Operation & Maintenance (OM) Manual v01–FTRD Filterra Roofdrain

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Filterra® Stormwater Bioretention Filtration System

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Filterra® Roofdrain System

The Filterra Roofdrain System treats piped in stormwater runoff from rooftops. Using bioretention filtration the system captures and immobilizes pollutants of concern such as: TSS, nutrients and metals.

Stormwater continues to flow through the media and into the underdrain system, where treated water is discharged. Higher flows bypass the bioretention treatment via an overflow/bypass pipe design.

Features and Benefits

Best Value for Rooftop Treatment.

- **compact size**
- **needs no external bypass**
- **easy installation**
- **simple maintenance**

Versatile.
Filterra Roofdrain can be used for:

- **new construction**
- **retrofits**
- **commercial or residential applications.**

Filterra Roofdrain can be placed:

- **At grade**
- **Above grade with effluent below grade to meet elevation challenges of high water tables**
- **Install next to or away from your building**

Maintenance. Maintenance is simple and safe (at ground level), and the first year is provided FREE with the purchase of every unit. The procedure is so easy you can perform it yourself.

Protection. The Filterra Roofdrain's hydraulic configuration was tested by the Colorado State University Hydraulics Laboratory.

Below grade treatment using Filterra Roofdrain avoids the slipping hazard liabilities of daylighted roofdrains during freezing weather.

Protect from erosion with Filterra's monolithic water tight design.

Expected Pollutant Removal

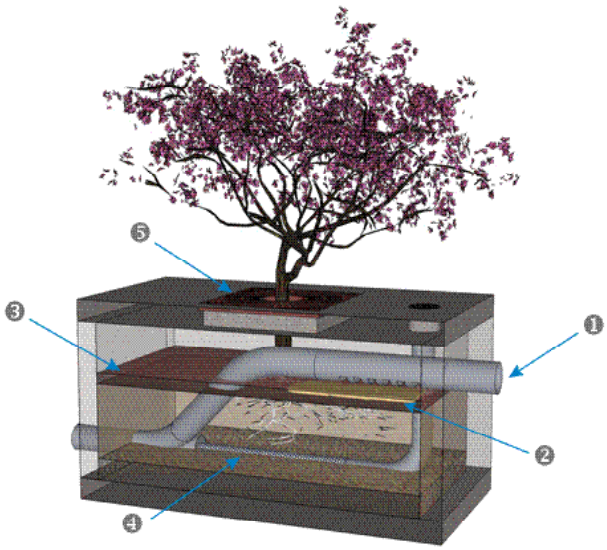
(Ranges Varying with Particle Size, Pollutant Loading and Site Conditions)

TSS Removal	85%
Phosphorus Removal	60% - 70%
Zinc Removal	> 66%
Copper Removal	>58%
Nitrogen Removal	42% - 45%
TPH* Removal	> 93%

*Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons

Information on the pollutant removal efficiency of the filter soil/plant media is based on third party lab and field studies.

Filterra media has been TAPE and TARP tested and approved.



1. Influent Pipe from Roof Leader
2. Erosion Control
3. Protective Mulch Layer
4. Perforated Underdrain for Treatment Flows
5. Cast Iron Tree Grate for Maintenance Access

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Design Guidelines

1) Use the Filterra Roofdrain Design Guidance as a reference available from design@filterra.com.

2) Select Filterra Roofdrain model according to your Regional Sizing Table, and according to the building's roof drainage area and associated roof drain pipe sizes.

3) Determine Filterra Roofdrain placement next to a building, or away from your building.

4) Ensure piping to and from Filterra Roofdrain system is free-draining at minimum 1% slope, or per local codes.

Placement Review

Because we want your project with Filterra to be a great success, we respectfully require that each Filterra Roofdrain project be reviewed by our placement/design staff. This review is mandatory, as proper placement ensures you of the most efficient and cost effective solution, as well as optimum performance and minimal maintenance

Proper Placement

1) Pipe flow of the Filterra Roofdrain System eliminates the cross-linear flow requirements necessary with standard Filterra.

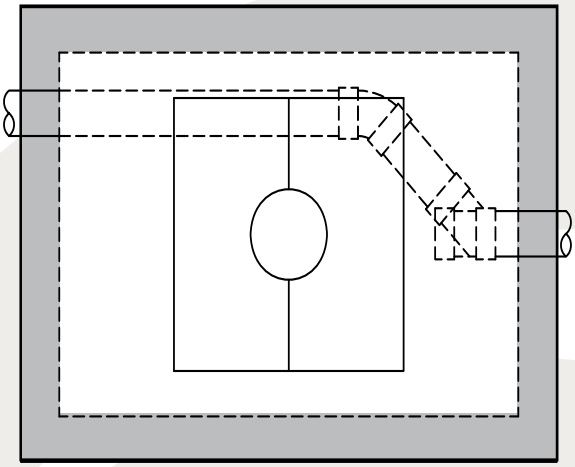
2) Filterra Roofdrain Systems should only receive piped in runoff.

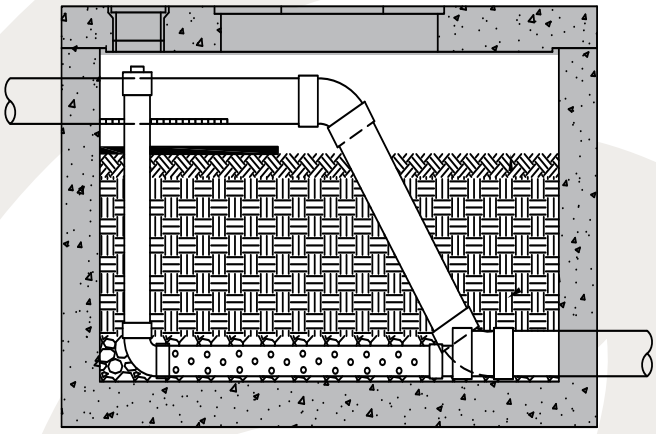
3) Rooftop drainage should still be designed with emergency bypass relief prior to the Filterra Roofdrain System (e.g.: rooftop scuppers, etc.)

Always follow local plumbing codes for roof drainage requirements.

The Filterra System is not a substitute for rooftop overflow/bypass.

4) Send completed project information form along with plans to Filterra for placement and application review.





Filterra Roofdrain System
One pipe in, one pipe out, with internal high-flow bypass.

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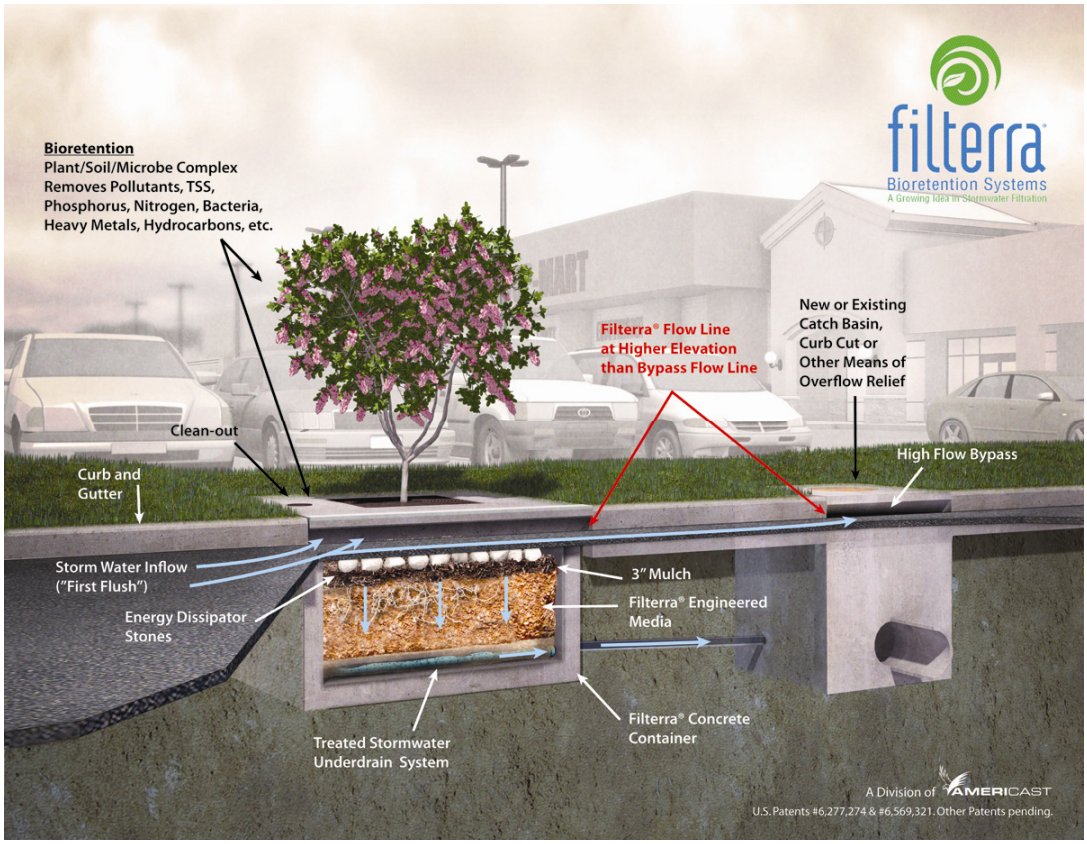
General Description

The following general specifications describe the general operations and maintenance requirements for the Americast stormwater bioretention filtration system, the Filterra®. The system utilizes physical, chemical and biological mechanisms of a soil, plant and microbe complex to remove pollutants typically found in urban stormwater runoff. The treatment system is a fully equipped, pre-constructed drop-in place unit designed for applications in the urban landscape to treat contaminated runoff.



Stormwater flows through a specially designed filter media mixture contained in a landscaped concrete container. The mixture immobilizes pollutants which are then decomposed, volatilized and incorporated into the biomass of the Filterra® system's micro/macro fauna and flora. Stormwater runoff flows through the media and into an underdrain system at the bottom of the container, where the treated water is discharged. Higher flows bypass the Filterra® to a downstream inlet or outfall.

Maintenance is a simple, inexpensive and safe operation that does not require confined space access, pumping or vacuum equipment or specialized tools. Properly trained landscape personnel can effectively maintain Filterra® Stormwater systems by following instructions in this manual.

Basic Operations

Filterra® is a bioretention system in a concrete box. Contaminated stormwater runoff enters the filter box through the curb inlet spreading over the 3-inch layer of mulch on the surface of the filter media. As the water passes through the mulch layer, most of the larger sediment particles and heavy metals are removed through sedimentation and chemical reactions with the organic material in the mulch. Water passes through the soil media where the finer particles are removed and other chemical reactions take place to immobilize and capture pollutants in the soil media. The cleansed water passes into an underdrain and flows to a pipe system or other appropriate discharge point. Once the pollutants are in the soil, the bacteria begin to break down and metabolize the materials and the plants begin to uptake and metabolize the pollutants. Some pollutants such as heavy metals, which are chemically bound to organic particles in the mulch, are released over time as the organic matter decomposes to release the metals to the feeder roots of the plants and the cells of the bacteria in the soil where they remain and are recycled. Other pollutants such as phosphorus are chemically bound to the soil particles and released slowly back to the plants and bacteria and used in their metabolic processes. Nitrogen goes through a very complex variety of biochemical processes where it can ultimately end up in the plant/bacteria biomass, turned to nitrogen gas or dissolves back into the water column as nitrates depending on soil temperature, pH and the availability of oxygen. The pollutants ultimately are retained in the mulch, soil and biomass with some passing out of the system into the air or back into the water.

Design and Installation

Each project presents different scopes for the use of Filterra® systems. To ensure the safe and specified function of the stormwater BMP, Americast reviews each application before supply. Information and help may be provided to the design engineer during the planning process. Correct Filterra® box sizing (by rainfall region) is essential to predict pollutant removal rates for a given area. The engineer shall submit calculations for approval by the local jurisdiction. The contractor is responsible for the correct installation of Filterra units as shown in approved plans. A comprehensive installation manual is available at fillrerra.com.

Maintenance

Why Maintain?

All stormwater treatment systems require maintenance for effective operation. This necessity is often incorporated in your property's permitting process as a legally binding BMP maintenance agreement.

- Avoid legal challenges from your jurisdiction's maintenance enforcement program.
- Prolong the expected lifespan of your Filterra media.
- Avoid more costly media replacement.
- Help reduce pollutant loads leaving your property.

Simple maintenance of the Filterra® is required to continue effective pollutant removal from stormwater runoff before discharge into downstream waters. This procedure will also extend the longevity of the living biofilter system. The unit will recycle and accumulate pollutants within the biomass, but is also subjected to other materials entering the throat. This may include trash, silt and leaves etc. which will be contained within the void below the top grate and above the mulch layer. Too much silt may inhibit the Filterra's® flow rate, which is the reason for site stabilization before activation. Regular replacement of the mulch stops accumulation of such sediment.

When to Maintain?

Americast includes a 1-year maintenance plan with each system purchase. Annual included maintenance consists of a maximum of two (2) scheduled visits. Additional maintenance may be necessary depending on sediment and trash loading (by Owner or at additional cost). The start of the maintenance plan begins when the system is activated for full operation. Full operation is defined as the unit installed, curb and gutter and transitions in place and activation (by Supplier) when mulch and plant are added and temporary throat protection removed.

Activation cannot be carried out until the site is **fully** stabilized (full landscaping, grass cover, final paving and street sweeping completed). Maintenance visits are scheduled seasonally; the spring visit aims to clean up after winter loads including salts and sands. The fall visit helps the system by removing excessive leaf litter.

A first inspection to determine if maintenance is necessary should be performed at least twice annually after every major storm event of greater than (1) one inch total depth (subject to regional climate). Please refer to the maintenance checklist for specific conditions that indicate if maintenance is necessary.

It has been found that in regions which receive between 30-50 inches of annual rainfall, (2) two visits are generally required. Regions with less rainfall often only require (1) one visit per annum. Varying land uses can affect maintenance frequency; e.g. some fast food restaurants require more frequent trash removal. Contributing drainage areas which are subject to new development wherein the recommended erosion and sediment control measures have not been implemented require additional maintenance visits.

Some sites may be subjected to extreme sediment or trash loads, requiring more frequent maintenance visits. This is the reason for detailed notes of maintenance actions per unit, helping the Supplier and Owner predict future maintenance frequencies, reflecting individual site conditions.

Owners must promptly notify the (maintenance) Supplier of any damage to the plant(s), which constitute(s) an integral part of the bioretention technology. Owners should also advise other landscape or maintenance contractors to leave all maintenance to the Supplier (i.e. no pruning or fertilizing).

Exclusion of Services

It is the responsibility of the owner to provide adequate irrigation when necessary to the plant of the Filterra® system.

Clean up due to major contamination such as oils, chemicals, toxic spills, etc. will result in additional costs and are not covered under the Supplier maintenance contract. Should a major contamination event occur, the Owner must block off the outlet pipe of the Filterra® (where the cleaned runoff drains to, such as drop-inlet) and block off the throat of the Filterra®. The Supplier should be informed immediately.

Maintenance Visit Summary

Each maintenance visit consists of the following simple tasks (detailed instructions below).

1. Inspection of Filterra® and surrounding area
2. Removal of tree grate and erosion control stones
3. Removal of debris, trash and mulch
4. Mulch replacement
5. Plant health evaluation and pruning or replacement as necessary
6. Clean area around Filterra®
7. Complete paperwork

Maintenance Tools, Safety Equipment and Supplies

Ideal tools include: camera, bucket, shovel, broom, pruners, hoe/rake, and tape measure. Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) should be used in accordance with local or company procedures. This may include impervious gloves where the type of trash is unknown, high visibility clothing and barricades when working in close proximity to traffic and also safety hats and shoes. A T-Bar or crowbar should be used for moving the tree grates (up to 170 lbs ea.).

Most visits require only replacement mulch. Three bags of double shredded mulch are used per unit (on a standard 6x6' size). Some visits may require additional Filterra® engineered soil media available from the Supplier.

Variables for Roofdrain Filterra from Standard Filterra

The Roofdrain Filterra model has a few variations from standard units to accommodate during maintenance.

The Roofdrain model comprises the same underdrain, Filterra media and mulch as a standard system (see drawing detail at end of this document). Consequently, only the mulch needs replacing as per standard requirements listed and photographed following this page.

The differences are that the mulch is held down by a plastic mesh to reduce floating (see photo) and this will need removing before mulch can be removed and replaced. Also the erosion control stones in the throat of a standard unit are replaced in the Roofdrain model by four to eight small paving slabs under the inlet flow pipe (see photo). These splash blocks are simple to remove and replace after the mulch replacement. All other procedures follow the same manner as standard units.

Internal Photo of Filterra Roofdrain showing Paving Slabs and Plastic Mesh

Maintenance Visit Procedure

1. Inspection of Filterra® and surrounding area

- Record individual unit **before** maintenance with photograph (numbered). Record on Maintenance Report (see example in this document) the following:

Record on Maintenance Report the following:

Standing Water	yes | no
Damage to Box Structure Damage	yes | no
to Grate	yes | no
Is Bypass Clear	yes | no

If yes answered to any of these observations, record with close-up photograph (numbered).

2. Removal of tree grate and erosion control stones

- Remove metal grates for access into Filterra® box.
- Dig out silt (if any) and mulch and remove trash & foreign items.

Record on Maintenance Report the following:

Silt/Clay	yes | no
Cups/ Bags	yes | no
Leaves	yes | no
# of Buckets Removed	

3. Removal of debris, trash and mulch

- After removal of mulch and debris, measure distance from the top of the Filterra® engineered media soil to the bottom of the top slab. If this distance is greater than 12", add Filterra® media (not top soil or other) to recharge to a 9" distance.

Record on Maintenance Report the following:

Distance to Bottom of Top Slab (inches)
# of Buckets of Media Added

4. Mulch replacement

- Add double shredded mulch evenly across the entire unit to a depth of 3”.
- Ensure correct repositioning of erosion control stones by the Filterra® inlet to allow for entry of trash during a storm event.
- Replace Filterra® grates correctly using appropriate lifting or moving tools, taking care not to damage the plant.

5. Plant health evaluation and pruning or replacement as necessary

- Examine the plant’s health and replace if dead.
- Prune as necessary to encourage growth in the correct directions

Record on Maintenance Report the following:

Height above Grate	(feet)
Width at Widest Point	(feet)
Health	alive | dead
Damage to Plant	yes | no
Plant Replaced	yes | no

6. Clean area around Filterra®

- Clean area around unit and remove all refuse to be disposed of appropriately.

7. Complete paperwork

- Deliver Maintenance Report and photographs to appropriate location (normally Americast during maintenance contract period).
- Some jurisdictions may require submission of maintenance reports in accordance with approvals. It is the responsibility of the Owner to comply with local regulations.

Maintenance Checklist

Drainage System Failure	Problem	Conditions to Check For	Conditions That Should Exist	Actions
Inlet	Excessive sediment or trash accumulation	Accumulated sediments or trash impair free flow of water into Filterra	Inlet should be free of obstructions allowing free distributed flow of water into Filterra.	Sediments and/or trash should be removed.
Mulch Cover	Trash and floatable debris accumulation	Excessive trash and/or debris accumulation.	Minimal trash or other debris on mulch cover.	Trash and debris should be removed and mulch cover raked level. Ensure bark nugget mulch is not used.
Mulch Cover	“Ponding” of water on mulch cover.	“Ponding” in unit could be indicative of clogging due to excessive fine sediment accumulation or spill of petroleum oils.	Stormwater should drain freely and evenly through mulch cover.	Recommend contact manufacturer and replace mulch as a minimum.
Vegetation	Plants not growing or in poor condition.	Soil/mulch too wet, evidence of spill. Incorrect plant selection. Pest infestation. Vandalism to plants.	Plants should be healthy and pest free.	Contact manufacturer for advice.
Vegetation	Plant growth excessive	Plants should be appropriate to the species and location of Filterra.		Trim/prune plants in accordance with typical landscaping and safety needs.
Structure	Structure has visible cracks	Cracks wider than ½ inch or evidence of soil particles entering the structure through the cracks.		Vault should be repaired.

Maintenance is ideally to be performed twice annually.
Inspection to be performed after every major storm event >1 inch total depth, subject to climate.

Filterra® Project Maintenance Order

Project	
Address	
Directions	

Project Owner	Company	
	Contact Name	
	Telephone #	
	Owner Notified of Mtce on (date)	

Filterra Units on this Order	
Total Units on this Project	

Date of Maintenance	
Arrival Time	
Departure Time	
# of Workers	
Notes on Project	

Maintenance Supervisor _____

Filterra® Structure Maintenance Report

Project		**Structure Number**	
Plant Type		**Structure Size**	
Date		**GPS**	
		Pre Mtce Photo #	

Initial Observations

Standing Water	Y	N	Damage to Grate	Y	N
IF Yes, STOP NOW & call 804-798-6068			Is Bypass Clear	Y	N
			Notes		
Damage to Box Structure	Y	N			
If YES to any observation take close up photo					

Waste

Silt / Clay	Y	N	Buckets Removed (# of)	
Cups/Bags	Y	N	Notes	
Leaves	Y	N		
Other				

Media

Distance to Bottom of Top Slab (in.)		Notes	
Buckets of Media Added (# of)			

Mulch

Netting Replaced	Y	N	Bags of Mulch Added (# of)	
Stones Replaced	Y	N	Notes	

Plant	#1	(#2)		#1	(#2)
Height above Grate (feet)			Plant Replaced	Y / N	Y / N
Width at Widest Point (feet)			Notes		
Health	Alive/Dead	Alive/Dead			
Damage to Plant	Y / N	Y / N			
If YES to plant damage take close up photo					

Other Notes

(use back if necessary)

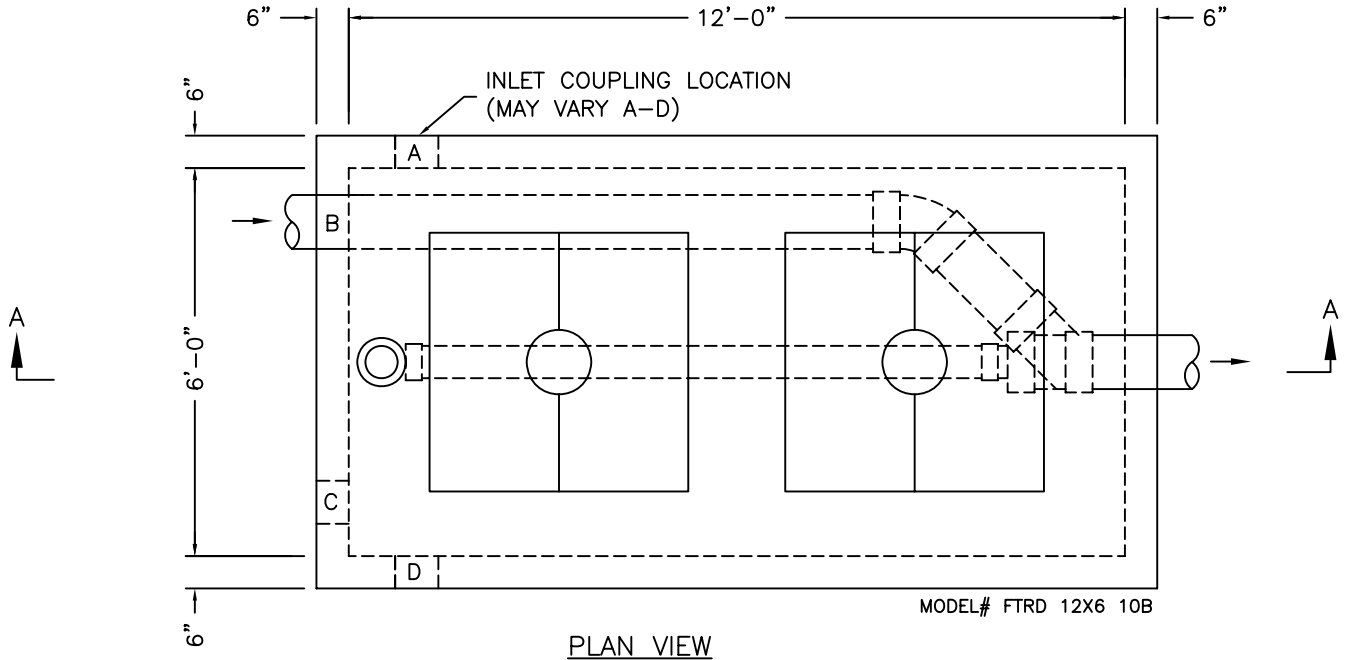
Filterra® Warranty

Seller warrants goods sold hereunder against defects in materials and workmanship only, for a period of (1) year from date the Seller activates the system into service. Seller makes no other warranties, express or implied.

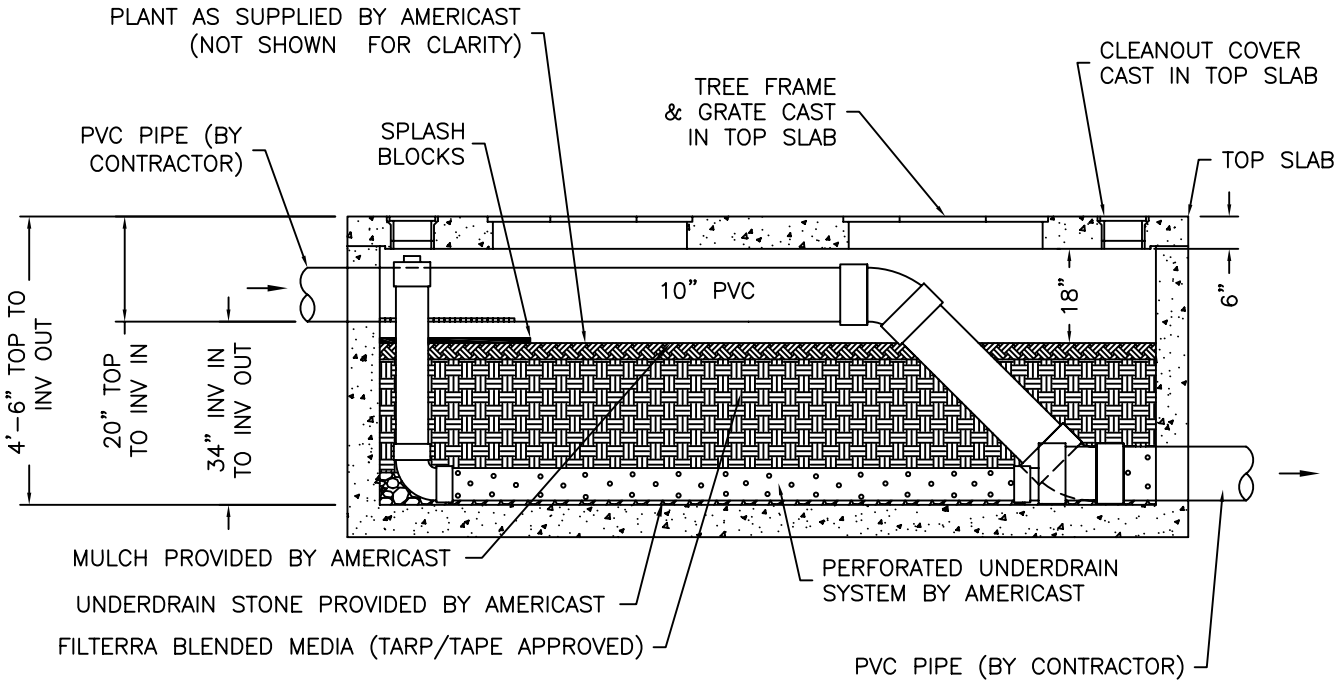
Seller's liability hereunder shall be conditioned upon the Buyer's installation, maintenance, and service of the goods in strict compliance with the written instructions and specifications provided by the Seller. Any deviation from Seller's instructions and specifications or any abuse or neglect shall void warranties.

In the event of any claim upon Seller's warranty, the burden shall be upon the Buyer to prove strict compliance with all instructions and specifications provided by the Seller.

Seller's liability hereunder shall be limited only to the cost or replacement of the goods. Buyer agrees that Seller shall not be liable for any consequential losses arising from the purchase, installation, and/or use of the goods.



PLAN VIEW



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MODIFICATIONS OF DRAWINGS ARE ONLY PERMITTED BY WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FROM FILTERRA

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12x6' PRECAST FILTERRA® UNIT ROOF DRAIN CONFIGURATION WITH 10" PVC PIPED IN

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