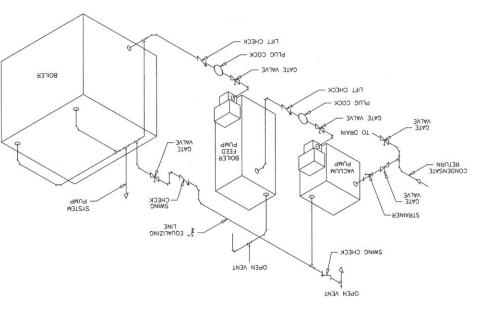
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C. Boiler Feed and Vacuum Pumps

Control & Pipe (same as Boiler Feed & Condensate Pump)

Additional Piping: Equalizing line between boiler steam header and vacuum pump. Equalizing line will prevent a possible vacuum developing in steam supply that could be greater than vacuum in the return.



SIZING OF VACUUM PUMP

Vacuum condensate pumps are normally sized at 2 or 3 times the system condensing rate. This is the same procedure for sizing standard condensing rate. The vacuum pump must also remove air from the return system. The system size, the inches of vacuum desired, and tightness of the system piping must be considered. The following chart will help.1210

Air Removal Requirement

System	Vac / In. Hg.	CFM / 1,000 EDR
• up to 10,000 EDR (tight)	0 - 10	O
· over 10,000 EDR (tight)	0 - 10	ώ
 all systems, some air in-leakage 	0 - 10	1.0

Highest Temperature °F of Condensate Permissible with Vacuum Pumps

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