

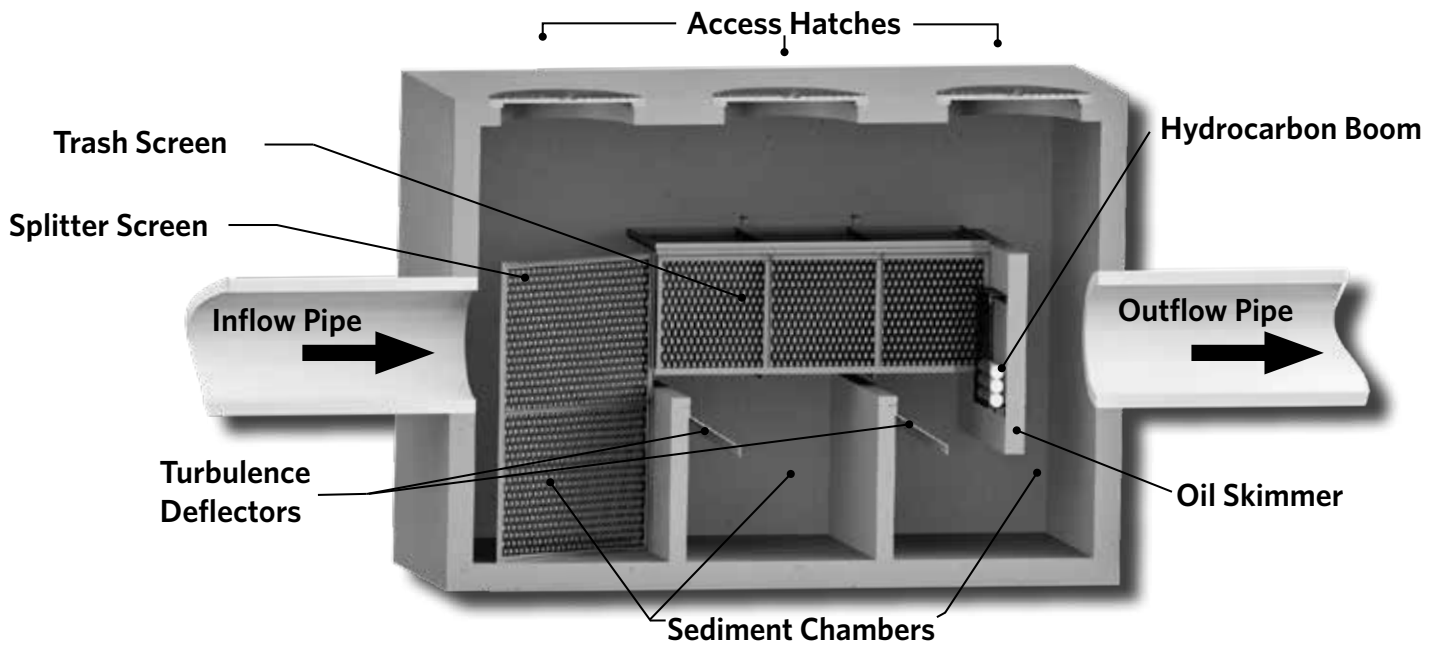
## Debris Separating Baffle Box (DSBB) Operation & Maintenance Manual



## Operation & Maintenance

The DSBB combines gravity separation with a unique non-blocking screen to capture trash, sediment and oil from stormwater flows. The innovative screening system directs floatable trash and debris into raised filtration screens for dry state storage which prevents septic conditions, odor, nutrient leaching and allows for easy removal. The raised filtration screens are assisted by a non-blocking inlet splitting screen which directs flows to the filtration screens while maintaining high treatment flow rates. The DSBB is able to effectively capture and store sediment with no maintenance or loss of treatment capacity for several years based on annual average loading in most regions.

Yet, as with all stormwater BMPs, inspection and maintenance of the DSBB 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 provide protection to receiving water bodies. It is recommended that inspections be performed multiple times during the first year to assess site-specific loading conditions. This is recommended because pollutant loading can vary greatly from site to site. Variables such as nearby soil erosion or construction sites, winter sanding of 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 set inspection and maintenance intervals for subsequent years. Without appropriate maintenance a BMP can exceed its storage capacity, which can negatively affect its continued performance in removing and retaining captured pollutants.



*System Diagram*

## Inspection Equipment

Following is a list of equipment to allow for simple and effective inspection of the DSBB:

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

Note: Entering a confined space requires appropriate safety and certification. It is generally not required for routine inspections or maintenance of the system.



## Inspection Steps

The core to any successful stormwater BMP maintenance program is routine inspections. The inspection steps required for the DSBB 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 establish a basis for long-term inspection and maintenance activities.

The DSBB 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 nearby pedestrians from any dangers associated with an open access hatch or manhole. 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.
- Look for any obstructions in the inflow pipe, sediment chambers, filtration screens, splitter screen, or outflow pipe. Write down any observations on the inspection form.
- Through observation and/or digital photographs, estimate the amount of floatable debris accumulated inside the filtration screens. Record this information on the inspection form. Check both the right and left filtration screens if applicable.
- Utilizing a tape measure or measuring stick, estimate the amount of sediment accumulated in each of the three sediment chambers. Record these depths on the inspection form.
- Observe the condition and color of the hydrocarbon booms and any floating oils in front of the boom cage. Record this information on the inspection form.
- Finalize the inspection report for analysis by the maintenance manager to determine if maintenance is required.

## Maintenance Indicators

Maintenance of the system may be required based on the following indicators:

- Missing or damaged internal components
- Obstructions in the system or its inlet or outlet
- Excessive accumulation of floatable trash, debris and foliage in the filtration screens in which the length and width of the chambers screens is more than half full and/or flow into the screens is fully impeded by these debris.
- Excessive accumulation of sediment in any of the three separation chambers is more than half-full (18" to 27" depending on the model size). See chart below:

Model	Sediment Chamber				Screen Basket Dimensions				Hydrocarbon Boom Cage		
	ID Length (in)	ID Width (in)	Sediment Chamber Depth (in)	Sediment Chamber Capacity at 50% Full (cu ft)	Screen Basket Quantity	Screen Basket Width (in)	Screen Basket Height (in)	Screen Basket Capacity (cu ft)	Cage Height (in)	Cage Width (in)	Booms
2.5-4	48	30	36	14.8	2	9	12	3.3	9	5	1
3-6	72	36	36	26.8	2	11	18	9.0	15	7	1
4-6	72	48	36	35.8	2	15	18	12.3	15	11	1
4-8	96	48	36	47.8	2	15	24	22.0	21	11	2
5-10	120	60	36	70.0	2	19	24	34.0	21	15	2
6-12	144	72	36	102.0	2	22	24	47.4	21	21	2
8-12	144	96	36	136.0	2	30	27	72.7	24	29	2
8-14	168	96	36	160.0	2	30	27	84.4	24	29	2
10-14	168	120	36	200.0	2	38	27	106.9	24	37	2
11-16	192	132	45	309.4	2	40	33	160.4	30	45	3
11-24	288	132	54	569.3	2	40	36	263.3	33	45	3
11-34	408	132	54	816.8	2	40	36	373.3	33	45	3

## Maintenance Equipment

It is recommended that a vacuum truck be utilized to minimize the time required to maintain the DSBB:

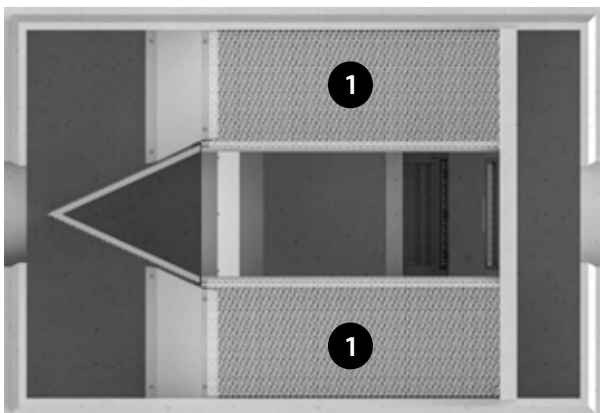
- Contech Maintenance Form (contained in O&M Manual)
- Flashlight
- Manhole hook or appropriate tools to access hatches and covers
- Appropriate traffic control signage and procedures
- Protective clothing and eye protection
- Vacuum truck (with pressure washer attachment preferred)

Note: Entering a confined space requires appropriate safety and certification. It is generally not required for routine maintenance of the system. Exception is deeper units entry may be required to open filtration screen lids and replace hydrocarbon booms (optional).

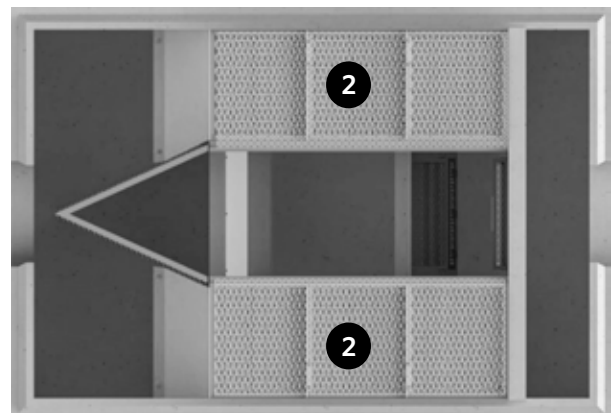
## Maintenance Procedures

It is recommended that maintenance occurs at least three days after the most recent rain event to allow for drain down from any associated upstream detention systems. Maintaining the system while flows are still entering it will increase maintenance time and complexity required for maintenance. Debris captured in the filtration screens requires time to dry out which decreases time to remove and associated weight. Cleaning of the filtration screens and sediment chambers can be performed from the surface without entry into the vault utilizing a vacuum truck on most installations. Depth and configuration of the installation may create conditions which would require entry for some or all of the maintenance procedures. Configuration and size of access hatches also effects the conditions in which entry may be required. Once all safety measures have been set up, cleaning of the filtration screens, hydrocarbon boom(s) (optional) and/or sediment chambers can proceed as followed:

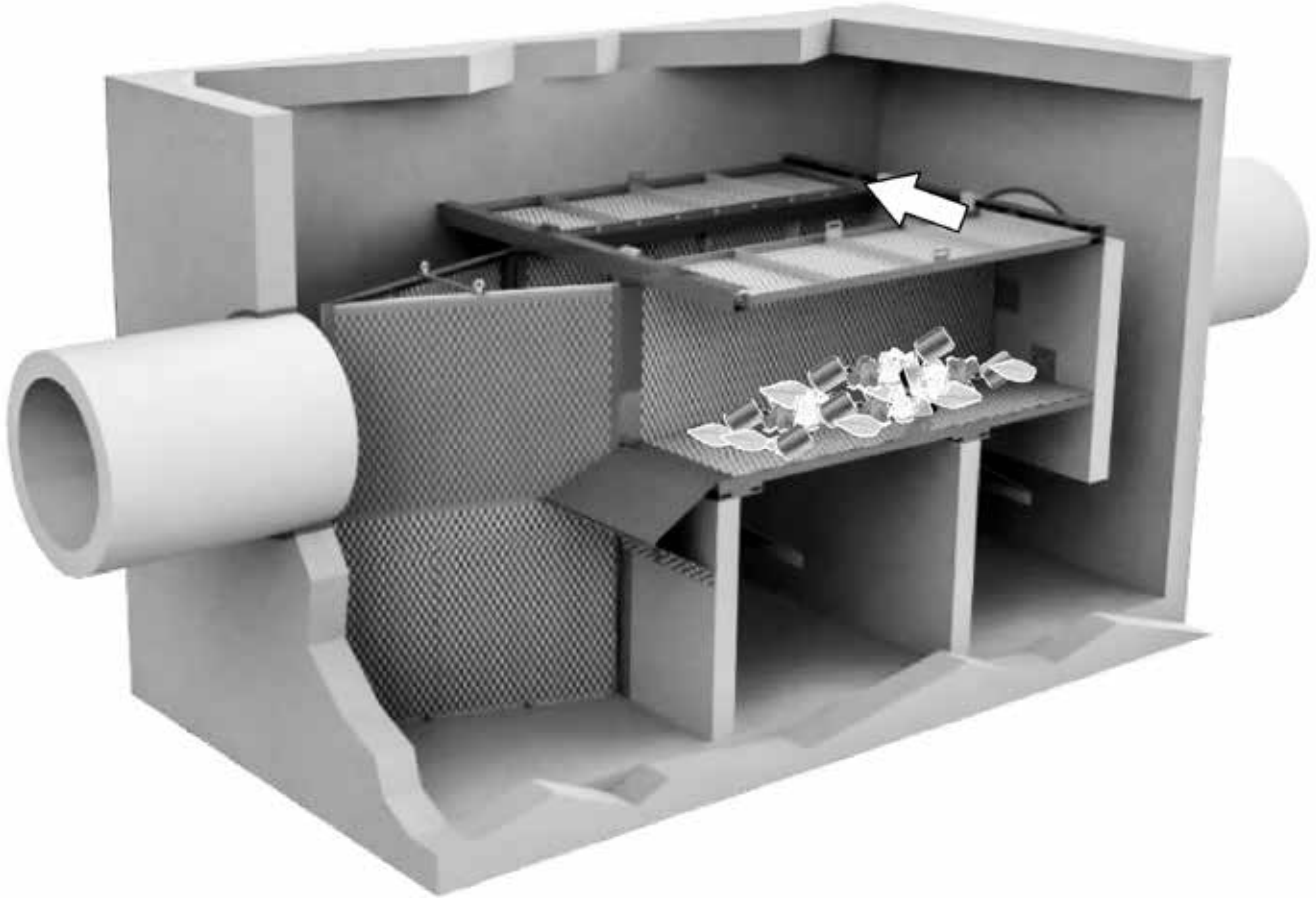
- Remove all access hatches (requires traffic control and safety measures to be completed prior).
- Locate the right and left filtration screens. Manhole or hatch access will be provided to each of these screens. As highlighted below. Depending on the configuration of the DSBB, the filtration screens may or may not have sliding lids depending on factors such as online or offline bypass, water level at peak flow, back flow conditions amongst other site-specific variables. Units that have lids are designed with locking mechanisms along the sidewall of the structure that can be unlocked from the surface with an extension rod. The length of this rod is limited and for deeper installs entry may be required to unlock and slide the lids.



Top view into DSBB. Filtration screens (1) without sliding lids.

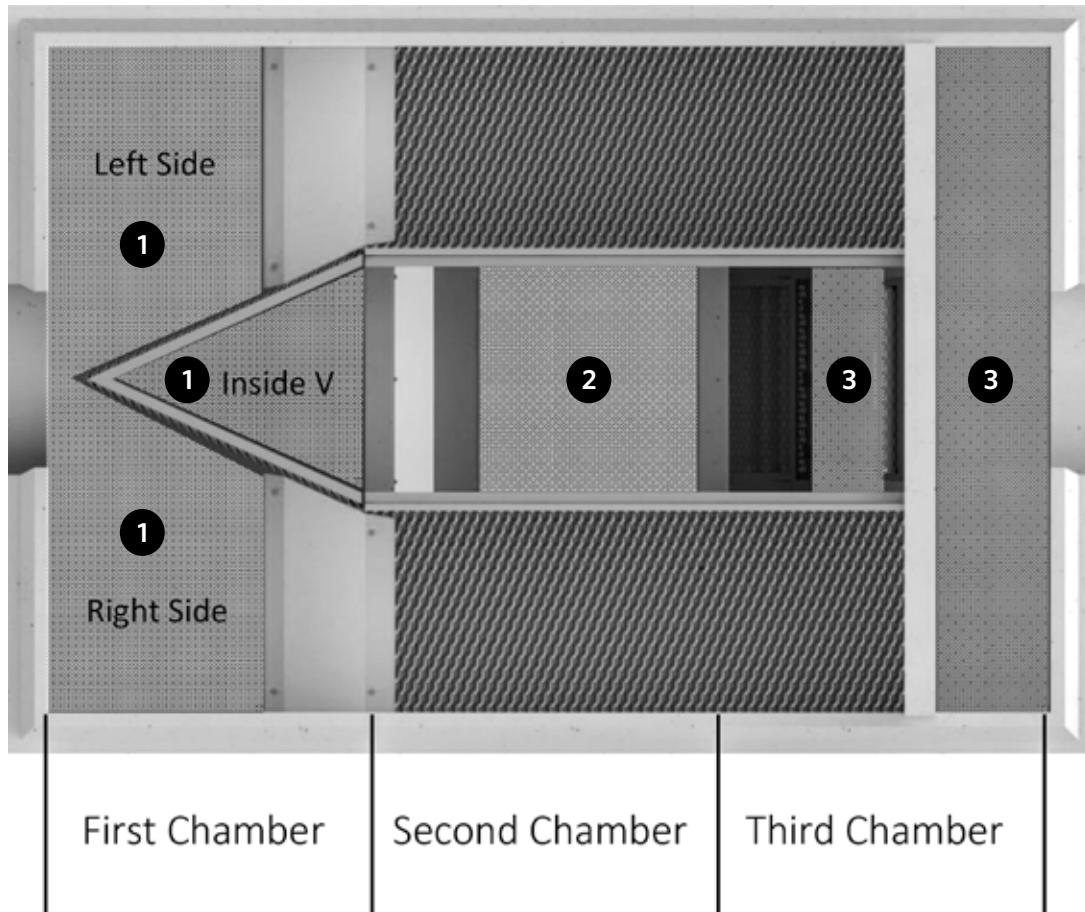


Top view into DSBB. Filtration screens (2) with sliding lids.



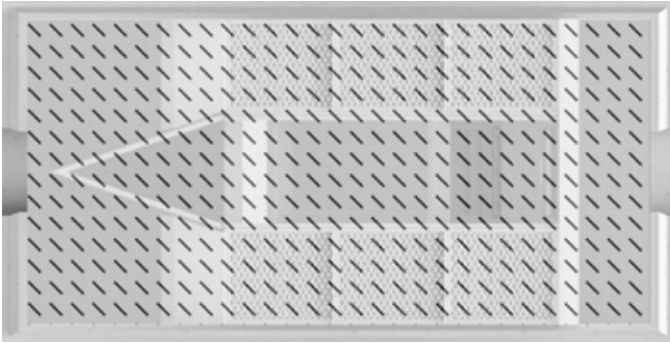
*Isometric view into the DSB illustrating the sliding lids of the filtration screens. Lids can slide left and right in the horizontal direction from closed and locked position for easy access for cleaning and removal of debris.*

- Once filtration screens lids are opened (if applicable), the vacuum hose extension is inserted down into the screens for removal of debris. The width of the screen of the smallest model is 9", therefore allowing an standard 8" vacuum hose to be used for all models and sizes. All debris should be removed with the vacuum hose and the pressure washer should be used to spray down and remove all debris on the bottom, side and top screens. Ensure all holes within in the screen are cleared of debris. This is critical to restoring the full hydraulic capacity of the filtration screens. Once completed, close and lock lids (if applicable).
- Using an extension on a vacuum truck, position the hose over the opened access hatch or hatches leading to the first sediment chamber adjacent to the pipe inlet which includes the splitter screen. Lower vacuum hose into the sediment chamber on the left and right side of the splitter screen. This is where a majority of the larger sediments and heavy debris will accumulate. Remove all floating debris, standing water and sediment from this sediment chamber. Vertical access to the bottom of the sediment chamber is unimpeded. The vac hose can be moved from side-to-side to fully remove sediments at the corners. A power washer can be used to assist if sediments have become hardened and stuck to the walls or the floor of the chamber. The power washer should also be used to spray the splitter screen clean of any accumulated debris. The vacuum hose can also be inserted on the outlet side of the splitter screen (inside the V) to remove any remaining accumulated sediment.

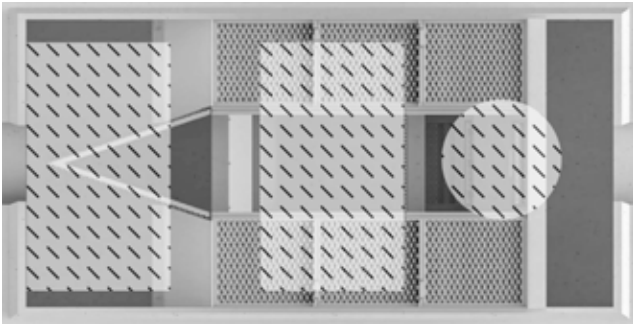


*Top view into DSB illustrating the three sediment chambers.*

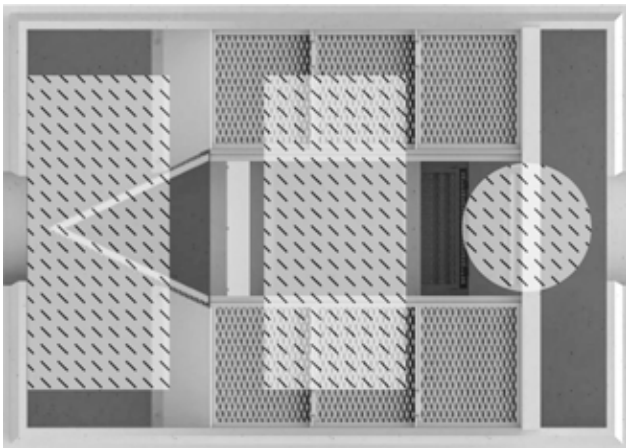
1. The areas (1) show where the vacuum hose should be inserted for cleaning of the first sediment chamber.
  2. The area (2) show where the vacuum hose should be inserted for cleaning of the second sediment chamber.
  3. The areas (3) shows where the vacuum hose is inserted for cleaning of the third sediment chamber.
- Repeat the same procedure in the second and third sediment chambers in the locations shown in the above diagrams. Access to these two chambers is in the center of the system, unlike the first sediment chamber. The filtration screens cover the sediment chamber along the sides, yet allow for unimpeded access in the middle. Hatch or manhole size, quantity and location vary based on model size and site specific project constraints. Various access hatch sizes and configurations are available to meet individual project requirements. Larger hatches, open assisted hatches and/or taller ID dimensions to increase headroom are available by request. Below are a few examples of various models and optimal hatch configurations.



*A DSBB-2.5-4 is offered with a 2.5-4 access hatch in either parkway, direct or indirect traffic rating. This provides full access. Bolt and pull, hinged or hinged with lift-assisted options offered. Figures not to scale.*



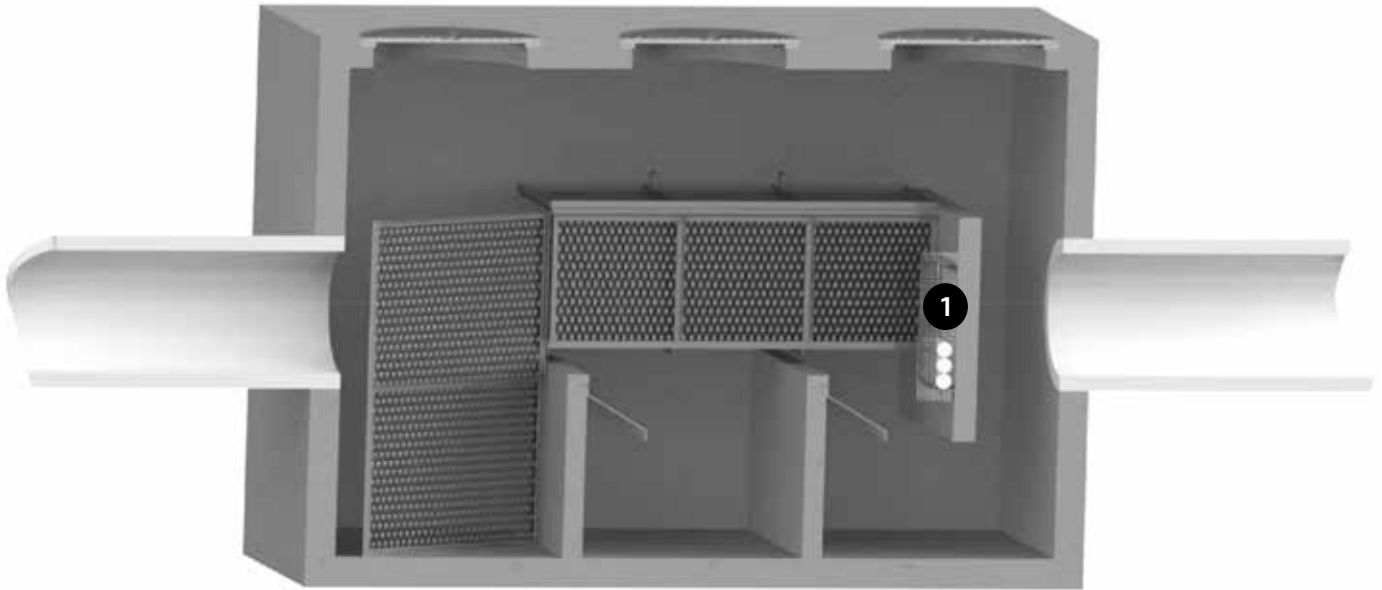
*A DSBB-5-10 is offered with two 2.5-4 access hatches in either parkway, direct or indirect traffic rating along with a single 24" diameter manhole for access to the third sediment chamber and hydrocarbon booms. Bolt and pull, hinged or hinged with lift assisted options offered. Figures not to scale.*



*A DSBB-8-12 is offered with two 3-6 access hatches in either parkway, direct or indirect traffic rating along with a single 30" diameter manhole for access to the third sediment chamber and hydrocarbon booms. Bolt and pull, hinged or hinged with lift-assisted options offered. Figures not to scale.*



- Based on the color of the hydrocarbon booms, replacement may be necessary. The booms are housed inside the boom cage (1) which is attached to the influent side of the oil skimmer wall. The cage has a hinged top, which is opened allowing access to the hydrocarbon booms. Once old booms are removed, new booms can be dropped in and the top closed. See below image.

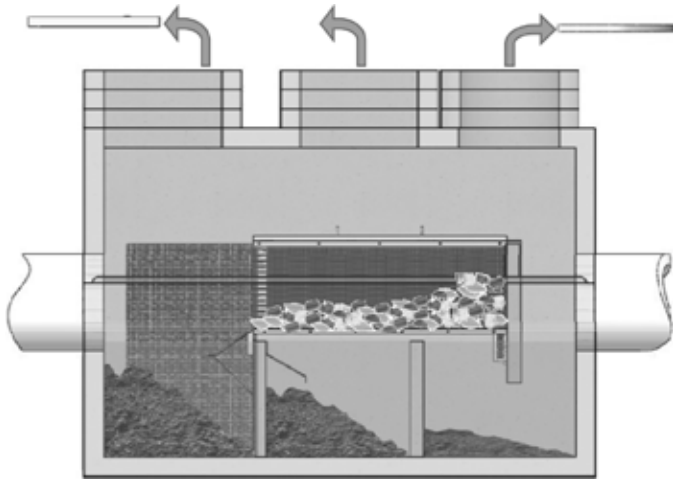


- The following is a replacement indication color chart for the hydrocarbon booms:

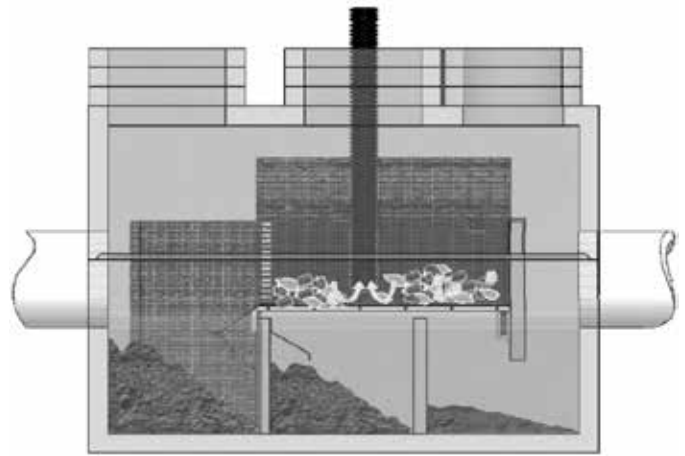
Excellent Condition	Good Condition	Minimal Capacity	Replacement Required

- NOTE:** Filtration screens over the second and third chambers should be cleaned before cleaning sediment from these chambers since some debris and water from screen cleaning activities may accumulate in the chambers below.
- Close up and replace all access hatches and remove all traffic control.
- All removed debris and pollutants shall be disposed of following local and state requirements.
- Disposal requirements for recovered pollutants may vary depending on local guidelines. In most areas the sediment, once dewatered, can be disposed of in a sanitary landfill. It is not anticipated that the sediment would be classified as hazardous waste.
- In the case of damaged components, replacement parts can be ordered from Contech. Hydrocarbon booms can also be ordered directly from the manufacturer.

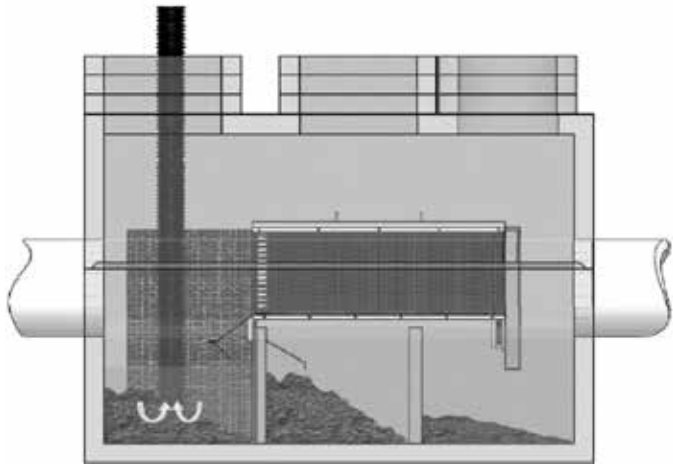
## Maintenance Sequence



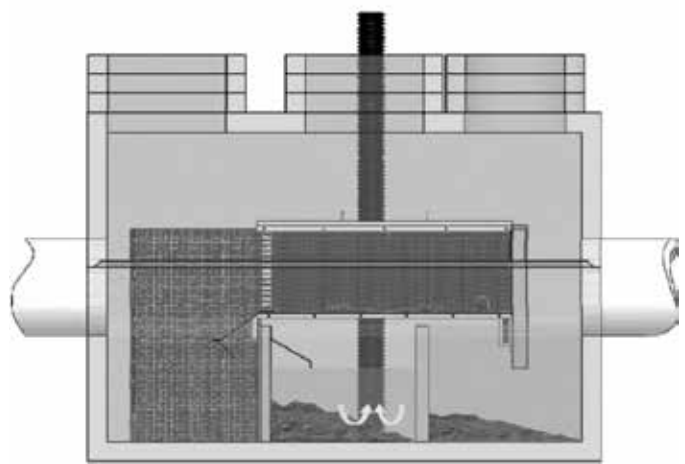
Remove access hatches set up vacuum truck to clean the filtration screens and sediment chamber. Locate positions of filtration screens and first, second and third sediment chambers plus the hydrocarbon boom cage.



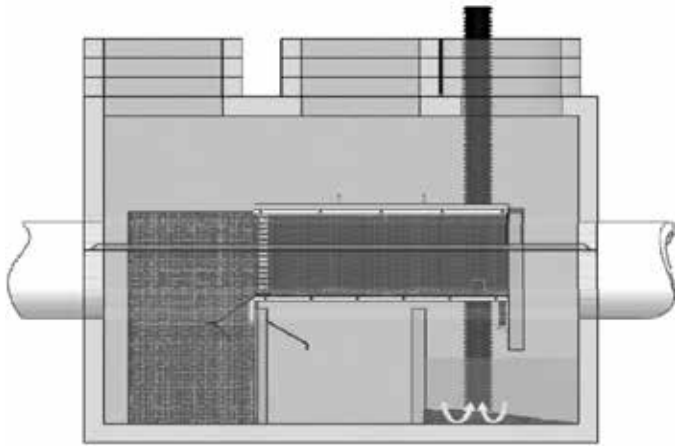
Unlock and open filtration screen lids (if applicable, some units will not have lids). Insert vacuum hose into the first filtration screen and clean out trash & debris. Use a pressure washer to remove any debris stuck on the screens.



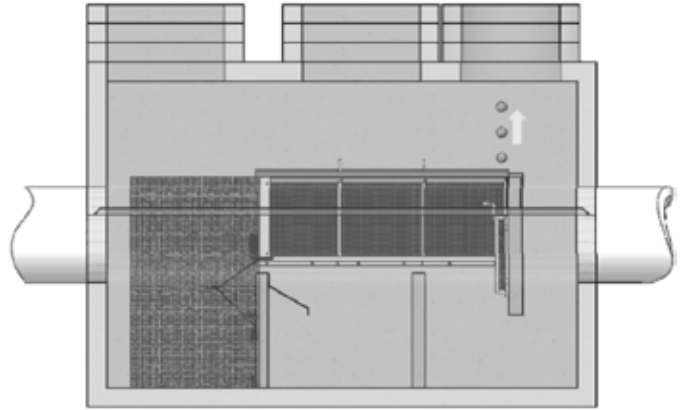
Insert vacuum hose in the first sediment chamber to remove sediment and debris. The vacuum hose will need to be inserted on the right and left side of the splitter screen to remove all sediment. Once completed, use a pressure washer to clean off the splitter screen.



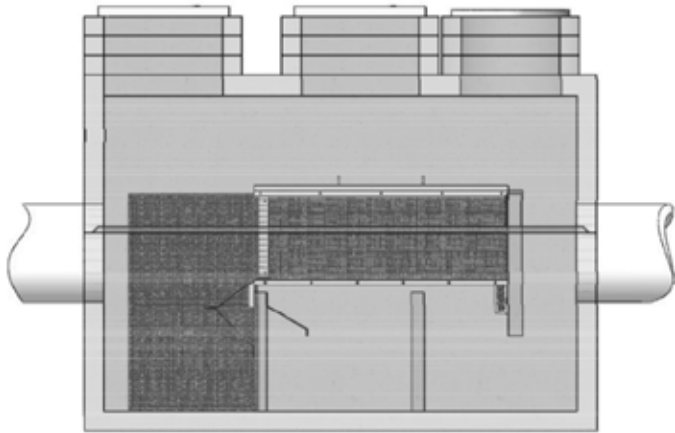
Repeat the above steps for cleaning the second sediment chamber. Compacted sediment can be loosened using a pressure washer.



Repeat the above steps for cleaning the third sediment chamber. Compacted sediment can be loosened using a pressure washer.



Once the unit is fully cleaned, check the condition of the hydrocarbon booms in the boom cage hanging on the oil skimmer wall. Use color indicator in this manual to decide if replacement is required. If required open boom cage and replace booms.



Once cleaning and maintenance is complete, ensure boom cage lid and filtration screen lids are closed and locked. Replace all manhole covers and or access hatches and remove traffic control.



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