> below-ground installation.

**Below-ground** 

- > required in commercial food preparation areas.
- > the function of a grease trap is to slow the flow of warm/hot greasy water thus allowing it to cool. As the water cools, the grease and oil separate and float to the top, solids to settle on the bottom of the tank and the cleaner/cooler water flows out to sewer.

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|-----------------|------------------------|-------|-------|--------|
|                 | Internal Dimensions mm |       |       |        |
| Capacity litres | Length                 | Width | Water | Height |
| 250             | 900                    | 600   | 470   | 770    |
| 300             | 900                    | 600   | 560   | 860    |
| 350             | 900                    | 600   | 650   | 950    |
| 400             | 1250                   | 600   | 540   | 840    |
| 500             | 1250                   | 600   | 670   | 970    |
| 600             | 1250                   | 750   | 640   | 940    |
| 700             | 1400                   | 750   | 670   | 970    |
| 750             | 1400                   | 750   | 720   | 1020   |
| 800             | 1400                   | 750   | 760   | 1060   |
| 900             | 1400                   | 750   | 860   | 1160   |
| 1000            | 1400                   | 750   | 960   | 1260   |
| 1100            | 1400                   | 750   | 1060  | 1360   |
| 1500            | 1900                   | 750   | 1060  | 1360   |
| 2000            | 2400                   | 750   | 1120  | 1420   |
| 2500            | 2400                   | 900   | 1160  | 1460   |
| 3000            | 2900                   | 900   | 1150  | 1450   |
| 4000            | 2900                   | 900   | 1530  | 1830   |
| 5000            | 4000                   | 900   | 1400  | 1700   |
| 6000            | 4000                   | 900   | 1700  | 2000   |
| 7500            | 4500                   | 1200  | 1400  | 1700   |
| 10000           | 4500                   | 1200  | 1850  | 2150   |





### For below-ground installations

Manufactured from Polypropylene (PP) and/or Polyethylene (PE) materials, this tank is suitable for below-ground installations.

Grease Trap (Interceptor) model VP9-1

- > The tank must be surrounded with 100mm thick concrete walls and base.
- > Note: During installation the tank must be adequately supported internally to prevent the walls from collapsing during the concrete pour.
- > Standard tanks are fitted with 100mm nb. Inlet, Outlet and Vent pipes.
- > Tank is fitted with a 50mm flat-rim flange and external keyring strips.
- > Metal access covers (sold separately) capable of being removed by one man should be fitted on top.
- Metal access covers are available in various types including concrete in-fill, solid top and tiling edge.
  Weight loading must also be specified as required (pedestrian, car or heavy truck).
- > Tank dimensions and pipework positions conform to Trade Waste recommendations but may be arranged during manufacture to suit the installation requirement.
- > When space limitations dictate, equivalent capacity tanks can be manufactured to order.

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### **Bracing Recommendations for Below Ground Tanks**



Note: Baffle and internal pipe configurations vary according to tank type, capacity and/or customer requirements.

Installation and approval conditions may vary from region to region. This information is provided as a guide only for a typical below-ground tank installation. Viking Plastics reserves the right to alter or change information at any time and without notice.

## INSTALLATION & CLEANING GUIDELINES

### **BELOW GROUND TANKS- THIN SKIN**

The information provided herein is informative only and it applies to the below-ground installation of <u>Thin Skin</u> fabricated Trade Waste Pre-Treatment Tanks. As rules and regulations differ from region to region, prior to proceeding we recommend the installing person verify that the procedures mentioned in this document satisfy the requirements of the local Authorities and building off-sets. In most cases a geo-technical report is required.

# Trade Waste Authorities state that below-ground tanks must be surrounded with concrete (minimum 100mm thick walls and base).

### Siting Considerations

- 1. The tank should be located as close as practical to source of contaminated water.
- 2. Ease of accessibility for maintenance.
- 3. Water tap for the purpose of wash-down should be located nearby and be fitted with a backflow prevention device.
- 4. The load-rating of the tank cover must be adequate for the expected traffic conditions. *i.e. Pedestrian = light-duty, passenger vehicles = medium-duty or heavy commercial vehicles = heavy-duty.*

#### **Excavation & Preparation**

- 5. The ideal excavation size will leave at least a 100mm cavity on all four sides and underneath the tank.
- 6. In the event that the sub-surface earth is particularly wet of soft, the earth under the tank should be compacted and, if necessary, filled with 20mm crushed rock to 100mm below base of tank. A geo-technical report may be required.
- 7. Verify that inlet, outlet and vent pipe levels match the level of the pipe spigots on the tank.
- 8. Concrete to be poured around the tank should be a minimum of 32mpa.

### Bracing and Pouring Concrete

- 9. Pour 100mm concrete pad, (mesh-reinforced if local conditions require it).
- 10. Insert Y12 reinforcing bars through holes in the tank keying strips.
- 11. Place tank on top of concrete pad.
- 12. Install internal bracing (required to prevent collapse of the tank walls under the weight of wet concrete). We suggest using Timber Flooring or Structural Plywood and timber noggins at maximum 500mm centres for this purpose (see diagrams overleaf).
  - Alternatively use stud and noggin frames spaced at maximum 500mm centres vertical and horizontal.
- 13. We recommend installing end wall bracing for tank widths exceeding 500mm.
- 14. Ensure walls are well supported, plumb and that bracing will not move or dislodge during concrete pour.
- 15. Pour concrete in at least two stages. Stage 1 to a low level to set the tank in position and to ensure it will not float.
- 16. Pour concrete evenly all around to prevent tank lateral movement. The tank may be progressively filled with water during the concrete pour to maintain equal pressures and to help prevent the tank from floating.
- 17. Do not remove the internal tank bracing until the concrete has adequately cured.

#### <u>Cover</u>

- 18. The load-rating of the access cover must be adequate for the expected traffic conditions.
- 19. The access lids will only fit into the frame one way ensure the frame is orientated correctly to provide easy access to the inside of the tank when the covers are removed.
- 20. Place the frame on top of the tank flange and concrete-in to required surface level.
- 21. Apply grease to the 'mating' surfaces of the lid sections. This helps to prevent corrosion, assists lid removal and helps create a gas tight seal.
- 22. If the cover is a concrete infill type, pour concrete into the cover and trowel off to the required level.



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