

ACF R-Tank Maintenance

With adequate pre-treatment of stormwater before it enters the ACF R-Tank, heavy sediments, trash, and other debris will not enter the system. Systems like the TrashGuard (see image 1) are simple and inexpensive, but also highly effective. Therefore, most maintenance efforts should be directed at the pre-treatment structures to ensure they are functioning properly.

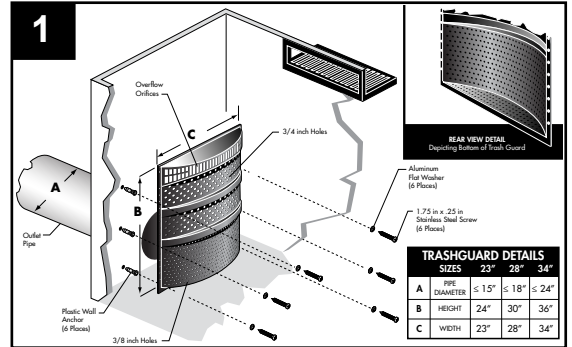
To monitor the accumulation of fine sediments that may enter the detention/retention area, ACF R-Tank systems should include maintenance ports.

Maintenance

Running from the bottom of the ACF R-Tank up to ground level, Maintenance Ports are made from solid PVC Pipe with notches cut into the bottom. As water is pumped into the port the notches will direct water throughout the bottom of the system to create turbulence, thereby re-suspending accumulated sediments.

After pumping water into the tanks, flushing is completed by vacuuming sediment laden water out of the system either through the outlet structure or through the flush port.

The diameter of the flush port is determined by a number of factors including the rate at which water will be pumped into the system, the number of flush ports incorporated, and the possible requirement of vacuuming through the port. Experience has shown that a 12" port is more than adequate for virtually any required use, with 6" ports more common when vacuuming will be performed at the outlet structure.



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Installing the Maintenance System

To install the PCV Pipe, the ACF R-Tank can be easily cut with a reciprocating saw (see image 3). Whenever possible cut between the interior baffles of the Tank. Before inserting the port into the Tank, install an anti-scour plate in the bottom of the Tank to prevent disturbance of the base materials.

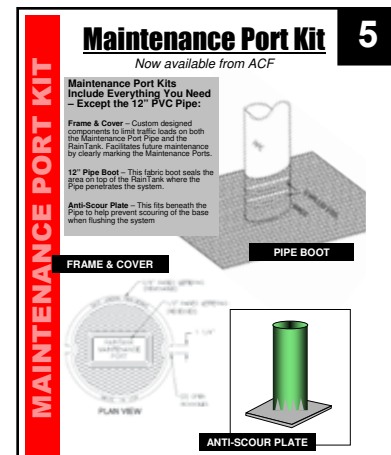
Maintenance ports should be capped at the surface. In landscaped areas, this may be accomplished with a simple pipe cap or plastic valve box (see image 4 lower inset). In paved areas, metal lids are more appropriate (see image 4).

Maintenance Intervals

Maintenance Schedules for the ACF R-Tank System are a function of the contributing area and the type of pre-treatment specified. A standard maintenance schedule may include quarterly inspections through the first year of use, with yearly inspections thereafter. Flushing should be performed if sediment should the lesser of 6" or 15% of the system height.

Availability

All system components, including caps, lids, anti-scour plates, frames and covers are available from ACF. In fact, we've created Maintenance Port Kits (see image 5) that include everything needed except for the pipe itself. Contact your local sales representative or our Sales Office at 800-448-3636 for assistance.



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