

VERIFICATION STATEMENT

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Jellyfish® Filter

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Technology description and application

The Jellyfish® Filter is an engineered stormwater quality treatment technology designed to remove a variety of stormwater pollutants including floatable trash and debris, oil, coarse and fine suspended sediments, and particulate-bound pollutants such as nutrients, heavy metals, and hydrocarbons. The Jellyfish Filter combines gravitational pre-treatment (sedimentation and floatation) and membrane filtration in a single compact structure. The system utilizes membrane filtration cartridges comprised of multiple detachable pleated filter elements (“filtration tentacles”) that provide high filtration surface area with the associated advantages of high flow rate, high sediment capacity, and low filtration flux rate.

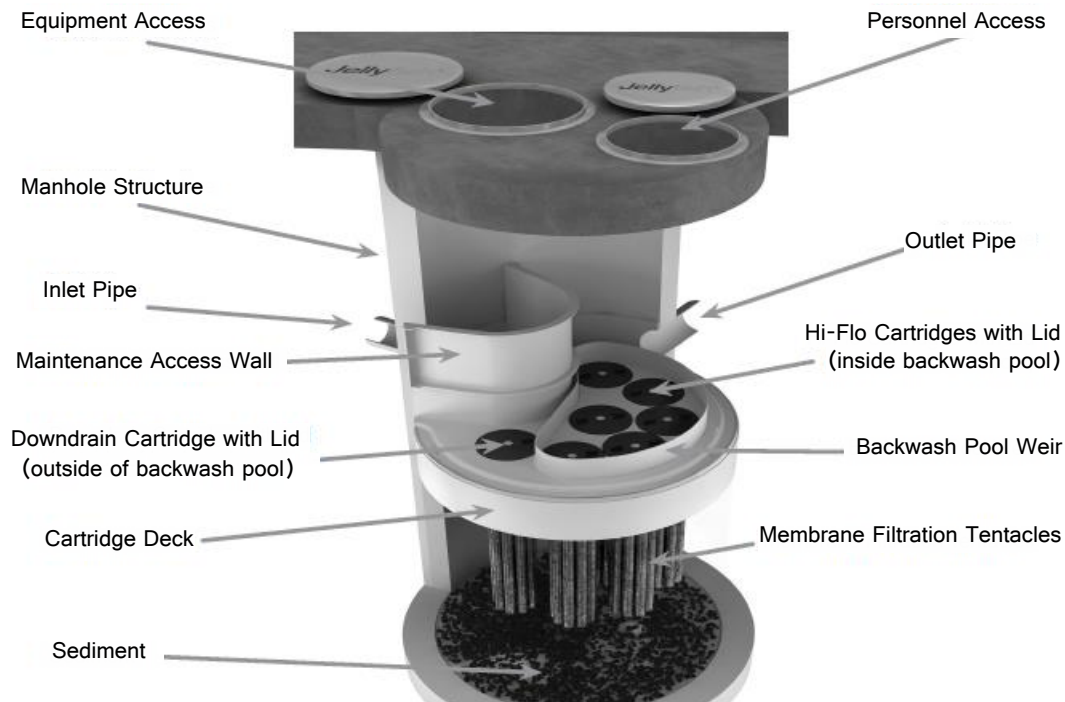


Figure 1. Cut-away graphic of a Jellyfish® Filter manhole with 6 hi-flo cartridges and 1 draindown cartridge

Figure 1 depicts a cut-away graphic of a typical 6-ft diameter Jellyfish® Filter manhole with 6 hi-flo cartridges and 1 draindown cartridge (JF6-6-1). Stormwater influent enters the system through the inlet pipe and builds a pond behind the maintenance access wall, with the pond elevation providing driving head. Flow is channeled downward into the lower chamber beneath the cartridge deck. A flexible separator skirt surrounds the filtration zone where the filtration tentacles of each cartridge are suspended, and the volume between the vessel wall and the outside surface of the separator skirt comprises a pre-treatment channel. As flow spreads throughout the pre-treatment channel, floatable pollutants accumulate at the surface of the pond behind the maintenance access wall and also beneath the cartridge deck in the pre-treatment channel, while coarse sediments settle to the sump. Flow proceeds under the separator skirt and upward into the filtration zone, entering each filtration tentacle and depositing fine suspended sediment and associated particulate-bound pollutants on the outside surface of the membranes. Filtered water proceeds up the center tube of each tentacle, with the flow from each tentacle combining under the cartridge lid, and discharging to the top of the cartridge deck through the cartridge lid orifice. Filtered effluent from the hi-flo cartridges enters a pool enclosed by a 15-cm high weir, and if storm intensity and resultant driving head is sufficient, filtered water overflows the weir and proceeds across the cartridge deck to the outlet pipe. Filtered effluent discharging from the draindown cartridge(s) passes directly to the outlet pipe, and requires only a minimal amount of driving head (2.5 cm) to provide forward flow. As

storm intensity subsides and driving head drops below 15 cm, filtered water within the backwash pool reverses direction and passes backward through the hi-flo cartridges, and thereby dislodges sediment from the membrane which subsequently settles to the sump below the filtration zone. During this passive backwashing process, water in the lower chamber is displaced only through the draindown cartridge(s). Additional self-cleaning processes include gravity, as well as vibrational pulses emitted when flow exits the orifice of each cartridge lid, and these combined processes significantly extend the cartridge service life and maintenance cleaning interval. Sediment removal from the sump by vacuum is required when sediment depths reach 30 cm, and cartridges are typically removed, externally rinsed, and recommissioned on an annual basis, or as site-specific maintenance conditions require. Filtration tentacle replacement is typically required every 3 – 5 years.

Performance conditions

The data and results published in this Verification Statement were obtained from the field testing conducted on a Jellyfish Filter JF6-6-1 (6-ft diameter manhole with 6 hi-flo cartridges and 1 draindown cartridge), in accordance with the requirements outlined by the Technical Guidance Manual for Evaluating Emerging Stormwater Treatment Technologies Technology Assessment Protocol – Ecology (TAPE) as written by the Washington State Department of Ecology, (WADOE, 2011). The drainage area providing stormwater runoff to the test unit was 86 acres and was 32% impervious. Throughout the monitoring period (March 2017 – April 2020), a total of 25 individual storm events were sampled. The Basic Treatment standard outlined in the TAPE requires ≥ 80% total suspended solids (TSS) removal at influent TSS concentrations ranging from 100 to 200 mg/L. In addition, the Phosphorus Treatment standard outlined in the TAPE requires ≥ 50% removal of total phosphorus (TP) at influent concentrations ranging from 0.10 to 0.5 mg/L. For this verification, the performance claim for TSS removal is for influent TSS concentration ≥ 100 mg/L, and the performance claim for TP removal is for influent TP concentration ≥ 0.1 mg/L. Based on these requirements, 15 and 18 sample pairs deemed qualified for evaluating the removal performance of TSS and TP, respectively. Prior to starting the performance testing program, a quality assurance project plan (QAPP) was submitted to and approved by the State of Washington Department of Ecology.

Table 1 shows the specified and achieved TAPE criteria for storm selection and sampling.

Table 1. Specified and achieved TAPE criteria for storm selection and sampling

Description	TAPE criteria value	Achieved value
Total rainfall	> 3.8 mm (0.15 in)	> 3.8 mm (0.15 in) ¹
Minimum inter-event period	6 hours	6 hours
Minimum flow-weighted composite sample storm coverage	Minimum 70% including as much of the first 20% of the storm	> 70%
Minimum influent/effluent samples	10, but a minimum of 5 subsamples for composite samples	10, except for two events that had 9 aliquots
Total sampled rainfall	N/A	8.29 in
Number of storms	Minimum 15 (preferably 20)	25

¹N.B. Storm event depth was greater than the TAPE rainfall depth guideline of 0.15 inches for all events sampled, except for the 3/21/2017, 3/22/2019, 3/26/2019, and 04/13/2019 events. Given the size of the drainage basin, storm events below this threshold produced adequate runoff volume for sampling. Only two of these events were used to evaluate performance, and all had rainfall depths of 0.11 inches or greater. These events were included as their runoff volumes, precipitation durations, and influent TSS concentrations were all within range of the total data set.

The 6-ft diameter test unit has sedimentation surface area of 2.62 m² (28.26 ft²). Each of the seven filter cartridges employed in the test unit uses filtration tentacles of 137 cm (54 in) length, with filter surface area of 35.4 m² (381 ft²) per cartridge, and total filter surface area of 247.8 m² (2667 ft²) for the seven cartridges combined. The design treatment flow rate is 5 L/s (80 gal/min) for each of the six hi-flo

cartridges and 2.5 L/s (40 gal/min) for the single draindown cartridge, for a total design treatment flow rate of 32.5 L/s (520 gal/min) at design driving head of 457 mm (18 in). This translates to a filtration flux rate (flow rate per unit filter surface area) of 0.14 L/s/m² (0.21 gal/min/ft²) for each hi-flo cartridge and 0.07 L/s/m² (0.11 gal/min/ft²) for the draindown cartridge. The design flow rate for each cartridge is controlled by the sizing of the orifice in the cartridge lid. The distance from the bottom of the filtration tentacles to the sump is 61 cm (24 in).

Performance claim(s)

The Jellyfish® Filter demonstrated the removal efficiencies indicated in **Table 2** for TSS and TP during field monitoring conducted in accordance with the Washington State Department of Ecology’s Technology Assessment Protocol – Ecology (TAPE), and using the following design parameters:

- System hydraulic loading rate (system treatment flow rate per unit of sedimentation surface area) of 12.5 L/s/m² (18.4 gal/min/ft²) or lower
- Filtration flux rate (flow rate per unit filter surface area) of 0.14 L/s/m² (0.21 gal/min/ft²) or lower for each hi-flo cartridge and 0.07 L/s/m² (0.11 gal/min/ft²) or lower for each draindown cartridge
- Distance from the bottom of the filtration tentacles to the sump of 61 cm (24 in) or greater
- Driving head of 457 mm (18 in) or greater

Table 2. Bootstrapped mean, median, and 95% confidence interval (median) for removal efficiencies of Total Suspended Solids (TSS) and Total Phosphorus (TP)

Parameter	Mean (%)	Median (%)	Median – 95% Lower Limit	Median – 95% Upper Limit
TSS ¹	87.6	90.1	85.1	91.6
TP ²	77.3	77.5	70.8	85.6

¹ TSS influent concentration ≥ 100 mg/L

² TP influent concentration ≥ 0.1 mg/L

N.B. As with any field test of stormwater treatment devices, removal efficiencies will vary based on pollutant influent concentrations and other site-specific conditions.

The performance claims can be applied to other Jellyfish® Filter models smaller or larger than the tested model as long as the untested models are designed in accordance with the design parameters specified in the performance claims.

Performance results

Performance Claims – Removal Efficiency for Total Suspended Solids

Raw data summarizing the percent removal of total suspended solids (TSS) by the Jellyfish® Filter at the design system hydraulic loading rate of 12.5 L/s/m² (18.4 gal/min/ft²) for 15 sample pairs deemed qualified are presented in **Table 3**. Data were analyzed and evaluated using a bootstrap approach of random sampling by replacement to estimate population distribution and thereby the upper and lower limit of the confidence interval.

Table 3. Raw data summarizing the percent removal of total suspended solids (TSS)

Event ID	TSS Influent (mg/L)	TSS Effluent (mg/L)	TSS Removal (%) (Inf ≥ 100 mg/L)
3/21/2017	102.0	22.0	78.4
4/7/2017	201.0	30.8	84.7
4/12/2017	108.0	24.4	77.4
4/19/2017	452.0	44.6	90.1
4/26/2017	257.0	10.0	96.1

6/15/2017	134.0	10.4	92.2
3/8/2018	755.0	47.2	93.8
3/14/2018	181.0	27.0	85.1
3/22/2018	224.0	20.0	91.1
4/5/2019	171.0	23.0	86.6
4/13/2019	117.0	25.0	78.6
5/18/2019	254.0	20.0	92.1
12/7/2019	200.0	17.0	91.5
3/30/2020	605.0	51.0	91.6
4/20/2020	210.0	29.0	86.2
n	15	15	15
Min	102.0	10.0	77.4
Max	755.0	51.0	96.1
Median	201.0	24.4	90.1
Mean	264.7	26.8	87.7
SD	190.9	12.3	5.9

Performance Claims – Removal Efficiency for Total Phosphorus

Raw data summarizing the percent removal of total phosphorus (TP) by the Jellyfish® Filter at the design system hydraulic loading rate of 12.5 L/s/m² (18.4 gal/min/ft²) for 18 sample pairs deemed qualified are presented in **Table 4**. Data were analyzed and evaluated using a bootstrap approach of random sampling by replacement to estimate population distribution and thereby the upper and lower limit of the confidence interval.

Table 4. Raw data summarizing the percent removal of total phosphorus (TP)

Event ID	TP Influent (mg/L)	TP Effluent (mg/L)	TP Removal (%) (Inf ≥ 0.1 mg/L)
4/7/2017	0.706	0.092	87.0
4/12/2017	0.338	0.076	77.5
4/19/2017	0.500	0.036	92.8
4/26/2017	0.504	0.042	91.7
5/13/2017	0.256	0.110	57.0
6/8/2017	0.256	0.104	59.4
6/15/2017	0.362	0.052	85.6
3/8/2018	1.75	0.130	92.6
3/14/2018	0.652	0.094	85.6
3/22/2018	0.364	0.072	80.2
3/27/2019	0.226	0.070	69.1
4/5/2019	0.337	0.092	72.9
4/13/2019	0.249	0.087	65.1
5/18/2019	1.09	0.173	84.1
12/7/2019	0.335	0.105	68.7
12/19/2019	0.211	0.093	56.2
3/30/2020	1.05	0.092	91.2
4/20/2020	0.451	0.112	75.2
n	18	18	18
Min	0.211	0.036	56.2
Max	1.75	0.173	92.8
Median	0.363	0.092	78.9
Mean	0.535	0.091	77.3
SD	0.400	0.032	12.5

Verification

The verification was completed by the Verification Expert, the Centre for Advancement of Water and Wastewater Technologies (“CAWT”), contracted by GLOBE Performance Solutions, using the International Standard **ISO 14034:2016 Environmental management – Environmental technology verification (ETV)**. Data and information provided by Imbrium Systems to support the performance claim included the performance monitoring report “General Use Level Designation Technical Evaluation Report” prepared by CONTECH Engineered Solutions, Portland, OR, USA, and dated December 28, 2020. This report is based on a field testing completed by CONTECH personnel at a site in Dundee, Oregon between March 2017 and April 2020 in accordance with the Technical Guidance Manual for Evaluating Emerging Stormwater Treatment Technologies Technology Assessment Protocol – Ecology (TAPE) as written by the Washington State Department of Ecology (WADOE, 2011).

What is ISO 14034:2016 Environmental management – Environmental technology verification (ETV)?

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