1. INTRODUCTION

This manual describes the recommended procedures for installation, operation, maintenance and safety precautions for the following Orbinox equipment:

- AG stop gates
- SL stop logs

The manual uses AWWA C561 terminology (see section 2). “Slide gate” or “gate” are also general terms used to refer to all type of equipment.

Sections of the manual that do not specifically state the equipment type are applicable to all equipment types.

Please read thoroughly all the instructions in the manual prior to installation, and contact an Orbinox representative in case of any questions.

The manual makes reference to the “General Arrangement Drawing” (GAD). The GAD is the drawing that is sent to and approved by the customer prior to the production of the slide gate. The manual shall be used in conjunction with the GAD.

Orbinox assumes no responsibility or liability if the slide gate is not installed, operated and maintained in strict accordance to the procedures described in this manual.
2. EQUIPMENT MAIN COMPONENTS

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Figure 1: AG Stop Gate

Figure 2: SL Stop Log

(GATE DIVIDED IN TWO OR MORE LOGS)
3. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling
• Standard safety procedures shall be followed to prevent personal injury or equipment damage.
• The equipment shall be lifted from the main frame. For bigger gates, the frame comes with hoist rings specially arranged for handling purposes.
• Never lift the gates in the inverted position or from the slide.

Storage
• Check the equipment on delivery and report back to Orbinox any missing components within 3 days from receipt of the equipment. Orbinox will not accept responsibility for loss or damage to any equipment which has occurred after this period.
• Some gates might be packed with wooden strips (or steel beams) between both frame guides. Do not remove the strips/beams before the gate has been properly installed in order to avoid any damage or distortion to the frame.
• Equipment shall be stored in a dry, clean and even area on a raised even wood surface to prevent distortion of the frame. Do not stack slide gates.
4. INSTALLATION

- This section describes the different installation methods (See section 4.1 to 4.3). Please refer to the GAD to identify the installation method that is applicable to the purchased equipment.

- The concrete construction shall be flat, level and plumb, and shall be in accordance to DIN 18202 or equivalent ACI 117-06 standard (see Section 9). If necessary, use non-shrink grout in order to meet the specified standard. The minimum concrete strength shall be 25 MPa (3,600 PSI).

- The following procedures are general installation guidelines. Please refer to the notes on the GAD for specific information about the installation method and the required materials (type, size and quantity of anchor bolts, construction sealant, etc.). Always follow the anchor bolt and construction sealant manufacturers’ installation instructions. Note that, typically, construction sealant requires dry concrete surfaces for its application.

- Note that as standard, installation materials such as anchor bolts, hex-bolts and construction sealant are not supplied with the equipment, unless otherwise specified.

4.1. EMBEDDED IN CONCRETE (IN THE CHANNEL RECESS)

Step 1: Initial assessment

- Check that the concrete wall meets the requirements described in Section 4.

- Verify that all installation materials specified on the GAD are available. Wooden wedges are used to center and level the gate in the recess prior to embedding it in concrete. Optionally, the unit includes Side Centering Fittings and Bottom Leveling Brackets which ease the positioning of the unit. In this case, hex-bolts are used.

Step 2: Frame alignment in the recess

- Position and center the unit in the recess of the wall, using wooden wedges (or field adjustment bolts if the gate includes Side Centering Fittings and Bottom Leveling Brackets).

- Align the unit vertically and make sure that the frame is flush with the invert of the channel. Adjust the bolts on the "Bottom Leveling Brackets" if applicable (See Figure 5).

- Align the unit horizontally and make sure that the Frame Guide is flush with the channel side wall. Additionally, make sure that the gate is perpendicular to the side walls of the channel. Adjust the bolts on the “Lateral Centering Fittings” if applicable (see Figure 4).

Step 3: Frame embedment in the wall recess

- Pour the second phase of concrete. Take special care not to damage the seals.

- Do not pour in more than one meter concrete columns to avoid damage to the frame.

Figure 3

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4.2 FACE MOUNTED (IN EXISTING CHANNEL WITHOUT RECESSES)

Step 1: Initial assessment

- Check that the concrete wall meets the requirements described in Section 4.
- Verify that all installation materials specified on the GAD are available. Anchor bolts and grout are used for this type of installation.

Step 2: Anchor the gate to the side of the channel

- Position the unit in the existing channel. Make sure that the gate is perfectly aligned and centered in the channel (see Figure 6).
- Install the bottom anchor bolts, and then the lateral anchor bolts (see Figure 8). All Face Mounted Channel Gates include lateral mounting brackets. For smaller sizes (typically under 1500mm/60"), the channel gate includes lateral flexible brackets (as seen in Figure 7) that require no field adjustment. For bigger sizes (typically above 1500mm/60"), the channel gate includes “Field Adjustment Brackets”. In order to adjust the bracket, the following steps shall be followed (see Figure 7):
  - Adjust the bracket until it is completely leaning against the wall
  - Secure the bracket with the nut and install the anchor bolt

Step 3: Grout fill

Grout-fill the remaining voids (See Figure 9), both at the bottom (See Figure 11) and laterals of the gate. Remember
that the objective of the grout fill is twofold:
- Fill the voids between the frame, frame invert and the channel.
- Make a smooth transition for water flow.

CAUTION! Make sure not to get grout or any other foreign material on the gate’s seals, guides or stem as this may cause leakage or damage.
4.3 **WALL MOUNTED (AT THE END OF THE CHANNEL)**

**Step 1: Concrete construction inspection**

- Check that the concrete wall meets the requirements described in Section 4.
- Verify that all installation material specified on the GAD is available. The equipment is installed by means of anchor bolts. Construction sealant shall be used between the frame and the concrete wall. Alternatively, sponge EPDM rubber can be used.

**Step 2: Equipment pre-installation**

- Present the unit to its required position and ensure that the invert of the frame is flush with the civils. Also make sure that the equipment is centered with respect to the channel opening (See Figure 12).
- Drill and install one anchor bolt on each side of the frame (See Figure 13). After installing the first anchor bolt, and prior to drilling the hole on the other side, make sure the frame is perfectly leveled.

**Step 3: Construction sealant application**

- Remove the unit from the wall (first remove the nuts of the anchor bolts).
- Apply construction sealant all around the perimeter of the frame. Be sure not to get sealant on the gate’s seals and/or guides, as this may cause leakage or damage. (See Figure 14).
- Re-install the slide gate on the wall and tighten both anchor bolts.

**Step 4: Final installation**

- Drill and install the rest of the anchor bolts (see Figure 15).
- **CAUTION!** If the unit is not completely in contact with the wall, do not over-tighten the anchor bolts. Over tightening may bend or distort the frame. If the wall flatness and levelness is according to the specified standards, the construction sealant will fill in the remaining voids (see Figure 16).
- Apply construction sealant around the frame perimeter in order to fill in any existing gap between the wall and the frame (200ml/meter) Wipe away the excess sealant to leave a smooth finish.
5. START-UP AND COMMISSIONING

- Do not operate the gate unless it is completely necessary. Typically the plant (i.e.: waste water treatment plant) has not been finished when the commissioning occurs. Therefore, dust and dirt tends to accumulate on the seals and stems. Do not apply extra grease on the seal and/or stem until the construction of the plant has been completely finished as it forms a sticky paste with the dust. If the equipment needs to be operated previously wet the seals.

- Clean the unit with clear water and make sure there are no foreign deposits or materials on the seals, guides or sealing area. Use plastic tools to remove any foreign material in order not to contaminate the stainless steel equipment.

**Visual Inspection**

- Verify that all installation instructions defined in the GAD and the IOM manual have been followed.
- Verify that the seal is in compression against the frame (or logs in case of SA aluminum stop logs). Use a 0.5mm (1/32") gauge.
- Embedded in concrete installation:
  - Check that the frame (or other embedded parts) has not been distorted during installation. Measure the opening width every 1 meter. The maximum deviation should be \(+\) -width/1000.
  - Verify that the frame invert has been embedded in concrete.
- Wall mounted at the end of the channel installation. Verify that there are no voids between the concrete wall and the back of the frame (open the gate and look on the sides). No light must go through the frame and the wall. Clean water can also be used to verify water tightness between the concrete wall and frame.
- Face mounted in existing channel installation:
  - Check that the frame has not been distorted during installation. Measure the opening width every 1 meter. The maximum deviation should be \(+\) -width/1000.
  - Check that the frame has been grouted as indicated in the GAD

**Field Operational Test:**

- Before cycling the unit, make sure there are no foreign deposits or materials on the seals, guides or sealing area. Clean the unit with clear water. Gate seals could be damaged if the area is not cleaned and coated with grease. Please refer to Section 7.1 for detailed information.
- Seals shall be wetted with clear water before operating the slide gate, and stems and stem nuts shall be greased.

**Field Leakage Test**

- Close the slide and pressurize the unit at the design water head.
- Collect the leaked water during a period of time of 10 minutes (L10)
- Calculate the leakage rate: \(L_6 \text{ (L/min and m) = } L_{110}/(10^*P)\), where \(P\) is the sealing perimeter in meters.
6. OPERATION

- Seals shall be wet while operating. If the slide gate has not been used for a long period of time under dry conditions, the seals shall be wetted with clear water before operating the slide gate. Operating the gate with dry seals may damage them, and additional thrust might be required to operate the slide. Please refer to section 7.1 for detailed information about the required grease type.

- The following equipment can be used to lift up the gate or logs:
  
  o Hand-pull: the slide or logs are equipped with handles. ORBINOX recommends the use of other methods for pull out forces higher than 50kg [110 pounds], or 25kg per person [55 pounds]. Refer to the GAD for pull out force detailed information. Hand poles can be supplied for remote operation.
  
  o External crane: the slide or logs are equipped with bull eyes to be lifted with an external crane. Optionally, a lifting device (beam) can be supplied.
7. MAINTENANCE

7.1. CLEANING AND LUBRICATION

Orbinox equipment is designed to give trouble free operation with minimum maintenance work. However, it is very important to follow the next simple maintenance activities at the defined frequency to ensure an optimum performance of the equipment.

Every six months or 100 cycles (whatever occurs first):

- Visually inspect the unit for signs of misalignment, damage or corrosion. Also, verify that all parts are in place.
- Clean the unit with clear water and remove any deposits, especially on the seals and guides.
- Lightly grease all moving parts.
- Check the seals and make sure they are not damaged. Seals shall be replaced if damaged (see section 7.2).
- Check tightness of all unit assembly bolts and anchor bolts.

Spare parts: Orbinox does not recommend stocking any spare parts by the owner of the equipment. If a repair part is required, please contact an Orbinox representative and provide the following information:

- Orbinox sales order number.
- GAD number.
- Project name (if applicable) and vendor’s company name.

Materials needed for maintenance and seal replacement:

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<td>General purpose (seals, guides, threads) - Drinking water applications</td>
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7.2. SEAL REPLACEMENT: SEAL ATTACHED TO THE SLIDE

- Step 1: Remove the slide
- Step 2: Side seals replacement (Figure 17)
  - Remove bolts, washers and nuts (items 3, 6 and 7) from the gate and remove retainers (items 2), lateral and front polyethylene guides (items 4 and 5).
  - Remove side seals (item 8) and replace it by the new seal.
  - Note 1: Apply glue where the bottom seal and side seals join.
  - Note 2: After installing the new seal, apply grease on it.
- Step 3: Bottom seal replacement (Figure 17)
  - Remove bolts and nuts (items 10 and 12) and remove bottom retainer (item 9).
  - Remove bottom seal (item 13) and replace it by the new seal.
  - Note 1: Apply glue where the bottom seal and side seals join.

Reassembly: Follow Steps 3 to 1.
## 8. TROUBLESHOOTING

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<td>• EXCESSIVE FORCE REQUIRED FOR</td>
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9. ANNEX: CIVIL WORK TOLERANCES

- X: opening width
- Y: opening height
- YY: invert to coping distance
- DLx: linear deviation (with respect to X dimension)
- DLy: linear deviation (with respect to Y dimension)
- DLyy: linear deviation (with respect to YY dimension)
- DAy: angular deviation (with respect to Y dimension)
- DAx: angular deviation (with respect to X dimension)
- DAyy: angular deviation (with respect to YY dimension)
- DFy: flatness deviation (with respect to Y dimension)
- DFx: flatness deviation (with respect to X dimension)
- DFyy: flatness deviation (with respect to YY dimension)

Deviations shall be within the tolerances defined in DIN 18202:

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