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#### **Double Block-n-Bleed Gas Train**

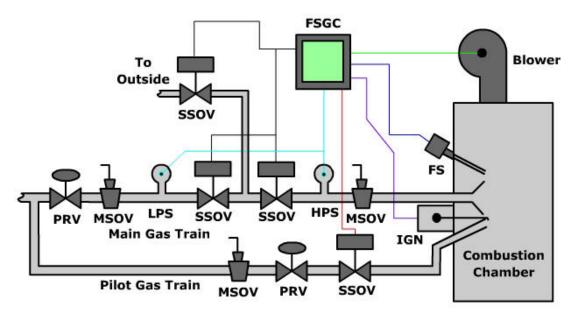
One potentially dangerous scenario with any heating system is a leaking gas valve allowing unburned gas to enter a combustion chamber during the off cycle. A combustion chamber filled with unburned gas could result in quite a large explosion the next time the system lights off. The larger the heating system, the more dangerous this becomes. To prevent unburned gas from entering the combustion chamber during the off cycle, larger heating systems will add some safety features to their design. One such safety feature is the "Double Block-n-Bleed" gas train. This style gas train is specifically designed to prevent unburned gas from entering the combustion chamber during the off cycle.

This main gas train consists of two gas valves (safety shutoff valves, or "SSOV") piped in series. Piped in between these two valves is a vent line leading to the outdoors. The vent line also has its own SSOV. On a call for heat both SSOVs in the main gas train will open and the SSOV in the vent line will be closed. When the system shuts down, the SSOVs in the main gas train will shut down and the SSOV in the vent line will open.

If, while the system is shut down, any gas leaks past the first SSOV, it will escape through the vent line piped outdoors. The second SSOV just downstream from the vent valve will also block any gas which is not vented. With the combustion chamber also vented to the outdoors through its exhaust system, there will be no pressure difference across the second SSOV. So even if it did leak, no gas will leak through it. Now, when the system is shut down, even for an extended period, there will be no accumulation of unburned gas in the combustion chamber.

Typically these gas trains will have additional safety components added to prevent other unsafe conditions from occurring. Normally there will be two manual shutoff valves (MSOV), one at the beginning of the gas train and one at the end. This allows a technician servicing these systems to safely shut off the gas flow to the burners. These systems will normally also have two pressure switches installed: a low pressure switch located before the gas valves to shut the system down in the event of low gas pressure, and a high pressure

switch after the gas valves to shut the system down in the event of a defective regulator allowing too high of a gas pressure to the burners. Also included with these systems will be some type of flame safeguard control ("FSGC"). The FSGC will control the entire operation of the system from safely lighting off the burners to quickly shutting the system down on a loss of flame.





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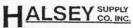
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