

DISCAL™ air separator

551 - NA551 - NA5519 series

Installation, commissioning and servicing instructions



Function

Air separators are used to continuously remove the air contained in the hydronic circuits of heating and cooling systems. The air discharge capacity of these devices is very high. They are capable of removing automatically all the air present in the system down to micro-bubble level.

The circulation of fully de-aerated water enables the equipment to operate under optimum conditions, free from any noise, corrosion, localized overheating or mechanical damage. Micro-bubbles, fusing with each other, increase in volume (get larger) until they become large enough to rise to the top where they are automatically released.

Product range

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| 551 series | DISCAL™ air separator for horizontal pipes, in brass compact with drain
Sizes 3/4" sweat; 3/4" NPT female |
| 551 series | DISCAL™ air separator for horizontal pipes, in brass with drain
Sizes 3/4" - 1" - 1 1/4" - 1 1/2" - 2" NPT female; 1" - 1 1/4" - 1 1/2" - 2" sweat |
| 551 series | DISCAL™ air separator for horizontal pipes, in steel with flanged connections with drain
Sizes 2" - 6" ANSI |
| NA551 series | DISCAL™ air separator for horizontal pipes, in steel with flanged connections with drain
designed and built in accordance with Section VIII, Division 1 of the ASME Boiler and
Pressure Vessel Code and tagged and registered with the National Board of Boiler
and Pressure Vessel Inspector
Sizes 2" - 6" ANSI |
| NA5519 series | DISCAL™ air separator for vertical pipes, in brass compact with drain
Sizes 3/4" and 1" integral sweat |

Technical specifications

Brass air separator

Materials	- body:	brass
	- internal element	
	(compact & vertical versions):	304 stainless steel
	- internal element:	glass reinforced nylon PA66GF30
	- seal:	EPDM
	- air vent float guide pin:	stainless steel

Performance

Suitable fluids:	water, glycol solution
Max. percentage of glycol:	50%
Max. working pressure:	150 psi (10 bar)
Temperature range:	32–250°F (0–120°C)

Connections - main:

compact series:	3/4" sweat; 3/4" NPT female
horizontal:	3/4", 1", 1-1/4", 1-1/2" and 2" NPT female
	1", 1-1/4", 1-1/2" and 2" sweat
vertical:	3/4" and 1" sweat
- drain valve:	1/2" NPT female

Steel air separator

Materials	- body:	epoxy resin painted steel
	- internal element:	304 stainless steel
	- seal:	EPDM
	- air vent float guide pin:	stainless steel

Performance

Suitable fluids:	water, glycol solution
Max. percentage of glycol:	50%
Max. working pressure:	150 psi (10 bar)
Temperature range:	32–250°F (0–120°C)

Connections - flanged:

2"–6" ANSI B16.5 150 CLASS RF
1" NPT male

- drain pipe:

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Working Pressure & Temperature Limits
(Solder Type Limits Per ASTM Std. B16.18-1979)

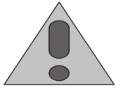
FLOW-CONTROL STYLE	TYPE OF SOLDER	MAXIMUM LIMITATIONS	
		PRESSURE PSI	TEMPERATURE °F
SWEAT	95-5 Tin-Antimony	150	250
	50-50 tin-Lead	125	150
	60-40 tin-Lead	75	250

SAFETY INSTRUCTION



This safety alert symbol will be used in this manual to draw attention to safety related instructions. When used, the safety alert symbol means.

ATTENTION! BECOME ALERT! YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED! FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN A SAFETY HAZARD.



CAUTION: All work must be performed by qualified personnel trained in the proper application, installation, and maintenance of systems in accordance with all applicable codes and ordinances.



CAUTION: If the DISCAL™ valve is not installed, commissioned and maintained properly, according to the instructions contained in this manual, it may not operate correctly and may endanger the user.



CAUTION: Make sure that all the connecting pipework is water tight.



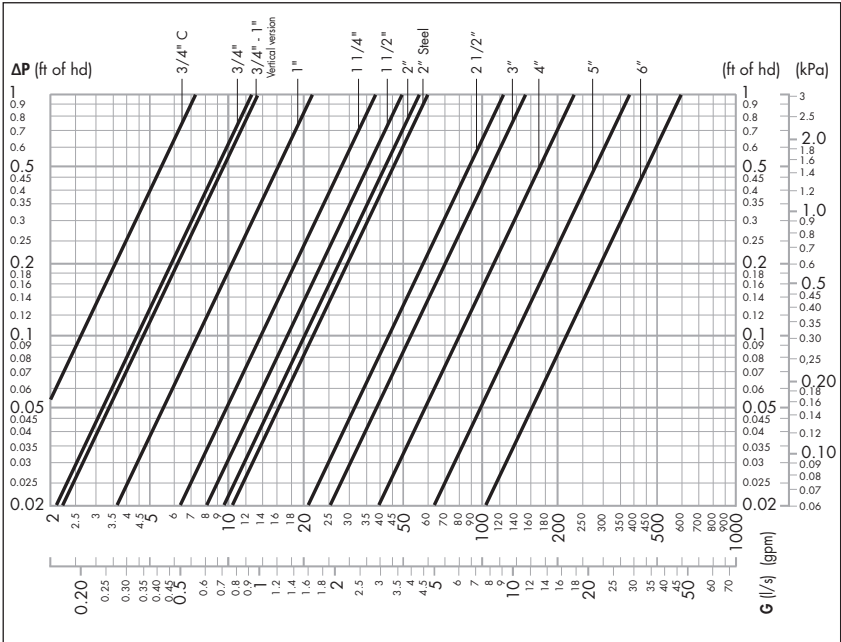
CAUTION: When making the water connections, make sure that the pipework connecting the DISCAL™ is not mechanically over-stressed. Over time this could cause breakages, with consequent water losses which, in turn, could cause harm to property and/or people.



CAUTION: Water temperatures higher than 100°F (38°C) can be dangerous. During the installation, commissioning and maintenance of the DISCAL™ valve, take the necessary precautions to ensure that such temperatures do not endanger people.

Leave this manual for the user

Hydraulic characteristics

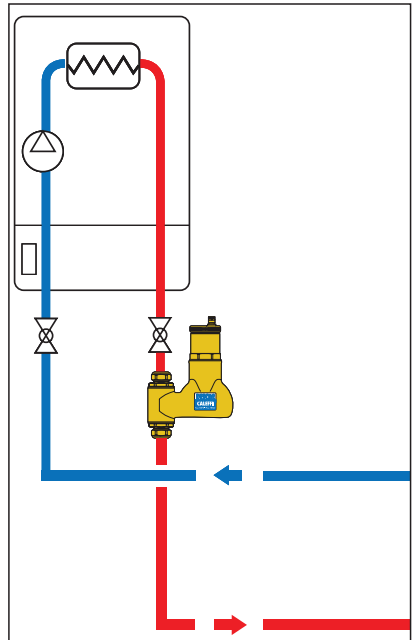
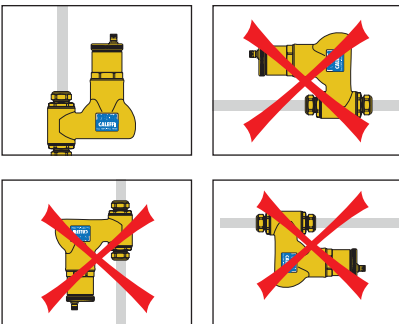
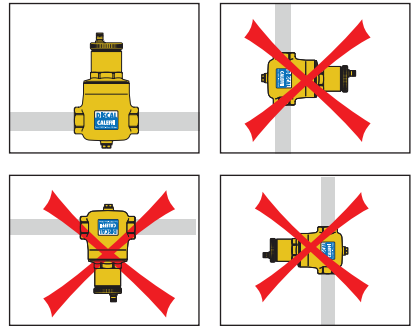
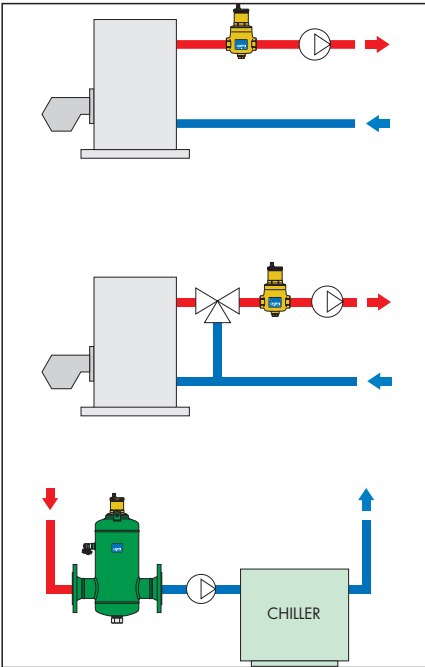


The fluid velocity at connections for Discal™ 551 series air separators is recommended to not exceed 10.0 f/s. Above this speed, heavy internal turbulence and noise can occur and air elimination efficiency begins to fall measurably. Optimal air elimination performance occurs at fluid velocities of 4.0 f/s or less. See the flow capacity chart.

		FLOW CAPACITY													
		BRASS						STEEL							
Optimal (4.0 f/s)	Size	3/4"C	3/4"	3/4"-1"	1"	1 1/4"	1 1/2"	2"	2"	2 1/2"	3"	4"	5"	6"	
	GPM	6.0	8.0	9.0	9.3	15.3	23.9	36.1	37.3	63.0	95	149	259	380	
Max. (10.0 f/s)	l/s	0.4	0.5	0.57	0.6	1.0	1.5	2.3	2.4	4.0	6.0	9.4	16.3	24.0	
	GPM	14.3	19.0	14.3	22.1	36.4	56.8	86.0	88.8	150.1	227.4	355.3	616.4	903.6	
	l/s	0.9	1.2	1.26	1.4	2.3	3.6	5.4	5.6	9.5	14.3	22.4	38.9	57.0	
		Cv	11.6	19.1	19.1	32.5	56.4	73.1	81	87	174	208	324	520	832

Installation

DISCAL™ units may be used in heating or cooling systems to ensure the progressive removal of air which is continuously formed. The units should preferably be installed after the boiler and on the pump suction side, as these are the points where the formation of micro-bubbles is greatest. DISCAL™ air separators for horizontal pipes must be installed vertically. Flow direction of the DISCAL™ air separator is bidirectional: flow in either direction is permitted. In installation conditions where inspection is not possible, it is recommended that the venting valve cap is replaced by a Caleffi Code R59681 hygroscopic safety vent. The standard replacement cap code is 59119.



Construction details

DISCAL™ air separators are designed to allow maintenance and cleaning without having to remove the valve body from the pipework. All DISCAL™ air separators (except vertical versions) come standard with a bottom connection for installing a drain valve. All internal air release control components are fully accessible in all the models.

The automatic air vent, located at the top of the units, has a long chamber for the movement of the float. This feature prevents any debris present in the water from reaching the sealing seat. A stainless steel float guide pin (3) prevents the float from sticking due to accumulating

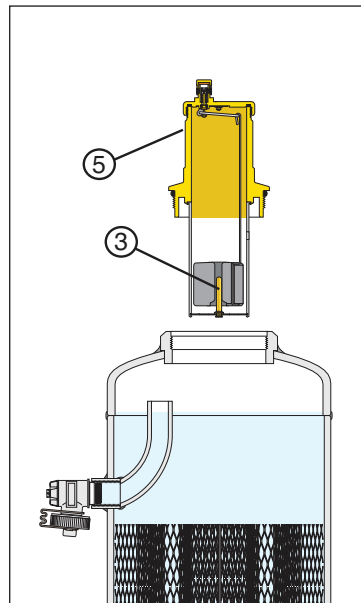
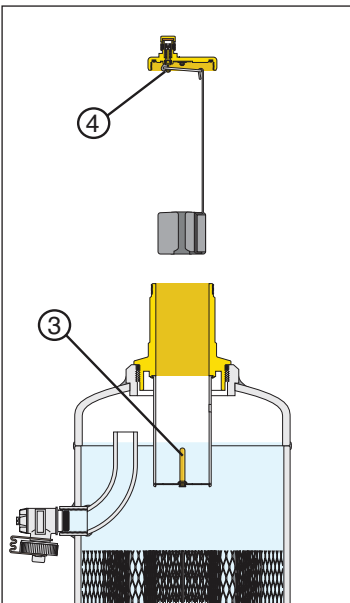


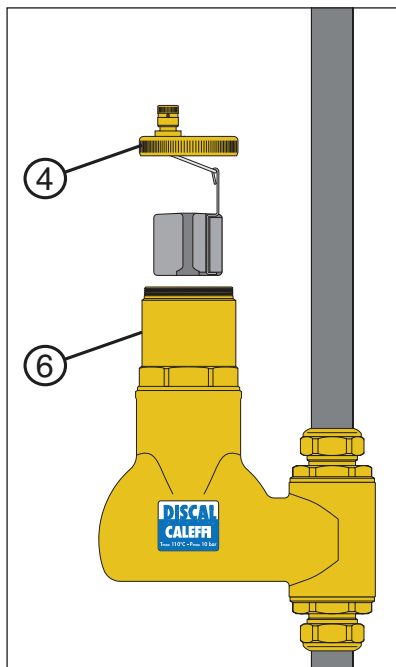
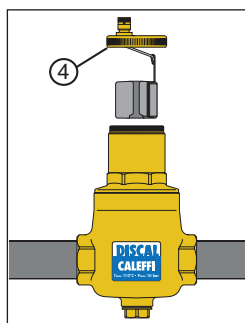
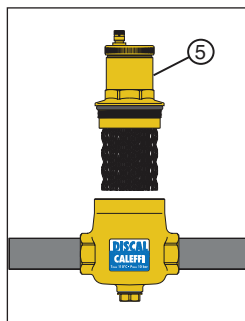
residue in the flowing fluids, even when the DISCAL™ air separator is not installed perfectly vertical.

A replacement air vent assembly for the DISCAL™ brass 551 series (except vertical and compact) is code 59829; for the DISCAL™ steel 551 and NA551 series is code 59756. The moving parts that control air venting are accessed simply by removing the upper cover (4). Replacement cap and float assembly for all versions of the brass DISCAL™ 551 and NA551 series is code F39807.



When cleaning, simply unscrew the portion of the body containing the automatic air vent (5). For the vertical and compact models without a drain, the element can be removed by removing the upper cover (4). There is no need to remove the air vent body for these models.





Accessories

Item	Code	Description
	561402A	Check valve for expansion tanks. 1/2" NPT connections.
	R59681	Hydroscopic safety vent cap.
	562100	Small anti-vacuum vent cap.
	59119	Replacement DISCAL™ air vent cap.



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