

# 10 reasons to choose the Aquamate Maxi Tank

### 1. Knowledge & Expertise

Aquamate began life in the early 1980's repairing leaking concrete water tanks. The concrete tanks were failing due to a variety of reasons including, natural ground movement, poor workmanship or lack of correct materials available during installation. A solution to these problems was found in 1986 when Aquamate installed its first kit form poly lined steel tank. The tank was easily transported to site, constructed in a day in most cases and remained impervious to any natural ground movement. With 1,000's of tanks sold throughout Australia and around the world, Aquamate has established itself as the leader in providing large volume water storage solutions.

## 2. Galvanised to last longer than ZINCALUME® steel

Today, there are other suppliers of poly lined steel tanks, many claiming that ZINCALUME® steel will outlast Galvanised materials in

this application. Simply put, Aquamate knows this is not true. When a tank is full, the liner is pressed up against the inside wall, causing condensation to be trapped between the liner and the tank wall. The corrosion to ZINCALUME® steel is inevitable due to the trapped moisture & the lack of oxygen (air), which ZINCALUME® steel requires to form its stable oxide films that would normally prevent further corrosion. For example, ZINCALUME® steel roofing will out perform Galvanised steel roofing because the steel is able to "breathe" (form its stable oxide films). However, if ZINCALUME® steel comes in contact with the ground rapid corrosion can occur.

This is due to the moisture in the ground and the fact that the steel is unable to breathe. This is why Aquamate use ZINCALUME® steel to clad the roof of their water tanks whilst using Galvanised steel for the

walls. This is also why shed manufacturers use only galvanised steel for the posts which will be buried ie moist conditions and unable to breathe. The same example is found in fencing and all other structures made of steel. There is one overriding reason why some water tank companies promote ZINCALUME® steel in this application, cost. On average Galvanised coated steel costs 33% more than ZINCALUME® steel. This is because the Galvanised material that



Aquamate supplies has a minimum Zinc coating of 450grams/sqm whilst ZINCALUME® steel only has a minimum Zinc/Aluminium coating of 150grams/sqm. That's 3 times the coating thickness of ZINCALUME® steel! Another reason is because they can offer a wide range of standard colours using the same cheaper AZ150 coated material roofer's use when they supply a bull nose verandah. Aquamate supply a variety of colours because we have our steel supplier manufacture the more expensive Galvanised Z450 material with a coloured finish. This material is exclusive to Aquamate. If you're still not convinced Galvanised walls outlast ZINCALUME® walls in a poly lined steel tank then we suggest you obtain independent advice. Ask a traditional steel tank maker, a shed builder, a fence contractor or a corrosion engineer as to why they would use only Galvanised material in an enclosed moist environment.

## Rural - Domestic - Commercial - Industrial

### 3. Solid GeoFlex™ Liner

The GeoFlex<sup>TM</sup> liner Aquamate uses to retain water is a highly flexible form of the same base material found in today's car bumpers & side mouldings. In addition to its outstanding toughness, the Aquamate GeoFlex<sup>TM</sup> liner has many other important characteristics that make it ideally suitable for water tank applications.

### AS/NZS 4020:2005 approved for use in contact with Drinking Water

Aquamate's GeoFlex<sup>TM</sup> meets all Government requirements for contact with drinking water both here in Australia & overseas. This means your water is kept clean & free from contamination.

#### • 700% Elongation at Break (ASTM D638)

Aquamate's GeoFlex<sup>TM</sup> ability to stretch 700% before breaking ensures it can easily cope with moulding itself to the contours on the ground, on the wall and even over the heads of the bolts holding

approach to the choice of liner. We understand it is better to allow for movement rather than trying to constrain it. The liner experiences constant changes in pressure as the water moves up and down and presses the liner hard against the steel. Loose above the water line, tight underneath it. This line constantly alters.

### • Fatigue resistance

Other poly lined steel tank companies promote reinforced liners in their tanks. These so called reinforced liners can be more accurately described

as plastic coated fabrics which in most cases are much cheaper than a solid GeoFlex<sup>TM</sup> liner because 80% of their thickness is made up of an inexpensive woven fabric which serves no purpose in retaining water. Woven fabric is susceptible to what is known as fatigue

fracturing. Much like a wire coat hanger, if it is bent back and forth enough times it will break. A liner inside a tank can fold on itself hundreds of times as the tank fills, then unfold as the tank empties. This is why Aquamate does not use a liner that is prone to fatigue fracturing as are so called reinforced liners.



- 4. Hot dipped galvanised roof structure
- 5. High tensile galvanised tank bolts & nuts
- 6. Heavy gauge ring beam for added strength
- 7. Available in a range of modern colours
- 8. Australia wide representation
- 9. 20-year no leaks warranty
- 10. Fast, efficient & friendly service

## Range and Accessories

#### **OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES**

### Rainsaver Gutter System All Aquamate tanks are supplied with corrugated roofing

sheets (unless otherwise requested). This enables
Aquamate to offer a unique water catchment
system for the roof of the water tank.
Aquamate "Rainsaver" caps are placed at the
end of most of the corrugations to catch
the majority of the water before it runs
off the tank.

This system can increase your catchment area by over 100 sqmtrs (based on the AM3G607 series). In a 500mm (20") rainfall area this means a potential extra 60,000-litres (13,000-gallons) of precious rainwater can be collected that would otherwise go to waste.

#### **Dust & Vermin Protection**

Aquamate can protect your stored water from dust, frogs and most insects by installing a specially formulated foam strip between the top of the tank wall & under the corrugated roof sheets. This simple but effective option helps insure your precious water is kept clean & pure.

**Bolt Facia** (as shown on the tank on page 1)

Aquamate can enhance the look of your tank with bolt facias that run vertically up the tank hiding all evidence of the galvanised bolts protruding from the tank wall.

**Roof Facia** (as shown on the tank on page 1)

Aquamate can install a facia around the perimeter of the roof to protect horses from cutting themselves on the edge of the roofing iron. It also enhances the appearance of your tank.

### **Tank Details**

<b>Maxi Tank</b>		Capacities*		Dimensions (m)	
Series #		Gallons	Litres	Diameter	Height
1	AM3G052	5,200	23,900	3.7	2.2
	AM3G076	7,600	34,400	4.5	2.2
	AM3G103	10,300	46,800	5.2	2.2
	AM3G134	13,400	61,100	5.9	2.2
	AM3G170	17,000	77,300	6.7	2.2
	AM3G210	21,000	95,500	7.4	2.2
	AM3G254	25,400	115,500	8.2	2.2
	AM3G302	30,200	137,400	8.9	2.2
	AM3G355	35,500	161,300	9.7	2.2
	AM3G411	41,100	187,100	10.4	2.2
	AM3G472	47,200	214,700	11.1	2.2
	AM3G537	53,700	244,300	11.9	2.2
	AM3G607	60,700	275,800	12.6	2.2

<sup>\*</sup>Capacities provided are Nominal Capacities.

Effective Capacities are dependent on the customer's tank fittings configuration.

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#### **STANDARD ACCESSORIES**

### All Aquamate Maxi Tanks come standard with the following features

- 50mm (2") Outlet & Brass Ball Valve (Tap)
- 90mm Overflow with pipework away from the tank (2 x 90mm fitted to tanks over 30,000-Gallons)
- Large Leaf Strainer in Roof
- Access Hatch in the Roof
- Access Ladder
- Domed Roof
- Colour matched caps on all tank bolts
- Z450 Corrosion Protection

### The following colours are available from our standard range Rivergum Green, Slate Grey and Merino Cream

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Also available from the following authorised dealer

