

Verification Statement



Hydroworks HydroDome HD3 Oil-Grit Separator Registration number: (V-2021-09-02) Date of re-issue: 2023-05-17

Technology type	Oil-Grit Separator	
Application	Technology to remove oil, sediment, trash and debris from storm-water and snowmelt runoff as well as other pollutants that attach to sediment particles, such as nutrients and metals.	
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Verified Performance Claims

The Hydroworks HydroDome HD3 Oil-Grit Separator (OGS) was tested by Alden Research Laboratory, Holden, Massachusetts, USA in 2021. The performance test results were verified by 'The Sir Sandford Fleming College of Applied Arts and Technology's Centre for Advancement of Water and Wastewater Technologies' (CAWT) following the requirements of ISO 14034:2016 and the VerifiGlobal Performance Verification Protocol. The following performance claims were verified:

Sediment removal test: The Hydroworks HydroDome HD3 OGS device, with a false floor set to 50% of the manufacturer's recommended maximum sediment storage depth and a constant influent test sediment concentration of 200 mg/L and particle size distribution of 1-1000 μm , removed 83.9, 77.6, 68.4, 66.9, 59.4, 52.4, and 46.0 percent of influent sediment by mass at surface loading rates of 40, 80, 200, 400, 600, 1000, and 1400 L/min/m² respectively.

Scour test: The Hydroworks HydroDome HD3 OGS device with 15.2 cm (6 inch) of test sediment preloaded onto a false floor reaching 50% of the manufacturer's recommended maximum sediment sump storage depth, generated corrected effluent sediment concentrations on average of 0.54, 0.70, 0.0, 0.0, and 0.11 mg/L at 5-min duration surface loading rates of 200, 800, 1400, 2000, and 2600 L/min/m², respectively.

Light liquid re-entrainment test: The Hydroworks HydroDome HD3 OGS with surrogate low-density polyethylene beads preloaded within the inner chamber, representing a floating light-liquid volume equal to a depth of 50.8 mm (2 inch) over the sedimentation area, retained 100, 100, 100, 100, and 99.7 percent of loaded beads by mass during the 5-minute duration surface loading rates of 200, 800, 1400, 2000, and 2600 L/min/m², respectively.

The above verified claims can be applied to other units smaller or larger than the tested unit, provided that the untested units meet the scaling rule specified in the Procedure for Laboratory Testing of Oil Grit Separators (Version 3.0, June 2014)

Technology Application

HydroDome is a hydrodynamic separator that provides benefits for both water quality and water quantity (i.e., flow control). HydroDome combines the function of separator, hood, and flow control with active storage to provide a multi-purpose stormwater management solution in one structure. HydroDome also functions as an oil separator due to the submerged inlet design and the fact that the design raises the water level with flow to maximize the distance between any floatables (oil, trash) and the discharge entrance to the HydroDome.

Technology Description

HydroDome comes complete and slides into the outlet pipe from a drainage structure and is secured to the wall with anchor bolts. It consists of a siphon with flow control, that regulates the water level in the structure and the flow rate in the outflow, and an optional high flow weir. A schematic of the Hydroworks HydroDome OGS is shown in Figure 1.

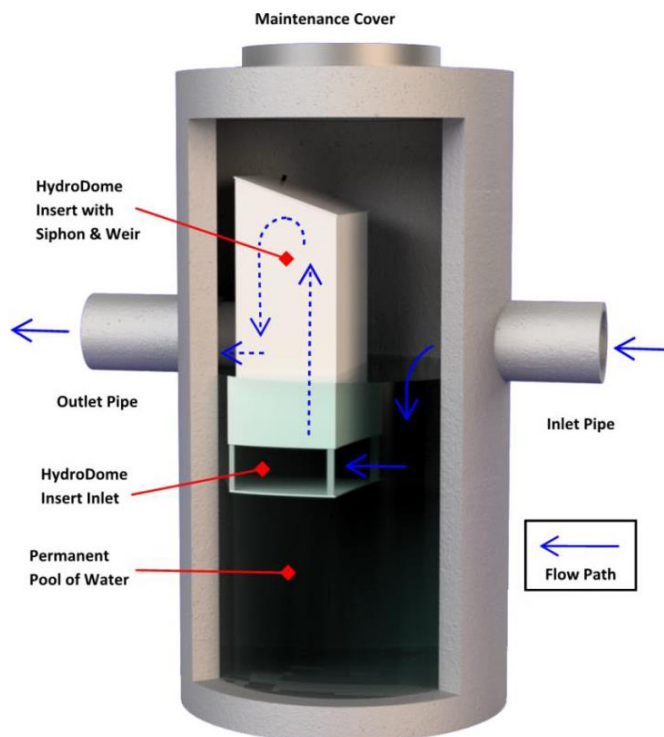


Figure 1: Schematic of the Hydroworks HydroDome Oil-Grit Separator

The siphon raises the water level to a pre-determined level without allowing water to exit the structure. The raised water level provides:

- Greater time for initial total suspended solids (TSS) removal and for floatables to prevent re-entrainment in the flow,
- Additional dilution to reduce effluent concentrations of any pollutants, and
- A greater volume, or buffer, of water to prevent scour of previously settled solids.

Water flows into the device through horizontal openings at the bottom of the HydroDome. Water then must travel upwards through the siphon. A coarse foam screen is located at the entrance to the siphon inlet to provide secondary protection from its clogging (the outer housing of the HydroDome and submerged inlet provide primary protection). Once the water level reaches a pre-determined height, the siphon begins to engage, and water flows out of the structure downstream. The siphon flow is controlled by an orifice, whose size can be changed to provide the desired flow control. The water level continues to rise or begins to lower depending on the rate of flow from the orifice compared to the inflow of water to the structure.

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An optional weir above the siphon provides a high flow path to prevent the system from surcharging. In cases where parking lot storage is desired, there would not be a high flow weir. A scour protection plate minimizes scour by preventing upward velocities/flow from the structure floor during periods of peak flow. Therefore, HydroDome combines the function of separator, hood, and flow control with active storage to provide a multi-purpose stormwater management solution in one structure.

Description of Test Procedure

For the purposes of this verification, a Hydroworks HydroDome 3-ft diameter (HD3) stormwater treatment unit was tested. The HD3 test unit was a full-scale 3 ft (0.91 m) diameter tank with an internal treatment hood that included a high flow weir. The test tank was fabricated from plastic and included 18-inch (457 mm) diameter inlet and outlet pipes, oriented along the center-line of the tank. The pipe inverts were located 48 inches (1.22 m) above the sump floor and were set with 1% slopes. The 100% and 50% sediment sump storage depths were 12 inches (0.305 m) and 6 inches (0.152 m), respectively. The effective treatment sedimentation area was 7.07 ft² (0.656 m²).

The test data and results for this verification were obtained from independent testing conducted at Alden Research Laboratory in accordance with the *Procedure for Laboratory Testing of Oil-Grit Separators (Version 3.0, June 2014)*¹. Use of this procedure is intended to ensure that technologies in this category are subjected to stringent requirements in generating verifiable performance test data.

The verification plan was followed with one minor variance from the *Procedure*. This variance includes the required minimum amount of test sediment to be fed into the test unit for each tested surface loading rate (SLR). Although the *Procedure* requires a minimum of 11.3 kg of test sediment, during the 40 L/min/m² SLR test, only 6.45 kg was fed into the unit, which is 4.85 kg less than the specified minimum. This variance to the *Procedure* was agreed to by Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), the author of the *Procedure*, based on previous conversations with Alden Labs, noting that the length of time to conduct the test with 11.3 kg of sediment at 40 L/min/m² would be over 36 hours.

Verification Results

CAWT verified the performance test data and other information pertaining to the HydroDome HD3 Oil-Grit Separator. A Verification Plan was prepared to guide the verification process based on the requirements of ISO 14034:2016 and the VerifiGlobal Performance Verification Protocol.

The test sediment consisted of ground silica (1 – 1000 micron) with a specific gravity of 2.65, uniformly mixed to meet the particle size distribution specified in the testing procedure.

The “*Procedure for Laboratory Testing of Oil Grit Separators*” (TRCA, 2014) requires that the three-sample average of the test sediment particle size distribution (PSD) meet the specified PSD. The allowable tolerance of 6% variation from the specified PSD curve was met at each discrete particle size tested and the d50 was finer than 75 µm.

Comparison of the individual sample and average test sediment PSD to the specified PSD is shown in Figure 2. This figure indicates that the test sediment used for the removal and scour tests met the above-mentioned criteria. The median particle size was 64 µm.

Samples from test sediment batches used for each run met the specified PSD within the required tolerance thresholds.

The capacity of the HydroDome HD3 device to retain sediment was determined at seven surface loading rates using the modified mass balance method. This method involved measuring the mass and particle size distribution of the injected and retained sediment for each test run.

¹ The *Procedure for Laboratory Testing of Oil-Grit Separators (Version 3.0, June 2014)* was originally prepared by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) in association with a 31 member advisory committee from various stakeholder groups.

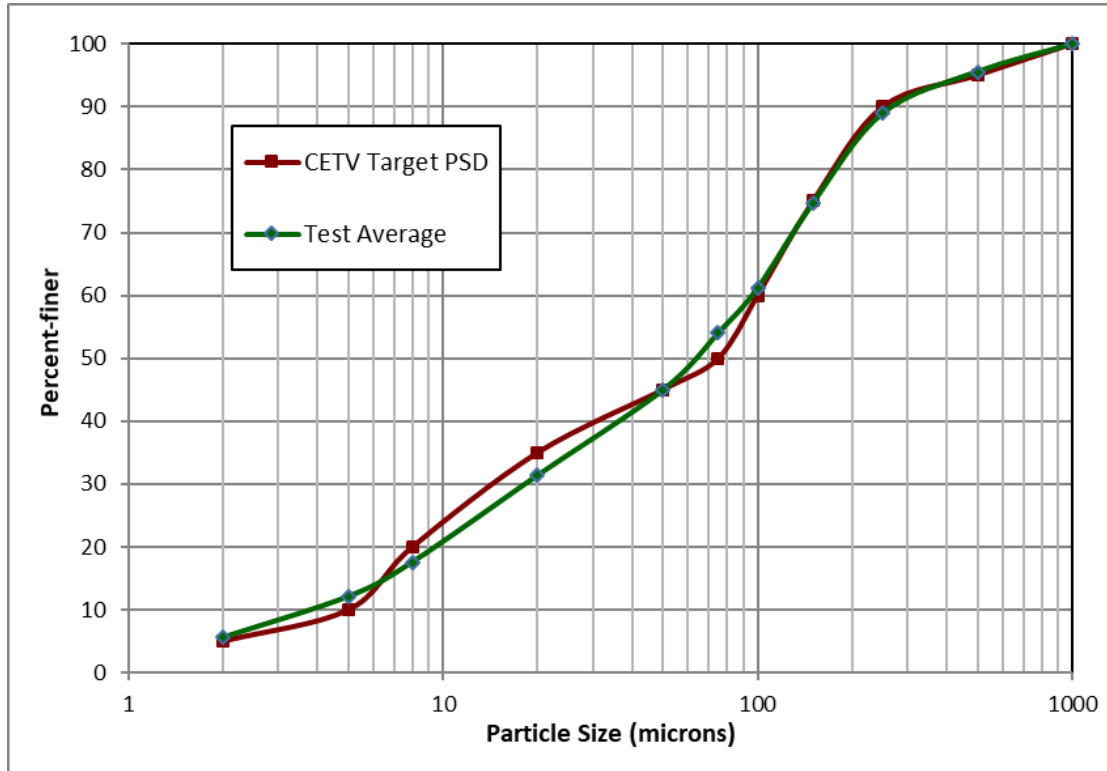


Figure 2 - Average particle size distribution (PSD) of the test sediment used for the sediment removal and scour test compared to the specified PSD

Performance was evaluated with a false floor simulating the technology filled to 50% of the manufacturer’s recommended maximum sediment storage depth. The test was carried out with clean water that maintained a sediment concentration below 20 mg/L. Based on these conditions, removal efficiencies for individual particle size classes and for the test sediment, as a whole, were determined for each of the tested surface loading rates (Table 1).

In some instances, the removal efficiencies were above 100% for certain particle size fractions. These discrepancies are not unique to any one test laboratory and are attributed to errors relating to the blending of sediment, collection of representative samples for laboratory submission, and laboratory analysis of PSD. Due to these errors, caution should be exercised in applying the removal efficiencies by particle size fraction for the purposes of sizing the tested device (see Bulletin # CETV 2016-11-0001).

Particle Range (µm)	40 L/min/m ²	80 L/min/m ²	200 L/min/m ²	400 L/min/m ²	600 L/min/m ²	1000 L/min/m ²	1400 L/min/m ²	Average
>500	100%	125%	140%	140%	200%	200%	180%	155%
250-500	114%	129%	150%	143%	143%	183%	217%	154%
150-250	150%	136%	157%	153%	179%	221%	220%	174%
100-150	116%	126%	129%	148%	157%	162%	139%	140%
75-100	136%	155%	178%	190%	180%	170%	133%	163%
50-75	91%	100%	128%	270%	126%	82%	75%	125%
20-50	111%	97%	93%	51%	58%	42%	73%	75%
8-20	75%	79%	38%	34%	29%	17%	26%	42%
5-8	53%	34%	16%	7%	0%	0%	23%	19%
2-5	37%	29%	14%	0%	0%	0%	1%	12%

Table 1 - Removal efficiencies (%) of the HydroDome HD3 Oil-Grit Separator for individual particle size classes at specified surface loading rates

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Figure 3 compares the particle size distribution (PSD) of the three-sample average of the test sediment to the PSD of the sediment retained by the HydroDome HD3 OGS device at each of the tested surface loading rates. As expected, the capture efficiency for fine particles was generally found to decrease as surface loading rates increased, particularly in the 400 to 1400 L/min/m² range.

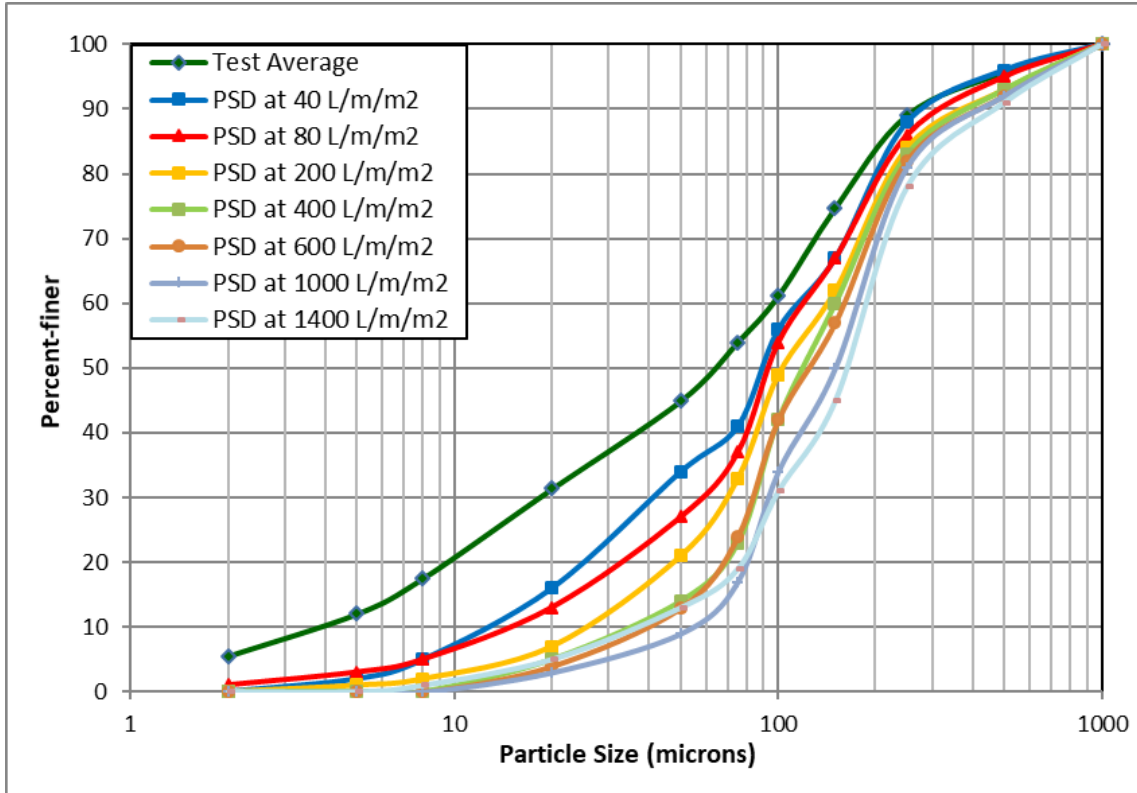


Figure 3 - Particle size distribution of sediment retained in the HydroDome HD3 Oil-Grit Separator in relation to the injected test sediment average

Table 2 shows the results of the sediment scour and re-suspension test for the HydroDome HD3 Oil-Grit Separator unit. The scour test involved preloading 15.2 cm (6 inches) of fresh test sediment into the sedimentation sump of the device. The sediment was placed on a false floor to mimic a device filled to 50% of the maximum recommended sediment storage depth.

Measured Concentration at Each surface Loading Rate					
Effluent Sample No.	200 L/min/m ²	800 L/min/m ²	1400 L/min/m ²	2000 L/min/m ²	2600 L/min/m ²
1	1.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
2	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
3	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
4	0.1	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
5	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Average	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.1

Table 2 - Scour test adjusted effluent sediment concentration at each surface loading rate

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Clean water was run through the device at five surface loading rates over a 30-minute period. Each flow rate was maintained for 5 minutes with a one-minute transition time between flow rates. Effluent samples were collected at one minute sampling intervals and analyzed for suspended solids concentration (SSC) and PSD by recognized methods. The effluent samples were subsequently adjusted based on the background concentration of the influent water.

Results showed average adjusted effluent sediment concentrations below 0.7 mg/L at all surface loading rates. The magnitude of scour is dependent on the internal flow patterns (velocity and turbulence) and water volume within the unit, which is related to the depth below the inlet and outlet. The HD3 possessed a large water volume in the sump and consequently, low velocity, which prevented incipient motion of the sediment of sufficient magnitude for scour to occur.

The average measured effluent scour sediment concentrations (adjusted for background) for each tested SLR were not adjusted for particle size based on the D5 of particles captured for the 40 L/min/m² removal efficiency test since there was negligible scour.

The capacity of the device to retain light liquid was determined at five surface loading rates in a range between 200 and 2600 L/min/m² using low-density polyethylene beads, Dow Chemical Dowlex™ 2517, with a density of 0.917 g/cm³. This material was specified as the acceptable surrogate to represent floating liquid for a qualitative assessment of liquid behaviour during operation.

Performance was evaluated with a total of 32.8 litres (18.94 kg) of pellets preloaded into the treatment vault by introducing them into the crown of the influent pipe, to a volume equal to a depth of 50.8 mm (2 inch) over the sedimentation area of 0.66 m². The effluent was collected in flow-designated nets to allow for quantification of any re-entrained pellets for each test SLR. The collected pellets were dried and the mass of collected pellets was quantified for each SLR, as well as the overall test.

The recorded average flow data, as well as quantified volume and mass of collected pellets for each target SLR and overall test, is shown in Table 3. The maximum re-entrainment of 0.3% occurred at 2600 L/min/m². The total retention rate was 99.7%.

Light-liquid Re-Suspension Data				Starting Volume	(Liters)	Starting Mass	(grams)
					32.8		18938
Action	Time Stamp (minutes)	Meter	Target Flow (L/min/m ²)	Recorded Flow (L/min/m ²)	COV	Collected Mass (grams)	Retained Mass
Start D.A. Recording	0.0						
Flow set	1.0	4"	200	207	0.057	0	100.0%
Stop Collection	6.0			3.4%			
Flow set	7.0	4"	800	826	0.008	0	100.0%
Stop Collection	12.0			3.2%			
Flow set	13.0	6"	1400	1407	0.009	0	100.0%
Stop Collection	18.0			0.5%			
Flow set	19.0	6"	2000	2022	0.004	0.3	100.0%
Stop Collection	24.0			1.1%			
Flow set	25.0	6"	2600	2599	0.003	54.9	99.7%
Stop Collection	30.0			-0.1%			
Hydroworks HD 3				Interim Collection Net		1.3	
				Total		56.5	99.7%

Table 3 - Light-liquid recorded flow and re-entrainment data

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Quality assurance

Performance testing and verification of the HydroDome HD3 Oil Grit Separator were performed in accordance with the requirements of ISO 14034:2016 and the VerifiGlobal Performance Verification Protocol. The verifier, CAWT, has confirmed that quality assurance requirements were addressed throughout the performance testing process and in the generation of performance test results. This includes reviewing all data sheets and data downloads, as well as overall management of the test system, quality control and data integrity.

In addition, QA/QC measures are documented in the “*Procedure for Laboratory Testing of Oil-Grit Separators*” (TRCA, 2014) to ensure results are accurate and precise, and that testing conducted by multiple vendors of the same category of technology are employing the same test method. The QA/QC measures include the use of certified laboratories, established test methods, calibration of equipment, tolerance limits for results variation, data checks during testing, and stringent documentation requirements.

Table 4 provides a summary of the acceptance criteria for particle size distribution, solids concentration in test water, water temperature, flow measurement equipment, flow rate variation, sediment feed, sediment moisture content, and sample analysis.

QC Parameter	Acceptance Criteria
Particle Size Distribution	Analyzed by a certified laboratory in accordance with ASTM D422-63(2007)e1. Percentages for size ranges vary by <6%, median < 75 um. PSD in water determined by ASTM D422-63(2007)e1 upon prior drying in designated pre-weighed nonferrous trays in compliance with ASTM D4959-07.
Solids concentration in test water	Suspended solids concentration (SSC) concentration of test water of less than 20 mg/L.
Water temperature	Temperature of water less than 25°C.
Flow measurement equipment	Equipment calibration reports submitted to confirm that reported flow rate match actual flow rate. Flow rates from calibrated flow instruments recorded at no longer than 30 second intervals over the duration of the test.
Flow rate variation	Flow rates have COV < 0.04; maintained with ±10% of target flow rate.
Sediment feed	TSS concentration target = 200 mg/L with a tolerance limit of ±25 mg/L. Injection location is 5 pipe diameters upstream of the inlet to the device, as per the <i>Procedure</i> . Six calibration samples taken over duration of each test run. The allowed Coefficient of Variance (COV) for the measured samples was 0.10.
Sediment moisture content	Determined by ASTM D4959-07 “Standard Test Method for Determination of Water (Moisture) Content of Soil By Direct Heating”.
Sample analysis	Conducted by qualified laboratories using standard methods and meeting the requirements of ISO.

Table 4. Validation of QA/QC procedures



Summary of Verification Results and Verified Performance Claim for Hydroworks HydroDome HD3 Oil-Grit Separator (OGS)

In summary, the HydroDome HD3 Oil Grit Separator is designed to remove oil, sediment, trash and debris from stormwater and snowmelt runoff as well as other pollutants that attach to sediment particles, such as nutrients and metals. Verification of performance claims for the Hydroworks HydroDome HD3 Oil Grit Separator was conducted by CAWT based on independent third-party performance test results provided by Alden Research Laboratory, as well as additional information provided by Hydroworks.

Table 5 summarizes the verification results in relation to the technology performance parameters that were identified to determine the efficacy of the HydroDome HD3 Oil Grit Separator. The claims stated in Table 5 were verified using the modified mass balance method for sediment removal by measuring the total mass of sediment entering the unit and retained by the unit at prescribed surface loading rates. Effluent sampling was conducted every minute over a 30-minute duration for the scour test, using approved sampling methods as per the verification procedure. The light liquid re-entrainment test was conducted using a mass balance methodology which accounted for all the beads input, captured, and scoured from the separator.

Parameters	Verified Claims	Accuracy
Sediment Removal	During the sediment removal test, the Hydroworks HydroDome HD3 OGS device, with a false floor set to 50% of the manufacturer’s recommended maximum sediment storage depth and a constant influent test sediment concentration of 200 mg/L and particle size distribution of 1-1000 µm, removed 83.9, 77.6, 68.4, 66.9, 59.4, 52.4, and 46.0 percent of influent sediment by mass at surface loading rates of 40, 80, 200, 400, 600, 1000, and 1400 L/min/m ² respectively	The sediment removal characteristics were quantified at various surface loading rates (SLRs), including particle size fractions, using a modified mass balance methodology. Performance results are presented as the true values.
Sediment Scour	During the scour test, the Hydroworks HydroDome HD3 OGS device with 15.2 cm (6 inch) of test sediment preloaded onto a false floor reaching 50% of the manufacturer’s recommended maximum sediment sump storage depth, generated corrected effluent sediment concentrations on average of 0.54, 0.70, 0.0, 0.0, and 0.11 mg/L at 5-min duration surface loading rates of 200, 800, 1400, 2000, and 2600 L/min/m ² , respectively.	5 samples analyzed for sediment (n=5) at each flow rate There was negligible scour once corrected for background concentrations.
Light Liquid Re-entrainment	During the light-liquid re-entrainment test, the Hydroworks HydroDome HD3 OGS with surrogate low-density polyethylene beads preloaded within the inner chamber, representing a floating light-liquid volume equal to a depth of 50.8 mm (2 inch) over the sedimentation area, retained 100, 100, 100, 100, and 99.7 percent of loaded beads by mass during the 5-minute duration surface loading rates of 200, 800, 1400, 2000, and 2600 L/min/m ² , respectively.	Performance results are presented as the true values. Under the “Procedure for Laboratory Testing of Oil-Grit Separators” (TRCA, 2014), the light-liquid re-entrainment test is also not amenable to statistical analysis as the tests were only conducted once at various flow rates following a mass balance procedure.

Table 5. Verified performance claims

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The purpose of environmental technology verification is to provide a credible and impartial account of the performance of environmental technologies. Environmental technology verification is based on a number of principles to ensure that verifications are performed and reported accurately, clearly, unambiguously and objectively. The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) standard for environmental technology verification (ETV) is ISO 14034, which was published in November 2016.

Benefits of ETV

ETV contributes to protection and conservation of the environment by promoting and facilitating market uptake of innovative environmental technologies, especially those that perform better than relevant alternatives. ETV is particularly applicable to those environmental technologies whose innovative features or performance cannot be fully assessed using existing standards. Through the provision of objective evidence, ETV provides an independent and impartial confirmation of the performance of an environmental technology based on reliable test data. ETV aims to strengthen the credibility of new, innovative technologies by supporting informed decision-making among interested parties.

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