# AQUAKNIGHT™ GC 12

Carbon Adsorption System



An NSF-certified (National Sanitation Foundation) drinking water treatment system is crucial. When you seek to procure an NSF system, you can either purchase a pre-formulated NSF system or assemble a custom system with individual components. Calgon Carbon's AquaKnight Gold Certified (GC) System leverages our four decades of expertise in designing top-tier equipment, providing a certified system that helps to minimize costs, ensure reliable performance, and reduce lead times. If customization is necessary, we also offer tailored solutions.

## THE AQUAKNIGHT SYSTEM

The AquaKnight Gold Certified (GC) 12 series of adsorption systems are the gold standard and designed with the highest level of drinking water purification and safety in mind. Each system incorporates two pressure vessels along with a compact pipe rack engineered to minimize space and cost while allowing for maximum operational flexibility. Each system is formulated and certified to meet National Sanitation Foundation 61 (NSF-61) drinking water standards.

In addition, AquaKnight also has another offering, which is the Custom Certified or CC. The AquaKnight CC 12 series of pressure vessels provides customizable options to the standard system design while still meeting NSF-61 criteria through certification of all individual components that are in direct contact with the process water being treated. Both the AquaKnight GC and CC 12 options offer the superior Calgon Carbon design; one in a pre-engineered, top quality packaged system, the other a more customizable alternative to allow for potential design preferences.

## **PRODUCT DESCRIPTION**

The AquaKnight adsorption system is designed for the removal of dissolved organic compounds from water or other liquids using granular activated carbon (GAC) or resin. The modular design concept allows for selection of options or alternate materials to best meet the requirements of the site and treatment application.

Each system incorporates two adsorber pressure vessels with a compact pipe rack engineered to minimize space, cost, and field assembly while allowing for operational flexibility. The engineering package can be provided expeditiously and the system is quality-controlled through Calgon Carbon's in-house production and testing processes.

The process piping network for the AquaKnight system offers operation of the two adsorbers in parallel or two-stage series flow, with either adsorber in the lead position. The piping can isolate either adsorber for carbon exchange or backwash operations while maintaining flow through the other adsorber. Furthermore, the Calgon

#### **Carbon Adsorbers**

Carbon steel ASME code stamped pressure vessels

NSF internal lining for potable water & durable GAC/IX applications

Standardized with internal cone underdrain design

Underdrain septa located one per every square foot

#### **Standard Adsorption System Piping**

Schedule 40 carbon steel piping with cast iron fittings

Cast iron butterfly valves in process piping

Polypropylene lined steel pipe for carbon discharge pipe

Full bore stainless steel ball valves for carbon fill and discharge piping

Pressure gauges measure pressure drop across system & each adsorber

Rupture discs open to each vessel for emergency pressure relief

Pressure differential switch

In-bed water sample collection probes

#### **System External Coating**

High solids epoxy paint system with polyurethane top coat

## **Typical System Options**

Air release valve

System skid sold separately upon request

Instrumentation

Automation



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Carbon internal cone underdrain design provides for efficient use of the carbon through uniform collection of water at the bottom of the bed, and even distribution of backwash water to minimize carbon bed disturbance. Alternatively, an uneven bed expansion during backwash initiation disrupts the mass transfer zone leading to premature breakthrough, carbon attrition, longer backwash durations, more backwash water and greater amounts of fines and losses. The internal cone maximizes bed life efficiency while minimizing abrasion on the carbon and shortening backwash run times. The internal cone underdrain also thoroughly removes spent carbon.

#### **COMMON APPLICATIONS**

AquaKnight equipment is designed for the removal of multiple contaminants including PFAS, TOC, VOCs, DBPs, 1, 2, 3-TCP, algal toxins, and taste and odor compounds. Calgon Carbon understands that every water system has its unique water treatment challenges. AquaKnight adsorption systems are designed for the most efficient use of granular activated carbon to remove a variety of contaminants.

## **MEDIA EXCHANGE SERVICES**

The AquaKnight system is designed for use with Calgon Carbon's closed loop carbon exchange service. Using specially designed carbon transport trailers, the spent carbon can be removed from the adsorber via a pressurized carbon-water slurry, and fresh carbon refilled in the same manner. This closed loop transfer is accomplished without exposure of personnel to either spent or fresh carbon. The cone bottom design eliminates the need to open the vessel for further rinse-down. This closed loop process eliminates the need for disinfection, the potential for spills, and exposure to contaminants. Calgon Carbon manages the disposal of the spent carbon. It is typically returned to Calgon Carbon for reactivation, avoiding the need for the site to arrange for disposal.

A - 13'3" Overall Width		
B - 31'6" Overall Length		
C - 18'10" Overall Height		
<b>D</b> - Backwash Out		
E - Effluent		
F - Backwash In		
<b>G</b> - Influent		
<b>H</b> - Carbon Fill		



## **Dimensions and Field Conditions**

Adsorber Vessel Diameter	12' (3,660 mm)
Cross-Sectional Surface Area	113.1 sq. ft.
Process and Backwash Piping	8"
Influent/Effluent Connections	125# ANSI flange
Backwash/Effluent Connections	125# ANSI flange
Utility Water Connection	3/4" hose connection
Utility Air Connection	3/4" hose connection
Carbon Hose Connection	4" Kamlock type
Adsorber Side Manway	20" round flanged with davit
Adsorber Shipping Weight	Single vessel 20,000 lbs (9,100 kg)
Total System Weight	49,000 lbs (22,230 kg) empty
System Operating Weight filled with water	236,000 lbs (107,300 kg)

## **Operating Conditions**

Carbon per Adsorber	20,000 lbs (9,080 kg)
Pressure Rating	125 psig (862 kPa)
Temperature Rating	140°F maximum (60°C)
Pressure Relief	Graphite rupture disk
Backwash Expansion Capability	30% contained within the straight side of the vessel w/ FILTRASORB® GAC
Carbon Transfer	Air pressurized slurry transfer
Utility Air Requirement for Media Transfer	100 scfm at 30 psig (reduce to 15 psig for trailer)
Utility Water Requirement for Media Transfer	100 gpm at 30 psig

## **NSF CERTIFIED**

Calgon Carbon's equipment systems are formulated to be certified to the requirements of NSF 61 for use in municipal water treatment facilities. Only products bearing NSF documentation are certified to the NSF/ANSI/CAN61 - Drinking Water System Components - Health Effects standard.

## SAFETY MESSAGE

Wet, activated carbon can deplete oxygen from air in enclosed spaces. If use in an enclosed space is required, procedures for work in an oxygen deficient environment should be followed.