

# **SINGLE-WALL TANK SUMPS**

**INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS  
& OPERATING GUIDELINES**



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The purpose of this manual is to provide specifiers, owners and contractors with detailed instructions for installing fiberglass reinforced plastic (FRP) single-wall tank sumps (also referred to as turbine enclosures).
- 1.2. Tank sump installation is a specialized business. If you do not have the proper experience and you have not completed CSI training for tank sump installation in the last 24 months, please contact a trained contractor, or call CSI for a list of trained contractors.
- 1.3. These instructions have been developed and refined from the experience of over 300,000 tank installations.
- 1.4. Proper installation is required to assure the long-term performance of CSI Storage Tanks. These instructions must be followed. Failure to comply will void the limited warranty and may cause tank failure.
- 1.5. It is the responsibility of the owner, installer and operator to understand and follow all installation requirements.

### 1.6. Safety

- 1.6.1. These instructions should not be interpreted in any way to put one's health at risk, or to harm property and/or the environment.
- 1.6.2. Keep this manual available at the installation site and refer to safety procedures as needed.
- 1.6.3. The following definitions will serve as a guide when reading this manual:

#### **⚠️ WARNING**

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which if not avoided could result in death or serious injury.

#### **⚠️ CAUTION**

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which if not avoided may result in minor or moderate injury.

#### **NOTICE**

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which if not avoided may result in property damage.

### 1.7. Important Information

- 1.7.1. Proper installation of each tank sump is essential to ensure the safety of all the individuals involved in the installation; to prevent tank sump damage and/or failure, which could lead to product loss and environmental contamination; to validate the tank sump limited warranty.

### 1.8. Important Reminders

- 1.8.1. Tank sumps must be installed according to these instructions and NFPA 30, 30A, 31, OSHA and all applicable Federal, State, Local, or Provincial, construction, safety and environmental codes and regulations.
- 1.8.2. Any variances or deviations which are in direct conflict with these published installation instructions must be approved in writing prior to the installation by Containment Solutions Tank Technical Support.
- 1.8.3. The presence of any Containment Solutions representative at the job site does not relieve the contractor of responsibility to follow these installation instructions.

### 1.9. Tank Sump Limited Warranty Activation

- 1.9.1. These instructions must be followed.
- 1.9.2. Installing contractor must be trained in accordance with the CSI contractor training course in effect at the time of the installation.
- 1.9.3. The Installation Checklist must be properly completed and signed by the tank owner's representative and the installing contractor at the time of installation.
- 1.9.4. The tank sump installation checklist, these instructions, and any correspondence related to the tank sump installation must be retained by the tank owner. The checklist will be required and must be provided to CSI when making a warranty claim.
- 1.9.5. The tank sump must be continuously monitored for piping leaks using an electronic leak monitoring sensor.
- 1.9.6. The tank sump must be tested after assembly and before backfilling using the procedures described in this manual.
- 1.9.7. Tank sumps must be installed using CSI assembly kits. Failure to use approved kits will void the tank sump limited warranty.

### 1.10. Before You Begin

#### **⚠️ WARNING**

To prevent fire or explosion hazard, Containment Solutions recommends air driven tools whenever possible. Do not use electrical power tools where flammable vapors or liquids exist. Also, when electric hand tools are used, be aware of potential shock hazards. Wear protective clothing and eye protection.

Do not enter tank or tank sumps unless following OSHA guidelines for confined space entry. Failure to follow OSHA guidelines could result in death or serious injury.



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- 1.10.1. Read, understand and follow these instructions.
- 1.10.2. Barricade the work area.
- 1.10.3. Review and prepare to complete the installation checklist as the installation progresses.
- 1.10.4. If you have questions on other tank sump installation details, call CSI Technical Support.

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Mt. Union, Pennsylvania  
(800) 822-1997 • (814) 542-8520

Technical Support  
Conroe, Texas  
(800) 537-4730 • (936) 756-7731

## 2. HANDLING & STORAGE

### ⚠ CAUTION

In freezing conditions, protect collar and tank sump from water accumulation. Freezing water may cause damage.

- 2.1. Visually inspect the tank sump components for shipping or handling damage. If damage is found, contact CSI Field Service.
- 2.2. Wear gloves.
- 2.3. Do not roll, drop, or bounce.
- 2.4. Tank sump parts and kits should be stored in upright position.
- 2.5. Set on smooth surface.
- 2.6. The tank sump must be secured to prevent damage from high winds. Proper precautions should be taken to protect adhesive channels.
- 2.7. All assembly kits (Kit-AD or Kit-LK) should be stored in a cool/dry location at 50° - 70°F. Use by expiration date shown on the box.

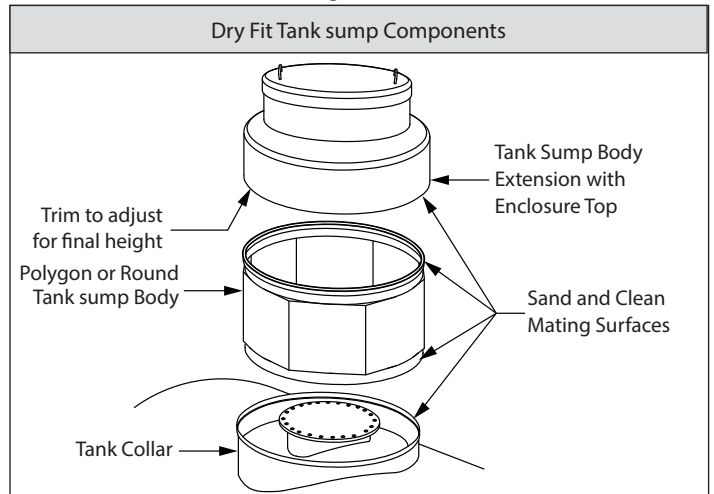
## 3. ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

### ⚠ CAUTION

Tank sump must be isolated from direct traffic loading.

- 3.1. Dry fit all tank sump components prior to installation.
  - 3.1.1. Determine any length changes required to insure the minimum required clearance between the tank sump top and concrete.
  - 3.1.2. Confirm enclosure top is level.
  - 3.1.3. Verify fill/vapor spill buckets will properly align with lid opening.
- 3.2. If required, trim tank sump body extension using a carbide tipped blade or a masonry blade. The tank sump body extension is the only component of the tank sump that can be trimmed (see Figure 3-1).
- 3.3. Field cuts must be within  $\pm 1/4"$  of square. Gaps between two joints greater than  $1/4"$  may be covered with a maximum  $1/2"$  wide tape.
- 3.4. Even if mating surfaces have arrived from the factory abraded, the contractor must re-sand the mating surfaces within four hours of adhesive layup application.
- 3.5. Remove any rocks, and/or debris from adhesive channel.
- 3.6. Sand and clean all mating surfaces until white in color.
  - 3.6.1. Adhesive Joints - Sand all the surfaces that will contact the adhesive, then wipe free of dust with a clean cloth.
  - 3.6.2. Layup Joints - Sand a minimum of 4" onto each part where the layup will be applied, then wipe free of dust with a clean cloth.
  - 3.6.3. Ensure mating surfaces are free of contaminants and dry.
  - 3.6.4. Do not use oil-based solvents, soap, or water to clean surfaces.
- 3.7. Position tank sump on collar (see Figure 3-1).

Figure 3-1



- 3.8. Use a rubber mallet, if necessary to seat tank sump on collar.
- 3.9. Confirm that surfaces and/or adhesive channels are dry and clean before mixing or applying the adhesive.

## 4. ADHESIVE & LAYUP INSTRUCTIONS

### ⚠ WARNING

The adhesive / resin and catalyst materials and vapors are flammable. To prevent fire or explosion hazard, if a heat gun (or other ignition source) is used for supplemental heat, first evacuate flammable vapors which may accumulate in the tank sump.

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### ⚠ WARNING

Always wear protective goggles and gloves when mixing and applying adhesive, resin and catalyst. The liquid materials are flammable. Keep adhesive and resin away from sparks and ignition sources.

- 4.1. CSI tank sumps must be installed using only CSI supplied assembly kits.
  - 4.1.1. Adhesive kits (Kit-AD) are used to field bond tank sump components using EZ-Fit adhesive channels.
  - 4.1.2. Layup kits (Kit-LK) are used to field bond joints without EZ-Fit adhesive channels.
- 4.2. Temperature Considerations:
  - 4.2.1. After mixing adhesive and hardener, you will have no more than 20 minutes to complete the application before the resin begins to harden.
  - 4.2.2. Recommended method for supplemental heat is to transfer warm air to the tank sump while keeping ignition sources away.
  - 4.2.3. Cool Weather (less than 60°F):
    - 4.2.3.1. Preheat the resin or adhesive to 60-75°F.
    - 4.2.3.2. Before adhesive or layup is applied, add supplemental heat. Apply heat to keep joint surfaces over 60°F.

4.2.3.3. After adhesive or layup is applied, continue to apply supplemental heat until it hardens (30 minutes minimum).

4.2.4. Warm Weather (between 61°F and 85°F):

4.2.4.1. Adhesive or hand layup will harden in approximately 20 minutes.

4.2.4.2. No supplemental heat required.

4.2.5. Hot Weather (above 85°F):

4.2.5.1. Apply adhesive or layup more rapidly (adhesive and resin may harden in less than 10 minutes).

4.2.5.2. To increase working time, cool the adhesive or resin to 60° - 65° F to slow down chemical reaction.

### EZ-FIT ADHESIVE JOINTS (KIT AD)

4.3. Kit Contents: This kit is designed for Adhesive Joints.

Items	Size	Qty.
Mix Instructions Sheet (INST 6051)		1
MSDS for Adhesive Mix (INST 6023)		1
MSDS for Catalyst (Cadox L-50A)		1
Putty Knife		1
Adhesive Mix (Part A)	1 gal. can	1
Catalyst (Part B)	5 gram tubes	12
Sandpaper	36" long	1
Grout Bag		1
Mixing Stick		1

4.3.1. Read the following instructions completely before applying adhesive to EZ-Fit channel (see Figure 4-1).

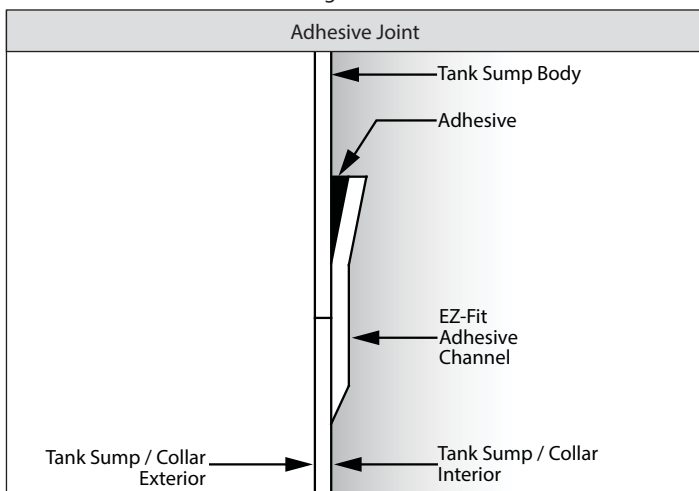
4.3.2. Dry fit all tank sump components prior to sealing joints, as outlined in Section 3.

4.3.3. Each joint requires (1) adhesive kit.

4.3.4. Thoroughly mix two part adhesive by hand or with a power mixer following the mixing instructions contained in the adhesive kit. Pour into grout bag.

4.3.5. With the tank sump components in place, make two consecutive 360° passes around the tank sump, filling the adhesive channel evenly using all adhesive (see Figure 4-1).

Figure 4-1



4.3.6. Allow adhesive to cure at least 5 hours without moving the joined parts. The surface of the adhesive must be hard; if not hard after 5 hours, wait up to 24 hours.

### HAND LAYUP JOINTS (KIT LK)

4.4. Kit Contents: This kit is designed for Hand Layup Joints.

Box 1 of 2

Items	Size	Qty.
Pair Rubber Gloves	X-Large	1
Sandpaper (60 grit)	36" long	2
Plastic Roller	¾" x 3"	1
Felt Roller Handle	3"	1
Felt Roller Pad	3"	2
Chopped Strand Fiberglass Mat	6"W x 33"L	15
Mixing Stick		1

Box 2 of 2

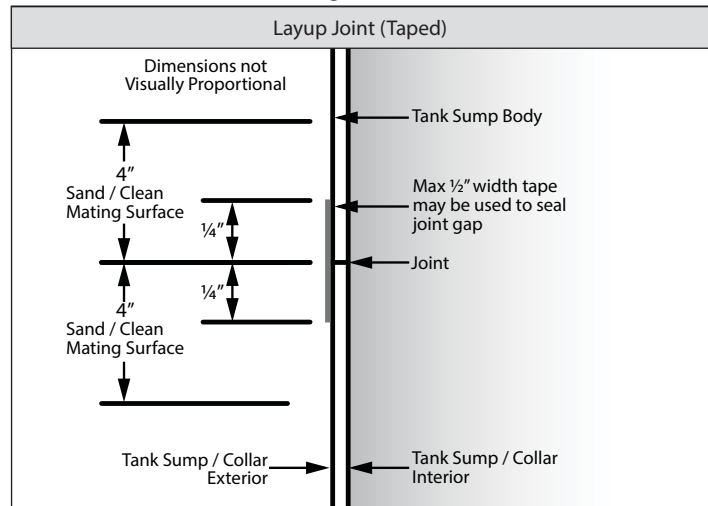
Items	Size	Qty.
Mix Instruction Sheet (INST 6032)		1
MSDS for Resin (ACC 5015)		1
MSDS for Catalyst (Cadox L-50A)		1
Resin (Part A)	1 gal. can	1
Catalyst (Part B)	5 gram tubes	20

4.4.1. Read the following instructions completely before applying resin to glass and/or layup joint (see Figure 4-3).

4.4.2. Dry fit all tank sump components prior to sealing joints, as outlined in Section 3.

4.4.2.1. Gaps between two joints greater than ¼" may be covered with a maximum width ½" wide tape to prevent resin from running into joint (see Figure 4-2).

Figure 4-2



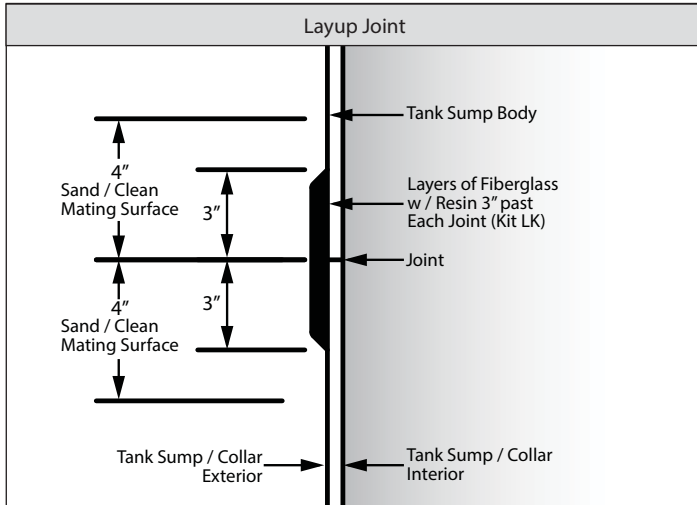
4.4.3. 42" and 48" diameter tank sumps require (1) layup kit per joint. 54" diameter tank sumps require (2) layup kits per joint.

4.4.4. Thoroughly mix resin and catalyst following the mixing instructions in the layup kit.

4.4.5. Resin coat previously ground mating surfaces with felt roller.

4.4.6. Apply 3 layers of glass layup, saturated with resin, 360° around tank sump, centered on joint. All layup joints must overlap a minimum of 1" but not exceed 2" in circumferential direction (see Figure 4-3).

Figure 4-3



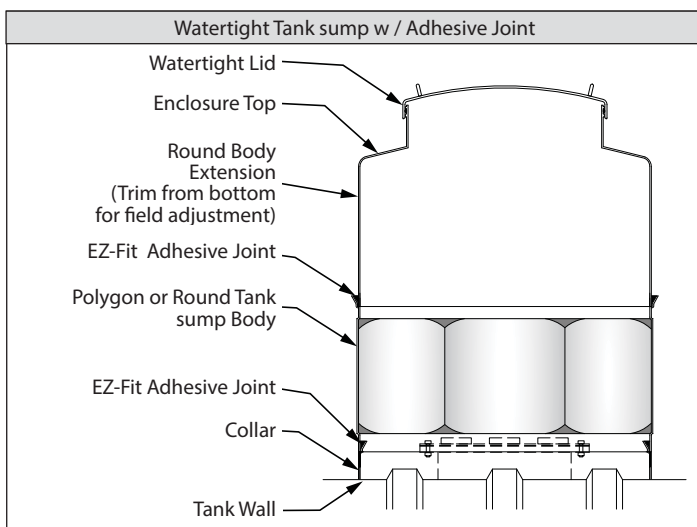
- 4.4.7. Using the ribbed roller supplied in the kit, hand roll over entire surface of layup, working air bubbles out from under the fiberglass mat.
- 4.4.8. Allow layup to cure at least 5 hours without moving the joined parts. The surface of the layup must be hard; if not hard after 5 hours, wait up to 24 hours.

**5. ASSEMBLED TANK SUMPS**

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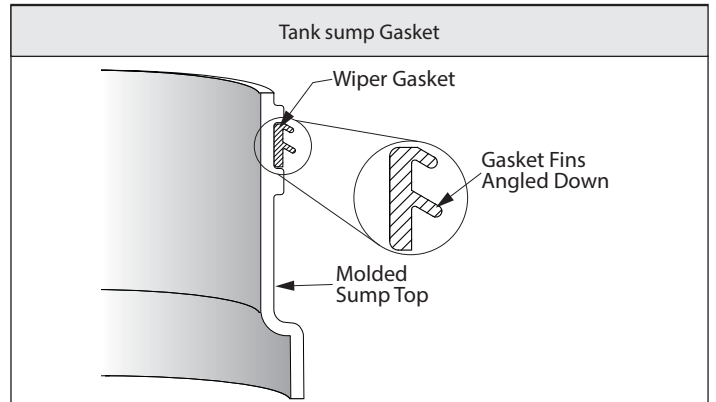
Failure to properly seal and test joints may result in product loss, environmental damage, explosion, or fire.

Figure 5-1



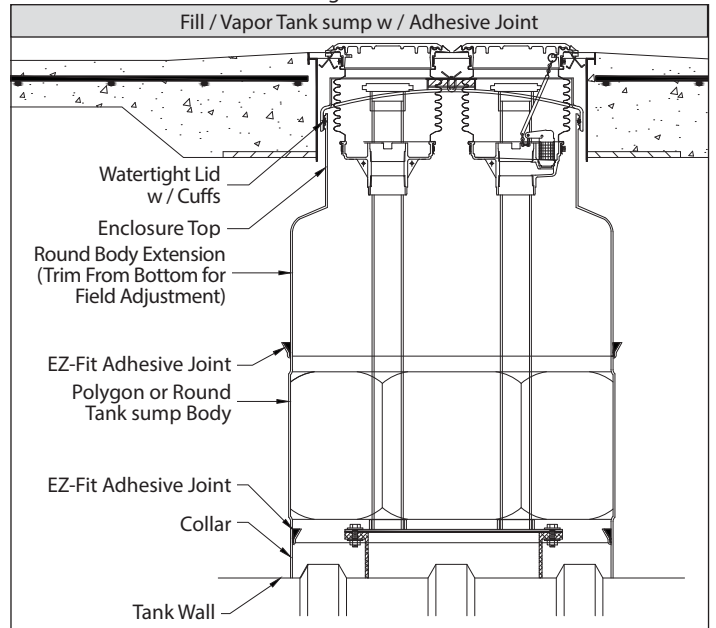
- 5.1. All joints must be sealed with CSI supplied kits.
- 5.2. Keep the tank sump lid, gasket and gasket groove free from contaminates.
- 5.3. When installing lid, apply additional lubricant to gasket as needed.
- 5.4. Ensure gaskets are installed with the fins angled down, away from the lid as illustrated (see Figure 5-2).

Figure 5-2



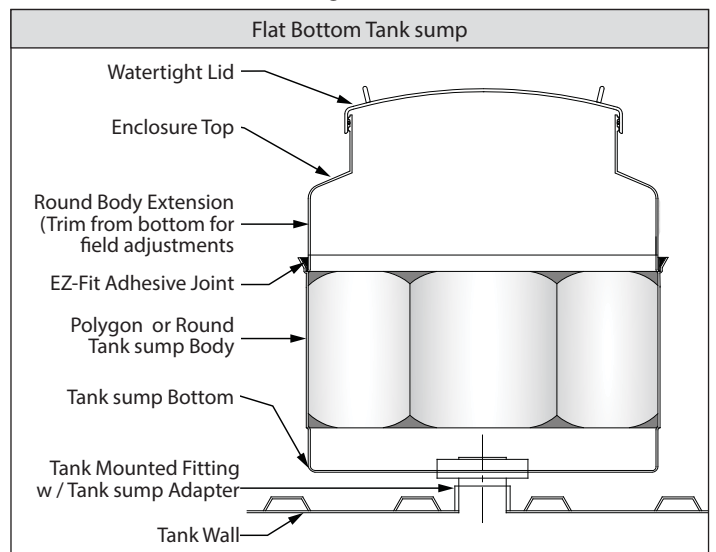
- 5.5. If necessary, step on lid perimeter until properly seated.
- 5.6. NON-WATERTIGHT tank sump (Friction Fit Tank Sump): The tank sump lid will loosely fit tank sump top and will not be watertight.

Figure 5-3



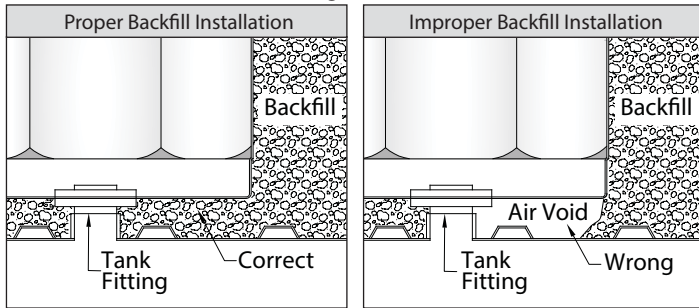
**6. FLAT BOTTOM TANK SUMPS**

Figure 6-1



- 6.1. Follow all tank sump instructions in Sections 1 - 5 for properly assembling a tank sump.
- 6.2. All joints must be sealed with CSI supplied kits.
- 6.3. Install tank fitting adapters per the manufacturers installation instructions into the tank. Prepare tank sump bottom to accept tank fitting adapters.
- 6.4. Before placing tank sump on tank fitting adapters, place approved pea gravel or crushed stone backfill between the tank top and tank sump bottom. Ensure there will be no backfill voids under the tank sump (see Figure 6-2).

Figure 6-2



- 6.5. Position tank sump on tank fitting adapter(s).
- 6.6. Complete manufacturers installation of tank fitting adapters.
- 6.7. Do not stand in tank sump or install the tank sump lid until after the tank sump is properly backfilled and supported.
- 6.8. Continue installation following these published instructions.
- 6.9. Transition tank sumps are installed in exactly the same manner as a flat bottom tank sump without installing a tank fitting adapter.

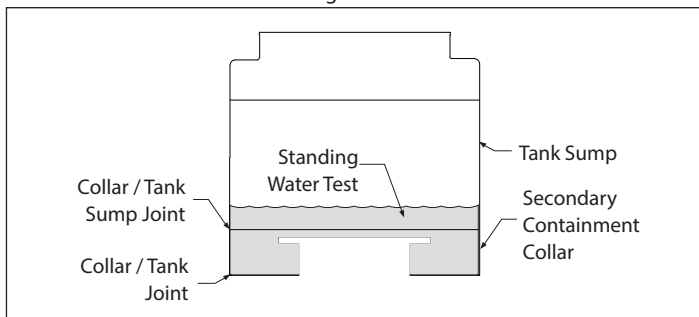
## 7. POST ASSEMBLY TEST

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**DO NOT pressure test tank sump. If applying vacuum, DO NOT apply more than 25 inches water vacuum to tank sump enclosure or damage may occur.**

- 7.1. Fill tank sump with water at least 4" above highest joint or penetration.
- 7.2. Record the liquid level.
- 7.3. Wait a minimum of 1 hour.
- 7.4. Re-measure and record the liquid level. A liquid change of more than 1/8" (0.125") indicates a possible leak (see Figure 7-1).

Figure 7-1



- 7.5. Visually inspect for leaks in the following locations:
  - All penetrations
  - All fittings
  - Secondary containment collar and tank sump joint
  - Secondary containment collar and tank joint
- 7.6. Test liquids must be disposed of properly. Check with the authorities having jurisdiction regarding requirements for proper disposal.
- 7.7. Initial jobsite testing:
  - 7.7.1. The installation contractor must leak test this collar and tank sump before the tank installation is complete.

## 8. BACKFILL

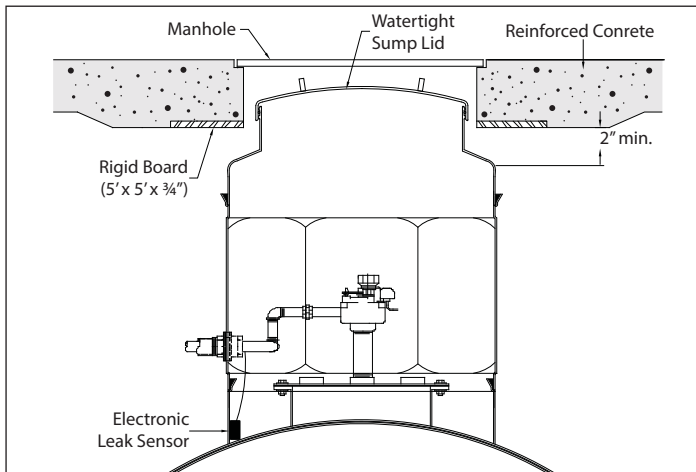
- 8.1. The use of approved backfill material is critical to long term tank sump performance. Failure to use approved backfill may result in tank sump failure and will void the warranty (see Figure 8-1).
- 8.2. Replace all excavated native soil with approved backfill of proper sized and gradation. Use backfill which meets ASTM C-33 for quality and soundness.
- 8.3. Require your backfill supplier to certify that the backfill meets this specification.
- 8.4. Keep backfill dry and free of ice in freezing conditions.
- 8.5. For alternative backfill for tank sumps, other than what is specified in Figure 8-1, refer to INST 6060.
- 8.6. To check your backfill size and receive a job specific email acknowledgment, go to [www.containmentsolutions.com](http://www.containmentsolutions.com), in the search box, use term "backfill".

Figure 8-1

PEA GRAVEL	CRUSHED STONE
<p>Maximum Size</p>	<p>Maximum Size</p>
Pea Gravel: <b>Clean naturally-rounded aggregate with particle sizes no larger than 3/4" with no more than 5% passing a #8 sieve.</b> Dry density must be a minimum of 95 pounds per cubic foot.	Crushed Stone or Gravel: <b>Washed, with angular particle sizes no larger than 1/2" with no more than 5% passing a #8 sieve.</b> Dry density must be a minimum of 95 pounds per cubic foot.

## 9. SURFACE SLAB & TANK SUMP CLEARANCES

Figure 9-1



- 9.1. Isolate all tank sumps from direct traffic loading.
- 9.2. After backfilling to top of tank sump:
  - 9.2.1. Backfill around tank sump top to a minimum of 3" above the horizontal position of the enclosed top. Place a 5' x 5' x 3/4" rigid board with hole cut out to fit around tank sump on backfill to support concrete and provide a channel for water runoff (see Figure 9-1).
  - 9.2.2. Use a grade access manhole large enough to allow tank sump lid removal after installation.
  - 9.2.3. Adequate clearances must be maintained between the tank sump lid and manhole cover to prevent the direct transfer of traffic load to the tank sump.
  - 9.2.4. Pour slab directly onto rigid board.
  - 9.2.5. If the tank sump is located in a traffic area, the concrete traffic pad, reinforcement and thickness must be designed for job conditions and traffic loads to assure concrete traffic pad integrity. It is the responsibility of the tank owner or tank owner's representative to design the traffic pad for all loads.

## 10. OPERATING GUIDELINES

- 10.1. The tank sump installation checklist, these instructions, and any correspondence related to the tank sump installation must be retained by the tank owner. The checklist will be required and must be provided to CSI when making a warranty claim.
- 10.2. For the life of the installation, the installed tank sump must comply with NFPA (30, 30A and 31) and all applicable Federal, State, Local or Provincial codes and regulations.
- 10.3. It is the responsibility of the tank sump owner/operator to follow these instructions and operating guidelines and all limitations as stated in the limited warranties in effect at time of delivery.
- 10.4. The limited warranty in effect at the time of tank sump delivery will apply and is available online at [www.containmentsolutions.com](http://www.containmentsolutions.com).
- 10.5. Tank sump entry is considered a confined space entry.
- 10.6. The tank sump owner should not allow anyone other than properly trained and equipped personnel to enter a tank sump.
  - 10.6.1. Proper permits and industry accepted minimum standards must be followed before anyone can enter a tank sump.

10.6.2. Contact Containment Solutions Field Services at (800) 822-1997 if repairs or modifications are required.

- 10.7. Tank sump entry by unqualified personnel can lead to fire, explosion, asphyxiation and/or death. Tank sumps are for use by qualified personnel with proper training and safety equipment.

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Do not enter tank or tank sumps unless following OSHA guidelines for confined space entry. Failure to follow OSHA guidelines could result in death or serious injury.



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- 10.8. Do not attempt to repair or modify your tank sump. Any repairs or modifications will void the tank sump limited warranty.
- 10.9. If tank sump entry is required for repairs or modifications or inspections, contact Containment Solutions Filed Services at (800) 822-1997.
- 10.10. The tank sump must be continuously monitored with an electronic leak detector for potential spills or leaks.
- 10.11. Tank owner/operator must leak test the collar and tank sump after any damage, repairs, modifications, or regulatory requirements.
- 10.12. The gasket is a consumable product which will have to be replaced periodically or when it shows a leak during a tightness test.
- 10.13. The gasket lubricant will require periodic replacement as it will degrade over time. Any lubricant that will not dissolve in gasoline or water, nor attack Buna-N rubber is acceptable. While not as long lasting, other lubricants like barium grease, or petroleum jelly can also be used.
- 10.14. Remove the tank sump lid by using one handle along the edge of the lid.

## 11. TANK SUMP INSTALLATION CHECKLIST

- 11.1. The Installation Checklist in this manual must be properly completed, signed by the tank owner's representative and the installing contractor.
- 11.2. The tank sump installation checklist, these instructions, and any correspondence related to the tank sump installation must be retained by the tank owner. The checklist will be required and must be provided to CSI when making a warranty claim.
- 11.3. Single-wall tank sump installation check list is on next page.

# SINGLE-WALL TANK SUMP INSTALLATION CHECKLIST

## For Fiberglass Tank sumps

The tank sump installation checklist, these instructions, and any correspondence related to the tank sump installation must be retained by the tank owner. This checklist will be required and must be provided to CSI when making a warranty claim.

**Site Owner** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Installation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Site Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

**Installing Contractor** \_\_\_\_\_  
Company Street City State Zip

Single-Wall Tank sump	Initial On Lines Below
Completed	
<b>1. All tank sump components have been inspected for damage prior to installation.</b>	_____
<b>2. All tank sump parts and components were handled and stored according to these instructions.</b>	_____
<b>3. All joints have been prepared per these instructions. (check one below)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> EZ-Fit Adhesive Joints (KIT AD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hand Layup Joints (KIT LK) <input type="checkbox"/> Both	_____
<b>4. Date on Assembly Kit Box</b> _____ <b>Date Kit Used</b> _____	_____
<b>5. All joints were given a minimum of 5 hours to cure without parts being moved or disturbed.</b>	_____
<b>6. Tank sump tops are properly protected from traffic load.</b>	_____
<b>7. Approved backfill was used around and under the entire tank sump.</b>	_____
<b>8. Gaskets are lubricated, clean, and undamaged. Finned gaskets installed with fins pointing down.</b>	_____
<b>9. All tank sumps were tested for tightness. (check one below)</b>	_____
<b>10. Diameter and quantity of tank sumps installed and tested.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 42" _____ qty. <input type="checkbox"/> 48" _____ qty. <input type="checkbox"/> 54" _____ qty.	_____

**Installation was in accordance with most recent CSI Installation Instructions Pub. No. INST 6030.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner Representative (Print Name)      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Contractor Representative (Print Name)      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner Representative (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
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