Continuous Upflow, Granular Media Filter

- Continuously cleaned sand bed
- Low power requirement
- Elimination of ancillary backwash equipment
- Reduced operator attention
The DynaSand® filter is an upflow, deep bed, granular media filter with continuous backwash. The filter media is cleaned by a simple internal washing system that does not require backwash pumps or storage tanks. The absence of backwash pumps means low energy consumption.

The DynaSand filter’s deep media bed allows it to handle high levels of suspended solids. This heavy-duty performance may eliminate the need for pre-sedimentation or flotation steps in the treatment process of some applications.

The DynaSand filter is available in various sizes and configurations. This flexibility allows for customization to fit specific site and application requirements.

DynaSand Filter Principles of Operation

Influent Filtration

Influent feed is introduced at the top of the filter (A) and flows downward through an annular section (B) between the influent feed pipe and airlift housing. The feed is introduced into the bottom of the sand bed through a series of feed radials (C) that are open at the bottom. As the influent flows upward (M) through the downward moving sand bed (D), organic and inorganic impurities are captured by the sand. The clean, polished filtrate continues to move upward and exits at the top of the filter over the filtrate weir (J) and out through the effluent pipe (E).

Sand Self-Cleaning

The sand bed containing captured impurities is drawn downward around the center of the filter where the airlift pipe is located. A small volume of compressed air is shot at the bottom of the airlift (F), drawing the sand into the airlift pipe. The sand is scoured within the airlift pipe at an intensity of 100-150 SCFM/ft². The effectiveness of this scouring process is vastly greater than what can be expected in conventional sand filtration backwash. The scouring dislodges any solid particles attached to the sand grains.

The dirty slurry is pushed to the top of the airlift (G) and into the reject compartment (H). From the reject compartment, the sand falls down the sand washer (I) and the lighter reject solids are carried over the reject weir (K) and out the reject pipe (L). As the sand cascades down through the concentric stages of the washer, it encounters a small amount of polished filtrate moving upward, driven by the difference in water level between the filtrate pool and the reject weir. The heavier, coarser sand grains fall through this small countercurrent flow while the remaining contaminants are carried back up to the reject compartment. The clean, recycled sand is deposited on the top of the sand bed where it once again begins the influent cleaning process and its eventual migration to the bottom of the filter where it is recycled and the process repeats.
DynaSand® Filter Configurations

The DynaSand filter is available as either stand alone package units or in a modular concrete design as a 40” standard bed or 80” deep-bed design depending on the nature of the application. Package units are available in 304 stainless steel, fiberglass (FRP) and carbon steel (PCS). Internals for both package units and concrete units are available in stainless steel and/or fiberglass. The new segmented airlift is available in high-density polyethylene (HDPE), stainless steel or PVC and provides ease of assembly, installation, shipping and maintenance.

A concrete DynaSand installation can be designed for any size filter area, enabling the technology to be applied to any size water or wastewater treatment plant. Concrete modules are frequently used for high flow capacity systems by placing multiple modules into a common filter cell. The modules in a filter cell share a common filter bed where cones at the bottom of each module distribute sand to their respective airlifts and sand washers. Since all filter beds are being continuously cleaned, the pressure drop remains low and even throughout all the filters. Equal pressure drop ensures even distribution of feed to each filter without the need for splitter boxes or flow controls. Therefore, a typical multiple unit installation can use a common header pipe with feed connections and isolation valves for each filter.

Features

- Continuously cleaned sand bed
- No underdrains or screens
- Sand washed with filtrate
- No level control
- Internal, vertical airlift
- Low power requirements

Benefits

- No shutdown for backwash cycles
- Elimination of ancillary backwash equipment
- No flow control valves, splitter boxes, or backwash controls
- No short-circuiting
- Optimum sand-washing efficiency
- Superior filtrate quality
- Reduced operator attention
- Minimizes overall pressure-drop
- Reduces potential for pluggage
- Significantly reduces wear/maintenance
- Can be easily maintained without filter shutdown
- Up to 70% less compressed air vs. other self-cleaning filters
DynaSand® ENR System Overview

Key component of process control and monitoring for meeting low limits

DynaSand® Continuous Filtration Process

Water and wastewater treatment in conventional plants typically involves flocculation, clarification and filtration. Direct filtration eliminates clarification, but still requires flocculation. The DynaSand filter utilizes a proprietary process known as Continuous Contact Filtration. The DynaSand filter’s 80” media bed depth provides greater hydraulic residence times and more opportunity for floc formation and attachment. Coagulation, flocculation and separation can be performed within the sand bed, eliminating the need for external flocculators and clarifiers. Equipment savings can be substantial, up to 85% compared to conventional treatment and 50% compared to direct filtration. The DynaSand® Continuous Contact Filtration process is best suited to remove small floc, which can help reduce chemical requirements by 20-30% over conventional treatment.

Applications

The DynaSand filter is currently providing exceptional treatment in over 8,600 installations worldwide in a wide variety of applications. Reach out to the Parkson Team for additional information.

DynaSand Filter Applications

- Tertiary filtration
- Algae removal
- Phosphorus removal
- Denitrification
- Cryptosporidium and Giardia removal
- Product recovery
- Potable water (turbidity and color)
- Surface water
- Ground water
- Effluent reuse
- Oil removal
- Process water
- Brine filtration
- Metal finishing
- Cooling tower blowdown
- Steel mill scale
- Chemical processing
- Arsenic removal

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