



STORMCAPTURE®

Inspection and Maintenance Guide



Description

The StormCapture® system is an underground, modular, structural precast concrete storage system for stormwater detention, retention, infiltration, harvesting and reuse, and water quality volume storage. The system's modular design utilizes multiple standard precast concrete units with inside dimensions of 7 feet by 15 feet (outside dimensions of 8 feet by 16 feet) to form a larger storage system. The inside height of the StormCapture system can range from 2 feet to 14 feet. This modular design provides limitless configuration options for site-specific layouts.

StormCapture components can be provided as either open-bottom modules to promote infiltration or closed-bottom modules for detention. In some cases, StormCapture modules can be placed in a checkerboard configuration for an even more efficient design. A Link Slab, with a footprint of 9 feet by 17 feet, is then used to bridge each space without a module.

The standard StormCapture design incorporates lateral and longitudinal passageways between modules to accommodate internal stormwater conveyance throughout the system. These passageways may be classified as either a "window configuration" with standard 12-inch tall sediment baffles extending up from the floor of the module to the bottom of the window, or a "doorway configuration" without the sediment baffles. The function and drainage rate of a StormCapture system depends on site-specific conditions and requirements.

Stormwater typically enters the StormCapture system through an inlet pipe. Grated inlets can also be used for direct discharge into the system. The StormCapture system is rated for H-20 traffic loading with limited cover. Higher load requirements can also be accommodated. In addition, StormCapture systems are typically equipped with a limited number of maintenance modules that provide access to the system for ongoing inspection and maintenance.

Function

The StormCapture system is primarily used to manage water quantity by temporarily storing stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces to prevent flooding, slow down the rate at which stormwater leaves the site, and reduce receiving stream erosion. In addition, the StormCapture system can be used to capture stormwater runoff for water quality treatment. Regardless of how the StormCapture system is used, some sedimentation may occur in the modules during the time water is stored.

Configurations

The configuration of the StormCapture systems may vary, depending on the water quality and/or quantity requirements of the site. StormCapture configurations for detention, retention/infiltration, and retention/harvesting are described below.

Detention

StormCapture Detention systems are designed with a closed bottom to detain stormwater runoff for controlled discharge from the site. This design may incorporate a dead storage sump and a permanent pool of water if the outlet pipe is higher than the floor elevation. Discharge from the system is typically controlled by an outlet orifice and/or outlet weir to regulate the rate of stormwater leaving the system. StormCapture Detention systems are typically designed with silt-tight joints, however when conditions exist that require a StormCapture system to be watertight, the system may be wrapped in a continuous, impermeable geomembrane liner. If the StormCapture Detention system includes Link Slabs, a liner must be used to detain water since the chambers under each Link Slab have no floor slab. In this case, care must be taken by maintenance personnel not to damage the exposed liner beneath each Link Slab.

Retention/Infiltration

StormCapture Retention/Infiltration systems are designed with an open bottom to allow for the retention of stormwater onsite through infiltration into the base rock and surrounding soils. For infiltration systems, the configuration of the base of the StormCapture system may vary, depending on the needs of the site and the height of the system. Some systems may use modules that have fully open bottoms with no concrete floor, while other systems may use modules that incorporate floor openings in the base of each module. These are typically 24-inch by 24-inch openings. For open-bottom systems, concrete splash pads may be installed below inlet grate openings and pipe inlets to prevent erosion of base rock. A StormCapture Infiltration system may have an elevated discharge pipe for peak overflow.

Retention/Harvesting

StormCapture Retention/Harvesting systems are similar to detention systems using closed-bottom modules, but stormwater is typically retained onsite for an extended period of time and later reused for non-potable applications or irrigation. For rainwater harvesting systems, an impermeable geomembrane liner is typically installed around the modules to provide a water-tight system.

Inspection and Maintenance Overview

State and local regulations typically require all stormwater management systems to be inspected on a regular basis and maintained as necessary to ensure performance and protect downstream receiving waters. Inspections should be used to evaluate the conditions of the system. Based on these inspections, maintenance needs can be determined. Maintenance needs vary by site and system. Using this Inspection & Maintenance Guide, qualified maintenance personnel should be able to provide a recommendation for maintenance needs. Requirements may range from minor activities such as removing trash, debris or pipe blockages to more substantial activities such as vacuuming and removal of sediment and/or non-draining water. Long-term maintenance is important to the operation of the system since it prevents excessive pollutant buildup that may limit system performance by reducing the operating capacity and increasing the potential for scouring of pollutants during periods of high flow.

Only authorized personnel shall inspect and/or enter a StormCapture system. Personnel must be properly trained and equipped before entering any underground or confined space structure. Training includes familiarity with and adherence to any and all local, state and federal regulations governing confined space access and the operation, inspection, and maintenance of underground structures.

Inspection and Maintenance Frequency

The StormCapture system should be inspected on a regular basis, typically twice per year, and maintained as required. The maintenance frequency will be driven by the amount of runoff and pollutant loading encountered by a given system. Local jurisdictions may also dictate inspection and maintenance frequencies.

Inspection Equipment

The following equipment is helpful when conducting StormCapture inspections:

- Recording device (pen and paper form, voice recorder, iPad, etc.)
- Suitable clothing (appropriate footwear, gloves, hardhat, safety glasses, etc.)
- Traffic control equipment (cones, barricades, signage, flagging, etc.)
- Manhole hook or pry bar
- Confined space entry equipment, if needed
- Flashlight
- Tape measure
- Measuring stick or sludge sampler
- Long-handled net (optional)

Inspection Procedures

A typical StormCapture system provides strategically placed access points that may be used for inspection. StormCapture inspections are usually conducted visually from the ground surface, without entering the unit. This typically limits inspection to the assessment of sediment depth, water drain down, and general condition of the modules and components, but a more detailed assessment of structural condition may be conducted during a maintenance event.

To complete an inspection, safety measures including traffic control should be deployed before the access covers are removed. Once the covers have been removed, the following items should be inspected and recorded (see form provided at the end of this document) to determine whether maintenance is required:

- Observe inlet and outlet pipe penetrations for blockage or obstruction.
- If possible, observe internal components like baffles, flow control weirs or orifices, and steps or ladders to determine whether they are broken, missing, or possibly obstructed.
- Observe, quantify, and record the sediment depths within the modules.
- Retrieve as much floating trash as possible with a long-handled net. If a significant amount of trash remains, make a note in the Inspection & Maintenance Log.
- For infiltration systems, local regulations may require monitoring of the system to ensure drain down is occurring within the required permit time period (typically 24 to 72 hours). If this is the case, refer to local regulations for proper inspection procedure.

Maintenance Indicators

Maintenance should be scheduled if any of the following conditions are identified during the inspection:

- Inlet or outlet piping is blocked or obstructed.
- Internal components are broken, missing, or obstructed.
- Accumulation of more than six inches of sediment on the system floor or in the sump, if applicable.
- Significant accumulation of floating trash and debris that cannot be retrieved with a net.
- The system has not drained completely after it hasn't rained for one to three days, or the drain down does not meet permit requirements.
- Any hazardous material is observed or reported.

Maintenance Equipment

The following equipment is helpful when conducting StormCapture maintenance:

- Suitable clothing (appropriate footwear, gloves, hardhat, safety glasses, etc.)
- Traffic control equipment (cones, barricades, signage, flagging, etc.)
- Manhole hook or pry bar
- Confined space entry equipment, if needed
- Flashlight
- Tape measure
- Vacuum truck

Maintenance Procedures

Maintenance should be conducted during dry weather when no flow is entering the system. Confined space entry is usually required to maintain the StormCapture. Only personnel that are OSHA Confined Space Entry trained and certified may enter underground structures. Once safety measures such as traffic control have been deployed, the access covers may be removed and the following activities may be conducted to complete maintenance:

- Remove trash and debris using an extension on the end of the boom hose of the vacuum truck. Continue using the vacuum truck to completely remove accumulated sediment. Some jetting may be necessary to fully evacuate sediment from the system floor or sump. Jetting is acceptable in systems with solid concrete floors or base slabs (referred to as closed-bottom systems). However, jetting is not recommended for open-bottom systems with a gravel foundation since it may cause bedding displacement, undermining of the foundation, or internal disturbance.
- All material removed from the system during maintenance must be disposed of in accordance with local regulations. In most cases, the material may be handled in the same manner as disposal of material removed from sumped catch basins or manholes.
- Inspect inlet and outlet pipe penetrations for cracking and other signs of movement that may cause leakage.
- Inspect the concrete splash pads (applicable for open-bottom systems only) for proper function and placement.
- Inspect the system for movement of modules. There should be less than 3/4-inch spacing between modules.
- Inspect the general interior condition of modules for concrete cracking or deterioration. If the system consists of horizontal joints as part of the modules, inspect those joints for leakage, displacement or deterioration.

Be sure to securely replace all access covers, as appropriate, following inspection and/or maintenance. If the StormCapture modules or any of the system components show significant signs of cracking, spalling, or deterioration or if there is evidence of excessive differential settlement between modules, contact Oldcastle Stormwater at **800-579-8819**.

StormCapture Inspection & Maintenance Log

Refer to as-built records for details about system size and location onsite

Location _____

System Configuration:

Inspection Date _____

Detention Infiltration Retention/Harvesting

Inlet or Outlet Blockage or Obstruction

Notes:

Yes No

Condition of Internal Components

Notes:

Good Damaged Missing

Sediment Depth Observed

Notes:

Inches of Sediment: _____

Trash and Debris Accumulation

Notes:

Significant Not Significant

Drain Down Observations

Notes:

Appropriate Time Frame Inappropriate Time Frame

Maintenance Required

Yes - Schedule Maintenance No - Inspect Again in _____ Months

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