

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES



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MADDEN ENGINEERED PRODUCTS

Boiler Blowdown Separators

Purpose and Function

Madden Blowdown Separators provide a safe, compact, and economical solution for cooling and venting intermittent bottom blowdown from boilers operating up to 300 PSIG. The separator functions as a flash vessel that safely separates steam from hot condensate. Flash steam is vented to atmosphere through a properly sized vent line, while the remaining condensate drains into an attached aftercooler where it is quenched with cold water before discharge. The final effluent temperature is maintained at or below 140°F to meet municipal and environmental discharge regulations.

Design and Construction

Fabricated to ASME Sec. VIII, Div. 1 standards.

Design and working pressure: Designed to ASME BPVC for 150 PSIG @ 450 deg F, typically operates at 0-5 PSIG.

<u>Typical</u> shell and head material: SA516 (or SA455) Grade 70 Carbon Steel, painted with red oxide primer on exterior only.

Configured with:

- Centrifugal inlet with 304SS steel wear plate
- Vent outlet, Drain outlet, and Inspection ports.
- (3) support legs with footpads
- Aftercooler Kit, consisting of a cold water inlet connection, self operating cold water valve sensing probe connection, and temperature gauge connection. Self operating cold water valves and temperature gauges are always included.
- Optional Accessories: cold water supply line with pipe, fittings, Y-strainer, and check valve.

Safety Information

- Important: Always follow OSHA and facility safety procedures when operating blowdown equipment.
 - Do not exceed the tank's rated pressure or temperature.
 - Only one boiler may be blown down at a time.
 - Ensure the vent is piped to a safe location where flash steam will not endanger personnel.
 - Verify cold water supply pressure is adequate before initiating blowdown.
 - Never operate the separator with isolation valves closed on the vent or drain connections.

Installation Guidelines

Inspection: Upon receipt, check for shipping damage or nonconformities. Contact Madden before installation if any issues are found.

Mounting: Lag the vessel securely to the floor or skid. Use the provided support leg bolt holes.

Connections:

- Vent: Pipe to atmosphere in a safe location.
- Drain: Pipe to city sewer or floor drain per local codes.
- Inlet(s): Connect boiler blowdown piping to centrifugal inlet.
- Quench Line: Include Y-strainer, self-operating valve, check valve, and bypass as recommended. Installed into the aftercooler's coupling connections.

Operation

Initial Blowdown Test: Perform a short (5–10 second) blowdown while observing the self-operating cold water valve. Verify that the valve opens and cold water is flowing to the aftercooler before full operation.

Normal Operation: Perform blowdowns per boiler manufacturer's recommendations. Each blowdown should allow flash steam to vent freely while the remaining condensate drains through the aftercooler. Verify the discharge temperature remains $\leq 140^{\circ}F$.

Shutdown: Close all isolation valves, relieve system pressure, and inspect for leaks or obstructions before maintenance.

Recommended Inspection & Maintenance

Task	Frequency	Notes
External visual inspection	Monthly	Check for leaks, corrosion, or
		abnormal vibration
Vent piping inspection	Quarterly	Ensure vent is clear and properly
		supported.
Aftercooler temperature check	Quarterly	Confirm effluent temperature ≤140°F.
Internal inspection (if accessible)	Annually	Inspect for corrosion, scale, or
		sediment buildup.
Cold water valve operation	Annually	Cycle and clean strainer as needed.

Troubleshooting Guide

Issue	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
Effluent >140 °F	Insufficient quenching water or cold	Verify water pressure and valve
	water valve failure	operation
Excessive steam release	Vent piping inadequate	Verify vent routing and size per design
		engineer
Corrosion or scale buildup	Improper water chemistry or exposure	Consult water treatment provider;
		schedule repair/refurbishment

Storage & Handling (Pre-Installation)

Store indoors whenever possible.

If outdoors: cover with a tarp and ensure paint coating is intact.

Handle with forklift or lifting equipment sized appropriately.

Service & Support

For technical assistance, spare parts, or service inquiries:

Phone: (574) 295-4292 (8:00 am - 4:30 pm EST)

Email: info@maddenep.com or sales@maddenep.com

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