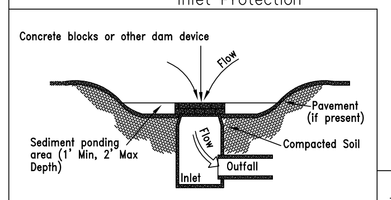
Inlet Protection



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Applications

Perimeter Control
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Targeted Constituents

- ● Sediment
- ○ Nutrients
- ○ Toxic Materials
- ○ Oil & Grease
- ● Floatable Materials
- ○ Other Construction Wastes

Implementation Requirements

- ● Capital Costs
- ● Maintenance
- ○ Training
- ○ Suitability for Slopes > 5%

Legend

- ● Significant Impact
- ◒ Medium Impact
- ○ Low Impact
- ? Unknown or Questionable Impact

Varies

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DESCRIPTION
Inlet protection consists of a variety of methods of intercepting sediment at low point inlets through the use of stone, filter fabric, inlet inserts, and other materials. This is normally located at the inlet, providing either detention or filtration to reduce sediment and floatable materials in storm water.

PRIMARY USE
Inlet protection should be considered a secondary defense in site erosion control due to the limited effectiveness and applicability of the technique. It is normally used in new developments that include new inlets or roads with new curb inlet or during major repairs to existing roadways.

Inlet protection has limited use in developed areas due to the potential for flooding, traffic safety, pedestrian safety, and maintenance problems. Inlet protection can reduce sediment in storm sewer systems by serving as a back up system to onsite controls or by reducing sediment loads from controls with limited effectiveness.

APPLICATIONS
Different inlet protection variations are used for different conditions as follows:

- Filter barrier protection (similar to a silt fence barrier around the inlet) is appropriate when the drainage area is less than one acre and the basin slope is less than five (5) percent. This type of protection is not applicable in paved areas.
- Block and gravel (crushed stone, recycled concrete is also appropriate) protection is used when flows exceed 0.5 c.f.s. and it is necessary to allow for overtopping to prevent flooding.
- Excavated impoundment protection around a drop inlet may be used for protection against sediment entering a storm drain system. With this method, it is necessary to install weep holes to allow the impoundment to drain completely. The impoundment shall be sized such that the volume of excavation shall be equal to 1800 to 3600 cubic feet per acre of disturbed area entering the inlet for full effectiveness.

DESIGN CRITERIA

- Special caution must be exercised when installing inlet protection on publicly traveled streets or in developed areas. Ensure that inlet protection is properly designed, installed and maintained to avoid flooding of the roadway or adjacent properties and structures.
- Filter fabric protection shall be designed and maintained in a manner similar to silt fence.
- Where applicable, filter fabric, posts, and wire backing shall meet the material requirements specified in BMP Fact Sheet S-1, Silt Fence.
- Filter gravel shall be 3/4 inch (Block and Gravel Protection) or 1-1/2 to 2 inch (Excavated Impoundment Protection) washed stone containing no fines. Angular shaped stone is preferable to rounded shapes.
- Concrete blocks shall
- Maximum depth of flow shall be eight (8) inches or less.
- Positive drainage is critical in the design of inlet protection. If overflow is not provided for at the inlet, excess flows shall be routed through established swales, streets, or other watercourses to minimize damage due to flooding.
- Filter Barrier Protection
  Silt Fence shall consist of nylon geotextile supported by wire mesh, W1.4 x W1.4, and galvanized steel posts set a minimum of 1 foot depth and spaced not more than 6 feet on center. A 6 inch wide trench is to be cut 6 inches deep at the toe of the fence to allow the fabric to be laid below the surface and backfilled with compacted earth or gravel. This entrenchment prevents any bypass of runoff under the fence.
- Block and Gravel Protection (Curb and Drop Inlets)
  Concrete blocks are to be placed on their sides in a single row around the perimeter of the inlet, with ends abutting. Opening in the block should face outward, not upward. 1/2" x 1/2" wire mesh shall then be placed over the outside face of the blocks covering the holes. Filter stone shall then be piled against the wire mesh to the top of the blocks with the base of the stone being a minimum of 18 inches from the blocks. Alternatively, where loose stone is a concern (street, etc.), the filter stone may be placed in appropriately sized geotextile fabric bags. Periodically, when the stone filter becomes clogged, the stone must be removed and cleaned in a proper manner or replaced with new stone and piled back against the wire mesh.
- Excavated Impoundment Protection
  An excavated impoundment shall be sized to provide a storage volume of between 1800 and 3600 cubic feet per acre of disturbed area. The trap shall have a minimum depth of one foot and a maximum depth of 2 feet as measured from the top of the inlet and shall have sideslopes of 2:1 or flatter. Weep holes are to be installed in the inlet walls to allow for the complete dewatering of the trap. When the storage capacity of the impoundment has been reduced by one-half, the silt shall be removed and disposed in a proper manner.
- Inlet inserts are commercially available to remove sediment, constituents (pollutants) adsorbed to sediment, and oil and grease. Maintenance is required to remove sediment and debris that could clog the filters. Inlet inserts must have a bypass function to prevent flooding from clogging or high flows.

LIMITATIONS
Special caution must be exercised when installing inlet protection on publicly traveled streets or in developed areas. Ensure that inlet protection is properly designed, installed and maintained to avoid flooding of the roadway or adjacent properties and structures.

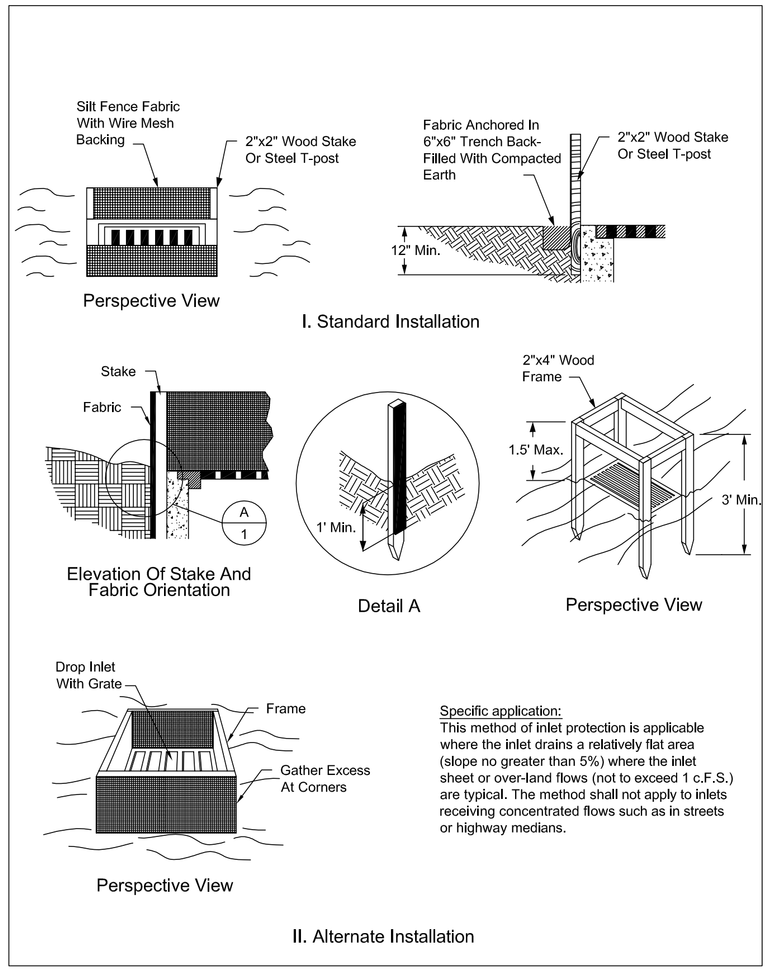
Inlet protection is only viable at low point inlets. Inlets that are on a slope connot be effectively protected because storm water will bypass the inlet and continue downstream, causing an overload condition at inlets downstream.

MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

s often as required by the TPDES Construction General Permit, Appendix A). When silt fence is used and the fabric becomes clogged, it should be cleaned or, if necessary, replaced. Also, sediment should be removed when it reaches approximately one-half the height of the inlet protection device. If a sump is used, sediment should be removed when the volume of the basin is reduced by 50%.

For systems using filter stone, when the filter stone becomes clogged with sediment, the stones must be pulled away from the inlet and cleaned or replaced. Since cleaning of stone at a construction site may be difficult, an alternative approach would be to use the clogged stone as fill material and put new stone around the inlet.

SPECIFICATIONS
Specifications for construction of this item may be found in the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction - North Central Texas Council of Governments, Section 201.5 Inlet Protection.



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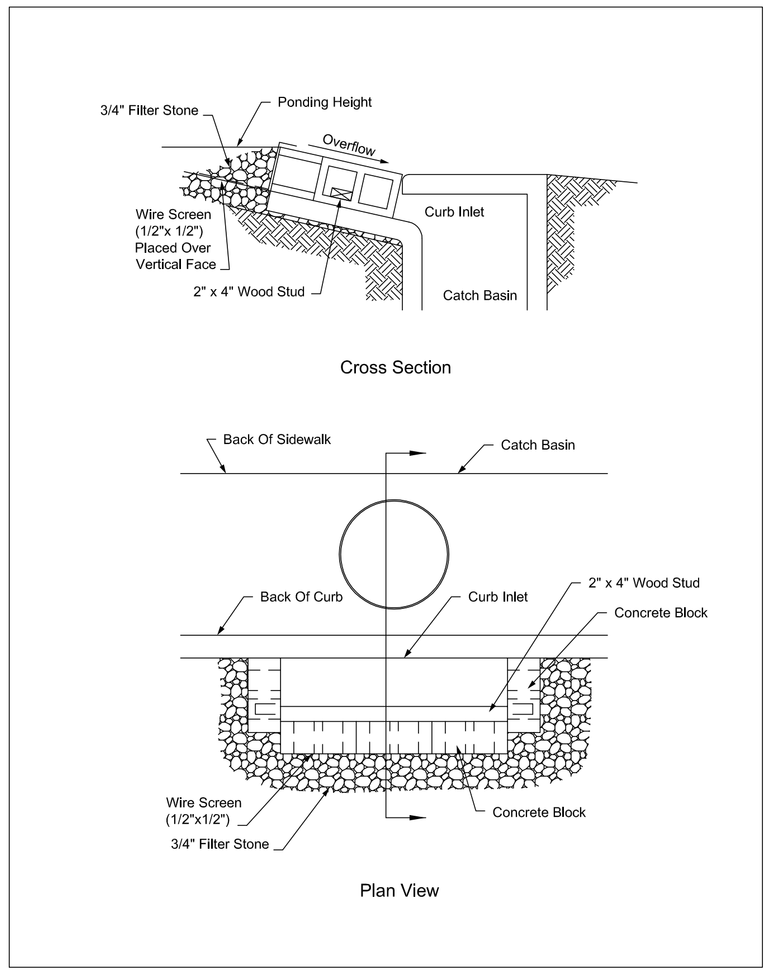

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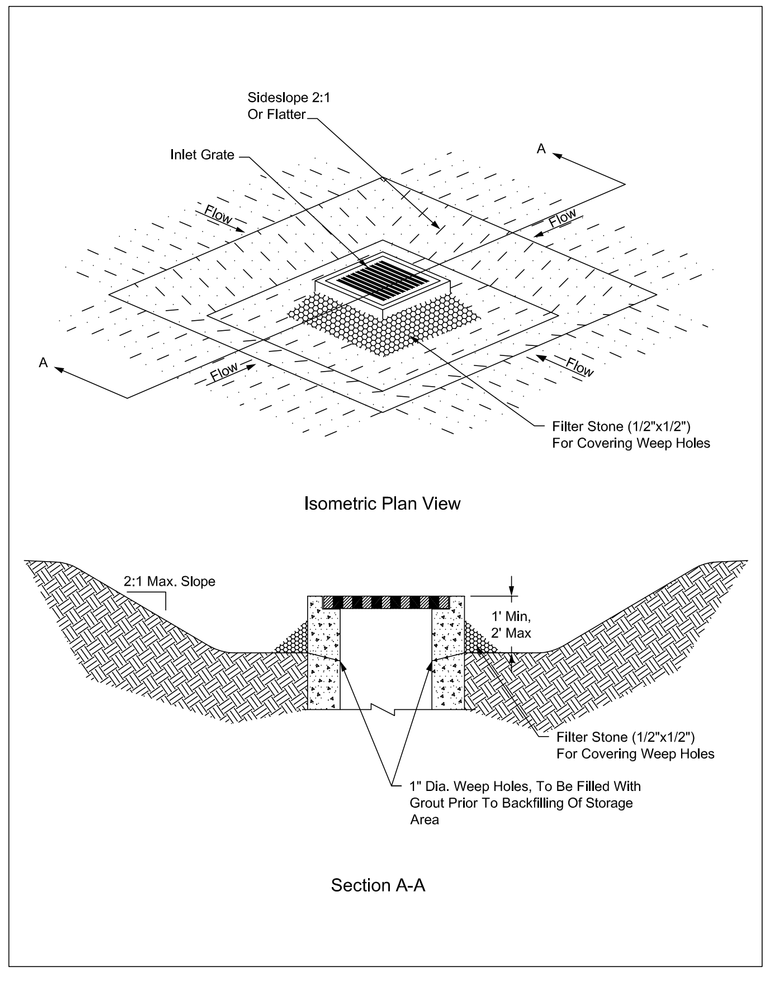

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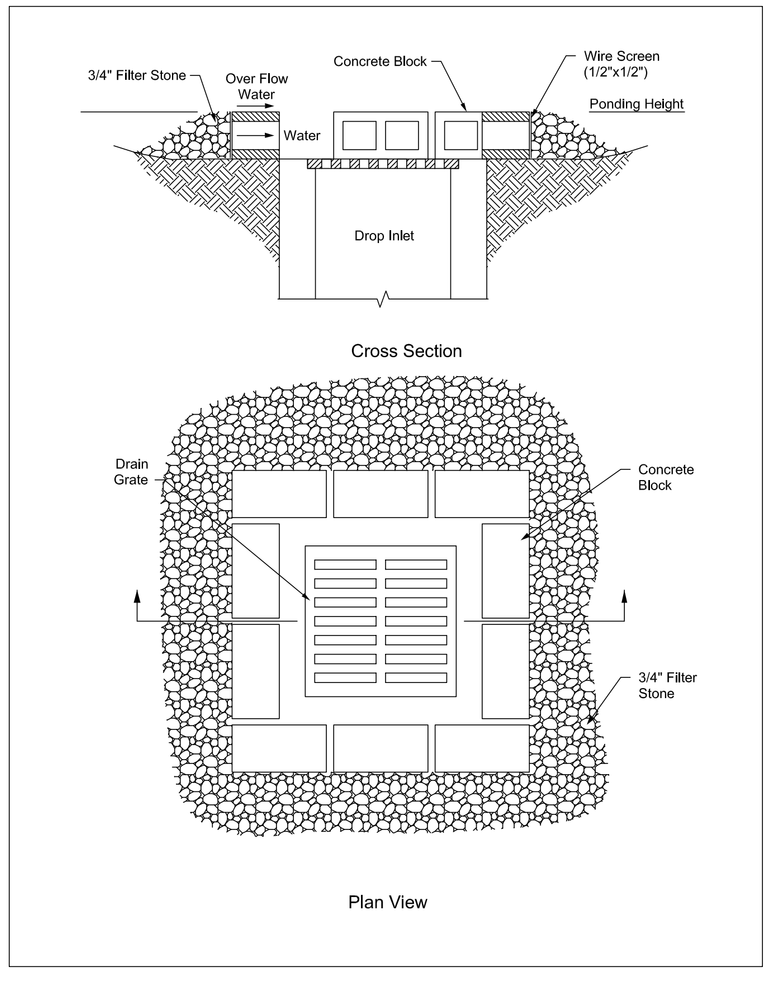

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