Pluvial Cube
Total Linear Access Precipitation Collection System

Unique Low Flow Channel System
Infiltration, Detention and Re-use made easy...

Total Stormwater Management
E.S.S. Geo-Cell Modular Tank systems use surface and sub-surface infiltration techniques, resulting in clean water that can be re-used or allowed to re-enter the natural water system. E.S.S. Geo-Cell Modular Systems offer a highly efficient option for Stormwater Management in any kind of soils.

Water Quality
E.S.S. Geo-Cell Modular Tank Systems excel when there is a requirement to achieve a high water quality, particularly in the effective removal of nutrients and gross pollutants. In addition to the obvious environmental benefits, the sub-surface location of the tank system provides more usable space and an enhanced aesthetic setting compared to above ground concrete or plastic tanks.

The Modular Advantage
E.S.S. Geo-Cell Modular Tank System performance supersedes outdated aggregate trenches. The E.S.S. System provides a void space of over 90% compared to less than 20% in typical aggregate trenches. Consequently, the E.S.S. System offers a smaller footprint to achieve the same storage capacity as an aggregate trench. This saves time and money in installation and civil works costs. The lightweight design of E.S.S. Modular Tank Modules also make installation quicker, safer and cheaper. No sediment build up occurs in the E.S.S. System, unlike the clogging that is characteristic of aggregate based approaches.

System Components
- Pluvial Cube Geo-Cell Tank Modules
- EcoSand biologically engineered soils
- E.S.S. Filtration Unit
- Geotex Filtration Fabric
- Tuflex Waterproofing Membrane
- Geotex Protection Fleece
- Ventilation Units
- Preformed Pipe Connection Covers
- Aquabrake Flow Control Devices and Chambers

Refer to separate data sheets

Benefits...

Complete Linear Access
- Quick
  Reduce site access delays
- Lightweight
  No cranes required
- Strong
  Designed for car loadings
- Modular
  Easily create any shape
- Economical
  Cheaper than concrete
- Maintenance Free Tank
  All debris and sediment is pre-filtered
- Determinate Volume
  One cubic metre of Pluvial Cube modules contain 950 litres of water
- Cost Effective
  Reduces excavation and disposal by two thirds compared with conventional soak wells
- High Infiltration
  90% void surface area
- Structurally Designed
  Supports shear loadings
- Unique Low Flow Channels
  Ensuring complete removal of any silts
Clear Linear Access Through Open Subterranean Channels

Water sensitive Urban Channels

The Channel Systems are based on permeable sub-surface waterways that restore water quality and recharge the natural environment. The sub-surface E.S.S. Channel System provides a unique way of working with nature to solve the enormous problems currently associated with open concrete channels and swales.

Traditional Concrete Channels

Open concrete channels and swales are currently one of the main methods of transporting large quantities of Stormwater for discharge into streams, rivers and oceans. Open channels are used widely in the urban landscape even though they are considered unsafe. Channels are also a breeding ground for vermin and vector that endangers human health. In addition to the health and safety problem, large concrete channels take up vast areas of land and have a negative impact on the amenity of the area.

Pluvial Cube Module

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<th>Dimensions* (mm)</th>
<th>Module Configuration</th>
<th>Units per m³</th>
<th>Module Volume (m³)</th>
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Product Data

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<td>Average Weight (kg) - single module</td>
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Note: Other Modules with Compressive Strength more than 1500 kN/m² available

* Modules tested using UKAS calibrated test machine, range 0 - 60 Tons, UDL, loading rate 0.2 kN/m²
** Modules tested for long term creep testing for 90 and 180 days
# Any cover less than 450 mm - contact ESS design department
**E.S.S. Channels**

With the E.S.S. Channel System being a sub-surface system, these problems with open concrete channels are rectified. The permeable channel system can be designed to follow the inherent contours of the landform and emulate the flow of natural waterways. The curvilinear channel design creates vertical flow, turbulence and reduces the overall flow of velocity while increasing the self cleansing capacity of the channel bed to create healthy aerobic conditions. The clear access channels allow for continual and future maintenance.

**Environmental Benefits**

By replacing open concrete channels or swales with E.S.S. Channel Systems, cities can now benefit from increased environmental amenities, greater recreational space and healthier conditions by using the vast tracts of land once given over to rapid flowing concrete channels.

**Road Edge Infiltration Area.**

**High Traffic Areas**

- **Geocell 52**
- **Permeable bitumen or concrete paver area**
- **Geocell 25**
- **Pluvial Cube**

**Filter Drain**

- **Minimum Infiltration Area**
  - Permeable surface (bitumen or concrete) will alleviate water contamination during storm periods and heat contamination during dry periods.

**Car Park Infiltration Area.**
Low Flow Channel System

Self Cleaning at High Flow Velocity

Provides Total Linear Access

Controls Silt at Low Flow Velocity

Top View
Showing Clear Channel

225 or 300mm Internal Dia Channel

2 Clear Channels
500mm x 210mm per 0.5mt width

4 x160mm Pipe Access Point

The above channels can be multi-connected using preformed connectors to larger inlet / outlet pipes

225 Low Flow Channel
(if required)

300mm Dia Low Flow Channel
(if required)

Typical Installation Tank Format

Typical Installation Channel Format
4 Clear Access Channels x 210mm
**Linear Access Channel.**
With slotted low flow silt control channel installed

Top view showing low flow maintenance channel.

Self cleaning channels.

Connection to low flow maintenance channel at invert level.

Attenuation Tank Highlighting Number and Position of Access Points.
Cover Materials

Cover materials are an essential part of the infiltration process. E.S.S. EcoSand Biologically Engineered sand is designed to provide maximum permeability through optimum physical, chemical and biological characteristics. To retain infiltration performance it is essential to choose the appropriate cover material and constantly maintain pH levels between 6 and 7.5.

Trafficable Landscape - Compaction Prevention:

If a trafficable, soft landscape surface is required (i.e. grass or gravel car parks, road verges etc.), it is recommended to use E.S.S. GeoCell 52 grass reinforcement structure. The addition of product will allow long-term permeability of the cover soil.

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Infiltration Tank

2mts deep tank with 3mts cover

Type 1 - Road run off

Type 2 - Road run off

Type 3

Type 4

Type 5 - Compactable

Type 1 - Road run off

The filter sand is engineered to installation and E.A. requirements. Depending on site contaminants expected.
Subsurface Road Channels / Swales

Pluvial Cube Tanking System provides an efficient way of managing road stormwater runoff. It allows high infiltration areas, preventing road accidents, water ponding, and mosquito infestation. Provides new accessible space.

Attenuation Tank under Park and Ride Scheme showing versatility of modular system.

High Traffic Areas

Permeable bitumen or concrete paver area

Filter Drain

Permeable surface (bitumen or concrete) will alleviate water contamination during storm periods and heat contamination during dry periods.

Minimum Infiltration Area

Tank 2mts deep with access channels.
Installation Procedures

Infiltration Tanks

Installation Steps

1. Excavate the pipe trench and lay the inlet pipe to the required fall and install silt traps in appropriate locations in the pipe run.

2. Excavate the hole or trench to the required dimensions to modular units, and any external inspection chamber(s) and / or silt trap(s).

3. Ensure that the base plan dimensions of the hole allows sufficient working space for the site operatives to manoeuvre the units and geotextile into position.

4. Ensure that the base of the excavation is flat and level, batter back the sides of the excavation to a safe angle, and ensure that the safe access is provided for the site operatives.

5. Remove any soft spots from the excavation and replace with compacted granular material.

6. a) For Soakaway, lay 100mm coarse sand bedding to the base of the excavation and level. 
   b) For Attenuation, lay 100mm (minimum) compact solid level base (site concrete preferably).

7. a) For Soakaway, lay the geotextile, Geotex 225ff, over the base and up the sides of the excavation with minimum 200mm overlap joints between strips. 
   b) For Attenuation, repeat procedure with Tuflex Geo Membrane.

8. Ensure there is a minimum 200mm over-run of geo-textile at the end of the modular unit.

9. Inspect geotextile for damage. 
   Tuflex for Attenuation, ensuring integrity of all welded laps.

10. Assemble the module tanks to required dimensions.

    The illustrations show the correct relationships, orientation, and sequence of connection of each panel to form a basic full module tank (500 x 500 x depth).

11. Assemble the Pluvial Cube Modules in orientation as per drawing, L x W x D.
12. To receive the inlet pipe (and outlet/inspection pipe if required). Insert tank connector and, using geotextile, form a wrap around apron of the tank connector spigot and secure using tape or jubilee clip. Ensure a minimum 50mm of spigot remains exposed. **For Attenuation tanks**, all inlets and outlets are sealed with welded preformed pipe flanges.

13. a) **For Soakaway**, Continue with the geotextile encapsulation of the Pluvial Cube tank.  
     b) **For Attenuation**, use Tuflex Geo Membranes.

14. Fold the corners of the geotextile over-run at each end of the infiltration tank as shown, welting all corners. The same method applies for Tuflex Geo Membranes ensuring all corners are welted and folded (not cut).

15. a) **For Soakaway**, Complete the encapsulation by wrapping the geotextile horizontally around the tank and tape into position.  
     b) **For Attenuation**, use Tuflex Geo Membranes.


17. Backfill around excavation using type 1 or 2 sub base or selected granular material, and compact in layers of not less than 150mm. The first 500mm of any installation should be compacted by hand.

18. Use a coarse sand protection layer over the top of the Pluvial Cube tanks and geotextile and the back fill to the required depth using Type 1 or 2 sub base material. If the area is to be trafficked. Where the area is to be landscaped then as-dug material may be used provided sharp or large solid matter is removed.

19. The area should then be compacted using suitable compaction equipment in accordance with specification for highway Works.

20. **For Attenuation tank**, steps 7-16 are also followed to encapsulate the Tuflex Geo Membranes lined tanks with Geotex 300 protection membrane prior to backfill.

N.B. Please refer to full sequence of works data for more detailed instructions.
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