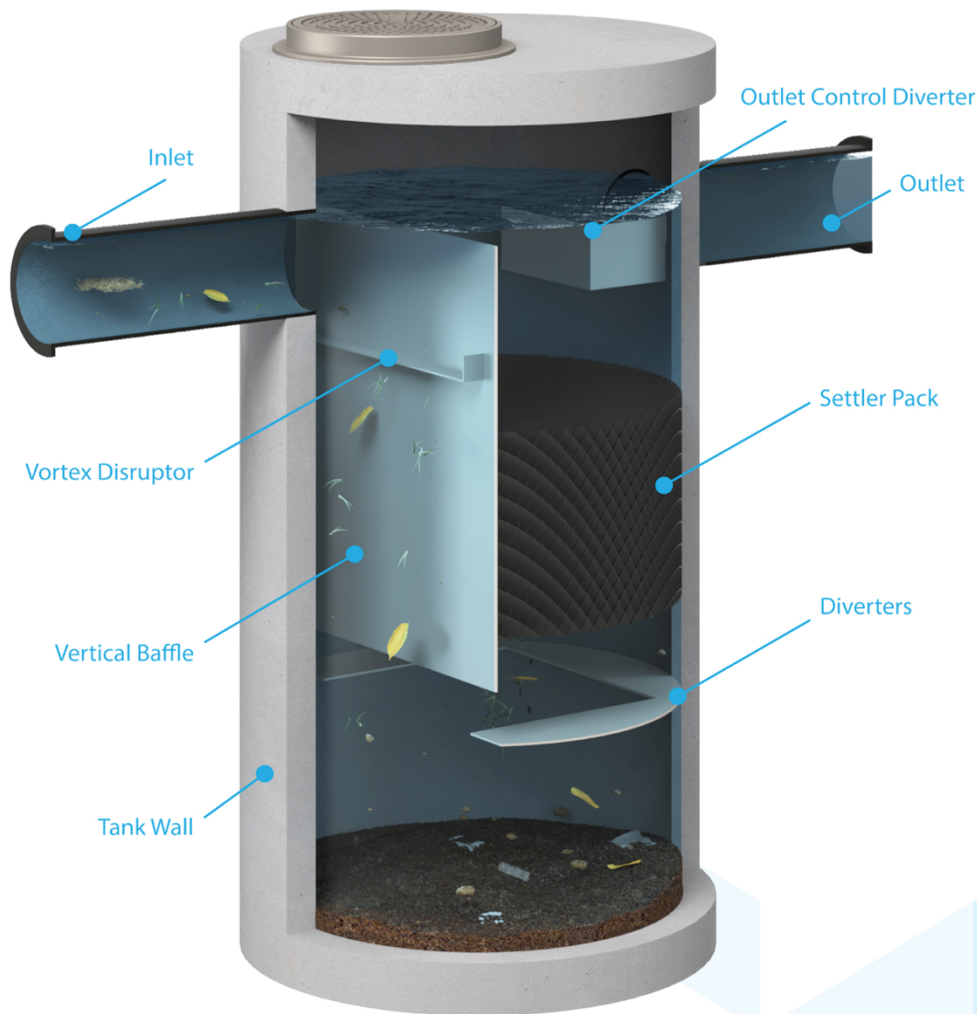


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The StormSettler treatment device, manufactured by StormTrap®, is a hydrodynamic separating device designed to capture and store pollutants from stormwater. StormSettler's maintenance frequency is site-dependent and routine inspections are recommended to ensure that the system is functioning as designed. Please contact your authorized StormTrap representative if you have questions regarding the inspection and maintenance of the StormSettler system.

Inspection Scheduling

StormSettler inspections are important to assess the condition of the system internals to ensure peak performance. The frequency of inspections and maintenance depends on site-specific loading conditions and rainfall frequency. Within the first year of operation, it is recommended that the unit be inspected quarterly to determine the rate of pollutant accumulation to develop a more accurate maintenance schedule. Inspections should be performed during dry weather conditions when no flow is entering the system.

StormSettler systems are recommended to be inspected whenever the upstream and downstream catch basins and stormwater pipes of the stormwater collection system are inspected or maintained. If checked on an annual basis, the inspection should be conducted before the stormwater season begins to ensure that the system is functioning properly for the upcoming storm season.

Inspection and Maintenance Equipment

The following equipment is recommended to have during inspections:

- StormSettler Inspection and Maintenance Manual and Inspection Checklist
- Flashlight
- Manhole hook/lifter or pry bar to lift the manhole cover
- Measuring device(s) of sufficient length to reach the bottom of the device's sump
- Proper personal protective equipment
- Adequate traffic control signage
- Pole with skimmer or net (optional for maintenance procedure)
- Vacuum truck or similar trailer-mounted equipment (for maintenance procedure)



Inspection Procedure

Inspections should be done such that a sufficient time has lapsed since the most recent rain event to allow for a static water condition and rainfall is not anticipated to occur during the inspection procedure. StormSettler does not require entry into the system for inspection or maintenance; however, if entering the system is deemed necessary, it is prudent to note that before entering into any underground storm sewer or underground structure, appropriate OSHA and local safety regulations and guidelines should be followed.

To begin the inspection process, set up the necessary traffic control signage per local ordinances. Open all manhole covers using appropriate equipment and ensure the manhole covers are in a location that would not prohibit the inspection process. Visually inspect the system at all manhole access opening locations. During the visual inspection, ensure that all components are in working order. An inspection checklist is provided within this guide for ease and reference. If any components are not in working order, contact your authorized StormTrap representative.

After the components are inspected, visually quantify the accumulation of trash, debris, and hydrocarbons within the system by using a measuring device such as a tape measure, grade stick, dipstick, etc. If a Trash Capture Device is included, measure and record the depth of trash, debris, and hydrocarbon accumulation from the static water elevation (outlet pipe elevation) to the top of the trash removal device. The height of the trash removal device is based on unit and pipe size and varies. Approval drawings of the device can be used to determine the trash removal device height of the unit to be maintained.

If sorbent materials are used, the materials may have to be moved to not impact sediment removal. If significant discoloration of the sorbent material has occurred, simply remove the sorbent materials and replace them upon completion of maintenance activities.

For sediment accumulation, utilize either a sludge sampler or a sediment pole to measure and document the amount of sediment accumulation. To determine the amount of sediment in the system with a sludge sampler, follow the manufacturer's instructions. If utilizing a sediment pole or similar device, first insert the pole to the top of the sediment layer and



record the depth. Then, insert the pole into the bottom of the system and record the depth. The difference in the two measurements corresponds to the amount of sediment in the system. Alternatively, sediment depth can also be determined by taking a measurement from a known and consistent elevation (manhole frame, pipe invert, vertical baffle top, etc.) to the top of the sediment layer. That distance can then be compared to the measurement between the known elevation to the sump floor. The difference between these two measurements will correspond to the sediment layer depth.

After completion of the inspection process, ensure that manhole covers are replaced and securely seated in the manhole frame and remove traffic control signage.

StormSettler units can also be installed with remote monitoring technology that measures the current capacities within the system and reports the data to any internet-capable device. If a remote monitoring device is used, proper maintenance of the device, such as replacement of batteries, cleaning the sensor, etc., needs to be completed to ensure the functionality of the remote monitoring technology.

If it is determined during the inspection process that the accumulation of trash and debris or sediment is at or near the capacities of the StormSettler device, maintenance should be performed to ensure performance is not impacted for subsequent storm events.

Maintenance Procedure

Maintenance should be done such that sufficient time has lapsed since the most recent rain event to allow for a static water condition and rainfall is not anticipated to occur during the duration of the maintenance procedure.

To begin the maintenance process, set up the necessary traffic control signage per local ordinances. Open all manhole covers using appropriate equipment and ensure the manhole covers are in a location that would not prohibit the maintenance process.

Visually inspect the system at all manhole access opening locations. During the visual inspection, ensure that all components are undamaged. If any components are not in working order, contact your authorized StormTrap representative.



After the components are inspected, remove all accumulated trash, debris, and hydrocarbons stored on the surface of the water using the vacuum hose or pole with an attached skimmer or net.

If sorbent materials are used, the materials may have to be moved to not impact pollutant removal. If significant discoloration of the sorbent material has occurred, simply remove the sorbent materials and replace them upon completion of maintenance activities.

To remove floatable and neutrally buoyant material, insert the vacuum truck's hose from the inlet side to the outlet side of the device (in units under 6ft), and through the outlet side access hatch in 6ft and over. Use the vacuum hose to remove floating and neutrally buoyant material. Use the rodder arm of the vacuum truck, or similar pressure washer, to clean any stuck debris from the face of the trash removal device, if applicable.

To remove sediment, insert the vacuum truck's hose on the inlet side of the vertical baffle into the sump. The system should be completely drained, and all sediment should be removed from the sump. For smaller diameter devices (3' or 4' units), a 6" or smaller vacuum hose diameter may be required for effective cleaning due to maneuverability constraints. If the vacuum truck that is being utilized has a hose diameter greater than 6", a smaller tube can be affixed to the boom hose with duct tape to improve maneuverability within the device.

If excessive sediment or debris buildup occurs within the device, components can be washed with sewer jetting equipment or a spray lance to remove stubborn materials. Particular attention must be taken when spraying the settler pack. A wide spray nozzle is recommended around the settler pack to ensure there is no damage to the material.

After completing the maintenance procedure, complete a post-maintenance inspection to ensure that all components are in good condition. Ensure that manhole covers are replaced and securely seated in the manhole frame and remove traffic control signage. Dispose of all pollutants removed during maintenance per local, state, and federal guidelines and regulations.



Inspection and Maintenance Documentation

Proof of inspections and maintenance activities is the responsibility of the owner. All inspection and maintenance reports and any relevant data should be kept on-site or at a location where they will be accessible in accordance with local requirements. It is a good practice to take time-stamped photographs after every inspection and maintenance event to include within logs. It is also good practice to keep records of rainfall events between maintenance events and the weight of material removed, even if no report is required. Some municipalities may require inspection and maintenance reports be forwarded to the proper governmental permitting agency on an annual basis. Refer to your local regulations and ordinances for any additional maintenance requirements and schedules not contained herein.

Inspections and maintenance activities should be performed to ensure performance is not impacted and the device performs as designed.

Inspection Items

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