



WATER TREATMENT IN HVAC SYSTEMS

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AIR AND DIRT IN HVAC SYSTEMS

Heating systems are often subject to problems such as deposits and encrustations, loss of efficiency in heat exchange, high noise, breakage of appliances, blocking of lines. These problems are mostly caused by the quality of the water, by the presence of air and impurities that provoke the formation of encrustations and facilitate the phenomenon of corrosion.



Problems linked to the presence of air

The problems due to the air contained in hydronic systems can be serious and unpleasant both for the users and for the professionals who service the system. If these problems are not analysed thoroughly, they can often lead to solutions that are not decisive in the long term.

Initially it is very important to identify the phenomena that the air in the system can provoke.

Noise in the pipes and in the terminals

The air in the system causes noise in the pipes and in the regulating devices due to the presence of air bubbles, which are more evident in the phase of switching on the system, therefore at the time when the flow is beginning to move in the pipes.

Insufficient flow rates or total circulation blocks.

Circulation can be partially or totally blocked by air bubbles present in some points in the system. This phenomenon is particularly serious in systems with radiant panels.

Insufficient heat exchange between the emission terminals and the environment

The quantity of the heat that is transferred to the environment decreases considerably where there is air in the radiators or in the exchange batteries. A lower efficiency of the heating bodies can cause serious thermal imbalances and therefore insufficient comfort levels, as well as greater running costs.

Corrosion of the system

This is provoked by the oxygen present in the air and can lead to the weakening but also the breakage of components such as pipes, radiators and boiler heat exchangers.

Problems linked to the presence of dirt

The impurities suspended in the water of the hydronic circuits can cause a series of problems that should not be underestimated.

Corrosion due to differential ventilation

This is due to the fact that, in the presence of water, a layer of dirt on a metal surface leads to the formation of two zones (water/dirt and dirt/metal) with a different oxygen content; for this reason, localised batteries are activated with current flows that lead to corrosion of the metal surfaces.

Irregular operation of the valves

This is due to dirt which can adhere stubbornly to the valve seats and cause deformities in regulation and leaks.

Blocking and seizing the pumps

These are caused by dirt that circulates through the pumps and can build up in them, due both to the particular geometry of the pumps and to the effect of the magnetic fields generated by the pumps themselves.

Lower efficiency of the heat exchangers

Dirt deposits can appreciably reduce both the flow rates of the fluids and the heat exchanging surfaces.

	Devices for eliminating air			
Automatic air vents - ROBOCAL - MINICAL - VALCAL - MAXCAL - DISCALAIR®	5024 - 5025 - 5026 - 5027 series 5020 - 5021 series 5022 series 501 series 551 series			٢
Air vents for radiators - automatic - valves for radiators	504 - 507 series 505 - 5055 - 5054 - 5080 series			
Deaerators - for horizontal pipes - for vertical pipes	551 series 551 series			
Dev	vices for eliminating impuri	ties		
Dirt separators				
- standard	5462 series 5469 series	1 Alexandre	Ţ	
- with magnet	5463 series 5468 series 5466 series			†
- in polymer with magnet - in polymer under-boiler	5453 series 5451- 5452 - 5454 series			
Dirt separator strainer		N	â. "	
multifunction devicewith magnet self-cleaning or manual	5453 series 5790 series	N		
Strainers				
- oblique in bronze	577 series	-7 (0)	2500	
- oblique in cast iron	579 series			
Devices	s for eliminating air and im	purities		
Deaerator-dirt separators				
- standard	546 series			
- with magnet	5461 series		.	

THE PRESENCE OF AIR



The presence of air in air-conditioning systems is due to several causes:

- to the air not ejected during filling, that is the air that remains in non-vented niches, or in the highest part of the radiators, or even in pipes installed with a counter-slope.
- to the air sucked in from zones working with negative pressure. This air enters the system, instead of leaving it, through the normal venting systems.
- to the air dissolved in the water which the system is filled with: air dissolved in the water at the level of ions and molecules.

Air not ejected during filling: formation of bubbles

Before being started up, every hydronic system is obviously full of air. An inaccurate design/installation of the system that "foresees" particular routes for the lines can favour the entrapment of air during filling. In particular, the air tends to gather:

- in the upper part of the heating bodies;
- in pipe sectors that have to go round an obstacle;
- in long stretches of horizontal pipes that then turn downwards;
- in the upper part of the risers.



The air that enters during system operation

The air that enters during system operation is the air that can get in through the free surface of an open vessel (systems now little used), or that can filter through the venting systems, the gaskets and fittings if the system is working with negative pressure.

The latter case occurs when the sum of the static pressure of the system and the dynamic negative pressure induced by the pump is negative; this is possible especially in the higher parts of the system, that is where the static pressure is lower.

Generally, to understand whether a system is working with a negative pressure it is sufficient to open, for example, the valve on the highest radiator and to see whether water comes out or air goes in.

Air dissolved in a water solution: formation of micro-bubbles

The amount of air that can remain dissolved in a water solution depends on the pressure and temperature. This relationship is shown by Henry's law (the graph of which is provided), which links the water temperature to the number of litres of air dissolved in one m³ of water.

The air dissolved in the cold water used for filling or topping up is released principally when the water in the system is heated, for example in a 1000 l system (more or less a 100000 kcal/h system), when the filling water is heated from 20 to 80°C, at a constant pressure of 2 bar, from 17 to 18 litres of air are released.

This air appears in the system in the form of micro-bubbles.

In circuits of air-conditioning systems there are also specific points where this micro-bubble formation process takes place continuously: inside boilers and devices which operate under conditions of cavitation.





Micro-bubbles

These are very small air bubbles with diameters between 0,02 and 0,10 mm, in heating systems **they are formed on the internal surfaces of the boilers**; the heating fluid then drags these micro-bubbles into the system, where they are absorbed by the medium itself or they gather, forming air bubbles, in the most critical points of the system, for example in the highest zones of the radiators.

Boiler micro-bubbles

Micro-bubbles form continuously on the surfaces separating the water from the combustion chamber due to the high temperature of the medium. The phenomenon is similar to the one we can observe on the walls of a pan when we are heating water.

This air, carried by the water, collects at critical points of the circuit, from which it must be removed. Some of it is reabsorbed where it meets colder surfaces.

000 Flame temperature 1000°C Combustion chamber wall 0 0 Boundary layer FLAME WATER Micro-bubbles 0 Wall temperature 160°C Boundary layer temperature 156°C 0 00 Average water temperature 70°C

Problems linked to the presence of air in the systems

Insufficient heat exchange between the emission terminals

The thermal conductivity of air is notably lower than that of water. When the air collects in the highest points of the radiators or of the heat exchange batteries, the amount of heat that is transferred to the room decreases considerably. A lower efficiency of the heating bodies can cause serious thermal imbalances and therefore insufficient comfort levels, as well as greater running costs.



Noise in the heating bodies due to the passing of bubbles and micro-bubbles through the radiator valves and due to the formation of resonance chambers.



Cavitation phenomena that can compromise the duration and operation, especially of the pumps and regulating valves.



Total or partial blocks of circulation due to the formation of air bubbles in the pipes and in the panels, on both the floor and the wall.





Corrosion caused by the oxygen present in the air with consequent weakening, and sometimes even breaking, of boilers, pipes and radiators.



Devices for eliminating air bubbles

Automatic air vents

The accumulation of air bubbles in the valve body causes the float to drop so that the obturator opens automatically.

They are installed in the central heating system, on risers or in areas where bubbles collect.

There are various types which differ in the maximum working pressure and the air discharge pressure, as well as in the quantity of air that can be discharged with relation to the pressure existing in the system and the unit of time.

Correct valve operation is ensured as long as the water pressure remains under the maximum discharge pressure.

Standard and small air vents for radiators

These may be manually or automatically controlled. The automatic controls may have a float or hygroscopic disks.

In *manually operated valves* the handwheel is unscrewed until the air present in the heating body is completely ejected with the consequent beginning of the water escape.

Instead, the *valves with hydroscopic disks* have special disks that expand in contact with water, keeping the valve closed, while in contact with air they contract, thus ejecting the air.

The operation of *float valves* is substantially similar to that of automatic air vents: the accumulation of air bubbles in the cup causes the float to come down, thus opening the obturator.



	Air	vents with mediun discharge pressu	n-high Ire			Automatio of traditi	c air vents onal type		
Series	501	551	5022	5020	5020	5020	5020	5021	5021
	MAXCAL	DISCALAIR®	VALCAL			MINIC	AL		
		CALER							J.
Material	bra	ass	chrome plated brass	brass	chrome plated brass	brass	chrome plated brass	brass	chrome plated brass
Maximum working pressure	16 bar	101	bar	10 bar					
Maximum discharge pressure	6 bar	10 bar	4 bar			2.5	bar		
Maximum working temperature	-20–120°C	0–110°C	120°C		12	0°C		11	0°C
Automatic shut-off	-	-	optional	optional - 🖌			/		
Hygroscopic cap	-	optic	onal	optio	nal		~	optic	onal
Connections	3/4"	1/2"	1/4" - 3/8" - 1/2"	3/8" - 1/2"	3/8" - 1/2"	3/4" - 1"	3/4" - 1"	3/8" - 1/2"	3/8" - 1/2"

	Automatic air vents with float anti-vibration system							
Series	5024	5024 5025 5026 5027						
		ROBOCAL						
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Material		bra	SS					
Maximum working pressure		10	bar					
Maximum discharge pressure	4	bar	6	bar				
Maximum working temperature	115°C	110°C	115°C	110°C				
Automatic shut-off	optional	~	115°C	~				
Hygroscopic cap	-	-	-	-				
Connections	1/4" - 3/8"	3/8"	3/8" - 1/2"	3/8"				

Automatic shut-off cock

The automatic shut-off cock, the seal of which with the valve body is ensured by an EPDM O-ring, facilitates servicing operations, blocking the flow of water when the valve is deactivated, and the control of the functionality of the venting device.



Hygroscopic cap The operating principle is based on the properties of the cellulose fibre disks forming the retaining cartridge. These discs increase in volume by 50% when they come into contact with water, thus closing the valve. In this way, when the system is working in normal conditions, the disks are wet and, thanks to their increase in volume, they close the valve. Instead, when air is present, the disks dry and allow it to escape. This avoids any damage in the event of water leakage.

	Air vents for radiators			Air vent: radiate	s for ors	
Series	504	507	505	5055	5054	5080
	AERCAL					HYGRO
	Barry Contraction				(D)	()))
Material	chrome plated brass		chrome plated brass / technopolymer			
Maximum working pressure	10 bar		10 bar			
Maximum discharge pressure	2.5 bar	6 bar	-			
Maximum working temperature	100	0°C	90°C			100°C
Hygroscopic function	~	~		-		~
Operating mode	Automatic		Manual			Automatic hygroscopic
Drain positioning	Fix	ked	Fix	ked	Adjustable	Fixed
Connections	1/2" - 3/4" - 1"	1" - 1 1/4"	1/8" - 1/4" - 3/8" 1/8" - 1/4" - 3/8" -		1/2"	



AUTOMATIC AIR VENTS



501 tech. broch. 01031 MAXCAL

Automatic air vent for heating, air conditioning and refrigeration. High discharge capacity. Brass body and cover, stainless steel internal components. Max. working pressure: 16 bar. Max. discharge pressure: 6 bar. Temperature range: -20-120°C.

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5020 MINICAL

tech. broch. 01054

Automatic air vent. In hot-stamped brass. Chrome plated. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. discharge pressure: 2,5 bar. Max. working temperature: 120°C.



5020 31	3/8" M	
5020 41	1/2" M	

Code

Code **551**004

501500 3/4" F x 3/8" F



1/2"

551 tech. broch. 01124 **DISCAL**AIR® High performance automatic air vent. Brass body. Female connection.

Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. discharge pressure: 10 bar. Temperature range: 0-110°C.



5020 MINICAL

tech. broch. 01054

Automatic air vent. In hot-stamped brass. Chrome plated. With hygroscopic safety cap. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. discharge pressure: 2,5 bar. Max. working temperature: 120°C.



		CERTIFICATION MARK	
Code			
5020 51	3/4" M		

3/4″ M			
1" M			
	3/4 IVI 1" M	1" M	1" M



5022 VALCAL

tech. broch. 01054

Automatic air vent.

In hot-stamped brass. Chrome plated. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. discharge pressure: 4 bar. Max. working temperature: 120°C.



3/8" M

1/2" M

5020 MINICAL

tech. broch. 01054

Automatic air vent. In hot-stamped brass. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. discharge pressure: 2,5 bar. Max. working temperature: 120°C.



WRAS

Code **5020**30 **5020**40



5020 MINICAL

tech. broch. 01054

Automatic air vent. In hot-stamped brass. With hygroscopic safety cap. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. discharge pressure: 2,5 bar. Max. working temperature: 120°C.



Code			
5020 50	3/4" M		
5020 60	1" M		

Code		
5022 21	1/4" M	
5022 31	3/8" M	
5022 41	1/2" M	

AUTOMATIC AIR VENTS



3/8" M 1/2" M

Code **5021**30

502140

tech. broch. 01054

Automatic air vent. In hot-stamped brass. With automatic shut-off cock. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. discharge pressure: 2,5 bar. Max. working temperature: 110°C.



5021

MINICAL



5024 ROBOCAL

tech. broch. 01033

Automatic air vent. In hot-stamped brass. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. discharge pressure: 4 bar. Max. working temperature: 115°C.



Code			
5024 20	1/4" M		
5024 30	3/8" M		
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5021 tech. broch. 01054 MINICAL

Automatic air vent. In hot-stamped brass. Chrome plated. With automatic shut-off cock. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. discharge pressure: 2,5 bar. Max. working temperature: 110°C.



Code			
5021 31	3/8" M		
5021 41	1/2" M		



561 tech. broch. 01054

Automatic shut-off cock. For automatic air vents 5020 series. PTFE seal on thread. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. working temperature: 110°C.

Code	
561 300	3/8" M
561 400	1/2" M without PTFE seal



561 tech. broch. 01054

Automatic shut-off cock. For automatic air vents 5020 and 5022 series. Chrome plated. PTFE seal on thread. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. working temperature: 110°C.

Code	
561 301	3/8" M
561 401	1/2" M without PTFE seal



5025 ROBOCAL

tech. broch. 01033

Automatic air vent. In hot-stamped brass. With automatic shut-off cock. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. discharge pressure: 4 bar. Max. working temperature: 110°C.



Code

3/8" M **5025**30



5026 ROBOCAL

tech. broch. 01033

Automatic air vent. In hot-stamped brass. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. discharge pressure: 6 bar. Max. working temperature: 115°C.



CERTIFICATION MARK

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5026 30	3/8" M	
5026 40	1/2" M	



5027 ROBOCAL

tech. broch. 01033

Automatic air vent. In hot-stamped brass. With automatic shut-off cock. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. discharge pressure: 6 bar. Max. working temperature: 110°C.



Code **5027**30 3/8" M

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END PLUG FOR RADIATORS WITH AUTOMATIC AIR VENT



507 **AERCAL®**

tech. broch. 01032

End plug for radiators with automatic air vent. In hot-stamped brass. Chrome plated. With hygroscopic safety cap. With rubber seal. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. discharge pressure: 6 bar. Max. working temperature: 100°C.

ACCESSORIES FOR AUTOMATIC VALVES



R59720 tech. broch. 01032 **AQUASTOP®**

Hygroscopic safety cap. For end plugs 507 series. Chrome plated.

Code R59720

Code		
507 611	1" M right	
507 621	1" M left	
507 711	1 1/4" M right	
507 721	1 1/4" M left	

R59681 **AQUASTOP®**

tech. broch. 01054

Hygroscopic safety cap. For automatic air vents 5020 and 5021 series.

Code R59681

Code **5620**00



504 tech. broch. 01055 **AERCAL®**

Automatic air vent for radiators. In hot-stamped brass. Chrome plated. With hygroscopic safety cap. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. discharge pressure: 2,5 bar. Max. working temperature: 100°C.



5620 **AQUASTOP®**

tech. broch. 01054

Hygroscopic safety cap. For automatic air vents 5020, 5021, 5022 and 504 series. Chrome plated.

Code **504**401 1/2" M **504**501 3/4" M 504611 1" M right **504**621 1" M left



5621 **AQUASTOP®**

tech. broch. 01054

Anti-vacuum cap. For automatic air vents 5020, 5021 and 5022 series.

Code **5621**00



5622

tech. broch. 01033

Anti-vacuum cap. For automatic air vents 5024, 5025, 5026 and 5027 series.

Code **5622**00

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AIR VENTS AND DRAIN COCKS



505

tech. broch. 01056

Manual air vent for radiators. Chrome plated. White POM (acetal resin) knob. PTFE seal on thread. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. working temperature: 90°C.



1/8" M

1/4" M

3/8" M

1/2" M

5080

tech. broch. 01056

Automatic hygroscopic air vent for radiators. Chrome plated. White POM (acetal resin) knob. PTFE seal on thread. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. working temperature: 100°C.

Code		
505 111	1/8" M	
505 121	1/4" M	
505 131	3/8" M	



5081 tech. broch. 01056 Spare hygroscopic cartridge

for 5080 series.

Code

Code 508011

508021

508031

508041

508100 12 p.1,5



337 Drain cock.

Adjustable outlet. PTFE seal on thread. Max. working pressure: 6 bar. Max. working temperature: 85°C. Medium: water, glycol solutions. Max. percentage of glycol: 30%.

Code

337 121	1/4"			
337 131	3/8"			



337

Drain cock with metal seal. **Adjustable outlet**. PTFE seal on thread. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. working temperature: 100°C.



 Code

 337221
 1/4"

 337231
 3/8"

560



tech. broch. 01056

Drain cock for radiators and wall-mounted boilers. Chrome plated. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. working temperature: 100°C.

560401 •

Code

560 421 ♦	1/2"
560 000	extractor drain hose

One extractor drain hose code 560000 is included in each 10-item package



5055 tech. broch. 01056

Manual air vent for radiators. Rubber seal. Chrome plated. White POM (acetal resin) knob. PTFE seal on thread. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. working temperature: 90°C.

Code

5055 11	1/8" M	
5055 21	1/4" M	
5055 31	3/8" M	
5055 41	1/2" M	

Manual air vent for radiators 5055 series

The identifying detail of this valve is an internal seal in a special elastic material which provides a tight seal in relation to limited tightening of the knob and possible temperature changes.





The knob of the valve is shaped so as to be similar in appearance to Caleffi thermostatic valve heads, which enhances the uniformity of the radiator component range.

For all the radiator air vents, the knob should be tightened with the system still cold.



5054

tech. broch. 01056

Manual air vent for radiators. Chrome plated. White POM (acetal resin) knob. **Adjustable outlet**. PTFE seal on thread. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. working temperature: 90°C.

Code		
5054 11	1/8" M	
5054 21	1/4" M	
5054 31	3/8" M	
5054 41	1/2" M	

Devices for eliminating micro-bubbles: deaerators



To avoid or minimise the phenomena considered, it is advisable to equip the systems with deaerators: suitable means for eliminating air micro-bubbles and composed essentially of an appropriate net and an air vent.

The deaerators make the systems work with water with a low air content that is thus able to absorb, and then eliminate, the air bubbles lurking in critical zones in the systems.

Operating principle

The deaerator utilises the combined action of several physics principles. The active part consists of a set of concentric mesh surfaces. These elements create the swirling movements required to facilitate the release of micro-bubbles and their adhesion to the surfaces.

The bubbles, fusing with each other, increase in volume until the hydrostatic thrust is sufficient to overcome the force of adhesion to the structure. They then rise towards the top of the device and are expelled through a float-operated automatic air vent.

It is designed in such a way that the direction in which the medium is flowing inside it makes no difference.





Air separation efficiency

The amount of air that can be removed from a circuit depends on different parameters: it increases as the circulation speed and the pressure decrease.

Thanks to the section's enlargement $(A_2>A_1)$, the medium speed decreases $(V_2<V_1)$. This feature, combined with the swirling movements created by a concentric mesh surface, allows an efficient air separation and the release of microbubbles.



Recomended speeds

The optimal recommended flow speed at the device connections is \sim 1,2 m/s. This allows an efficient air separation.

The maximum recommended flow speed at the device connections is $\sim\!1,5\mbox{ m/s}$

Recommended flow rates for good separation efficiency

The following table shows the maximum flow rates in order to meet this requirement.

DN	Connections	l/min	m³/h
20	3/4"	22,70	1,36
25	1"	35,18	2,11
32	1 1/4"	57,85	3,47
40	1 1/2"	90,33	5,42
50	2"	136,60	8,20
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DN	l/min	m³/h
50	141,2	8,47
65	238,6	14,32
80	361,5	21,69
100	564,8	33,89
125	980,0	58,80
150	1436,6	86,20
200	2433,0	146,0
250	3866,0	232,0
300	5461,0	325,0

After just 25 recirculations at the maximum recommended speed, almost all the air introduced into the circuit is eliminated by the DISCAL[®] deaerator, with variable percentages according to the pressure within the circuit. The small amount which remains is then gradually eliminated

The small amount which remains is then gradually eliminated during normal system operation. In conditions where the speed is slower or the temperature of the medium is higher, the amount of air separated is even greater.

Systems with glycol solutions

It is also useful to use deaerators in systems with antifreeze mixtures of water and glycol.

Water-glycol mixtures are highly viscous and therefore have a strong tendency to trap both air bubbles and micro-bubbles, preventing their elimination.



Installation

DISCAL[®] units may be used in both heating and 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[®] deaerators must be installed in a ver tical position, and preferably upstream of the pump where, due to the high speed of the medium and the ensuing drop in pressure, air micro-bubbles develop more easily. The flow direction of the medium is not important in DISCAL[®] devices.









COMPOSITE DEAERATORS



3/4" F

551

DISCALSLIM®

PATENT PENDING.

Deaerator. Technopolymer body.

With hygroscopic safety cap.

Max. working pressure: 3 bar.

Max. working temperature: 110°C.

Adjustable for horizontal and vertical pipes.

1" F

Code 551805

Code

551801

551802

551806

551 DISCALSLIM®

tech. broch. 01337

tech. broch. 01337

Deaerator. Technopolymer body. **Adjustable for horizontal and vertical pipes.** With hygroscopic safety cap. Max. working pressure: 3 bar. Max. working temperature: 110°C. PATENT PENDING. d'

Insulation for deaerators DISCALSLIM[®] 551 series.

Code CBN551805

Operating principle

Thanks to its special internal configuration, $\mathsf{DISCALSLIM}^{\circledast}$ has a very low pressure drop.

The internal shape deviates a part of flow in the deaeration chamber. In the above mentioned chamber the flow slows down and is subdivided by the fins present in secondary chambers which cause



appropriate turbulences. Thanks to these mini-vortices, the micro bubbles of air present in the flow are separated, collected in the lower part of the chamber, and after aggregating into larger bubbles, they rise upwards through the drain ducts located aside the float. Once the top of the valve is reached, the aggregate bubbles push the float downwards, causing the air vent to open and therefore to discharge the air.





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551 DISCAL®

tech. broch. 01060

Deaerator. Brass body. **Adjustable for horizontal and vertical pipes**. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. discharge pressure: 10 bar. Temperature range: 0–110°C.

 Code

 551705
 3/4" F

 551706
 1" F

 551716
 1" M

 551702
 Ø 22

 551703
 Ø 28



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551 DISCAL®

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tech. broch. 01060

Brass body. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. discharge pressure: 10 bar. Temperature range: 0–110°C.

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551 003	3/4" F	
551 002	Ø 22	

Deaerator.



551 DISCAL®

tech. broch. 01060

Deaerator. Brass body. With drain. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. discharge pressure: 10 bar. Temperature range: 0–110°C.

Code		
551 005	3/4" F	
551 006	1" F	
551 007	1 1/4" F	
551 008	1 1/2" F	
551 009	2" F	



Insulation for deaerators 551 series.

Code Use

CBN551005	551005-551006
CBN551007	551007-551008
CBN551009	551009

DEAERATORS

tech. broch. 01060



DISCAL® Deaerator. Epoxy resin coated steel body. Flanged connections PN 16. To be coupled with flat counterflanges EN 1092-1. With insulation. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. discharge pressure: 10 bar.

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Temperature range: 0-105°C (DN 50-DN 100), 0-100°C (DN 125-DN 150).

0-110°C (without insulation).



551 **DISCAL®**

tech. broch. 01060

Deaerator. Epoxy resin coated steel body.

Weld ends

With insulation.

Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. discharge pressure: 10 bar. Temperature range: 0–105°C (DN 50–DN 100), 0–100°C (DN 125–DN 150). 0-110°C (without insulation).

Code		
551 052	DN 50	
551 062	DN 65	
551 082	DN 80	
551 102	DN 100	
551 122	DN 125	
551 152	DN 150	
551 050	DN 50	without insulation
551 060	DN 65	without insulation
551 080	DN 80	without insulation
551 100	DN 100	without insulation
551 120	DN 125	without insulation
551 150	DN 150	without insulation

Code		
551 053	DN 50	
551 063	DN 65	
551 083	DN 80	
551 103	DN 100	
551 123	DN 125	
551 153	DN 150	
551 051	DN 50	without insulation
551 061	DN 65	without insulation
551 081	DN 80	without insulation
551 101	DN 100	without insulation
551 121	DN 125	without insulation
551 151	DN 150	without insulation



551 tech. broch. 01060 **DISCAL®**

Deaerator. Epoxy resin coated steel body. Flanged connections PN 10. To be coupled with flat counterflanges EN 1092-1 Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. discharge pressure: 10 bar. Temperature range: 0–110°C. Temperature probe connection: 1/2" F.

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Hot pre-formed shell insulation ensures not only perfect thermal insulation, but also the tightness required to prevent atmospheric water vapour from entering the unit. For this reason, this type of insulation may also be used in cooling water **circuits** as it prevents condensation from forming on the surface of the valve body.

Code

551 200	DN 200		
551 250	DN 250		
551 300	DN 300		

Maintenance

The moving parts that control the air venting are accessed simply by removing the upper cover.



When cleaning, simply unscrew the part of the body containing the automatic air vent.





THE PRESENCE OF IMPURITIES



The presence of impurities is due to:

- particles arriving from the water supply mains,
- dirt resulting from processing and from the system components,
- corrosion due to differential ventilation,
- the oxidation of the metal surfaces caused by the oxygen present in the dissolved air.

Particles arriving from the mains, from processing and from the system components

These consist of sealing residue (hemp, PTFE tape), lubricants (oil and grease), impurities left by materials (metal burrs, casting sand, clots and flakes of paint).

Corrosion due to differential ventilation

Corrosion due to differential ventilation is caused by the fact that, in the presence of water, a layer of dirt on a metal surface leads to the formation of two zones (water/dirt and dirt/metal) with a different oxygen content.

The water/dirt zone is appreciably richer in oxygen than the dirt/metal zone. For this reason, localised batteries are activated (the cathodes are the zones rich in oxygen, the anodes are the poor zones), with current flows that lead to corrosion of the metal surfaces.

Like corrosion due to oxidation, this can lead to the weakening, but also the breaking, of components such as boilers and radiators.



Corrosion due to oxidation of the metal surfaces

This is caused by the presence of air, and therefore of oxygen, in the water.

A thin film of oxide which, within limits, protects the metal form corrosion, forms on the metal surface. This patina usually has a different colour from the original metal, and with time it tends to change further, generally becoming lighter or darker. In this case we speak of an oxidised (or coated) surface, a surface which, from the point of view of colour, is transforming continuously. If the protective patina deteriorates for any reason, the corrosion continues until it makes a hole in the metal.



These are suspended particles (sand, iron chips, foreign bodies) originating from the water mains (aqueduct) or as residue from processing and system maintenance (welding residue, hemp, lubricants). These particles are deposited and form encrustations that cause clogging of the pipes, the heat exchangers and the components with small passages, with consequent blocks of circulation.



Micro-particles of dirt



For systems, not only visible dirt can be a hazard, but also nonvisible dirt, consisting of micro-particles with dimensions of up to $5-10 \ \mu m$ (0,005–0,010 mm), such as magnetite and rust. Corrosion produces and releases in the water both non-magnetic iron dust (rust) and magnetic dust (magnetite, which forms in tiny flakes and possesses very high magnetic properties).



Irregular operation of the valves due to dirt which can adhere stubbornly to the valve seats and cause both problems in regulation and leaks. **Insufficient heat exchange** due to the presence of dirt in the lower part of the radiator.

Lower efficiency of the heat exchangers due to the reduction of flow rates and of the heat exchanging surfaces.





Blocking and seizing of the pumps caused by dirt that can build up in them, due both to the particular geometry of the pumps and to the effect of the magnetic fields generated by the pumps themselves.



Corrosion caused by oxidation and differential ventilation with consequent weakening, and sometimes even breaking, of boilers, pipes and radiators.



Encrustations and deposits in the pipes can appreciably reduce the section of the passage and therefore the flows of medium.



The separation of the impurities in the water of the closed circuit presents difficulties especially as regards the elimination of the smallest particles, consisting essentially of sand, rust (non-magnetic iron oxides) and magnetite.

The following are generally used to eliminate these particles: **Y-strainers, simple dirt separators (horizontal and vertical) and dirt separators** with a magnet. Since the main objective is to preserve the heat exchangers of heat generators against blocking and clogging, it is advisable to install strainers and dirt separators on the return line before the generator.



Medium/large systems: installation of a strainer on the filling line and of a dirt separator or dirt separator strainer on the system.



Small systems: installation of a multi-function device (dirt separator strainer) or of a compact under-boiler dirt separator.

The operating principle of strainers and dirt separators is completely different; for this reason, refer to the sections below for further information.

Strainers

Filtration is a physical-mechanical process in which a moving medium separates from the solid particles dispersed in it thanks to their being captured by a porous filtering strainer through which the medium is passed.

Operating principle

They are composed essentially of a metal mesh basket that acts as a filtering element and a dirt collector.

The metal mesh is characterised by various parameters, one of the most important of which is the mesh size (or filtering capacity): it indicates the minimum dimensions of the particles that the strainer is able to intercept.

For example, a strainer with mesh size 0,4 mm (400 $\mu\text{m})$ is able to capture dirt particles from that value upward.

The strainer therefore holds back at the first passage all the particles larger than the diameter of the strainer mesh.

Head losses

Due to the passage through the strainer mesh, a head loss is produced in the medium which increases as the degree of clogging increases.

A strainer (size 1") with mesh size 400 μm has a head loss (with clean strainer) of about 180 mm w.g. in a system with a flow rate of 1500 l/h.

Its head loss with 70% clogging increases by more than 4 times, amounting to about 810 mm w.g..

It is extremely important to carry out periodic maintenance of the strainer.

Dirt separation efficiency

The strainers block at the first passage all the particles with dimensions larger than the mesh size.

The limit of these devices lies in the fact that they are not able to intercept, and thus remove from circulation, particles of dirt smaller than that value (generally, for air-conditioning systems, 0,4–0,5 mm, that is $400-500 \ \mu$ m).

As a result they are not sufficiently able to combat particles of fine sand, rust and magnetite.

It should also be considered that the intercepted particles adhere to the basket, often stubbornly, considerably increasing the head losses of the strainer: this situation requires frequent interventions to clean or replace the basket.









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Y-strainer. Bronze body, 1/2"-2": PN 16, 2 1/2" - 3": PN 10. Female connections. Temperature range: -20–110°C. Max. percentage of glycol: 30%. Strainer in stainless steel stretched plate.

Code		Mesh size Ø (mm)	Kv (m³/h)	
577 004	1/2"	0,40	3,4	
577 005	3/4"	0,40	7	
577 006	1"	0,40	10	
577 007	1 1/4"	0,47	16	
577 008	1 1/2"	0,47	24	
577 009	2"	0,53	35	
577 020	2 1/2"	0,53	57	
577 030	3"	0,53	73	



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Y strainer for heating systems. Grey cast iron body, grey epoxy coating. Max. working pressure: 16 bar. Temperature range: -10–100°C. Max. percentage of glycol: 50%. Flanged connections PN 16. To be coupled with flat counterflanges EN 1092-1. Filtering mesh in stainless steel AISI 304.

Code		Mesh size Ø (mm)	Kv (m³/h)	
579 051	DN 50	0,87	54	
579 061	DN 65	0,87	76	
579 081	DN 80	1,55	108	
579 101	DN 100	1,55	170	
579 121	DN 125	1,55	295	
579 151	DN 150	1,55 *	408	
579 201**	DN 200	1,55 *	725	
579 251**	DN 250	1,55 *	938	

* Rhomboidal reinforcing mesh

** Blue epoxy coating

Dirt separators

Dirt separation is a physical treatment similar to filtration but more effective from the point of view of particle dimensions. Exploiting the principle of precipitation by gravity, it is able to separate and deposit even particles with dimensions down to 0,005 mm (5 µm).

Operating principle

The action of separating impurities carried out by the dirt separator is based on the combined action of several phenomena: the reduction of the speed of the medium favours the precipitation by gravity of the dirt particles into the collection chamber.

- The dirt collection chamber has the following features:
- it is located at the bottom of the device, at such a distance from the connections that the collected impurities are not affected by the swirling of the flow through the mesh;
- it is large enough to increase the dirt accumulating capacity, which means emptying/discharging procedures are required less often (in contrast to strainers, which need to be frequently cleaned);
 it has a drain cock for discharging the impurities collected in the lower part even while the system is operating.

The internal element with reticular surfaces instead of the ordinary strainer, due to its constitution, opposes a low resistance to the passage of the medium, while still guaranteeing separation. This occurs due to the particles colliding with the reticular surfaces and then settling, and not by filtration.

In subsequent passages, the dirt separator completely eliminates the impurities present in the water down to a rated dimension of 5 μ m.

VERSION WITH MAGNET

As well as the traditional functional characteristic of dirt separation, the magnetic dirt separator is equipped with a special system for collecting the ferromagnetic impurities contained in the circuit water. A special ring, with two housings for holding the magnets, is located on the outside of the device body, in the impurity collecting area. Ferromagnetic particles are thus retained in the collection chamber and prevented from returning to circulation.

In the flanged version, the magnetic element consists of an articulated cylinder inserted in the device by means of a pocket.







Particle separation capacity

The Caleffi dirt separator, thanks to the special design of its internal element, is able to completely separate the impurities in the circuit down to a minimum particle size of 5 μ m.

Tests performed in a specialist lab (TNO - Science and Industry - NL) established that the Caleffi dirt separator can quickly remove almost all impurities after just 50 recirculations, i.e. about one day of operation. Up to 100% impurities with a particle diameter greater than 100 μ m are removed from the circuit and on average up to 80% considering the smallest particles.

The continual passing of the medium during normal operation of the system gradually leads to complete dirt removal.





Tests in the specialised laboratory TNO - Science and Industry (NL)

DIRT SEPARATORS



3/4" F

1 1/4" F

1 1/2" F

1" F

2" F

Code 546205

546206

546207

546208

546209

tech. broch. 01137

Dirt separator. Brass body. Drain cock with hose connection. Top connection with plug. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Temperature range: $O-110^{\circ}C$. Particle separation rating down to 5 μ m.

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DIRTCAL®



5469 DIRTCAL®

tech. broch. 01137

Dirt separator for vertical pipes. Brass body. Drain cock with hose connection. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Temperature range: 0–110°C.



 Code

 546905
 3/4" F

 546906
 1" F

 546902
 Ø 22



Pre-formed insulation for dirt separators 5462 and 5463 series.

Code	Use
CBN546205	546205-546206-546305-546306
CBN546207	546207-546208-546307-546308
CBN546209	546209-546205-546309

Discharge and maintenance

The collected impurities are discharged, even with the system running, by opening the drain cock located in the lower part of the collection chamber.



In threaded versions, the collection chamber is easy to inspect by unscrewing it from the valve body for any servicing of the internal element required in the event of obstruction by fibres or large dirt particles.



DIRT SEPARATORS WITH MAGNET



5463 **DIRTMAG®**

tech. broch. 01137

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Dirt separator with magnet.

Brass body. Drain cock with hose connection. Top connection with plug. With pre-formed insulation. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Temperature range: 0–110°C. Particle separation rating down to 5 µm.



DN 65

DN 80

DN 100

DN 125

DN 150

5466 tech. broch. 01137 **DIRTMAG®**

Dirt separator with magnet. Epoxy resin coated steel body. Flanged connections PN 16. To be coupled with flat counterflanges EN 1092-1 With pre-formed insulation. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Temperature range: 0-100°C. Particle separation rating down to 5 µm.

Code			
5463 15	3/4"		
5463 16	1"		
5463 17	1 1/4"		
5463 18	1 1/2"		
5463 19	2"		
5463 05	3/4"	without insulation	
5463 06	1"	without insulation	
5463 07	1 1/4"	without insulation	
5463 08	1 1/2"	without insulation	
5463 09	2"	without insulation	

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DIRTMAG®

for vertical pipes.

Brass body.

Dirt separator with magnet

Drain cock with hose connection.

Max. working pressure: 10 bar.

Temperature range: 0-110°C.



5466 tech. broch. 01137 **DIRTMAG®**

Dirt separator with magnet. Epoxy resin coated steel body. Flanged connections PN 10. To be coupled with flat counterflanges EN 1092-1. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Temperature range: 0–100°C. Temperature probe connection: 1/2" F

Particle separation rating down to 5 µm.



Ø 28 mm

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Code			
5468 05	3/4" F	 	
5468 06	1" F	 	
5468 02	Ø 22 mm		



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546610

546612

546615

Code		
5466 20	DN 200	
5466 25	DN 250	
5466 30	DN 300	

The outer magnetic ring can also be removed from the body to allow the decantation and subsequent expulsion of sludge while the system is still running.



In the flanged version, the magnet is inserted in a special pocket and is articulated so that it can be extracted easily. This characteristic facilitates removal and reduces the space required for maintenance.





COMPOSITE UNDER-BOILER DIRT SEPARATORS WITH MAGNET

	0	5451 DIRTMAGSLIM®	ech. broch. 01327
		Dirt separator with magnet for under-boiler installation. Technopolymer body. Drain cock with hose connection Fitting for wall connection: 3/4" Fitting for boiler connection: 3/ Max. working pressure: 3 bar. Temperature range: 0–90°C	on. M. 4"F.
Code	Wall connection	Boiler connection	
5451 05	3/4" M	3/4" F	



5451 tech. broch. 01327 DIRTMAGSLI////®

Dirt separator **with magnet** for under-boiler installation. Technopolymer body. Drain cock with hose connection. Fitting for wall connection: 3/4" M. Fitting for boiler connection: Ø 18 and Ø 22 mm copper pipe. Maximum working pressure: 3 bar.



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Code	Wall connection	Boiler connection	PENDING
5451 01	3/4" M	Ø 18	
5451 02	3/4" M	Ø 22	

Temperature range: 0-90°C.



Code

545135

5451 DIRTMAGSLIM®

Dirt separator **with magnet** for under-boiler installation. Suitable for non-linear installations, with crossed pipes. Technopolymer body. Drain cock with hose connection. Fitting for wall connection: 3/4" M. Fitting for boiler connection with flexible pipe: 3/4" F. Max. working pressure: 3 bar. Temperature range: 0–90°C.

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Boiler connection	

3/4" M 3/4" F

Wall connection



5451 DIRTMAGSLIM®

Dirt separator **with magnet** for under-boiler installation. Suitable for non-linear installations, with crossed pipes. Technopolymer body. Drain cock with hose connection. Fitting for wall connection: 3/4" M. Fitting for boiler connection with flexible pipe: 3/4" F.

Max. working pressure: 3 bar. Temperature range: 0–90°C.

PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PENDING

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Code	Wall connection	Boiler connection	APPLICATION PENDING
5451 55	3/4" M	3/4" F	

Installation code 545105



Installation code 545101



Installation code 545135



Installation code 545115



COMPOSITE UNDER-BOILER DIRT SEPARATORS WITH MAGNET



5454 tech. broch. 01327 DIRTMAGSL//M®

Dirt separator **with magnet** for under-boiler installation. Specific configuration for installation with **Vaillant boilers with horizontal connections in new line template**. Technopolymer body. Drain cock with hose connection. Fitting for wall connection: 3/4" M. Fitting for boiler connection: 3/4" F. Max. working pressure: 3 bar. Temperature range: 0–90°C.



Code	Wall connection	Boiler connection
5454 55	3/4" M	3/4" F





Dirt separator with magnet

for under-boiler installation. Specific configuration for installation with Vaillant boilers with horizontal connections in old W inverted template.

Technopolymer body. Drain cock with hose connection. Fitting for wall connection: 3/4" M. Fitting for boiler connection: 3/4" F. Max. working pressure: 3 bar. Temperature range: 0–90°C.

Boiler connection 3/4" F

Protective cover.

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Code Wall connection 545255 3/4" M



Code

545100

Operating principle

The **DIRTMAGS**LIM® magnetic dirt separator removes and collects impurities present in the circuit thanks to an internal deflector located in the medium flow. This device creates turbulence in the medium that helps to transfer impurities to the decanting chamber where, thanks to the low medium velocity, the particles are captured and unable to return to the circuit. This operating principle makes it possible to keep the head loss inside the device to the minimum. Separation efficacy is enhanced by the presence of an external magnetic collar.

Installation code 545455



Installation code 545255



Installation code 545100





DIRT SEPARATORS IN COMPOSITE WITH MAGNET



5453 tech. broch. 01240

DIRTMAG®

Dirt separator **with magnet**. Technopolymer body. **Adjustable for horizontal and vertical pipes**. Drain cock with hose connection. Max. working pressure: 3 bar. Temperature range: 0–90°C.

PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

Code				
5453 05	3/4" F			
5453 06	1" F			
5453 02	Ø 22			
5453 03	Ø 28			



Insulation for dirt separator 5453 series.

Code

CBN545305

Operating principle

As well as the traditional functional characteristic of dirt separation, the magnetic dirt separator in polymer is equipped with a special patented system for collecting the ferromagnetic impurities contained in the circuit water.

The impurities in the water, on striking the internal reticular surfaces, get separated, dropping into the bottom of the body where they are collected. Ferrous impurities are also trapped inside the dirt separator body, thanks to the action of the two magnets inserted in a special removable outer ring.

The large internal volume of the DIRTMAG® slows down the flow speed of the medium thus helping, by gravity, to separate the contained particles.

Separation of ferrous impurities

This series of dirt separators, fitted with a magnet, offer greater efficiency in the separation and collection of ferrous impurities.

The impurities are trapped inside the dirt separator body by the strong magnetic field created by the magnets inserted in the special outer ring.

The outer ring can also be removed from the body to allow their decantation and subsequent expulsion while the system is still running. Since the magnetic ring is positioned outside the dirt separator body, the hydraulic characteristics of the device are not altered.

Adjusting the body to horizontal and vertical pipes

Thanks to the special coupling between the locking nut and the tee fitting, the DIRTMAG[®] dirt separator can be adjusted (1) for installation to both horizontal (2) and vertical (3) pipes, keeping the same operating features.









THE CHEMICAL TREATMENT OF WATER

The purely chemical treatment of water is considered an internal treatment and requires the addition of specific products able to perform different functions.

Cleaning the system

This category includes all products dedicated to the removal of dirt and deposits, metal oxides, greases, oils and processing residues in new and existing systems. Depending on their formulation they can be more or less "aggressive" in order to remove dirt and sludge even in totally compromised systems.

System protection

This category is very wide but among the most known and used products there are corrosion and fouling inhibitors for radiator or radiant panel systems, biocides and products with antifreeze function.

Maintaining the system efficiency

In this category there are all the products dedicated to perform targeted actions such as sealants (to eliminate small leaks of water from the system), noise reducers (to eliminate the annoying fouled boiler noise) and pH stabilizers (to maintain the circuit pH value in the optimal range).

Products for cleaning the system CLEANEŘ

On the market there are three macro categories of products for the systems cleaning and flushing:

- acids, weak or strong. They allow to restore the circuit functionality in a short time but are not recommended in the presence of circuits with galvanized or metal components in general because the risk of corrosion is high.
- sequestrants. They bind to the substances present in the water with more or less stable bonds but still able to remove the particles from the water solution and prevent its aggregation. They are not aggressive products and do not affect metals. Acting at the "ions" (molecular particles) level, the "sequestered" particles, being very small, can not, however, be retained by the traditional filtration systems. Therefore, using sequestrants, it is necessary to completely drain the system after flushing.
- dispersants. They adhere to any substance in the water inducing an electrical charge that prevents the particles from aggregating creating a sort of repulsion between them. As they act on the particles it is possible to retain and eliminate them through the common filtration systems. They also have a corrosion-proof effect and are kept stable with temperature. It is therefore not necessary to drain these products after cleaning the system. However, it is advisable to drain the impurities retained by the filtration systems during the cleaning.

Corrosion and fouling inhibitors INHIBITOR

They are the most popular products among those dedicated to system protection.

Corrosion and fouling inhibitors can act for:

- adsorption. A chemical-physical interaction is created between the product and the metal.
- precipitation. Also called "filming" because they create a protective film on the system pipes and components so as not to allow the deposit of material.

Often these products also contain chemicals that can regulate the water pH.

As heating and cooling systems are made of many different metals, the corrosion inhibitor must be compatible with all metal materials but also with plastic, rubber, diaphragms and seals. It is preferable to add the inhibitors after having carried out an accurate cleaning and flushing of the system with specific products, in order to eliminate most of the impurities present in the circuit. Once a year it is useful to check the concentration of the product inside the system in order to keep it always within the optimal working limits.

System flushing and water treatment

Stop the circulator, close the shut-off ball valves and drain the water out of the dirt separator.



Add C3 CLEANER, using the dirt separator as a convenient point of access to the circuit.



Allow to circulate through the system for 1 hour. Stop the circulator and drain the circuit until clean water comes out.

Close the shut-off ball valves and fill with C1 INHIBITOR via the dirt separator.



DIRT SEPARATORS IN COMPOSITE WITH MAGNET





Insulation for dirt separator with ball valves 5453 series.

Code CBN545345

Protection pack Consisting of: - dirt separator with shut-off valves and magnet; - C3 CLEANER; - C1 INHIBITOR.

with dirt separator 3/4"

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Dose:

Dose

C3 CLEANER

water in the system.

C1 INHIBITOR

water in the system.

Removes dirt, limescale and debris.

0,5 litres of product every 150 litres of

Protects against corrosion and deposits.

0,5 litres of product every 150 litres of

with dirt separator 1'



5709 C7 BIOCIDE

tech. broch. 01345

Prevents bacterial anf fungal growth. Dose: 0,5 litres of product every 150 litres of water in the system.

Code

570913 0,5 litres



5709 tech. broch. 01345 C4 LEAK SEALER

Liquid sealer. Dose: 0,5 litres of product every 150 litres of water in the system.

Code

tech. broch. 01345

tech. broch. 01345

570914 0,5 litres



5709 tech. broch. 01351 C3 FAST CLEANER

Removes dirt, limescale and debris. Dose: 0,4 litres of product every 150 litres of water in the system.

570915 0,4 litres



0,4 litres

5709 tech. broch. 01351 C1 FAST INHIBITOR

Protects against corrosion and deposits. Dose: 0,4 litres of product every 150 litres of water in the system.

Code 570916



Code

KIT545345

KIT545346

BELGAQUA

Code 570911

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2 0,5

0,5 litres

0,5 litres

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MULTIFUNCTION DEVICE IN COMPOSITE WITH DIRT SEPARATORS AND STRAINER



5453 tech. broch. 01258 DIRTMAGPLUS®

Multifunction device with dirt separator and strainer. Specific for the complete cleaning of the hydraulic circuit, to protect continuously generator and components. Composite body. Dirt separator with technopolymer internal element, **with magnet**. Two inspectable strainers with stainless steel mesh: 1 for first passage (blue) already installed, 1 for maintenance (grey)

in package. Shut-off valve with nut, brass body. Adjustable for horizontal, vertical or 45° pipes. Drain cock with hose connection.

Max. working pressure: 3 bar. Temperature range: 0–90°C.

PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PENDING

3/4" F					
1" F					
Ø 22					
Ø 28					
	3/4" F 1" F Ø 22 Ø 28				



The multifunction device is obtained by coupling a dirt separator and a cartridge strainer arranged in series.

The water circulating in the system flows, in sequence, first through the dirt separator and then through the cartridge strainer.

The dirt separator separates the impurities contained in the water by means of the action of the internal element.

Ferrous impurities are also trapped inside the body of the device thanks to the action of the two magnets inserted in a special removable outer ring.

The first passage through the dirt separator makes it possible to separate a high percentage of the impurities in the circulating water, down to minimal particle sizes.

The cartridge strainer separates impurities by means of mechanical selection of the particles in accordance with their size, by means of a special metal mesh.

All the particles with diameter bigger than the mesh size are automatically stopped and separated, with maximum separation efficiency at the first passage.

Additives dosing

The multifunction device can also be used as an access point to inject into the circuit chemical additives designed to protect the system.







Strainer accessories.

Code

F49474/BL	First cleaning strainer (blue colour)
F49474/GR	Maintenance strainer (grey colour)



Accessory kit for circuit filling and flushing for device DIRTMAGPLUS® 5453 series.

Code F49476

Circuit cleaning and maintenance

The strainer (blue) downstream of the dirt separator and fitted with a specific strainer mesh is able to intercept all particles remaining in circulation, thereby ensuring optimal initial cleaning of the pipe,

to protect generator and system components. The strainer is available also with a second cartridge (grey) fitted with a filtering mesh of bigger passage cross-section, which can be used during maintenance phase after the first cleaning.



Cartridge strainer

The high-capacity strainer cartridge consists of two parts: an outer body with stainless steel mesh and a specially shaped internal element for collecting impurities. The complete collection of impurities is always optimal, whether the installation is vertical, horizontal, or 45° .

Accessory kit for circuit filling and flushing

A specific accessory kit, composed of a plug with a drain cock and an internal element for flow separation (black), allows the connection to an external machine for system flushing.





MANUAL CLEANING DIRT SEPARATOR FILTER WITH MAGNET

5790 DIRTMAGGLEAN®

Manual cleaning dirt separator filter with magnet. Body and support feet in stainless steel AISI 304. Connections: inlet 2" F,

outlet 2" F. drain 1" F, flushing 1" F. Max working pressure: 10 bar. Temperature range: 5-85°C. Particle separation rating down to 2 µm. Fitted for inserting chemical additives. PATENT PENDING.



Characteristics components

- Filter unit with magnet 1)
- Handwheel for manual cleaning 2)
- Inlet valve for cleaning with nozzles 3)
- 4) Drain valve
- 5) Inlet ball valve
- 6) Automatic air vent with built-in filter
- 7) Insulation
- Adjustable support feet 8)
- 9) Swing check valve
- 10) Vacuum breaker
- 11) System pressure gauge
- 12) Filter pressure gauge
- 13) Cap



SELF-CLEANING DIRT SEPARATOR FILTER WITH MAGNET

5790 DIRTMAGGLEAN®

Code

Self-cleaning dirt separator filter with magnet. Body and support feet in stainless steel AISI 304. Connections: inlet 2" M with union,

outlet 2" F,

drain 1" M with union,

flushing 1" F. Max working pressure: 10 bar. Temperature range: 5-85°C. Supply: 230 V. Particle separation rating down to 2 µm. Fitted for MODBUS-RTU management.

PATENT PENDING.



Characteristics components

- 1) Filter unit with magnet
- 2) 3) Controller
- Motorised self-cleaning unit
- 4) Pressure and temperature sensors
- 5) Air vent
- 6) Automatic motorised valves
- 7) Insulation
- 8) Adjustable support feet Solenoid valve
- 9) 10) Check valve
- 11) Vacuum breaker
- 12) Cap



SELF-CLEANING DIRT SEPARATOR FILTER WITH MAGNET

Operating principle

This device flushes the system circuit medium by direct action through the direct action of passing through the specific filtering elements appropriately arranged inside the body. The specific filtering mesh allows the progressive removal of impurities that are deposited on the external surface of the strainers. Specific magnets attract the ferromagnetic particles. This device operates according to different operating steps:

- Filtration/ normal operation
- Dirt discharge
- Cleaning of filtering elements
- Circuit filling and operating conditions reset

The digital regulator manages the opening status of the inlet and load/drain valves, together with the strainers rotation motor during the cleaning. The cleaning phase is automatically activated according to a preset pressure drop value or in a programmed way. Depending on the type of system, the device can be combined with others for parallel operation.



Filtration

During normal operation, the medium coming from the system enters in the strainer body through the motorised ball valve **1**. The medium is forced to pass through the filtration discs **2** then it is conveyed into the central part until it comes out of the device through the clapet check valve **3**.

Cleaning of filtering elements

It can be activated manually, by time or automatically by controlling the medium pressure drop between input and output from the device. The choice of the type of operation is carried out by the regulator. During the first cleaning (emptying) the inlet ball valve **1** closes while the clapet check valve **3** prevents the system backflow. Once the inlet valve is completely closed **1**, the drain valve is opened **4**, present in the lower part of the device. When the vacuum breaker valve, present in the upper part of the strainer body, is opened it allows the progressive draining of the tank, causing part of the dirt to come out.





ELIMINATION OF AIR AND IMPURITIES

This is achieved by assembling, in a single product, a deaerator and a dirt separator (of a simple or magnetic type). A single product can therefore be used both to eliminate air and to eliminate the impurities present in the system water.

Operating principle

The device makes use of the combined action of the deaerator and of the dirt separator.

The internal element creates swirling movements that facilitate the release of micro-bubbles and the subsequent creation of bubbles that then rise to the top of the device, from which they are evacuated by means of an automatic air vent with float.

Moreover, the impurities in the water, striking against the surfaces of the internal element, are separated and fall to the bottom of the valve body. With respect to the solutions that call for the installation of separate deaerators and dirt separators, the deaerator-dirt separators present the following advantages: they take up less space and require a smaller number of connections, and are therefore ideal for systems where it is not possible to install the two separate components.



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DISCALDIRT® Deaerator-dirt separator. Brass body. Drain cock with hose connection. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. discharge pressure: 10 bar. Temperature range: 0-110°C. Particle separation rating down to 5 µm.



5461 tech. broch. 01123 DISCALDIRTMAG

Deaerator-dirt separator with magnet. Brass body. Drain cock with hose connection. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. discharge pressure: 10 bar. Temperature range: 0-110°C. Particle separation rating down to 5 µm.





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546 005	3/4" F	
546 006	1" F	
546 007	1 1/4" F	
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Insulation for deaerators-dirt separators 546 series.

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5461 05	3/4"	
5461 06	1"	
5461 07	1 1/4"	



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Deaerator-dirt separator with magnet. Epoxy resin coated steel body. Female union connections. With insulation.

Drain cock with hose connection. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. discharge pressure: 10 bar. Temperature range: 0-100°C. Particle separation rating down to 5 μ m.



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5461 18	1 1/2" F		
5461 19	2" F		
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Deaerator-dirt separator. Epoxy resin coated steel body. **Flanged connections PN 16**. To be coupled with flat counterflanges EN 1092-1. **With insulation**. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. discharge pressure: 10 bar. Temperature range: 0–105°C (DN 50–DN 100), 0–100°C (DN 125-DN 150), 0–110°C (without insulation). Particle separation rating down to 5 μm.



546 tech. broch. 01123 DISCALDIRT®

Deaerator-dirt separator. Epoxy resin coated steel body. Flanged connections PN 10. To be coupled with flat counterflanges EN 1092-1. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. discharge pressure: 10 bar. Temperature range: 0–110°C. Temperature probe connection: 1/2" F.

Particle separation rating down to 5 μ m.

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546 052	DN 50		
546 062	DN 65		
546 082	DN 80		
546 102	DN 100		
546 122	DN 125		
546 152	DN 150		
546 050	DN 50	without insulation	
546 060	DN 65	without insulation	
546 080	DN 80	without insulation	
546 100	DN 100	without insulation	
546 120	DN 125	without insulation	
546 150	DN 150	without insulation	



546 tech. broch. 01123 DISCALD/IRT®

Deaerator-dirt separator. Epoxy resin coated steel body. Weld ends. With insulation. Max. working pressure: 10 bar. Max. discharge pressure: 10 bar. Temperature range: 0–105°C (DN 50–DN 100), 0–100°C (DN 125-DN 150), 0–110°C (without insulation). Particle separation rating

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546 053	DN 50	
546 063	DN 65	
546 083	DN 80	
546 103	DN 100	
546 123	DN 125	
546 153	DN 150	
546 051	DN 50	without insulation
546 061	DN 65	without insulation
546 081	DN 80	without insulation
546 101	DN 100	without insulation
546 121	DN 125	without insulation
546 151	DN 150	without insulation

down to 5 µm.





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