

Control Valves for the Power Generation Industry

A Product and Applications Overview

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Introduction to Power Generation



Power Generation is the production of electricity from sources of primary energy; for utilities, it is the first process in delivering electricity to customers.



Power Plants are commonly categorized by what *primary energy source* they use, as well as how much *output* they produce, which is typically measured in MW.

This presentation will focus on conventional *thermal* power plants, in which fuel is burned and the resulting physical energy spins a turbine, which turns a generator that produces electricity – most renewable sources of electric generation, such as hydro, wind, and photovoltaic solar, are not thermal and are referred to as unconventional

Thermal Power Plants are generally classified by fuel source, as follows:

Nuclear	Fossil	Biomass —
A controlled fusion reaction using uranium heats water to create steam power.	One of the following fossil fuels are burned: Coal Natural Gas Crude Oil	 Biological matter derived from living or recently-living materials are burned. Switchgrass Solid Organic Waste Wood

The conventional *thermal power generation process is a continuous cycle*, each part of the cycle builds upon the previous process in a continuous loop

Power plants are therefore inherently *complex facilities* involving many systems and demanding the use of *critical instrumentation and control valves*

Regardless of the fuel used, the majority of thermal power plant processes are similar from plant to plant



Coal-fired power plants still represent almost half of the power plants in the U.S., however natural gas is rapidly becoming the leading power plant fuel due to its prevalence and low cost



Overview: Systems in a Conventional Thermal Power Plant

A more detailed diagram of a thermal power plant indicating the various systems and processes contained within – the remainder of this presentation will examine each system and the control valve applications associated

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In the *Condensate System*, condensate is taken from the condenser hotwell, circulated through low pressure heaters, and to the deaereator.

The condenser acts as a heat exchanger that serves the purpose of creating a vacuum which increases the efficiency of the turbine and recovering quality feedwater (condensate).

Main Components —

- Condenser
- Condensate Pump
- LP Water Heater

Common Control Issues

Minimum Flow Requirement – pump requires constant minimum flow to prevent overheating and protect it from cavitation

Water Quality - dissolved and suspended impurities need to be 'blown down'

Common Water Quality Problems



Major Problem	Deareator	Feedwater System	Boiler	HP Boiler	Turbine	Super- Heater	Steam-Using Equipment	Condensate System
Scale								
Hardness		X	X					
SiO ₂		X		X				
Corrosion								
Oxygen	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Alkalinity/CO ₂			X	X		X	X	Х
Ammonia		X						
Chelate		X	X					
Deposits								
Metal Oxides		X	X	X				
Organics		X	X	X				
Carryover								
Entrained liquids			X	X	X	X		
Dissolved Solids						X	X	X

Condensate System Control Valve Applications

- Condensate Pump Recirculation Valve: Used to allow additional flow required through the pump; outlet pressure from the pump ranges from 300 to 600 psi at temperatures from 100° to 150° F; experiences cavitation and must have positive shutoff i.e. a soft seat
- 2. Deareator Level Control Valve: Maintains a level in the deareator, an open style of feedwater heater. Requirements: High Rangeability; Cavitation Protection at Low Flows; Low Resistance at Increasing Flows.





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The *Feedwater System* provides the boiler with water in the proper volume and at the design pressure and temperature – this usually means that feedwater is delivered to the boiler at approximately 2400-3200 psig and 300-500° F.

- Main Components

- Low and High Pressure Feedwater Heaters
- Deaerator
- Boiler Feedpump

Common Control Issues

Low Flow – insufficient flow to the boiler can result in overheating of tubes

High Flow – excessive flow can result in wet steam entering the turbine and damaging the turbine blades

Feedwater System Control Valve Applications

1. Boiler Feedpump Recirculating Valve: This application is one of the most difficult ones in a power plant as it requires the valve to operate in both on-off and modulating service. Cavitation is present; requires an OpGL with multi-stage ST-2 or ST-4 + CVD-5B trim

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2. Startup Feedwater Regulator Valve: This valve is typically located after the HP Heater to control steam extracted from various stages of the turbine to raise the temperature of the boiler feedwater





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The *Main Steam System* covers the portion of the plant that takes the steam from the boiler, sends it through superheaters, and into the high-pressure turbine. The steam exiting the high-pressure turbine is then sent through a reheater and fed into the low-pressure turbine.

Finally after all potential energy is extracted from the steam, it is dumped into the condenser to start the whole process over again.



Main Steam System Valves



1. & 2. Superheater valves: Maintain boiler pressure below 70%; and modulate pressure to the turbine

3. Main Steam Attemperator Valve: Controls HP Turbine Temperature at 15% Load

4. Reheater

Attemperator Valve: Controls LP Turbine Temperature at 15% Load

- 5. Turbine Bypass Valve
- 6. Superheater Bypass Valve



Sootblower Header Control Valve

A *Regulating (Modulating) Valve* is required to control the pressure in the sootblower header. As the sootblowers open and close, the header control valve must respond quickly to avoid pressure surges that would set off safeties.

Class V shutoff is required because any leakage though the header control valve would increase header pressure.



OpGL Globe Control Valve

Sootblower System tied into the Main Steam Line

Attemperator Spray Control Valves



Attemperator Spray Control Valves control the amount of water required to control the steam temperature exiting the superheaters

The *Main Steam Attemperator Control Valve (1)* takes a relatively low pressure drop, but requires high rangeability; the *Reheat Attemperator Control Valve (2)* sees a significantly higher pressure drop – ST-2 Anti Cavitation trim is used



Desuperheaters

- A *desuperheater* works in conjunction with the attemperator valve sometimes called the cooling water valve to lower the temperature of superheated steam
- An efficient and well-designed desuperheater is able to inject a predetermined amount of water into the steam flow and maintain a temperature of 10 degrees over the steam saturation temperature.
- Modern desuperheater valve designs are capable of controlling water flow at high velocities, often overcoming the effects of caviation to finally deliver a controlled and atomized water spray







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Steam Supply to Air Ejector on Condenser

End User	Louisville Gas & Electric Company (Kentucky Utilities)
Location	Winchester, Kentucky, USA
Requirements	A severe duty socket-weld valve to reduce 1450psi/ 1000°F steam to 300psi steam to supply the air ejector for the turbine condenser. The valve needed to supply 750#/hour with one set of jets in service, and 1500#/hour with two sets of jets in service. Control within +/- 2 psi, 1% fluctuation, repeatability 0.5%
Trimteck Solution	1.5" CL2500 OpGL-XT Angle Control Valve
	Trim Material: 316+CVD-5B
	Body Material: WCB (Fabricated)

• Note: Customer Testimonial Bulletin Available



Case Study 1 – Kentucky Utilities DCS Data



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Condenser Level Control

End User	CFE Manzanillo 1250MW Combined Cycle Plant
Location	Manzanillo, Mexico
Requirements	High rangeability and cavitation control; previous Fisher valve in that service produced high volumes of hydrodynamic noise due to the pressure drop across the valve.
Trimteck Solution	8" CL300 OpGL ST-4 Globe Control Valve
	Trim Type: ST-4 Stacked Disc Anti Cavitation
	Material: 416SS+CVD-5B
	Body Material: WCB





Case Study 2 – Combined Cycle Plant Schematic

Combine Cycle power plants can achieve electrical efficiencies up to 60 percent, the term refers to the combining of multiple thermodynamic cycles to generate power; a heat recovery steam generator (HRSG) captures heat from high temperature exhaust gases to produce steam, which is then supplied to a steam turbine to generate additional electric power. The process is based on the Rankine cycle.

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Purge Cycle Valves for Boiler Burners

End User	CFE Dos Bocas 830MW Combined Cycle Plant
Location	Dos Bocas, Mexico
Requirements	Handle saturated steam at 662F, and provide Class V metal-to-metal shutoff to prevent leakage into the natural gas line.
Trimteck Solution	1" CL300 OpGL Globe Control Valve
	Function: On/Off Service with 3-Way Solenoid Control
	Trim Material: 316+CVD-5B
	Body Material: WCB



Compressor Reject Control

End User	FPL Lauderdale 1724MW Gas/Oil Plant
Location	Dania, FL, USA
Requirements	Control water at 500 US Gallons/Min, and 125F, with a 300 psi pressure drop across the seat
Trimteck Solution	3" CL300 OpGL ST-2 Globe Control Valve
	Trim Type: ST-2 Multi Stage Anti Cavitation Cage
	Trim Material: 416SS+CVD-5B
	Body Material: WCB

- Emergency inquiry for QTY2 of these control valves came during a plant outage in 2012
- The severe service valves needed to be on site within one week
- Trimteck sized, machined, built and tested both valves 24 hours from the moment the PO was placed
- Neither valve has required spare parts for three years
- This was a keynote installation for our approval with FPL



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Turbine Bypass and Steam Attemperation

End User	Water & Sewer Authority of Cabarrus Country
_	2MW Biomass Plant
Location	Concord, NC, USA
Requirements	Main steam bypass valve along with spray water attemperator valve and desuperheater
Trimteck Solution	Turbine Bypass: 3" CL900 OpGL-XT ST-3 Globe Control Valve with Noise Abatement Trim
	Backpressure Aid: 6" CL900 ST-3D In-Line Diffuser
	Spray Water Attemperator Valve: 1" CL 150 OpGL
	Desuperheater Nozzle: OpDSH Varifix





Superheater Attemperator Spray Valve

End User	Indiantown Cogeneration LP
	330MW Coal-Fired Plant
Location	Indiantown, FL, USA
Requirements	Replacing a Copes Vulcan valve that was suffering from cavitation damage and losing ability to control over the required range – especially at low loads where the valve was only slightly open
Trimteck Solution	3" CL2500 OpGL Globe Control Valve
	Trim Material: 416SS+CVD-5B
	Bonnet: Extended
	Body Material: WC6





Siemens Combined Cycle Plants

End User	Siemens Energy
	La Caridad I & II Twin 250MW Combined Cycle
Location	La Sonora, Mexico
Requirements	All Steam System Control & On/Off Valves
Trimteck's	Blowdown Valves
Scope of Supply	Condensate Hotwell Level Control Valves
	LP & HP Steam Bypass Valves
	LP & HP Recirculation Valves
	Steam Line Drain Valves
	Feedwater Control and Isolation Valves
	Sootblower Header Valves
	Attemperator Valves
	Steam Vent Valves
	Dump Valves

Iberdrola Biomass Plants

End User	Iberdrola
	Fort St. James & Merritt 80MW Biomass
Location	Fort St. James, BC, Canada
Requirements	All Boiler Control & On/Off Valves
Trimteck's	Feedwater Valves
Scope of Supply	Sky Vent Valves
	Feedpump Recirculation Valves
	Steam Line Drain Valves
	Economizer Bypass
	Attemperator Valves
	Steam Vent Valves
	Drum Level





Additional Trimteck Users – Power Industry



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Reliable. Rugged. Compact. Economical. Green.



Diameter	¹ / ₂ '' -42'' : ANSI Class 150-600
	1''-24'': ANSI Class 900-4500
Body Style	Globe, Angle, Three-way, Steam-jacketed, Y-body
Connections	Integral flanges, Socketweld, Buttweld
Materials	Carbon steel, Stainless steel, Chrome-molly, Alloy 20, Hastelloy B&C, Titanium, and others…
Bonnet Types	Normal, Extended, Cryogenic, Cool box extended,
Internals	Flow characteristics, equal percentage, linear, and quick-open. Seats available in metal or soft (for "bubble tight" shutoff)

- Exceptionally tight shutoff Class V Metal-to-Metal
- High-thrust piston-cylinder actuator
- Available fugitive emissions packings and bellow seals
- Top-entry design facilitates maintenance
- Top-guided robust design offsets any oscillations
- Broad selection of trims available for each size



High torque and triple offset design ensures zero leakage



General Characteristics

- Sealing ring uniformly wedges onto seat due to elasticity of composite materials
- Elasticity of sealing ring creates spring-like effect ensuring zero leakage
- Lack of body cavity impedes build-up of solids, unlike in Gate Valves
- High torque seal ensures persistent two-way zero leakage
- The OpTE right-angle rotation design assures zero friction between the seat and the disc
- Long life even under high repetition process cycles
- Easy maintenance

• ISO5752, ASME B16.10 and API609 face-to-face dimensions, allows for easy replacement of other high-performance butterfly and other type valves

- Fireproof
- Anti-blowout stem feature conforming to API609

• One-piece shaft connected to disc by key or pin-key combination, allows for differential temperature expansion



Robust, Reliable, and Flexible



Diameter	2''-24''
ANSI Class	150, 300, 600, 900, 1500, 2500
Body Styles	Trunnion-Mounted, Floating, Three-piece, Two piece, Tide-entry, Top-entry, Forged, Cast
Connections	Integral flanges, Socketweld, Buttweld
Materials	Carbon steel, Stainless steel
Bonnet Types	Normal, Extended, Cryogenic
Certifications	NACE, API 6D, API 607 & 6FA Fire Safe
Trim Options	Full-port, V-Segmented, and Severe Service



Reliable Quality and Customizability







Types	Variable Area/Multiple Nozzle, Variable Area/Spring- Assisted, Fixed Nozzle, Fixed Nozzle/Ring Style
ANSI Class	Up to ANSI 2500
Flow Characteristics	Linear, Equal Percentage
Min/Max Delta P across Nozzle	1 bar/80bar
Materials	Carbon steel, Stainless steel, Chrome Moly, 17-4 pH, Inconel, Stellite
Bonnet Types	Normal, Extended, Cryogenic
Certifications	NACE, PED
Options	Integral and separate water control valve





Optimux HPP2500 Alphateck Pneumatic Positioner

Туре	Pneumatic	Electropneumatic
Input Signal	3 to 15 psi	4 to 20 mA
Supply Pressure	30 to 150 psi	
Hysteresis	1.0% F.S.	
Repeatability	0.5% F.S.	
Max Flow Capacity	11 SCFM @ 60 psi	
Air Consumption	0.25 SCFM @ 60 psi	0.31 SCFM @ 60 psi
Pneumatic Connections	¹ ⁄ ₄ -18 NPT female connection	1

- Characterized cam operation
- Easy adjustment and calibration
- Built-in dampers and gauge ports
- Corrosion-resistant





Optimux HPP4500 Digital Positioner

Туре	Digital
Input Signal	4 to 20 mA
Minimum Current Signal	3.8 mA
Output Characteristics	Linear, Equal Percentage, Quick Open, configurable to 16 points
Power requirements	8.5 V
Max Impedance	500Ω/20 mA Dc
Enclosure	NEMA 4X, IEC IP66
Safety Certification	Intrinsically Safe Ex ia IIC T6/T5
Digital Communication	HART®
Digital Display	LCD
Weight	3.3 lbs (1.5 kg)

- Auto Setup
- Flexibility in installation
- High reliability
- One model for multiple characterizations

HPP4000 - Explosion Proof Smart Digital Positioner





Optimux HPP4000 Digital Positioner

Туре	Digital
Input Signal	4 to 20 mA
Feedback Signal	4 to 20 mA
Output Characteristics	Linear, Equal Percentage, Quick Open, configurable to 16 points
Max Impedance	500Ω/20 mA Dc
Enclosure	NEMA 4X, IEC IP66
Safety Certification	Explosion Proof Ex d IIC T6
Digital Communication	HART®
Digital Display	LCD
Air Consumption	Below 2LPM @ 20 psi, 3 LPM @ 100 psi
Auxiliary Switches	Dual limit switches
Repeatability	+/- 0.3% F.S.

- Auto Calibration
- Variable orifices minimize hunting
- Corrosion resistant
- One model for multiple characterizations

ST-1 Single Stage Anti-Cavitation Trim

ST-1 trim is a cost-effective single-stage trim that minimizes cavitation damage to valve and piping by diverting the location and controlling the concentration of imploding vapor bubbles to an area away from metal parts.

Technical Specifications

Туре	ST-1 Single Stage Trim for Mild
	Cavitation
Base Valve	Optimux OpGL Globe or Angle Body
Size Range	1" to 24"
C _v Range	1.5 to 1,000
Flow Direction	Flow Over
Pressure Stages	1
Features	Tolerates Sigma as low as 1.2
	Can be characterized
	Cost-effective



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ST-2 Multi-Stage Anti-Cavitation Trim

By reducing pressure through a series of restrictive channels and expansion areas, ST-2 Multi-Stage trim not only eliminates cavitation damage, but it often prevents cavitation from occurring altogether.

Technical Specifications

Туре	ST-2 Multi Stage Trim for Cavitation
Base Valve	Optimux OpGL Globe or Angle Body
Size Range	1" to 32"
C _v Range	6 to 720
Flow Direction	Flow Over
Pressure Stages	2 to 6
Features	 Tolerates Sigma as low as 1.001 Eliminates mild to moderate cavitation Controls effects of heavy cavitation Custom-engineered for optimization and characterization of flow according to application requirements – including dirty service



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ST-3 Noise Attenuation Trim

ST-3 Noise Attenuation trim works to reduce control valve noise in a broad spectrum of gas applications.

Туре	ST-3 Noise Attenuation Trim
Base Valve	Optimux OpGL Globe or Angle Body
Size Range	1" to 32"
C _v Range	1 to 3220
Flow Direction	Flow Under
Pressure Stages	1 to 6
Features	 Effective attenuation of up to 30 dBA of noise 1 or 2 stage cartridges fit a standard OpGL without modification



ST-4 Stacked Disc Anti-Cavitation & Noise Abatement Trim

ST-4 Stacked Disc trim is a powerful solution designed to tackle the most severe pressure drops while reducing sound levels and eliminating the effects of cavitation.

Technical Specifications

Туре	ST-4 Stacked Disc Trim
Base Valve	Optimux OpGL Globe or Angle Body
Size Range	1.5" to 38"
C _v Range	4 to 4000
Flow Direction	Flow Under
Pressure Stages	2 to 10
Features	 Tolerates Sigma as low as 1.001 Eliminates cavitation Tolerant of dirty services Noise attenuation up to 30 dBA Custom-engineered for optimization and characterization of flow according to application requirements



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Cryogenic & High Temperature Valves

Trimteck produces cryogenic and high temperature variations of nearly all valve styles, and is renowned for extremely high-quality extended bonnets for the entire spectrum of high and low temp applications

Customers Include:

- The Linde Group
- NASA Stennis Space Center
- NASA Marshall Space & Flight Center
- Tianjin Gas Jinran Thermal Power Co.
- CNGC China





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