

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT,
HEALTH AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
ON-SITE WASTEWATER SECTION

SEPTIC TANK EFFLUENT FILTER APPROVAL

SEPTIC TANK EFFLUENT FILTER NO: EF-15

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FOR: SaniTEE Septic Tank Effluent Filter

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In accordance with North Carolina General Statute 130A-335, 130A-335.1, and 15A NCAC 18A .1954, an application by Bill Bowne of Thorsby and Bowne for approval of septic tank effluent filters has been reviewed and the SaniTEE effluent filter has been found to meet the requirements established by statute and rule for approved effluent filters, when the following conditions for use, installation, operation and maintenance are met:

- I. Description:
 - a. Filter shall be designed and manufactured in accordance with plans, specifications and supporting documents provided by the manufacturer in their application for approval submitted to the On-Site Wastewater Section. The On-Site Wastewater Section shall be notified in writing of any additions or modification to the approved filter models prior to use in septic tank systems.
 - b. Filters shall meet the following specifications (see Table 1):

Table 1. Approved Filter Model Specifications (SaniTEE)

Filter Models	Size	Support Case ¹	Case Dimensions		Min. Tank Liquid Depth Required	Min. Access Opening Size ²
			Above Liquid Level	Below Liquid Level		
SaniTEE-Single	3-1/2" dia. x 46"	4" PVC Tee with 1" top extension	8"	Extend down 25% - 40% of liquid depth	36"	15 x 15 in. or 17 in. dia. or equal
SaniTEE-Duplex	2 filters, each 3-1/2" dia. x 46"	2 cases, 4" PVC Cross, + 4" PVC Tee, with 1" top extensions	8"	Extend down 25% - 40% of liquid depth	36"	17 x 17 in. or 17 in. dia. or equal

Notes:

1. Support case provided by the septic tank manufacturer.
2. Other minimum opening sizes or configurations proposed by the septic tank manufacturer shall be approved by the State on a case-by-case basis if documentation is provided showing both adequate access is provided for filter maintenance and for pumping the tank outlet compartment.

c. This approval shall be amended to incorporate additional filter models when they are found to meet the requirements of GS 130A-335, 130A-335.1, and other applicable rules.

II. Use:

A septic tank manufacturer may use one or more of these approved effluent filters in one or more of their septic tanks. The septic tank manufacturer must notify the On-Site Wastewater Section in accordance with Rule .1953 of the tanks in which they propose to utilize any of these approved filters, showing any modifications to the approved tank plans which may be necessary to utilize the proposed filter.

III. Sizing:

Approved filter models may be used in systems that meet the capacities and wastewater characteristic limitations stated in the following table, in accordance with manufacturer's specifications:

Table 2. Filter Sizing Criteria (Sanitee)¹	
Filter Model	Maximum Design Flow (gpd, residential)
SaniTEE-Single	1000
SaniTEE-Duplex	2000

Notes:

1. Sizing based on typical residential strength septic tank effluent (with or without garbage disposals), including influent wastewater strength: BOD₅ range of 100- 300 mg/l and TSS less than 150 mg/l, and Oil plus Grease less than 25 mg/l. For use in systems with higher strength wastewater (BOD ranging from 300 to 700 mg/l), maximum design flows shall be reduced to one-half the rates shown. For higher strength wastewater, the three-year minimum maintenance interval is unrealistic to expect without advanced pretreatment in addition to grease traps.

The filter sizing must be compatible with tank sizing requirements established based upon Rules .1949 and .1952(d). Both the maximum filter design flow and the maximum tank design flow must be equal to or greater than the maximum design flow rate for the system.

IV. Installation:

The effluent filters and filter support cases shall be assembled and installed in accordance with filter manufacturer's specifications and applicable rules. The filter case shall be located in such a manner that the filter can be readily accessible by the operator beneath the access manhole opening and removable by hand from above finished grade, while also providing enough room to allow for pumping of the tank outlet compartment.

V. Operation and maintenance:

The effluent filters shall be used and maintained in accordance with filter manufacturer's specifications and applicable laws and rules. Manufacturer-specified procedures shall be followed to minimize the bypass of unfiltered effluent while the filter is being serviced. Debris washed off the filter during servicing must be returned to the septic tank, or otherwise handled in accordance with an alternate approved sanitary disposal method.

VI. Literature:

The filter manufacturer shall furnish with each filter:

- Literature to be provided by the tank manufacturer to the system installer describing installation procedures.

- Literature to be provided by the installer to the system owner/user describing filter and recommended maintenance and servicing procedures.

VIII. Maintaining approval status:

The approval status is governed by Rule .1954(e).

Approved by: _____ Date: _____