

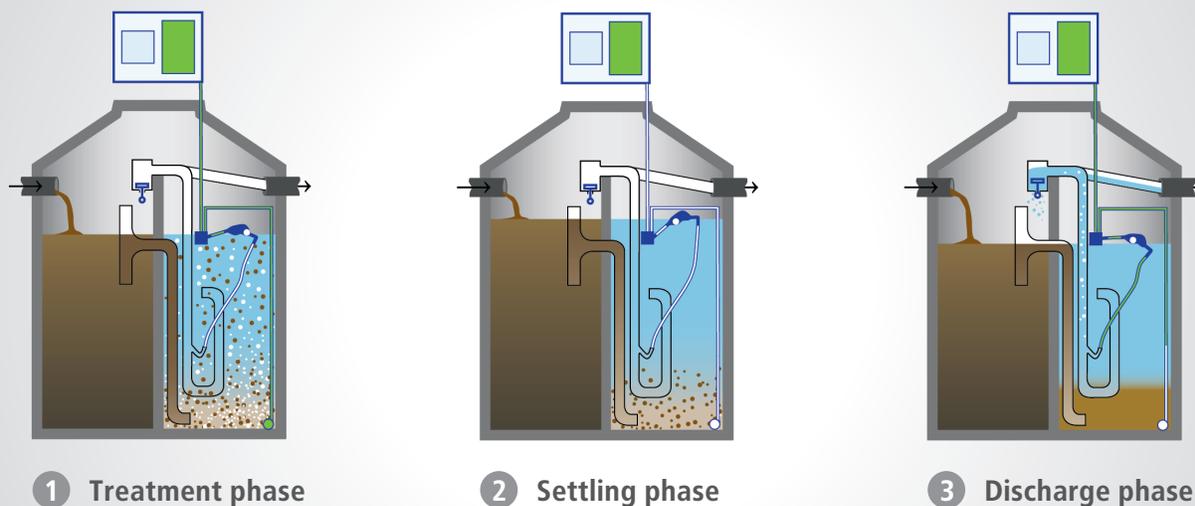


Your wastewater treatment for 2 - 8 bedrooms houses with fully automated response to change in use

FULLY BIOLOGICAL SBR SMALL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS

# ECOMAX<sup>®</sup>

## DESCRIPTION OF PROCESS



### Reliable and energy-saving wastewater treatment

The wastewater reaches the preliminary treatment stage which is connected with the biological stage through an opening in the partition wall. The water, treated mechanically in the preliminary treatment stage, flows through a submerged overflow baffle into the activation stage; this can take place during the whole cycle. With the ECOMAX® small wastewater treatment plant the complete surface of the plant is used as buffer.

A float valve inserted in the activation stage directs the air either to the aeration facility on the bottom or to the air lift pump arranged higher up. With low water level the activation stage is stirred and aerated by the air input. Following appropriate water inflow the valve switches at a defined water level to the air lift pump.

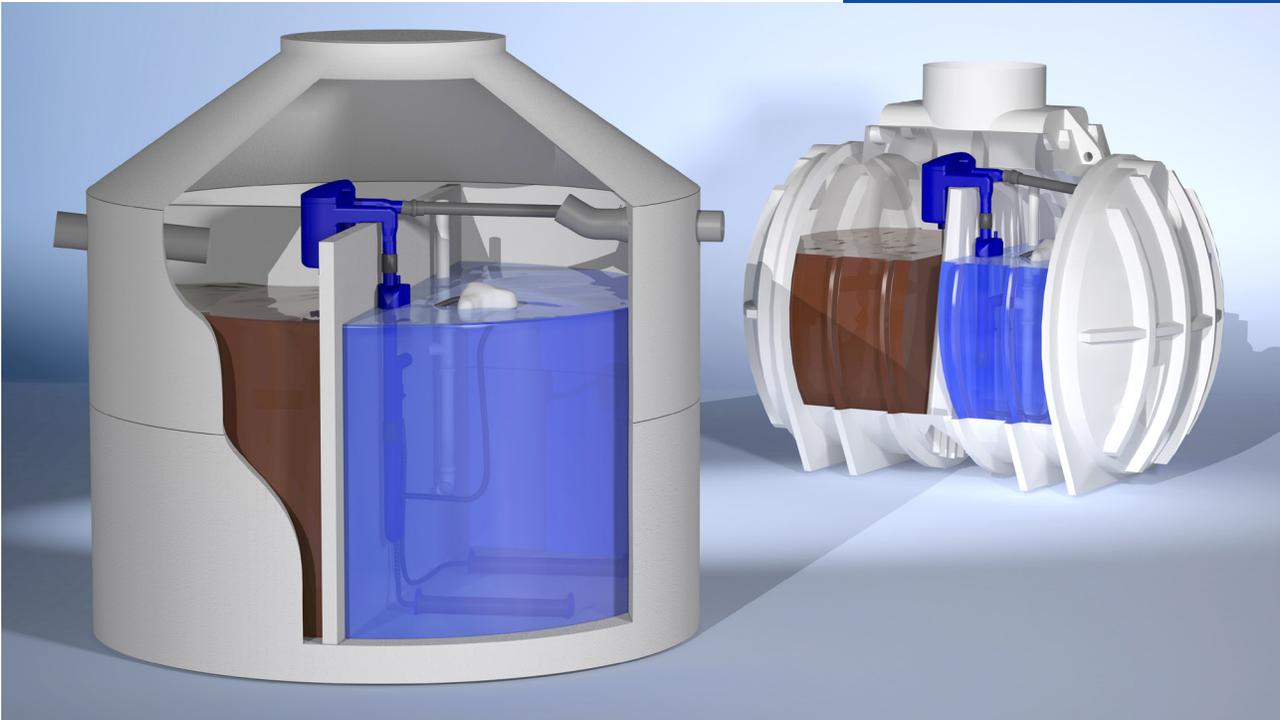
Following the switching of the valve the first surge effects the transportation as sludge return flow and is guided via an outlet opening into the buffer tank of the preliminary treatment stage. The settling phase follows. The activated sludge now sinks to the bottom and in the upper region a clarified water zone is formed.

Following the ending of the settling, the air lift pump in turn is flushed with treated wastewater by several short transporting surges. During the clarified water offtake the outlet opening in the buffer tank is closed and the clarified water can discharge via the clarified water pipe.

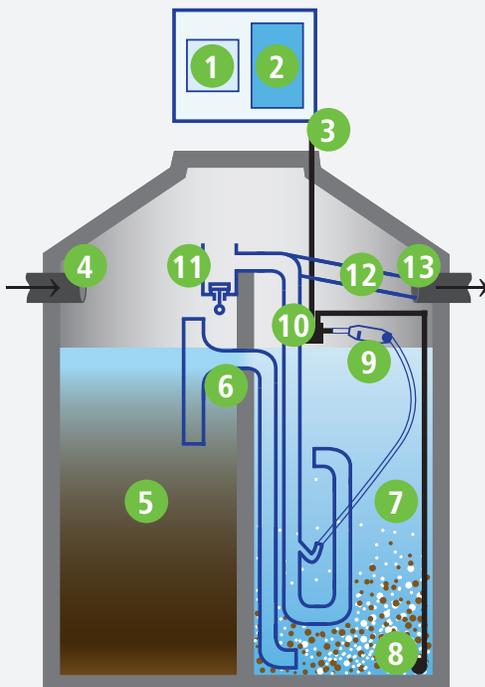
The treated wastewater is pumped out until the lower switching point of the float valve is reached. When this is reached the plant switches again automatically and mechanically to aeration and a new cycle starts. With average water consumption 1 - 3 cycles take place per day. The treatment process is controlled by the water level, so the ECOMAX® can respond to a change in use by cycling more frequently. This benefit, which is unique to the ECOMAX® limits the effects of variable water use that may arise during a party, weekend guests, or other high water use event.



If no or only very little water flows into the plant over a period of more than six hours following a clarified water removal the plant switches into **economic mode**; after 48 hours into **holiday mode**.



## The ECOMAX® plant functions this way



*Schematic diagram; depending on the plant and installation variant, mounted on partition wall or suspension for tanks without partition wall (concrete or plastic tanks).*

1. **Automatic control**
2. **Membrane compressor**
3. **Air hose**
4. **Inflow**  
Untreated wastewater flows into the plant.
5. **Preliminary treatment stage**  
Here the wastewater is pretreated mechanically and coarse matter settles.
6. **Overflow baffle**
7. **SBR treatment tank**  
Here the biological treatment process takes place using activated sludge.
8. **Pipe aerator**
9. **Mechanical float valve**
10. **Air lift pump**
11. **Buffer tank with sampling device**
12. **Clarified water pipe**
13. **Outlet**  
Treated wastewater flows out of the plant.

# THE PROPERTIES

## ECOMAX® is...

### ...simple.

- There is only one air lift pump, therefore fewer parts have to be installed.
- The laying of lines between control/compressor and the plant, thanks to only one air hose, is simpler than with most other plants.
- No solenoid valve; instead a robust ball float valve, designed specially by ATB, controls the air flow directly, without electrical energy, purely mechanically.
- Operation of the control system is simple as the system has only a few functions.
- The sampling facility is already integrated.

### ...clean.

The preliminary treatment and SBR chamber and connected to each other through an opening in the partition wall. The greater surface area ensures a better buffering with fluctuating loads. For sufficient security and extension of the service life of the compressor we use at least 80 l/min units. Thus there is always sufficient reserve performance available. Depending on the installation conditions treatment performances of up to 97.9 % with BOD<sub>5</sub> and 95.5 % with COD are achieved.

### ...reliable.

No interference-prone solenoid valves.  
No pumps in the wastewater.

The ECOMAX® plant functions according to the SBR process. For more than 12 years this has been the most utilised system with small wastewater treatment plants.

As the plant functions according to the volume of wastewater, even sudden fluctuations in inflow are treated reliably.

In addition to the testing in accordance with EN 12566-3 the ECOMAX® has also proven its flexibility and capacity in further overload/underload situations in an accredited test facility.

The ECOMAX® plant is supplied with a proven and mature control system.

### ...economic.

With conventional SBR wastewater treatment plants the wastewater is transported twice (1: from the preliminary treatment stage into the SBR tank / 2: to the outlet).

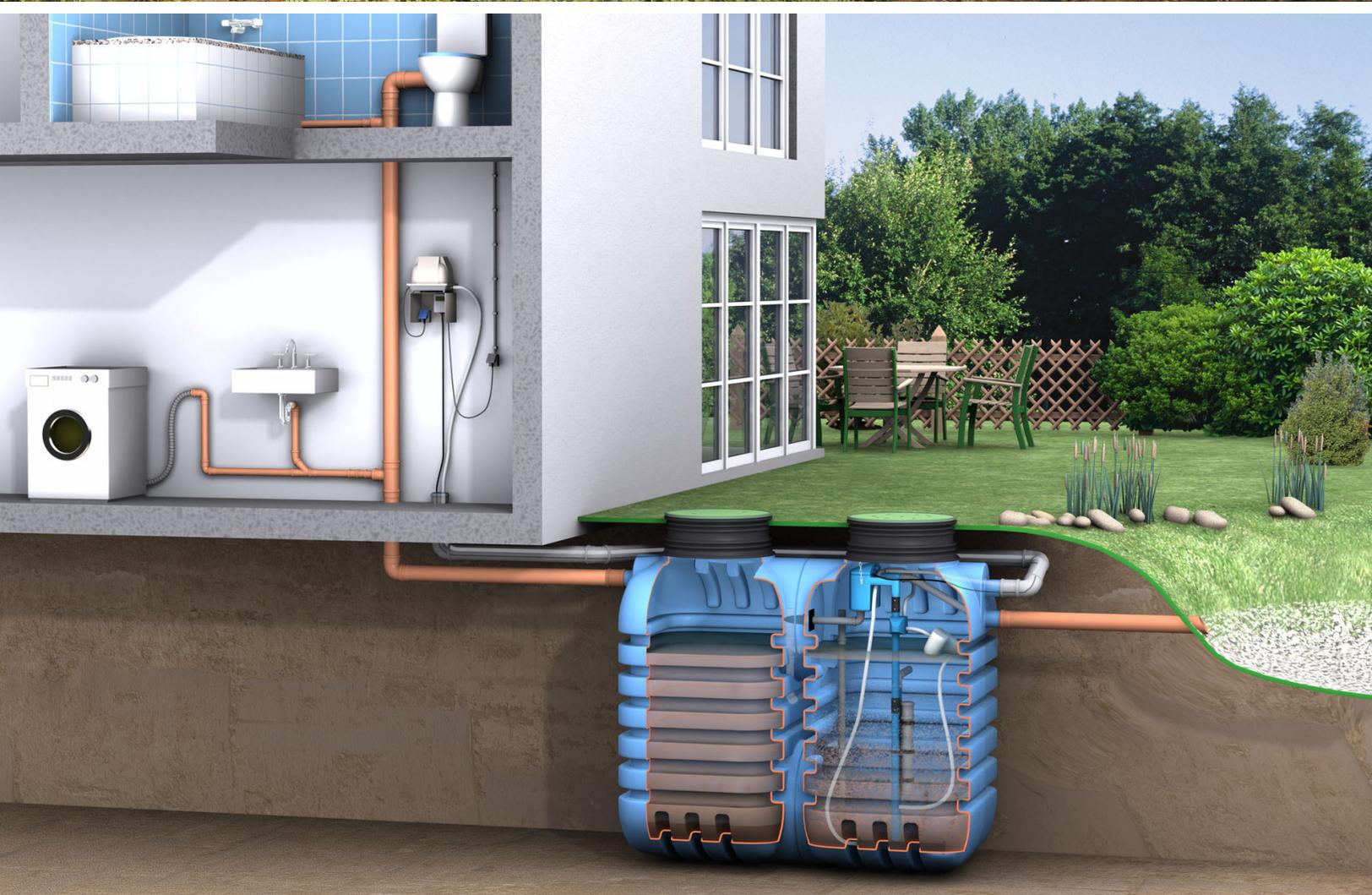
As with the ECOMAX® plant, the preliminary treatment stage and the SBR chamber are connected together, the wastewater has to be transported once only (to the outlet), thus valuable energy is saved. In addition, the service life of the compressor is increased through lower loading.

Water level controlled system allows perfect electronic controlled treatment range for 2 - 8 bedrooms.

The power consumption per inhabitant and year is approximately 30 kWh.

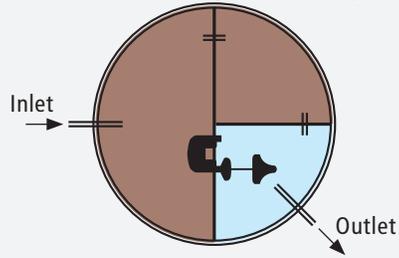
As no solenoid valves or pumps are used the plant is distinguished by low maintenance costs.



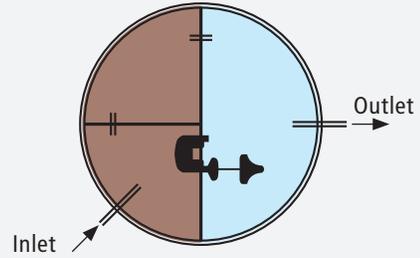


# APPLICATION EXAMPLES

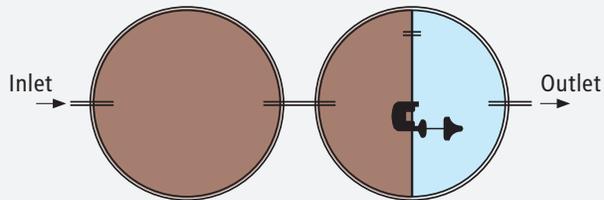
*Installation in concrete tank (quarter-chamber; enlarged primary)*



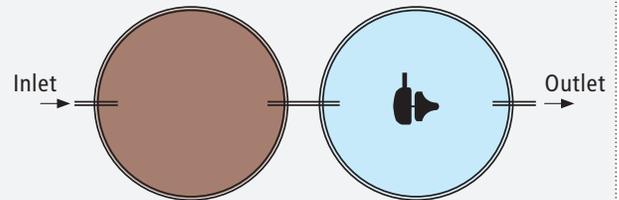
*Installation in concrete tank (half-chamber):*



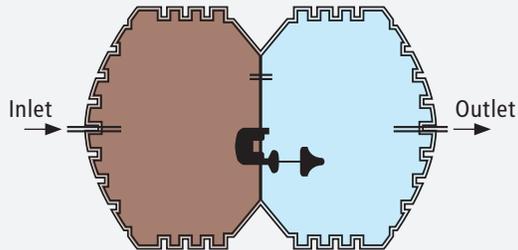
*Installation in concrete two-tank model (enlarged primary):*



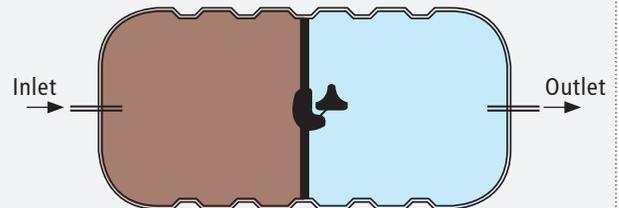
*Installation in concrete two-tank model:*



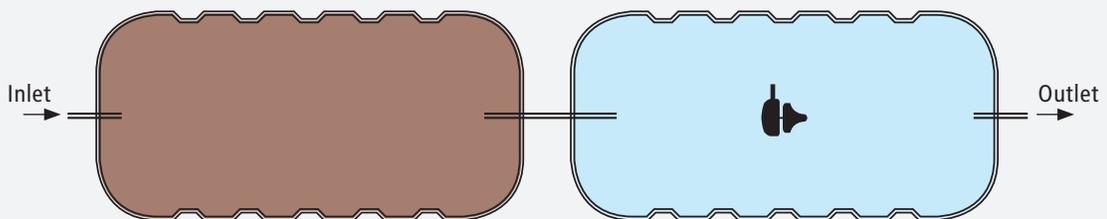
*Installation in "Type A" PE double chamber tank:*



*Installation in "Type 1R T" PE double chamber tank:*



*Installation in "Type 2R Z" PE tank:*



Preliminary treatment stage
  SBR treatment tank

These sketches serve as examples.



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