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# List of 12 Roughness Coefficient Formulas

## Roughness Coefficient

## Roughness Coefficient for Full Flow

### 1) Roughness Coefficient for Full Flow given Discharge Ratio

$$\text{fx } N = n_p \cdot \left( \frac{qsQ_{\text{ratio}}}{\left(\frac{a}{A}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{r_{\text{pf}}}{R_{\text{rf}}}\right)^{\frac{1}{6}}} \right)$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.737745 = 0.9 \cdot \left( \frac{0.532}{\left(\frac{3.8\text{m}^2}{5.4\text{m}^2}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{3.2\text{m}}{5.2\text{m}}\right)^{\frac{1}{6}}} \right)$$

### 2) Roughness Coefficient for Full Flow given Hydraulic Mean Depth and Discharge Ratio

$$\text{fx } N = n_p \cdot \left( \frac{qsQ_{\text{ratio}}}{\left(\frac{a}{A}\right) \cdot (R)^{\frac{1}{6}}} \right)$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.738827 = 0.9 \cdot \left( \frac{0.532}{\left(\frac{3.8\text{m}^2}{5.4\text{m}^2}\right) \cdot (0.61)^{\frac{1}{6}}} \right)$$



### 3) Roughness Coefficient for Full Flow given Hydraulic Mean Depth and Velocity Ratio

$$fx \quad N = \left( \frac{v_s V_{ratio}}{(R)^{\frac{1}{6}}} \right) \cdot n_p$$

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$$ex \quad 0.742736 = \left( \frac{0.76}{(0.61)^{\frac{1}{6}}} \right) \cdot 0.9$$

### 4) Roughness Coefficient for Full Flow given Hydraulic Mean Depth Ratio

$$fx \quad N = \left( \frac{\left( \frac{V_s}{V} \right)}{(R)^{\frac{1}{6}}} \right) \cdot n_p$$

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$$ex \quad 0.748005 = \left( \frac{\left( \frac{4.6m/s}{6.01m/s} \right)}{(0.61)^{\frac{1}{6}}} \right) \cdot 0.9$$



5) Roughness Coefficient for Full Flow given Self Cleansing Velocity Open Calculator 

$$fx \quad N = n_p \cdot \left( \frac{\frac{V_s}{V}}{\left( \frac{r_{pf}}{R_{rf}} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot \sqrt{S}} \right)$$

$$ex \quad 0.709673 = 0.9 \cdot \left( \frac{\frac{4.6m/s}{6.01m/s}}{\left( \frac{3.2m}{5.2m} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot \sqrt{1.8}} \right)$$

6) Roughness Coefficient for Full Flow given Velocity Ratio Open Calculator 

$$fx \quad N = n_p \cdot \left( \frac{vS V_{ratio}}{\left( \frac{r_{pf}}{R_{rf}} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot \sqrt{S}} \right)$$

$$ex \quad 0.704675 = 0.9 \cdot \left( \frac{0.76}{\left( \frac{3.2m}{5.2m} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot \sqrt{1.8}} \right)$$



## Roughness Coefficient for Partial Flow

### 7) Roughness Coefficient for Partial Flow given Discharge Ratio

$$\text{fx } n_p = \frac{N}{\frac{qsQ_{\text{ratio}}}{\left(\frac{a}{A}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{r_{\text{pf}}}{R_{\text{rf}}}\right)^{\frac{1}{6}}}}$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.90275 = \frac{0.74}{\frac{0.532}{\left(\frac{3.8\text{m}^2}{5.4\text{m}^2}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{3.2\text{m}}{5.2\text{m}}\right)^{\frac{1}{6}}}}$$

### 8) Roughness Coefficient for Partial Flow given Hydraulic Mean Depth and Discharge Ratio

$$\text{fx } n_p = \frac{N}{\frac{qsQ_{\text{ratio}}}{\left(\frac{a}{A}\right) \cdot (R)^{\frac{1}{6}}}}$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.901429 = \frac{0.74}{\frac{0.532}{\left(\frac{3.8\text{m}^2}{5.4\text{m}^2}\right) \cdot (0.61)^{\frac{1}{6}}}}$$



## 9) Roughness Coefficient for Partial Flow given Hydraulic Mean Depth and Velocity Ratio

$$\text{fx } n_p = \frac{N}{\frac{vsV_{ratio}}{(R)^{\frac{1}{6}}}}$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.896685 = \frac{0.74}{\frac{0.76}{(0.61)^{\frac{1}{6}}}}$$

## 10) Roughness Coefficient for Partial Flow given Hydraulic Mean Depth Ratio

$$\text{fx } n_p = \frac{N}{\frac{\frac{V_s}{V}}{(R)^{\frac{1}{6}}}}$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.890369 = \frac{0.74}{\frac{\frac{4.6\text{m/s}}{6.01\text{m/s}}}{(0.61)^{\frac{1}{6}}}}$$



## 11) Roughness Coefficient for Partial Flow given Self Cleansing Velocity



$$fx \quad n_p = \frac{N}{\frac{V_s}{V} \cdot \left(\frac{r_{pf}}{R_{rf}}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot \sqrt{S}}$$

Open Calculator

$$ex \quad 0.93846 = \frac{0.74}{\frac{4.6m/s}{6.01m/s} \cdot \left(\frac{3.2m}{5.2m}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot \sqrt{1.8}}$$

## 12) Roughness Coefficient for Partial Flow given Velocity Ratio

$$fx \quad n_p = \frac{N}{\frac{vsV_{ratio}}{\left(\frac{r_{pf}}{R_{rf}}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot \sqrt{S}}}$$

Open Calculator

$$ex \quad 0.945117 = \frac{0.74}{\frac{0.76}{\left(\frac{3.2m}{5.2m}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot \sqrt{1.8}}}$$






## Variables Used

- **a** Area of Partially Full Sewers (*Square Meter*)
- **A** Area of Running Full Sewers (*Square Meter*)
- **N** Roughness Coefficient for Running Full
- **$n_p$**  Roughness Coefficient Partially Full
- **$qsQ_{ratio}$**  Discharge Ratio
- **R** Hydraulic Mean Depth Ratio
- **$r_{pf}$**  Hydraulic Mean Depth for Partially Full (*Meter*)
- **$R_{rf}$**  Hydraulic Mean Depth while Running Full (*Meter*)
- **S** Bed Slope Ratio
- **V** Velocity While Running Full (*Meter per Second*)
- **$V_s$**  Velocity in a Partially Running Sewer (*Meter per Second*)
- **$vsV_{ratio}$**  Velocity Ratio










## Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Function:** **sqrt**, sqrt(Number)  
*A square root function is a function that takes a non-negative number as an input and returns the square root of the given input number.*
- **Measurement:** **Length** in Meter (m)  
*Length Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement:** **Area** in Square Meter (m<sup>2</sup>)  
*Area Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement:** **Speed** in Meter per Second (m/s)  
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