

Boiler and Machinery Insurance/Equipment Breakdown Insurance

Why is this coverage so important?

Property insurance policies traditionally include coverage for direct loss or damage caused by the explosion of natural, coal or manufactured gas. However, if a pressure vessel on your premises was to explode or break down due to anything other than a coal or gas explosion, then you wouldn't be covered. In addition, property policies specifically exclude some of the most common equipment breakdowns, including electrical arcing, mechanical breakdown, rupture and cracking. These gaps in coverage can result in costly property damage and loss of revenue. Boiler and machinery insurance or equipment breakdown insurance can round out your insurance program and fill the gaps in coverage.

Eligible risks

Virtually every risk is eligible for boiler and machinery insurance. Equipment breakdown insurance, on the other hand, is only readily available for small to mid-sized non-manufacturing or non-processing businesses, whether tenant or owner occupied. There are some exceptions and restrictions, so be sure to check with your SGI CANADA broker to determine whether your business qualifies.

What's covered?

Boiler and machinery insurance

This comprehensive insurance covers heating boilers, heat exchangers, hot water tanks, air conditioning and refrigerating equipment, mechanical pumps, fans and compressors, electrical motors, transformers and panels for direct loss or damage due to breakdown.

You may have an option to insure production machines and/or electronic equipment.

The following extensions of coverage are included:

- Automatic coverage for newly-acquired locations (\$1,000,000 limit).
- Demolition and increased cost of construction (\$1,000,000 limit).
- Errors and omissions (\$100,000 limit).
- Hazardous substances damage (\$100,000 limit).
- Water damage (\$100,000 limit).
- Ammonia contamination (\$100,000 limit).
- Professional fees (\$50,000 limit).
- Expediting expenses.
- Data and media restoration (\$25,000 limit).
- Service interruption.

Optional coverages:

- business interruption
- extra expense
- spoilage

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Option 2 – Basic Plus Coverage

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Option 3 – Comprehensive Coverage

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- Business interruption, extra expense and professional fees on a follow form basis (when this type of coverage has been purchased under the property insurance).
- Water damage (provided there is no other insurance that provides this coverage at the time of loss).
- Expediting expenses.
- Bylaws.
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Boiler and machinery insurance or equipment breakdown insurance, combined with our other valuable and competitively priced commercial products, can provide you with the best insurance coverage on the market today. See your SGI CANADA broker for complete details on policy terms and conditions that apply to each type of coverage.