



Flow Velocity & Friction Loss

FLOW VELOCITY & FRICTION LOSS Friction Loss Through Pipe

The Hazen-Williams equation below is widely used to calculate friction loss for water through PVC and CPVC pipe

$$f = .2083 \times \frac{(100)^{1.852} \times G^{1.852}}{C^{1.852} \times d_i^{4.8655}}$$

Where: f = friction head of feet of water per 100' for the specific pipe size and I.D.
 C = a constant for internal pipe roughness. 150 is the commonly accepted value for PVC and CPVC pipe.
 G = flow rate of gallons per minute (U.S. gallons).
 di = inside diameter of pipe in inches.

Friction Loss Through Fittings

Friction loss through fittings is expressed in equivalent feet of the same pipe size and schedule for the system flow rate. Schedule 40 head loss per 100' values are usually used for other wall thicknesses and standard iron pipe size O.D.'s.

Average Friction Loss for PVC and CPVC Fittings in Equivalent Feet of Straight Run Pipe

Item	1/2	3/4	1	1-1/4	1-1/2	2	2-1/2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	24
Tee Run	1.0	1.4	1.7	2.3	2.7	4.0	4.9	6.1	7.9	12.3	14.0	17.5	20.0	25.0	27.0	32.0	35.0	42.0
Tee Branch	3.8	4.9	6.0	7.3	8.4	12.0	14.7	16.4	22.0	32.7	49.0	57.0	67.0	78.0	88.0	107.0	118.0	137.0
90° Ell	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.8	4.0	5.7	6.9	7.9	11.4	16.7	21.0	26.0	32.0	37.0	43.0	53.0	58.0	67.0
45° Ell	.8	1.1	1.4	1.8	2.1	2.6	3.1	4.0	5.1	8.0	10.6	13.5	15.5	18.0	20.0	23.0	25.0	30.0

Note: Values 10"-24": Approximate values from Nomograph.

Pressure Drop In Valves & Strainers

Pressure drop calculations can be made for valves and strainers for different fluids, flow rates, and sizes using the CV values and the following equation:

Where:

$$P = \frac{(G)^2 (Sg)}{(C_v)^2}$$

$$P = \text{Pressure drop in PSI; feet of water} = \frac{\text{PSI}}{.4332}$$

G = Gallons per minute

C_v = Gallons per minute water per 1 PSI pressure drop

Sg = Specific gravity of liquid (water = 1)

C_v Values for Select Spears® Valves and Strainers

Nominal Size →	1/2	3/4	1	1-1/4	1-1/2	2	2-1/2	3	4	6	8	10	12
True Union 2000 Ball Valve ¹	29	63	120	243	357	599	856	1416	2865	1952	--	--	--
Single Entry Ball Valve ¹	38	76	146	292	412	720	--	1660	3104	--	--	--	--
True Union 2000 Ball Check Valve	6.3	17	25	65	86	130	200	275	500	800	--	--	--
Butterfly Valve (90° - Full Open)	--	--	--	--	81	109	192	345	411	1125	2249	4440	6309
Y-Check Valve	6.7	12.6	22.9	33.8	50.7	79.2	--	235	387	--	--	--	--
Y-Strainer (12 Mesh-Clean)	5.4	7.8	13.9	32.9	41.6	50.0	--	74.6	169.0	--	--	--	--
Basket Strainer (Clean)	4.5	10	15	30	46	72	110	172	270	630	750	893	1063

1- Full Port Ball Valve Cv based on equivalent length of Schedule 80 pipe

Water Velocities

Velocities for water in feet per second at different GPM's and pipe inside diameters can be calculated as follows:

$$V = .3208 \frac{G}{A}$$

Where:

V = velocity in feet per second

G = gallons per minute

A = inside cross sectional area in square inches

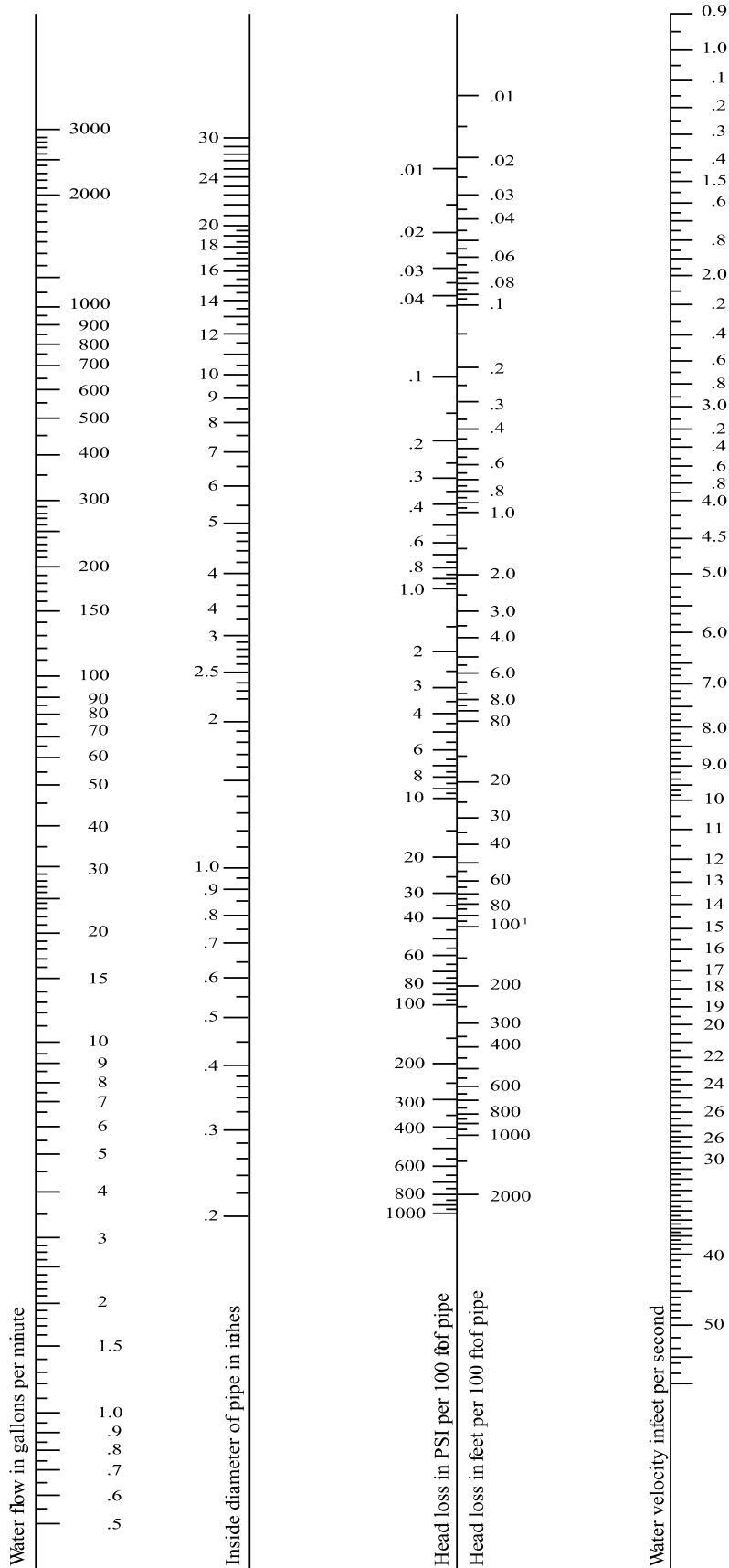
CAUTION: Flow velocities in excess of 5.0 feet per second are not recommended for closed-end systems. Contact Spears® Technical Services for additional information.

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Head Loss Characteristics of Water Flow Through Rigid Plastic Pipe - Nomograph

The nomograph provides approximate values for water flow, head loss and water velocity for a wide range of plastic pipe sizes. Two known variables must be used to obtain the other variables by lining up the values on the scales using a ruler or a straight edge. Flow velocities in excess of 5.0 feet per second are not recommended.





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GPM	1/8"			1/4"			3/8"			1/2"			3/4"			1"			1-1/4"			GPM
0.25	1.64	6.54	2.83	0.86	1.36	0.59	0.46	0.29	0.12													0.25
0.50	3.27	23.60	10.23	1.72	4.90	2.12	0.91	1.04	0.45													0.50
0.75	4.91	50.00	21.68	2.59	10.38	4.50	1.37	2.20	0.96													0.75
1	6.55	85.18	36.93	3.45	17.68	7.66	1.82	3.75	1.63	1.13	1.16	0.50	0.63	0.28	0.12	0.39	0.09	0.04	0.22	0.02	0.01	1
2	13.09	307.52	133.31	6.90	63.82	27.67	3.65	13.55	5.88	2.25	4.19	1.82	1.26	1.03	0.44	0.77	0.31	0.13	0.44	0.08	0.03	2
5				17.25	348.29	150.98	9.11	73.96	32.06	5.63	22.88	9.92	3.16	5.60	2.43	1.93	1.69	0.73	1.10	0.43	0.19	5
7							12.76	137.93	59.79	7.88	42.66	18.49	4.42	10.44	4.53	2.70	3.14	1.36	1.55	0.81	0.35	7
10								11.26	82.59	35.80	6.31	20.21	8.76	3.86	6.08	2.64	2.21	1.57	2.21	1.57	0.68	10
15										9.47	42.82	18.56	5.78	12.89	5.59	3.31	3.32	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	15
20										12.63	72.95	31.63	7.71	21.96	9.52	4.42	5.65	2.45	2.45	2.45	2.45	20
25													9.64	33.20	14.39	5.52	8.55	3.71	3.71	3.71	3.71	25
30													11.57	46.54	20.17	6.62	11.98	5.19	5.19	5.19	5.19	30
35																7.73	15.94	6.91	6.91	6.91	6.91	35
40																8.83	20.41	8.85	8.85	8.85	8.85	40
45																9.94	25.39	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	45
50																11.04	30.86	13.38	13.38	13.38	13.38	50
GPM	1-1/2"			2"			2-1/2"			3"			4"			5"			6"			GPM
2	0.32	0.04	0.02																			2
5	0.81	0.20	0.09	0.49	0.06	0.03																5
7	1.13	0.38	0.16	0.68	0.11	0.05	0.48	0.05	0.02													7
10	1.62	0.73	0.32	0.97	0.21	0.09	0.68	0.09	0.04	0.44	0.03	0.01										10
15	2.42	1.55	0.67	1.46	0.45	0.20	1.02	0.19	0.08	0.66	0.07	0.03										15
20	3.23	2.64	1.15	1.95	0.77	0.34	1.37	0.33	0.14	0.88	0.11	0.05	0.51	0.03	0.01							20
25	4.04	4.00	1.73	2.44	1.17	0.51	1.71	0.49	0.21	1.10	0.17	0.07	0.64	0.05	0.02							25
30	4.85	5.60	2.43	2.92	1.64	0.71	2.05	0.69	0.30	1.32	0.24	0.10	0.77	0.06	0.03	0.49	0.02	0.01				30
35	5.65	7.45	3.23	3.41	2.18	0.94	2.39	0.92	0.40	1.54	0.32	0.14	0.89	0.08	0.04	0.57	0.03	0.01				35
40	6.46	9.54	4.14	3.90	2.79	1.21	2.73	1.18	0.51	1.76	0.41	0.18	1.02	0.11	0.05	0.65	0.04	0.02				40
45	7.27	11.87	5.15	4.39	3.47	1.51	3.07	1.46	0.63	1.99	0.51	0.22	1.15	0.13	0.06	0.73	0.04	0.02				45
50	8.08	14.43	6.25	4.87	4.22	1.83	3.41	1.78	0.77	2.21	0.61	0.27	1.28	0.16	0.07	0.81	0.05	0.02	0.56	0.02	0.01	50
60	9.69	20.22	8.77	5.85	5.92	2.56	4.10	2.49	1.08	2.65	0.86	0.37	1.53	0.23	0.10	0.97	0.08	0.03	0.67	0.03	0.01	60
70				6.82	7.87	3.41	4.78	3.32	1.44	3.09	1.15	0.50	1.79	0.30	0.13	1.14	0.10	0.04	0.79	0.04	0.02	70
75				7.31	8.94	3.88	5.12	3.77	1.63	3.31	1.30	0.56	1.92	0.34	0.15	1.22	0.11	0.05	0.84	0.05	0.02	75
80				7.80	10.08	4.37	5.46	4.25	1.84	3.53	1.47	0.64	2.04	0.39	0.17	1.30	0.13	0.06	0.90	0.05	0.02	80
90				8.77	12.53	5.43	6.15	5.28	2.29	3.97	1.82	0.79	2.30	0.48	0.21	1.46	0.16	0.07	1.01	0.07	0.03	90
100				9.74	15.23	6.60	6.83	6.42	2.78	4.41	2.22	0.96	2.55	0.59	0.25	1.62	0.19	0.08	1.12	0.08	0.03	100
125				12.18	23.03	9.98	8.54	9.70	4.21	5.52	3.35	1.45	3.19	0.89	0.38	2.03	0.29	0.13	1.40	0.12	0.05	125
150							10.24	13.60	5.90	6.62	4.70	2.04	3.83	1.24	0.54	2.43	0.41	0.18	1.68	0.17	0.07	150
175										7.72	6.25	2.71	4.47	1.65	0.72	2.84	0.55	0.24	1.96	0.22	0.10	175
200										8.82	8.00	3.47	5.11	2.12	0.92	3.25	0.70	0.30	2.25	0.29	0.12	200
250										11.03	12.10	5.24	6.39	3.20	1.39	4.06	1.06	0.46	2.81	0.43	0.19	250
300													7.66	4.49	1.95	4.87	1.49	0.65	3.37	0.61	0.26	300
350													8.94	5.97	2.59	5.68	1.98	0.86	3.93	0.81	0.35	350
400													10.22	7.64	3.31	6.49	2.54	1.10	4.49	1.03	0.45	400
450																7.30	3.15	1.37	5.05	1.29	0.56	450
500																8.11	3.83	1.66	5.61	1.56	0.68	500

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GPM	8"			10"			12"			14"			16"			18"			20"			24"			GPM	
100	0.65	0.02	0.01																						100	
125	0.81	0.03	0.01																							125
150	0.97	0.04	0.02																							150
175	1.13	0.06	0.03																							175
200	1.29	0.08	0.03	0.82	0.02	0.01																				200
250	1.62	0.11	0.05	1.03	0.04	0.02																				250
300	1.94	0.16	0.07	1.23	0.05	0.02																				300
350	2.27	0.21	0.09	1.44	0.07	0.03	1.01	0.03	0.01																	350
400	2.59	0.27	0.12	1.64	0.09	0.04	1.16	0.04	0.02	0.96	0.02	0.01	0.73	0.01	0.01											400
450	2.91	0.34	0.15	1.85	0.11	0.05	1.30	0.05	0.02	1.08	0.03	0.01	0.82	0.02	0.01											450
500	3.24	0.41	0.18	2.05	0.14	0.06	1.44	0.06	0.02	1.19	0.04	0.02	0.91	0.02	0.01											500
750	4.85	0.87	0.38	3.08	0.29	0.12	2.17	0.12	0.05	1.79	0.08	0.03	1.37	0.04	0.02	1.08	0.02	0.01								750
1000	6.47	1.48	0.64	4.10	0.49	0.21	2.89	0.21	0.09	2.39	0.13	0.06	1.83	0.07	0.03	1.45	0.04	0.02	1.16	0.02	0.01					1000
1250				5.13	0.74	0.32	3.61	0.31	0.14	2.99	0.20	0.09	2.29	0.10	0.04	1.81	0.06	0.03	1.45	0.03	0.01					1250
1500				6.15	1.03	0.45	4.33	0.44	0.19	3.58	0.28	0.12	2.74	0.14	0.06	2.17	0.08	0.04	1.74	0.05	0.02	1.21	0.02	0.01		1500
2000							5.78	0.75	0.33	4.78	0.47	0.20	3.66	0.25	0.11	2.89	0.14	0.06	2.32	0.08	0.04	1.61	0.03	0.01		2000
2500							7.22	1.13	0.49	5.97	0.71	0.31	4.57	0.37	0.16	3.61	0.21	0.09	2.91	0.12	0.05	2.01	0.05	0.02		2500
3000										7.17	1.00	0.43	5.49	0.52	0.23	4.34	0.29	0.13	3.49	0.17	0.08	2.41	0.07	0.03		3000
3500													6.40	0.70	0.30	5.06	0.39	0.17	4.07	0.23	0.10	2.81	0.09	0.04		3500
4000																5.78	0.50	0.22	4.65	0.30	0.13	3.21	0.12	0.05		4000
4500																6.50	0.62	0.27	5.23	0.37	0.16	3.62	0.15	0.06		4500
5000																			5.81	0.45	0.19	4.02	0.18	0.08		5000
5500																			6.39	0.53	0.23	4.42	0.22	0.09		5500
6000																			6.97	0.63	0.27	4.82	0.25	0.11		6000
7000																						5.62	0.34	0.15		7000
7500																						6.03	0.39	0.17		7500
8000																						6.43	0.43	0.19		8000
8500																						6.83	0.49	0.21		8500

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GPM	1/8"			1/4"			3/8"			1/2"			3/4"			1"			1-1/4"			GPM
0.25	2.67	21.47	9.31	1.29	3.57	1.55	0.63	0.63	0.27													0.25
0.50	5.35	77.52	33.60	2.59	12.88	5.58	1.25	2.27	0.98													0.50
0.75	8.02	164.25	71.20	3.88	27.29	11.83	1.88	4.80	2.08													0.75
1	10.69	279.84	121.31	5.17	46.49	20.15	2.51	8.18	3.55	1.48	2.24	0.97	0.78	0.48	0.21	0.47	0.14	0.06	0.26	0.03	0.01	1
2	21.39	1010.21	437.93	10.35	167.84	72.76	5.01	29.54	12.81	2.96	8.08	3.50	1.56	1.73	0.75	0.93	0.49	0.21	0.52	0.12	0.05	2
5				25.87	915.95	397.07	12.53	161.23	69.89	7.39	44.12	19.12	3.91	9.45	4.10	2.33	2.67	1.16	1.30	0.64	0.28	5
7							17.54	300.66	130.34	10.35	82.27	35.66	5.48	17.62	7.64	3.26	4.98	2.16	1.81	1.20	0.52	7
10										14.78	159.26	69.04	7.82	34.11	14.79	4.66	9.65	4.18	2.59	2.32	1.00	10
15													11.74	72.27	31.33	6.99	20.44	8.86	3.89	4.91	2.13	15
20													15.65	123.13	53.38	9.33	34.82	15.09	5.18	8.36	3.62	20
25																11.66	52.64	22.82	6.48	12.64	5.48	25
30																13.99	73.78	31.98	7.77	17.71	7.68	30
35																16.32	98.16	42.55	9.07	23.56	10.21	35
40																18.65	125.70	54.49	10.37	30.17	13.08	40
45																			11.66	37.53	16.27	45
50																			12.96	45.62	19.77	50
60																			15.55	63.94	27.72	60
70																			18.14	85.06	36.87	70
75																			19.43	96.66	41.90	75
80																			20.73	108.93	47.22	80

GPM	1-1/2"			2"			2-1/2"			3"			4"			5"			6"			GPM
1	0.19	0.01	0.01	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00										1
2	0.38	0.05	0.02	0.22	0.02	0.01	0.16	0.01	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00										2
5	0.96	0.29	0.13	0.56	0.08	0.04	0.39	0.03	0.01	0.25	0.01	0.01										5
7	1.34	0.54	0.24	0.78	0.15	0.07	0.55	0.06	0.03	0.35	0.02	0.01										7
10	1.92	1.05	0.46	1.12	0.30	0.13	0.78	0.12	0.05	0.50	0.04	0.02										10
15	2.87	2.23	0.97	1.67	0.63	0.27	1.17	0.26	0.11	0.75	0.09	0.04										15
20	3.83	3.80	1.65	2.23	1.07	0.47	1.56	0.45	0.19	1.00	0.15	0.07	0.57	0.04	0.02							20
25	4.79	5.74	2.49	2.79	1.63	0.70	1.95	0.68	0.29	1.24	0.23	0.10	0.71	0.06	0.03							25
30	5.75	8.04	3.49	3.35	2.28	0.99	2.34	0.95	0.41	1.49	0.32	0.14	0.85	0.08	0.04	0.54	0.03	0.01				30
35	6.71	10.70	4.64	3.91	3.03	1.31	2.73	1.26	0.55	1.74	0.43	0.18	1.00	0.11	0.05	0.63	0.04	0.02				35
40	7.66	13.71	5.94	4.46	3.88	1.68	3.11	1.62	0.70	1.99	0.54	0.24	1.14	0.14	0.06	0.72	0.05	0.02				40
45	8.62	17.05	7.39	5.02	4.83	2.09	3.50	2.01	0.87	2.24	0.68	0.29	1.28	0.17	0.08	0.81	0.06	0.02				45
50	9.58	20.72	8.98	5.58	5.87	2.54	3.89	2.45	1.06	2.49	0.82	0.36	1.42	0.21	0.09	0.90	0.07	0.03	0.63	0.03	0.01	50
60	11.50	29.04	12.59	6.69	8.22	3.56	4.67	3.43	1.49	2.99	1.15	0.50	1.71	0.30	0.13	1.08	0.10	0.04	0.75	0.04	0.02	60
70	13.41	38.64	16.75	7.81	10.94	4.74	5.45	4.56	1.98	3.48	1.54	0.67	1.99	0.39	0.17	1.26	0.13	0.06	0.88	0.05	0.02	70
75	14.37	43.90	19.03	8.37	12.43	5.39	5.84	5.18	2.25	3.73	1.74	0.76	2.14	0.45	0.19	1.35	0.15	0.06	0.94	0.06	0.03	75
80	15.33	49.48	21.45	8.93	14.01	6.07	6.23	5.84	2.53	3.98	1.97	0.85	2.28	0.51	0.22	1.44	0.16	0.07	1.00	0.07	0.03	80
90	17.24	61.54	26.68	10.04	17.42	7.55	7.01	7.26	3.15	4.48	2.45	1.06	2.56	0.63	0.27	1.62	0.20	0.09	1.13	0.09	0.04	90
100	19.16	74.80	32.42	11.16	21.18	9.18	7.79	8.83	3.83	4.98	2.97	1.29	2.85	0.76	0.33	1.80	0.25	0.11	1.25	0.10	0.04	100
125	23.95	113.07	49.02	13.95	32.02	13.88	9.73	13.34	5.78	6.22	4.49	1.95	3.56	1.16	0.50	2.24	0.38	0.16	1.57	0.16	0.07	125
150	28.74	158.49	68.71	16.74	44.88	19.45	11.68	18.70	8.11	7.47	6.30	2.73	4.27	1.62	0.70	2.69	0.53	0.23	1.88	0.22	0.10	150
175				19.53	59.70	25.88	13.63	24.88	10.79	8.71	8.38	3.63	4.98	2.16	0.93	3.14	0.70	0.30	2.19	0.29	0.13	175
200				22.32	76.45	33.14	15.57	31.86	13.81	9.96	10.73	4.65	5.70	2.76	1.20	3.59	0.90	0.39	2.51	0.37	0.16	200
250				27.90	115.58	50.10	19.47	48.17	20.88	12.44	16.22	7.03	7.12	4.17	1.81	4.49	1.36	0.59	3.13	0.57	0.25	250
300							23.36	67.52	29.27	14.93	22.74	9.86	8.55	5.85	2.54	5.39	1.90	0.83	3.76	0.79	0.34	300
350													9.97	7.78	3.37	6.29	2.53	1.10	4.38	1.05	0.46	350
400													11.39	9.96	4.32	7.18	3.24	1.41	5.01	1.35	0.59	400
450													12.82	12.39	5.37	8.08	4.04	1.75	5.64	1.68	0.73	450
500																8.98	4.90	2.13	6.26	2.04	0.89	500

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SCHEDULE 80

Flow Rate (Gallons/Minute)	Flow Velocity (ft./sec.)	Friction Loss (Ft. Water/100ft)	Friction Loss (psi/100ft)	Flow Velocity (ft./sec.)	Friction Loss (Ft. Water/100ft)	Friction Loss (psi/100ft)	Flow Velocity (ft./sec.)	Friction Loss (Ft. Water/100ft)	Friction Loss (psi/100ft)	Flow Velocity (ft./sec.)	Friction Loss (Ft. Water/100ft)	Friction Loss (psi/100ft)	Flow Velocity (ft./sec.)	Friction Loss (Ft. Water/100ft)	Friction Loss (psi/100ft)	Flow Velocity (ft./sec.)	Friction Loss (Ft. Water/100ft)	Friction Loss (psi/100ft)	Flow Velocity (ft./sec.)	Friction Loss (Ft. Water/100ft)	Friction Loss (psi/100ft)	Flow Velocity (ft./sec.)	Friction Loss (Ft. Water/100ft)	Friction Loss (psi/100ft)	Flow Rate (Gallons/Minute)		
8"		10"					12"			14"				16"			18"			20"				24"			GPM
125	0.89	0.04	0.02																						125		
150	1.07	0.06	0.02																							150	
175	1.25	0.07	0.03																							175	
200	1.43	0.10	0.04	0.91	0.03	0.01																				200	
250	1.78	0.14	0.06	1.13	0.05	0.02																				250	
300	2.14	0.20	0.09	1.36	0.07	0.03																				300	
350	2.50	0.27	0.12	1.59	0.09	0.04	1.12	0.04	0.02																	350	
400	2.85	0.34	0.15	1.81	0.11	0.05	1.28	0.05	0.02	1.06	0.03	0.01	0.81	0.02	0.01											400	
450	3.21	0.43	0.19	2.04	0.14	0.06	1.44	0.06	0.03	1.19	0.04	0.02	0.91	0.02	0.01											450	
500	3.57	0.52	0.23	2.27	0.17	0.07	1.60	0.07	0.03	1.33	0.05	0.02	1.01	0.02	0.01											500	
750	5.35	1.10	0.48	3.40	0.36	0.16	2.40	0.16	0.07	1.99	0.10	0.04	1.52	0.05	0.02	1.19	0.03	0.01								750	
1000	7.13	1.87	0.81	4.53	0.62	0.27	3.20	0.27	0.12	2.65	0.17	0.07	2.02	0.09	0.04	1.59	0.05	0.02	1.29	0.03	0.01					1000	
1250				5.66	0.94	0.41	4.00	0.40	0.17	3.31	0.25	0.11	2.53	0.13	0.06	1.99	0.07	0.03	1.61	0.04	0.02					1250	
1500				6.80	1.32	0.57	4.80	0.57	0.24	3.98	0.36	0.15	3.03	0.18	0.08	2.39	0.10	0.04	1.93	0.06	0.03	1.34	0.03	0.01		1500	
2000							6.40	0.96	0.42	5.30	0.61	0.26	4.04	0.31	0.14	3.18	0.18	0.08	2.57	0.10	0.05	1.78	0.04	0.02		2000	
2500										6.63	0.92	0.40	5.05	0.48	0.21	3.98	0.27	0.12	3.22	0.16	0.07	2.23	0.06	0.03		2500	
3000										7.95	1.29	0.56	6.06	0.67	0.29	4.78	0.37	0.16	3.86	0.22	0.10	2.67	0.09	0.04		3000	
3500													7.07	0.89	0.38	5.57	0.50	0.22	4.50	0.30	0.13	3.12	0.12	0.05		3500	
4000																6.37	0.64	0.28	5.15	0.38	0.16	3.56	0.15	0.07		4000	
4500																7.16	0.79	0.34	5.79	0.47	0.20	4.01	0.19	0.08		4500	
5000																			6.43	0.57	0.25	4.45	0.23	0.10		5000	
5500																			7.08	0.68	0.30	4.90	0.28	0.12		5500	
6000																			7.72	0.80	0.35	5.34	0.33	0.14		6000	
7000																						6.23	0.44	0.19		7000	
7500																						6.68	0.49	0.21		7500	
8000																						7.12	0.56	0.24		8000	
8500																						7.57	0.62	0.27		8500	

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SCHEDULE 120

Flow Rate (Gallons/Minute)	Flow Velocity (ft/sec.)	Friction Loss (Ft. Water/100ft)	Friction Loss (psi/100ft)	Flow Velocity (ft/sec.)	Friction Loss (Ft. Water/100ft)	Friction Loss (psi/100ft)	Flow Velocity (ft/sec.)	Friction Loss (Ft. Water/100ft)	Friction Loss (psi/100ft)	Flow Velocity (ft/sec.)	Friction Loss (Ft. Water/100ft)	Friction Loss (psi/100ft)	Flow Velocity (ft/sec.)	Friction Loss (Ft. Water/100ft)	Friction Loss (psi/100ft)	Flow Velocity (ft/sec.)	Friction Loss (Ft. Water/100ft)	Friction Loss (psi/100ft)	Flow Velocity (ft/sec.)	Friction Loss (Ft. Water/100ft)	Friction Loss (psi/100ft)	Flow Velocity (ft/sec.)	Friction Loss (Ft. Water/100ft)	Friction Loss (psi/100ft)	Flow Rate (Gallons/Minute)
GPM	1/2"			3/4"			1"			1-1/4"			1-1/2"			2"			2-1/2"			3"			GPM
1	1.77	3.50	1.52	0.86	0.60	0.26	0.51	0.17	0.07	0.28	0.04	0.02	0.20	0.02	0.01	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	1
2	3.54	12.62	5.47	1.72	2.16	0.94	1.03	0.62	0.27	0.56	0.14	0.06	0.40	0.06	0.03	0.24	0.02	0.01	0.16	0.01	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.00	2
5	8.86	68.86	29.85	4.29	11.78	5.11	2.57	3.40	1.47	1.41	0.78	0.34	1.01	0.35	0.15	0.60	0.10	0.04	0.41	0.04	0.02	0.27	0.01	0.01	5
7	12.41	128.41	55.67	6.00	21.97	9.52	3.60	6.33	2.75	1.97	1.46	0.63	1.41	0.65	0.28	0.84	0.18	0.08	0.57	0.07	0.03	0.38	0.03	0.01	7
10	17.72	248.59	107.76	8.58	42.53	18.43	5.15	12.26	5.31	2.82	2.83	1.23	2.02	1.26	0.54	1.20	0.36	0.15	0.82	0.14	0.06	0.54	0.05	0.02	10
15	4"			12.87	90.11	39.06	7.72	25.98	11.26	4.23	6.00	2.60	3.03	2.66	1.15	1.80	0.75	0.33	1.22	0.29	0.13	0.81	0.11	0.05	15
20	0.64	0.05	0.02	17.16	153.52	66.55	10.30	44.25	19.18	5.64	10.23	4.43	4.04	4.54	1.97	2.40	1.28	0.56	1.63	0.50	0.22	1.07	0.18	0.08	20
25	0.80	0.08	0.03				12.87	66.90	29.00	7.05	15.46	6.70	5.04	6.86	2.97	3.00	1.94	0.84	2.04	0.76	0.33	1.34	0.27	0.12	25
30	0.96	0.11	0.05				15.45	93.77	40.65	8.46	21.67	9.39	6.05	9.61	4.17	3.60	2.72	1.18	2.45	1.06	0.46	1.61	0.38	0.17	30
35	1.12	0.14	0.06				18.02	124.75	54.08	9.87	28.83	12.50	7.06	12.79	5.54	4.20	3.61	1.57	2.85	1.41	0.61	1.88	0.51	0.22	35
40	1.28	0.19	0.08				20.60	159.75	69.25	11.28	36.92	16.01	8.07	16.37	7.10	4.80	4.63	2.01	3.26	1.80	0.78	2.15	0.65	0.28	40
45	1.44	0.23	0.10	5"						12.69	45.92	19.91	9.08	20.37	8.83	5.40	5.76	2.50	3.67	2.24	0.97	2.42	0.81	0.35	45
50	1.60	0.28	0.12	0.69	0.04	0.02				14.09	55.82	24.20	10.09	24.75	10.73	6.00	7.00	3.03	4.08	2.73	1.18	2.69	0.99	0.43	50
60	1.92	0.39	0.17	0.83	0.05	0.02				16.91	78.24	33.92	12.11	34.70	15.04	7.20	9.81	4.25	4.89	3.82	1.66	3.22	1.39	0.60	60
70	2.24	0.52	0.23	0.97	0.07	0.03				19.73	104.09	45.12	14.12	46.16	20.01	8.40	13.05	5.66	5.71	5.09	2.21	3.76	1.84	0.80	70
75	2.40	0.59	0.26	1.04	0.08	0.03				21.14	118.27	51.27	15.13	52.45	22.74	9.00	14.82	6.43	6.11	5.78	2.51	4.03	2.10	0.91	75
80	2.56	0.67	0.29	1.11	0.09	0.04				22.55	133.29	57.78	16.14	59.11	25.62	9.60	16.71	7.24	6.52	6.51	2.82	4.30	2.36	1.02	80
90	2.88	0.83	0.36	1.25	0.11	0.05				25.37	165.78	71.87	18.16	73.52	31.87	10.81	20.78	9.01	7.34	8.10	3.51	4.84	2.94	1.27	90
100	3.20	1.01	0.44	1.38	0.13	0.06	6"						20.18	89.36	38.74	12.01	25.26	10.95	8.15	9.85	4.27	5.37	3.57	1.55	100
125	4.00	1.53	0.66	1.73	0.20	0.09	0.99	0.05	0.02				25.22	135.09	58.56	15.01	38.18	16.55	10.19	14.89	6.45	6.72	5.40	2.34	125
150	4.80	2.14	0.93	2.08	0.28	0.12	1.19	0.07	0.03				30.26	189.35	82.08	18.01	53.52	23.20	12.23	20.87	9.05	8.06	7.57	3.28	150
175	5.60	2.85	1.24	2.42	0.37	0.16	1.38	0.10	0.04							21.01	71.20	30.86	14.27	27.76	12.04	9.40	10.07	4.36	175
200	6.40	3.65	1.58	2.77	0.48	0.21	1.58	0.12	0.05							24.01	91.17	39.52	16.30	35.55	15.41	10.75	12.89	5.59	200
250	8.00	5.52	2.39	3.46	0.72	0.31	1.98	0.18	0.08							30.01	137.83	59.75	20.38	53.75	23.30	13.43	19.49	8.45	250
300	9.60	7.74	3.36	4.15	1.01	0.44	2.37	0.26	0.11																300
350	11.20	10.30	4.46	4.84	1.34	0.58	2.77	0.34	0.15																350
400	12.80	13.19	5.72	5.54	1.72	0.74	3.16	0.44	0.19																400
450	14.40	16.40	7.11	6.23	2.14	0.93	3.56	0.55	0.24																450
500				6.92	2.60	1.13	3.95	0.67	0.29																500
750				10.38	5.50	2.38	5.93	1.14	0.61																750
1,000				13.84	9.37	4.06	7.91	2.40	1.04																1,000
1,250							9.88	3.63	1.57																1,250
1,500							11.86	5.09	2.21																1,500
2,000							15.81	8.67	3.76																2,000

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SDR 11

Flow Rate (Gallons/Minute)	Velocity Feet Per Second	Head Loss Feet of Water Per 100 Ft.	Pressure Loss PSI Per 100 Ft.	Velocity Feet Per Second	Head Loss Feet of Water Per 100 Ft.	Pressure Loss PSI Per 100 Ft.	Velocity Feet Per Second	Head Loss Feet of Water Per 100 Ft.	Pressure Loss PSI Per 100 Ft.	Velocity Feet Per Second	Head Loss Feet of Water Per 100 Ft.	Pressure Loss PSI Per 100 Ft.	Velocity Feet Per Second	Head Loss Feet of Water Per 100 Ft.	Pressure Loss PSI Per 100 Ft.	Velocity Feet Per Second	Head Loss Feet of Water Per 100 Ft.	Pressure Loss PSI Per 100 Ft.	Flow Rate (Gallons/Minute)
GPM	1/2"			3/4"			1"			1-1/4"			1-1/2"			2"			GPM
1	1.71	3.19	1.38	0.80	0.50	0.22	0.48	0.15	0.06										1
2	3.42	11.53	5.00	1.60	1.82	0.79	0.96	0.53	0.23										2
3	5.13	24.43	10.59	2.40	3.85	1.67	1.44	1.12	0.49										3
4	6.83	41.62	18.04	3.20	6.55	2.84	1.93	1.91	0.83										4
5	8.54	62.91	27.27	4.00	9.91	4.29	2.41	2.89	1.25										5
6	10.25	88.18	38.23	4.79	13.89	6.02	2.89	4.05	1.76										6
7	11.96	117.32	50.86	5.59	18.47	8.01	3.37	5.39	2.34										7
8	13.67	150.23	65.13	6.39	23.66	10.26	3.85	6.90	2.99										8
9	15.38	186.85	81.00	7.19	29.42	12.76	4.33	8.58	3.72										9
10	17.08	227.11	98.45	7.99	35.76	15.50	4.82	10.43	4.52	3.23	3.94	1.71	2.31	1.75	0.76	1.35	0.49	0.21	10
15				11.99	75.78	32.85	7.22	22.11	9.58	4.84	8.35	3.62	3.47	3.71	1.61	2.03	1.03	0.45	15
20				15.98	129.11	55.97	9.63	37.67	16.33	6.46	14.23	6.17	4.63	6.33	2.74	2.70	1.76	0.76	20
25							12.04	56.94	24.69	8.07	21.51	9.33	5.78	9.56	4.15	3.38	2.66	1.15	25
30							14.45	79.82	34.60	9.68	30.15	13.07	6.94	13.40	5.81	4.05	3.73	1.62	30
35							16.86	106.19	46.03	11.30	40.11	17.39	8.09	17.83	7.73	4.73	4.96	2.15	35
40										12.91	51.37	22.27	9.25	22.83	9.90	5.40	6.35	2.75	40
45										14.52	63.89	27.70	10.41	28.40	12.31	6.08	7.89	3.42	45
50										16.14	77.66	33.66	11.56	34.52	14.96	6.75	9.60	4.16	50
55										17.75	92.65	40.16	12.72	41.18	17.85	7.43	11.45	4.96	55
60													13.88	48.38	20.97	8.10	13.45	5.83	60
70													16.19	64.37	27.90	9.46	17.89	7.76	70
80																10.61	22.91	9.93	80
90																12.16	28.50	12.35	90
100																13.51	34.64	15.02	100
125																16.89	52.37	22.70	125

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SDR 13.5

Flow Rate (Gallons/Minute)	cubic ft/sec	Velocity (ft/s)	Friction Head Loss (ft water/100ft)	Friction Pressure (psi/100ft)	Velocity (ft/s)	Friction Head Loss (ft water/100ft)	Friction Pressure (psi/100ft)	Velocity (ft/s)	Friction Head Loss (ft water/100ft)	Friction Pressure (psi/100ft)	Velocity (ft/s)	Friction Head Loss (ft water/100ft)	Friction Pressure (psi/100ft)	Velocity (ft/s)	Friction Head Loss (ft water/100ft)	Friction Pressure (psi/100ft)	Velocity (ft/s)	Friction Head Loss (ft water/100ft)	Friction Pressure (psi/100ft)	Velocity (ft/s)	Friction Head Loss (ft water/100ft)	Friction Pressure (psi/100ft)	Velocity (ft/s)	Friction Head Loss (ft water/100ft)	Friction Pressure (psi/100ft)	Flow Rate (Gallons/Minute)
GPM		1/2"			3/4"			1"			1-1/4"			1-1/2"			2"			2-1/2"			3"			GPM
1	0.002	0.85	1.03	0.45	0.54	0.34	0.15																			1
2	0.004	1.69	2.05	0.89	1.07	0.68	0.29	0.68	0.40	0.17	0.42	0.13	0.06	0.32	0.065	0.028	0.20	0.03	0.013							2
5	0.011	4.22	11.58	5.01	2.68	3.82	1.65	1.69	1.24	0.54	1.05	0.39	0.17	0.80	0.20	0.088	0.51	0.075	0.033	0.35	0.038	0.016	0.24	0.02	0.009	5
7	0.016	5.91	21.24	9.20	3.75	7.01	3.03	2.36	2.28	0.99	1.47	0.72	0.31	1.12	0.37	0.16	0.72	0.125	0.054	0.49	0.53	0.023	0.33	0.03	0.012	7
10	0.022	8.44	40.46	17.52	5.35	13.34	5.78	3.37	4.33	1.87	2.10	1.37	0.59	1.60	0.71	0.31	1.02	0.24	0.10	0.70	0.09	0.039	0.47	0.04	0.017	10
15	0.033	4"			8.03	28.27	12.24	5.06	9.18	3.97	3.15	2.91	1.26	2.40	1.50	0.65	1.53	0.50	0.22	1.04	0.20	0.087	0.70	0.08	0.035	15
20	0.045	0.57	0.04	0.017	10.70	48.17	20.86	6.74	15.64	6.77	4.21	4.96	2.91	3.20	2.55	1.10	2.04	0.85	0.37	1.39	0.34	0.15	0.94	0.13	0.056	20
25	0.056	0.71	0.06	0.026	5"			8.43	23.65	10.24	5.26	7.49	3.24	4.00	3.85	1.67	2.55	1.29	0.56	1.74	0.51	0.22	1.17	0.19	0.082	25
30	0.067	0.85	0.08	0.035	0.56	0.03	0.013	10.11	33.15	14.35	6.31	10.50	4.55	4.80	5.40	2.34	3.05	1.80	0.78	2.09	0.71	0.31	1.41	0.27	0.12	30
35	0.078	0.99	0.11	0.048	0.65	0.04	0.017				7.36	13.97	6.05	5.60	7.19	3.11	3.57	2.40	1.04	2.44	0.95	0.41	1.64	0.36	0.16	35
40	0.089	1.14	0.14	0.060	0.74	0.05	0.022				8.41	17.90	7.75	6.40	9.20	3.98	4.08	3.07	1.33	2.78	1.21	0.52	1.88	0.46	0.20	40
45	0.100	1.28	0.17	0.074	0.84	0.06	0.026	6"			9.46	22.26	9.64	7.20	11.44	4.95	4.59	3.82	1.65	3.13	1.51	0.65	2.11	0.58	0.25	45
50	0.111	1.42	0.21	0.091	0.93	0.07	0.030	0.66	0.03	0.013	10.52	27.05	11.71	8.00	13.91	6.02	5.10	4.64	2.01	3.48	1.83	0.79	2.35	0.70	0.30	50
60	0.134	1.70	0.29	0.13	1.12	0.10	0.043	0.79	0.04	0.017				9.60	19.50	8.44	6.12	6.50	2.81	4.18	2.57	1.11	2.82	0.98	0.42	60
70	0.156	1.99	0.38	0.16	1.30	0.14	0.061	0.92	0.06	0.026							7.14	8.65	3.75	4.87	3.42	1.48	3.29	1.31	0.57	70
75	0.167	2.13	0.44	0.19	1.40	0.16	0.069	0.98	0.07	0.030							7.65	9.83	4.26	5.22	3.88	1.68	3.52	1.49	0.65	75
80	0.178	2.27	0.49	0.21	1.49	0.18	0.078	1.05	0.08	0.035							8.16	11.08	4.80	5.57	4.37	1.89	3.76	1.68	0.73	80
90	0.201	2.56	0.61	0.26	1.67	0.22	0.095	1.18	0.09	0.039							9.18	13.78	5.97	6.27	5.44	2.36	4.23	2.09	0.90	90
100	0.223	2.84	0.74	0.32	1.86	0.27	0.12	1.31	0.11	0.048							10.20	16.75	7.25	6.96	6.61	2.86	4.70	2.54	1.10	100
125	0.279	3.55	1.13	0.49	2.33	0.40	0.18	1.64	0.17	0.074										8.70	10.01	4.33	5.88	3.84	1.66	125
150	0.334	4.26	1.58	0.68	2.79	0.56	0.24	1.97	0.24	0.10										10.44	14.01	6.07	7.04	5.37	2.33	150
175	0.390	4.97	2.10	0.91	3.26	0.75	0.33	2.30	0.32	0.14													8.22	7.15	3.10	175
200	0.446	5.68	2.69	1.16	3.72	0.96	0.42	2.62	0.41	0.18													9.39	9.15	3.96	200
250	0.557	7.10	4.07	1.76	4.66	1.46	0.63	3.28	0.62	0.27													11.74	13.86	6.00	250
300	0.668	8.52	5.69	2.46	5.58	2.03	0.88	3.93	0.87	0.38																300
350	0.780	9.94	7.58	3.29	6.52	2.70	1.17	4.59	1.16	0.50																350
400	0.891	11.36	9.70	4.20	7.44	3.46	1.50	5.24	1.48	0.64																400
450	1.003				8.37	4.31	1.87	5.90	1.84	0.80																450
500	1.114				9.30	5.24	2.27	6.56	2.23	0.97																500
750								9.83	4.73	2.05																750
1000	2.228							13.11	8.06	3.49																1000

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Flow Rate (Gallons per Minute)	Flow Velocity (ft/sec.)	Friction Loss (Ft. Water/ 100ft)	Friction Loss (psi/ 100ft)	Flow Velocity (ft/sec.)	Friction Loss (Ft. Water/ 100ft)	Friction Loss (psi/ 100ft)	Flow Velocity (ft/sec.)	Friction Loss (Ft. Water/ 100ft)	Friction Loss (psi/ 100ft)	Flow Velocity (ft/sec.)	Friction Loss (Ft. Water/ 100ft)	Friction Loss (psi/ 100ft)	Flow Velocity (ft/sec.)	Friction Loss (Ft. Water/ 100ft)	Friction Loss (psi/ 100ft)	Flow Velocity (ft/sec.)	Friction Loss (Ft. Water/ 100ft)	Friction Loss (psi/ 100ft)	Flow Velocity (ft/sec.)	Friction Loss (Ft. Water/ 100ft)	Friction Loss (psi/ 100ft)	Flow Velocity (ft/sec.)	Friction Loss (Ft. Water/ 100ft)	Friction Loss (psi/ 100ft)	Flow Rate (Gallons per Minute)
GPM	1/2"			3/4"			1"			1-1/4"			1-1/2"			2"			2-1/2"			3"			GPM
1				0.49	0.16	0.07	0.30	0.05	0.02	0.19	0.01	0.01	0.14	0.01	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	1
2				0.99	0.56	0.24	0.60	0.17	0.07	0.37	0.05	0.02	0.28	0.03	0.01	0.18	0.01	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00	2
5				2.46	3.06	1.33	1.49	0.91	0.39	0.93	0.29	0.12	0.71	0.15	0.06	0.45	0.05	0.02	0.31	0.02	0.01	0.21	0.01	0.00	5
7				3.45	5.71	2.48	2.09	1.69	0.73	1.30	0.53	0.23	0.99	0.27	0.12	0.63	0.09	0.04	0.43	0.04	0.02	0.29	0.01	0.01	7
10				4.93	11.06	4.80	2.99	3.27	1.42	1.86	1.03	0.45	1.41	0.53	0.23	0.90	0.18	0.08	0.61	0.07	0.03	0.41	0.03	0.01	10
15	4"			7.39	23.44	10.16	4.48	6.93	3.00	2.79	2.18	0.95	2.12	1.12	0.49	1.35	0.37	0.16	0.92	0.15	0.06	0.62	0.06	0.02	15
20	0.50	0.03	0.01	9.86	39.94	17.31	5.97	11.81	5.12	3.72	3.72	1.61	2.83	1.91	0.83	1.80	0.64	0.28	1.23	0.25	0.11	0.83	0.10	0.04	20
25	0.62	0.04	0.02	5"			7.47	17.85	7.74	4.65	5.63	2.44	3.53	2.89	1.25	2.25	0.97	0.42	1.53	0.38	0.16	1.03	0.14	0.06	25
30	0.75	0.06	0.03	0.49	0.02	0.01	8.96	25.02	10.85	5.5	7.89	3.42	4.24	4.05	1.75	2.70	1.35	0.59	1.84	0.53	0.23	1.24	0.20	0.09	30
35	0.87	0.08	0.03	0.57	0.03	0.01	10.45	33.28	14.43	6.51	10.49	4.55	4.94	5.38	2.33	3.15	1.80	0.78	2.15	0.71	0.31	1.44	0.27	0.12	35
40	1.00	0.10	0.04	0.65	0.04	0.02				7.43	13.44	5.83	5.65	6.89	2.99	3.60	2.31	1.00	2.45	0.90	0.39	1.65	0.34	0.15	40
45	1.12	0.13	0.05	0.73	0.04	0.02	6"			8.36	16.71	7.25	6.36	8.57	3.72	4.05	2.87	1.24	2.76	1.12	0.49	1.86	0.43	0.19	45
50	1.25	0.15	0.07	0.82	0.05	0.02	0.58	0.02	0.01	9.29	20.31	8.81	7.06	10.42	4.52	4.50	3.49	1.51	3.06	1.37	0.59	2.06	0.52	0.23	50
60	1.50	0.21	0.09	0.98	0.08	0.03	0.69	0.03	0.01				8.48	14.60	6.33	5.41	4.89	2.12	3.68	1.91	0.83	2.48	0.73	0.32	60
70	1.75	0.29	0.12	1.14	0.10	0.04	0.81	0.04	0.02				9.89	19.43	8.42	6.31	6.50	2.82	4.29	2.55	1.10	2.89	0.97	0.42	70
75	1.87	0.32	0.14	1.22	0.12	0.05	0.86	0.05	0.02				10.59	22.08	9.57	6.76	7.39	3.20	4.60	2.89	1.25	3.09	1.10	0.48	75
80	2.00	0.37	0.16	1.31	0.13	0.06	0.92	0.06	0.02							7.21	8.32	3.61	4.90	3.26	1.41	3.30	1.25	0.54	80
90	2.24	0.46	0.20	1.47	0.16	0.07	1.04	0.07	0.03	8"						8.11	10.35	4.49	5.52	4.06	1.76	3.71	1.55	0.67	90
100	2.49	0.55	0.24	1.63	0.20	0.09	1.15	0.08	0.04	0.68	0.02	0.01				9.01	12.58	5.46	6.13	4.93	2.14	4.13	1.88	0.82	100
125	3.12	0.84	0.36	2.04	0.30	0.13	1.44	0.13	0.06	0.85	0.04	0.02							7.66	7.46	3.23	5.16	2.85	1.23	125
150	3.74	1.17	0.51	2.45	0.42	0.18	1.73	0.18	0.08	1.02	0.05	0.02							9.19	10.45	4.53	6.19	3.99	1.73	150
175	4.36	1.56	0.68	2.86	0.56	0.24	2.01	0.24	0.10	1.19	0.07	0.03							10.73	13.90	6.03	7.22	5.31	2.30	175
200	4.99	2.00	0.87	3.26	0.71	0.31	2.30	0.30	0.13	1.36	0.08	0.04										8.25	6.80	2.95	200
250	6.24	3.02	1.31	4.08	1.08	0.47	2.88	0.46	0.20	1.70	0.13	0.06										10.31	10.27	4.45	250
300	7.48	4.23	1.84	4.90	1.51	0.65	3.45	0.65	0.28	2.04	0.18	0.08													300
350	8.73	5.63	2.44	5.71	2.01	0.87	4.03	0.86	0.37	2.38	0.24	0.10													350
400	9.98	7.21	3.13	6.53	2.57	1.12	4.61	1.10	0.48	2.71	0.30	0.13													400
450	11.22	8.97	3.89	7.35	3.20	1.39	5.18	1.37	0.59	3.05	0.38	0.16													450
500				8.16	3.89	1.69	5.76	1.66	0.72	3.39	0.46	0.20													500
750							8.64	3.52	1.53	5.09	0.97	0.42													750
1000										6.79	1.66	0.72													1000
1250										8.48	2.51	1.09													1250

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GPM	18"									GPM	
750	1.05	0.02	0.01							750	
1000	1.40	0.04	0.02	20"							1000
1250	1.75	0.05	0.02	1.42	0.03	0.01	24"			1250	
1500	2.10	0.08	0.03	1.70	0.05	0.02	1.18	0.02	0.01	1500	
2000	2.81	0.13	0.06	2.27	0.08	0.03	1.58	0.03	0.01	2000	
2500	3.51	0.20	0.08	2.84	0.12	0.05	1.97	0.05	0.02	2500	
3000	4.21	0.27	0.12	3.41	0.16	0.07	2.37	0.07	0.03	3000	
3500	4.91	0.36	0.16	3.98	0.22	0.09	2.76	0.09	0.04	3500	
4000	5.61	0.47	0.20	4.55	0.28	0.12	3.16	0.12	0.05	4000	
4500	6.31	0.58	0.25	5.11	0.35	0.15	3.55	0.14	0.06	4500	
5000				5.68	0.42	0.18	3.95	0.17	0.08	5000	
5500				6.25	0.50	0.22	4.34	0.21	0.09	5500	
6000				6.82	0.59	0.26	4.73	0.24	0.11	6000	
7000							5.52	0.32	0.14	7000	
7500							5.92	0.37	0.16	7500	
8000							6.31	0.42	0.18	8000	
8500							6.71	0.47	0.20	8500	

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Hydraulic Shock

Hydraulic shock is the rapid increase in pressure due to a shock wave produced by a sudden change in system fluid velocity. If uncontrolled or insufficient pressure rated piping is used, these pressure surges can easily burst pipe and break valves or fittings. The term "water hammer" commonly used is derived from the sounds produced, but it is the hydraulic shock vibrations that can be damaging to piping systems. This is typically the result of sudden starting or stopping of a flowing column of liquid, such as water. Energy from the momentum of water in motion is converted to pressure when the flow is abruptly halted. A shock wave is produced that travels through the piping until it is stopped and bounces back to the original obstruction. This instantaneous shock to the system can lead to excessively high pressures. Hydraulic shock is frequently produced by rapid valve opening and closing, pumps starting and stopping, or even from a high speed wall of water hitting a change of direction fitting, such as an elbow. The effect is greater as piping systems is longer, the velocity change is greater and closing time is shorter.

Evaluating Hydraulic Shock Pressure Surges

An indication of the maximum surge pressure relative to velocity changes is essential in estimating the pressure rating requirements in designing a piping system. The following chart gives the maximum surge pressure at velocities of 1, 5 and 10 feet per second for different sizes of pipe, based on instantaneous valve closure in a PVC system. While listed, 10 feet per second is not recommended and is shown for comparative purposes. Velocity is best held to a maximum of 5 feet per second in plastic systems.

Schedule 40 Pipe Pressure Surge (psi) at Different Velocities

Size ⇒	1/2	3/4	1	1-1/4	1-1/2	2	2-1/2	3	4	6	8	10	12
1 ft/sec	27.3	24.6	23.8	21.6	20.5	18.8	19.7	18.4	16.9	15.1	14.2	13.5	13.0
5 ft/Sec	136.3	123.2	119.1	108.1	102.6	94.2	98.5	91.8	84.5	75.4	70.8	67.4	65.2
10 ft/sec	272.7	246.3	238.2	216.3	205.1	188.3	196.9	183.5	169.0	150.9	141.6	134.8	130.5

Schedule 80 Pipe Pressure Surge (psi) at Different Velocities

Size ⇒	1/2	3/4	1	1-1/4	1-1/2	2	2-1/2	3	4	6	8	10	12
1 ft/sec	32.2	29.2	28.0	25.5	24.3	22.6	23.2	21.8	20.3	18.9	17.8	17.3	17.1
5 ft/Sec	161	145.8	139.9	127.7	121.7	113.1	115.8	109.1	101.6	94.4	88.8	86.6	85.5
10 ft/sec	322	291.7	279.9	255.4	243.4	226.2	231.7	218.1	203.1	188.9	177.6	173.1	171.0

SDR Pipe Pressure Surge (psi) at Different Velocities

SDR ⇒	13.5	14	17	18	21	25	26	32.5	41
1 ft/sec	20.2	19.8	17.9	17.4	16.0	14.7	14.4	12.8	11.4
5 ft/Sec	101.0	99.1	89.5	86.9	80.2	---	71.9	64.1	57.0
10 ft/sec	201.9	198.1	179.0	173.8	160.4	146.7	143.7	128.2	113.9

Controlling Hydraulic Shock in System Design & Operation

Since hydraulic shock is a function of speed, mass and time, there are several ways to prevent, minimize or eliminate system damage by limiting or controlling the magnitude of pressure surges.

- **Limit Fluid Velocity** - One of the safest surge control techniques in plastic systems is to limit fluid velocities to a maximum of 5 ft./second. Attempt to balance system operation flow demands and the magnitude of velocity variations.
- **Control Valve Closing Time** - Avoid rapid opening and closing. Pneumatic or electric actuation may be considered for greater control. Use of multi-turn or gear operated valves may also be beneficial in slowing valve opening and closing. When all valves and controls are properly sized and adjusted, surges generated by changes in pump flows and demands can be reduced to non-harmful levels.
- **Control Pump Operation** - Operate the system to maintain uniform pump flow rates. Use slow starting pumps where long runs and larger diameters are downstream. Where possible, partially close discharge valves to minimize volume when starting pumps, until lines are completely filled. Air chambers or surge relief tanks in conjunction with pressure regulating and surge relief valves can be used at pumping stations.
- **Check Valves** - Installing a check valve in pump discharge lines will aid in keeping the line full. Be careful in selecting check valves. Check valves operate on flow reversal and can be rapid closing. Spring or lever assisted swing check valves can reduce hydraulic shock by avoiding "slamming" the valve closed.