstand external stresses that may be induced by any system to which they are fitted. It is the responsibility of the installer to consider these stresses and take adequate precautions to minimise them.
- vi) Remove protection covers from all connections and protective film from all name-plates, where appropriate, before installation on steam or other high temperature applications.
- vii) Prior to use, the user shall ensure the fluid compatibility with the equipment material.

## 1.2 Access

Ensure safe access and if necessary a safe working platform (suitably guarded) before attempting to work on the product. Arrange suitable lifting gear if required.

## 1.3 Lighting

Ensure adequate lighting, particularly where detailed or intricate work is required.

## 1.4 Hazardous liquids or gases in the pipeline

Consider what is in the pipeline or what may have been in the pipeline at some previous time. Consider: flammable materials, substances hazardous to health, extremes of temperature.

## **1.5 Hazardous environment around the product**

Consider: explosion risk areas, lack of oxygen (e.g. tanks, pits), dangerous gases, extremes of temperature, hot surfaces, fire hazard (e.g. during welding), excessive noise, moving machinery.

## **1.6 The system**

Consider the effect on the complete system of the work proposed. Will any proposed action (e.g. closing isolation valves, electrical isolation) put any other part of the system or any personnel at risk?

Dangers might include isolation of vents or protective devices or the rendering ineffective of controls or alarms. Ensure isolation valves are turned on and off in a gradual way to avoid system shocks.

## **1.7 Pressure systems**

Ensure that any pressure is isolated and safely vented to atmospheric pressure. Consider double isolation (double block and bleed) and the locking or labelling of closed valves. Do not assume that the system has depressurised even when the pressure gauge indicates zero.

## **1.8 Temperature**

Allow time for temperature to normalise after isolation to avoid danger of burns.

## **1.9 Tools and consumables**

Before starting work ensure that you have suitable tools and/or consumables available. Use only genuine Spirax Sarco replacement parts.

## **1.10 Protective clothing**

Consider whether you and/or others in the vicinity require any protective clothing to protect against the hazards of, for example, chemicals, high/low temperature, radiation, noise, falling objects, and dangers to eyes and face.

## **1.11 Permits to work**

All work must be carried out or be supervised by a suitably competent person. Installation and operating personnel should be trained in the correct use of the product according to the Installation and Maintenance Instructions.

Where a formal 'permit to work' system is in force it must be complied with. Where there is no such system, it is recommended that a responsible person should know what work is going on and, where necessary, arrange to have an assistant whose primary responsibility is safety. Post 'warning notices' if necessary.

## **1.12 Handling**

Manual handling of large and/or heavy products may present a risk of injury. Lifting, pushing, pulling, carrying or supporting a load by bodily force can cause injury particularly to the back. You are advised to assess the risks taking into account the task, the individual, the load and the working environment and use the appropriate handling method depending on the circumstances of the work being done.

### 1.13 Residual hazards

In normal use the external surface of the product may be very hot. If used at the maximum permitted operating conditions the surface temperature of some products may reach temperatures of 300 °C (572 °F).

Many products are not self-draining. Take due care when dismantling or removing the product from an installation (refer to Section 6 'Maintenance instructions').

### 1.14 Freezing

Provision must be made to protect products which are not self-draining against frost damage in environments where they may be exposed to temperatures below freezing point.

### 1.15 Disposal

Unless otherwise stated in the Installation and Maintenance Instructions, this product is recyclable and no ecological hazard is anticipated with its disposal providing due care is taken.

### 1.16 Returning products

Customers and stockists are reminded that under EC Health, Safety and Environment Law, when returning products to Spirax Sarco they must provide information on any hazards and the precautions to be taken due to contamination residues or mechanical damage which may present a health, safety or environmental risk. This information must be provided in writing including Health and Safety data sheets relating to any substances identified as hazardous or potentially hazardous.

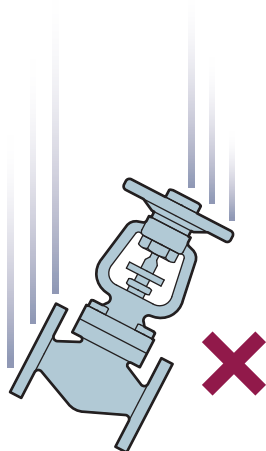
### 1.17 Working safely with cast iron products on steam

Cast iron products are commonly found on steam and condensate systems. If installed correctly using good steam engineering practices, it is perfectly safe.

However, because of its mechanical properties, it is less forgiving compared to other materials such as SG iron or carbon steel. The following are the good engineering practices required to prevent waterhammer and ensure safe working conditions on a steam system.

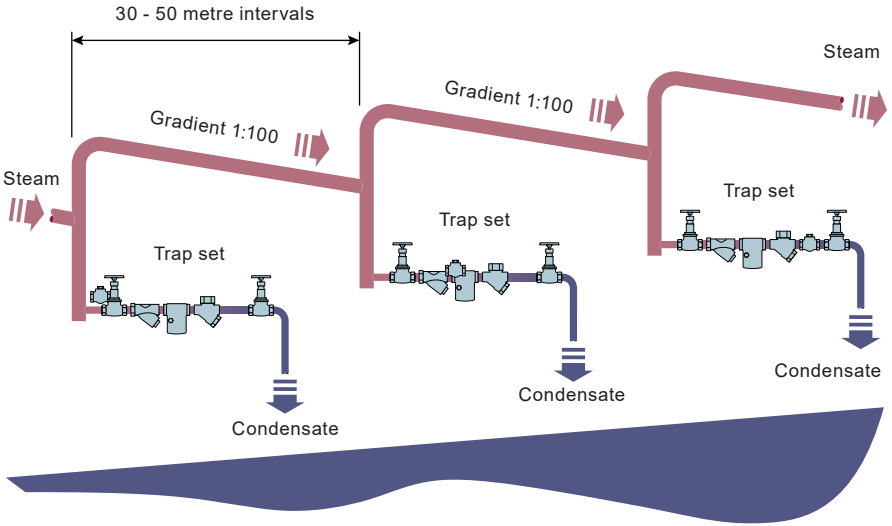
#### Safe Handling

Cast Iron is a brittle material. If the product is dropped during installation and there is any risk of damage the product should not be used unless it is fully inspected and pressure tested by the manufacturer.

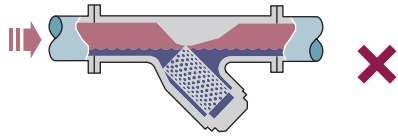
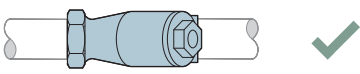
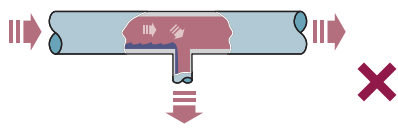
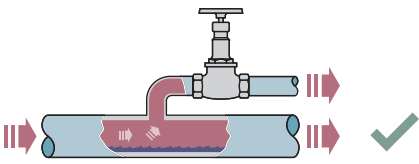
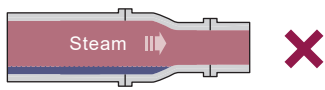
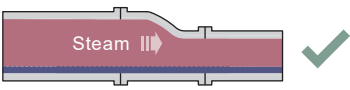
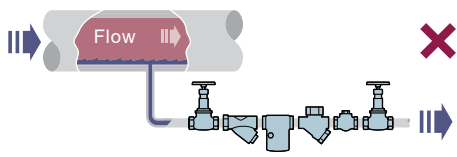
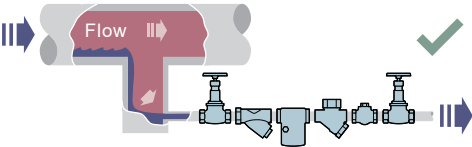


# Prevention of waterhammer

Steam trapping on steam mains:

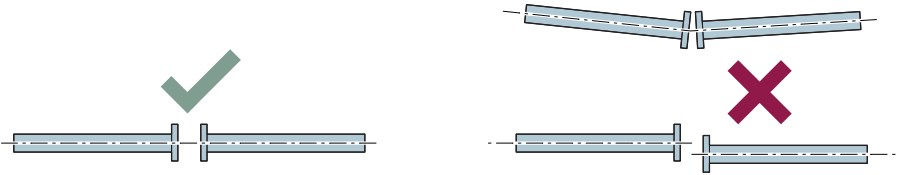


Steam Mains - Do's and Don'ts:



**Prevention of tensile stressing**

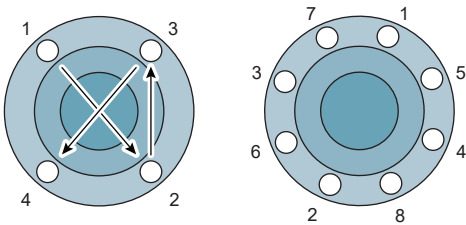
Pipe misalignment:



Installing products or re-assembling after maintenance:



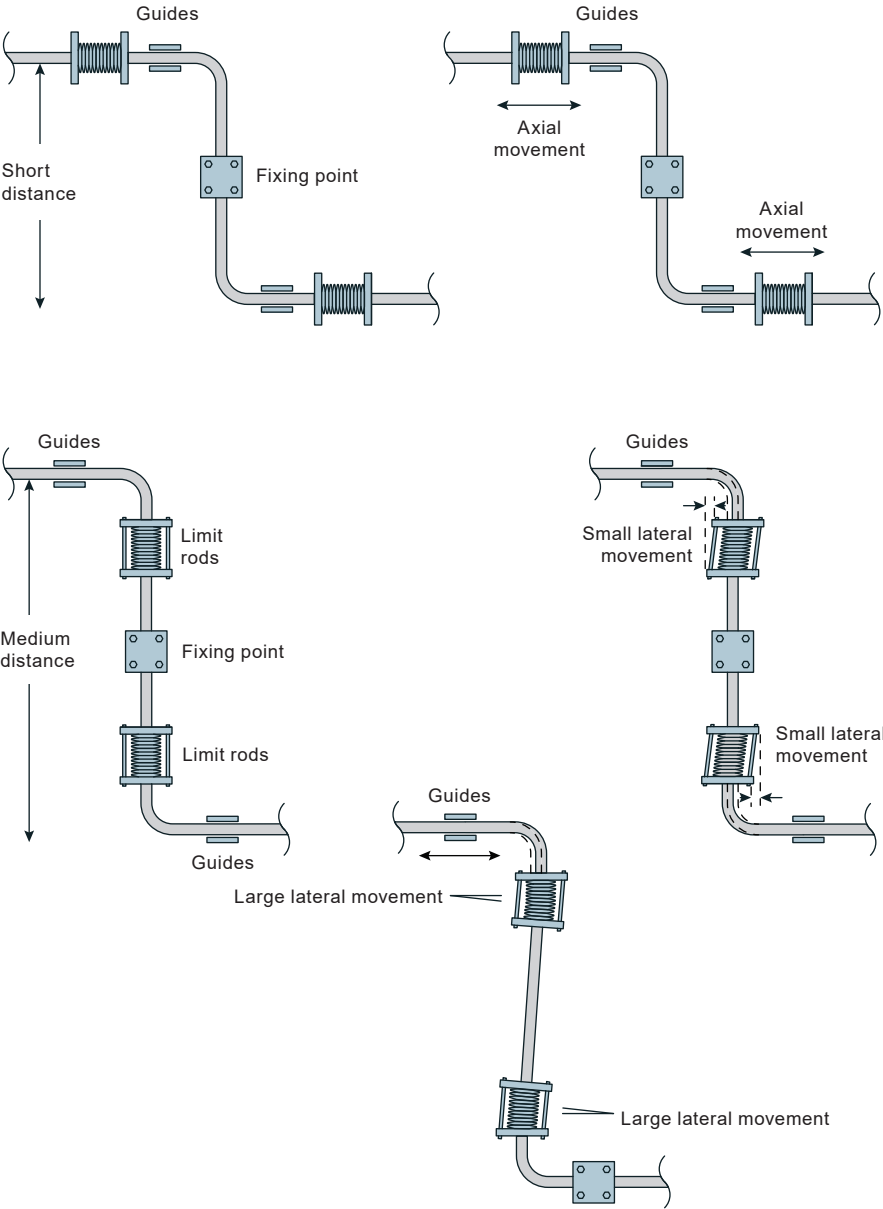
Do not over tighten.  
Use correct torque figures.



Flange bolts should be gradually tightened across diameters to ensure even load and alignment.

Prevention of tensile stressing continued on next page

**Thermal expansion:**



## 2. General product information

### 2.1 General description

Moisture separators are used to improve the quality of steam or compressed air either within the distribution system or on the supply inlet to equipment. Removal of moisture is by a series of baffles on which the suspended water droplets impinge and fall out by gravity to the drain, which must be piped to a trap. The Model S4A is of fabricated steel construction in accordance with Section VIII, Division I of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code. The products detailed are all baffle type separators used for the removal of entrained liquids in steam, compressed air and gas systems. We recommend the fitting of insulating jackets to improve the performance of the separator.

**Note:** For additional product data see the following Technical Information Sheets.

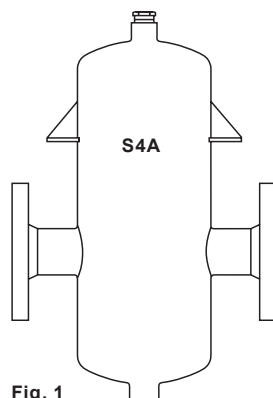


Fig. 1

Type	Material	Pressure rating	Sizes	Connections	TI reference
S4A	Carbon steel	ASME 600	½" to 2"	Screwed, SW	TI-P139-02-US
S4A	Carbon steel	ASME 150/300	2½" to 6"	Flanged	
S4A	Carbon steel	ASME 150/300/600	8"	Flanged	TI-P139-03-US

## 3. Installation

**Note:** Before actioning any installation observe the 'Safety Information' in Section 1.

Referring to the Installation and Maintenance Instructions, body markings, name-plate (if fitted) and Technical Information Sheet, check that the product is suitable for the intended installation.

- 3.1** Check materials, pressure and temperature and their maximum values. If the maximum operating limit of the product is lower than that of the system in which it is being fitted, ensure a safety device is included in the system to prevent overpressurisation.
- 3.2** Locate separator as close to equipment to be protected as possible. Install in a horizontal pipeline with flow direction to match arrow located on separator with drain port at bottom for vertical down-line discharge.
- 3.3** Remove protective covers from all connections and the protective film from all name-plates, where appropriate, before installation on steam or other high temperature applications.
- 3.4** The separators may be lagged if required.

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### 3.6 Installation for the S4

Install in a horizontal pipeline with the drain directly below. S4A separators sized 2½" and larger are fitted with support brackets which can be used to minimise piping loads. Each bracket has two drilled holes. To ensure that any separated liquid is drained quickly, a suitable liquid drainer or steam trap must always be connected to the drain connection. A float type trap is recommended.

For those steam systems where air can be present, air can collect in the upper portion of the separator. In this situation a suitable air vent should be connected to the air vent connection.

If an air vent is not being fitted then the connection must have the plastic transit protection plug removed and a carbon steel class 3000 lb plug fitted.

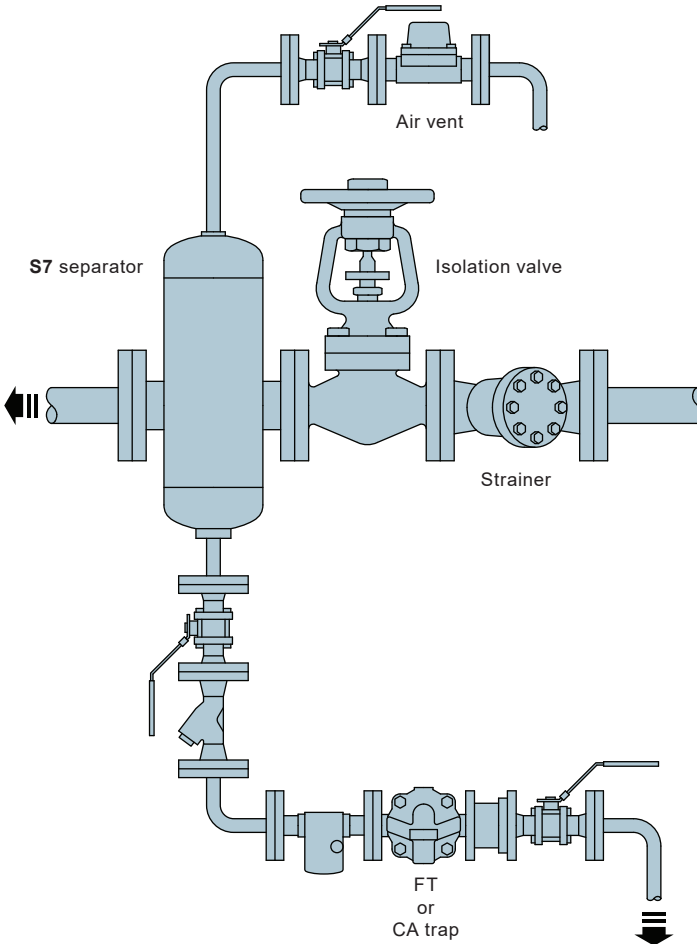
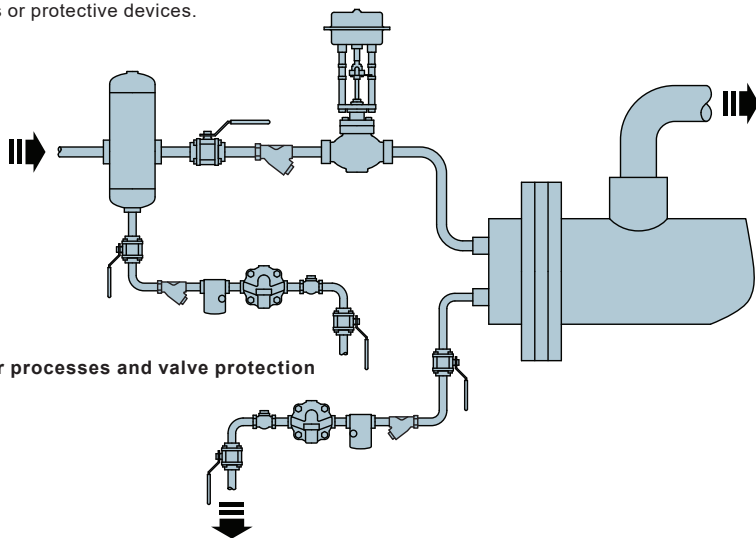


Fig. 2 Separator on a steam line

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## 4. Commissioning

After installation or maintenance, ensure that the system is fully functioning. Carry out tests on any alarms or protective devices.



**Fig. 3**  
**Heat transfer processes and valve protection**

## 5. Operation

Separators are designed to gather together small droplets of entrained liquids and then separate them from the gas/vapour flow. The relatively heavy droplets impinge on the internal baffles and are then directed to the separator drain connection and removed from the system using a steam trap, or when used on air or gas distribution system, a liquid drainer.

## 6. Maintenance

**Note:** Before actioning any maintenance programme observe the 'Safety information' in Section 1.

The separator's simple, robust design requires no maintenance other than periodic vessel inspection. Trap and strainer should be maintained in accordance with recommended procedures for each product.

## 7. Spare parts

There are no spare parts required or available for these components.