



Stormwater Treatment System Inspection and Maintenance Manual



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Aqua-Swirl[®] Stormwater Treatment System

The Aqua-Swirl[®] Stormwater Treatment System (Aqua-Swirl[®]) is a vortex-type hydrodynamic separator designed and supplied by AquaShield[™], Inc. (AquaShield[™]). Aqua-Swirl[®] technology removes pollutants including suspended solids, trash, floatables and free-floating oil from stormwater runoff. Both treatment and storage are accomplished in the single swirl chamber without the use of multiple or hidden, blind access chambers.



Floatable debris in the Aqua-Swirl[®]



Aqua-Swirl[®] System Maintenance

The long term performance of any stormwater treatment structure, including manufactured or land based systems, depends on a consistent maintenance plan. Inspection and maintenance functions are simple and easy for the Aqua-Swirl[®] allowing all inspections to be performed from the surface.

It is important that a routine inspection and maintenance program be established for each unit based on: (a) the volume or load of the contaminants of concern, (b) the frequency of releases of contaminants at the facility or location, and (c) the nature of the area being drained.



Example of Aqua-Swirl[®] manhole cover



Inspection

The Aqua-Swirl[®] can be inspected from the surface thereby eliminating the need to enter the system to determine when cleanout should be performed. AquaShield[™] recommends in most cases that a quarterly inspection take place for the first year of operation to develop an appropriate schedule of maintenance. Based on experience of the system's first year in operation, we recommend that the inspection schedule be revised to reflect the site-specific conditions encountered. The typical inspection schedule for subsequent years is reduced to semi-annual inspection events. **Table 1** below lists the available Aqua-Swirl[®] models as well their inner diameters, oil/debris storage capacities and the sediment storage capacities.

Table 1. Aqua-Swirl[®] Storage Capacities

Aqua-Swirl [®] Model	Inner Diameter (ft)	Oil/Debris Storage Capacity (gal)	Sediment Storage Capacity (ft ³)
AS-2	2.5	37	6
AS-3	3.5	110	11
AS-4	4.5	190	19
AS-5	5.5	270	23
AS-6	6.5	390	33
AS-7	7.5	540	45
AS-8	8.5	710	58
AS-9	9.5	910	74
AS-10	10.5	1,130	91
AS-11	11.5	1,422	110
AS-12	12.5	1,698	131
AS-13	13.0	1,986	154
AS-XX	Custom*		

* Custom designs to meet site-specific criteria, can include multiple (twin) units for increased flow and materials storage capacity.



Maintenance

The Aqua-Swirl[®] has been designed to minimize and simplify the inspection and maintenance process. The single chamber of the system can be inspected and maintained entirely from the surface thereby eliminating the need for confined space entry. There are no areas of the structure that are blocked from visual inspection or periodic cleaning. Inspection of any free-floating oil and floatable trash can be directly observed and maintained through the manhole access provided directly over the swirl chamber. If so equipped, the trash screen can be exposed once the water is removed from the unit and inspected.

Aqua-Swirl[®] Inspection Procedure

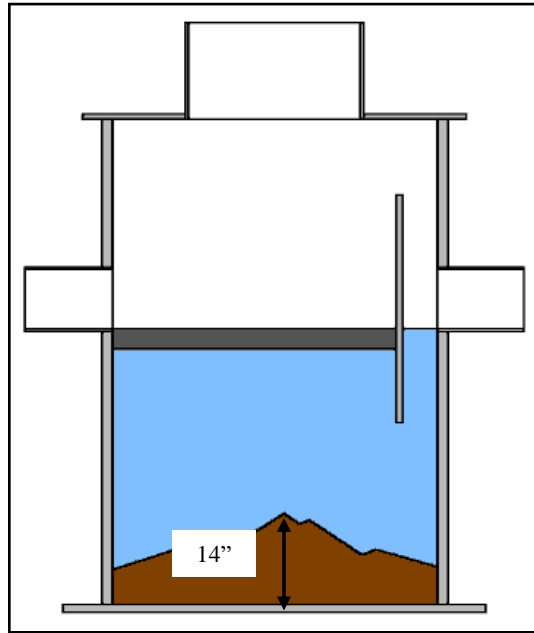
To inspect the Aqua-Swirl[®], a hook is typically needed to remove the manhole cover. AquaShield[™] provides a customized manhole cover with our distinctive logo to make it easy for maintenance crews to locate the system in the field. We also provide a permanent metal information plate affixed inside the access riser which provides our contact information, the Aqua-Swirl[®] model size, and serial number.

The only tools needed to inspect the Aqua-Swirl[®] system are a flashlight and a measuring device such as a stadia rod or pole. Given the easy and direct accessibility provided, floating oil and debris can be observed directly from the surface. Sediment depths can easily be determined by lowering a measuring device to the top of the sediment pile and to the surface of the water.

It should be noted that in order to avoid underestimating the volume of sediment in the chamber, the measuring device must be carefully lowered to the *top* of the sediment pile. Keep in mind that the finer sediment at the top of the pile may offer less resistance to the measuring device than the larger particles which typically occur deeper within the sediment pile. The Aqua-Swirl[®] design allows for the captured sediment to accumulate in a semi-conical fashion as illustrated below. That is, the depth to sediment as measured below the water surface may be less in the center of the swirl chamber; and likewise, may be greater at the edges of the swirl chamber.



Sediment inspection using a stadia rod



Maximum recommended sediment depth prior to cleanout is 14 inches for all Aqua-Swirl® models (not to scale)

Aqua-Swirl® Cleanout Procedure

Cleaning the Aqua-Swirl® is simple and quick. Free-floating oil and floatable trash can be observed and removed directly through the 30-inch service access riser provided. A vacuum truck is typically used to remove the accumulated sediment and debris. An advantage of the Aqua-Swirl® design is that the entire sediment storage area can be reached with a vacuum hose from the surface reaching all the sides. Since there are no multiple or limited (blind) access chambers in the Aqua-Swirl®, there are no restrictions to impede on-site maintenance tasks. If applicable, the trash screen can be reached from the surface and cleaned with a vacuum hose.

Disposal of Recovered Materials

AquaShield™ recommends that all maintenance activities be performed in accordance with appropriate health and safety practices for the tasks and equipment being used. AquaShield™ also recommends that all materials removed from the Aqua-Swirl® and any external bypass structures (divergent and convergent) be handled and disposed of in full accordance with any applicable local and state requirements.



Vacuum (vactor) truck quickly cleans the single open access swirl chamber

Aqua-Swirl[®]
Inspection and Maintenance Work Sheets
on following pages

Aqua-Swirl[®]
Inspection and Maintenance Work Sheets

SITE and OWNER INFORMATION

Site Name: _____

Site Location: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Inspector Name: _____

Inspector Company: _____ Phone #: _____

Owner Name: _____

Owner Address: _____

Owner Phone #: _____ Emergency Phone #: _____

INSPECTIONS

I. Floatable Trash/Debris and Oil

1. Remove manhole lid to expose liquid surface of the Aqua-Swirl[®].
2. Remove floatable trash/debris with basket or net if any present.
3. If oil is present, measure its depth. Clean liquids from system if one half (1/2) inch or more of oil and/or trash is present.
4. If applicable, clean trash screen surface with vacuum hose.

Note: Water in Aqua-Swirl[®] can appear black and similar to oil due to the dark body of the surrounding structure. Oil may appear darker than water in the system and is usually accompanied by oil stained debris (e.g. Styrofoam, etc.). The depth of oil can be measured with an oil/water interface probe, a stadia rod with water finding paste, a coliwasa, or collect a representative sample with a jar attached to a rod.

II. Sediment Accumulation

1. Lower measuring device (e.g. stadia rod) into swirl chamber through service access provided until top of sediment pile is reached.
2. Record distance to top of sediment pile from top of standing water: _____ inches.
3. Maximum recommended sediment depth prior to cleanout is 14 inches for all models. Consult system shop drawing for treatment chamber depth as measured from the inlet pipe invert to base of the unit.

III. Diversion Structures (External Bypass Features)

If a diversion (external bypass) configuration is present, it should be inspected as follows:

1. Inspect weir or other bypass feature for structural decay or damage. Weirs are more susceptible to damage than off-set piping and should be checked to confirm that they are not crumbling (concrete or brick) or decaying (steel).
2. Inspect diversion structure and bypass piping for signs of structural damage or blockage from debris or sediment accumulation.
3. When feasible, measure elevations on diversion weir or piping to ensure it is consistent with site plan designs.
4. Inspect downstream (convergence) structure(s) for sign of blockage or structural failure as noted above.

CLEANING

Schedule cleaning with local vacuor company to remove sediment, trash, oil and other floatable pollutants. The captured material generally does not require special treatment or handling for disposal. Site-specific conditions or the presence of known contaminants may necessitate that appropriate actions be taken to clean and dispose of materials captured and retained by the Aqua-Swirl[®]. All cleaning activities should be performed in accordance with property health and safety procedures.

AquaShield[™] always recommends that all materials removed from the Aqua-Swirl[®] during the maintenance process be handled and disposed in accordance with local and state environmental or other regulatory requirements.

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

I. During Construction

Inspect the Aqua-Swirl[®] full capture device every three (3) months and clean the system as needed. The Aqua-Swirl[®] should be inspected and cleaned at the end of construction regardless of whether it has reached its maintenance trigger.

II. First Year Post-Construction

Inspect the Aqua-Swirl[®] every three (3) months and clean the system as needed.

Inspect and clean the system once annually regardless of whether it has reached its sediment, trash or floatable pollutant storage capacity.

III. Second and Subsequent Years Post-Construction

If the Aqua-Swirl[®] did not reach full sediment or floatable trash capacity in the First Year Post-Construction period, the system can be inspected and cleaned once annually.

If the Aqua-Swirl[®] reached full sediment, trash or floatable pollutant capacity in less than 12 months in the First Year Post-Construction period, the system should be inspected once every six (6) months and cleaned as needed.

The Aqua-Swirl[®] should be cleaned annually regardless of whether it reaches its sediment, trash or floatable pollutant capacity.

IV. Bypass Structures

Bypass structures should be inspected whenever the Aqua-Swirl[®] is inspected. Maintenance should be performed on bypass structures as needed.

MAINTENANCE COMPANY INFORMATION

Company Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov.: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Contact: _____ Title: _____

Office Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

ACTIVITY LOG

Date of Cleaning: _____ (Next inspection should be 3 months from this data for first year).

Time of Cleaning: Start: _____ End: _____

Date of Next Inspection: _____

Floatable debris present: Yes No

Notes: _____

Oil present: Yes No Oil depth (inches): _____

Measurement method and notes: _____

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TABULAR MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Date Construction Started: _____

Date Construction Ended: _____

During Construction

Activity	Month											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Inspect and Clean as needed			X			X			X			X
Inspect Bypass and maintain as needed			X			X			X			X
Clean System*												X*

* The Aqua-Swirl® should be cleaned **once a year** regardless of whether it has reached full pollutant storage capacity. In addition, the system should be cleaned at the **end of construction** regardless of whether it has reach full pollutant storage capacity.

First Year Post-Construction

Activity	Month											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Inspect and Clean as needed			X			X			X			X
Inspect Bypass and maintain as needed			X			X			X			X
Clean System*												X*

* The Aqua-Swirl® should be cleaned **once a year** regardless of whether it has reached full pollutant storage capacity.

Second and Subsequent Years Post-Construction

Activity	Month											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Inspect and Clean as needed												X*
Inspect Bypass, maintain as needed												X*
Clean System*												X*

* If the Aqua-Swirl® did **not** reach full sediment or floatable pollutant capacity in the First Year Post-Construction period, the system can be inspected and cleaned once annually.

If the Aqua-Swirl® **reached** full sediment, trash or floatable pollutant capacity in less than 12 months in the First Year Post-Construction period, the system should be inspected once every six (6) months or more frequently if past history warrants, and cleaned as needed. The Aqua-Swirl® should be cleaned annually regardless of whether it reaches its full sediment, trash or floatable pollutant capacity.