

AlphaTreat™ ATDP10AS Advanced Secondary Treatment Plant



INSTALLATION MANUAL



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A. Preparing the site

Installation suggestions

- See if you can site the tanks away from commonly used vehicular access, and also away from possible future use areas – paths, sheds, etc.
 - When excavating or lifting, observe all appropriate safety procedures.
 - Do not excavate alongside house or shed footings.
 - Clearly mark out the tank excavation size and get the excavator operator to dig to the tank depth immediately to check if there is rock in the ground.
 - For every 6 metres of drain line there should be 100mm of ‘fall’. Keep the drain line shallow where it leaves the house to ensure enough tank inlet depth. Check this depth at the proposed tank site before excavating.
1. Once you have selected your site for installation, mark out the excavation size with spray paint or similar marking device. The excavation for both tanks needs to be 1980 deep by 4900 long and 2600 Wide, measured at the tank base.
 2. The excavator operator can now excavate the pit.

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- Get the excavator operator to place the topsoil and hard subsoil in two separate heaps. The good soil can be used for backfill and the subsoil removed from site.
3. Once the excavation is complete, create an 80mm level layer of sand or similar material across the bottom of the pit where the tanks are to sit.
 4. Remove the top tank lid from on top of tank stack and set aside, clear of the excavation.
 5. With a suitable lifting device, lift the aeration tank out of the primary tank and set aside with care.
 6. Remove anchor pipes and 25mm sludge return pipe from aeration tank central chamber and set aside. Remove additional loose equipment from the tank and set aside.

B. Preparing the primary tank

7. Position the baffle in the location lugs in the base of the tank. Drill and fix in marked position using supplied two (2) stainless steel bolts, nuts and washers provided. An Outlet Filter is fitted at the exit of Primary 2 Tank prior to effluent flowing to the Secondary Tank Aeration Chamber.

C. Installing tanks

8. It is possible to use the tank anchor point holes and with a lifting device first lower the Primary tank into the hole with the inlet and outlet central to the ends of the excavation. Check that the inlet opening will meet the drain line at the depth required. Important!!
9. Glue the 2 short lengths of 100mm sewer into the outlet of the primary and the inlet of the Aeration tank - the longer one on the primary outlet.
10. The rubber flexible coupling should now be pushed onto the longer outlet junction of the installed tank. The 2nd tank (aeration tank) should now be lowered into the hole in the same manner as the first.

11. Place the aeration tank inlet junction almost touching the outlet rubber connection of the first tank. Now slide the coupling onto the aeration tank inlet and secure the clamps to both tanks.
12. You now should have the two tanks in the excavation lined up straight and level (stand at the end of the hole and look along the tank lid squares and see if they line up).

D. Further preparation of the primary tank

13. Take the 1 x 25mm length of PVC pipe and slip the end of the pipe through the small 25mm hole at the exit side of the primary tank (this is a tight Fit to seal against entry of ground water).
14. Glue pipe into the opposite 25mm PVC tank socket exiting the aeration tank and silicon seal around the primary tank hole.
15. Cut the pipe to length as required and glue the 25mm T onto the primary inlet end vertically. Sit this glued T into the top of the black tank inlet junction onto the primary tank.
16. This sludge return pipe should now run all the way from the clarifier chamber back through to the inlet junction of the primary tank and be visible through the inlet inspection opening. As the sludge return flow is adjusted it can be observed through this opening.
17. Silicon the top edge of the primary tank and fit the primary tank lid in the correct position using the screws provided (m6) (with the inspection openings above the tank inlet and outlets). You will have to drill suitable pilot holes through the lid flange at the marked dimples.

E. Installing the irrigation pump

18. Take the irrigation pump from the fitting kit and fit the pump riser pipe (marked) onto it. The pump has a stainless chain attached to its handle.
19. Making sure the chain is not twisted, lower the pump down into the central chamber below the stainless ‘D’ shackle already attached.
20. Carefully attach the ‘D’ shackle to the chain and allow the pump to hang vertically with the riser next to the horizontal pump outlet (marked).
21. Make sure the pump float is free to rise and fall.
22. Cut the horizontal pump outlet to length if required and glue the connection.
23. Thread tape and fix the poly end connection in kit to the outside of the tank in this position to take the irrigation line (25mm polymer, not provided).
24. Feed the pump power cable up through the large inspection cover hole and place to the side.

F. Fitting the control box

25. Locate the inspection cover with the two holes in it and fit in place in the opening on the aeration tank nearest to the primary tank.
26. Fit both the irrigation pump lead and the high water float lead up through the split bung. Seal around these leads with silicone to prevent tank odours escaping.
27. Using the marked (air inlet) 15mm pipes, fit the air assembly to the tank air manifold and present it up through the tank lid next to the electrical leads. It is now glued into the tank manifold fitting. Seal around this pipe with a split bung and silicone seal.
28. Take the control box and feed both the electrical cables up through the large hole in the bottom and place the box on the tank lid in it’s position. Secure it to the tank lid with self-tapping screws. Both cables plus the 15mm air pipe should protrude into the box and should be sealed where they leave the tank lid. This is important.
29. Plug the irrigation pump connection into an electrical outlet. Connect the high water lead to the box connection.

G. Installing air pump & preparing control box

30. Place the air pump into the control box with its outlet facing towards the electrics and fit the rubber hose and elbow outlet to it.
31. Glue this elbow to the 15mm PVC pipe protruding up from the tank.
32. Push connect the small black hose from the brass elbow fitting on to the air pressure switch on the electrics.
33. Ensure all box vents are fitted correctly.
34. The electrical connection to the box is usually brought into the box itself in flexible conduit and then looped into the junction box fitting (see diagram).

H. Securing tanks

35. Securely tie the anchor ropes to the holes in the upper tank flutes and allow the looped ends to hang down. Tanks should be anchored with a minimum of 4 lengths of 100mm DWV Pipe per tank
36. Cap one end of the anchor pipes (100mm sewer pipe not included) and fill loosely with sand or suitable fill. Cap the other end (no need to glue).
37. Feed each anchor through the looped end of the anchor rope and allow them to hang horizontally. Repeat this eight times for the complete system.
38. Fill the two tanks with water before beginning backfilling to prevent floatation and to give wall strength. Fill the central chambers in the aeration tank first!
39. When backfilling around the tanks and over these ground anchors, do not dump a sudden large amount of fill on top of the anchor. Try to allow the fill to run around the anchors. In high rainfall or wet areas, it is often advisable to throw a half bucket of cement powder on top of each anchor as it is covered. When soil moisture becomes present this will congeal and ensure a large anchor surface area.
40. Use sand or a similar filler around the sludge return pipe/central junction pipe area if possible.
41. Extra care taken in properly anchoring the tanks will pay dividends. Expect the ground to 'sink' around the tanks as soil fill settles. It often pays to keep some clean fill on site to top up this area later.
42. The tank lids can be partially buried however leave the soil at least 50mm below the small inspection openings to allow ground water to run off.
43. Make sure that the junction box breaker is left in the 'on' position. Squirt some silicon into the end of the electrical conduit around the wires to prevent ground water from entering the electrical box.
44. Fit the air vent inspection opening cover to the outlet side of the aeration tank lid. Fit the strobe light to the centre of the control box lid. Secure the lid with the screws provided.

Installation suggestions

- While the excavator is on site, get a 25mm poly line buried from the tank site to the irrigation area.
- Co-ordinate the electrician and the drainer to use the excavator to trench for drain line and power cable.
- The electrician should allow extra length for ground sinkage with his cable and fill the end of his conduit with silicon to prevent possible ground water leakage flowing to the box.
- Leave power on to the system to enable to operate if the dwelling is occupied.

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The system consists of a primary treatment tank of 3200L in volume designed to receive all Domestic liquid waste from toilet / basin / showers etc. The effluent is held within this tank for sufficient time for it to be anaerobically converted to liquid form by microbial digestion. Some heavier particles will settle out and some organic particles will form a crust on the water surface level. As new waste enters the tank, water will exit the tank by displacement. This water flows through an exit junction filters which keeps suspended solids within the tank for maximum anaerobic treatment time.

After the first stage of treatment the partially treated water enters a second tank of 3200L volume. This tank is divided into several chambers that have different purposes within the treatment process. The aerobic chamber consists of the main tank itself and the incoming liquid is directed by a baffle in a clockwise direction around its circumference. As the water progresses it must pass through four (4) oxygenated areas and two (2) packs of biological contact media. Pumped Air into these areas provides the necessary oxygen transfer to aerobic micro-organisms to allow them to thrive and consume the waste material as food. Many of these bacteria float freely in the water, however many need to attach themselves to the media sheet to be effective. Water must pass between this media material and thus allow aerobic contact.

After aerobic treatment the water enters a clarifier which is designed to allow any remaining suspended solids to settle out or float to the surface. A sludge return that is air operated by the compressor will vacuum up silts from the floor of the chamber and return it as activated waste to the primary tank inlet junction. A similar process also works a skimmer to remove floating material and returns it to the aeration tank for re-treatment. Clarified water overflows into the disinfection chamber tablet chlorinator in which there is a weir positioned to force contact with the chlorine tablets. Chlorinated water is directed through a 90mm vertical pipe toward the bottom of a retention chamber where it must exit through a series of holes ensuring thorough mixing of both treated water and chlorine residue. This mix is held within this chamber at design flows for sufficient time to ensure complete disinfection.

As the water levels rises a float switch will operate a submersible pump and discharge the treated water to a suitably prepared dispersal area.

Routine maintenance for this model is every 12 weeks and must be carried out by a suitably qualified technician following AlphaTreat's maintenance procedure for the ATDP10AS. Replacement parts if required can be sourced from:

Wastewater Equipment Supplies
1800 607 695



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MAINTENANCE SERVICING PROCEDURE

(To be read in conjunction with AlphaTreat™ ATDP10AS
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- The service person should be familiar with the different compartments and components of the unit and should have a labeled drawing of the AlphaTreat™ ATDP10AS.
- The unit itself is a two-tank treatment unit comprising of a primary (anaerobic) tank and filter, and a secondary (aerobic) tank with clarifier and a disinfection / pump well.
- The service person should always maintain good hygiene and safety procedures and utilise all necessary equipment to achieve this.
1. Upon arriving at the site, make the owner aware of your presence (if possible) and identify yourself and your company.
 2. Visually check the installation for any obvious signs of physical damage to any associated apparatus or electrical or pump connections to the unit – report.
 3. The unit is a two tank system comprising a Primary Tank split into two chambers by a partition. Effluent flows to the Secondary Tank via an outlet filter in the second chamber. The Secondary Tank contains an aeration chamber with biological growth media, a clarifier and disinfection/pump well. Check for wet areas or odours – report.
 4. Remove the control box lid and inspect that there are not insects or vegetation inside – if so, clean and ensure all vents are clear – report.
 5. Visually check all electrical connections are dry and secure.
 - 6 Listen to compressor run and note run sound and temperature.
 7. Turn off compressor and remove and clean or replace air filter element.
 8. Note with compressor off if low air pressure light activates.
 9. The pump can now be tested for run pressure using a gauge and hose test kit (available from W.E.S – 1800 607 695).
 10. The unit requires a pump of at least 120L/min capability to provide good aeration and drive both sludge returns as well as the skimmer (it is usually fitted with a compressor of 120L/min capability from factory). Too little aeration delivery causes poor oxygen transfer and poor treatment. Too high a back pressure indicates possible blocked air distributor legs. If the latter is indicated, remove the top air leg caps and flush with the flow of water from a hose for several minutes. **IF THIS PROCEDURE IS CARRIED OUT, THE AIR COMPRESSOR SHOULD BE REMOVED AND THE AIR CONNECTION BLOCKED TO PREVENT WATER FROM ENTERING THE PUMP OR BOX.**
 11. Turn air compressor on and observe the aeration bubble pattern on the water surface. This can be adjusted using the air taps provided, however normally they should all be open fully. A dissolved oxygen meter should show a minimum reading of 2.5 ppm and up to 6ppm depending on where taken.
 12. Visually check the colouration and condition of the treated water. If it is discoloured and smelly in the aeration tank and chambers it may be due to the homeowner using a product that contains chlorine, bleach or disinfectant of some type. If this is the case, the odour will be from dead bacteria. If use of the offending product is discontinued immediately, the system will usually recover with within 48 hours. Advise the owner by report – check the contents of their laundry cupboard etc if they agree.
 13. If water quality is reasonable, turn the Clarifier sludge control on fully and allow the chamber to pump down 100mm or more. Observe the discharge through the inlet inspection in the primary tank until it is reasonably clear. Turn sludge control ‘off’. Now remove the cap on top of the sludge return vertical pipe and adjust the air control until it just bubbles out in surges. Replace the cap and check that air/water is entering the primary inlet junction. It should flow approx. 25% of a pipe.
 14. Observe the clarifier surface skimmer to see that small particles are being drawn in (this does not often need setting however if needed the air control should be turned off and then opened slightly until slight surface suction is achieved. Observe the discharge into the aeration tank. There should only be a low flow).
 15. The airlift from the aeration zone into the Clarifier is factory set at a minimum 3,500 Ltrs per day.

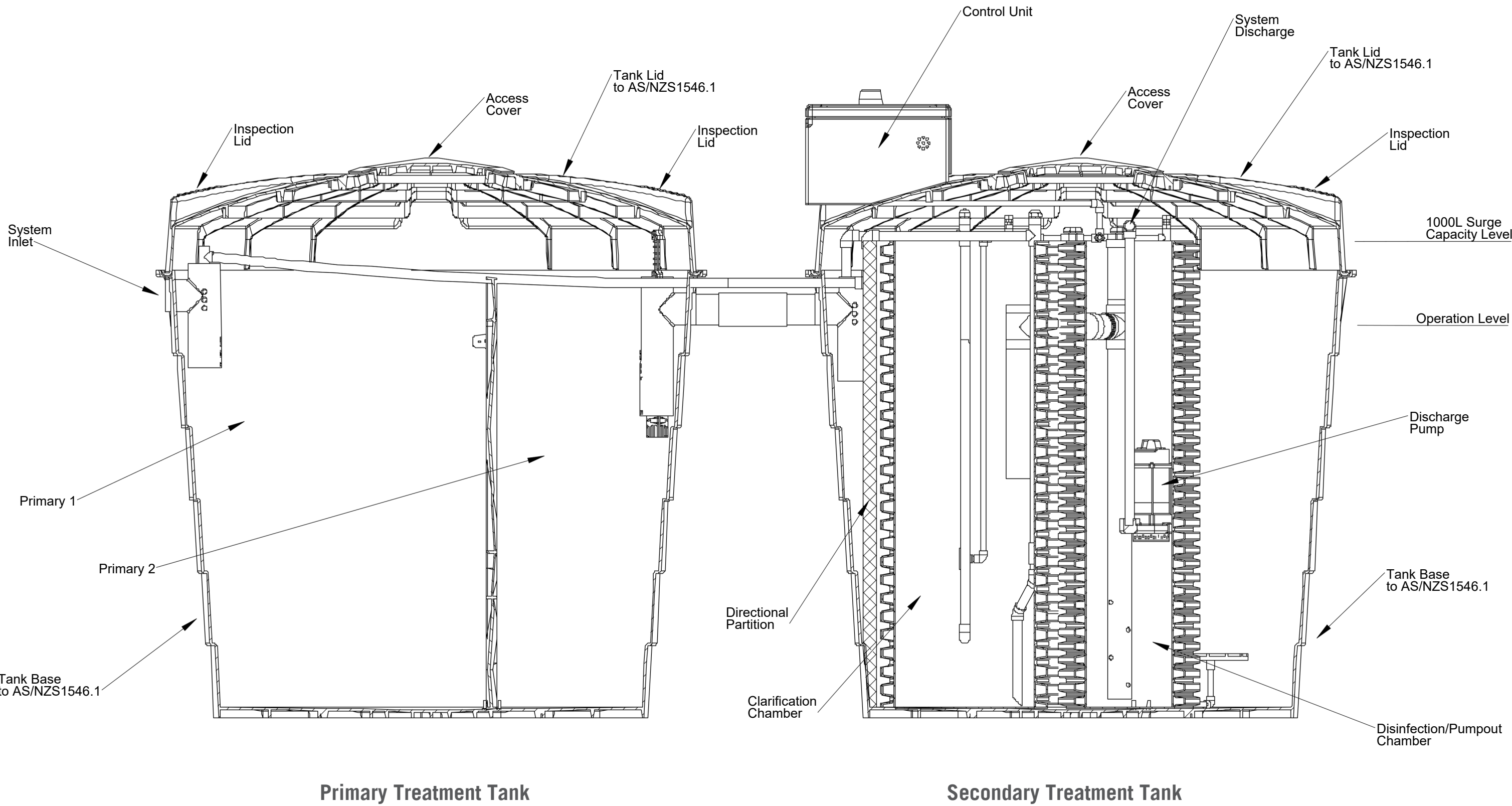
16. Once every 12 months it may be necessary to insert a small vortex pump into the clarifier and scavenge the lower contents into the primary tank inlet opening. If a clear plastic tube is used you can observe when sludge transfer is complete.
17. If the water levels have been reduced substantially, top up clarifier with a hose.
18. Check the quality of the water in the pump well and that both high water float switches and pump float switch are operating freely.
19. With a suitable wire hook lift up the high water warning float and observe that the alarm light comes on. Lift up the pump float and allow the chamber to pump out down to the base of the pump. Check that the pump riser pipe is secure and that there are no leaks.
20. If a pump must be changed, the barrel union on the pump riser should be released (taking care not to dislodge the o-ring) and the pump maneuvered upwards by it's pump riser. When in a secure position, carefully disconnect the stainless chain from the upper end D shackle (leave the shackle in place).
21. Disconnect the electrical plug end of the lead and remove the split sponge hung from the floor of the control box. Carefully feed the plug down through the lid and out of the tank access hole. Remove the pump, pump riser and lead with stainless chain intact out of the tank to a flat, secure place. Unscrew the complete pump riser from the pump as well as the discharge elbow and fit to the new pump.
22. Replacement is a reversal of the above process. Make sure when the new pump is in place that its float switch is free to operate in both 'off' and 'on' positions.
23. Take a sample of water from the pump well and test for pH and clarity. The pH should ideally be between 6.5 and 7.5 for optimum micro organism numbers. Report these readings.
24. Fill a clarity tube with this water and report the depth of visibility – report this in mm. Check to see if the irrigation water generally looks clean and odour free – report.
25. Remove the chlorine dispenser and recharge with chlorine tablets – replace. Do this away from the tank to avoid risk of dropping tablets into the system. Tablets used are sodium hyperchlorite 70mm 150 grm type or equivalent.
26. Using a suitable hook, operate the pump floatswitch and observe its operation – report. Check the discharge area for blockages that may overload the pump – report. Report on the general condition of this dispersal area.
27. Primary Tank maintenance is generally confined to cleaning the exit filter. The exit filter is located beneath the tank lid exit inspection cover. Carefully lift out the filter by the handle and place directly into a bucket and wash clean with a hose. Replace the cleaned filter, empty contents of the bucket into Primary 1 and reseal the Access and Inspection Covers.
28. After a few years, sludge levels in the primary tank should be checked. Use a sludge measuring device (available from Wastewater Equipment Supplies – ph. 1800 607 695). Too much sludge and scum build-up within a primary tank causes decreased water volume and can affect the treatment process and discharge quality. If this is the case, the primary tank should be pumped out using a suction pump truck. Do not do this while the ground conditions are saturated as tank floatation may occur!
29. The suction hose should scavenge all silt off the floor of the tank and a large percentage of the floating scum. Leave a small amount of water and scum within the tank to continue the bacterial action and fill immediately with fresh water.

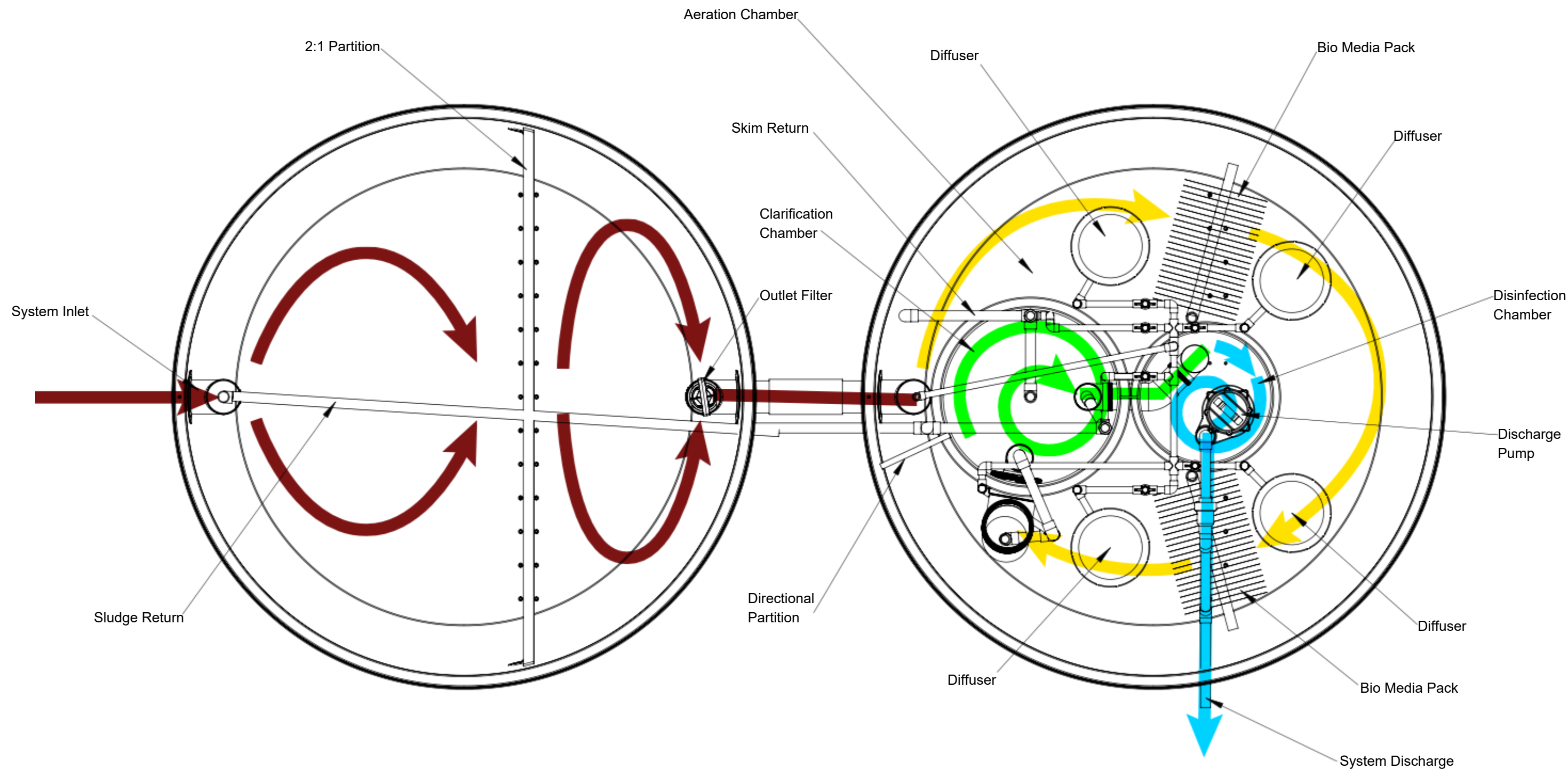
The water discharge quality from an AlphaTreat™ ATDP10AS model under normal load conditions and being operated correctly will be;

BOD	Less than or equal to 10mg /L
S/S	Less than or equal to 10mg /L
Cfu	Less than or equal to 10 / 100ml

The above practices are a general guide to the maintenance procedures of the AlphaTreat™ ATDP10AS System. For further help or information please contact the factory on 1800 607 695 during normal working hours.

For supply of test and measuring equipment, irrigation pumps, air blowers and repair components, ring **Wastewater Equipment Supplies** on **1800 607 695**, or alternatively visit their website at **www.wastewaterequipment.com.au**.







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