Application
Copes-Vulcan's Cascade Trim solves the problems of short life and high replacement costs for valve trim in high pressure drop service.

This single-seated trim is designed primarily for high pressure modulating drop liquid applications such as pump recirculation or bypass; high pressure desuperheater-cooling water control; supercritical boiler start-up reheat; super-heat spray control; gas; fuel oil; continuous and intermittent blowdown and chemical injection. Due to the single seat design, it is equally applicable for on-off service, as is often the case in pump recirculation.

This trim is not suited for non-deaerated liquid applications. In these cases, multiple pressure breakdown HUSH® or RAVEN® Trim is recommended. Designed for differential pressures up to and including 5000 psi (34,450 kPa). Consult Copes-Vulcan for special applications.

Features
Caging guiding, a Copes-Vulcan standard, includes a seating angle of 30° on the plug and 32° in the cage seat. Seat contact width is approximately .025” (.635mm). The valve actuator is selected to produce exceptionally tight seating under actual operating conditions. The high force produces a slight deformation of the seating surfaces, ensuring tight shutoff. The cage and plug are made of ASTM A-276, Type 420 stainless steel with Rockwell C-43 to C-47 hardness, ASTM A-351 Type 316 stainless steel with optional hardfacing and 17-4PH.

his material is highly resistant to erosion and has proven most suitable for the service. Tolerance controlled machining and well defined quality control measures ensure consistent conformance to Copes-Vulcan engineering specifications.

Cascade Trim has been fully tested and has many years of proven and successful service. On one test, conducted in a test loop of a major utility, it was operating only .05” (1.3mm) off the seat, with 300—350°F (149—177°C) water and 4400 psi (30,320 kPa) differential, for over one year. Upon inspection, the seating surfaces were still undamaged and the trim was kept in service. Other manufacturers’ designs utilizing the same Type 420 stainless steel were also sampled under the same conditions. Maximum service gained from the other designs ranged from a few days to three months.

Function
The most difficult service for a valve generally occurs at low flow when the plug is just off the seat. At these positions, seating surfaces are subjected to the greatest forces of erosion and cavitation. Cavitation will occur when the liquid pressure drops to or below the vapor pressure; at which point small bubbles are formed. As recovery progresses, the external pressure acting on the bubbles increases to a point where the bubbles’ internal pressure can’t support the increase. The bubbles then collapse or implode, causing pressure shock waves which, if directed against valve trim or body, can cause erosion damage. Therefore, it is essential that a trim design which minimizes these problems is selected. Cascade Trim is one such design.

Cascade Trim features a series of labyrinth grooves, machined into the plug along its throttling surface. This series of grooves provides a cascading effect, so that pressure drop is divided equally among the grooves, thus reducing the amount of inner valve pressure recovery and subsequent vapor formation. Cascade Trim therefore is ideally suited for applications where cavitation can exist.

The plug and cage are designed so that metal-to-metal contact is made on beveled seating surfaces and the clearance between plug and cage tapers in the labyrinth groove section is held to .001” (.0254mm) on Super Cascade and .003” (.0762mm) on “inch” size for proper cascading effect. For those applications where valve pressure decreases with increased flow, Cascade Trim is ideal. At light loads when pressure drop is maximum, the plug is close to the seat and cascading has its optimum effect.

As load increases and pressure drop decreases, the need for cascading diminishes. In those cases where valve pressure drop is high throughout the load range, Super Cascade Trim utilizes cascading through the full travel of the plug. Because the total pressure drop is broken down into stages and because the pressure is prevented from reaching the vapor pressure, vapor bubbles are virtually eliminated. Erosion is held to a minimum, assuring this type of trim to be most economical in this type service.
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### Super Cascade Trim

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|-----------|----|------|---|-------|-------|-----|-----|---|------|-----|---|----|-------|
|           | 20 | 25   | 25| 30    | 30    | 40  | 45  | 50 | 60   | 65  | 75 | 90 |
| Min. Body Size |      |      | 1 | 25    |       | 1.5 | 2   | 2.5 | 3   | 4   | 4   | 100 |
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SPECIAL APPLICATION GLOBE STYLE CONTROL VALVES
- General Service application
- Severe Duty application
- High turndown
- .75 - 24” Sizes
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- Variable Orifice
- Integral Cooling Water function available
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- Special ANSI Ratings
- Meets ASTM/ASME Standards

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- Cavitation elimination
- Velocity & Erosion control

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- Direct acting

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