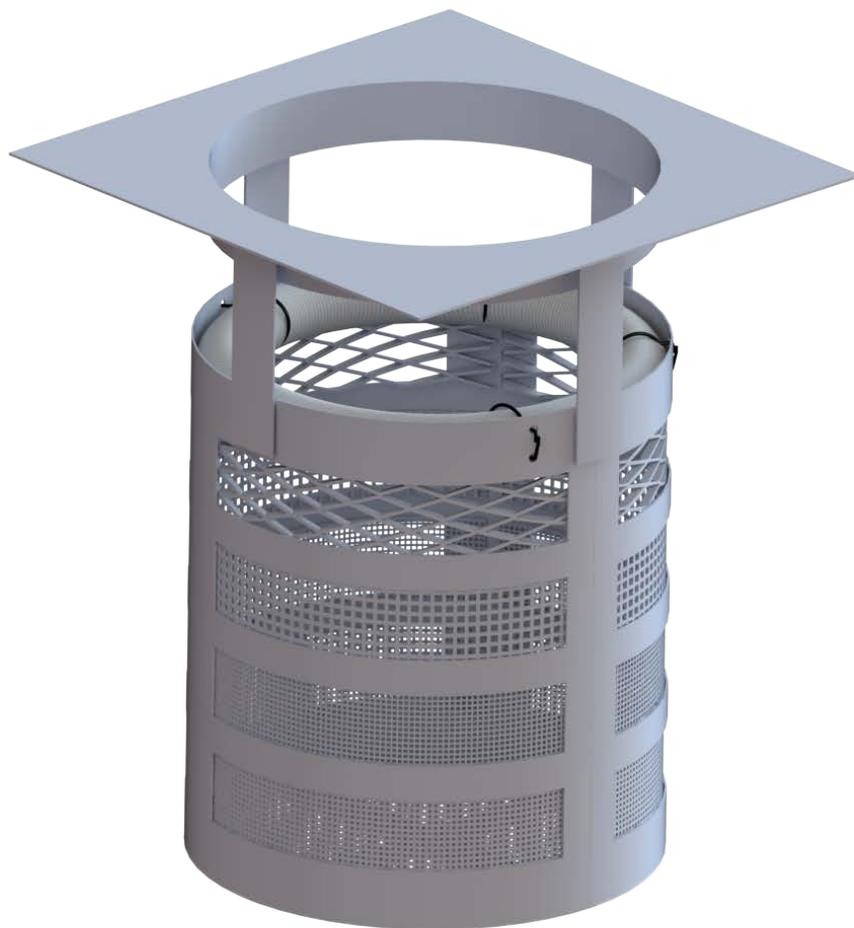


# *Grate Inlet Filter MLS Type*

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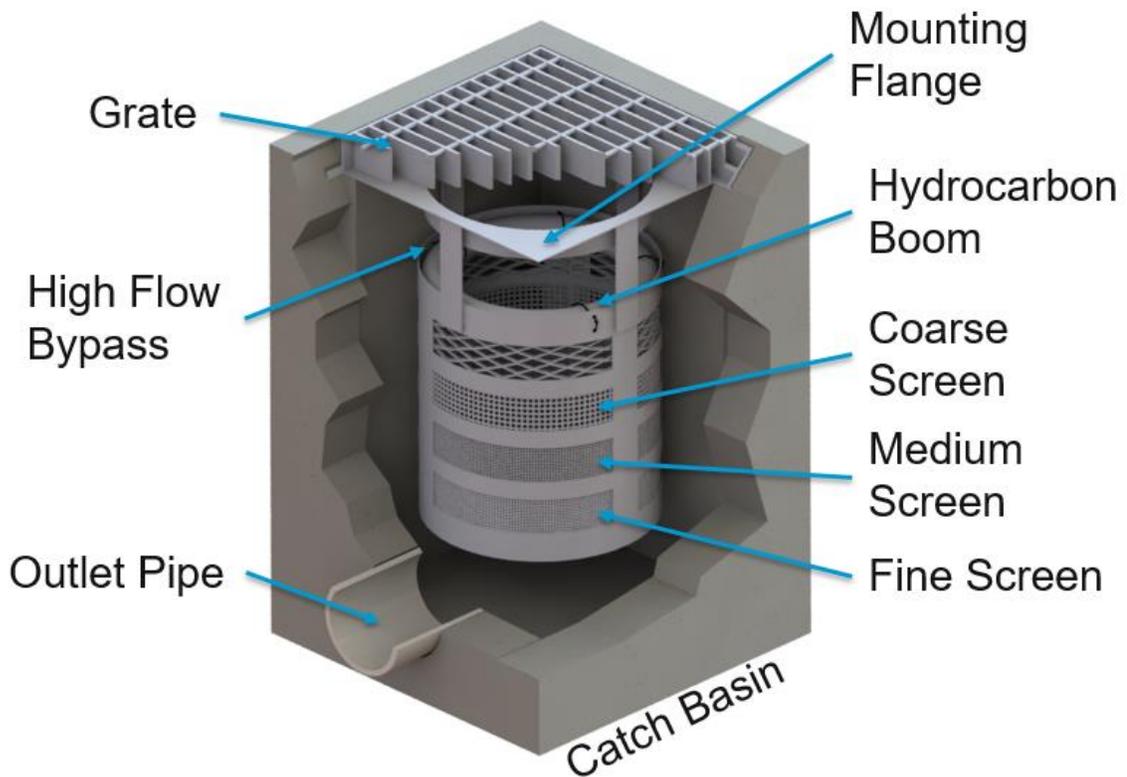
## **OPERATION & MAINTENANCE**



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The Bio Clean Grate Inlet Filter is a stormwater device designed to remove high levels of trash, debris, sediments and hydrocarbons. The filter is available in several configurations including trash full capture, multi-level screening, Kraken membrane filter and media filter variations. This manual covers maintenance procedures of the multi-level screening configuration. A supplemental manual is available for the trash full capture configuration, as well as the Kraken and media filter variations. This filter is made of 100% stainless steel and is available in various sizes and depths allowing it to fit in any grated catch basin inlet. The filter's heavy duty construction allows for cleaning with any vacuum truck. The filter can also easily be cleaned by hand.

As with all stormwater BMPs, inspection and maintenance on the Grate Inlet Filter is necessary. Stormwater regulations require 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. 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 Grate Inlet Filter:

- Bio Clean Environmental Inspection Form (contained within this manual).
- Manhole hook or appropriate tools to remove access hatches and covers.
- Appropriate traffic control signage and procedures.
- 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 on the Grate Inlet Filter 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 base for long-term inspection and maintenance interval requirements.

The Grate Inlet Filter can be inspected through visual observation. All necessary pre-inspection steps must be carried out before inspection occurs, such as safety measures to protect the inspector and nearby pedestrians from any dangers associated with an open grated inlet. Once the grate has been safely removed 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 filter with the grate removed.
- Look for any out of the ordinary obstructions on the grate or in the filter and its bypass. Write down any observations on the inspection form.
- Through observation and/or digital photographs, estimate the amount of trash, foliage and sediment accumulated inside the filter basket. Record this information on the inspection form.
- Observe the condition and color of the hydrocarbon boom. Record this information on the inspection form.
- Finalize inspection report for analysis by the maintenance manager to determine if maintenance is required.

### *Maintenance Indicators*

Based upon observations made during inspection, maintenance of the system may be required based on the following indicators:

- Missing or damaged internal components.
- Obstructions in the filter basket and its bypass.
- Excessive accumulation of trash, foliage and sediment in the filter basket. Maintenance is required when the basket is greater than half-full.
- The following chart shows the 50% and 100% storage capacity of each filter height:

| <b>Model</b>             | <b>Filter Basket Diameter (in)</b> | <b>Filter Basket Height (in)</b> | <b>50% Storage Capacity (cu ft)</b> | <b>100% Storage Capacity (cu ft)</b> |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>BC-GRATE-12-12-18</b> | 10.00                              | 18.00                            | 0.41                                | 0.82                                 |
| <b>BC-GRATE-18-18-18</b> | 16.00                              | 18.00                            | 1.05                                | 2.09                                 |
| <b>BC-GRATE-24-24-24</b> | 21.00                              | 24.00                            | 2.40                                | 4.81                                 |
| <b>BC-GRATE-30-30-24</b> | 27.00                              | 24.00                            | 3.97                                | 7.95                                 |
| <b>BC-GRATE-25-38-24</b> | 21.00                              | 24.00                            | 4.15                                | 8.31                                 |
| <b>BC-GRATE-36-36-24</b> | 33.00                              | 24.00                            | 5.94                                | 11.87                                |
| <b>BC-GRATE-48-48-18</b> | 44.00                              | 18.00                            | 7.92                                | 15.83                                |

### *Maintenance Equipment*

It is recommended that a vacuum truck be utilized to minimize the time required to maintain the Curb Inlet Filter, though it can be easily cleaned by hand:

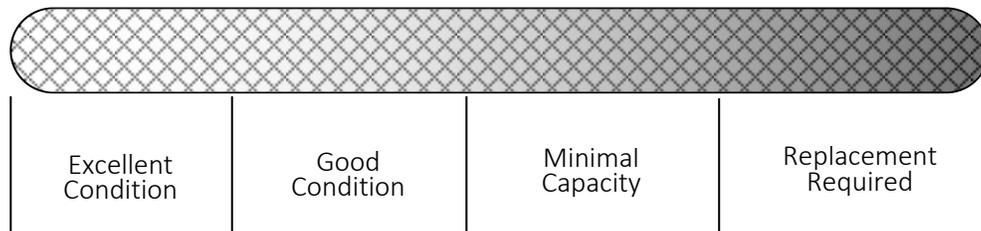
- Bio Clean Environmental Maintenance Form (contained in O&M Manual).
- Manhole hook or appropriate tools to remove the grate.
- Appropriate safety signage and procedures.
- Protective clothing and eye protection.
- Note: entering a confined space requires appropriate safety and certification. It is generally not required for routine maintenance of the system. Small or large vacuum truck (with pressure washer attachment preferred).

### *Maintenance Procedures*

It is recommended that maintenance occurs at least two days after the most recent rain event to allow debris and sediments to dry out. Maintaining the system while flows are still entering it will

increase the time and complexity required for maintenance. Cleaning of the Grate Inlet Filter can be performed utilizing a vacuum truck. Once all safety measures have been set up, cleaning of the Grate Inlet Filter can proceed as followed:

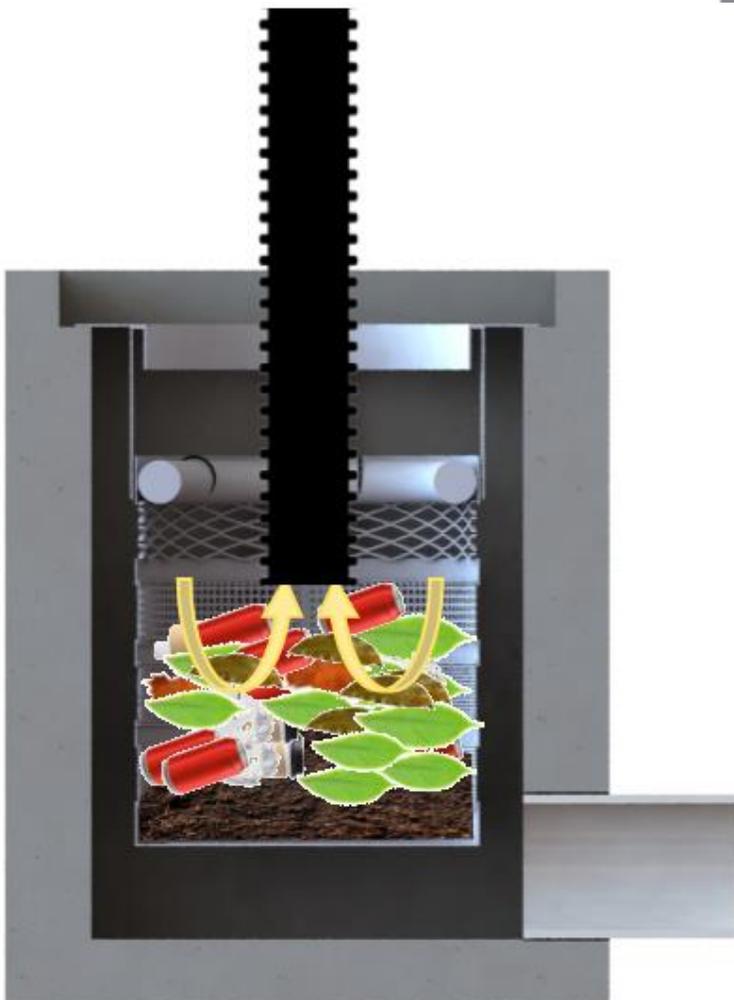
- Remove grate (traffic control and safety measures to be completed prior).
- Using an extension on a vacuum truck, position the hose over the opened catch basin. Insert the vacuum hose down into the filter basket and suck out trash, foliage and sediment. A pressure wash is recommended and will assist in spraying off any debris stuck on the side or bottom of the filter basket. Power wash the sides and bottom of the filter basket off.
- Next, remove the hydrocarbon boom that is attached to the inside of the filter basket. The hydrocarbon boom is zip tied to the top perimeter of the filter. Assess the color and condition of the boom using the following information in the next bullet point. If replacement is required, install and fasten on a new hydrocarbon boom. Booms can be ordered directly from the manufacturer.
- The following is a replacement indication color chart for the hydrocarbon booms:



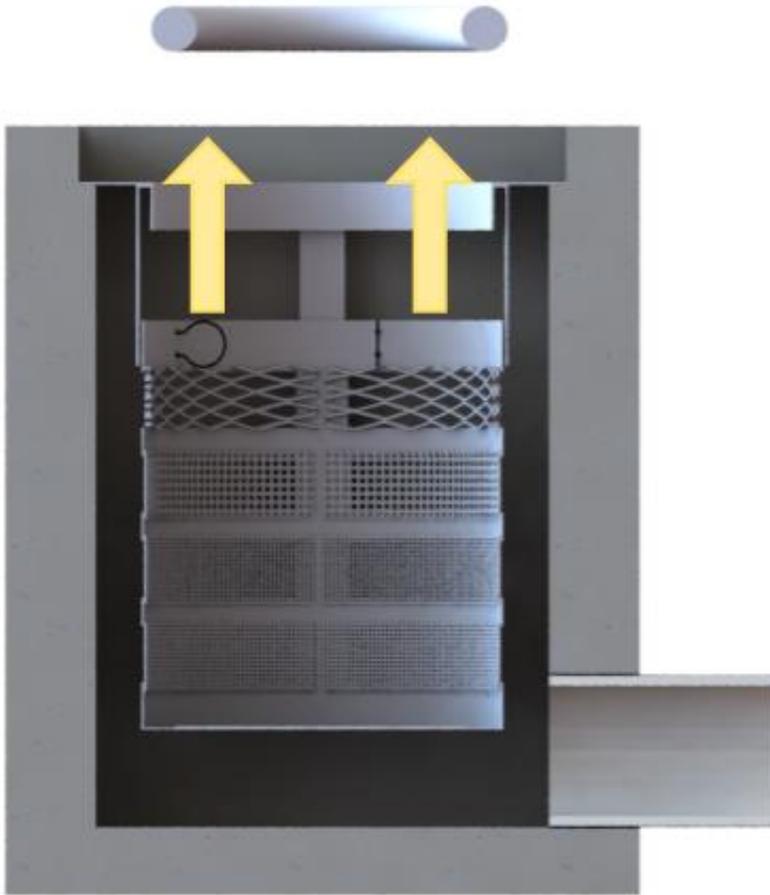
- The last step is to replace the grate and remove all traffic control.
- All removed debris and pollutants shall be disposed of following local and state requirements.
- Disposal requirements for recovered pollutants may vary depending on local guidelines. In most areas the sediment, once dewatered, 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 the manufacturer. Hydrocarbon booms can also be ordered directly from the manufacturer as previously noted. NOTE: outlet to catch basin (if it does not have a sump) should be blocked during power washing to prevent any dirty water from discharging from the catch basin.

*Maintenance Sequence*

Remove grate and set up vacuum truck to clean the filter basket.



Insert the vacuum hose down into the filter basket and suck out debris. Use a pressure washer to assist in vacuum removal. Pressure wash off screens.



Remove the hydrocarbon boom that is attached to the inside of the filter basket. The hydrocarbon boom is zip tied to the top perimeter of the filter. Assess the color and condition of the boom using the following information in the next bullet point. If replacement is required, install and fasten on a new hydrocarbon boom.

Close up and replace the grate and remove all traffic control. All removed debris and pollutants shall be disposed of following local and state requirements.



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