

ECOLOGICAL TANKS, INC.  
**Aqua Aire**®

**“The standard by which the performance of other units is compared”®**

**Class I Wastewater Treatment Plants**

**Installation, Operation, Maintenance and Trouble-Shooting  
Manual for Distributors, Installers, and Maintenance  
Providers**

**(Oregon Version)**

**MODELS**

**AA500-35NR**

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## I. INTRODUCTION

**Ecological Tanks, Inc.** was founded in 1994 by people with combined experience in installation, pre-casting and the building industry. At **Ecological Tanks, Inc.** our main goal is to provide products to professionals engaging in the business of distributing, installing and servicing home wastewater treatment plants. To continue our service, we have dedicated ourselves to manufacturing versatile products to simplify the task of installation and maintenance. This will include all-in-one aerobic systems, the first one box control for the operation of pumps and compressors, unique upsize controls and other products that are first in the on-site sewage industry. With this unique diversity and know how, we can provide the help you need with your on-site sewage treatment business.

**Model AA500-35NR** has been tested by NSF and meets or exceeds the Standard 40 Class 1 plant characteristic requirements. This model was also successfully tested under the NSF Standard 245. Note: A minimum of 1000 gallon pre-treatment (septic) tank is required on all installations in the State of Oregon.

## II. AQUA AIRE® WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROCESS DESCRIPTION

**Aqua Aire®** series models of wastewater treatment plants are made with an outer mixing compartment and a center settling or clarifier compartment. They are in many ways similar to large township or municipality sewage treatment plants. They employ an extended aeration, activated sludge process. This type of treatment depends primarily upon the use of air that is introduced by air passing from the aerator compressor to four air lines located around the perimeter of the aeration mixing compartment. As wastewater enters the aeration mixing compartment, simple hydraulic displacement is accomplished by the introduction of air which promotes the growth of aerobic organisms in much larger quantities than would occur naturally. These bacteria break down the organic solids in the wastewater. From the aeration mixing compartment, mixed liquid enters the cone-shaped settling or clarifier compartment from the bottom. No mixing occurs in this quiet zone where solids separate from liquid and settle to the bottom of the clarifier and re-enter the mixing compartment. The liquid that separates from the solids in the clarifier continue to flow upward to the discharge pipe.

The **Aqua Aire®** Model AA500-35NR has a rectangular tank configuration comprised of a minimum of 350 gallon pre-treatment chamber, an aeration mixing compartment and a final clarifier compartment. Note: Oregon regulations require a 1000 gallon pre-treatment tank to be installed prior to the approved aeration system.

The results of the **Aqua Aire®** process are a clear, odorless effluent discharge which meets and exceeds state and national water quality standards.

**AQUA AIRE® PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS**  
**INDIVIDUAL HOME WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS**

**MODEL AA500-35NR**

	<b>AA500-35NR</b>
<b>Treatment Capacity</b>	<b>500 GPD</b>
<b>Volumetric Capacity</b>	<b>748 GAL.</b>
<b>Aeration Zone Capacity</b>	<b>560 GAL.</b>
<b>Clarifier Capacity</b>	<b>188 GAL.</b>
<b>BOD<sub>5</sub> Loading</b>	<b>1.25#/DAY</b>
<b>Aerator - Aqua Safe® Compressor</b>	<b>ASC2532</b>

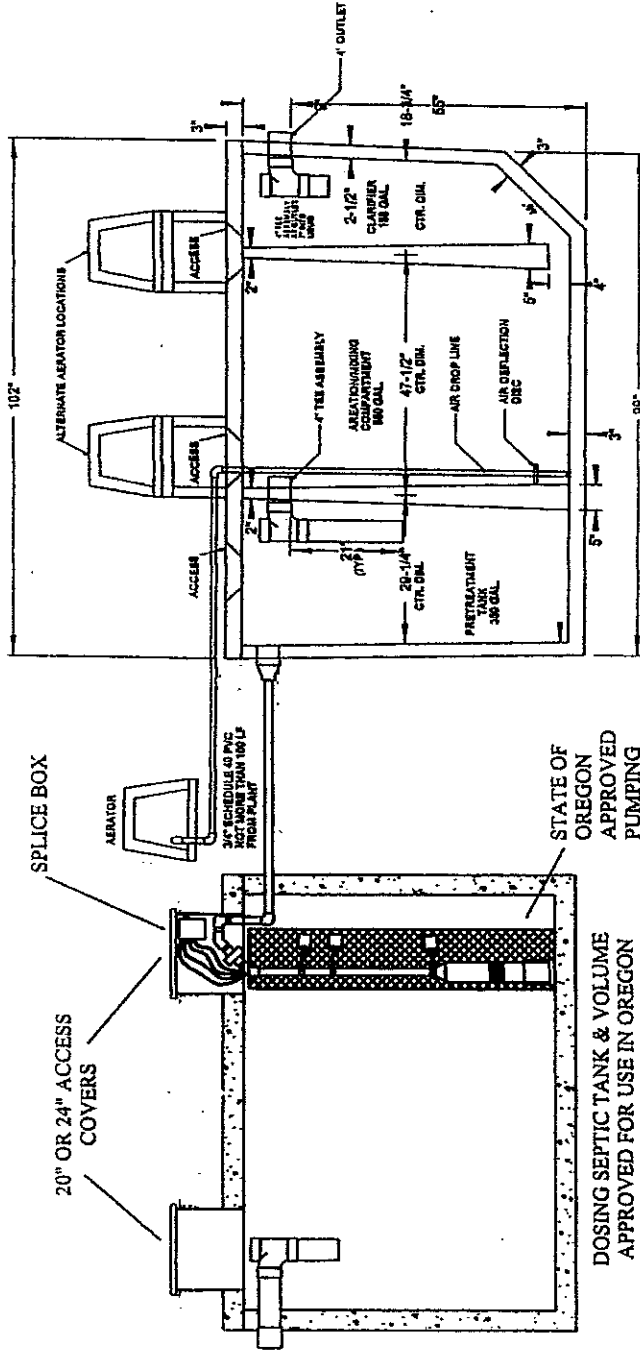
**DESIGN COMPONENTS AND MATERIALS**

**Aeration Tank and Cover** ..... concrete  
**Clarifier**..... concrete  
**Compressor Housing** ..... polyethylene, fiberglass or concrete

**PARTS LIST**

**Aeration Tank Concrete**.....Item #1  
**Pre-treatment Tank Fiberglass or Concrete**.....2  
**Air Distribution System**.....3  
**Access Cover 20" Polyethylene or Concrete**.....4  
**Discharge Piping Assembly**.....5  
**Compressor Housing** .....6

<b>MODEL</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>Width</b>	<b>Height</b>
<b>AA500-35NR</b>	<b>102"</b>	<b>63"</b>	<b>67"</b>



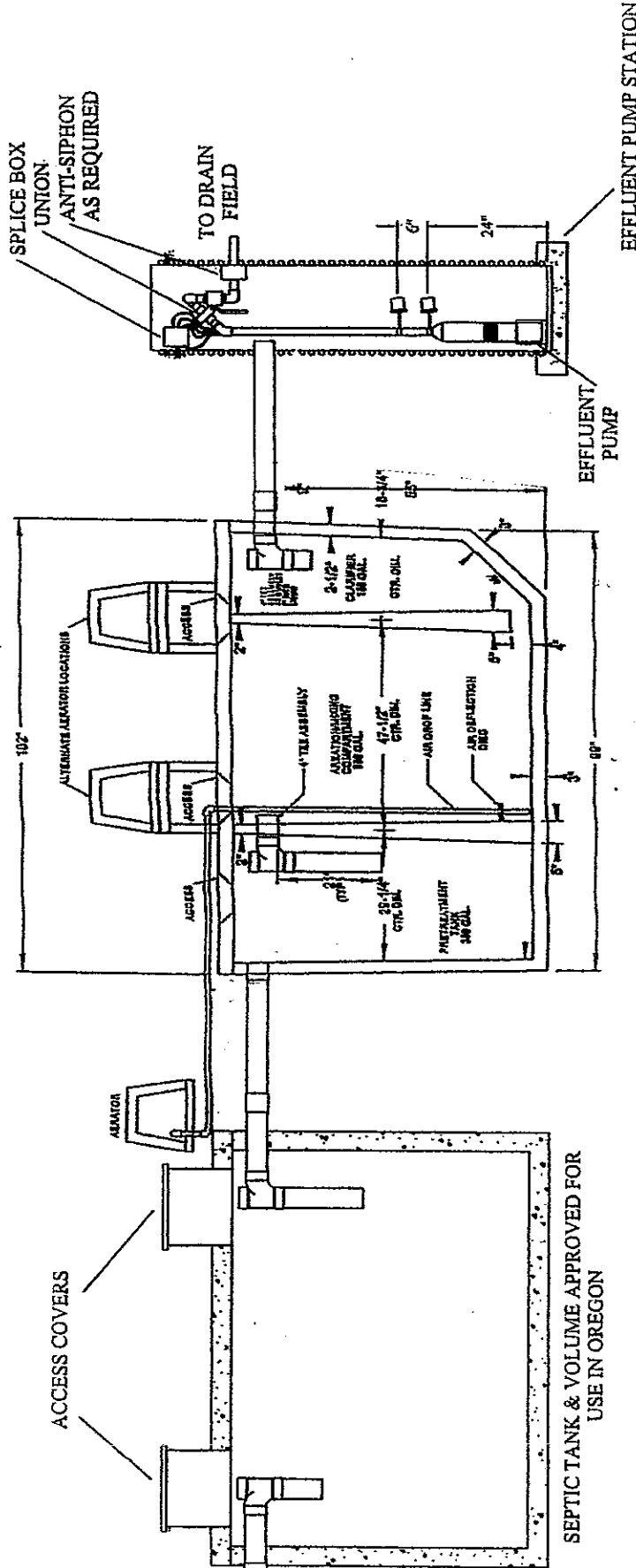
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**Aqua Aire® AA500-35NR W/ approved Dosing Septic Tank**

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ACCESS COVERS

ELEVATOR

SPLICE BOX  
UNION  
ANTI-SIPHON  
AS REQUIRED

TO DRAIN  
FIELD

SEPTIC TANK & VOLUME APPROVED FOR  
USE IN OREGON

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PUMP  
EFFLUENT PUMP STATION

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**Aqua Aire® AA500-35NR W/ Small Diameter Pump Vault**

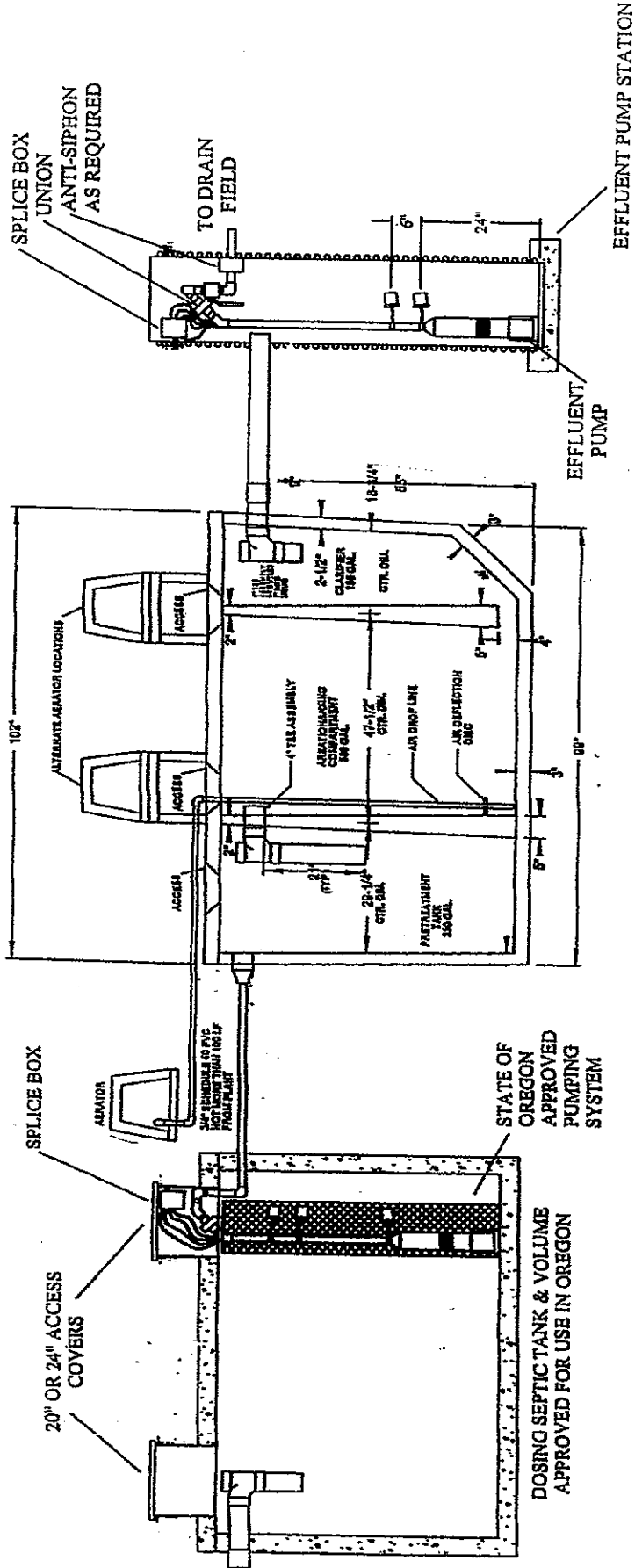
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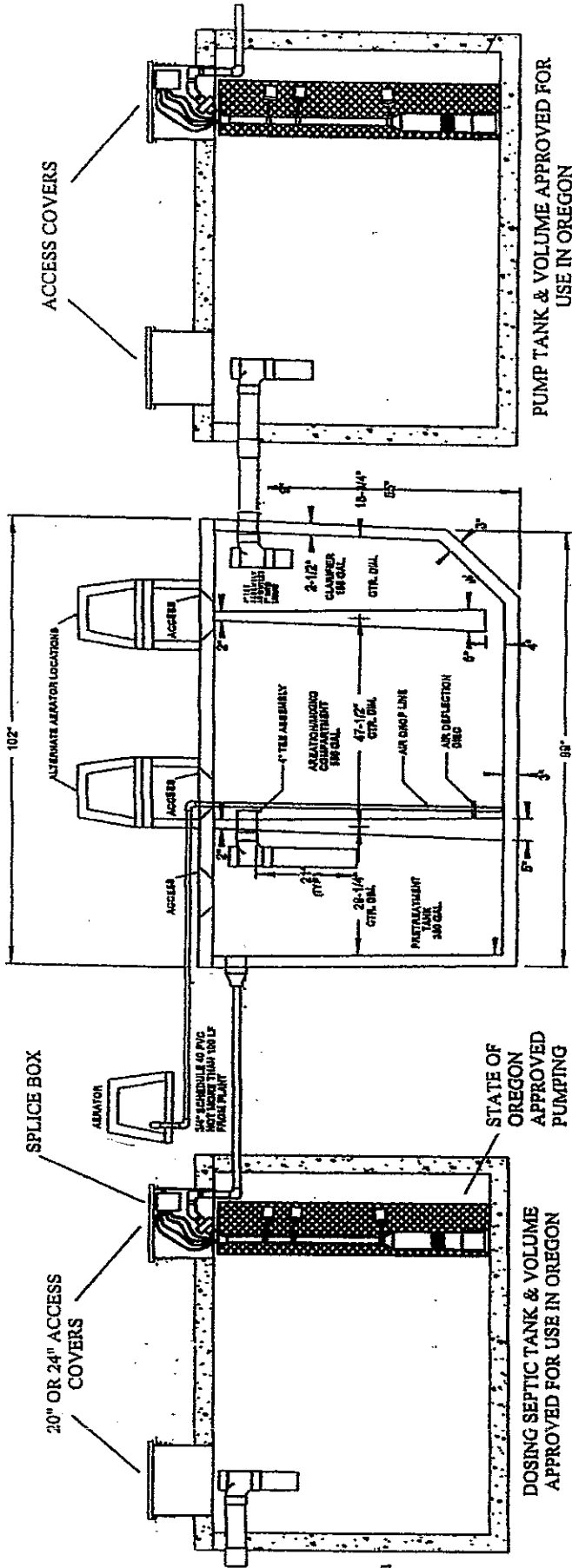
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**Aqua Aire® AA500-35NR w/ approved Dosing  
Septic Tank and approved Effluent Dosing Tank**

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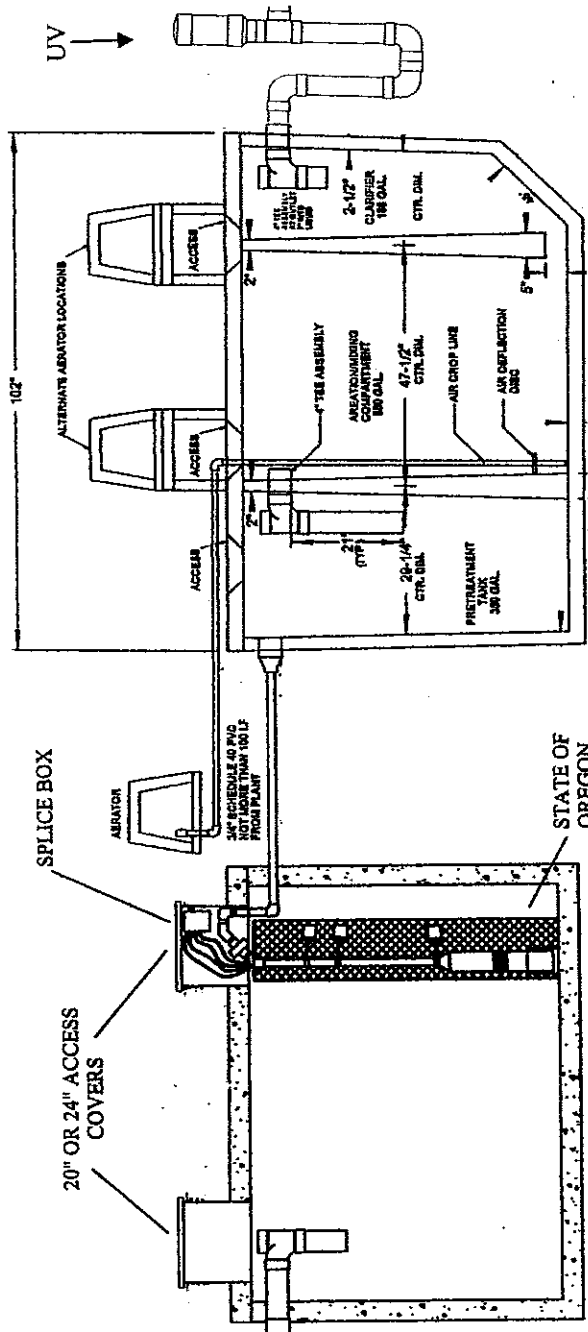
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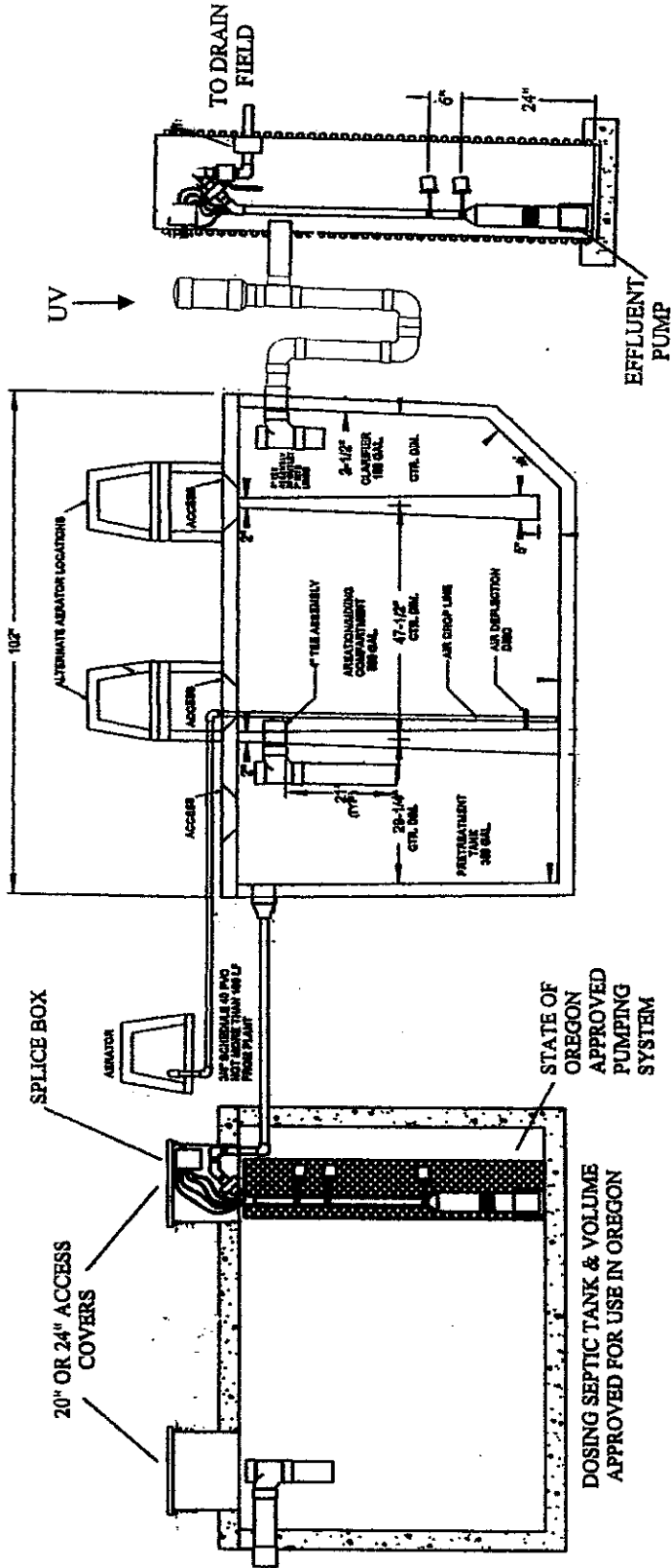
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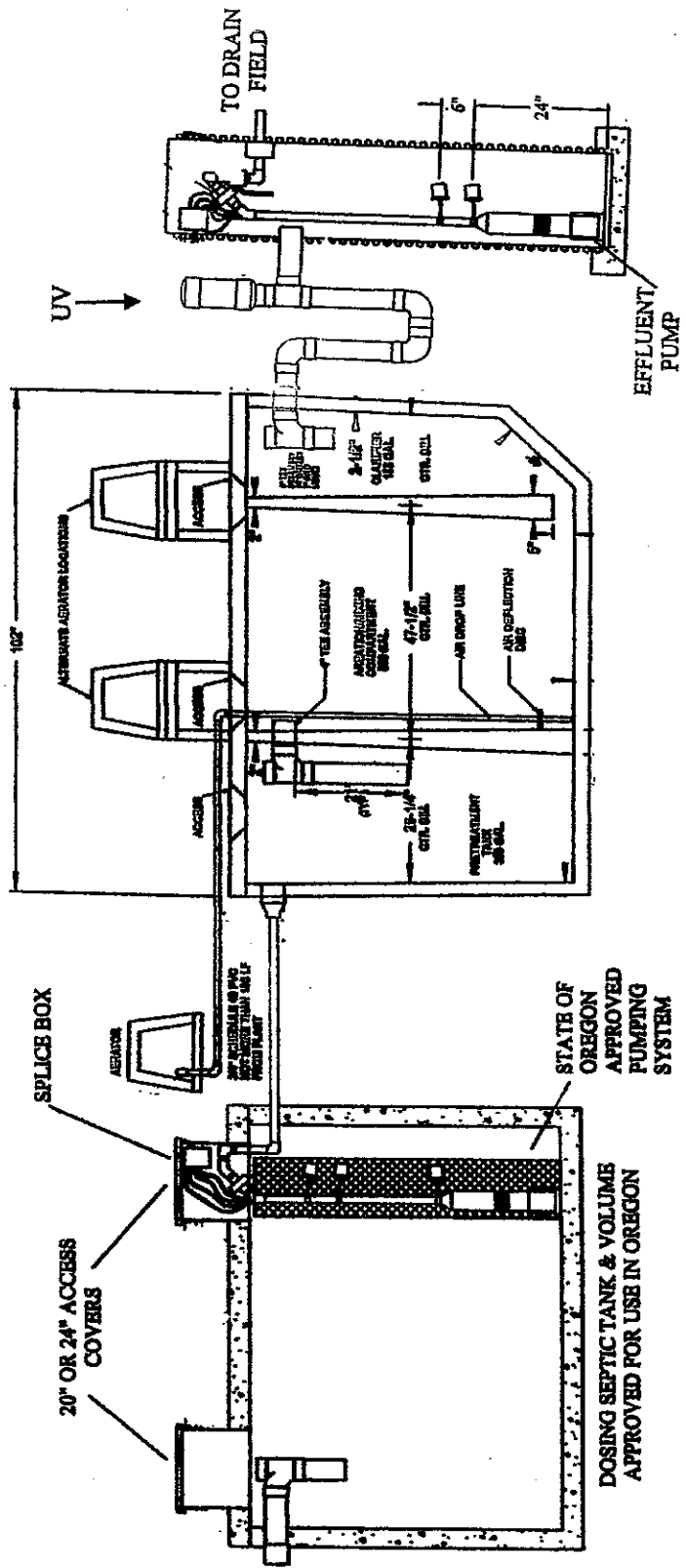
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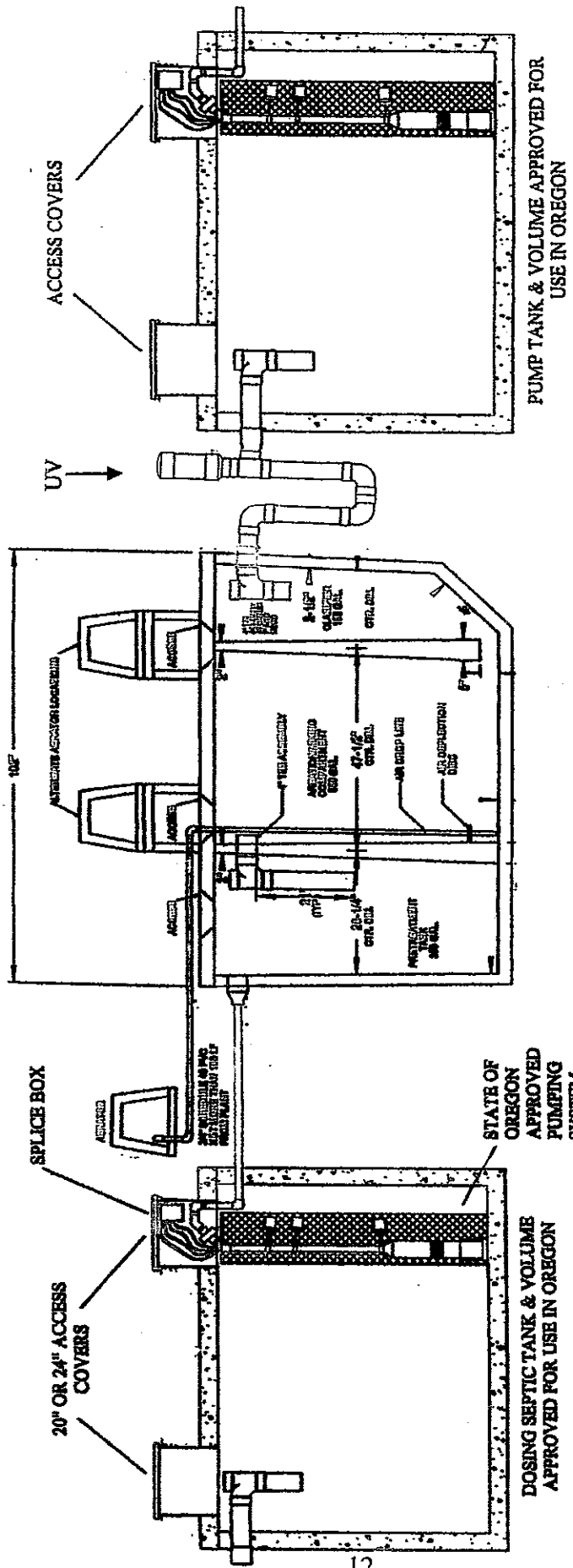


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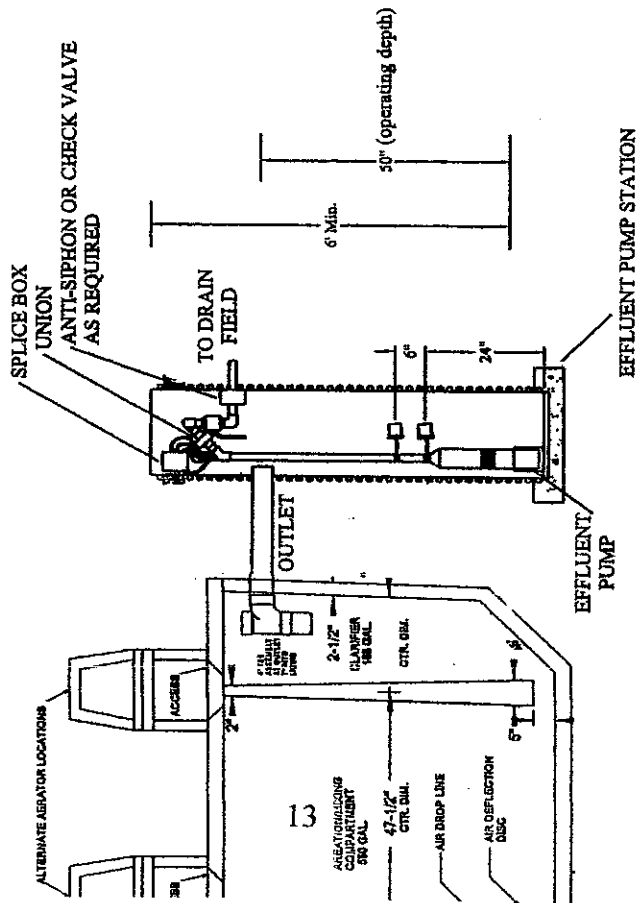
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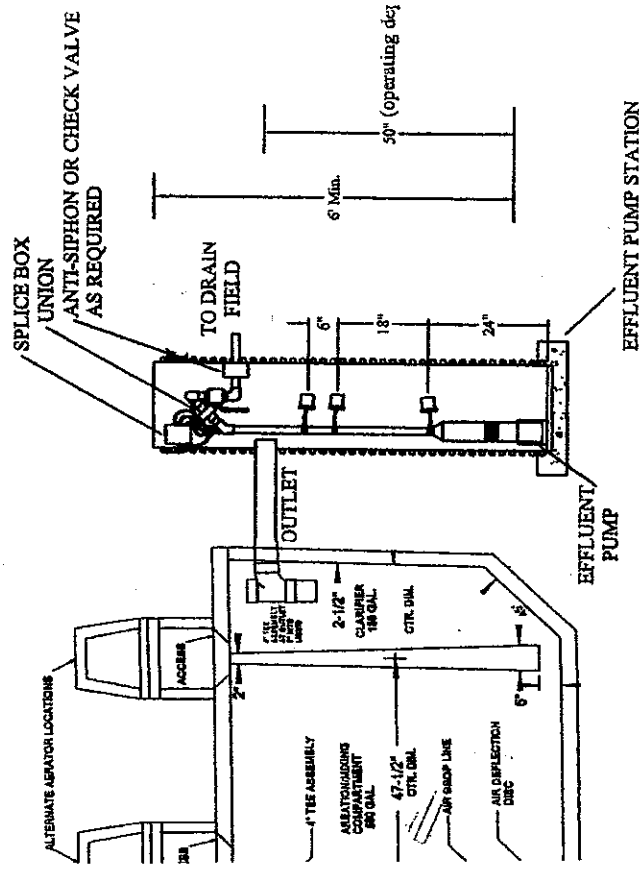
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# Specifications for Aqua Aire® Small Diameter Pump Vault

**Two (2) Float Design**



**Three (3) Float Design**

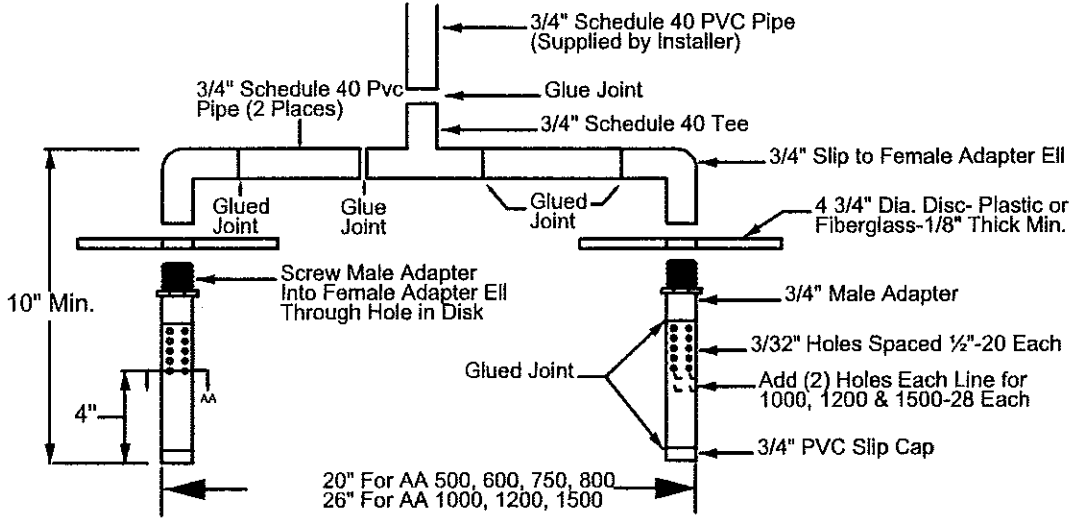


**Pump Down Volumes**

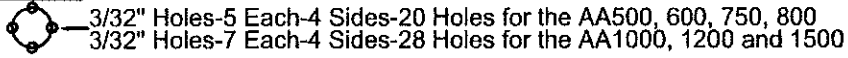
<b>18" Diameter</b>	<b>24" Diameter</b>	<b>30" Diameter</b>	<b>36" Diameter</b>
<b>1.1 gallons/inch</b>	<b>2.0 gallons/inch</b>	<b>3.1 gallons/inch</b>	<b>4.4 gallons/inch</b>

# Aqua Aire Diffusion System For AA500, 600, 750, 800 1000, 1200 and 1500

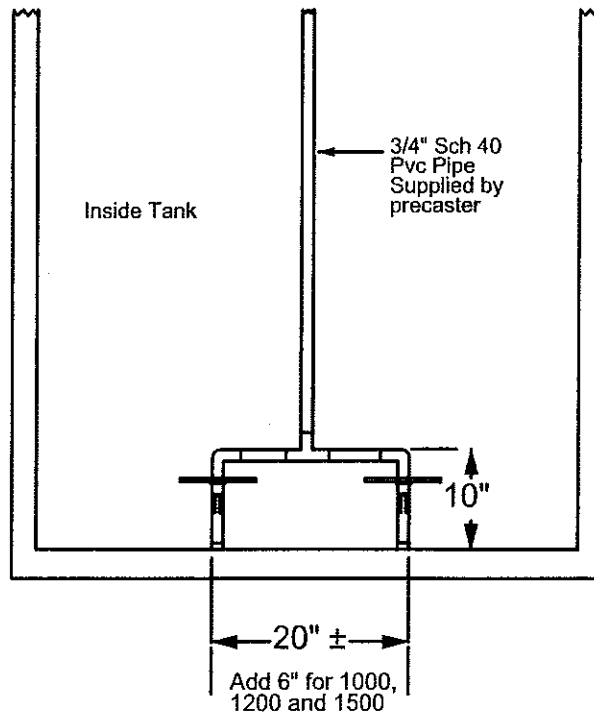
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In-Tank View



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### III. AQUA AIRE® RECOMMENDED PLANT INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Inspect entire treatment plant and component parts.
2. Select location of plant site which is accessible to the home sewer discharge line, at least ten (10) feet from the home foundation, in an area that will not receive vehicular traffic. Prepare an excavation site by digging a hole at least one (1) foot larger than the treatment plant and a depth that will allow for sufficient coverage leaving approximately three (3) inches of the inspection port to extend above normal ground level. The depth of the plant will be controlled by the depth of the building sewer outlet line plus the amount of proper fall required from the building sewer outlet to the inlet invert of the plant. The prepared excavation must have a solid, level bottom that will eliminate plant settling. Additionally, the bottom of the excavated hole must be free of rocks or sharp objects. Aqua Aire® plants can be installed either on a bed of sand or undisturbed soil to provide a solid flat base.
3. Utilizing lifting lugs provided, carefully place the plant in the excavation. Insure that the inlet line slopes down toward the plant and the outlet line slopes down away from the plant. Insure that the plant is level to within one (1) inch, edge to edge. Aqua Aire® wastewater treatment plants should only be connected to properly trapped and vented plumbing systems in compliance with state and local plumbing codes.
4. Position the inlet and outlet lines and make the necessary connections. Provide clean-outs at the building sewer tie-in, any changes in direction of flow and at intervals as required by State/local codes when using four (4) inch piping. The inlet line must be inserted and glued into the inlet elbow and the discharge must be inserted and glued into the outlet coupling. Open the inspection port on top of the plant and make sure the discharge tee assembly is level and centered in the clarifier prior to connecting discharge piping. Fill the tank with water to the point of flowing discharge before backfilling. Backfill evenly around the plant, up to the bottom of the inlet and outlet piping, taking care not to damage the tank or dislodge the piping. Backfill material must be void of rocks, gravel, heavy clay or any type of material which might damage the tank.
5. If multiple tanks are installed in the same excavation, position the tanks as close together as possible. Preferably, they should be no more than five (5) apart. Provide a minimum fall of at least 1/8 – 1/4 inch per foot for the piping connecting the tanks.
6. The aerator compressor must be installed in a well ventilated, relatively clean and dry location. Install the aerator compressor on the treatment plant's tank top or at a remote location no more than one hundred (100) feet from the treatment plant. The aerator compressor is supplied complete with all discharge fittings. Install ¾ inch schedule 40 PVC piping (supplied by others) between the aerator and treatment plant. Be careful not to allow any debris, dirt or mud in the airline during installation. Provide a minimum of twelve (12) inches ground cover over the ¾ inch schedule 40 PVC air piping.
7. The electrical controls for the aerator compressor, visual and audible alarms for compressor failure and high water conditions, dosing pump and/or timer are contained in a weather proof enclosure. (See figures 4-22). Install the enclosure in any above ground area where the warning light is visible to the owner during the course of a normal day's activities. Install



warning light is visible to the owner during the course of a normal day's activities. Install the control box at least six (6) inches above ground level and in view of the aerator compressor housing. All electrical wiring must comply with applicable standards and shall conform to the requirements of the most current revision of the National Electrical Code. All electrical components not supplied must comply with U.L. standards. We recommend that all electrical connections be made by a licensed electrician.

8. Install electrical wiring (provided by others) to interconnect the aerator compressor and alarms to the electrical control panel. (Reference applicable field wiring diagrams.) Provide a minimum of twelve (12) inches of ground cover over underground electrical conduit and wiring.
9. If required, install the application pump in the pump tank. Most aerobic system designs that utilize a pump with the method of effluent disposal, such as low pressure dosing, should include the proper sized pump for the job. If not, once the pumping conditions are determined, selection of the right pump will be determined by two factors, pump capacity and total head needed. You must match the pump as closely to your conditions as possible to get maximum pump efficiency and dependable operation. Install and set the float switches to the appropriate level to comply with design and state requirements.
10. Run approved conduit and wiring to the pump tank from the control panel and have a qualified electrician make wiring connections. All conduit running from the pump tank to control panel must be sealed with conduit sealant to prevent moisture or gases from entering the panel.
11. The aerator compressors used on **Aqua Aire®** wastewater treatment plants run continuously. They provide relatively quiet, energy efficient operation. Once properly connected, the electrical control box is to be closed. Operate the aerator compressor by placing the on/off electrical circuit (provided by others) in the ON position.
12. Turn on aerator compressor and check all air piping and fittings for leaks. This can be accomplished by preparing a saturated solution of soap and water and applying to entire run of pipe and fittings. If a leak is detected, effect repairs.
13. Carefully backfill all underground lines and the rest of the plant's excavation in a manner which will not cause damage to the completed installation.
14. The **Aqua Aire®** plant is ready to receive incoming sewage.

#### **IV. AQUA AIRE® PLANT START UP**

Initially the **Aqua Aire®** wastewater treatment plant is filled with clean water, usually from an owner's water supply. As stated in the installation instructions, once all proper connections have been completed and it is filled with water and the aerator compressor turned on, the system is now in operation. For the treatment plant to be biologically stable, it will take from four (4) to twelve (12) weeks after first using the plant to develop a population growth of microorganisms (bacteria). It is these bacteria which make the treatment system operate.

## V. OWNER MAINTENANCE, CARE AND OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS

**Aqua Aire**<sup>®</sup> home wastewater treatment plants have been designed and built by **Ecological Tanks, Inc.** to provide long term, reliable and cost-efficient service. Our treatment plants will operate with a minimum amount of attention.

If service is required, reference the system's DATA PLATES located on the **Aqua Aire**<sup>®</sup> control panel or aerator compressor for the plant's model number, the name, address and phone number of the local service person that can provide service. Perform the following procedure on a routine basis to insure proper plant operation:

**DAILY:** Check warning light and audible alarm located on the plant's control panel for air supply malfunction or in system high water indication. If an alarm on condition is observed, it is an indication of malfunction. First check the electrical circuit providing power to the system to insure the circuit is closed. Check the aerator compressor to be sure it is operating. Check for over heating, excessive vibrations and unusual noises. If aerator compressor failure is observed, call your service provider for service. After a power outage, an alarm condition may exist. Should an alarm remain on for more than thirty (30) minutes after power is restored, contact your local service provider to report the alarm.

**WEEKLY:** Check the treatment plant for offensive odor. If present call for service.

**PERIODICALLY:** Check and clean the air filter on aerator compressor. Rinse with warm water to clean if necessary. Make sure filter is dry and re-install on aerator compressor.

**RECOMMENDED:** Frequency of solids removal is no more often than every two (2) to five (5) years. Determination of the need for pumping can be made only by a trained service person by testing the tank contents and/or effluent. Normally, the **Aqua Aire**<sup>®</sup> wastewater treatment plant should be pumped when the settled solids are approximately sixty (60) percent of the total volume.

**WARNING** -Hydraulic displacement and tank flotation may occur whenever tanks are pumped. Upon completion of pumping, tank must be refilled with water. Additionally, care should be taken not to damage internal component parts. A certified **Aqua Aire**<sup>®</sup> service technician should oversee tank pumping.

## VI. OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY

It is the *owner's responsibility* to operate the **Aqua Aire**<sup>®</sup> wastewater treatment plant to the best of their ability. To keep maintenance to a minimum and insure high effluent quality, do not permit the following items to enter the treatment plant:

1. Strong disinfectants or bleaches, other than small amounts used in day to day house cleaning and laundries. Recommended detergents are low-sudsing, low phosphates and biodegradable. Recommended cleaning products are non-chlorine, non-toxin, non-corrosive and biodegradable. Anti-bacteria soaps should be avoided.
2. Backwash discharge from any type of water softeners.

3. Citrus products, coffee grounds, chemical wastes, paint thinners, oils or grease (such as used cooking grease), pet shampoo, pet dip disinfectant, pesticides, herbicides, automotive fluids or any other toxins.
4. Disposable diapers, tampons, sanitary napkins, large quantities of paper products, tobacco products or similar items. Home brewery waste, strong medicines and antibiotics.
5. Discharging waste material from a garbage disposal is not recommended without the use of a trash trap or pretreatment tank preceding the **Aqua Aire**<sup>®</sup> plant. Food waste represents additional loading that the aerobic treatment unit would have to digest, increasing pump out frequencies.
6. The **Aqua Aire**<sup>®</sup> wastewater treatment plant is designed for the treatment of **domestic wastewater** and nothing else should go into it. During extended period of intermittent or non-use, such as vacation time, the aerobic bacteria inside the plant will decrease due to no food in the form of incoming wastewater. The treatment plant will become biologically stable again soon after the resumption of normal loading. The aerator compressor should be left on during periods of vacation time. During extended periods of absolute non-use (3 months or longer) remove, clean and store the compressor with the compressor's inlet and outlet sealed. Additionally, cap the air line piping to prevent debris from entering the air distribution system.

The **Aqua Aire**<sup>®</sup> plant will not perform to its fullest capabilities if subject to hydraulic overloading. This condition exists whenever excessive water, above the plants designed treatment capacity, is allowed into the plant. Leaking plumbing fixtures or excessive water use may cause this condition. Hydraulic overload may also occur on wash days, when multiple loads of laundry are washed in succession.

**Ecological Tanks, Inc.** is not responsible for the infield operation of our plants. The proper operation of this wastewater treatment plant depends upon proper organic and hydraulic loading of the plant. We cannot control the loading of substances in our plants that may upset its biological balance. We can only provide a complete owner's manual which outlines materials that should be kept out of the treatment plant. User operation instructions must be followed or warranties are subject to invalidation.

**WARNING!** Ants and rodents are destructive to the mechanical and electrical equipment on wastewater treatment plants. Care should be taken to prevent infestation of ants near the plant. Damage or destruction of mechanical or electrical equipment by ants or rodents is not covered under manufacturer's warranty.

Any and all safety requirements such as the electrical wiring, blower operation or plant discharge concerning the owner, their families, friends, or guests is the sole liability of the owner (see warranty and service policy).

The electrical control panel contains a schematic for the system. However, the electrical control panel is sealed and contains no user serviceable parts. Test and alarm silence switches are located on the outside of control panel.

**WARNING!** Service to the electrical control panel by a non-qualified person may result in an electrical shock hazard resulting in serious injury or death. If service is required contact your local authorized installer representative or maintenance provider.

## **VII. INSTALLER/MAINTENANCE PROVIDER OPERATION, REPAIR AND TROUBLESHOOTING**

Previous sections in this manual have covered the **Ecological Tanks, Inc. Aqua Aire®** system's functions, specifications, design, proper installation procedures, start up, owner care and operation instructions. If at this point, you are not totally familiar with the material already covered, you should read it again.

Please pay particular attention to the preceding section titled Owner's Responsibility. This section covers information critical to the plant's proper loading and function. You will find that this same information is listed in the **Ecological Tanks, Inc. Aqua Aire®** Owner's Manual. Your assurance of the owner's receipt of their manual and the explanation of the manual's contents are most critical to the plant's proper operation.

You will find, in the following sections of this manual, the Initial Service Policy. It covers information required of you as a maintenance provider in order for you to provide service in compliance with NSF/ANSI Standard 40. Additionally, most states have added to the requirements of this policy. You must know and adhere to all other regulatory agency requirements concerning mechanical plant service/maintenance standards. **Ecological Tanks, Inc. Aqua Aire®** wastewater treatment plants should be inspected every six months for proper operation. Two years of maintenance (includes a minimum of 4 inspections) is provided as a part of the systems certification requirements. Ongoing maintenance is usually part of a service agreement maintained between an owner and maintenance provider. Inspections include any necessary adjustment of electrical controls and servicing of the component parts and also include a visual check of hoses, wires, leads, contacts, cleaning of filters, removal of organic particles, and testing of alarms to ensure proper function. An effluent quality inspection consists of a visual check for color, turbidity, scum overflow, and an examination for odors. A mixed liquor inspection may be necessary if the plant is not performing properly or if offensive odors are present. If any improper operation is observed which cannot be corrected at that time, the user shall be notified in writing immediately. This notification shall advise the owner of the problem, if it is covered by the warranty, if not, the cost related to correcting the problem and estimated date for correction of said problem.

### **VII-1. EXAMPLE OF A ROUTINE MAINTENANCE SERVICE CALL**

First check the system's control panel for any alarm or failure indication. Check the panel to insure proper incoming power by testing the incoming power supply. If you know power is incoming into the control panel, check the circuit feeding the control panel. Next, check the aerator simply to insure that it is running and then go directly to the treatment plant for an effluent quality inspection as outlined in the service policy section. At this point pay particular attention to odors you notice at the plant (or pump tank if applicable). You may notice an earthy smell which is nothing more than carbon dioxide gas emitted by the aerobic bacteria in the plant. There may be a sweet smell or no smell at all and that's good. Should you experience an obnoxious odor, something is wrong. Access the aeration mixing compartment, if necessary, to examine the mixed liquid and air diffusion system.

Return to the control panel, check for proper functions as outlined in this manual. Also, reference the troubleshooting guidelines covered on pages 29-30. Before servicing the control panel and

alarm system, disconnect power to the control panel.

Clean or replace the aerator compressor air filter at this time. If you experienced an offensive odor when at the plant and heard little or no bubbling, finding a clogged or extremely dirty air filter may be the problem. Turn on the aerator at this time and check for any air leak between the aerator and the 3/4" schedule 40 PVC piping. If a leak is detected, effect repair. If a leak is not detected, the following steps should be taken.

Remove the aerator from the rubber hose connection and install a low pressure gauge between the PVC piping and aerator. Turn on the aerator and note the pressure. If the line pressure is below 1.5 P.S.I., then there is a leak between the aerator and the air distribution system in the treatment plant or the aerator's diaphragm is ruptured. (See the aerator compressor repair section.) Determine the cause and effect repairs at this time. If a pressure above 3.5 P.S.I. is noted, the air system piping diffuser assembly is blocked. You can clear the air distribution system's blockage by charging the air distribution piping with compressed air (no more than 80 P.S.I.). Re-check the line pressure after any maintenance procedure to the plant's air distribution piping to insure the correct pressure range. The normal line pressure should be between 1.83 P.S.I. and 2.85 P.S.I.

## V11-2. SCHEDULE OF ROUTINE SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE EVENTS

Routine Inspections.....	6 months (or as required by state/local agency)
Air Filters Cleaning/Replacement.....	6 months
Compressor Diaphragm Replacement.....	2-3 years
Compressor Replacement .....	6-8 years
Removal of Residuals from ATU/pre-tank.....	2-5 years
Replacement of UV Bulbs (if applicable).....	2 years

## VII-3. AERATOR COMPRESSOR REPAIR

Linear aerator compressors (See Page 25) are used on all models of the **Aqua Aire**<sup>®</sup> wastewater treatment plants. They provide quiet energy efficient operation. Additionally, rotary vane compressors (See Page 26) are provided upon request, in-lieu of linear aerator compressors. All aerator compressors on all models of the **Aqua Aire**<sup>®</sup> aerobic wastewater treatment plants run continuously.

Periodic aerator compressor maintenance will help you to operate the aerator in the optimum condition and insure longer aerator life. Air filters should be cleaned every six months and replaced as necessary. **Ecological Tanks, Inc.** recommends that the air filters be replaced once a year. The plant's air distribution piping pressure should be measured at least once per year. Aerator compressors must be operated at the recommended output pressure range which is between 1.5 and 3.5 P.S.I. Aerator life is shortened if operations outside of the specified pressure ranges occur.

**Ecological Tanks, Inc.** recommends the diaphragm blocks on linear aerator compressors be replaced every three years. We also recommend that the vanes be replaced every four years on

rotary vane aerator compressors. Referring to Pages 23-24, note the following text for diaphragm block and vane replacement procedures:

### **LINEAR COMPRESSOR HEAD AND DIAPHRAGM REPLACEMENT**

1. Remove linear blower from electrical power and move to a well lit spot.
2. Remove the top plastic cover and discard the filter element.
3. Turn the blower over and remove (4) screws using either a #2 Phillips screwdriver or a 10 mm socket.
4. Remove the top housing and internal filter.
5. On all linear compressors, remove the drive cover by taking out (4) Phillips screws.
6. Carefully, inspect the shuttle assembly and electric coils. Any damage to these components will require replacing the linear blower.
7. Using a pair of pliers, slide the hose clamp down the discharge hose and remove the hose from the head assembly.
8. Remove the head assembly by taking out (4) Phillips screws and separating the head from the diaphragm casing by prying the two pieces apart at the notch in the head.
9. Remove the diaphragm lock nut and washer. Slide the diaphragm block off the shuttle stud.  
**NOTE:** On the Gast units only, the diaphragm ring will also be removed during this operation.
10. Install the new diaphragm and casing by sliding the diaphragm over the shuttle stud and centering the diaphragm casing in the housing. Install the washer. Place (1) small drop of Loctite thread lock on the end of the stud and install the nut. Tighten to 14 in. lbs.
11. Install a new head assembly by locating the head over the diaphragm casing and tightening the (4) Phillips screws.
12. Slide the discharge hose back on the head and replace the clamp.
13. Follow procedure #7 thru #12 for the opposite side.
14. Install the internal filter and replace the blower cover.
15. Install the (4) Phillips screws, replace the filter element and replace the filter cover.
16. Return the unit to service.

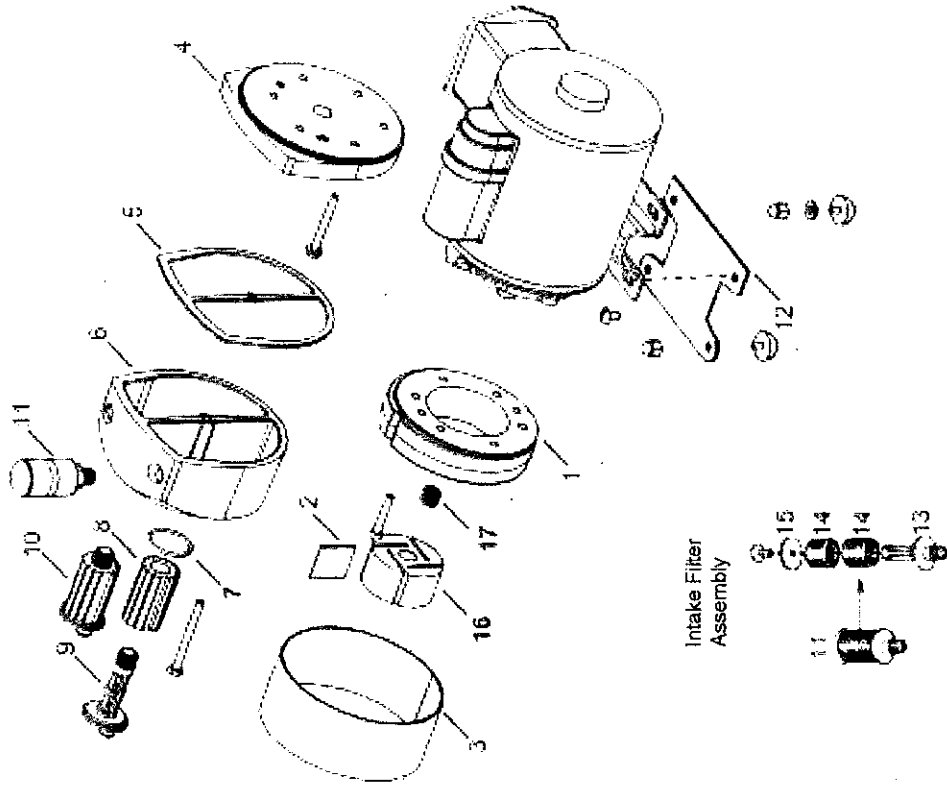
## ROTARY COMPRESSOR VANE REPLACEMENT

1. Unplug compressor, disconnect piping and move to a suitable work area.
2. Remove (5) 7/16" hex bolts and remove front cover and gasket (if present).
3. Remove vanes while paying particular attention to the proper orientation of vanes in the rotor.
4. Using low pressure compressed air, blow out any dust or carbon particles from rotor and cylinder. (Always use safety glasses when performing this procedure.)
5. Inspect the rotor, cylinder and front cover for any signs of metal contact or cracks.
6. Rotate the rotor by hand to be sure the motor and bearings are free.
7. Install a new set of (4) vanes into the rotor slots.  
**NOTE:** the chamfered edge of the vanes goes against the cylinder bore.
8. With the motor resting on its base, rotate the rotor by hand to insure the vanes move freely.
9. Install the front cover and torque the (5) hex bolts to 10ft.-lbs.
10. Replace the felt washers on the inlet filter.
11. Prior to installing compressor back on system, plug the unit in and let it run for a couple of minutes. Unit should have a constant hum and should not exhibit any excess vibration.
12. Unplug the unit and listen for the coast down of the compressor. The compressor should coast down to a dead stop. If the unit stops immediately, go back to step #2 and check for any metal-to-metal rubbing.
13. Install unit back on plant.

GAST AT03 ROTARY VANE

EXPLODED PRODUCT VIEW, PARTS & ORDERING INFORMATION

1	BODY	1	AK504	AK500
2*	VANE	4	AH850A	AH850A
3	SHROUD	1	AK502B	AK502B
4	END PLATE	1	AK501	AK501
5*	GASKET	1	AK521	AK521
6	MUFFLER BOX	1	AK519	AK519
7*	O-RING	2	AK473	AK473
8*	FELT	2	AK524	AK524
9	END CAP	2	AK510	AK510
10	END CAP FILTER ASSEMBLY	2	AK526	AK526
11	FILTER / MUFFLER	1	B343B	B343B
12	FOOT SUPPORT KIT	1	AC136	AC136
13	FELT SUPPORT	1	B347	B347
14*	FELT FILTER	2	B344A	B344A
15	SCREEN CAP	1	AJ571	AJ571
16	ROTOR	1	AH775B	AH775B
17	TOLERANCE RING	1	AF105	AF105
	SERVICE KIT	1	K882	K882



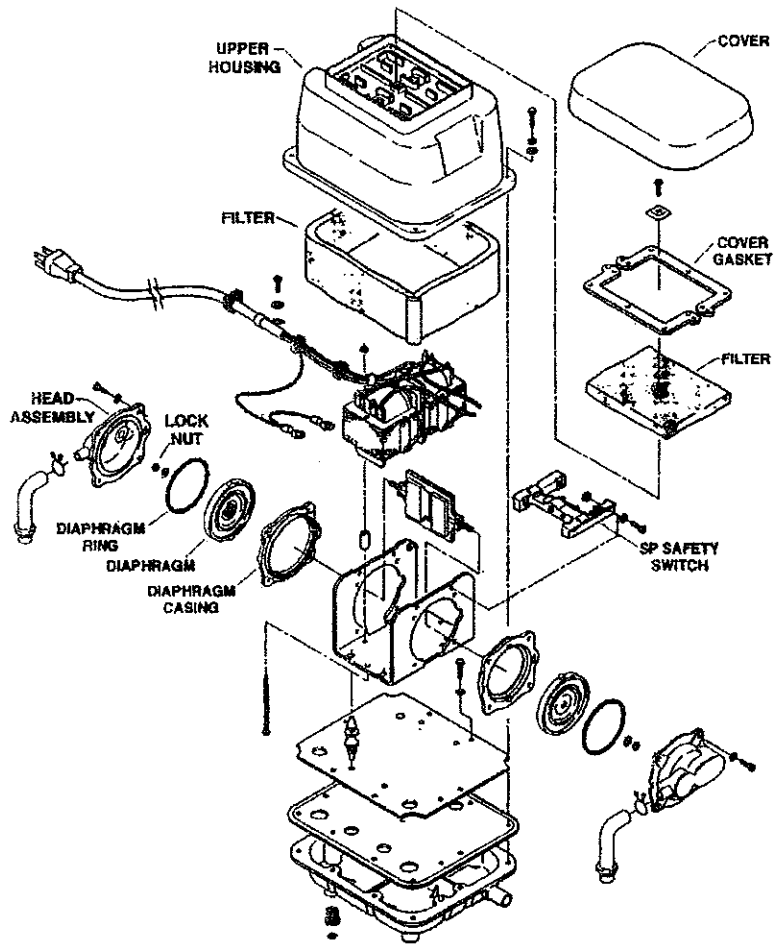
\* Denotes parts included in the Service Kit. Parts listed are for stock models.  
 \*\* No Service Kit available, order parts separately. For specific OEM models, please consult the factory. When corresponding or ordering parts, please give complete model and serial numbers.

FIGURE 20

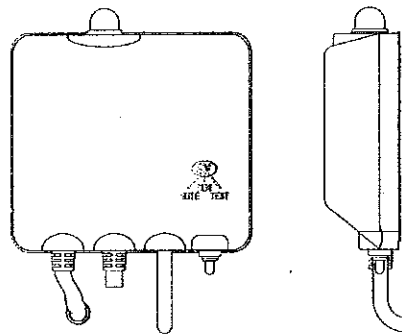


# HIBLOW HP80 and HP80 ALARM UNIT

## REPAIR PARTS



Alarm Module



Replacement alarm module is available for all HP80 models with alarm

## AERATOR SPECIFICATIONS

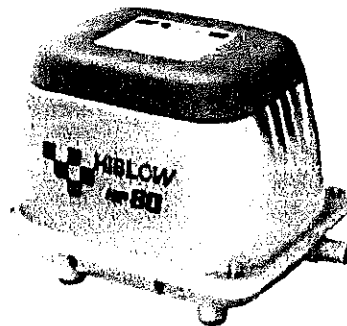
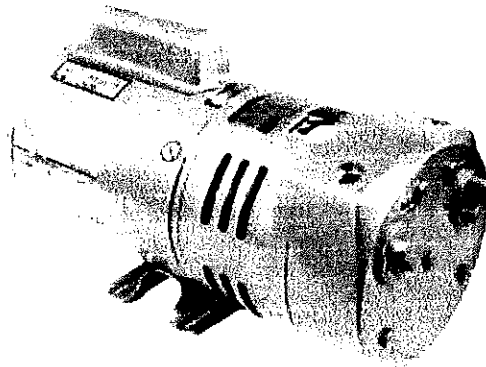
**For Aqua Aire® AA500-35NR**

The aerators listed below are 115 Volt, 60 Hertz and Single Phase

### **Model AA500-35NR**

GAST Model AT03-Rotary - 3.0 amps / 120 watts / 4.0 CFM open flow

Hiblow Model HP-80-Linear - 1.8 amps / 105 watts / 4.2 CFM open flow



#### VII-4. METHODS FOR EVALUATION OF EFFLUENT AND MIXED LIQUOR

Problem	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
Offensive odor from plant and effluent	Aerator or air piping defective, leaking or clogged	Check aerator, air piping and alarm system
Murky to gray mixed liquor with semi-clear effluent having a sour odor	Plant starving due to infrequent loading, hydraulic overloading, or oversized pretreatment tanks resulting in totally anaerobic, or low BOD influent	Confer with homeowner regarding loading. Remember, it may take 4 to 12 weeks for a new plant to start.
Black colored, mixed liquor and effluent having a totally septic odor void of dissolved oxygen, having an approximate pH between 6.5 and 8	Plant receiving little or no aeration due to defect in aerator or air piping	Check aerator, air piping and alarm system
Black colored, mixed liquor and black-tinted effluent having an offensive odor and acidic pH	Plant loaded or dosed with influent that prohibits growth of aerobic bacteria	Confer with homeowner regarding loading. Adjust pH to between 6.5 and 8.5; dose system with approved bacterial additives to help restart micro-bacterial growth or pump tank for fresh start
Brown mixed liquor with a viscous, brown foam having an obnoxious odor in the mixing zone with semi-clear effluent high in TSS	Developed population of filamentous micro-organisms in aeration zone due to low food to micro-organisms ratios, the presence of toxins or improper pH level.	Confer with homeowner regarding proper plant loading. Adjust pH to between 6.5 and 8.5. Dose plants mixing zone with approved bacterial additive
Chocolate-brown mixed liquor with clear effluent quality having only a slight earthy smell in mixing zone	Plant working properly with effluent pH between 6.5 and 8.5 and D.O. level between 1 and 5.5 mg/L	None required

## VIII. EFFLUENT SAMPLING REQUIREMENTS

When properly loaded, operated and maintained, the Aqua Aire® wastewater treatment plant should provide an effluent quality consistent with the E.P.A. secondary treatment guideline parameters. The expected final discharge from the plant should provide an effluent quality of:

less than	25 mg/l.	CBOD <sub>5</sub>
less than	30 mg/l/	TSS
pH of	6 to 9	

Test results conducted by Baylor University's Department of Environmental Studies in accordance with NSF/ANSI Standard 40 requirements showed the Aqua Aire® wastewater treatment plant to have a 30 day effluent average of:

2.37	mg/l.	CBOD <sub>5</sub>
2.11	mg/l.	TSS

**Ecological Tanks, Inc.** recommends that ALL final effluent samples be taken in the effluent discharge line or the effluent pump discharge line at a sampling port designed for that purpose. We recommend allowing the effluent to flow through the discharge pipe for a minimum of two (2) minutes before taking the sample.

### VIII-1. SAMPLING AND TESTING PROCEDURES FOR BOD<sub>5</sub> OR TSS

1. Effluent grab samples to be analyzed for BOD<sub>5</sub> or TSS should be done by a certified testing lab. The certified lab should provide you with information concerning proper sample collection to include volume, storage and labeling of sample. For a fee, most labs will provide the glass or plastic bottles to be used.
2. Always follow your testing lab's instructions concerning proper sample labeling, collection and storage.

For the referenced sample collection in this section, the testing lab's minimum instructions should be:

#### A. Label each sample to include:

1. Name and physical address of owner
2. Time and date of collection
3. Desired test
4. Name of person collecting sample

#### B. Collect samples only in clean glass or polyethylene bottle or jar at a volume specified by the lab.

#### C. Store samples in a cooler to near freezing temperature as soon as samples are collected.

#### D. Deliver samples for analysis within six (6) hours of collection.

3. Activate the application pump and collect the sample from the sample port in the pump tank or from fresh flow in the effluent discharge line after the disinfection device.

### VIII-2. TESTING FOR SOLIDS REMOVAL

1. As previously noted in other sections of this manual, a sample of mix liquor should be taken from the aerobic plant's aeration mixing compartment to determine the suspended solids content of the aeration compartment.
2. Using a clear glass or plastic graduated cylinder, let the sample settle for thirty (30) minutes. If the settled amount of suspended solids is greater than sixty percent (60%) after thirty (30) minutes, the aerobic tank should be pumped out.

### VIII-3. OTHER TESTING

1. To determine the composition of the aerobic plant's influent wastewater strength, collect a grab sample from the flow between the pre-treatment tank and aerobic treatment plant.
2. Samples should be taken from fresh flow directly out of the pre-tank's outlet baffle. Refer to information covered earlier in this section for proper handling of a sample from the job site to a certified testing lab.
3. Influent grab samples, at a minimum, should be analyzed for BOD<sub>5</sub>, TSS, COD and pH. A pH test can be done on the job site by following the simple instructions with your pH test kit. However, BOD<sub>5</sub>, TSS and COD tests should be conducted by a certified lab.
4. The need to determine the concentration of other influent contaminants may arise. Collect, handle and test the sample in the same manner as outline in this section.
5. Constituent concentrations in typical residential wastewater per Table 3-7 as listed in the USEPA Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems manual are:

BOD <sub>5</sub>	155 to 286 mg/l.
TSS	155 to 330 mg/l.
COD	500 to 660 mg/l.
pH	6 to 9

### IX. ORDERING OF SYSTEMS, PARTS AND MANUALS

**Ecological Tanks, Inc. Aqua Aire<sup>®</sup>** maintains ample supplies of parts to meet the needs of new sales, replacement parts, warranty parts and manuals. Please feel free to call us or your local distributor so we can help meet these needs.

## **Troubleshooting Guidelines for Control Panels**

**Note:** Power must be on to test horn and alarm light.

### **Alarm Horn**

Pressing the alarm test switch, turning the compressor circuit breaker "OFF", or activating the alarm float should turn on the alarm horn. If the horn does not sound, replace with horn of same type.

### **Alarm Light**

Pressing the alarm test switch, activating the alarm float, or turning the compressor circuit breaker "OFF" should turn on the alarm light. If the light does not activate, replace bulb with the same type.

### **Circuit Breakers**

Check the circuit breaker for proper resistance reading using the following procedures:

1. With power "OFF", isolate the circuit breaker by disconnecting the load side wires.
2. Place the ohmmeter leads across the corresponding line and load terminals.
3. With the ohmmeter on the RX1 scale and the breaker in the "OFF" position, the reading should be infinity (very high resistance). With the breaker in the "ON" position, the reading should be nearly zero ohms (very low resistance). If the readings are not as stated, replace the circuit breaker with one of the same ratings.

**Note:** Readings may vary slightly depending on the accuracy of the measuring device.

### **Air Switch**

If lamp and horn are on and pump in pump tank is performing normal:

1. Disconnect air line at fitting at bottom of control panel and feel for air coming out of line.
2. If air supply is normal, then air switch is malfunctioning. Replace switch through manufacturer's stock.

### **24 Hour Clock Timer**

Clock not running

1. Check for input power to the control panel.
2. Check all terminals for secure connections.
3. Check breaker to see that is in "ON" position.
4. If no circuit fault is evident, replace clock. Clock may be obtained through manufacturer's immediate stock.

### **Pump Test Switch**

Switch not working

1. Turn power to "OFF". Disconnect both leads to the switch.
2. Connect one test lead from an ohmmeter set on RX1 to one post on the pump test switch.
3. Connect the other lead from the same ohmmeter to the other post of the pump test switch.
4. Pull on the toggle of the pump test switch.

**Note:** The meter needle should deflect across the entire scale. If the needle does not deflect or reads open, replace the switch with one of the same type and rating.

### **Test/Mute Switch**

Switch not working

1. Turn Off power. Disconnect all leads from the "TEST/MUTE" switch.
2. Connect one lead from an ohmmeter set on RX1 to the center post on circuit 1.
3. Connect the other lead from the ohmmeter to the lower or second post in circuit 1.
  - A. With the toggle in the "OFF" or "MUTE" position there should be no deflection of the needle on the ohmmeter.
  - B. With the toggle in the center position, the needle on the ohmmeter should deflect across the entire scale.
  - C. By pulling the toggle into the "TEST" position, the needle on the ohmmeter should stay in the full deflection position.
4. Disconnect both leads from the switch.
5. Connect one lead from an ohmmeter set to RX1 to the center post of circuit 2 on the "TEST/MUTE" switch.
6. Connect the other lead from the same ohmmeter to the lower or second post of circuit 2.
  - D. With the toggle on the "OFF" or "MUTE" position there should be no deflection of the needle on the ohmmeter.
  - A. With the toggle in the center or normal position there should be no deflection of the needle on the ohmmeter.
  - B. By pulling the toggle into the "TEST" position, the needle on the ohmmeter should deflect across the entire scale.

**Note:** If results other than those just described are attained, replace the "TEST/MUTE" switch.

### **Plant Controls**

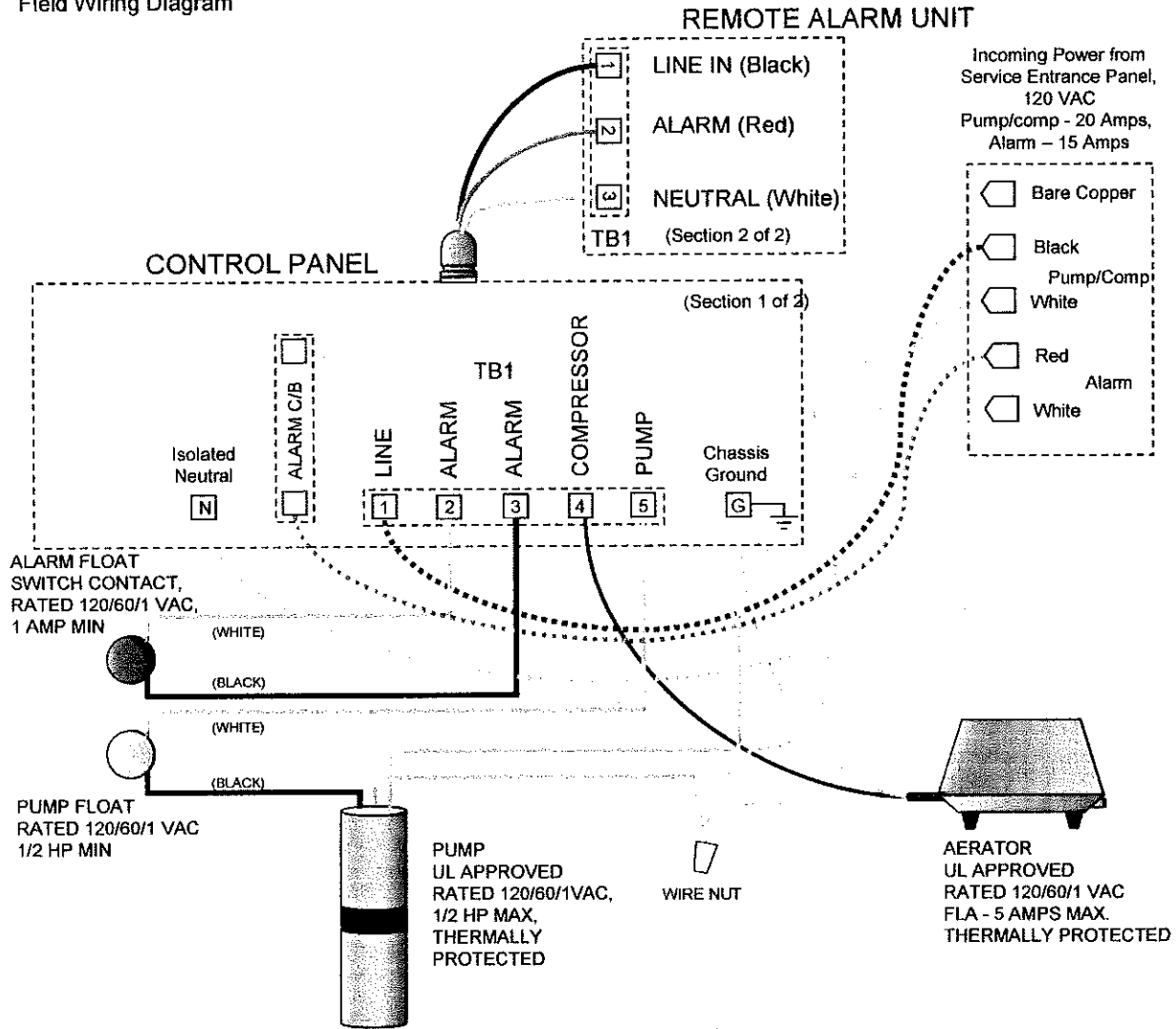
Check the floats throughout their entire range of operation. Clean, adjust or replace damaged floats. The float resistance can be measured to determine if the float is operating correctly or is defective by using the following procedures:

1. Isolate the float by disconnecting one or both of the float leads from the float terminals.
2. Place one ohmmeter lead on one of the float wires and the other ohmmeter lead on the other float wire.
3. Set the ohmmeter dial to read ohms and place on the RX1 scale. With the float in the "OFF" position, the scale should read infinity (very high resistance). Replace the float if you do not get this reading. With the float in the "ON" position the scale should read nearly zero (very low resistance). Replace float if you do not get this reading.

**Note:** Readings may vary slightly depending on the length of wire and accuracy of the measuring device.

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Field Wiring Diagram

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- To connect panel with separate input power for the alarm circuit:
1. Remove the black jumper between the Compressor breaker and the Alarm breaker. Re-tighten the black wire remaining in the Compressor breaker.
  2. Install alarm line wire directly into Alarm breaker. Install pump/compressor line in terminal block Line terminal, same as standard installation. Install neutral from alarm circuit in Neutral bar. Connect neutrals from pump, compressor, and pump/compressor line together with a wire nut.

WIRE CONNECTION SCREW TORQUE	
TERMINAL BLOCK	
#8 SCREW	14 - 10 AWG - 16 IN LBS
#6 SCREW	14 - 12 AWG - 9 IN LBS
NEUTRAL/GND LUGS	
14 - 10 AWG	35 IN LBS
8 AWG	40 IN LBS
6 - 4 AWG	45 IN LBS

Notes for field installed components:

1. Main Disconnect, Branch Circuit Protection, wiring and external components to be provided by installer.
2. Field wiring - #14 - #10 AWG, 60°C min, use copper conductors only.
3. Field installed conduit fittings must be rated for use with Type 4X Enclosure.
4. Conduit openings must be sealed around wiring with an electrical grade (non-corrosive) sealant to prevent potentially harmful vapors from entering the control panel.

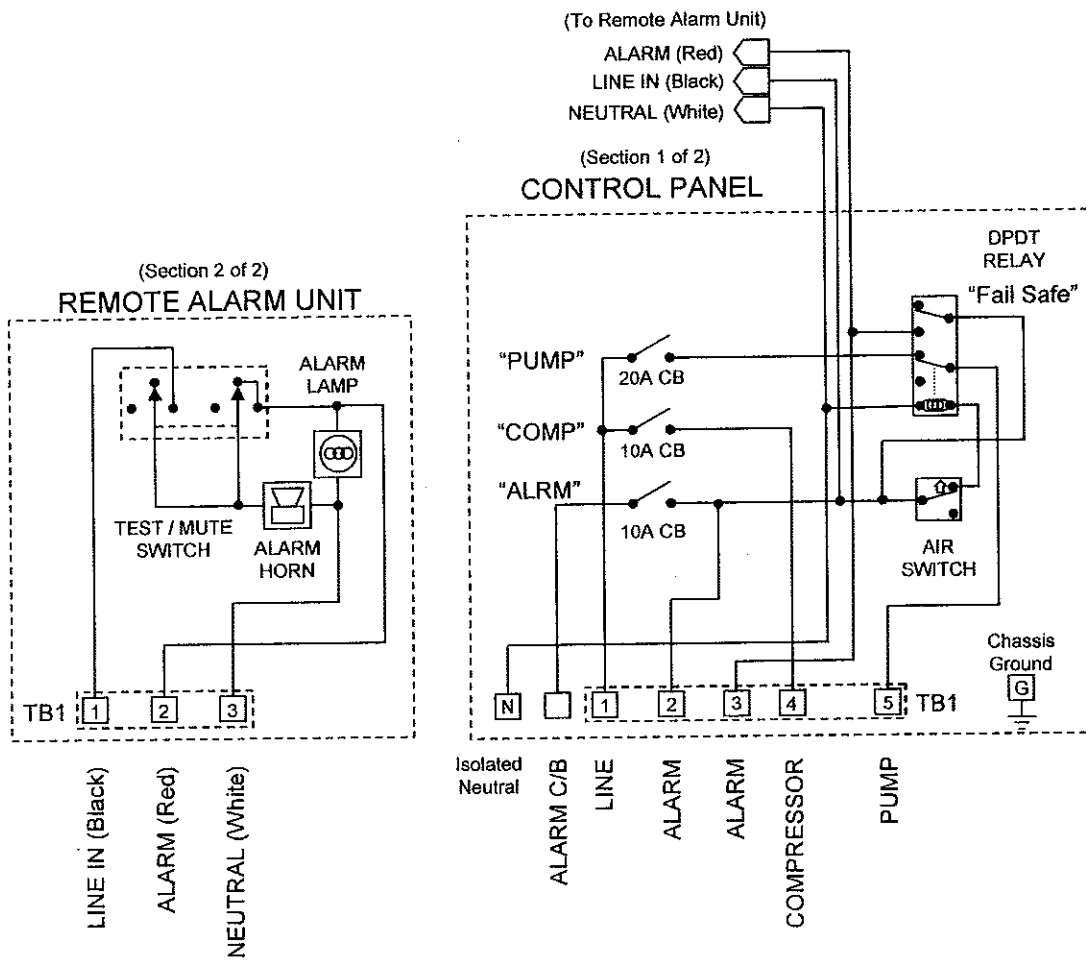
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## SOURCES FOR OBTAINING REPLACEMENT PARTS OR COMPONENTS

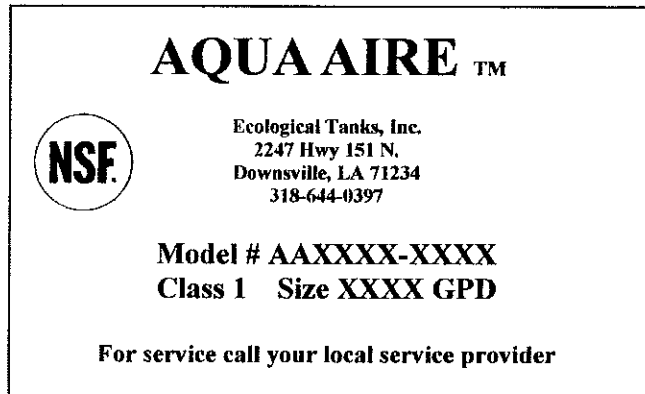
Replacement parts or components may be obtained from your local installer/distributor or from:

**Ecological Tanks, Inc.**  
2247 Hwy 151 N.  
Downsville, LA 71234  
Office: 318-644-0397  
Fax: 318-644-7257

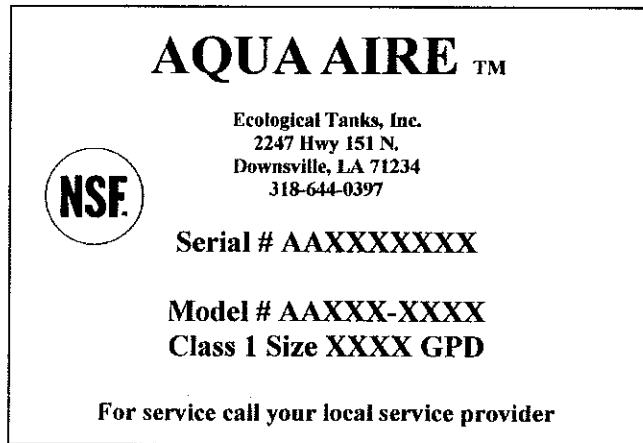
### PARTS LIST

Refer to system, aerobic control and aerator compressor schematics.

### DATA PLATE / SERVICE LABELS INFORMATION



*The above weatherproof vinyl label is permanently affixed to the front of the electrical control panel.*



*The above weatherproof vinyl label is permanently affixed to the aerator compressor*

## LIMITED WARRANTY

**Ecological Tanks, Inc., Aqua Aire** (hereinafter identified as manufacturer) warrants each aerobic wastewater treatment plant to be free from defects in workmanship and materials from the date of installation by an authorized dealer/installer for a period of no more than twenty-four (24) months. When properly installed and registered with the manufacturer, the manufacturer's sole obligation under this **limited warranty** is as follows:

To repair or exchange any components, F.O.B. factory, that in the manufacturer's judgement is defective, provided that said component part has been paid for and is returned through an authorized dealer, prepaid. The warrantee must specify the nature of the defect in writing to the manufacturer. The **limited warranty** makes no provision for any informal dispute settlement agreement.

The **limited warranty** does not cover any aerobic wastewater treatment plant that has not been properly installed, damaged due to altered or improper wiring or overload protection, flooded by any external means, disassembled by any unauthorized person, filled with anything other than normal household wastewater or damaged by an act of nature. The limited warranty does not cover damages or defects caused by ants, insects or rodents to any component part of the aerobic wastewater treatment plant.

No warranty is made as to the field performance of any system. The **limited warranty** applies only to the aerobic wastewater treatment plant itself and does not include any of the purchaser's plumbing, drainage and/or disposal system, house wiring or installation of the plants.

The manufacturer reserves the right to replace any component part covered under this **limited warranty** with a component part, which in manufacturer's judgement, is equivalent to the part replaced. The manufacturer claims no responsibility for any delays or damages caused by defective components or materials which cause losses incurred by interruption of service or for repairs or replacements of component parts covered by the **limited warranty**.

**MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE**

It is the **authorized dealer/installer's responsibility** to fill out the registration certificate and mail it **within 30 days** of installation to the address below. The owner/purchaser should verify that this is done to insure proper registration for warranty purposes.

**ECOLOGICAL TANKS, INC.  
2247 HIGHWAY 151 NORTH, DOWNSVILLE, LA 71234  
OFFICE: 318-644-0397 FAX: 318-644-7257**

**PLEASE PRINT  
AQUA AIRE PURCHASER'S RECORD**

Serial# \_\_\_\_\_ Model# \_\_\_\_\_ Installation Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Installer's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**AQUA AIRE INSTALLER'S RECORD**

Serial# \_\_\_\_\_ Model# \_\_\_\_\_ Installation Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Physical Address/City \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**AQUA AIRE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE  
(Must be returned to manufacturer)**

Serial# \_\_\_\_\_ Model# \_\_\_\_\_ Installation Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Physical Address/City \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Dealer's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Installer's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# The “UV Disinfector®” By Ecological Tanks, Inc.

## Installation, Operation and Maintenance Instructions

### **System Description:**

The UV system disinfects the effluent by exposing it to a powerful ultraviolet light in a confined space. A flow restrictor ensures that the effluent is exposed to the UV light for a sufficient period of time to complete the disinfection process. A control panel is provided that supplies power to the UV system and has an audible/visible alarm that activates if the bulb fails or the UV current drops below a minimum level. The control panel is housed in a weatherproof enclosure and has separate circuit breakers for the UV system and the alarm system. A layout of the system is shown in Figure 1.

### **Specifications:**

**UV Bulb:** Length = 37-7/32”  
Lamp Watts = 37 watts  
UV Output = 12.8 watts  
Radiant intensity at 1 meter = 112 microwatts

**Control Panel:** Model TUD 1

**Caution:** During installation and servicing make sure that power is disconnected from the system any time the UV bulb is exposed. The majority of the energy emitted by the bulb is invisible and is powerful enough to burn eyes and skin in a very short exposure time. Ensure that during installation and service that no fingerprints or oily materials are left on the bulb. If necessary, the bulb can be cleaned with a soft cotton cloth soaked with alcohol.

### **Installation:**

Mount the UV unit as close to the pump tank as possible (or inside the pump tank). It is advisable to remove the UV lamp before installing this unit. The unit shall be installed in a vertical position. Make sure the inlet connection is level to the outlet side. The inlet 4” 90 is not cemented in place to allow for final alignment. After alignment has been completed cement 4” 90 in place.

The riser shall be at ground level when the unit is completely backfilled. Cut off the bottom end of the 6" riser making sure not to cut end with electrical penetration. After cutting end off, glue in place. Do not glue cap. The electrical connector (in the 6 x 4 reducer) should not be flooded.

### **Electrical:**

Mount the electrical panel provided by manufacturer as close to UV unit as possible. Pull the open end of the 40 feet direct burial wire through the hole in the side of the 6" riser (top of UV unit). Do not add more wire to this 40 feet. Bury the wire underground from the unit to the electrical control panel, cut to length. Connect the two wires to the terminal strip in the panel.

Connect the power side of the control panel to the 120 VAC source from the house or main system control panel. Do not turn on the power from the house or main control panel until the installation and wiring is complete. Make sure all connections are watertight including the electrical penetration through the 6" riser.

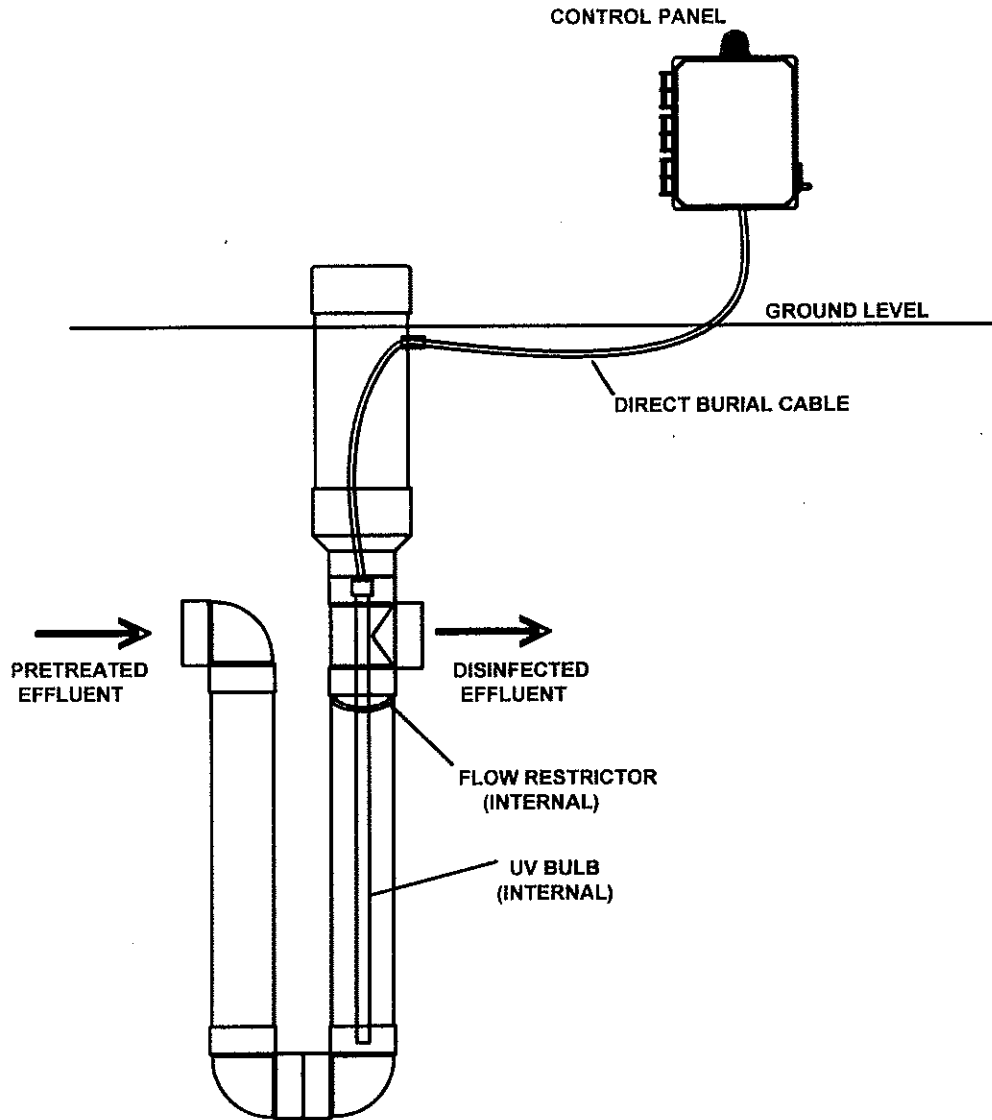
### **Operation:**

The system will operate continuously without intervention other than scheduled maintenance. If the alarm activates, the homeowner should contact their service provider.

### **Maintenance:**

When doing maintenance/inspection (every six months) remove cap, unplug and slowly lift lamp out of the unit by pulling straight up on electrical cord. Carefully wipe clean the quartz crystal, then gently slide the lamp back into the unit until the top seal on the lamp is next to the 7/8" hole. Plug lamp back together and replace cap. Every two (2) years replace the complete lamp. It comes with the quartz crystal and lamp in place. Just remove as above, and replace. When inspecting, check for settlement in bottom of unit and flush with water hose if necessary.

**Figure 1. System Layout**



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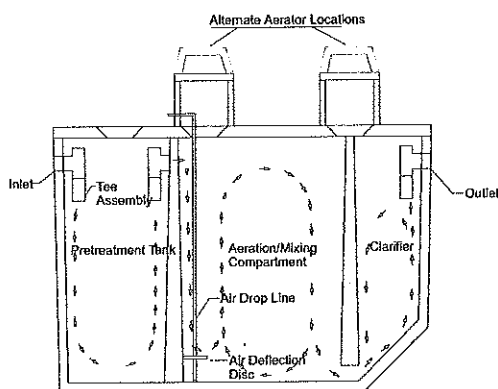
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# AQUA AIRE®

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## Class I Wastewater Treatment Plants

### OWNER'S MANUAL



AA500-35 NR

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## INTRODUCTION

The **Ecological Tanks, Inc., Aqua Aire® model AA500-35 NR** has been tested and certified by NSF International according to requirements listed in NSF/ANSI Standard 40 and Standard 245, and meets or exceeds Class 1 effluent requirements.

Installation needs vary in each state; therefore, your wastewater treatment plant may contain auxiliary components with the treatment plant not furnished by **Ecological Tanks, Inc.** Included in this owners' manual is the **Aqua Aire® model AA500-35NR** series wastewater treatment plants.

State and/or local regulations govern the installation and use of individual aerobic wastewater treatment systems. All permits required by state and/or local regulations should be obtained prior to the **Aqua Aire®** plant installation.

It is the responsibility of the **end user** (owner) to see that the **Aqua Aire®** plant and associated auxiliary component items are installed in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations and guidelines in effect in your respective state. Please consult your local sanitarian or environmentalist prior to system installation.

## AQUA AIRE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROCESS DESCRIPTION

**Aqua Aire®** series models of wastewater treatment plants are in many ways similar to large township or municipality sewage treatment plants. They employ an extended aeration activated sludge process. This type of treatment depends primarily upon the use of air that is introduced by air passing from the aerator compressor to two diffuser/deflectors located in the forward section of the aeration mixing compartment. As wastewater enters the aeration mixing compartment, simple hydraulic displacement is accomplished by the introduction of air which promotes the growth of aerobic organisms in much larger quantities than would occur naturally. These bacteria break down the organic solids in the wastewater. From the aeration mixing compartment, mixed liquid enters the settling or clarifier compartment from below a partition wall separation. No mixing occurs in this quiet zone where solids separate from the liquid and settle to the bottom of the clarifier and re-enter the mixing compartment. The liquid that

separates from the solids in the clarifier continue to flow upward to the discharge pipe. The **Aqua Aire®** model **AA500-35NR** is a three compartment rectangular configurations partitioned by internal dividing walls in the treatment plant. They are comprised of a forward pre-treatment tank, a center aeration mixing zone and a settling or clarifier compartment. Wastewater first enters the pre-treatment tank compartment of the plant, then gravity flows through a 4" SDR 35 PVC inlet to the center aeration mixing zone. The mixed liquid then enters the settling or clarifier compartment and continues to flow upward to the plants discharge pipe.

## **AQUA AIRE RECOMMENDED PLANT INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Inspect entire treatment plant and all component parts including pre-caster installed PVC piping.
  
2. Select location of plant site which is accessible to the home sewer discharge line, at least ten (10) feet from the home foundation, in an area that will not receive vehicular traffic. Prepare an excavation site by digging a hole at least one (1) foot larger than the treatment plant and a depth that will allow for sufficient coverage leaving approximately three (3) inches of the inspection port to extend above normal ground level.

The depth of the plant will be controlled by the depth of the building sewer outlet line plus the amount of proper fall required from the building sewer outlet line to the inlet invert of the plant. The prepared excavation should have a solid, level bottom that will eliminate plant settling. Additionally, the bottom of the excavated hole should be free of rocks or sharp objects.

3. Carefully lower the concrete treatment plant in the excavation with a designed and tested spreader bar or lifting device. The inlet line should slope down toward the plant and the outlet line should slope down away from the plant. The plant should be level to within one (1) inch, edge to edge. **Aqua Aire®** wastewater treatment plants should only be connected to properly trapped and vented plumbing systems in compliance with state and local plumbing codes.

4. Position the inlet and outlet lines and make the necessary connections. Clean-outs should be installed at building sewer tie-in, any changes in direction of flow and at maximum intervals of seventy (70) feet when using four (4) inch piping. Insert the inlet piping through the treatment plant's

Polylok Seal inlet invert to extend approximately 4" inside the plant. Install a 4" SDR 35 PVC sanitary tee onto the end of the inlet piping to direct the incoming wastewater flow downward on all models of Aqua Aire® treatment plants having a pre-treatment compartment. Insert and glue the outlet piping into the plant's outlet coupling.

5. Remove the treatment plant's top access port opening to the forward section of the aeration mixing compartment. Install the factory provided air diffuser/deflector assembly by gluing a joint of 3/4" Sch. 40 PVC pipe (provided by others) to the 3/4" Sch. 40 PVC tee fitting in the center of the diffuser/deflector assembly. The 3/4" Sch. 40 PVC pipe should be of sufficient length to allow the 3/4" pipe to extend through the treatment plant's top. Lower the air assembly through the access opening to the bottom of the aeration mixing compartment. Adjust the placement of the air diffuser/deflector assembly so that it is in the forward center of the plant's aeration mixing compartment with the deflector discs resting against the treatment plant's forward partition wall. Fill the tank with water to the point of flowing discharge. Backfill evenly around the plant up to the bottom of the inlet and outlet piping. Special care should be taken not to damage the tank or dislodge the piping. Backfill material should be void of heavy clay, large rocks or any type of material which might damage the tank or piping.

6. The aerator compressor must be installed in a well ventilated, relatively clean and dry location. Install the aerator compressor on the treatment plant's tank top or at a remote location no more than one hundred (100) feet from the treatment plant. The aerator compressor is supplied complete with all discharge fittings. Install 3/4" Sch. 40 PVC piping (supplied by others) between the aerator and treatment plant. A minimum of twelve (12) inches ground cover is recommended over the 3/4" Sch. 40 PVC air piping.

7. The electrical control for the aerator compressor, visual and audible alarms for aerator failure and high water conditions are contained in a weather proof enclosure. It may be installed in any above ground area where the alarms are easily noticed by the occupants. It is recommended that the control box be at least six (6) inches above ground level and in view of the aerator compressor. All electrical wiring should be installed by a qualified person and must comply with the most current revision of NFPA 70, the National Electrical Code. All electrical components not supplied must comply with U.L. Standards.

8. Install electrical wiring (provided by others) to interconnect the aerator

compressor and alarms to the electrical control panel. A minimum of twelve (12) inches of ground cover is recommended over underground electrical conduit and wiring.

9. The aerator compressors used on **Aqua Aire®** wastewater treatment plants run continuously. They provide relatively quiet, energy efficient operation. Once properly connected, the electrical control box is to be closed. Operate the aerator compressor by placing the on/off electrical circuit (provided by others) in the "ON" position.

10. Turn on aerator compressor and check all air piping and fittings for leaks. This can be accomplished by preparing a saturated solution of soap and water and applying to entire run of pipe and fittings. If a leak is detected, effect repairs.

11. Carefully backfill all underground lines and the rest of the plant's excavation in a manner which will not cause damage to the completed installation.

12. The **Aqua Aire®** plant is ready to receive incoming sewage.

### **AQUA AIRE PLANT START UP**

Initially the **Aqua Aire®** wastewater treatment plant is filled with clean water, usually from an owners' water supply. As stated in the installation instructions, once all proper connections have been completed and it is filled with water and the aerator turned on, the system is now in operation.

For the treatment plant to be biologically stable, it will take from four (4) to twelve (12) weeks after first using the plant to develop a population growth of microorganisms (bacteria). It is these bacteria which make the treatment system operate.

### **OWNER MAINTENANCE CARE AND OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS**

**Aqua Aire®** home wastewater treatment plants have been designed and built by **Ecological Tanks, Inc.** to provide long term, reliable and cost efficient service. Our treatment plants will operate with a minimum amount of attention.

If service is required, reference the system's DATA PLATES located on the **Aqua Aire®** control panel or aerator compressor for the plant's model number, the name, address and phone number of the local service person that can provide service. The following procedures should be performed on a routine basis to insure proper plant operation:

**DAILY:** Check warning light and audible alarm located on the plant's control panel for air supply malfunction or in system high water indication. If an alarm on condition is observed, it is an indication of malfunction. First check the electrical circuit providing power to the system to insure the circuit is closed. Check the aerator compressor to be sure it is operating. Check for over heating, excessive vibrations and unusual noises. If aerator compressor failure is observed, call your service provider for service. After a power outage, an alarm condition may exist.

Should an alarm remain on for more than thirty (30) minutes after power is restored, you should call your local service provider to report the alarm.

**WEEKLY:** Check the treatment plant for offensive odor. If present, call for service.

**PERIODICALLY:** Check and clean the air filter on aerator compressor. Rinse with warm water to clean if necessary. Make sure filter is dry and re-install on aerator compressor.

**RECOMMENDED:** Frequency of solids removal is no more often than every two (2) to five (5) years. Determination of the need for pumping can be made only by a trained service person by testing the tank contents and/or effluent. **WARNING** - Hydraulic displacement and tank flotation may occur whenever tanks are pumped. Additionally, care should be taken not to damage internal component parts. A certified **Aqua Aire** service technician should oversee tank pumping.

## **OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY**

It is the *owner's responsibility* to operate the **Aqua Aire** wastewater treatment plant to the best of their ability. To keep maintenance to a minimum and insure high effluent quality, the following items should not be permitted to enter the treatment plant:

1. Strong disinfectants or bleaches, other than small amounts used in day to

day house cleaning and laundries. Recommended detergents are low-

sudsing, low phosphates and biodegradable. Recommended cleaning products are non-chlorine, non-toxic, non-corrosive and biodegradable. Anti-bacteria soaps should be avoided.

2. Backwash discharge from any type of water softeners.
3. Citrus products, coffee grounds, chemical wastes, paint or paint thinners, oils or grease (such as used cooking grease), pet shampoo, pet dip disinfectant, pesticides, herbicides, automotive fluids or any other toxins.
4. Disposable diapers, tampons, sanitary napkins, large quantities of paper products, tobacco products, or similar items. Home brewery waste, strong medicines and antibiotics.
5. Waste material from a garbage disposal is not recommended without the use of a trash trap or pretreatment tank preceding the **Aqua Aire®** plant. Food waste represents additional loading the aerobic treatment unit would have to digest, increasing pump out intervals.
6. The **Aqua Aire®** wastewater treatment plant is designed for the treatment of **domestic wastewater** and nothing else should go into it.

During extended periods of intermittent or non-use, such as vacation time, the aerobic bacteria inside the plant will decrease due to no food in the form of incoming wastewater. The treatment plant will become biologically stable again soon after the resumption of normal loading. The aerator compressor should be left on during periods of vacation time. During extended periods of absolute non-use (3 months or longer) the aerator compressor should be removed, cleaned and stored with the compressor's inlet and outlet sealed. Additionally, the air line piping should also be capped to prevent debris from entering air distribution system.

The **Aqua Aire®** plant will not perform to its fullest capabilities if subject to hydraulic overloading. This condition exists whenever excessive water, above the plants designed treatment capacity, is allowed into the plant. Leaking plumbing fixtures or excessive water use may cause this condition. Hydraulic overload may also occur on wash days, when multiple loads of laundry are washed in succession.

**Ecological Tanks, Inc.** is not responsible for the infield operation of our plants. The proper operation of this wastewater treatment plant depends upon proper organic and hydraulic loading of the plant. We cannot control the loading of substances in our plants that may upset its biological balance. We can only provide a complete owner's manual which outlines materials that should be kept out of the treatment plant. User operation instructions must be followed or warranties are subject to invalidation.

**WARNING!** Ants and rodents are destructive to the mechanical and electrical equipment on wastewater treatment plants. Care should be taken to prevent infestation of ants near the plant. Damage or destruction of mechanical or electrical equipment by ants or rodents is not covered under manufacturers' warranty.

Any and all safety requirements such as the electrical wiring, blower operation or plant discharge concerning the owner, their families, friends, or guests is the sole liability of the owner (see warranty and service policy).

The electrical control panel contains a schematic for the system. However, the electrical control panel is sealed and contains no user serviceable parts. Test and alarm silence switches are located on the outside of control panel.

**WARNING!** Service to the electrical control panel by a non-qualified person may result in an electrical shock hazard resulting in serious injury or death. If service is required contact your local authorized installer representative or maintenance provider.

Many states already require the use of a disinfection unit following all advanced treatment plants for total effluent disinfection prior to final discharge. **Ecological Tanks, Inc.** recommends the use of a disinfection device behind its advanced treatment plants for total effluent disinfection prior to final discharge.

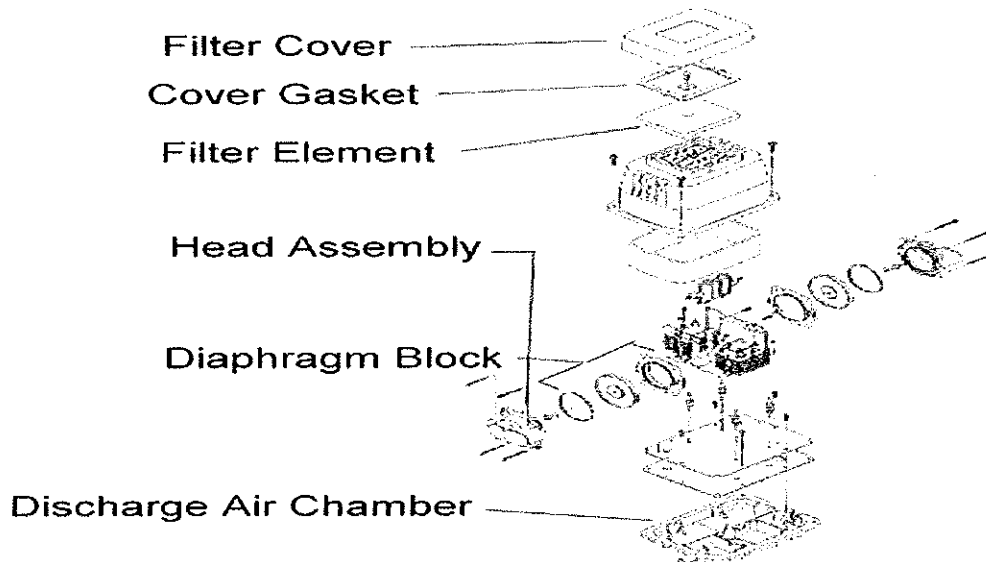
## SOURCES FOR OBTAINING REPLACEMENT PARTS OR COMPONENTS

Replacement parts or components may be obtained from your local installer or from **Ecological Tanks, Inc.**, 2247 Highway 151 North, Downsville, LA 71234.

Office: 318-644-0397

\*Fax: 318-644-7257 \*E-Mail: [aquasafe@bayou.com](mailto:aquasafe@bayou.com)

### LINEAR AERATOR COMPRESSOR PARTS LIST ALL TREATMENT PLANT MODELS HiBlow/HP and Alarm Module



#### Alarm Module (Optional)





## INITIAL SERVICE POLICY

The local dealer/installer from whom you purchased your **Aqua Aire®** wastewater treatment plant is responsible for routine inspections for the first two years from the original date of installation. The plant will be checked for proper operation at each inspection. If a problem exists, service will be performed at no additional charge to the owner unless the required maintenance is not warranty related. These service call/inspections shall include at least four inspections over the two year period and shall include the following:

1. Adjustment of the electrical control, if applicable, and servicing of the mechanical component parts to ensure proper function.
2. An effluent quality inspection consisting of a visual check for color, turbidity, scum overflow, and an examination for odors.
3. Immediate notification to the owner/warrantee in writing of any improper observation which cannot readily be repaired. This notification will or shall advise said owner of the problem, if it is covered by warranty and estimated date for correction of said problem.

Pumping of sludge build up from the treatment plant, if necessary, **IS NOT INCLUDED** in the initial service policy.

An annually renewable service policy affording the same coverage as the initial service policy is available. Consult your local dealer for pricing information.

## LIMITED WARRANTY

**Ecological Tanks, Inc., Aqua Aire®** (hereinafter identified as manufacturer) warrants each **Aqua Aire®** wastewater treatment plant to be free from defects in workmanship and materials from the date of installation by an authorized dealer/installer for the following periods: Manufacturer warrants system aerator for a limited, prorated five (5) year period as follows: First two (2) years - 100%; 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> year - 75%; 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> year - 50%; 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> year - 25% of manufacturer's list price. Third, fourth, and fifth year limited, prorated portion of this warranty applies only if the system owner carries a continuous maintenance policy provided by a manufacturer authorized dealer/installer and **proof** is provided with the return. **AA800, AA1000, AA1200, and AA1500 aerators only are warranted for two (2) years.** Electrical controls, float switches, and application pumps are warranted for two (2) years. Concrete tanks are warranted for a limited period of two (2) years from date of installation. When properly installed and registered with the manufacturer, the manufacturer's sole obligation under this **limited warranty** is as follows:

To repair or exchange any components, F.O.B. factory, that in the manufacturer's judgment is defective, provided that said component part has been paid for and is returned through an authorized dealer, prepaid. The warrantee must specify the nature of the defect in writing to the manufacturer. The **limited warranty** makes no provision for any informal dispute settlement agreement.

The **limited warranty** does not cover any **Aqua Aire®** wastewater treatment plant that has not been properly installed, damaged due to altered or improper wiring or overload protection, flooded by any external means, disassembled by any unauthorized person, filled with anything other than normal household wastewater or damaged by an act of nature. The limited warranty does not cover damages or defects caused by ants, insects or rodents to any component part of the aerobic wastewater treatment plant.

No warranty is made as to the field performance of any system. The limited warranty applies only to the **Aqua Aire®** wastewater treatment plant itself and does not include any of the purchaser's plumbing, drainage and/or disposal system, house wiring or installation of the **Aqua Aire®** treatment plant.

The manufacturer reserves the right to replace any component part covered under this limited warranty with a component part, which in the manufacturer's judgment, is equivalent to the part being replaced. The manufacturer claims no responsibility for any delays or damages caused by defective components or materials which cause losses incurred by interruption of service or for repairs or replacement component parts covered by the **limited warranty.**

# MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

It is the **authorized dealer/installer's responsibility** to fill out the registration certificate and mail it **within 30 days** of installation to the address below. The owner/purchaser should verify that this is done to insure proper registration for warranty purposes.

**ECOLOGICAL TANKS, INC.**  
**2247 HIGHWAY 151 NORTH, DOWNSVILLE, LA 71234**  
**OFFICE: 318-644-0397 FAX: 318-644-7257**

## PLEASE PRINT AQUA AIRE PURCHASER'S RECORD

Serial# \_\_\_\_\_ Model# \_\_\_\_\_  
Installer's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Installation Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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## AQUA AIRE INSTALLER'S RECORD

Serial# \_\_\_\_\_ Model# \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Installation Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Physical Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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## AQUA AIRE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE (Must be returned to manufacturer)

Serial# \_\_\_\_\_ Model# \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Installation Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Physical Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, & Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Dealer's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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