



Hydroworks[®] Hydroguard

Operations & Maintenance Manual

Version 1.5

Introduction

The Hydroguard is a state of the art hydrodynamic separator. Hydrodynamic separators remove solids, debris and lighter than water (oil, trash, floating debris) pollutants from stormwater. Hydrodynamic separators and other water quality measures are mandated by regulatory agencies (Town/City, State, Federal Government) to protect storm water quality from pollution generated by urban development (traffic, people) as part of new development permitting requirements.

As storm water treatment structures fill up with pollutants they become less and less effective in removing new pollution. Therefore it is important that storm water treatment structures be maintained on a regular basis to ensure that they are operating at optimum performance. The Hydroguard is no different in this regard and this manual has been assembled to provide the owner/operator with the necessary information to inspect and coordinate maintenance of their Hydroguard.

Hydroworks® HG Operation

The Hydroworks HG separator is unique since it treats both high and low flows in one device, but maintains separate flow paths for low and high flows. Accordingly, high flows do not scour out the fines that are settled in the low flow path since they are treated in a separate area of the device as shown in Figure 1.

The HG separator consists of three chambers:

1. an inner chamber that treats low or normal flows
2. a middle chamber that treats high flows
3. an outlet chamber where water is discharged to the downstream storm system

Under normal or low flows, water enters the middle chamber and is conveyed into the inner chamber by momentum. Since the inner chamber is offset to one side of the structure the water strikes the wall of the inner chamber at a tangent creating a vortex within the inner chamber. The vortex motion forces solids and floatables to the middle of the inner chamber. The water spirals down the inner chamber to the outlet of the inner chamber which is located below the inlet of the inner chamber and adjacent to the wall of the structure but above the floor of the structure. Floatables are trapped since the outlet of the inner chamber is submerged. The design maximizes the retention of settled solids since solids are forced to the center of the inner chamber by the vortex motion of water while the outlet of the inner chamber draws water from the wall of the inner chamber.

The water leaving the inner chamber continues into the middle chamber, again at a tangent to the wall of the structure. The water is then conveyed through an outlet baffle wall (high and low baffle). This enhances the collection of any floatables or solids not removed by the inner chamber. Water flowing through the baffles then enters the outlet chamber and is discharged into the downstream storm drain.

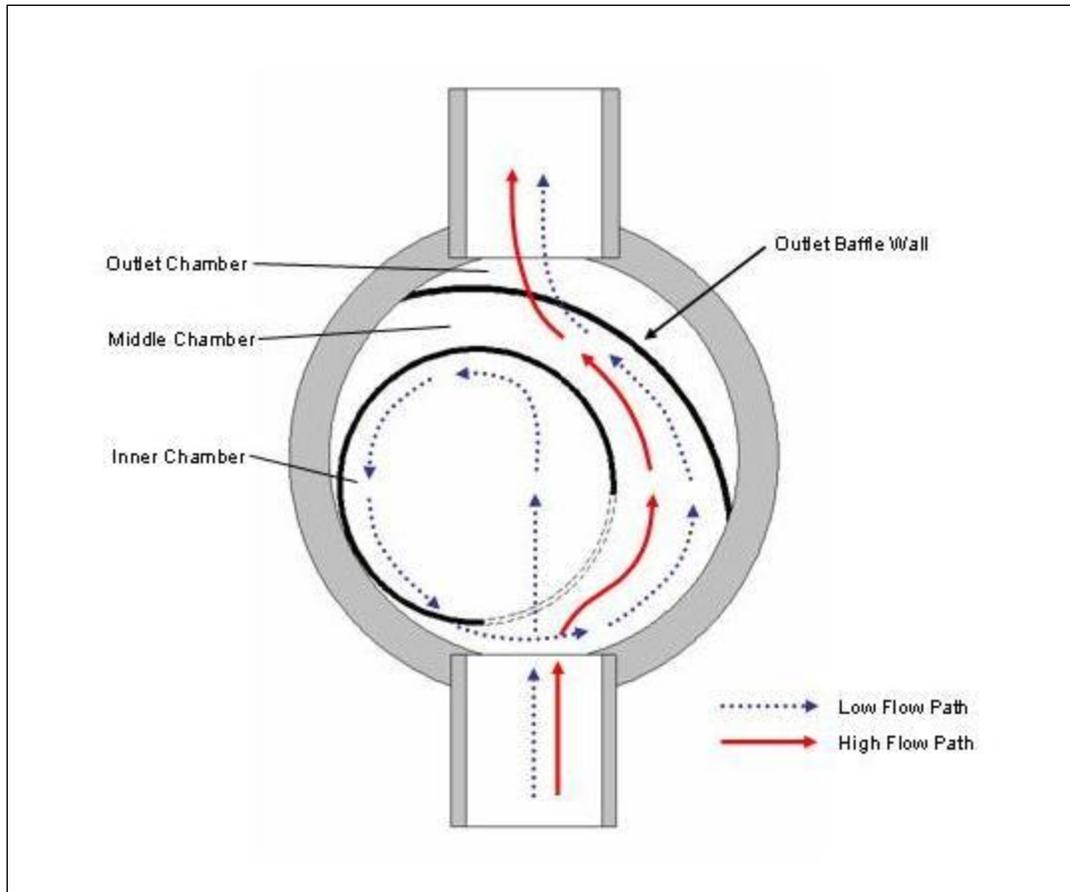


Figure 1. Hydroworks HG Operation – Plan View

During high flows, the flow rate entering the inner chamber is restricted by the size of the inlet opening to the inner chamber. This restriction of flow rate into the inner chamber prevents scour and re-suspension of solids from the inner chamber during periods of high flow. This is important since fines, which are typically considered highly polluted, are conveyed during low/normal flows.

The excess flow is conveyed directly into the middle chamber where it receives treatment for floatables and solids via the baffle system. This treatment of the higher flow rates is important since trash and heavier solids are typically conveyed during periods of higher flow rates. The Hydroworks HG separator is revolutionary since it incorporates low and high flow treatment in one device while maintaining separate low and high flow paths to prevent the scour and re-suspension of fines.

Figure 2 is a profile view of the HG separator showing the flow patterns for low and high flows.

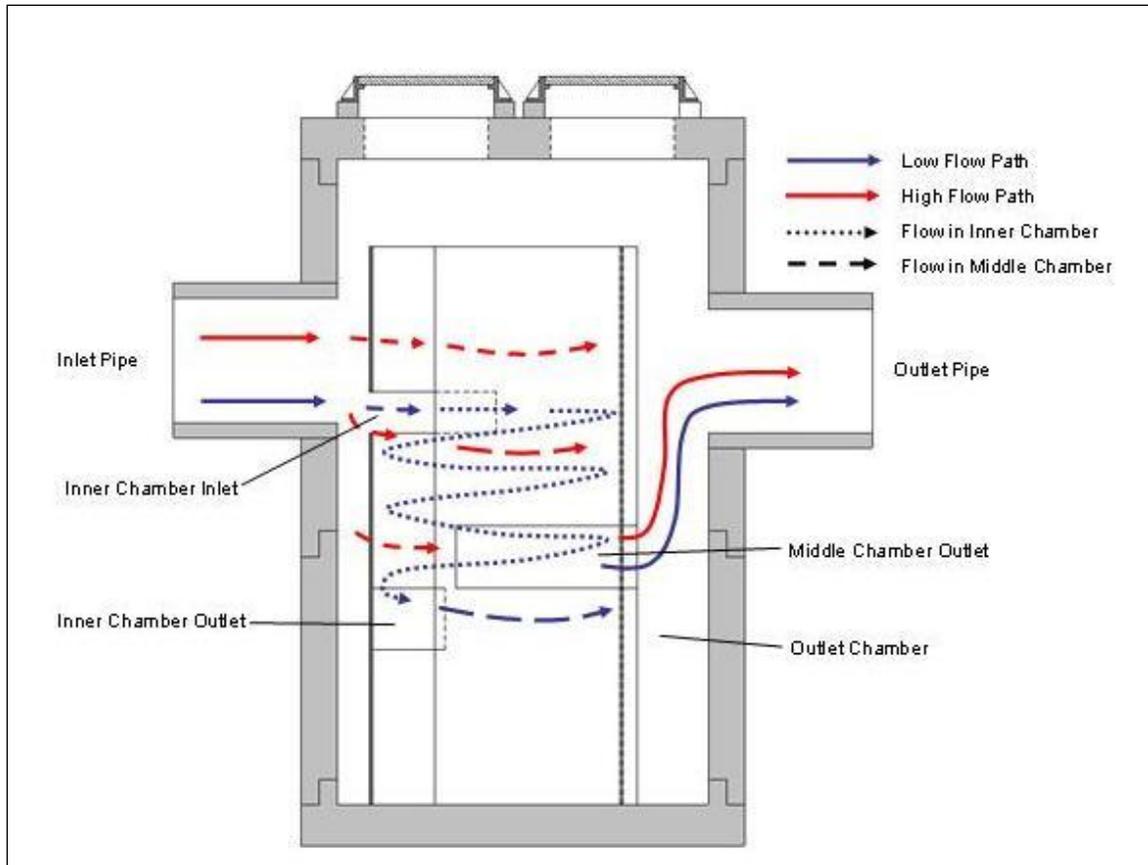
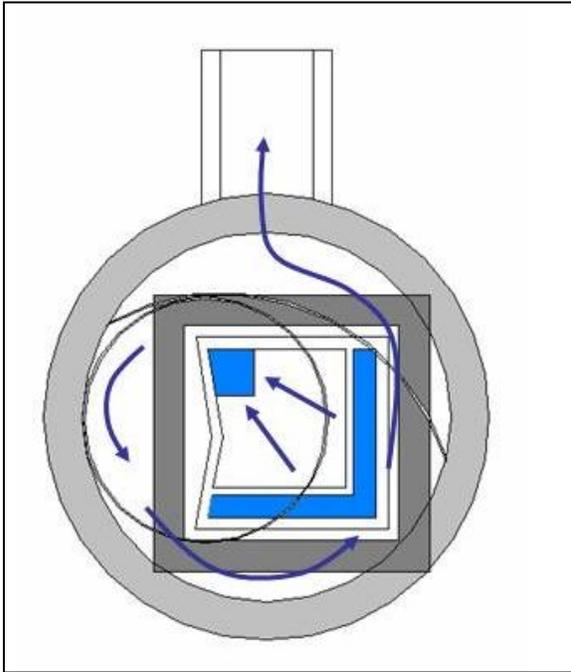


Figure 2. Hydroworks HG Operation – Profile View

The HG 4i is an inlet version of the HG 4 separator. There is a catch-basin grate on top of the HG 4i. Water flows directly into the inner chamber of the HG 4i through the catch-basin grate on top of the structure. The grate is oversized to allow maintenance of the entire structure. A funnel that sits underneath the grate on the top cap of the concrete itself directs the water into the inner chamber during normal flows and the middle chamber during high flows. Figures 3 and 4 show the flow paths for the HG 4i separator.

The inlet funnel is sloped towards the corner inlet and hence the wall of the inner chamber. Water moves in a circular direction in the inner chamber since water enters tangentially along the wall of the inner chamber due to the sloping funnel.

Water continues moving in a circular motion (vortex) through the rest of the structure (through the middle chamber and baffle wall) until it is discharged from the separator.



During periods of peak flow the water will back up from the corner inlet and overflow into two side overflow troughs which discharge directly into the middle chamber. These overflow troughs are covered from the surface such that water cannot directly fall through them (i.e. water must back up to enter the overflow troughs).

Accordingly this funnel provides the same separate flow paths for low and high flow as the other Hydroguard separators.

The whole funnel is removed for inspection and cleaning providing.

Figure 3. Hydroworks HG 4i Normal Flow Path

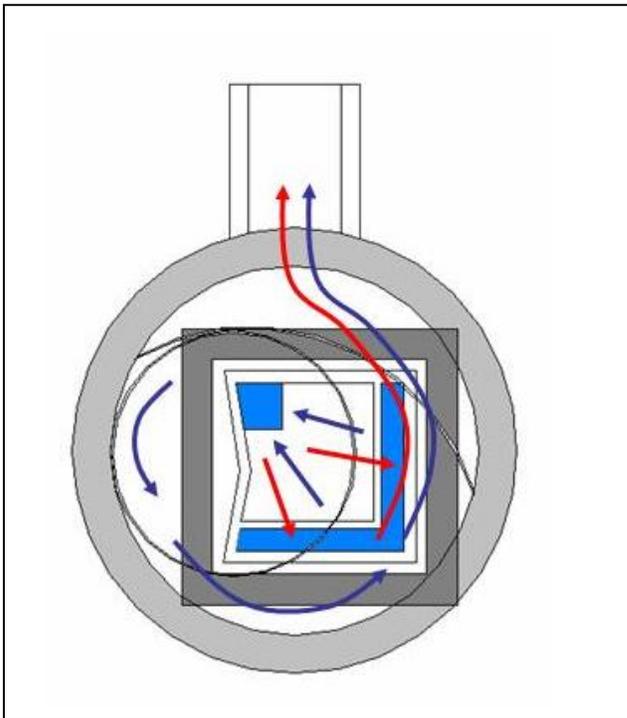


Figure 4. Hydroworks HG 4i Peak Flow Path

Inspection

Procedure

Although all parts of the Hydroguard should be inspected, inspection and maintenance should focus on the inner and middle chambers since this is where the pollutants (floatable and sinking) will accumulate.

Floatables

A visual inspection can be conducted for floatables by removing the covers and looking down into the separator. Multiple covers are provided on Hydroworks HG units to access all areas of the separator (The HG 4 may have a single larger 32" (800mm) cover due to the lack of space for multiple 24" (600mm) covers). Separators with an inlet grate (HG4i or custom separator) will have a plastic funnel located under the grate or on the top cap of the concrete that must be removed through the frame prior to inspection or maintenance. If you are missing a funnel please contact Hydroworks at the numbers provided at the end of this document.

TSS/Sediment

Inspection for TSS build-up can be conducted using a Sludge Judge®, Core Pro®, AccuSludge® or equivalent sampling device that allows the measurement of the depth of TSS/sediment in the unit. These devices typically have a ball valve at the bottom of the tube that allows water and TSS to flow into the tube when lowering the tube into the unit. Once the unit touches the bottom of the device, it is quickly pulled upward such that the water and TSS in the tube forces the ball valve closed allowing the user to see a full core of water/TSS in the unit. The unit should be inspected for TSS through each of the access covers. Several readings (2 or 3) should be made at each access cover to ensure that an accurate TSS depth measurement is recorded.

Frequency

Construction Period

The HG separator should be inspected every two weeks and after every large storm (over 0.5" (12.5 mm) of rain) during the construction period.

Post-Construction Period

The Hydroworks HG separator should be inspected once per year for normal stabilized sites (grassed or paved areas). If the unit is subject to oil spills or runoff from unstabilized (storage piles, exposed soils) areas the HG separator should be inspected more frequently (4 times per year). The initial annual inspection will indicate the required future frequency of maintenance if the unit was maintained after the construction period.

Reporting

Reports should be prepared as part of each inspection and include the following information:

1. Date of inspection
2. GPS coordinates of Hydroworks unit
3. Time since last rainfall
4. Date of last inspection
5. Installation deficiencies (missing parts, incorrect installation of parts)
6. Structural deficiencies (concrete cracks, broken parts)
7. Operational deficiencies (leaks, blockages)
8. Presence of oil sheen or depth of oil layer
9. Estimate of depth/volume of floatables (trash, leaves) captured
10. Sediment depth measured
11. Recommendations for any repairs and/or maintenance for the unit
12. Estimation of time before maintenance is required if not required at time of inspection

A sample inspection checklist is provided at the end of this manual.

Maintenance

Procedure

The Hydroworks HG unit is typically maintained using a vacuum truck. There are numerous companies that can maintain the HG separator. Maintenance with a vacuum truck involves removing all of the water and sediment together. The water is then separated from the sediment on the truck or at the disposal facility.

In instances where a vacuum truck is not available other maintenance methods (i.e. clamshell bucket) can be used, but they will be less effective. If a clamshell bucket is used the water must be decanted prior to cleaning since the sediment is under water and typically fine in nature. Disposal of the water will depend on local requirements. Disposal options for the decanted water may include:

1. Discharge into a nearby sanitary sewer manhole
2. Discharge into a nearby LID practice (grassed swale, bioretention)
3. Discharge through a filter bag into a downstream storm drain connection

The local municipality should be consulted for the allowable disposal options for both water and sediments prior to any maintenance operation. Once the water is decanted the sediment can be removed with the clamshell bucket.

Disposal of the contents of the separator depend on local requirements. Maintenance of a Hydroworks HG unit will typically take 1 to 2 hours based on a vacuum truck and longer for other cleaning methods (i.e. clamshell bucket).

Frequency

Construction Period

A HG separator can fill with construction sediment quickly during the construction period. The Hydroguard must be maintained during the construction period when the depth of TSS/sediment reaches 30" (750 mm). It must also be maintained during the construction period if there is an appreciable depth of oil in the unit (more than a sheen) or if floatables other than oil cover over 50% of the open water surface on the inlet side of the outlet baffle wall.

The HG separator should be maintained at the end of the construction period, prior to operation for the post-construction period.

Post-Construction Period

The Hydroguard was independently tested by Alden Research Laboratory in 2008. A HG6 was tested for scour with initial sediment loads of 4.6 ft³ and 9.3 ft³. The results from these tests were almost identical. Therefore, the 9.3 ft³ sediment load was used as 50% of the maximum sediment depth for maintenance in the calculation of the maintenance interval for the HG6 separator based on the NJDEP maintenance equation.

Maintenance Interval (months) = 3.565 x (Sediment Storage) / (MTFR x TSS Removal)

Maintenance Interval (HG6) = 3.565 x 9.3 / (1.81 x 0.60) = 30 months

All values (flow, sediment storage) can be scaled by the surface area making the sediment depths and maintenance intervals equal for all separators.

The separator was loaded with the sediment in the inner chamber and middle chamber with the majority of sediment (80%) located in the inner chamber. The inner chamber for area represents approximately 44% of the separator surface area. The inner chamber is 4 ft (1200 mm) in diameter in the HG6. Therefore the 50% sediment depth for the HG6 in the inner chamber would be:

$9.3 \text{ ft}^3 \times 0.80 / (3.14 \times 4 \text{ ft}^2) \times 12 \text{ in/ft} = 7.1 \text{ inches (175 mm)}$

Accordingly the 100% sediment volume would represent 14.2" (350 mm) of sediment depth in the inner chamber.

The HG separator must be maintained if there is an appreciable depth of oil in the unit (more than a sheen) or if floatables other than oil cover over 50% of the open water surface on the inlet side of the outlet baffle wall. It should also be maintained once the accumulated TSS/sediment depths are greater than 14" (350 mm) in the inner chamber. For typical stabilized post-construction sites (parking lots, streets) it is anticipated that maintenance will be required annually or once every two years. More frequent or less frequent maintenance will be required depending on individual site conditions (traffic use, stabilization, storage piles, etc.). The long term maintenance frequency can be established based on the maintenance requirements during the first several years of operation if site conditions do not change.



HYDROGUARD INSPECTION SHEET

Date _____
Date of Last Inspection _____

Site _____
City _____
State _____
Owner _____

GPS Coordinates _____

Date of last rainfall _____

Site Characteristics	Yes	No
Soil erosion evident	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exposed material storage on site	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Large exposure to leaf litter (lots of trees)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
High traffic (vehicle) area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Hydroguard	Yes	No
Incorrect access orientation	<input type="checkbox"/> ***	<input type="checkbox"/>
Obstructions in the inlet or outlet	<input type="checkbox"/> *	<input type="checkbox"/>
Missing internal components	<input type="checkbox"/> **	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improperly installed internal components	<input type="checkbox"/> **	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improperly installed inlet or outlet pipes	<input type="checkbox"/> ***	<input type="checkbox"/>
Internal component damage (cracked, broken, loose pieces)	<input type="checkbox"/> **	<input type="checkbox"/>
Floating debris in the separator (oil, leaves, trash)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Large debris visible in the separator	<input type="checkbox"/> *	<input type="checkbox"/>
Concrete cracks/deficiencies	<input type="checkbox"/> ***	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exposed rebar	<input type="checkbox"/> **	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water seepage (water level not at outlet pipe invert)	<input type="checkbox"/> ***	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water level depth below outlet pipe invert _____"		

Routine Measurements			
Floating debris depth	< 0.5" (13mm)	<input type="checkbox"/>	>0.5" 13mm) <input type="checkbox"/> *
Floating debris coverage	< 25% of surface area	<input type="checkbox"/>	> 25% surface area <input type="checkbox"/> *
Sludge depth	< 14" (350mm)	<input type="checkbox"/>	> 14" (350mm) <input type="checkbox"/> *

* Maintenance required
 ** Repairs required
 *** Further investigation is required

Please call Hydroworks at 888-290-7900 or email us at support@hydroworks.com if you have any questions regarding the Inspection Checklist. Please fax a copy of the completed checklist to Hydroworks at 888-783-7271 for our records.



Hydroworks® Hydroguard

One Year Limited Warranty

Hydroworks, LLC warrants, to the purchaser and subsequent owner(s) during the warranty period subject to the terms and conditions hereof, the Hydroworks Hydroguard to be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service, when properly installed, used, inspected and maintained in accordance with Hydroworks written instructions, for the period of the warranty. The standard warranty period is 1 year.

The warranty period begins once the separator has been manufactured and is available for delivery. Any components determined to be defective, either by failure or by inspection, in material and workmanship will be repaired, replaced or remanufactured at Hydroworks' option provided, however, that by doing so Hydroworks, LLC will not be obligated to replace an entire insert or concrete section, or the complete unit. This warranty does not cover shipping charges, damages, labor, any costs incurred to obtain access to the unit, any costs to repair/replace any surface treatment/cover after repair/replacement, or other charges that may occur due to product failure, repair or replacement.

This warranty does not apply to any material that has been disassembled or modified without prior approval of Hydroworks, LLC, that has been subjected to misuse, misapplication, neglect, alteration, accident or act of God, or that has not been installed, inspected, operated or maintained in accordance with Hydroworks, LLC instructions and is in lieu of all other warranties expressed or implied. Hydroworks, LLC does not authorize any representative or other person to expand or otherwise modify this limited warranty.

The owner shall provide Hydroworks, LLC with written notice of any alleged defect in material or workmanship including a detailed description of the alleged defect upon discovery of the defect. Hydroworks, LLC should be contacted at 136 Central Ave., Clark, NJ 07066 or any other address as supplied by Hydroworks, LLC. (888-290-7900).

This limited warranty is exclusive. There are no other warranties, express or implied, or merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose and none shall be created whether under the uniform commercial code, custom or usage in the industry or the course of dealings between the parties. Hydroworks, LLC will replace any goods that are defective under this warranty as the sole and exclusive remedy for breach of this warranty.

Subject to the foregoing, all conditions, warranties, terms, undertakings or liabilities (including liability as to negligence), expressed or implied, and howsoever arising, as to the condition, suitability, fitness, safety, or title to the Hydroworks Hydroguard are hereby negated and excluded and Hydroworks, LLC gives and makes no such representation, warranty or undertaking except as expressly set forth herein. Under no circumstances shall Hydroworks, LLC be liable to the Purchaser or to any third party for product liability claims; claims arising from the design, shipment, or installation of the Hydroguard, or the cost of other goods or services related to the purchase and installation of the Hydroguard. For this Limited Warranty to apply, the Hydroguard must be installed in accordance with all site conditions required by state and local codes; all other applicable laws; and Hydroworks' written installation instructions.

Hydroworks, LLC expressly disclaims liability for special, consequential or incidental damages (even if it has been advised of the possibility of the same) or breach of expressed or implied warranty. Hydroworks, LLC shall not be liable for penalties or liquidated damages, including loss of production and profits; labor and materials; overhead costs; or other loss or expense incurred by the purchaser or any third party. Specifically excluded from limited warranty coverage are damages to the Hydroguard arising from ordinary wear and tear; alteration, accident, misuse, abuse or neglect; improper maintenance, failure of the product due to improper installation of the concrete sections or improper sizing; or any other event not caused by Hydroworks, LLC. This limited warranty represents Hydroworks' sole liability to the purchaser for claims related to the Hydroguard, whether the claim is based upon contract, tort, or other legal basis.