

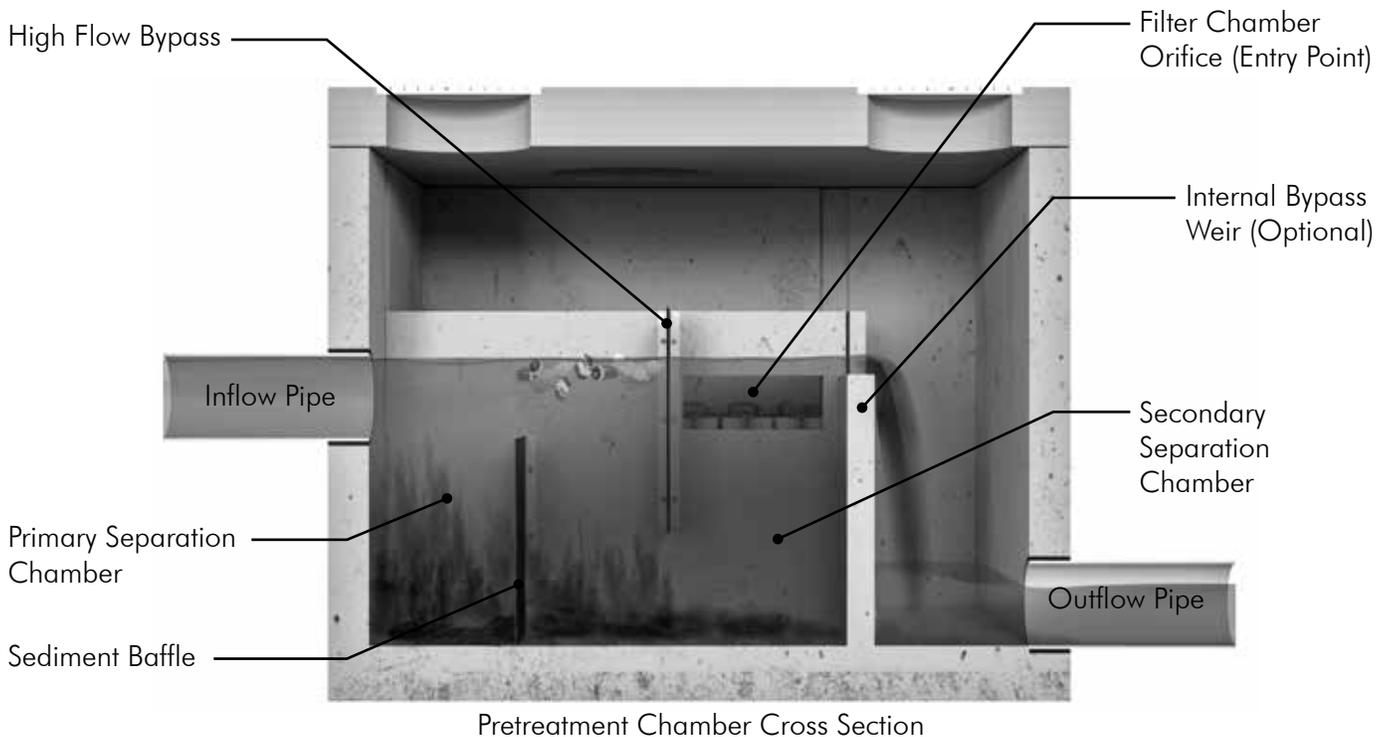
Kraken[®] Filter
Operation & Maintenance Manual



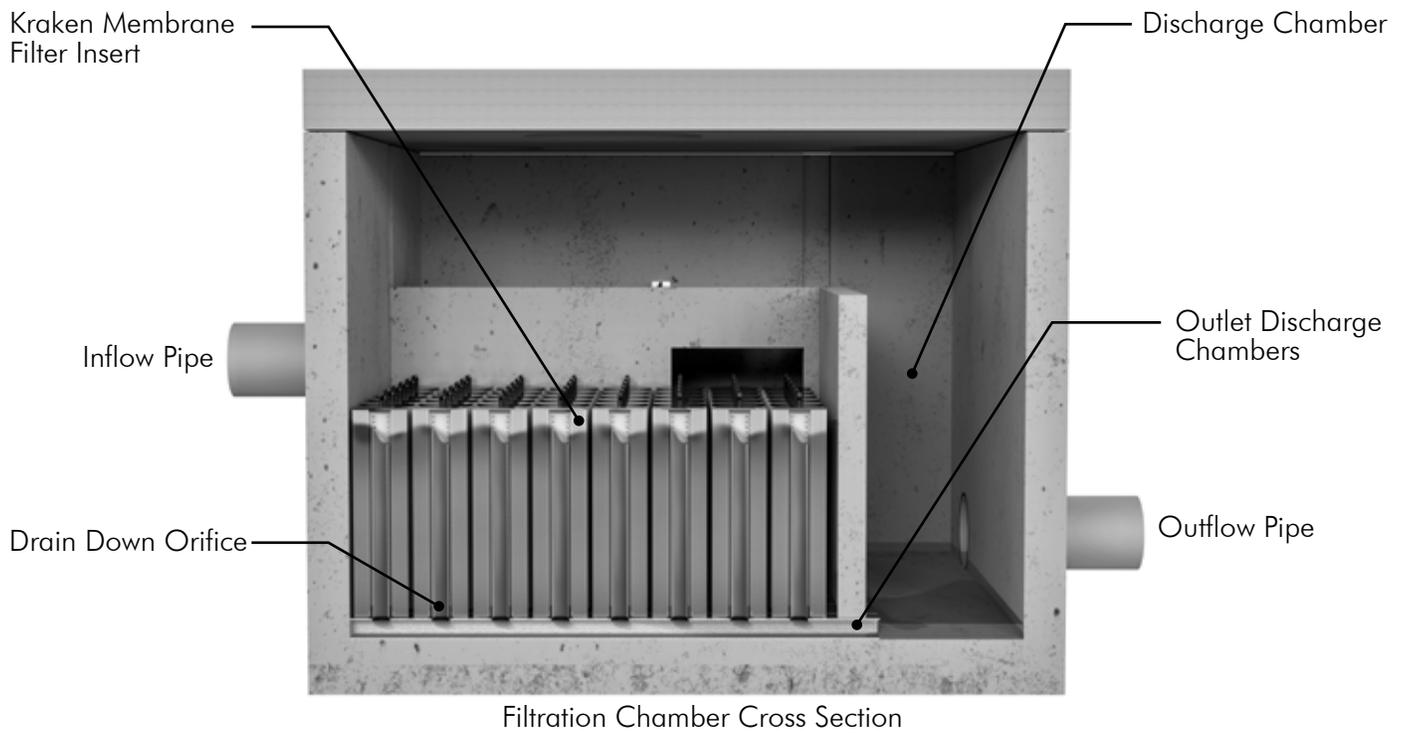
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The Kraken® Filter is designed at a minimal loading rate of only 0.05 gpm/sq ft of media surface to maximize longevity and minimize maintenance requirements. Passive backwash and pretreatment also help to minimize system maintenance requirements. The Kraken® Filter is estimated to be able to handle up to at least 18 months sediment loading with no maintenance or loss of treatment capacity assuming 600 pounds of sediment per acre of impervious surface annually.

Yet, as with all stormwater BMPs, inspection and maintenance on the Kraken® Filter is necessary. Stormwater regulations require that all BMPs be inspected and maintained to ensure they are operating as designed to allow for effective pollutant removal and to provide protection to receiving water bodies. It is recommended that inspections be performed multiple times during the first year to assess the site specific loading conditions. This is recommended because pollutant loading and pollutant characteristics can vary greatly from site to site. Variables such as nearby soil erosion or construction sites, winter sanding on roads, amount of daily traffic and land use can increase pollutant loading on the system. Observations made during the first year of inspections can be used to estimate inspection and maintenance intervals for subsequent years to ensure appropriate maintenance is provided. Without appropriate maintenance, a BMP will exceed its storage capacity which can negatively affect its continued performance in removing and retaining captured pollutants.



Pre-Treatment Chamber Diagram



Filter Chamber Diagram

Inspection Equipment

Following is a list of equipment to allow for simple and effective inspection of the Kraken® Filter:

- Contech Inspection Form
- Flashlight
- Manhole hook or appropriate tools to access hatches and covers
- Appropriate traffic control signage and procedures
- Measuring pole and/or tape measure
- Protective clothing and eye protection



Inspection Steps

The core to any successful stormwater BMP maintenance program is routine inspections. The inspection steps required on the Kraken[®] Filter are quick and easy. As mentioned above, the first year should be seen as the maintenance interval establishment phase. During the first year, more frequent inspections should occur in order to gather loading data and maintenance requirements for that specific site. This information can be used to plan future inspection and maintenance intervals.

The Kraken[®] Filter can be inspected through visual observation without entry into the system. All necessary pre-inspection steps must be carried out before inspection occurs, especially traffic control and other safety measures to protect the inspector and near-by pedestrians from any dangers associated with an open access hatch or manhole. Note: entering a confined space requires appropriate safety and certification. It is generally not required for routine inspections of the system. Once these access covers have been safely opened the inspection process can proceed:

- Prepare the inspection form by writing in the necessary information including project name, location, date & time, unit number and other info (see inspection form).
- Observe the inside of the system through the access hatches. If minimal light is available and vision into the unit is impaired, utilize a flashlight to see inside the system and all of its chambers.
- Look for any obstructions in the inflow pipe, pre-treatment chamber, filter chambers, discharge chamber or outflow pipe. Write down any observations on the inspection form.
- Through observation and/or digital photographs, estimate the amount of floatable debris accumulated in the pre-treatment chamber. Record this information on the inspection form. Next, utilizing a tape measure or measuring stick, estimate the amount of sediment accumulated in the primary and secondary sedimentation chambers. Record this depth on the inspection form. Through visual observation, inspect the condition of the filter cartridges. Look for excessive build-up of sediments on the surface and any build-up on the top of the cartridges. Record this information on the inspection form.
- Finalize inspection report for analysis by the maintenance manager to determine if maintenance is required.

Maintenance Indicators

Based upon observations made during inspection, maintenance of the system may be required based on the following indicators:

- Missing or damaged internal components or cartridges
- Obstructions in the system or its inlet or outlet
- Accumulation of floatables in the pre-treatment chambers in which the length and width of the chamber behind oil/floatables skimmer is fully impacted
- Accumulation of sediment in the primary sedimentation chamber of more than 18" in depth
- Accumulation of sediment in the secondary sedimentation chamber of more than 6" in depth
- Accumulation of sediment in the filter chambers of more than 3" on average
- Substantial build-up of sediments on the filter membrane of the filter cartridges which will have a very dark appearance indicating the membrane may be fully saturated with sediment

The Kraken Filter vault is a robust system and is designed for treating and bypassing (when required) flow rates calculated by the Engineer of Record. Under the designed conditions with routine maintenance and inspections, the Kraken Filter should function for many years. The Kraken Filter can fail under certain conditions, such as: severe damage and cracking through the vault walls, internal weir and baffle walls falling out of place, blockages of the flow path such as inlet or outlet, filters not reset properly, excessive debris or sediment accumulation within the vault and on the filters. With proper maintenance these risks can be avoided. Contech representatives are also available for troubleshooting.

Maintenance Equipment

While maintenance can be done fully by hand, it is recommended that a vacuum truck be utilized to minimize time required to maintain the Kraken® Filter:

- Contech Maintenance Form
- Flashlight
- Manhole hook or appropriate tools to access hatches and covers
- Appropriate traffic control signage and procedures
- Measuring pole and/or tape measure
- Protective clothing and eye protection
- Vacuum truck
- Trash can
- Pressure washer

Note: entering a confined space requires appropriate safety and certification. It is generally not required for routine inspections of the system. Entry into the system will be required if it is determined the cartridge filters need washing/cleaning

Maintenance Procedures

It is recommended that maintenance occurs at least three days after the most recent rain event to allow for drain down of the system and any upstream detention systems designed to drain down over an extended period of time. Maintaining the system while flows are still entering it will increase the time and complexity required for maintenance. Cleaning of the pre-treatment chamber can be performed from finish surface without entry into the vault utilizing a vacuum truck. Once all safety measures have been set up, cleaning of the pre-treatment chamber can proceed as follows:

- Following rules for confined space entry, use a gas meter to detect the presence of any hazardous gases. If hazardous gases are present, do not enter the vault. Following appropriate confined space procedures, take steps, such as utilizing a venting system, to address the hazard. Once it is determined to be safe, enter utilizing appropriate entry equipment such as a ladder and tripod with harness.
- Once entry into the system has been established the maintenance technician should position themselves to stand in the pre-treatment chamber. From here, the removal of the cartridges can commence.
- Threaded couplings are used now, but old systems will have the pressure fitted coupling. Each cartridge that is pressure fitted in place will include a handle for easy removal. To remove a cartridge, simply grab the handle and pull straight up. It may be required to gently shift pressure from side to side while pulling up to break the pressure seal. Removal of the cartridge should be done by hand with minimal effort and requires no tools.
- Once the cartridges are removed, they should be lifted out from the vault and brought up to finish surface for cleaning. Using a large garbage can and a standard garden hose (low pressure nozzle), each cartridge should be rinsed off from the outside to remove accumulated sediments and debris. Once each cartridge is rinsed, it should be placed to the side for re-installation.

- Each filter chamber should be power washed and vacuumed clean before re-inserting the cleaned cartridges.
- After all cartridges have been washed, they can be replaced back into the vault. To replace each cartridge, simply slide cartridge over each pressure fitted coupler. Threaded couplings are used now, but old systems will have the pressure fitted coupling. Push down on the handle to ensure the cartridge has been fully seated and the bottom of the cartridge is making contact with the floor.
- The last step is to replace all access hatch lids and remove all traffic control.
- All removed debris and pollutants shall be disposed of following local and state requirements.

Maintenance Sequence



1. Remove access hatches set up vacuum truck to clean the pretreatment chamber.



2. Insert vacuum hose in the sedimentation chamber and vacuum out all trash, sediment and standing water.



3. Assess the condition of the filter cartridges and determine if cleaning is required.



4. To wash cartridges, remove from vault. Place over trash can and use a garden hose to spray clean.



5. Once cleaned, install back into the vault. This completes maintenance. Ensure access lids are properly replaced.



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