First Defense®
Cost-effective stormwater treatment with adaptability to meet demanding site requirements

Product Profile
The First Defense® is an enhanced vortex separator that combines an effective and economical stormwater treatment chamber with an integral peak flow bypass. It efficiently removes sediment total suspended solids (TSS), trash and hydrocarbons from stormwater runoff without washing out previously captured pollutants. The First Defense® is available in several model configurations to accommodate a wide range of pipe sizes, peak flows and depth constraints (Table 1, next page).

Applications
• Stormwater treatment at the point of entry into the drainage line
• Sites constrained by space, topography or drainage profiles with limited slope and depth of cover
• Retrofit installations where stormwater treatment is placed on or tied into an existing storm drain line
• Pretreatment for filters, infiltration and storage

Components
1. Inlet Grate (optional)
2. Inlet Chute
3. Inlet Pipe (optional)
4. Floatables Draw Off Slot (not pictured)
5. Precast Vortex Chamber
6. Internal Bypass
7. Outlet Chute
8. Outlet Pipe
9. Oil and Floatables Storage
10. Sediment Storage Sump

How it Works
The First Defense® has internal components designed to remove and retain gross debris, total suspended solids (TSS) and hydrocarbons (Fig.1).

Contaminated stormwater runoff enters the inlet chute from a surface grate and/or inlet pipe. The inlet chute introduces flow into the chamber tangentially to create a low energy vortex flow regime (magenta arrow) that directs sediment into the sump while oils, floating trash and debris rise to the surface.

Treated stormwater exits through a submerged outlet chute located opposite to the direction of the rotating flow (blue arrow). Enhanced vortex separation is provided by forcing the rotating flow within the vessel to follow the longest path possible rather than directly from inlet to outlet.

How it Works
Higher flows bypass the treatment chamber to prevent turbulence and washout of captured pollutants. An integral bypass conveys infrequent peak flows directly to the outlet chute, eliminating the need for, and expense of, external bypass control structures. Floatables are diverted away from the bypass into the treatment chamber through the floatables draw off slot.
Maintenance

The First Defense® needs minimal maintenance, but like all structural best management practices maintenance is necessary for the long-term protection of the environment.

Sediments captured by the First Defense® are stored in the sump; floatable trash and hydrocarbons are stored on the surface of the standing water. A commercially or municipally owned sump-vac is used to remove captured sediment and floatables (Fig.2).


First Defense® Sizing & Design

Design Options for Inlet and Internal Bypass Arrangements

For maximum flexibility the First Defense® inlet and internal bypass arrangements are available in several configurations (Fig.3a - 3c). Model parameters and design criteria are shown in Table 1.