Stormwater Solutions from Contech

Selecting the Right Stormwater Solution Just Got Easier...

It’s simple to choose the right stormwater solution to achieve your goals with the Contech Stormwater Solutions Staircase. First, select the runoff reduction practices that are most appropriate for your site, paying particular attention to pretreatment needs. If the entire design storm cannot be retained, select a treatment best management practice (BMP) for the balance. Finally, select a detention system to address any outstanding downstream erosion.

Learn more about all of our stormwater technologies at www.ContechES.com/stormwater

DYODS  Design Your Own Detention or Infiltration System

The Contech Design Your Own Detention System (DYODS®) tool fully automates the layout process for stormwater detention and infiltration systems and produces CAD and PDF files that can be used for creating plans and specs, and for estimating total installed costs.

To use the Design Your Own Detention or Infiltration System tool, visit: www.ContechES.com/dyods
The only sure way to eliminate stormwater pollution is to eliminate stormwater runoff. In recognition of this fact, Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development based stormwater management regulations prioritizing runoff reduction have proliferated throughout the United States.

Where site conditions allow, infiltration is typically the most cost effective and reliable runoff reduction approach. In urban environments where there are competing demands for land, subsurface infiltration can provide many of the benefits of landscape based systems but without requiring dedicated land area. Infiltration systems are commonly comprised of a pretreatment component designed to remove sediment, trash, and oil, followed by plastic, metal or concrete storage units surrounded by permeable stone creating a high voids storage gallery. Infiltration systems are typically designed to support vehicular loading and to withstand lateral pressures from surrounding soil that allows the overlying land to be used for virtually any non-building application.

Subsurface infiltration meets the objectives of LID by reducing runoff with the added benefit of saving land space in urban environments.

LID benefits include runoff volume reduction, peak flow control, ground water recharge, and water quality improvement.

CMP infiltration is used at Pitzer College in Claremont, California.

Learn more at www.ContechES.com/cmp-detention
CMP — the “Go To” Material for Subsurface Infiltration

The purpose of the storage vessel is to hold stormwater runoff underground while allowing it to infiltrate the surrounding soil. For the majority of applications, corrugated metal pipe (CMP) is the “go to” material for subsurface infiltration.

• 75+ year service life guidance for certain materials/ coatings in recommended environments.* Please refer to the Corrugated Metal Pipe Detention Design Guide for additional information.
• Various pipe coatings and materials are available to accommodate site-specific needs: Aluminized Steel Type 2 (ALT2), Galvanized, CORLIX® Aluminum, and Polymer Coated.
• Wide range of gages, corrugations, and shapes, in diameters 12” – 144”.
• Pipe can be fully or partially perforated for infiltration, retention, or groundwater recharge applications.
• Custom access risers and manifolds provide direct access for maintenance.
• Outlet control devices can be incorporated within the system, eliminating the need for a separate structure.
• Customizable - a variety of fittings allow CMP to match most layout configurations.
• May be designed for heavy loading and high maximum cover.
• Contributes to LEED points.
• Available locally; quick turnaround time.
• The most economical installed solution.

With its low cost, a wide variety of diameters, layout configurations, and materials, no other material can match CMP’s flexibility and versatility.

*A service life guidance provided by the National Corrugated Steel Pipe Association (NCSPA) and/or AK Steel Corporation. See NCSPA.org website or consult your engineer of record for additional information on service life, recommended environments and field studies on various materials and coatings. Corrosive environments, such as seawater and road/de-icing salt infiltration, and other environments with pH and resistivity outside of the recommended range may cause premature corrosion and reduce actual service life. Because site conditions vary, Contech does not guaranty or warrant service life guidance for materials and coatings.
Addressing the Question of Longevity

Some engineers are hesitant to use corrugated metal pipe (CMP) for infiltration because they have heard about CMP drainage culverts that have corroded due to abrasion. Factors affecting longevity differ between culvert and infiltration applications. Culverts experience high velocity flows carrying abrasive sediment, which can wear off galvanized coatings used in older CMP culverts. Infiltration systems are designed for storage rather than conveyance, so velocity and abrasive forces are minimized. In addition, improved CMP coatings, such as Aluminized Type 2 (ALT2), are more abrasion resistant and have demonstrated superior in-ground performance against abrasion in long-term durability studies. Field studies also have indicated that ALT2 coating may extend service life in wider pH and resistivity ranges than galvanized coatings. Confirming and maintaining recommended environmental conditions helps ensure system longevity projected by the long term studies. Finally, properly designed infiltration systems include pretreatment, flow control and a stone backfill envelope that can reduce exposure to abrasion.

- National Corrugated Steel Pipe Association (NCSPA) service life guidance of 75+ years for certain materials/coatings in recommended environments.
- CMP infiltration systems can be designed to meet HS-20 or greater load requirements with proper depths of cover.
- With low flows, CMP infiltration systems have little susceptibility to abrasion inside the pipe that holds stormwater runoff.
- Various pipe coatings and materials are available to accommodate site-specific needs: Aluminized Steel Type 2 (ALT2), Galvanized, CORLIX® Aluminum, and Polymer Coated.
- CMP infiltration systems are to be surrounded by clean crushed rock to provide increased storage capacity and reduce contact with native soils. The entire system may be wrapped with fabric or liner on the sides and top to help further reduce contact with native soils.
- CMP infiltration systems may be used in wide range of recommended environments. AK Steel Corporation’s field studies and technical guidance indicate 75 year service life guidance for 16 gage ALT2 for pH of 5-9 and resistivity greater than 1,500 ohm-cm and 100 year service life guidance for 16 gage ALT2 for pH of 6-8 and resistivity greater than 5,000 ohm-cm.
- Corrosive environments, such as seawater and road/de-icing salt infiltration, acidic minewater, and sanitary sewage, and other environments with pH and resistivity outside of the recommended range may cause premature corrosion and reduce actual service life.
- Infiltration systems are to be inspected and maintained in accordance with Contech’s guidelines. See Corrugated Metal Pipe Detention Design Guide for additional information on CMP infiltration systems.

Learn more about the durability of steel through the recent NCSPA ALT2 Study - www.ncspa.org
Maximizing Vertical Space: Every Inch Counts

One of the most overlooked advantages of CMP is its ability to maximize vertical storage space.

Increasing the depth of a CMP infiltration system allows for more water storage in the same footprint. For example, doubling the diameter of pipe yields four times as much storage volume in the pipe. This provides a significant cost savings per cubic foot of storage. In addition, more vertical storage space means a smaller footprint, less excavation, and lower project costs.

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Contech's Corrugated Metal Pipe Detention systems maximize vertical storage space.

Sizing

Round Pipe – CMP → 6-in to 144-in
The Need for Effective Pretreatment

Infiltration systems have multiple components, and one of the most important is pretreatment. The purpose of a pretreatment device is to prolong the life of the infiltration system by removing debris and sediment that can collect on the invert and within the stone backfill voids. Pretreatment will maintain the efficiency of an infiltration system as well as extend the life cycle, therefore preventing a premature replacement. Pretreatment also offers these additional benefits:

- Easier to clean and maintain compared to the infiltration system itself.
- Cost savings due to the extended service life of the system.
- Removing trash and debris protects downstream outlet control structures from clogging.

Pretreatment Design Considerations

When choosing a pretreatment system, it is important to consider the following:

- Downstream outlet control structures may require protection from a pretreatment device that screens trash and debris.
- Pretreatment system selection depends on pollutant targets. Trash, debris, and larger particles can be removed with hydrodynamic separators. Removing high percentages of fine particles and associated heavy metals and nutrients requires filtration.
- Reduced long term maintenance or replacement cost of the infiltration system can help justify pretreatment construction costs.
- Inlet and pipe layout will influence the number and type of pretreatment systems used. A combination of different systems may be appropriate for the various inlet locations and flows.

Pretreatment systems that are easy to maintain and do not rely on the use of geotextile fabric are preferred.
Contech offers a number of pretreatment options, all of which will extend the life of subsurface infiltration systems and improve water quality. The type of system chosen will depend on a number of factors including footprint, soil conditions, local regulations, and the desired level of pretreatment.

Pretreatment Options

**Hydrodynamic Separation**

Hydrodynamic Separation (HDS) provides a basic level of pretreatment by capturing and retaining trash and debris, sediment, and oil from stormwater runoff.

**CDS®**

The CDS uses a combination of swirl concentration and indirect screening and is the only non-blocking screening technology available in an HDS system.

**Filtration**

Filtration provides a higher level of pretreatment and improved water quality by removing trash and debris, oil, fine solids, and dissolved pollutants such as metals, hydrocarbons, and nutrients.

**Filterra® Bioretention System**

Filterra is an engineered bioretention system that has been optimized for high volume/flow treatment and high pollutant removal.

**The Stormwater Management StormFilter®**

The StormFilter system is comprised of a structure that houses rechargeable, media-filled cartridges. The media can be customized to target site-specific pollutants.

**Jellyfish® Filter**

The Jellyfish filter uses membrane filtration in a compact footprint to remove a high level and a wide variety of stormwater pollutants such as fine particulates, oil, trash and debris, metals, and nutrients.
Alternative Materials for Subsurface Infiltration

There may be instances where alternative materials are needed for subsurface infiltration due to site specific needs.

**Plastic Chambers**

Plastic chambers are best suited to shallow depth applications; minimum cover is 18 inches, and maximum cover is 96 inches. Some benefits of chambers are:

- Chambers may be beneficial for sites with limited vertical storage.
- Lightweight and installed by hand.
- Heavy equipment is not required to set units into place.
- Centralized stocking locations for short lead times.

**Concrete Structures/Vaults**

Some concrete structures and vaults are best suited for high loading applications such as railroads or airports. Concrete units are also ideal in corrosive environments or areas with high salinity. Some benefits of concrete structures are:

- Wide range of spans and heights.
- Greater underground infiltration storage in a smaller footprint.
- Ample and easy maintenance access.
- Fast installation.
Project Profiles: CMP Infiltration Systems in Action

Edie and Lew Wasserman Building, UCLA
Westwood, California
- The new six-story, 100,000 square foot Edie and Lew Wasserman Building was built on a very dense site that needed to meet sustainability requirements.
- The design needed to maximize infiltration volume, match existing inverts, and work around existing utilities.
- The stormwater management systems included a CDS pretreatment system and a CMP infiltration system using 57’ of 72” perforated CMP.
- Perforated CMP was selected to avoid utilities, minimize excavation, meet the City of LA LID requirements, contribute to the building’s LEED certification, and to provide space for the buildings “outdoor room” and gardens.

Creative Office Space
El Segundo, California
- A stormwater infiltration solution was needed for a new group of office buildings.
- The owner wanted to maximize the use of the parking area in the urban setting.
- The site had a tight footprint and multiple utility constraints, requiring the design of five separate systems.
- A total of 860 LF of perforated CMP was installed providing of 25,265 CF of storage.
- Perforated CMP was selected for its design flexibility, cost effectiveness, and ease of installation.

City Center Regional Stormwater Facility
Mountlake Terrace, Washington
- The city of Mountlake Terrace, Washington needed a new stormwater retention facility to provide stormwater treatment and downstream flood control.
- There was limited footprint for 80,000 CF of runoff, and the system was required to be very deep, with about 15’ of cover.
- Engineers designed a system consisting of a CDS pretreatment system in front of 800 linear feet of 120” diameter, perforated, aluminized type 2 CMP that allows the runoff to slowly infiltrate the surrounding soil.
- Perforated CMP was selected for its ability to accommodate the deep bury, the relatively small footprint, and cost effectiveness.
The Right Partner Can Make All the Difference

Regardless of your project’s objectives and constraints, our team of stormwater design engineers, regulatory managers, and local stormwater consultants are here to provide you with expert advice and assistance. If your goal is to eliminate or detain runoff, you can rely on Contech for a wide range of subsurface infiltration, detention, and rainwater harvesting solutions. If treatment is needed, our landscape-based biofiltration or subsurface filtration designs can fit into virtually any site and can be tailored to address specific pollutants.

At every stage of your project, count on Contech to provide engineering services including:
- Regulatory guidance and permitting assistance
- Preliminary standard details and/or site specific final CAD drawings and specifications
- Low Impact Development design assistance
- Engineering calculations for hydraulics/hydrology, rainwater harvesting, and detention/retention
- Online “Design Your Own” tools
- Review of preliminary site design, feasibility screening, and layout assistance
- Value engineering – cost estimates and options analysis
- Pre-construction support, project scheduling, and contractor coordination
- Installation and construction support
- Maintenance support:
  - Guidance manuals
  - Demonstrations
  - Qualified contractor identification

The result: an efficient design process, the right product, greater land space savings, and faster permitting. The entire Contech stormwater team welcomes the opportunity to work with you on your stormwater projects.

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While you’re there, be sure to check out our upcoming seminar schedule or request an in-house technical presentation.

**Start a Project**

If you are ready to begin a project, contact your local representative to get started. Or you can check out our design toolbox for all our online resources at www.ContechES.com/DesignToolbox.

**Links to Stormwater Tools:**

To use the Land Value Calculator, visit: www.ContechES.com/lvc

(Look under the Stormwater Management section to download the Land Value Calculator)

To use the Design Your Own Detention System tool, visit: www.ContechES.com/dyods

To use the Design Your Own Hydrodynamic Separator tool, visit: www.ContechES.com/dyohds

To use the Rainwater Harvesting Runoff Reduction Calculator tool, visit: www.ContechES.com/rwh-calculator

To use the LID Site Planner, visit: www.ContechES.com/LIDsiteplanner

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**Pipe Solutions**

Meeting project needs for durability, hydraulics, corrosion resistance, and stiffness

- Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP)
- Steel Reinforced Polyethylene (SRPE)
- High Density Polyethylene (HDPE)
- Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)

**Stormwater Solutions**

Helping to satisfy stormwater management requirements on land development projects

- Stormwater Treatment
- Detention/Infiltration
- Rainwater Harvesting
- Biofiltration/Bioretention

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- Hard Armor
- Retaining Walls
- Tunnel Liner Plate

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