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## VLB – Premium Steam Conditioning for Turbine Bypass Applications



**We Solve Control Valve Problems®**

## The VLB incorporates engineering knowledge gained from more than 70 years of steam conditioning solutions

- Lower Installed Cost
- Reliable Operation
- Fine Control at Low Flow
- Lower Noise
- Lower Maintenance

### CCI – World Leader in Steam Conditioning

The VLB (Valve Angle Bypass) series of valves has been the solution for the most challenging steam conditioning applications for more than 20 years.

CCI provides reliable solutions for the most severe steam conditioning applications (like turbine bypass) in the world's largest utility plants. By offering the most comprehensive selection of steam conditioning valves for CHP and fossil applications, CCI valves are designed to meet most international standards and comply with the European Pressure Equipment Directive (PED).

### What is a Steam Conditioning Valve?

A steam conditioning valve converts steam from an incoming state (pressure and temperature) to a predetermined required outlet state (pressure and temperature). This is carried out by combining pressure reduction and desuperheating within the confines of one valve.

Pressure is regulated by an upstream or downstream pressure controller and the valve with multi-stage pressure reducing trim modulates to maintain the pressure at the required set point.

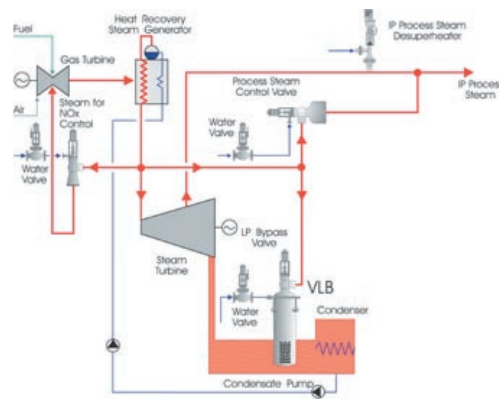
Temperature is controlled by atomizing spraywater in the steam. A separate water valve introduces water to the desuperheating nozzles or desuperheating mechanism within the steam conditioning valve. Temperature feedback controls the amount of spraywater and keeps downstream temperature at the required set point. Of course, temperature can also be controlled by other means, such as enthalpy control.

A steam conditioning valve that bypasses a steam turbine in a utility or industrial process is called a turbine bypass valve.

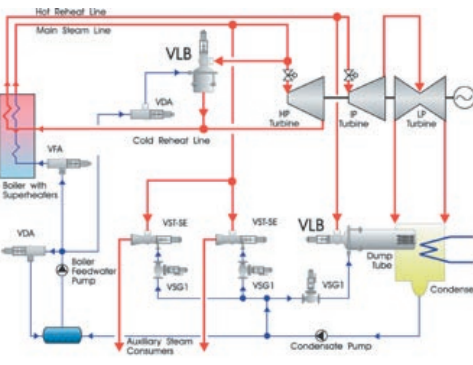
### Requirements for Steam Conditioning

Many industries require steam to be at a temperature close to saturation. Steam that is too hot may damage the product or equipment. On the other hand, a temperature that is too low will result in excess water and loss of control, and damage piping and downstream equipment. Although a desuperheater in conjunction with the turbine exhaust or extraction steam can control steam temperature. During startup or in the event of a trip, the bypass valve must mirror the outlet conditions quickly and accurately (typically less than two seconds).

Sometimes steam will be bypassed to a condenser, particularly in a utility power station. In this event, CCI provides the bypass valve, condenser dump tube, spraywater control valve, and the spraywater control algorithm as a package. In this case, the bypass valve must open quickly (less than two seconds) to prevent boiler safety valves from lifting.

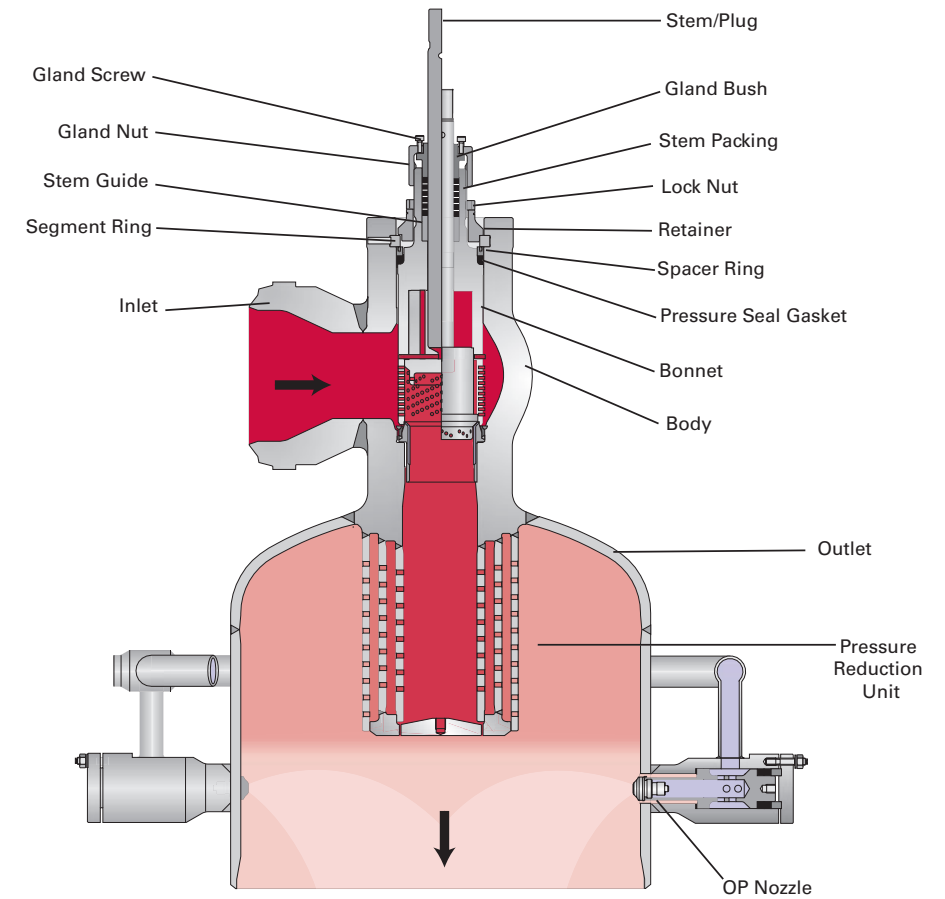


Typical turbine bypass schematic for CHP/Cogen power plant.



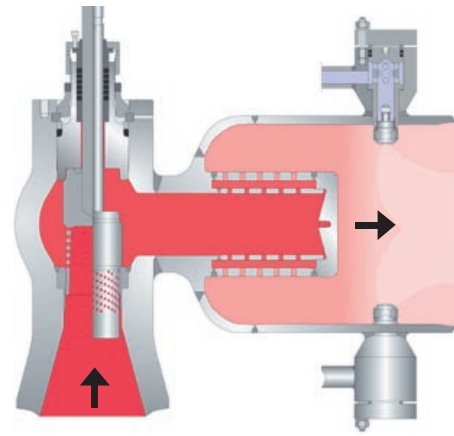
Typical turbine bypass schematic for conventional power plant.

## Technical specifications and materials

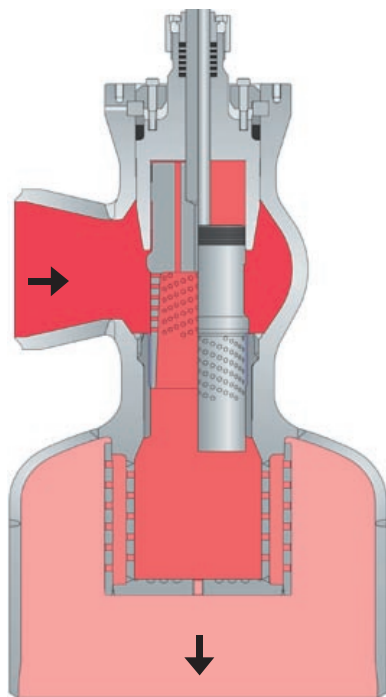


Description	European Material Std.	ASTM Material Std.	Comments
Seat	11CrMo9-10/ X10CrMoVNb91 /	A182-F22/ A182-F91	Seat HS25 hard faced
Pressure Reduction Unit	St35.8/13CrMo44/10CrMo910/ X10CrMoVNb91	A106/A335-P12,-P22/A335-P91	
Outlet	St35.8/13CrMo44/10CrMo910/ X10CrMoVNb91	A106/A335-P12,-P22/A335-P91	
Drain	PG245GH/13CrMo4-5/11CrMo9-11/ X10CrMoVNb91	A105/A182-F12,-F22/ A182-F91	
Inlet	PG245GH/13CrMo4-5/11CrMo9-11/ X10CrMoVNb91	A105/A182-F12,-F22/ A182-F91	
Valve Body	PG245GH/13CrMo4-5/11CrMo9-11/ X10CrMoVNb91	A105/A182-F12,-F22/ A182-F91	
Stem/Plug	X19CrMoVNbN11-1	~AISI 616	Surface hardened
Water Seat	10CrMo910	A182-F22	Surface hardened
Water Conn. /Flange	PG245GH/13CrMo4-5	A105/A182-F12	
Bonnet	11CrMo9-10	A182-F22	Surface hardened
Pressure Seal Gasket	Graphite	Graphite	
Spacer & Segment Ring	X10CrMoVNb91	A182-F91	
Cover Plate	PG245GH	A105	
Stem Packing	Graphite	Graphite	
Gland Bush / Nut	X20Cr13	~AISI 420	Bush surface hardened
Nozzle	X19CrMoVNbN11-1	~AISI 616	Surface hardened

## The VLB features flexible performance and reliability



CCI's VLBO design for TRD421 code compliance will include an integral strainer



VLR design incorporates all the features and benefits of the VLB but excludes the external desuperheating

### VLB

The standard VLB flow is over the plug. In certain circumstances, such as high pressure to cold reheat bypass and reheat to atmospheric vent, the valve design is specified to be flow under the plug.

Another derivative is the VLRO, which is the same valve without the desuperheating function, designed for use when desuperheating is not required when venting.

The VLBO and VLRO have the turbine bypass features of the VLB.

### VLR

The VLR is identical to the VLB but does not include the desuperheating function. It can be used in applications where desuperheating separated from the pressure-reducing valve is preferred for venting, or where there is a requirement for reducing or throttling the steam pressure under arduous conditions like steam turbine bypass and emergency steam venting.

### VLB Family of Valves

The BTG turbine bypass valves are available in several designs, all derived from the VLB configuration. All designs are available with fast-acting pneumatic, hydraulic or electric actuation.

VLB-TC	Unbalanced tight design with leakage tightness according to ANSI B16.104 Class V or MSS-SP61
VLB-BTC	Balanced tight design with leakage tightness according to ANSI B16.104 Class V or MSS-SP61
VLB-BC	Unbalanced tight design with leakage tightness according to ANSI B16.104 Class III or IV (piston rings)
VLBL	Cast body up to Class 300 in limited trim sizes
VLBS	Combined bypass and stop valve within one valve body- available in unbalanced version only with hydraulic actuation
VLR	Available in all the above configurations but excludes desuperheating function
VLBO	Available in all the above configurations
VLRO	Available in all the above configurations but excludes desuperheating function

### Materials of Construction

The valve body is available in ASTM, ASME, DIN, and other internationally recognized materials. Materials are provided to suit piping and or pressure/temperature design requirements, i.e. carbon steel, chrome-moly, and high-temperature materials such as P91.

## The VLB design is built on a long history of BTG technological innovation

CCI offers a full array of services including:

- On-time delivery
- Commissioning and start-up assistance
- Guidelines for installation, drainage and line flushing
- Global service network
- 24-hour parts ordering

### Application

The VLB range of valves is primarily used as steam turbine bypass in industrial (combined heat and power) and utility power plants either to process or more often, to condenser. In utility plants, the VLB is often used to bypass steam from high pressure to cold reheat and also from hot reheat to condenser. The VLB was designed specifically to meet a bypass system's strict operational and performance requirements.

Availability of the VLB in the turbine bypass application for steam supply to the process or condenser is critical. Reliability and performance are paramount to the plant's operation. CCI not only provides the correct product for the application, but also offers 70 years of know-how and experience to ensure correct installation of the equipment for maximum performance and reliability.

### CCI's Turbine Bypass System Provides a Reliable/High-Performance Solution to Common Concerns

#### Resistance to Thermal Shock and Fatigue

A bypass valve is subjected to severe thermal shock. CCI's VLB body and trim is designed to withstand the thermal gradients that bypass valves typically experience.

#### System Integrity

CCI's VLB design incorporates a pressure-seal bonnet which relies on system pressure to maintain tightness and is therefore not affected by thermal transients, unlike the traditional bolted bonnet designs.

#### Maximum Power Output and Reduced Maintenance

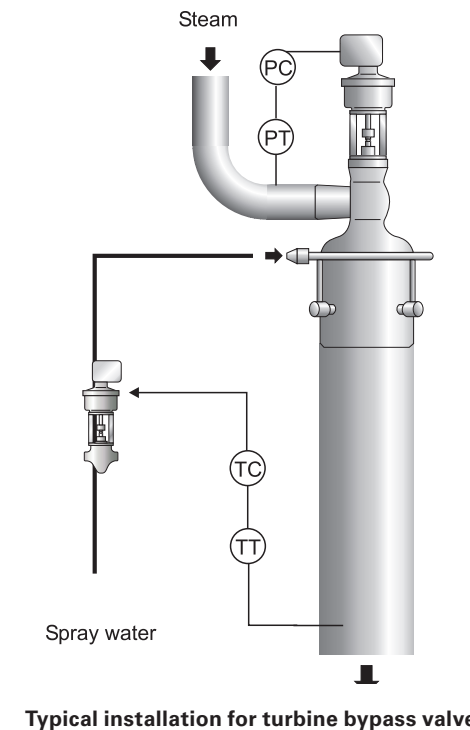
Repeatable seat tightness is required to prevent the leakage of steam that could be used to generate electricity and therefore revenue. Excessive seat leakage also results in excessive maintenance and plant shutdown. The VLB offers a simple in-line repairable valve design with fewer components which facilitates less upkeep and ease of inspection.

#### Severe Pressure Drops Controlled

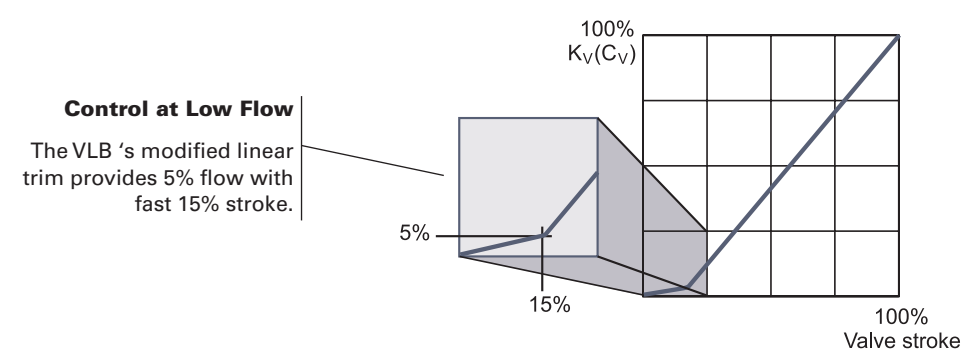
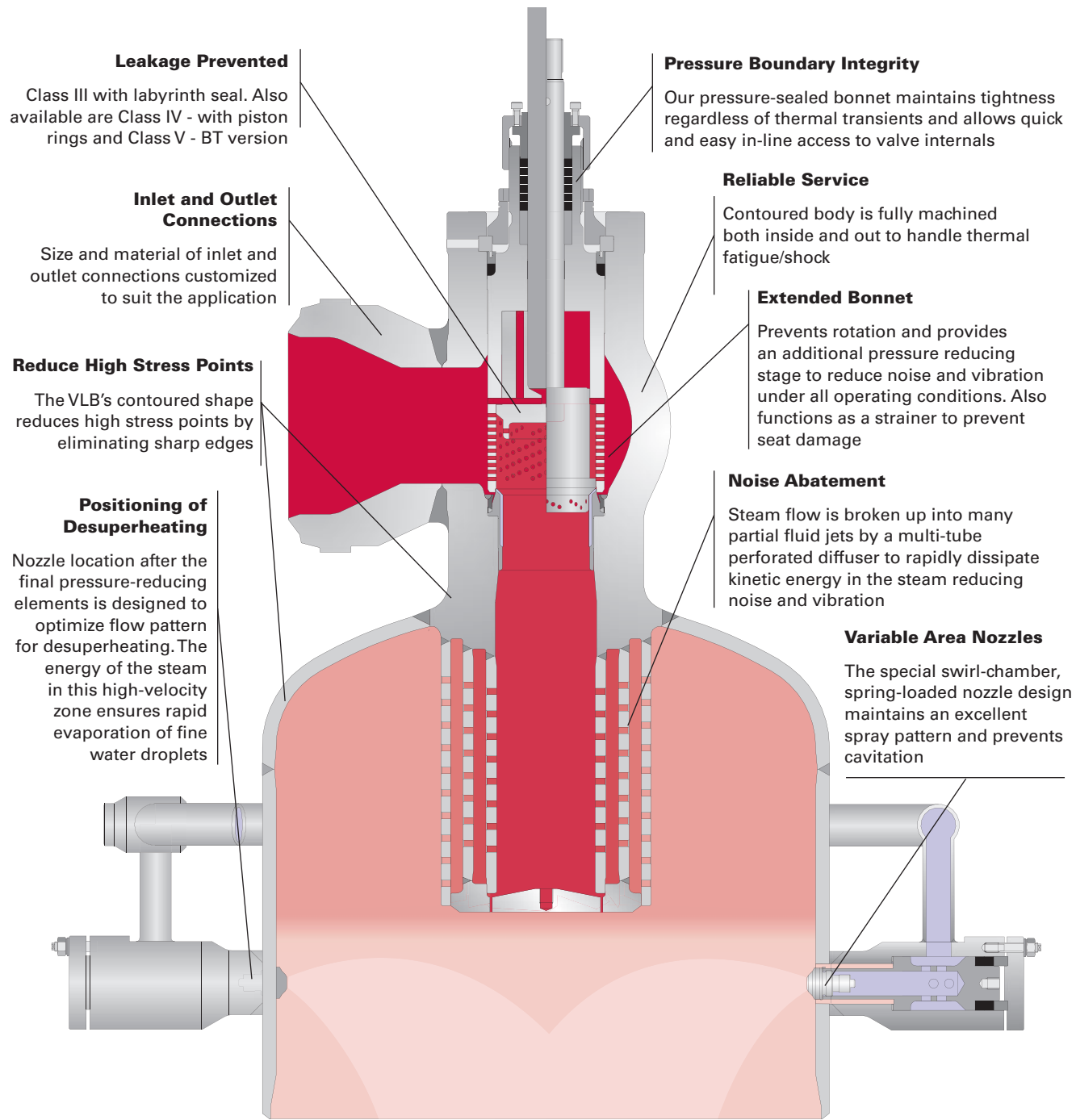
In many cases, the bypass valve will have to throttle or control pressure drops greater than 100 bar (2500 psi). The VLB valve trim has sufficient pressure-reducing stages to prevent premature erosion, excessive vibration, and noise.

#### Valve Inlet/Outlet Connections Suit Application

The provided VLB valve inlet and outlet connections suit customer's piping and maintain inlet and exit steam velocities at reasonable levels (<250 ft/s / 80 m/s).



Typical installation for turbine bypass valve



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Benefits		CCI VLB	Competitors
1	Improved plant performance: valve provides unequalled control of downstream pressure and temperature/enthalpy for maximum efficiency.	✓	□
2	VLB's special seat arrangement ensures repeatable tight shutoff and maximizes steam turbine MW, reducing maintenance costs and limiting plant downtime.	✓	□
3	Prevents cracking and distortion: fully machined circular section body handles severe thermal shock conditions normally associated with turbine bypass applications.	✓	□
4	Lower installation costs: inlet and outlet connections are customized to suit application/customer requirements and the valve can be installed horizontally without the risk of misaligned trim.	✓	□
5	Lower maintenance costs: VLB's design provides longer intervals between maintenance and allows easy access to all components.	✓	□
6	Lower noise: the VLB is custom-designed with pressure-reducing stages to meet strict noise requirements.	✓	□
7	Lower operating cost: unique plug and seat design allows for repeatable, reliable extended seat tightness, high thermal shock capability, and zero wear on seat while throttling.	✓	□
8	Long term reliable performance: angle pattern configuration provides long guiding surfaces not subject to distortion and no gaskets to lose elasticity in thermal conditions.	✓	□
9	The VLB design transfers the actuating force from the plug to a shoulder on the valve body, preventing distortion of the valve seat.	✓	□
10	Multiple nozzles strategically placed in the high velocity steam maximizes the energy available, atomizes the spraywater and provides an even distribution across total steam flow for excellent control even at small flow rates.	✓	□
11	Reduced plug/seat erosion, noise and vibration: second control stage of pressure reduction extended from valve plug.	✓	□
12	Trim suitable for thermal transients: cage integral with bonnet and allowed to expand thereby eliminating the need of troublesome gaskets.	✓	□