

SWPPP Binder Insert Field Drain Inlet Protection ERTEC Drop Guard™

Definition – ERTEC Drop Guard

A temporary sediment control device made of high density polyethylene (HDPE) with an integrated filter. During construction, form device around the manhole of the drain inlet near where soil is disturbed.

Purpose

Storm drain inlet protection is used to intercept sediment laden water at the field drain inlet opening to prevent sediment and associated pollutants and debris from entering the storm water underground pipe systems. The system reduces water velocity which causes heavier soil particles to be deposited above ground. While allowing flow through the module, the barrier filters certain smaller sized particles from suspension and prevents them from flowing through the device and into the pipes. Advantages are that it is effective, durable, re-usable, easily installed and cleaned.

Conditions Where the Practice Applies

It is recommended for use around field drain inlet manhole openings prior to paving. Generally, the drainage areas should be less than 1/2 acre. The area around the drain inlet should be stabilized with erosion control blankets or a hydraulically applied fiber matrix.

Design Criteria

- Geo-textile Filter: Apparent Opening Size (AOS) = 425 micron integrated particle filter. Flow rate (ASTM D-4491) = 145 gpm/ft².
- Outer Jacket Material: HDPE. For detailed characteristics contact ERTEC. Module weight = 5 to 20 lbs. Module height = 16.0". Module opening size: there are two standard sizes: for 38" x38" openings, and 48" x48" openings. Custom sizes are available. Service temperature (deg F) = -30 to 160.
- Install system around the manhole as shown below. Place clean, pea-sized graded gravel around the perimeter flaps or alternatively backfill the flaps with soil. For detailed installation instructions visit www.ertecsystems.com.

Maintenance

Perform maintenance as required. Inspect following rainfall events and at least daily during prolonged rainfall. Maintain to provide an adequate sediment holding capacity. Debris shall be removed daily and sediment shall be removed when the sediment accumulation reaches 8 inches. Removed sediment shall be incorporated in the project at designated locations or disposed-of outside the project or in conformance with requirements. Remove the device after final stabilization has been achieved. The device is reusable.

