Innovative storage parts to meet the demands of the times

Aqua Palace

Plastic parts for preventing urban-type floods and realizing effective utilization of rainwater

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**Characteristics**

**The structure can be selected.**
An economically rational storage tank is realized.
Pressure resistant performance required under a parking lot is different from what is required in a greenhouse. With the Aqua Palace, the structure can be selected according to the installation site and the purpose of use.

**Inspection and cleaning within the tank is possible.**
Improvement in connection with maintenance and management
Underground storage tanks are affected by impact by cars, vibration during an earthquake and variation of underground water. That is why the tanks need inspection and maintenance in order to operate safely for as long as several tens of years. With the Aqua Palace, person can get inside and reliably inspect and maintain all the parts within the tank.

**Porosity is high; it is higher than 92%, 95% at the highest.**
Maintenance and improvement of storage efficiency
Porosity of the Aqua Palace varies according to the selected structure but, in any case, a high storage ratio exceeding 90% is possible. The larger the storage tank is, the higher the porosity is.

**Ultra-large storage tanks can be constructed**
Achievement of solutions for global water problems
The Aqua Palace is stable in assembly in the vertical direction. Because of this, it can be used for construction of ultra-large storage tanks to be substituted for dams and reservoirs, aided by adoption of the cell type or any case, a high storage ratio exceeding 90% is possible. The larger the storage tank is, the higher the porosity is. It has been found that resin products such as polyvinyl chloride (PVC) tubes do not deteriorate, so long as they are under the ground and free from UV light. Thus, in connection with construction of the Aqua Palace tank, recycled products (including reused ones) will be proactively utilized for regions for which it is determined that the recycled products can be used "without a problem" even if safety is taken into consideration.

**Constructional elements**

1. **Top/bottom surface plate (made of polypropylene)**
It can be used either as a top surface plate or as a bottom surface plate. It should be set so that a smooth surface faces downward when used as a bottom surface plate, and the smooth surface faces upward when used as a top surface plate.

2. **Partition plate (made of polypropylene)**
A member constituting the main part of the Aqua Palace, along with a spacer pipe (SP pipe). These plates can be integrated with one another in the horizontal direction to form a plane.

3. **Attachment (made of polypropylene)**
It mediates between the partition plate and the AD spacer, connecting and integrating them.

4. **AD spacer (made of polypropylene)**
If it is connected via a partition plate and an attachment, a slim pipe can be used as a main SP pipe. As a result, an area which enables a person to conduct inspection is created within the water storage tank.

5. **Outer periphery pipe (made of polypropylene)**
Two pipes face and are engaged with each other when they are used. These pipes receive the soil pressure conveyed through the side plate.

6. **Side plate (made of polypropylene)**
A flat plate that directly receives the soil pressure from the lateral side. Four protrusions of inside the side plate come into contact with the outer periphery pipe and the R-planes on the upper and bottom sides touch the partition plate, so that the pressure is distributed.

7. **Joint piece (made of polypropylene)**
This joint piece connects a plurality of partition plates with one another to form an integrated plane.

8. **Main SP (spacer) pipe (made of vinyl chloride)**
In principle, VU200 (JIS standard or equivalent) should be used. In the case of T-6 vehicle load or smaller, PVC-recycled (reused) pipes can be used.

9. **Auxiliary SP pipe (made of vinyl chloride)**
A PVC-recycled (reused) pipe with a diameter of 125 to 250 should be used.

10. **Inner axis pipe (made of vinyl chloride)**
A PVC-recycled (reused) pipe with a diameter of 50 to 100 should be used.

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The maximum level intervals should be 2 meters in principle.

For reinforcement, 1 to 5 inner axis pipes (PVC pipes) can be inserted from five holes in the partition plate into the outer periphery part.

In order to prevent the place marked $\ast$, where corners of partition plates meet, from becoming a weak point of the structure, the top surface plate should be arranged as shown in the figure above.

An inspection aisle should be secured

More "reserves", which are installed within outer periphery parts, should be installed so as to respond to the lateral soil pressure increasing as the depth of the storage tank increases. In addition, inner axis pipes are inserted into the partition plate and the auxiliary SP pipe here, just like the outer periphery part.

In order to ensure 100% earthquake resistance, one seismic-reinforced part per approximately 50 square meters of the surface area within the tank (except for outer periphery parts) is provided. Inner axis pipes are inserted into the partition plate and the auxiliary SP pipe here, just like the outer periphery part.

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**Configuration and assembly of each part**

**The center of the main body**

The top/bottom surface plate is placed at bottom first, and the partition plate is engaged onto the top/bottom surface plate and is connected by a joint piece. Then parts are assembled in order from the bottom, as shown in the figure above, to form a three-dimensional object.

**Outer periphery part**

Outer periphery pipes and auxiliary SP pipes are directly set to partition plates, without using any attachments or AD spacers.

**Seismic-reinforced part**

Inner axis pipes are usually inserted from holes in the uppermost partition plate (see the figure below). There are five insert holes, and more pipes are inserted as the tank height is larger. The relation should be as follows:

- Tank height 1.0m --- 2 points (b and c)
- Tank height 1.5m --- 3 points (a, b and c)
- Tank height 2.0m or higher --- all points (a, b, c, d and e)

**Shock absorbing part**

Reserves are provided when the tank height is 2m or higher (including the shock absorbing part). The number of reserves is increased according to the lateral pressure.

**Lateral pressure resistance reinforcement by reserves**

The place to provide a maintenance hatch is firmly reinforced by outer periphery pipes located immediately below, and around the place.

**Place to provide a hatch**

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**Outer periphery pipes and auxiliary SP pipes**

If the strength of T-25 is required, a shock absorbing part is provided on this. If the strength of T-14 or smaller is acceptable, the top/bottom surface plate is provided on the top and assembly is completed.

**Inner axis pipes**

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**Standard structure of the Aqua Palace**

**1** T-25-compatible standard structure

**NO.1** H (height) = 1.0m

- As main SP pipes, PVC pipes (including recycled/reused products) of at least VU 150 or equivalent are used.
- Inspection holes are properly arranged so that the inside of the tank can be inspected and cleaned from the top of the tank.
- Normally, pressure resistance reinforcement with the use of "reserves" is not used.

**NO.2** H (height) = 1.5m

- As main SP pipes, PVC pipes of VU 200 or equivalent are used.
- A maintenance hatch is provided, and a person goes into the tank to inspect and clean the inside of the tank.
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**NO.3** H (height) = 2.0m

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- 3 pitches, 1.0m" changes into "3 pitches, 1.5m" at the lowest step when H (height) = 3.5m. Specification is the same as in the case of H = 3.0m.

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**NO.5** H (height) = 4.0m

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"4 pitches, 2.0m" under the shock absorbing part when H (height) = 2.0m. Specification is the same as in the case of H = 2.0m.
T-6 is the load capacity required where only passengers pass and sometimes up to medium-sized vehicles are expected to enter. This structure is used in the underground space of gardens of collective housing and houses, parking space of ordinary households, farmland and greenhouses.

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- A maintenance hatch is provided, and a person goes into the tank to inspect and clean the inside of the tank.

- Pressure resistance reinforcement with the use of "reserves" is used only when H (height)=2.0m.

Examples of construction of the Aqua Palace

1. Medium-sized underground water storage tank under construction: with a water storage capacity of 95 m³.
2. Aqua Palace assembled to have a capacity of about 100 m³.
3. Small parts are assembled in the plant, transferred to the construction site and lifted by a crane.

Specification:

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Figure: An example of arrangement when two PVC pipes are used per partition plate
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