

Maintenance of Septic Tanks

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I Combined Septic Tanks

Septic tanks which treats human waste and other waste water together

(effluent water quality below BOD20mg/l)

II Single Septic Tanks (No longer allowed to build new tanks

Septic tanks which treats only human waste (effluent water quality below BOD90mg/l)

### Required water quality for use of combined septic tanks in Japan

- BOD40g/I per person/day
- Influent water volume 200I/per person/day
- As lifestyles and cultures vary by country as well as required influent water quality, the septic tanks used in Japan may not best apply in other countries.

#### 浄化槽法

- 第1章 総則
- 第2章 浄化槽の設置
- 第3章 浄化槽の保守点検及び浄化槽の清掃等。
- 第4章 浄化槽の型式の認定
- 第5章 浄化槽工事等に係る登録
- 第6章 浄化槽清掃業の許可
- 第7章 浄化槽設備士
- 第8章 浄化槽管理士
- 第9章 条例による浄化槽の保守点検を業とする者の登録制度
- 第10章 雜則
- 第11章 罰則

### Joukasou law

#### Table 3.1 Contents of Johkasou Law

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General Rules (Article 1-4)
Chapter 1
Chapter 2 Installation of Johkasou (Article 5-7)
           Maintenance and Desludging of Johkasou (Article 8-12)
Chapter 3
           Approval of Johkasou Type (Article 13-20)
Chapter 4
           Registration for Johkasou Installation Business (Article 21-34)
Chapter 5
           Approval for Johkasou Desludging Business (Article 35-41)
Chapter 6
           Johkasou Installation Worker (Article 42-44)
Chapter 7
            Johkasou Operator (Article 45-47)
Chapter 8
            Registration of Johkasou Operation and Maintenance Vendors by Regulations (Article 48)
Chapter 9
Chapter 10 Others (Article 49-58)
Chapter 11 Penalties (Article 59-67)
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#### Example of household level septic tanks

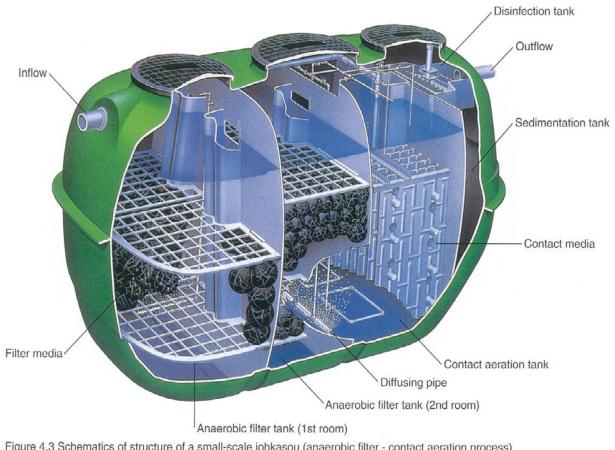


Figure 4.3 Schematics of structure of a small-scale johkasou (anaerobic filter - contact aeration process)

### Example of septic tanks built in households



### Combined Treatment : Large size Septic Tanks

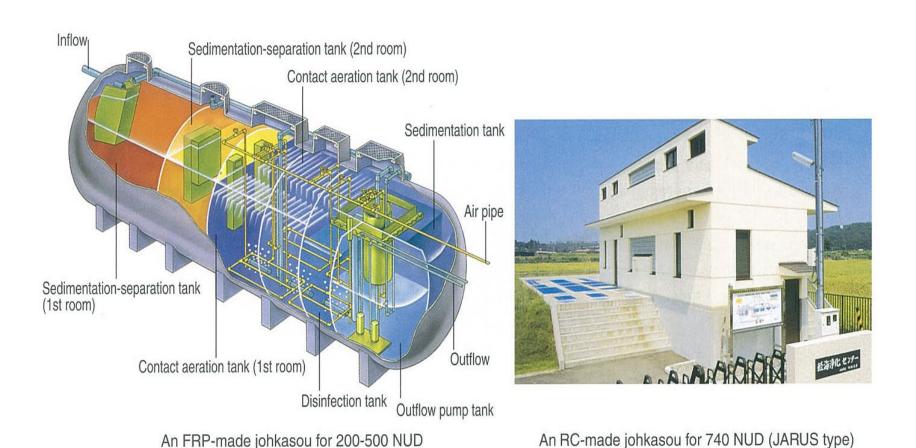


Figure 4.8 Examples of medium/large-scale johkasou

(RC - reinforced concrete)

(FRP- fiberglass reinforced plastic)

#### Other septic tanks

Combined septic tank for 50 persons (factory)



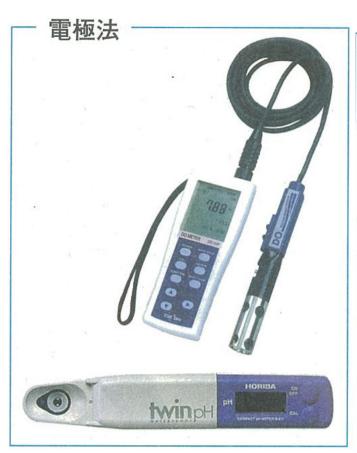
## Tank Cleaning (Cleaning and Vacuum)



Cleaning of Septic Tanks (High pressure cleaning trucks • 10 ton vacuum cars)



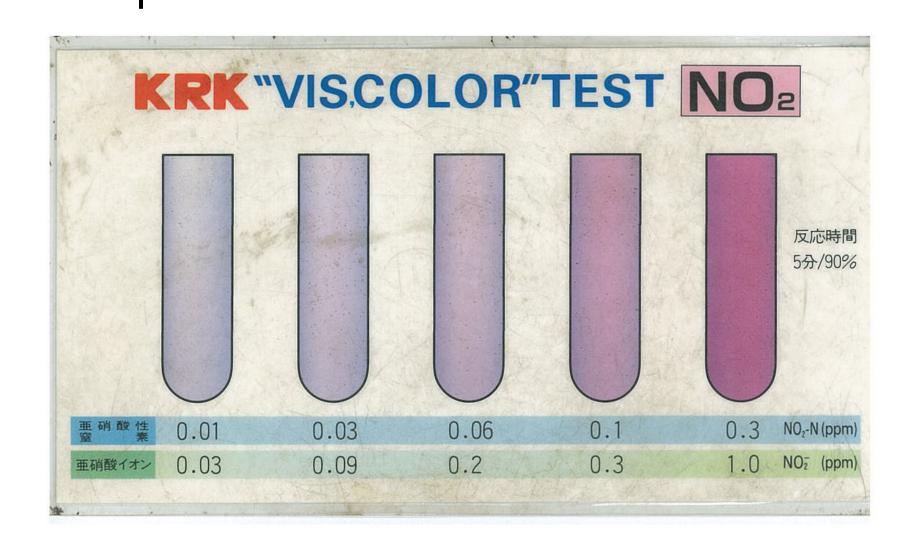
### Main equipments (DO.pH)







#### Nitrate-nitrogen testing



### Conditions for Improvement of Maintenance technology of Septic tanks (Efforts to be made by Local Governments)

- Establishment of state run research institutes specialized in septic tanks; conduct R&D on treatment methods and structures
- R&D on general household waste water treatment
- Regulations by the central government
- Assistance programs for implementation of septic tanks
- Awareness and capacity building by local authorities for tank management and maintenance companies

# Conditions for Improvement of Maintenance technology of Septic tanks (Efforts to be made by Maintenance Companies)

- 1) The right person for maintenance
  - good observation skills
  - good learner
  - likes the waste water treatment work
- 2) Treat personnel as 'engineers'
- 3) Requires good communication between the field and the local authorities