

Appendix A: Health Risk Assessment and Risk Management for Sewage Disposal from Amtrak Trains

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#### Appendix A

#### HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT FOR SEWAGE DISPOSAL FROM AMTRAK TRAINS

Amtrak collects human waste from on-board toilet facilities in holding tanks which are emptied at waste stations into municipal sewage systems. Employees who transfer the waste material may be exposed to infectious agents or other harmful material. Therefore, it is appropriate to characterize the nature and degree of risk and to recommend appropriate protective measures.

The following discussion is an assessment of the risks posed by the waste handling operations. The structure of the discussion is divided into four sections: hazard identification, hazard assessment, exposure assessment, and risk characterization.

This risk assessment is followed by a discussion of risk management, focusing on prevention of exposure and its adverse consequences.

#### Hazard Identification

The holding tanks will contain human sewage which may incorporate pathogenic biological agents. The tanks may also contain toxic chemicals and physically harmful materials such as hypodermic needles. While the focus of this assessment will be biological agents, we are concerned about the potential accumulation of toxic or asphyxiating gases (e.g., hydrogen sulphide or ammonia) in the tank or in sumps and subsequent exposure during the unloading process and recommend that the potential for such exposure be evaluated.

The infectious agents could include bacteria, viruses, protozoa, and fungi. These organisms would be derived primarily from the gastrointestinal tract, but bloodborne pathogens may also be present in the sewage. Among the enteric viruses, hepatitis A is a principal concern. There are a variety of infectious and/or endotoxin producing bacteria including leptospira interrogans, legionella pneumophila, Salmonella, Aeromonas hydrophila, and Mycobacterium xenopi. Aspergillus fumigatus is an allergenic fungus that has been associated with sewage and compost operations. There are two parasitic protozoa, Entamoeba histolytica and Giardia lamblia, that are potential hazards. Finally, Hepatitis B (HVB) and the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) are bloodborne pathogens that could be present in the waste material.

#### Hazard Assessment

The pathogenicity of microorganisms and their by-products depends upon the susceptibility of the person being exposed, the mode of transmission, the portal of entry, and the infectivity or toxicity of the organism.

Human resistance to disease and responsiveness to biologic toxins and allergens varies considerably from individual to individual and, even for a particular

individual, depends upon factors such as age, immune status, and preexisting illnesses.

Many microorganisms which are common in the environment and are normally considered to be benign can cause serious, and even fatal, illnesses in susceptible people. On the other hand, there are other microorganisms which can represent a more constant and serious hazard. HVB and HIV are threats to healthy workers. Also, there are exotic viruses such as Acute Hemorrhagic Fever Viruses, which have occasionally caused outbreaks of illness in the United States.

Hepatitis B or serum hepatitis is a bloodborne virus which represents a major occupational hazard for healthcare workers. The virus is spread through breaks in the skin, mucous, membranes, sexually, or from mother to infant at birth. It is highly infectious. One milliliter of blood from an infected individual may contain up to 100 million infectious doses of virus. The virus has been shown to survive on dry surfaces for up to a week at room temperature; however, it does not survive well in feces.

The Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is associated with the Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS). Transmission has been shown to occur through sexual contact and parenteral exposure to blood. The virus has been identified in a wide variety of biologic media including urine, but in epidemiologic studies has only been shown to transmit AIDS through blood, semen, vaginal secretions, and possibly breast milk. There is no evidence of transmission by insects. The HIV virus is much less resistant than the Hepatitis B virus to environmental conditions, and it will not survive for very long outside of the body.

The other enteric viruses, the protozoa, and fungi can cause a variety of respiratory, gastrointestinal, and dermatologic illnesses, and in some cases, can survive for long periods of time in hostile environments. Generally, they are less infectious than HVB. For example, in an experiment, 14 volunteers were exposed to Salmonella typhi. No one was affected by exposure to 10<sup>3</sup> organisms while one person was resistant to 10<sup>9</sup> organisms.

#### **Exposure** Assessment

There are four main routes of transmission for infectious diseases: (1) contact, (2) vehicle, (3) airborne, and (4) vectorborne. Contact transmission could be, for example, direct transmission from a contaminated hand to the mouth. Vehicle transmission involves exposure through contamination of objects such as food or water. Airborne transmission involves the dispersion of biologic material on dust particles or droplets. Vectorborne transmission involves transfer of biologic material by insects or animals.

The culmination of these transmission routes is the portal of entry or exposure which may be the respiratory tract by inhalation, the gastrointestinal tract by ingestion, the skin and mucous membranes by penetration or through breaks in the tissue, and the blood by direct inoculation or systematic spread.

In the specific case of sewage holding tanks, Amtrak employees may be exposed to small amounts of residual waste material which is retained in the transfer pipe or spilled in the surrounding area. Large exposures may occur during spills resulting from failures in the pipe or its connectors. The portals of entry could include inhalation, ingestion, and skin absorption. Less direct exposure via vehicles or vectors are also possible, particularly if hygiene is poor.

#### **Risk Characterization**

Risk Characterization involves combining the assessment of potential exposure with the hazard assessment to estimate the nature and severity of the risk. In the case of cancer risk assessment, this usually involves an expression of the probability that extra cases over background will occur over a year or lifetime. For chronic disease, risk is expressed in terms of a threshold of exposure which, if exceeded, can result in disease. The degree of risk is expressed in terms of the extent to which the threshold is exceeded. For biological material, dose-response data are limited and thresholds vary depending upon individual susceptibilities, the infectivity of the organisms, and the dose. It is appropriate to state that the risk for Amtrak employees is real and potentially severe. It is also possible to eliminate or substantially reduce the risk by implementing preventive measures.

The literature on the occupational health risks associated with municipal waste water and solid waste operations includes environmental monitoring and epidemiologic studies and suggests that the risks are real and controllable. In a review of this literature, Herbert R. Pahren of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency states that:

"Persons exposed to relatively low densities of microorganisms in the air near wastewater operations showed no significant adverse health effects, but infections were sometimes found at high densities. Also, when operations were conducted indoors, to microbial densities tended to be much higher than outdoors, resulting in illnesses to a number of workers."<sup>1</sup>

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#### **Recommendations for Risk Management**

Preventive measures may be primary, in terms of preventing exposure, secondary, in terms of preventing infections when exposure occurs, and tertiary, in terms of effective diagnosis and treatment. All three approaches have relevance for Amtrak employees.

Primary prevention involves establishing safe and hygienic work practices which will reduce the risk of exposure. Employees should be trained to recognize the hazards and their consequences and to use protective practices. Compliance with preventive programs should be monitored. Employees should also be supplied with and trained in the use of protective equipment including work clothes and gloves. If possible, face shields would provide an extra level of protection in the case of

<sup>1</sup>CRC Critical Reviews in Environmental Control Vol. 17, Issue 3; 187-228, 1987

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establishment of Secondary prevention also involves good hygiene including training in and facilities for cleaning up spills. It also involves vaccination. Healthcare workers are routinely vaccinated against HVB, and when exposure is likely to involve HVB postexposure prophylaxis with Hepatitis B<sub>4</sub> immune globulin may also be provided. Medical personnel should encourage routine vaccination for polio and tetanus and should not place individuals with immune system deficiencies in this occupation. In order to understand the likelihood of the risk, we recommend that Amtrak test the sewage material to characterize the microbial population. Amtrak should also survey medical operations in other sewage handling occupations to understand the state of the art.

Finally, Amtrak medical personnel should be trained to diagnose and treat illnesses that may result from exposure and employees should be encouraged to report illnesses that might result from sewage exposure.

#### Appendix B

#### MANUFACTURERS' TECHNICAL BROCHURES

The following manufacturers have provided technical documentation concerning their toilet systems for the railroad environment:

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- GÂRD

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- Microphor
- Monogram Sanitation
- Railtech

EVAC was unable provide technical documentation. However, they sent a videotape which is available upon request.

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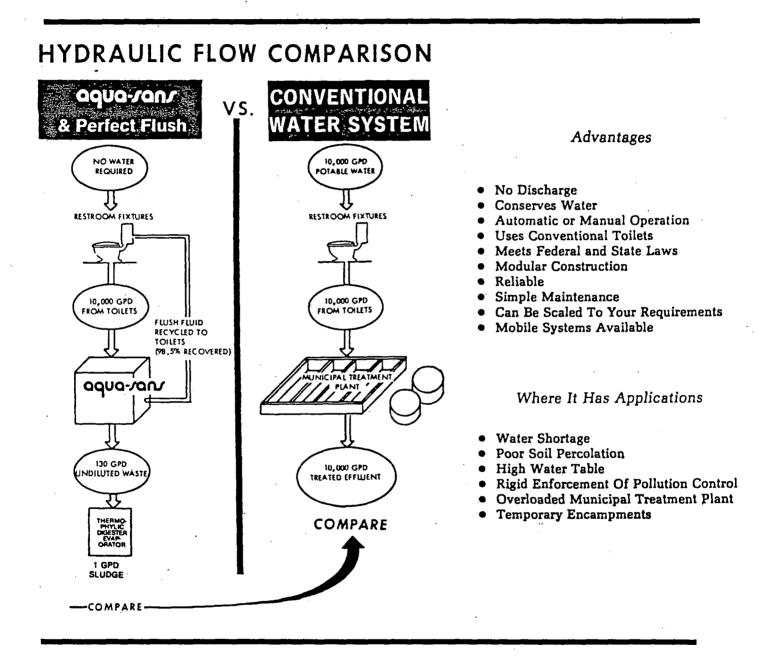
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### THE "AQUA-SANS" WATERLESS, ZERO-DISCHARGE TOILET SYSTEM.

After many years of research, development and field-testing, the Aqua-Sans technology has evolved into a revolutionary sanitation system designed for today's pressing environmental needs. The Aqua-Sans toilets utilize a clear, odorless, non-reactive fluid for flushing. This fluid looks exactly like water; but, unlike water, it is used over and over again continuously in each system to carry wastes to a special tank where the wastes are separated from the flush fluid. The flush fluid is conditioned and returned to the toilets for flushing. The wastes are transferred to our recently developed "digester-evaporator" where the wastes are mineralized by bacteria and the associated water (96 to 98% of normal wastes) is evaporated. The resulting sludge, approximately 3 gallons per person per year, is easily removed about once or twice a year and can be disposed of in several convenient methods.

What does "AQUA-SANS" really mean? It means that waste problems are over in areas where conventional sewer lines and centralized treatment plants are inadequate, impractical, or economically unfeasible. It means that areas may now be developed where septic tanks are either prohibited outright, operate poorly, or where fresh water is too valuable to waste flushing ordinary toilets. It means that modern sanitation facilities can be provided wherever needed. It means that we do not have to depend upon sewers!



### STOP USING DRINKING WATER TO TRANSPORT BODY WASTES.

The benefits for public sanitation are enormous.

First, 80 to 90% of the water used for public sanitation (as compared to up to 50% of the water used in the home) is utilized to flush toilets. THUS, 80 TO 90% OF THE WATER PRESENTLY USED FOR PUBLIC SANITATION WOULD BE SAVED! No more costly flushing away of our constantly diminishing reserves of drinkable water — a gigantic benefit to individuals and society as a whole.

Secondly, highly contaminated toilet wastes would no longer pollute our lakes, rivers and oceans. No more harmful bacteria breeding where pure lakes and rivers used to be.

Finally, the need for complex and expensive sewage treatment plants or troublesome septic tanks would be greatly reduced. No more cries that remoteness has made proper treatment of sewage impossible.

But how can all of this be accomplished and still provide the kind of flushing toilet services to which modern society has become accustomed? AQUA-SANS!

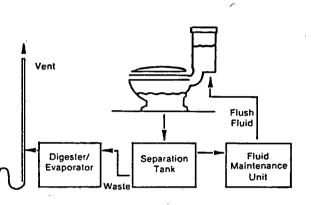
### WITH "AQUA-SANS" THE FUTURE IS SEWERLESS!

For nearly a century, one of the world's most inefficient inventions has been playing a major role in the ever-increasing pollution of the earth's dwindling supply of pure fresh water. That invention: the water flush toilet.

Each and every one of us, whether served at home, work or play by public sewers or septic tanks, uses an average of 13,000 gallons of drinking-quality water EACH YEAR just to flush toilets — pure water that carries off our individual annual production of a mere 165 gallons or less of body waste. In the case of sanitary sewers, this 165 gallons of annual body waste is carried to complex and costly centralized treatment plants. There, depending on the level and type of treatment system, only 40 to 90 percent of the harmful matter we introduce into otherwise perfectly drinkable water is removed. Ordinary septic tanks do even less.

The remainder of the contaminants — including pathogenic viruses not always eliminated by conventional sewage treatment — may find their way back into the environment. The result: further degradation of our invaluable pure water supplies. Government sources cite the bacteria from human digestive waste — fecal coliform bacteria — as the single largest contaminant in the waters of the United States and the world.

Each year about 50% of our personal wastes are deposited in some form of public sanitation facility away from home (i.e. factories, offices, schools, restaurants, gas stations, parks, etc.). Aqua-Sans can eliminate the waste discharge, including hand washing water, from these facilities.



### **AQUA-SANS FLUSH FLUID**

The flushing fluid is a clear, water white, very low freeze point, mineralderived liquid. It is not harmful if accidently ingested or if it comes in contact with the skin. It lasts indefinitely. In normal operation, a small amount of the fluid may be lost each year. A 20 person system contains less than 100 gallons of fluid while a 600 person system contains only 1000 gallons of fluid.

### AQUA-SANS WET-BOWL TOILETS

The wet-bowl toilet fixture is visibly similar to a conventional water flush toilet and differs only by a coating of "TEFLON<sup>®</sup> on the inside of the bowl. Flushing and refill is even quieter than with a water flush toilet. Waste instantaneously sinks to the bottom of the bowl beneath the flush fluid sealing off obnoxious odors so common in ordinary toilets. Thus, the Aqua-Sans toilet is far more pleasant to use than a standard water flush toilet. Optional Aqua-Sans urinal fixtures are also available.

\* TEFLON is a registered trademark of E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co.

### HYGIENE

No discernible bacteria of any type are found in the toilet and urinal bowl fluid or on the sides of the bowl, making the Aqua-Sans toilet and urinal much more hygenic than a water flush system. (Test reports from independent labratories are available.)

### SEPARATION TANK

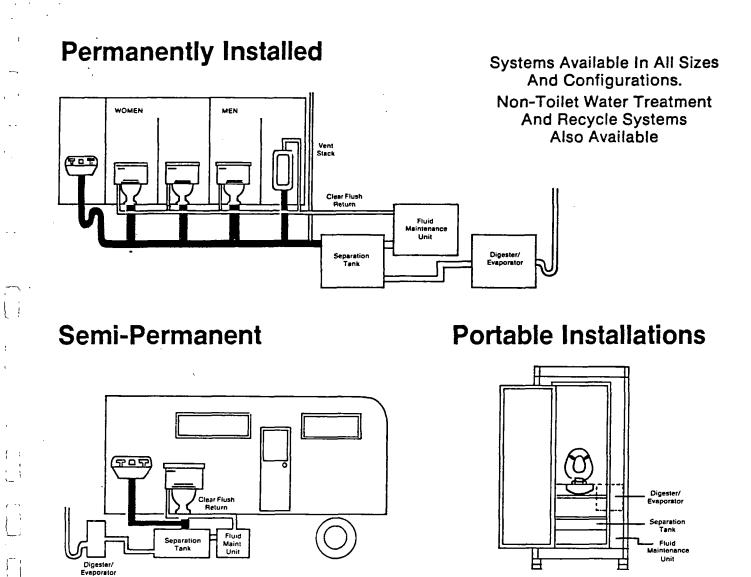
This tank receives flush fluid plus black waste by gravitational flow from toilets and/or urinals. The tank is usually located below the toilets; however, a small lift station may be used where this is not possible. The flush fluid and waste separate upon entering the tank. The flush fluid flows to a separate compartment where it accumulates until needed to resupply the flush cycle. A small pump moves the oil from the compartment back to the toilets/urinals for flushing automatically on demand.

### FLUID MAINTENANCE UNIT

The fluid maintenance unit consists of a small pump that continuously moves a small amount of the fluid from the separation tank through a series of purification elements and returns it to the separation tank. These elements are replaced every few months during a routine servicing cycle. They keep the fluid in a like new condition for trouble-free service.

### DIGESTER/EVAPORATOR

The waste is moved from the separation tank to the digester/evaporator by a unique air-lift pump which serves the dual function of liquefying the waste and moving it to the digester/evaporator on a continuous basis, minimizing the waste in the separation tank. The digester/evaporator is an aerated/heated tank that heats the waste to about 140 degrees F. where disease causing bacteria and viruses are killed. A special, non-harmful bacteria naturally present in our waste thrive at this temperature and digest the waste material. Air is supplied to the tank for the bacteria to live and this air carries away the water by evaporation. Less than one percent of the waste remains in the form of a harmless sludge requiring removal about once or twice a year.



### **OWNER/USER RESPONSIBILITY**

The user/owner can have no responsibility whatsoever in normal daily operation of an Aqua-Sans system if a maintenance contractor is available. All periodic maintenance can be performed by the user or a qualified servicing company. Housekeeping chores normally associated with water flush toilets have been all but eliminated. There is no mineral or fecal

matter buildup on the toilet bowl. The combination of the TEFLON coating and Aqua-Sans fluid prevent these conventional water flush toilet and urinal problems from occuring.

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# REPRESENTIVE LIST OF INSTALLATIONS

HODEL	LOCATION	OPERATIONAL	REMARKS
۵	RICHMOND, VA.	MAY	FOUR UNITS ON 1-64 IN NEW KENT COUNTY, VA.
		1977	FOR VIRGINIA HIGHWAY DEPT.
A	LITTLE ROCX.	MARCH	CORPS OF ENGINEERS MOTOR VESSEL,
	ARKANSAS	1977	"SHORTY BAIRD"
AB-2	ROSYTH,	1978	ONE UNIT FOR BRITISH ROYAL NAVY ON HMS
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D	CHARLOTTESVILLE,	SUMMER	FOUR UNITS ON 1-64 NEAR CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.
]	VIRGINIA	1978	FOR VIRGINIA HIGHWAY DEPT.
AB-2	COOK INLET, AK	JUNE	ONE UNIT FOR ARCO OFFSHORE PLATFORM WITH
		1977	INCINERATOR
8	COOK INLET, AK	JUNE	ONE UNIT FOR ARCO OFFSHORE PLATFORM WITH
		1977	INCINERATOR
8	COOK INLET, AK	JUNE	ONE UNIT FOR MARATHON OIL OFFSHORE PLATFORM
		1977	
8	COOK INLET, AK	JUNE	TWO UNITS FOR UNION OIL OFFSHORE PLATFORMS
		1977	
D	OLYMPIC VALLEY,	AUGUST.	ONE UNIT AT MOUNTAIN TOP RESTAURANT SQUAN
	CALIFORNIA	1977	VALLEY SKI CORP. I-ARDY HERDER
A	POOLE, DORSET,	DECEMBER	ONE UNIT AT HAMMORTHY PUNP AND COMPRESSOR DIV
	ENGLAND	1977	FACTORY
0	MONROE .	MARCH	ONE UNIT AT CARLTON REST STOP ON 1-275 HEAR
•	MICHIGAN	1978	YPSILANTI, MICH FOR MICHIGAN HIGHWAY DEPT.
N	BARRON, AK	APRIL	ONE UNIT AT ARCTIC SLOPE REGIONAL HEADQUARTER
		1978	OFFICE BUILDING
8	KEHAI, AK	JULY	ONE UNIT AT SALAMATOF SEAFOODS, INC. FACTORY
	•	1978	
		October	One unit at Earrow Regional Service
1B-2	Barrow, AK	1980	Center (police station).
N	Barmey AV	September	One unit at North Slope Borough
A {	Barrow, AK	1981	Administration Building.

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A	CHRYSLER FACILITY NEW CRLEANS, LA.	FEBRUARY 1974	UNIT AT NASA'S MICHCUD ASSEMBLY FACILITY
c	ANNAPCLIS, MARYLAND	NOVEMBER 1973	U.S. NAVY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER BARRACKS SERVING 150 PERSONNEL, SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED.
A	NEW YORK HARBOR	MARCH 1972	DUNBAR & SULLIVAN DREDGING CO. TUGBCAT "R.H. GOODE" WITH A CREW OF & TO 10
A	FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA	CCTCBER 1972	U.S. ARMY MOBILITY EQUIPMENT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER. EQUIPMENT TO BE RELOCATED TO ANOTHER SITE.
B <sub>.</sub>	ALBANY, NEW YCRK	APRIL 1973	LOCATED AT THE FIVE-RIVER ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION CENTER
В	WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS	DECEMBER 1973	TWO UNITS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY U.S. 281 AT BURKBURNETT, TEXAS
С	TAMPA, FLCRIDA	JULY- 1973	TRAILERIZED LATRINE FOR CONSTRUCTION SITE
<b>A</b> .	MCBILE, A LABAMA	APRIL 1974	CORPS OF ENGINEERS SNAGBOAT "ROS", 28-MAN CREW
~ 8 -	BUTTE, MONTANA	JUNE 1975	TWO UNITS ON INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 90, HOMESTAKE REST AREA
A	NEW CRLEANS, LOUISIANA	1974 :	FOUR UNITS ON THERIOT, INC. CCEAN-GOING TUGS (12-MAN CREWS) BUILT BY MAIN IRON WORKS
A	NEW CRLEANS, LOUISIANA	STARTING IN 1974	SEVEN UNITS ON THERIOT, INC. CCEAN-GOING TUGS (12-MAN CREWS) BUILT BY EQUITABLE EQUIPMENT CO.
₿╩С	NEWCOMB, NEW YORK	DECEMBER 1974	THREE UNITS AT LAKE HARRIS PUBLIC CAMPSITE IN THE ADIRONDACK MOUNTAINS.
A .	FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA	JA NUARY 1975 '	ARMY LCU
- B	TACOMA, WASHINGTON	JANUARY 1975	BRINKERHOFF MARINE DRILLING OFFSHORE PLATFORM
8	STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI	SUMMER 1975 -	ONE UNIT ON U.S. 82 SPECIFIED BY MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
5-20	BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI	APRIL 1975	ST. STANISLAUS BOYS CAMP
5-20	CASCADE DAM, IDAHO	FALL 1976	THREE UNITS AT RECREATION AREA
S-50	TETON DAM, NEWDALE, IDAHO	ТВО	TWO UNITS AT RECREATION AREA
S-20 S-50	PALISADES DAM, IDAHO	SUMMER 1976	ONE OF EACH SIZE AT RECREATION AREA
A	LORCSE, LOUISIANA	APRIL 1976	ONE UNIT ON AMERICAN GULF SHIP BUILDING TUG

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PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE A ZERO DISCHARGE TOILET WASTE TREATMENT SYSTEM FOR RAILROADS AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES

#### BACKGROUND:

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The Aqua-Sans Oil Flush Toilet System development began over twenty years ago at Chrysler Corporation under a contract sponsored by The United States Navy. The system was designed to provide zero toilet discharge into the sea when ships were near shore.

This system has been thoroughly tested to meet the requirements of safety and human factors aboard ships, offshore oil rigs, in homes, offices and public rest rooms. The commercial development of this concept was discontinued by Chrysler after ten years because of the lack of enforcement of environmental regulations by the Federal and State agencies and public apathy to environmental problems. These factors eroded the market for such a system.

During this period several systems were built and installed nationwide and some of these early systems still exist. Aqua-Sans, now under the direction of the original inventor, has improved and begun manufacturing and installing the new oil flush toilet systems. The most recent installations have been for the Virginia Department of Transportation at rest stops on Interstate Highway 64. These installations are significant because they replaced Aqua-Sans systems installed by Chrysler Corporation some thirteen years ago. The new larger systems were necessary due to increased usage. The new systems are designed to accommodate 10,000 uses per day, and are housed in the same buildings even though they have been updated with new innovations.

To supplement these large units, Aqua-Sans technology is now being incorporated into small units. Units to accommodate six live in persons with average use of 6.5 flushes per person per day or with expanded storage for as many people that could use a commode.

#### Description:

The Aqua-Sans Oil Flush Toilet utilizes mineral oil as the flush fluid.instead of water. In a standard toilet 98% of what goes down the sewer is potable water before being used to flush. Only 2% is human waste (urine, feces, toilet paper and other flushable materials). By using mineral oil, there is no reduction in flushing quality and waste transport. At the same time there has been a 98% reduction in sewage volume requiring treatment. In the smaller systems, such as those for use on trains, Aqua-Sans uses a specially designed toilet fixture to reduce the volume required for flushing due to their compact size.

In the standard configuration the toilet waste is transported by pipes to the separation tank where the mineral oil and the waste separates due to the difference in their specific gravities. Because oil and water are immiscible, the two fluids remain separate. Human waste consists of urine (98% water) and feces (86% water) along with the toilet paper which tends to remain in the water phase.

The oil being lighter than water (specific gravity 0.83), rises to the top and overflows a weir into a storage reservoir. The oil is continuously filtered and cleaned to remain like new. Chlorine is added to the oil in a form that will not enter the water phase and prevents the oil from being biodegraded. The oil from the reservoir is then returned for use in flushing the toilet. Very little oil is lost from this system, therefore, the initial filling can last for years needing only minor replentishment. The mineral oil is classified as a technical grade, the same type used in cosmetics and baby oil. It is water clear and has a viscosity near that of water.

The waste material sinks to the bottom of the separation tank where it is broken up and constantly mixed with air in a patented configuration that biodegrades the wastes aerobically. No chemicals or biological inhibitors are added, therefore, accummulations of waste in the system may be discharged into any sanitary sewer system. The waste remains in an aerobic condition which reduces noxious odors from the system. Aerobic digestion tends to destroy pathogenic organisms and with the digester evaporator, which may be added to the system, further reduces the waste volume. The elevated temperature in the digester with time destroys both viruses and pathogenic organisms. There is no addition of waste volume from this toilet system due to the flush fluid and the digester can reduce the already low volume of waste by an additional 95%.

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#### Summary:

The Aqua-Sans Flush Toilet system has been in development and use for over twenty years. Although this concept is cost competitive in many situations it has not been widely marketed. The small size, minimum volume of waste and the simplicity of the system makes it ideally suited for installation aboard trains, buses, ferrys and boats.

The experience gained over the twenty years of use make this a proven technology. The oil flush toilet concept can be configured to fit almost any space and energy requirements are minimal. The Aqua-Sans Systems are cost competitive where pollution abatement and or water conservation are truly desired and enforced.

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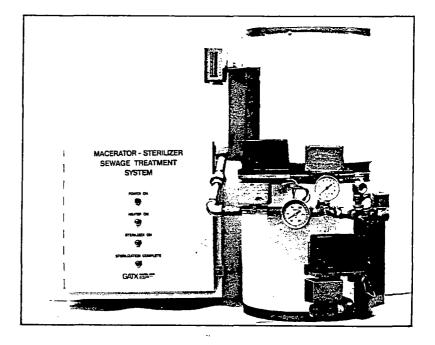
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# MACERATOR STERILIZER SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM

The GARD/GATX Macerator Sterilizer Sewage Treatment System (MSS)\* is a flow-through system that treats the sewage by heating to 250°F for 15 minutes to effect a complete sterilization, i.e., no viable organisms present in the wastes to be discharged. This system, designated as Model MSS-I is certified by the U.S. Coast Guard as a Type I MSD, USCG Certification No. 159.15/1012/2/I.

The essential criterion of the performance of the MSS is meeting the USCG and EPA discharge standards for treated effluent. Current regulations require that the effluent will not have a fecal coliform bacterial count of greater than 1000/100 ml, nor visible floating solids. Field tests showed that the effluent from the MSS results in a fecal coliform count of zero; this more than meets the current regulations. The MSS is being upgraded to meet Type II regulations, which state that the effluent will not have a coliform count greater than 200/100 ml, nor total suspended solids greater than 150 mg/l.

Macerator Sterilizer Systems are currently in operation on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Dredges "Harding" and "Pacific," and on American Steamship Company's MV "Belle River."



#### GARD's MSS:

- Meets the current USCG and EPA discharge regulations.
- Operates automatically with no servicing requirements.
- Requires no additives; thus, no stocking and handling of chemicals are necessary, and no materials other than sterilized human sewage will be discharged with the effluent.

#### SYSTEM OPERATION

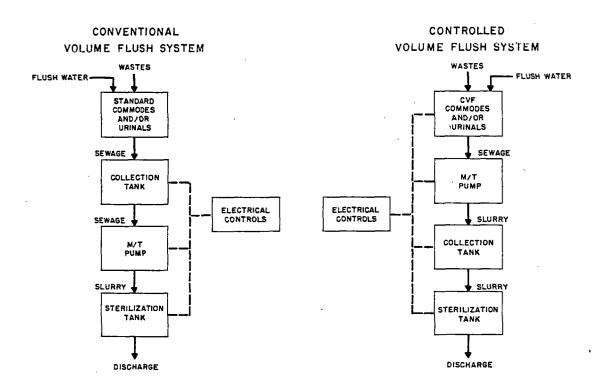
The Macerator Sterilizer System operates on repetitive automatic cycles. A batch of wastes is ground up by a macerator/transfer (M/T) pump and directed to the sterilizer tank. Electric heaters in the sterilizer tank raise the temperature of the sewage to 250°F under 15 psig steam pressure. After holding at 250°F for 15 minutes, sterilization is completed and the sewage is discharged overboard when the vessel is operating in waters where discharge of sterilized wastes is permitted. A lockout switch in the control circuit prevents discharge of wastes in restricted waters. The MSS can be used with either Controlled Volume Flush (CVF) commodes or standard flushing commodes (see schematic diagrams), but in order to limit power consumption CVF commodes are preferred.

#### **POWER REQUIREMENTS**

An average of 0.8 KWH is required per man-day to heat sterilize the sewage from controlled or low volume flush toilets; with conventional flush toilets, the power required is approximately 16 KWH per man-day. The M/T pump requires 2 KW during a short duty cycle, and controls including motorized valves require 500 watts. The pumps and sterilizer heaters operate from 460 volt, 3 phase, 60 Hz; control voltage is 120 volt, 1 phase, 60 Hz.

#### SPACE REQUIREMENTS

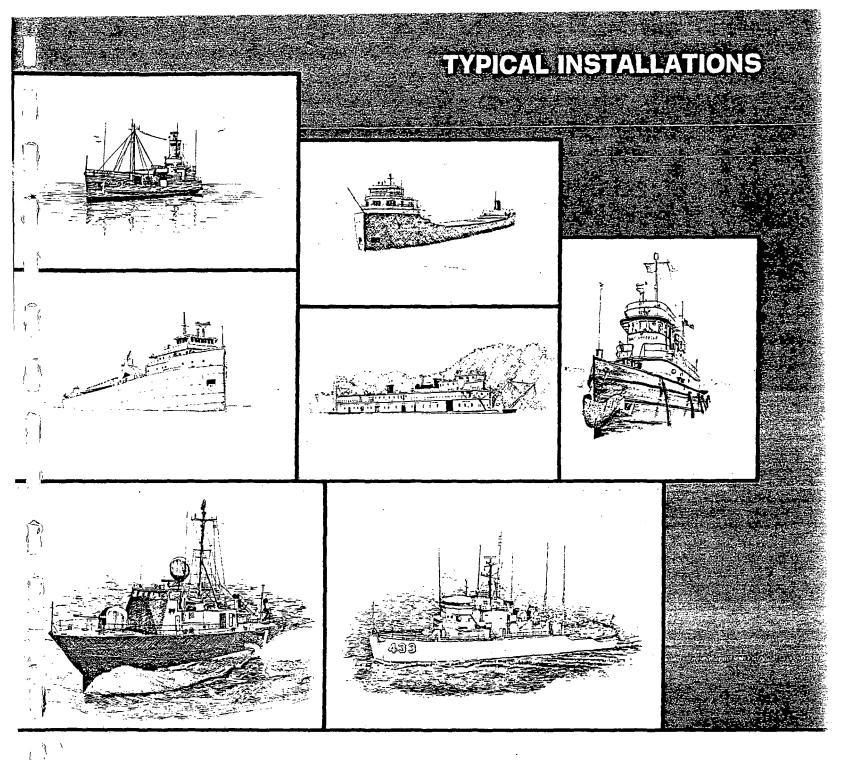
Sterilizer sizes vary from 10 to 120 gallons with processing rates up to 1800 gallons per day, depending upon individual requirements. The largest component of the system, the 120-gallon sterilizer tank, is 36 inches in diameter and 72 inches high. Pumps are approximately 10 inches in diameter and 15 inches long. Controls are housed in a 20-inch by 20-inch by 6-inch deep NEMA 12 splashproof box. The system is modular, thus each component can be mounted in its most convenient location.



EVAPORATIVE TROUGET S (STUER)

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# **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

#### • STANDARD SIZES:

75-man system, or equivalent loadings for aroundthe-clock use. 16 days of operation before pump-out.

- SERVICE HOURS REQUIRED (Average Monthly): Tank Pump-Out and Cleaning—4 hours. During Normal Operation—None, fully automatic.
- REQUIREMENTS FOR SYSTEM SUPPORT: AC power for pumps and controls. AC or DC power for evaporator. Fresh or salt water at minimum of 30 psig for flushing.
- CERTIFICATION: Approved under U.S. Coast Guard standards for marine installation — Model ETS-II: #159.15/1012/1/III.

# **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:**

SYSTEM PARAMETERS (based on 25-man crew)

• Electrical Demand:

Evaporator — 8 KW (approximately 24 hours per day) Macerator/Transfer (M/T) Pumps — 1.4 KW each (approximately 15 seconds per flush) Controls — 0.3 KW each (continuous)

- Sewage Volume Per Day: 48 gallons (average)
- Rate of Evaporation: 2 gallons per hour
- Service Interval: 16 days

#### SYSTEM COMPONENTS

Evaporator:

Size — 80 gallon capacity, height 60", diameter 40" Materials — Stainless steel tank with Teflon inner lining, fiberglass insulation

Level Sensors — High and Iow, ball float type Inputs — 11/4" sewage line from M/T Pumps and 1" fresh water tank rinse line

Outputs --- 11/2" vapor exhaust line and 2" sludge discharge line

Operation — Heaters (5.5 KW) controlled by low level sensor to evaporate liquids. Solids build-up detected by decrease in thermal demand. M/T Pumps inactivated when liquid rises to high level sensor.

#### • Vapor Treatment System:

Size - Height 30", diameter 18"

Materials --- Stainless steel with insulation lagging

Operation – Heater (1.8 KW) controlled by thermostat and air flow Automatic Controls:

Cabinet Size --- Height 20", depth 11", width 20"

Circuitry — Functions to control operation of M/T Pumps, monitor liquid levels, solids accumulation, and system status for servicing

Service Status — Four control panel lights indicate system status: Power On, Evaporator Heaters On, Evaporator Full, and Evaporator Service

#### Macerator/Transfer Pump:

Capacity — 1½ HP, 50 foot head at 30 gpm Power Options Available — 115 VAC — single phase, 208 VAC — three phase, 230 VAC — single phase, 440 VAC — three phase, all 60 HZ.

- Interface Requirements Input 3" or 4" diameter line, output 11/4" diameter pressure line
- Foreign Objects Accepted—Shop rags, pocket combs, ball point pens, etc.

Installation — Hung from deck or flooring below toilet when space is available (allows for more than one toilet per pump in this configuration). Or, mounted above deck or floor adjacent to toilet where space is not available below the toilet.

• Controlled Volume Flush Toilet:

Flush Volume — One pint per urination and two to three pints per defecation

- Toilet Space Requirement—1. Pump below deck: 15" wide, 241/2" deep; 2. Pump on same deck: 26" wide, 32" deep
- Toilet Size & Materials Standard size and height vitreous china bowl
- Controlled Volume Flush Urinal: Flush Volume—One pint Urinal Size & Materials — Standard marine size, vitreous china

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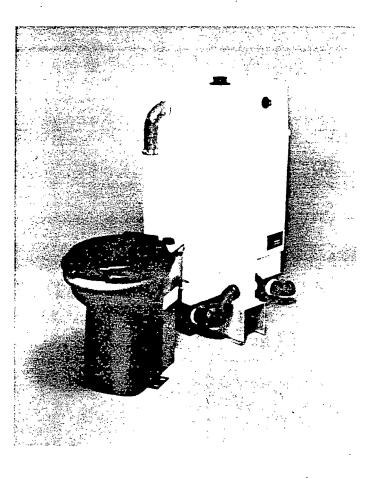
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# ON-BOARD SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS





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# **HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS**

1. The Microphor toilet and sewage treatment system is a bacteriological type system for disposing of human waste products.

 The system includes choice of either stainless steel or vitreous china two quart flush toilets with integral or wall mount flushing mechanism and waste treatment tank with chlorinator and secondary.

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- 3. Treatment tank (or tanks) can be mounted inside the car or engineered to fit under the car depending on space available and can be insulated and electrically heated if necessary to prevent freezing in winter, heating also maintains the biological action within the treatment tank.
- 4. The Microphor toilet is flushed by depressing the integral or wall mount lever or button. This supplies a compressed air signal to shift the air and water sequence valve to allow water to start flowing into the toilet bowl and flapper to open to accept waste into the lower evacuation chamber.
- 5. Flapper stays open for approximately six seconds and then closes and hermetically seals off the lower evacuation chamber. The chamber is then pressurized with air and waste is evacuated into the treatment tank. While this action is taking place the toilet bowl level is replenished with two quarts of fresh water for the next use.
- 6. Once the waste and liquids have entered the treatment tank the liquids are gravity filtered through a series of fibre filter columns mounted in a dam in the lower portion of the treatment tank. The liquid then passes through the chlorinator unit where it is chlorinated by solid

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chlorine tablets. From there it flows into the secondary.

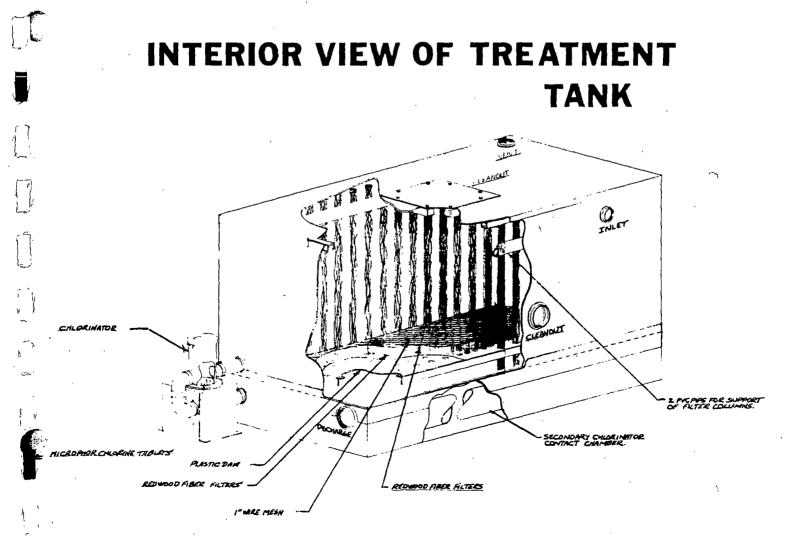
- 7. In the secondary the chlorinated liquid lows through a series of baffles thus allowing the chlorine time to reduce the coloform bacteria count to 0, before being allowed to drain onto the trackbed via a drain port on the bottom of the tank.
- 8. The solid waste still remaining in the treatment tank is broken down bacteriologically by microbes, which live within the treatment tank, to a liquid (which drains off as described above) and to a carbon dioxide which escapes through the tank vent port.

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9. In order to maintain the optimum efficiency of the Microphor system, every effort should be made to keep antibacterial cleaners and foreign objects away and out of the system.

# INTERIOR VIEW OF TREATMENT TANK



# **OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- 1. To operate, the system must have air at 60 pounds pressure and water at 1-50 pounds pressure. The toilet will not work without both air and water.
- 2. To adjust air and water, cover must be removed. The hex head needle valve adjusting screw extends to the left, out of the lower cap of the valve body. Using two 3/8" open end wrenches, hold hex head with one wrench and loosen lock nut with other 3/8" wrench. Turning hex head clockwise on the needle valve will give a longer flush cycle, turning counterclockwise will give a shorter flush. The water should cover the flapper in the bottom of the bowl. The air evacuation blast should be approximately 5-7 seconds. Always retighten lock nut on needle valve when through with adjustment.

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- 3. The Regulator-Filter-Oiler is located in the air line ahead of the air controlled valve. A check should be made at the start of every trip to make sure the oiler has oil to the full mark. If oil is needed, <u>turn off air</u> and then remove oil fill plug on top of oiler and fill with Microphor light oil (part #24704). The oiler has been factory set to use one drop of oil per flush. If adjustment is needed, turning the slotted adjustment screw clockwise increases the amount of oil, counterclockwise for less oil. The regulator filter has an automatic dump device. If for some reason moisture collects in the bottom of the filter unit, it can be dumped manually by pushing exhaust pin in bottom of filter.
  - If the toilet becomes plugged, shut off the water supply, shut off the air supply, press the valve button several times to bleed off the air pressure. When air pressure is out of the valve, the flapper in the bottom of the toilet can be pushed open. Use a plunger (plumber's friend) as with any standard toilet. If the plunger does not clear the toilet, check to see if the restriction can be removed with a hooked wire, being careful not to damage the rubber seal on the flapper or the mating surface on the hopper. When the passage becomes clear, turn on the air and water and press flush button to start flush cycle. In the discharge line from the toilet to the treatment tank, there is a cleanout wye or tee which can be opened to assist in cleaning obstructions from the line.
- 5. To clean Microphor toilets, use non-abrasive, <u>bio-degradable cleaners</u> such as Fantastic, Ivory Snow, Formula 409, Mr. Clean and Janitor in a Drum. <u>Sanitizers</u> in general are not to be used. The carbolic or kreosote base sanitizers when they are flushed into the treatment tank stop the biological action, to clean exterior bowl use Microphor #24690 Stainless Steel Cleaner.
- 6. In the Microphor process, the effluent from the treatment tank flows through the chlorinator which is full of chlorine tablets. The solid waste is broken down by biologic action and becomes liquid and carbon dioxide. Chlorinators are located next to the treatment tank. The treatment tank can be plastic or

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metal, inside the car, or bolted on under the car. Locate the treatment tank and then find the chlorinator. (Some large tanks may have more than one chlorinator.) Locate and check the chlorinator at the <u>start of every run</u>. The lid of the chlorinator should be removed and filled with Microphor tablets (part #24706).

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This toilet is designed for disposal of human waste and toilet tissue only. Do not put any other item, material or liquid into this toilet.

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# SIZING A TREATMENT SYSTEM ?

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Because of the many variable factors involved when sizing a system for railroad applications the following procedure is recommended.

First contact your Microphor representative, if you are not sure who this is contact Microphor directly and we will assist you. Please be able to tell us the number of people using the car daily and for how many hours daily. Also, the length of each trip in addition to how many stops the train makes along the way. These applications usually fall into several catagories.

- 1. Commuter
- 2. Long Distance
- 3. Crew Equipment
- 4. Private Car

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Taking these factors into account the representative will probably require a trip to your location to determine the number of toilets involved and how much space is available inside or under the car for treatment tanks of the proper size.

If this is not possible then a complete set of undercar and interior drawings may provide the necessary information to allow a quotation to you. If drawings are sent they should denote all pertinent information in English please.

**NOTE!** 

The following drawings are representative type systems which Microphor has done in the past and are intended for reference only!

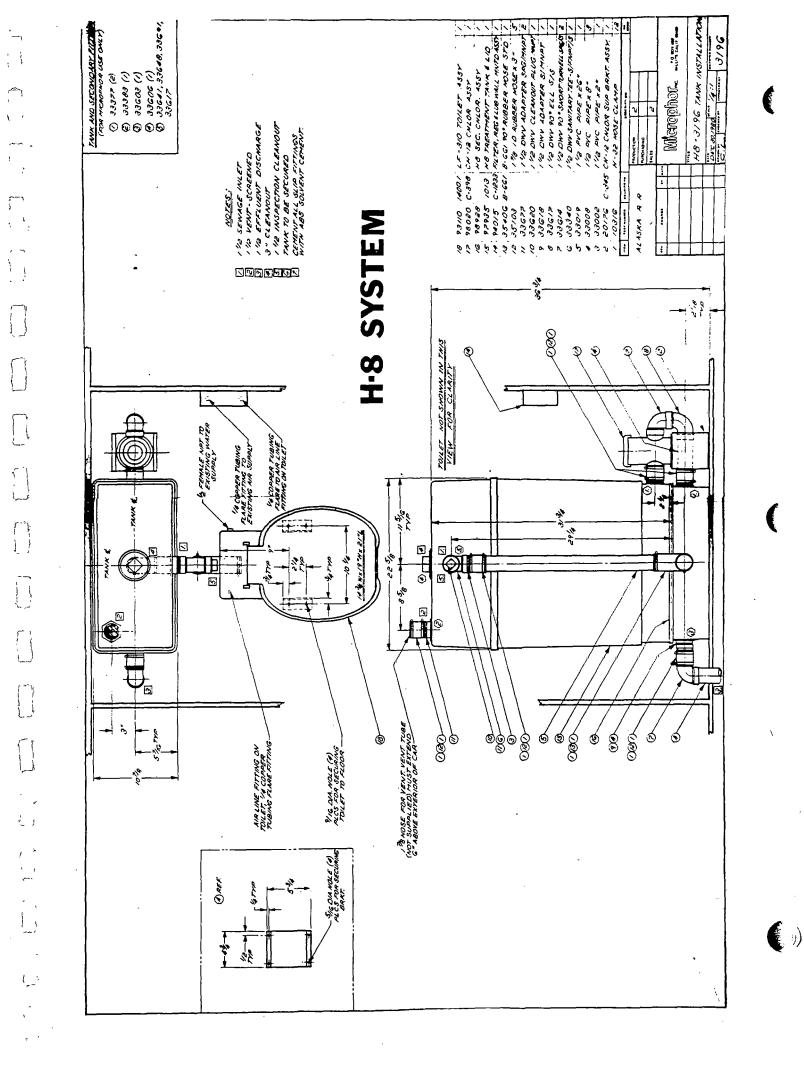
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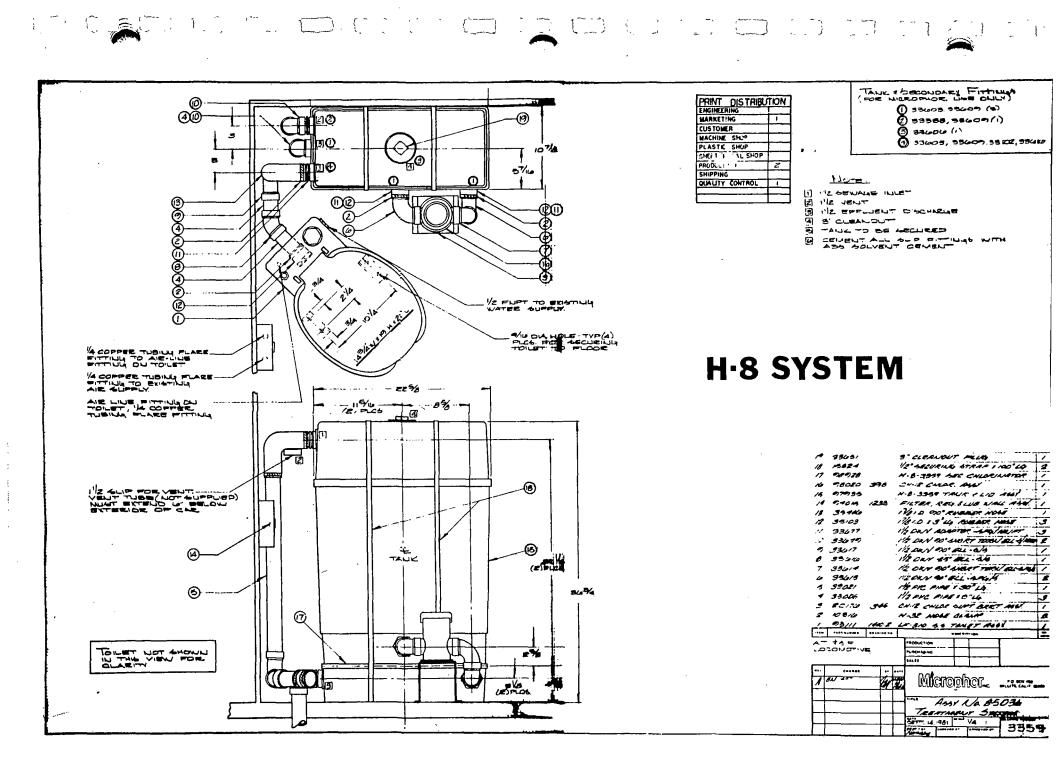
The first drawing is an isometric cutaway view showing a typical treatment tank construction which is common to all of our tanks regardless of size. The H8 and H12 plastic tanks noted are standard and require only the correct porting before they can be shipped out. All references to dimensions are American standard inches. If however, we supply approval drawings to the European market they will always contain metric millimeters as reference.

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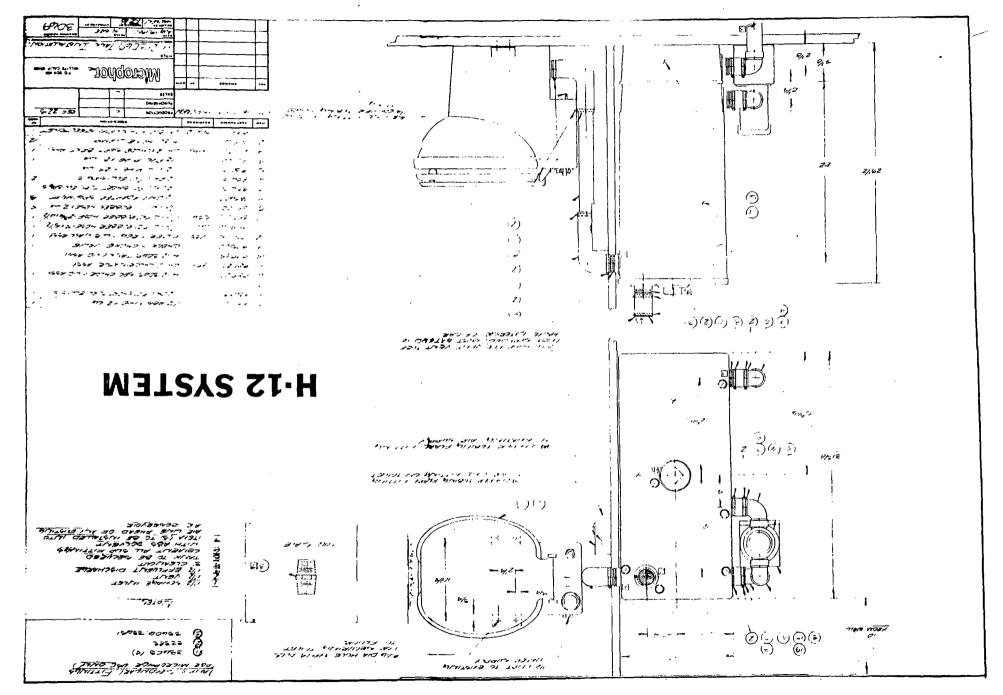


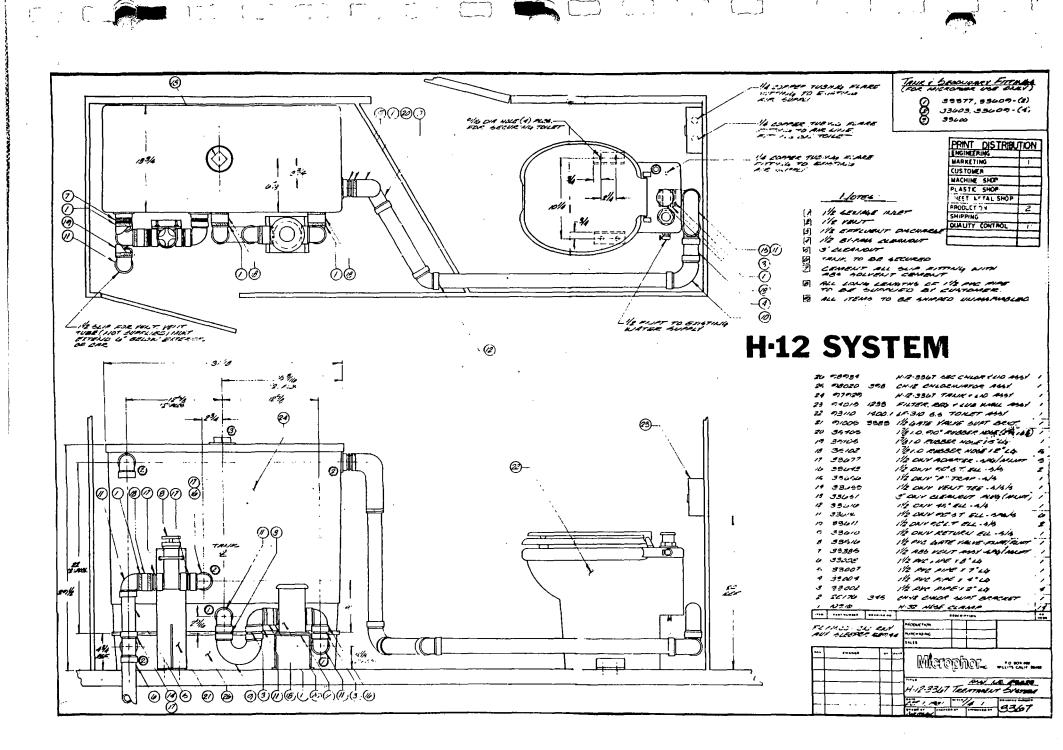




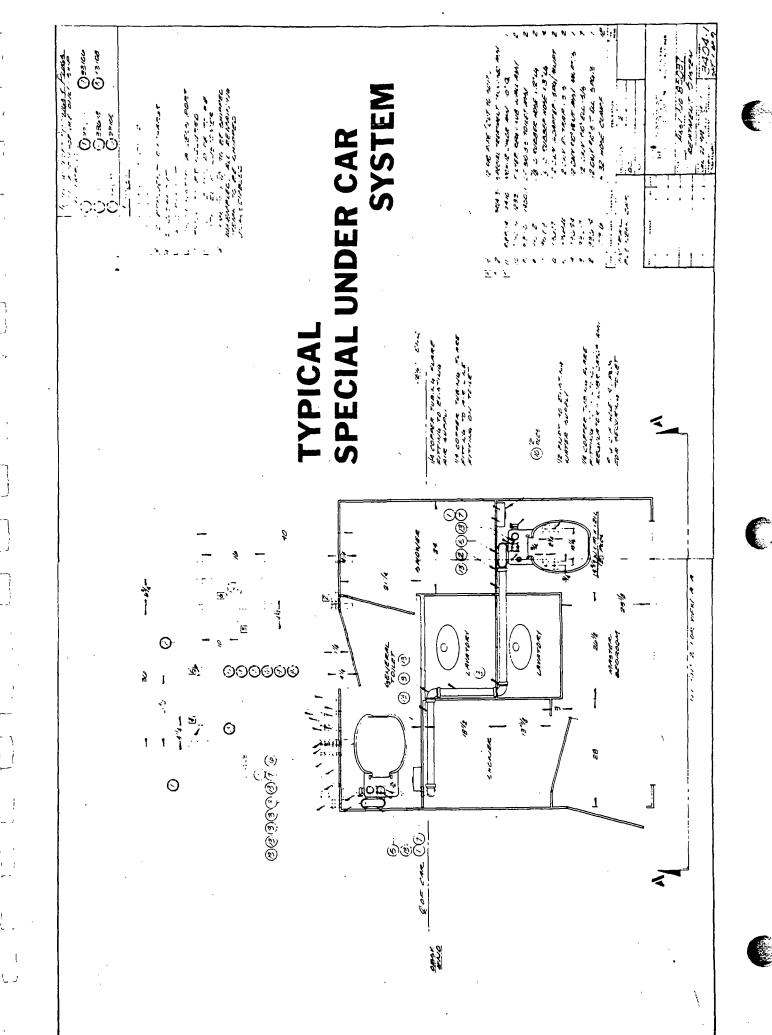




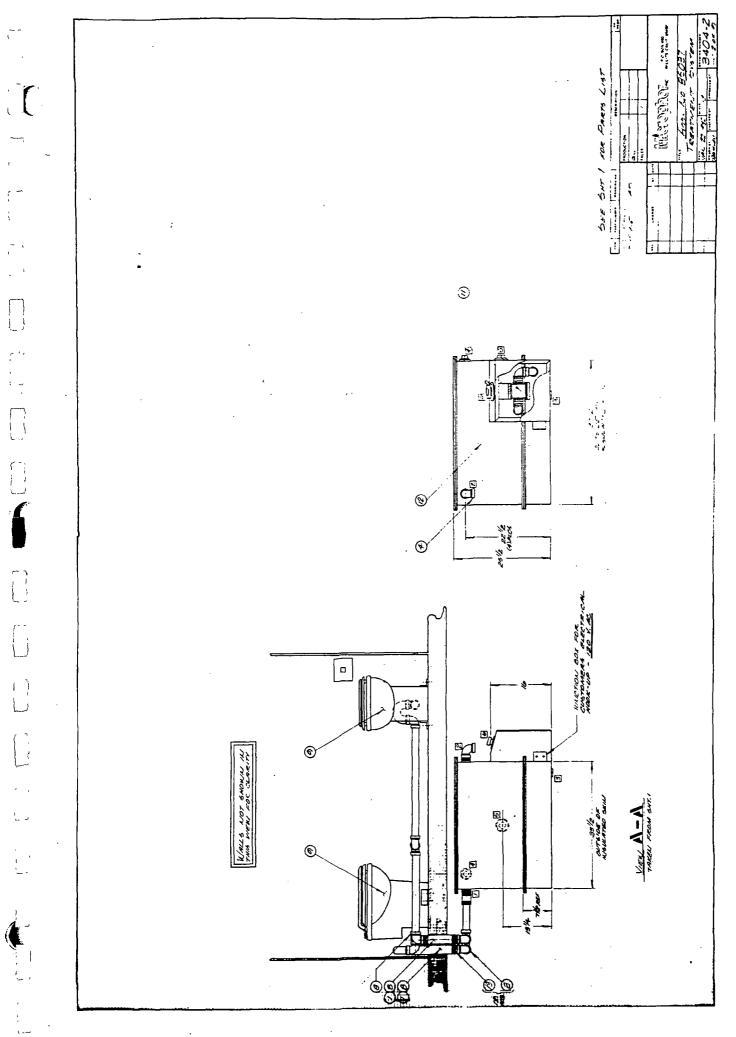




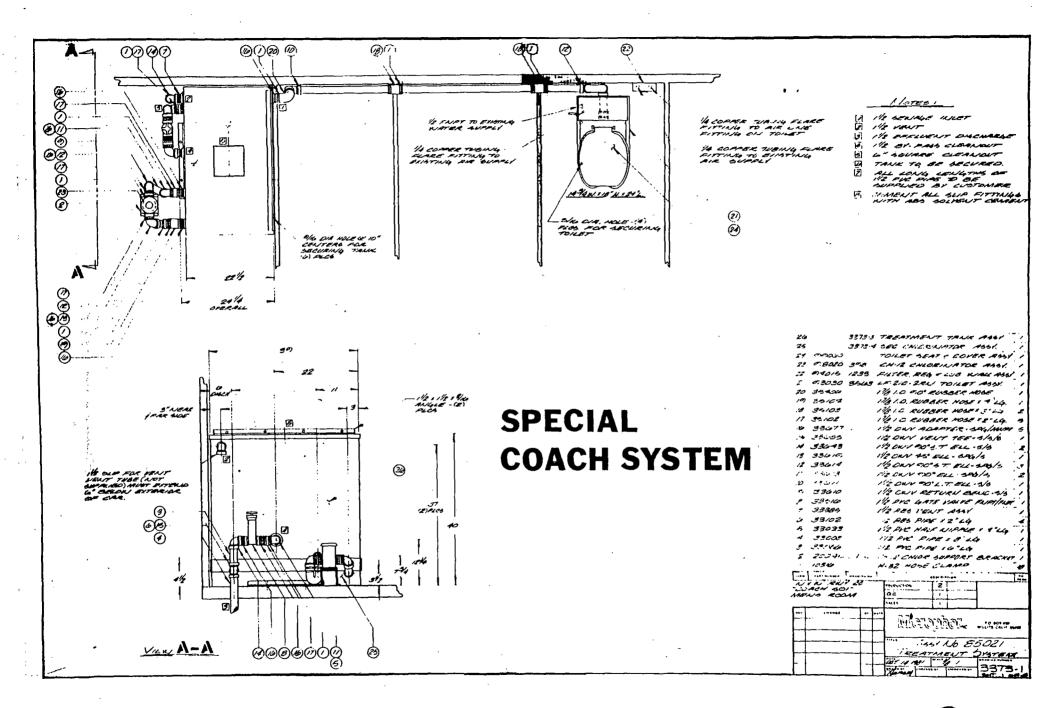
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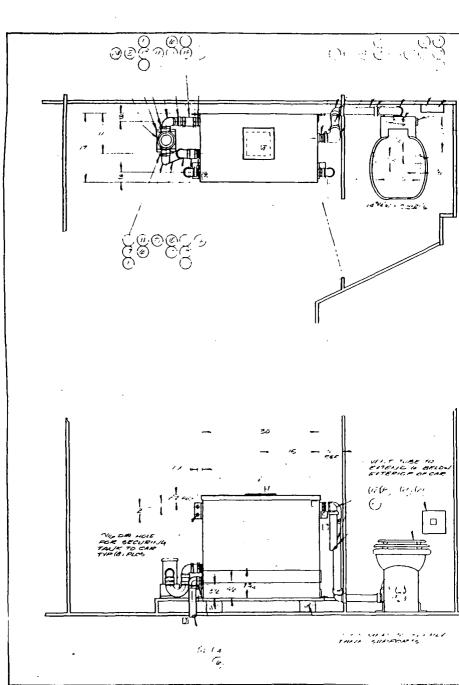
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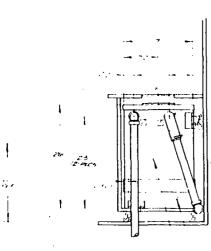
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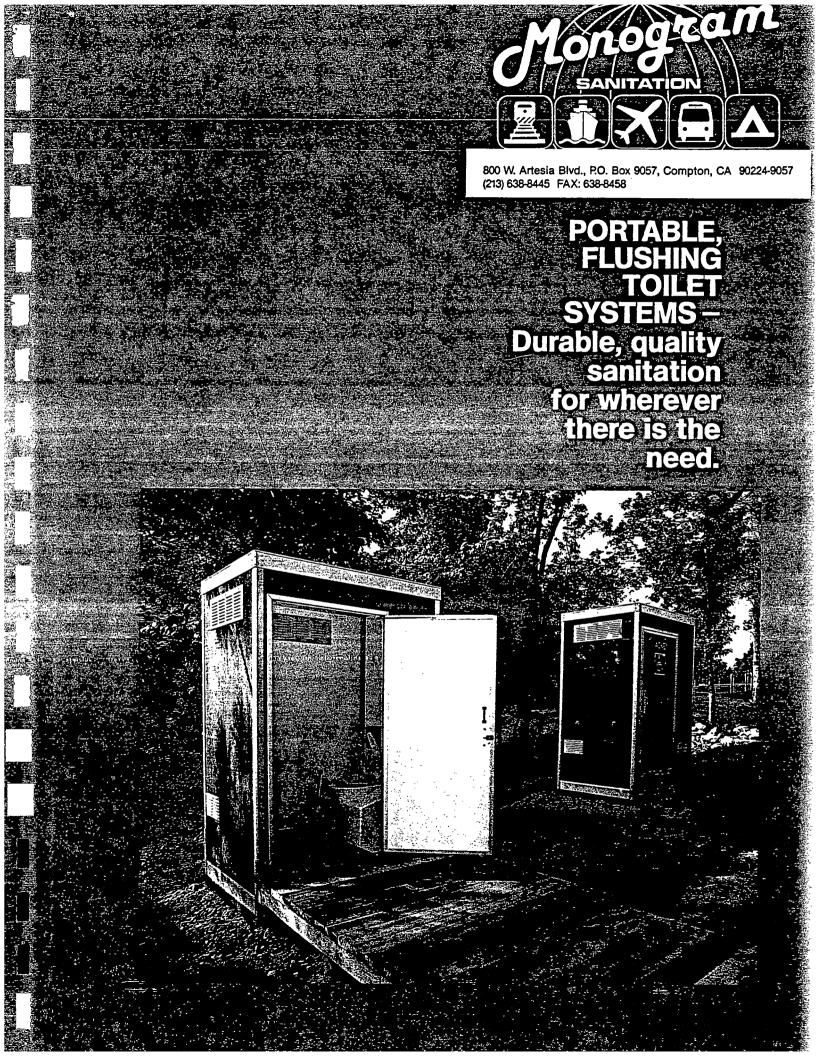
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JET-O-MATIC<sup>®</sup> Toilet systems for remote areas that require no connections to:

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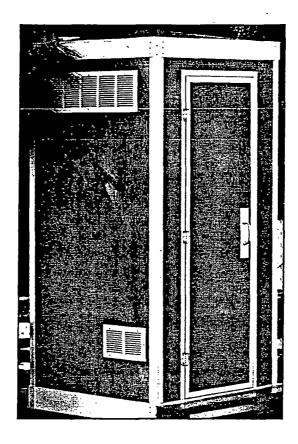
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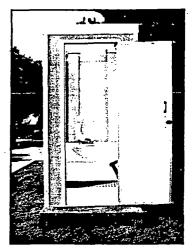
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The Jet-O-Matic®product line provides selfcontained sanitation products for remote areas without access to conventional sewage systems. Selfcontained implies that these products are not dependent on the availability of water, power or sewer lines for their usage.

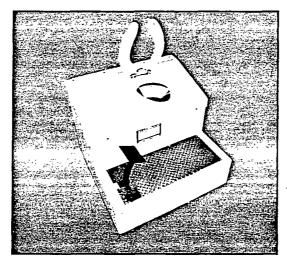
These self-contained retention type products are an outgrowth of and similar to the type in use by virtually all commercial aircraft. They were introduced by Monogram about two decades ago.

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MODEL 625, Chemical Recirculating, Flushing Toilet housed in a vandal resistant cabana featuring 3/4" thick replaceable wall panels, skylight roof, chemical metering pump, polished stainless steel bowl and self closing bowl flapper valve. May be anchored as permanent or moved as a portable.



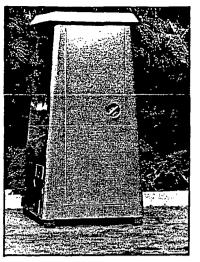
MODEL 626, Top Service Bench and Top Service Drain Valve, Available for all the large capacity Jet-O-Matic<sup>®</sup> San itation Systems. Hinged bench top rises to provide access to the unit's tank interior. Simplifies service, parts replacement and everyday cleanout procedures. For installation in new or existing buildings.



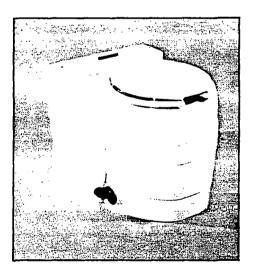


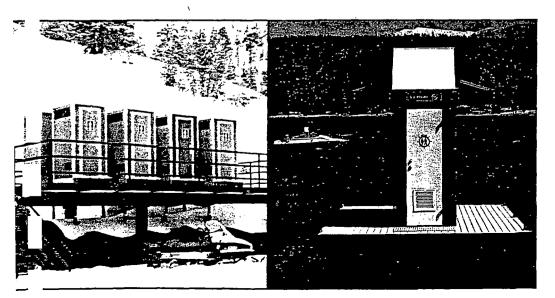
MODEL 703, High Capacity Dual Purpose Portable Restroom. Chemical recirculating flushing toilet with larger cabana combine general public use along with wheelchair accessibility. Hand operated 'lush, spray rinse, backrest and grab bars are all standard.

MODEL 601 (15000-001), Medium Capacity, Chemical Recirculating Flushng Toilet. Flushes by foot pedal. Widely used in toll stations, watch towers, draw bridges, rural offices, maintenance stations, guard houses, ski lift monitor stations, buses, ferry boats, excursion boats and tug boats, to name a few.



MODEL 631, Chemical Recirculating, flushing toilet housed in an all fiberglass cabana. 1000 use capacity, skid mounted for portability.





## HOW IT WORKS

1. Self-contained – The Jet-O-Matic' system has all elements necessary for use, operation, fluid recycling and waste storage. Chemical reservoir and pump system automatically meters exact amount of chemical with each flush. Holding tank retains waste until pump-out or transfer to underground storage vault.

2. Recirculating – When flush pump is activated, fluid from holding tank is combined with a measured amount of chemical from reservoir. Fluid is then recirculated through bowl to holding tank.

3. Odor control – Treated waste accumulates in holding tank. Chemicals released into holding tank control odor.

4. Waste disposal – Large capacity Jet-O-Matics have two discharge ports – one for direct pump-out by service trucks; an optional method is to release the material directly into an underground vault. After waste removal, the Jet-O-Matic holding tank is hosed down, then recharged with water. Chemical reservoir is also refilled at this time.

5. Simplicity and durability – Jet-O-Matics are highly reliable and trouble free; built to take extensive user wear, all climate fluctuations and temperature extremes.

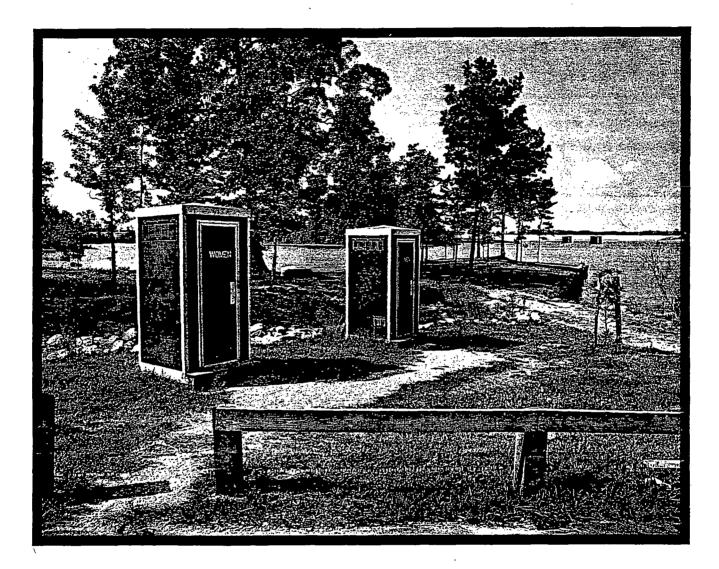


# CHEMICALS

JET-O-MATIC<sup>®</sup> odor control chemicals for recirculating and static toilets, waste storage vaults and pit toilets:

- MC-1000<sup>®</sup> liquid chemical in easy to handle, 5 gallon high impact, D.O.T. approved containers or more economical 55 gallon drums
- MC-2000<sup>™</sup> non-formaldehyde base liquid chemical in 5 gallon container or 55 gallon drum
- MC-500<sup>TH</sup> powdered chemical packaged in 32 oz. high impact plastic bottles marked off in 2 oz. increments

Additives of various kinds are also available.



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## VACUUM TOILET LEADING CHARACTERISTICS

### Flush Valve

- A unique electromechanical flush valve.\* Straight through flow minimizes noise and prevents clogging.
- Toilet flush valve operation completely independent of vacuum supply. Opening of valve to full diameter of waste line is insured.
- Flush valve mechanism completely sealed from the waste line preventing corrosion and contamination.
- Controllable opening of flush valve produces gradual increases in sound level without explosive peaks.
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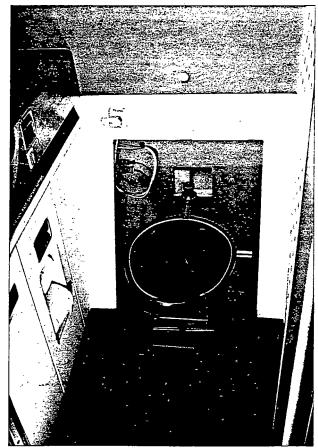
### Rinse Valve/Vacuum Breaker

- Simplified, reliable floating poppet type vacuum breaker meets US-PHS requirements.
- · Self-draining, floating plunger rinse valve.
- · Only one moving part, no adjustments, no springs.

### **Reliability and Maintenance**

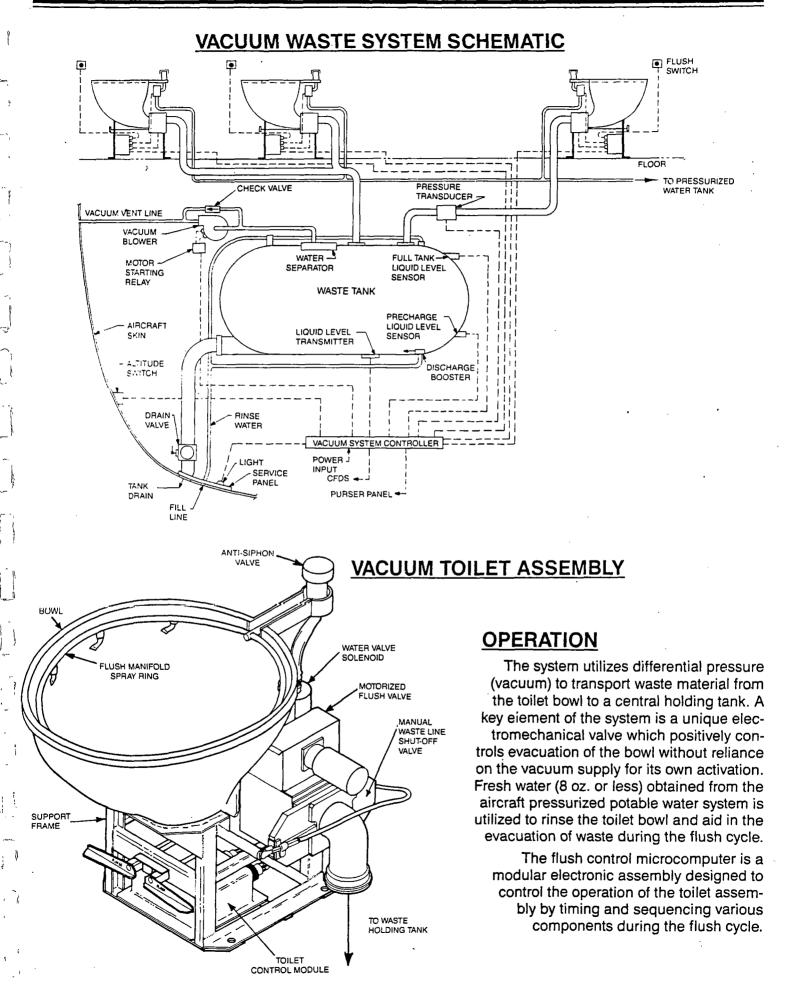
- The only electric control module with "BITE" (Built In Test Electronics).
- All stainless steel structure and components.
- Modular design approach improves reliability and reduces service time.
- Manual shut off valve operates independently of motorized flush valve.
- Toilet assembly easily converts from right to left hand configuration minimizing inventory level.
- Lightweight design.

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# **NEWMATIC<sup>®</sup> I RETENTION TYPE FLUSHING TOILETS**

Monogram, the world's leading manufacturer of self-contained sanitation systems, is pleased to offer you two choices in the Newmatice I family of retention type flushing toilets.

Both models utilize the most advanced technology and materials in a combination of stainless steel and injection molded ABS plastic for an attractive and scratch resistant finish. They feature a patented clog free filter pump, a stainless steel toilet bowl and injection molded ABS plastic toilet seat and lid. These models require an initial charge of 3 gallons of water and one packet of Monogram's specially formulated toilet chemical. Discharge is through the bottom drain valve to either service equipment or directly to existing sewer inlets. Leak-proof and freeze-proof, they meet environmental standards world wide.

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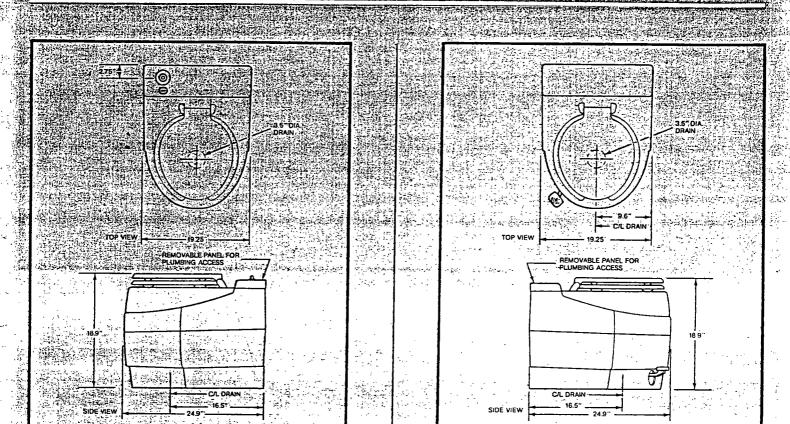
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Automatically timed flush cycle Pushbutton activated. Airconstrated to produce a strong swiding flush nallena Completely accreantrollect Built and backed by the world leader in commercial transportation semilation Model 15000-001

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# NEWMATIC® I RETENTION TYPE FLUSHING TOILETS



## SPECIFICATIONS:

NEWMATIC® MODEL 55000-002

Weight (empty) Dimensions Jank Capacity Holding Tank and Tank Cover Toilet Bowl Toilet Seat Filter Pump Assembly

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ower Begunements 55000-002 40.lbs. 18 kg 19.25″.wide 490 mm 18.9″ high 480 mm 24.9″ deep 632 mm 14.ballons 76 l

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### SPECIFICATIONS:

NEWMATIC® MODEL 15000-001

Weight (empty) Dimensions

Tank Capacity Holding Tank and Tank Cover Toilet Bowl Toilet Seat Filter Pump Assembly

Flush Actuator Assembly Disposal Outlets 45 lbs. 20.5 kg 19.25" wide 490 mm 18.9" high 480 mm 24.9" deep 632 mm 14 gallons 76 1. High Impact Plastic Stainless Steel Plastic. High Impact Plastic, Neoprene rubber, Noryl plastic and stainless Steel

Cest iron foot lever Boltom spring loaded drain valve (fits 3' toilet floor dianges)

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# ON BOARD SEWAGE HANDLING SYSTEM

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### WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM

### 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This document describes in brief the operation as well as some of the outstanding features designed into the system, making it imminently suitable for application and use by railcar manufacturers and operators.

### 2. FUNCTION

2.1 The function of the 'On Board Sewage Handling System' is to provide Water Flushed Commodes. The individual effluents are macerated, treated, and transferred to a remotely located storage tank. Figure 1 represent a typical system. Disposition of the effluent from the retention tank can be in either of the following modes:

- 2.1.1 Rapid flow through and onto the roadbed at pre-determined train speeds.
- 2.1.2 Retention through areas designed as ''No Dumping'' regardless of the train speeds.

### 3. SPECIFICATIONS

3.1 Voltage (Input)

3.2 Power/Flush

3.3 Water Pressure

3.4 Water Volume/Flush

3.5 Air Pressure

3.6 Maceration Air Pressure

3.7 Air Quantity/Flush

3.8 Cycle Time - Flush

3.9 Cycle Time - macerate treat, transfer

3.10 Macerated Size

3.11 Power - Heating

3.12 Waste Retention Tank

3.13 Liquid Anti-bacterial

3.14 Voltage for heater assembly

72 V.D.C.

100 Watts

20 P.S.I.G. <sup>+</sup> 1/2 P.S.I.G. Dynamic (While flushing)

l Qt

40 - 45 Dynamic P.S.I.G.

120 P.S.I. (Dynamic)

11.5 S.C.F.M. Max.

10 Sec. Max.

83 Seconds - 2 Seconds
To Digested Particles
540 Watts Ref.
99 Flushes

2<sup>3</sup> in. (approx)

115 V.A.C.

4. SYSTEM COMPONENTS

### 4.1 Logic Circuit

The logic circuit consists of solid state electronic components mounted on a glass epoxy circuit board. Selection of these components was made with consideration given to reliability, costs, and useful life encountered in rail type vehicles. The operating characteristics of this logic circuit are represented in Figure 2.

- 4.2 Commode (See Figure 3)
  - 4.2.1 Bowl Assembly. The waste receiving bowl is of polished stainless steel construction, complete with flush rim and bottom flapper valve. This assembly may be mounted within a metal frame or shield as required by the specific installation.
  - 4.2.2 <u>Processing Tank</u>. The processing tank is made of polyurethane especially molded for this application. The tank has as an integral part of its construction a macerating chamber. The macerating chamber is comprised of a series of rings. Within the rings are teeth and serrations which project inward. These aid in reducing the effluent to the smallest digested particles during the macerating cycle.
  - 4.2.3 <u>Closure Assembly</u>. Below the macerating chamber is a closure assembly to prevent the outflow of effluent during macerating and treatment.

The closure assembly contains a molded elastic sleeve mounted in a housing. During operation air under pressure is directed to the annular cavity between the sleeve and the housing. The sleeve then collapses inwardly toward the center. Due to its unique design this results in a drip-tight seal. There are no links, levers, pivots or seats to either wear or become misaligned. The elastic sleeve will seal drip tight even if foreign debris becomes entrapped within it.

When the pressure is removed, the sleeve returns to the open position. The opening is large enough to release the treated effluent, and any objects that may inadvertently be thrown into the toilet bowl.

4.2.4 <u>Retention Tank</u>. The effluent passed through the closure assembly can be accumulated in a lower retention tank with minimum capacity for 99 flushes. The tank is additionally fitted with an in-line pinch valve closure to allow the emptying of the retention tank at selected intervals or locations.

5. OPERATION

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5.1 The operation of the system can best be described by referring to

the following illustrations and their captions:

Figure 3: Use

Figure 4: Flush

Figure 5: Macerate and Treat

Figure 6: Discharge

Figure 7: Retention

### 6. THEORY OF OPERATION

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6.1 The System Ready for Usage (See Figure 1)

As can be seen in Figure 1, the flapper assembly is closed and a small quantity of water is retained in the bowl. The control switches are in the following position:

Speed sensor override, inhibit dump, and manual cycle are in normal position.

6.2 Waste System in Usage (See Figure 3)

As can be seen in Figure 3, the waste matter is retained in the bowl.

6.3 Flush Cycle (See Figure 4)

Figure 4 illustrates the system undergoing its flush cycle. The following operations take place sequentially after the flush switch has been depressed:

- (a) Upper pinch valve closes.
- (b) After the upper pinch valve is closed, the flapper assembly opens, the solution dispenser injects chemical, the water valve opens allowing water to flush effluent and clean bowl.
- 6.4 <u>Treatment Cycle</u> (See Figure 5)

Figure 5 illustrates a system during this cycle. Note that flapper assembly and solution dispenser have returned to the closed position. Air under pressure is injected into the chamber. This results in a violent blending of air, water, solution and effluent. This action continues for approximately 70 seconds.

6.5 Discharge Cycle (See Figure 6)

This figure illustrates the system after the maceration cycle. The upper pinch valve opens to expel the contents through the lower pinch valve to the outside. The expelled matter has been reduced in size to the smallest digested particles, and the coliform bacteria count has been reduced to zero.

### 6.6 Inhibit Dump Mode (See Figure 7)

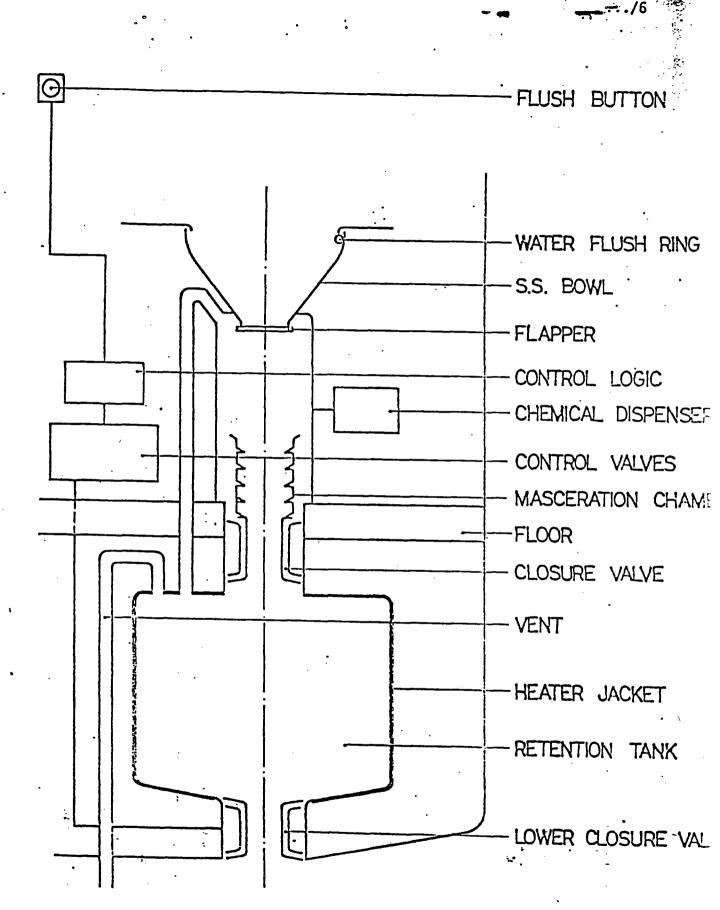
The lower pinch valve is now closed and the effluent collects in the holding tank. The closing of the lower pinch valve either takes place automatically by means of the speed sensor control, or may be induced by manually actuating the Inhibit Dump Switch.

6.7 Interrupted Cycle.

It has been anticipated that a user will on occasion flush the toilet during a period in which a treatment cycle is in progress. This will cause no ill effects. The system has the capacity of accepting up to two flushes. Should this capacity be reached, a memory circuit in the electronic controls will automatically initiate a full cycle flush after the unit completes treating the second flush already in the processing tank.

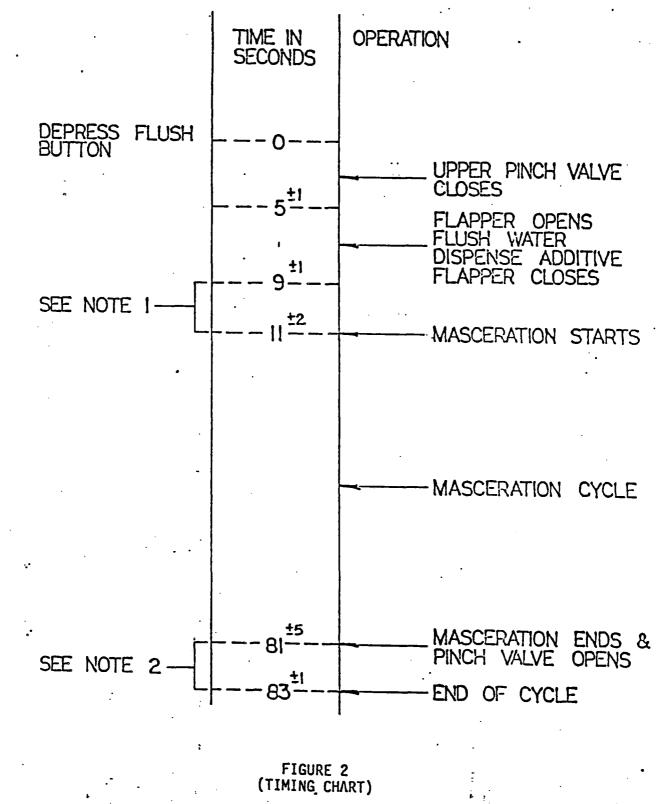
- 7. Other characteristics that become apparent after a study of this proposal suggest the following:
  - 7.1 Virtually no moving mechanical parts
  - 7.2 Clog proof
  - 7.3 Minimum maintenance
  - 7.4 Light weight

- 7.5 Small and compact
- 7.6 Lower power consumption
- 7.7 Low initial cost
- 7.8 Low installation cost
- 7.9 Low operating cost
- 7.10 Reliable performance





TREATMENT TANK TIMING CHART

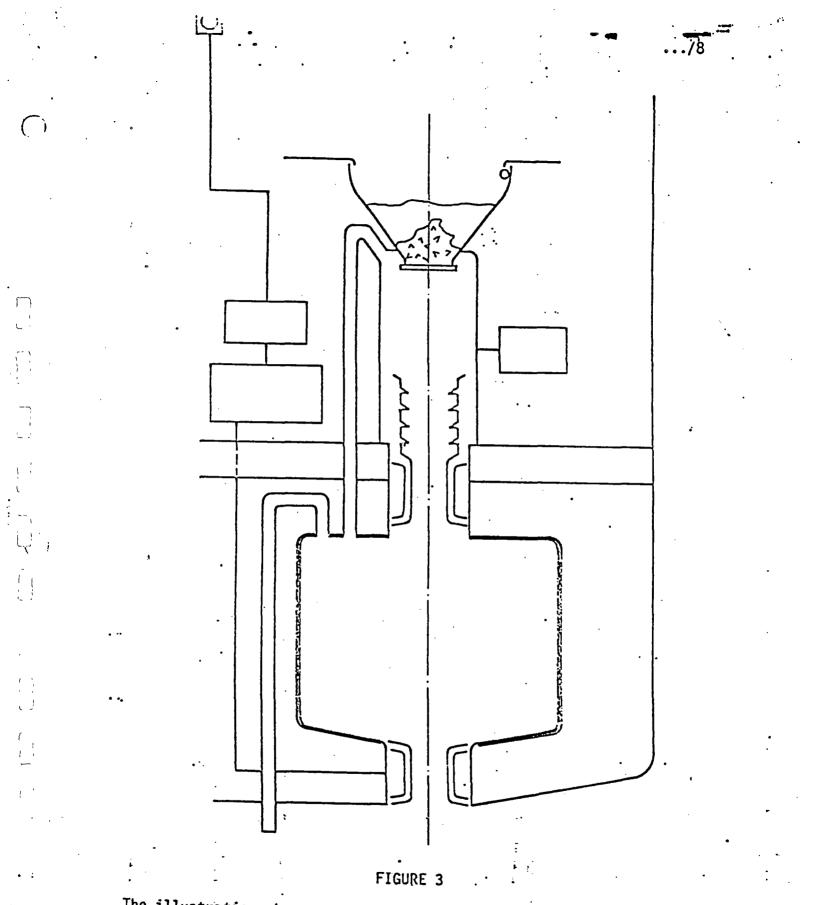




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1. Maceration will not start until flapper has closed.

2. Delay to empty maceration chamber.



The illustration above represents the system after being used, just prior to depressing the flush button. Note that the effluent is contained in the upper bowl, very similar to that of a conventional toilet.

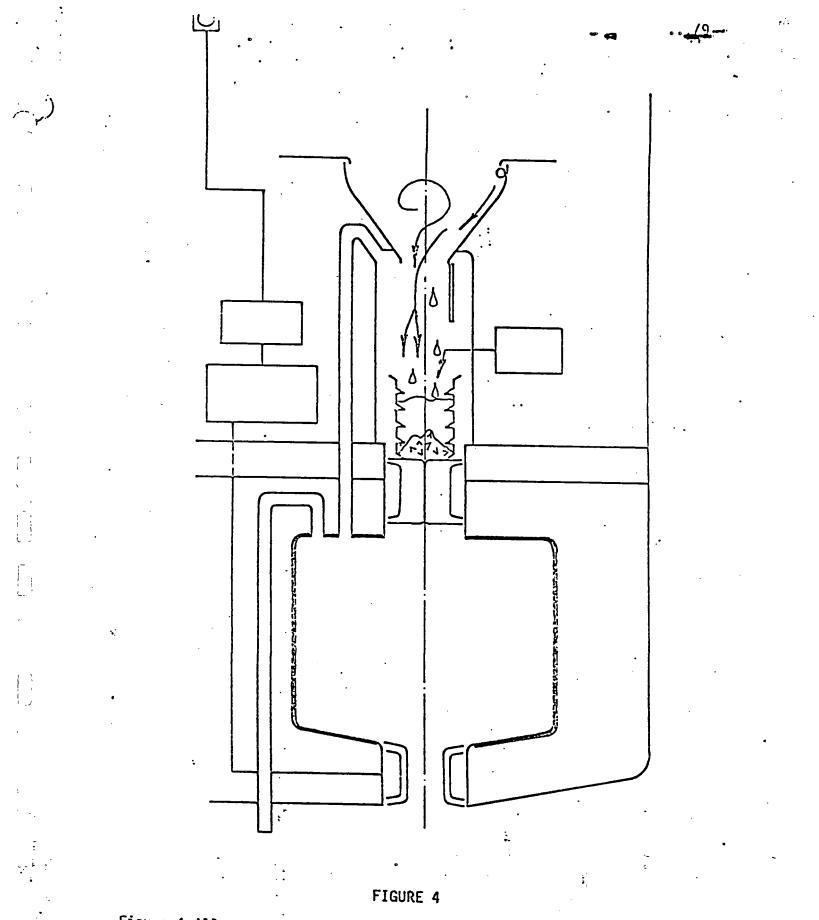


Figure 4 illustrates the system undergoing its flush cycle. The following events take place sequentially after the Flush Button has been depressed:

- 1. Pinch Valve closes
- 2. Flap Valve opens
- 3. Chemical is dispensed 4. Water Valve opens all

Water Valve opens allowing flush water to clean bowl and flush waste

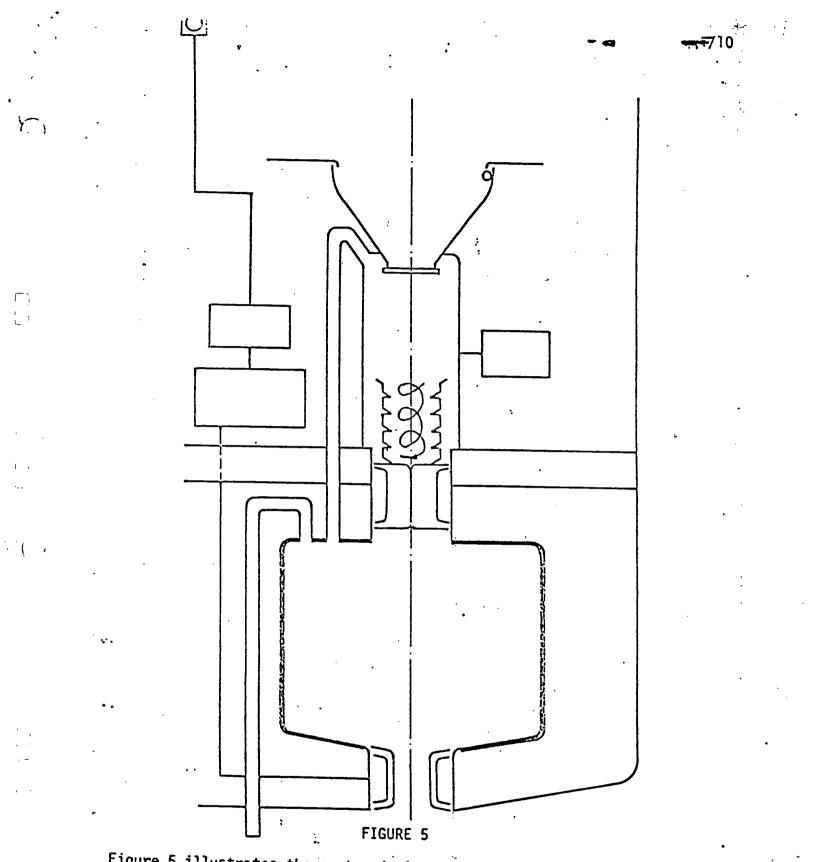
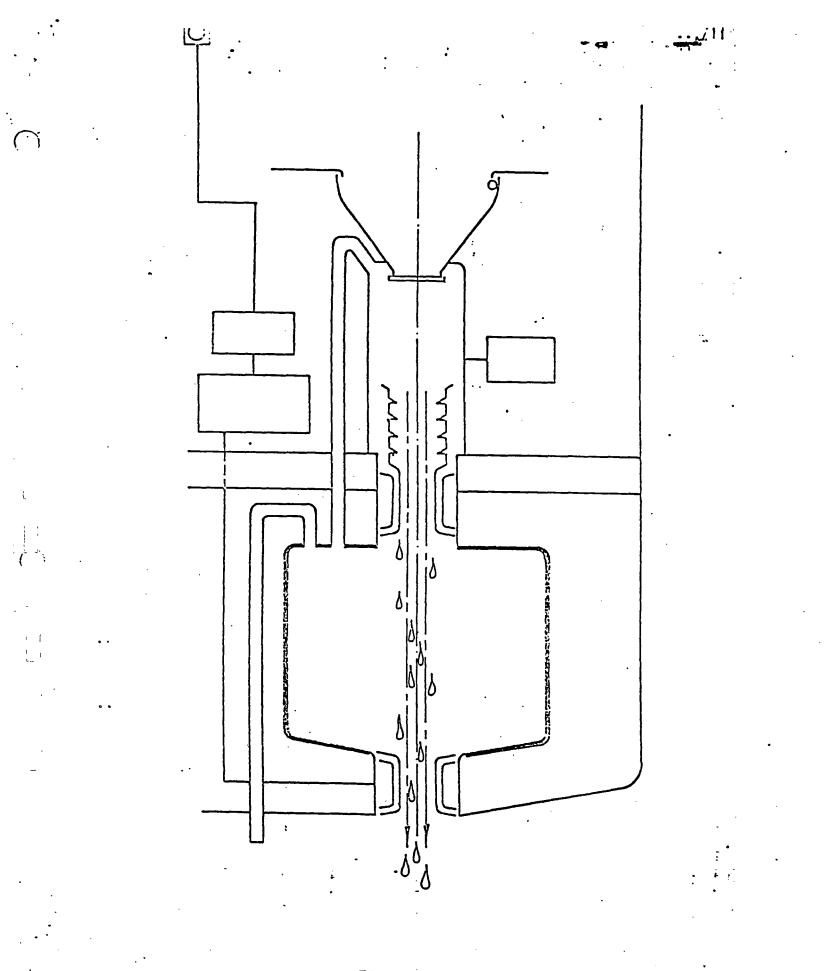


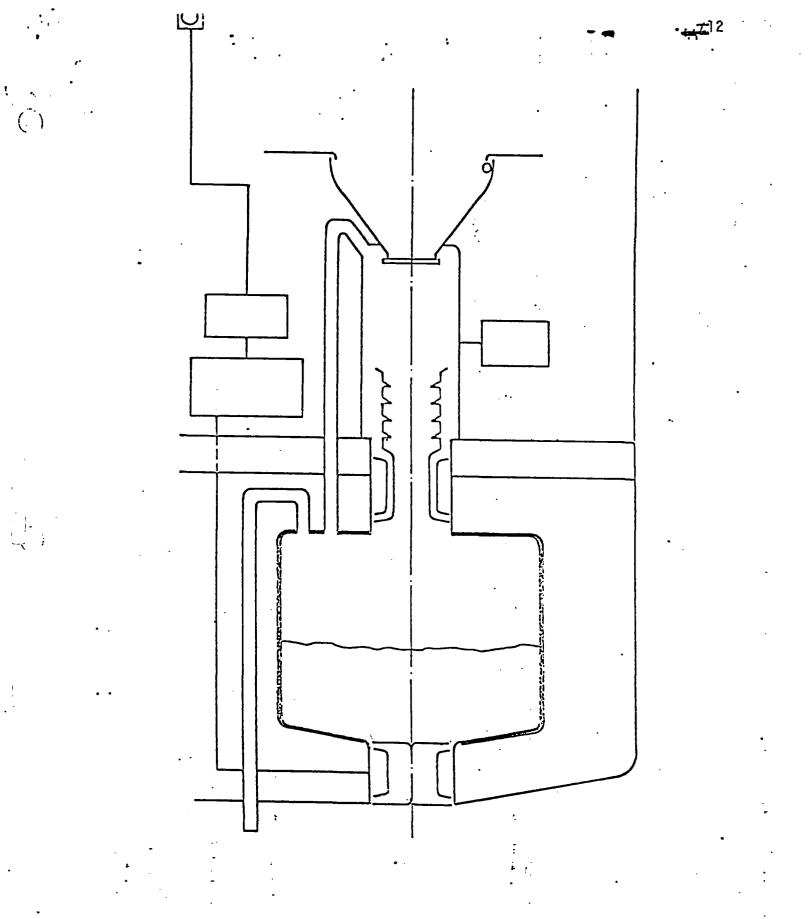
Figure 5 illustrates the system during the maceration and treatment cycle. Note that the Flap Valve is closed. Air under pressure is injected into the Chamber. This results in a violent blending of air, water, chemical and waste. This action continues for approximately seventy (70) seconds.

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## FIGURE 6

Figure 6 illustrates the system at the end of the maceration and treatment cycle. The Pinch Valve opens and expels the treated effluent onto the roadbed. The resulting matter is a liquid/liquid slurry with the solids reduced.



### FIGURE 7

Figure 7 illustrates the system accumulating the treated effluent in the retention tank when the car is in the station or under a ''No Dump'' restriction.

The effluent will be discharged automatically when the restriction is removed.



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**ON BOARD SEWAGE** 

REALMENT SYSTEM

TIGEISIEE ROF BEREUXE RETAW

VIRTUALLY NO MOVING MECHANICAL PARTS

MINIMUM MAINTENANCE

LOW POWER CONSUMPTION

LOW INSTALLATION COST

LOW OPERATING COST

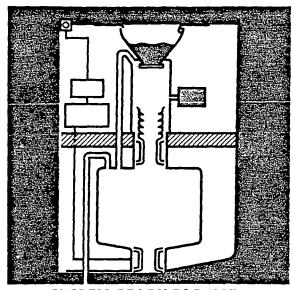
**RELIABLE PERFORMANCE** 

SMALL AND COMPACT

**CLOG-PROOF** 

LIGHT WEIGHT

LOW INITIAL COST



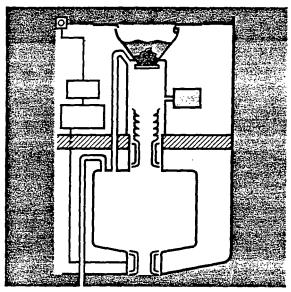
SYSTEM READY FOR USE Flapper assembly closed and small quantity of water in bowl.

# **OPERATION OF**

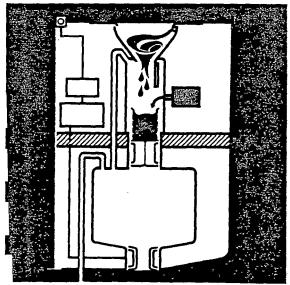
When toilet is flushed, the effluent goes into a small maceration chamber directly under the bowl where it is macerated, treated so all bacteria is killed and then dumped to trackside.

If train stops or travels at less than 35 k/hr, the effluent goes into small holding tank until train reaches 35 k/hr, then effluent is dumped to trackside.

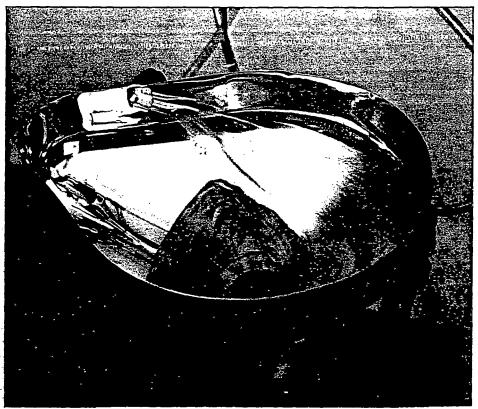
Completely protected for cold weather operation



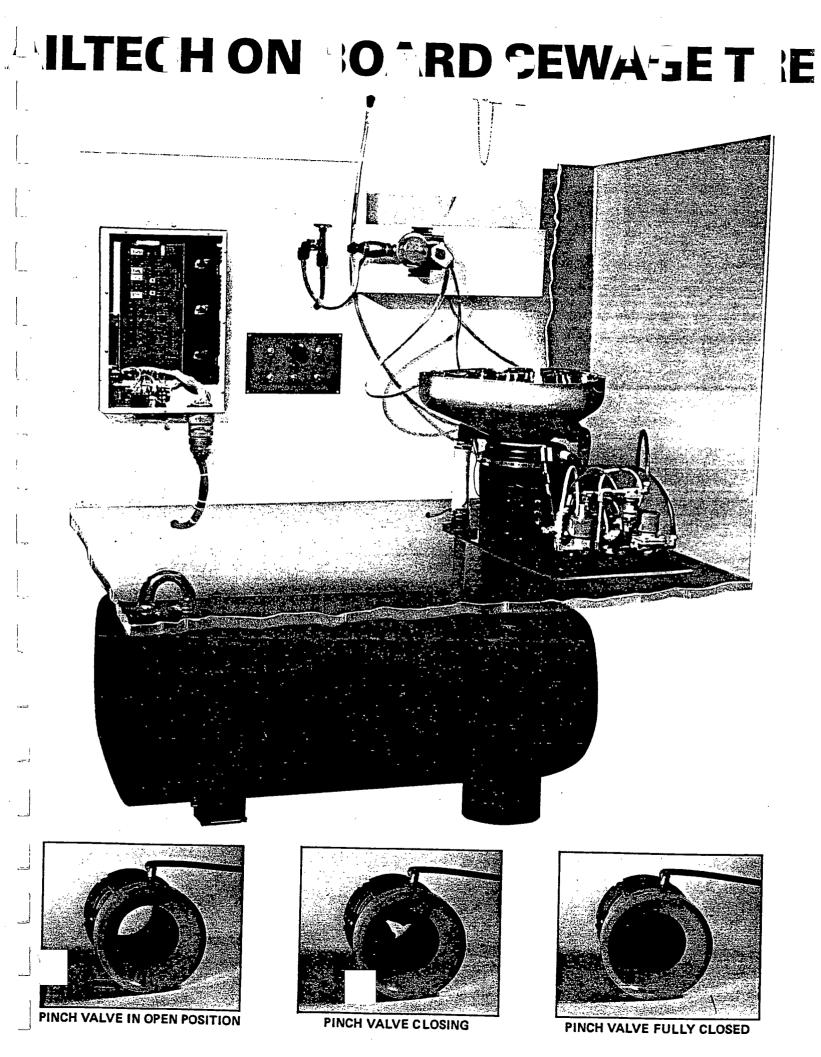
SYSTEM IN USE The system has just been used, prior to depressing the flush button. Effluent is contained in upper bowl, similar to conventional toilet.



SYSTEM IN FLUSH CYCLE Pinch valve closes. Flap valve opens. Chemicals lispensed. Water valve opens allowing flush water to clean low! and flush waste.



STAINLESS STEEL BOWL DURING FLUSHING OPERATION



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Appendix A: Health Risk Assessment and Risk Management for Sewage Disposal from Amtrak Trains, Appendix B: Manufacturers' Technical Brochures, Arthur D Little, 1990 -23-Passenger Operations

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