Suction Guides & Flo-Trex Valves
Suction Guides

Designed for direct mounting on the suction flange of horizontal and vertical pumps.

Armstrong Suction Guides (SGs) are installed on the suction side of pumps to protect against damage from debris and foreign matter, and optimize flow efficiency. Most installations require a long radius elbow, flow-straightening entrance pipe, and Y strainer - the Suction Guide's versatile 4-function design saves space and installation costs by incorporating all these devices into a single solution.

Model SG, SG-TF, SGG, SGHH, SGH-TF Suction Guides

4-function pump fitting

- **90° Elbow**
  
  Mounting the Suction Guide on any pump suction turns the piping 90°, replacing an elbow. In addition, the Suction Guide can be rotated to any position allowed by the pump suction bolts, from vertical to horizontal.

- **Reducing Elbow**
  
  The Suction Guide connects same size piping to the pump suction, but can also connect to inlet piping one size larger than the pump suction, eliminating a reducing elbow.

- **In-Line Strainer**
  
  The stainless steel strainer has free area of at least 250% of pipe sectional area. A disposable fine-mesh strainer is installed for start-up cleaning.

- **Guide Vanes**
  
  Flow stabilizing vanes on the outlet allow the Suction Guide to bolt directly to the pump, saving the space and cost of a long straight pipe length.
To protect pumps from damage and keep them operating at peak efficiency, Armstrong Flo-Trex Valves (FTVs) are used on the discharge side of pumping equipment. The Flo-Trex Valve can act as a shut-off valve, non-slam check valve, flow throttling valve and 90 degree elbow - all in a single device.

### Model FTV Flo-Trex Valves

- **Drip-tight Shut Off Valve**
  The Armstrong Flo-Trex valve is designed and tested for drip-tight isolation at 150% of maximum working pressure.

- **Non-slam Check Valve**
  The Armstrong Flo-Trex valve incorporates a spring closure design that closes the valve in a controlled manner, protecting the valve from slamming due to a reversal in flow caused by gravity or recirculation from a parallel pump.

- **Flow Throttling Valve**
  The Armstrong Flo-Trex valve uses a plug and disc design which is the most effective valve type for combining throttling of flow and isolation. Other design valves may be effective for throttling or isolation, but not both.

- **Convertible Body Design for sizes 2.5” and up**
  The Armstrong Flo-Trex convertible body design permits the valve to be changed on-site from straight to angle configuration.
Armstrong Suction Guides and Flo-Trex Valves...

- Fewer components required as redundant fittings are eliminated.
- Fewer connections required with Armstrong's multi-purpose fittings.
- Less installation time required by reducing the number of fittings.
- Less installation space required as pump inlet spool piece is eliminated.

The Smart Choice
An Armstrong Vertical In-Line Pump installation requires the fewest components and connections, maximizing savings and minimizing installation time.
Reduce Field Installation and Materials Costs

Conventional Method

Components eliminated using Armstrong Flo-Trex Valves and Suction Guide strainer for base mounted single and double suction pump installations and Vertical In-Line installations:

1. Y Strainer
2. Suction long radius elbow
3. Discharge long radius elbow
4. Discharge check valve
5. Discharge globe valve
6. Suction spool piece

In addition, use of the FTV-G style eliminates three welded flange connections.

Additional components eliminated using Armstrong Vertical In-Line pumps with Flo-Trex Valves and Suction Guide strainers in place of base mounted applications:

7. Flexible connectors
8. Inertia base isolation
9. Field shaft alignment (not shown)
### Materials of Construction

#### Suction Guides

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#### Flo-Trex Valves

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### Maximum Operating Parameters

**Suction Guide & Flo-Trex Pressure/Temperature Parameters**

![Pressure vs Temperature Graph]

- **SGH-TF**: ANSI-250/PN25 Flanges
- **SGHH**: ANSI-250/PN25 Flanges
- **FTV-HF**: ANSI-250/PN25 Flanges
- **FTV-G**: ANSI-250/PN25 Flange Adapter
- **SG-TF**: ANSI-125/PN16 Flanges
- **SG, SGG**: ANSI-125/PN16 Flanges
- **FTV-F**: ANSI-125/PN16 Flanges
- **FTV-G**: ANSI-125/PN16 Flange Adapter

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<th>Maximum Operating Conditions</th>
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**NOTE:**
- Pressure/Temperature parameters not shown for SG & FTV models 14" and larger, and for FTVs smaller than 2.5".
- Please refer to submittal data for those models.
- Units are hydrostatically tested to 150% of maximum working pressure.
Design Benefits

Suction Guide

- Suction guide body made of cast iron, ductile iron, or carbon steel, with ANSI or DIN flanges. Same size ports are available with oversized inlet flange to eliminate reducer. Threaded inlet available to 2” (50mm).
- Guide vanes reduce turbulence, thereby creating optimum flow conditions and minimizing stress on pump components.
- Strainer with ¾” (3 mm) perforated stainless steel. Star-shaped for added strength and designed to provide large free flow area to reduce pressure drop.
- Removable fine mesh start-up strainer, furnished as a standard item, helps prevent mechanical seal or instrument damage during initial run period.
- Optional magnet to help eliminate free floating metallic particles from system.
- Removable cover, with O-ring, enables easy access to strainer.

Flo-Trex Valve

- Reduced field installation and material costs.
- Cast iron or ductile valve body with hard flanges, or ductile iron valve body with standard grooved ends.
- Eliminates requirement for two separate valves on pump discharge and, in some cases, a 90° elbow.
- FTV-G eliminates three welded flange connections.
- Soft seat to ensure tight shut-off.
- Spring-closure design uses a non-slam silent check valve feature for vertical mounting.
- Pressure measurement and pump throttling capabilities.
- Temperature measurement capability.
- Spring-closure design check valve prevents gravity or reverse circulation when pump is not operating.
- Bonnet O-ring can be replaced under full system pressure by back seating of valve stem.
- Suitable for maximum working pressure up to 375 psi (26 bars) and temperatures up to 230°F (110°C).
- Valve seat can be changed in the field without use of special tools.
- Low pressure drop due to θ pattern valve design.
- Valve Cv designed to ASHRAE flow recommendations for quiet system operation.
- Flow indicator scale includes valve stem, grooved rings and positioning sleeve. The quarter turn graduations on the sleeve, with the scribe line on the stem provide for approximate flow measurement.
- Provides inexpensive insurance against over-sized pump issues, such as running off the pump curve, even on variable speed units.
## Options and Accessories

### Connection Types & Configurations

#### Armstrong Suction Guide Design:

- **Model SG:** Supplied with cast iron or carbon steel body and ANSI or DIN flanges. Available from 2" to 20" (50mm to 500mm) outlet size.
- **Model SG-TF:** Supplied with ductile iron body, threaded inlet and ANSI-125/PN16 outlet flange. Available 1.5" or 2" (40mm to 50mm).
- **Model SGG:** Supplied with ductile iron body with grooved inlet connection and ANSI-125/PN16 outlet flange. Available up to 12" (300mm) outlet size.
- **Model SGH-H:** Supplied with ductile iron body and ANSI-250/PN25 flanges. Available up to 12" (300mm) outlet size.
- **Model SGH-TF:** Supplied with ductile iron body, threaded inlet and ANSI-250/PN25 outlet flange. Available 1.5" or 2" (40mm to 50mm).

#### Armstrong Model FTV Flo-Trex Combination Valves

- **FTV-TS & FTV-GS:** Flo-Trex valve in straight configuration. 
  - **TS:** Threaded connections, available in 1.25", 1.5" & 2".
  - **GS:** Grooved connections, available in 1.25", 1.5" & 2".
- **FTV-FA & FTV-FS:** Flo-Trex valve is supplied with hard (cast-in) flanges. 
  - **FA:** Flanged-angled configuration, available up to 12" (300mm) size.
  - **FS:** Flanged-straight configuration, available up to 24" (600mm) size.
- **FTV-GA & FTV-GS:** Flo-Trex valve is supplied with grooved port connections, designed for Armstrong Armgrip™ flange adapters or standard grooved pipe fittings. 
  - **GA:** Grooved-angled configuration, available up to 12" (300mm) size.
  - **GS:** Grooved-straight configuration, available up to 12" (300mm) size.
- **FTV-HFA & FTV-HFS:** Supplied with ANSI-250 (PN25) flanges in angled or straight configuration, available in 8"-12" (200mm-300mm) size.

#### Hard Flanged Body or Armgrip™ Flange Adapter

The hard flanged body or the combination of the Armstrong flange adapter and Flo-Trex body, equipped with the unique Armgrip™ anti-rotation lugs, ensures a rigid pump installation.

#### Spool Pieces

Spool pieces with hardware kits are available up to 12" (300mm) size to connect the Flo-Trex valves to the discharge of the pump.

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