

## Antifreeze Leak

**NOTE:** To find an antifreeze leak, the system must be Hot (up to operating temperature)  
Or pressurized to 15 PSI.

**Inspect the following components on the Aqua-Hot Heating System for Leaks Model #'s: 431/12, AHE-100-00S, 01S, 02S, AHE-100-03S & AHE-100-04S, AHE-600 & AHE-675.**

### 1. On the Front-Side of the Aqua-Hot:

- A. Fluid Level Sensor/Float Switch
  - i. The 431/12 and AHE-100-00S, 01S, 02S do not have a fluid level sensor/float switch.
- B. Control Thermostat
  - i. The 431/12 and AHE-100-00S, 01S, 02S, do not have a control thermostat in the antifreeze solution
- C. Drain Valve Assembly
- D. Electric Heating Element (s).
- E. Circulation Pump (s).
  - i. When checking the circulation pumps be sure to inspect the plumbing for the hoses, the tank ports, and the circulation pump.
- F. Combustion Burn Chamber leak
  - i. When the Combustion Burn Chamber leaks, the antifreeze will run out the tip of the exhaust pipe.

### 2. On the Top of the Aqua-Hot:

- A. Radiator Cap
  - i. bad seal
  - ii. Loose

**NOTE:** Newer model heaters do not have a radiator cap. They will have a brass hose barb fitting, which the expansion tank tubing connects to. There is also an air release valve on the brass fitting, that may leak.

- B. Expansion Tank Tubing
  - i. cracked
  - ii. Loose
- C. Filler Neck
  - i. Bent
  - ii. Broken nipple
  - iii. Bad solder joint
- D. Supply and Return interior zone heat ports.
  - i. tubing/hose
  - ii. Brass fittings

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**Inspect the following components on the Aqua-Hot Heating System for Leaks Model #'s: HHE-200, HHE-500, AHE-400, AHE-450.**

1. On the Front-Side of the Aqua-Hot 400, 450/ Hydro-Hot:
  - A. Fluid Level Sensor/Float Switch
  - B. Control Thermostat
  - C. Drain Valve Assembly
  - D. Electric Heating Element
  - E. Circulation Pump (s) / Stir Pump.
    - i. When checking the circulation pumps be sure to inspect all of the plumbing: Hoses, the Tank Ports, and the Circulation Pump.
  - F. Combustion Burn Chamber leak
    - i. When the Combustion Burn Chamber leaks, the antifreeze will run out the tip of the exhaust pipe.

### **3. Antifreeze Leak - (continued)**

#### 2. On the Top of the Aqua-Hot 450/Hydro-Hot:

##### A. Radiator Cap

**NOTE:** Newer model heaters do not have a radiator cap. They will have a brass hose barb fitting, which the expansion tank tubing connects to. There is also an air release valve on the brass fitting, that may leak.

- i. bad seal
- ii. Loose

##### B. Expansion Tank Tubing

- i. cracked
- ii. Loose

##### C. Filler Neck

- i. Bent
- ii. Broken nipple
- iii. Bad solder joint

##### D. Supply and Return interior zone heat ports.

- i. tubing/hose
- ii. Brass fittings

#### 3. On the Back of the Aqua-Hot 450/Hydro-Hot:

##### A. Domestic Water and Coach Engine copper plumbing.

- i. The copper coils are in the antifreeze solution and where they come through the steel tank is a possible point of leakage for each pipe.

##### B. Interior Zone Heat Return ports

- i. Either the coach manufacturer's fitting could be leaking, or the brass fitting on the back of the Aqua-Hot, supplied by Aqua-Hot could be leaking. The brass fitting may need to be removed to inspect for cracks.

**NOTE:** On some of the AHE-450 models the return ports are on the top of the heater, and do not utilize the brass fitting supplied by aqua-hot.

**NOTE:** If no leaks are found on the Aqua-Hot, it is possible the leak is on the interior of the motor home. It could be an interior heat exchanger, or the plumbing for the interior heat exchangers.