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**December 17, 2020**

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Re: MTD Lab Certification  
Hydroworks HydroFilter  
On-line Installation Approved

### **TSS Removal Rate 80%**

Dear Mr. Bryant:

The Stormwater Management rules under N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.5(b) and 5.7(c) allow the use of manufactured treatment devices (MTDs) for compliance with the design and performance standards at N.J.A.C. 7:8-5 if the pollutant removal rates have been verified by the New Jersey Corporation for Advanced Technology (NJCAT) and have been certified by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP). Hydroworks, LLC has requested a Laboratory Certification for the HydroFilter filtration device.

The project falls under the "Procedure for Obtaining Verification of a Stormwater Manufactured Treatment Device from New Jersey Corporation for Advance Technology" dated January 25, 2013. The applicable protocol is the "New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Laboratory Protocol to Assess Total Suspended Solids Removal by a Filtration Manufactured Treatment Device" dated January 25, 2013.

NJCAT verification documents submitted to the NJDEP indicate that the requirements of the aforementioned protocol have been met or exceeded. The NJCAT letter also included a recommended certification TSS removal rate and the required maintenance plan. The NJCAT Verification Report with the Verification Appendix (dated December 2020) for this device is published online at <http://www.njcat.org/verification-process/technology-verification-database.html>.

**The NJDEP certifies the use of the HydroFilter stormwater treatment unit by Hydroworks at a TSS removal rate of 80% when designed, operated, and maintained in accordance with the information provided in the Verification Appendix and the following conditions:**

1. The maximum treatment flow rate (MTFR) for the manufactured treatment device (MTD) is calculated using the New Jersey Water Quality Design Storm (1.25 inches in 2 hrs) in N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.5. The MTFR is calculated based on a verified loading rate of 2.0 gpm/ft<sup>2</sup> of effective filtration treatment area.
2. The HydroFilter stormwater treatment unit shall be installed using the same configuration reviewed by NJCAT, and sized in accordance with the criteria specified in item 7 below.
3. This device cannot be used in series with another MTD or a media filter (such as a sand filter) to achieve an enhanced removal rate for total suspended solids (TSS) removal under N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.5.
4. Additional design criteria for MTDs can be found in Chapter 9.6 of the New Jersey Stormwater Best Management Practices (NJ Stormwater BMP) Manual, which can be found online at [www.njstormwater.org](http://www.njstormwater.org).
5. The maintenance plan for a site using this device shall incorporate, at a minimum, the maintenance requirements for the HydroFilter. A copy of the maintenance plan is attached to this certification. However, it is recommended to review the maintenance website at <https://hydroworks.com/hfmaintenance.pdf> for any changes to the maintenance requirements.
6. For an MTD to be considered “green infrastructure” (GI) in accordance with the March 2, 2020 amendments to the Stormwater Management rules at N.J.A.C. 7:8, the MTD must meet the GI definition noted at amended N.J.A.C. 7:8-1.2. Specifically, the MTD shall (1) treat by infiltration into subsoil; and/or (2) treat stormwater runoff through filtration by vegetation or soil; or (3) store stormwater for reuse.

While the HydroFilter can be designed upstream of an infiltration facility, such as a subsurface infiltration basin, the HydroFilter itself does not provide infiltration of the water quality design storm and does not incorporate any vegetation, soil, or storage of stormwater for reuse. As such, it does not meet the definition of green infrastructure at N.J.A.C. 7:8-1.2. However, like any NJDEP certified filtration MTD, if it is utilized as the required 80% TSS removal pre-treatment for a subsurface infiltration basin designed in accordance with Chapter 9.5 of the New Jersey Stormwater BMP Manual, the overall system will meet the definition of GI, since the subsurface infiltration basin does meet the GI definition.

7. Sizing Requirement:

The example below demonstrates the sizing procedure for the HydroFilter:

Example: A 0.25-acre impervious site is to be treated to 80% TSS removal using the HydroFilter. The impervious site runoff (Q) based on the New Jersey Water Quality Design Storm was determined to be 0.79 cfs.

The selection of the appropriate model of HydroFilter is based upon both the maximum inflow drainage area and the MTFR. It is necessary to calculate the required model using both methods and to use the largest model determined by the two methods.

Inflow Drainage Area Evaluation:

The drainage area to the HydroFilter in this example is 0.25 acres. Included in Table 1 below, several HydroFilter models are designed with a maximum allowable drainage area greater than 0.25 acres. Specifically, the HydroFilter model HF B8-12-1 with a maximum drainage area allowable of 0.27 acres would be the smallest model able to treat runoff without exceeding the maximum allowable drainage area.

Maximum Treatment Flow Rate (MTFR) Evaluation:

The site runoff (Q) was based on the following:

time of concentration = 10 minutes

i = 3.2 in/hr (page 5-8, Fig. 5-3 of the NJ Stormwater BMP Manual)

c = 0.99 (runoff coefficient for impervious)

$Q = ciA = 0.99 \times 3.2 \times 0.25 = 0.79 \text{ cfs}$

Given the site runoff is 0.79 cfs and based on the MTFR's listed in Table 1 below, the HydroFilter HF B20-30-1 with an MTFR of 0.84 cfs would be the smallest model that could be used to treat the impervious area without exceeding the MTFR. If using more than one unit for treating runoff, the units should be configured such that the flowrate to each unit does not exceed the design MTFR for each unit and ensuring the entire 0.25 acre area is treated.

The MTFR evaluation results will be used since that method results in the highest minimum configuration determined by the two methods.

The sizing table corresponding to the available system models is noted below:

**Table 1. HydroFilter MTFRs and Maximum Allowable Drainage Areas**

<b>Model*</b>	<b>Maximum Treatment Flow Rate (MTFR) (cfs)</b>	<b>Drainage Area (acres)</b>
HF-B4-1-2	0.06	0.05
HF-R3-1-2	0.06	0.05
HF B4-2-2	0.11	0.09
HF R4-1-4	0.14	0.09
HF-B8-6-1	0.17	0.14
HF B4.5-2-3	0.17	0.14
HF B8-6-1	0.17	0.14
HF R5-2-3	0.17	0.14
HF B8.5-4-2	0.22	0.18
HF B5.5-2-4	0.22	0.18
HF R6-4-2	0.22	0.18
HF B8-9-1	0.25	0.20
HF R6-3-3	0.25	0.20
HF B8-5-2	0.28	0.23
HF R7-5-2	0.28	0.23
HF B8-12-1	0.33	0.27
HF R7-4-3	0.33	0.27
HF R7-3-4	0.33	0.27
HF B8-6-2	0.39	0.27
HF R8-7-2	0.39	0.32
HF B8-5-3	0.42	0.34
HF R8-5-3	0.42	0.34
HF R10-15-1	0.42	0.34
HF B8-4-4	0.45	0.36
HF B10-15-1	0.45	0.34
HF R8-4-4	0.45	0.36
HF B8-9-2	0.50	0.41
HF B12-18-1	0.50	0.41
HF R12-20-1	0.56	0.45
HF B8-7-3	0.59	0.47
HF B14-21-1	0.59	0.47
HF B10-11-2	0.61	0.50
HF R10-11-2	0.61	0.50
HF B8-5-4	0.67	0.45
HF B16-24-1	0.67	0.54
HF R10-8-3	0.67	0.54
HF B10-9-3	0.75	0.54
HF B18-27-1	0.75	0.61
HF B10-7-4	0.78	0.63
HF B12-13-2	0.78	0.59
HF R10-7-4	0.78	0.63

**Table 1. HydroFilter MTFRs and Maximum Allowable Drainage Areas, cont'd**

<b>Model*</b>	<b>Maximum Treatment Flow Rate (MTFR) (cfs)</b>	<b>Drainage Area (acres)</b>
HF B20-30-1	0.84	0.68
HF B14-16-2	0.89	0.72
HF R12-16-2	0.89	0.72
HF B12-10-3	0.92	0.68
HF B22-33-1	0.92	0.74
HF B12-8-4	1.00	0.72
HF B14-12-3	1.00	0.81
HF B16-18-2	1.00	0.81
HF B24-36-1	1.00	0.81
HF R12-9-4	1.00	0.81
HF R12-12-3	1.00	0.81
HF B14-10-4	1.12	0.90
HF B16-14-3	1.17	0.95
HF B18-20-2	1.17	0.90
HF B20-22-2	1.28	0.99
HF B16-11-4	1.34	0.99
HF B18-16-3	1.34	1.08
HF B22-25-2	1.39	1.13
HF B20-18-3	1.51	1.15
HF B18-13-4	1.45	1.17
HF B20-14-4	1.56	1.26
HF B24-27-2	1.56	1.22
HF B22-19-3	1.67	1.28
HF B22-16-4	1.78	1.44
HF B24-21-3	1.84	1.42
HF B24-17-4	2.01	1.53

Be advised a detailed maintenance plan is mandatory for any project with a Stormwater BMP subject to the Stormwater Management Rules, N.J.A.C. 7:8. The plan must include all of the items identified in the Stormwater Management Rules, N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.8. Such items include, but are not limited to, the list of inspection and maintenance equipment and tools, specific corrective and preventative maintenance tasks, indication of problems in the system, and training of maintenance personnel. Additional information can be found in Chapter 8: Maintenance and Retrofit of Stormwater Management Measures.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please contact Brian Salvo of my office at (609) 633-7021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gabriel Mahon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gabriel Mahon, Chief  
Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control

Attachment: Maintenance Plan

cc: Chron File  
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Nancy Kempel, NJDEP– BNPC  
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Hydroworks® HydroFilter

Operations & Maintenance Manual

Version 1.0

## **Introduction**

The HydroFilter is a stormwater management device designed to both treat and infiltrate stormwater.

Standard filters just treat stormwater contaminants (metals, TSS, oil, nutrients) but do nothing to maintain the hydrologic cycle during urbanization. Maintenance of the hydrologic cycle helps prevent flooding, erosion and promotes water quality by maintaining the stream geomorphology. Maintenance of the hydrologic cycle requires infiltration to reduce the additional stormwater volume and reduction in infiltration that occurs with standard development.

The requirement for infiltration is complicated by the fact that urbanization increases pollution and it would be detrimental to the environment to merely infiltrate this polluted water. Therefore, there is a need to pretreat the water that is to be infiltrated from urbanized areas such as roads and parking lots. HydroFilter provides the pretreatment and infiltration (recharge) in one device.

Many site infiltration practices try to infiltrate all the water and the low point of the site just prior to connection with the municipal storm drain system. This is not the same as predevelopment infiltration which is dispersed all over the site. Centralized infiltration can be problematic since the storm sewer is too deep, requiring an outlet control device to back up water upstream to get the required infiltration volume. Centralized infiltration can cause groundwater mounding and sealing of pores reducing infiltration capacity.

LID practices promote more infiltration at the source. HydroFilter can be considered an LID practice since the intention is to promote dispersed infiltration around the site at each inlet which is a more holistic approach to maintenance of the hydrologic cycle.

As storm water treatment structures fill up with pollutants they become less and less effective in removing new pollution. This is especially true of any stormwater treatment practice that includes infiltration such as HydroFilter. Therefore, it is important that storm water treatment structures be maintained on a regular basis to ensure that they are operating at optimum performance. The HydroFilter is no different in this regard and this manual has been assembled to provide the owner/operator with the necessary information to inspect and coordinate maintenance of their HydroFilter.

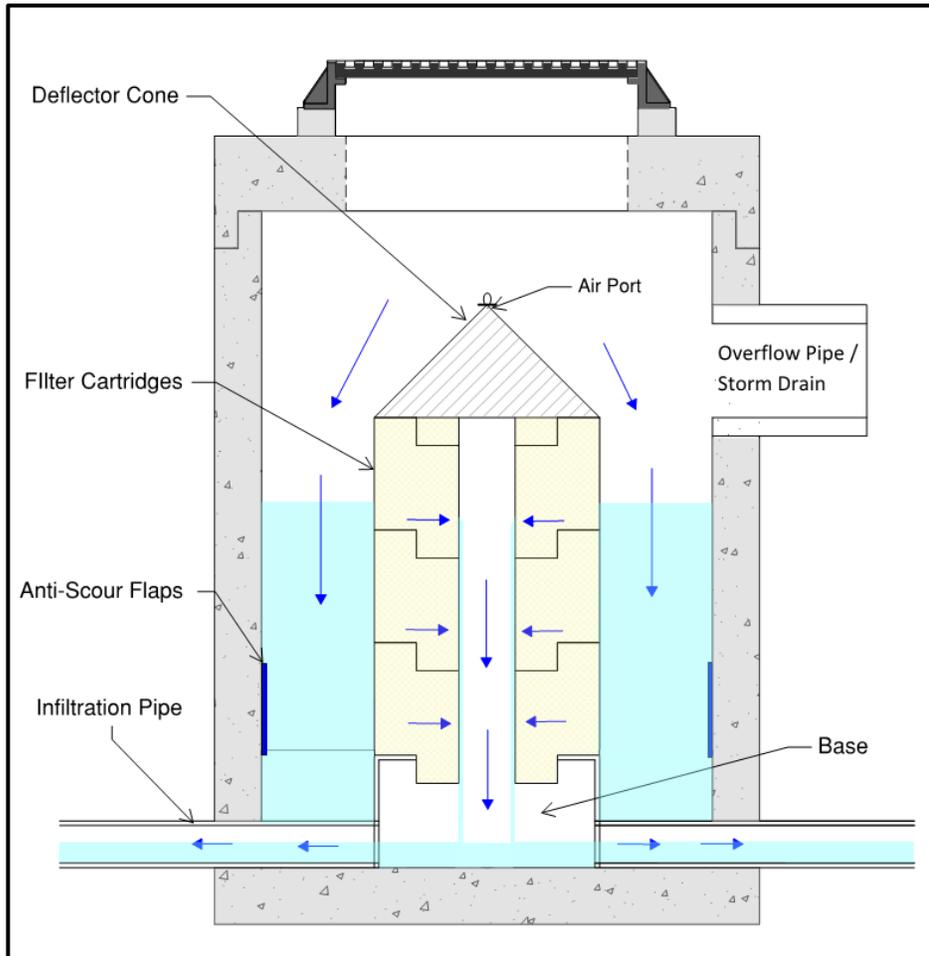
## **Hydroworks® HydroFilter Operation**

The Hydroworks HydroFilter (HF) is a LID device since it promotes the maintenance of the hydrologic cycle. Unlike many infiltration systems however, HydroFilter was designed for dispersed infiltration around the site, such as inlets or catch basins.

Under normal or low flows, water enters the structure through a grate or inlet. Incoming water builds up around the filters and creates head to drive water radially into the filter cartridges from the outside through to the center of the cartridge. There is a 6" (150mm)



diameter open center that runs through the center of each cartridge. Water reaching the center opening falls by gravity into the base plug and is conveyed out of the structure by a pipe(s) into the surrounding ground to be exfiltrated (Figure 1). A solid cone with a check valve is placed on top of the top filter cartridge to prevent incoming water from entering the 6" (150 mm) diameter opening while still allowing air to escape from the center of the cartridges as water enters the filter.



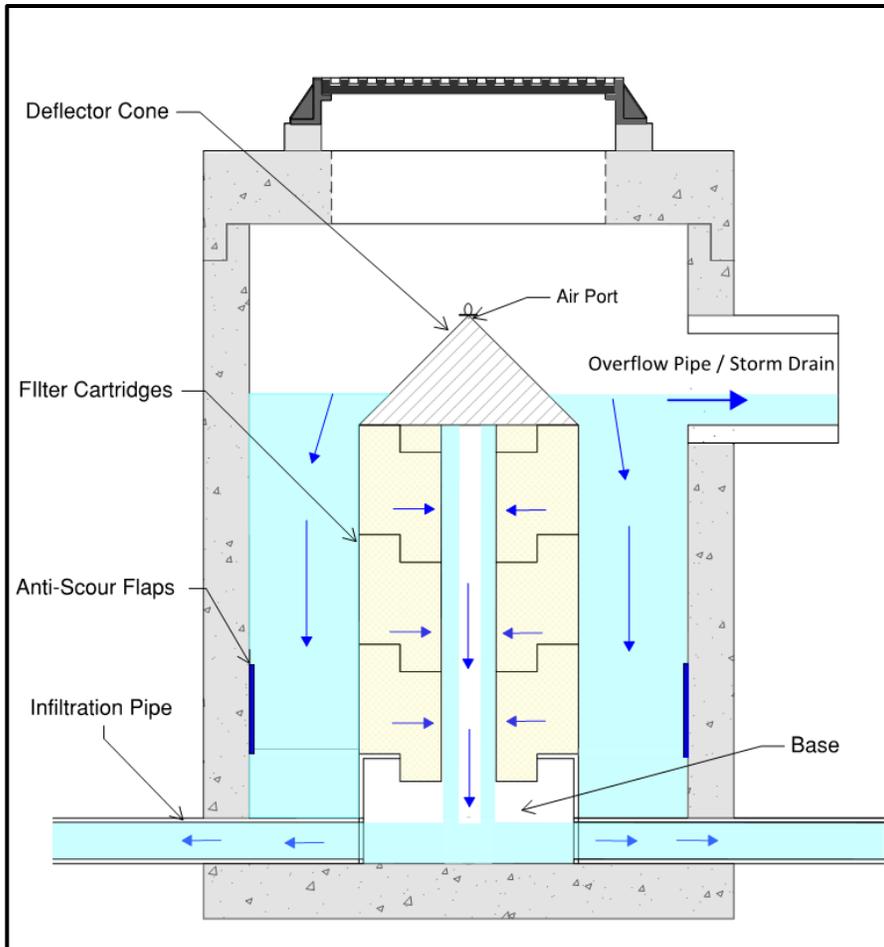
**Figure 1. Hydroworks HydroFilter Operation – Low Flow**

The exfiltration pipes can be surrounded by crushed stone to increase the volume of water to be exfiltrated back into the ground.

If the flow rate into the structure exceeds the flow capacity of the filter cartridges or infiltration storage capacity around the infiltration pipes water will overflow into the downstream storm drain.

It should be noted that the HydroFilter can come in many configurations (round or square or rectangular structures) with one or two or more cartridges in a stack and

one or more stacks per structure. Therefore, the configuration of the HydroFilter varies depending of the flow rate to be treated and volume of water to be infiltrated.



**Figure 2. Hydroworks HydroFilter Operation – Bypass**

## Inspection

### **Procedure**

The HydroFilter should be inspected 24 hours after rainfall. Inspection within 6 hours of rainfall may not provide useful information regarding maintenance since the unit may be draining down.

If the structure has not drained down to the base (bottom of lowest filter cartridge) within 24 hours of the last rainfall, the HydroFilter likely requires maintenance.

In the event of standing water in the structure around the cartridges the cone should be removed from a stack of cartridges. If standing water is visible in the central core of the filter stack consistent with the level of water on the outside of the filter stack this is indicative of a high ground water or slow infiltration and not required filter maintenance.

However, if the water level in the central cartridge is below the bottom of the lowest filter cartridge with standing water around the filter cartridges then filter maintenance is required.

### **Frequency**

#### Construction Period

The filter cartridges **should not** be installed in the HydroFilter during the construction period since construction sediment will prematurely plug the cartridges requiring excessive maintenance during the construction period. A plate is installed in the base for the construction period to remind the contractor that the cartridges should only be installed for post construction operation. This plate needs to be removed when the cartridges are installed for post development operation.

#### Post-Construction Period

The Hydroworks HydroFilter should be inspected twice during the first year of operation for normal stabilized sites (no exposed soil or materials storage). The initial inspections will indicate the required future frequency of inspection and maintenance if the unit was maintained and put into service (filters installed) after the construction period.

It is anticipated that the filter cartridges will need to be replaced annually. However, this will depend on pollutant loadings on the site and off-site activities (nearby construction, etc.). Filters are different from separators in that sediment levels at the bottom of a filter do not dictate maintenance frequency.



A filter does not need to be maintained until it's rated treatment rate decreases to the point where it can no longer provide the required annual percentage of pollutant removal. This is a hydraulic requirement that will depend on the hydrology (rainfall intensity distribution) and characteristics of the site (imperviousness, area, pollutant loading) being designed. That is why the frequency of cleaning is based on the presence of water after a storm since the flow rate is reduced indicating maintenance is required.

## **Reporting**

Reports should be prepared as part of each inspection and include the following information:

1. Date of inspection
2. GPS coordinates of Hydroworks unit
3. Time since last rainfall
4. Date of last inspection
5. Installation deficiencies (missing parts, incorrect installation of parts)
6. Structural deficiencies (concrete cracks, broken parts)
7. Operational deficiencies (leaks, blockages)
8. Presence of oil sheen or depth of oil layer
9. Estimate of depth/volume of floatables (trash, leaves) captured
10. Sediment depth measured
11. Recommendations for any repairs and/or maintenance for the unit
12. Estimation of time before maintenance is required if not required at time of inspection

A sample inspection checklist is provided at the end of this manual.

## **Maintenance**

### **Procedure**

#### **1. Water/Sediment Removal**

Maintenance involves removing the water and replacing the filter cartridges. In both cases, sediment that has been collected around the filter cartridges in the sump of the device must be removed. This is typically done by vacuum truck.

**It is important to remove all sediment and water from the structure before trying to remove and replace the filter cartridges.**

#### **2. Filter Cartridge Replacement**

Replacement of filter cartridges is made easy due to the modular nature of each cartridge. The cartridges are stacked vertically on top of each other. Each cartridge has a bell and spigot such that they fit together.



A lifting bar is located in the center of the 6" hollow center of each cartridge near the top of the cartridge. The top cone has a lifting ring on the top of it. Vertical stacks of filters should have an access opening in the structure directly above them or close to being directly above them.

A winch with a hook is lowered down to hook on to the cone lifting ring and the cone is winched out of the structure. Similarly, the winch is hooked under the lifting bar of each successive filter cartridge and they are winched out of the structure.

Fresh cartridges are similarly winched in stacking them as required ending each stack with a cone. Call Hydroworks at 888-290-7900 since we offer a cartridge exchange program.

The local municipality should be consulted for the allowable disposal options for both the water and sediments that are removed from the HydroFilter.

#### Filter Cartridge Replenishment

Small HydroFilter units may be able to be replenished to extend the frequency of replacement. Once the top cone is removed an inflatable pipe plug can be lowered through the central core created by the connected filters to the base and expanded at the bottom to seal the vertical core.

This vertical core or pipe can then be filled with clean water to backflush the filter forcing it to flow from the central core opening back through the filter to the outside of each filter cartridge. This backflush water can then be pumped or vacuumed from the structure with the central core still being full of water.

# HYDROFILTER INSPECTION SHEET

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date of Last Inspection** \_\_\_\_\_

**Site** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City** \_\_\_\_\_  
**State** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Owner** \_\_\_\_\_

**GPS Coordinates** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of last rainfall** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Depth of rainfall (last 24h)** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Site Characteristics</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Soil erosion evident	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exposed material storage on site	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Large exposure to leaf litter (lots of trees)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
High traffic (vehicle) area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>HydroFilter</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Standing water (above 12" base)	<input type="checkbox"/> *	<input type="checkbox"/>
Missing internal components	<input type="checkbox"/> **	<input type="checkbox"/>
Internal component damage (cracked, broken, loose pieces)	<input type="checkbox"/> **	<input type="checkbox"/>
Floating debris in the structure (oil, leaves, trash)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Concrete cracks/deficiencies	<input type="checkbox"/> ***	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exposed rebar	<input type="checkbox"/> **	<input type="checkbox"/>

- \* Maintenance required
- \*\* Repairs required
- \*\*\* Further investigation is required

**Other Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please call Hydroworks at 888-290-7900 or email us at support@hydroworks.com if you have any questions regarding the Inspection Checklist. Please fax a copy of the completed checklist to Hydroworks at 888-783-7271 for our records.





## Hydroworks® HydroFilter

### One Year Limited Warranty

Hydroworks, LLC warrants, to the purchaser and subsequent owner(s) during the warranty period subject to the terms and conditions hereof, the Hydroworks HydroFilter to be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service, when properly installed, used, inspected and maintained in accordance with Hydroworks written instructions, for the period of the warranty. The standard warranty period is 1 year.

The warranty period begins once the filter has been manufactured and is available for delivery. Any components determined to be defective, either by failure or by inspection, in material and workmanship will be repaired, replaced or remanufactured at Hydroworks' option provided, however, that by doing so Hydroworks, LLC will not be obligated to replace an entire insert or concrete section, or the complete unit. This warranty does not cover shipping charges, damages, labor, any costs incurred to obtain access to the unit, any costs to repair/replace any surface treatment/cover after repair/replacement, or other charges that may occur due to product failure, repair or replacement.

This warranty does not apply to any material that has been disassembled or modified without prior approval of Hydroworks, LLC, that has been subjected to misuse, misapplication, neglect, alteration, accident or act of God, or that has not been installed, inspected, operated or maintained in accordance with Hydroworks, LLC instructions and is in lieu of all other warranties expressed or implied. Hydroworks, LLC does not authorize any representative or other person to expand or otherwise modify this limited warranty.

The owner shall provide Hydroworks, LLC with written notice of any alleged defect in material or workmanship including a detailed description of the alleged defect upon discovery of the defect. Hydroworks, LLC should be contacted at 257 Cox St., Roselle, NJ 07203 or any other address as supplied by Hydroworks, LLC. (888-290-7900).

This limited warranty is exclusive. There are no other warranties, express or implied, or merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose and none shall be created whether under the uniform commercial code, custom or usage in the industry or the course of dealings between the parties. Hydroworks, LLC will replace any goods that are defective under this warranty as the sole and exclusive remedy for breach of this warranty.

Subject to the foregoing, all conditions, warranties, terms, undertakings or liabilities (including liability as to negligence), expressed or implied, and howsoever arising, as to the condition, suitability, fitness, safety, or title to the Hydroworks HydroFilter are hereby negated and excluded and Hydroworks, LLC gives and makes no such representation, warranty or undertaking except as expressly set forth herein. Under no circumstances shall Hydroworks, LLC be liable to the Purchaser or to any third party for product liability claims; claims arising from the design, shipment, or installation of the HydroFilter, or the cost of other goods or services related to the purchase and installation of the HydroFilter. For this Limited Warranty to apply, the HydroFilter must be installed in accordance with all site conditions required by state and local codes; all other applicable laws; and Hydroworks' written installation instructions.

Hydroworks, LLC expressly disclaims liability for special, consequential or incidental damages (even if it has been advised of the possibility of the same) or breach of expressed or implied warranty. Hydroworks, LLC shall not be liable for penalties or liquidated damages, including loss of production and profits; labor and materials; overhead costs; or other loss or expense incurred by the purchaser or any third party. Specifically excluded from limited warranty coverage are damages to the HydroFilter arising from ordinary wear and tear; alteration, accident, misuse, abuse or neglect; improper maintenance, failure of the product due to improper installation of the concrete sections or improper sizing; or any other event not caused by Hydroworks, LLC. This limited warranty represents Hydroworks' sole liability to the purchaser for claims related to the HydroFilter, whether the claim is based upon contract, tort, or other legal basis.