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Installation Instructions for CULTEC Stormwater Management Systems

Contactor® Models Field Drain™ C-4HD™, 100HD™
Recharger® Models 150XLHD™, 180HD™, 280HD™, & 330XLHD™

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These instructions are for single-layer traffic applications only. For multi-layer applications, contact CULTEC. All illustrations and photos shown herein are examples of typical situations. Be sure to follow the engineer's drawings. Actual designs may vary.

Required Materials and Equipment

- Proper geotechnical soil evaluation by a qualified engineer or soil scientist to determine suitability of structural installation
- OSHA compliance
- CULTEC warning tape, or equivalent
- Assurances from local utilities that no underground gas, electrical or other potentially dangerous pipelines or conduits are already buried at the site
- Acceptable 1 – 2 inch (25 - 51 mm) washed, crushed stone as shown in Table 4, page 19. Cleanliness of stone to be verified by engineer.
- Acceptable fill material as shown in Table 5, page 20.
- CULTEC No. 410™ non-woven geotextile or equivalent (See Table 3, page 19).
- All CULTEC chambers and accessories as specified in the engineer's plans including CULTEC No. 410™ non-woven geotextile, CULTEC Storm-Filter® and CULTEC No. 66™ woven geotextile, where applicable. Check CULTEC chambers for damage prior to installation. Do not use damaged CULTEC chambers. Contact your supplier immediately to report damage or packing-list discrepancies.
- Reciprocating saw or router
- Stone bucket
- Stone conveyor and/or tracked excavator
- Transit or laser level measuring device
- Compaction equipment with maximum gross vehicle weight of 12,000 lbs (5,440 kgs).
- Vibratory rollers may only be used on the stone base prior to the installation of chambers.

Requirements for CULTEC Chamber System Installations

- CULTEC systems must be designed and installed in accordance with CULTEC's minimum requirements. Failure to do so will void the limited warranty. To request a copy of the CULTEC limited warranty, call CULTEC at 203-775-4416 or visit www.cultec.com.
- Installing contractors are expected to comprehend and use the most current installation instructions prior to beginning a system installation. If there is any question as to whether these are the most current instructions, contact CULTEC at (203) 775-4416 or visit www.cultec.com.
- Contact CULTEC at least thirty days prior to system installation to arrange for a pre-construction meeting.
- All CULTEC system designs must be certified by a registered professional engineer.
- Use these installation instructions as a guideline only. Actual design may vary. Refer to approved construction drawings for job-specific details. Be sure to follow the engineer's drawings as your primary guide.
- System cover/backfill requirements will vary based on CULTEC chamber model. Please refer to Table 6 on page 20 and engineer's drawings.
- Any discrepancies with the system sub-grade soil's bearing capacity must be reported to the design engineer.
- CULTEC No. 410 non-woven geotextile must be used as specified in the engineer's drawings.
- CULTEC requires the contractor to refer to CULTEC's Installation Instructions Tables 1 - 6 shown on pages 18-20, concerning vehicular traffic. Responsibility for preventing vehicles that exceed CULTEC's requirements from traveling across or parking over the chamber system lies solely with the contractor throughout the entire site construction process. The placement of warning tape, temporary fencing, and/or appropriately located signs is highly recommended. Imprinted warning tape is available from CULTEC. For Acceptable Vehicle Load information, refer to Tables 1 and 2 on page 18.
- Erosion and sediment-control measures must meet local codes and the design engineer's specifications throughout the entire site construction process.

Installation Instructions for CULTEC Stormwater Chambers

CULTEC Chamber Specification Information

| | Size (LxWxH) | Installed Length | Length Adjustment | Max. Inlet in End Wall | Max. O.D. in Side Portal | Compatible Feed Connector |
|------------------------------|---|------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Contactor® Field Drain C-4HD | 8.5' x 48" x 8.5" 2.59 m x 1219 mm x 216 mm | 8' 2.44 m | 0.5' 0.15 m | 4.5" 114 mm | n/a | n/a |
| Contactor® 100HD | 8' x 36" x 12.5" 2.44 m x 914 mm x 318 mm | 7.5' 2.29 m | 0.5' 0.15 m | 10" 250 mm | 6.9" 175 mm | HVLV® SFCx2 Feed Connector |
| Recharger® 150XLHD | 11' x 33" x 18.5" 3.13 m x 838 mm x 470 mm | 10.25' 2.87 m | 0.75' 0.28 m | 12" 300 mm | 10.25" 260 mm | HVLV® FC-24 Feed Connector |
| Recharger® 180HD | 7.33' x 36" x 20.5" 2.33 m x 914 mm x 521 mm | 6.33' 1.93 m | 1' 0.30 m | 15" 375 mm | 12.25" 311 mm | HVLV® FC-24 Feed Connector |
| Recharger® 280HD | 8' x 47" x 26.5" 2.44 m x 1194 mm x 673 mm | 7' 2.13 m | 1' 0.30 m | 18" 450 mm | 12.25" 311 mm | HVLV® FC-24 Feed Connector |
| Recharger® 330XLHD | 8.5' x 52" x 30.5" 2.59 m x 1321 mm x 775 mm | 7' 2.13 m | 1.50' 0.46 m | 24" 600 mm | 11.75" 298 mm | HVLV® FC-24 Feed Connector |

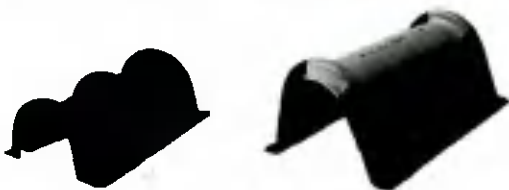
CULTEC Heavy Duty (HD) chambers must be used for any traffic applications. CULTEC Heavy Duty chambers have a colored stripe permanently affixed along the full length of the chamber. These models listed that do not have a stripe must not be used for traffic applications. All dimensions are nominal. Actual dimensions may vary on-site due to shipping and temperature.



Shown left-to-right: Contactor Field Drain C-4HD, Contactor 100HD, Recharger 150XLHD, Recharger 280HD, and Recharger 330XLHD.

CULTEC HVLV Feed Connector Specification Information

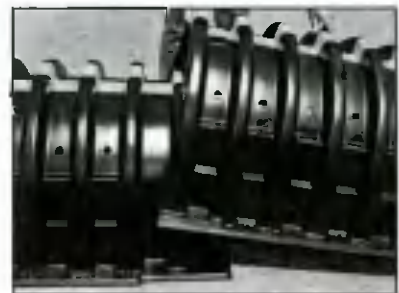
| Model | Size (LxWxH) | Compatible Models | Installed Length (exposed) |
|----------------------------|--|--------------------|---|
| HVLV® SFCx2 Feed Connector | 19.7" x 12" x 7.6" 500 mm x 305 mm x 194 mm | Contactor® 100HD | For Contactor 100HD: 4" (102 mm) typ. |
| HVLV® FC-24 Feed Connector | 12" x 16" x 24.2" 305 mm x 406 mm x 614 mm | Recharger® 150XLHD | For Recharger 150XLHD: 6" (152 mm) typ. |
| | | Recharger® 180HD | For Recharger 180HD: 3" (76 mm) typ. |
| | | Recharger® 280HD | For Recharger 280HD: 5" (127 mm) typ. |
| | | Recharger® 330XLHD | For Recharger 330XLHD: 6" (152 mm) typ. |



Shown left-to-right: HVLV SFCx2 Feed Connector and HVLV FC-24 Feed Connector

Site Preparation and Excavation

- Excavate and level the area per engineer's drawings. Refer to plan view and cross-section details and excavate bed to accommodate chambers and manifold system. Be sure to allow for a minimum 12 inch (305 mm) stone border around the perimeter of the system and unforeseen overages in your excavation calculations.
- Remove any standing water and maintain positive drainage of the site throughout the installation. Dewatering procedures must be used if necessary.
- Prepare the sub-grade soil for the chamber bed as specified by the engineer's drawings.
- Place CULTEC No. 410™ non-woven geotextile (or equivalent — see Table 3, page 19) on the excavated bed bottom and perimeter sidewalls as specified by the engineer's drawings. CULTEC No. 410 non-woven geotextile is required on the sides and over the top of the system. It is also recommended on the system bottom. Overlap the geotextile by at least 24 inches (610 mm) where the fabric edges meet.
- Disperse a level base of 1 to 2 inch (25 - 51 mm) diameter washed, crushed stone over the entire area of the bed bottom (see Table 4, page 19 for stone requirements). Refer to the engineer's drawings for sub-grade soil preparation and required stone foundation thickness.
- Compact the stone base to achieve a flat, level surface. Vibratory rollers may only be used on the stone base prior to the installation of chambers. Use of vibratory rollers is strictly prohibited on all other backfill layers.



Directional arrows located on the top of the chamber point towards the Small Rib End. The open end of the next chamber overlaps the small rib end of the preceding chamber.

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End Detail Information for CULTEC Contactor® Models Field Drain C-4HD and 100HD

Directional arrows located on the top of the chamber point towards the Small Rib End.

Model RHD is a **starter / stand alone** unit with two full end walls. They are used to start lines or can be used singularly. They may also be trimmed into model type EHD.

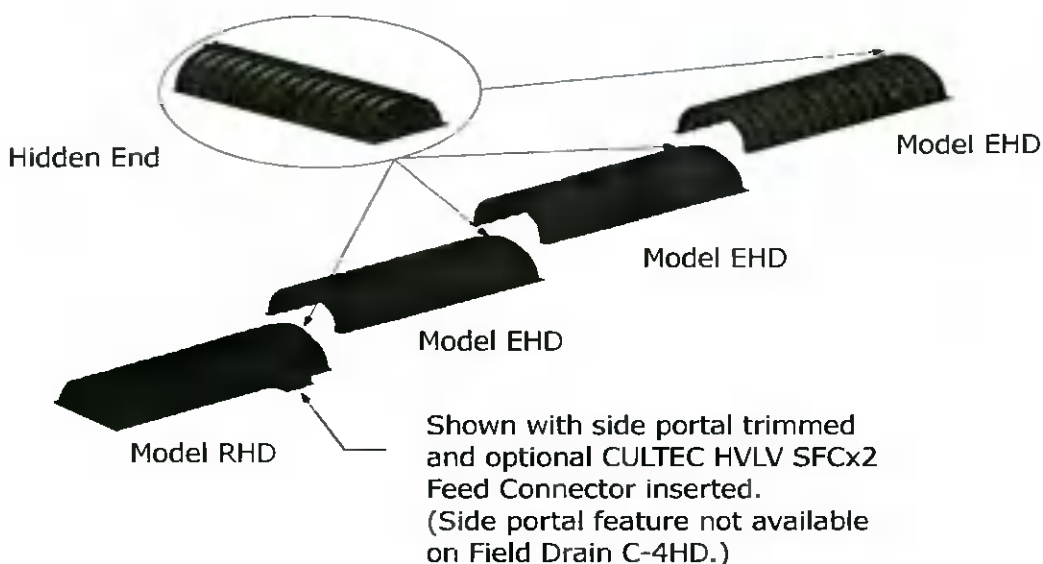
Model EHD is a **middle / end unit** with one closed end wall and one open end. They are used to continue lines and also used to end a line.



Typical Installation Method for CULTEC Contactor® Models Field Drain C-4HD and 100HD

Interlock Model RHD to EHD using the patented overlapping rib connection.

- Start each row with a Model RHD.
- Use Model EHD to continue the length of your row.
- End your row by using a Model EHD.



End Detail Information for CULTEC Recharger® Models 150XLHD, 180HD, 280HD, and 330XLHD

Directional arrows located on the top of the chamber point towards the Small Rib End.

Model RHD is a **stand alone** unit with two fully closed end walls. They are used when a single unit is required. They may also be trimmed into model types SHD, IHD, or EHD.

Large Rib
End Detail

Small Rib
End Detail



Model RHD

Model SHD is a **starter** unit with one closed end wall and one partially open end wall. They are used to start a chamber row.



Model SHD

Model IHD is an **intermediate** unit with one fully open end and one partially open end wall. They are used to continue the length of a line of chambers.



Model IHD

Model EHD is an **end unit** with one fully open end and one fully closed end wall. They are used to end a chamber run.

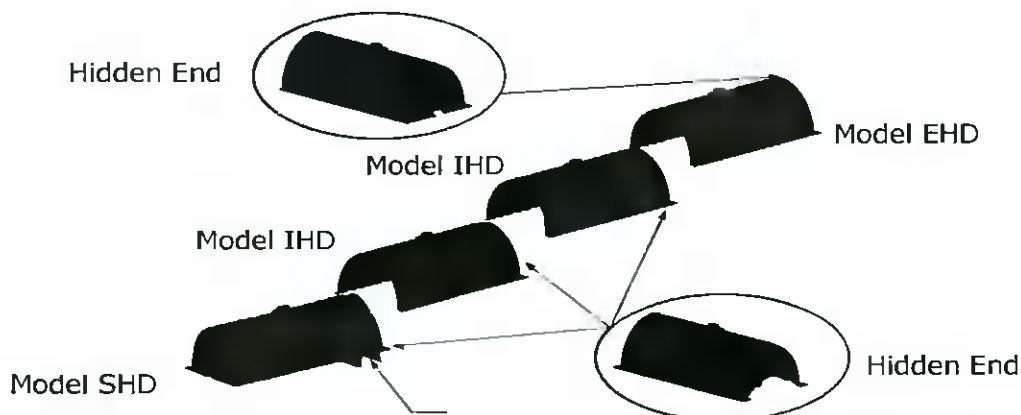


Model EHD

Typical Installation Method for CULTEC Recharger® Models 150XLHD, 180HD, 280HD, and 330XLHD

Interlock Model SHD to IHD using the patented overlapping rib connection. Finish the row with Model EHD.

- Start each row with a Model SHD.
- Use Model IHD to continue the length of your row.
- End your row by using a Model EHD.



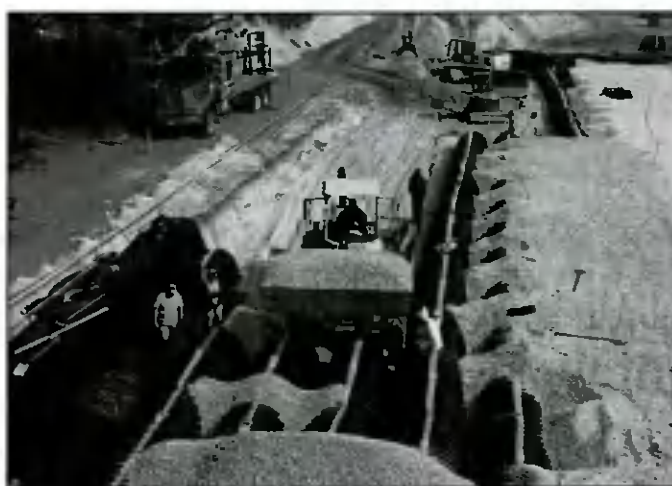
Shown with side portal trimmed and optional CULTEC HVLV Feed Connector inserted.

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Chamber Preparation and Installation

CULTEC Contactor[®] and Recharger[®] chambers have the distinctive features of a fully formed end wall and over-lapping rib connection. CULTEC chamber ribs are dimensionally sized with an open large rib and a closed smaller rib to allow for an easy interlocking rib connection.

- Identify and group the different chamber types to ensure proper placement and usage as outlined on pages 6 - 7.
- Place one Starter Unit (Model S for Recharger[®] series, Model R for Contactor[®] series) as designed for each row of units to be installed. Directional arrows point towards the small rib end of the chamber.
- If using the side portal internal manifold feature, trim the side portal(s) according to guidelines located on the sidewall of the chamber, as required - see page 11. Insert one end of the HVLV Feed Connector into the trimmed portal to create the internal manifold. Refer to Manifold Installation section on page 11.
- Place middle chamber (Model I for Recharger[®] series, Model E for Contactor[®] series) so the directional arrow located in the center of the unit points downstream towards the end of the line. Overlap the large open end rib over the small rib of the preceding chamber's end wall, interlocking the chambers together - see page 6 - 7. When placing chambers, take care to maintain center-to-center separation requirements, measuring from the base of the chamber.
- To ease backfilling requirements, only install as many middle chambers as the stone-laying bucket or conveyor can reach.
- Place stone as outlined on page 15 taking care not to drop stone over the last rib to be overlapped.
- Continue chamber and stone placement using middle chambers (Model I for Recharger[®] series, Model E for Contactor[®] series) to extend the length of the row.
- Model E chamber is used to end the line.
- Prior to the placement of the next line of chambers, the level and alignment of the chamber units shall be checked and corrected, where needed.



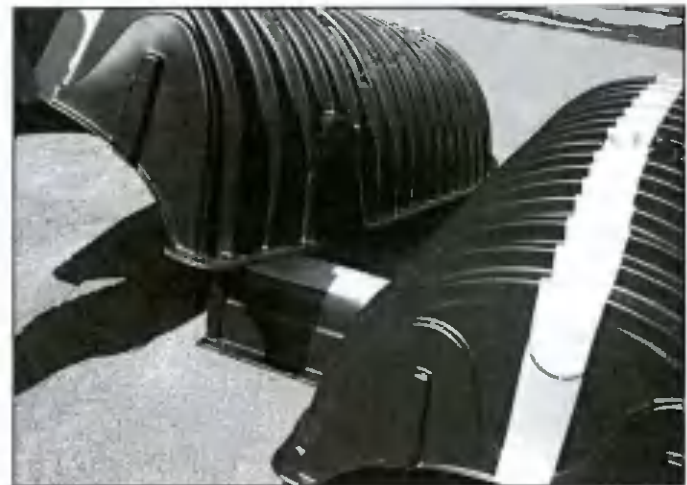
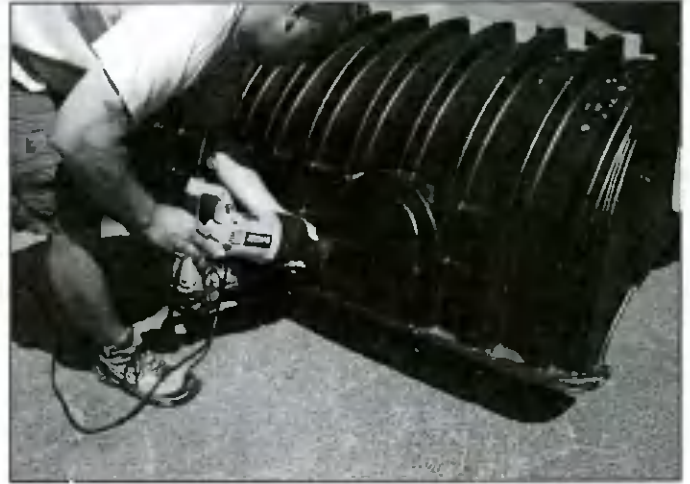
Installation of Manifold

Utilize the side portals located on the chamber as an internal manifold in locations where indicated on the engineer's drawings. HVLV® Feed Connectors are inserted into the portals to promote flow. An additional external manifold is not required unless specified by the engineer's design.

- CULTEC No. 66 woven geotextile is to be placed under all chambers utilizing the internal manifold feature and under all chambers accepting inlet/outlet pipe connections per engineer's drawings. If inserting a pipe 18" (450 mm)* diameter or larger into the CULTEC chamber, the use of CULTEC No. 66 woven geotextile is recommended to prevent wash-out. See detail on page 13.
- Most installations are designed with the internal manifold located at the ends of the chamber bed. However, the side portal internal manifold feature allows for the manifold to be located at any point within the chamber run. Refer to system design for manifold location(s). Install chambers according to directional arrows located in the top center of the unit.
- Using a reciprocating saw or router, trim the sidewall portals of the units that are to receive the HVLV Feed Connectors. Feed connectors may be placed on any chamber requiring a manifold, as indicated by the engineer's drawings. See page 11.
- Place the HVLV Feed Connectors into the side portal of the chambers per engineer's drawings.
- Check for correct center-to-center spacing of chamber runs according to engineer's drawings before proceeding to next row.
- Insert inflow/outflow pipe(s) into end wall or side portal as detailed on engineer's drawings. See page 4 for maximum inlet sizes for end wall and side portals. There is no need to feed every row if utilizing the internal manifold feature.

The side portal feature is not available on the Contactor Field Drain C-4HD. If manifold installation does not include CULTEC's side portal internal manifold, proceed according to the engineer's drawings for pipe manifold installation.

*Different chamber sizes accept varying maximum pipe connections. See page 4 for details.



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How to Trim the CULTEC Chamber to Accommodate Pipe on End Wall

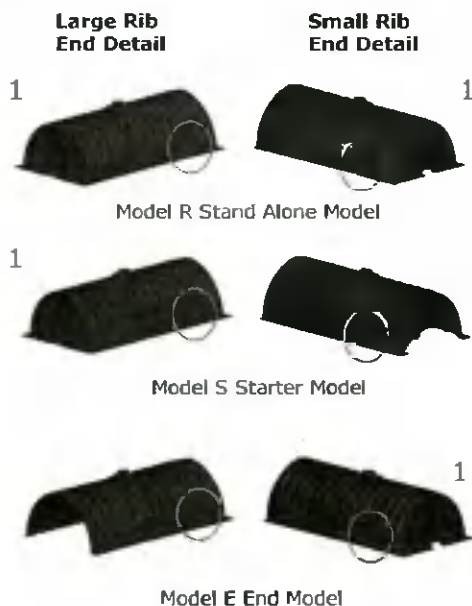
When using a conventional pipe manifold or inlet / outlet pipes, the contractor is required to trim the CULTEC Chamber on site.

Here are some quick steps to ensure a successful outcome:

- Lay out chambers according to engineered plans.
- Directional arrows located at the top of the chamber point towards the small rib end.
- Line up the pipe on the chamber end wall to the designated pipe elevation as detailed on the engineer's drawing.
- Using a grease pen, outline the pipe on the end wall of the CULTEC chamber.
- Drill a hole on the chamber end wall large enough to accommodate a saw bit.
- Following the grease pen outline, use a reciprocating saw to trim out the opening to accommodate the pipe. Trimming should be within 1/4" (6 mm) tolerance of pipe O.D.
- Insert the pipe or fitting a minimum of 8" (203 mm) into the chamber. This is not required to be a watertight connection.
- Backfill as noted in the installation instructions and engineering details.



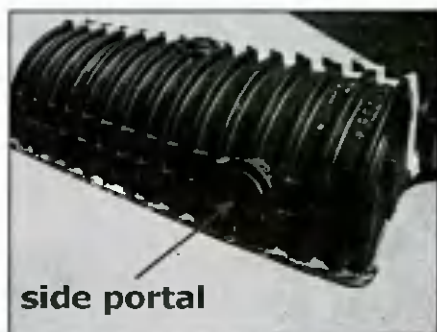
Fig. 1



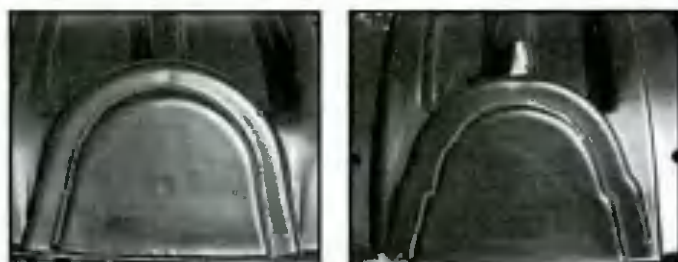
Trimming may only be performed on fully closed end walls (indicated by Number 1 in Fig. 1) or side portal areas (See green circles in Fig. 1 for side portal locations). Pipe may not be inserted into the sidewall of the chamber unless it is within the side portal trim lines. See page 11-12 for more information on trimming side portals.

How to Trim the Side Portal to Accommodate HVLV Feed Connector for Internal Manifold

When using the side portal internal manifold feature, the contractor is required to trim the side portal of the CULTEC Chamber on site.

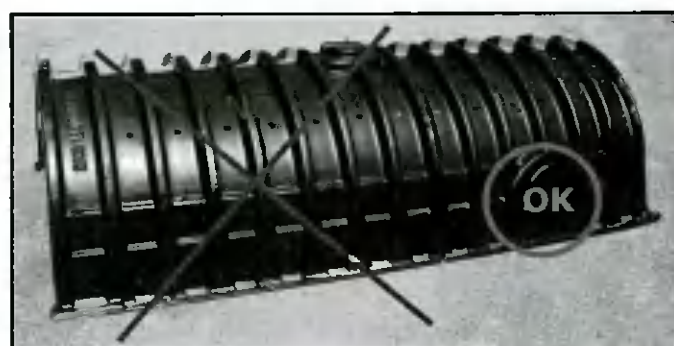


- Following the guides on the side portal, use a reciprocating saw to trim out the opening to accommodate the HVLV Feed Connector. Trimming should be within 1/4" (6 mm) tolerance of the HVLV Feed Connector.
- Insert the HVLV Feed Connector a minimum of 8" (203 mm) into the chamber. This is not required to be a watertight connection.



Shown left-to-right: Guidelines to follow for correct trimming for SFCx2 and FC-24 portals. Do not cut outside of the side portal area guides.

Trimming may only be performed on the side portal area. Side entry in any other location is unacceptable.

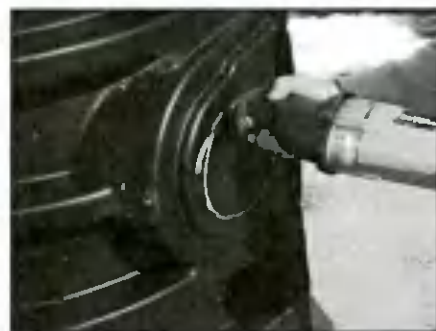
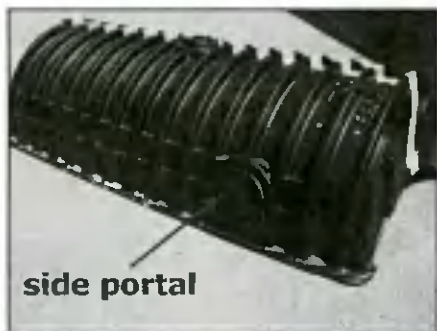


| Model | Compatible Feed Connector |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Contactors 100HD | HVLV SFCx2 Feed Connector |
| Recharger 150XLHD | HVLV FC-24 Feed Connector |
| Recharger 180HD | HVLV FC-24 Feed Connector |
| Recharger 280HD | HVLV FC-24 Feed Connector |
| Recharger 330XLHD | HVLV FC-24 Feed Connector |

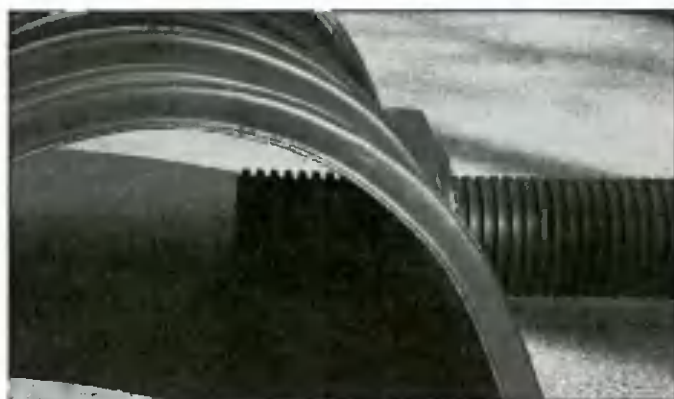
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How to Trim the Side Portal to Accommodate Pipe for Side Entry

When using the side portal feature as an inlet /outlet location, the contractor is required to trim the side portal of the CULTEC Chamber on site.

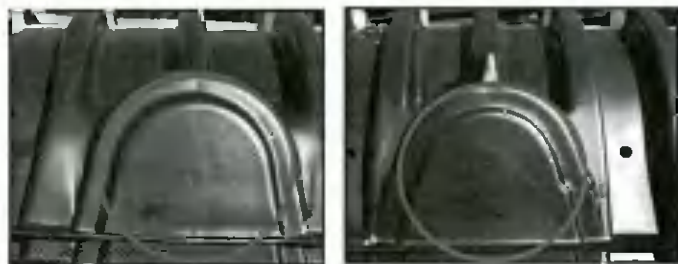


- Line up the pipe on the chamber side portal to the designated pipe elevation as detailed on the engineer's drawing. Pipe outside diameter (O.D.) may not exceed those listed in Table 1.
- Using a grease pen, outline the pipe on the side portal of the CULTEC chamber. See Fig. 1 for acceptable trim area.
- Drill a hole on the chamber side portal large enough to accommodate a saw bit.
- Following the grease pen outline, use a reciprocating saw to trim out the opening to accommodate the pipe. Trimming should be within 1/4" (6 mm) tolerance of pipe O.D.

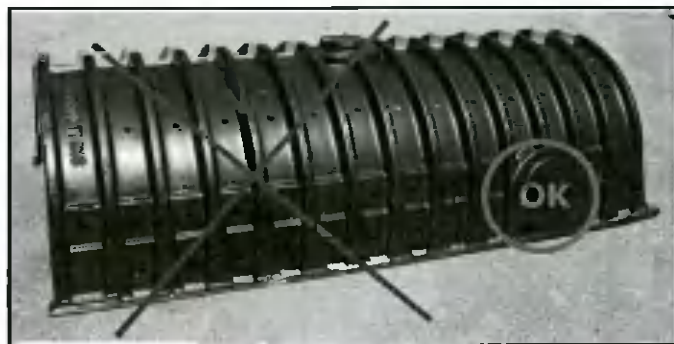


- Insert the pipe or fitting a minimum of 8" (203 mm) into the chamber. This is not required to be a watertight connection.

Fig. 1



Shown left-to-right: Guidelines to follow for correct trimming for SFCx2 and FC-24 portals when using pipe. Do not cut outside of the side portal area guides.



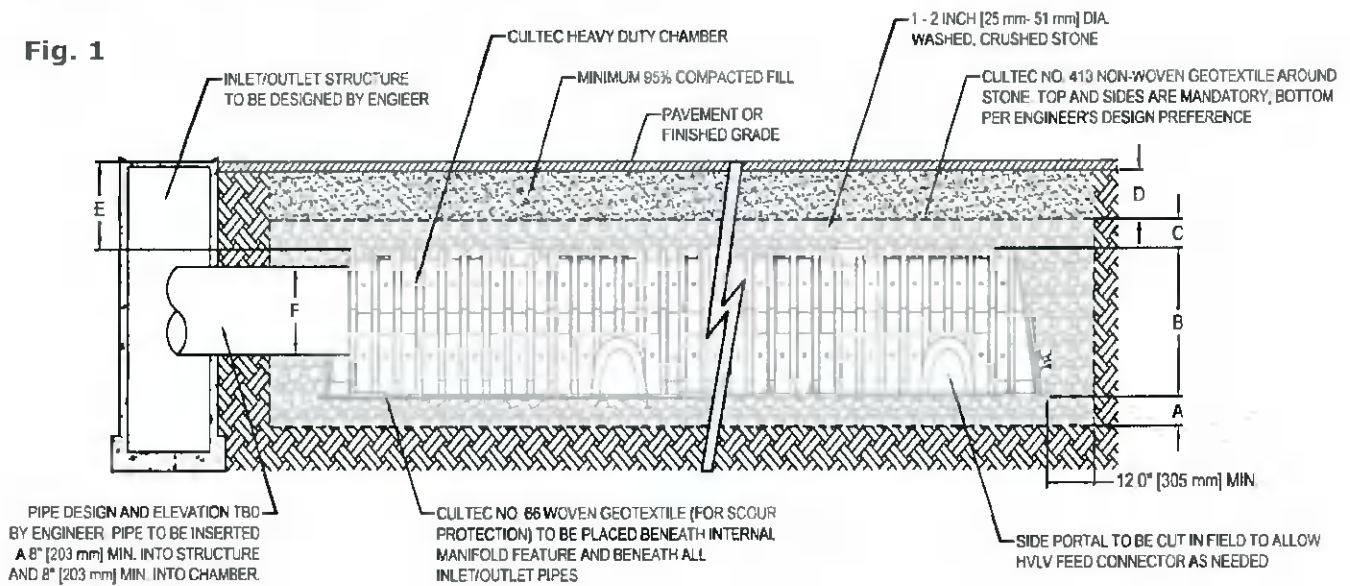
Trimming may only be performed on the side portal area. Side entry in any other location is unacceptable.

Table 1

| Model | Max. Allowable O.D. in Side Portal | |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------|
| Contactor 100HD | 6.9" | 175 mm |
| Recharger 150XLHD | 10.25" | 260 mm |
| Recharger 180HD | 12.25" | 311 mm |
| Recharger 280HD | 12.25" | 311 mm |
| Recharger 330XLHD | 11.75" | 298 mm |

Typical Cross Section for Hi-Flow Pipes
18" (450 mm) diameter or larger

Fig. 1



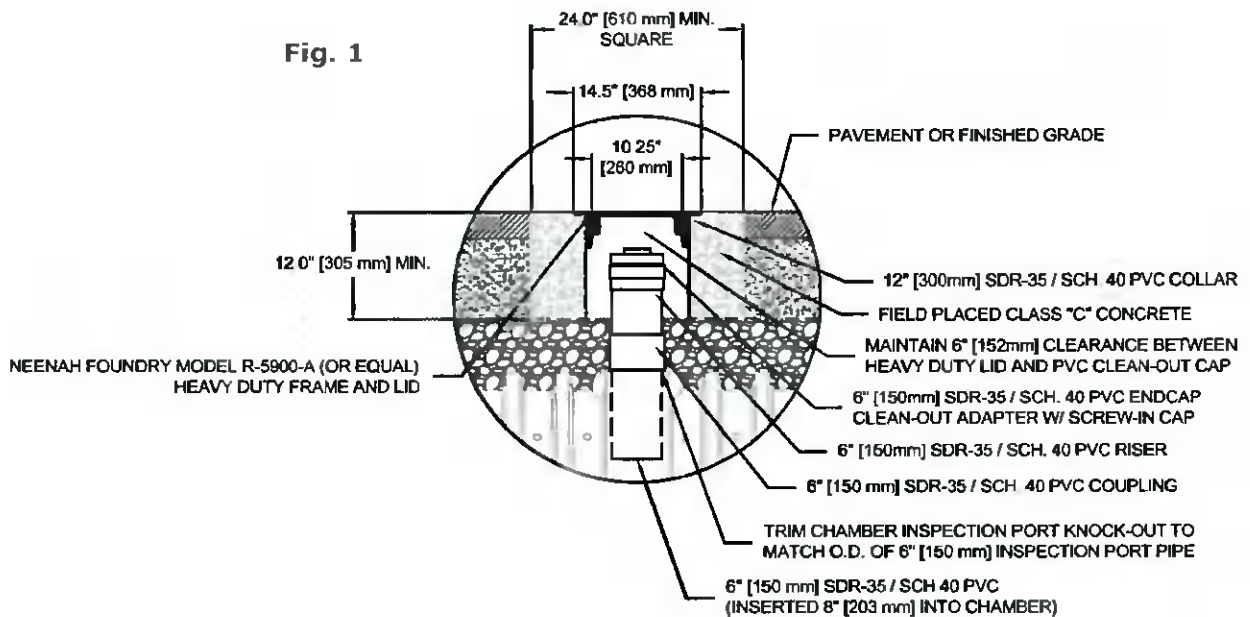
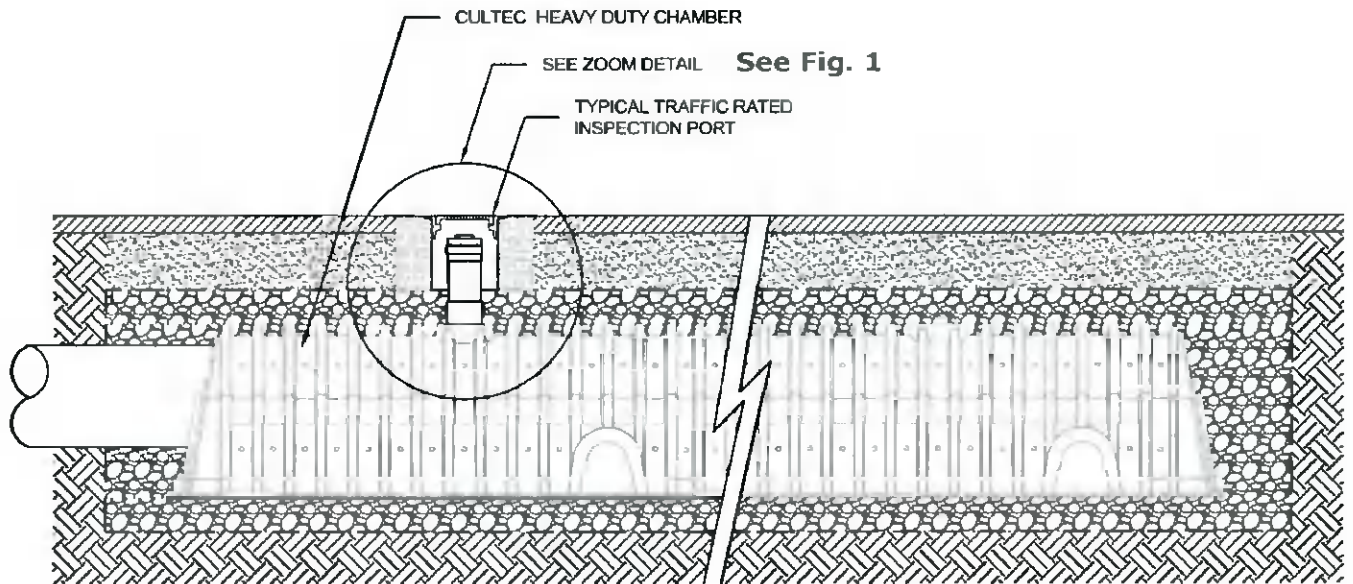
| See Fig. 1 | Description | Contactor 100HD | Recharger 150XLHD | Recharger 180HD | Recharger 280HD | Recharger 330XLHD |
|--|---|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|---|---|
| A | Min. depth of stone base | 6" 152 mm | 6" 152 mm | 6" 152 mm | 6" 152 mm | 6" 152 mm |
| B | Chamber Height | 12.5" 318 mm | 18.5" 470 mm | 20.5" 521 mm | 26.5" 673 mm | 30.5" 775 mm |
| C | Min. depth of stone required above units for traffic applications | 6" 152 mm | 6" 152 mm | 6" 152 mm | 6" 152 mm | 6" 152 mm |
| Min. depth of required 95% compacted fill: | | | | | | |
| D | For paved applications | 8" 203 mm | 8" 203 mm | 8" 203 mm | 8" 203 mm | 10" 254 mm |
| | For unpaved applications | 10" 254 mm | 10" 254 mm | 10" 254 mm | 10" 254 mm | 12" 305 mm |
| E | Max. depth of cover allowed above crown of chamber | 12' 3.66 m | 12' 3.66 m | 12' 3.66 m | 12' 3.66 m | 12' 3.66 m |
| F | Max. inlet/outlet pipe size into the end wall of the chamber | 10" 250 mm | 12" 300 mm | 15" 375 mm | 18" ¹ 450 mm ¹ | 24" ¹ 600 mm ¹ |

¹ For Recharger Models 280HD, and 330XLHD, CULTEC No. 66 woven geotextile to be placed beneath all chambers accepting inlet piping connections greater than 18" (450 mm) diameter (see Fig. 1).

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Inspection Port Detail for Paved Traffic Applications

Does not apply for Contactor C-4HD



Trim inspection port knock-out with reciprocating saw or hole-saw.

Corrugated pipe is not suitable for inspection port.

A belled end pipe may be used as replacement to configuration depicted. Belled-end may rest on outside of chamber.

Embedment Stone Backfill

Backfill using washed, crushed stone as specified in Table 4, page 19 and Table 5, page 20. To maintain row separation distance and prevent chamber displacement, slowly distribute stone on top of the center of the chamber crown so that stone trickles down and builds between chamber rows as required. Stone column differential should not exceed 12" (300 mm) between adjacent chamber rows or between chamber rows and perimeter.

Place the stone carefully over the centerline of the chamber crown. Embedment stone must only be placed by an excavator or telescoping conveyor boom. Placement of embedment stone with a bulldozer is not an acceptable method of installation and may cause damage to the chambers. Any chambers damaged using an unacceptable method of backfill are not covered under the CULTEC limited warranty.

Excavator-Placed Stone

Typically the most common method, excavator-placed stone is limited by the reach of the arm. To accommodate this issue with larger beds, it is common to prepare a bed by joining just a few chamber units at a time, then placing the stone and fabric before installing the next few units.

The excavator is usually operated within the excavation area. The excavator may work at grade level over recently placed chambers, provided coverage between the chambers and the excavator tracks meets the minimum requirements as shown in Table 2, page 18 and Table 6, page 20.

Telescoping Conveyor Boom Placement

With booms as much as 120-140 feet (36.6 - 42.7 meters) long, telescoping aggregate conveyors can greatly aid the process of stone placement.

Once secured, stone may be placed to surround the chambers and fill the perimeter areas. System cover/backfill requirements will vary based on CULTEC chamber model and engineer's design. Refer to Table 6 on page 20 and engineer's drawings.

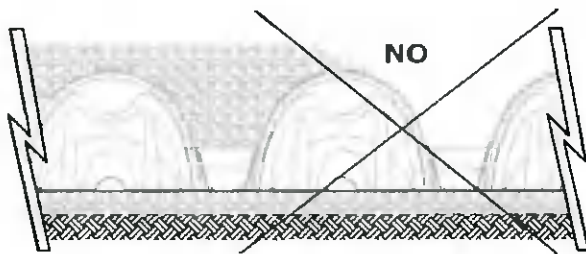


Do not allow equipment to drive over the chambers unless the minimum cover as shown in Table 6, page 20 is in place. Use a warning tape (available from CULTEC) to restrict access.

Repeat steps until the last chamber is in place. Be certain to use the Model E to end the line of chambers as specified by the drawings.

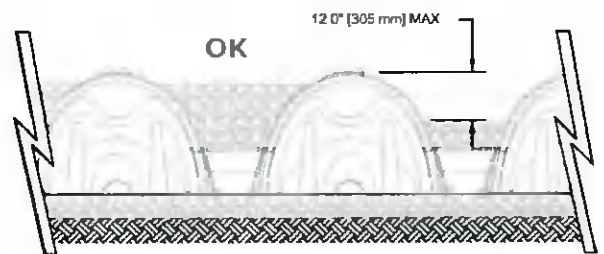
If a manifold system is designed on the back end of the chamber bed, follow manifold installation instructions as described previously.

Stone column height differential should never exceed 12 inches (300 mm) with adjacent chambers or between chamber rows and perimeter. Minimum depth of cover of properly compacted material must be met before allowing vehicles to drive over the bed. Avoid using large rocks and/or organic matter as backfill material. See Table 5, page 20 for acceptable cover materials, or contact the design engineer for approved fill types.



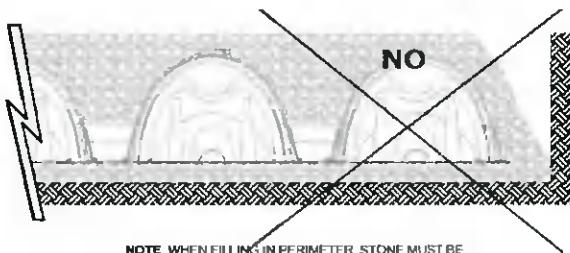
NOTE: CHAMBERS MUST BE BACKFILLED EVENLY

UNEVEN BACKFILL - INCORRECT INSTALLATION



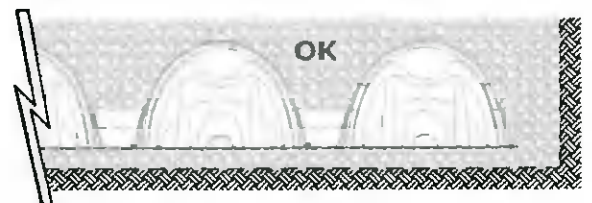
NOTE: STONE HEIGHT IN BETWEEN ROWS AND PERIMETER SHOULD NOT DIFFER BY MORE THAN 12" (300 mm).

EVEN BACKFILL - CORRECT INSTALLATION



NOTE: WHEN FILLING IN PERIMETER, STONE MUST BE FILLED IN EVENLY WITH CHAMBER ROWS

PERIMETER NOT FULLY BACKFILLED
INCORRECT INSTALLATION



NOTE: PERIMETER MUST BE FULLY BACKFILLED WITH STONE AND EXTEND TO THE EXCAVATION WALL

PERIMETER FULLY BACKFILLED
CORRECT INSTALLATION

Placement of Top Fabric Layer & System Backfill Process

- Place the stone over the entire bed area as described in previous section (See Item 2 in Fig. 1, page 21) per engineer's depth specifications.
- Cover the entire installation area with CULTEC No. 410 non-woven geotextile, starting from the perimeter and laying it atop the stone. The geotextile must overlap at least 24 inches (610 mm) at the edges.
- Fill the first 12 inches (305 mm) with enough material (See 3 in Fig. 1, page 21) to meet the requirements as shown in Table 5, page 20.
- Backfill over the top of the geotextile (See 3 in Fig. 1, page 21) in lifts that do not exceed 6 inches (152 mm), and disperse the fill with a vehicle that meets the maximum wheel loads or ground pressure limits as specified in Tables 1 & 2 on page 18.
- Compact each lift of backfill as specified in the engineer's drawings. CULTEC specifies compacting to a minimum of 95% of the standard proctor density using compaction equipment with a gross vehicle weight of less than of 12,000 lbs (5,400 kg). The use of vibratory equipment is strictly prohibited and will void any warranties.
- Backfill over the chamber bed (See 4 in Fig. 1, page 21) in 6-inch (152 mm) maximum lifts until the specified grade is achieved. CULTEC's cover requirements vary by model. See Table 3, page 19 for minimum and maximum coverage. For pavement sub-base or special fill requirements, see engineer's drawings.

NOTE:

Excavation alongside already installed chamber rows backfilled with stone is not acceptable. No chambers may be added or subtracted from previously installed systems.



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Table 1: Maximum allowable axle loads for wheeled vehicles at various cover depths

| | Fill Depth Over Chamber | | Max. Axle Load | |
|---|---|---|----------------|-------|
| | inches | mm | lbs | kN |
| All Models | 6 | 152 | 8,000 | 35.6 |
| All Models | 9 | 305 | 16,000 | 71.2 |
| Contacto [®] Field Drain C-4HD | 14" with pavement 18" without pavement | 356 mm with pavement 457 mm without pavement | 40,000 | 177.9 |
| Contacto [®] 100HD Recharger [®] 150XLHD Recharger [®] 180HD Recharger [®] 280HD | 14" with pavement 16" without pavement | 356 mm with pavement 406 mm without pavement | 40,000 | 177.9 |
| Recharger [®] 330XLHD | 16" with pavement 18" without pavement | 406 mm with pavement 457 mm without pavement | 40,000 | 177.9 |

Any load which travels over the system that exceeds the maximum load allowed is strictly prohibited and will void the warranty. All depths listed above are based on compacted fill and include min. 6" (152 mm) of stone above the crown of the unit as listed as 3 of Fig. 1, page 21.

Table 2: Maximum allowable ground pressures for various vehicle track widths and fill depths

| Fill Depth Over Chamber | | Track Width | | Max. Ground Pressure ² | |
|-------------------------|-----|-------------|-----|-----------------------------------|-----|
| inches | mm | inches | mm | PSF | kPa |
| 6 | 152 | 12 | 305 | 1070 | 51 |
| | | 18 | 457 | 900 | 43 |
| | | 24 | 610 | 800 | 38 |
| | | 30 | 762 | 760 | 36 |
| | | 36 | 914 | 720 | 34 |
| 12 | 305 | 12 | 305 | 1540 | 74 |
| | | 18 | 457 | 1190 | 57 |
| | | 24 | 610 | 1010 | 48 |
| | | 30 | 762 | 910 | 43 |
| | | 36 | 914 | 840 | 40 |
| 18 | 457 | 12 | 305 | 2010 | 96 |
| | | 18 | 457 | 1480 | 71 |
| | | 24 | 610 | 1220 | 58 |
| | | 30 | 762 | 1060 | 51 |
| | | 36 | 914 | 950 | 45 |

² Ground pressure is vehicle operating weight divided by total truck contact area for both tracks. Turning should be kept to a minimum.

The use of wheeled equipment without proper cover is strictly prohibited.



Table 3: CULTEC No. 410™ Non-Woven Geotextile Specification Information

| Properties | Test Method | Test Results |
|----------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| Appearance | | Black |
| Grab Tensile | D 4632 | 90 lbs 400 N |
| Elongation | D 4632 | 50% |
| Trapezoid Tear | D 4533 | 35 lbs 155 N |
| Puncture | D 4833 | 55 lbs 245 N |
| Mullen Burst | D 3786 | 175 psi 1205 kPa |
| AOS | D 4751 | 70 U.S. sieve .21 mm |
| Permittivity | D 4491 | 2.0 sec ⁻¹ |
| Permeability | D 4491 | .2 cm/sec |
| Water Flow | D 4491 | 145 gal/min/sf 5908 l/min/sq.m |
| UV Stability | D 4355 | 70% |

Substitutions must meet or exceed these minimums. Geotextile placement is mandatory over top and sides of system. Coverage of system bottom is recommended. However, follow engineer's design preference.



Table 4: Criteria for acceptable 1 - 2 inch (25 - 51 mm) washed, crushed, angular stone

| Washed Crushed Stone | Description | Criteria |
|----------------------|-------------|---|
| Acceptable | Angular | Stones have sharp edges and relatively plane sides with unpolished surfaces |
| | Subangular | Stones are similar to angular description but may have slightly rounded edges |
| Unacceptable | Subrounded | Stones have nearly plane sides but have well-rounded corners and edges |
| | Rounded | Stones have smoothly curved sides and no edges |

See 1 and 2 of Table 5 on page 20 for additional stone requirements.

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Table 5: Acceptable Fill Materials

| Material Location | Description | AASHTO M43 Classification | Compaction/Density Requirement | |
|-------------------|--|---|--|--|
| 1 | Foundation Stone below chambers per engineer's drawing 6" (152 mm) min. required for most models. | Washed, crushed stone with the majority of particles between 1" - 2" (25 - 51 mm) | 3, 4 | Plate compact or roll to achieve a 95% Standard Proctor density |
| 2 | Embedment Stone surrounding chambers and to a min. 6" (152 mm) elevation above chamber crown for most models. | Washed, crushed stone with the majority of particles between 1" - 2" (25 - 51 mm) | 3, 4 | No compaction required |
| 3 | Fill Material for Layer 3 starts from top of embedment stone (Layer 2) to minimum required depth above top of chamber. Refer to Table 6 page 20 for proper minimum fill requirements. | Granular well-graded soil/aggregate mixtures, <35% fines | 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 56, 57, 67, 68, 78, 89, 467 | Compact in 6" (152 mm) lifts to a minimum 95% Standard Proctor density. Roller gross vehicle weight not to exceed 12,000 lbs. (53 kN) Dynamic force not to exceed 20,000 lbs. (89 kN) |
| 4 | Fill Material for Layer 4 starts from the top of Layer 3 to the bottom of pavement or unpaved finished grade above. Refer to Table 6 page 20 for proper chamber model minimum fill requirements. | Any soil/rock materials, native soils or per engineer's plans. Check plans for pavement sub-grade requirements. | Per engineer's drawings | Prepare per engineer's drawing. Paved installations may have strict material and preparation requirements |

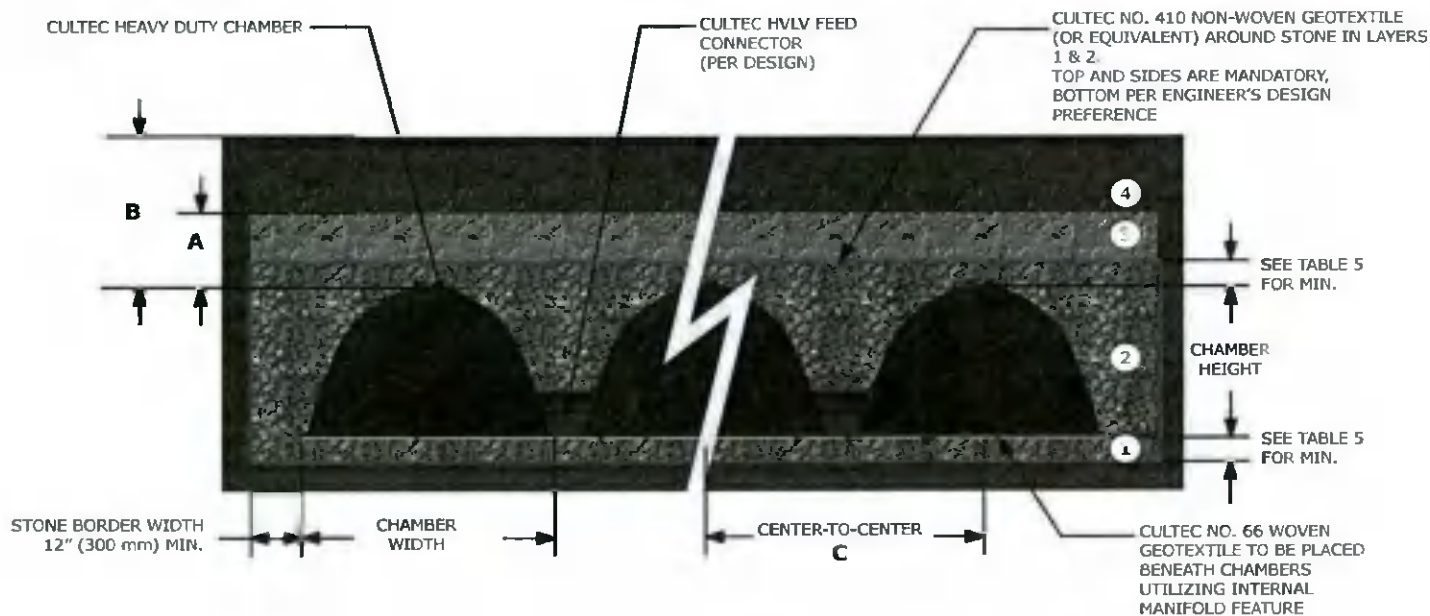
The listed AASHTO classifications are for gradations. The stone must be washed, crushed and angular. See Table 6, page 20. For example, the stone must be specified as washed, crushed No. 4 stone. Fill materials shall be free of debris, trash, frozen lumps and other deleterious matter. Contact CULTEC for gradation requirements for specific projects that do not fall within the above specifications.

Table 6: Minimum and Maximum Fill and Separation Requirements for Traffic Installations
(See Fig. 1 on page 21)

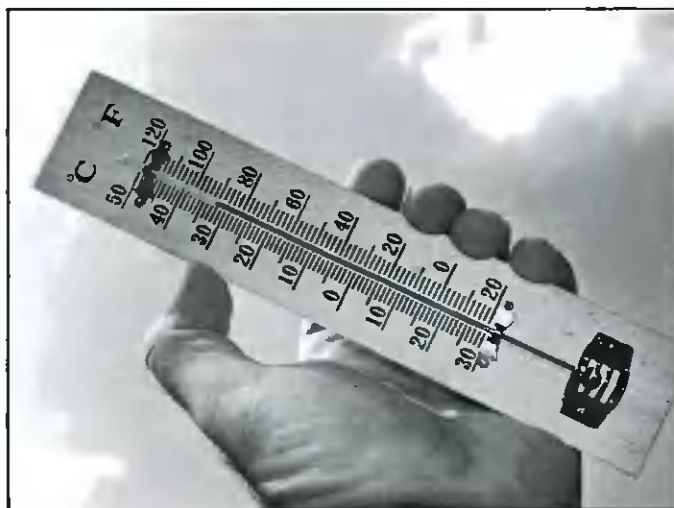
| Model | A | | | | B | | C | |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------------------|------|---|------|
| | Minimum Fill Requirements | | | | Maximum Fill Requirements | | Center-to-Center Separation Requirement | |
| | For Paved inches | For Paved mm | For Unpaved Inches | For Unpaved mm | feet | m | inches | mm |
| Contacto [®] r Field Drain C-4HD | 14 | 356 | 16 | 406 | 12 | 3.66 | 48 | 1219 |
| Contacto [®] r 100HD | 14 | 356 | 16 | 406 | 12 | 3.66 | 40 | 1016 |
| Recharge [®] r 150XLHD | 14 | 356 | 16 | 406 | 12 | 3.66 | 39 | 991 |
| Recharge [®] r 180HD | 14 | 356 | 16 | 406 | 12 | 3.66 | 39 | 991 |
| Recharge [®] r 280HD | 14 | 356 | 16 | 406 | 12 | 3.66 | 52 | 1321 |
| Recharge [®] r 330XLHD | 16 | 406 | 18 | 457 | 12 | 3.66 | 58 | 1473 |

Refer to Table 4 on page 19, Table 5, page 20 and Fig. 1 on page 21 for acceptable fill requirements. Table refers to Heavy Duty version only, requirements differ for Standard Duty version. When fill requirements will exceed Maximum Fill Requirements listed above, contact CULTEC at 203-775-4416. All depths listed above are based on compacted fill and include the required stone above the crown of the unit.

Fig. 1. Fill Material Locations – refer to Tables 4, 5, and 6.



Special Handling Instructions for Polyethylene Chambers in Warmer Temperatures



CULTEC chambers are manufactured of high molecular weight polyethylene, which is inherently resistant to cold temperatures, corrosion and chemical breakdown. Additional UV inhibitors increase the chambers' resistance to sunlight and warm temperature degradation. However, CULTEC recommends that, when installed in warm temperatures above 85°F (29°C), the installer separate the units the day before installation and lay them on a flat surface (preferably not asphalt). This allows the chambers to cool and maintain their original shape as when formed. It is best practice to separate starters, intermediates and ends and lay them out individually and use those separated units rather than removing each off the stack individually. When possible, CULTEC recommends that the stone backfill be placed in temperatures less than 85°F (29°C) to minimize depressions or deflections. Also note that in sunny, warm temperatures, the chambers may be hot to the touch.





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