GSF®

Geotextile Sand Filter

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A42 Module 48” x 24” x 7” (L x W x H)

B43 Module 48” x 36” x 7” (L x W x H)

Cover Fabric The geotextile cover fabric (provided by manufacturer) that is placed over the GSF modules.

Design Flow The estimated peak flow that is used to size a GSF system for a single-family dwelling or mobile home is 200 GPD for the first room plus 150 GPD per additional bedroom.

Flow Dial/Equalizer Special insert placed in the end of distribution pipes within the distribution box to compensate for possible unlevel installation and promote favorable flow to the distribution pipes.

GSF The Eljen Geotextile Sand Filter Modules and the 6-inch sand layer at the base and 6 inches along the sides of the modules.

GSF Module The individual module of a GSF system. The module is comprised of a cuspated plastic core and geotextile fabric.

Specified Sand To ensure proper system operation, the system MUST be installed using ASTM C33 Sand. Ask your material supplier for a sieve analysis to verify that your material meets the required specifications.

ASTM C33 Sand will have less than 10% passing the #100 Sieve and less than 5% passing the # 200 sieve.

TABLE 1: SPECIFIED SAND SIEVE REQUIREMENTS

ASTM C33 SAND SPECIFICATION		
Sieve Size	Sieve Square Opening Size	Specification Percent Passing (Wet Sieve)
3/8 inch	9.52 mm	100
No. 4	4.76 mm	95 - 100
No. 8	2.38 mm	80 - 100
No. 16	1.19 mm	50 - 85
No. 30	590 µm	25 - 60
No. 50	297 µm	5 - 30
No. 100	149 µm	0 - 10
No. 200	75 µm	0 - 5

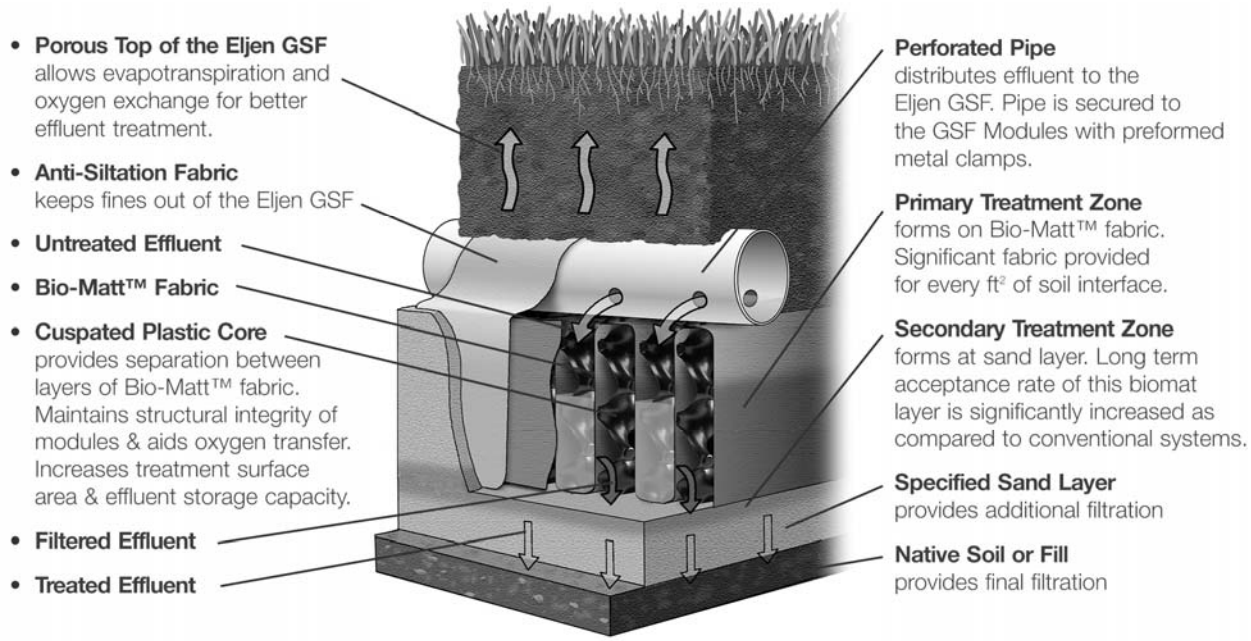
Primary Treatment Zone

- Perforated pipe is centered above the GSF module to distribute septic effluent over and into corrugations created by the cuspated core of the geotextile module.
- Septic effluent is filtered through the Bio-Matt fabric. The module's unique design provides increased surface area for biological treatment that greatly exceeds the module's footprint.
- Open air channels within the module support aerobic bacterial growth on the module's geotextile fabric interface, surpassing the surface area required for traditional absorption systems.
- An anti-siltation geotextile fabric covers the top and sides of the GSF module and protects the Specified Sand and soil from clogging, while maintaining effluent storage within the module.

Secondary Treatment Zone

- Effluent drips into the Specified Sand layer and supports unsaturated flow into the native soil. This Specified Sand/soil interface maintains soil structure, thereby maximizing the available absorption interface in the native soil. The Specified Sand supports nitrification of the effluent, which reduces oxygen demand in the soil, thus minimizing soil clogging from anaerobic bacteria.
- The Specified Sand layer also protects the soil from compaction and helps maintain cracks and crevices in the soil. This preserves the soil's natural infiltration capacity, which is especially important in finer textured soils, where these large channels are critical for long-term performance.
- Native soil provides final filtration and allows for groundwater recharge.

FIGURE 1: GSF SYSTEM OPERATION



1.0 System Preconditions

1.1 REQUIREMENTS: Eljen GSF systems must meet all State and/or local rules and regulations except as outlined in this manual. The New Jersey Administrative Code 7:9A, Standards for Individual Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems and the local regulations will be referred to as the *guidelines* in this manual. All design and sizing information within this manual applies to residential systems.

Please contact Eljen's Technical Resource Department at 1-800-444-1359 for design information on commercial systems or other technical questions.

1.2 WATER SOFTENER BACKWASH: At no time should water softener backwash be disposed of in the septic system. Water softener backwash should be discharged to a separate soil absorption field.

1.3 GARBAGE DISPOSALS: The use of a garbage disposal is not recommended as they can cause septic system problems by generating an increase of suspended solids, grease and nutrients.

However, if such units are proposed to be used, other measures should be taken to mitigate the increased nutrients to the field. Consult your local and state code for garbage disposal requirements. Eljen recommends a dual compartment tank or tanks in series. Consider upsizing the field for the additional biological load.

NOTE: Eljen requires the use of septic tank outlet effluent filters on all systems. Filters with higher filtration are recommended for systems with garbage disposals.

1.4 ADDITIONAL FACTORS AFFECTING RESIDENTIAL SYSTEM SIZE: Homes with expected higher than normal water usage may consider increasing the septic tank volume as well as incorporating a multiple compartment septic tank. Consideration for disposal area may be up-sized for expected higher than normal water use.

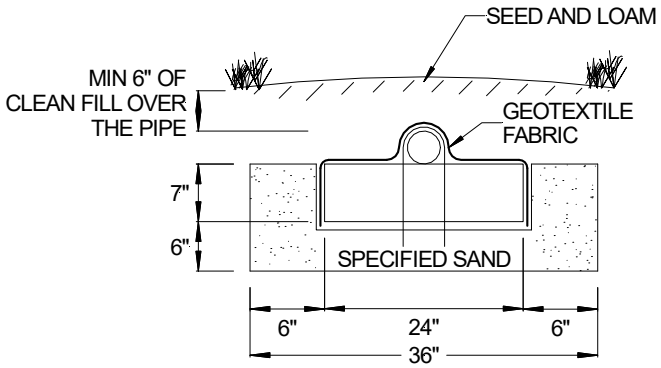
For example:

- Luxury homes, homes with a Jacuzzi style tubs, and other high use fixtures.
- Homes with known higher than normal occupancy.

1.5 SYSTEM PROHIBITED AREAS: All vehicular traffic is prohibited over the GSF system. GSF systems shall not be installed under paved or concreted areas. If the system is to be installed in livestock areas, the system must be fenced off around the perimeter to prevent compaction of the cover material and damage to the system.

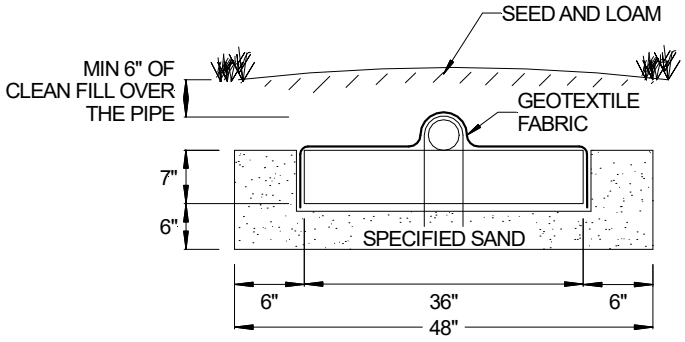
1.6 ELJEN INSTALLER CERTIFICATION: All installers are required to be trained and certified by an authorized Eljen representative. Contact your local distributor for training information.

FIGURE 2: TYPICAL A42 CROSS SECTION



A42 MODULE (L x W x H) 48” x 24” x 7”

FIGURE 3: TYPICAL B43 CROSS SECTION



B43 MODULE (L x W x H) 48” x 36” x 7”

All systems are required to have a minimum of:

- 6 inches of Specified Sand is at the edges of the GSF module.
- 6 inches of Specified Sand is at the beginning and end of each GSF Row.
- 6 inches of Specified Sand is directly below the GSF module.
- Minimum 6 inches of over the pipe.
- Maximum trench width for Eljen A42 Modules = 3 ft.
- Maximum trench width for Eljen B43 Modules = 4 ft.

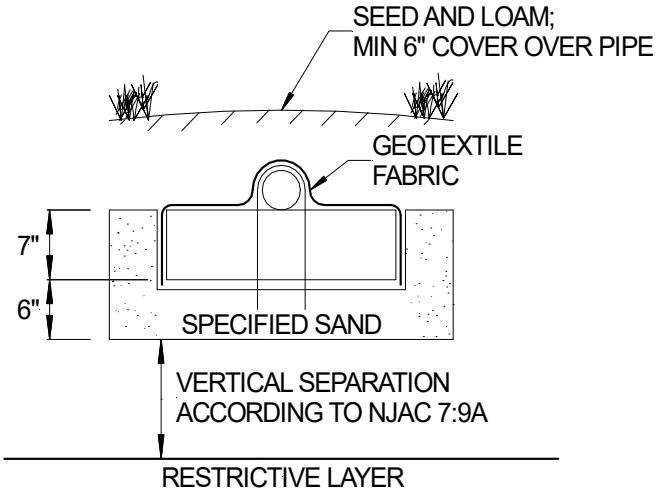
2.1 SEPTIC TANK: Septic tanks shall meet state sizing standards. Many designers are now specifying dual compartment tanks for all their systems. Eljen supports this practice as it helps to promote long system life by reducing TSS and BOD to the effluent disposal area. Eljen recommends septic tank pump outs to be performed every three years or on an as needed basis.

2.2 SEPTIC TANK FILTERS: An NSF 46 approved effluent filter is ***REQUIRED*** for use with Eljen GSF products. Effluent filter sizing should be based on effluent filter manufacturers recommendations.

Septic tank effluent filters are used as a means of preventing solids from leaving the tank and entering your system. Effluent filters should be cleaned from time to time. Cleaning requirements should be based on the type or make of the effluent filter installed.

2.3 VERTICAL SEPARATION TO LIMITING LAYER: Measure from the bottom of the GSF sand to the limiting condition.

FIGURE 4: SEPARATION DISTANCES FOR ZONE OF TREATMENT AND DISPERSAL



2.4 SPECIFIED SAND SPECIFICATION FOR GSF SYSTEMS: The sand immediately under, between rows and around the perimeter of the GSF system must meet ASTM C33 Sand Specification, ***WITH LESS THAN 10% PASSING A #100 SIEVE AND LESS THAN 5% PASSING A #200 SIEVE.*** Please place a prominent note to this effect on each design drawing. See Table 1 for more information on the sand and sieve specifications.

2.5 PLACING GSF MODULES: The “painted stripe” on the GSF modules indicates the top of the module and is not intended to indicate the location of the distribution pipe. With the painted stripe facing up, all rows of GSF modules are set level, end to end on the Specified Sand layer.

2.6 DISTRIBUTION: Gravity, pump to gravity or pressure distribution are acceptable when using the GSF System. Piping shall meet the requirements guidelines; however, Eljen strongly recommends the use of SDR 35 pipe and fittings as to prevent crushing during backfill. All distribution piping must meet a minimum 2,500-pound crush test specification for polyvinyl chloride (PVC) drain, waste and vent pipe.

All systems require a perforated 4” diameter pipe centered on top of the GSF modules unless the system is curving. The distribution pipe continues along the entire length of all modules in a trench or row. Holes are set at the 4 and 8 o’clock position and secured by the Eljen provided wire clamps.

When using pressure distribution, a pressure manifold is placed inside the 4-inch distribution pipe. Section 7.0 of this manual goes into details of how to construct the distribution network. All piping must meet state and local regulations.

2.7 CONNECTIONS AND FITTINGS: Connections of lines to tanks and distribution boxes must be made using watertight seals. Use of any grouting material is not permitted.

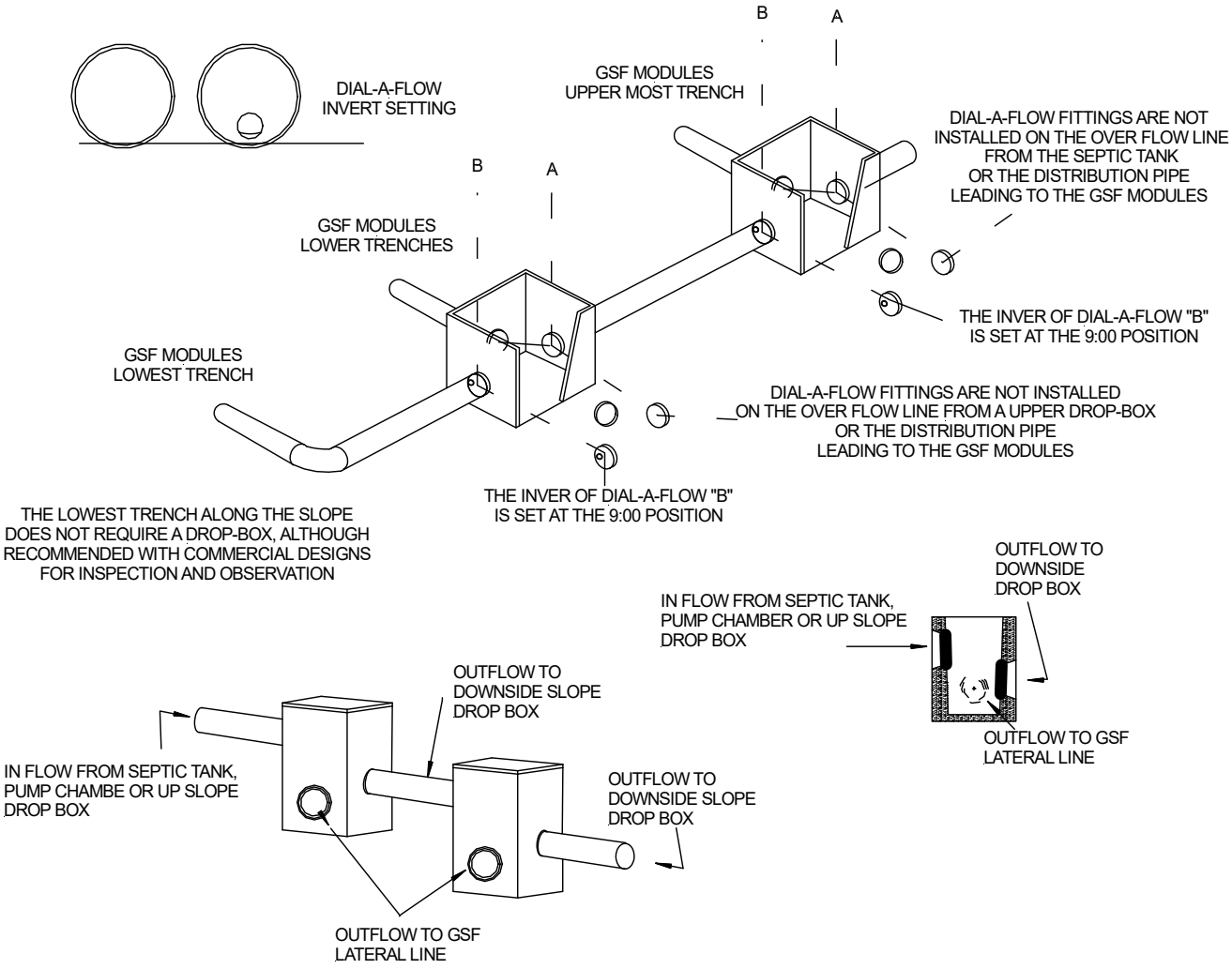
2.8 DISTRIBUTION BOX: Set the gravity system D-box outlet invert a minimum of ⅛ inch drop in elevation per linear foot to the top first module in the row. Set a 2-inch minimum drop for dosed systems from the D-box to the modules. Ensure that the distribution box and pipes feeding the system are placed on compacted soil. Flow Dials may be used in either Gravity or Dosed installations.

2.9 UNSATURATED IN-SITU SOIL: A minimum of 6 inches of unsaturated soil is required between the bottom of the Specified Sand and a limiting condition.

2.10 EQUAL DISTRIBUTION: Parallel distribution is the preferred method of dosing to a gravity or pump to gravity system. It encourages equal flows to each of the lines in the system. It is recommended for most trench systems.

2.11 SEQUENTIAL DISTRIBUTION: Sequential Distribution using a distribution box will fully utilize the uppermost section of the system prior to spilling effluent into a lower row of modules. This is for use on any site with greater than 0.5% slope when not using parallel distribution.

FIGURE 5: SEQUENTIAL DISTRIBUTION DROP–BOX DETAIL



2.12 COVER FABRIC: Geotextile cover fabric is provided by Eljen Corporation for all GSF systems. It is placed over the top and sides of the module rows to prevent long term siltation and failure. **Cover fabric substitution is not allowed.** Fabric should drape vertically over the pipe and must *not* block holes in the distribution pipe or be stretched from the top of the pipe to the outside edge of the modules. "Tenting" will cause undue stress on fabric and pipe.

2.13 SYSTEM VENTING: It is required to vent all systems that are more than 18" below finished grade and systems beneath any surface condition that would not allow for surface air exchange with the system such as patios. See Section 8.0 for a more detailed explanation of venting GSF products.

2.14 BACKFILL & FINISH GRADING: Complete backfill with a minimum of 6 inches of clean porous fill measured from the top of the pipe. Use well graded sandy fill that is clean, porous and devoid of large rocks. Do not use wheeled equipment over the system. A light track machine may be used with caution, avoiding crushing or shifting of pipe assembly. Divert surface runoff from the system absorption area. Finish grade to prevent surface ponding. Seed and loam system area to protect from erosion.

2.15 SYSTEM GEOMETRY: Design systems as long and narrow as practical along site contours to minimize ground water mounding especially in poorly drained low permeability soils. If possible, design level systems with equal number of modules per row.

2.16 NUMBER OF GSF MODULES REQUIRED: Residential systems use a minimum of six (6) A42 modules per bedroom or five (5) B43 modules per bedroom. See Tables 2 & 3 for more information on system sizing.

2.17 TRENCH AND BED SPACING: The space between the trench wall of adjacent trenches shall be no less than six feet.
Bed systems require a minimum of 1 foot of sand between adjacent rows of GSF units in a bed.

2.19 SYSTEM SIZING: Eljen GSF are sized using the applications rates below. Divide the Daily Flow (GPD) by the application rate to find the area of the field. Follow the guidelines under the appropriate table to achieve proper field sizing.

TABLE 2: GSF TRENCH SOIL RATES

Permeability (in/hr)	Percolation Rate (min/in)	Adjusted L/Q	
		A42 (3 Ft Trench)	B43 (4 Ft Trench)
6-20	3-15	0.31	0.2
2-6	16-30	0.43	0.29
0.6-2	31-45	0.55	0.37
0.2-0.6	46-60	0.65	0.44

TABLE 3: GSF BED SOIL RATES

Permeability (in/hr)	Percolation Rate (min/in)	Adjusted A/Q (ft^2/gal per day)	A42 Modules per Bedroom	B43 Modules per Bedroom
6 - 20	3 - 15	1.23	6	5
2 - 6	16 - 30	1.70	8	7
0.6 - 2	31 - 45	2.19	10	9
0.2 - 0.6	46 - 60	2.60	13	11
Pressure Dosing Design		0.96	6	5

Use a minimum of 5 B43 Modules or 6 A42 Modules per bedroom. In a bed application, you can maximize out at 11 B43 Modules or 13 A42 Modules per bedroom.

For A42 Modules: Maintain a minimum 1.5-foot separation distance from the edge of the bed to the nearest distribution line to a maximum of 4 feet. Also, maintain a minimum 3-foot separation distance between distribution lines in the field with a maximum of 8 feet of separation between laterals.

For B43 Modules: Maintain a minimum 2-foot separation distance from the edge of the bed to the nearest distribution line to a maximum of 4 feet. Also, maintain a minimum 4-foot separation distance between distribution lines in the field with a maximum of 8 feet of separation between laterals.

3.0 Trench Installation Sizing and Guidelines

Trench Example:

House size:	4 Bedrooms
Soil Permeability min/in:	15 min/in
Design Flow – 200 for first bedroom + 150 per additional bedroom (3) =	650 gpd
Unit used:	B43

Trench Width

Determined by unit used:

A42 = 3 ft

B43 = 4 ft

Calculate the Minimum Absorption Area

Lookup rate from Table 2:

Permeability (in/hr)	Percolation Rate (min/in)	Adjusted L/Q	
		A42 (3 Ft Trench)	B43 (4 Ft Trench)
6-20	3-15	0.31	0.2

System Lineal Feet = Design Flow x Rate

System Lineal Feet = 650 x 0.2
= 130 ft

Calculate Number of Modules Required

Number of Modules Required = (System Lineal Feet – 1 foot) ÷ 4 Feet per Module

(130 ft – 1 ft) ÷ 4 ft = 32.25, round to 33 B43 Units

Minimum Length

Units used x 4 ft per unit + 1

33 B43 Units x 4 ft per unit + 1 = 133 ft

Final Dimension Layout

(Note: System layout and number of rows will vary based on site constraints)

Min. Length	133 ft.
Trench Width	4 ft.
Minimum Number of Units	33 Modules
Min. System Area	532 ft^2

FIGURE 6: PLAN VIEW –TRENCH SYSTEM

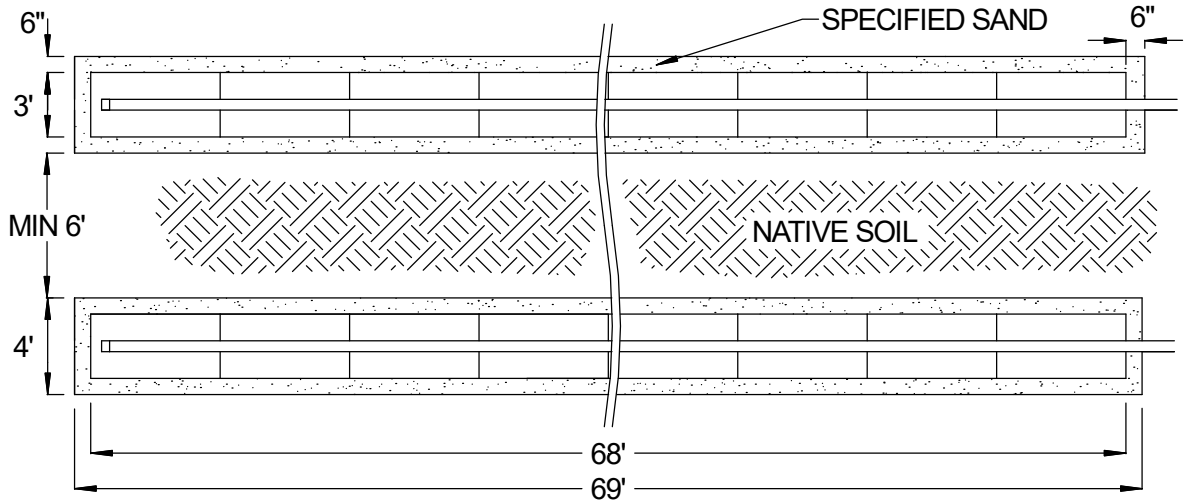


FIGURE 7: SECTION VIEW – TRENCH SYSTEM – LEVEL SITE

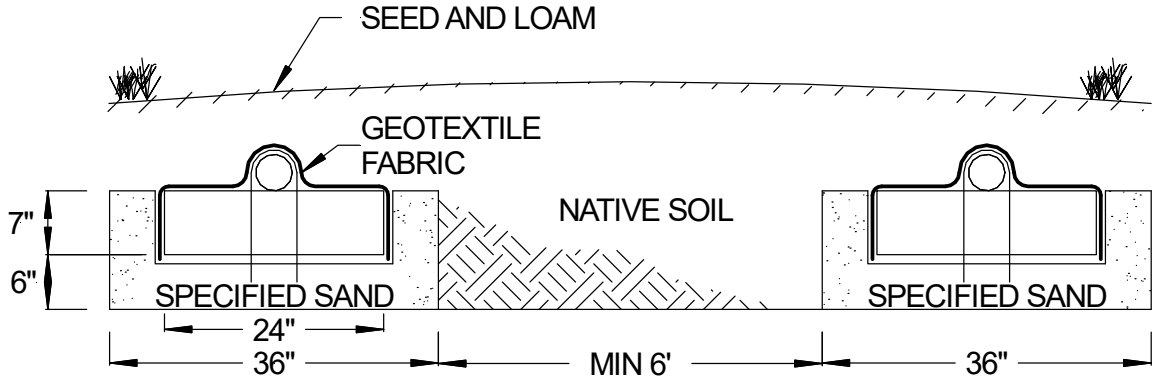
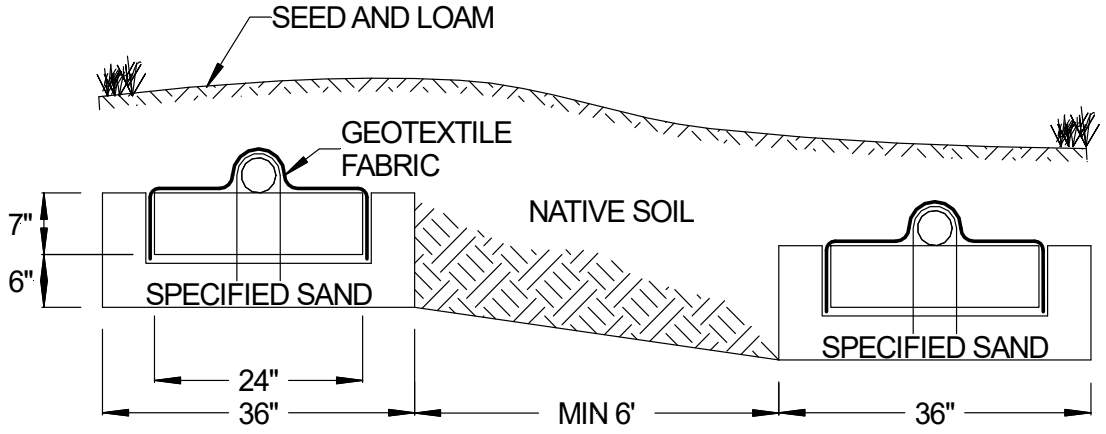


FIGURE 8: SECTION VIEW – TRENCH SYSTEM – SLOPING SITE



3.0 Trench Installation Sizing and Guidelines

1. Ensure all components leading to the GSF system are installed properly. Septic tank effluent filters are required with the GSF system.

2. Determine the number of GSF Modules required using the trench sizing example.

3. Prepare the site. Do not install a system on saturated ground or wet soils that are smeared during excavation. Keep machinery off infiltrative areas.

4. Plan all drainage requirements above (up-slope of) the system. Set soil grades to ensure that storm water drainage and ground water is diverted away from the absorption area once the system is complete.

5. Excavate the trench; scarify and prepare the receiving layer to maximize the interface between the native soil and specified sand.

6. Minimize walking in the trench prior to placement of the specified sand to avoid soil compaction.

7. Place specified sand in 6” lifts and stabilize by foot, a hand-held tamping tool, or a portable vibrating compactor. The minimum stabilized height below the GSF module must be level at 6”.

8. Place GSF modules with **PAINTED STRIPE FACING UP**, end to end on top of the specified sand along their 4-foot length, centered laterally in the trench.

9. Place a standard 4-inch perforated pipe, SDR 35 or equivalent, atop the row of modules, centered laterally. Ensure orifices are set at the 4 & 8 o’clock position.

10. Secure all 4-inch pipes with manufacturers supplied wire clamps, one per module.

11. (Pressure Distribution Systems) Insert a pressure pipe (size per design and code) into the standard 4-inch perforated pipe. The pressure pipe orifices are set at the 12 o’clock position as shown in Figure 12. Each pressure lateral will have a drain hole at the 6 o’clock position. Each pressure lateral shall include sweeping cleanouts at the terminal ends and be accessible from grade. The 4” distribution pipe is capped at both ends with a hole cut in the cap to allow the pressure pipe through.

12. ***Cover fabric substitution is not allowed.*** The installer should lay the Eljen provided geotextile cover fabric lengthwise down the trench, with the fabric fitted to the perforated pipe on top of the GSF modules. Fabric should be neither too loose, nor too tight. The correct tension of the cover fabric is set by:
    a. Spreading the cover fabric over the top of the module and down both sides of the module with the cover fabric tented over the top of the perforated distribution pipe.
    b. Place shovelfuls of Specified Sand directly over the pipe area allowing the cover fabric to form a mostly vertical orientation along the sides of the pipe. Repeat this step moving down the pipe.

13. Place the sand extensions along both sides of the modules edge. A minimum of 6 inches of Specified Sand is placed at the beginning and end of each trench.

14. Complete backfill with a minimum of 6 inches of clean porous fill measured from the top of the pipe. Backfill exceeding 18 inches requires venting at the far end of the trench. Use well graded native soil fill that is clean, porous and devoid of large rocks. Do not use wheeled equipment over the system. A light track machine may be used with caution, avoiding crushing or shifting of pipe assembly.

15. Divert surface runoff from the system. Finish grade to prevent surface ponding. Topsoil and seed system area to protect from erosion.

Bed Example:

House size: 3 Bedrooms
Soil Permeability min/in: 18 min/in
Design Flow – 200 for first bedroom + 150 per additional bedroom (2) = 500 gpd
Unit used: B43

Calculate the Minimum Absorption Area and units per Bedroom

Lookup rate from Table 3:

Permeability (in/hr)	Percolation Rate (min/in)	Adjusted A/Q (ft^2/gal per day)	A42 Modules per Bedroom	B43 Modules per Bedroom
2 - 6	16 - 30	1.70	8	7

Absorption Area Required = Design Flow x Rate

Absorption Area = 500 gpd x 1.7 ft^2/gal per day
= 850 ft^2

Units per Bedroom = 7 B43s per bedroom.

Calculate Number of Modules Required

Number of Modules Required = Number of Bedrooms x Modules per Bedroom

3 Bedrooms x 7 = 21 B43 Modules

Absorption Area Length

For this example, assume the number of rows equals two:
Modules per Row:
21 modules ÷ 2 rows = 10.5, round to 11 B43 modules per row

Absorption Area Length:
Modules (11) x 4 lf/module + 1 ft (6" sand at each end of bed) = 45 ft

Bed Width:
Field Size ÷ Bed Length = 850 ft^2 ÷ 45 ft = 18.8 ft, round up 19 ft

Bed Area:
Width x Length = 19 ft x 45 ft = 855 ft^2

Lateral to Lateral Spacing:
Width ÷ Number of Rows = 19 ft ÷ 2 rows = 9.5 ft
Edge to Lateral Spacing:
Lateral to Lateral Spacing ÷ 2 = 9.5 ft ÷ 2 = 4.75 ft

Final Dimension Layout

(Note: System layout and number of rows will vary based on site constraints)

Min. Length	45 ft.
Min. Width	19 ft.
Minimum Number of Units	22 B43 Modules
Rows	2 Rows
Min. System Area	855 ft^2
Lateral to Lateral Spacing	9.5 ft
Edge to Lateral Spacing	4.75 ft

FIGURE 9: PLAN VIEW – BED SYSTEM

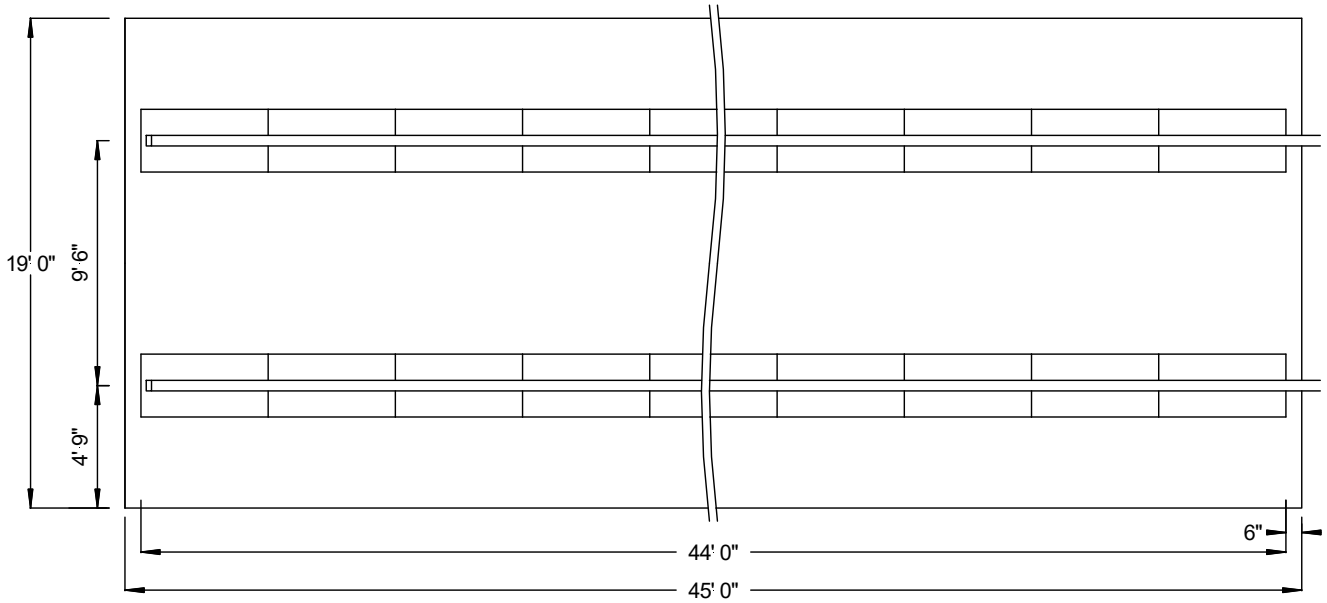


FIGURE 10: SECTION VIEW – BED SYSTEM

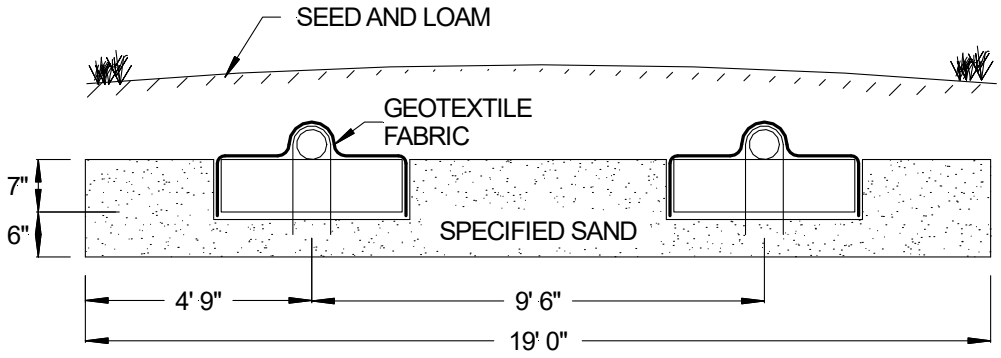
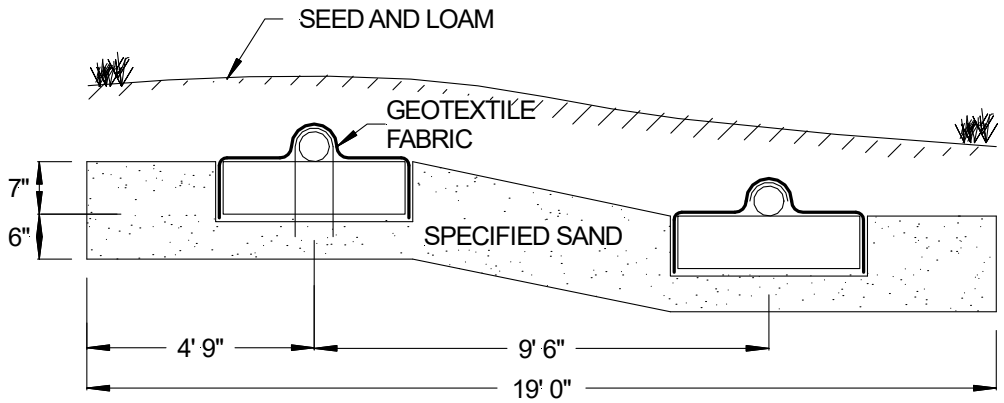


FIGURE 11: SECTION VIEW – SLOPING BED SYSTEM



4.0 Bed Installation Sizing and Guidelines

1. Ensure all components leading to the GSF system are installed properly. Septic tank effluent filters are required with the GSF system.

2. Determine the number and type of GSF Modules required using the bed sizing example.

3. Prepare the site. Do not install a system on saturated ground or wet soils that are smeared during excavation. Keep machinery off infiltrative areas.

4. Plan all drainage requirements above (up-slope of) the system. Set soil grades to ensure that storm water drainage and ground water is diverted away from the absorption area once the system is complete.

5. Excavate the bed absorption area; scarify the receiving layer to maximize the interface between the native soil and specified sand.

6. Minimize walking in the absorption area prior to placement of the specified sand to avoid soil compaction.

7. Place specified sand in 6" lifts, and stabilize by foot, a hand-held tamping tool, or a portable vibrating compactor. The minimum stabilized height below the GSF module must be level at 6".

8. Place GSF modules with **PAINTED STRIPE FACING UP**, end to end on top of the specified sand along their 4-foot length, spaced laterally as shown in the design.

9. Place a standard 4-inch perforated pipe, SDR 35 or equivalent, atop the row of modules, centered laterally. Ensure orifices are set at the 4 & 8 o'clock position.

10. Secure all 4-inch pipes with manufacturers supplied wire clamps, one per module.

11. (Pressure Distribution Systems) Insert a pressure pipe (size per design and code) into the standard 4-inch perforated pipe. The pressure pipe orifices are set at the 12 o'clock position as shown in Figure 12. Each pressure lateral will have a drain hole at the 6 o'clock position. Each pressure lateral shall include sweeping cleanouts at the terminal ends and be accessible from grade. The 4" distribution pipe is capped at both ends with a hole cut in the cap to allow the pressure pipe through.

12. ***Cover fabric substitution is not allowed.*** The installer should lay the Eljen provided geotextile cover fabric lengthwise down the row, with the fabric fitted to the perforated pipe on top of the GSF modules. Fabric should be neither too loose, nor too tight. The correct tension of the cover fabric is set by:
    a. Spreading the cover fabric over the top of the module and down both sides of the module with the cover fabric tented over the top of the perforated distribution pipe.
    b. Place shovelfuls of Specified Sand directly over the pipe area allowing the cover fabric to form a mostly vertical orientation along the sides of the pipe. Repeat this step moving down the pipe.

13. Place 6 inches of Specified Sand along both sides of the modules edge. A minimum of 6 inches of Specified Sand is placed at the beginning and end of each module row. A minimum of 12 inches of Specified Sand is placed in between module rows.

14. Complete backfill with a minimum of 6 inches of clean porous fill measured from the top of the pipe. Backfill exceeding 18 inches requires venting at the far end of the bed. Use well graded native soil fill that is clean, porous and devoid of large rocks. Do not use wheeled equipment over the system. A light track machine may be used with caution, avoiding crushing or shifting of pipe assembly.

15. Divert surface runoff from the system. Finish grade to prevent surface ponding. Topsoil and seed system area to protect from erosion.

5.0 Mound Installation Sizing and Guidelines

1. Ensure all components leading to the GSF system are installed properly. Septic tank effluent filters are required with the GSF system.

2. Determine the number and type of GSF Modules required using the sizing formula.

3. Prepare the site. Do not install a system on saturated ground or wet soils that are smeared during preparation. Keep machinery off infiltrative areas.

4. Plan all drainage requirements above (up-slope of) the system. Set soil grades to ensure that storm water drainage and ground water is diverted away from the absorption area once the system is complete.

5. Remove the organic soil layer. Scarify the receiving layer to maximize the interface between the native soil and Specified Sand. Minimize walking in the absorption area prior to placement of the Specified Sand to avoid soil compaction.

6. Place fill material meeting local requirements (or Specified Sand requirements) onto the soil interface as you move down the excavated area. Place specified sand in 6" lifts, and stabilize by foot, a hand-held tamping tool, or a portable vibrating compactor. The stabilized height below the GSF module must meet the mound design requirements.

7. Place GSF modules with **PAINTED STRIPE FACING UP**, end to end on top of the specified sand along their 4-foot length.

8. Place a standard perforated 4-inch distribution pipe, SDR 35 or equivalent, atop the row of modules, centered laterally. Ensure orifices are set at the 4 & 8 o'clock position.

9. Secure all distribution pipes with manufacturers supplied wire clamps, one per module.

10. Insert a PVC Sch. 40 pressure pipe (size per design and code) into the standard perforated distribution pipe. The pressure pipe orifices are set at the 12 o'clock position as shown in Figure 12. Each pressure lateral will have a drain hole at the 6 o'clock position. Each pressure lateral shall include sweeping cleanouts at the terminal ends and be accessible from grade. The 4" distribution pipe is capped at both ends with a hole cut in the cap to allow the pressure pipe through.

    It is strongly recommended to install a 4-inch vent onto the distribution pipe. Distribution pipes can be connected to one vent or use one vent per distribution line.

11. ***Cover fabric substitution is not allowed.*** The installer should lay the Eljen provided geotextile cover fabric lengthwise down the row, with the fabric fitted to the perforated pipe on top of the GSF modules. Fabric should be neither too loose, nor too tight. The correct tension of the cover fabric is set by:
    a. Spreading the cover fabric over the top of the module and down both sides of the module with the cover fabric tented over the top of the perforated distribution pipe.
    b. Place shovelfuls of Specified Sand directly over the pipe area allowing the cover fabric to form a mostly vertical orientation along the sides of the pipe. Repeat this step moving down the pipe.

12. Ensure there is 6 inches of specified sand surrounding the GSF modules in the mound. Slope the sand away from the mound as described on the plan.

13. Complete backfill with a minimum of 6 inches of cover material measured from the top of the pipe. Use well graded native soil fill that is clean, porous and devoid of large rocks. Do not use wheeled equipment over the system. A light track machine may be used with caution, avoiding crushing or shifting of pipe assembly.

14. Divert surface runoff from the system. Finish grade to prevent surface ponding. Topsoil and seed system area to protect from erosion.

6.0 Dosing Distribution Guidance

6.1 DEMAND DOSED GUIDANCE: Specify a distribution box for pumped systems. Provide velocity reduction in the D-box with a tee or baffle if necessary. If the absorption area is installed deeper than 18 inches, the system must be vented.

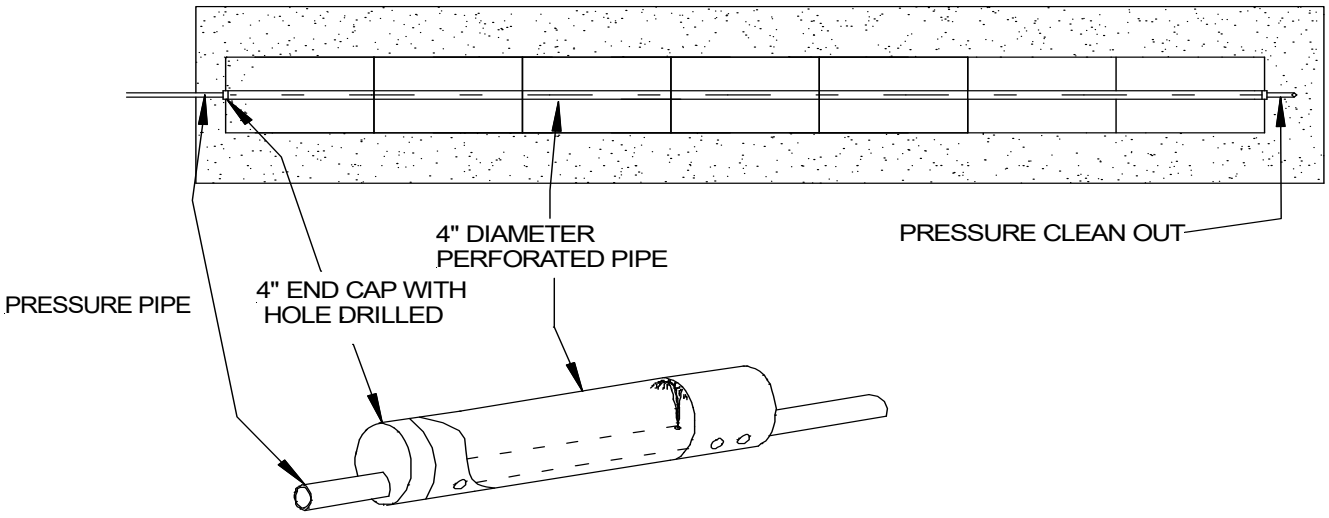
6.2 DOSING DESIGN CRITERIA: Dosing volume must be set to deliver a maximum of **3 gallons per A42 Module or 4 gallons per B43** per dosing cycle. Head loss and drain back volume must be considered in choosing the pump size and force main diameter.

7.0 Pressure Distribution Guidance

PRESSURE DISTRIBUTION: Dosing with small diameter pressurized laterals is acceptable for GSF systems. The pipe networks must be engineered and follow principles established for pressure distribution. Flushing ports are required to maintain the free flow of effluent from orifices at the distal ends of each lateral. Contact Eljen's Technical Resource Department at 1-800-444-1359 for more information on pressure distribution systems.

Standard procedures for design of pressure distribution networks apply to the GSF system. Minimum orifice and lateral pipe size are based on design. A drain hole is required at the end of each row at the 6 o'clock position of each pressure lateral for drainage purposes. The lateral pipe network is placed within a standard 4-inch perforated pipe. The perforation in the 4-inch outer pipe are set at the 4 and 8 o'clock position, the drilled orifices on the pressure pipe are set to spray at the 12 o'clock position directly to the top of the 4-inch perforated pipe as shown below.

FIGURE 12: PRESSURE PIPE PLACEMENT



PRESSURE PIPE CROSS SECTION FOR ALL APPLICATIONS

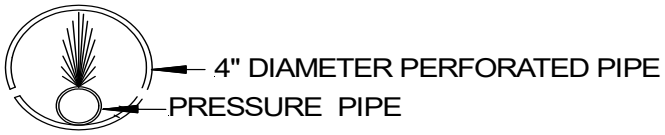


FIGURE 13: PRESSURE CLEAN OUT

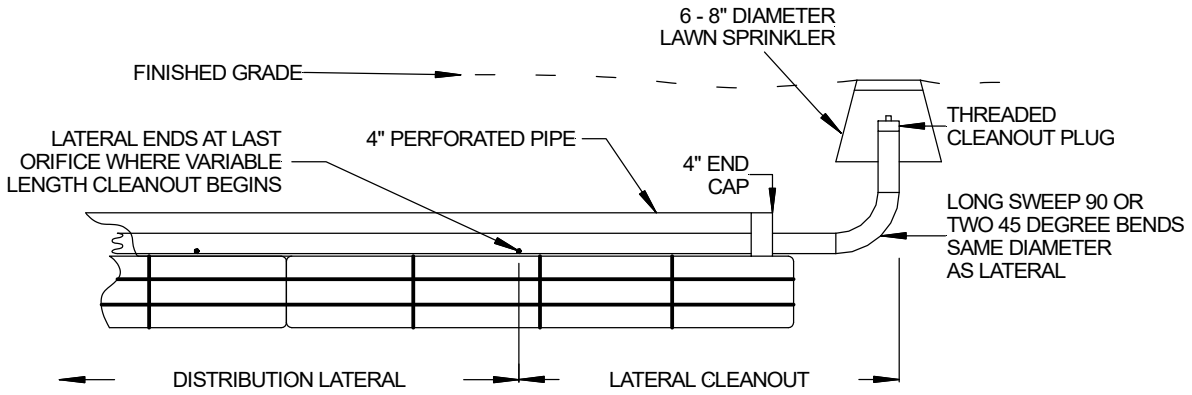
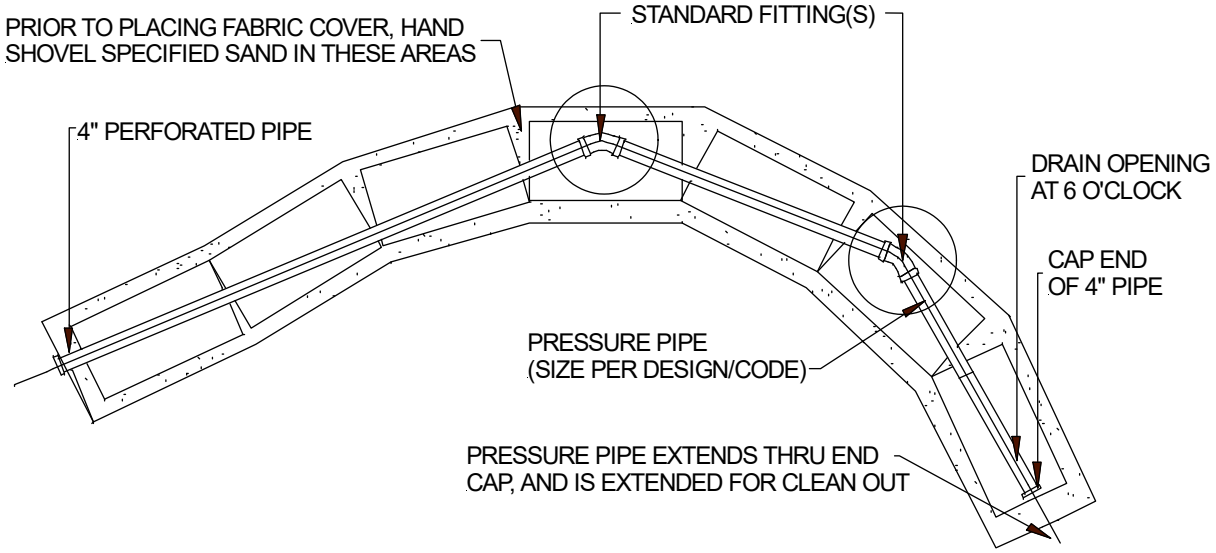


FIGURE 14: CONTOURED TRENCH PRESSURE DISTRIBUTION



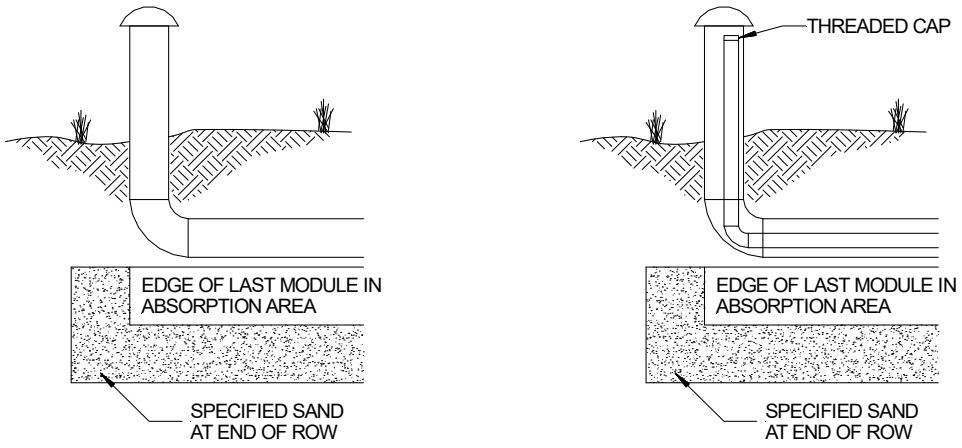
GSF Pressure Distribution trench placed on a contour or winding trenches to maintain horizontal separation distances may also be used in Dosed or Gravity system by removing the pressure pipe and using the 4-inch diameter perforated distribution pipe.

8.0 System Ventilation

8.1 SYSTEM VENTILATION: Air vents are required on all absorption systems located under impervious surfaces or systems **with *more than 18 inches of cover material*** as measured from the top of the GSF module to finished grade. This will ensure proper aeration of the modules and sand filter. The GSF has aeration channels between the rows of GSF modules connecting to cuspations within the GSF modules. Under normal operating conditions, only a fraction of the filter is in use. The unused channels remain open for intermittent peak flows and the transfer of air.

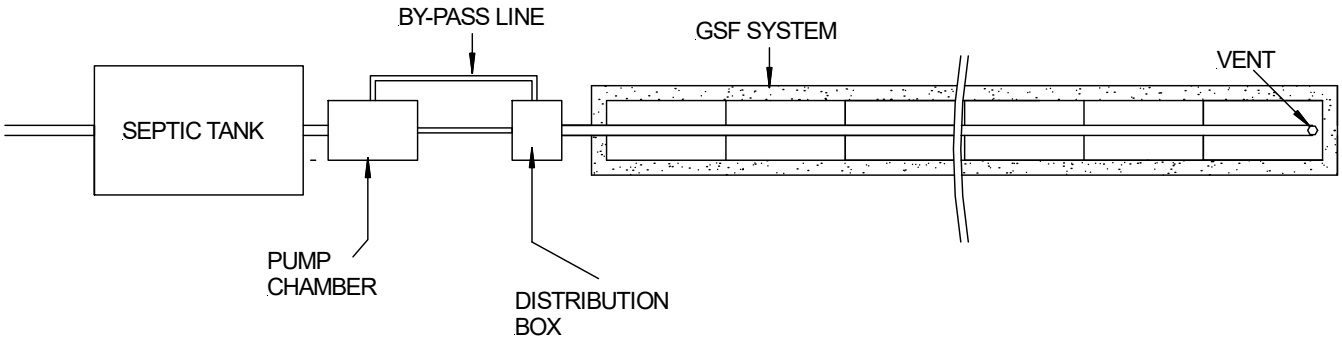
8.2 VENT PIPE FOR GRAVITY AND LOW-PRESSURE SYSTEMS: Systems with over 18" of cover over the top of the modules require a vent. If the system is a low-pressure distribution system, the LPP clean outs may be located in the vent for easy access.

FIGURE 15: VENT LAYOUTS FOR GRAVITY AND LOW-PRESSURE SYSTEMS



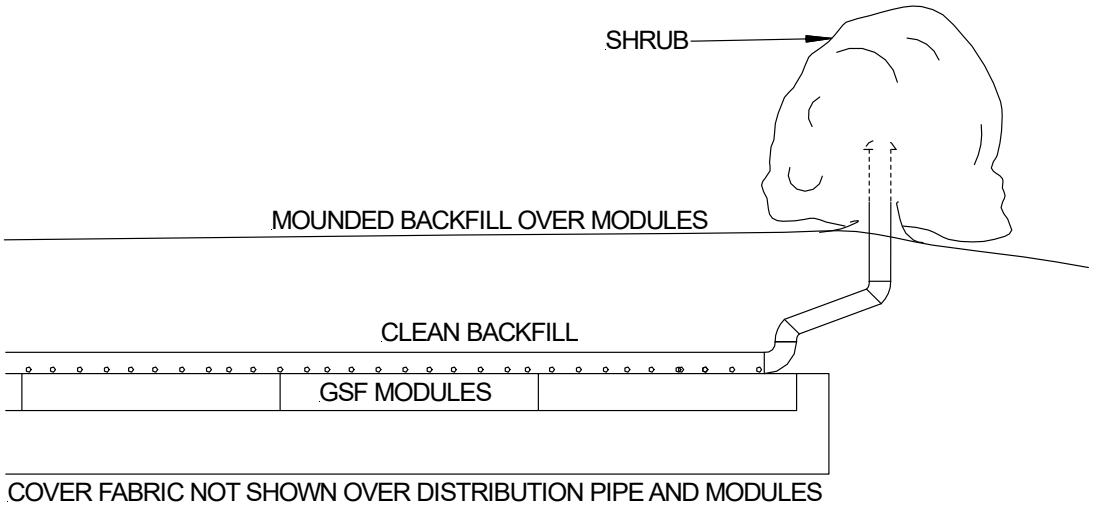
8.3 AIR BY-PASS LINE: Systems with over 18" of cover that are pumped or pressure dosed require an air by-pass line to continue flow from the low vent on the system to the high vent of the house. Simply plumb an airline from the distribution system back to the pump chamber or septic tank to provide unobstructed flow.

FIGURE 16: AIR BY-PASS LINE PLAN VIEW FOR VENTING OF PUMPED SYSTEMS



8.4 VENTILATION PLACEMENT: In a GSF system, the vent is usually a 4-inch diameter pipe extended to a convenient location behind shrubs, as shown in the figure below. Corrugated pipe may be used. If using corrugated pipe, ensure that the pipe does not have any bends that will allow condensation to pond in the pipe. This may close off the vent line. The pipe must have an invert higher than the system so that it does not drain effluent.

FIGURE 17: GSF WITH 4" VENT EXTENDED TO CONVENIENT LOCATION



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