Suction Header Clarifier

Operating flexibility of pre-engineered simplicity.

Key features & benefits

• Suction header designed with hydraulic computer model
• Computational design model tested in laboratory
• Well balanced mechanism with second arm
• Additional raking with second arm

How we create value

• Low maintenance requirements
• Trouble-free installation
• Long lasting durable design
Features

Ovivo’s suction clarifiers include:

- Ovivo drive
- influent center column
- energy dissipating inlet (EDI), either conventional scoop design or EquaFlo 360™ design
- flocculation feedwell
- two arms
- sludge collection header(s)
- scum skimming system

Suction sludge removal systems provide fast efficient solids withdrawal for activated sludge flow sheets requiring a steady return of fresh, active biomass. Ovivo’s suction header design provides operational simplicity with well engineered components.

The suction header clarifier (C3D) features a fabricated header tube connected to a manifold at the base of the column. The header is designed with a tapered cross-section and carefully sized and positioned intake orifices so that collection rates at each orifice are proportional to the unequal areas swept by the corresponding sections of header. The header comes in hot dip galvanized (HDG) steel or stainless steel (SS).

The result is a pre-engineered system which allows for uniform withdrawal rate across the entire basin floor at a given flow.

The design of the header is based on a hydraulic computer model supported by full scale laboratory tests. Based on its superior design method, Ovivo can design and guarantee its suction header clarifier with the best hydraulic characteristics. Laboratory test data confirming flow uniformity in our designed headers is available on request.

Because precise balancing of flow along the header often dictates small orifice diameter, the unitube design is most successfully employed where plant influent is effectively and thoroughly screened and solids settling characteristics are normal.
Unlike our competitors single tube header mechanisms, all sizes of the C3D are supported from a structural steel cage and truss arm assembly, assuring adequate support for ALL turning loads and stresses.

This design provides an opposite arm with rake blades and stainless steel adjustable squeegees. This second arm allows for additional raking of clarifier floor improving sludge withdrawal. It also assures the perfect balance of the clarifier necessary to keep an uniform load of the drive bearing.

The C3D is equipped with a scum skimmer system. Ovivo offers a standard scum box with skimmer blades supported by rake arms or an enhancing skimming design with a full trough skimmer (FTS) and two cantilevered skimming blades.
Drive Units

Ovivo provides strong, highly reliable drive mechanisms. The strength of our drives is due to their design, the materials used, full oil bath lubrication and the proper alignment of their components.

Drive
- Cast iron housing
- Oil lubrication
- Deep oil reservoir
- Strip liner bearings
- Worm gear reducer
- Single pinion
- Solid one piece main gear
- Meets latest AGMA standards

Cast Iron
Our drives are built in cast iron per ASTM A48 Class 40A. Cast iron offers:
- Excellent corrosion protection. Cast iron has a natural resistance to corrosion and will not rust
- Resistance to heavy loads. Complex cross sections with a high degree of structural rigidity are more precisely formed than fabricated plates. Sections are easily varied to provide massive support in high load areas.
- Full inner and outer walls form a deep 'U' cross section, offering exceptional rigidity and an ample oil reservoir.
- Extra bulk under the main bearing, pinion bearing and intermediate reducer mounting surfaces ensures proper alignment under peak loads.

Oil Lubrication
Ovivo drive design includes a deep oil reservoir with full side wall. This design offers many advantages. The full sidewall avoids the possibility of oil leaking and provides good weather protection for the gear. The deep oil reservoir minimizes heat buildup, provides an area for condensate to accumulate well away from the main gear and bearings and allows complete immersion in the lubricant. The drain is located away from the main pinion gear at the lowest point to allow extraction of contaminants.

Strip Liner Bearings
Ovivo drives use strip liner bearings and the largest chrome alloy bearing balls on the market. The strip liners are specially designed for wastewater treatment applications. These high quality strips are manufactured in AISI E4140, vacuum degassed and carbon deoxidized steel and offer high strength (43-46 Rc hardness).
Quality Components
Ovivo drives are equipped with bearings, worms and pinion mounted on a precisely machined surface. In every drive a high quality solid pinion maintains alignment and gives better resistance to bending and deflection under loads. Mating parts are machined to precise tolerances to assure precise fit and alignment. Every drive part is fully restrained (top and bottom) with no overhung loads. Main bearings are fully restrained into base.

AGMA Standards
Worm gear reducer, single solid pinion, single solid worm / worm shaft and main gear all meet the latest AGMA (American Gear Manufacturers' Association) standards.

Drive Control
Each drive is equipped with an overload control device activated by thrust from the worm shaft. This drive control includes a clear plastic enclosure and a weatherproof enclosure of epoxy coated aluminum construction with electro-mechanical switches.

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EquaFlo 360™ Energy Dispersing Inlet

The EquaFlo 360 Energy Dissipating Inlet (EDI) for clarifiers differs substantially from conventional practice by using the entire EDI circumference to discharge flow rather than just a few openings in the EDI shell. The quiescent tangential flow that results provides a uniform velocity profile and promotes flocculation within the feedwell.

Function of EDIs
The influent discharges from the center column at relatively high energy levels must be dissipated to reduce the influent velocity in feedwell and provide a uniform distribution in the clarification zone.

Existing EDIs
Scoop design, baffled design or TEE outlets design dissipate energy but produce flow streams. Flow streams cause turbulences and preferential jets in the feedwell resulting in reduced clarifier performance. These designs are also associated with deep feedwells to reduce the possibility of short circuiting under the feedwell.

The EquaFlo 360™ Technology
With its extended inner rim and evenly spaced tangentially oriented vanes along the entire 360 degrees of the EDI circumference and, the new EquaFlo 360 system offers the following advantages:

• Eliminates the distributing effects of the discrete flow streams jetting into the feedwell from the EDI
• Produces uniform flow into the feedwell around its full 360 degree circumference
• Achieves a controlled tangential flow velocity which promotes flocculation in the feedwell
• Minimizes the depth of the inlet discharge into the feedwell so the feedwell can have a minimum depth in the clarifier to avoid scouring of the sludge blanket on the clarifier floor
• Creates a tapered velocity profile for the flow that enters the clarification zone
• Increases the active clarification volume and retention efficiency of the clarifier through the use of a tangential discharge from the feedwell.

Features & benefits

• Discharge on full 360
• Evenly spaced tangentially orientated vanes
• Extended inner rim
• Double set of influent ports on influent column
• No stream jetting
• Enhanced flocculation
• Shallow feedwell
• No sludge scouring
The lower rim of the vane support ring extends back towards the column, forming a lip that provides additional flow baffling and energy dispersion.

The EquaFlo 360™ EDI discharge is ringed with evenly spaced tangentially orientated vanes along the entire 360 degree of the EDI circumference.

The influent column discharge ports are set below the EDI vanes, providing immediate containment and baffling of the influent via the EDI floor and cylindrical shell.

Flow leaving the column ports encounters the EDI wall, then must travel around the lower support ring prior to quiescently discharging into the feedwell trough tangentially orientated vanes.