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O Overview	Copyright ©Ministry of the Environment, Government of Japan		
Technology intended for verification /environmental technology developer	Simplified food residue collection system, "Rakuccha" / KOMATSU Ltd.		
Demonstration institution (Conducted by)	Environmental Pollution Control Center, Osaka Prefecture (Environmental Management and Technology Center in Kansai)		
Period of the experiment for verification	November 20, 2006 to January 19, 2007		
Comparative testing period (this equipment is not operated)	January 22, 2007 to February 16, 2007		
Purpose of this technology	This system is attached to the existing grease trap to improve its performance for separating fats and water.		

## 1. Outline of the technology intended for verification



# Principle

The food residue collection system "Rakuccha" is mounted on the existing grease trap to improve its ability to separate fats and water. The disposable residue net is mounted on the inflow section base and collects the food residue flowing into the grease trap, thus effectively removing the source of putrefaction. The double net, which consists of polypropylene to which fats adhere easily, is mounted on the inflow section to effectively collect high viscosity fats and perishable scum. This substantially improves the performance of the grease trap, preventing putrefaction in the grease trap and discharging wastewater containing only small amounts of fats. In addition, the interior of the grease trap can be cleaned easily, safely and in a sanitary manner.

# 2. Outline of the verification experiment

O Outline of the location for performing the verification experiment

Project type	Japanese restaurant			
Project scale	122 seats 10,000~15,000 man / month			
Address	1-23, Utani-cho, Neyagawa-shi, Osaka			
Influent volume during the verification test period	Verification test - (m <sup>3</sup> /day) Comparative test - *			



O Specification	and performat	nce of the equipment used for verification			
Category	Item	Specifications and water treatment capacity			
Outline of the - facility	Model	"Rakuccha" Z3			
	Size and weight	W300mm×L280mm×H420mm, About 1.2kg			
Design conditions	Object and Treatment object Item	n-Hex: The quantity of the substance is reduced to one third of that contained in the effluent before this system is installed. pH: 6 or more (Reference item BOD, SS)			
	Model	Replacement net L-L3(3mm) : $10m^{3}/day$			
		Replacement net L-L4(5mm) : 15m <sup>3</sup> /day			

# 3. Results of the verification experiment

## O Water quality verification experiment

Item Unit nu	n	(central value (lower adjacent value – upper adjacent value))			
	number	Influent	Treated wastewater	Removal ratio(%) <sup>Note1</sup>	
pH	-	39	7.2 (4.9~9.4)	6.5 (5.8~7.5)	-
n-Hex	mg/L	13	170 (60~670)	110 (58~150)	53.5 (-83.3~85.9)
BOD Note2	mg/L	12	930 (510~2000)	780 (510~1000)	14.9 (-20.6~63.0)
SS Note2	mg/L	12	210 (95~610)	170 (130~210)	21.8 (-70.0~72.1)



Note 1) This was calculated by the formula based on the Verification Test Procedures (Third Version) Note 2) Reference item

The quantity of n-hexane extract in the wastewater treated during the verification test period (average: 110 mg/L; central value: 110 mg/L) was almost the same as that in the wastewater treated during the comparison testing period (average: 110 mg/L; central value: 93 mg/L). This was because the influent during the verification test period contained a higher quantity of n-hexane extract (average: 290 mg/L; central value: 170 mg/L) than the quantity of the substance contained in the influent during the comparison testing period (average: 150 mg/L; central value: 140 mg/L). The treatment target is that the quantity of this substance contained in the wastewater treated during the verification test period must be reduced to one third of that contained in the wastewater treated before this equipment is installed (= during the comparison testing period).

When the quantities of n-hexane extract on the respective investigation dates were checked, the quantity of the substance in the influent fluctuated substantially between 100 and 700 mg/L, but that in treated wastewater was stable between 100 and 150 mg/L (see the following graph). Accordingly, this equipment improves the performance of the grease trap.

Although the pH was below 6 several times during the verification test period, the treatment target of pH 6 or over was generally achieved.

n-Hex (mg/L) n-hexane extra content 800 700 Verification test Comparative test 600 500 400 300 200 ➡Influent Treated 100 0 11/23 11/30 12/7 12/14 12/17 12/18 12/19 12/20 12/21 12/22 12/23 1/4 1/18 1/25 2/1 2/8 2/15 Sampling day

## [Water quality test results during the verification test]

### O Environmental impact item

Item	Verification result
Amount of wastes	The total weight of the food residue collected during the verification period of 2 months (including the weight of the nets) was 83.2 kg (wet), and the daily average was 1.4 kg (wet) (3 mm mesh: 1.7 kg and 5 mm mesh: 1.0 kg)
Odor	The treated wastewater was odorless or had a slight odor of kitchen wastes (including fats, detergent and bleach).

## O Used resources index

Item	Verification result	
Amount of electric energy used	None	
Amount of chemical used for waste water treatment	None	



Maintenance item	Maintenance time per operation and maintenance frequency	Number of people and skill required for maintenance	
<ul> <li>Period inspection</li> <li>Check the equipment (make sure that it operates normally).</li> <li>Check the tank interior.</li> <li>(Check whether any unpleasant odor is emitted, check the volume of floating fats and remove them, and check the quantity of accumulated sludge.)</li> </ul>	15~30 minutes (Average20minutes) Once a month	One person is required for one inspection. The person must have experience and knowledge of operating the entire facility.	

O Qualitative remark			
Item	Remark		
Remark on water quality	Influent Treated wastewater		
Operations required for initiation	Installation: One day (15 minutes) Days required for acquiring the skill for replacing the net: 7 days (5 minutes a day)		
Operations required for shutdown	1 day (15 minutes)		
Reliability of the equipment intended for verification	Generally the equipment operated stably during the verification test period. However, clogging of the inflow piping was observed, and the disposable net was partially detached.		
How to solve the problems	The mesh of the replacement net was changed from 3 mm to 5 mm to prevent clogging of the net.		
Evaluation of the instruction manual of operation and maintenance	The manual does not require any corrections.		
OthersAlthough the existing grease trap used to be cleaned once a m was not cleaned for two months during the verification tes but the treated wastewater quality was stable.			



#### (Reference information)

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#### O Product data

Items		Column to be filled in by the environmental technology developer				
Name / type		"Rakuccha" Z3				
	Manufacturer (distributor) KOMATSU Ltd.					
TEL / Contact FAX		TEL:044-322-6231 / FAX:044-322-6068				
	Web address	_				
	E-mail	tjdpx552@ybb.ne.jp				
Size an	d weight	W300mm×L280mm>	<h420mm,< td=""><td>About1.2k</td><td>g</td></h420mm,<>	About1.2k	g	
pre-trea post-tr	ssity for tment and reatment	None				
	ementary cility		None			
Time for	rinitiation	Installation: One day (15 minutes) Days required for a user to ac the skill: about 7 days			iser to acquire	
		Expense item	Unit price	Quantity	Total	
		Initial cost			100,000 yen	
		"Rakuccha"	60,000 yen	1set	60,000 yen	
		Cleaning before installation	20,000 yen	1set	20,000 yen	
		Installation work cost	20,000 yen	1set	20,000 yen	
		Others				
		Running cost(monthly)			6,000 yen	
Approxi	mate cost	Food-residue collection cost	200 yen	30pieces	6,000 yen	
(yen)		Cleaning cost (once a month → once every two months) (It is assumed that ¥10,000 is spent per month.)			-5,000 yen	
		Per 1 m <sup>3</sup> of treated wastewater of wastewater is treated a mon		at 450 m <sup>3</sup>	2.2 yen	

O Other information from the manufacturer

• This system was developed to help users clean grease traps easily.

- •To make it easy to install the food-residue collection net, the base was mounted on the existing grease trap and users need only insert the net into the guides. Therefore, this equipment is economical and very unlikely to fail.
- •The residue collection net removes the food residue, which causes putrefaction, and thus reduces the quantity of sludge generated in the grease trap. Therefore, the grease traps do not need to be cleaned as often as before by the user, reducing the cost.
- •Even if the pollution load of wastewater flowing into the grease trap fluctuates significantly, wastewater becomes stable through the residue collection net and the pollution load of treated wastewater is reduced when it is discharged.
- •Since food residue, which causes clogging of the drain pipe, is not contained in treated wastewater discharged from the grease trap, the drain pipe is not clogged.