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Flow Velocity in Straight Sewers

1) Area given Water Flow Equation

$$\text{fx } A_{cs} = \frac{Q_w}{V_f}$$

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$$\text{ex } 13.04464\text{m}^2 = \frac{14.61\text{m}^3/\text{s}}{1.12\text{m}/\text{s}}$$

2) Conversion Factor given Flow Velocity

$$\text{fx } C = \left(\frac{V_f \cdot n_c}{\left(S^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) \cdot r_H^{\frac{2}{3}}} \right)$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.028193 = \left(\frac{1.12\text{m}/\text{s} \cdot 0.017}{\left((2\text{J})^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) \cdot (0.33\text{m})^{\frac{2}{3}}} \right)$$



3) Energy Loss given Flow Velocity

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$$fx \quad S = \left(\frac{V_f \cdot n_c}{C \cdot r_H^{\frac{2}{3}}} \right)^2$$

$$ex \quad 2.027679J = \left(\frac{1.12m/s \cdot 0.017}{0.028 \cdot (0.33m)^{\frac{2}{3}}} \right)^2$$

4) Flow Velocity using Manning's formula

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$$fx \quad V_f = \frac{C \cdot r_H^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot S^{\frac{1}{2}}}{n_c}$$

$$ex \quad 1.112329m/s = \frac{0.028 \cdot (0.33m)^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot (2J)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{0.017}$$

5) Hydraulic Radius given Flow Velocity

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$$fx \quad r_H = \left(\frac{V_f \cdot n_c}{C \cdot S^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$ex \quad 0.333419m = \left(\frac{1.12m/s \cdot 0.017}{0.028 \cdot (2J)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$



6) Roughness Coefficient using Flow Velocity

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$$\text{fx } n_c = \frac{C \cdot r_H^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot S^{\frac{1}{2}}}{V_f}$$

$$\text{ex } 0.016884 = \frac{0.028 \cdot (0.33\text{m})^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot (2\text{J})^{\frac{1}{2}}}{1.12\text{m/s}}$$

7) Velocity using Water Flow Equation

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$$\text{fx } V_f = \frac{Q_w}{A_{cs}}$$

$$\text{ex } 1.123846\text{m/s} = \frac{14.61\text{m}^3/\text{s}}{13\text{m}^2}$$

8) Water Flow Equation

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$$\text{fx } Q_w = A_{cs} \cdot V_f$$

$$\text{ex } 14.56\text{m}^3/\text{s} = 13\text{m}^2 \cdot 1.12\text{m/s}$$



Controlling Sewer Water Flow

9) Area for Siphon Throat

$$fx \quad A_{\text{siphon}} = \frac{Q}{C_d \cdot (2 \cdot g \cdot H)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.093066\text{m}^2 = \frac{1.5\text{m}^3/\text{s}}{0.94 \cdot (2 \cdot 9.8\text{m}/\text{s}^2 \cdot 15\text{m})^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

10) Coefficient of Discharge given Area for Siphon Throat

$$fx \quad C_d = \frac{Q}{A_s \cdot (2 \cdot g \cdot H)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.729015 = \frac{1.5\text{m}^3/\text{s}}{0.12\text{m}^2 \cdot (2 \cdot 9.8\text{m}/\text{s}^2 \cdot 15\text{m})^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

11) Depth of Flow over Weir given Flow Diversion

$$fx \quad h = \left(\frac{Q}{3.32 \cdot (L_{\text{weir}})^{0.83}} \right)^{\frac{1}{1.67}}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.801024\text{m} = \left(\frac{1.5\text{m}^3/\text{s}}{3.32 \cdot (0.60\text{m})^{0.83}} \right)^{\frac{1}{1.67}}$$




12) Discharge given Area for Siphon Throat 

$$fx \quad Q = A_s \cdot C_d \cdot (2 \cdot g \cdot H)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

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$$ex \quad 1.934117\text{m}^3/\text{s} = 0.12\text{m}^2 \cdot 0.94 \cdot (2 \cdot 9.8\text{m}/\text{s}^2 \cdot 15\text{m})^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

13) Flow Diversion for Side Weir 

$$fx \quad Q = 3.32 \cdot L_{\text{weir}}^{0.83} \cdot h^{1.67}$$

Open Calculator 


$$ex \quad 1.4968\text{m}^3/\text{s} = 3.32 \cdot (0.60\text{m})^{0.83} \cdot (0.80\text{m})^{1.67}$$

14) Head given Area for Siphon Throat 

$$fx \quad H = \left(\frac{Q}{A_s \cdot C_d} \right)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2 \cdot g} \right)$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 9.022113\text{m} = \left(\frac{1.5\text{m}^3/\text{s}}{0.12\text{m}^2 \cdot 0.94} \right)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2 \cdot 9.8\text{m}/\text{s}^2} \right)$$

15) Length of Weir given Flow Diversion 

$$fx \quad L_{\text{weir}} = \left(\frac{Q}{3.32 \cdot h^{1.67}} \right)^{\frac{1}{0.83}}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 0.601546\text{m} = \left(\frac{1.5\text{m}^3/\text{s}}{3.32 \cdot (0.80\text{m})^{1.67}} \right)^{\frac{1}{0.83}}$$



Disposing of Storm Water

16) Area of Opening given Inlet Capacity for Flow Depth more than 1ft 5in

$$fx \quad A_o = \frac{Q_i}{0.6 \cdot (2 \cdot g \cdot D)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

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$$ex \quad 9.128709m^2 = \frac{42m^3/s}{0.6 \cdot (2 \cdot 9.8m/s^2 \cdot 3m)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

17) Depression in Curb Inlet given Runoff Quantity with Full Gutter flow

$$fx \quad a = \left(\left(\frac{Q_{ro}}{0.7 \cdot L_o} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \right) - y$$

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$$ex \quad 4.000442ft = \left(\left(\frac{329ft^3/s}{0.7 \cdot 7ft} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \right) - 7.117ft$$

18) Depth of Flow at Inlet given Inlet Capacity for Flow Depth up to 4.8in

$$fx \quad y = \left(\frac{Q_w}{3 \cdot P} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

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$$ex \quad 7.117831ft = \left(\frac{14.61m^3/s}{3 \cdot 5ft} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$



19) Depth of Flow at Inlet given Runoff Quantity with Full Gutter Flow 

$$\text{fx } y = \left(\left(\frac{Q_{ro}}{0.7 \cdot L_o} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \right) - a$$

Open Calculator 


$$\text{ex } 7.117442\text{ft} = \left(\left(\frac{329\text{ft}^3/\text{s}}{0.7 \cdot 7\text{ft}} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \right) - 4\text{ft}$$

20) Depth of Flow given Inlet Capacity for Flow Depth more than 1ft 5in 

$$\text{fx } D = \left(\left(\frac{Q_i}{0.6 \cdot A_o} \right)^2 \right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2 \cdot g} \right)$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 3.000466\text{m} = \left(\left(\frac{42\text{m}^3/\text{s}}{0.6 \cdot 9.128\text{m}^2} \right)^2 \right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2 \cdot 9.8\text{m}/\text{s}^2} \right)$$

21) Inlet Capacity for Flow Depth 

$$\text{fx } Q_w = 3 \cdot P \cdot y^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 14.60744\text{m}^3/\text{s} = 3 \cdot 5\text{ft} \cdot (7.117\text{ft})^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

22) Inlet Capacity for Flow Depth more than 1ft 5in 

$$\text{fx } Q_i = 0.6 \cdot A_o \cdot \left((2 \cdot g \cdot D)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 41.99674\text{m}^3/\text{s} = 0.6 \cdot 9.128\text{m}^2 \cdot \left((2 \cdot 9.8\text{m}/\text{s}^2 \cdot 3\text{m})^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)$$



23) Length of Opening given Runoff Quantity with Full Gutter Flow 

$$\text{fx } L_o = \frac{Q_{ro}}{0.7 \cdot (a + y)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 7.000417\text{ft} = \frac{329\text{ft}^3/\text{s}}{0.7 \cdot (4\text{ft} + 7.117\text{ft})^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

24) Perimeter when Inlet Capacity for Flow Depth is up to 4.8 inches 

$$\text{fx } P = \frac{Q_w}{3 \cdot y^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 5.000876\text{ft} = \frac{14.61\text{m}^3/\text{s}}{3 \cdot (7.117\text{ft})^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

25) Runoff Quantity with Full Gutter Flow 

$$\text{fx } Q_{ro} = 0.7 \cdot L_o \cdot (a + y)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 328.9804\text{ft}^3/\text{s} = 0.7 \cdot 7\text{ft} \cdot (4\text{ft} + 7.117\text{ft})^{\frac{3}{2}}$$



Required Flow Velocity

26) Coefficient of Roughness given Flow Quantity of Full Flowing Sewer

$$\text{fx } n_c = \frac{0.463 \cdot S^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot d_i^{\frac{8}{3}}}{Q_w}$$

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$$\text{ex } 587.436 = \frac{0.463 \cdot (2J)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (35\text{m})^{\frac{8}{3}}}{14.61\text{m}^3/\text{s}}$$

27) Coefficient of Roughness given Full Flow Velocity in Sewer

$$\text{fx } n_c = \frac{0.59 \cdot d_i^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot S^{\frac{1}{2}}}{V_f}$$

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$$\text{ex } 7.971273 = \frac{0.59 \cdot (35\text{m})^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot (2J)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{1.12\text{m/s}}$$

28) Energy Loss given Flow Quantity for Full Flowing Sewer

$$\text{fx } S = \left(\left(\frac{Q_w \cdot n}{0.463 \cdot D_{is}^{\frac{8}{3}}} \right)^2 \right)$$

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$$\text{ex } 3553.701J = \left(\left(\frac{14.61\text{m}^3/\text{s} \cdot 0.012}{0.463 \cdot (150\text{mm})^{\frac{8}{3}}} \right)^2 \right)$$



29) Energy Loss given Full Flow Velocity in Sewer

$$\text{fx } S = \left(\frac{V_f \cdot n_c}{0.59 \cdot d_i^{\frac{2}{3}}} \right)^2$$

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$$\text{ex } 9.1E^{-6}J = \left(\frac{1.12\text{m/s} \cdot 0.017}{0.59 \cdot (35\text{m})^{\frac{2}{3}}} \right)^2$$

30) Flow Quantity for Full Flowing Sewer

$$\text{fx } Q_w = \frac{0.463 \cdot S^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot d_i^{\frac{8}{3}}}{n_c}$$

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$$\text{ex } 504849.4\text{m}^3/\text{s} = \frac{0.463 \cdot (2J)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (35\text{m})^{\frac{8}{3}}}{0.017}$$

31) Full flow velocity in sewer

$$\text{fx } V_f = \frac{0.59 \cdot d_i^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot S^{\frac{1}{2}}}{n_c}$$

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$$\text{ex } 525.1662\text{m/s} = \frac{0.59 \cdot (35\text{m})^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot (2J)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{0.017}$$



32) Inside Diameter given Flow Quantity for Full Flowing Sewer

$$\text{fx } d_i = \left(\frac{Q_w \cdot n_c}{0.463 \cdot S^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right)^{\frac{3}{8}}$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.695226\text{m} = \left(\frac{14.61\text{m}^3/\text{s} \cdot 0.017}{0.463 \cdot (2\text{J})^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right)^{\frac{3}{8}}$$

33) Inside Diameter given Full Flow Velocity in Sewer

$$\text{fx } d_i = \left(\frac{V_f \cdot n_c}{0.59 \cdot S^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.003447\text{m} = \left(\frac{1.12\text{m}/\text{s} \cdot 0.017}{0.59 \cdot (2\text{J})^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$



Variables Used







- **a** Depression in Curb Inlet (*Foot*)
- **A_{CS}** Cross-Sectional Area (*Square Meter*)
- **A_O** Area of Opening (*Square Meter*)
- **A_S** Area for Siphon Throat (*Square Meter*)
- **A_{siphon}** Siphon Throat Area (*Square Meter*)
- **C** Conversion Factor
- **C_d** Coefficient of Discharge
- **C_{d'}** Discharge Coefficient
- **D** Depth (*Meter*)
- **d_i** Inner Diameter (*Meter*)
- **D_{is}** Inner Diameter of Sewer (*Millimeter*)
- **g** Acceleration due to Gravity (*Meter per Square Second*)
- **h** Depth of Flow Over Weir (*Meter*)
- **H** Head of Liquid (*Meter*)
- **L_O** Length of Opening (*Foot*)
- **L_{weir}** Length of Weir (*Meter*)
- **n** Manning's Roughness Coefficient
- **n_c** Roughness Coefficient of Conduit Surface
- **P** Perimeter of Grate Opening (*Foot*)
- **Q** Volume Flow Rate (*Cubic Meter per Second*)
- **Q_i** Inlet Capacity (*Cubic Meter per Second*)
- **Q_{ro}** Runoff Quantity (*Cubic Foot per Second*)



- **Q_w** Water Flow (Cubic Meter per Second)
- **r_H** Hydraulic Radius (Meter)
- **S** Energy Loss (Joule)
- **V_f** Flow Velocity (Meter per Second)
- **y** Depth of Flow at Inlet (Foot)























Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Measurement: Length** in Meter (m), Foot (ft), Millimeter (mm)
Length Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Area** in Square Meter (m²)
Area Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Speed** in Meter per Second (m/s)
Speed Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Acceleration** in Meter per Square Second (m/s²)
Acceleration Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Energy** in Joule (J)
Energy Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Volumetric Flow Rate** in Cubic Meter per Second (m³/s),
Cubic Foot per Second (ft³/s)
Volumetric Flow Rate Unit Conversion 



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