R-TANK & HS-20 LOADS

The R-Tank system is capable of easily supporting AASHTO HS-20 and HS-25 loads with safety factors of 1.75 or higher. The system has been used in a variety of applications around the world with tremendous success. Read on and we’ll explain how the R-Tank handles heavy loads, and why it will work under HS-20 loads for your project.

Bearing Capacity

The R-Tank’s ultimate design load comes from the results of a compression test performed according to ASTM D 2412 & ASTM F 2418, which are the industry standard tests for loading of underground detention systems. Testing was performed by TRI Environmental, and their report along with a technical note about the test methodology is available to supplement this document.

Typical Load Calculation

The AASHTO HS-20 Standard uses a 32,000 lbs axle as the design load (two axles at 25,000 lbs each at depths greater than 38”). To conservatively model the R-Tank’s performance under these types of traffic loads, several steps are taken and additional factors considered:

• The axle load is distributed to two sets of dual wheels, each 10” x 20” at 80 psi
• The tire contact area is transferred down through the cover layers at a conservative 1:2 angle (33%) to determine the Area of Applied Load on the top of the R-Tank
• An impact factor is added to account for the movement of the load
• Weight of cover material in a saturated condition is added (130 lbs/cf)

With these factors in place, the HS-20 load can be modeled and the resulting safety factor determined. The table on page 2 shows how the R-Tank performs at various depths of cover, and it suggests which module should be used. Since most projects are designed for HS-20 loads in parking lots, this table is ideal for most installations.

If you are designing for HS-25 loads, or if you are considering applications with multiple HS-20 loads regularly travelling in multiple parallel lanes (for example, active roadways or shipping terminals), tables for these specific circumstances are available.

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**Third Party Verification**

Modeling product performance using engineering equations to ensure a successful project is important. But what really matters is product performance in the field. That's why we've done real-world testing with third party agencies who have installed the R-Tank and subjected it to brutal testing.

One test involved installing 18” of sand cover over an R-TankSD module (an R-TankSD should have been used at this depth) without geogrid, and driving a 31 ton dump truck over the system. Even in these harsh conditions, the R-Tank has supported the loads, passing every field test that's been done.

**Real World Performance**

Your project REQUIRES a proven system. With thousands of installations around the world, R-Tank has proven itself again and again as one of the strongest systems available for underground detention/retention. Specify R-Tank and you can be confident your system will support the traffic loads above. Call ACF today to discuss your project's requirements.

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### HS-20 & LRFD Design Tandem Loading - Single Lane Traffic

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* LRFD Tandem Loading controls at depths of 36” or more.
** Includes Dynamic Loading Allowance in Accordance with AASHTO LRFD.
*** In lieu of Live and Dead Load factors, a minimum “Safety Factor” of 1.75 is maintained.

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