

# MAXIMIZING YOUR MAINTENANCE (And WHY)

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# Objectives for the Seminar

- What do you have?
  - A BAS or an Energy Management System?
- What is your system status?
- Who does your “Programming”?
- Engaging your Controls Contractor for mutual benefits.
- Using Trends and creating “Rules”
- Your control system is a “Constant Commissioning” System!



# Building Automation and Maintenance

All of your buildings have a number of energy systems, such as:

- HVAC
- Lighting
- Motors

We should focus on Controls, which allows these systems work together most efficiently.

# Controls

Controls are important to ensure systems function properly and perform their intended function.

An example of a “simple control” is a room thermostat.

*We could turn our heating system on and off manually, but that would not be a very practical way of controlling temperature.*

Controls, in cooperation with energy efficient equipment, allow us to control our environment in the most efficient manner

# What do you have?

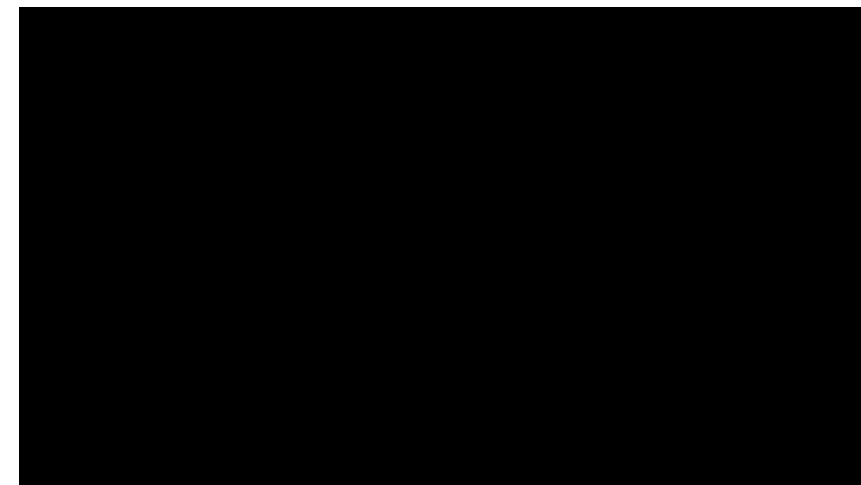
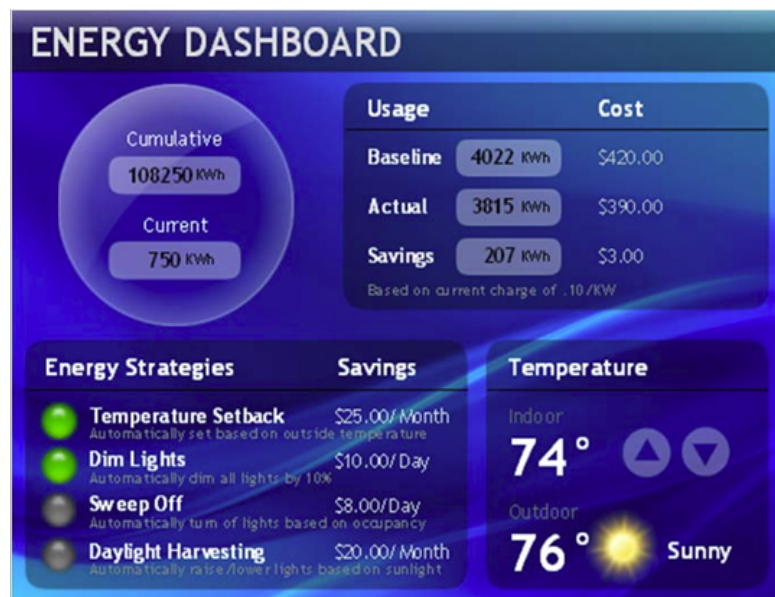
A BAS or an Energy Management System? (what's the difference?)

- A **Building Automation System** controls schedules, temperature setpoints, etc.
- It “Automates” what we previously did manually.



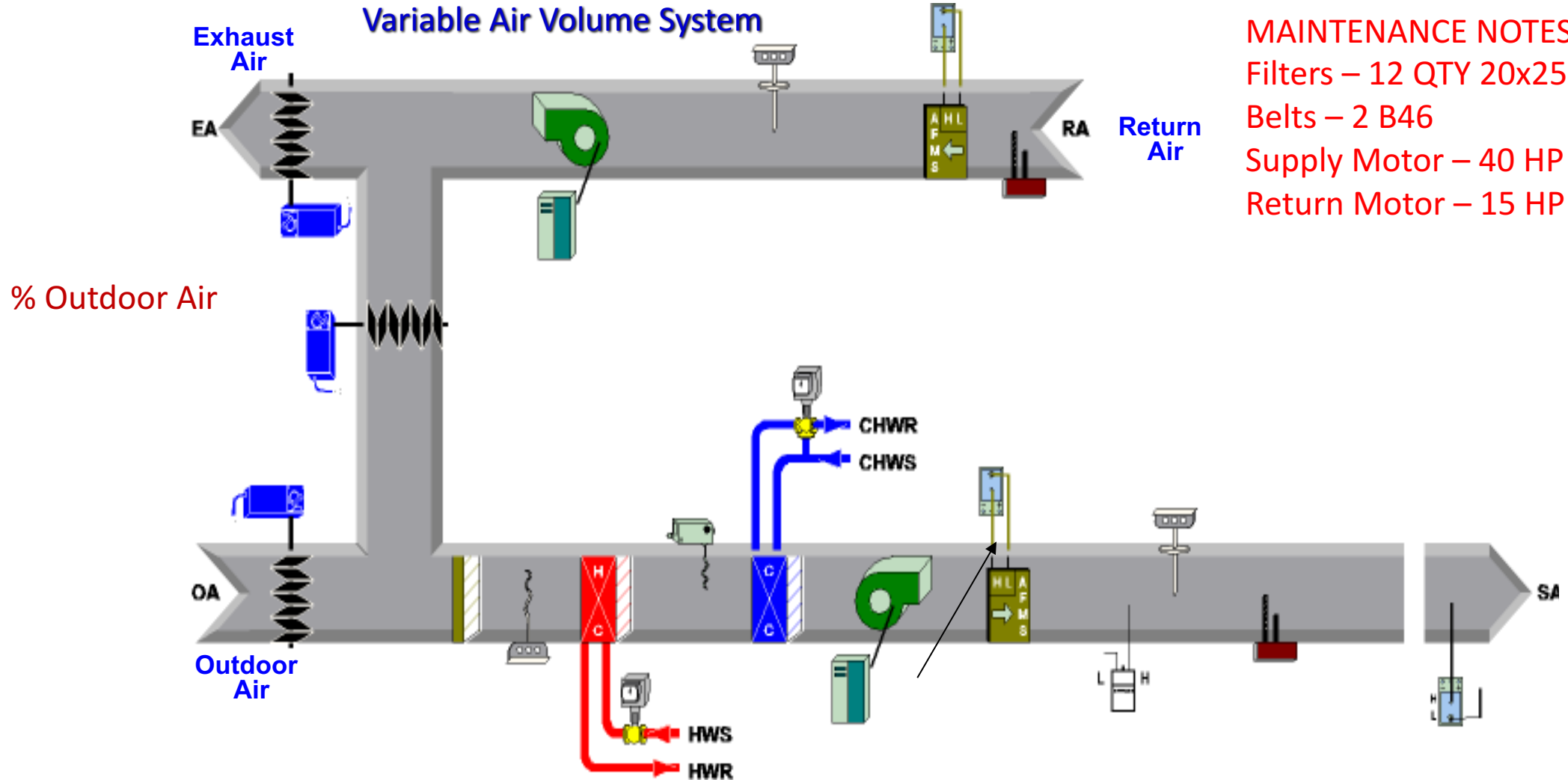
*“We put all this high-tech control equipment in 30 years ago. I still don't understand why we can't get the information we need out of the system.”*

- An **Energy Management System** typically has a “Dashboard” with real time Utility data and weather data.
- It enables the operators to manage and control the facility functions and also control to the extent possible, the energy consumption and comfort of the facility. (*METERS!*)



# AHU #1 — Serves Lobby

## Variable Air Volume System



# How does your control system help?

A Good Maintenance Program yields:

- Annual dollar savings
  - Examples:
    - \$10,000/year savings — Fixed compressed air leaks
    - \$14,000/year savings — Repaired faulty steam traps
    - \$12,000/year savings — Insulated bare steam piping
- *Minimal/No capital investment required*

Just pay attention to what is going on in your facility and get adequate funding to complete repairs.

*But- Maintenance is often the first budget “cut”*



# Maintenance Management *“The Stealth ECO”*

- Problem — We learn to live with maintenance issues and they often go unattended.
  - A hissing air leak that we hear everyday,
  - Or an air leak we don't know about
  - A broken actuator - damper linkage
  - That water puddle below a steam pipe flange fitting
- We wait until there is a breakdown before we do something
- Solution — Treat maintenance as an integral part of a strong building automation / energy management program

# 3 Levels of Maintenance

- 1. Reactive:** “Fix equipment upon failure”
- 2. Preventive:** Regular maintenance, based on operating hours or calendar period
- 3. Predictive:** Using technology to “predict” a failure before it happens (best for facilities with “high downtime costs”)

## *Best Practices:*

- *Management commitment / funding*
- *Hire the right people / proper training / record-keeping*

# CMMS

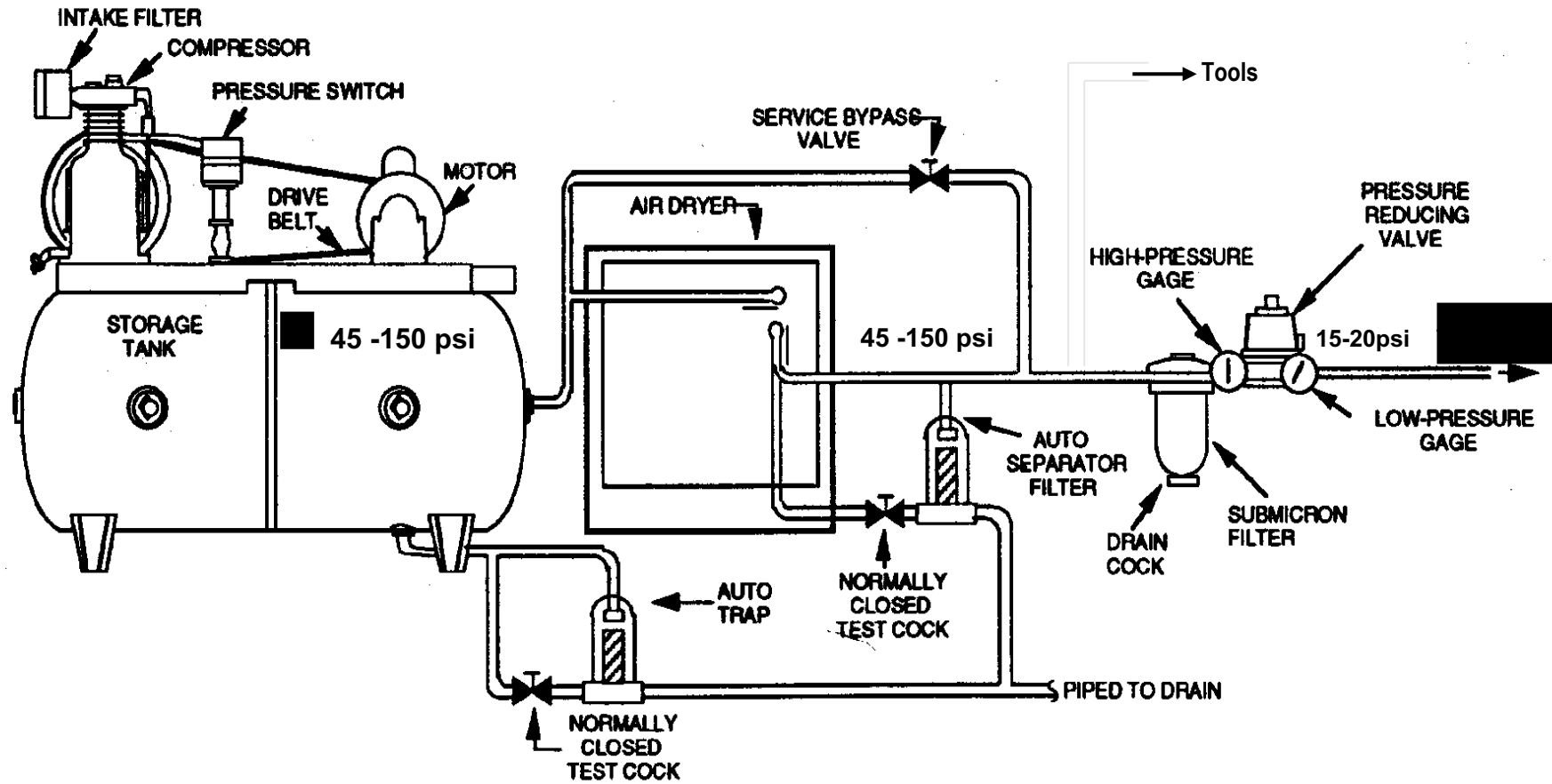
## Computerized Maintenance Management Systems

Can provide both energy and labor cost savings.

CMMS elements:

- PC-Based system; best when integrated with BAS or FMS
- Specialized software; or part of a Building Automation System
- Time-based and performance based (e.g.,  $\Delta P$  across filters)
- Enter existing plant information into the CMMS
- Work order generation from the CMMS with tools needed, parts needed, special instructions — for both PM and CM
- Parts tracking for reorder — JIT-type inventory management
- Conduct PM rather than CM when possible

# Compressed Air System Maintenance



# Compressed Air Leaks

- Quantifying air leaks
  - Apply the following formula to find standard cubic feet per minute (SCFM) lost

$$R = \frac{V (P_1 - P_2)}{(\Delta T) 14.7 \text{ lb/in}^2}$$

A standard cubic foot of air is one cubic foot of air at 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup>.

R = average leakage rate (Scfm)

V = system volume (ft<sup>3</sup>)

P<sub>1</sub> = initial pressure (psig)

P<sub>2</sub> = final pressure (psig)

ΔT = time interval over which leaks are measured (minutes)

If V=200 ft<sup>3</sup>, P<sub>1</sub> - P<sub>2</sub> = 10 psig and ΔT = 12 min, compute R.

# Compressed Air Leaks

Table in psig, and for 8760 h/yr operation

## Costs of Compressed Air Leaks

Hole Diameter (in)	Energy Loss at Pressure (kWh/year)		
	<u>110 psi</u>	<u>100 psi</u>	<u>90 psi</u>
3/8	226,100	208,100	190,000
1/4	100,500	92,500	86,300
1/8	25,100	23,100	21,100
1/16	6,300	5,800	5,300
1/32	1,600	1,400	1,300

## Compressed Air Leak Example

- A 110 psig air system used for operating tools around an industrial plant has three  $\frac{1}{16}$ " leaks and two  $\frac{1}{4}$ " air leaks. The air circuit (line) is pressurized 8760 hours per year. The energy cost part of the electric energy rate (energy plus demand) is \$0.08/kwh.
- What are the annual energy costs of the leaks?
- What would have to happen in a leak correction program for a facility to be able to count demand savings?

# Energy Loss From Uninsulated Pipes



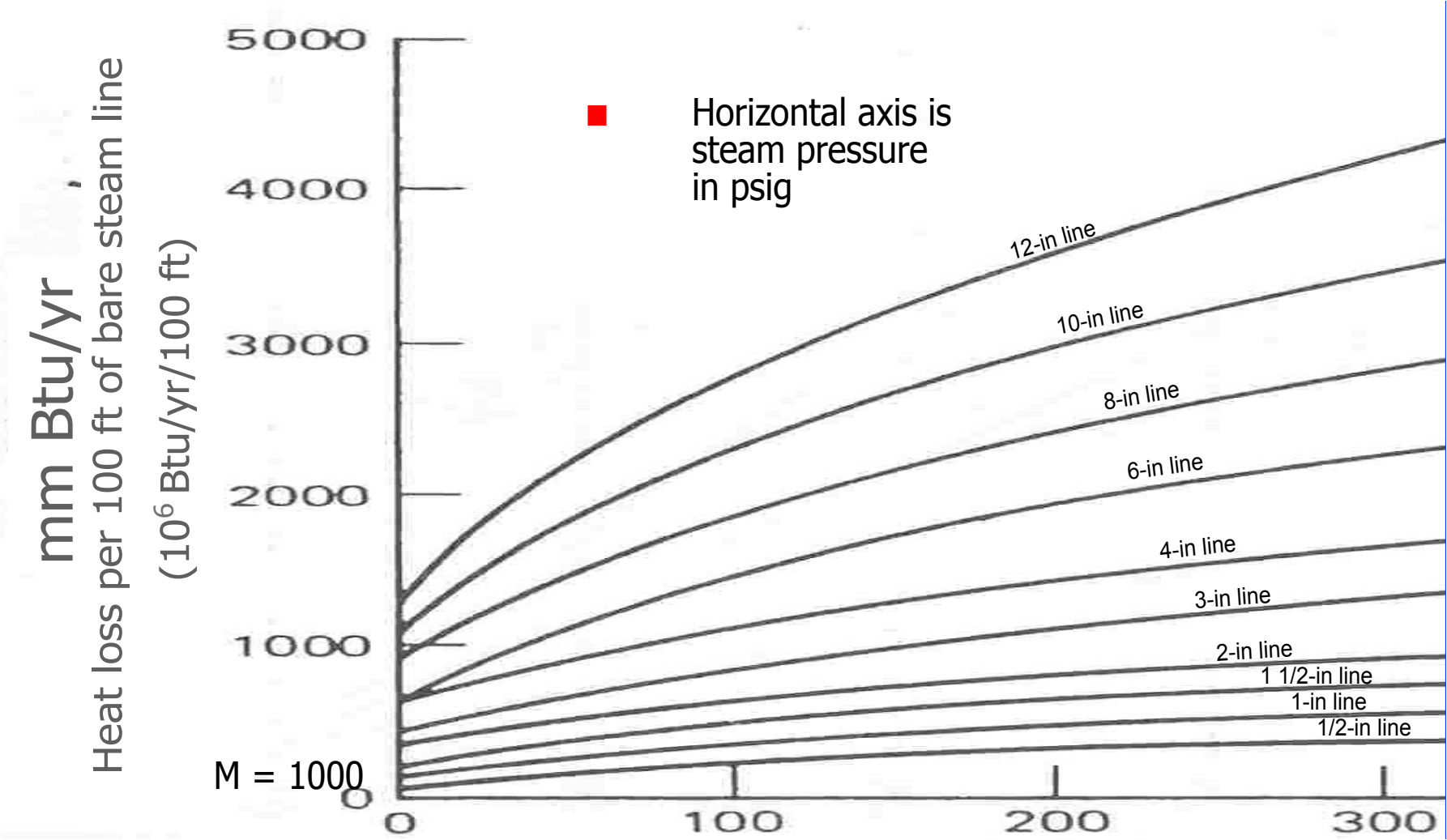
Insulation

The more insulation used, the lower the heat loss and the greater the energy savings. Use LCC to evaluate economic viability.



# Energy Loss from Uninsulated Pipes

steam pressure in psig, for 8760 hr/yr operation, per 100 feet of pipe

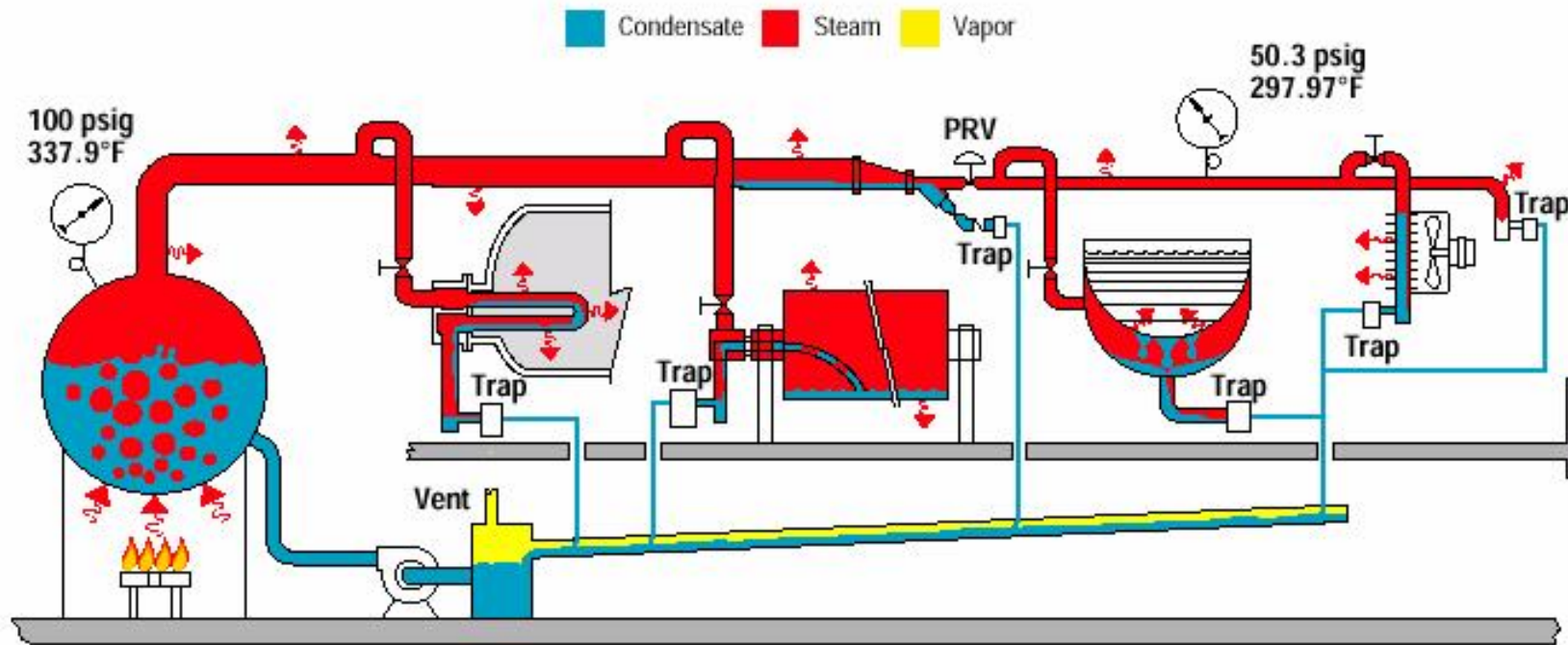


## Uninsulated Steam Line Loss Example

- A 100 psig steam system in a manufacturing plant has 150 feet of four inch steam pipe that is not insulated. The steam system is operated 4000 hours per year. The boiler is 76% efficient, and the fuel cost is \$6 per million Btu.
- What is the annual energy cost of the heat lost from the pipe?

# Steam Leaks

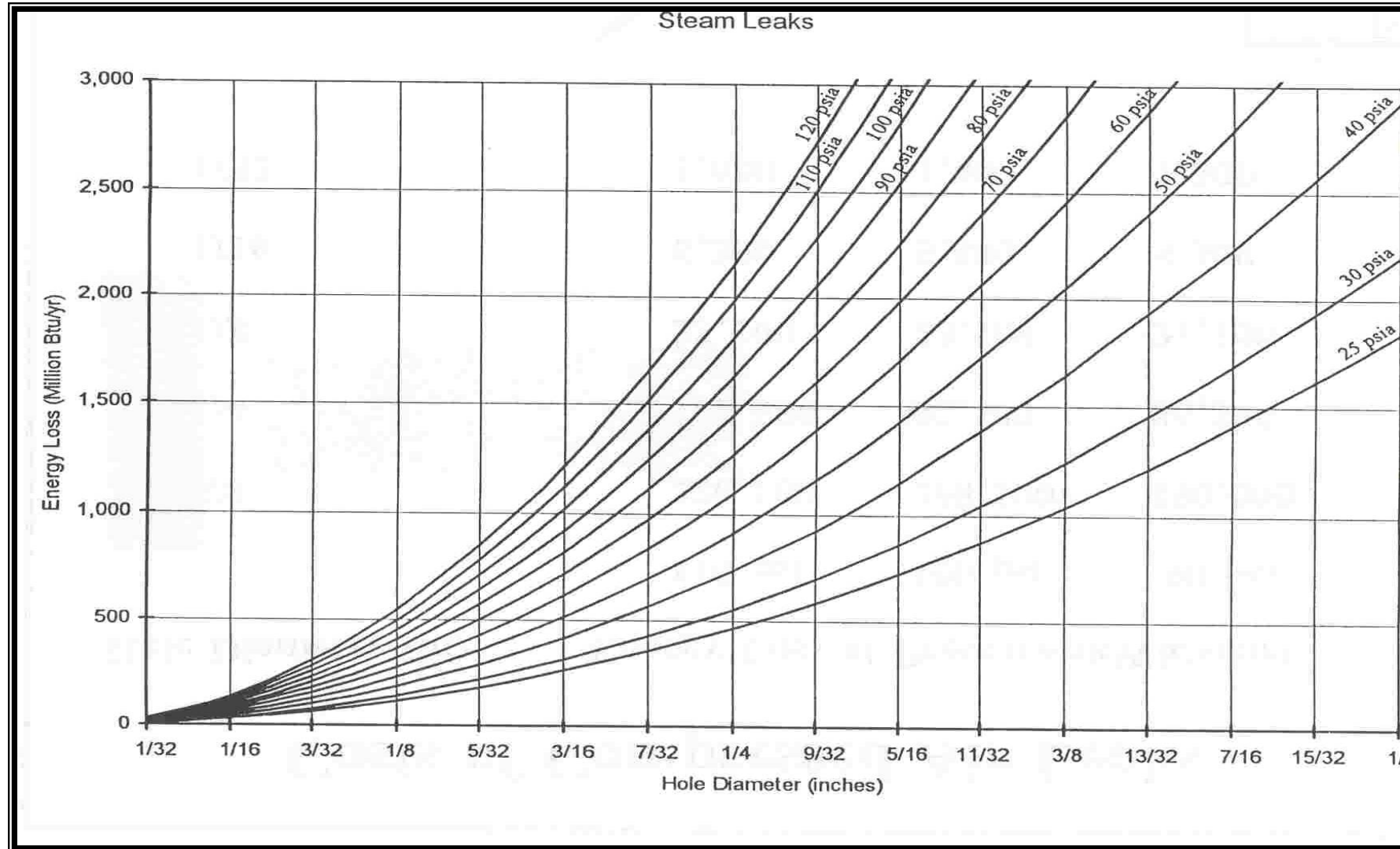
- Steam leaks can be caused by pipe corrosion, weld failure, leaking valves, faulty steam traps, flange misalignments, etc. Whatever the cause, steam leaks can be costly!



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# Cost of Steam Leaks

in psia, and for 8760 hr/yr operation

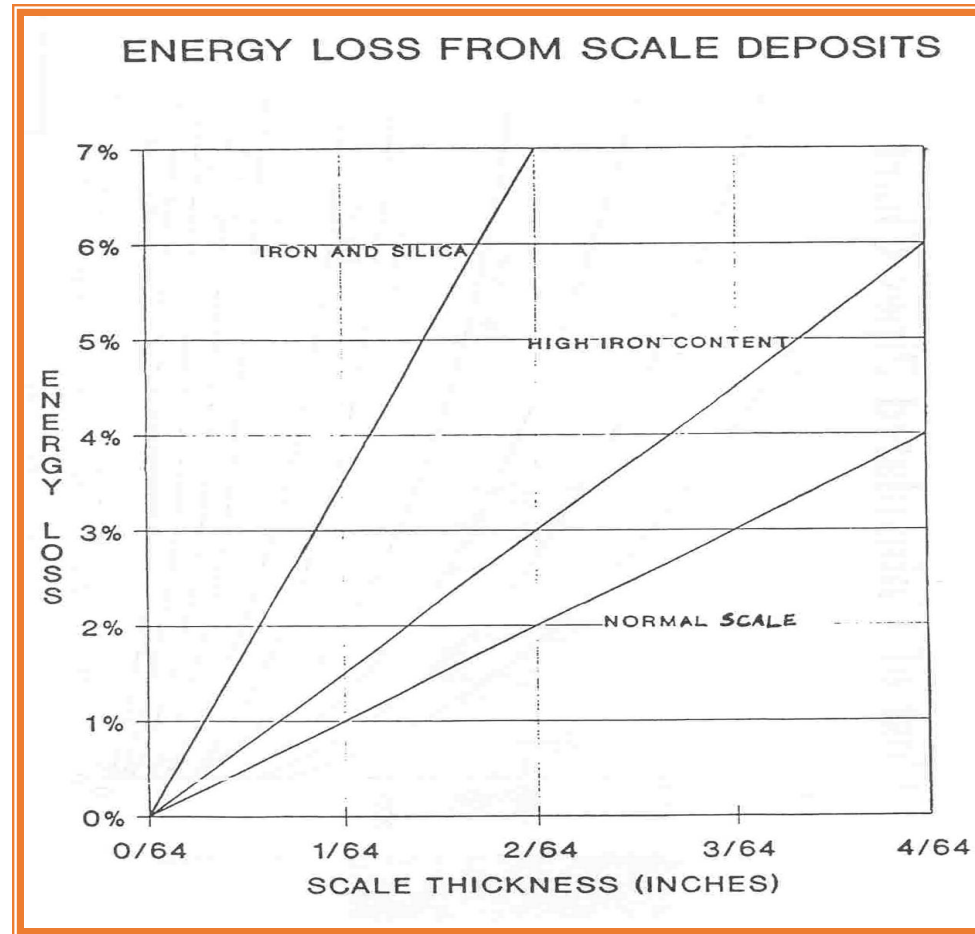


# Failed Steam Trap Example

1. Five bucket steam traps are stuck open in your facility. They all exhaust to the drain. If gas costs \$7.00/MCF (M=1000) and your steam system is 78% efficient, what is the cost of these malfunctioning steam traps per year? Each trap has a 1/8 inch orifice. The steam line pressure is 110 psia. The steam line is energized 8760 hr/y.
2. In problem 1 above, we seek to return condensate (and passed steam) to the boiler when possible to reduce water procurement costs, energy costs to heat city water and water treatment costs.

# Cost of Boiler Scale Chart

percent loss from factory clean



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**Any  
Questions?**

