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Agrément Certificate

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Product Sheet 1

KALSI PLASTICS UNDERGROUND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS

KALSI AQUAFLOW INSPECTION CHAMBERS

This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet⁽¹⁾ relates to Kalsi Aquaflow Inspection Chambers, for access to drains up to a depth of 1.2 m in non-roadway applications, for the purposes of testing, rodding, removal of debris, maintenance or inspection.

(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

CERTIFICATION INCLUDES:

- factors relating to compliance with Building Regulations where applicable
- factors relating to additional non-regulatory information where applicable
- independently verified technical specification
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- design considerations
- installation guidance
- regular surveillance of production
- formal three-yearly review.



KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

Flow characteristics — the chambers have satisfactory flow characteristics to prevent blockage (see section 6).

Strength — the products have adequate strength to resist loads and impact likely to be encountered during transport, installation and use (see section 7).

Performance of joints — the connections between the chamber and the pipelines are watertight, and the traps are airtight (see section 8).

Durability — the material from which the products are manufactured will not deteriorate significantly and the anticipated service life of the products will be in excess of 50 years (see section 13).

The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the products described herein. These products have been assessed by the BBA as being fit for their intended use provided they are installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

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Regulations

In the opinion of the BBA, Kalsi Aquaflow Inspection Chambers, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of the following Building Regulations (the presence of a UK map indicates that the subject is related to the Building Regulations in the region or regions of the UK depicted):



The Building Regulations 2010 (England and Wales) (as amended)

Requirement:	H1(1)	Foul water drainage
Comment:		The products will convey the flow of foul water and minimise the risk of blockages or leaks. See sections 4.1, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of this Certificate.
Requirement:	H3(3)	Rainwater drainage
Comment:		The products will convey the flow of surface water and minimise the risk of blockages or leaks. See sections 4.1, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of this Certificate.



The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

Regulation:	8(1)(2)	Durability, workmanship and fitness of materials
Comment:		The use of the products satisfies the requirements of this Regulation. See sections 12 and 13 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	9	Building standards applicable to construction
Standard:	3.6	Surface water drainage
Standard:	3.7	Wasterwater drainage
Comment:		The products will satisfy the relevant requirements of this Standard, with reference to clauses 3.6.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ to 3.6.3 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ , 3.7.3 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ and 3.7.4 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ . See sections 4.1, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of this Certificate.
Standard:	7.1(a)	Statement of sustainability
Comment:		The systems can contribute to meeting the relevant requirements of Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6, and therefore will contribute to a construction meeting a bronze level of sustainability as defined in this Standard.
Regulation:	12	Building standards applicable to conversions
Comment:		All comments given for the systems under Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6 also apply to this Regulation, with reference to clause 0.12.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ and Schedule 6 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ .

(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic).

(2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).



The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (as amended)

Regulation:	23(a)(i)	Fitness of materials and workmanship
Comment:	(iii)(b)(i)	The products are acceptable. See section 13 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	79	Drainage systems
Comment:		The products are acceptable. See sections 4.1, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of this Certificate.

Regulation: 82

Comment:

Rainwater drainage

The products will convey the flow of rainwater and minimise the risk of blockages or leaks. See sections 4.1, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of this Certificate.

Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, designer (including Principal Designer) and contractor (including Principal Contractor) to address their obligations under these Regulations.

See section: *3 Delivery and site handling (3.2) and Installation* of this Certificate.

Additional Information

NHBC Standards 2022

In the opinion of the BBA, Kalsi Aquaflow Inspection Chambers, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements in relation to *NHBC Standards*, Chapter 5.3 *Drainage below ground*.

Technical Specification

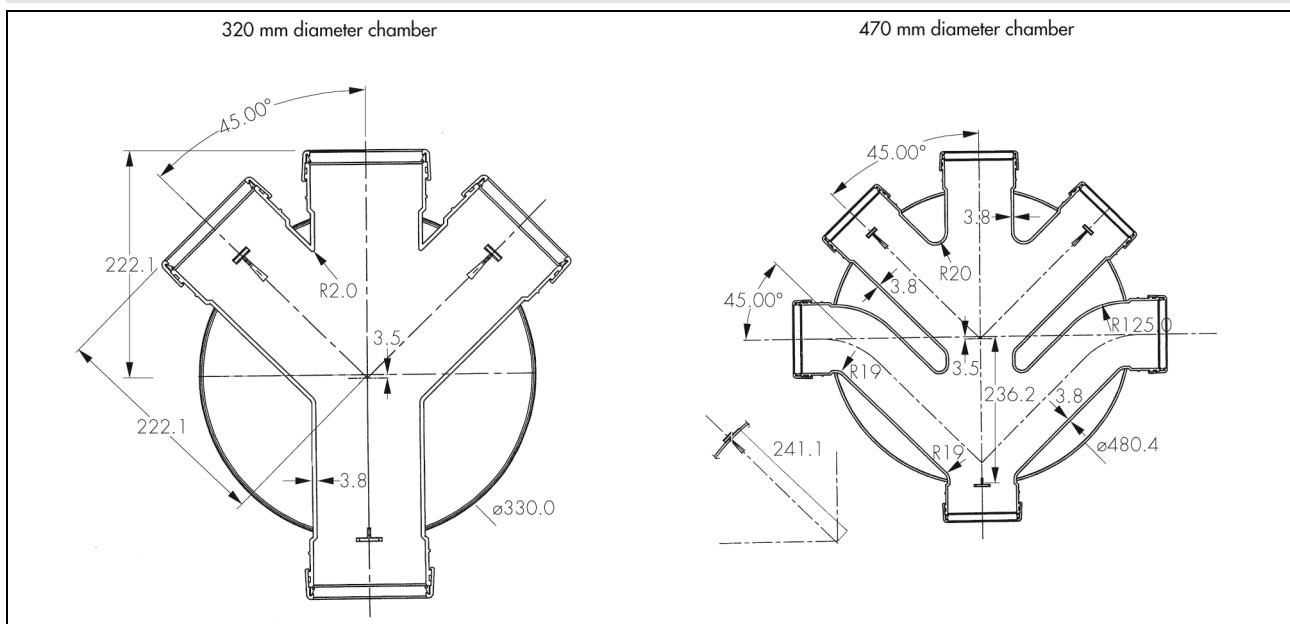
1 Description

1.1 Kalsi Aquaflow Inspection Chambers comprise a rounded base with a gradient (in which drainage channels and sockets are formed), for connection to 110 mm pipes to BS EN 1401-1 : 2019 with EPDM seals to BS EN 681-1 : 1996, risers, cover and frame.

1.2 Two sizes of base are available (see Figure 1):

- 320 mm diameter with four 110 mm sockets, for use up to a depth of 0.6 m
- 470 mm diameter with six 110 mm sockets, for use up to a depth of 1.2 m.

Figure 1 Kalsi Aquaflow Inspection Chambers — plan view showing connection sockets



1.3 Risers are separately available to enable site adjustments of the invert depth to be made. A seal is installed into one end of the riser and push-fitted into the base. Riser heights are 185 mm for the 320 mm diameter base, and 235 mm for the 470 mm diameter base.

1.4 Items used with the base units to form the system, but outside the scope of this Certificate, include non-sealed cover and frame, screws and granular backfill material.

2 Manufacture

2.1 The chamber base and riser units are manufactured in black polypropylene by injection-moulding.

2.2 As part of the assessment and ongoing surveillance of product quality, the BBA has:

- agreed with the manufacturer the quality control procedures and product testing to be undertaken
- assessed and agreed the quality control operated over batches of incoming materials
- monitored the production process and verified that it is in accordance with the documented process
- evaluated the process for management of nonconformities
- checked that equipment has been properly tested and calibrated
- undertaken to carry out the above measures on a regular basis through a surveillance process, to verify that the specifications and quality control being operated by the manufacturer are being maintained.

2.3 The management system of Kalsi Plastics (UK) Ltd has been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of BS EN ISO 9001 : 2015 by BSI (Certificate FM588944).

3 Delivery and site handling

3.1 Reasonable care must be taken in handling and storage to prevent damage or distortion to the products, and they must be transported in such a manner as to prevent damage prior to, and during, delivery.

3.2 Handling, storage and transportation should be in accordance with BS 8000-14 : 1989, BS EN 1610 : 2015 and the recommendations of this Certificate.

Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on Kalsi Aquaflow Inspection Chambers.

Design Considerations

4 Use



4.1 Kalsi Aquaflow Inspection Chambers provide means of access to drains for testing, rodding and removal of debris. They are suitable for use in underground drains and public and private sewers designed in accordance with BS EN 752 : 2017 for the conveyance (by combined or separated systems) of surface water and domestic sewerage, as is permitted to be discharged into public sewers by the Water Industry Act 1991, and surface water and sewerage as is permitted and defined by the Sewerage (Scotland) Act 1968, and the Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.

4.2 The inspection chambers are for use at depths of up to 1.2 m in areas restricted to pedestrians and pedal cyclists.

4.3 The products are for use with 110 mm PVC-U pipes and fittings to BS EN 1401- 1: 2019.

4.4 The inspection chambers have not been assessed for the conveyance of trade effluent and such use is outside the scope of this Certificate.

5 Practicability of installation

The products are designed to be installed by a competent general builder, or a contractor, experienced in below-ground drainage work.

6 Flow characteristics



The dimensions of the inspection chamber bases will minimise the risk of blockages providing the drainage layout is designed in accordance with BS EN 752 : 2017.

7 Strength



7.1 When installed and used in accordance with the recommendations given in this Certificate, the chambers, with proper cover and frame, will have adequate stiffness for the depth of burial.

7.2 The chambers have adequate strength to withstand the loads associated with normal site handling, installation and drain cleansing operations.

8 Performance of joints



8.1 The performance of joints, when correctly made, will not be adversely affected by thermal expansion or contraction.

8.2 Joints with the pipeline remain watertight under conditions of pipeline movement in excess of those expected to occur in normal good drainage practice.

9 Watertightness



The assembled inspection chambers and correctly made connections between the inspection chamber and the drain run will not allow seepage of water into or from the surrounding soil.

10 Resistance to chemicals

10.1 The products have adequate resistance to the type and quantity of chemicals likely to be found in domestic sewage.

10.2 Details of the chemical resistance of EPDM rubber are given in PD ISO/TR 7620 : 2005.

11 Resistance to elevated temperatures

The chambers have adequate resistance to the temperature ranges normally found in domestic sewage systems. The resistance will be similar to that of the PVC-U drainage system to which they are connected

12 Maintenance



12.1 Normal rodding of the drain can be carried out using polypropylene rods or similar flexible systems, but care must be taken to avoid damaging the inspection chambers. The use of toothed root cutters and drain rods with metal ferrules should be avoided.

12.2 The chambers provide access to the drain for the installation of test equipment.

13 Durability



The products will have a service life equivalent to that of the PVC-U drainage system to which it is connected, ie in excess of 50 years.

14 Reuse and recyclability

The products are manufactured from polypropylene, which is recyclable.

Installation

15 General

15.1 Kalsi Aquaflow Inspection Chambers must be installed in accordance with BS EN 752 : 2017, BS EN 1610 : 2015, the Certificate holder's installation instructions and this Certificate.

15.2 If the chambers are to be installed in ground where the water table may rise above the invert level of the chamber, a suitable anchorage must be provided.

15.3 Precautions must be taken to protect the chambers from damage by construction site traffic.

16 Procedure

16.1 The chambers must be installed in the vertical position and bedded on either a 100 mm layer of selected as-dug or granular material, or a 100 mm layer of concrete, so that the invert is to line and level. If concrete is used, the chamber should be bedded into position while the concrete is still wet, so that it takes the shape of the chamber base.

16.2 Connections to the chambers are made by removing the blanking off stopper from the socket to be jointed, lubricating the pipe end and pushing in the lubricated pipe end.

16.3 Before installing the risers into the base or the riser below, a ring seal should be placed in the recess at the bottom of the riser. Sufficient lubrication should be applied before pushing the riser into place.

16.4 Backfilling is carried out using compacted, selected, as-dug or granular materials as specified in the Certificate holder's instructions.

16.5 During backfilling, the cover and frame should be placed in position to prevent the ingress of foreign matter. Covers and frames are secured with screws.

Technical Investigations

17 Tests

Tests were carried out and the results assessed to determine:

- watertightness
- joint tests on the pipe and chamber connection
- resistance to negative pressure
- dimensional accuracy
- impact resistance at 20°C.

18 Investigations

18.1 An evaluation of the products was made to assess:

- structural integrity
- durability
- installation detail and practicability of installation
- ease of maintenance from ground level through the opening.

18.2 The manufacturing process was evaluated, including the methods adopted for quality control, and details were obtained of the quality and composition of the materials used.

Bibliography

BS EN 752 : 2017 *Drain and sewer systems outside buildings*

BS EN 1401-1 : 2019 Plastics piping systems for non-pressure underground drainage and sewerage. Unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U). Specifications for pipes, fittings and the system

BS EN 681-1 : 1996 Elastomeric seals. Material requirements for pipe joint seals used in water and drainage applications. Part 1. Vulcanized rubber

BS EN 1610 : 2015 *Construction and testing of drains and sewers*

BS EN ISO 9001 : 2015 *Quality management systems — Requirements*

BS 8000-14 : 1989 *Workmanship on building sites — Code of practice for below ground drainage*

Conditions of Certification

19 Conditions

19.1 This Certificate:

- relates only to the product/system that is named and described on the front page
- is issued only to the company, firm, organisation or person named on the front page – no other company, firm, organisation or person may hold or claim that this Certificate has been issued to them
- is valid only within the UK
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19.3 This Certificate will remain valid for an unlimited period provided that the product/system and its manufacture and/or fabrication, including all related and relevant parts and processes thereof:

- are maintained at or above the levels which have been assessed and found to be satisfactory by the BBA
- continue to be checked as and when deemed appropriate by the BBA under arrangements that it will determine
- are reviewed by the BBA as and when it considers appropriate.

19.4 The BBA has used due skill, care and diligence in preparing this Certificate, but no warranty is provided.

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