

The Drive-Point Profiler

Model 660

The Model 660 Profiler is designed to be a preliminary site assessment tool. It enables the collection of groundwater samples from multiple points in a single drive/drilling location, at discrete zones. Profiler transects allow:

- high resolution sampling
- contaminant vs. depth profiling
- detailed plume delineation

The Drive-Point Profiler was originally developed at the University of Waterloo and is described in various papers. A rig pushes, vibrates, or hammers the Profiler and attached AW rod to the desired depth.

The Profiler is 1.75" (45 mm) in diameter, stainless steel, with a row of screened inlet holes set circumferentially. The inlet holes lead to a single stainless steel fitting, where 4 mm LDPE or PTFE sample line leads to a Peristaltic Pump at surface. (See Solinst Model 410 Data Sheet.)



Depth Discrete Sampling

Profiling can start at ground surface, or to save time, it can begin at the bottom of a pre-drilled hole.

To avoid downward drag and cross contamination, the Profiler system is flushed with deionized water using a Peristaltic Pump while it is being driven between sampling zones.

When the desired depth is reached, the pump flow is reversed. The resulting water flow to surface is monitored for clarity and conductivity. When all deionized water is removed from the system and purge parameters have stabilized, the sample is taken.

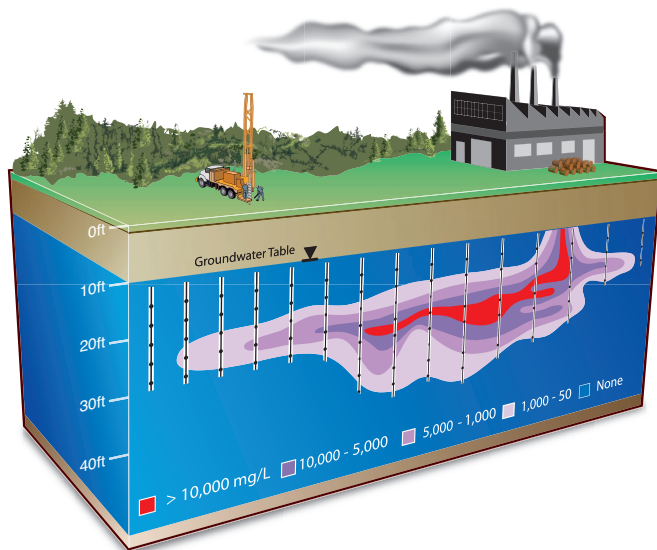
After sampling, the water flow is reversed and once again deionized water is used to flush the Profiler tip, to keep it from clogging. Tests have proven virtually no 'drag down' if correct procedures are followed.

Depth Limitations

Most drill rigs with AW rod will have the capability to advance the Profiler. A tubing by-pass will be required to allow the sample line to exit the rods.

Drive-Point Profilers are not suitable for all sites. Depth limitations vary with soil conditions and the drive technology used. Using a peristaltic pump to flush and sample is effective if the water level in the borehole is within 26 ft. (8 m) of surface.

There is no minimum separation between sample depths, which makes the Model 660 ideal for high resolution profiling.



Sealing Profiler Holes

Holes in most homogeneous sands will collapse as soon as the Profiler is withdrawn. In other geologic formations it is best to use a Grout Tip Profiler. The grout tip model has a single use tip that can be separated from the Profiler by injecting grout under pressure using a grout pump, after sampling is complete. This allows the hole to be sealed as the Profiler is being withdrawn, to ensure no void spaces.

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