

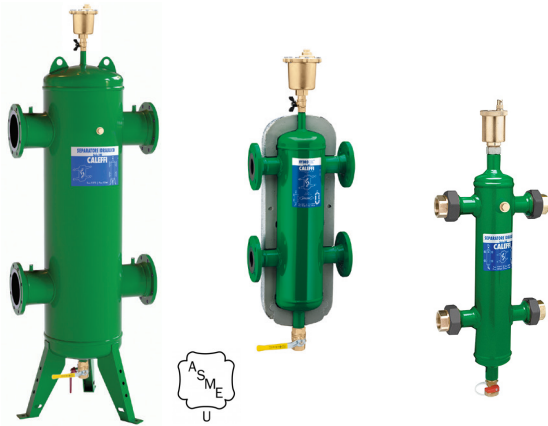
# Hydro separator



## 548, NA548 series

01076/24 NA

Replaces 01076/23 NA



### Function

The Caleffi 548 and NA548 series hydraulic separator creates a zone with a low pressure loss, which enables connected primary and secondary circuits to be hydraulically independent of each other; **the flow in one circuit does not create or interrupt flow in another.** Hydraulically decoupling primary and secondary circuits eliminates pump conflict.

This device includes an automatic high-capacity air vent to discharge accumulated air within the circuits and a purge valve to discharge accumulated impurities.

### Product range

548 series	Hydraulic separator with union connections .....	1" to 2" sweat union 1" to 2" NPT female union 1" to 2" press union no tailpieces, separately source, field install 1" to 2"
548 series	Hydraulic separator with flanged connections, drain and insulation.....	2" to 4" ANSI
NA548 series	Hydraulic separator with flanged connections, drain and insulation ASME and CRN.....	2" to 4" ANSI
NA548 series	Hydraulic separator with flanged connections and drain, ASME and CRN.....	5" to 14" ANSI (consult Caleffi for CRN status on 14")

### Technical specifications

#### Threaded, sweat and press union connections

- Materials**
- body: epoxy resin painted steel
  - internal baffle: 300 series stainless steel
  - air vent body: brass
  - shut off and drain valve body: brass
  - union nuts: cast iron
  - support bracket: polyester painted carbon steel

#### Performance

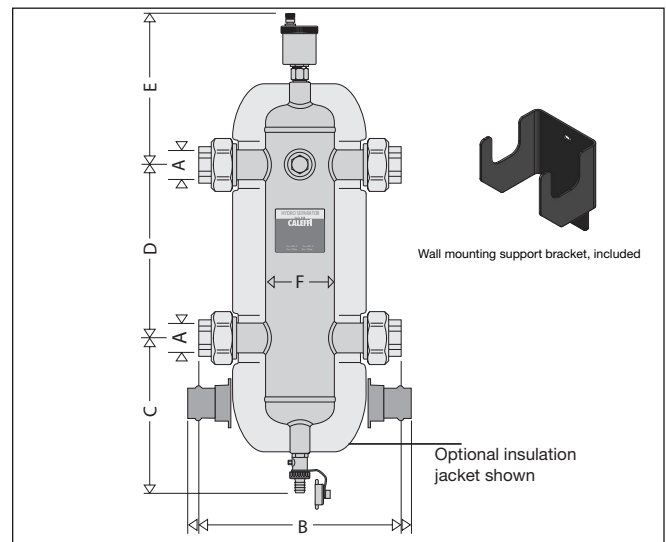
- Suitable fluids: water and non-hazardous glycol solution up to 50%  
 Max. operating pressure: 150 psi (10 bar)  
 Working temperature range: 32–250 °F (0–120 °C)  
 Working temperature range with insulation: 32–210 °F (0–100 °C)  
 (insulation shells are purchased separately for field installation)

- Connections - main:**
- 1", 1-1/4", 1-1/2", 2" NPT female with unions
  - 1", 1-1/4", 1-1/2", 2" sweat with unions
  - 1", 1-1/4", 1-1/2", 2" press with unions
  - 1", 1-1/4", 1-1/2", 2" body with no tailpieces for field installation of tailpieces purchased separately

- thermo well tap: 1/2" straight thread female
- lay length (press connections)
  - size 1 inch : 9"
  - size 1-1/4 inch: 9-3/4"
  - size 1-1/2 inch: 11-1/4"
  - size 2 inch: 12-3/4"
- drain valve: 3/4" garden hose thread

#### Technical specifications of insulation

(purchased separately, see page 5 for details)



Code*	A	B swt/press	B npt	C	D	E	F	Wt. (lbs.)	Wt. (kg)
548006A/96A	1"	8 3/4"	8 1/2"	7"	8 5/8"	8 1/2"	3"	13	6.0
548007A/97A	1 1/4"	9 1/2"	9"	8 1/2"	9 1/2"	8 1/2"	3 1/2"	17	7.7
548008A/98A	1 1/2"	11"	10 1/2"	8 1/2"	10 1/4"	9 1/4"	4 1/2"	25	11.3
548009A/99A	2"	12 3/4"	11 1/2"	9 1/2"	11 1/8"	9 1/4"	5 3/4"	27	12.2
548066A	1"	10 1/4"	--	7"	8 3/8"	8 1/2"	3"	13	6.0
548067A	1 1/4"	11 3/4"	--	8 1/2"	9 1/2"	8 1/2"	3 1/2"	17	7.7
548068A	1 1/2"	14"	--	8 1/2"	10 1/4"	9 1/4"	4 1/2"	25	11.3
548069A	2"	15 1/4"	--	9 1/2"	11 1/8"	9 1/4"	5 3/4"	27	12.2

\*54800: NPT female union connections; 54809: sweat union connections; 54806: press union connections; 54800xUS: no tailpieces (not shown above).

Wall mounting support bracket is furnished with each union connection model. Insulation shell shown is available separately, field installed.

## Technical specifications

### Flanged connections

<b>Materials</b>	- separator body:	epoxy resin painted steel
	- air vent body:	brass
	- shut off and drain valve body:	brass
	- internal baffle:	304 stainless steel

### Performance

Suitable fluids:	water and non-hazardous glycol solution up to 50%
Max. operating pressure:	150 psi (10 bar)
Working temperature range with insulation:	32–220 °F (0–105 °C)
Working temperature range without insulation (vessel):	32–270 °F (0–132 °C)

<b>Connections</b>	- main:	2"-14"ANSI B16.5 150 CLASS RF
	- drain valve:	2 — 6": 1¼" NPT female 8 — 14": 2" NPT female
	- thermo well tap (8 — 14" only):	
	- front center:	¾" NPT female
	- inlet/outlet flanges:	½" NPT female

### Agency approval

Series NA548 is 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, and CRN registered, and stamped for 150 psi (10 bar) working pressure, with ASME U stamp. 14" is CRN pending, contact Caleffi.

### Technical specifications of insulation, flanged versions to 4"

#### Internal part

Materials:	rigid closed cell expanded polyurethane foam
Thickness:	2 3/8" (60 mm)
Density:	2.8 lb/ft³ (45 kg/m³)
Thermal conductivity:	6 BTU·in/hr·ft²·°F (0.023 W/(m·K))
Temperature range:	32–220 °F (0–105 °C)

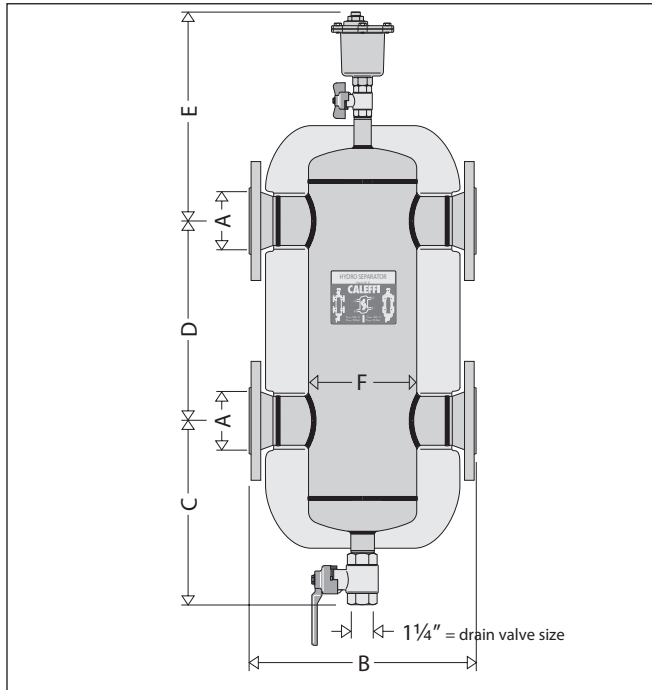
#### Outer part

Materials:	embossed aluminum
Thickness:	7.0-mil (0.7 mm)
Reaction to fire (DIN 4102):	class 1

#### Head covers

Heat formed materials:	PS
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## Dimensions

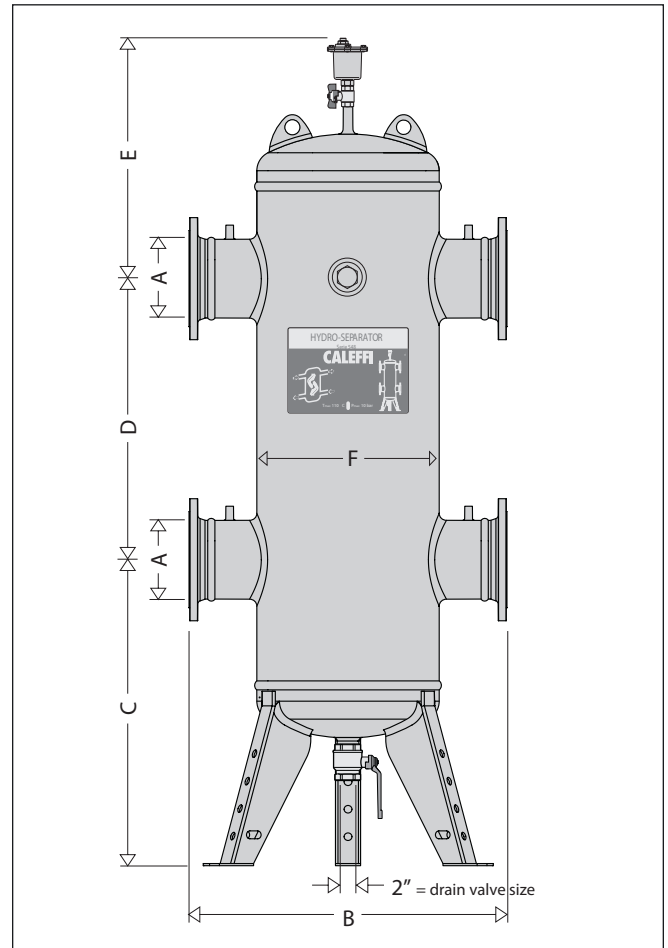


Code	A	B	C	D	E	F	Wt. (lbs.)	Wt. (kg)
*548052A	2"	13¾"	13"	13"	13½"	6¾"	75	34
*548062A	2½"	13¾"	13"	13"	13½"	6¾"	82	37
*548082A	3"	18¾"	15"	17¾"	15¼"	8¾"	112	51
*548102A	4"	18¾"	15"	17¾"	15½"	8¾"	117	53
NA548120A**	5"	25"	15"	22"	17½"	12¼"	220	100
NA548150A**	6"	25"	15"	22"	17½"	12¼"	231	105

\*Add NA prefix to 2" to 4" flanged connection for ASME approved, CRN registered.

\*\*Without insulation.

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Code	A	B	C	D	E	F	Wt. (lbs.)	Wt. (kg)
NA548200A	8"	35½"	34"	39¾"	25¾"	20"	520	236
NA548250A	10"	41¾"	36¾"	43¾"	27¾"	26"	725	330
NA548300A	12"	46½"	37¾"	47¼"	29¾"	30"	1,100	500
NA548350A	14"	52"	38¾"	58¾"	34½"	36"	1,400	635

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## Operating principle

When a single system contains a primary production circuit, with its own pump, and a secondary user circuit, with one or more distribution pumps, operating conditions may arise in the system whereby the pumps interact, creating abnormal variations in circuit flow rates and pressures.

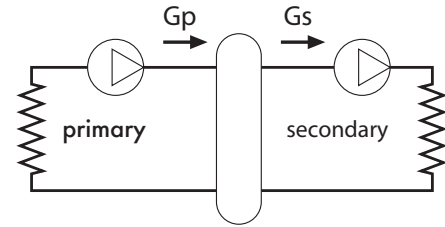
The hydraulic separator creates a zone with a low pressure loss, which enables the primary and secondary circuits connected to it to be hydraulically independent of each other; **the flow in one circuit does not create a flow in the other if the pressure loss in the common section is negligible.**

In this case, the flow rate in the respective circuits depends exclusively on the flow rate characteristics of the pumps, preventing reciprocal influence caused by connection in series.

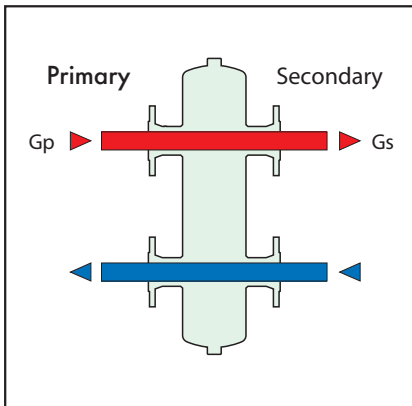
Therefore, using a device with these characteristics means that the flow in the secondary circuit only circulates when the relevant pump is on, permitting the system to meet the specific load requirements at that time.

When the secondary pump is off, there is no circulation in the secondary circuit; the whole flow rate produced by the primary pump is by-passed through the separator.

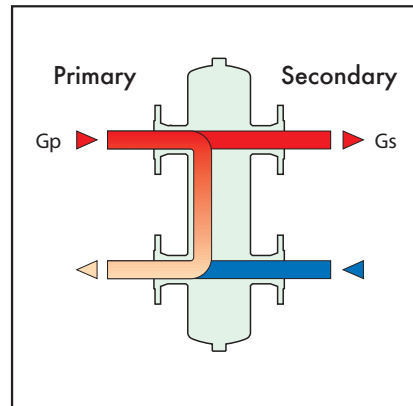
With the hydraulic separator, it is therefore possible to have a primary production circuit with a constant flow rate and a secondary distribution circuit with a variable flow rate; these operating conditions are typical of modern heating and cooling systems.



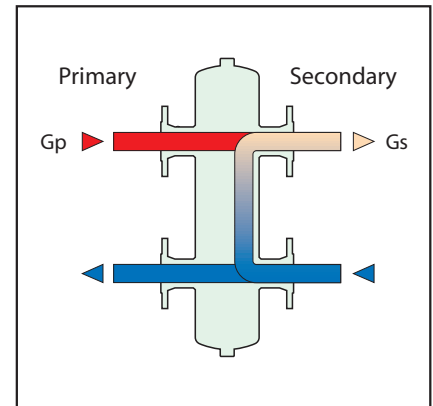
Three possible hydraulic balance situations are shown below.



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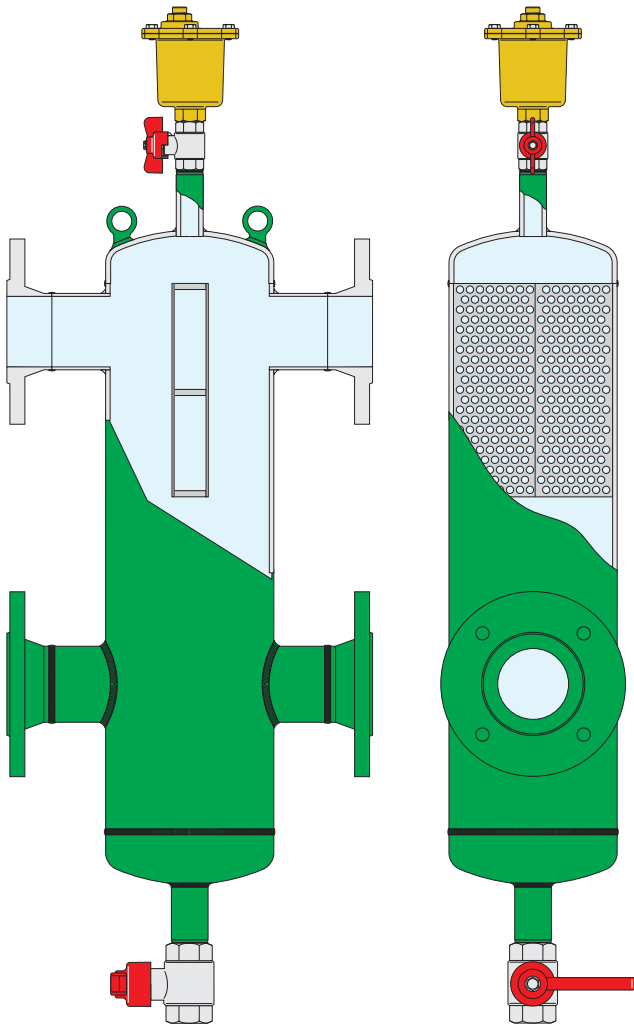


$$G_{\text{primary}} > G_{\text{secondary}}$$



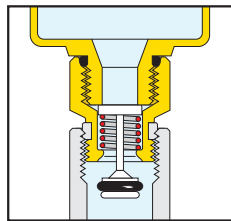
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## Construction details



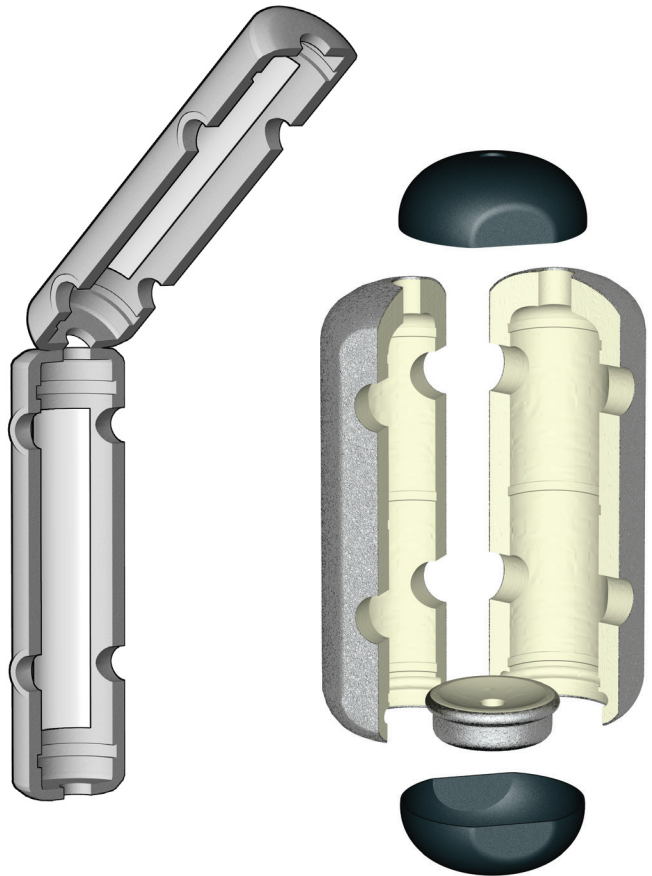
### Isolating the air vent valve

In flanged separators, the air vent is isolated manually, using a shut-off ball valve. In union separators, however, the air vent body is automatically isolated by the check valve, which closes when the air vent body is removed.



## Insulation

Hydraulic separators can be furnished with a hot preformed insulation shell. In the flanged series, coming complete with separator for sizes up to 4", the insulation is made of a shell in expanded polyurethane foam covered with an aluminium layer. In the union sweat, press or threaded version (available separately for field installation only) the insulation is made of a pre-formed shell in double density closed cell expanded PEX. This insulation ensures not only perfect heat insulation but also the tightness required to prevent atmospheric water vapors from entering the unit. For these reasons, this type of insulation can also be used in cooling water circuits, as it prevents the formation of condensate on the surface of the separator body.



### Hydraulic characteristics

The hydraulic separator should be sized according to the greatest required flow rate of either the primary circuit or the secondary circuit.

### Union connections

Size	1"	1 1/4"	1 1/2"	2"
gpm	11	18	26	37
l/s	0.7	1.1	1.6	2.3
gallons	0.5	0.7	1.3	3.5
liters	1.9	2.6	4.9	13.2

### Flanged connections

Size	2"	2 1/2"	3"	4"	5"	6"	8"	10"	12"	14"
gpm	60	80	124	247	300	484	792	1330	1850	2500
l/s	3.8	5.0	7.8	16	19	30	50	84	117	158
gallons	4.0	4.0	8.0	8.0	22.5	23	95	175	255	450
liters	15.1	15.1	30.3	30.3	85.2	87.0	360	662	965	1703

**Accessories**



Replacement support bracket for field installation with 548 series union connection Hydro separators.



Insulation jacket for field installation on 548 series union connection Hydro separators.

- NA10778** ...fits 1" and 1¼" union 548 series
- NA10796** .....fits 1½" union 548 series
- NA10797** .....fits 2" union 548 series

- NA10805** .....fits 1" union 548 series
- NA10806** .....fits 1¼" union 548 series
- NA10807** .....fits 1½" union 548 series
- NA10808** .....fits 2" union 548 series



Replacement drain valve for 548 series union connection Hydro separators.

Max. working pressure: 150 psi  
 Max. working temperature: 250 °F  
 Connection: ¾" garden hose thread

- 538402 FD** .....½" NPT x ¾" GHT



Temperature pocket well fits 548 series union connection Hydro separators.

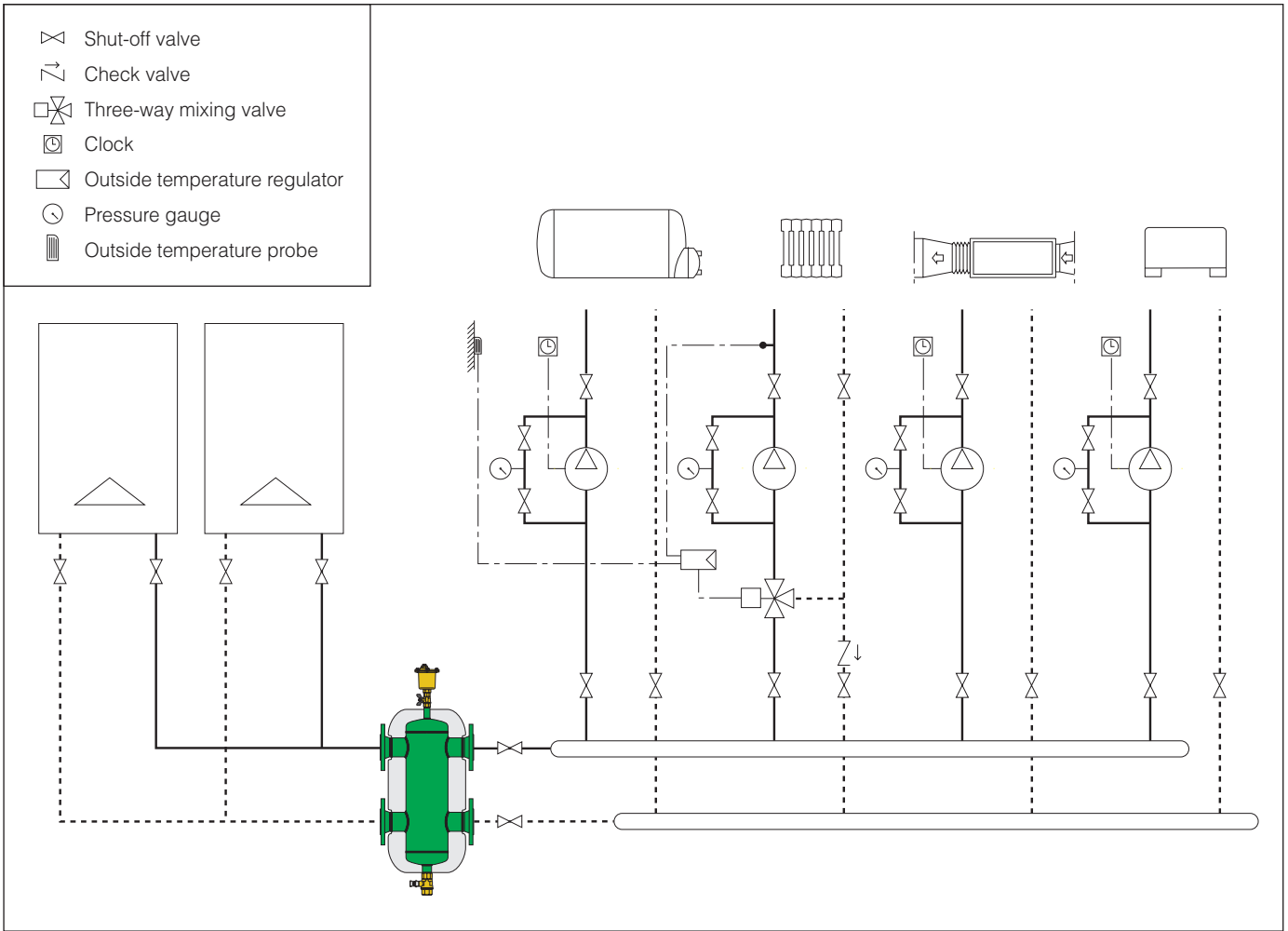
1 ¾" pocket length.  
 Inside thread: 20 x 1.0 mm.

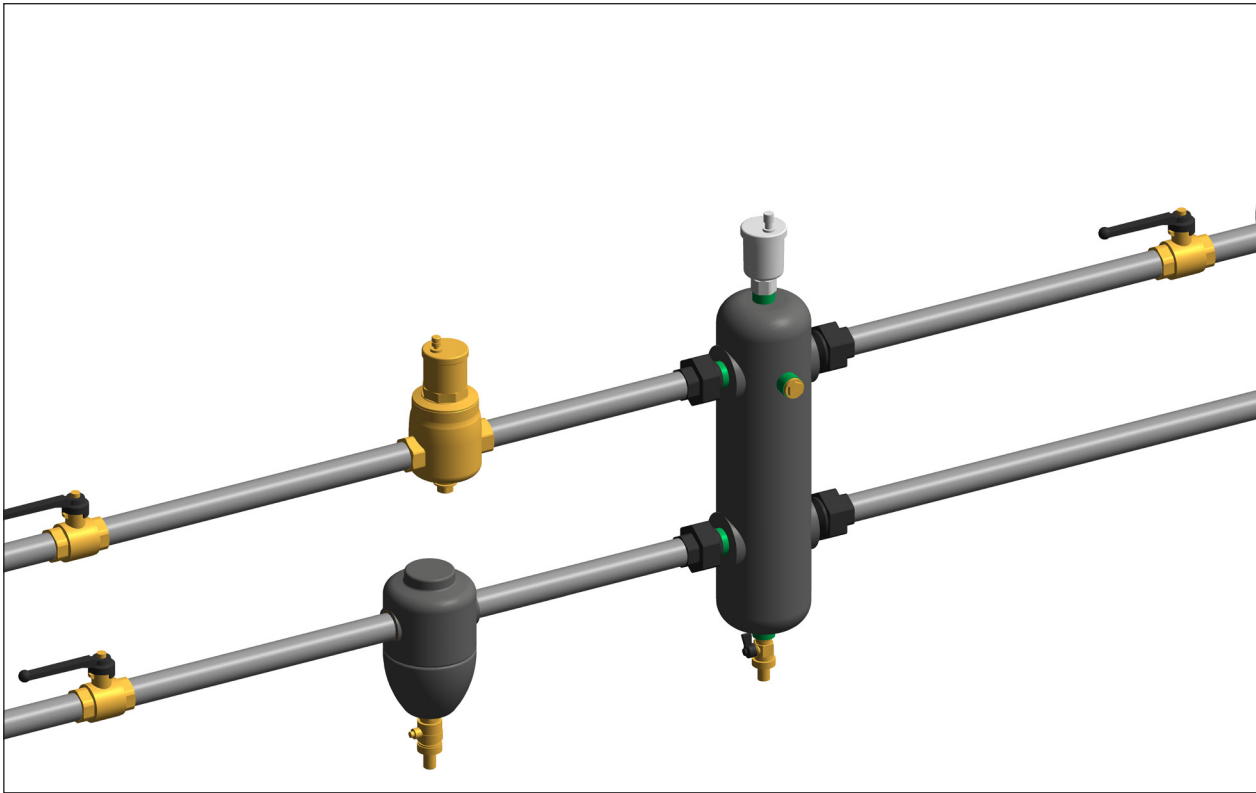
- 694045** .....½" straight thread
- R20011** .....sealing washer
- NA10426** .....sensor holding grommet
- NA10425** .....kit containing above 3 items

**Technical specifications of insulation (purchased separately)**

Material: double density closed cell expanded PEX  
 Thickness: ¾" (20 mm)  
 Density: - internal part: 2 lb/ft³(30 kg/m³)  
           - external part: 3.1 lb/ft³(50 kg/m³)  
 Thermal conductivity: 32 °F (0 °C): 9 BTU-in/hr-ft²-°F (0.038 W/(m·K)  
                                   -40 °F (-40 °C): 11 BTU-in/hr-ft²-°F (0.045 W/(m·K)  
 Coefficient of resistance to the diffusion of vapor: >1,300  
 Temperature range: 32–210 °F (0–100 °C)  
 Reaction to fire (DIN4102): class B 2

# Application diagram





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## SPECIFICATION SUMMARIES

### Hydro Separator 548 series, union connections

Hydraulic separator. NPT female, sweat and press union connections 1", 1-1/4", 1-1/2" and 2". Epoxy resin painted steel body. Cast iron union nuts. 300 series stainless steel internal baffle. Working temperature range of 32–210 °F (0–100 °C) with insulation (separately sourced), 32–250 °F (0–120 °C) without insulation. Glycol maximum 50%. Max. working pressure 150 psi (10 bar). Supplied with: support bracket for wall mounting, automatic air vent with automatic service check valve 1/2" NPT female outlet connection and brass body, drain ball valve brass body with hose connection, 1/2 inch female straight thread thermometer pocket well front center. Provide optional pre-formed double density closed cell expanded PE-X foam shell insulation with external embossed aluminium cover, purchase separately for field installation. Provide optional temperature pocket well kit, code NA10425.

### Hydro Separator 548 series, flanged connections

Hydraulic separator. ANSI B16.5 CLASS 150 RF flanged connections 2", 2-1/2", 3", and 4". Epoxy resin painted steel body. 304 stainless steel internal baffle. Vessel working temperature range of 32–220 °F (0–105 °C) with insulation, 32–270 °F (0–132 °C) without insulation. Glycol maximum 50%. Max. working pressure 150 psi (10 bar). Supplied with: automatic air vent with 3/4" NPT female outlet connection and brass body, brass body 3/4" NPT female shut-off ball valve with T-handle for air vent, drain ball valve brass body with 1-1/4" NPT female connection and rigid closed cell expanded polyurethane foam shell insulation with external embossed aluminium cover.

### Hydro Separator NA548 series, ASME/CRN flanged connections

Hydraulic separator. ANSI B16.5 CLASS 150 RF flanged connections 2", 2-1/2", 3", 4", 6", 8", 10", 12" and 14". Epoxy resin painted steel body. 304 stainless steel internal baffle. Vessel working temperature range of 32–220 °F (0–105 °C) with insulation, 32–270 °F (0–132 °C) without insulation. Glycol maximum 50%. Max. working pressure 150 psi (10 bar). Supplied with: automatic air vent with 3/4" NPT female outlet connection and brass body, brass body 3/4" NPT female shut-off ball valve for air vent, drain ball valve brass body with 1-1/4" NPT female connection for separator sizes 2–6"; 2" NPT female connections for separator size 8–14". For separator size 8–14" only thermometer pocket well on front center 3/4" NPT female; and on inlet/outlet flanges 1/2" NPT female. Rigid closed cell expanded polyurethane foam shell insulation with external embossed aluminium cover for 2, 2-1/2, 3 and 4 inch sizes. The separator is designed and built in accordance 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, and CRN registered (size 14" pending, contact Caleffi), and stamped for 150 psi (10 bar) working pressure, with ASME U stamp.

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