


XIV.7. Pretreatment/Gross Solids Removal BMP Fact Sheets (PRE)

PRE-1: Hydrodynamic Separation Device

Hydrodynamic separation devices are inline pretreatment units designed to remove trash, debris, and coarse sediment using screening, gravity settling, and centrifugal forces generated by forcing the influent into a circular motion. Several companies manufacture units with a variety of design components including separate chambers, baffles, sorbent media, screens, and flow control orifices. Therefore, additional constituents may be targeted depending on the design; however, the short residence time and potential for captured materials to be released during high flows limits the acceptable use of this BMP type as a standalone treatment control BMP.

Also known as:

- *Vortex Separators*
- *Swirl Concentrators*
- *Gross solids removal devices (GSRDs)*



Hydrodynamic Separation Device
Source: *Contech Stormwater Solution, Inc.*

Opportunity Criteria

- Hydrodynamic separation devices are effective for the removal of coarse sediment, trash, and debris, and are useful as pretreatment in combination with other BMP types that target smaller particle sizes. They are most effective in urban areas where coarse sediment, trash, and debris are pollutants of concern.
- Hydrodynamic devices represent a wide range of device types that have different unit processes and design elements (e.g., storage versus flow-through designs, inclusion of media filtration, etc.) that vary significantly within the category. These design features likely have significant effects on BMP performance; therefore, generalized performance data for hydrodynamic devices is not practical.

OC-Specific Design Criteria and Considerations

- Proprietary hydrodynamic device BMP vendors are constantly updating and expanding their product lines so refer to the latest design guidance from each of the vendors. General guidelines on the performance, operations and maintenance of proprietary devices are provided by the vendors.
- Operations and maintenance requirements include: clearing trash, debris, and sediment around insert grate and inside chamber, and repairing screens and media if damaged or severely clogged.

Computing Sizing Criteria for Hydrodynamic Devices

- Hydrodynamic separation devices should be adequately sized to pretreat the entire design volume or design flow rate of the downstream BMP.
- The required design flowrate should be calculated based on the Capture Efficiency Method for Flow-based BMPs (See **Appendix III**) to achieve 80 percent capture of the average annual stormwater runoff volume.

Proprietary Hydrodynamic Device Manufacturer Websites

- **Table XIV.1** is a list of manufacturers that provide hydrodynamic separation devices. The inclusion of these manufacturers does not represent an endorse of their products. Other devices and manufacturers may be acceptable for pretreatment.

Table XIV.1: Proprietary Hydrodynamic Device Manufacturer Websites

Device	Manufacturer	Website
Rinker In-Line Stormceptor®	Rinker Materials™	www.rinkerstormceptor.com
FloGard® Dual-Vortex Hydrodynamic Separator	KriStar Enterprises Inc.	www.kristar.com
Contech® CDS ^a ™	Contech® Construction Products Inc.	www.contech-cpi.com
Contech® Vortechs™	Contech® Construction Products Inc.	www.contech-cpi.com
Contech® Vorsentry™	Contech® Construction Products Inc.	www.contech-cpi.com
Contech® Vorsentry™ HS	Contech® Construction Products Inc.	www.contech-cpi.com
BaySaver BaySeparator	Baysaver Technologies Inc.	www.baysaver.com

Additional References for Design Guidance

- CASQA BMP Handbook for New and Redevelopment:
<http://www.cabmphandbooks.com/Documents/Development/MP-51.pdf>
- Los Angeles County Stormwater BMP Design and Maintenance Manual, Chapter 9:
http://dpw.lacounty.gov/DES/design_manuals/StormwaterBMPDesignandMaintenance.pdf