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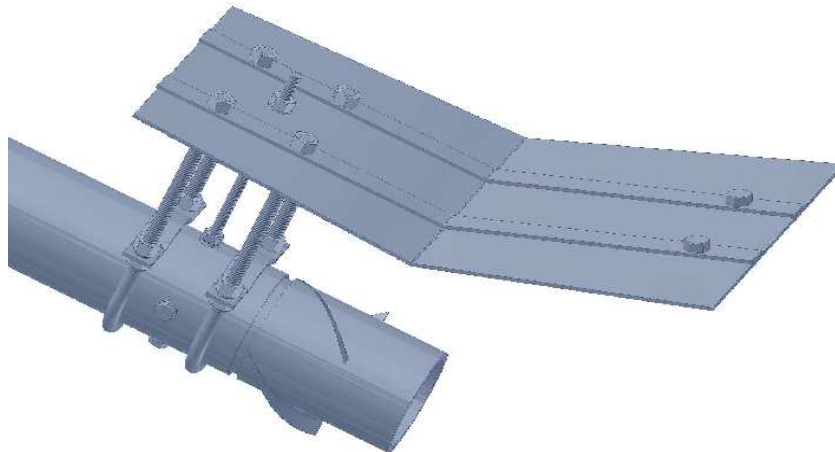
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Aeromix Systems, Inc. of Minneapolis, Minnesota—a world leader in aeration and mixing technology—announces a new accessory now available for its highly successful line of TORNADO self-aspirating surface aerators.

The new, integral vortex shield is designed to prevent the formation of annoying vortices in the area just above the propeller. The formation of vortices is not typically a problem with the TORNADO aerator but, when installed with the propeller tilted closer to the surface of the water, they can arise and (usually because of the slurping noise) become an issue needing to be addressed. Often this accessory is not part of an initial order but, rather, becomes a necessity only after installation and start-up.



Old-style vortex shields often required the installation of an additional pair of pontoon floats to allow the shield to be hung far enough out over the front of the aerator to be properly placed. The new design attaches directly to the draft tube of the aerator, allowing it to be properly placed without hanging from above. By not requiring additional pontoons, this design can reduce the cost of adding the accessory after initial assembly and installation of the equipment.