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INTRODUCTION

This user manual provides essential information for the proper installation, operation, and maintenance of the Caleffi 1/2 inch Auto Air Vent, Model 502640. This device is designed to automatically discharge air from hydronic heating and cooling systems, preventing air pockets that can reduce system efficiency and cause noise.



Image: The Caleffi 1/2 inch Auto Air Vent. This brass-colored cylindrical device features a threaded connection at the bottom for installation into a system, and a small black cap at the top, which is the manual vent release or check valve.

The main body is robust and designed for durability in HVAC applications.

SAFETY INFORMATION

Please read all safety instructions before installing or operating this device. Failure to follow these instructions may result in property damage, injury, or death.

- Ensure the system is depressurized and cooled before installation or maintenance.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including safety glasses and gloves.
- Installation should be performed by a qualified professional in accordance with local codes and regulations.
- Do not tamper with the device or attempt unauthorized repairs.

SETUP AND INSTALLATION

The Caleffi 1/2 inch Auto Air Vent is designed for vertical installation at the highest points of a hydronic system where air tends to collect.

1. **System Preparation:** Isolate the section of the system where the air vent will be installed. Drain the system or the isolated section to relieve pressure and remove water.
2. **Location:** Identify the highest point in the system or a location where air naturally accumulates, such as at the top of a boiler, manifold, or heat exchanger.
3. **Thread Connection:** Apply appropriate thread sealant (e.g., PTFE tape or pipe dope) to the 1/2 inch NPT male threads of the air vent.
4. **Installation:** Screw the air vent firmly into the designated female threaded port. Ensure it is installed vertically with the black cap pointing upwards. Do not overtighten.
5. **System Refill:** Slowly refill the system, allowing the air vent to automatically discharge trapped air. Monitor system pressure.
6. **Initial Venting:** The black cap on top of the vent is typically left loose or in the open position for automatic operation. If the system is being filled for the first time or after maintenance, you may hear air escaping.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The Caleffi 1/2 inch Auto Air Vent operates automatically once installed and the system is pressurized. It uses a float mechanism to open a valve when air is present and close it when water fills the chamber.

- **Automatic Operation:** Ensure the black cap on top of the vent is in the open position (usually slightly unscrewed or in a position that allows air to escape). The vent will automatically release accumulated air from the system.
- **Manual Venting (if applicable):** In some cases, if the system is particularly air-bound, you may manually open the vent by unscrewing the black cap further until air escapes. Retighten the cap once water begins to discharge, then return it to the automatic operating position.
- **Normal Sound:** It is normal to hear occasional hissing sounds as air is discharged from the system.

MAINTENANCE

The Caleffi 1/2 inch Auto Air Vent is designed for minimal maintenance. However, periodic checks are recommended to ensure optimal performance.

- **Visual Inspection:** Periodically inspect the vent for any signs of leaks, corrosion, or damage.
- **Cleanliness:** Ensure the vent opening is not obstructed by dirt or debris. A small amount of moisture

around the vent cap is normal, but continuous dripping indicates a potential issue.

- **Functionality Check:** If you suspect the vent is not operating correctly (e.g., persistent air in the system, gurgling noises), gently unscrew the black cap to see if air is released. If water immediately discharges, the vent may be stuck closed or the system is free of air at that point. If no air or water is released, the vent may be clogged or faulty.
- **Replacement:** If the vent is leaking continuously or fails to discharge air, it should be replaced by a qualified technician.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Air in system persists (gurgling, cold spots)	Vent cap closed; Vent clogged; Vent faulty; Vent not at highest point.	Ensure cap is open; Clean vent opening; Replace vent; Relocate vent to true high point.
Continuous water leakage from vent	Debris in valve seat; Vent faulty; System pressure too high.	Attempt to flush by briefly opening/closing cap; Replace vent; Check and adjust system pressure.
No air or water released when cap opened	Vent clogged; System not pressurized; No air at this point.	Clean vent; Check system pressure; Verify vent location.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model Number:** 502640
- **Connection Size:** 1/2 inch NPT
- **Manufacturer:** Caleffi
- **Type:** Automatic Air Vent
- **Material:** Brass (typical for Caleffi air vents, inferred from image)
- **Application:** Hydronic heating and cooling systems

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For specific warranty information, please refer to the documentation provided with your purchase or visit the official Caleffi website. Caleffi products are typically covered by a manufacturer's warranty against defects in materials and workmanship.

For technical support, replacement parts, or further assistance, please contact Caleffi customer service or your authorized Caleffi distributor. Contact information can usually be found on the manufacturer's website or product packaging.

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