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CDS®
Hydrodynamic Separator

The experts you need to solve your stormwater management challenges

Contech is the leader in stormwater management solutions, helping engineers, contractors and owners with infrastructure and land development projects throughout North America.

With our responsive team of stormwater experts, local regulatory expertise and flexible solutions, Contech is the trusted partner you can count on for stormwater management solutions.

Your Contech Team

STORMWATER CONSULTANT

It's my job to recommend the best solution to meet permitting requirements.

STORMWATER DESIGN ENGINEER

I work with consultants to design the best approved solution to meet your project's needs.

REGULATORY MANAGER

I understand the local stormwater regulations and what solutions will be approved.

SALES ENGINEER

I make sure our solutions meet the needs of the contractor during construction.

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Unique screening technology for stormwater runoff – CDS®

The CDS hydrodynamic separator uses swirl concentration and continuous deflective separation to screen, separate and trap trash, debris, sediment, and hydrocarbons from stormwater runoff.

At the heart of the CDS system is a unique screening technology used to capture and retain trash and debris. The screen face is louvered so that it is smooth in the downstream direction. The effect created is called "Continuous Deflective Separation." The power of the incoming flow is harnessed to continually shear debris off the screen and to direct trash and sediment toward the center of the separation cylinder. This results in a screen that is self-cleaning and provides 100% removal of floatables and neutrally buoyant material debris 4.7 mm or larger, without blinding.

CDS is used to meet trash Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements, for stormwater quality control, inlet and outlet pollution control, and as pretreatment for filtration, detention/infiltration, bioretention, rainwater harvesting systems, and a variety of green infrastructure practices.

CDS® Features and Benefits

FEATURE	BENEFIT
Captures and retains 100% of floatables and neutrally buoyant debris 4.7mm or larger	Superior pollutant removal
Self-cleaning screen	Ease of maintenance
Isolated storage sump eliminates scour potential	Excellent pollutant retention
Internal bypass	Eliminates the need for additional structures
Multiple pipe inlets and 90-180º angles	Design flexibility
Clear access to sump and stored pollutants	Fast, easy maintenance

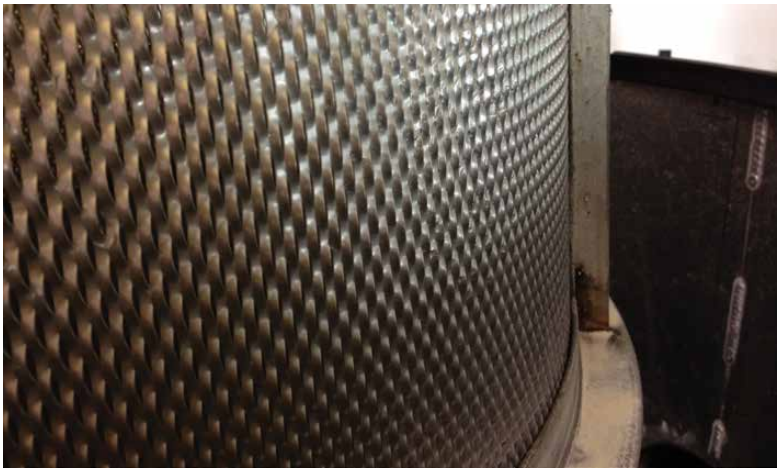
APPLICATION TIPS

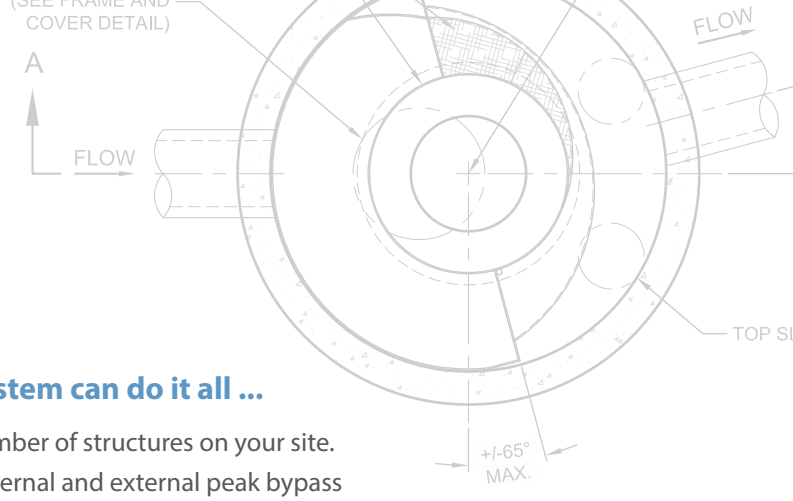
- Because of its internal peak bypass weirs, CDS systems can provide cost savings by eliminating the need for additional structures.
- Pretreating detention, infiltration, and green infrastructure practices with CDS can protect downstream structures and provide for easy maintenance.
- The CDS an ideal solution for retrofit applications due to its compact footprint and configuration flexibility.

The CDS® Screen

A fundamentally different approach to trash control ...

Traditional approaches to trash control typically involve "direct screening" that can easily become clogged, as trash is pinned to the screen as water passes through. Clogged screens can lead to flooding as water backs up. The design of the CDS screen is fundamentally different. Flow is introduced to the screen face which is louvered so that it is smooth in the downstream direction. The effect created is called "Continuous Deflective Separation." The power of the incoming flow is harnessed to continually shear debris off the screen and to direct trash and sediment toward the center of the separation cylinder.

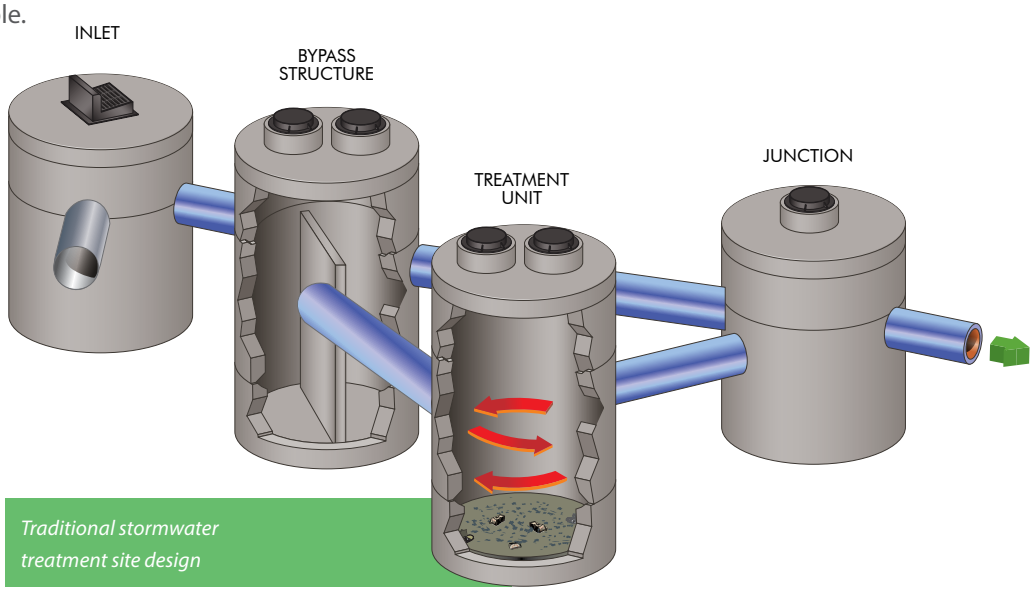




CDS® Design Configuration

Why use traditional stormwater design when ONE system can do it all ...

The CDS effectively treats stormwater runoff while reducing the number of structures on your site. Inline, offline, grate inlet, and drop inlet configurations available. Internal and external peak bypass options also available.

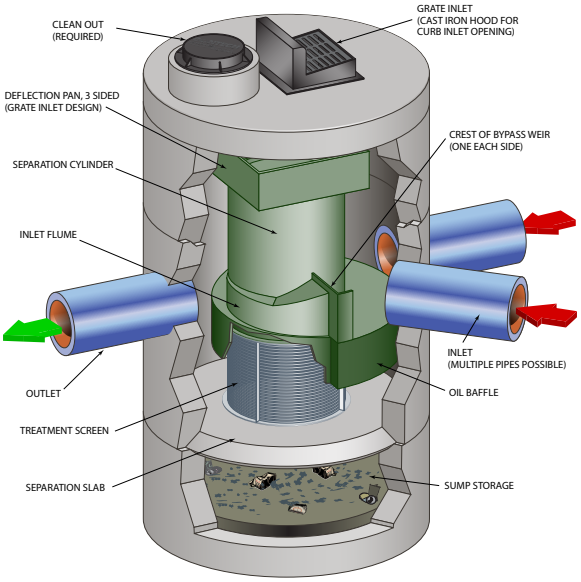


Traditional stormwater treatment site design

A Traditional Stormwater Treatment Site Design would require several structures on your site. With CDS, one system can do it all!

CDS® Advantages

- Grate inlet option available
- Internal bypass weir
- Accepts multiple inlets at a variety of angles
- Advanced hydrodynamic separator
- Captures and retains 100% of floatables and neutrally buoyant debris 4.7 mm or larger
- Indirect screening capability keeps screen from clogging
- Retention of all captured pollutants, even at high flows
- Performance verified by NJCAT, WA Ecology, and ETV Canada



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CDS® Applications

CDS is commonly used in the following stormwater applications:

- Stormwater quality control – trash, debris, sediment, and hydrocarbon removal
- Urban retrofit and redevelopment
- Inlet and outlet protection
- Pretreatment for filtration, detention/infiltration, bioretention, rainwater harvesting systems, and Low Impact Development designs

CDS® provides trash control

CDS® pretreats a bioswale

Select CDS® Certifications and Verifications

CDS has been verified by some of the most stringent stormwater technology evaluation organizations in North America, including:

- Washington State Department of Ecology (GULD) - Pretreatment
- Canadian Environmental Technology Verification (ETV)
- California Statewide Trash Amendments Full Capture System Certified*

**The CDS System has been certified by the California State Water Resources Control Board as a Full Capture System provided that it is sized to treat the peak flow rate from the region specific 1-year, 1-hour design storm, or the peak flow capacity of the corresponding storm drain, whichever is less.*

CDS® Maintenance

Select a cost-effective and easy-to-access treatment system ...

Systems vary in their maintenance needs, and the selection of a cost-effective and easy-to-access treatment system can mean a huge difference in maintenance expenses for years to come.

A CDS unit is designed to minimize maintenance and make it as easy and inexpensive as possible to keep our systems working properly.

Most CDS® units can easily be cleaned within thirty minutes.

INSPECTION

Inspection is the key to effective maintenance. Pollutant deposition and transport may vary from year to year and site to site. Semi-annual inspections will help ensure that the system is cleaned out at the appropriate time. Inspections should be performed more frequently where site conditions may cause rapid accumulation of pollutants.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CDS MAINTENANCE

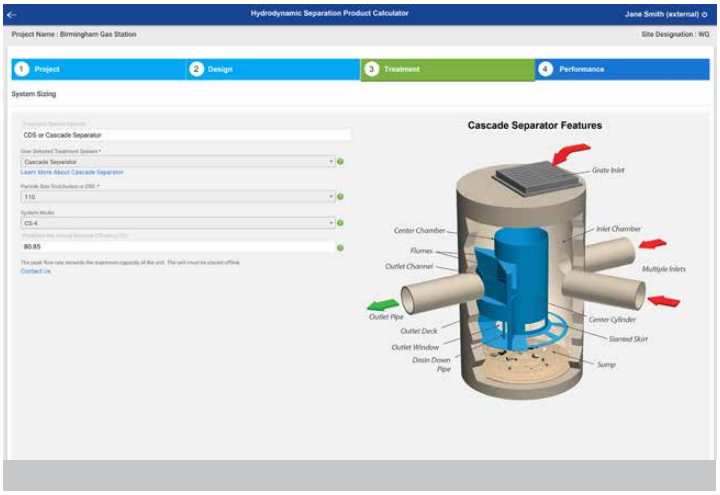
The recommended cleanout of solids within the CDS unit's sump should occur at 75% of the sump capacity. Access to the CDS unit is typically achieved through two manhole access covers – one allows inspection and cleanout of the separation chamber and sump, and another allows inspection and cleanout of sediment captured and retained behind the screen. A vacuum truck is recommended for cleanout of the CDS unit and can be easily accomplished in less than 30 minutes for most installations.

Hydrodynamic Separator Selection & Sizing Tool

Quickly prepare designs for estimates and project meetings ...

Part of the Contech Design Center, this free, online tool fully automates the layout process for identifying the proper hydrodynamic separator for your site.

- Multiple sizing methods available.
- Site-specific questions ensure the selected unit will comply with site constraints.
- Multiple treatment options may be available based on regulations and site parameters.
- Follow up reports contain a site-specific design, sizing summary, standard detail, and specification.



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STORMWATER SOLUTIONS

STRUCTURE SOLUTIONS

Few companies offer the wide range of high-quality stormwater resources you can find with us — state-of-the-art products, decades of expertise, and all the maintenance support you need to operate your system cost-effectively.

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To us, it's about being a trusted partner for project owners, engineers and customers while doing meaningful work that helps build our communities.

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