Design Data
First Defense®
Vortex Separator

The First Defense® is an economical hydrodynamic vortex separator for effective removal of sediment, litter and oil from surface water runoff. Captured pollutants are kept safely within the device keeping public areas free from harmful pollutants.

Suitable for at-source pollution control in small to medium size catchments, the First Defense® provides space-saving, easy-to-install surface water treatment in a standard size manhole.

Components
The First Defense® has been designed with flexibility and ease of installation in mind. It consists of a standard, structural concrete chamber with integral sealing system and factory fitted internal components.

It uses the principals of rotational flow to provide improved pollutant capture compared to linear or simple gravity sedimentation chambers.

An integral bypass chute, adaptable to meet site requirements, directs exceedance flows through the chamber without disturbing previously captured pollutants.

Watch a short video showing the First Defense® components and operation at:

http://www.hydro-int.com/uk/products/first-defense-vortex-separator

Repeatable, Reliable Performance
The First Defense® internal components have been carefully designed to create a low energy rotational flow within the chamber to encourage removal of a number of common pollutants, including:

Coarse particles
Greater than 80% removal of medium-fine sand particles.

See Technical Abstract: Performance Verification of Sediment Removal with F-60 Silica Sand.

Gross Pollutants
Observational data from testing shows good retention of gross pollutants, including litter and leaf debris.

Liquid and Sediment Bound Hydrocarbons
Greater than 40% removal of various forms of hydrocarbons, including polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). Other pollutants such as nutrients and metals attached to sediment particles will also be removed.


Avoids Pollutant Wash Out
The First Defense® contains an integral bypass that conveys large, infrequent rainfall event flows directly to the outlet chute. This prevents turbulence in the chamber and hinders wash out of the captured pollutants.

See Technical Abstract: The Importance of Wash Out Protection.

The First Defense® Vortex Separator

1. Inlet chute.
2. Inlet pipe (optional).
3. Floatables draw off slot.
4. Precast chamber.
5. Internal bypass.
6. Outlet chute.
7. Outlet pipe.
8. Oil and floatables storage.

Figure 1 - The First Defense® Vortex Separator
Sizing

For design purposes, the selected model's Treatment Flow Rate should be greater or equal to the site's Water Quality Flow Rate.

The hydraulic capacity of the chamber should be considered with respect to the peak discharge flow rate from the site or the pipe full flow rate.

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<th>Model Diameter (m)</th>
<th>Treatment Flow Rate (l/s)</th>
<th>Hydraulic Capacity (l/s)</th>
<th>Oil Storage Capacity (l)</th>
<th>Sediment Storage Capacity (m³)</th>
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Notes:

a) Treatment flow rates based on 80% removal of F-60, medium-fine sand. Sizing based on removal of finer or coarser sediment ranges or for free oil removal can be provided if required.

b) Maximum flow rate that can pass through the chamber without surcharge to the upstream network. Based on a single bypass chute. A secondary bypass chute can be added to increase the hydraulic capacity.

Headloss is dependent on the number and size of pipe connections, but is typically below 250 mm at the treatment flow rate.

Table 1 - First Defense® design information.

The First Defense® can be sized for different treatment goals and objectives.

Expert Design Service

Hydro's professional engineers are on hand to provide free support with the correct sizing and application of the First Defense® within each drainage design.

We can also provide estimated maintenance intervals, whole life cost estimates and predicted pollutant removal performance.

Call the StormTrain® Hotline on: 01275 337955 or email stormtrain@hydro-int.com

Adaptable

The First Defense® has been specifically designed to be adaptable to site conditions, whilst also delivering effective treatment of surface water runoff.

For maximum flexibility, First Defense® inlet, outlet and internal bypass arrangements are available in several configurations:
**Saves on Construction Costs**

The First Defense® is typically delivered to site as a pre-cast concrete manhole, complete with an innovative manhole sealing system and internal components already installed. Installation is therefore similar to any other manhole installation on site. Full installation guidelines are available.

Lightweight High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) chambers can be provided where installation of a concrete manhole is not practical.

**Dimensions and Weights**

The dimensions in Table 2 are given as a guide.

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<th>Unit</th>
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**Notes:**

a) Base and Top Section component depths are shown as the total height during transportation / before assembly on site. The total depth is the depth of the assembled unit.

b) Cover slabs are heavy duty, suited for highways loading and are supplied with one or two access openings for maintenance.

*Table 2 - First Defense® dimensions and weights.*
Easy to Maintain

Maintenance of the First Defense® is simple, safe and cost-effective. Maintenance is carried out from the surface using a standard vacuum tanker and personnel are not required to enter the device.

With a large capacity to store sediments and oils (see Table 1) and with a proven ability to prevent wash out, maintenance intervals can be years rather than months - depending on site conditions.

Additional pollutant storage capacity can be build into the chamber to extend maintenance intervals if required.

First Defense® Technical Guidance

Case Studies  
Installation and Maintenance Guidelines  
General Arrangement Drawings

The Hydro StormTrain® Series of Surface Water Treatment Devices

The First Defense® is one of the Hydro StormTrain® Series of surface water treatment devices. Each device delivers proven, measureable and repeatable surface water treatment performance. Each can be used independently to meet the specific needs of a site or combined to form a management train. They can be used alongside natural SuDS features to protect, enable or enhance them.