UNDERGROUND TANKS

INFINITANK, MINITANK AND NANOTANK

Rototec's Infinitank, Minitank and Nanotank underground tanks are modular units in which a number of one-piece, linear polyethylene (LLDPE) modules, manufactured using a rotomoulding process, are connected to each other to give large storage volumes. Thanks to the special pieces available (curve and Tee) the Infinitank model can be used to create tanks of various shapes, allowing the best possible use of available space.

The various modules making up a tank are connected by means of a double system of bolting and electro-welding. Two modules are joined and fixed together by means of steel bolts, guaranteeing mechanical stability for the tank.

Water tightness, on the other hand, is guaranteed by a special polyethylene electro-welding procedure.

Polyethylene, in fact, is a totally non-toxic material and does not foster the growth of algae in the fluids contained in the tanks, thus making the tanks ideal for storing potable water and other foodstuffs. Furthermore, linear polyethylene also supports sudden changes in temperature (from -20 to + 80 °C) and is inert in the presence of chemical substances in the soil. For these reasons, there are no material oxidation or corrosion problems that would prejudice the mechanical characteristics and impermeability of the tanks. Furthermore, while possessing the same characteristics as other materials (cement, fibreglass, metal), tanks in polyethylene tanks can be bored when the need arises, for example when connecting tanks together, installing inlet/outlet pipes, overflows, etc.

NB: Rototec modular tanks must always be installed underground.



On the base of all the tanks is a surface to facilitate walking and cleaning operations, as well as positioning of accessories such as pumps, pipes, etc.

Polyethylene electro-welding

The various tank elements are joined by means of a polyethylene electro-welding process. In this way the fluid in the tank never comes into contact with materials such as metal screws and flanges, rubber gaskets, etc., which might contaminate the fluid in the tank and also deteriorate over time.

INFINITANK / STRAIGHT (IT)



Item	Useful volume I	Length m	Width m	Height m	Basic modules			N° Standard	N° Optional	Extensions	On-site
					TS5500	TS7500	CN7000	covers	covers		weiding
IT13000	13375	5,01	2,1	2,2	1	1	-	2	-	PP77	-
IT15000	15750	5,62	2,1	2,2	-	2	-	2	-	PP77	-
IT18000	18350	6,68	2,1	2,2	2	-	1	2	1	PP77	-
IT20000	20725	7,27	2,1	2,2	1	1	1	2	1	PP77	-
IT22000	23100	7,88	2,1	2,2	-	2	1	2	1	PP77	-
IT25000	25700	8,94	2,1	2,2	2	-	2	2	2	PP77	-
IT28000	28075	9,53	2,1	2,2	1	1	2	2	2	PP77	-
IT30000	30450	10,14	2,1	2,2	-	2	2	2	2	PP77	-
IT33000	33050	11,2	2,1	2,2	2	-	3	2	3	PP77	-
IT36000	37800	12,4	2,1	2,2	-	2	3	2	3	PP77	-
IT40000	40400	13,46	2,1	2,2	2	-	4	2	4	PP77	-
IT42000*	42775	14,05	2,1	2,2	1	1	4	2	4	PP77	1
IT45000*	45150	14,66	2,1	2,2	-	2	4	2	4	PP77	1
IT48000*	47750	15,72	2,1	2,2	2	-	5	2	5	PP77	1
IT50000*	50125	16,31	2,1	2,2	1	1	5	2	5	PP77	1
IT52000*	52500	16,92	2,1	2,2	-	2	5	2	5	PP77	1

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TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Thanks to rotational moulding technology and the chemical-physical-mechanical characteristics of linear polyethylene (LLDPE), the underground tanks possess the ideal characteristics for the problem-free storage of large volumes of liquids. Polyethylene, in fact, is totally **non-toxic** and does not foster the growth of algae in the fluids contained in the tanks, thus making the tanks ideal for storing potable water and other foodstuffs. Furthermore, linear polyethylene also supports sudden changes in temperature (from -20 to + 80 °C) and is **inert** in the presence of chemical substances in the soil. For these reasons, there are no material oxidation or corrosion problems that would prejudice the mechanical characteristics and impermeability of the tanks. These characteristics are also guaranteed by the fact that rotational moulding allows **one-piece tanks** to be produced, i.e. free of welds that could weaken parts of the tanks subjected to internal stresses. Furthermore, while possessing the same characteristics as other materials (cement, fibreglass, metal), tanks in polyethylene are much lighter, and as such transport, installation and maintenance are extremely **simple and economical**. Finally, polyethylene tanks **can be bored** when the need arises, for example when connecting tanks together, installing inlet/outlet pipes, overflows, etc.

ROTOTEC supplies three models of tanks for underground installation, which differ in shape, structure and capacity: the Cisterna model stores from 1000 to 10000 litres, the Panettone model has a capacity of from 3000 to 10000 litres, while the modular system (NANOTANK, MINITANK) and INFINITANK and INFINITANK and INFINITANK) and has a capacity of from 3000 to 10000 litres, while

the modular system (NANOTANK, MINITANK and INFINITANK) can be used to create very large storage tanks, in theory of infinite size. Each tank is equipped with one or more threaded or hinged inspection covers on which it is possible to install extensions

Each tank is equipped with one or more threaded or hinged inspection covers on which it is possible to install extensions when the top of the tank is below ground level. Finally, on request, the tanks can be equipped with the appropriate pumps for delivering the stored water at flow rates, pressures and heads needed for the various applications.

APPLICATIONS

The characteristics previously mentioned render the underground tanks ideal for:

- Storing potable water or other liquid foodstuffs;
- Creating large volumes of stored water for fire-fighting, washing or irrigation plants;
- Creating lift stations for pumping water to higher levels;
- Collecting and storing rainwater for eventual re-use for irrigation, washing hardstandings, filling toilet cisterns, etc...

WARNINGS

In order to ensure that the characteristics of the underground tanks remain unaltered over time, that the stored substances do not deteriorate and that the ROTOTEC guarantee remains valid (25 years against full-depth corrosion) the following instructions must be carefully followed:

- The underground tanks must not, under any circumstances, be installed above ground;
- Prior to installation, carefully check the integrity of the tanks and the tightness of the gaskets;
- Do not install the tanks near to sources of heat;

• The tanks must be positioned on a flat stable surface. Special care must be taken in areas characterised by ground instability. When positioning, always adhere strictly to the installation methods provided (see Installation);

- When installing the tanks, to prevent the formation of algae, make sure that no light can filter in;
- Use flexible hoses when connecting to the water system in order to prevent stresses during tank filling and emptying;
- Do not leave the tank without its cover for any length of time;

• In the case of rainwater storage, it is advisable to install a filter chamber upstream of the tank to prevent a build-up of grit, silt, leaves, etc. inside the tank;

• For storing fluids not expressly indicated in this catalogue, contact our technical office.

USE AND MAINTENANCE

• When carrying out maintenance operations and cleaning of the tank and any components installed inside it, always comply with the requirements indicated in the safety regulations about temporary or mobile work sites;

• keep the area around the tank free from any material that might obstruct or impede the maintenance work;

• always work in pairs when carrying out tank inspection and cleaning operations, and wear suitable safety equipment (safety harness, lines, gloves,...);

• check the tank **every 6 months**. If any sediment is found on the floor, extract it and clean the tank carefully using a normal domestic detergent. If any foreign bodies are found, disinfect the tank thoroughly;

• check that any PVC inlet, outlet, overflow pipes or brass or plastic filling, drainage, full drain connectors are not blocked by large solids that prevent the passage of the fluid in the tank. If any sediment is found, it must be removed;

• check every 6 months to ensure that pipes, connectors and gaskets are sealed;

• periodically check that the vent serving the pump and installed on the tank is free. If it is blocked it must be cleaned.