

Energy & Fuel Saving by reducing steam consumption for Tire manufacturing facilities.

Optimization of steam consumption using

O-TRAP Orifice Type Steam-Trap



Energy & Fuel cost saving design







Scope of testing :

- **1** Reduce steam consumption of the vulcanizer.
- 2 Converting steam reduction amount into CO₂ reduction and global warming protection
- **3** Improve maintenance management method of steam facility and reduce maintenance work.
- **4** Stabilize the quality of product.



Vulcanization process : the indirectly heating of raw material rubber in the metal mold by steam. (platen jacket).





∠ Steam loss by moving valve type of steam trap

The pressure of main steam pipe 1.0 MPaG - 1.6 MPaG

Steam over supply due to steam leakage



If the moving valve is deteriorated, not only condensate will be drained but also steam leaked when the valve open. So steam will be supplied more than necessary.

The internal pressure of the recovery pipe will be raised due to steam leaking. The pressure difference between primary side and secondary side will be lower, it will make condensate difficult to drain

Recovery pipe 0.07 MPaG - 0.1 MPaG



∠ Advantage of O-TRAP

The pressure of main steam pipe 1.0 MPaG - 1.6 MPaG

Steam supply only for consumption



As the orifice is designed according to the amount of condensate generated, only condensate will be automatically and fairly drained. And steam consumption can be optimized. It will make it possible to lower the internal pressure in the recovery pipe in order to drain condensate in vulcanizer

Recovery Pipe 0.05 MPaG - 0.08 MPaG

smoothly.



∠ Energy reduction results

O-TRAP was installed to 24 vulcanizers (96 traps) on a row .

Total ... 4,000 kg/day of steam has been reduced

Average loss amount of steam per one vulcanizer =4000 kg \div 24 \div 24(h) = 6.94 kg/h Steam Leakage throughout the factory = 1,400 kg/h (6.94 kg \times 200 vulcanizers)



From Potentiality of steam reduction 1,400 kg/h 11,200 tons / year (operation of 8,000 hours)

Potentiality of CO_2 reduction = 1,881.6 ton/year of CO_2

Steam reduction (11,200 ton/year x 2.8 GJ/ton x 0.0601 ton/GJ $-CO_2$ Steam for industry 1,000 kg = 168 kg-CO₂



* Formula from Ministry of the Environment announced emission factor (Industrial steam conversion)

3 Reduction of Maintenance Work



There is no steam leakage due to design of the orifice type **O-TRAP** However, in the case of miss selection or operation conditions changing, there will may occur steam leakage because of the changing of load factor of condensate.

You can check the temperature of the surface of pipe by thermography so that you can understand the current status of operation.



4 Stabilizing the quality of products



The moving value type of steam trap or solenoid value sometimes temporally stagnate the drainage of condensate according to the timing of opening or closing of moving value and lower the temperature of the mold.

O-TRAP always drain condensate because of no moving valve and keep the temperature of inlet stable so stabilize the quality of products.

