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List of 20 Broad Crested Weir Formulas

Broad Crested Weir

1) Actual Discharge over Broad Crested Weir

$$\text{fx } Q_a = C_d \cdot L_w \cdot h_c \cdot \sqrt{(2 \cdot g) \cdot (H - h_c)}$$

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$$\text{ex } 17.54701\text{m}^3/\text{s} = 0.66 \cdot 3\text{m} \cdot 1.001\text{m} \cdot \sqrt{(2 \cdot 9.8\text{m}/\text{s}^2) \cdot (5\text{m} - 1.001\text{m})}$$

2) Additional Head given Head for Broad Crested Weir

$$\text{fx } h_a = H_{\text{Upstream}} - H$$

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$$\text{ex } 5.1\text{m} = 10.1\text{m} - 5\text{m}$$

3) Coefficient of Discharge for Max Discharge over Crested Weir

$$\text{fx } C_d = \frac{Q_{W(\text{max})}}{1.70 \cdot L_w \cdot (H)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.659421 = \frac{37.6\text{m}^3/\text{s}}{1.70 \cdot 3\text{m} \cdot (5\text{m})^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$



4) Coefficient of Discharge given Actual Discharge over Broad Crested Weir

$$fx \quad C_d = \frac{Q_a}{L_w \cdot h_c \cdot \sqrt{(2 \cdot g) \cdot (H - h_c)}}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.659737 = \frac{17.54 \text{m}^3/\text{s}}{3\text{m} \cdot 1.001\text{m} \cdot \sqrt{(2 \cdot 9.8\text{m}/\text{s}^2) \cdot (5\text{m} - 1.001\text{m})}}$$

5) Coefficient of Discharge given Discharge of Weir if Critical Depth is Constant

$$fx \quad C_d = \frac{Q_w}{1.70 \cdot L_w \cdot (H)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.466505 = \frac{26.6 \text{m}^3/\text{s}}{1.70 \cdot 3\text{m} \cdot (5\text{m})^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

6) Critical Depth due to Reduction in Area of Flow Section given Total Head

$$fx \quad h_c = H - \left(\frac{v_f^2}{2 \cdot g} \right)$$

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$$ex \quad 1.04898\text{m} = 5\text{m} - \left(\frac{(8.8\text{m}/\text{s})^2}{2 \cdot 9.8\text{m}/\text{s}^2} \right)$$



7) Discharge over Broad Crested Weir 

$$fx \quad Q_w = L_w \cdot h_c \cdot \sqrt{(2 \cdot [g]) \cdot (H - h_c)}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 26.59539m^3/s = 3m \cdot 1.001m \cdot \sqrt{(2 \cdot [g]) \cdot (5m - 1.001m)}$$

8) Head for Broad Crested Weir 

$$fx \quad H_{Upstream} = (H + h_a)$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 10.01m = (5m + 5.01m)$$

9) Head if Velocity is considered for Discharge over Broad Crested Weir 

$$fx \quad H = \left(\frac{Q_{W(max)}}{1.70 \cdot C_d \cdot L_w} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 4.997074m = \left(\frac{37.6m^3/s}{1.70 \cdot 0.66 \cdot 3m} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

10) Length of Crest given Actual Discharge over Broad Crested Weir 

$$fx \quad L_w = \frac{Q_a}{C_d \cdot h_c \cdot \sqrt{(2 \cdot g) \cdot (H - h_c)}}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 2.998802m = \frac{17.54m^3/s}{0.66 \cdot 1.001m \cdot \sqrt{(2 \cdot 9.8m/s^2) \cdot (5m - 1.001m)}}$$




11) Length of Crest given Discharge over Weir 

$$\text{fx } L_w = \frac{Q_w}{h_c \cdot \sqrt{(2 \cdot [g]) \cdot (H - h_c)}}$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 3.00052\text{m} = \frac{26.6\text{m}^3/\text{s}}{1.001\text{m} \cdot \sqrt{(2 \cdot [g]) \cdot (5\text{m} - 1.001\text{m})}}$$

12) Length of Crest if Critical Depth is Constant for Discharge of Weir 

$$\text{fx } L_w = \frac{Q_w}{1.70 \cdot C_d \cdot (H)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 2.120478\text{m} = \frac{26.6\text{m}^3/\text{s}}{1.70 \cdot 0.66 \cdot (5\text{m})^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

13) Length of Crest over Broad Crested Weir for Max Discharge 

$$\text{fx } L_w = \frac{Q_{W(\max)}}{1.70 \cdot C_d \cdot (H)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 2.997367\text{m} = \frac{37.6\text{m}^3/\text{s}}{1.70 \cdot 0.66 \cdot (5\text{m})^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

14) Max Discharge over Broad Crested Weir 

$$\text{fx } Q_{W(\max)} = 1.70 \cdot C_d \cdot L_w \cdot (H)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 37.63302\text{m}^3/\text{s} = 1.70 \cdot 0.66 \cdot 3\text{m} \cdot (5\text{m})^{\frac{3}{2}}$$



15) Maximum Discharge of Broad Crested Weir if Critical Depth is Constant



$$fx \quad Q_{W(\max)} = 1.70 \cdot C_d \cdot L_w \cdot (H)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

Open Calculator

$$ex \quad 37.63302\text{m}^3/\text{s} = 1.70 \cdot 0.66 \cdot 3\text{m} \cdot (5\text{m})^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

16) Total Head above Weir Crest

$$fx \quad H = h_c + \left(\frac{v_f^2}{2 \cdot g} \right)$$

Open Calculator

$$ex \quad 4.95202\text{m} = 1.001\text{m} + \left(\frac{(8.8\text{m/s})^2}{2 \cdot 9.8\text{m/s}^2} \right)$$

17) Total Head for Actual Discharge over Broad Crested Weir

$$fx \quad H = \left(\left(\left(\frac{Q_a}{C_d \cdot L_w \cdot h_c} \right)^2 \right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2 \cdot g} \right) \right) + h_c$$

Open Calculator

$$ex \quad 4.996808\text{m} = \left(\left(\left(\frac{17.54\text{m}^3/\text{s}}{0.66 \cdot 3\text{m} \cdot 1.001\text{m}} \right)^2 \right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2 \cdot 9.8\text{m/s}^2} \right) \right) + 1.001\text{m}$$



18) Total Head for Maximum Discharge Open Calculator 

$$\text{fx } H = \left(\frac{Q_{W(\max)}}{1.70 \cdot C_d \cdot L_w} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\text{ex } 4.997074\text{m} = \left(\frac{37.6\text{m}^3/\text{s}}{1.70 \cdot 0.66 \cdot 3\text{m}} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

19) Total Head given Discharge over Weir Crest Open Calculator 

$$\text{fx } H = \left(\left(\frac{Q_w}{L_w \cdot h_c} \right)^2 \right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2 \cdot [g]} \right) + h_c$$

$$\text{ex } 5.001386\text{m} = \left(\left(\frac{26.6\text{m}^3/\text{s}}{3\text{m} \cdot 1.001\text{m}} \right)^2 \right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2 \cdot [g]} \right) + 1.001\text{m}$$

20) Velocity of Flow given Head Open Calculator 

$$\text{fx } v_f = \sqrt{(2 \cdot g) \cdot (H - h_c)}$$

$$\text{ex } 8.853271\text{m/s} = \sqrt{(2 \cdot 9.8\text{m/s}^2) \cdot (5\text{m} - 1.001\text{m})}$$







Variables Used

- C_d Coefficient of Discharge
- g Acceleration due to Gravity (*Meter per Square Second*)
- H Total Head (*Meter*)
- h_a Additional Head (*Meter*)
- h_c Critical Depth of Weir (*Meter*)
- H_{Upstream} Head on Upstream of Weir (*Meter*)
- L_w Length of Weir Crest (*Meter*)
- Q_a Actual Discharge over Broad Crested Weir (*Cubic Meter per Second*)
- Q_w Discharge Over Broad Crested Weir (*Cubic Meter per Second*)
- $Q_{w(\text{max})}$ Max Discharge Over Broad Crested Weir (*Cubic Meter per Second*)
- v_f Velocity of Fluid for Weir (*Meter per Second*)








Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Constant:** [g], 9.80665
Gravitational acceleration on Earth
- **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:** **Speed** in Meter per Second (m/s)
Speed Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Acceleration** in Meter per Square Second (m/s²)
Acceleration Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Volumetric Flow Rate** in Cubic Meter per Second (m³/s)
Volumetric Flow Rate Unit Conversion 



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