CULTEC Separator™ Row
Water Quality System

Operation & Maintenance Guide
for CULTEC Stormwater Management Systems

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Introduction

CULTEC’s Separator™ Row is an inexpensive means of removing Total Suspended Solids from the CULTEC chamber system, as well as providing easier access for inspection and maintenance. The Separator Row is designed to capture the First Flush of a rain event and is typically included as part of the "Treatment Train" for water quality.

The CULTEC Separator Row is a row of CULTEC Contactor or Recharger Chambers that are surrounded on all sides by filter fabric. Two layers of CULTEC No. 66 Woven Geotextile are placed between the clean foundation stone and the chamber feet. The chambers are then completely wrapped with CULTEC No. 410 non-woven geotextile. This configuration is designed to trap any sediment and/or debris that may pass through the upstream water-quality structures and into the chamber system.

A manhole is typically located adjacent to the separator row for ease of inspection and maintenance. This manhole is placed upstream of the system and can include a high-flow bypass pipe to pass peak-flows onto adjacent rows of chambers. The upstream manhole is designed with a sump to trap heavier sediment and allow for proper cleaning of the Separator Row. A JetVac process with a high pressure water nozzle is introduced down the Separator Row via the access manhole to clean all sediment and debris from the Separator Row. Captured pollutants are flushed into the sumped access manhole for vacuuming, and the process is repeated until the Separator Row is completely free of sediment and debris.
Design

There is no single design to achieve a high level of water quality. The CULTEC Separator Row should be designed as part of an overall best management practices water quality system. Pre-treatment devices such as sump catch basins, inlet baffles and proprietary oil-grit separators and filter systems can all be incorporated upstream of the CULTEC Separator Row. Sumped access/diversion manholes should be installed directly upstream of the Separator Row.

The following is a list of recommended design practices to ensure proper maintenance for the life of the system:

- Install sumped access/diversion manholes, including a minimum 24” (600 mm) sump, directly upstream of the Separator Row.
- Include a high-flow bypass pipe to divert peak flows that exceed the capacity of the Separator Row to adjacent rows.
- Connect the access manhole to the Separator Row with the largest diameter pipe allowable based on the CULTEC chamber model used.
- Maintain a minimum distance between the access manhole and the Separator Row to promote efficient maintenance.
- Include at least one inspection port per Separator Row for periodic inspection.

Note: Typical JetVac maintenance reels have a maximum of 400 feet (121.9 m) of available hose. Consider this when designing the length of the CULTEC Separator Rows.
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<th>Description</th>
<th>Contactor 100HD</th>
<th>Recharger 150XLHD</th>
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<th>Recharger 330XLHD</th>
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<td>A Min. depth of stone base</td>
<td>6” (152 mm)</td>
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<td>9” (229 mm)</td>
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<td>B Chamber height</td>
<td>12.5” (318 mm)</td>
<td>18.5” (470 mm)</td>
<td>26.5” (673 mm)</td>
<td>30.5” (775 mm)</td>
<td>48” (1219 mm)</td>
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<td>C Min. depth of stone required above units for traffic applications</td>
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<td>12” (305 mm)</td>
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<td>D Min. depth required of 95% compacted fill for paved traffic application</td>
<td>8” (203 mm)</td>
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<td>10” (254 mm)</td>
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<td>E Max. depth of cover allowed above crown of chamber</td>
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<td>Max. allowable pipe size into chamber end wall/end cap</td>
<td>10” (250 mm)</td>
<td>12” (300 mm)</td>
<td>18” (450 mm)</td>
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Inspection and Maintenance

CULTEC recommends inspection of the Separator Row to be performed every six months for the first year of service. Future inspection frequency can be adjusted based upon previous inspection observations. However annual inspections are recommended. Inspection of the Separator Row can be achieved via an inspection port riser installed during construction. This inspection port riser will connect the top of the Separator Row chambers to finished grade with a removable lid. Alternatively the Separator Row may be inspected via the manhole(s) located at the end(s) of the Separator Row. However this method of inspection requires confined space entry. If entry into the manhole is required, all local and OSHA rules for confined space entries must be strictly followed.

To inspect:
- Remove the inspection port lid from the floor box frame.
- Remove the riser pipe cap.
- With a flashlight and stadia rod, measure the depth of sediment.
- Record results in a maintenance log.
- When depth of sediment exceeds 3” (76 mm), use the JetVac procedure described below.

The JetVac process utilizes a high pressure water nozzle controlled from the surface. The high pressure nozzle is introduced down the Separator Row via the access manhole(s). The high pressure water cleans all sediment and debris from the Separator Row as the nozzle is retrieved. Captured pollutants are flushed into the sumped access manhole for vacuuming. This process is repeated until the Separator Row is completely free of sediment and debris. A small diameter culvert cleaning nozzle is recommended for this procedure.

High pressure water nozzle

Cleaning Separator Row and pipes with high pressure water nozzle

SEPARATOR ROW: Separator Row prior to cleaning

ADJACENT ROW: When the Separator Row is working properly, the adjacent rows will not show signs of sediment.
## Inspection and Maintenance Record

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<th>Date</th>
<th>Mode of Access</th>
<th>Frequency</th>
<th>Depth of Sediment</th>
<th>Actions</th>
<th>Expenses</th>
<th>Inspector</th>
<th>Notes</th>
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<td>Inspection Port</td>
<td>Semi-annually</td>
<td>2”</td>
<td>Measure sediment depth with stadia rod. Visually inspect</td>
<td>$100</td>
<td>DPG</td>
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