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## PART 1

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# STRUCTURAL STEEL DESIGN

## Steel Beams and Plate Girders

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In the following calculation procedures, the design of steel members is executed in accordance with the *Specification for the Design, Fabrication and Erection of Structural Steel for Buildings* of the American Institute of Steel Construction. This specification is presented in the *AISC Manual of Steel Construction*.

Most allowable stresses are functions of the yield-point stress, denoted as  $F_y$  in the *Manual*. The appendix of the *Specification* presents the allowable stresses associated with each grade of structural steel together with tables intended to expedite the design. The *Commentary* in the *Specification* explains the structural theory underlying the *Specification*.

Unless otherwise noted, the structural members considered here are understood to be made of ASTM A36 steel, having a yield-point stress of 36,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (248,220.0 kPa).

The notational system used conforms with that given, and it is augmented to include the following:  $A_w$  = area of flange, in<sup>2</sup> (cm<sup>2</sup>);  $A_w$  = area of web, in<sup>2</sup> (cm<sup>2</sup>);  $b_f$  = width of flange, in (mm);  $d$  = depth of section, in (mm);  $d_w$  = depth of web, in (mm);  $t_f$  = thickness of flange, in (mm);  $t_w$  = thickness of web, in (mm);  $L'$  = unbraced length of compression flange, in (mm);  $f_y$  = yield-point stress, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (kPa).

## ***MOST ECONOMIC SECTION FOR A BEAM WITH A CONTINUOUS LATERAL SUPPORT UNDER A UNIFORM LOAD***

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A beam on a simple span of 30 ft (9.2 m) carries a uniform superimposed load of 1650 lb/lin ft (24,079.9 N/m). The compression flange is laterally supported along its entire length. Select the most economic section.

### **Calculation Procedure**

**1. Compute the maximum bending moment and the required section modulus.** Assume that the beam weighs 50 lb/lin ft (729.7 N/m) and satisfies the requirements of a compact section as set forth in the *Specification*.

The maximum bending moment is  $M = (1/8)wL^2 = (1/8)(1700)(30)^2(12) = 2,295,000$  in·lb (259,289.1 N·m).

Referring to the *Specification* shows that the allowable bending stress is 24,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (165,480.0 kPa). Then  $S = M/f = 2,295,000/24,000 = 95.6$  in<sup>3</sup> (1566.88 cm<sup>3</sup>).

**2. Select the most economic section.** Refer to the *AISC Manual*, and select the most economic section. Use W18 × 55 = 98.2 in<sup>3</sup> (1609.50 cm<sup>3</sup>); section compact. The disparity between the assumed and actual beam weight is negligible.

A second method for making this selection is shown below.

**3. Calculate the total load on the member.** Thus, the total load =  $W = 30(1700) = 51,000$  lb (226,848.0 N).

**4. Select the most economic section.** Refer to the tables of allowable uniform loads in the *Manual*, and select the most economic section. Thus, use W18 × 55;  $W_{\text{allow}} = 52,000$  lb (231,296.0 N). The capacity of the beam is therefore slightly greater than required.

## ***MOST ECONOMIC SECTION FOR A BEAM WITH INTERMITTENT LATERAL SUPPORT UNDER UNIFORM LOAD***

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A beam on a simple span of 25 ft (7.6 m) carries a uniformly distributed load, including the estimated weight of the beam, of 45 kips (200.2 kN). The member is laterally supported at 5-ft (1.5-m) intervals. Select the most economic member (a) using A36 steel; (b) using A242 steel, having a yield-point stress of 50,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (344,750.0 kPa) when the thickness of the metal is 3/4 in (19.05 mm) or less.

### **Calculation Procedure**

**1. Using the AISC allowable-load tables, select the most economic member made of A36 steel.** After a trial section has been selected, it is necessary to compare the unbraced length  $L'$  of the compression flange with the properties  $L_c$  and  $L_u$  of that section in order to establish the allowable bending stress. The variables are defined thus:  $L_c$  = maximum unbraced length of the compression flange if the allowable bending stress =  $0.66f_y$ , measured in ft (m);  $L_u$  = maximum unbraced length of the compression flange, ft (m), if the allowable bending stress is to equal  $0.60f_y$ .

The values of  $L_c$  and  $L_u$  associated with each rolled section made of the indicated grade of steel are recorded in the allowable-uniform-load tables of the *AISC Manual*. The  $L_c$  value is established by applying the definition of a *laterally supported* member as presented in the *Specification*. The value of  $L_u$  is established by applying a formula given in the *Specification*.

There are four conditions relating to the allowable stress:

Condition	Allowable stress
Compact section: $L' \leq L_c$	$0.66f_y$
Compact section: $L_c < L' \leq L_u$	$0.60f_y$
Noncompact section: $L' \leq L_u$	$0.60f_y$
$L' > L_u$	Apply the <i>Specification</i> formula—use the larger value obtained when the two formulas given are applied.

The values of allowable uniform load given in the AISC *Manual* apply to beams of A36 steel satisfying the first or third condition above, depending on whether the section is compact or noncompact.

Referring to the table in the *Manual*, we see that the most economic section made of A36 steel is W16  $\times$  45;  $W_{\text{allow}} = 46$  kips (204.6 kN), where  $W_{\text{allow}}$  = allowable load on the beam, kips (kN). Also,  $L_c = 7.6 > 5$ . Hence, the beam is acceptable.

**2. Compute the equivalent load for a member of A242 steel.** To apply the AISC *Manual* tables to choose a member of A242 steel, assume that the shape selected will be compact. Transform the actual load to an equivalent load by applying the conversion factor 1.38, that is, the ratio of the allowable stresses. The conversion factors are recorded in the *Manual* tables. Thus, equivalent load =  $45/1.38 = 32.6$  kips (145.0 N).

**3. Determine the highest satisfactory section.** Enter the *Manual* allowable-load table with the load value computed in step 2, and select the lightest section that appears to be satisfactory. Try W16  $\times$  36;  $W_{\text{allow}} = 36$  kips (160.1 N). However, this section is noncompact in A242 steel, and the equivalent load of 32.6 kips (145.0 N) is not valid for this section.

**4. Revise the equivalent load.** To determine whether the W16  $\times$  36 will suffice, revise the equivalent load. Check the  $L_u$  value of this section in A242 steel. Then equivalent load =  $45/1.25 = 36$  kips (160.1 N),  $L_u = 6.3$  ft (1.92 m)  $>$  5 ft (1.5 m); use W16  $\times$  36.

**5. Verify the second part of the design.** To verify the second part of the design, calculate the bending stress in the W16  $\times$  36, using  $S = 56.3$  in<sup>3</sup> (922.76 cm<sup>3</sup>) from the *Manual*. Thus,  $M = (1/8)WL = (1/8)(45,000)(25)(12) = 1,688,000$  in-lb (190,710.2 N-m);  $f = M/S = 1,688,000/56.3 = 30,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (206,850.0 kPa). This stress is acceptable.

## DESIGN OF A BEAM WITH REDUCED ALLOWABLE STRESS

The compression flange of the beam in Fig. 1a will be braced only at points A, B, C, D, and E. Using AISC data, a designer has selected W21  $\times$  55 section for the beam. Verify the design.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Calculate the reactions; construct the shear and bending-moment diagrams.** The results of this step are shown in Fig. 1.

**2. Record the properties of the selected section.** Using the AISC *Manual*, record the following properties of the 21WF55 section:  $S = 109.7$  in<sup>3</sup> (1797.98 cm<sup>3</sup>);  $I_y = 44.0$  in<sup>4</sup> (1831.41 cm<sup>4</sup>);  $b_f = 8.215$  in

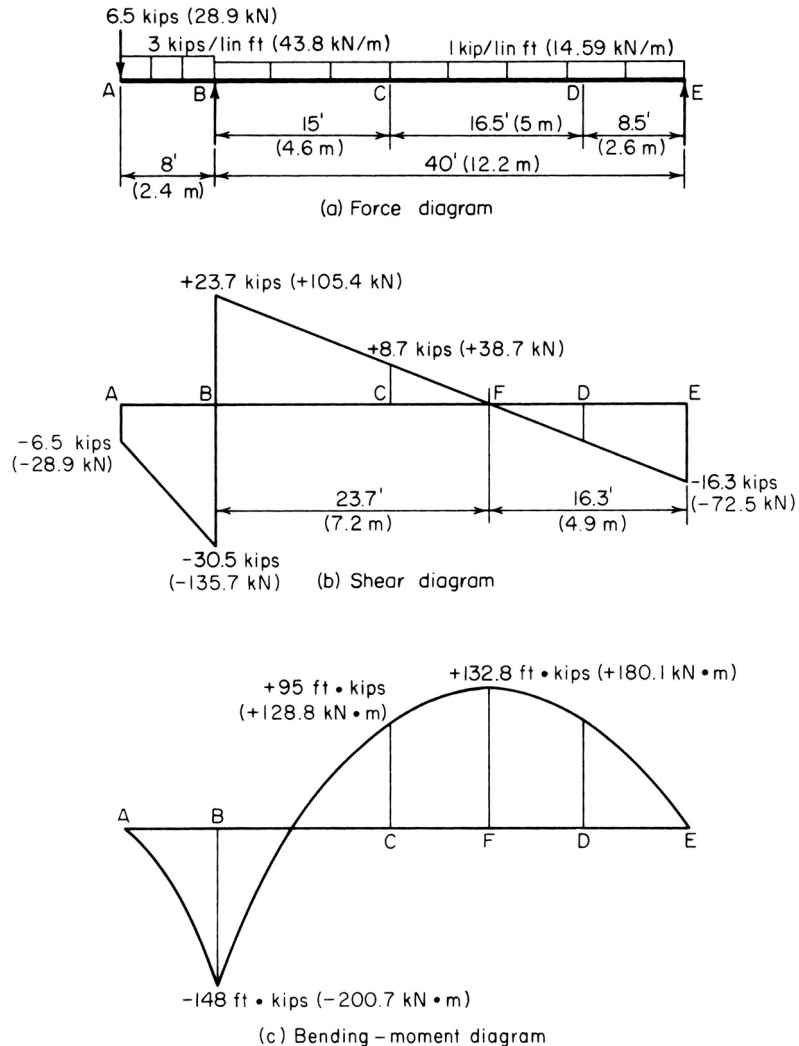


FIGURE 1

(208.661 mm);  $t_f = 0.522$  in (13.258 mm);  $d = 20.80$  in (528.32 mm);  $t_w = 0.375$  in (9.525 mm);  $d/A_f = 4.85/\text{in}$  (0.1909/mm);  $L_c = 8.9$  ft (2.71 m);  $L_u = 9.4$  ft (2.87 m).

Since  $L' > L_u$ , the allowable stress must be reduced in the manner prescribed in the *Manual*.

**3. Calculate the radius of gyration.** Calculate the radius of gyration with respect to the  $y$  axis of a T section comprising the compression flange and one-sixth the web, neglecting the area of the fillets. Referring to Fig. 2, we see  $A_f = 8.215(0.522) = 4.29$  in<sup>2</sup> (27.679 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $(1/6)A_w = (1/6)(19.76)(0.375) = 1.24$ ;  $A_T = 5.53$  in<sup>2</sup> (35.680 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $I_T = 0.5I_y$  of the section = 22.0 in<sup>4</sup> (915.70 cm<sup>4</sup>);  $r = (22.0/5.53)^{0.5} = 1.99$  in (50.546 mm).

**4. Calculate the allowable stress in each interval between lateral supports.** By applying the provisions of the *Manual*, calculate the allowable stress in each interval between lateral supports, and



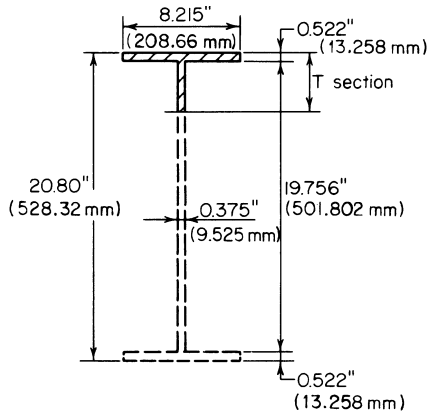


FIGURE 2 Dimensions of W21  $\times$  55.

section,  $C_b = 1$ ;  $L'/r = 16.5(12)/1.99 = 99.5$ ;  $f_1 = 22,000 - 0.679(99.5)^2 = 15,300 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (105,493.5 kPa);  $f_2 = 12,000,000/[16.5(12)(4.85)] = 12,500 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (86,187.5 kPa);  $f_{\max} = 132,800(12)/109.7 = 14,500 < 15,300 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (105,493.5 kPa). This stress is acceptable.

Interval  $DE$ : The allowable stress is  $24,000 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (165,480.0 kPa), and the actual stress is considerably below this value. The W21  $\times$  55 is therefore satisfactory. Where deflection is the criterion, the member should be checked by using the *Specification*.

compare this with the actual stress. For A36 steel, the *Manual* formula (4) reduces to  $f_1 = 22,000 - 0.679(L'/r)^2/C_b \text{ lb/in}^2$  (kPa). By *Manual* formula (5),  $f_2 = 12,000,000/(L'd/A_f) \text{ lb/in}^2$  (kPa). Set the allowable stress equal to the greater of these values.

For interval  $AB$ :  $L' = 8 \text{ ft}$  (2.4 m)  $< L_c$ ;  $\therefore f_{\text{allow}} = 24,000 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (165,480.0 kPa);  $f_{\max} = 148,000(12)/109.7 = 16,200 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (111,699.0 kPa)—this is acceptable.

For interval  $BC$ :  $L'/r = 15(12)/1.99 = 90.5$ ;  $M_1/M_2 = 95/(-148) = -0.642$ ;  $C_b = 1.75 - 1.05(-0.642) + 0.3(-0.642)^2 = 2.55$ ;  $\therefore$  set  $C_b = 2.3$ ;  $f_1 = 22,000 - 0.679(90.5)^2/2.3 = 19,600 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (135,142.0 kPa);  $f_2 = 12,000,000/[15(12)(4.85)] = 13,700 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (94,461.5 kPa);  $f_{\max} = 16,200 < 19,600 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (135,142.0 kPa). This is acceptable.

Interval  $CD$ : Since the maximum moment occurs within the interval rather than at a boundary

## DESIGN OF A COVER-PLATED BEAM

Following the fabrication of a W18  $\times$  60 beam, a revision was made in the architectural plans, and the member must now be designed to support the loads shown in Fig. 3a. Cover plates are to be welded to both flanges to develop the required strength. Design these plates and their connection to the W shape, using fillet welds of A233 class E60 series electrodes. The member has continuous lateral support.

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Construct the shear and bending-moment diagrams.** These are shown in Fig. 3. Also,  $M_E = 340.3 \text{ ft-kips}$  (461.44 kN·m).

2. **Calculate the required section modulus, assuming the built-up section will be compact.** The section modulus  $S = M/f = 340.3(12)/24 = 170.2 \text{ in}^3$  (2789.58 cm<sup>3</sup>).

3. **Record the properties of the beam section.** Refer to the *AISC Manual*, and record the following properties for the W18  $\times$  60;  $d = 18.25 \text{ in}$  (463.550 mm);  $b_f = 7.56 \text{ in}$  (192.024 mm);  $t_f = 0.695 \text{ in}$  (17.653 mm);  $I = 984 \text{ in}^4$  (40.957 cm<sup>4</sup>);  $S = 107.8 \text{ in}^3$  (1766.84 cm<sup>3</sup>).

4. **Select a trial section.** Apply the approximation  $A = 1.05(S - S_{WF})/d_{WF}$ , where  $A$  = area of one cover plate, in<sup>2</sup> (cm<sup>2</sup>);  $S$  = section modulus required, in<sup>3</sup> (cm<sup>3</sup>);  $S_{WF}$  = section modulus of wide-flange shape, in<sup>3</sup> (cm<sup>3</sup>);  $d_{WF}$  = depth of wide-flange shape, in (mm). Then  $A = [1.05(170.2 - 107.8)]/18.25 = 3.59 \text{ in}^2$  (23.163 cm<sup>2</sup>).

Try  $10 \times 3/8 \text{ in}$  (254.0  $\times$  9.5 mm) plates with  $A = 3.75 \text{ in}^2$  (24.195 cm<sup>2</sup>). Since the beam flange is 7.5 in (190.50 mm) wide, ample space is available to accommodate the welds.

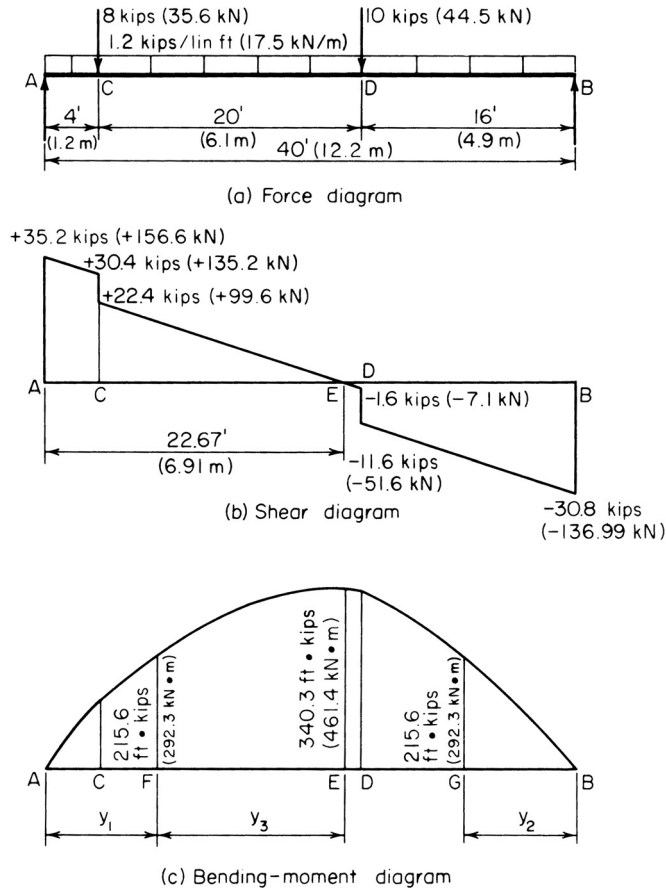


FIGURE 3

5. **Ascertain whether the assumed size of the cover plates satisfies the AISC Specification.** Using the appropriate AISC *Manual* section, we find  $7.56/0.375 = 20.2 < 32$ , which is acceptable;  $1/2(10 - 7.56)/0.375 = 3.25 < 16$ , which is acceptable.

6. **Test the adequacy of the trial section.** Calculate the section modulus of the trial section. Referring to Fig. 4a, we see  $I = 984 + 2(3.75)(9.31)^2 = 1634 \text{ in}^4$  ( $68,012.1 \text{ cm}^4$ );  $S = I/c = 1634/9.5 = 172.0 \text{ in}^3$  ( $2819.08 \text{ cm}^3$ ). The reinforced section is therefore satisfactory.

7. **Locate the points at which the cover plates are not needed.** To locate the points at which the cover plates may theoretically be dispensed with, calculate the moment capacity of the wide-flange shape alone. Thus,  $M = fS = 24(107.8)/12 = 215.6 \text{ ft-kips}$  ( $292.3 \text{ kN-m}$ ).

8. **Locate the points at which the computed moment occurs.** These points are F and G (Fig. 3). Thus,  $M_F = 35.2y_2 - 8(y_1 - 4) - 1/2(1.2y_2^2) = 215.6$ ;  $y_2 = 8.25 \text{ ft}$  ( $2.515 \text{ m}$ );  $M_G = 30.8y_2 - 1/2(1.2y_2^2) = 215.6$ ;  $y_2 = 8.36 \text{ ft}$  ( $2.548 \text{ m}$ ).

Alternatively, locate F by considering the area under the shear diagram between E and F. Thus,  $M_F = 340.3 - 1/2(1.2y_3^2) = 215.6$ ;  $y_3 = 14.42 \text{ ft}$  ( $4.395 \text{ m}$ );  $y_1 = 22.67 - 14.42 = 8.25 \text{ ft}$  ( $2.515 \text{ m}$ ).

For symmetry, center the cover plates about midspan, placing the theoretical cutoff points at 8 ft 3 in ( $2.51 \text{ m}$ ) from each support.

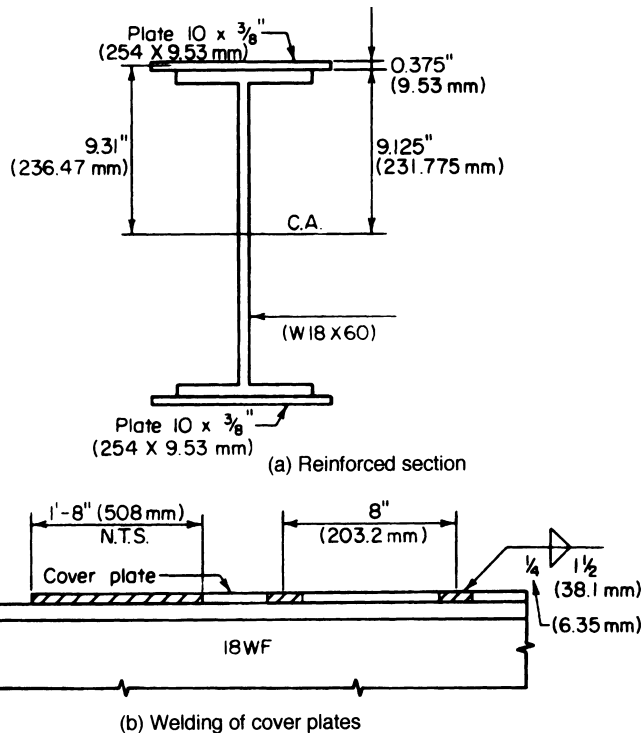


FIGURE 4

**9. Calculate the axial force in the cover plate.** Calculate the axial force  $P$  lb (N) in the cover plate at its end by computing the mean bending stress. Determine the length of fillet weld required to transmit this force to the W shape. Thus,  $f_{\text{mean}} = My/I = 215,600(12)(9.31)/1634 = 14,740 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (101,632.3 kPa). Then  $P = Af_{\text{mean}} = 3.75(14,740) = 55,280 \text{ lb}$  (245,885.4 N). Use a  $1/4$ -in (6.35-mm) fillet weld, which satisfies the requirements of the *Specification*. The capacity of the weld  $= 4(600) = 2400 \text{ lb/lin in}$  (420,304.3 N/m). Then the length  $L$  required for this weld is  $L = 55,280/2400 = 23.0 \text{ in}$  (584.20 mm).

**10. Extend the cover plates.** In accordance with the *Specification*, extend the cover plates 20 in (508.0 mm) beyond the theoretical cutoff point at each end, and supply a continuous  $1/4$ -in fillet weld along both edges in this extension. This requirement yields 40 in (1016.0 mm) of weld as compared with the 23 in (584.2 mm) needed to develop the plate.

**11. Calculate the horizontal shear flow at the inner surface of the cover plate.** Choose  $F$  or  $G$ , whichever is larger. Design the intermittent fillet weld to resist this shear flow. Thus,  $V_F = 35.2 - 8 - 1.2(8.25) = 17.3 \text{ kips}$  (76.95 kN);  $V_G = -30.8 + 1.2(8.36) = -20.8 \text{ kips}$  (-92.51 kN). Then  $q = VQ/I = 20,800(3.75)(9.31)/1634 = 444 \text{ lb/lin in}$  (77,756.3 N/m).

The *Specification* calls for a minimum weld length of 1.5 in (38.10 mm). Let  $s$  denote the center-to-center spacing as governed by shear. Then  $s = 2(1.5)(2400)/444 = 16.2 \text{ in}$  (411.48 mm). However, the *Specification* imposes additional restrictions on the weld spacing. To preclude the possibility of error in fabrication, provide an identical spacing at the top and bottom. Thus,  $s_{\text{max}} = 21(0.375) = 7.9 \text{ in}$  (200.66 mm). Therefore, use a  $1/4$ -in (6.35-mm) fillet weld, 1.5 in (38.10 mm) long, 8 in (203.2 mm) on centers, as shown in Fig. 4a.

## DESIGN OF A CONTINUOUS BEAM

The beam in Fig. 5a is continuous from *A* to *D* and is laterally supported at 5-ft (1.5-m) intervals. Design the member.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Find the bending moments at the interior supports; calculate the reactions and construct shear and bending-moment diagrams.** The maximum moments are +101.7 ft-kips (137.9 kN·m) and -130.2 ft-kips (176.55 kN·m).

**2. Calculate the modified maximum moments.** Calculate these moments in the manner prescribed in the AISC *Specification*. The clause covering this calculation is based on the postelastic behavior of a continuous beam. (Refer to a later calculation procedure for an analysis of this behavior.)

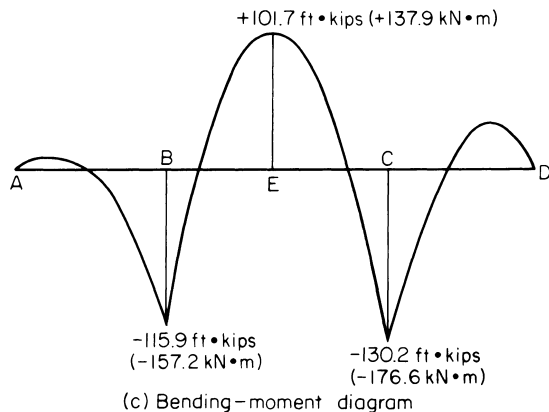
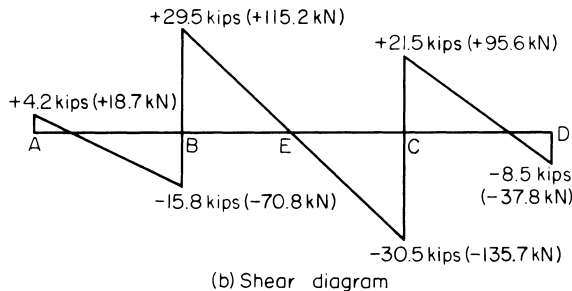
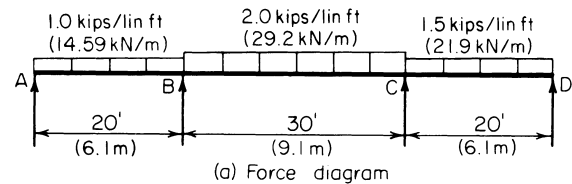


FIGURE 5

Modified maximum moments:  $+101.7 + 0.1(0.5)(115.9 + 130.2) = +114.0$  ft-kips (154.58 kN·m);  $0.9(-130.2) = -117.2$  ft-kips (-158.92 kN·m); design moment = 117.2 ft-kips (158.92 kN·m).

3. **Select the beam size.** Thus,  $S = M/f = 117.2(12)/24 = 58.6$  in<sup>3</sup> (960.45 cm<sup>3</sup>). Use W16 × 40 with  $S = 64.4$  in<sup>3</sup> (1055.52 cm<sup>3</sup>);  $L_c = 7.6$  ft (2.32 m).

## SHEARING STRESS IN A BEAM—EXACT METHOD

Calculate the maximum shearing stress in a W18 × 55 beam at a section where the vertical shear is 70 kips (311.4 kN).

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Record the relevant properties of the member.** The shearing stress is a maximum at the centroidal axis and is given by  $v = VQ/(It)$ . The static moment of the area above this axis is found by applying the properties of the WT9 × 27.5, which are presented in the *AISC Manual*. Note that the T section considered is one-half the wide-flange section being used. See Fig. 6.

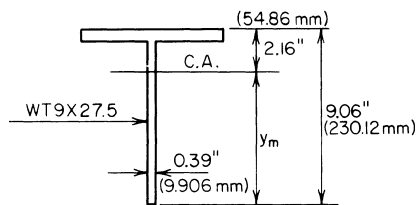


FIGURE 6

The properties of these sections are  $I_w = 890$  in<sup>4</sup> (37,044.6 cm<sup>4</sup>);  $A_T = 8.10$  in<sup>2</sup> (52.261 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $t_w = 0.39$  in (9.906 mm);  $y_m = 9.06 - 2.16 = 6.90$  in (175.26 mm).

2. **Calculate the shearing stress at the centroidal axis.** Substituting gives  $Q = 8.10(6.90) = 55.9$  in<sup>3</sup> (916.20 cm<sup>3</sup>); then  $v = 70,000(55.9)/[890(0.39)] = 11,270$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (77,706.7 kPa).

## SHEARING STRESS IN A BEAM—APPROXIMATE METHOD

Solve the previous calculation procedure, using the approximate method of determining the shearing stress in a beam.

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Assume that the vertical shear is resisted solely by the web.** Consider the web as extending the full depth of the section and the shearing stress as uniform across the web. Compare the results obtained by the exact and the approximate methods.

2. **Compute the shear stress.** Take the depth of the web as 18.12 in (460.248 mm),  $v = 70,000/[18.12(0.39)] = 9910$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (68,329.45 kPa). Thus, the ratio of the computed stresses is  $11,270/9910 = 1.14$ .

Since the error inherent in the approximate method is not unduly large, this method is applied in assessing the shear capacity of a beam. The allowable shear  $V$  for each rolled section is recorded in the allowable-uniform-load tables of the *AISC Manual*.

The design of a rolled section is governed by the shearing stress only in those instances where the ratio of maximum shear to maximum moment is extraordinarily large. This condition exists

in a heavily loaded short-span beam and a beam that carries a large concentrated load near its support.

## MOMENT CAPACITY OF A WELDED PLATE GIRDER

A welded plate girder is composed of a  $66 \times \frac{3}{8}$  in ( $1676.4 \times 9.53$  mm) web plate and two  $20 \times \frac{3}{4}$  in ( $508.0 \times 19.05$  mm) flange plates. The unbraced length of the compression flange is 18 ft (5.5 m). If  $C_b = 1$ , what bending moment can this member resist?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the properties of the section.** The tables in the *AISC Manual* are helpful in calculating the moment of inertia. Thus,  $A_f = 15 \text{ in}^2$  ( $96.8 \text{ cm}^2$ );  $A_w = 24.75 \text{ in}^2$  ( $159.687 \text{ cm}^2$ );  $I = 42,400 \text{ in}^4$  ( $176.481 \text{ dm}^4$ );  $S = 1256 \text{ in}^3$  ( $20,585.8 \text{ cm}^3$ ).

For the  $T$  section comprising the flange and one-sixth the web,  $A = 15 + 4.13 = 19.13 \text{ in}^2$  ( $123.427 \text{ cm}^2$ ); then  $I = (1/12)(0.75)(20)^3 = 500 \text{ in}^4$  ( $2081.1 \text{ dm}^4$ );  $r = (500/19.13)^{0.5} = 5.11 \text{ in}$  ( $129.794 \text{ mm}$ );  $L/r = 18(12)/5.11 = 42.3$ .

**2. Ascertain if the member satisfies the AISC Specification.** Let  $h$  denote the clear distance between flanges, in (cm). Then flange,  $\frac{1}{2}(20)/0.75 = 13.3 < 16$ —this is acceptable; web,  $h/t_w = 66/0.375 = 176 < 320$ —this is acceptable.

**3. Compute the allowable bending stress.** Use  $f_1 = 22,000 - 0.679(L'/r)^2/C_b$ , or  $f_1 = 22,000 - 0.679(42.3)^2 = 20,800 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $143,416.0 \text{ kPa}$ );  $f_2 = 12,000,000/(L'd/A_f) = 12,000,000(15)/[18(12)(67.5)] = 12,300 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $84,808.5 \text{ kPa}$ ). Therefore, use  $20,800 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $143,416.0 \text{ kPa}$ ) because it is the larger of the two stresses.

**4. Reduce the allowable bending stress in accordance with the AISC Specification.** Using the equation given in the *Manual* yields  $f_3 = 20,800\{1 - 0.005(24.75/15)[176 - 24,000/(20,800)^{0.5}]\} = 20,600 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $142,037.0 \text{ kPa}$ ).

**5. Determine the allowable bending moment.** Use  $M = f_3 S = 20.6(1256)/12 = 2156 \text{ ft}\cdot\text{kips}$  ( $2923.5 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}$ ).

## ANALYSIS OF A RIVETED PLATE GIRDER

A plate girder is composed of one web plate  $48 \times \frac{3}{8}$  in ( $1219.2 \times 9.53$  mm); four flange angles  $6 \times 4 \times \frac{3}{4}$  in ( $152.4 \times 101.6 \times 19.05$  mm); two cover plates  $14 \times \frac{1}{2}$  in ( $355.6 \times 12.7$  mm). The flange angles are set 48.5 in ( $1231.90$  mm) back to back with their 6-in ( $152.4$ -mm) legs outstanding; they are connected to the web plate by  $\frac{7}{8}$ -in ( $22.2$ -mm) rivets. If the member has continuous lateral support, what bending moment may be applied? What spacing of flange-to-web rivets is required in a panel where the vertical shear is 180 kips ( $800.6 \text{ kN}$ )?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Obtain the properties of the angles from the AISC Manual.** Record the angle dimensions as shown in Fig. 7.

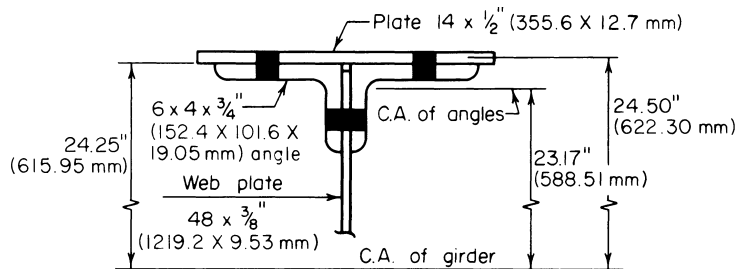


FIGURE 7

2. **Check the cover plates for compliance with the AISC Specification.** The cover plates are found to comply with the pertinent sections of the *Specification*.

3. **Compute the gross flange area and rivet-hole area.** Ascertain whether the *Specification* requires a reduction in the flange area. Therefore, gross flange area =  $2(6.94) + 7.0 = 20.88 \text{ in}^2$  ( $134.718 \text{ cm}^2$ ); area of rivet holes =  $2(1/2)(1)4(3/4)(1) = 4.00 \text{ in}^2$  ( $25.808 \text{ cm}^2$ ); allowable area of holes =  $0.15(20.88) = 3.13$ . The excess area = hole area – allowable area =  $4.00 - 3.13 = 0.87 \text{ in}^2$  ( $5.613 \text{ cm}^2$ ). Consider that this excess area is removed from the outstanding legs of the angles, at both the top and the bottom.

4. **Compute the moment of inertia of the net section**

	in <sup>4</sup>	dm <sup>4</sup>
One web plate, $I_o$	3,456	14.384
Four flange angles, $I_o$	35	0.1456
$Ay^2 = 4(6.94)(23.17)^2$	14,900	62.0184
Two cover plates:		
$Ay^2 = 2(7.0)(24.50)^2$	8,400	34.9634
$I$ of gross section	26,791	111.5123
Deduct $2(0.87)(23.88)^2$ for excess area	991	4.12485
$I$ of net section	25,800	107.387

5. **Establish the allowable bending stress.** Use the *Specification*. Thus,  $h/t_w = (48.5 - 8)/0.375 < 24,000/(22,000)^{0.5}$ ;  $\therefore 22,000 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $151,690.0 \text{ kPa}$ ). Also,  $M = flc = 22(25,800)/[24.75(12)] = 1911 \text{ ft-kips}$  ( $2591.3 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}$ ).

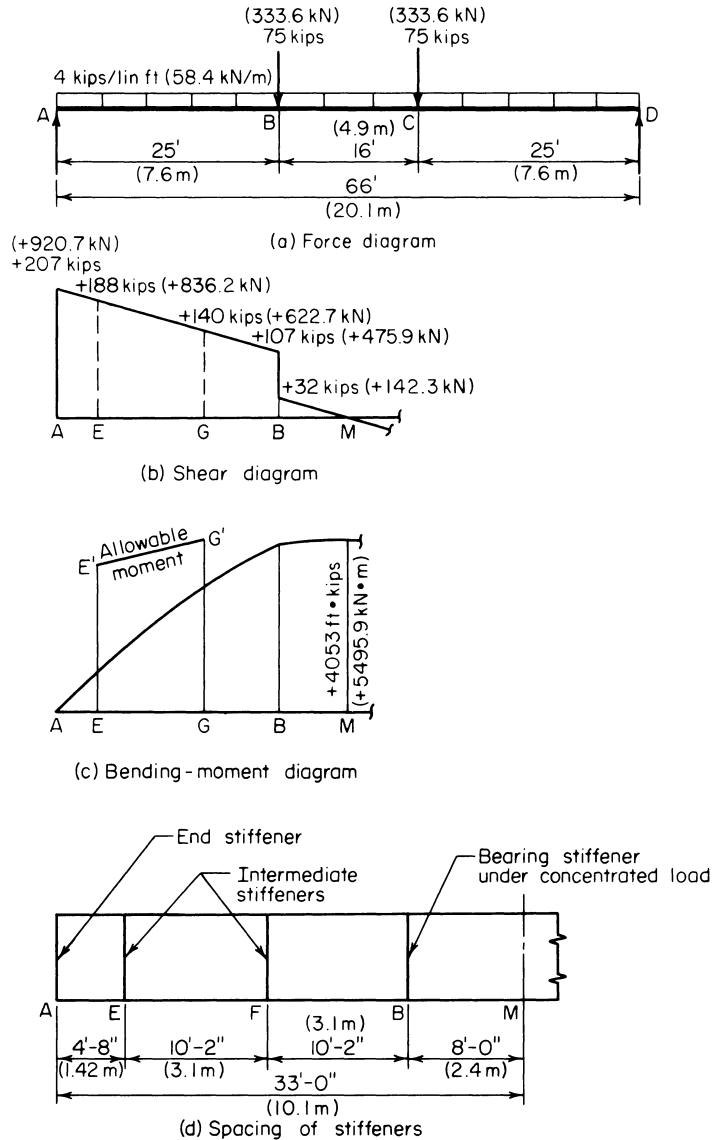
6. **Calculate the horizontal shear flow to be resisted.** Here  $Q$  of flange =  $13.88(23.17) + 7.0(24.50) - 0.87(23.88) = 472 \text{ in}^3$  ( $7736.1 \text{ cm}^3$ );  $q = VQ/I = 180,000(472)/25,800 = 3290 \text{ lb/lin in}$  ( $576,167.2 \text{ N/m}$ ).

From a previous calculation procedure,  $R_{ds} = 18,040 \text{ lb}$  ( $80,241.9 \text{ N}$ );  $R_b = 42,440(0.375) = 15,900 \text{ lb}$  ( $70,723.2 \text{ N}$ );  $s = 15,900/3290 = 4.8 \text{ in}$  ( $121.92 \text{ mm}$ ), where  $s$  = allowable rivet spacing, in (mm). Therefore, use a  $4\frac{3}{4}$ -in ( $120.65\text{-mm}$ ) rivet pitch. This satisfies the requirements of the *Specification*.

*Note:* To determine the allowable rivet spacing, divide the horizontal shear flow into the rivet capacity.

**DESIGN OF A WELDED PLATE GIRDER**

A plate girder of welded construction is to support the loads shown in Fig. 8a. The distributed load will be applied to the top flange, thereby offering continuous lateral support. At its ends, the girder will bear on masonry buttresses. The total depth of the girder is restricted to approximately 70 in (1778.0 mm). Select the cross section, establish the spacing of the transverse stiffeners, and design both the intermediate stiffeners and the bearing stiffeners at the supports.


**FIGURE 8**



## Calculation Procedure

1. **Construct the shear and bending-moment diagrams.** These diagrams are shown in Fig. 8.
2. **Choose the web-plate dimensions.** Since the total depth is limited to about 70 in (1778.0 mm), use a 68-in (1727.2-mm) deep web plate. Determine the plate thickness, using the *Specification* limits, which are a slenderness ratio  $h/t_w$  of 320. However, if an allowable bending stress of 22,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (151,690.0 kPa) is to be maintained, the *Specification* imposes an upper limit of  $24,000(22,000)^{0.5} = 162$ . Then  $t_w = h/162 = 68/162 = 0.42$  in (10.668 mm); use a  $7/16$ -in (11.112-mm) plate. Hence, the area of the web  $A_w = 29.75$  in<sup>2</sup> (191.947 cm<sup>2</sup>).
3. **Select the flange plates.** Apply the approximation  $A_f = Mc/(2fy^2) - A_w/6$ , where  $y$  = distance from the neutral axis to the centroidal axis of the flange, in (mm).  
Assume 1-in (25.4-mm) flange plates. Then  $A_f = 4053(12)(35)/[2(22)(34.5)^2] - 29.75/6 = 27.54$  in<sup>2</sup> (177.688 cm<sup>2</sup>). Try  $22 \times 1\frac{1}{4}$  in (558.8  $\times$  31.75 mm) plates with  $A_f = 27.5$  in<sup>2</sup> (177.43 cm<sup>2</sup>). The width-thickness ratio of projection =  $11/1.25 = 8.8 < 16$ . This is acceptable.  
Thus, the trial section will be one web plate  $68 \times 7/16$  in (1727  $\times$  11.11 mm); two flange plates  $22 \times 1\frac{1}{4}$  in (558.8  $\times$  31.75 mm).
4. **Test the adequacy of the trial section.** For this test, compute the maximum flexural and shearing stresses. Thus,  $I = (1/12)(0.438)(68)^3 + 2(27.5)(34.63)^2 = 77,440$  in<sup>3</sup> (1,269,241.6 cm<sup>3</sup>);  $f = Mc/I = 4053(12)(35.25)/77,440 = 22.1$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (152.38 MPa). This is acceptable. Also,  $v = 207/29.75 = 6.96 < 14.5$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (99.98 MPa). This is acceptable. Hence, the trial section is satisfactory.
5. **Determine the distance of the stiffeners from the girder ends.** Refer to Fig. 8d for the spacing of the intermediate stiffeners. Establish the length of the end panel  $AE$ . The *Specification* stipulates that the smaller dimension of the end panel shall not exceed  $11,000(0.438)/(6960)^{0.5} = 57.8 < 68$  in (1727.2 mm). Therefore, provide stiffeners at 56 in (1422.4 mm) from the ends.
6. **Ascertain whether additional intermediate stiffeners are required.** See whether stiffeners are required in the interval  $EB$  by applying the *Specification* criteria.  
Stiffeners are not required when  $h/t_w < 260$  and the shearing stress within the panel is below the value given by either of two equations in the *Specification*, whichever equation applies. Thus,  $EB = 396 - (56 + 96) = 244$  in (6197.6 mm);  $h/t_w = 68/0.438 = 155 < 260$ ; this is acceptable. Also,  $alh = 244/68 = 3.59$ .  
In lieu of solving either of the equations given in the *Specification*, enter the table of  $alh$ ,  $h/t_w$  values given in the *AISC Manual* to obtain the allowable shear stress. Thus, with  $alh > 3$  and  $h/t_w = 155$ ,  $v_{\text{allow}} = 3.45$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (23.787 MPa) from the table.  
At  $E$ ,  $V = 207 - 4.67(4) = 188$  kips (836.2 kN);  $v = 188/29.75 = 6.32$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (43.576 MPa)  $> 3.45$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (23.787 MPa); therefore, intermediate stiffeners are required in  $EB$ .
7. **Provide stiffeners and investigate the suitability of their tentative spacing.** Provide stiffeners at  $F$ , the center of  $EB$ . See whether this spacing satisfies the *Specification*. Thus,  $[260/(h/t_w)]^2 = (260/155)^2 = 2.81$ ;  $alh = 122/68 = 1.79 < 2.81$ . This is acceptable.  
Entering the table referred to in step 6 with  $alh = 1.79$  and  $h/t_w = 155$  shows  $v_{\text{allow}} = 7.85 > 6.32$ . This is acceptable.  
Before we conclude that the stiffener spacing is satisfactory, it is necessary to investigate the combined shearing and bending stress and the bearing stress in interval  $EB$ .
8. **Analyze the combination of shearing and bending stress.** This analysis should be made throughout  $EB$  in light of the *Specification* requirements. The net effect is to reduce the allowable bending moment whenever  $V > 0.6V_{\text{allow}}$ . Thus,  $V_{\text{allow}} = 7.85(29.75) = 234$  kips (1040.8 kN); and  $0.6(234) = 140$  kips (622.7 kN).

In Fig. 8b, locate the boundary section  $G$  where  $V = 140$  kips (622.7 kN). The allowable moment must be reduced to the left of  $G$ . Thus,  $AG = (207 - 140)/4 = 16.75$  ft (5.105 m);  $M_G = 2906$  ft-kips (3940.5 kN·m);  $M_E = 922$  ft-kips (1250.2 kN·m). At  $G$ ,  $M_{\text{allow}} = 4053$  ft-kips (5495.8 kN·m). At  $E$ ,  $f_{\text{allow}} = [0.825 - 0.375(188/234)](36) = 18.9$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (130.31 MPa);  $M_{\text{allow}} = 18.9(77,440)/[35.25(12)] = 3460$  ft-kips (4691.8 kN·m).

In Fig. 8c, plot points  $E'$  and  $G'$  to represent the allowable moments and connect these points with a straight line. In all instances,  $M < M_{\text{allow}}$ .

**9. Use an alternative procedure, if desired.** As an alternative procedure in step 8, establish the interval within which  $M > 0.75M_{\text{allow}}$  and reduce the allowable shear in accordance with the equation given in the *Specification*.

**10. Compare the bearing stress under the uniform load with the allowable stress.** The allowable stress given in the *Specification*  $f_{b,\text{allow}} = [5.5 + 4/(a/h)^2]10,000/(h/t_w)^2$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (MPa), or, for this girder,  $f_{b,\text{allow}} = (5.5 + 4/1.79^2)10,000/155^2 = 2.81$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (19.374 MPa). Then  $f_b = 4/[12(0.438)] = 0.76$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (5.240 MPa). This is acceptable. The stiffener spacing in interval  $EB$  is therefore satisfactory in all respects.

**11. Investigate the need for transverse stiffeners in the center interval.** Considering the interval  $BC$ ,  $V = 32$  kips (142.3 kN);  $v = 1.08$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (7.447 MPa);  $a/h = 192/68 = 2.82 \approx [260/(h/t_w)]^2$ .

The *Manual* table used in step 6 shows that  $v_{\text{allow}} > 1.08$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (7.447 MPa);  $f_{b,\text{allow}} = (5.5 + 4/2.82^2)10,000/155^2 = 2.49$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (17.169 MPa)  $> 0.76$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (5.240 MPa). This is acceptable. Since all requirements are satisfied, stiffeners are not needed in interval  $BC$ .

**12. Design the intermediate stiffeners in accordance with the Specification.** For the interval  $EB$ , the preceding calculations yield these values:  $v = 6.32$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (43.576 MPa);  $v_{\text{allow}} = 7.85$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (54.125 MPa). Enter the table mentioned in step 6 with  $a/h = 1.79$  and  $h/t_w = 155$  to obtain the percentage of web area, shown in italics in the table. Thus,  $A_{st}$  required  $= 0.0745(29.75)(6.32/7.85) = 1.78$  in<sup>2</sup> (11.485 cm<sup>2</sup>). Try two  $4 \times 1/4$  in (101.6  $\times$  6.35 mm) plates;  $A_{st} = 2.0$  in<sup>2</sup> (12.90 cm<sup>2</sup>); width-thickness ratio  $= 4/0.25 = 16$ . This is acceptable. Also,  $(h/50)^4 = (68/50)^4 = 3.42$  in<sup>4</sup> (142.351 cm<sup>4</sup>);  $I = (1/12)(0.25)(8.44)^3 = 12.52$  in<sup>4</sup> (521.121 cm<sup>4</sup>)  $> 3.42$  in<sup>4</sup> (142.351 cm<sup>4</sup>). This is acceptable.

The stiffeners must be in intimate contact with the compression flange, but they may terminate  $1\frac{3}{4}$  in (44.45 mm) from the tension flange. The connection of the stiffeners to the web must transmit the vertical shear specified in the *Specification*.

**13. Design the bearing stiffeners at the supports.**

Use the directions given in the *Specification*. The stiffeners are considered to act in conjunction with the tributary portion of the web to form a column section, as shown in Fig. 9. Thus, area of web  $= 5.25(0.438) = 2.30$  in<sup>2</sup> (14.839 cm<sup>2</sup>). Assume an allowable stress of 20 kips/in<sup>2</sup> (137.9 MPa). Then, plate area required  $= 207/20 - 2.30 = 8.05$  in<sup>2</sup> (51.938 cm<sup>2</sup>).

Try two plates  $10 \times 1/2$  in (254.0  $\times$  12.7 mm) and compute the column capacity of the section. Thus,  $A = 2(10)(0.5) + 2.30 = 12.30$  in<sup>2</sup> (79.359 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $I = (1/12)(0.5)(20.44)^3 = 356$  in<sup>4</sup> (1.4818 dm<sup>4</sup>);  $r = (356/12.30)^{0.5} = 5.38$  in (136.652 mm);  $L/r = 0.75(68)/5.38 = 9.5$ .

Enter the table of slenderness ratio and allowable stress in the *Manual* with the slenderness ratio of 9.5, and obtain an allowable stress of 21.2 kips/in<sup>2</sup> (146.17 MPa). Then  $f = 207/12.30 = 16.8$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (115.84 MPa)  $< 21.2$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (146.17 MPa). This is acceptable.

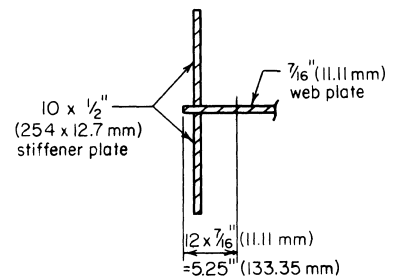


FIGURE 9 Effective column section.

Compute the bearing stress in the stiffeners. In computing the bearing area, assume that each stiffener will be clipped 1 in (25.4 mm) to clear the flange-to-web welding. Then  $f = 207/[2(9)(0.5)] = 23 \text{ kips/in}^2$  (158.6 MPa). The *Specification* provides an allowable stress of 33 kips/in<sup>2</sup> (227.5 MPa).

The  $10 \times \frac{1}{2}$  in (254.0)(12.7 mm) stiffeners at the supports are therefore satisfactory with respect to both column action and bearing.

## Steel Columns and Tension Members

The general remarks appearing at the opening of the previous part apply to this part as well.

A column is a compression member having a length that is very large in relation to its lateral dimensions. The *effective* length of a column is the distance between adjacent points of contraflexure in the buckled column or in the imaginary extension of the buckled column, as shown in Fig. 10. The column length is denoted by  $L$ , and the effective length by  $KL$ . Recommended design values of  $K$  are given in the *AISC Manual*.

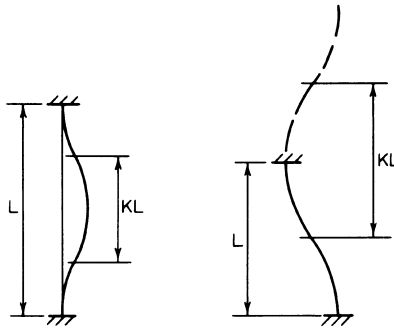


FIGURE 10 Effective column lengths.

The capacity of a column is a function of its effective length and the properties of its cross section. It therefore becomes necessary to formulate certain principles pertaining to the properties of an area.

Consider that the moment of inertia  $I$  of an area is evaluated with respect to a group of concurrent axes. There is a distinct value of  $I$  associated with each axis, as given by earlier equations in this section. The *major* axis is the one for which  $I$  is maximum; the *minor* axis is the one for which  $I$  is minimum. The major and minor axes are referred to collectively as the *principal* axes.

With reference to the equation given earlier, namely,  $I_{x''} = I_x \cos^2 \theta + I_y \sin^2 \theta - P_{x'y'} \sin 2\theta$ , the orientation of the principal axes relative to the given  $x'$  and  $y'$  axes is found by differentiating  $I_{x''}$  with respect to  $\theta$ , equating this derivative to zero, and solving for  $\theta$  to obtain  $\tan 2\theta = 2P_{x'y'}/(I_y - I_x)$ , Fig. 10.

The following statements are corollaries of this equation:

1. The principal axes through a given point are mutually perpendicular, since the two values of  $\theta$  that satisfy this equation differ by  $90^\circ$ .
2. The product of inertia of an area with respect to its principal axes is zero.
3. Conversely, if the product of inertia of an area with respect to two mutually perpendicular axes is zero, these are principal axes.
4. An axis of symmetry is a principal axis, for the product of inertia of the area with respect to this axis and one perpendicular thereto is zero.

Let  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  denote two areas, both of which have a radius of gyration  $r$  with respect to a given axis. The radius of gyration of their composite area is found in this manner:  $I_c = I_1 + I_2 = A_1 r^2 + A_2 r^2 = (A_1 + A_2)r^2$ . But  $A_1 + A_2 = A_c$ . Substituting gives  $I_c = A_w r^2$ ; therefore,  $r_c = r$ .

This result illustrates the following principle: If the radii of gyration of several areas with respect to a given axis are all equal, the radius of gyration of their composite area equals that of the individual areas.

The equation  $I_x = \Sigma I_0 + \Sigma Ak^2$ , when applied to a single area, becomes  $I_x = I_0 + Ak^2$ . Then  $Ar_x^2 = Ar_0^2 + Ak^2$ , or  $r_x = (r_0^2 + k^2)^{0.5}$ . If the radius of gyration with respect to a centroidal axis is known, the radius of gyration with respect to an axis parallel thereto may be readily evaluated by applying this relationship.

The Euler equation for the strength of a slender column reveals that the member tends to buckle about the minor centroidal axis of its cross section. Consequently, all column design equations, both those for slender members and those for intermediate-length members, relate the capacity of the column to its minimum radius of gyration. The first step in the investigation of a column, therefore, consists in identifying the minor centroidal axis and evaluating the corresponding radius of gyration.

## CAPACITY OF A BUILT-UP COLUMN

A compression member consists of two C15 × 40 channels laced together and spaced 10 in (254.0 mm) back to back with flanges outstanding, as shown in Fig. 11. What axial load may this member carry if its effective length is 22 ft (6.7 m)?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Record the properties of the individual channel.** Since  $x$  and  $y$  are axes of symmetry, they are the principal centroidal axes. However, it is not readily apparent which of these is the minor axis, and so it is necessary to calculate both  $r_x$  and  $r_y$ . The symbol  $r$ , without a subscript, is used to denote the *minimum* radius of gyration, in inches (centimeters).

Using the *AISC Manual*, we see that the channel properties are  $A = 11.70 \text{ in}^2$  (75.488  $\text{cm}^2$ );  $h = 0.78 \text{ in}$  (19.812 mm);  $r_1 = 5.44 \text{ in}$  (138.176 mm);  $r_2 = 0.89 \text{ in}$  (22.606 mm).

**2. Evaluate the minimum radius of gyration of the built-up section; determine the slenderness ratio.** Thus,  $r_x = 5.44 \text{ in}$  (138.176 mm);  $r_y = (r_2^2 + 5.78^2)^{0.5} > 5.78 \text{ in}$  (146.812 mm); therefore,  $r = 5.44 \text{ in}$  (138.176 mm);  $KL/r = 22(12)/5.44 = 48.5$ .

**3. Determine the allowable stress in the column.** Enter the *Manual* slenderness-ratio allowable-stress table with a slenderness ratio of 48.5 to obtain the allowable stress  $f = 18.48 \text{ kips/in}^2$  (127.420 MPa). Then the column capacity =  $P = Af = 2(11.70)(18.48) = 432 \text{ kips}$  (1921.5 kN).

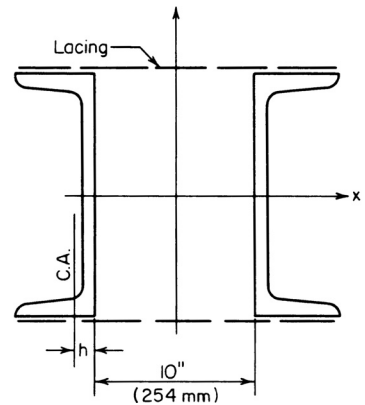


FIGURE 11 Built-up column.

## CAPACITY OF A DOUBLE-ANGLE STAR STRUT

A star strut is composed of two  $5 \times 5 \times \frac{3}{8}$  in (127.0 × 127.0 × 9.53 mm) angles intermittently connected by  $\frac{3}{8}$ -in (9.53-mm) batten plates in both directions. Determine the capacity of the member for an effective length of 12 ft (3.7 m).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Identify the minor axis.** Refer to Fig. 12a. Since  $p$  and  $q$  are axes of symmetry, they are the principal axes;  $p$  is manifestly the minor axis because the area lies closer to  $p$  than  $q$ .

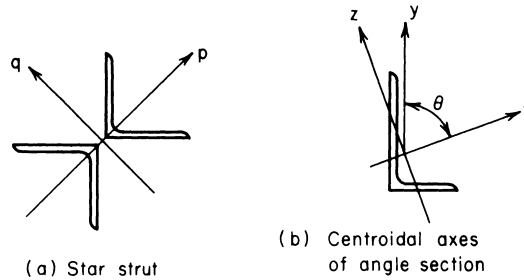


FIGURE 12

2. **Determine  $r_v^2$ .** Refer to Fig. 12b, where  $v$  is the major and  $z$  the minor axis of the angle section. Apply  $I_{x'} = I_x \cos^2 \theta + I_y \sin^2 \theta - P_{xy'} \sin 2\theta$ , and set  $P_{vz} = 0$  to get  $r_v^2 = r_y^2 \cos^2 \theta + r_x^2 \sin^2 \theta$ ; therefore,  $r_y^2 \sec^2 \theta - r_x^2 \tan^2 \theta$ . For an equal-leg angle,  $\theta = 45^\circ$ , and this equation reduces to  $r_v^2 = 2r_y^2 - r_z^2$ .

3. **Record the member area and computer  $r_v$ .** From the *Manual*,  $A = 3.61 \text{ in}^2$  (23.291  $\text{cm}^2$ );  $r_y = 1.56 \text{ in}$  (39.624 mm);  $r_z = 0.99 \text{ in}$  (25.146 mm);  $r_v = (2 \times 1.56^2 - 0.99^2)^{0.5} = 1.97 \text{ in}$  (50.038 mm).

4. **Determine the minimum radius of gyration of the built-up section; compute the strut capacity.** Thus,  $r = r_p = 1.97 \text{ in}$  (50.038 mm);  $KL/r = 12(12)/1.97 = 73$ . From the *Manual*,  $f = 16.12 \text{ kips/in}^2$  (766.361 MPa). Then  $P = Af = 2(3.61)(16.12) = 116 \text{ kips}$  (515.97 kN).

## SECTION SELECTION FOR A COLUMN WITH TWO EFFECTIVE LENGTHS

A 30-ft (9.2-m) long column is to carry a 200-kip (889.6-kN) load. The column will be braced about both principal axes at top and bottom and braced about its minor axis at midheight. Architectural details restrict the member to a nominal depth of 8 in (203.2 mm). Select a section of A242 steel by consulting the allowable-load tables in the *AISC Manual* and then verify the design.

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Select a column section.** Refer to Fig. 13. The effective length with respect to the minor axis may be taken as 15 ft (4.6 m). Then  $K_x L = 30 \text{ ft}$  (9.2 m) and  $K_y L = 15 \text{ ft}$  (4.6 m).

The allowable column loads recorded in the *Manual* tables are calculated on the premise that the column tends to buckle about the minor axis. In the present instance, however, this premise is not necessarily valid. It is expedient for design purposes to conceive of a uniform-strength column, i.e., one for which  $K_x$  and  $K_y$  bear the same ratio as  $r_x$  and  $r_y$ , thereby endowing the column with an identical slenderness ratio with respect to the two principal axes.

Select a column section on the basis of the  $K_y L$  value; record the value of  $r_x/r_y$  of this section. Using linear interpolation in the *Manual* table shows that a  $W8 \times 40$  column has a capacity of 200 kips (889.6 kN) when  $K_y L = 15.3 \text{ ft}$  (4.66 m); at the bottom of the table it is found that  $r_x/r_y = 1.73$ .

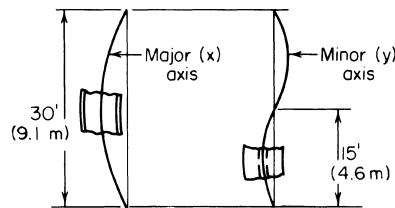


FIGURE 13

2. **Compute the value of  $K_xL$  associated with a uniform-strength column and compare this with the actual value.** Thus,  $K_xL = 1.73(15.3) = 26.5$  ft (8.1 m) < 30 ft (9.2 m). The section is therefore inadequate.

3. **Try a specific column section of larger size.** Trying  $W8 \times 48$ , the capacity = 200 kips (889.6 kN) when  $K_yL = 17.7$  ft (5.39 m). For uniform strength,  $K_xL = 1.74(17.7) = 30.8 > 30$  ft (9.39 m > 9.2 m). The  $W8 \times 48$  therefore appears to be satisfactory.

4. **Verify the design.** To verify the design, record the properties of this section and compute the slenderness ratios. For this grade of steel and thickness of member, the yield-point stress is 50 kips/in<sup>2</sup> (344.8 MPa), as given in the *Manual*. Thus,  $A = 14.11$  in<sup>2</sup> (91038 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $r_x = 3.61$  in (91.694 mm);  $r_y = 2.08$  in (52.832 mm). Then  $K_xL/r_x = 30(12)/3.61 = 100$ ;  $K_yL/r_y = 15(12)/2.08 = 87$ .

5. **Determine the allowable stress and member capacity.** From the *Manual*,  $f = 14.71$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (101.425 MPa) with a slenderness ratio of 100. Then  $P = 14.11(14.71) = 208$  kips (925.2 kN). Therefore, use  $W8 \times 48$  because the capacity of the column exceeds the intended load.

## STRESS IN COLUMN WITH PARTIAL RESTRAINT AGAINST ROTATION

The beams shown in Fig. 14a are rigidly connected to a  $W14 \times 95$  column of 28-ft (8.5-m) height that is pinned at its foundation. The column is held at its upper end by cross bracing lying in a plane normal to the web. Compute the allowable axial stress in the column in the absence of bending stress.

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Draw schematic diagrams to indicate the restraint conditions.** Show these conditions in Fig. 14b. The cross bracing prevents sidesway at the top solely with respect to the minor axis, and the rigid beam-to-column connections afford partial fixity with respect to the major axis.

2. **Record the  $I_x$  values of the column and beams**

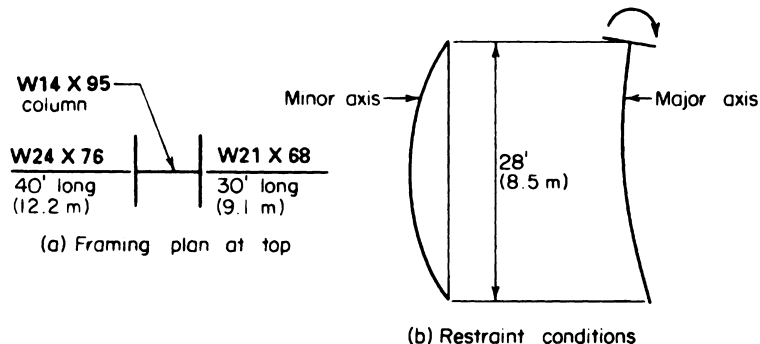


FIGURE 14

Section	$I_x$	
	in <sup>4</sup>	cm <sup>4</sup>
W14 × 95	1064	44,287
W24 × 76	2096	87,242
W21 × 68	1478	61,519

3. Calculate the rigidity of the column relative to that of the restraining members at top and bottom. Thus,  $I_c/L_c = 1064/28 = 38$ . At the top,  $\Sigma(I_g/L_g) = 2096/40 + 1478/30 = 101.7$ . At the top, the rigidity  $G_t = 38/101.7 = 0.37$ .

In accordance with the instructions in the *Manual*, set the rigidity at the bottom  $G_b = 10$ .

4. Determine the value of  $K_x$ . Using the *Manual* alignment chart, determine that  $K_x = 1.77$ .

5. Compute the slenderness ratio with respect to both principal axes and find the allowable stress. Thus,  $K_x L/r_x = 1.77(28)(12)/6.17 = 96.4$ ;  $K_y L/r_y = 28(12)/3.71 = 90.6$ .

Using the larger value of the slenderness ratio, find from the *Manual* the allowable axial stress in the absence of bending =  $f = 13.43$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (92.600 MPa).

### LACING OF BUILT-UP COLUMN

Design the lacing bars and end tie plates of the member in Fig. 15. The lacing bars will be connected to the channel flanges with 1/2-in (12.7-mm) rivets.

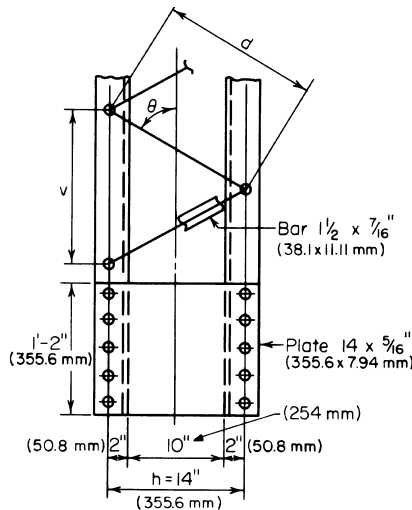


FIGURE 15 Lacing and tie plates.

compute the transverse shear, assume that the column will be loaded to its capacity of 432 kips (1921.5 N).

Then force per bar =  $1/2 (0.02)(432) \times (16.1/14) = 5.0$  kips (22.24 N). Also,  $L/r \leq 140$ ; therefore,  $r = 16.1/140 = 0.115$  in (2.9210 mm).

### Calculation Procedure

1. Establish the dimensions of the lacing system to conform to the AISC Specification. The function of the lacing bars and tie plates is to preserve the integrity of the column and to prevent local failure.

Refer to Fig. 15. The standard gage in 15-in (381.0-mm) channel = 2 in (50.8 mm), from the *AISC Manual*. Then  $h = 14 < 15$  in (381.0 mm); therefore, use single lacing.

Try  $\theta = 60^\circ$ ; then  $v = 2(14) \cot 60^\circ = 16.16$  in (410.5 mm). Set  $v = 16$  in (406.4 mm); therefore,  $d = 16.1$  in (408.94 mm). For the built-up section,  $KL/r = 48.5$ ; for the single channel,  $KL/r = 16/0.89 < 48.5$ . This is acceptable. The spacing of the bars is therefore satisfactory.

2. Design the lacing bars. The lacing system must be capable of transmitting an assumed transverse shear equal to 2 percent of the axial load; this shear is carried by two bars, one on each side. A lacing bar is classified as a secondary member. To

For a rectangular section of thickness  $t$ ,  $r = 0.289t$ . Then  $t = 0.115/0.289 = 0.40$  in (10.160 mm). Set  $t = 7/16$  in (11.11 mm);  $r = 0.127$  in (3.226 mm);  $L/r = 16.1/0.127 = 127$ ;  $f = 9.59$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (66.123 MPa);  $A = 5.0/9.59 = 0.52$  in<sup>2</sup> (3.355 cm<sup>2</sup>). From the *Manual*, the minimum width required for  $1/2$ -in (12.7 mm) rivets =  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in (38.1 mm). Therefore, use a flat bar  $1\frac{1}{2} \times 7/16$  in (38.1  $\times$  11.11 mm);  $A = 0.66$  in<sup>2</sup> (4.258 cm<sup>2</sup>).

**3. Design the end tie plates in accordance with the Specification.** The minimum length = 14 in (355.6 mm);  $t = 14/50 = 0.28$ . Therefore, use plates  $14 \times 5/16$  in (355.6  $\times$  7.94 mm). The rivet pitch is limited to six diameters, or 3 in (76.2 mm).

## SELECTION OF A COLUMN WITH A LOAD AT AN INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

A column of 30-ft (9.2-m) length carries a load of 130 kips (578.2 kN) applied at the top and a load of 56 kips (249.1 kN) applied to the web at midheight. Select an 8-in (203.2-mm) column of A242 steel, using  $K_x L = 30$  ft (9.2 m) and  $K_y L = 15$  ft (4.6 m).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the effective length of the column with respect to the major axis.** The following procedure affords a rational method of designing a column subjected to a load applied at the top and another load applied approximately at the center. Let  $m$  = load at intermediate level, kips per total load, kips (kilonewtons). Replace the factor  $K$  with a factor  $K'$  defined by  $K' = K(1 - m/2)^{0.5}$ . Thus, for this column,  $m = 56/186 = 0.30$ . And  $K'_x L = 30(1 - 0.15)^{0.5} = 27.6$  ft (8.41 m).

**2. Select a trial section on the basis of the  $K_y L$  value.** From the *AISC Manual* for a  $W8 \times 40$ , capacity = 186 kips (827.3 kN) when  $K_y L = 16.2$  ft (4.94 m) and  $r_x/r_y = 1.73$ .

**3. Determine whether the selected section is acceptable.** Compute the value of  $K_x L$  associated with a uniform-strength column, and compare this with the actual effective length. Thus,  $K_x L = 1.73(16.2) = 28.0 > 27.6$  ft (8.41 m). Therefore, the  $W8 \times 40$  is acceptable.

## DESIGN OF AN AXIAL MEMBER FOR FATIGUE

A web member in a welded truss will sustain precipitous fluctuations of stress caused by moving loads. The structure will carry three load systems having the following characteristics:

System	Force induced in member, kips (kN)		No. of times applied
	Maximum compression	Maximum tension	
A	46 (204.6)	18 (80.1)	60,000
B	40 (177.9)	9 (40.0)	1,000,000
C	32 (142.3)	8 (35.6)	2,500,000

The effective length of the member is 11 ft (3.4 m). Design a double-angle member.



## Calculation Procedure

**1. Calculate the design load for each system and indicate the yield-point stress on which the allowable stress is based.** The design of members subjected to a repeated variation of stress is regulated by the AISC *Specification*. For each system, calculate the design load and indicate the yield-point stress on which the allowable stress is based. Where the allowable stress is less than that normally permitted, increase the design load proportionately to compensate for this reduction. Let + denote tension and – denote compression. Then

System	Design load, kips (kN)	Yield-point stress, kips/in <sup>2</sup> (MPa)
A	$-46 - \frac{2}{3}(18) = -58$ (-257.9)	36 (248.2)
B	$-40 - \frac{2}{3}(9) = -46$ (-204.6)	33 (227.5)
C	$1.5(-32 - \frac{3}{4} \times 8) = -57$ (-253.5)	33 (227.5)

**2. Select a member for system A and determine if it is adequate for system C.** From the AISC *Manual*, try two angles  $4 \times 3\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{8}$  in ( $101.6 \times 88.90 \times 9.53$  mm), with long legs back to back; the capacity is 65 kips (289.1 kN). Then  $A = 5.34$  in<sup>2</sup> (34.453 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $r_x = 1.25$  in (31.750 mm);  $KL/r = 11(12)/1.25 = 105.6$ .

From the *Manual*, for a yield-point stress of 33 kips/in<sup>2</sup> (227.5 MPa),  $f = 11.76$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (81.085 MPa). Then the capacity  $P = 5.34(11.76) = 62.8$  kips (279.3 kN) > 57 kips (253.5 kN). This is acceptable. Therefore, use two angles  $4 \times 3\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{8}$  in ( $101.6 \times 88.90 \times 9.53$  mm), long legs back to back.

## INVESTIGATION OF A BEAM COLUMN

A W12 × 53 column with an effective length of 20 ft (6.1 m) is to carry an axial load of 160 kips (711.7 kN) and the end moments indicated in Fig. 16. The member will be secured against sidesway in both directions. Is the section adequate?

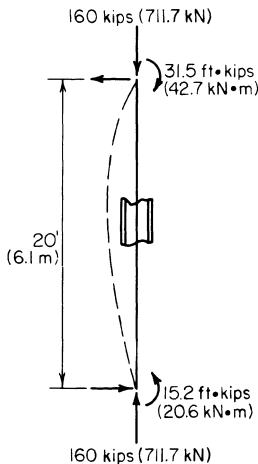


FIGURE 16 Beam column.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Record the properties of the section.** The simultaneous set of values of axial stress and bending stress must satisfy the inequalities set forth in the AISC *Specification*.

The properties of the section are  $A = 15.59$  in<sup>2</sup> (100.586 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $S_x = 70.7$  in<sup>3</sup> (1158.77 cm<sup>3</sup>);  $r_x = 5.23$  in (132.842 mm);  $r_y = 2.48$  in (62.992 mm). Also, from the *Manual*,  $L_c = 10.8$  ft (3.29 m);  $L_u = 21.7$  ft (6.61 m).

**2. Determine the stresses listed below.** The stresses that must be determined are the axial stress  $f_a$ ; the bending stress  $f_b$ ; the axial stress  $F_a$ , which would be permitted in the absence of bending; and the bending stress  $F_b$ , which would be permitted in the absence of axial load. Thus,  $f_a = 160/15.59 = 10.26$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (70.742 MPa);  $f_b = 31.5(12)/70.7 = 5.35$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (36.888 MPa);  $KL/r = 240/2.48 = 96.8$ ; therefore,  $F_a = 13.38$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (92.255 MPa);  $L_u < KL < L_c$ ; therefore,  $F_b = 22$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (151.7 MPa). (Although this consideration is irrelevant in the present instance, note that the *Specification*

establishes two maximum  $d/t$  ratios for a compact section. One applies to a beam, the other to a beam column.)

**3. Calculate the moment coefficient  $C_m$ .** Since the algebraic sign of the bending moment remains unchanged,  $M_1/M_2$  is positive. Thus,  $C_m = 0.6 + 0.4(15.2/31.5) = 0.793$ .

**4. Apply the appropriate criteria to test the adequacy of the section.** Thus,  $f_a/F_a = 10.26/13.38 = 0.767 > 0.15$ . The following requirements therefore apply:  $f_a/F_a + [C_m/(1 - f_a/F'_e)](f_b/F_b) \leq 1$ ;  $f_a/(0.6f_y) + f_b/F_b \leq 1$  where  $F'_e = 149,000/(KL/r)^2$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> and  $KL$  and  $r$  are evaluated with respect to the plane of bending.

Evaluating gives  $F'_e = 149,000(5.23)^2/240^2 = 70.76$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (487.890 MPa);  $f_a/F'_e = 10.26/70.76 = 0.145$ . Substituting in the first requirements equation yields  $0.767 + (0.793/0.855)(5.35/22) = 0.993$ . This is acceptable. Substituting in the second requirements equation, we find  $10.26/22 + 5.35/22 = 0.709$ . This section is therefore satisfactory.

## APPLICATION OF BEAM-COLUMN FACTORS

For the previous calculation procedure, investigate the adequacy of the W12  $\times$  53 section by applying the values of the beam-column factors  $B$  and  $a$  given in the AISC *Manual*.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Record the basic values of the previous calculation procedure.** The beam-column factors were devised in an effort to reduce the labor entailed in analyzing a given member as a beam column when  $f_a/F_a > 0.15$ . They are defined by  $B = A/S$  per inch (decimeter);  $a = 0.149 \times 10^6 I$  in<sup>4</sup> (6201.9I dm<sup>4</sup>).

Let  $P$  denote the applied axial load and  $P_{\text{allow}}$  the axial load that would be permitted in the absence of bending. The equations given in the previous procedure may be transformed to  $P + BMC_m(F_a/F_b)a/[a - P(KL)^2] \leq P_{\text{allow}}$ , and  $PF_a/(0.6f_y) + BMF_a/F_b \leq P_{\text{allow}}$ , where  $KL$ ,  $B$ , and  $a$  are evaluated with respect to the plane of bending.

The basic values of the previous procedure are  $P = 160$  kips (711.7 kN);  $M = 31.5$  ft-kips (42.71 kN-m);  $F_b = 22$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (151.7 MPa);  $C_m = 0.793$ .

**2. Obtain the properties of the section.** From the *Manual* for a W12  $\times$  53,  $A = 15.59$  in<sup>2</sup> (100.587 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $B_x = 0.221$  per inch (8.70 per meter);  $a_x = 63.5 \times 10^6$  in<sup>4</sup> ( $264.31 \times 10^3$  dm<sup>4</sup>). Then when  $KL = 20$  ft (6.1 m),  $P_{\text{allow}} = 209$  kips (929.6 kN).

**3. Substitute in the first transformed equation.** Thus,  $F_a = P_{\text{allow}}/A = 209/15.59 = 13.41$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (92.461 MPa),  $P(KL)^2 = 160(240)^2 = 9.22 \times 10^6$  kip-in<sup>2</sup> ( $2.648 \times 10^4$  kN-m<sup>2</sup>), and  $a_x/[a_x - P(KL)^2] = 63.5/(63.5 - 9.22) = 1.17$ ; then  $160 + 0.221(31.5)(12)(0.793)(13.41/22)(1.17) = 207 < 209$  kips (929.6 kN). This is acceptable.

**4. Substitute in the second transformed equation.** Thus,  $160(13.41/22) + 0.221(31.5)(12)(13.41/22) = 148 < 209$  kips (929.6 kN). This is acceptable. The W12  $\times$  53 section is therefore satisfactory.

## NET SECTION OF A TENSION MEMBER

The  $7 \times \frac{1}{4}$  in (177.8  $\times$  6.35 mm) plate in Fig. 17 carries a tensile force of 18,000 lb (80,064.0 N) and is connected to its support with three  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in (19.05-mm) rivets in the manner shown. Compute the maximum tensile stress in the member.

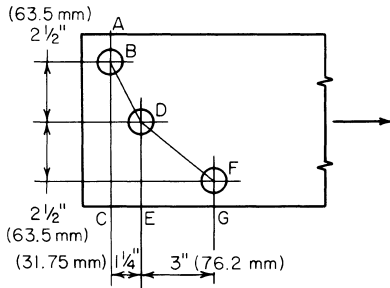


FIGURE 17

**Calculation Procedure**

1. *Compute the net width of the member at each section of potential rupture.* The AISC Specification prescribes the manner of calculating the net section of a tension member. The effective diameter of the holes is considered to be 1/8 in (3.18 mm) greater than that of the rivets.

After computing the net width of each section, select the minimum value as the effective width. The Specification imposes an upper limit of 85 percent of the gross width.

Refer to Fig. 17. From B to D,  $s = 1.25$  in (31.750 mm),  $g = 2.5$  in (63.50 mm); from D to F,  $s = 3$  in (76.2 mm),  $g = 2.5$  in (63.50 mm);  $w_{AC} = 7 - 0.875 = 6.12$  in (155.45 mm);  $w_{ABDE} = 7 - 2(0.875) + 1.25^2/[4(2.5)] = 5.41$  in (137.414 mm);  $w_{ABDFG} = 7 - 3(0.875) + 1.25^2/(4 \times 2.5) + 3^2/(4 \times 2.5) = 5.43$  in (137.922 mm);  $w_{max} = 0.85(7) = 5.95$  in (151.13 mm). Selecting the lowest value gives  $w_{eff} = 5.41$  in (137.414 mm).

2. *Compute the tensile stress on the effective net section.* Thus,  $f = 18,000/[5.41(0.25)] = 13,300$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (91,703.5 kPa).

**DESIGN OF A DOUBLE-ANGLE TENSION MEMBER**

The bottom chord of a roof truss sustains a tensile force of 141 kps (627.2 kN). The member will be spliced with 3/4-in (19.05-mm) rivets as shown in Fig. 18a. Design a double-angle member and specify the minimum rivet pitch.

**Calculation Procedure**

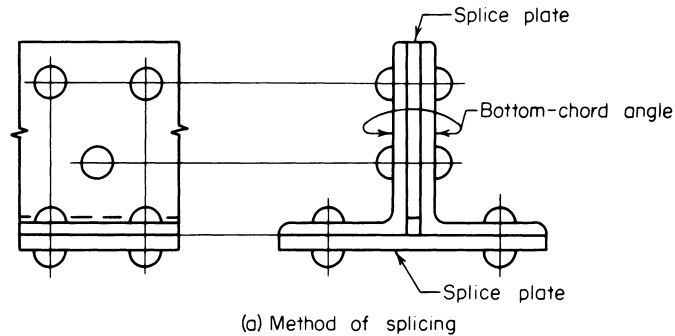
1. *Show one angle in its developed form.* Cut the outstanding leg and position it to be coplanar with the other one, as in Fig. 18b. The gross width of the angle  $w_g$  is the width of the equivalent plate thus formed; it equals the sum of the legs of the angle less the thickness.

2. *Determine the gross width in terms of the thickness.* Assume tentatively that 2.5 rivet holes will be deducted to arrive at the net width. Express  $w_g$  in terms of the thickness  $t$  of each angle. Then net area required =  $141/22 = 6.40$  in<sup>2</sup> (41.292 cm<sup>2</sup>); also,  $2t(w_g - 2.5 \times 0.875) = 6.40$ ;  $w_g = 3.20/t + 2.19$ .

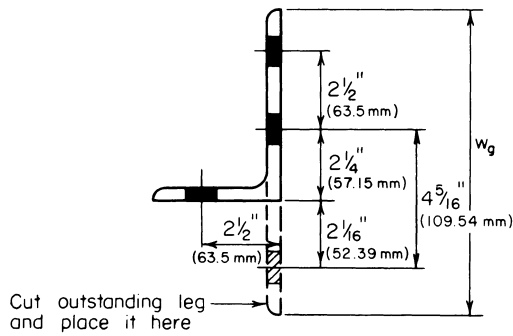
3. *Assign trial thickness values and determine the gross width.* Construct a tabulation of the computed values. Then select the most economical size of member. Thus,

$t$ , in (mm)	$w_g$ , in (mm)	$w_g + t$ , in (mm)	Available size, in (mm)	Area, in <sup>2</sup> (cm <sup>2</sup> ) (cm <sup>2</sup> )
1/2 (12.7)	8.59 (218.186)	9.09 (230.886)	6 × 3 1/2 × 1/2 (152.4 × 88.9 × 12.7)	4.50 (29.034)
7/16 (11.11)	9.50 (241.300)	9.94 (252.476)	6 × 4 × 7/16 (152.4 × 101.6 × 11.11)	4.18 (26.969)
3/8 (9.53)	10.72 (272.228)	11.10 (281.940)	None	

The most economical member is the one with the least area. Therefore, use two angles 6 × 4 × 7/16 in (152.4 × 101.6 × 11.11 mm).



(a) Method of splicing



(b) Development of angle for net section

**FIGURE 18**

**4. Record the standard gages.** Refer to the *Manual* for the standard gages and record the values shown in Fig. 18b.

**5. Establish the rivet pitch.** Find the minimum value of  $s$  to establish the rivet pitch. Thus, net width required =  $\frac{1}{2}[6.40/(7/16)] = 7.31$  in (185.674 mm); gross width =  $6 + 4 - 0.44 = 9.56$  in (242.824 mm). Then  $9.56 - 3(0.875) + s^2/(4 \times 2.5) + s^2/(4 \times 4.31) = 7.31$ ;  $s = 1.55$  in (39.370 mm).

For convenience, use the standard pitch of 3 in (76.2 mm). This results in a net width of 7.29 in (185.166 mm); the deficiency is negligible.

## Plastic Design of Steel Structures

Consider that a structure is subjected to a gradually increasing load until it collapses. When the yield-point stress first appears, the structure is said to be in a state of *initial yielding*. The load that exists when failure impends is termed the *ultimate load*.

In elastic design, a structure has been loaded to capacity when it attains initial yielding, on the theory that plastic deformation would annul the utility of the structure. In plastic design, on the other hand, it is recognized that a structure may be loaded beyond initial yielding if:

1. The tendency of the fiber at the yield-point stress toward plastic deformation is resisted by the adjacent fibers.
2. Those parts of the structure that remain in the elastic-stress range are capable of supporting this incremental load.

The ultimate load is reached when these conditions cease to exist and thus the structure collapses.

Thus, elastic design is concerned with an allowable *stress*, which equals the yield-point stress divided by an appropriate factor of safety. In contrast, plastic design is concerned with an allowable *load*, which equals the ultimate load divided by an appropriate factor called the *load factor*. In reality, however, the distinction between elastic and plastic design has become rather blurred because specifications that ostensibly pertain to elastic design make covert concessions to plastic behavior. Several of these are underscored in the calculation procedures that follow.

In the plastic analysis of flexural members, the following simplifying assumptions are made:

1. As the applied load is gradually increased, a state is eventually reached at which all fibers at the section of maximum moment are stressed to the yield-point stress, in either tension or compression. The section is then said to be in a state of *plastification*.
2. While plastification is proceeding at one section, the adjacent sections retain their linear-stress distribution.

Although the foregoing assumptions are fallacious, they introduce no appreciable error.

When plastification is achieved at a given section, no additional bending stress may be induced in any of its fibers, and the section is thus rendered impotent to resist any incremental bending moment. As loading continues, the beam behaves as if it had been constructed with a hinge at the given section. Consequently, the beam is said to have developed a *plastic hinge* (in contradistinction to a true hinge) at the plastified section.

The *yield moment*  $M_y$  of a beam section is the bending moment associated with initial yielding. The plastic moment  $M_p$  is the bending moment associated with plastification.

The *plastic modulus*  $Z$  of a beam section, which is analogous to the section modulus used in elastic design, is defined by  $Z = M_p/f_y$ , where  $f_y$  denotes the yield-point stress. The *shape factor*  $SF$  is the ratio of  $M_p$  to  $M_y$ , being so named because its value depends on the shape of the section. Then  $SF = M_p/M_y = f_y Z/(f_y S) = Z/S$ .

In the following calculation procedures, it is understood that the members are made of A36 steel.

## ALLOWABLE LOAD ON BAR SUPPORTED BY RODS

A load is applied to a rigid bar that is symmetrically supported by three steel rods as shown in Fig. 19. The cross-sectional areas of the rods are: rods A and C, 1.2 in<sup>2</sup> (7.74 cm<sup>2</sup>); rod B, 1.0 in<sup>2</sup> (6.45 cm<sup>2</sup>).

Determine the maximum load that may be applied, (a) using elastic design with an allowable stress of 22,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (151,690.0 kPa); (b) using plastic design with a load factor of 1.85.

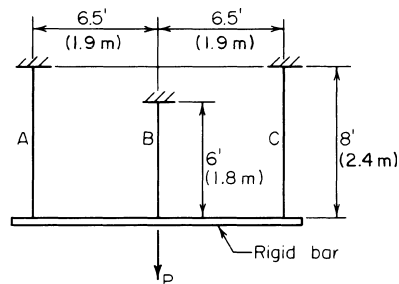


FIGURE 19

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Express the relationships among the tensile stresses in the rods.** The symmetric disposition causes the bar to deflect vertically without rotating, thereby elongating the three rods by the same amount. As the first method of solving this problem, assume that the load is gradually increased from zero to its allowable value.

Expressing the relationships among the tensile stresses, we have  $\Delta L = s_A L_A / E = s_B L_B / E = s_C L_C / E$ ; therefore,  $s_A = s_C$ , and  $s_A = s_B L_B / L_A = 0.75 s_B$  for this arrangement of rods. Since  $s_B$  is the maximum stress, the allowable stress first appears in rod B.

**2. Evaluate the stresses at the instant the load attains its allowable value.** Calculate the load carried by each rod and sum these loads to find  $P_{\text{allow}}$ . Thus,  $s_B = 22,000 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (151,690.0 kPa);  $s_B = 0.75(22,000) = 16,500 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (113,767.5 kPa);  $P_A = P_C = 16,500(1.2) = 19,800 \text{ lb}$  (88,070.4 N);  $P_B = 22,000(1.0) = 22,000 \text{ lb}$  (97,856.0 N);  $P_{\text{allow}} = 2(19,800) + 22,000 = 61,600 \text{ lb}$  (273,996.8 N).

Next, consider that the load is gradually increased from zero to its ultimate value. When rod B attains its yield-point stress, its tendency to deform plastically is inhibited by rods A and C because the rigidity of the bar constrains the three rods to elongate uniformly. The structure therefore remains stable as the load is increased beyond the elastic range until rods A and C also attain their yield-point stress.

**3. Find the ultimate load.** To find the ultimate load  $P_u$ , equate the stress in each rod to  $f_y$ , calculate the load carried by each rod, and sum these loads to find the ultimate load  $P_u$ . Thus,  $P_A = P_C = 36,000(1.2) = 43,200 \text{ lb}$  (192,153.6 N);  $P_B = 36,000(1.0) = 36,000 \text{ lb}$  (160,128.0 N);  $P_u = 2(43,200) + 36,000 = 122,400 \text{ lb}$  (544,435.2 N).

**4. Apply the load factor to establish the allowable load.** Thus,  $P_{\text{allow}} = P_u / \text{LF} = 122,400 / 1.85 = 66,200 \text{ lb}$  (294,457.6 N).

## DETERMINATION OF SECTION SHAPE FACTORS

Without applying the equations and numerical values of the plastic modulus given in the AISC *Manual*, determine the shape factor associated with a rectangle, a circle, and a W16  $\times$  40. Explain why the circle has the highest and the W section the lowest factor of the three.

### Calculation Procedure

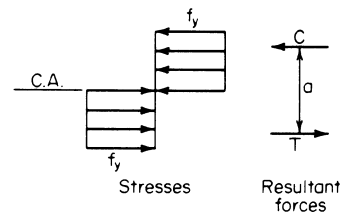
**1. Calculate  $M_y$  for each section.** Use the equation  $M_y = S f_y$  for each section. Thus, for a rectangle,  $M_y = b d^2 f_y / 6$ . For a circle, using the properties of a circle as given in the *Manual*, we find  $M_y = \pi d^3 f_y / 32$ . For a W16  $\times$  40,  $A = 11.77 \text{ in}^2$  (75.940  $\text{cm}^2$ ),  $S = 64.4 \text{ in}^3$  (1055.52  $\text{cm}^3$ ), and  $M_y = 64.4 f_y$ .

**2. Compute the resultant forces associated with plastification.** In Fig. 20, the resultant forces are C and T. Once these forces are known, their action lines and  $M_p$  should be computed.

Thus, for a rectangle,  $C = b d f_y / 2$ ,  $a = d / 2$ , and  $M_p = a C = b d^2 f_y / 4$ . For a circle,  $C = \pi d^2 f_y / 8$ ,  $a = 4d(3\pi)$ , and  $M_p = a C = d^3 f_y / 6$ . For a W16  $\times$  40,  $C = 1/2(11.77 \text{ in}^2) = 5.885 f_y$ .

To locate the action lines, refer to the *Manual* and note the position of the centroidal axis of the WT8  $\times$  20 section, i.e., a section half the size of that being considered. Thus,  $a = 2(8.00 - 1.82) = 12.36 \text{ in}$  (313.944 mm);  $M_p = a C = 12.36(5.885 f_y) = 72.7 f_y$ .

**3. Divide  $M_p$  by  $M_y$  to obtain the shape factor.** For a rectangle,  $\text{SF} = (b d^2 / 4) / (b d^2 / 6) = 1.50$ . For a circle,  $\text{SF} = (d^3 / 6) / (\pi d^3 / 32) = 1.70$ . For a WT16  $\times$  40,  $\text{SF} = 72.7 / 64.4 = 1.13$ .



**FIGURE 20** Conditions at section of plastification.

**4. Explain the relative values of the shape factor.** To explain the relative values of the shape factor, express the resisting moment contributed by a given fiber at plastification and at initial yielding, and compare the results. Let  $dA$  denote the area of the given fiber and  $y$  its distance from the neutral axis. At plastification,  $dM_p = f_y y dA$ . At initial yielding,  $f = f_y y/c$ ;  $dM_y = f_y y^2 dA/c$ ;  $dM_p/dM_y = c/y$ .

By comparing a circle and a hypothetical W section having the same area and depth, the circle is found to have a larger shape factor because of its relatively low values of  $y$ .

As this analysis demonstrates, the process of plastification mitigates the detriment that accrues from placing any area near the neutral axis, since the stress at plastification is independent of the position of the fiber. Consequently, a section that is relatively inefficient with respect to flexure has a relatively high shape factor. The AISC *Specification* for elastic design implicitly recognizes the value of the shape factor by assigning an allowable bending stress of  $0.75f_y$  to rectangular bearing plates and  $0.90f_y$  to pins.

### DETERMINATION OF ULTIMATE LOAD BY THE STATIC METHOD

The W18 × 45 beam in Fig. 21a is simply supported at A and fixed at C. Disregarding the beam weight, calculate the ultimate load that may be applied at B (*a*) by analyzing the behavior of the beam during its two phases; (*b*) by analyzing the bending moments that exist at impending collapse. (The first part of the solution illustrates the post-elastic behavior of the member.)

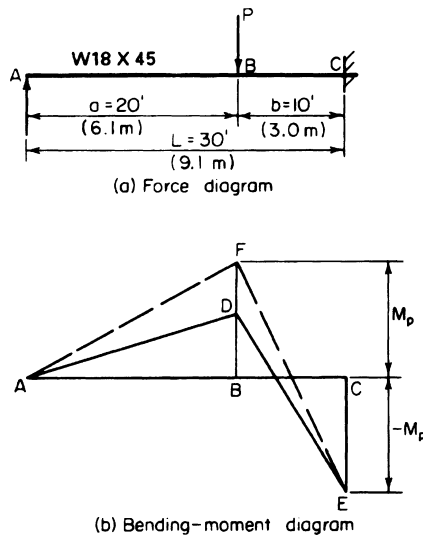


FIGURE 21

#### Calculation Procedure

**1. Calculate the ultimate-moment capacity of the member.** Part *a*: As the load is gradually increased from zero to its ultimate value, the beam passes through two phases. During phase 1, the *elastic phase*, the member is restrained against rotation at C. This phase terminates when a plastic hinge forms at that end. During phase 2—the *postelastic*, or *plastic*, phase—the member functions as a simply supported beam. This phase terminates when a plastic hinge forms at B, since the member then becomes unstable.

Using data from the AISC *Manual*, we have  $Z = 89.6 \text{ in}^3$  ( $1468.54 \text{ cm}^3$ ). Then  $M_p = f_y Z = 36(89.6)/12 = 268.8 \text{ ft-kips}$  ( $364.49 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}$ ).

**2. Calculate the moment BD.** Let  $P_1$  denote the applied load at completion of phase 1. In Fig. 21b, construct the bending-moment diagram ADEC corresponding to this load. Evaluate  $P_1$  by applying the equations for case 14 in the AISC *Manual*. Calculate the moment BD. Thus,  $CE = -ab(a + L)P_1/(2L^2) = -20(10)(50)P_1/[2(900)] = -268.8$ ;  $P_1 = 48.38 \text{ kips}$  ( $215.194 \text{ kN}$ );  $BD = ab^2(a + 2L)P_1/(2L^2) = 20(100)(80)(48.38)/[2(27,000)] = 143.3 \text{ ft-kips}$  ( $194.31 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}$ ).

**3. Determine the incremental load at completion of phase 2.** Let  $P_2$  denote the incremental applied load at completion of phase 2, i.e., the actual load on the beam minus  $P_1$ . In Fig. 21b, construct the

bending-moment diagram  $AFEC$  that exists when phase 2 terminates. Evaluate  $P_2$  by considering the beam as simply supported. Thus,  $BF = 268.8$  ft-kips (364.49 kN·m);  $DF = 268.8 - 143.3 = 125.5$  ft-kips (170.18 kN·m); but  $DF = abP_2/L = 20(10)P_2/30 = 125.5$ ;  $P_2 = 18.82$  kips (83.711 kN).

4. **Sum the results to obtain the ultimate load.** Thus,  $P_u = 48.38 + 18.82 = 67.20$  kips (298.906 kN).

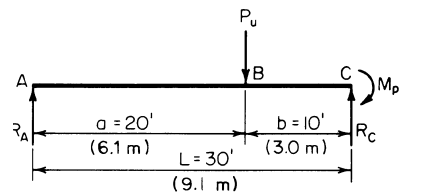
5. **Construct the force and bending-moment diagrams for the ultimate load.** Part b: The following considerations are crucial: The bending-moment diagram always has vertices at  $B$  and  $C$ , and formation of two plastic hinges will cause failure of the beam. Therefore, the plastic moment occurs at  $B$  and  $C$  at impending failure. The sequence in which the plastic hinges are formed at these sections is immaterial.

These diagrams are shown in Fig. 22. Express  $M_p$  in terms of  $P_u$ , and evaluate  $P_u$ . Thus,  $BF = 20R_A = 268.8$ ; therefore,  $R_A = 13.44$  kips (59.781 kN). Also,  $CE = 30R_C - 10P_u = 30 \times 13.44 - 10P_u = -268.8$ ;  $P_u = 67.20$  kips (298.906 kN).

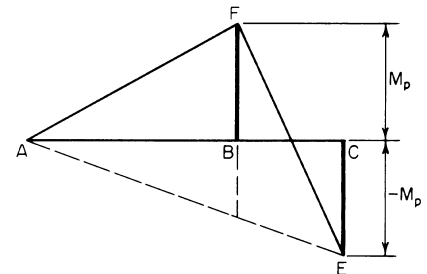
Here is an alternative method:  $BF = (abP_u/L) - aM_p/L = M_p$ , or  $20(10)P_u/30 = 50M_p/30$ ;  $P_u = 67.20$  kips (298.906 kN).

This solution method used in part  $b$  is termed the static, or equilibrium, method. As this solution demonstrates, it is unnecessary to trace the stress history of the member as it passes through its successive phases, as was done in part  $a$ ; the analysis can be confined to the conditions that exist at impending failure. This procedure also illustrates the following important characteristics of plastic design:

1. Plastic design is far simpler than elastic design.
2. Plastic design yields results that are much more reliable than those secured through elastic design. For example, assume that the support at  $C$  does not completely inhibit rotation at that end. This departure from design conditions will invalidate the elastic analysis but will in no way affect the plastic analysis.



(a) Force diagram at ultimate load



(b) Bending-moment diagram at ultimate load

FIGURE 22

## DETERMINING THE ULTIMATE LOAD BY THE MECHANISM METHOD

Use the mechanism method to solve the problem given in the previous calculation procedure.

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Indicate, in hyperbolic manner, the virtual displacement of the member from its initial to a subsequent position.** To the two phases of beam behavior previously considered, it is possible to add a third. Consider that when the ultimate load is reached, the member is subjected to an incremental deflection. This will result in collapse, but the behavior of the member can be analyzed during an infinitesimally small deflection from its stable position. This is termed a virtual deflection, or displacement.



Since the member is incapable of supporting any load beyond that existing at completion of phase 2, this virtual deflection is not characterized by any change in bending stress. Rotation therefore occurs solely at the real and plastic hinges. Thus, during phase 3, the member behaves as a mechanism (i.e., a constrained chain of pin-connected rigid bodies, or links).

In Fig. 23, indicate, in hyperbolic manner, the virtual displacement of the member from its initial position  $ABC$  to a subsequent position  $AB'C$ . Use dots to represent plastic hinges. (The initial position may be represented by a straight line for simplicity because the analysis is concerned solely with the deformation that occurs *during* phase 3.)

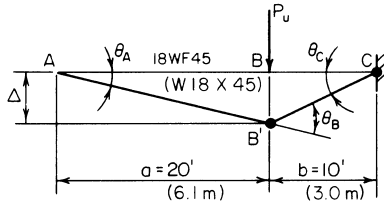


FIGURE 23

**2. Express the linear displacement under the load and the angular displacement at every plastic hinge.** Use a convenient unit to express these displacements. Thus,  $\Delta = a\theta_A = b\theta_C$ ; therefore,  $\theta_C = a\theta_A/b = 2\theta_A$ ;  $\theta_B = \theta_A + \theta_C = 3\theta_A$ .

**3. Evaluate the external and internal work associated with the virtual displacement.** The work performed by a constant force equals the product of the force and its displacement parallel to its action line. Also, the work performed by a constant moment equals the product of the moment and its angular displacement. Work is a positive quantity when the displacement occurs in the direction of the force or moment. Thus, the external work  $W_E = P_u\Delta = P_u a\theta_A = 20P_u\theta_A$ . And the internal work  $W_I = M_p(\theta_B + \theta_C) = 5M_p\theta_A$ .

**4. Equate the external and internal work to evaluate the ultimate load.** Thus,  $20P_u\theta_A = 5M_p\theta_A$ ;  $P_u = (5/20)(268.8) = 67.20$  kips (298.906 kN).

The solution method used here is also termed the *virtual-work*, or *kinematic*, method.

## ANALYSIS OF A FIXED-END BEAM UNDER CONCENTRATED LOAD

If the beam in the two previous calculation procedures is fixed at  $A$  as well as at  $C$ , what is the ultimate load that may be applied at  $B$ ?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine when failure impends.** When hinges form at  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ , failure impends. Repeat steps 3 and 4 of the previous calculation procedure, modifying the calculations to reflect the revised conditions. Thus,  $W_E = 20P_u\theta_A$ ;  $W_I = M_p(\theta_A + \theta_B + \theta_C) = 6M_p\theta_A$ ;  $20P_u\theta_A = 6M_p\theta_A$ ;  $P_u = (6/20)(268.8) = 80.64$  kips (358.687 kN).

**2. Analyze the phases through which the member passes.** This member passes through three phases until the ultimate load is reached. Initially, it behaves as a beam fixed at both ends, then as a beam fixed at the left end only, and finally as a simply supported beam. However, as already discussed, these considerations are extraneous in plastic design.

## ANALYSIS OF A TWO-SPAN BEAM WITH CONCENTRATED LOADS

The continuous  $W18 \times 45$  beam in Fig. 24 carries two equal concentrated loads having the locations indicated. Disregarding the weight of the beam, compute the ultimate value of these loads, using both the static and the mechanism method.

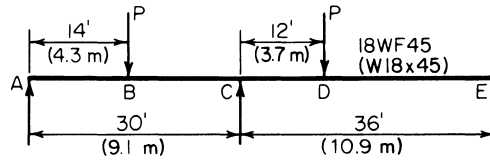


FIGURE 24

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Construct the force and bending-moment diagrams.** The continuous beam becomes unstable when a plastic hinge forms at  $C$  and at another section. The bending-moment diagram has vertices at  $B$  and  $D$ , but it is not readily apparent at which of these sections the second hinge will form. The answer is found by assuming a plastic hinge at  $B$  and at  $D$ , in turn, computing the corresponding value of  $P_u$ , and selecting the lesser value as the correct result. Part *a* will use the static method; part *b*, the mechanism method.

Assume, for part *a*, a plastic hinge at  $B$  and  $C$ . In Fig. 25, construct the force diagram and bending-moment diagram for span  $AC$ . The moment diagram may be drawn in the manner shown in Fig. 25*b* or *c*, whichever is preferred. In Fig. 25*c*,  $ACH$  represents the moments that would exist in the absence of restraint at  $C$ , and  $ACJ$  represents, in absolute value, the moments induced by this restraint. Compute the load  $P_u$  associated with the assumed hinge location. From previous calculation procedures,  $M_p = 268.8$  ft-kips (364.49 kN·m); then  $M_B = 14 \times 16P_u/30 - 14M_p/30 = M_p$ ;  $P_u = 44(268.8)/224 = 52.8$  kips (234.85 kN).

**2. Assume another hinge location and compute the ultimate load associated with this location.** Now assume a plastic hinge at  $C$  and  $D$ . In Fig. 25, construct the force diagram and bending-moment diagram for  $CE$ . Computing the load  $P_u$  associated with this assumed location, we find  $M_D = 12 \times 24P_u/36 - 24M_p/36 = M_p$ ;  $P_u = 60(268.8)/288 = 56.0$  kips (249.09 kN).

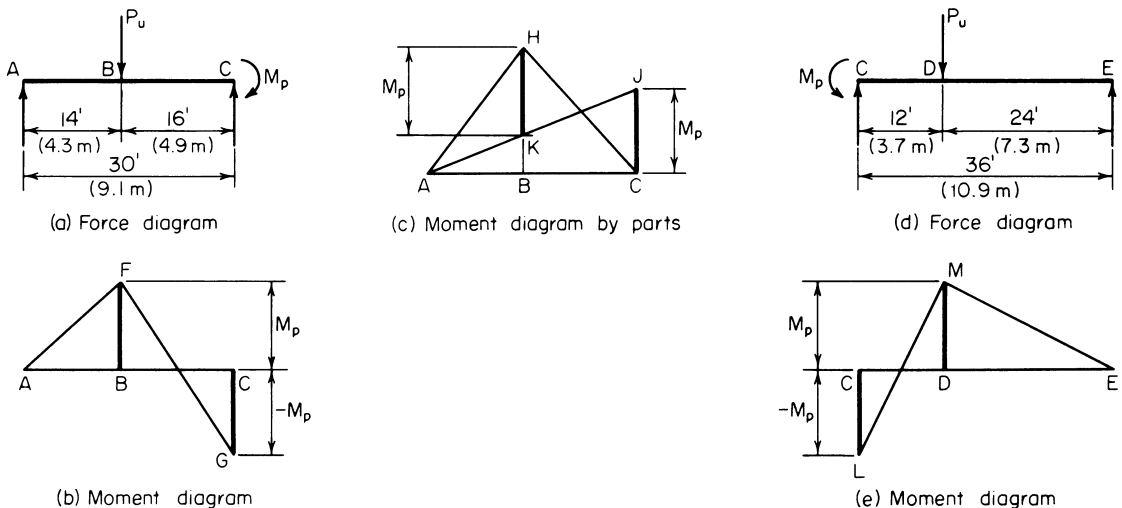


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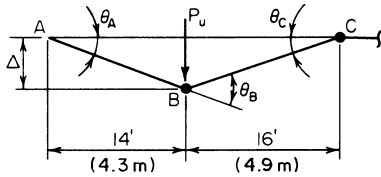


FIGURE 26

3. **Select the lesser value of the ultimate load.** The correct result is the lesser of these alternative values, or  $P_u = 52.8$  kips (234.85 kN). At this load, plastic hinges exist at B and C but not at D.

4. **For the mechanism method, assume a plastic-hinge location.** It will be assumed that plastic hinges are located at B and C (Fig. 26). Evaluate  $P_u$ . Thus,  $\theta_C = 14u_A/16$ ;  $\theta_B = 30\theta_A/16$ ;  $\Delta = 14\theta_A$ ;  $W_E = P_u\Delta = 14P_u\theta_A$ ;  $W_I = M_p(\theta_B + \theta_C) = 2.75M_p\theta_A$ ;  $14P_u\theta_A = 2.75M_p\theta_A$ ;  $P_u = 52.8$  kips (234.85 kN).

5. **Assume a plastic hinge at another location.** Select C and D for the new location. Repeat the above procedure. The result will be identical with that in step 2.

## SELECTION OF SIZES FOR A CONTINUOUS BEAM

Using a load factor of 1.70, design the member to carry the working loads (with beam weight included) shown in Fig. 27a. The maximum length that can be transported is 60 ft (18.3 m).

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Determine the ultimate loads to be supported.** Since the member must be spliced, it will be economical to adopt the following design:

- a. Use the particular beam size required for each portion, considering that the two portions will fail simultaneously at ultimate load. Therefore, three plastic hinges will exist at failure—one at the interior support and one in the interior of each span.
- b. Extend one beam beyond the interior support, splicing the member at the point of contraflexure in the adjacent span. Since the maximum simple-span moment is greater for AB than for BC, it is logical to assume that for economy the left beam rather than the right one should overhang the support.

Multiply the working loads by the load factor to obtain the ultimate loads to be supported. Thus,  $w = 1.2$  kips/lin ft (17.51 kN/m);  $w_u = 1.70(1.2) = 2.04$  kips/lin ft (29.77 kN/m);  $P = 10$  kips (44.5 kN);  $P_u = 1.70(10) = 17$  kips (75.6 kN).

2. **Construct the ultimate-load and corresponding bending-moment diagram for each span.** Set the maximum positive moment  $M_D$  in span AB and the negative moment at B equal to each other in absolute value.

3. **Evaluate the maximum positive moment in the left span.** Thus,  $R_A = 45.9 - M_B/40$ ;  $x = R_A/2.04$ ;  $M_D = 1/2 R_A x = R_A^2/4.08 = M_B$ . Substitute the value of  $R_A$  and solve. Thus,  $M_D = 342$  ft-kips (463.8 kN·m).

An indirect but less cumbersome method consists of assigning a series of trial values to  $M_B$  and calculating the corresponding value of  $M_D$ , continuing the process until the required equality is obtained.

4. **Select a section to resist the plastic moment.** Thus,  $Z = M_p/f_y = 342(12)/36 = 114$  in<sup>3</sup> (1868.5 cm<sup>3</sup>). Referring to the AISC Manual, use a W21 × 55 with  $Z = 125.4$  in<sup>3</sup> (2055.31 cm<sup>3</sup>).

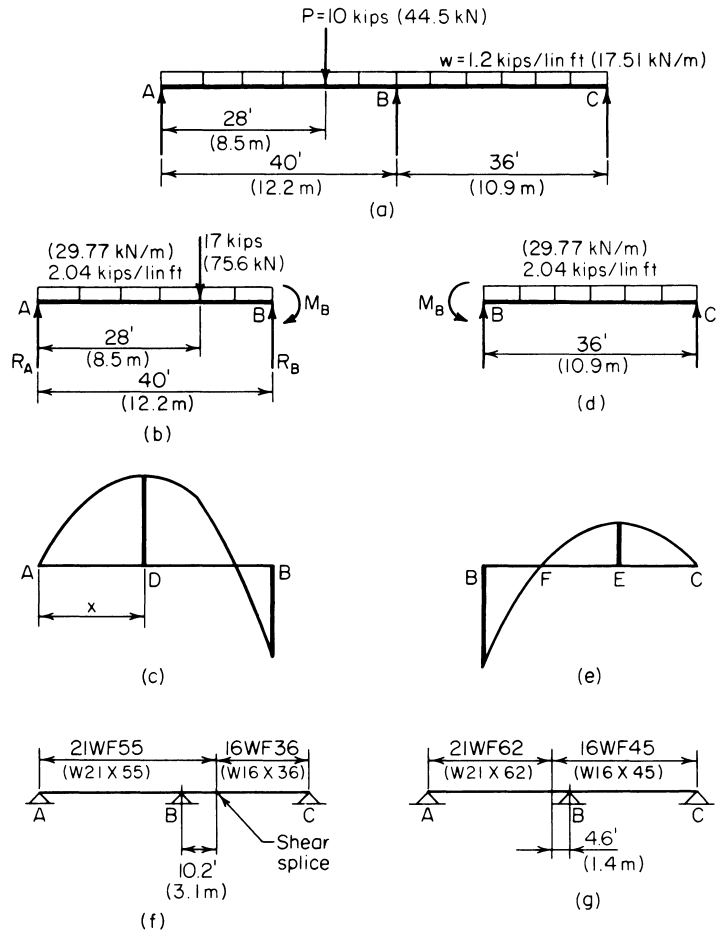


FIGURE 27

5. Evaluate the maximum positive moment in the right span. Equate  $M_B$  to the true plastic-moment capacity of the W21  $\times$  55. Evaluate the maximum positive moment  $M_E$  in span BC, and locate the point of contraflexure. Therefore,  $M_B = -36(125.4)/12 = -376.2$  ft-kips ( $-510.13$  kN-m);  $M_E = 169.1$  ft-kips (229.30 kN-m);  $BF = 10.2$  ft (3.11 m).

6. Select a section to resist the plastic moment. The moment to be resisted is  $M_E$ . Thus,  $Z = 169.1(12)/36 = 56.4$  in<sup>3</sup> (924.40 cm<sup>3</sup>). Use W16  $\times$  36 with  $Z = 63.9$  in<sup>3</sup> (1047.32 cm<sup>3</sup>).

The design is summarized in Fig. 27f. By inserting a hinge at F, the continuity of the member is destroyed and its behavior is thereby modified under gradually increasing load. However, the ultimate-load conditions, which constitute the only valid design criteria, are not affected.

7. Alternatively, design the member with the right-hand beam overhanging the support. Compare the two designs for economy. The latter design is summarized in Fig. 27g. The total beam weight associated with each scheme is as shown in the following table.

	Design 1	Design 2
	$55(50.2) = 2,761 \text{ lb (12,280.9 N)}$	$62(35.4) = 2,195 \text{ lb (9,763.4 N)}$
	$36(25.8) = 929 \text{ lb (4,132.2 N)}$	$45(40.6) = 1,827 \text{ lb (8,126.5 N)}$
Total	3,690 lb (16,413.1 N)	4,022 lb (17,889.9 N)

For completeness, the column sizes associated with the two schemes should also be compared.

### MECHANISM-METHOD ANALYSIS OF A RECTANGULAR PORTAL FRAME

Calculate the plastic moment and the reactions at the supports at ultimate load of the prismatic frame in Fig. 28a. Use a load factor of 1.85 and apply the mechanism method.

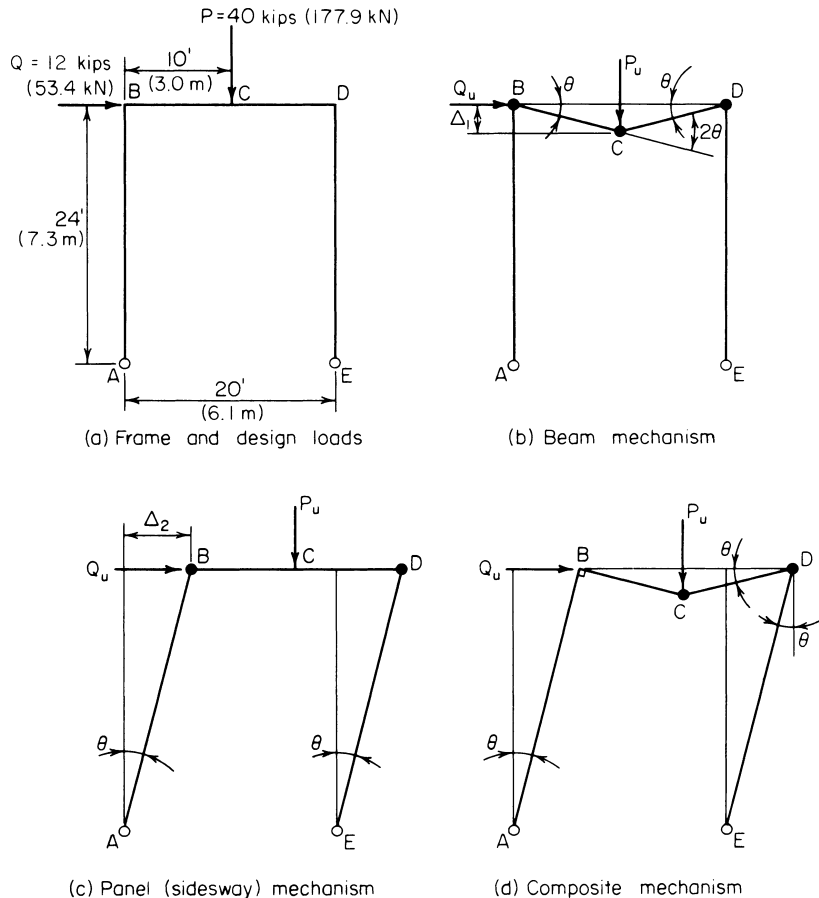


FIGURE 28

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the ultimate loads to be resisted.** There are three potential modes of failure to consider:

- a. Failure of the beam  $BD$  through the formation of plastic hinges at  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$  (Fig. 28*b*)
- b. Failure by sidesway through the formation of plastic hinges at  $B$  and  $D$  (Fig. 28*c*)
- c. A composite of the foregoing modes of failure, characterized by the formation of plastic hinges at  $C$  and  $D$

Since the true mode of failure is not readily discernible, it is necessary to analyze each of the foregoing. The true mode of failure is the one that yields the highest value of  $M_p$ .

Although the work quantities are positive, it is advantageous to supply each angular displacement with an algebraic sign. A rotation is considered positive if the angle on the interior side of the frame increases. The algebraic sum of the angular displacements must equal zero.

Computing the ultimate loads to be resisted yields  $P_u = 1.85(40) = 74$  kips (329.2 kN);  $Q_u = 1.85(12) = 22.2$  kips (98.75 kN).

**2. Assume the mode of failure in Fig. 28*b* and compute  $M_p$ .** Thus,  $\Delta_1 = 10\theta$ ;  $W_E = 74(10\theta) = 740\theta$ . Then indicate in a tabulation, such as that shown here, where the plastic moment occurs. Include all significant sections for completeness.

Section	Angular displacement	Moment	$W_1$
A			
B	$-\theta$	$M_p$	$M_p\theta$
C	$+2\theta$	$M_p$	$2M_p\theta$
D	$-\theta$	$M_p$	$M_p\theta$
E	.	..	..
Total			$4M_p\theta$

Then  $4M_p\theta = 740\theta$ ;  $M_p = 185$  ft·kips (250.9 kN·m).

**3. Repeat the foregoing procedure for failure by sidesway.** Thus,  $\Delta_2 = 24\theta$ ;  $W_E = 22.2(24\theta) = 532.8\theta$ .

Section	Angular displacement	Moment	$W_1$
A	$-\theta$		
B	$+\theta$	$M_p$	$M_p\theta$
C			
D	$-\theta$	$M_p$	$M_p\theta$
E	$+\theta$		
Total			$2M_p\theta$

Then  $2M_p\theta = 532.8\theta$ ;  $M_p = 266.4$  ft·kips (361.24 kN·m).

**4. Assume the composite mode of failure and compute  $M_p$ .** Since this results from superposition of the two preceding modes, the angular displacements and the external work may be obtained by

adding the algebraic values previously found. Thus,  $W_E = 740\theta + 532.8\theta$ . Then the tabulation is as shown:

Section	Angular displacement	Moment	$W_1$
A	$-\theta$		
B			
C	$+2\theta$	$M_p$	$2M_p\theta$
D	$-2\theta$	$M_p$	$2M_p\theta$
E	$+\theta$		
Total			$4M_p\theta$

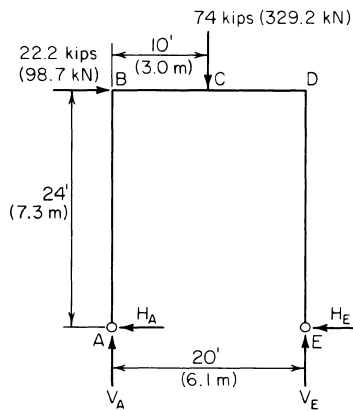


FIGURE 29

$24H_A = 103.6 + 24H_A = 318.2$ ;  $H_A = 8.94$  kips (39.765 kN);  $H_E = 22.2 - 8.94 = 13.26$  kips (58.980 kN);  $M_D = -24H_E = -24(13.26) = -318.2$  ft-kips (-431.48 kN-m). Thus, the results are verified.

Then  $4M_p\theta = 1272.8\theta$ ;  $M_p = 318.2$  ft-kips (431.48 kN-m).

5. **Select the highest value of  $M_p$  as the correct result.** Thus,  $M_p = 318.2$  ft-kips (431.48 kN-m). The structure fails through the formation of plastic hinges at C and D. That a hinge should appear at D rather than at B is plausible when it is considered that the bending moments induced by the two loads are of like sign at D but of opposite sign at B.

6. **Compute the reactions at the supports.** Draw a free-body diagram of the frame at ultimate load (Fig. 29). Compute the reactions at the supports by applying the computed values of  $M_C$  and  $M_D$ . Thus,  $\sum M_E = 20V_A + 22.2(24) - 74(10) = 0$ ;  $V_A = 10.36$  kips (46.081 kN);  $V_E = 74 - 10.36 = 63.64$  kips (283.071 kN);  $M_C = 10V_A + 24H_A = 103.6 + 24H_A = 318.2$ ;  $H_A = 8.94$  kips (39.765 kN);  $H_E = 22.2 - 8.94 = 13.26$  kips (58.980 kN);  $M_D = -24H_E = -24(13.26) = -318.2$  ft-kips (-431.48 kN-m). Thus, the results are verified.

### ANALYSIS OF A RECTANGULAR PORTAL FRAME BY THE STATIC METHOD

Compute the plastic moment of the frame in Fig. 28a by using the static method.

#### Calculation Procedure

1. **Determine the relative values of the bending moments.** Consider a bending moment as positive if the fibers on the interior side of the neutral plane are in tension. Consequently, as the mechanisms in Fig. 28 reveal, the algebraic sign of the plastic moment at a given section agrees with that of its angular displacement during collapse.

Determine the relative values of the bending moments at B, C, and D. Refer to Fig. 29. As previously found by statics,  $V_A = 10.36$  kips (46.081 kN),  $M_B = 24H_A$ ,  $M_C = 24H_A + 10V_A$ ; therefore,

$M_C = M_B + 103.6$ , Eq. *a*. Also,  $M_D = 24H_A + 20V_A - 74(10)$ ;  $M_D = M_B - 532.8$ , Eq. *b*; or  $M_D = M_C - 636.4$ , Eq. *c*.

**2. Assume the mode of failure in Fig. 28b.** This requires that  $M_B = M_D = -M_p$ . This relationship is incompatible with Eq. *b*, and the assumed mode of failure is therefore incorrect.

**3. Assume the mode of failure in Fig. 28c.** This requires that  $M_B = M_p$ , and  $M_C < M_p$ ; therefore,  $M_C < M_B$ . This relationship is incompatible with Eq. *a*, and the assumed mode of failure is therefore incorrect.

By a process of elimination, it has been ascertained that the frame will fail in the manner shown in Fig. 28d.

**4. Compute the value of  $M_p$  for the composite mode of failure.** Thus,  $M_C = M_p$ , and  $M_D = -M_p$ . Substitute these values in Eq. *c*. Or,  $-M_p = M_p - 636.4$ ;  $M_p = 318.2$  ft-kips (431.48 kN·m).

## THEOREM OF COMPOSITE MECHANISMS

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By analyzing the calculations in the calculation procedure before the last one, establish a criterion to determine when a composite mechanism is significant (i.e., under what conditions it may yield an  $M_p$  value greater than that associated with the basic mechanisms).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Express the external and internal work associated with a given mechanism.** Thus,  $W_E = e\theta$ , and  $W_I = iM_p\theta$ , where the coefficients  $e$  and  $i$  are obtained by applying the mechanism method. Then  $M_p = eli$ .

**2. Determine the significance of mechanism sign.** Let the subscripts 1 and 2 refer to the basic mechanisms and the subscript 3 to their composite mechanism. Then  $M_{p1} = e_1/i_1$ ;  $M_{p2} = e_2/i_2$ .

When the basic mechanisms are superposed, the values of  $W_E$  are additive. If the two mechanisms do not produce rotations of opposite sign at any section, the values of  $W_I$  are also additive, and  $M_{p3} = e_3/i_3 = (e_1 + e_2)/(i_1 + i_2)$ . This value is intermediate between  $M_{p1}$  and  $M_{p2}$ , and the composite mechanism therefore lacks significance. But if the basic mechanisms produce rotations of opposite sign at any section whatsoever,  $M_{p3}$  may exceed both  $M_{p1}$  and  $M_{p2}$ .

In summary, a composite mechanism is significant only if the two basic mechanisms of which it is composed produce rotations of opposite sign at any section. This theorem, which establishes a necessary but not sufficient condition, simplifies the analysis of a complex frame by enabling the engineer to discard the nonsignificant composite mechanisms at the outset.

## ANALYSIS OF AN UNSYMMETRIC RECTANGULAR PORTAL FRAME

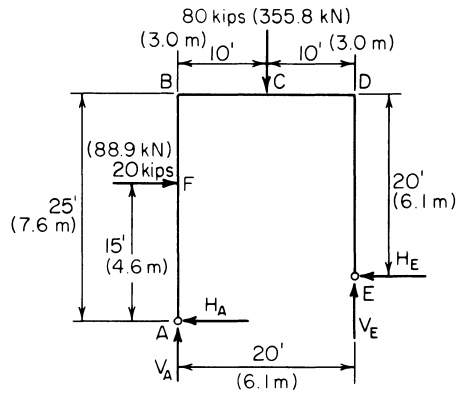
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The frame in Fig. 30a sustains the ultimate loads shown. Compute the plastic moment and ultimate-load reactions.

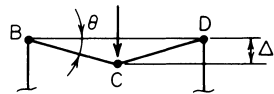
### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the solution method to use.** Apply the mechanism method. In Fig. 30b, indicate the basic mechanisms.

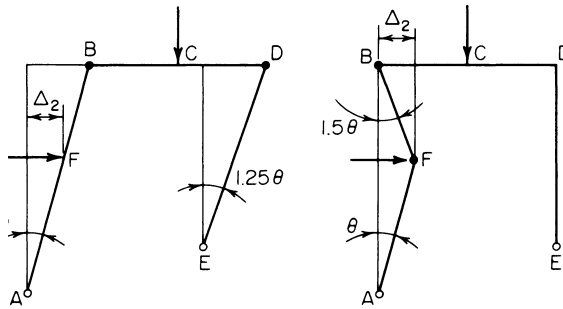




(a) Frame and ultimate loads



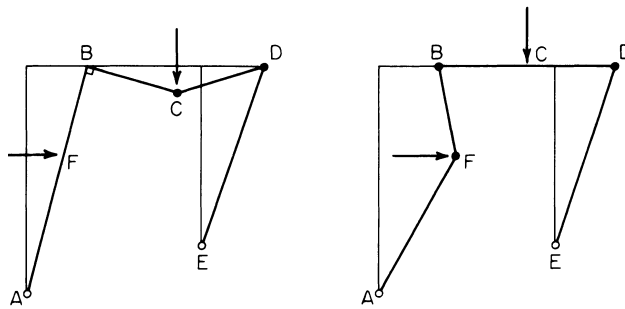
Mechanism I



Mechanism 2

Mechanism 3

(b) Basic mechanisms



Mechanism 4  
Composite of 1 and 2

Mechanism 5  
Composite of 2 and 3

(c) Composite mechanisms

FIGURE 30

**2. Identify the significant composite mechanisms.** Apply the theorem of the previous calculation procedure. Using this theorem, identify the significant composite mechanisms. For mechanisms 1 and 2, the rotations at  $B$  are of opposite sign; their composite therefore warrants investigation.

For mechanisms 1 and 3, there are no rotations of opposite sign; their composite therefore fails the test. For mechanisms 2 and 3, the rotations at  $B$  are of opposite sign; their composite therefore warrants investigation.

**3. Evaluate the external work associated with each mechanism**

Mechanism	$W_E$
1	$80\Delta_1 = 80(10\theta) = 800\theta$
2	$2\Delta_2 = 20(15\theta) = 300\theta$
3	$300\theta$
4	$1100\theta$
5	$600\theta$

**4. List the sections at which plastic hinges form; record the angular displacement associated with each mechanism.** Use a list such as the following:

Mechanism	Section			
	$B$	$C$	$D$	$F$
1	$-\theta$	$+2\theta$	$-\theta$	
2	$+\theta$	$\cdot\cdot$	$-1.2\theta$	
3	$-1.5\theta$	$\cdot\cdot$	$\cdot\cdot\cdot$	$+2.5\theta$
4	$\cdot\cdot$	$+2\theta$	$-2.25\theta$	
5	$-0.5\theta$	$\cdot\cdot$	$-1.25\theta$	$+2.5\theta$

**5. Evaluate the internal work associated with each mechanism.** Equate the external and internal work to find  $M_p$ . Thus,  $M_{p1} = 800/4 = 200$ ;  $M_{p2} = 300/2.25 = 133.3$ ;  $M_{p3} = 300/4 = 75$ ;  $M_{p4} = 1100/4.25 = 258.8$ ;  $M_{p5} = 600/4.25 = 141.2$ . Equate the external and internal work to find  $M_p$ .

**6. Select the highest value as the correct result.** Thus,  $M_p = 258.8$  ft-kips (350.93 kN·m). The frame fails through the formation of plastic hinges at  $C$  and  $D$ .

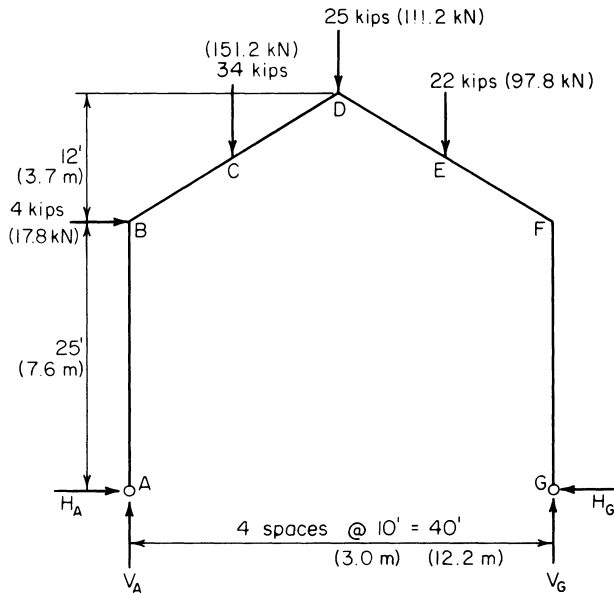
**7. Determine the reactions at ultimate load.** To verify the foregoing solution, ascertain that the bending moment does not exceed  $M_p$  in absolute value anywhere in the frame. Refer to Fig. 30a.

Thus,  $M_D = -20H_E = -258.8$ ; therefore,  $H_E = 12.94$  kips (57.557 kN);  $M_C = M_D + 10V_E = 258.8$ ; therefore,  $V_E = 51.76$  kips (230.23 kN); then  $H_A = 7.06$  kips (31.403 kN);  $V_A = 28.24$  kips (125.612 kN).

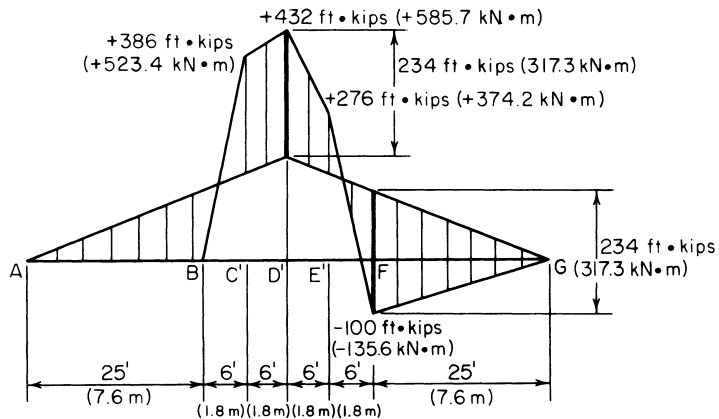
Check the moments. Thus  $\Sigma M_E = 20V_A + 5H_A + 20(10) - 80(10) = 0$ ; this is correct. Also,  $M_F = 15H_A = 105.9$  ft-kips (143.60 kN·m)  $< M_p$ . This is correct. Last,  $M_B = 25H_A - 20(10) = -23.5$  ft-kips ( $-31.87$  kN·m)  $> -M_p$ . This is correct.

## ANALYSIS OF GABLE FRAME BY STATIC METHOD

The prismatic frame in Fig. 31a carries the ultimate loads shown. Determine the plastic moment by applying the static method.



(a) Frame and ultimate loads



(b) Projected bending-moment diagram

FIGURE 31

**Calculation Procedure**

1. Compute the vertical shear  $V_A$  and the bending moment at every significant section, assuming  $H_A = 0$ . Thus,  $V_A = 41$  kips (182.4 kN). Then  $M_B = 0$ ;  $M_C = 386$ ;  $M_D = 432$ ;  $M_E = 276$ ;  $M_F = -100$ .

Note that failure of the frame will result from the formation of two plastic hinges. It is helpful, therefore, to construct a “projected” bending-moment diagram as an aid in locating these hinges. The computed bending moments are used in plotting the projected bending-moment diagram.

**2. Construct a projected bending-moment diagram.** To construct this diagram, consider the rafter  $BD$  to be projected onto the plane of column  $AB$  and the rafter  $FD$  to be projected onto the plane of column  $GF$ . Juxtapose the two halves, as shown in Fig. 31*b*. Plot the values calculated in step 1 to obtain the bending-moment diagram corresponding to the assumed condition of  $H_A = 0$ .

The bending moments caused solely by a specific value of  $H_A$  are represented by an isosceles triangle with its vertex at  $D'$ . The true bending moments are obtained by superposition. It is evident by inspection of the diagram that plastic hinges form at  $D$  and  $F$  and that  $H_A$  is directed to the right.

**3. Evaluate the plastic moment.** Apply the true moments at  $D$  and  $F$ . Thus,  $M_D = M_p$  and  $M_F = -M_p$ ; therefore,  $432 - 37H_A = -(-100 - 25H_A)$ ;  $H_A = 5.35$  kips (23.797 kN) and  $M_p = 234$  ft-kips (317 kN·m).

## THEOREM OF VIRTUAL DISPLACEMENTS

In Fig. 32*a*, point  $P$  is displaced along a virtual (infinitesimally small) circular arc  $PP'$  centered at  $O$  and having a central angle  $\theta$ . Derive expressions for the horizontal and vertical displacement of  $P$  in terms of the given data. (These expressions are applied later in analyzing a gable frame by the mechanism method.)

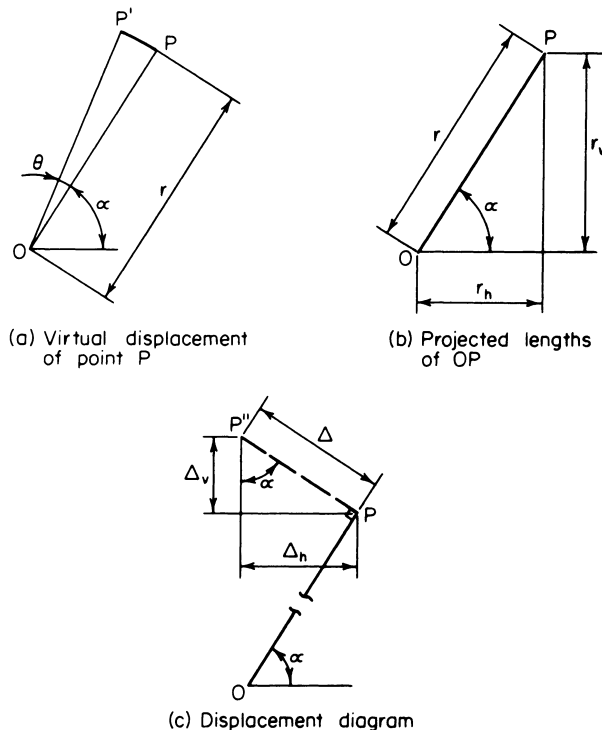


FIGURE 32

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Construct the displacement diagram.** In Fig. 32*b*, let  $r_h$  = length of horizontal projection of  $OP$ ;  $r_v$  = length of vertical projection of  $OP$ ;  $\Delta_h$  = horizontal displacement of  $P$ ;  $\Delta_v$  = vertical displacement of  $P$ .

In Fig. 32*c*, construct the displacement diagram. Since  $PP'$  is infinitesimally small, replace this circular arc with the straight line  $PP''$  that is tangent to the arc at  $P$  and therefore normal to radius  $OP$ .

**2. Evaluate  $\Delta_h$  and  $\Delta_v$ , considering only absolute values.** Since  $\theta$  is infinitesimally small, set  $PP'' = r\theta$ ;  $\Delta_h = PP'' \sin \alpha = r\theta \sin \alpha$ ;  $\Delta_v = PP'' \cos \alpha = r\theta \cos \alpha$ . But  $r \sin \alpha = r_v$  and  $r \cos \alpha = r_h$ ; therefore,  $\Delta_h = r_v \theta$  and  $\Delta_v = r_h \theta$ .

These results may be combined and expressed verbally thus: If a point is displaced along a virtual circular arc, its displacement as projected on the  $u$  axis equals the displacement angle times the length of the radius as projected on an axis normal to  $u$ .

## GABLE-FRAME ANALYSIS BY USING THE MECHANISM METHOD

For the frame in Fig. 31*a*, assume that plastic hinges form at  $D$  and  $F$ . Calculate the plastic moment associated with this assumed mode of failure by applying the mechanism method.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Indicate the frame configuration following a virtual displacement.** During collapse, the frame consists of three rigid bodies:  $ABD$ ,  $DF$ , and  $GF$ . To evaluate the external and internal work performed during a virtual displacement, it is necessary to locate the instantaneous center of rotation of each body.

In Fig. 33 indicate by dash lines the configuration of the frame following a virtual displacement. In Fig. 33,  $D$  is displaced to  $D'$  and  $F$  to  $F'$ . Draw a straight line through  $A$  and  $D$  intersecting the prolongation of  $GF$  at  $H$ .

Since  $A$  is the center of rotation of  $ABD$ ,  $DD'$  is normal to  $AD$  and  $HD$ ; since  $G$  is the center of rotation of  $GF$ ,  $FF'$  is normal to  $GF$  and  $HF$ . Therefore,  $H$  is the instantaneous center of rotation of  $DF$ .

**2. Record the pertinent dimensions and rotations.** Record the dimensions  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  in Fig. 33, and express  $\theta_2$  and  $\theta_3$  in terms of  $\theta_1$ . Thus,  $\theta_2/\theta_1 = HD/AD$ ;  $\therefore \theta_2 = \theta_1$ . Also,  $\theta_3/\theta_1 = HF/GF = 49/25$ ;  $\therefore \theta_3 = 1.96\theta_1$ .

**3. Determine the angular displacement and evaluate the internal work.** Determine the angular displacement (in absolute value) at  $D$  and  $F$ , and evaluate the internal work in terms of  $\theta_1$ . Thus,  $\theta_D = \theta_1 + \theta_2 = 2\theta_1$ ;  $\theta_F = \theta_1 + \theta_3 = 2.96\theta_1$ . Then  $W_I = M_p (\theta_D + \theta_F) = 4.96M_p \theta_1$ .

**4. Apply the theorem of virtual displacements to determine the displacement of each applied load.** Determine the displacement of each applied load in the direction of the load. Multiply the displacement by the load to obtain the external work. Record the results as shown:

Section	Load		Displacement in direction of load		External work	
	kips	kN	ft	m	ft-kips	kN·m
<i>B</i>	4	17.8	$\Delta_h = 25\theta_2 = 25\theta_1$	$7.6\theta_1$	$100\theta_1$	$135.6\theta_1$
<i>C</i>	34	151.2	$\Delta_v = 10\theta_2 = 10\theta_1$	$3.0\theta_1$	$340\theta_1$	$461.0\theta_1$
<i>D</i>	25	111.2	$\Delta_v = 20\theta_1$	$6.1\theta_1$	$500\theta_1$	$678.0\theta_1$
<i>E</i>	22	97.9	$\Delta_v = 10\theta_1$	$3.0\theta_1$	$220\theta_1$	$298.3\theta_1$
Total					$1160\theta_1$	$1572.9\theta_1$

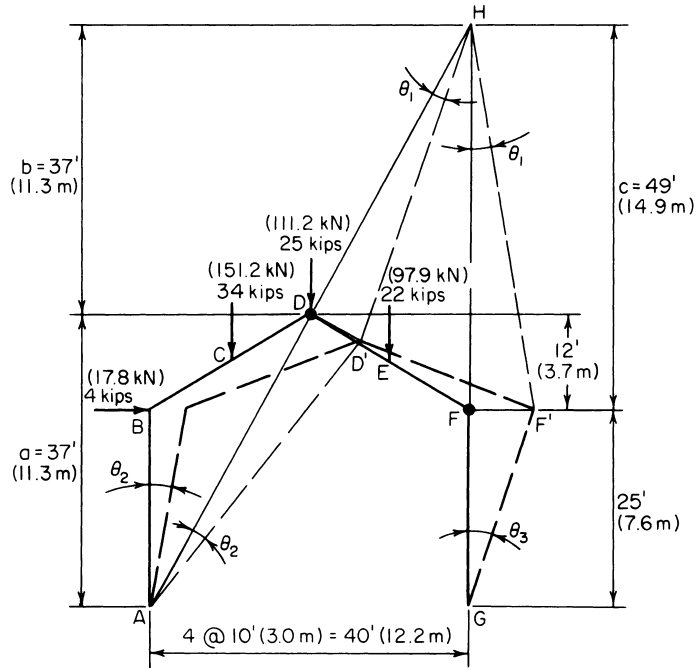


FIGURE 33 Virtual displacement of frame.

5. Equate the external and internal work to find  $M_p$ . Thus,  $4.96M_p\theta_1 = 1160\theta_1$ ;  $M_p = 234$  ft·kips (317.3 kN·m).

Other modes of failure may be assumed and the corresponding value of  $M_p$  computed in the same manner. The failure mechanism analyzed in this procedure (plastic hinges at  $D$  and  $F$ ) yields the highest value of  $M_p$  and is therefore the true mechanism.

## REDUCTION IN PLASTIC-MOMENT CAPACITY CAUSED BY AXIAL FORCE

A  $W10 \times 45$  beam-column is subjected to an axial force of 84 kips (373.6 kN) at ultimate load. (a) Applying the exact method, calculate the plastic moment this section can develop with respect to the major axis. (b) Construct the interaction diagram for this section, and then calculate the plastic moment by assuming a linear interaction relationship that approximates the true relationship.

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Record the relevant properties of the member.** Let  $P$  = applied axial force, kips (kN);  $P_y$  = axial force that would induce plastification if acting alone, kips (kN) =  $Af_y$ ;  $M'_p$  = plastic-moment capacity of the section in combination with  $P$ , ft·kips (kN·m).

A typical stress diagram for a beam-column at plastification is shown in Fig. 34a. To simplify the calculations, resolve this diagram into the two parts shown at the right. This procedure is tantamount to assuming that the axial load is resisted by a central core and the moment by the outer segments of the section, although in reality they are jointly resisted by the integral action of the entire section.

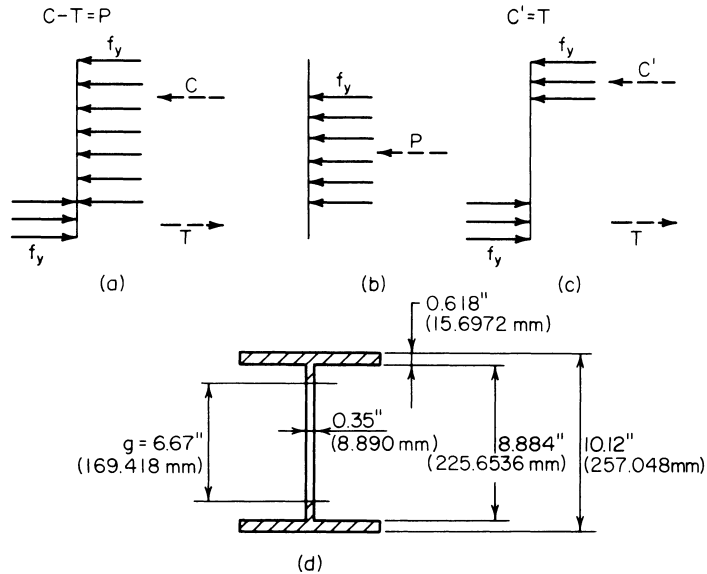


FIGURE 34

From the *AISC Manual*, for a  $W10 \times 45$ :  $A = 13.24 \text{ in}^2$  ( $85.424 \text{ cm}^2$ );  $d = 10.12 \text{ in}$  ( $257.048 \text{ mm}$ );  $t_f = 0.618 \text{ in}$  ( $15.6972 \text{ mm}$ );  $t_w = 0.350 \text{ in}$  ( $8.890 \text{ mm}$ );  $d_w = 10.12 - 2(0.618) = 8.884 \text{ in}$  ( $225.6536 \text{ mm}$ );  $Z = 55.0 \text{ in}^3$  ( $901.45 \text{ cm}^3$ ).

2. Assume that the central core that resists the 84-kip (373.6-kN) load is encompassed within the web; determine the core depth. Calling the depth of the core  $g$ , refer to Fig. 34d. Then  $g = 84/[0.35(36)] = 6.67 < 8.884 \text{ in}$  ( $225.6536 \text{ mm}$ ).

3. Compute the plastic modulus of the core, the plastic modulus of the remaining section, and the value of  $M'_p$ . Using data from the *Manual* for the plastic modulus of a rectangle, we find  $Z_c = 1/4 t_w g^2 = 1/4(0.35)(6.67)^2 = 3.9 \text{ in}^3$  ( $63.92 \text{ cm}^3$ );  $Z_r = 55.0 - 3.9 = 51.1 \text{ in}^3$  ( $837.53 \text{ cm}^3$ );  $M'_p = 51.1(36) = 1839.6 \text{ ft-kips}$  ( $207.87 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}$ ). This constitutes the solution of part a. The solution of part b is given in steps 4 through 6.

4. Assign a series of values to the parameter  $g$ , and compute the corresponding sets of values of  $P$  and  $M'_p$ . Apply the results to plot the interaction diagram in Fig. 35. This comprises the parabolic curves  $CB$  and  $BA$ , where the points  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  correspond to the conditions  $g = 0$ ,  $g = d_w$ , and  $g = d$ , respectively.

The interaction diagram is readily analyzed by applying the following relationships:  $dP/dg = f_y t$ ;  $dM'_p/dg = -1/2 f_y t g$ ;  $\therefore dP/dM'_p = -2/g$ . This result discloses that the change in slope along  $CB$  is very small, and the curvature of this arc is negligible.

5. Replace the true interaction diagram with a linear one. Draw a vertical line  $AD = 0.15 P_y$ , and then draw the straight line  $CD$  (Fig. 35). Establish the equation of  $CD$ . Thus, slope of  $CD = -0.85 P_y / M'_p$ ;  $P = -0.85 P_y M'_p / M'_p$ , or  $M'_p = 1.18(1 - P/P_y) M'_p$ .

The provisions of one section of the *AISC Specification* are based on the linear interaction diagram.

6. Ascertain whether the data are represented by a point on  $AD$  or  $CD$ ; calculate  $M'_p$ , accordingly. Thus,  $P_y = A f_y = 13.24(36) = 476.6 \text{ kips}$  ( $2119.92 \text{ kN}$ );  $P/P_y = 84/476.6 = 0.176$ ; therefore,

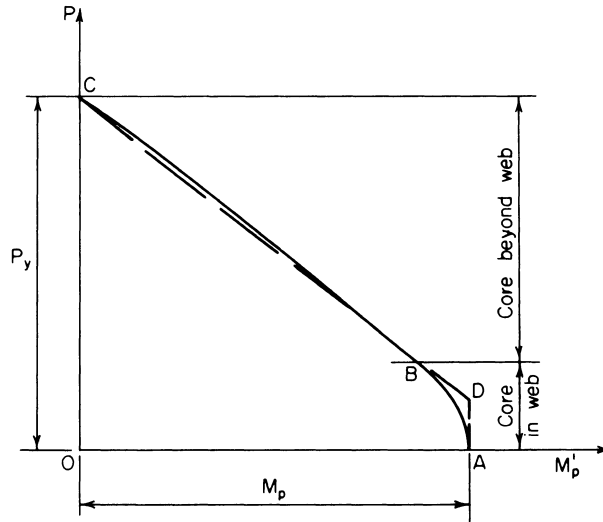


FIGURE 35 Interaction diagram for axial force and moment.

apply the last equation given in step 5. Thus,  $M_p = 55.0(36)/12 = 165$  ft-kips (223.7 kN·m);  $M'_p = 1.18(1 - 0.176)(165) = 160.4$  ft-kips (217.50 kN·m). This result differs from that in part *a* by 4.6 percent.

## Load and Resistance Factor Method

Abraham J. Rokach, MSCE, Associate Director of Education, American Institute of Steel Construction, Inc., writing in *Theory and Problems of Structural Steel Design*, McGraw-Hill, states “In 1986 a new method of structural steel design was introduced in the United States with the publication of the *Load and Resistance Factor Design Specification for Structural Steel Buildings*. Load and resistance factor design, or LRFD, has joined the old allowable stress design (ASD) method as a recognized means for the design of structural steel frameworks for buildings.

“Although ASD has enjoyed a long history of successful usage and is familiar to engineers and architects, the author and most experts prefer LRFD because it is a truer representation of the actual behavior of structural steel and unlike ASD, it can provide equivalent margins of safety for all structures under all loading conditions. . . . For these reasons its anticipated that LRFD will replace ASD as the standard method of structural steel design.”

The following selected procedures in this handbook cover structural steel design for buildings using the *load and resistance factor design* (LRFD) method drawn from the excellent Rokach book mentioned above. And competent authorities on the LRFD method, listed below, are cited frequently in the Rokach book, and in this handbook, usually in abbreviated form:

AISC: American Institute of Steel Construction, Inc., Chicago, IL.

AISC LRFD Specification: *Load and Resistance Factor Design Specification for Structural Steel Buildings*, published by AISC.



*AISC LRFD Manual: Load and Resistance Factor Design Manual of Steel Construction*, also published by AISC.

Equations in the following calculation procedures in this handbook are numbered as follows. Those equations appearing in the *AISO LRFD Specification* are accompanied by their AISC numbers in parentheses, thus ( ); other equations are numbered in brackets, thus [ ].

It is recommended that the designer have copies of both the *AISO LRFD Specification* and the *AISC Manual* on his or her desk when preparing any structural steel design using the LRFD method. Both are available from the AISC at 1 E Wacker Dr, Suite 3100, Chicago IL 60601.

Abraham J. Rokach writes, further, in his book cited previously, “The ASD method is characterized by the use of one judgemental factor of safety. A limiting stress (usually  $F_y$ ) is divided by a factor of safety (FS, determined by the authors of the *Specification*) to arrive at an allowable stress

$$\text{Allowable stress} = F_y/FS$$

Actual stresses in a steel member are calculated by dividing forces or moments by the appropriate section property (e.g., area or section modulus). The actual stresses are then compared with the allowable stresses to ascertain that

$$\text{Actual stress} = \text{allowable stress}$$

No distinction is made among the various kinds of loads. Because of the greater variability and uncertainty of the live load and other loads in comparison with the dead load, a uniform reliability for all structures is not possible.

“... Briefly, LRFD uses a different factor for each type of load and another factor for the strength or resistance. Each factor is the result of a statistical study of the variability of the subject quantity. Because the different factors reflect the degrees of uncertainty in the various loads and the resistance, a uniform reliability is possible.”

## ***DETERMINING IF A GIVEN BEAM IS COMPACT OR NONCOMPACT***

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A designer plans to use a  $W6 \times 15$  and a  $W12 \times 65$  beam in (a) A6 steel ( $F_y = 36$  ksi [248 MPa]), and (b) with  $F_y = 50$  ksi [344.5 MPa]) and wishes to determine if the beams are compact or noncompact.

### **Calculation Procedure**

***For the  $W6 \times 15$  beam***

**1. Analyze the  $W6 \times 15$  beam.** Refer to the *AISC Manual* table, namely “Limiting Width-Thickness Ratios for Beams” and its illustration “Definition of widths ( $b$  and  $h$ ) and thickness”; the flanges of a W shape are given by

$$\lambda_p = \frac{65}{\sqrt{F_y}}$$

where  $\lambda_p$  = limiting width-thickness ratio for compact section.

Substituting for each of the two beams, we have

$$\lambda_p = \frac{65}{\sqrt{F_y}} = \begin{cases} \frac{65}{\sqrt{36}} = 10.8 & \text{if } F_y = 36 \text{ ksi (248 Mpa)} \\ \frac{65}{\sqrt{50}} = 9.2 & \text{if } F_y = 50 \text{ ksi (344.5 Mpa)} \end{cases}$$

**2. Compute the data for the web of a W shape.** Using the same equation as in Step 1, for the web of a W shape

$$\lambda_p = \frac{65}{\sqrt{F_y}} = \begin{cases} \frac{640}{\sqrt{36}} = 106.7 & \text{if } F_y = 36 \text{ ksi (248 Mpa)} \\ \frac{640}{\sqrt{50}} = 90.5 & \text{if } F_y = 50 \text{ ksi (344.5 Mpa)} \end{cases}$$

**3. Determine if the beam is compact.** From the “Properties Tables for W Shapes,” in Part 1 of the AISC LRFD Manual (Compact Section Criteria): for a W6 × 15

$$\begin{aligned} \text{flange } \frac{b}{t} &= \frac{b_f}{2t_f} = 11.5 \\ \text{web } \frac{h_c}{t_w} &= 21.6 \end{aligned}$$

Since flange ( $b/t = 11.5$ ) > ( $\lambda_p = 10.8$ ), the W × 15 beam is noncompact in A36 steel. Likewise, it is noncompact if  $F_y = 50$  ksi (344.4 Mpa).

**For the W12 × 65 beam**

**4. Compute the properties of the beam shape.** From the AISC Manual “Properties Tables for W Shapes,” for a W12 × 65

$$\begin{aligned} \text{flange } \frac{b}{t} &= \frac{b_f}{2t_f} = 9.9 \\ \text{web } \frac{h_c}{t_w} &= 24.9 \end{aligned}$$

(a) In A36 steel

$$\begin{aligned} \text{flange } \lambda_p &= 10.8 \\ \text{web } \lambda_p &= 24.9 \end{aligned} \quad \text{See W6} \times 15$$

Since flange ( $b/t = 9.9$ ) < ( $\lambda_p = 10.8$ ), and web ( $h_c/t_w = 24.9$ ) < ( $\lambda_p = 106.7$ ), a W12 × 65 beam is compact in A36 steel.

(b) However, if  $F_y = 50$  ksi (344.5 MPa)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{flange } \lambda_p &= 9.2 \\ \text{web } \lambda_p &= 90.5 \end{aligned} \quad \text{See W6} \times 15$$

Because flange ( $b/t = 9.9$ ) > ( $\lambda_p = 9.2$ ), a W12 × 65 beam is noncompact if  $F_y = 50$  ksi (344.5 MPa)

**Related Calculations** The concept of compactness, states Abraham J. Rokach, MSCE, AISC, relates to local buckling. Cross-sections of structural members are classified as compact, non-compact, or slender-element sections. A section is compact if the flanges are continuously connected to the web, and the width-thickness ratios of all its compression elements are equal to, or less than,  $\lambda_p$ .

Structural steel members with compact sections can develop their full strength without local instability. In design, the limit state of local buckling need not be considered for compact members.

This procedure is the work of Abraham J. Rokach, MSCE, AISC, Associate Director of Education, American Institute of Steel Construction. SI values were prepared by the handbook editor.

## **DETERMINING COLUMN AXIAL SHORTENING WITH A SPECIFIED LOAD**

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A W10 × 49 column, 10ft (3m) long, carries a service load of 250 kips (113.5 Mg). What axial shortening will occur in this column with this load?

### **Calculation Procedure**

**1. Choose a suitable axial displacement equation for this column.** The LRFD equation for axial shortening of a loaded column is

$$\text{Shortening, } \Delta = \frac{Pl}{EA_g}$$

where  $\Delta$  = axial shortening, in (cm);  $P$  = unfactored axial force in member, kips (kg);  $l$  = length of member, in (cm);  $E$  = modulus of elasticity of steel = 29,000 ksi (199.8 MPa);  $A_g$  = cross sectional area of member, sq in (sq cm).

**2. Compute the column axial shortening.** Substituting,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Shortening, } \Delta &= \frac{Pl}{EA_g} = \frac{250 \text{ kips} \times (10.0 \text{ ft} \times 12 \text{ in/ft})}{29,000 \text{ kips/in}^2 \times 14.4 \text{ in}^2} \\ &= 0.072 \text{ in (0.183 cm)} \end{aligned}$$

**Related Calculations** Use this equation to compute axial shortening of any steel column in LRFD work. This procedure is the work of Abraham J. Rokach, MSCE, American Institute of Steel Construction.

## **DETERMINING THE COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH OF A WELDED SECTION**

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The structural section in Fig. 36a is used as a 40-ft (12.2-m) column. Its effective length factor  $K_x = K_y = 1.0$ . Determine the design compressive strength if the steel is A36.

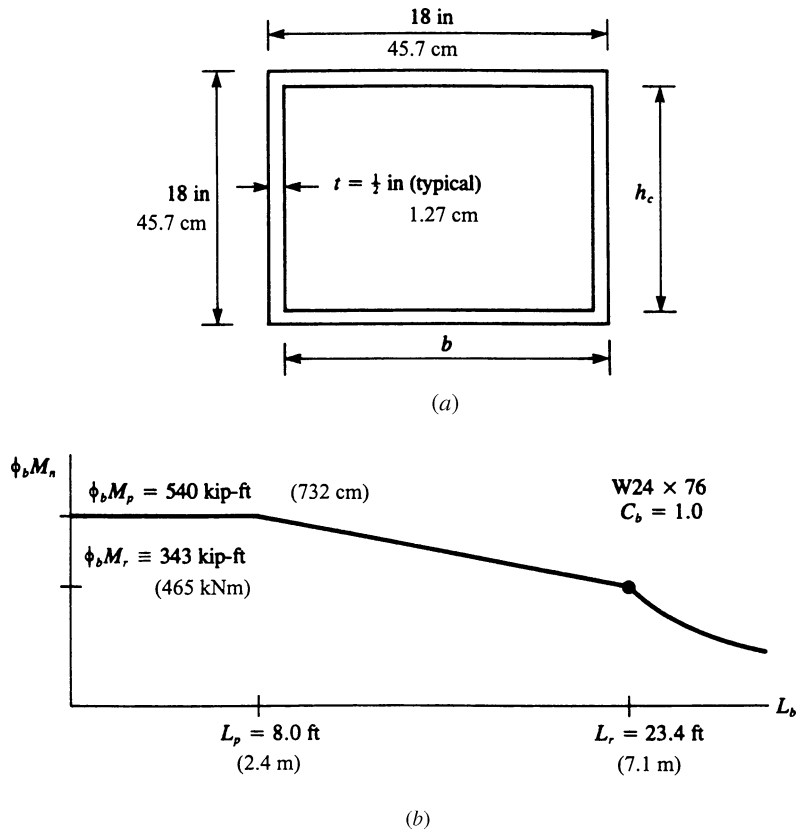


FIGURE 36

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Choose a design compressive strength.** The design compressive strength is given by:

$$\phi_c P_n = \phi_c F_{cr} A_g$$

The values of  $\phi_c F_{cr}$  can be obtained from the table "Design Stress for Compression Members of 36 ksi Specified Yield-Stress Steel,  $\phi = 0.85$ " in the *AISC Manual*, if  $Kl/r$  is known. With  $Kl = 1.0 \times 40.0 \text{ ft} \times 12 \text{ in/ft} = 480 \text{ in}$  (1219 cm), then

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{I}{A}}$$

$$A = (18 \text{ in})^2 - (17 \text{ in})^2 = 35.0 \text{ in}^2$$

$$I_x = I_y = I = \frac{(18 \text{ in})^4 - (17 \text{ in})^4}{12} = 1788 \text{ in}^4 (225.8 \text{ sq cm})$$

2. **Find the  $Kl/r$  ratio for this section.** With the data we have,

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{1788 \text{ in}^4}{35.0 \text{ in}^4}} = 7.15 \text{ in}$$

$$\frac{KI}{r} = \frac{480 \text{ in}}{7.15 \text{ in}} = 67.2$$

3. **Determine the design compressive strength of this section.** Using the suitable AISC *Manual* table, namely “Design Stress for Compression Members of 36 ksi Specified Yield-Stress Steel,  $\phi_c = 0.85$ ,” and interpolating, for  $Kl/r = 67.2$ ,  $f_c F_{cr} = 24.13 \text{ ksi}$  (166.3 Mpa) the design compressive strength  $\phi_c P_n = 24.13 \text{ kips/in}^2 \times 35.0 \text{ in}^2 = 845 \text{ kips}$  (3759 kN).

**Related Calculations** This procedure is the work of Abraham J. Rokach, MSCE, Associate Director of Education, American Institute of Steel Construction. SI values were prepared by the handbook editor.

## DETERMINING BEAM FLEXURAL DESIGN STRENGTH FOR MINOR- AND MAJOR-AXIS BENDING

For a simply supported  $W24 \times 76$  beam, laterally braced only at the supports, determine the flexural design strength for (a) minor-axis bending and (b) major-axis bending. Use the “Load Factor Design Selection Table for Beams” in Part 3 of the AISC *LRFD Manual*.

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Determine if the beam is a compact section.** The  $W24 \times 76$  is a compact section. This can be verified by noting that in the Properties Tables in Part 1 of the AISC *LRFD Manual*, both  $b_f/2t_f$  and  $h_c/t_w$  for a  $W24 \times 76$  beam are less than the respective flange and web values of  $\lambda_p$  for  $F_y = 36 \text{ ksi}$  (248 MPa).

2. **Find the flexural design strength for minor-axis bending.** For minor- (or y-) axis bending,  $M_{ny} = M_{py} Z_y F_y$  regardless of unbraced length (Eq. [56]). The flexural design strength for minor-axis bending of a  $W24 \times 76$  is always equal to  $\phi_b M_{ny} = \phi_b Z_y F_y = 0.90 \times 28.6 \text{ in}^3 \times 36 \text{ ksi} = 927 \text{ kip-in} = 77 \text{ kip-ft}$  (104 kNm).

3. **Compute the flexural design strength for major-axis bending.** The flexural design strength for major-axis bending depends on  $C_b$  and  $L_b$ . For a simply supported member, the end moments  $M_1 = M_2 = 0$ ;  $C_b = 1.0$ .

4. **Plot the results.** For  $0 < L_b < (L_p = 8.0 \text{ ft})$ ,  $\phi_b M_n = \phi_b M_p = 540 \text{ kip-ft}$  (732 kNm).

At  $L_b = L_r = 23.4 \text{ ft}$ ,  $\phi_b M_{nx} = \phi_b M_r = 343 \text{ kip-ft}$  (465 kNm). Linear interpolation is required for  $L_p < L_b < L_r$ . For  $L_b > L_r$ ; refer to the beam graphs in Part 3 of the AISC *LRFD Manual*.

Figure 36b shows the data plotted for this beam, after using data from the AISC table referred to above.

**Related Calculations** This procedure is the work of Abraham J. Rokach, MSCE, Associate Director of Education, American Institute of Steel Construction. SI values were prepared by the handbook editor.

## DESIGNING WEB STIFFENERS FOR WELDED BEAMS

The welded beam in Fig. 37a (selected from the table “Built-Up Wide-Flange Sections” in Part 3 of the AISC *LRFD Manual*) frames into the column in Fig. 37b. Design web stiffeners to double the shear strength of the web at the end panel.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the nominal shear strength for a stiffened web.** At the end panels there is no tension field action. The nominal shear strength for a stiffened web is, using the AISC *LRFD Manual* equation,  $V_n = 0.6A_w F_y C_v$ . Assuming

$$\frac{h}{t_w} > 234 \sqrt{\frac{k}{F_y}}, \quad C_v = \frac{44,000}{(h/t_w)^2 F_y}$$

Substituting, we obtain

$$V_n = 0.6A_w F_y \times \frac{44,000}{(h/t_w)^2 F_y} = A_w \frac{26,400k}{(h/t_w)^2}$$

The case of no-stiffeners corresponds to  $k = 5$ .

**2. Check the original assumptions for doubling the shear strength.** To double the shear strength,  $k = 2 \times 5 = 10$ . Then in AISC Equation A-G3-4,

$$k = 5 + \frac{5}{(a/h)^2} = 10$$

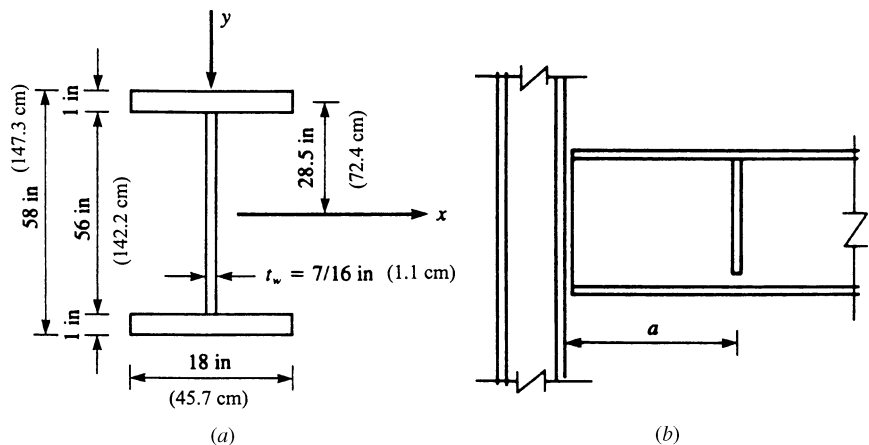


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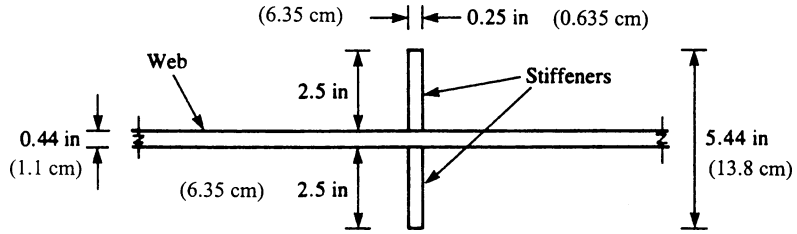


FIGURE 38

This implies  $a/h = 1.0$  or  $a = k$ ; thus, the clear distance between transverse web stiffeners  $a = h = 56$  in (142.2 cm). Checking the original assumption we obtain

$$\left( \frac{h}{t_w} = \frac{56 \text{ in}}{0.44 \text{ in}} = 128.9 \right) > \left( 234 \sqrt{\frac{k}{F_y}} = 234 \sqrt{\frac{10}{36}} = 123.3 \right) \text{ o.k.}$$

**3. Design the stiffener, trying a pair of stiffener plates.** Stiffener design can be performed thusly. Because tension field action is not utilized, the equation  $I_{st} \geq at_w^3 j$  must be satisfied, where

$$j = \frac{2.5}{(ah)^2} - 2 \geq 0.5$$

$$j = \frac{2.5}{1^2} - 2 = 0.5$$

$$I_{st} \geq 56 \text{ in} \times (0.44 \text{ in})^3 \times 0.5 = 2.34 \text{ in}^4 (97.4 \text{ cm}^4)$$

Try a pair of stiffener plates, 2.5 in  $\times$  0.25 in (6.35  $\times$  0.635 cm), as in Fig. 38. The moment of inertia of the stiffener pair about the web centerline

$$I_{st} = \frac{0.25 \text{ in} \times (5.44 \text{ in})^2}{12} = 3.35 \text{ in}^4 > 2.34 \text{ in}^4 \text{ o.k. } (139.4 \text{ cm}^4 > 97.4 \text{ cm}^4) \text{ o.k.}$$

**4. Try a single stiffener plate.** Using the plate in Fig. 39, which is 3.5  $\times$  0.25 in (8.89  $\times$  0.635 cm), the moment of inertia of the stiffener about the face of the web is

$$I_{st} = \frac{0.25 \text{ in} \times (3.5 \text{ in})^3}{3} = 3.57 \text{ in}^4 > 2.34 \text{ in}^4 \text{ o.k. } (148.6 \text{ cm}^4 > 97.4 \text{ cm}^4) \text{ o.k.}$$

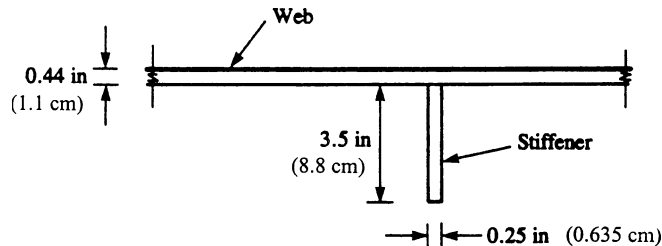


FIGURE 39

**Related Calculations** This procedure is the work of Abraham J. Rokach, MSCE, Associate Director of Education, American Institute of Steel Construction. SI values were prepared by the handbook editor.

## DETERMINING THE DESIGN MOMENT AND SHEAR STRENGTH OF A BUILT-UP WIDE-FLANGE WELDED BEAM SECTION

For the welded section in Fig. 37a (selected from the table “Built-Up Wide-Flange Sections” in Part 3 of the AISC *LRFD Manual*), determine the design moment and shear strengths. Bending is about the major axis;  $C_b = 1.0$ . The (upper) compression flange is continuously braced by the floor deck. Steel is A36.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Check the beam compactness and flange local buckling.** Working with the “Flexural Strength Parameters” table in the Appendix of the AISC *LRFD Specification*, the compactness of the beam (for a doubly symmetric I shape bending about its major axis) should first be checked:

$$\text{Flange} \quad \lambda = \frac{b}{t} = \frac{b_f}{2t_f} = \frac{18 \text{ in}}{2 \times 1 \text{ in}} = 9.0$$

For the definition of  $b$  for a welded I shape, see the AISC *LRFD Manual*.

$$\text{Flange} \quad \lambda = \frac{65}{\sqrt{F_y}} = \frac{65}{\sqrt{36}} = 9.0$$

For the flange,  $\lambda < \lambda_p$ . Therefore, the flange is compact, and  $M_{nx} = M_{px}$  for the limit state of flange local buckling (FLB).

$$\text{Web} \quad \lambda_p = \frac{h_c}{t_w} = \frac{56 \text{ in}}{\sqrt{7/16} \text{ in}} = 128.0$$

$$\text{Web} \quad \lambda = \frac{640}{\sqrt{F_y}} = \frac{640}{\sqrt{36}} = 106.7$$

$$\text{Web} \quad \lambda = \frac{970}{\sqrt{F_y}} = \frac{970}{\sqrt{36}} = 161.7$$

For the web,  $(\lambda_p = 106.7) < (\lambda = 128.0) < (\lambda_r = 161.7)$ . The web is noncompact:  $M_{rx} < M_{nx} < M_{px}$ ; for the limit state of web local buckling (WLB);  $M_{nx}$  is determined from AISC LRFD Manual Eq. (A-F1-3).

**2. Analyze the lateral bracing relating to the limit state of lateral-torsional buckling (LTB).** For this continuously braced member,  $L_b = 0$ ;  $M_{nx} = M_{px}$  for LTB. Summarizing:

Limit State	$M_{nx}$
LTB	$M_{px}$
FLB	$M_{px}$
WLB	$M_{rx} < M_{nx} < M_{px}$



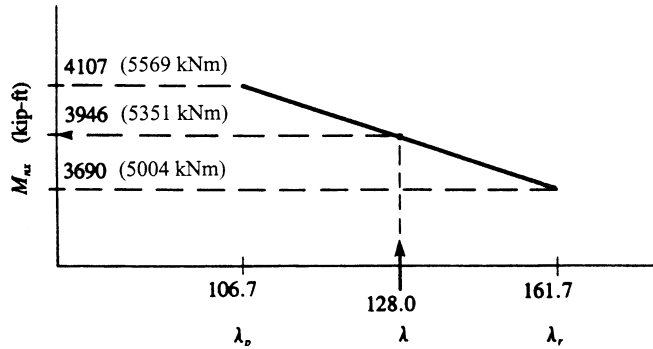


FIGURE 40

The limit state of WLB (with minimum  $M_{nx}$ ) governs. To determine  $M_{px}$ ,  $M_{rx}$ , and  $M_{nx}$  for a doubly symmetric I-shaped member bending about the major axis, refer again to the AISC *LRFD Manual* table. There  $M_{px} = F_y Z_x$ ,  $M_{rx} = F_y S_x$  for WLB and from Eq. (A-F1-3) (for WLB):

$$M_{nx} = M_{px} - (M_{px} - M_{rx}) \left( \frac{\lambda - \lambda_p}{\lambda_r - \lambda_p} \right)$$

The properties  $S_x$  and  $Z_x$  of the cross section in Fig. 40 must now be calculated.

$$S_x = \frac{I_x}{C}, \quad \text{where} \quad c = \frac{d}{2} = \frac{58 \text{ in}}{2} = 29 \text{ in (73.7 cm)}$$

The contributions of the two flanges and the web to the moment of inertia  $I_x$  are

Elements	$\frac{BT^3}{12} + AD^2$
2 Flanges	$\left[ \frac{18 \text{ in} \times (1 \text{ in})^3}{12} + (18 \text{ in} \times 1 \text{ in})(28.5 \text{ in}^2) \right] 2 = 29,244 \text{ in}^4 (1,217,227 \text{ cm}^4)$
Web	$\frac{0.44 \text{ in} \times (56 \text{ in})^3}{12} + 0 = 6,403 \text{ in}^4 (266,513 \text{ cm}^4)$
$I_x$	$S_x = \frac{35,647 \text{ in}^4}{29 \text{ in}} \quad 1230 \text{ in}^3 (20,156 \text{ cm}^3)$

To determine  $Z_x$ , we calculate  $\Sigma AD$ , where  $A$  is the cross-sectional area of each element and  $D$  represents its distance from the centroidal  $x$  axis.

In calculating  $Z_x$ , the upper and lower halves of the web are taken separately.

Elements	$AD$
Flanges	$[(18 \text{ in} \times 1 \text{ in}) \times 28.5 \text{ in}] 2 = 1026 \text{ in}^3 (16,813 \text{ cm}^3)$
2 1/2 Webs	$[(28 \text{ in} \times 0.44 \text{ in}) \times 14 \text{ in}] 2 = 343 \text{ in}^3 (5,620 \text{ cm}^3)$
$Z_x$	$1369 \text{ in}^3 (22,433 \text{ cm}^3)$
	$Z_x = 1369 \text{ in}^3 (22,433 \text{ cm}^3)$

3. **Determine the welded section flexural strength.** Determining flexural strengths, we obtain

$$M_{px} = F_y Z_x = \frac{36 \text{ kips/in}^2 \times 1369 \text{ in}^3}{12 \text{ in/ft}} = 4107 \text{ kip-ft (5569 kNm)}$$

$$M_{rx} = F_y S_x = \frac{36 \text{ kips/in}^2 \times 1230 \text{ in}^3}{12 \text{ in/ft}} = 3690 \text{ kip-ft (5004 kNm)}$$

The value of  $M_n$  can be obtained by linear interpolation using Fig. 40 or AISC Eq. (A-F1-3):  $M_{nx} = 3946 \text{ kip-ft (5351 kNm)}$ .

The design flexural strength  $\phi_b M_{nx} = 0.90 \times 3946 \text{ kip-ft} = 3551 \text{ kip-ft (4815 kNm)}$ .

Shear strength for an unstiffened web is governed by one of the equations below, depending on  $h/t_w$ .

$$\text{For } \frac{h}{t_w} \leq \frac{418}{\sqrt{F_y}} \quad V_n = 0.6 F_y A_w \quad [1]$$

$$\text{For } \frac{418}{\sqrt{F_y}} < \frac{h}{t_w} \leq \frac{523}{\sqrt{F_y}} \quad V_n = 0.6 F_y A_w \frac{418/\sqrt{F_y}}{h/t_w} \quad [2]$$

$$\text{For } \frac{h}{t_w} > \frac{523}{\sqrt{F_y}} \quad V_n = A_w \frac{132,000}{(h/t_w)^2} \quad [3]$$

where  $V_n$  = nominal shear strength, kips (kN)

$A_w$  = area of the web,  $\text{in}^2 = dt_w$

$d$  = overall depth, in (cm)

$t_w$  = thickness of web, in (cm)

$h$  = the following web dimensions, in: clear distance between fillets for rolled shapes;  
clear distance between flanges for welded sections

Here,  $h/t_w = 56 \text{ in}/0.44 \text{ in} = 128.0$ .

$$128 > \frac{523}{\sqrt{F_y}} = \frac{523}{\sqrt{36}}$$

Equation (3) governs:

$$\begin{aligned} V_n &= A_w \frac{132,000}{(h/t_w)^2} = \frac{(58 \text{ in} \times 0.44 \text{ in}) \times 132,000}{(128.0)^2} \\ &= 204.4 \text{ kips (909.2 kN)} \end{aligned}$$

The design shear strength  $\phi_v V_n = 0.90 \times 204.4 \text{ kips} = 184.0 \text{ kips (818.4 kN)}$

**Related Calculations** This procedure is the work of Abraham J. Rokach, MSCE, Associate Director of Education, American Institute of Steel Construction. SI values were prepared by the handbook editor.

## FINDING THE LIGHTEST SECTION TO SUPPORT A SPECIFIED LOAD

Find the lightest W8 in A36 steel to support a factored load of 100 kips (444.8 kN) in tension with an eccentricity of 6 in (15.2 cm). The member is 6 ft (1.8 m) long and is laterally braced only at the supports;  $C_b = 1.0$ . Try the orientations (a) to (c) shown in Fig. 41.

### Calculation Procedure

1. Try the first orientation, (a), Fig. 41. Given

$$P_u = 100 \text{ kips (44.8 kN)}; \quad M_u = P_u e = \frac{100 \text{ kips} \times 6 \text{ in}}{12 \text{ in/ft}} = 50 \text{ kip-ft (67.8 kNm)}$$

For orientation (a) in Fig. 41

$$P_u = 100 \text{ kips}, \quad M_{ux} = 50 \text{ kip-ft}, \quad M_{uy} = 0$$

Try a W8 × 28: the design tensile strength (for a cross section with no holes)

$$\phi_t P_n = \phi_t F_y A_g = 0.90 \times 36 \text{ ksi} \times 8.25 \text{ in}^2 = 267 \text{ kips (1188 kN)}$$

For ( $L_b = 6.0 \text{ ft}$ ) < ( $L_p = 6.8 \text{ ft}$ ), the design flexural strength for  $x$ -axis bending

$$\phi_b M_{nx} = \phi_b M_{px} = \phi_b Z_x F_y = \frac{0.90 \times 27.2 \text{ in}^3 \times 36 \text{ ksi}}{12 \text{ in/ft}} = 73.4 \text{ kip-ft (99.5 kNm)}$$

which is also the tabulated value for  $\phi_b M_p$  for a W8 × 28 in the Beam Selection Table in Part 3 of the AISC *LRFD Manual*.

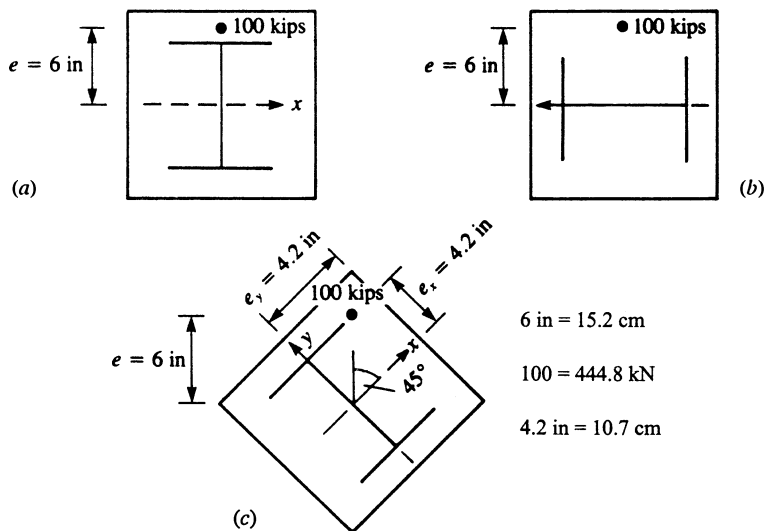


FIGURE 41

Since

$$\frac{P_u}{\phi_t P_n} = \frac{100 \text{ kips}}{267 \text{ kips}} = 0.37 > 0.2$$

the first of two interaction formulas applies.

$$\frac{P_u}{\phi_t P_n} = \frac{8}{9} = \left( \frac{M_{ux}}{\phi_b M_{nx}} + \frac{M_{uy}}{\phi_b M_{ny}} \right) \leq 1.0$$

$$0.37 + \frac{8}{9} \left( \frac{50 \text{ kip-ft}}{73.4 \text{ kip-ft}} + 0 \right) = 0.37 + 0.61 = 0.98 < 1.0 \quad \text{o.k.}$$

**2. Analyze the second orientation being considered.** For orientation (b) in Fig. 41

$$P_u = 100 \text{ kips (444.8 kN)}, \quad M_{ux} = 0, \quad M_{uy} = 50 \text{ kip-ft (67.8 kNm)}$$

Again, try a W8 × 28. For all  $L_b$ , the design flexural strength for y-axis bending

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_b M_{ny} &= \phi_b M_p = \phi_b Z_y F_y \\ &= \frac{0.90 \times 10.1 \text{ in}^3 \times 36 \text{ ksi}}{12 \text{ in/ft}} = 27.2 \text{ kip-ft (36.9 kNm)} \end{aligned}$$

Because  $M_{uy} = 50 \text{ kip-ft} > \phi_b M_{ny} = 27.2 \text{ kip-ft}$ , a W8 × 28 is inadequate. Try a W8 × 48:  $A_g = 14.1 \text{ in}^2$  ( $90.0 \text{ cm}^2$ ),  $Z_y = 22.9 \text{ in}^3$  ( $375.3 \text{ cm}^3$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_b M_{ny} &= \frac{0.90 \times 22.9 \text{ in}^3 \times 36 \text{ ksi}}{12 \text{ in/ft}} = 61.8 \text{ kip-ft (83.8 kNm)} \\ \phi_t P_n &= \phi_t F_y A_g = 0.90 \times 36 \frac{\text{kips}}{\text{in}^2} \times 14.1 \text{ in}^2 = 457 \text{ kips (2032.7 kN)} \end{aligned}$$

Because  $(P_u/\phi_t P_n) = (100 \text{ kips}/457 \text{ kips}) = 0.22 > 0.2$ , interaction formula (H1-1a) again applies.

$$\frac{P_u}{\phi_t P_n} + \frac{8}{9} \left( \frac{M_{ux}}{\phi_b M_{nx}} + \frac{M_{uy}}{\phi_b M_{ny}} \right) \leq 1.0$$

$$0.22 + \frac{8}{9} \left( 0 + \frac{50 \text{ kip-ft}}{61.8 \text{ kip-ft}} \right) = 0.22 + 0.72 = 0.94 < 1.0 \quad \text{o.k.}$$

**3. Find the section for a load eccentric with respect to both principal axes.** For orientation (c) in Fig. 41, assume that the load is eccentric with respect to both principal axes. Referring to Fig. 41c

$$\begin{aligned} e_x &= e \cos 45^\circ = 6 \text{ in} \times 0.707 = 4.2 \text{ in (10.7 cm)} \\ e_y &= e \sin 45^\circ = 6 \text{ in} \times 0.707 = 4.2 \text{ in (10.7 cm)} \\ M_{ux} &= P_u e_x = \frac{100 \text{ kips} \times 4.2 \text{ in}}{12 \text{ in/ft}} = 35.4 \text{ kip-ft (48 kNm)} \\ M_{uy} &= P_u e_y = \frac{100 \text{ kips} \times 4.2 \text{ in}}{12 \text{ in/ft}} = 35.4 \text{ kip-ft (48 kNm)} \end{aligned}$$

Again, try a W8 × 48. As above

$$\frac{P_u}{\phi_t P_n} + \frac{100 \text{ kips}}{457} = 0.22 > 0.2$$

$$\phi_t M_{ny} = 61.8 \text{ kip-ft (83.8 kNm)}$$

Although the W8 × 48 is not listed in the Beam Selection Table in the AISC *LRFD Manual*,  $L_p$  and  $\phi_b M_{nx}$  can be calculated. From Eq. (F1-4) (Chap. 5):

$$L_p = \frac{300r_y}{\sqrt{F_y}} = \frac{300r_y}{\sqrt{36}} = 50r_y$$

$$= 50 \times 2.08 \text{ in} = 104 \text{ in} = 8.7 \text{ ft (2.65 m)}$$

Since ( $L_b = 6.0 \text{ ft}$ ) < ( $L_p = 8.7 \text{ ft}$ )

$$\phi_b M_{nx} = \phi_b M_p = \phi_b Z_x F_y$$

$$= \frac{0.90 \times 49.0 \text{ in}^3 \times 36 \text{ ksi}}{12 \text{ in/ft}} = 132 \text{ kip-ft (178.9 kNm)}$$

In Interaction Formula (H1-1a)

$$0.22 + \frac{8}{9} \left( \frac{35.4 \text{ kip-ft}}{132 \text{ kip-ft}} + \frac{35.4 \text{ kip-ft}}{61.8 \text{ kip-ft}} \right) \leq 1.0$$

$$0.22 + \frac{8}{9} (0.27 + 0.57)$$

$$0.22 + 0.75 = 0.97 < 1.0 \quad \text{o.k.}$$

The most efficient configuration is orientation (a), strong axis bending, which requires a W8 × 28 as opposed to a W8 × 48 for the other two cases.

**Related Calculations** This procedure is the work of Abraham J. Rokach, MSCE, Associate Director of Education, American Institute of Steel Construction. SI values were prepared by the handbook editor.

## COMBINED FLEXURE AND COMPRESSION IN BEAM-COLUMNS IN A BRACED FRAME

Select, in A36 steel, a W14 section for a beam-column in a braced frame with the following combination of factored loads:  $P_u = 800 \text{ kips (3558 kN)}$ ; first-order moments  $M_x = 200 \text{ kip-ft (271 kNm)}$ ;  $M_y = 0$ ; single-curvature bending (i.e., equal and opposite end moments); and no transverse loads along the member. The floor-to-floor height is 15 ft (4.57 m).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Find the effective axial load for the beam-column.** This procedure considers singly and doubly symmetric beam-columns: members subjected combined axial compression and bending about one or both principal axes. The combination of compression with flexure may result from (either)

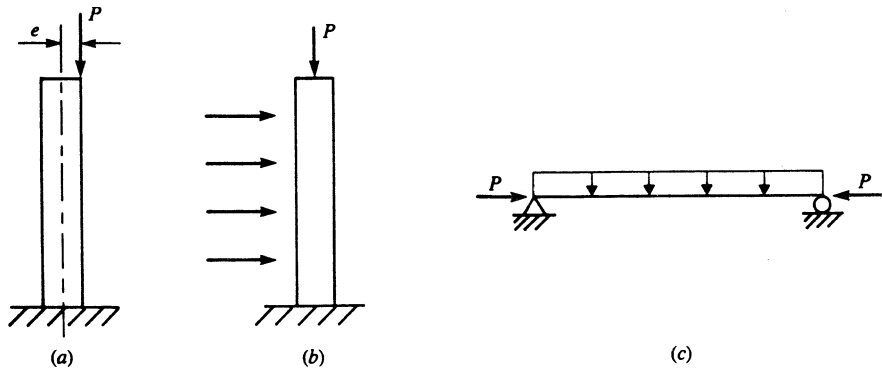


FIGURE 42 Combined compression and flexure.

- (a) A compressive force that is eccentric with respect to the centroidal axis of the column, as in Fig. 42a  
 (b) A column subjected to lateral force or moment, as in Fig. 42b  
 (c) A beam transmitting wind or other axial forces, as in Fig. 42c

#### Interaction Formulas

The cross sections of beam-columns must comply with formula (H1-1a) or (H1-1b), whichever is applicable.

For  $(P_u/\phi_c P_n) \geq 0.2$

$$\frac{P_u}{\phi_c P_n} + \frac{8}{9} \left( \frac{M_{ux}}{\phi_b M_{nx}} + \frac{M_{uy}}{\phi_b M_{ny}} \right) \leq 1.0 \quad (\text{H1-1a})$$

For  $(P_u/\phi_c P_n) < 0.2$

$$\frac{P_u}{2\phi_c P_n} + \left( \frac{M_{ux}}{\phi_b M_{nx}} + \frac{M_{uy}}{\phi_b M_{ny}} \right) \leq 1.0 \quad (\text{H1-1b})$$

For beam-columns:

$M_{ux}, M_{uy}$  = required flexural strengths (based on the factored loads) including second-order effects, kip-in or kip-ft

$P_u$  = required compressive strength (based on the factored loads), kips

$\phi_c P_n$  = design compressive strength, kips (kN)

$\phi_b M_{nx}, \phi_b M_{ny}$  = design flexural strengths, kip-ft (kNm)

$\phi_c$  = resistance factor for compression = 0.85

$\phi_b$  = resistance factor for flexure = 0.90

The subscript  $x$  refers to bending about the major principal centroidal (or  $x$ ) axis;  $y$  refers to the minor principal centroidal (or  $y$ ) axis.

#### Simplified Second-Order Analysis

Second-order moments in beam-columns are the additional moments caused by the axial compressive forces acting on a displaced structure. Normally, structural analysis is first-order; that is, the everyday methods used in practice (whether done manually or by one of the popular computer

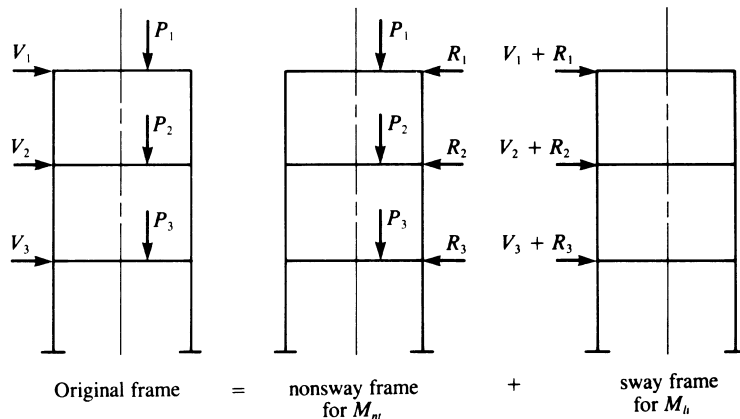


FIGURE 43 Frame models for  $M_n$  and  $M_t$ .

programs) assume the forces as acting on the original undeflected structure. Second-order effects are neglected. To satisfy the AISC *LRFD Specification*, second-order moments in beam-columns must be considered in their design.

Instead of rigorous second-order analysis, the AISC *LRFD Specification* presents a simplified alternative method. The components of the total factored moment determined from a first-order elastic analysis (neglecting secondary effects) are divided into two groups,  $M_n$  and  $M_t$ .

1.  $M_n$ —the required flexural strength in a member assuming there is no lateral translation of the structure. It includes the first-order moments resulting from the gravity loads (i.e., dead and live loads), calculated manually or by computer.
2.  $M_t$ —the required flexural strength in a member due to lateral frame translation. In a braced frame,  $M_t = 0$ . In an unbraced frame,  $M_t$  includes the moments from the lateral loads. If both the frame and its vertical loads are symmetric,  $M_t$  from the vertical loads is zero. However, if either the vertical loads (i.e., dead and live loads) or the frame geometry is asymmetric and the frame is not braced, lateral translation occurs and  $M_t \neq 0$ . To determine  $M_t$  (a) apply fictitious horizontal reactions at each floor level to prevent lateral translation and (b) use the reverse of these reactions as “sway forces” to obtain  $M_t$ . This procedure is illustrated in Fig. 43. As is indicated there,  $M_t$  for an unbraced frame is the sum of the moments due to the lateral loads and the “sway forces.”

Once  $M_n$  and  $M_t$  have been obtained, they are multiplied by their respective magnification factors,  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ , and added to approximate the actual second-order factored moment  $M_u$ .

$$M_u = B_1 M_n + B_2 M_t \quad (H1-2)$$

As shown in Fig. 44,  $B_1$  accounts for the secondary  $P - \delta$  effect in all frames (including sway-inhibited), and  $B_2$  covers the  $P - \Delta$  effect in unbraced frames. The analytical expressions for  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  follow.

$$B_1 = \frac{C_m}{(1 - P_u/P_e)} \geq 1.0 \quad (H1-3)$$

where  $P_u$  is the factored axial compressive force in the member, kips

$$P_e = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{(KL)^2} \quad [8.1]$$

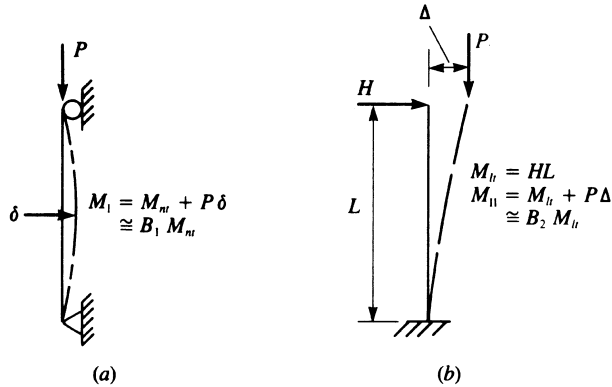


FIGURE 44 Illustrations of secondary effects. (a) Column in braced frame; (b) Column in unbraced frame.

where  $K = 1.0$ ,  $I$  is the moment of inertia ( $\text{in}^4$ ) ( $\text{cm}^4$ ) and  $l$  is the unbraced length (in) (cm) (Both  $I$  and  $l$  are taken in the plane of bending only.)

The coefficient  $C_m$  is determined as follows.

- (1) For restrained beam-columns not subjected to transverse loads between their supports in the plane of bending

$$C_m = 0.6 - 0.4 \frac{M_1}{M_2} \tag{HI-4}$$

where  $M_1/M_2$  is the ratio of the smaller to larger moment at the ends of the portion of the member unbraced in the plane of bending under consideration. If the rotations due to end moments  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are in opposite directions, then  $M_1/M_2$  is negative; otherwise  $M_1/M_2$  is positive.

- (2) For beam-columns subjected to transverse loads between supports, if the ends are restrained against rotation,  $C_m = 0.85$ ; if the ends are *unrestrained* against rotation,  $C_m = 1.0$ .

Two equations are given for  $B_2$  in the AISC *LRFD Specification*:

$$B_1 = \frac{1}{1 - \Sigma P_u \left( \frac{\Delta_{oh}}{\Sigma HL} \right)} \tag{HI-5}$$

or

$$B_2 = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\Sigma P_u}{\Sigma P_e}} \tag{HI-6}$$

where  $\Sigma P_u$  = required axial strength of all columns in a story (i.e., the total factored gravity load above that level), kips

$\Sigma_{ch}$  = translational deflection of the story under consideration, in

$\Sigma H$  = sum of all horizontal forces producing  $\Delta_{oh}$ , kips

$L$  = story height, in

$\Sigma P_e$  = summation of  $P_e$  for all columns in a story



Values of  $P_e$  are obtained from Eq. [8.1], considering the actual  $K$  and  $l$  of each column in its plane of bending. Equation (H1-5) is generally the more convenient of the two formulas for evaluating  $B_2$ . The quantity  $\Delta_{oh}/L$  is the story drift index. Often, especially for tall buildings, the maximum drift index is a design criterion. Using it in Eq. (H1-5) facilitates the determination of  $B_2$ .

For columns with biaxial bending in frames unbraced in both directions, two values of  $B_1$  ( $B_{1x}$  and  $B_{1y}$ ) are needed for each column and two values of  $B_2$  for each story, one for each major direction. Once the appropriate  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  have been evaluated, Eq. (H1-2) can be used to determine  $M_{ux}$  and  $M_{uy}$  for the applicable interaction formula.

### Preliminary Design

The selection of a trial W shape for beam-column design can be facilitated by means of an approximate interaction equation given in the AISC *LRFD Manual*. Bending moments are converted to equivalent axial loads as follows.

$$P_{u,\text{eff}} = P_u + M_{ux}m + M_{uy}mU \quad [8.2]$$

where  $P_{u,\text{eff}}$  is the effective axial load to be checked against the Column Load Table in Part 2 of the AISC *LRFD Manual*;  $P_u$ ,  $M_{ux}$ , and  $M_{uy}$  are as defined in interaction formulas (H1-1a) and (H1-1b) ( $P_u$ , kips;  $M_{ux}$ ,  $M_{uy}$ , kip-ft); and  $m$  and  $U$  are factors adapted from the AISC *LRFD Manual*.

Once a satisfactory trial section has been selected (i.e.,  $P_{u,\text{eff}}$  the tabulated  $\phi_c P_n$ ), it should be verified with formula (H1-1a) or (H1-1b).

For a braced frame,  $K = 1.0$  for design;  $K_x L_x = K_y L_y = 1.0 \times 15$  ft. Select a trial W14 shape using Eq. [8.2].

$$P_{u,\text{eff}} = P_u + M_{ux}m + M_{uy}mU$$

For a W14 with  $KL = 15$  ft  $m = 1.0$  and  $U = 1.5$ . Substituting in Eq. [8.2], we obtain

$$P_{u,\text{eff}} = 800 + 200 \times 2.0 + 0 = 1200 \text{ kips (5338 kN)}$$

In the AISC Column Load Tables (p. 2-19 of the *LRFD Manual*), if  $F_y = 36$  ksi (248 mPa) and  $KL = 15$  ft (4.57 m),  $\phi_c P_n = 1280$  kips ( $> P_{u,\text{eff}} = 1200$  kips) for a W14  $\times$  159.

**2. Analyze the braced frame.** Try a W14  $\times$  159. To determine  $M_{ux}$  (the second-order moment), use Eq. (H1-2).

$$M_u = B_1 M_{nt} + B_2 M_{lt}$$

Because the frame is braced,  $M_{lt} = 0$ .

$$M_u = B_1 M_{nt} \quad \text{or} \quad M_{ux} = B_1 \times 200 \text{ kip-ft}$$

According to Eq. (H1-3)

$$B_1 = \frac{C_m}{(1 - P_u/P_e)} \geq 1.0$$

where  $C_m = 0.6 - 0.4(M_1/M_2)$  for beam-columns not subjected to lateral loads between supports.

For  $M_1 = M_2 = 200$  kip-ft (271 kNm) in single curvature bending (i.e., end moments in opposite directions)

$$\frac{M_1}{M_2} = -\frac{200}{200} = -1.0$$

$$C_m = 0.6 - 0.4(-1.0) = 1.0$$

For a W14 × 159,  $I_x = 1900 \text{ in}^4$  (79,084 cm<sup>4</sup>)

$$P_l = \frac{\pi^2 EI_x}{(KL)^2} = \frac{\pi^2 \times 29,000 \text{ kips/in}^2 \times 1900 \text{ in}^4}{(1.0 \times 15 \text{ ft} \times 12 \text{ in/ft})^2} = 16,784 \text{ kips (74,655 kN)}$$

In Eq. (H1-3)

$$B_1 = \frac{1.0}{1 - 800 \text{ kips}/16,784 \text{ kips}} = 1.05$$

Here,  $M_{ux} = 1.05 \times 200 \text{ kip-ft} = 210 \text{ kip-ft}$  (284.6 kNm), the second-order required flexural strength. (Substituting  $M_{ux} = 210 \text{ kip-ft}$  in preliminary design, Eq. [8.2] still leads to a W14 × 159 as the trial section.)

Selecting the appropriate beam-column interaction formula, (H1-1a) or (H1-1b), we have

$$\frac{P_u}{\phi_c P_n} = \frac{800 \text{ kips}}{1280 \text{ kips}} = 0.63 > 0.2$$

Use formula (H1-1a), which, for  $M_{uy} = 0$ , reduces to

$$\frac{P_u}{\phi_c P_n} + \frac{8}{9} \frac{M_{ux}}{\phi_b M_{nx}} \leq 1.0$$

**3. Determine the design flexural strength.** To determine  $\phi_b M_{nx}$  (the design flexural strength), refer to the “Load Factor Design Selection Table for Beams” in the AISC *LFRD Manual*. Since the W14 × 159 is not tabulated therein, the basic equations are used instead.

$$C_b = 1.75 + 1.05 \frac{M_1}{M_2} + 0.3 \left( \frac{M_1}{M_2} \right)^2 \leq 2.3$$

Again,  $M_1/M_2 = -1.0$ .

$$C_b = 1.75 + 1.05(-1.0) + 0.3(-1.0)^2 = 1.0$$

If  $C_b = 1.0$ ,  $M_n = M_p Z_x F_y$  for bending about the  $x$  axis if  $L_b \leq L_p$ ;  $L_p = (300r_y/F_y)$  for W shapes bent about the  $x$  axis [Eq. (F1-4)]. For a W14 × 159,  $r_y = 4.0 \text{ in}$  (10.2 cm) and

$$L_p = \frac{(300 \times 4.0 \text{ in})(12 \text{ in/ft})}{\sqrt{36}} = 16.7 \text{ ft (5.1 m)}$$

Because ( $L_b = 15.0 \text{ ft}$ ) < ( $L_p = 16.7 \text{ ft}$ ),

$$M_{nx} = Z_x F_y = \frac{287 \text{ in}^3 \times 36 \text{ kips/in}^2}{12 \text{ in/ft}} = 861 \text{ kip-ft (1167 kNm)}$$

and  $\phi_b M_{nx} = 0.90 \times 861 \text{ kip-ft} = 775 \text{ kip-ft}$  (1050 kNm)

Substituting the interaction formula, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & 0.65 + \frac{8}{9} \times \frac{210 \text{ kip-ft}}{775 \text{ kip-ft}} \\ & = 0.63 + 0.24 = 0.87 < 1.0 \quad \text{o.k.} \end{aligned}$$

By a similar solution of interaction formula (*HI-1a*), it can be shown that a W14 × 145 is also adequate.

**Related Calculations** This procedure is the work of Abraham J. Rokach, MSCE, Associate Director of Education, American Institute of Steel Construction. SI values were prepared by the handbook editor.

## SELECTION OF CONCRETE-FILLED STEEL COLUMN

Select a 6-in (15.2-cm) concrete-filled steel-pipe column for a required axial compressive strength of 200 kips (889.6 kN), where  $KL = 10.0$  ft (3.05 m),  $F_y = 36$  ksi (248 MPa),  $f'_c = 3.5$  ksi (24.1 MPa), using normal-weight concrete = 145 lb/cu ft (2320 kg/cu m).

### Calculation Procedure

1. Try a standard-weight concrete-filled pipe.
2. Analyze the selected column. Check minimum wall thickness of pipe, Fig. 45:

$$t \geq D \sqrt{\frac{F_y}{8E}} = 6.625 \text{ in} \sqrt{\frac{36 \text{ ksi}}{8 \times 29,000 \text{ ksi}}} = 0.083 \text{ in (0.21 cm)}$$

$$t = 0.280 \text{ in} > 0.083 \text{ in} \quad \text{o.k.}$$

Check minimum cross-sectional area of steel pipe:

$$A_s = \pi(R^2 - R_i^2) \frac{\pi}{4}(D^2 - D_i^2)$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} [(6.625 \text{ in})^2 - (6.065 \text{ in})^2] = 5.6 \text{ in}^2 (36.1 \text{ cm}^2)$$

$$A_c = \pi R_i^2 = \frac{\pi}{4} D_i^2 = \frac{\pi}{4} \times (6.065 \text{ in})^2 = 28.9 \text{ in}^2 (186.5 \text{ cm}^2)$$

$$\frac{A_s}{A_s + A_c} = \frac{5.6 \text{ in}^2}{5.6 \text{ in}^2 + 28.9 \text{ in}^2} = 0.16 > 4\% \quad \text{o.k.}$$

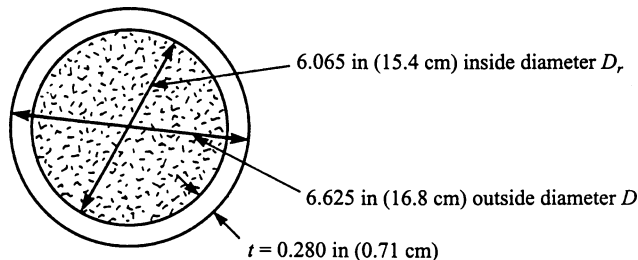


FIGURE 45

Au: Same as #2 ok? **3. Analyze the selected column.** In the absence of reinforcing bars:

$$F_{my} = F_y + c_2 f'_c \frac{A_c}{A_s}$$

$$E_m = E + c_3 E_c \frac{A_c}{A_s}$$

where  $E_c = w^{1.5} \sqrt{f'_c}$ ,  $c_2 = 0.85$ ,  $c_3 = 0.4$ .

The modulus of elasticity of the concrete

$$E_c = 145^{1.5} \sqrt{3.5} = 3267 \text{ ksi}$$

The modified yield stress for composite design is

$$\begin{aligned} F_{my} &= 36 \text{ ksi} + 0.85 \times 3.5 \text{ ksi} \times \frac{28.9 \text{ in}^2}{5.6 \text{ in}^2} \\ &= 51.4 \text{ ksi (354.1 MPa)} \end{aligned}$$

The modified modulus of elasticity for composite design is

$$\begin{aligned} E_m &= 29,000 \text{ ksi} + 0.4 \times 3267 \text{ ksi} \times \frac{28.9 \text{ in}^2}{5.6 \text{ in}^2} \\ &= 35,744 \text{ ksi (246.276 MPa)} \end{aligned}$$

The radius of gyration of a hollow circular shape

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \frac{\sqrt{D^2 + D_i^2}}{4} \quad (\text{See AISC LRFD Manual, p. 7-21.}) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{(6.625 \text{ in})^2 + (6.065 \text{ in})^2}}{4} = 2.25 \text{ in (5.72 cm)} \end{aligned}$$

for the bare steel pipe.

The modified radius of gyration for composite design

$$\begin{aligned} r_m &= r \geq 0.3D \quad (\text{the overall dimension}) \\ &= 2.25 \text{ in} \geq (0.3 \times 6.625 \text{ in} = 1.99 \text{ in}) \\ &= 2.25 \text{ in (5.72 cm)} \end{aligned}$$

The slenderness parameter

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_c &= \frac{Kl}{r_m \pi} \sqrt{\frac{F_{my}}{E_m}} \\ &= \frac{10.0 \text{ ft} \times 12 \text{ in/ft}}{2.25 \text{ in} \times \pi} \sqrt{\frac{51.4 \text{ ksi}}{35,744 \text{ ksi}}} = 0.64 \end{aligned}$$

Because  $\lambda_c < 1.5$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{cr} &= (0.658^{\lambda_c^2}) F_{my} \\ &= 0.658^{(0.64)^2} \times 51.4 \text{ ksi} = 43.2 \text{ ksi (297.6 MPa)} \end{aligned}$$

The design compressive strength

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_c P_n &= \phi_c A_s F_{cr} \\ &= 0.85 \times 5.6 \text{ in}^2 \times 43.2 \text{ kips/in}^2 \\ &= 205 \text{ kips} > 200 \text{ kips required}\end{aligned}$$

( $\phi_c P_n = 205$  kips (911.8 kN) for this case is also tabulated on p. 4-100 of the AISC *LRFD Manual*.)  
The 6-in (15.2 cm) standard-weight concrete-filled pipe-column is satisfactory.

**Related Calculations** This procedure is the work of Abraham J. Rokach, MSCE, Associate Director of Education, American Institute of Steel Construction. SI values were prepared by the handbook editor.

## DETERMINING DESIGN COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH OF COMPOSITE COLUMNS

Determine the design compressive strength of a W8 × 40 (A36 steel) encased in a 16 × 16 in (40.6 × 40.6 cm) ( $f'_c = 3.5$  ksi) (24.1 MPa) normal-weight concrete column in Fig. 46. Reinforcement is four No. 7 (Grade 60) bars longitudinally, and No. 3 ties at 10 in (25.4 cm) horizontally.

### Calculation Procedure

1. *Check the minimum requirements for the column.* Checking minimum requirements

(a) For a W8 × 40,  $A_s = 11.7 \text{ in}^2$ , total area = 16 in × 16 in = 256 in<sup>2</sup> (1652 cm<sup>2</sup>)

$$\frac{11.7 \text{ in}^2}{256 \text{ in}^2} = 4.6\% > 4\% \text{ minimum} \quad \text{o.k.}$$

(b) Lateral tie spacing = 10 in (25.4 cm)

$$< \frac{2}{3} \times 16 \text{ in outer dimension} = 10.7 \text{ in (27.2 cm)} \quad \text{o.k.}$$

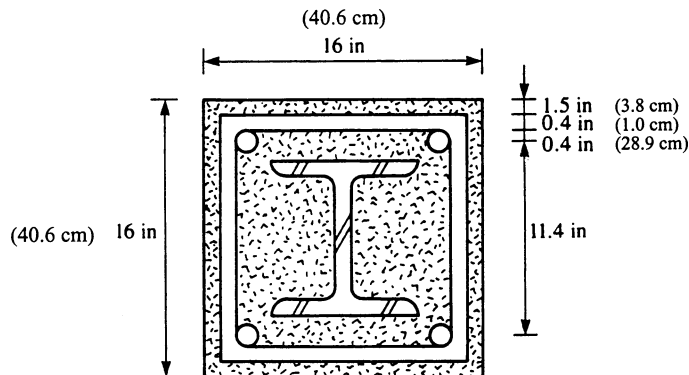


FIGURE 46

Minimum clear cover = 1.5 in (3.8 cm). o.k.  
 Horizontal No.3 bars:  $A_r = 0.11 \text{ in}^2$  per bar

$$> 0.007 \text{ in}^2 \times 10 \text{ in spacing} = 0.07 \text{ in}^2 (0.45 \text{ cm}^2) \quad \text{o.k.}$$

Vertical No.7 bars:  $A_r = 0.60 \text{ in}^2$  per bar

$$> 0.007 \text{ in}^2 \times 11.4 \text{ in spacing} = 0.08 \text{ in}^2 (0.52 \text{ cm}^2) \quad \text{o.k.}$$

(c)  $3.0 \text{ ksi} < (f'_c = 3.5 \text{ ksi}) < 8.0 \text{ ksi}$  for normal weight concrete o.k.

(d) Use  $F_{yr} = 55 \text{ ksi}$  (378.9 MPa) for reinforcement in calculations, even though actual  $F_{yr} = 60 \text{ ksi}$  (413.4 MPa) for Grade 60 bars.

**2. Determine the modified yield stress and modulus of elasticity.** Determine  $F_{my}$  and  $E_m$ :

$$F_{my} = F_y + c_1 F_{yr} \frac{A_r}{A_s} + c_2 f'_c \frac{A_c}{A_s}$$

where  $A_r$  = the cross-sectional area of four No. 7 longitudinal bars =  $4 \times 0.6 \text{ in}^2 = 2.4 \text{ in}^2$  (15.5 cm<sup>2</sup>)

$A_s$  = cross-sectional area of W8 × 40 = 11.7 in<sup>2</sup> (75.5 cm<sup>2</sup>)

$A_c$  =  $16 \text{ in} \times 16 \text{ in} - (11.7 \text{ in}^2 + 2.4 \text{ in}^2) = 242 \text{ in}^2$  (1561 cm<sup>2</sup>)

For concrete-encased shapes,  $c_1 = 0.7$  and  $c_2 = 0.6$ .

$$\begin{aligned} F_{my} &= 36 \text{ ksi} + 0.7 \times 55 \text{ ksi} \times \frac{2.4 \text{ in}^2}{11.7 \text{ in}^2} + 0.6 \times 3.5 \text{ ksi} \times \frac{242 \text{ in}^2}{11.7 \text{ in}^2} \\ &= 87.3 \text{ ksi} (601.5 \text{ MPa}) \end{aligned}$$

$$E_m = E + c_e E_c \frac{A_c}{A_s}$$

where  $c_3 = 0.2$  for concrete-encased shapes

$E_c = w^{1.5} \sqrt{f'_c} = 145^{1.5} \sqrt{3.5} = 3267 \text{ ksi}$  (24,577 MPa) for 3.5-ksi normal-weight (145 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>) (2320 kg/cu m) concrete

$E_m = 29,000 \text{ ksi} + 0.2 \times 3267 \text{ ksi} \times 242 \text{ in}^2 / 11.7 \text{ in}^2 = 42,513 \text{ ksi}$  (292,915 MPa)

The modified radius of gyration

$$\begin{aligned} r_m &= r_y (\text{W8} \times 40) \geq 0.3 \times 16 \text{ in (overall dimension)} \\ &= 2.04 \text{ in} \geq 4.80 \text{ in (12.2 cm)} \\ &= 4.80 \text{ in (12.2 cm)} \end{aligned}$$

The slenderness parameter

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_c &= \frac{kl}{R_m \pi} \sqrt{\frac{E_{my}}{E_m}} \\ &= \frac{15.0 \text{ ft} \times 12 \text{ in/ft}}{4.80 \text{ in} \times \pi} \sqrt{\frac{87.3 \text{ ksi}}{42,513 \text{ ksi}}} = 0.54 \end{aligned}$$

The critical stress

$$F_{cr} = (0.658^{k_c}) F_{my}$$

$$= 0.658^{(0.54)^2} \times 87.3 \text{ ksi} = 77.2 \text{ ksi} (531.9 \text{ MPa})$$

**3. Compute the design compressive strength.** The design compressive strength

$$\phi_c P_n = \phi_c A_s F_{cr}$$

$$= 0.85 \times 11.7 \text{ in}^2 \times 77.2 \text{ kips/in}^2 (531.9 \text{ MPa})$$

$$= 768 \text{ kips} (5292 \text{ MPa})$$

( $\phi_c P_n = 768$  kips for this case is also tabulated on p. 4-73 of the AISC *LRFD Manual*.)

The 768-kip design strength is considerably more than the 238-kip (1640 Mpa) design strength of a noncomposite W8  $\times$  40 column under the same conditions.

**Related Calculations** This procedure is the work of Abraham J. Rokach, MSCE, Associate Director of Education, American Institute of Steel Construction. SI values were prepared by the handbook editor.

## ANALYZING A CONCRETE SLAB FOR COMPOSITE ACTION

A W18  $\times$  40 interior beam is shown in Fig. 47. Steel is A36, beam span is 30 ft 0 in (9.14 m), and beam spacing 10 ft 0 in (3.04 m). The beams are to act compositely with a 5-in (12.7-cm) normal-weight concrete slab;  $f'_c = 5.0$  ksi (41.3 kN). Determine: (a) The effective width of concrete slab for composite action; (b)  $V_h$  (the total horizontal shear force to be transferred) for full composite action; (c) The number of 0.75-in (1.9-cm) diameter shear studs required if  $F_u = 60$  ksi (413.4 kN).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Find the effective width of concrete slab for composite action.** For an interior beam, the effective slab width on either side of the beam centerline is the minimum of

$$\frac{L}{8} = \frac{30.0 \text{ ft}}{8} = 3.75 \text{ ft} = 45 \text{ in} (114.3 \text{ cm})$$

$$\frac{s}{2} = \frac{10.0 \text{ ft}}{2} = 5.00 \text{ ft} (1.52 \text{ m})$$

The effective slab width is  $2 \times 45 \text{ in} = 90 \text{ in} (228.6 \text{ cm})$ .

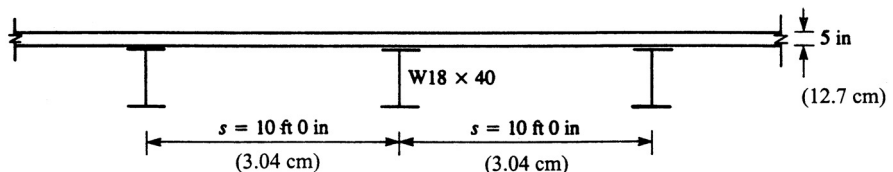


FIGURE 47

2. **Determine the total horizontal shear force for full composite action.** In positive moment regions,  $V_h$  for full composite action is the smaller of

$$\begin{aligned} 0.85f'_cA_c &= 0.85 \times 5 \text{ ksi} \times (90 \text{ in} \times 5 \text{ in}) \\ &= 1913 \text{ kips (8509 kN)} \end{aligned}$$

$$A_sF_y = 11.8 \text{ in}^2 \times 36 \text{ ksi} = 425 \text{ kips (1890 kN)}$$

$$V_h = 425 \text{ kips (1890 kN)}$$

3. **Find the number of shear studs required.** The nominal strength of a single shear stud [from Eq. (15-1)] is

$$Q_n = 0.5A_{sc}\sqrt{f'_cE_c} \leq A_{sc}F_u$$

For a  $3/4$ -in-diameter stud,

$$A_{sc} = \pi \left( \frac{0.75 \text{ in}}{2} \right)^2 = 0.44 \text{ in}^2 (2.84 \text{ cm}^2)$$

$$E_c = w^{1.5} \sqrt{f'_c} = 145^{1.5} \sqrt{5.0} = 3904 \text{ ksi (26,899 kNm)}$$

$$F_u = 60 \text{ ksi (413 kNm)}$$

$$Q_n = 0.5 \times 0.44 \text{ in}^2 \sqrt{5.0 \text{ ksi} \times 3904 \text{ ksi}} \leq 0.44 \text{ in}^2 \times 60 \text{ ksi (413 kNm)}$$

$$= 30.9 \text{ kips} \leq 26.4 \text{ kips (117.4 kN)}$$

$$= 26.4 \text{ kips per stud (117.4 kN per stud)}$$

The number of shear connectors between the points of zero and maximum moments is

$$\begin{aligned} n &= \frac{V_h}{Q_n} = \frac{425 \text{ kips}}{26.4} \text{ kips/stud} \\ &= 16.1 \text{ or } 17 \text{ studs} \end{aligned}$$

For the beam shown in Fig. 48, the required number of shear studs is  $2n = 2 \times 17 = 34$ .

Assuming a single line of shear studs (over the beam web), stud spacing =  $30.0 \text{ ft}/34 = 0.88 \text{ ft} = 10.6 \text{ in (26.9 cm)}$ . This is greater than the six-stud diameter [or  $6 \times 3/4 \text{ in} = 4.5 \text{ in (11.4 cm)}$ ] minimum spacing, and less than the eight slab thickness [or  $8 \times 5 \text{ in} = 40 \text{ in (101.6 cm)}$ ] maximum spacing, which is satisfactory.

**Related Calculations** This procedure is the work of Abraham J. Rokach, MSCE, Associate Director of Education, American Institute of Steel Construction. SI values were prepared by the handbook editor.

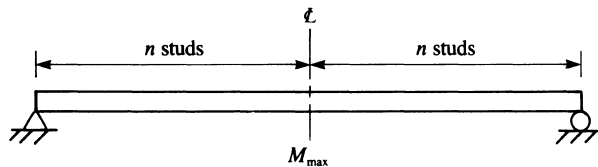


FIGURE 48



## DETERMINING THE DESIGN SHEAR STRENGTH OF A BEAM WEB

The end of a W12 × 86 beam (A36 steel) has been prepared as shown in Fig. 49 for connection to a supporting member. The three holes are 15/16 in (2.38 cm) in diameter for 7/8-in (2.22-cm)-diameter bolts. Determine the design shear strength of the beam web.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Find the applicable limit states.** The applicable limit states are shear yielding, shear fracture, and block shear rupture. For shear yielding [of gross section (1) in Fig. 49]

$$\phi R_n = 0.90 \times 0.6 A_{vg} F_y \quad (J5-3)$$

$$A_{vg} = (d - \text{cope})t = (12.53 \text{ in} - 2 \text{ in}) \times 0.515 \text{ in} = 5.42 \text{ in}^2 (34.96 \text{ cm}^2)$$

$$\phi R_n = 0.9 \times 0.6 \times 5.42 \text{ in}^2 \times 36 \text{ ksi} = 105 \text{ kips (467 kN)}$$

For shear fracture [of net section (1) in Fig. 11-9]

$$\phi R_n = 0.75 \times 0.6 A_{ns} F_u \quad (J4-1)$$

$$A_{ns} = (d - \text{cope} - 3d_h)t = (12.53 \text{ in} - 2 \text{ in} - 3 \times \frac{15}{16} \text{ in}) \times 0.515 \text{ in} = 3.97 \text{ in}^2 (25.6 \text{ cm}^2)$$

$$\phi R_n = 0.75 \times 0.6 \times 3.97 \text{ in}^2 \times 58 \text{ ksi} = 104 \text{ kips (462.6 kN)}$$

For block shear rupture [of section (2) in Fig. 11-9]  $\phi = 0.75$  and  $R_n$  = the greater value of

$$0.6 A_{vg} F_y + A_n F_u \quad (C-J4-1)$$

$$0.6 A_{ns} F_u + A_g F_y \quad (C-J4-2)$$

Where  $A_{vg}$  = gross area of the vertical part of (2)

$A_{ns}$  = net area of the vertical part of (2)

$A_g$  = gross area of the horizontal part of (2)

$A_n$  = net area of the horizontal part of (2)

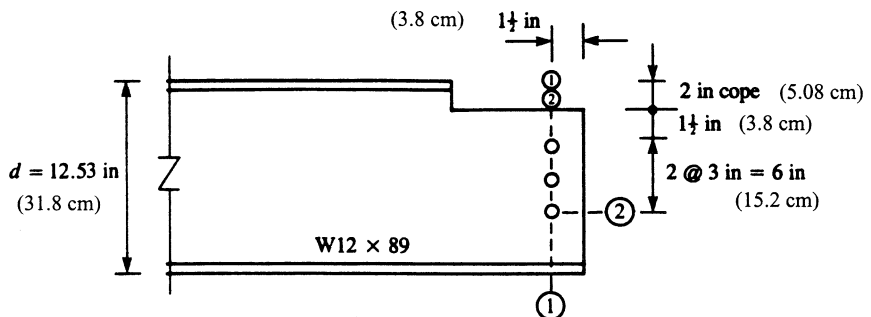


FIGURE 49

$$A_{vg} = (1\frac{1}{2} \text{ in}^2 \times 3 \text{ in}) \times 0.515 \text{ in} = 3.86 \text{ in}^2 (24.9 \text{ cm}^2)$$

$$A_{ns} = (1\frac{1}{2} \text{ in} + 2 \times 3 \text{ in} \times 2\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{15}{16}) \times 0.515 \text{ in} = 2.66 \text{ in}^2 (17.2 \text{ cm}^2)$$

$$A_g = 1\frac{1}{2} \text{ in} \times 0.515 \text{ in} = 0.77 \text{ in}^2 (4.96 \text{ cm}^2)$$

$$A_n = (1\frac{1}{2} \text{ in} - \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{15}{16} \text{ in}) \times 0.515 \text{ in} = 0.53 \text{ in}^2 (3.42 \text{ cm}^2)$$

2. **Determine the design shear strength.**  $R_n$  is the greater of

$$0.6 \times 3.86 \text{ in}^2 \times 36 \frac{\text{kips}}{\text{in}^2} + 0.53 \text{ in}^2 \times 56 \frac{\text{kips}}{\text{in}^2} = 114 \text{ kips (507 kN)}$$

$$0.6 \times 2.66 \text{ in}^2 \times 58 \frac{\text{kips}}{\text{in}^2} + 0.77 \text{ in}^2 \times 36 \frac{\text{kips}}{\text{in}^2} = 120 \text{ kips (533.8 kN)}$$

$$R_n = 120 \text{ kips (533.8 kN)}$$

$$\phi R_n = 0.75 \times 120 \text{ kips} = 90 \text{ kips (400.3 kN)}$$

The design shear strength is 90 kips (400.3 kN), based on the governing limit state of block shear rupture.

**Related Calculations** This procedure is the work of Abraham J. Rokach, MSCE, Associate Director of Education, American Institute of Steel Construction. SI values were prepared by the handbook editor.

## DESIGNING A BEARING PLATE FOR A BEAM AND ITS END REACTION

The unstiffened end of a W21 × 62 beam in A36 steel rests on a concrete support ( $f'_c = 3 \text{ ksi}$  [20.7 MPa]), Fig. 50. Design a bearing plate for the beam and its (factored) end reaction of 100 kips (444.8 kN). Assume the area of concrete support  $A_2 = 6 \times A_1$  (the area of the bearing plate).

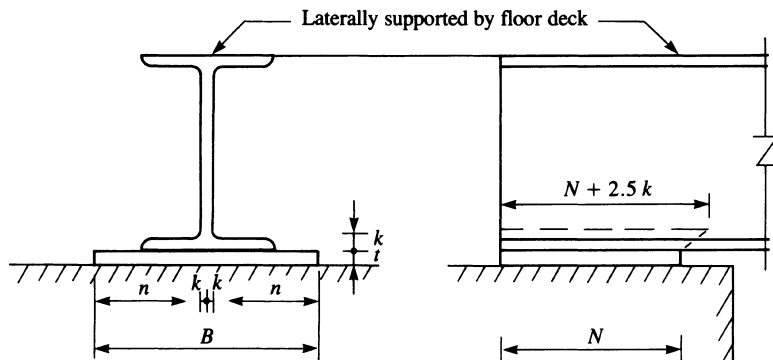


FIGURE 50

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Find the bearing length.** For the concentrated compressive reaction of 100 kips (444.8 kN) acting on the bottom flange, the applicable limit states are (1) local web yielding and (2) web crippling. (It is assumed that the beam is welded to the base plate and both are anchor-bolted to the concrete support. This should provide adequate lateral bracing to prevent sidesway web buckling.)

Corresponding to the applicable limit states are Eqs. (KL-3) and (KL-5), each of which has  $N$ , the length of bearing, as a parameter.

Solving for  $N$ , we obtain

$$R_u \leq \phi R_n = \phi(2.5k + N)F_y t_w$$

$$100 \text{ kips} \leq 1.0(2.5 \times 1\frac{3}{8} \text{ in} + N) \times 36 \text{ kips/in}^2 \times 0.40 \text{ in} \quad (\text{KL-3})$$

$$N \geq 3.5 \text{ in} \quad (8.89 \text{ cm})$$

$$R_u \leq \phi R_n = \phi 68 t_w^2 \left[ 1 + 3 \left( \frac{N}{d} \right) \left( \frac{t_w}{t_f} \right)^{1.5} \right] \sqrt{\frac{F_y t_f}{t_w}}$$

$$N \geq 8.6 \text{ in} \quad (21.8 \text{ cm}) \quad (\text{KL-5})$$

The minimum length of bearing is  $N = 8.6$  in (21.8 cm). Rounding up to the next full inch, let  $N = 9$  in (22.9 cm).

**2. Compute the area of the bearing plate.** The area of the bearing plate is determined by the bearing strength of the concrete support. Using the following equation, the design bearing strength is

$$\phi_c P_p = \phi_c \times 0.85 f'_c A_1 \sqrt{\frac{A_2}{A_1}}$$

where  $\sqrt{A_2/A_1} \leq 2$ .

Substituting in Eq. [11.6], we obtain

$$100 \text{ kips} = 0.60 \times 0.85 \times 3 \frac{\text{kips}}{\text{in}^2} \times A_1 \times 2$$

The area of the bearing plate  $A_1 = 32.7 \text{ in}^2$  (210.9  $\text{cm}^2$ ).

Because the bearing plate dimensions are

$$BN \geq A_1; \quad B \geq \frac{A_1}{N} = \frac{32.7 \text{ in}^2}{9 \text{ in}} = 3.6 \text{ in} \quad (9.14 \text{ cm})$$

However,  $B$  cannot be less than the flange width of the W21  $\times$  62 beam,  $b_f = 8.24$ . Rounding up, let  $B = 9$  in (22.9 cm). A formula for bearing plate thickness is given on page 3.50 of the AISC *LRFD Manual*:

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{2.22 R n^2}{A_1 F_y}}$$

Where  $R = 100$  kips (444.8 kN)

$$n = \frac{B - 2k}{2} = \frac{9 \text{ in} - 2 \times 1\frac{3}{8} \text{ in}}{2} = 3.13 \text{ in} \quad (7.95 \text{ cm})$$

$$A_1 = BN = 9 \text{ in} \times 9 \text{ in} = 81 \text{ in}^2 \quad (522.6 \text{ cm}^2)$$

$$F_y = 36 \text{ ksi} \quad (248 \text{ MPa})$$

### 3. Select the bearing-plate dimensions.

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{2.22 \times 100 \text{ kips} \times (3.13 \text{ in})^2}{81 \text{ in}^2 \times 36 \text{ ksi}}} = 0.86 \text{ in (2.18 cm)}$$

Use a bearing plate 1 in  $\times$  9 in  $\times$  9 in (2.54  $\times$  22.9  $\times$  22.9 cm).

**Related Calculations** This procedure is the work of Abraham J. Rokach, MSCE, Associate Director of Education, American Institute of Steel Construction. SI values were prepared by the handbook editor.

## DETERMINING BEAM LENGTH TO ELIMINATE BEARING PLATE

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Determine if the bearing plate chosen in the preceding procedure can be eliminated by altering the design.

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Compute the needed thickness of the bottom flange.** For the W21  $\times$  62 beam to bear directly on the concrete support, its bottom flange must be sufficiently thick to act as a bearing plate. Let

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{2.22 R n^2}{A_1 F_y}} = 0.615 \text{ in (1.56 cm)}$$

the flange thickness of the W21  $\times$  62 beam. Because  $B = b_f = 8.24 \text{ in (20.9 cm)}$

$$n = \frac{B - 2k}{2} = \frac{8.24 \text{ in} - 2 \times 1\frac{3}{8} \text{ in}}{2} = 2.75 \text{ in (6.99 cm)}$$

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{2.22 \times 100 \text{ kips} \times (2.75 \text{ in})^2}{A_1 \times 36 \text{ kips/in}^2}} = 0.615 \text{ in (1.56 cm)}$$

2. **Find the required length of bearing of the beam.**

$$A_1 = 123 \text{ in}^2 (> 32.7 \text{ in}^2 \text{ required for bearing on concrete})$$

$$N = \frac{A_1}{B} = \frac{A_1}{b_f} = \frac{123 \text{ in}^2}{8.24 \text{ in}} = 15.0 \text{ in (38.1 cm)}$$

By increasing the length of bearing of the beam to 15 in (38.1 cm), the bearing plate can be eliminated.

**Related Calculations** This procedure is the work of Abraham J. Rokach, MSCE, Associate Director of Education, American Institute of Steel Construction. SI values were prepared by the handbook editor.

## PART 2

## HANGERS, CONNECTORS, AND WIND-STRESS ANALYSIS

In the following Calculation Procedures, structural steel members are designed in accordance with the *Specification for the Design, Fabrication and Erection of Structural Steel for Buildings* of the American Institute of Steel Construction. In the absence of any statement to the contrary, it is to be understood that the structural-steel members are made of ASTM A36 steel, which has a yield-point stress of 36,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (248.2 MPa).

Reinforced-concrete members are designed in accordance with the specification *Building Code Requirements for Reinforced Concrete* of the American Concrete Institute.

### DESIGN OF AN EYEBAR

A hanger is to carry a load of 175 kips (778.4 kN). Design an eyebar of A440 steel.

#### Calculation Procedure

**1. Record the yield-point stresses of the steel.** Refer to Fig. 1 for the notational system. Let subscripts 1 and 2 refer to cross sections through the body of the bar and through the center of the pin hole, respectively.

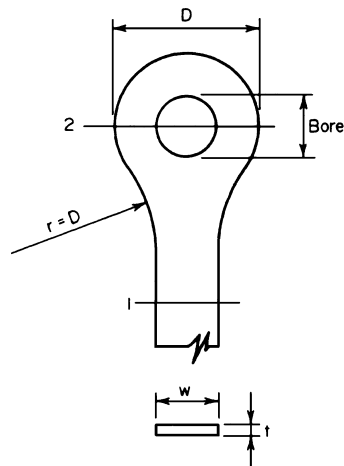


FIGURE 1 Eyebare hanger.

Eyebars are generally flame-cut from plates of high-strength steel. The design provisions of the AISC *Specification* reflect the results of extensive testing of such members. A section of the *Specification* permits a tensile stress of  $0.60f_y$  at 1 and  $0.45f_y$  at 2, where  $f_y$  denotes the yield-point stress.

From the AISC *Manual* for A440 steel:

If  $t \leq 0.75$  in (19.1 mm),  $f_y = 50$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (344.7 MPa).

If  $0.75 < t \leq 1.5$  in (38 mm),  $f_y = 46$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (317.1 MPa).

If  $1.5 < t \leq 4$  in (102 mm),  $f_y = 42$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (289.5 MPa).

**2. Design the body of the member, using a trial thickness.**

The *Specification* restricts the ratio  $w/t$  to a value of 8. Compute the capacity  $P$  of a  $3/4$  in (19.1-mm) eyebare of maximum width. Thus  $w = 8(3/4) = 6$  in (152 mm);  $f = 0.6(50) = 30$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (206.8 MPa);  $P = 6(0.75)30 = 135$  kips (600.5 kN).

This is not acceptable because the desired capacity is 175 kips (778.4 kN). Hence, the required thickness exceeds the

trial value of  $3/4$  in (19.1 mm). With  $t$  greater than  $3/4$  in (19.1 mm), the allowable stress at 1 is  $0.60f_y$ , or  $0.60(46 \text{ kips/in}^2) = 27.6 \text{ kips/in}^2$  (190.3 MPa); say  $27.5 \text{ kips/in}^2$  (189.6 MPa) for design use. At 2 the allowable stress is  $0.45(46) = 20.7 \text{ kips/in}^2$  (142.7 MPa), say  $20.5 \text{ kips/in}^2$  (141.3 MPa) for design purposes.

To determine the required area at 1, use the relation  $A_1 = P/f$ , where  $f$  = allowable stress as computed above. Thus,  $A_1 = 175/27.5 = 6.36 \text{ in}^2$  (4103 mm<sup>2</sup>). Use a plate  $6\frac{1}{2} \times 1$  in (165 × 25.4 mm) in which  $A_1 = 6.5 \text{ in}^2$  (4192 mm<sup>2</sup>).

3. **Design the section through the pin hole.** The AISC *Specification* limits the pin diameter to a minimum value of  $7w/8$ . Select a pin diameter of 6 in (152 mm). The bore will then be  $6\frac{1}{2}$  in (153 mm) diameter. The net width required will be  $P/(f_t) = 175/[20.5(1.0)] = 8.54$  in (217 mm);  $D_{\min} = 6.03 + 8.54 = 14.57$  in (370 mm). Set  $D = 14\frac{3}{4}$  in (375 mm),  $A_2 = 1.0(14.75 - 6.03) = 8.72$  in<sup>2</sup> (5626 mm<sup>2</sup>);  $A_2/A_1 = 1.34$ . This result is satisfactory, because the ratio of  $A_2/A_1$  must lie between 1.33 and 1.50.

4. **Determine the transition radius  $r$ .** In accordance with the *Specification*, set  $r = D = 14\frac{3}{4}$  in (374.7 mm).

## ANALYSIS OF A STEEL HANGER

A  $12 \times \frac{1}{2}$  in ( $305 \times 12.7$  mm) steel plate is to support a tensile load applied 2.2 in (55.9 mm) from its center. Determine the ultimate load.

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Determine the distance  $x$ .** The plastic analysis of steel structures is developed in Sec. 1 of this handbook. Figure 2a is the load diagram, and Fig. 2b is the stress diagram at plastification. The latter may be replaced for convenience with the stress diagram in Fig. 2c, where  $T_1 = C$ ;  $P_u$  = ultimate load;  $e$  = eccentricity;  $M_u$  = ultimate moment =  $P_u e$ ;  $f_y$  = yield-point stress;  $d$  = depth of section;  $t$  = thickness of section.

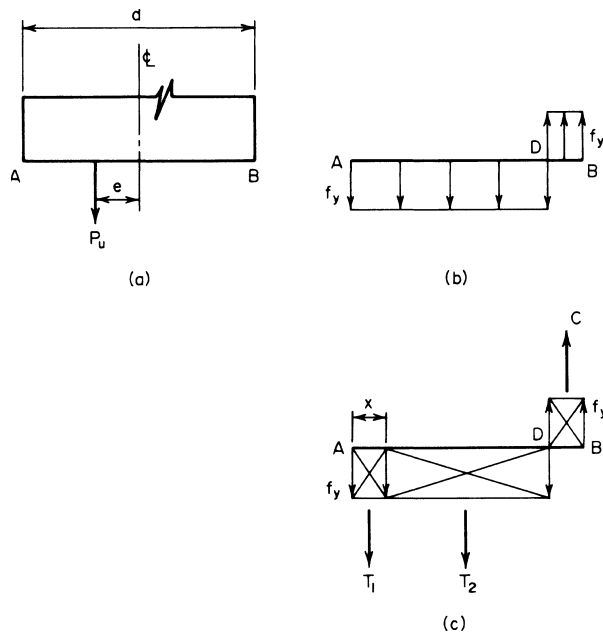


FIGURE 2

By using Fig. 2c,

$$P_u = T_2 = f_y t (d - 2x) \quad (1)$$

Also,  $T_1 = f_y t x$ , and  $M_u = P_u e = T_1 (d - x)$ , so

$$x = \frac{d}{2} + e - \left[ \left( \frac{d}{2} + e \right)^2 - ed \right]^{0.5} \quad (2)$$

Or,  $x = 6 + 2.2 - [(6 + 2.2)^2 - 2.2 \times 12]^{0.5} = 1.81$  in (45.9 mm).

2. **Find  $P_u$ .** By Eq. 1,  $P_u = 36,000(0.50)(12 - 3.62) = 151,000$  lb (671.6 kN).

## ANALYSIS OF A GUSSET PLATE

The gusset plate in Fig. 3 is  $1/2$  in (12.7 mm) thick and connects three web members to the bottom chord of a truss. The plate is subjected to the indicated ultimate forces, and transfer of these forces from the web members to the plate is completed at section  $a-a$ . Investigate the adequacy of this plate. Use  $18,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (124.1 MPa) as the yield-point stress in shear, and disregard interaction of direct stress and shearing stress in computing the ultimate-load and ultimate-moment capacity.

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Resolve the diagonal forces into their horizontal and vertical components.** Let  $H_u$  and  $V_u$  denote the ultimate shearing force on a horizontal and vertical plane, respectively. Resolving the diagonal forces into their horizontal and vertical components gives  $(4^2 + 5^2)^{0.5} = 6.40$ . Horizontal components:  $150(4/6.40) = 93.7$  kips (416.8 kN);  $110(4/6.40) = 68.7$  kips (305.6 kN). Vertical components:  $150(5/6.40) = 117.1$  kips (520.9 kN);  $110(5/6.40) = 85.9$  kips (382.1 kN).

2. **Check the force system for equilibrium.** Thus,  $\Sigma F_H = 206.0 - 43.6 - 93.7 - 68.7 = 0$ ; this is satisfactory, as is  $\Sigma F_V = 117.1 - 85.9 - 31.2 = 0$ .

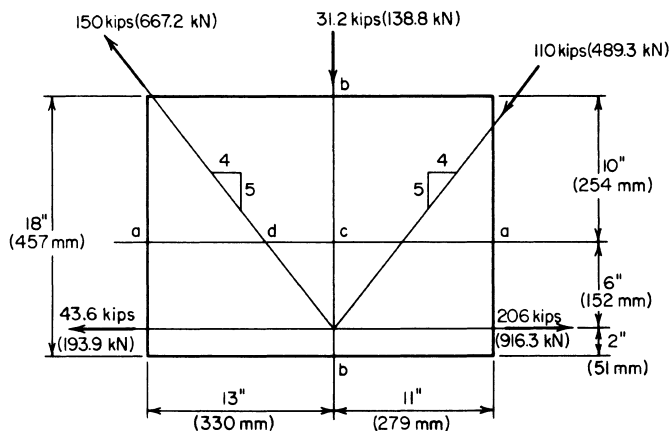


FIGURE 3 Gusset plate.

3. **Compare the ultimate shear at section a-a with the allowable value.** Thus,  $H_u = 206.0 - 43.6 = 162.4$  kips (722.4 kN). To compute  $H_{u,allow}$  assume that the shearing stress is equal to the yield-point stress across the entire section. Then  $H_{u,allow} = 24(0.5)(18) = 216$  kips (960.8 kN). This is satisfactory.

4. **Compare the ultimate shear at section b-b with the allowable value.** Thus,  $V_u = 117.1$  kips (520.9 kN);  $V_{u,allow} = 18(0.5)(18) = 162$  kips (720.6 kN). This is satisfactory.

5. **Compare the ultimate moment at section a-a with the plastic moment.** Thus,  $cd = 4(6)/5 = 4.8$  in (122 mm);  $M_u = 4.8(117.1 + 85.9) = 974$  in·kips (110.1 kN·m). Or,  $M_u = 6(206 - 43.6) = 974$  in·kips (110.1 kN·m). To find the plastic moment  $M_p$ , use the relation  $M_u = f_y b d^2 / 4$ , or  $M_p = 36(0.5)(24)^2 / 4 = 2592$  in·kips (292.9 kN·m). This is satisfactory.

6. **Compare the ultimate direct force at section b-b with the allowable value.** Thus,  $P_u = 93.7 + 43.6 = 137.3$  kips (610.7 kN); or  $P_u = 206.0 - 68.7 = 137.3$  kips (610.7 kN);  $e = 9 - 2 = 7$  in (177.8 mm). By Eq. 2,  $x = 9 + 7 - [(9 + 7)^2 - 7 \times 18]^{0.5} = 4.6$  in (116.8 mm). By Eq. 1,  $P_{u,allow} = 36,000(0.5)(18 - 9.2) = 158.4$  kips (704.6 kN). This is satisfactory.

On horizontal sections above *a-a*, the forces in the web members have not been completely transferred to the gusset plate, but the eccentricities are greater than those at *a-a*. Therefore, the calculations in step 5 should be repeated with reference to one or two sections above *a-a* before any conclusion concerning the adequacy of the plate is drawn.

## DESIGN OF A SEMIRIGID CONNECTION

A  $W14 \times 38$  beam is to be connected to the flange of a column by a semirigid connection that transmits a shear of 25 kips (111.2 kN) and a moment of 315 in·kips (35.6 kN·m). Design the connection for the moment, using A141 shop rivets and A325 field bolts of  $7/8$ -in (22.2-mm) diameter.

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Record the relevant properties of the  $W14 \times 38$ .** A semirigid connection is one that offers only partial restraint against rotation. For a relatively small moment, a connection of the type shown in Fig. 4a will be adequate. In designing this type of connection, it is assumed for simplicity that the moment is resisted entirely by the flanges; the force in each flange is found by dividing the moment by the beam depth.

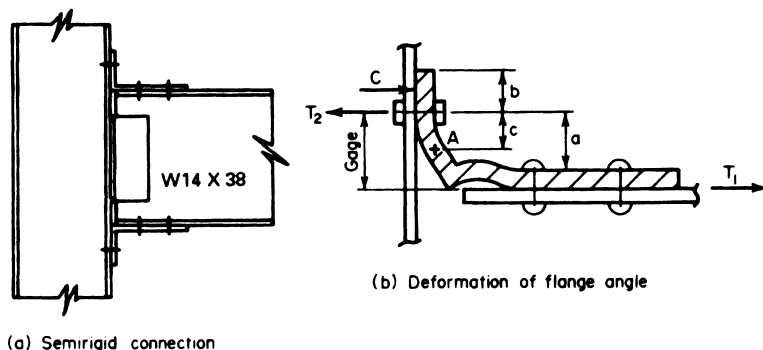


FIGURE 4 (a) Semirigid connection; (b) deformation of flange angle.



Figure 4b indicates the assumed deformation of the upper angle,  $A$  being the point of contraflexure in the vertical leg. Since the true stress distribution cannot be readily ascertained, it is necessary to make simplifying assumptions. The following equations evolve from a conservative analysis of the member:  $c = 0.6a$ ;  $T_2 = T_1(1 + 3a/4b)$ .

Study shows that use of an angle having two rows of bolts in the vertical leg would be unsatisfactory because the bolts in the outer row would remain inactive until those in the inner row yielded. If the two rows of bolts are required, the flange should be connected by means of a tee rather than an angle.

The following notational system will be used with reference to the beam dimensions:  $b$  = flange width;  $d$  = beam depth;  $t_f$  = flange thickness;  $t_w$  = web thickness.

Record the relevant properties of the W14  $\times$  38;  $d = 14.12$  in (359 mm);  $t_f = 0.513$  in (13 mm). (Obtain these properties from a table of structural-shape data.)

**2. Establish the capacity of the shop rivets and field bolts used in transmitting the moment.**

From the AISC *Specification*, the rivet capacity in single shear =  $0.6013(15) = 9.02$  kips (40.1 kN); rivet capacity in bearing  $0.875(0.513)(48.5) = 21.77$  kips (96.8 kN); bolt capacity in tension =  $0.6013(40) = 24.05$  kips (106.9 kN).

**3. Determine the number of rivets required in each beam flange.** Thus,  $T_1 = \text{moment}/d = 315/14.12 = 22.31$  kips (99.7 kN); number of rivets =  $T_1/\text{rivet capacity in single shear} = 22.31/9.02 = 2.5$ ; use four rivets, the next highest even number.

**4. Assuming tentatively that one row of field bolts will suffice, design the flange angle.** Try an angle  $8 \times 4 \times 3/4$  in ( $203 \times 102 \times 19$  mm), 8 in (203 mm) long, having a standard gage of  $2 1/2$  in (63.5 mm) in the vertical leg. Compute the maximum bending moment  $M$  in this leg. Thus,  $c = 0.6(2.5 - 0.75) = 1.05$  in (26.7 mm);  $M = T_1 c = 23.43$  in·kips (2.65 kN·m). Then apply the relation  $f = M/S$  to find the flexural stress. Or,  $f = 23.43/[(1/6)(8)(0.75)^2] = 31.24$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (215.4 MPa).

Since the cross section is rectangular, the allowable stress is 27 kips/in<sup>2</sup> (186.1 MPa), as given by the AISC *Specification*. (The justification for allowing a higher flexural stress in a member of rectangular cross section as compared with a wide-flange member is presented in Sec. 1.)

Try a  $7/8$ -in (22-mm) angle, with  $c = 0.975$  in (24.8 mm);  $M = 21.75$  in·kips (2.46 kN·m);  $f = 21.75/[(1/6)(8)(0.875)^2] = 21.3$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (146.8 MPa). This is an acceptable stress.

**5. Check the adequacy of the two field bolts in each angle.** Thus,  $T_2 = 22.31[1 + 3 \times 1.625/(4 \times 1.5)] = 40.44$  kips (179.9 kN); the capacity of two bolts =  $2(24.05) = 48.10$  kips (213.9 kN). Hence, the bolts are acceptable because their capacity exceeds the load.

**6. Summarize the design.** Use angles  $8 \times 4 \times 7/8$  in ( $203 \times 102 \times 19$  mm), 8 in (203 mm) long. In each angle, use four rivets for the beam connection and two bolts for the column connection. For transmitting the shear, the standard web connection for a 14-in (356-mm) beam shown in the AISC *Manual* is satisfactory.

## RIVETED MOMENT CONNECTION

A W18  $\times$  60 beam frames to the flange of a column and transmits a shear of 40 kips (177.9 kN) and a moment of 2500 in·kips (282.5 kN·m). Design the connection, using  $7/8$ -in (22-mm) diameter rivets of A141 steel for both the shop and field connections.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Record the relevant properties of the W18  $\times$  60.** The connection is shown in Fig. 5a. Referring to the row of rivets in Fig. 5b, consider that there are  $n$  rivets having a uniform spacing  $p$ .

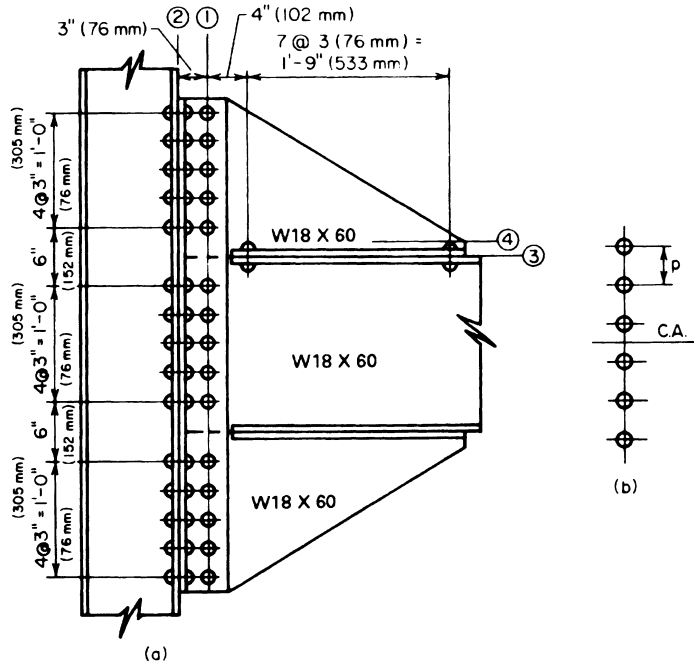


FIGURE 5 Riveted moment connection.

The moment of inertia and section modulus of this rivet group with respect to its horizontal centroidal axis are

$$I = p^2 n \times \frac{n^2 - 1}{12} \quad S = \frac{pn(n+1)}{6} \quad (3)$$

Record the properties of the W18 × 60:  $d = 18.25$  in (463.6 mm);  $b = 7.558$  in (192 mm);  $k = 1.18$  in (30.0 mm);  $t_f = 0.695$  in (17.7 mm);  $t_w = 0.416$  in (10.6 mm).

**2. Establish the capacity of a rivet.** Thus: single shear, 9.02 kips (40.1 kN); double shear, 18.04 kips (80.2 kN); bearing on beam web,  $0.875(0.416)(48.5) = 17.65$  kips (78.5 kN).

**3. Determine the number of rivets required on line 1 as governed by the rivet capacity.** Try 15 rivets having the indicated disposition. Apply Eq. 3 with  $n = 17$ ; then make the necessary correction. Thus,  $I = 9(17)(17^2 - 1)/12 - 2(9)^2 = 3510$  in<sup>2</sup> (22,645 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $S = 3510/24 = 146.3$  in (3716 mm).

Let  $F$  denote the force on a rivet, and let the subscripts  $x$  and  $y$  denote the horizontal and vertical components, respectively. Thus,  $F_x = M/S = 2500/146.3 = 17.09$  kips (76.0 kN);  $F_y = 40/15 = 2.67$  kips (11.9 kN);  $F = (17.09^2 + 2.67^2)^{0.5} = 17.30 < 17.65$ . Therefore, this is acceptable.

**4. Compute the stresses in the web plate at line 1.** The plate is considered continuous; the rivet holes are assumed to be 1 in (25.4 mm) in diameter for the reasons explained earlier.

The total depth of the plate is 51 in (1295.4 mm); the area and moment of inertia of the net section are  $A_n = 0.416(51 - 15 \times 1) = 14.98$  in<sup>2</sup> (96.6 cm<sup>2</sup>) and  $I_n = (1/12)(0.416)(51)^3 - 1.0(0.416)(3510) = 3138$  in<sup>4</sup> (130,603.6 cm<sup>4</sup>).

Apply the general shear equation. Since the section is rectangular, the maximum shearing stress is  $v = 1.5V/A_v = 1.5(40)/14.98 = 4.0$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (27.6 MPa). The AISC *Specification* gives an allowable stress of 14.5 kips/in<sup>2</sup> (99.9 MPa).

The maximum flexural stress is  $f = Mc/I_n = 2500(25.5)/13138 = 20.3 < 27$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (186.1 MPa). This is acceptable. The use of 15 rivets is therefore satisfactory.

**5. Compute the stresses in the rivets on line 2.** The center of rotation of the angles cannot be readily located because it depends on the amount of initial tension to which the rivets are subjected. For a conservative approximation, assume that the center of rotation of the angles coincides with the horizontal centroidal axis of the rivet group. The forces are  $F_x = 2500/[2(146.3)] = 8.54$  kips (37.9 kN);  $F_y = 40/30 = 1.33$  kips (5.9 kN). The corresponding stresses in tension and shear are  $s_t = F_y/A = 8.54/0.6013 = 14.20$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (97.9 MPa);  $s_s = F_x/A = 1.33/0.6013 = 2.21$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (15.2 MPa). The *Specification* gives  $s_{t,allow} = 28 - 1.6(2.21) > 20$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (137.9 kPa). This is acceptable.

**6. Select the size of the connection angles.** The angles are designed by assuming a uniform bending stress across a distance equal to the spacing  $p$  of the rivets; the maximum stress is found by applying the tensile force on the extreme rivet.

Try  $4 \times 4 \times 3/4$  in (102 × 102 × 19 mm) angles, with a standard gage of  $2 1/2$  in (63.5 mm) in the outstanding legs. Assuming the point of contraflexure to have the location specified in the previous calculation procedure, we get  $c = 0.6(2.5 - 0.75) = 1.05$  in (26.7 mm);  $M = 8.54(1.05) = 8.97$  in-kips (1.0 kN·m);  $f = 8.97/[(1/6)(3)(0.75)^2] = 31.9 > 27$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (186.1 MPa). Use  $5 \times 5 \times 7/8$  in (127 × 127 × 22 mm) angles, with a  $2 1/2$ -in (63.5-mm) gage in the outstanding legs.

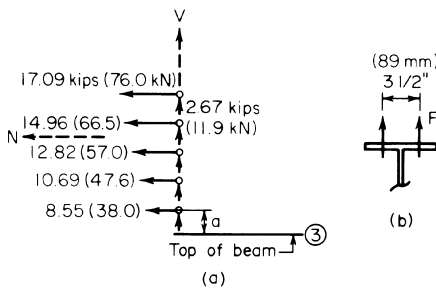


FIGURE 6

**7. Determine the number of rivets required on line 3.** The forces in the rivets above this line are shown in Fig 6a. The resultant forces are  $H = 64.11$  kips (285.2 kN);  $V = 13.35$  kips (59.4 kN). Let  $M_3$  denote the moment of  $H$  with respect to line 3. Then  $a = 1/2(24 - 18.25) = 2.88$  in (73.2 mm);  $M_3 = 633.3$  in-kips (71.6 kN·m).

With reference to Fig. 6b, the tensile force  $F_y$  in the rivet is usually limited by the bending capacity of beam flange. As shown in the AISC *Manual*, the standard gage in the W18 × 60 is  $3 1/2$  in (88.9 mm). Assume that the point of contraflexure in the beam flange lies midway between the center of the rivet and the face of the web. Referring to Fig. 4b, we have  $c = 1/2(1.75 - 0.416/2) = 0.771$  in (19.6 mm);  $M_{allow} = fS = 27(1/6)(3)(0.695)^2 = 0.52$  in-kips (0.74 kN·m). If the compressive force  $C$  is disregarded,  $F_{y,allow} = 6.52/0.771 = 8.46$  kips (37.6 kN).

Try 16 rivets. The moment on the rivet group is  $M = 633.3 - 13.35(14.5) = 440$  in-kips (49.7 kN·m). By Eq. 3,  $S = 2(3)(8)(9)/6 = 72$  in (1829 mm). Also,  $F_y = 440/72 + 13.35/16 = 6.94 < 8.46$  kips (37.6 kN). This is acceptable. (The value of  $F_y$  corresponding to 14 rivets is excessive.)

The rivet stresses are  $s_t = 6.94/0.6013 = 11.54$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (79.6 MPa);  $s_s = 64.11/[16(0.6013)] = 6.67$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (45.9 MPa). From the *Specification*,  $s_{t,allow} = 28 - 1.6(6.67) = 17.33$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (119.5 MPa). This is acceptable. The use of 16 rivets is therefore satisfactory.

**8. Compute the stresses in the bracket at the toe of the fillet (line 4).** Since these stresses are seldom critical, take the length of the bracket as 24 in (609.6 mm) and disregard the eccentricity of  $V$ . Then  $M = 633.3 - 64.11(1.18) = 558$  in-kips (63.1 kN·m);  $f = 558/[(1/6)(0.416)(24)^2] + 13.35/[0.416(24)] = 15.31$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (105.5 MPa). This is acceptable. Also,  $v = 1.5(64.11)/[0.416(24)] = 9.63$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (66.4 MPa). This is also acceptable.

## DESIGN OF A WELDED FLEXIBLE BEAM CONNECTION

A W18 × 64 beam is to be connected to the flange of its supporting column by means of a welded framed connection, using E60 electrodes. Design a connection to transmit a reaction of 40 kips (177.9 kN). The AISC table of welded connections may be applied in selecting the connection, but the design must be verified by computing the stresses.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Record the pertinent properties of the beam.** It is necessary to investigate both the stresses in the weld and the shearing stress in the beam induced by the connection. The framing angles must fit between the fillets of the beam. Record the properties:  $T = 15\frac{3}{8}$  in (390.5 mm);  $t_w = 0.403$  in (10.2 mm).

**2. Select the most economical connection from the AISC Manual.** The most economical connection is: angles  $3 \times 3 \times \frac{5}{16}$  in ( $76 \times 76 \times 7.9$  mm), 12 in (305 mm) long; weld size  $> \frac{3}{16}$  in (4.8 mm) for connection to beam web,  $\frac{1}{4}$  in (6.4 mm) for connection to the supporting member.

According to the AISC table, weld A has a capacity of 40.3 kips (179.3 kN), and weld B has a capacity of 42.8 kips (190.4 kN). The minimum web thickness required is 0.25 in (6.4 mm). The connection is shown in Fig. 7a.

**3. Compute the unit force in the shop weld.** The shop weld connects the angles to the beam web. Refer to Sec. 1 for two calculation procedures for analyzing welded connections.

The weld for one angle is shown in Fig. 7b. The allowable force, as given in Sec. 1, is  $m = 2(2.5)(1.25)/[2(2.5) + 12] = 0.37$  in (9.4 mm);  $P = 20,000$  lb (88.9 kN);  $M = 20,000(3 - 0.37) = 52,600$  in·lb (5942.7 N·m);  $I_x = (\frac{1}{12})(12)^3 + 2(2.5)(6)^2 = 324$  in<sup>3</sup> (5309.4 cm<sup>3</sup>);  $I_y = 12(0.37)^2 + 2(\frac{1}{12})(2.5)^3 + 2(2.5)(0.88)^2 = 8$  in<sup>3</sup> (131.1 cm<sup>3</sup>);  $J = 324 + 8 = 332$  in<sup>3</sup> (5440.5 cm<sup>3</sup>);  $f_x = My/J = 52,600(6)/332 = 951$  lb/lin in (166.5 N/mm);  $f_y = Mx/J = 52,600(2.5)(0.37)/332 = 337$  lb/lin in (59.0 N/mm);  $F_x = 20,000/(2 \times 2.5 + 12) = 1176$  lb/lin in (205.9 N/mm);  $F_y = 951$  lb/lin in (166.5 N/mm);  $F = 337 + 1176 = 1513$  lb/lin in (265.0 N/mm);  $F = (951^2 + 1513^2)^{0.5} = 1787 < 1800$ , which is acceptable.

**4. Compute the shearing stress in the web.** The allowable stress given in the AISC Manual is 14,500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (99.9 MPa). The two angles transmit a unit shearing force of 3574 lb/lin in (0.64 kN/mm) to the web. The shearing stress is  $v = 3574/0.403 = 8870$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (61.1 MPa), which is acceptable.

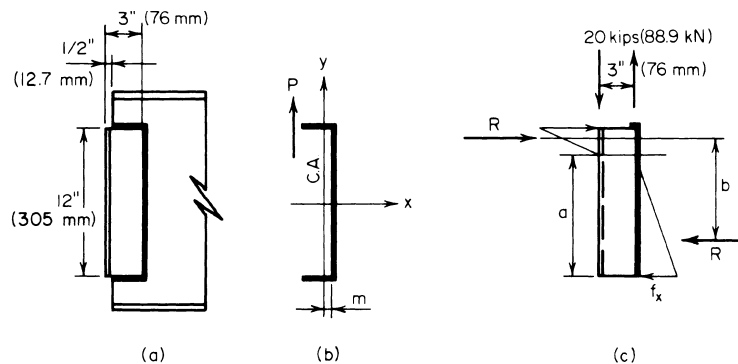


FIGURE 7 Welded flexible beam connection.

**5. Compute the unit force in the field weld.** The field weld connects the angles to the supporting member. As a result of the 3-in (76.2-mm) eccentricity on the outstanding legs, the angles tend to rotate about a neutral axis located near the top, bearing against the beam web above this axis and pulling away from the web below this axis. Assume that the distance from the top of the angle to the neutral axis is one-sixth of the length of the angle. The resultant forces are shown in Fig. 7c. Then  $a = (5/6)12 = 10$  in (254 mm);  $b = (2/3)12 = 8$  in (203 mm);  $B = 20,000(3)/8 = 7500$  lb (33.4 kN);  $f_x = 2R/a = 1500$  lb/lin in (262.7 N/mm);  $f_y = 20,000/12 = 1667$  lb/lin in (291.9 N/mm);  $F (1500^2 + 1667^2)^{0.5} = 2240 < 2400$  lb/lin in (420.3 N/mm), which is acceptable. The weld is returned a distance of  $1/2$  in (12.7 mm) across the top of the angle, as shown in the *AISC Manual*.

## DESIGN OF A WELDED SEATED BEAM CONNECTION

A W27 × 94 beam with a reaction of 77 kips (342.5 kN) is to be supported on a seat. Design a welded connection, using E60 electrodes.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Record the relevant properties of the beam.** Refer to the *AISC Manual*. The connection will consist of a horizontal seat plate and a stiffener plate below the seat, as shown in Fig. 8a. Record the relevant properties of the W27 × 94:  $k = 1.44$  in (36.6 mm);  $b = 9.99$  in (253.7 mm);  $t_f = 0.747$  in (19.0 mm);  $t_w = 0.490$  in (12.4 mm).

**2. Compute the effective length of bearing.** Equate the compressive stress at the toe of the fillet to its allowable value of 27 kips/in<sup>2</sup> (186.1 MPa) as given in the *AISC Manual*. Assume that the reaction distributes itself through the web at an angle of 45°. Refer to Fig. 8b. Then  $N = P/27t_w - k$ , or  $N = 77/27(0.490) - 1.44 = 4.38$  in (111.3 mm).

**3. Design the seat plate.** As shown in the *AISC Manual*, the beam is set back about  $1/2$  in (12.7 mm) from the face of the support. Make  $W = 5$  in (127.0 mm). The minimum allowable distance from

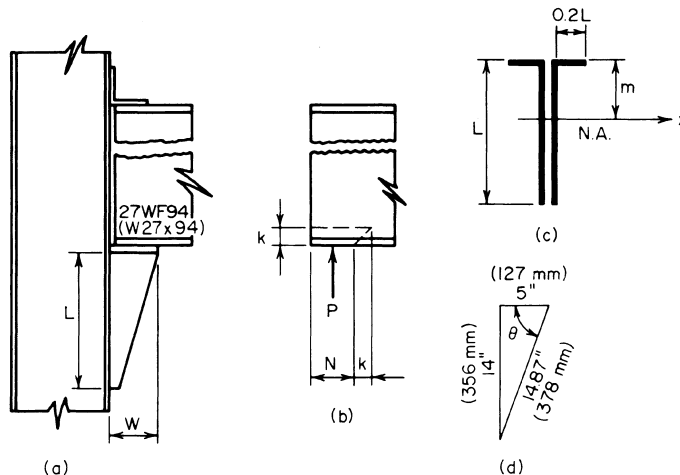


FIGURE 8 Welded seated beam connection.

the edge of the seat plate to the edge of the flange equals the weld size plus  $5/16$  in (7.8 mm). Make the seat plate 12 in (304.8 mm) long; its thickness will be made the same as that of the stiffener.

**4. Design the weld connecting the stiffener plate to the support.** The stresses in this weld are not amenable to precise analysis. The stiffener rotates about a neutral axis, bearing against the support below this axis and pulling away from the support above this axis. Assume for simplicity that the neutral axis coincides with the centroidal axis of the weld group; the maximum weld stress occurs at the top. A weld length of  $0.2L$  is supplied under the seat plate on each side of the stiffener. Refer to Fig. 8c.

Compute the distance  $e$  from the face of the support to the center of the bearing, measuring  $N$  from the edge of the seat. Thus,  $e = W - N/2 = 5 - 4.38/2 = 2.81$  in (71.4 mm);  $P = 77$  kips (342.5 kN);  $M = 77(2.81) = 216.4$  in-kips (24.5 kN·m);  $m = 0.417L$ ;  $I_x = 0.25L^3$   $f_1 = Mc/I_x = 216.4(0.417L)/0.25L^3 = 361.0/L^2$  kips/lin in;  $f_2 = P/A = 77/2.4L = 32.08/L$  kips/lin in. Use a  $5/16$ -in (7.9-mm) weld, which has a capacity of 3 kips/lin in (525.4 N/mm). Then  $F^2 = f_1^2 + f_2^2 = 130,300/L^4 + 1029/L^2 \leq 3^2$ . This equation is satisfied by  $L = 14$  in (355.6 mm).

**5. Determine the thickness of the stiffener plate.** Assume this plate is triangular (Fig. 8d). The critical section for bending is assumed to coincide with the throat of the plate, and the maximum bending stress may be obtained by applying  $f = (P/tW \sin^2\theta)(1 + 6e'/W)$ , where  $e'$  = distance from center of seat to center of bearing.

Using an allowable stress of 22,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (151.7 MPa), we have  $e' = e - 2.5 = 0.31$  in (7.9 mm),  $t = \{77/[22 \times 5(14/14,87)^2]\}(1 + 6 \times 0.31/5) = 1.08$  in (27.4 mm).

Use a  $1\frac{1}{8}$ -in (28.6-mm) stiffener plate. The shearing stress in the plate caused by the weld is  $v = 2(3000)/1.125 = 5330 < 14,500$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (99.9 MPa), which is acceptable.

## DESIGN OF A WELDED MOMENT CONNECTION

A W16 × 40 beam frames to the flange of a W12 × 72 column and transmits a shear of 42 kips (186.8 kN) and a moment of 1520 in-kips (171.1 kN·m). Design a welded connection, using E60 electrodes.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Record the relevant properties of the two sections.** In designing a welded moment connection, it is assumed for simplicity that the beam flanges alone resist the bending moment. Consequently, the beam transmits three forces to the column: the tensile force in the top flange, the compressive force in the bottom flange, and the vertical load. Although the connection is designed ostensibly on an elastic design basis, it is necessary to consider its behavior at ultimate load, since a plastic hinge would form at this joint. The connection is shown in Fig. 9.

Record the relevant properties of the sections: for the W16 × 40,  $d = 16.00$  in (406.4 mm);  $b = 7.00$  in (177.8 mm);  $t_f = 0.503$  in (12.8 mm);  $t_w = 0.307$  in (7.8 mm);  $A_f = 7.00(0.503) = 3.52$  in<sup>2</sup> (22.7 cm<sup>2</sup>). For the W12 × 72,  $k = 1.25$  in (31.8 mm);  $t_f = 0.671$  in (17.04 mm);  $t_w = 0.403$  in (10.2 mm).

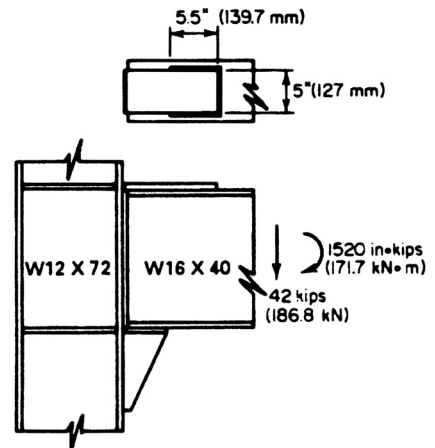


FIGURE 9 Welded moment connection.

**2. Investigate the need for column stiffeners: design the stiffeners if they are needed.** The forces in the beam flanges introduce two potential modes of failure: crippling of the column web caused by the compressive force, and fracture of the weld transmitting the tensile force as a result of the bending of the column flange. The AISC *Specification* establishes the criteria for ascertaining whether column stiffeners are required. The first criterion is obtained by equating the compressive stress in the column web at the toe of the fillet to the yield-point stress  $f_y$ ; the second criterion was obtained empirically. At the ultimate load, the capacity of the unreinforced web =  $(0.503 + 5 \times 1.25)0.430f_y = 2.904f_y$ ; capacity of beam flange =  $3.52f_y$ ;  $0.4(A_f)^{0.5} = 0.4(3.52)^{0.5} = 0.750 > 0.671$  in (17.04 mm).

Stiffeners are therefore required opposite both flanges of the beam. The required area is  $A_{st} = 3.52 - 2.904 = 0.616$  in<sup>2</sup> (3.97 cm<sup>2</sup>). Make the stiffener plates  $3\frac{1}{2}$  in (88.9 mm) wide to match the beam flange. From the AISC,  $t_{min} = 3.5/8.5 = 0.41$  in (10.4 mm). Use two  $3\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$  in (88.9 × 12.7 mm) stiffener plates opposite both beam flanges.

**3. Design the connection plate for the top flange.** Compute the flange force by applying the total depth of the beam. Thus,  $F = 1520/16.00 = 95$  kips (422.6 kN);  $A = 95/22 = 4.32$  in<sup>2</sup> (27.87 cm<sup>2</sup>).

Since the beam flange is 7 in (177.8 mm) wide, use a plate 5 in (127 mm) wide and  $\frac{7}{8}$  in (22.2 mm) thick, for which  $A = 4.38$  in<sup>2</sup> (28.26 cm<sup>2</sup>). This plate is butt-welded to the column flange and fillet-welded to the beam flange. In accordance with the AISC *Specification*, the minimum weld size is  $\frac{5}{16}$  in (7.94 mm) and the maximum size is  $\frac{13}{16}$  in (20.6 mm). Use a  $\frac{5}{8}$ -in (15.9-mm) weld, which has a capacity of 6000 lb/lin in (1051 N/mm). Then, length of weld =  $95/6 = 15.8$  in (401.3 mm), say 16 in (406.4 mm). To ensure that yielding of the joint at ultimate load will occur in the plate rather than in the weld, the top plate is left unwelded for a distance approximately equal to its width, as shown in Fig. 9.

**4. Design the seat.** The connection plate for the bottom flange requires the same area and length of weld as does the plate for the top flange. The stiffener plate and its connecting weld are designed in the same manner as in the previous calculation procedure.

## RECTANGULAR KNEE OF RIGID BENT

Figure 10a is the elevation of the knee of a rigid bent. Design the knee to transmit an ultimate moment of 8100 in·kips (914.5 kN·m).

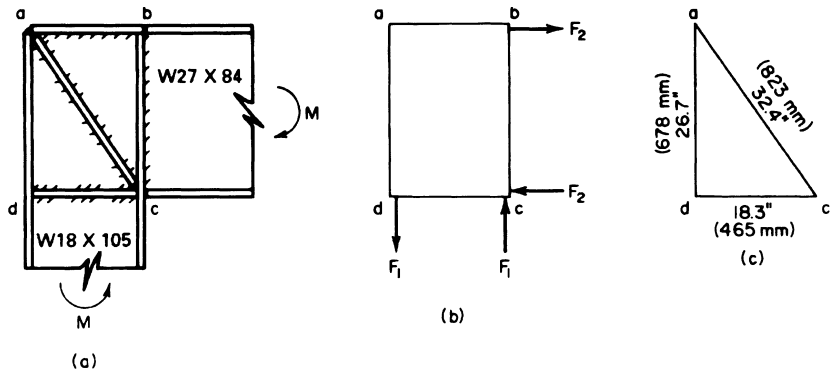


FIGURE 10 Rectangular knee.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Record the relevant properties of the two sections.** Refer to the AISC *Specification and Manual*. It is assumed that the moment in each member is resisted entirely by the flanges and that the distance between the resultant flange forces is 0.95 times the depth of the member.

Record the properties of the members: for the W18 × 105,  $d = 18.32$  in (465.3 mm);  $b_f = 11.79$  in (299.5 mm);  $t_f = 0.911$  in (23.1 mm);  $t_w = 0.554$  in (14.1 mm);  $k = 1.625$  in (41.3 mm). For the W27 × 84,  $d = 26.69$  in (677.9 mm);  $b_f = 9.96$  in (253 mm);  $t_f = 0.636$  in (16.2 mm);  $t_w = 0.463$  in (11.8 mm).

**2. Compute  $F_1$ .** Thus,  $F_1 M_u / (0.95d) = 8100 / [0.95(18.32)] = 465$  kips (2068.3 kN).

**3. Determine whether web stiffeners are needed to transmit  $F_1$ .** The shearing stress is assumed to vary linearly from zero at  $a$  to its maximum value at  $d$ . The allowable average shearing stress is taken as  $f_y / (3)^{0.5}$ , where  $f_y$  denotes the yield-point stress. The capacity of the web =  $0.554(26.69)(36/3^{0.5}) = 307$  kips (1365.5 kN). Therefore, use diagonal web stiffeners.

**4. Design the web stiffeners.** Referring to Fig. 10c, we see that  $ac = (18.3^2 + 26.7^2)^{0.5} = 32.4$  in (823 mm). The force in the stiffeners =  $(465 - 307)32.4/26.7 = 192$  kips (854.0 kN). (The same result is obtained by computing  $F_2$  and considering the capacity of the web across  $ab$ .) Then,  $A_{st} = 192/36 = 5.33$  in<sup>2</sup> (34.39 cm<sup>2</sup>). Use two plates  $4 \times 3/4$  in (101.6 × 19.1 mm).

**5. Design the welds, using E60 electrodes.** The AISC *Specification* stipulates that the weld capacity at ultimate load is 1.67 times the capacity at the working load. Consequently, the ultimate-load capacity is 1000 lb/lin in (175 N/mm) times the number of sixteenths in the weld size. The welds are generally designed to develop the full moment capacity of each member. Refer to the AISC *Specification*.

*Weld at ab.* This weld transmits the force in the flange of the 27-in (685.8-mm) member to the web of the 18-in (457.2-mm) member. Then  $F = 9.96(0.636)(36) = 228$  kips (1014.1 kN), weld force =  $228/[2(d - 2t_f)] = 228/[2(18.32 - 1.82)] = 6.91$  kips/lin in (1210.1 N/mm). Use a  $7/16$ -in (11.1-mm) weld.

*Weld at bc.* Use a full-penetration butt weld.

*Weld at ac.* Use the minimum size of  $1/4$  in (6.4 mm). The required total length of weld is  $L = 192/4 = 48$  in (1219.2 mm).

*Weld at dc.* Let  $F_3$  denote that part of  $F_2$  that is transmitted to the web of the 18-in (457.2-mm) member through bearing, and let  $F_4$  denote the remainder of  $F_2$ . Force  $F_3$  distributes itself through the 18-in (457.2-mm) member at 45° angles, and the maximum compressive stress occurs at the toe of the fillet. Find  $F_3$  by equating this stress to 36 kips/in<sup>2</sup> (248.2 MPa); or  $F_3 = 36(0.554)(0.636 + 2 \times 1.625) = 78$  kips (346.9 kN). To evaluate  $F_4$ , apply the moment capacity of the 27-in (685.8-mm) member. Or  $F_4 = 228 - 78 = 150$  kips (667.2 kN).

The minimum weld size of  $1/4$  in (6.4 mm) is inadequate. Use a  $5/16$ -in (7.9-mm) weld. The required total length is  $L = 150/5 = 30$  in (762.0 mm).

## CURVED KNEE OF RIGID BENT

In Fig. 11 the rafter and column are both W21 × 82, and the ultimate moment at the two sections of tangency— $p$  and  $q$ —is 6600 in-kips (745.7 kN·m). The section of contraflexure in each member lies 84 in (2133.6 mm) from the section of tangency. Design the knee.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Record the relevant properties of the members.** Refer to the Commentary in the AISC *Manual*. The notational system is the same as that used in the *Manual*, plus  $a$  = distance from section of



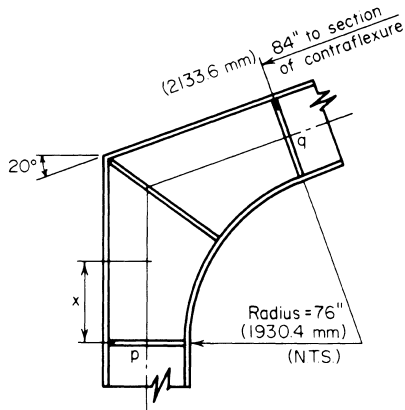


FIGURE 11 Curved knee.

contraflexure to section of tangency;  $b$  = member flange width;  $x$  = distance from section of tangency to given section;  $M$  = ultimate moment at given section;  $M_p$  = plastic-moment capacity of knee at the given section.

Assume that the moment gradient  $dM/dx$  remains constant across the knee. The web thickness of the knee is made equal to that of the main material. The flange thickness of the knee, however, must exceed that of the main material, for this reason: As  $x$  increases, both  $M$  and  $M_p$  increase, but the former increases at a faster rate when  $x$  is small. The critical section occurs where  $dM/dx = dM_p/dx$ .

An exact solution to this problem is possible, but the resulting equation is rather cumbersome. An approximate solution is given in the *AISC Manual*.

Record the relevant properties of the the W21  $\times$  82:  $d$  = 20.86 in (529.8 mm);  $b$  = 8.96 in (227.6 mm);  $t_f$  = 0.795 in (20.2 mm);  $t_w$  = 0.499 in (12.7 mm).

**2. Design the cross section of the knee, assuming tentatively that flexure is the sole criterion.** Use a trial thickness of  $1/2$  in (12.7 mm) for the web plate and a 9-in (228.6-mm) width for the flange plate. Then  $a = 84$  in (2133.6 mm);  $n = a/d = 84/20.86 = 4.03$ . From the *AISC Manual*,  $m = 0.14 \pm t' = t(1 + m) = 0.795(1.14) = 0.906$  in (23.0 mm). Make the flange plate 1 in (25.4 mm) thick.

**3. Design the stiffeners; investigate the knee for compliance with the AISC Commentary.** From the Commentary, *item 5*: Provide stiffener plates at the sections of tangency and at the center of the knee. Make the stiffener plates  $4 \times 7/8$  in ( $102 \times 22$  mm), one on each side of the web.

*Item 3*: Thus,  $\phi = 1/2(90^\circ - 20^\circ) = 35^\circ$ ;  $\phi = 35/57.3 = 0.611$  rad;  $L = R\phi = 76(0.611) = 46.4$  in (1178.6 mm); or  $L = \pi R(70^\circ/360^\circ) = 46.4$  in (1178.6 mm);  $L_{cr} = 6b = 6(9) = 54$  in (1373 mm), which is acceptable.

*Item 4*: Thus,  $b/t' = 9$ ;  $2R/b = 152/9 = 16.9$ , which is acceptable.

## BASE PLATE FOR STEEL COLUMN CARRYING AXIAL LOAD

A W14  $\times$  53 column carries a load of 240 kips (1067.5 kN) and is supported by a footing made of 3000-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (20,682-kPa) concrete. Design the column base plate.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the required area of the base plate; establish the plate dimensions.** Refer to the base-plate diagram in the *AISC Manual*. The column load is assumed to be uniformly distributed within the indicated rectangle, and the footing reaction is assumed to the uniformly distributed across the base plate. The required thickness of the plate is established by computing the bending moment at the circumference of the indicated rectangle. Let  $f$  = maximum bending stress in plate;  $p$  = bearing stress;  $t$  = thickness of plate.

The *ACI Code* permits a bearing stress of 750 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (5170.5 kPa) if the entire concrete area is loaded and 1125 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (7755.8 kPa) if one-third of this area is loaded. Applying the 750-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (5170.5-kPa) value, we get plate area = load, lb/750 = 240,000/750 = 320 in<sup>2</sup> (2064.5 cm<sup>2</sup>).

The dimensions of the W14  $\times$  53 are  $d$  = 13.94 in (354.3 mm);  $b$  = 8.06 in (204.7 mm);  $0.95d$  = 13.24 in (335.3 mm);  $0.80b$  = 6.45 in (163.8 mm). For economy, the projections  $m$  and  $n$  should be approximately equal. Set  $B$  = 15 in (381 mm) and  $C$  = 22 in (558.8 mm); then, area = 15(22) = 330 in<sup>2</sup> (2129 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $p$  = 240,000/330 = 727 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (5011.9 kPa).

2. **Compute the required thickness of the base plate.** Thus,  $m = 1/2(22 - 13.24) = 4.38$  in (111.3 mm), which governs. Also,  $n = 1/2(15 - 6.45) = 4.28$  in (108.7 mm).

The AISC *Specification* permits a bending stress of 27,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (186.1 MPa) in a rectangular plate. The maximum bending stress is  $f = M/S = 3pm^2/t^2$ ;  $t = m(3p/f)^{0.5} = 4.38(3 \times 727/27,000)^{0.5} = 1.24$  in (31.5 mm).

3. **Summarize the design.** Thus,  $B = 15$  in (381 mm);  $C = 22$  in (558.8 mm);  $t = 1 1/4$  in (31.8 mm).

## BASE FOR STEEL COLUMN WITH END MOMENT

A steel column of 14-in (355.6-mm) depth transmits to its footing an axial load of 30 kips (133.4 kN) and a moment of 1100 in-kips (124.3 kN-m) in the plane of its web. Design the base, using A307 anchor bolts and 3000-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (20.7-MPa) concrete.

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Record the allowable stresses and modular ratio.** Refer to Fig. 12. If the moment is sufficiently large, it causes uplift at one end of the plate and thereby induces tension in the anchor bolt at that end. A rigorous analysis of the stresses in a column base transmitting a moment is not possible. For simplicity, compute the stresses across a horizontal plane through the base plate by treating this as the cross section of a reinforced-concrete beam, the anchor bolt on the tension side acting as the reinforcing steel. The effects of initial tension in the bolts are disregarded.

The anchor bolts are usually placed 2 1/2 (63.5 mm) or 3 in (76.2 mm) from the column flange. Using a plate of 26-in (660-mm) depth as shown in Fig. 12a, let  $A_s$  = anchor-bolt cross-sectional area;  $B$  = base-plate width;  $C$  = resultant compressive force on base plate;  $T$  = tensile force in anchor bolt;  $f_s$  = stress in anchor bolt;  $p$  = maximum bearing stress;  $p'$  = bearing stress at column face;  $t$  = base-plate thickness.

Recording the allowable stresses and modular ratio by using the ACI *Code*, we get  $p = 750$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (5170 kPa) and  $n = 9$ . From the AISC *Specification*,  $f_s = 14,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (96.5 MPa); the allowable bending stress in the plate is 27,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (186.1 MPa).

2. **Construct the stress and force diagrams.** These are shown in Fig. 13. Then  $f_s/n = 14/9 = 1.555$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (10.7 MPa);  $kd = 23(0.750/2.305) = 7.48$  in (190.0 mm);  $jd = 23 - 7.48/3 = 20.51$  in (521.0 mm).

3. **Design the base plate.** Thus,  $C = 1/2(7.48)(0.750B) = 2.805B$ . Take moments with respect to the anchor bolt, or  $\Sigma M = 30(10) + 1100 - 2.805B(20.51) = 0$ ;  $B = 24.3$  in (617.2 mm).

Assume that the critical bending stress in the base plate occurs at the face of the column. Compute the bending moment at the face for a 1-in (25.4-mm) width of plate. Referring to Fig. 13c, we have  $p' = 0.750(1.48/7.48) = 0.148$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (1020.3 kPa);  $M = (6^2/6)(0.148 + 2 \times 0.750) = 9.89$  in-kips (1.12 kN-m);  $t^2 - 6M/27 = 2.20$  in<sup>2</sup> (14.19 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $t = 1.48$  in (37.6 mm). Make the base plate 25 in (635 mm) wide and 1 1/2 in (38.1 mm) thick.

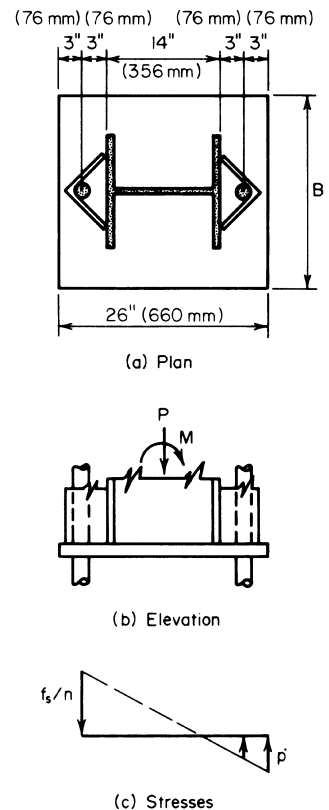
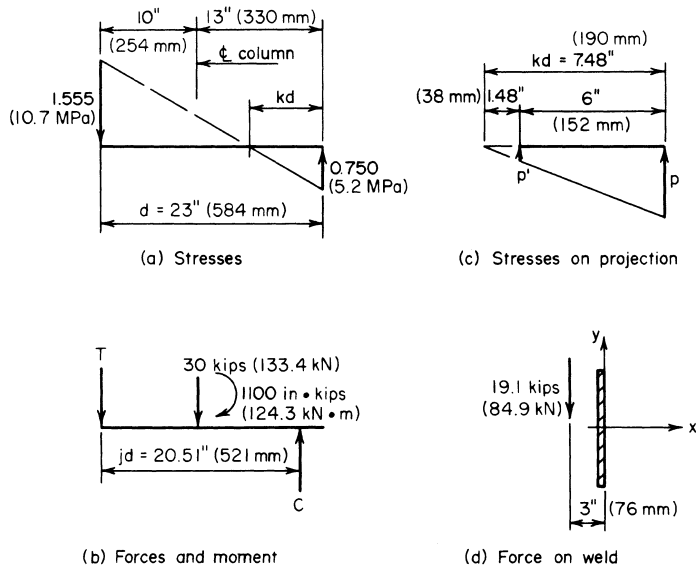


FIGURE 12 Anchor-bolt details. (a) Plan; (b) elevation; (c) stresses.



**FIGURE 13** (a) Stresses; (b) forces and moment; (c) stresses on projection; (d) force on weld.

**4. Design the anchor bolts.** From the calculation in step 3,  $C = 2.805B = 2.805(24.3) = 68.2$  kips (303.4 kN);  $T = 68.2 - 30 = 38.2$  kips (169.9 kN);  $A_s = 38.2/14 = 2.73$  in<sup>2</sup> (17.61 cm<sup>2</sup>). Refer to the *AISC Manual*. Use 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ -in (57.2-mm) anchor bolts, one on each side of the flange. Then  $A_s = 3.02$  in<sup>2</sup> (19.48 cm<sup>2</sup>).

**5. Design the anchorage for the bolts.** The bolts are held by angles welded to the column flange, as shown in Fig. 12 and in the *AISC Manual*. Use  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in (12.7-mm) angles 12 in (304.8 mm) long. Each line of weld resists a force of  $\frac{1}{2}T$ . Refer to Fig. 13d and compute the unit force  $F$  at the extremity of the weld. Thus,  $M = 19.1(3) = 57.3$  in-kips (6.47 kN-m);  $S_x = (\frac{1}{6})(12)^2/24 = 154.8$  cm<sup>2</sup>;  $F_x = 57.3/24 = 2.39$  kips/lin in (0.43 kN/mm);  $F_y = 19.1/12 = 1.59$  kips/lin in (0.29 kN/mm);  $F = (2.39^2 + 1.59^2)^{0.5} = 2.87$  kips/lin in (0.52 kN/mm). Use a  $\frac{5}{16}$ -in (4.8-mm) fillet weld of E60 electrodes, which has a capacity of 3 kips/lin in (0.54 kN/mm).

## GRILLAGE SUPPORT FOR COLUMN

A steel column in the form of a W14  $\times$  320 reinforced with two 20  $\times$  1 $\frac{1}{2}$  in (508  $\times$  38.1 mm) cover plates carries a load of 2790 kips (12,410 kN). Design the grillage under this column, using an allowable bearing stress of 750 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (5170.5 kPa) on the concrete. The space between the beams will be filled with concrete.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Establish the dimensions of the grillage.** Refer to Fig. 14. A load of this magnitude cannot be transmitted from the column to its footing through the medium of a base plate alone. It is therefore necessary to interpose steel beams between the base plate and the footing; these may be arranged in

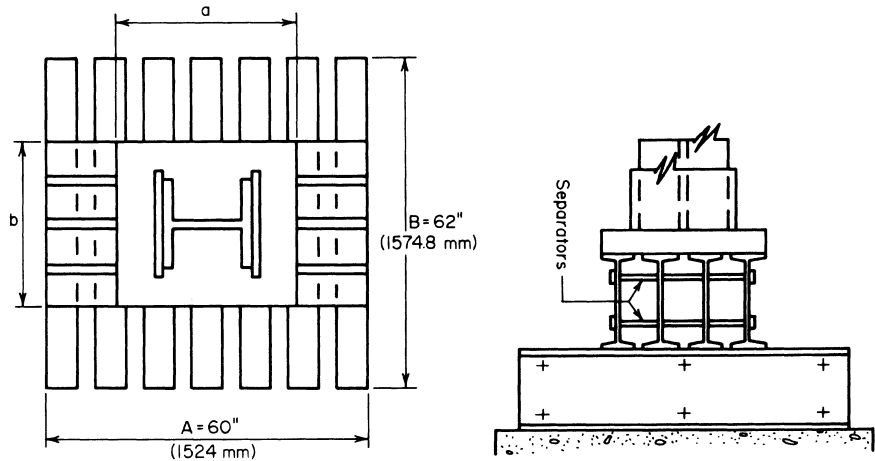


FIGURE 14 Grillage under column.

one tier or in two orthogonal tiers. Integrity of each tier is achieved by tying the beams together by pipe separators. This type of column support is termed a *grillage*. In designing the grillage, it is assumed that bearing pressures are uniform across each surface under consideration.

The area of grillage required = load, kips/allowable stress, kips/in<sup>2</sup> = 2790/0.750 = 3720 in<sup>2</sup> (23,994 cm<sup>2</sup>). Set  $A = 60$  in (1524 mm) and  $B = 62$  in (1574.8 mm), giving an area of 3720 in<sup>2</sup> (23,994 cm<sup>2</sup>), as required.

**2. Design the upper-tier beams.** There are three criteria: bending stress, shearing stress, and compressive stress in the web at the toe of the fillet. The concrete between the beams supplies lateral restraint, and the allowable bending stress is therefore 24 kips/in<sup>2</sup> (165.5 MPa).

Since the web stresses are important criteria, a grillage is generally constructed of S shapes rather than wide-flange beams to take advantage of the thick webs of S shapes. The design of the beams requires the concurrent determination of the length  $a$  of the base plate. Let  $f$  = bending stress;  $f_b$  = compressive stress in web at fillet toe;  $v$  = shearing stress,  $P$  = load carried by single beam;  $S$  = section modulus of single beam;  $k$  = distance from outer surface of beam to toe of fillet;  $t_w$  = web thickness of beam;  $a_1$  = length of plate as governed by flexure;  $a_2$  = length of plate as governed by compressive stress in web.

Select a beam size on the basis of stresses  $f$  and  $f_b$ , and then investigate  $v$ . The maximum bending moment occurs at the center of the span; its value is  $M = P(A - a)/8 = fS$ ; therefore,  $a_1 = A - 8fS/P$ .

At the toe of the fillet, the load  $P$  is distributed across a distance  $a + 2k$ . Then  $f_b = P/(a + 2k)t_w$ ; therefore,  $a_2 = P/f_b t_w - 2k$ . Try four beams; then  $P = 2790/4 = 697.5$  kips (3102.5 kN);  $f = 24$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (165.5 MPa);  $f_b = 27$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (186.1 MPa). Upon substitution, the foregoing equations reduce to  $a_1 = 60 - 0.2755$ ;  $a_2 = 25.8/t_w - 2k$ .

Select the trial beam sizes shown in the accompanying table, and calculate the corresponding values of  $a_1$  and  $a_2$ .

Size	$S$ , in <sup>3</sup> (cm <sup>3</sup> )	$t_w$ , in (mm)	$k$ , in (mm)	$a_1$ , in (mm)	$a_2$ , in (mm)
S18 × 54.7	88.4 (1448.6)	0.460 (11.68)	1.375 (34.93)	35.7 (906.8)	53.3 (1353.8)
S18 × 70	101.9 (1669.8)	0.711 (18.06)	1.375 (34.93)	32.0 (812.8)	33.6 (853.4)
S20 × 65.4	116.9 (1915.7)	0.500 (12.7)	1.563 (39.70)	27.9 (708.7)	48.5 (1231.9)
S20 × 75	126.3 (2069.7)	0.641 (16.28)	1.563 (39.70)	25.3 (642.6)	37.1 (942.3)

Try  $S18 \times 70$ , with  $a = 34$  in (863.6 mm). The flange width is 6.25 in (158.8 mm). The maximum vertical shear occurs at the edge of the plate; its magnitude is  $V = P(A - a)/(2A) = 697.5(60 - 34)/[2(60)] = 151.1$  kips (672.1 kN);  $v = 151.1/[18(0.711)] = 11.8 < 14.5$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (99.9 MPa), which is acceptable.

**3. Design the base plate.** Refer to the second previous calculation procedure. To permit the deposition of concrete, allow a minimum space of 2 in (50.8 mm) between the beam flanges. The minimum value of  $b$  is therefore  $b = 4(6.25) + 3(2) = 31$  in (787.4 mm).

The dimensions of the effective bearing area under the column are  $0.95(16.81 + 2 \times 15) = 18.82$  in (478.0 mm);  $0.80(20) = 16$  in (406.4 mm). The projection of the plate are  $(34 - 18.82)/2 = 7.59$  in (192.8 mm);  $(31 - 16)/2 = 7.5$  in (190.5 mm).

Therefore, keep  $b = 31$  in (787 mm), because this results in a well-proportioned plate. The pressure under the plate is  $2790/[34(31)] = 2.65$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (18.3 MPa). For a 1-in (25.4-mm) width of plate,  $M = \frac{1}{2}(2.65)/(7.59)^2 = 76.33$  in·kips (8.6 kN·m);  $S = M/f = 76.33/27 = 2.827$  in<sup>3</sup> (46.33 cm<sup>3</sup>);  $t = (6S)^{0.5} = 4.12$  in (104.6 mm).

Plate thicknesses within this range vary by  $\frac{1}{8}$ -in (3.2-mm) increments, as stated in the AISC *Manual*. However, a section of the AISC *Specification* requires that plates over 4 in (102 mm) thick be planed at all bearing surfaces. Set  $t = 4\frac{1}{2}$  in (114.3 mm) to allow for the planing.

**4. Design the beams at the lower tier.** Try seven beams. Thus,  $P = 2790/7 = 398.6$  kips (1772.9 kN);  $M = 398.6(62 - 31)/8 = 1545$  in·kips (174.6 kN·m);  $S_3 = 1545/24 = 64.4$  in<sup>3</sup> (1055.3 cm<sup>3</sup>).

Try  $S15 \times 50$ . Then  $S = 64.2$  in<sup>3</sup> (1052.1 cm<sup>3</sup>);  $t_w = 0.550$  in (14.0 mm);  $k = 1.25$  in (31.8 mm);  $b = 5.64$  in (143.3 mm). The space between flanges is  $[60 - 7 \times 5.64]/6 = 3.42$  in (86.9 mm). This result is satisfactory. Then  $f_b = 398.6/[0.550(31 + 2 \times 1.25)] = 21.6 < 27$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (186.1 MPa), which is satisfactory;  $V = 398.6(62 - 31)/[2(62)] = 99.7$  kips (443.5 kN);  $v = 99.7/[15(0.550)] = 12.1 < 14.5$ , which is satisfactory.

**5. Summarize the design.** Thus:  $A = 60$  in (1524 mm);  $B = 62$  in (1574.8 mm); base plate is  $31 \times 34 \times 4\frac{1}{2}$  in (787.4  $\times$  863.6  $\times$  114.3 mm), upper-tier steel, four beams  $S18 \times 70$ ; lower-tier steel, seven beams 15150.0.

## WIND-STRESS ANALYSIS BY PORTAL METHOD

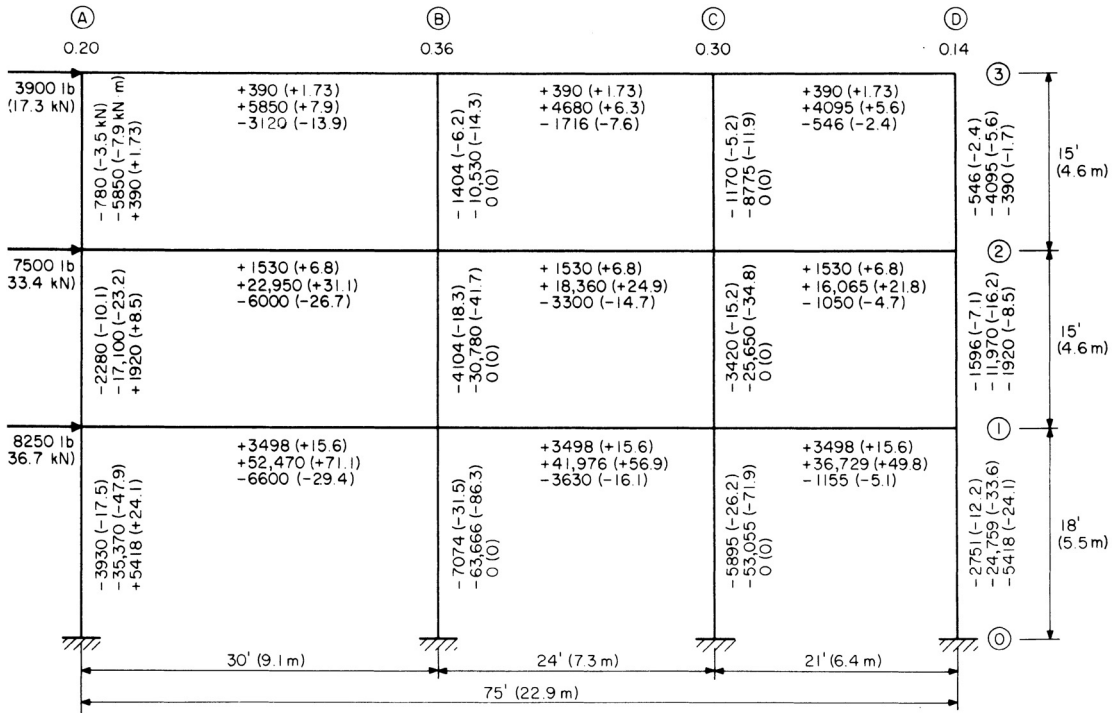
The bent in Fig. 15 resists the indicated wind loads. Applying the portal method of analysis, calculate all shears, end moments, and axial forces.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the shear factor for each column.** The portal method is an approximate and relatively simple method of wind-stress analysis that is frequently applied to regular bents of moderate height. It considers the bent to be composed of a group of individual portals and makes the following assumptions. (1) The wind load is distributed among the aisles of the bent in direct proportion to their relative widths. (2) The point of contraflexure in each member lies at its center.

Because of the first assumption, the shear in a given column is directly proportional to the average width of the adjacent aisles. (An alternative form of the portal method assumes that the wind load is distributed uniformly among the aisles, irrespective of their relative widths.)

In this analysis, we consider the *end moments* of a member, i.e., the moments exerted at the ends of the member by the joints. The sign conventions used are as follows. An end moment is positive if it is clockwise. The shear is positive if the lateral forces exerted on the member by the joints constitute a couple having a counterclockwise moment. An axial force is positive if it is tensile.



Note: Data recorded in following order: shear, end moments, axial force.

FIGURE 15 Wind-stress analysis by portal method.

Figure 16a and b represents a beam and column, respectively, having positive end moments and positive shear. By applying the second assumption,  $M_a = M_b = M$ , Eq. a;  $V = 2M/L$ , or  $M = VL/2$ , Eq. b;  $H = 2M/L$ , or  $M = HL/2$ , Eq. c. In Fig. 15, the calculated data for each member are recorded in the order indicated.

The shear factor equals the ratio of the average width of the adjacent aisles to the total width. Or, line A,  $15/75 = 0.20$ ; line B,  $(15 + 12)/75 = 0.36$ ; line C,  $(12 + 10.5)/75 = 0.30$ ; line D,  $10.5/75 = 0.14$ . For convenience, record these values in Fig. 15.

2. Compute the shear in each column. For instance, column A-2-3,  $H = -3900(0.20) = -780$  lb (-3.5 kN); column C-1-2,  $H = -(3900 + 7500)0.30 = -3420$  lb (-15.2 kN).

3. Compute the end moments of each column. Apply Eq. c. For instance, column A-2-3,  $M = 1/2(-780)15 = -5850$  ft-lb (-7932.6 N-m); column D-0-1,  $M = 1/2(-2751)18 = -24,759$  ft-lb (-33,573.2 N-m).

4. Compute the end moments of each beam. Do this by equating the algebraic sum of end moments at each joint to zero. For instance, at line 3:  $M_{AB} = 5850$

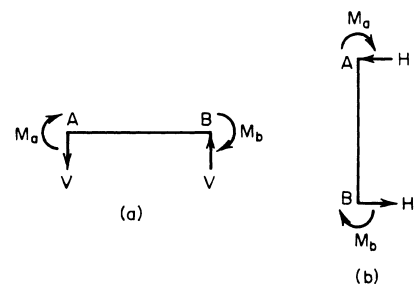


FIGURE 16

ft-lb (7932.6 N·m);  $M_{BC} = -5850 + 10,530 = 4680$  ft-lb (6346.1 N·m);  $M_{CD} = -4680 + 8775 = 4095$  ft-lb (5552.8 N·m). At line 2:  $M_{AB} = 5850 + 17,100 = 22,950$  ft-lb (31,120.2 N·m);  $M_{BC} = -22,950 + 30,780 + 10,530 = 18,360$  ft-lb (24,896.0 N·m).

**5. Compute the shear in each beam.** Do this by applying Eq. *b*. For instance, beam *B-2-C*,  $V = 2(18,360)/724 = 1530$  lb (6.8 kN).

**6. Compute the axial force in each member.** Do this by drawing free-body diagrams of the joints and applying the equations of equilibrium. It is found that the axial forces in the interior columns are zero. This condition stems from the first assumption underlying the portal method and the fact that each interior column functions as both the leeward column of one portal and the windward column of the adjacent portal.

The absence of axial forces in the interior columns in turn results in the equality of the shear in the beams at each tier. Thus, the calculations associated with the portal method of analysis are completely self-checking.

## WIND-STRESS ANALYSIS BY CANTILEVER METHOD

For the bent in Fig. 17, calculate all shears, end moments, and axial forces induced by the wind loads by applying the cantilever method of wind-stress analysis. For this purpose, assume that the columns have equal cross-sectional areas.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the shear and moment on the bent at midheight of each horizontal row of columns.** The cantilever method, which is somewhat more rational than the portal method, considers that the bent behaves as a vertical cantilever. Consequently, the direct stress in a column is directly proportional to the distance from the column to the centroid of the combined column area. As in the portal method, the assumption is made that the point of contraflexure in each member lies at its center. Refer to the previous calculation procedure for the sign convention.

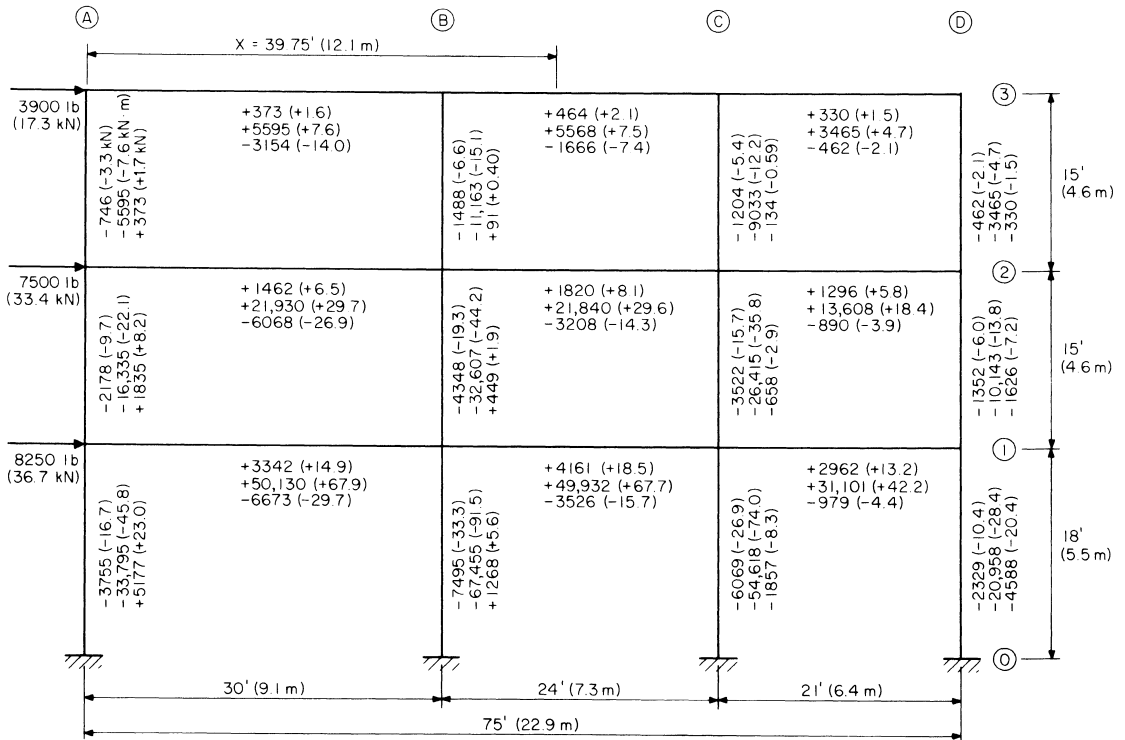
Computing the shear and moment on the bent at midheight, we have the following. Upper row:  $H = 3900$  lb (17.3 kN);  $M = 3900(7.5) = 29,250$  ft-lb (39,663.0 N·m). Center row:  $H = 3900 + 7500 = 11,400$  lb (50.7 kN);  $M = 3900(22.5) + 7500(7.5) = 144,000$  ft-lb (195.3 kN·m). Lower row:  $H = 11,400 + 8250 = 19,650$  lb (87.5 kN);  $M = 3900(39) + 7500(24) + 8250(9) = 406,400$  ft-lb (551.1 kN·m), or  $M = 144,000 + 11,400(16.5) + 8250(9) = 406,400$  ft-lb (551.1 kN·m), as before.

**2. Locate the centroidal axis of the combined column area, and compute the moment of inertia of the area with respect to this axis.** Take the area of one column as a unit. Then  $x = (30 + 54 + 75)/4 = 39.75$  ft (12.12 m);  $I = 39.75^2 + 9.75^2 + 14.25^2 + 35.25^2 = 3121$  ft<sup>2</sup> (289.95 m<sup>2</sup>).

**3. Compute the axial force in each column.** Use the equation  $f = My/I$ . The  $y/I$  values are

	A	B	C	D
$y$	39.75	9.75	-14.25	-35.25
$y/I$	0.01274	0.00312	-0.00457	-0.01129

Then column *A-2-3*,  $P = 29,250(0.01274) = 373$  kips (1659 kN); column *B-0-1*,  $P = 406,400(0.00312) = 1268$  kips (5640 kN).



Note. Data recorded in following order: shear, end moments, axial force.

FIGURE 17 Wind-stress analysis by cantilever method.

4. **Compute the shear in each beam by analyzing each joint as a free body.** Thus, beam A-3-B,  $V = 373$  lb (1659 N); beam B-3-C,  $V = 373 + 91 = 464$  lb (2.1 kN); beam C-3-D,  $V = 464 - 134 = 330$  lb (1468 N); beam A-2-B,  $V = 1835 - 373 = 1462$  lb (6.5 kN); beam B-2-C,  $V = 1462 + 449 - 91 = 1820$  lb (8.1 kN).

5. **Compute the end moments of each beam.** Apply Eq. *b* of the previous calculation procedure. Or for beam A-3-B,  $M = 1/2(373)(30) = 5595$  ft-lb (7586.8 N-m).

6. **Compute the end moments of each column.** Do this by equating the algebraic sum of the end moments at each joint to zero.

7. **Compute the shear in each column.** Apply Eq. *c* of the previous calculation procedure. The sum of the shears in each horizontal row of columns should equal the wind load above that plane. For instance, for the center row,  $\Sigma H = -(2178 + 4348 + 3522 + 1352) = -11,400$  lb (-50.7 kN), which is correct.

8. **Compute the axial force in each beam by analyzing each joint as a free body.** Thus, beam A-3-B,  $P = -3900 + 746 = -3154$  lb (-14.0 kN); beam B-3-C,  $P = -3154 + 1488 = -1666$  lb (-7.4 kN).



**WIND-STRESS ANALYSIS BY SLOPE-DEFLECTION METHOD**

Analyze the bent in Fig. 18a by the slope-deflection method. The moment of inertia of each member is shown in the drawing.

**Calculation Procedure**

**1. Compute the end rotations caused by the applied moments and forces; superpose the rotation caused by the transverse displacement.** This method of analysis has not been applied extensively in the past because the arithmetic calculations involved become voluminous where the bent contains many joints. However, the increasing use of computers in structural design is overcoming this obstacle and stimulating a renewed interest in the method.

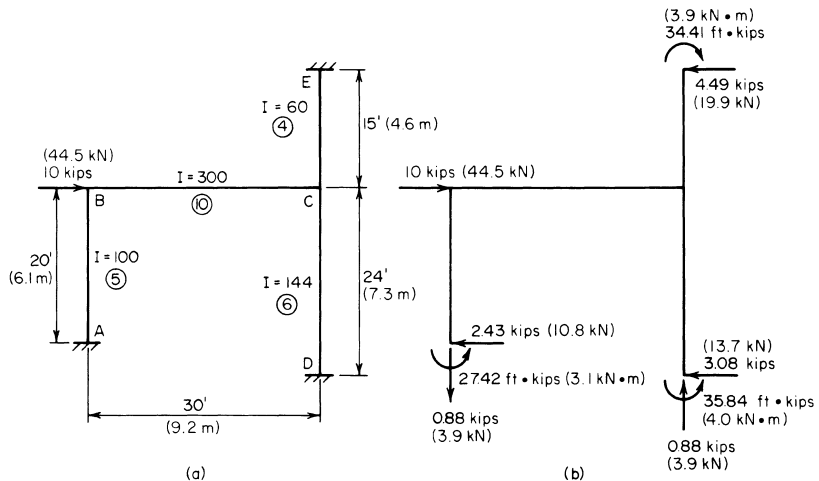
Figure 19 is the elastic curve of a member subjected to moments and transverse forces applied solely at its ends. The sign convention is as follows: an end moment is positive if it is clockwise; an angular displacement is positive if the rotation is clockwise; the transverse displacement  $\Delta$  is positive if it rotates the member in a clockwise direction.

Computing the end rotations gives  $\theta_a = (L/6EI)(2M_a - M_b) + \Delta/L$ ;  $\theta_b = (L/6EI)(-M_a + 2M_b) + \Delta/L$ . These results may be obtained by applying the moment-area method or unit-load method given in Sec. 1.

**2. Solve the foregoing equations for the end moments.** Thus,

$$M_a = \left(\frac{2EI}{L}\right)\left(2\theta_a + \theta_b - \frac{3\Delta}{L}\right) \quad M_b = \left(\frac{2EI}{L}\right)\left(\theta_a + 2\theta_b - \frac{3\Delta}{L}\right) \quad (4)$$

These are the basic slope-deflection equations.



**FIGURE 18** (a) Load on bent; (b) load and reactions.

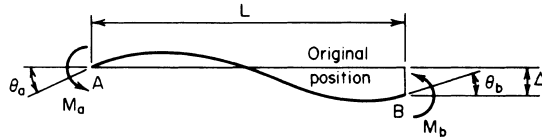


FIGURE 19 Elastic curve of beam.

**3. Compute the value of  $I/L$  for each member of the bent.** Let  $K$  denote this value, which represents the relative stiffness of the member. Thus,  $K_{ab} = 100/20 = 5$ ;  $K_{cd} = 144/24 = 6$ ;  $K_{be} = 300/30 = 10$ ;  $K_{ce} = 60/15 = 4$ . These values are recorded in circles in Fig. 18.

**4. Apply Eq. 4 to each joint in turn.** When the wind load is applied, the bent will deform until the horizontal reactions at the supports total 10 kips (44.5 kN). It is evident, therefore, that the end moments of a member are functions of the *relative* rather than the absolute stiffness of that member. Therefore, in writing the moment equations, the coefficient  $2EI/L$  may be replaced with  $I/L$ ; to view this in another manner,  $E = 1/2$ .

Disregard the deformation associated with axial forces in the members, and assume that joints  $B$  and  $C$  remain in a horizontal line. The symbol  $M_{ab}$  denotes the moment exerted on member  $AB$  at joint  $A$ . Thus,  $M_{ab} = 5(\theta_b - 3\Delta/20) = 5\theta_b - 0.75\Delta$ ;  $M_{dc} = 6(\theta_c - 3\Delta/24) = 6\theta_c - 0.75\Delta$ ;  $M_{ec} = 4(\theta_c + 3\Delta/15) = 4\theta_c + 0.80\Delta$ ;  $M_{ba} = 5(2\theta_b - 3\Delta/20) = 10\theta_b - 0.75\Delta$ ;  $M_{cd} = 6(2\theta_c - 3\Delta/24) = 12\theta_c - 0.75\Delta$ ;  $M_{ce} = 4(2\theta_c + 3\Delta/15) = 8\theta_c + 0.80\Delta$ ;  $M_{cd} = 10(2\theta_b + \theta_c) = 20\theta_b + 10\theta_c$ ;  $M_{cb} = 10(\theta_b + 2\theta_c) = 10\theta_b + 20\theta_c$ .

**5. Write the equations of equilibrium for the joints and for the bent.** Thus, joint  $B$ ,  $M_{ba} + M_{bc} = 0$ , Eq.  $a$ ; joint  $C$ ,  $M_{cb} + M_{cd} + M_{ce} = 0$ , Eq.  $b$ . Let  $H$  denote the horizontal reaction at a given support. Consider a horizontal force positive if directed toward the right. Then  $H_a + H_d + H_e + 10 = 0$ , Eq.  $c$ .

**6. Express the horizontal reactions in terms of the end moments.** Rewrite Eq.  $c$ . Or,  $(M_{ab} + M_{ba})/20 + (M_{dc} + M_{cd})/24 - (M_{ec} + M_{ce})/15 + 10 = 0$ , or  $6M_{ab} + 6M_{ba} + 5M_{dc} + 5M_{cd} - 8M_{ec} - 8M_{ce} = -1200$ , Eq.  $c'$ .

**7. Rewrite Eqs.  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c'$  by replacing the end moments with the expressions obtained in step 4.** Thus,  $30\theta_b + 10\theta_c - 0.75\Delta = 0$ , Eq.  $A$ ;  $10\theta_b + 40\theta_c + 0.05\Delta = 0$ , Eq.  $B$ ;  $90\theta_b - 6\theta_c - 29.30\Delta = -1200$ , Eq.  $C$ .

**8. Solve the simultaneous equations in step 7 to obtain the relative values of  $\theta_b$ ,  $\theta_c$ , and  $\Delta$ .** Thus,  $\theta_b = 1.244$ ;  $\theta_c = -0.367$ ;  $\Delta = 44.85$ .

**9. Apply the results in step 8 to evaluate the end moments.** The values, in foot-kips, are:  $M_{ab} = -27.42$  ( $-37.18$  kN-m);  $M_{dc} = -35.84$  ( $-48.6$  kN-m);  $M_{ec} = 34.41$  ( $46.66$  kN-m);  $M_{ba} = -21.20$  ( $-28.75$  kN-m);  $M_{cd} = -38.04$  ( $-51.58$  kN-m);  $M_{ce} = 32.94$  ( $44.67$  kN-m);  $M_{bc} = 21.21$  ( $28.76$  kN-m);  $M_{cb} = 5.10$  ( $6.92$  kN-m).

**10. Compute the shear in each member by analyzing the member as a free body.** The shear is positive if the transverse forces exert a counterclockwise moment. Thus,  $H_{ab} = (M_{ab} + M_{ba})/20 = -2.43$  kips ( $-10.8$  kN);  $H_{cd} = -3.08$  kips ( $-13.7$  kN);  $H_{ce} = 4.49$  kips ( $19.9$  kN);  $V_{bc} = 0.88$  kip ( $3.9$  kN).

**11. Compute the axial force in  $AB$  and  $BC$ .** Thus,  $P_{ab} = 0.88$  kip ( $3.91$  kN);  $P_{bc} = -7.57$  kips ( $-33.7$  kN). The axial forces in  $EC$  and  $CD$  are found by equating the elongation of one to the contraction of the other.

**12. Check the bent for equilibrium.** The forces and moments acting on the structure are shown in Fig. 18b. The three equations of equilibrium are satisfied.

## WIND DRIFT OF A BUILDING

Figure 20a is the partial elevation of the steel framing of a skyscraper. The wind shear directly above line 11 is 40 kips (177.9 kN), and the wind force applied at lines 11 and 12 is 4 kips (17.8 kN) each. The members represented by solid lines have the moments of inertia shown in Table 1, and the structure is to be analyzed for wind stress by the portal method. Compute the wind drift for the bent bounded by lines 11 and 12; that is, find the horizontal displacement of the joints on line 11 relative to those on line 12 as a result of wind.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Using the portal method of wind-stress analysis, compute the shear in each column caused by the unit loads.** Apply the unit-load method presented in Sec. 1. For this purpose, consider that unit horizontal loads are applied to the structure in the manner shown in Fig. 20b.

The results obtained in steps 1, 2, and 3 below are recorded in Fig. 20b. To apply the portal method of wind-stress analysis, see the fourteenth calculation procedure in this section.

**2. Compute the end moments of each column caused by the unit loads**

**3. Equate the algebraic sum of end moments at each joint to zero; from this find the end moments of the beams caused by the unit loads**

**4. Find the end moments of each column.** Multiply the results obtained in step 2 by the wind shear in each panel to find the end moments of each column in Fig. 20a. For instance, the end moments of column C-11-12 are  $-1.95(44) = -85.8$  ft-kips ( $-116.3$  kN-m). Record the result in Fig. 20a.

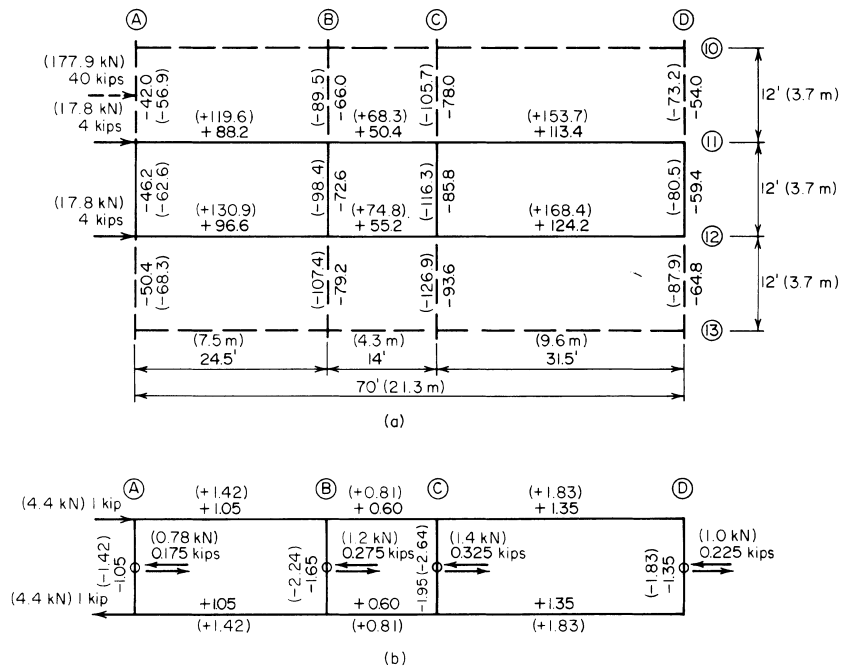


FIGURE 20

**TABLE 1** Calculation of Wind Drift

Member	$I, \text{in}^4 (\text{cm}^4)$	$L, \text{ft (in)}$	$M_e, \text{ft-kips (kN}\cdot\text{m)}$	$m_e, \text{ft-kips (kN}\cdot\text{m)}$	$M_e m_e L I$
A-11-12	1,500 (62,430)	12 (3.66)	46.2 (62.6)	1.05 (1.42)	0.39
B-11-12	1,460 (60,765)	12 (3.66)	72.6 (98.5)	1.65 (2.24)	0.98
C-11-12	1,800 (74,916)	12 (3.66)	85.8 (116.3)	1.95 (2.64)	1.12
D-11-12	2,000 (83,240)	12 (3.66)	59.4 (80.6)	1.35 (1.83)	0.48
A-12-B	660 (27,469)	24.5 (7.47)	88.2 (119.6)	1.05 (1.42)	3.44
B-12-C	300 (12,486)	14 (4.27)	50.4 (68.3)	0.60 (0.81)	1.41
C-12-D	1,400 (58,268)	31.5 (9.60)	113.4 (153.8)	1.35 (1.83)	3.44
A-12-B	750 (31,213)	24.5 (7.47)	96.6(130.9)	1.05 (1.42)	3.31
B-12-C	400 (16,648)	14 (4.27)	55.2 (74.9)	0.60 (0.81)	1.16
C-12-D	1,500 (62,430)	31.5 (9.60)	124.2 (168.4)	1.35 (1.83)	3.52
Total					19.25

5. *Find the end moments of the beams caused by the true loads.* Equate the algebraic sum of end moments at each joint to zero to find the end moments of the beams caused by the true loads.

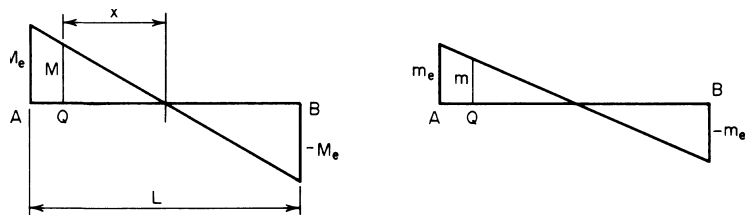
6. *State the equation for wind drift.* In Fig. 21,  $M_e$  and  $m_e$  denote the end moments caused by the true load and unit load, respectively. Then the

$$\text{Wind drift } \Delta = \frac{\sum M_e m_e L}{3EI} \quad (5)$$

7. *Compute the wind drift by completing Table 1.* In recording end moments, algebraic signs may be disregarded because the product  $M_e m_e$  is always positive. Taking the total of the last column in Table 1, we find  $\Delta = 19.25(12)^2/[3(29)(10)^3] = 0.382$  in (9.7 mm). For dimensional homogeneity, the left side of Eq. 5 must be multiplied by 1 kip (4.45 kN). The product represents the external work performed by the unit loads.

## REDUCTION IN WIND DRIFT BY USING DIAGONAL BRACING

With reference to the previous calculation procedure, assume that the wind drift of the bent is to be restricted to 0.20 in (5.1 mm) by introducing diagonal bracing between lines B and C. Design the bracing, using the gross area of the member.


**FIGURE 21** Bending-moment diagrams.

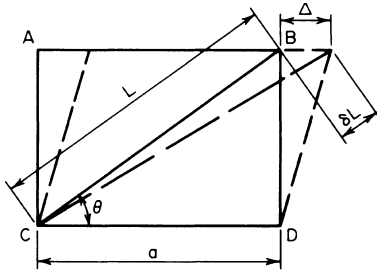


FIGURE 22

component of  $P$ ;  $\delta L$  = change in length of  $CB$ . From the geometry of Fig. 22,  $\delta L = \Delta \cos \theta = a\Delta/L$  approximately.

2. Express  $P_h$  in terms of  $\Delta$ . Thus,  $P = aAE\Delta/L^2$ ;  $P_h = P \cos \theta = Pa/L$ ; then

$$P_h = \frac{a^2 A E \Delta}{L^3} \quad (6)$$

3. Select a trial size for the diagonal bracing; compute the tensile capacity. A section of the AISC Specification limits the slenderness ratio for bracing members in tension to 300, and another section provides an allowable stress of 22 kips/in<sup>2</sup> (151.7 MPa). Thus,  $L^2 = 14^2 + 12^2 = 340$  ft<sup>2</sup> (31.6 in<sup>2</sup>);  $L = 18.4$  ft (5.61 m);  $r_{\min} = (18.4 \times 12)/300 = 0.74$  in (18.8 mm).

Try a  $4 \times 4 \times 1/4$  in (101.6  $\times$  101.6  $\times$  6.35 mm) angle;  $r = 0.79$  in (20.1 mm);  $A = 1.94$  in<sup>2</sup> (12.52 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $P_{\max} = 1.94(22) = 42.7$  kips (189.9 kN).

4. Compute the wind drift if the assumed size of bracing is used. By Eq. 6,  $P_h = \{196/[(340)(18.4)(12)]\} 1.94(29)(10)^3 \Delta = 147\Delta$  kips (653.9 $\Delta$  N). The wind shear resisted by the columns of the bent is reduced by  $P_h$ , and the wind drift is reduced proportionately.

From the previous calculation procedure, the following values are obtained: without diagonal bracing,  $\Delta = 0.382$  in (9.7 mm); with diagonal bracing,  $\Delta = 0.382/(44 - P_h)/44 = 0.382 - 1.28\Delta$ . Solving gives  $\Delta = 0.168 < 0.20$  in (5.1 mm), which is acceptable.

5. Check the axial force in the brace. Thus,  $P_h = 147(0.168) = 24.7$  kips (109.9 kN);  $P = P_h L/a = 24.7(18.4)/14 = 32.5 < 42.7$  kips (189.9 kN), which is satisfactory. Therefore, the assumed size of the member is satisfactory.

## LIGHT-GAGE STEEL BEAM WITH UNSTIFFENED FLANGE

A beam of light-gage cold-formed steel consists of two  $7 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$  in (177.8  $\times$  38.1 mm) by no. 12 gage channels connected back to back to form an I section. The beam is simply supported on a 16-ft (4.88-m) span, has continuous lateral support, and carries a total dead load of 50 lb/lin ft (730 N/m). The live-load deflection is restricted to 1/360 of the span. If the yield-point stress  $f_y$  is 33,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (227.5 MPa), compute the allowable unit live load for this member.

### Calculation Procedure

1. Record the relevant properties of the section. Apply the AISC Specification for the Design of Light Gage Cold-Formed Steel Structural Members. This is given in the AISI publication *Light Gage Cold-Formed Steel Design Manual*. Use the same notational system, except denote the flat width of an element by  $g$  rather than  $w$ .

The publication mentioned above provides a basic design stress of 20,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (137.9 MPa) for this grade of steel. However, since the compression flange of the given member is unstiffened in accordance with the definition in one section of the publication, it may be necessary to reduce the allowable compressive stress. A table in the *Manual* gives the dimensions, design properties, and allowable stress of each section, but the allowable stress will be computed independently in this calculation procedure.

Let  $V$  = maximum vertical shear;  $M$  = maximum bending moment;  $w$  = unit load;  $f_b$  = basic design stress;  $f_c$  = allowable bending stress in compression;  $v$  = shearing stress;  $\Delta$  = maximum deflection.

Record the relevant properties of the section as shown in Fig. 23:  $I_x = 12.4 \text{ in}^4$  (516.1 cm<sup>4</sup>);  $S_x = 3.54 \text{ in}^3$  (58.0 cm<sup>3</sup>);  $R = \frac{3}{16} \text{ in}$  (4.8 mm).

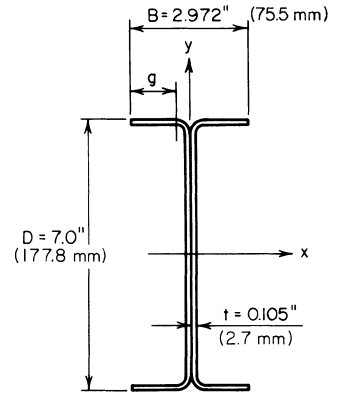


FIGURE 23

**2. Compute  $f_c$ .** Thus,  $g = B/2 - t - R = 1.1935 \text{ in}$  (30.3 mm);  $g/t = 1.1935/0.105 = 11.4$ . From the *Manual*, the allowable stress corresponding to this ratio is  $f_c = 1.667f_b - 8640 - [(f_b - 12,950)g/t]/15 = 1.667(20,000) - 8640 - (20,000 - 12,950)11.4/15 = 19,340 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (133.3 MPa).

**3. Compute the allowable unit live load if flexure is the sole criterion.** Thus,  $M = f_c S_x = 19,340(3.54)/12 = 5700 \text{ ft}\cdot\text{lb}$  (7729.2 N·m);  $w = 8M/L^2 = 8(5700)/16^2 = 178 \text{ lb/lin ft}$  (2.6 kN/m);  $w_{LL} = 178 - 50 = 128 \text{ lb/lin ft}$  (1.87 kN/m).

**4. Investigate the deflection under the computed live load.** Using  $E = 29,500,000 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (203,373 MPa) as given in the *AISI Manual*, we have  $\Delta_{LL} = 5w_{LL}L^4/(384EI_x) = 5(128)(16)^4(12)^3/[384(29.5)(10)^6(12.4)] = 0.516 \text{ in}$  (13.1 mm);  $\Delta_{LL,allow} = 16(12)/360 = 0.533 \text{ in}$  (13.5 mm), which is satisfactory.

**5. Investigate the shearing stress under the computed total load.** Refer to the *AISI Specification*. For the individual channel,  $h = D - 2t = 6.79 \text{ in}$  (172.5 mm);  $h/t = 64.7$ ;  $64,000,000/64.7^2 > \frac{2}{3}f_b$ ; therefore,  $v_{allow} = 13,330 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (91.9 MPa); the web area =  $0.105(6.79) = 0.713 \text{ in}^2$  (4.6 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $V = \frac{1}{4}(178)16 = 712 \text{ lb}$  (3.2 kN);  $v = 712/0.713 < v_{allow}$ , which is satisfactory. The allowable unit live load is therefore 128 lb/lin ft (1.87 kN/m).

## LIGHT-GAGE STEEL BEAM WITH STIFFENED COMPRESSION FLANGE

A beam of light-gage cold-formed steel has a hat cross section 8 × 12 in (203.2 × 304.8 mm) of no. 12 gage, as shown in Fig. 24. The beam is simply supported on a span of 13 ft (3.96 m). If the yield-point stress is 33,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (227.5 MPa), compute the allowable unit load for this member and the corresponding deflection.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Record the relevant properties of the entire cross-sectional area.** Refer to the *AISI Specification* and *Manual*. The allowable load is considered to be the ultimate load that the member will carry divided by a load factor of 1.65. At ultimate load, the bending stress varies considerably across the compression flange. To surmount the difficulty that this condition introduces, the *AISI Specification* permits the designer to assume that the stress is uniform across an *effective flange width* to be established in the prescribed manner. The investigation is complicated by the fact that the effective flange width and the bending stress in compression are interdependent quantities, for the following reason. The effective width depends on the compressive stress; the compressive stress, which is less than the

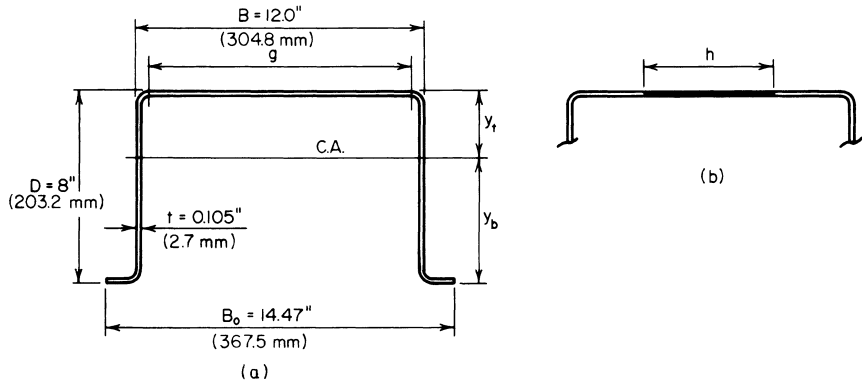


FIGURE 24

basic design stress, depends on the location of the neutral axis; the location of the neutral axis, in turn, depends on the effective width.

The beam deflection is also calculated by establishing an effective flange width. However, since the beam capacity is governed by stresses at the ultimate load and the beam deflection is governed by stresses at working load, the effective widths associated with these two quantities are unequal.

A table in the *AISI Manual* contains two design values that afford a direct solution to this problem. However, the values are computed independently here to demonstrate how they are obtained. The notational system presented in the previous calculation procedure is used, as well as  $A'$  = area of cross section exclusive of compression flange;  $H$  = static moment of cross-sectional area with respect to top of section;  $y_b$  and  $y_t$  = distance from centroidal axis of cross section to bottom and top of section, respectively.

We use the *AISI Manual* to determine the relevant properties of the entire cross-sectional area, as shown in Fig. 24:  $A = 3.13 \text{ in}^2$  ( $20.2 \text{ cm}^2$ );  $y_b = 5.23 \text{ in}$  ( $132.8 \text{ mm}$ );  $I_x = 26.8 \text{ in}^4$  ( $1115.5 \text{ cm}^4$ );  $R = 3/16 \text{ in}$  ( $4.8 \text{ mm}$ ).

**2. Establish the value of  $f_c$  for load determination.** Use the relation  $(8040t^2/f_c^{0.5})\{1 - 2010/[(f_c^{0.5}g)/t]\} = (H/D)(f_c + f_b)/f_c - A'$ . Substituting gives  $g = B - 2(t + R) = 12.0 - 2(0.105 + 0.1875) = 11.415 \text{ in}$  ( $289.9 \text{ mm}$ );  $g/t = 108.7$ ;  $gt = 1.20 \text{ in}^2$  ( $7.74 \text{ cm}^2$ );  $A = 3.13 - 1.20 = 1.93 \text{ in}^2$  ( $12.45 \text{ cm}^2$ );  $y_t = 8.0 - 5.23 = 2.77 \text{ in}$  ( $70.36 \text{ cm}$ );  $H = 3.13(2.77) = 8.670 \text{ in}^3$  ( $142.1 \text{ cm}^3$ ). The foregoing equation then reduces to  $(88.64/f_c^{0.5})(1 - 18.49/f_c^{0.5}) = 1.084(f_c + 20,000)/f_c - 1.93$ . By successive approximations,  $f_c = 14,800 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $102.0 \text{ MPa}$ ).

**3. Compute the corresponding effective flange width for load determination in accordance with the *AISI Manual*.** Thus,  $b = (8040t/f_c^{0.5})[1 - 2010/[(f_c^{0.5}g)/t]] = (8040 \times 0.105/14,800^{0.5})[1 - 2010/(14,800^{0.5} \times 108.7)] = 5.885 \text{ in}$  ( $149.5 \text{ mm}$ ).

**4. Locate the centroidal axis of the cross section having this effective width; check the value of  $f_c$ .** Refer to Fig. 24b. Thus,  $h = g - b = 11.415 - 5.885 = 5.530 \text{ in}$  ( $140.5 \text{ mm}$ );  $ht = 0.581 \text{ in}^2$  ( $3.75 \text{ cm}^2$ );  $A = 3.13 - 0.581 = 2.549 \text{ in}^2$  ( $16.45 \text{ cm}^2$ );  $H = 8.670 \text{ in}^3$  ( $142.1 \text{ cm}^3$ );  $y_t = 8.670/2.549 = 3.40 \text{ in}$  ( $86.4 \text{ mm}$ );  $y_b = 4.60 \text{ in}$  ( $116.8 \text{ mm}$ );  $f_c = y_t/y_b = 3.40(20,000)/4.60 = 14,800 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $102.0 \text{ MPa}$ ), which is satisfactory.

**5. Compute the allowable load.** The moment of inertia of the net section may be found by applying the value of the gross section and making the necessary corrections. Applying  $S_x = I_x/y_b$ , we get  $I_x = 26.8 + 3.13(3.40 - 2.77)^2 - 0.581(3.40 - 0.053)^2 = 21.53 \text{ in}^4$  ( $896.15 \text{ cm}^4$ ). Then  $S_x = 21.53/4.60 = 4.68 \text{ in}^3$  ( $76.69 \text{ cm}^3$ ). This value agrees with that recorded in the *AISI Manual*.

Then  $M = f_b S_x = 20,000(4.68)/12 = 7800 \text{ ft}\cdot\text{lb}$  ( $10,576 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$ );  $w = 8M/L^2 = 8(7800)/13^2 = 369 \text{ lb/lin ft}$  ( $5.39 \text{ kN/m}$ ).

6. Establish the value of  $f_y$  for deflection determination. Apply  $(10,320t^2/f_c^{0.5})[1 - 2580/(f_c^{0.5}gt)] = (H/D)(f_c + f_b)/f_c - A'$ , or  $(113.8/f_c^{0.5}) \times (1 - 23.74/f_c^{0.5}) = 1.084(f_c + 20,000)/f_c - 1.93$ . By successive approximation,  $f_c = 13,300 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (91.7 MPa).

7. Compute the corresponding effective flange width for deflection determination. Thus,  $b = (10,320t/f_c^{0.5})[1 - 2580/(f_c^{0.5}gt)] = (10,320 \times 0.105/13,300^{0.5})[1 - 2580/(13,300^{0.5} \times 108.7)] = 7.462 \text{ in}$  (189.5 mm).

8. Locate the centroidal axis of the cross section having this effective width; check the value of  $f_c$ . Thus,  $h = 11.415 - 7.462 = 3.953 \text{ in}$  (100.4 mm);  $ht = 0.415 \text{ in}^2$  (2.68 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $A = 313 - 0.415 = 2.715 \text{ in}^2$  (17.52 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $H = 8.670 \text{ in}^3$  (142.1 cm<sup>3</sup>);  $y_t = 8.670/2.715 = 3.19 \text{ in}$  (81.0 mm);  $y_b = 4.81 \text{ in}$  (122.2 mm);  $f_c = (3.19/4.81)20,000 = 13,300 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (91.7 MPa), which is satisfactory.

9. Compute the deflection. For the net section,  $I_x = 26.8 + 3.13(3.19 - 2.77)^2 - 0.415(3.19 - 0.053)^2 = 23.3 \text{ in}^4$  (969.8 cm<sup>4</sup>). This value agrees with that tabulated in the *AISI Manual*. The deflection is  $\Delta = 5wL^4/(384EI_x) = 5(369)(13)^4(12)^3/[384(29.5)(10)^6 \times 23.3] = 0.345 \text{ in}$  (8.8 mm).

### PART 3

## REINFORCED CONCRETE

The design of reinforced-concrete members in this handbook is executed in accordance with the specification titled *Building Code Requirements for Reinforced Concrete* of the American Concrete Institute (ACI). The *ACI Reinforced Concrete Design Handbook* contains many useful tables that expedite design work. The designer should become thoroughly familiar with this handbook and use the tables it contains whenever possible.

The spacing of steel reinforcing bars in a concrete member is subject to the restrictions imposed by the *ACI Code*. With reference to the beam and slab shown in Fig. 1, the reinforcing steel is assumed, for simplicity, to be concentrated at its centroidal axis, and the effective depth of the flexural member is taken as the distance from the extreme compression fiber to this axis. (The term *depth* hereafter refers to the *effective* rather than the overall depth of the beam.) For design purposes, it is usually assumed that the distance from the exterior surface to the center of the first row of steel bars is  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in (63.5 mm) in a beam with web stirrups, 2 in (50.8 mm) in a beam without stirrups, and 1 in (25.4 mm) in a slab. Where two rows of steel bars are provided, it is usually assumed that the distance from the exterior surface to the centroidal axis of the reinforcement is  $3\frac{1}{2}$  in (88.9 mm). The *ACI Handbook* gives the minimum beam widths needed to accommodate various combinations of bars in one row.

In a well-proportioned beam, the width-depth ratio lies between 0.5 and 0.75. The width and overall depth are usually an even number of inches.

The basic notational system pertaining to reinforced concrete beams is as follows:  $f'_c$  = ultimate compressive strength of concrete, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (kPa);  $f_c$  = maximum compressive

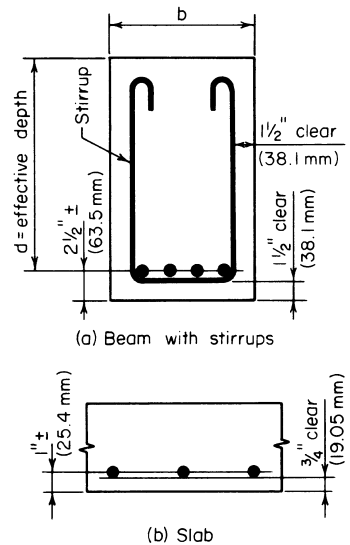


FIGURE 1 Spacing of reinforcing bars.



stress in concrete, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (kPa);  $f_s$  = tensile stress in steel, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (kPa);  $f_y$  = yield-point stress in steel, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (kPa);  $\epsilon_c$  = strain of extreme compression fiber;  $\epsilon_s$  = strain of steel;  $b$  = beam width, in (mm);  $d$  = beam depth, in (mm);  $A_s$  = area of tension reinforcement, in<sup>2</sup> (cm<sup>2</sup>);  $p$  = tension-reinforcement ratio,  $A_s/(bd)$ ;  $q$  = tension-reinforcement index,  $pf_y/f'_c$ ;  $n$  = ratio of modulus of elasticity of steel to that of concrete,  $E_s/E_c$ ;  $C$  = resultant compressive force on transverse section, lb (N);  $T$  = resultant tensile force on transverse section, lb (N).

Where the subscript  $b$  is appended to a symbol, it signifies that the given quantity is evaluated at balanced-design conditions.

## Design of Flexural Members by Ultimate-Strength Method

In the ultimate-strength design of a reinforced-concrete structure, as in the plastic design of a steel structure, the capacity of the structure is found by determining the load that will cause failure and then this result by the prescribed load factor. The load at impending failure is termed the *ultimate load*, and the maximum bending moment associated with this load is called the *ultimate moment*.

Since the tensile strength of concrete is relatively small, it is generally disregarded entirely in analyzing a beam. Consequently, the effective beam section is considered to comprise the reinforcing steel and the concrete on the compression side of the neutral axis, the concrete between these component areas serving merely as the ligature of the member.

The following notational system is applied in ultimate-strength design:  $a$  = depth of compression block, in (mm);  $c$  = distance from extreme compression fiber to neutral axis, in (mm);  $\phi$  = capacity-reduction factor.

Where the subscript  $u$  is appended to a symbol, it signifies that the given quantity is evaluated at ultimate load.

For simplicity (Fig. 2), designers assume that when the ultimate moment is attained at a given section, there is a uniform stress in the concrete extending across a depth  $a$ , and that  $f_c = 0.85f'_c$ , and  $a = k_1c$ , where  $k_1$  has the value stipulated in the ACI Code.

A reinforced-concrete beam has three potential modes of failure: crushing of the concrete, which is assumed to occur when  $\epsilon_c$  reaches the value of 0.003; yielding of the steel, which begins when  $f_s$  reaches the value  $f_y$ ; and the simultaneous crushing of the concrete and yielding of the steel. A beam that tends to fail by the third mode is said to be in *balanced design*. If the value of  $p$  exceeds that corresponding to balanced design (i.e., if there is an excess of reinforcement), the beam tends to fail

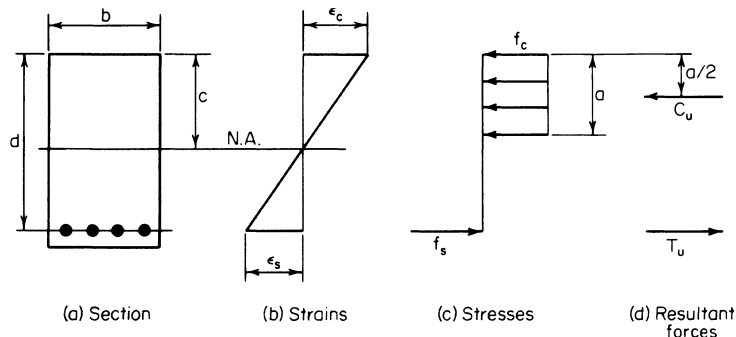


FIGURE 2 Conditions at ultimate moment.

by crushing of the concrete. But if the value of  $p$  is less than that corresponding to balanced design, the beam tends to fail by yielding of the steel.

Failure of the beam by the first mode would occur precipitously and without warning, whereas failure by the second mode would occur gradually, offering visible evidence of progressive failure. Therefore, to ensure that yielding of the steel would occur prior to failure of the concrete, the ACI *Code* imposes an upper limit of  $0.75p_b$  on  $p$ .

To allow for material imperfections, defects in workmanship, etc., the *Code* introduces the capacity-reduction factor  $\phi$ . A section of the *Code* sets  $\phi = 0.90$  with respect to flexure and  $\phi = 0.85$  with respect to diagonal tension, bond, and anchorage.

The basic equations for the ultimate-strength  $f'_c$  design of a rectangular beam reinforced solely in tension are

$$C_u = 0.85abf'_c \quad T_u = A_s f_y \quad (1)$$

$$q = \frac{[A_s/(bd)]f_y}{f'_c} \quad (2)$$

$$a = 1.18qd \quad c = \frac{1.18qd}{k_1} \quad (3)$$

$$M_u = \phi A_s f_y \left( d - \frac{a}{2} \right) \quad (4)$$

$$M_u = \phi A_s f_y d (1 - 0.59q) \quad (5)$$

$$M_u = \phi b d^2 f'_c q (1 - 0.59q) \quad (6)$$

$$A_s = \frac{bdf'_c - [(bdf'_c)^2 - 2bf'_c M_u / \phi]^{0.5}}{f_y} \quad (7)$$

$$p_b = \frac{0.85k_1 f'_c}{f_y} \frac{87,000}{87,000 + f_y} \quad (8)$$

$$q_b = 0.85k_1 \left( \frac{87,000}{87,000 + f_y} \right) \quad (9)$$

In accordance with the *Code*,

$$q_{\max} = 0.75q_b = 0.6375k_1 \left( \frac{87,000}{87,000 + f_y} \right) \quad (10)$$

Figure 3 shows the relationship between  $M_u$  and  $A_s$  for a beam of given size. As  $A_s$  increases, the internal forces  $C_u$  and  $T_u$  increase proportionately, but  $M_u$  increases by a smaller proportion because the action line of  $C_u$  is depressed. The  $M_u$ - $A_s$  diagram is parabolic, but its curvature is small. By comparing the coordinates of two points  $P_a$  and  $P_b$ , the following result is obtained, in which the subscripts correspond to that of the given point:

$$\frac{M_{ua}}{A_{sa}} > \frac{M_{ub}}{A_{sb}} \quad (11)$$

where  $A_{sa} < A_{sb}$

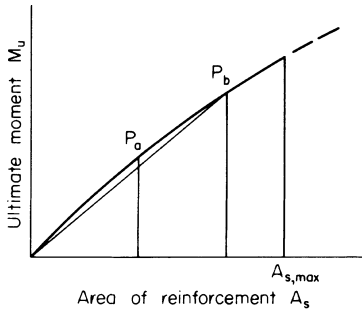


FIGURE 3

## CAPACITY OF A RECTANGULAR BEAM

A rectangular beam having a width of 12 in (304.8 mm) and an effective depth of 19.5 in (495.3 mm) is reinforced with steel bars having an area of  $5.37 \text{ in}^2$  ( $34.647 \text{ cm}^2$ ). The beam is made of  $2500\text{-lb/in}^2$  ( $17,237.5\text{-kPa}$ ) concrete, and the steel has a yield-point stress of  $40,000 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $275,800 \text{ kPa}$ ). Compute the ultimate moment this beam may resist (a) without referring to any design tables and without applying the basic equations of ultimate-strength design except those that are readily apparent; (b) by applying the basic equations.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the area of reinforcement for balanced design.** Use the relation  $\epsilon_s = f_y/E_s = 40,000/29,000,000 = 0.00138$ . For balanced design,  $c/d = \epsilon_c/(\epsilon_c + \epsilon_s) = 0.003/(0.003 + 0.00138) = 0.685$ . Solving for  $c$  by using the relation for  $c/d$ , we find  $c = 13.36 \text{ in}$  ( $339.344 \text{ mm}$ ). Also,  $a = k_1 c = 0.85(13.36) = 11.36 \text{ in}$  ( $288.544 \text{ mm}$ ). Then  $T_u = C_u = ab(0.85)f'_c = 11.36(12)(0.85)(2500) = 290,000 \text{ lb}$  ( $1,289,920 \text{ N}$ );  $A_s = T_u/f_y = 290,000/40,000 = 7.25 \text{ in}^2$  ( $46,777 \text{ cm}^2$ ); and  $0.75A_s = 5.44 \text{ in}^2$  ( $35.097 \text{ cm}^2$ ). In the present instance,  $A_s = 5.37 \text{ in}^2$  ( $34.647 \text{ cm}^2$ ). This is acceptable.

**2. Compute the ultimate-moment capacity of this member.** Thus,  $T_u = A_s f_y = 5.37(40,000) = 215,000 \text{ lb}$  ( $956,320 \text{ N}$ );  $C_u = ab(0.85)f'_c = 25,500a = 215,000 \text{ lb}$  ( $956,320 \text{ N}$ );  $a = 8.43 \text{ in}$  ( $214.122 \text{ mm}$ );  $M_u = \phi T_u(d - a/2) = 0.90(215,000)(19.5 - 8.43/2) = 2,960,000 \text{ in}\cdot\text{lb}$  ( $334,421 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$ ). These two steps comprise the solution to part a. The next two steps comprise the solution of part b.

**3. Apply Eq. 10; ascertain whether the member satisfies the Code.** Thus,  $q_{\max} = 0.6375k_1(87,000)/(87,000 + f_y) = 0.6375(0.85)(87/127) = 0.371$ ;  $q = [A_s/(bd)]f'_c = [5.37/(12 \times 19.5)]40/2.5 = 0.367$ . This is acceptable.

**4. Compute the ultimate-moment capacity.** Applying Eq. 5 yields  $M_u = \phi A_s f_y d(1 - 0.59q) = 0.90(5.37)(40,000)(19.5)(1 - 0.59 \times 0.367) = 2,960,000 \text{ in}\cdot\text{lb}$  ( $334,421 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$ ). This agrees exactly with the result computed in step 2.

## DESIGN OF A RECTANGULAR BEAM

A beam on a simple span of 20 ft (6.1 m) is to carry a uniformly distributed live load of 1670 lb/lin ft ( $24,372 \text{ N/m}$ ) and a dead load of 470 lb/lin ft ( $6859 \text{ N/m}$ ), which includes the estimated weight of the beam. Architectural details restrict the beam width to 12 in (304.8 mm) and require that the depth be made as small as possible. Design the section, using  $f'_c = 3000 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $20,685 \text{ kPa}$ ) and  $f_y = 40,000 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $275,800 \text{ kPa}$ ).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the ultimate load for which the member is to be designed.** The beam depth is minimized by providing the maximum amount of reinforcement permitted by the Code. From the previous calculation procedure,  $q_{\max} = 0.371$ .

Use the load factors given in the Code:  $w_{DL} = 470 \text{ lb/lin ft}$  ( $6859 \text{ N/m}$ );  $w_{LL} = 1670 \text{ lb/lin ft}$  ( $24,372 \text{ N/m}$ );  $L = 20 \text{ ft}$  (6.1 m). Then  $w_u = 1.5(470) + 1.8(1670) = 3710 \text{ lb/lin ft}$  ( $54,143 \text{ N/m}$ );  $M_u = 1/8(3710)(20)^2/12 = 2,230,000 \text{ in}\cdot\text{lb}$  ( $251,945.4 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$ ).

2. **Establish the beam size.** Solve Eq. 6 for  $d$ . Thus,  $d^2 = M_u / [\phi b f'_c q (1 - 0.59q)] = 2,230,000 / [0.90(12)(3000) \times (0.371)(0.781)]$ ;  $d = 15.4$  in (391.16 mm).

Set  $d = 15.5$  in (393.70 mm). Then the corresponding reduction in the value of  $q$  is negligible.

3. **Select the reinforcing bars.** Using Eq. 2, we find  $A_s = q b d f'_c / f_y = 0.371(12)(15.5)(3/40) = 5.18$  in<sup>2</sup> (33.421 cm<sup>2</sup>). Use four no. 9 and two no. 7 bars, for which  $A_s = 5.20$  in<sup>2</sup> (33.550 cm<sup>2</sup>). This group of bars cannot be accommodated in the 12-in (304.8-mm) width and must therefore be placed in two rows. The overall beam depth will therefore be 19 in (482.6 mm).

4. **Summarize the design.** Thus, the beam size is 12 × 19 in (304.8 × 482.6 mm); reinforcement, four no. 9 and two no. 7 bars.

## DESIGN OF THE REINFORCEMENT IN A RECTANGULAR BEAM OF GIVEN SIZE

A rectangular beam 9 in (228.6 mm) wide with a 13.5-in (342.9-mm) effective depth is to sustain an ultimate moment of 95 ft-kips (128.8 kN·m). Compute the area of reinforcement, using  $f'_c = 3000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (20,685 kPa) and  $f_y = 40,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (275,800 kPa).

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Investigate the adequacy of the beam size.** From previous calculation procedures,  $q_{\max} = 0.371$ . By Eq. 6,  $M_{u,\max} = 0.90 \times (9)(13.5)^2(3)(0.371)(0.781) = 1280$  in-kips (144.6 kN·m);  $M_u = 95(12) = 1140$  in-kips (128.8 kN·m). This is acceptable.

2. **Apply Eq. 7 to evaluate  $A_s$ .** Thus,  $f_c = 0.85(3) = 2.55$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (17.582 MPa);  $b d f'_c = 9(13.5)(2.55) = 309.8$  kips (1377.99 kN);  $A_s = [309.8 - (309.8^2 - 58,140)^{0.5}] / 40 = 2.88$  in<sup>2</sup> (18.582 cm<sup>2</sup>).

## CAPACITY OF A T BEAM

Determine the ultimate moment that may be resisted by the T beam in Fig. 4a if  $f'_c = 3000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (20,685 kPa) and  $f_y = 40,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (275,800 kPa).

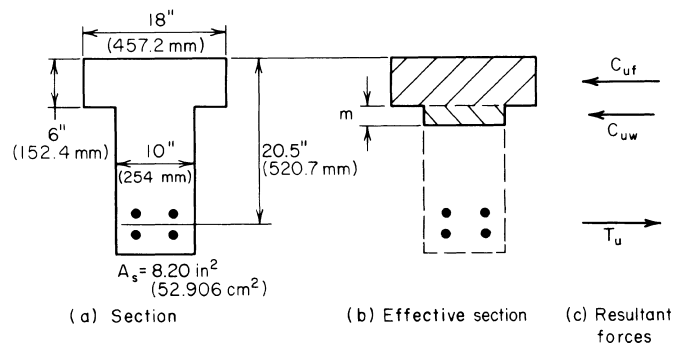


FIGURE 4

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Compute  $T_u$  and the resultant force that may be developed in the flange.** Thus,  $T_u = 8.20(40,000) = 328,000$  lb (1,458,944 N);  $f_c = 0.85(3000) = 2550$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (17,582.3 kPa);  $C_{uf} = 18(6)(2550) = 275,400$  lb (1,224,979 N). Since  $C_{uf} < T_u$ , the deficiency must be supplied by the web.

2. **Compute the resultant force developed in the web and the depth of the stress block in the web.** Thus,  $C_{uw} = 328,000 - 275,400 = 52,600$  lb (233,964.8 N);  $m =$  depth of the stress block  $= 52,600/[2550(10)] = 2.06$  in (52.324 mm).

3. **Evaluate the ultimate-moment capacity.** Thus,  $M_u = 0.90[275,400(20.5 - 3) + 52,600(20.5 - 6 - 1.03)] = 4,975,000$  in·lb (562,075.5 N·m).

4. **Determine if the reinforcement complies with the Code.** Let  $b'$  = width of web, in (mm);  $A_{s1}$  = area of reinforcement needed to resist the compressive force in the overhanging portion of the flange, in<sup>2</sup> (cm<sup>2</sup>);  $A_{s2}$  = area of reinforcement needed to resist the compressive force in the remainder of the section, in<sup>2</sup> (cm<sup>2</sup>). Then  $p_2 = A_{s2}/(b'd)$ ;  $A_{s1} = 2550(6)(18 - 10)740,000 = 3.06$  in<sup>2</sup> (19.743 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $A_{s2} = 8.20 - 3.06 = 5.14$  in<sup>2</sup> (33.163 cm<sup>2</sup>). Then  $p_2 = 5.14/[10(20.5)] = 0.025$ .

A section of the ACI Code subjects the reinforcement ratio  $p_2$  to the same restriction as that in a rectangular beam. By Eq. 8,  $p_{2,max} = 0.75p_b = 0.75(0.85)(0.85)(3/40)(87/127) = 0.0278 > 0.025$ . This is acceptable.

### CAPACITY OF A T BEAM OF GIVEN SIZE

The T beam in Fig. 5 is made of 3000-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (20,685-kPa) concrete, and  $f_y = 40,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (275,800 kPa). Determine the ultimate-moment capacity of this member if it is reinforced in tension only.

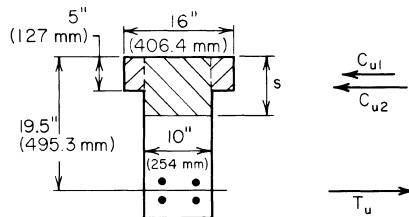


FIGURE 5

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Compute  $C_{u1}$ ,  $C_{u2,max}$ , and  $s_{max}$ .** Let the subscript 1 refer to the overhanging portion of the flange and the subscript 2 refer to the remainder of the compression zone. Then  $f_c = 0.85(3000) = 2550$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (17,582.3 kPa);  $C_{u1} = 2550(5)(16 - 10) = 76,500$  lb (340,272 N). From the previous calculation procedure,  $p_{2,max} = 0.0278$ . Then  $A_{s2,max} = 0.0278(10)(19.5) = 5.42$  in<sup>2</sup> (34.970 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $C_{u2,max} = 5.42(40,000) = 216,800$  lb (964,326.4 N);  $s_{max} = 216,800/[10(2550)] = 8.50$  in (215.9 mm).

2. **Compute the ultimate-moment capacity.** Thus,  $M_{u,max} = 0.90[76,500(19.5 - 5/2) + 216,800(19.5 - 8.50/2)] = 4,145,000$  in·lb (468,300 N·m).

### DESIGN OF REINFORCEMENT IN A T BEAM OF GIVEN SIZE

The T beam in Fig. 5 is to resist an ultimate moment of 3,960,000 in·lb (447,400.8 N·m). Determine the required area of reinforcement, using  $f_c' = 3000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (20,685 kPa) and  $f_y = 40,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (275,800 kPa).

## Calculation Procedure

- 1. Obtain a moment not subject to reduction.** From the previous calculation procedure, the ultimate-moment capacity of this member is 4,145,000 in·lb (468,300 N·m). To facilitate the design, divide the given ultimate moment  $M_u$  by the capacity-reduction factor to obtain a moment  $M'_u$  that is not subject to reduction. Thus,  $M'_u = 3,960,000/0.9 = 4,400,000$  in·lb (497,112 N·m).
- 2. Compute the value of  $s$  associated with the given moment.** From step 2 in the previous calculation procedure,  $M'_{u1} = 1,300,000$  in·lb (146,874 N·m). Then  $M'_{u2} = 4,400,000 - 1,300,000 = 3,100,000$  in·lb (350,238 N·m). But  $M'_{u2} = 2550(10s)(19.5 - s/2)$ , so  $s = 7.79$  in (197.866 mm).
- 3. Compute the area of reinforcement.** Thus,  $C_{u2} = M'_{u2}/(d - 1/2s) = 3,100,000/(19.5 - 3.90) = 198,700$  lb (883,817.6 N). From step 1 of the previous calculation procedure,  $C_{u1} = 76,500$  lb (340,272 N);  $T_u = 76,500 + 198,700 = 275,200$  lb (1,224,089.6 N);  $A_s = 275,200/40,000 = 6.88$  in<sup>2</sup> (174.752 mm).
- 4. Verify the solution.** To verify the solution, compute the ultimate-moment capacity of the member. Use the notational system given in earlier calculation procedures. Thus,  $C_{uf} = 16(5)(2550) = 204,000$  lb (907,392 N);  $C_{uw} = 275,200 - 204,000 = 71,200$  lb (316,697.6 N);  $m = 71,200/[2550(10)] = 2.79$  in (70.866 mm);  $M_u = 0.90 [204,000 (19.5 - 2.5) + 71,200(19.5 - 5 - 1.40)] = 3,960,000$  in·lb (447,400.8 N·m). Thus, the result is verified because the computed moment equals the given moment.

## REINFORCEMENT AREA FOR A DOUBLY REINFORCED RECTANGULAR BEAM

A beam that is to resist an ultimate moment of 690 ft·kips (935.6 kN·m) is restricted to a 14-in (355.6-mm) width and 24-in (609.6-mm) total depth. Using  $f'_c = 5000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> and  $f_y = 50,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (344,750 kPa), determine the area of reinforcement.

## Calculation Procedure

- 1. Compute the values of  $q_b$ ,  $q_{max}$ , and  $p_{max}$  for a singly reinforced beam.** As the following calculations will show, it is necessary to reinforce the beam both in tension and in compression. In Fig. 6,

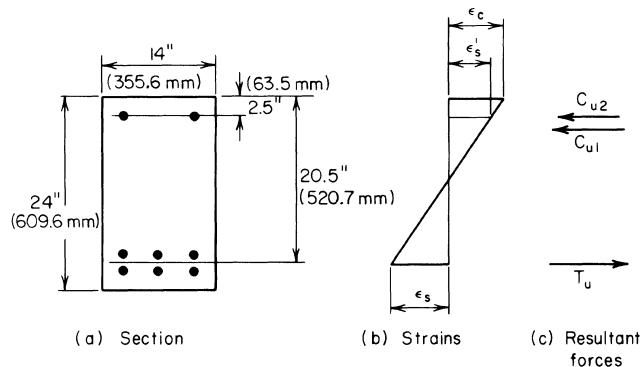


FIGURE 6 Doubly reinforced rectangular beam.

let  $A_s$  = area of tension reinforcement, in<sup>2</sup> (cm<sup>2</sup>);  $A'_s$  = area of compression reinforcement, in<sup>2</sup> (cm<sup>2</sup>);  $d'$  = distance from compression face of concrete to centroid of compression reinforcement, in (mm);  $f_s$  = stress in tension steel, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (kPa);  $f'_s$  = stress in compression steel, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (kPa);  $\epsilon'_s$  = strain in compression steel;  $p = A_s/(bd)$ ;  $p' = A'_s/(bd)$ ;  $q = pf_y/f'_c$ ;  $M_u$  = ultimate moment to be resisted by member, in-lb (N·m);  $M_{u1}$  = ultimate-moment capacity of member if reinforced solely in tension;  $M_{u2}$  = increase in ultimate-moment capacity resulting from use of compression reinforcement;  $C_{u1}$  = resultant force in concrete, lb (N);  $C_{u2}$  = resultant force in compression steel, lb (N).

If  $f'_s = f_y$ , the tension reinforcement may be resolved into two parts having areas of  $A_s - A'_s$  and  $A'_s$ . The first part, acting in combination with the concrete, develops the moment  $M_{u1}$ . The second part, acting in combination with the compression reinforcement, develops the moment  $M_{u2}$ .

To ensure that failure will result from yielding of the tension steel rather than crushing of the concrete, the ACI Code limits  $p - p'$  to a maximum value of  $0.75p_b$ , where  $p_b$  has the same significance as for a singly reinforced beam. Thus the Code, in effect, permits setting  $f'_s = f_y$  if inception of yielding in the compression steel will precede or coincide with failure of the concrete at balanced-design ultimate moment. This, however, introduces an inconsistency, for the limit imposed on  $p - p'$  precludes balanced design.

By Eq. 9,  $q_b = 0.85(0.80)(87/137) = 0.432$ ;  $q_{\max} = 0.75(0.432) = 0.324$ ;  $p_{\max} = 0.324(5/50) = 0.0324$ .

**2. Compute  $M_{u1}$ ,  $M_{u2}$ , and  $C_{u2}$ .** Thus,  $M_u = 690,000(12) = 8,280,000$  in·lb (935,474.4 N·m). Since two rows of tension bars are probably required,  $d = 24 - 3.5 = 20.5$  in (520.7 mm). By Eq. 6,  $M_{u1} = 0.90(14)(20.5)^2(5000) \times (0.324)(0.809) = 6,940,000$  in·lb (784,081.2 N·m);  $M_{u2} = 8,280,000 - 6,940,000 = 1,340,000$  in·lb (151,393.2 N·m);  $C_{u2} = M_{u2}/(d - d') = 1,340,000/(20.5 - 2.5) = 74,400$  lb (330,931.2 N).

**3. Compute the value of  $\epsilon'_s$  under the balanced-design ultimate moment.** Compare this value with the strain at incipient yielding. By Eq. 3,  $c_b = 1.18q_b d/k_1 = 1.18(0.432)(20.5)/0.80 = 13.1$  in (332.74 mm);  $\epsilon'_s/\epsilon_c = (13.1 - 2.5)/13.1 = 0.809$ ;  $\epsilon'_s = 0.809(0.003) = 0.00243$ ;  $\epsilon_y = 50/29,000 = 0.0017 < \epsilon'_s$ . The compression reinforcement will therefore yield before the concrete fails, and  $f'_s = f_y$  may be used.

**4. Alternatively, test the compression steel for yielding.** Apply

$$p - p' \geq \frac{0.85k_1 f'_c d'(87,000)}{f_y d(87,000 - f_y)} \quad (12)$$

If this relation obtains, the compression steel will yield. The value of the right-hand member is  $0.85(0.80)(5/50)(2.5/20.5)(87/37) = 0.0195$ . From the preceding calculations,  $p - p' = 0.0324 > 0.0195$ . This is acceptable.

**5. Determine the areas of reinforcement.** By Eq. 2,  $A_s = A'_s = q_{\max} b d f'_c / f_y = 0.324(14)(20.5)(5/50) = 9.30$  in<sup>2</sup> (60.00 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $A'_s = C_{u2} / (\phi f_y) = 74,400 / [0.90(50,000)] = 1.65$  in<sup>2</sup> (10.646 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $A_s = 9.30 + 1.65 = 10.95$  in<sup>2</sup> (70.649 cm<sup>2</sup>).

**6. Verify the solution.** Apply the following equations for the ultimate-moment capacity:

$$a = \frac{(A_s - A'_s) f_y}{0.85 f'_c b} \quad (13)$$

So  $a = 9.30(50,000) / [0.85(5000)(14)] = 7.82$  in (198.628 mm). Also,

$$M_u = \phi f_y \left[ (A_s - A'_s) \left( d - \frac{a}{2} \right) + A'_s (d - d') \right] \quad (14)$$

So  $M_u = 0.90(50,000)(9.30 \times (16.59 + 1.65 \times 18)) = 8,280,000$  in-lb (935,474.4 N·m), as before. Therefore, the solution has been verified.

## DESIGN OF WEB REINFORCEMENT

A 15-in (381-mm) wide 22.5-in (571.5-mm) effective-depth beam carries a uniform ultimate load of 10.2 kips/lin ft (148.86 kN/m). The beam is simply supported, and the clear distance between supports is 18 ft (5.5 m). Using  $f'_c = 3000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (20,685 kPa) and  $f_y = 40,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (275,800 kPa), design web reinforcement in the form of vertical U stirrups for this beam.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Construct the shearing-stress diagram for half-span.** The ACI Code provides two alternative methods for computing the allowable shearing stress on an unreinforced web. The more precise method recognizes the contribution of both the shearing stress and flexural stress on a cross section in producing diagonal tension. The less precise and more conservative method restricts the shearing stress to a stipulated value that is independent of the flexural stress.

For simplicity, the latter method is adopted here. A section of the Code sets  $\phi = 0.85$  with respect to the design of web reinforcement. Let  $v_u$  = nominal ultimate shearing stress, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (kPa);  $v_c$  = shearing stress resisted by concrete, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (kPa);  $v'_u$  = shearing stress resisted by the web reinforcement, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (kPa);  $A_v$  = total cross-sectional area of stirrup, in<sup>2</sup> (cm<sup>2</sup>);  $V_u$  = ultimate vertical shear at section, lb (N);  $s$  = center-to-center spacing of stirrups, in (mm).

The shearing-stress diagram for half-span is shown in Fig. 7. Establish the region AF within which web reinforcement is required. The Code sets the allowable shearing stress in the concrete at

$$v_c = 2\phi(f'_c)^{0.5} \quad (15)$$

The equation for nominal ultimate shearing stress is

$$v_u = \frac{V_u}{bd} \quad (16)$$

Then  $v_c = 2(0.85)(3000)^{0.5} = 93$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (641.2 kPa).

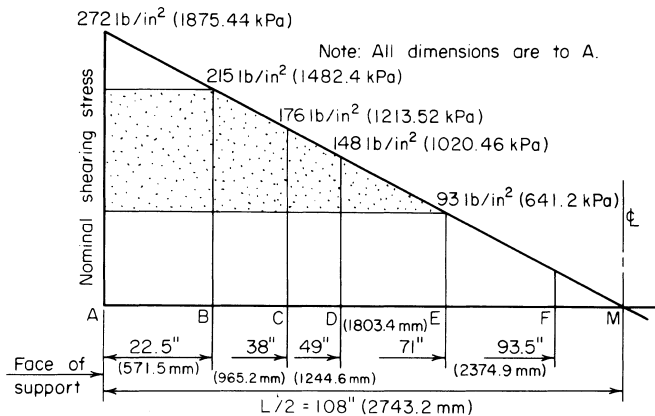


FIGURE 7 Shearing stress diagram.



At the face of the support,  $V_u = 9(10,200) = 91,800$  lb (408,326.4 N);  $v_u = 91,800/[15(22.5)] = 272$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1875.44 kPa). The slope of the shearing-stress diagram =  $-272/108 = -2.52$  lb/(in<sup>2</sup>·in) ( $-0.684$  kPa/mm). At distance  $d$  from the face of the support,  $v_u = 272 - 22.5(2.52) = 215$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1482.4 kPa);  $v'_u = 215 - 93 = 122$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (841.2 kPa).

Let  $E$  denote the section at which  $v_u = v_c$ . Then,  $AE = (272 - 93)/2.52 = 71$  in (1803.4 mm). A section of the *Code* requires that web reinforcement be continued for a distance  $d$  beyond the section where  $v_u = v_c$ ;  $AF = 71 + 22.5 = 93.5$  in (2374.9 mm).

**2. Check the beam size for Code compliance.** Thus,  $v_{u,max} = 10\phi(f_c)^{0.5} = 466 > 215$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1482.4 kPa). This is acceptable.

**3. Select the stirrup size.** Equate the spacing near the support to the minimum practical value, which is generally considered to be 4 in (101.6 mm). The equation for stirrup spacing is

$$s = \frac{\phi A_v f_y}{v'_c b} \tag{17}$$

Then  $A_v = sv'_ub/(\phi f_y) = 4(122)(15)/[0.85(40,000)] = 0.215$  in<sup>2</sup> (1.3871 cm<sup>2</sup>). Since each stirrup is bent into the form of a U, the total cross-sectional area is twice that of a straight bar. Use no. 3 stirrups for which  $A_v = 2(0.11) = 0.22$  in<sup>2</sup> (1.419 cm<sup>2</sup>).

**4. Establish the maximum allowable stirrup spacing.** Apply the criteria of the *Code*, or  $s_{max} = d/4$  if  $v > 6\phi(f_c)^{0.5}$ . The right-hand member of this inequality has the value 279 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1923.70 kPa), and this limit therefore does not apply. Then  $s_{max} = d/2 = 11.25$  in (285.75 mm), or  $s_{max} = A_v / (0.0015b) = 0.22/[0.0015(15)] = 9.8$  in (248.92 mm). The latter limit applies, and the stirrup spacing will therefore be restricted to 9 in (228.6 mm).

**5. Locate the beam sections at which the required stirrup spacing is 6 in (152.4 mm) and 9 in (228.6 mm).** Use Eq. 17. Then  $\phi A_v f_y / b = 0.85(0.22)(40,000)/15 = 499$  lb/in (87.38 kN/m). At C:  $v'_u = 499/6 = 83$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (572.3 kPa);  $v_u = 83 + 93 = 176$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1213.52 kPa);  $AC = (272 - 176)/2.52 = 38$  in (965.2 mm). At D:  $v'_u = 499/9 = 55$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (379.2 kPa);  $v_u = 55 + 93 = 148$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1020.46 kPa);  $AD = (272 - 148)/2.52 = 49$  in (1244.6 mm).

**6. Devise a stirrup spacing conforming to the computed results.** The following spacing, which requires 17 stirrups for each half of the span, is satisfactory and conforms with the foregoing results:

Quantity	Spacing, in (mm)	Total, in (mm)	Distance from last stirrup to face of support, in (mm)
1	2 (50.8)	2 (50.8)	2 (50.8)
9	4 (101.6)	36 (914.4)	38 (965.2)
2	6 (152.4)	12 (304.8)	50 (1270)
5	9 (228.6)	45 (1143)	95 (2413)

## DETERMINATION OF BOND STRESS

A beam of 4000-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (27,580-kPa) concrete has an effective depth of 15 in (381 mm) and is reinforced with four no. 7 bars. Determine the ultimate bond stress at a section where the ultimate shear is 72 kips (320.3 kN). Compare this with the allowable stress.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the ultimate shear flow  $h_u$ .** The adhesion of the concrete and steel must be sufficiently strong to resist the horizontal shear flow. Let  $u_u$  = ultimate bond stress, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (kPa);  $V_u$  = ultimate vertical shear, lb (N);  $\Sigma o$  = sum of perimeters of reinforcing bars, in (mm). Then the ultimate shear flow at any plane between the neutral axis and the reinforcing steel is  $h_u = V_u/(d - a/2)$ .

In conformity with the notational system of the working-stress method, the distance  $d - a/2$  is designated as  $jd$ . Dividing the shear flow by the area of contact in a unit length and introducing the capacity-reduction factor yield

$$u_u = \frac{V_u}{\phi \Sigma o jd} \quad (18)$$

A section of the ACI Code sets  $\phi = 0.85$  with respect to bond, and  $j$  is usually assigned the approximate value of 0.875 when this equation is used.

**2. Calculate the bond stress.** Thus,  $\Sigma o = 11.0$  in (279.4 mm), from the ACI Handbook. Then  $u_u = 72,000/[0.85(11.0)(0.875) \times (15)] = 587$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (4047.4 kPa).

The allowable stress is given in the Code as

$$u_{u,\text{allow}} = \frac{9.5(f'_c)^{0.5}}{D} \quad (19)$$

but not above 800 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (5516 kPa). Thus,  $u_{u,\text{allow}} = 9.5(4,000)^{0.5}/0.875 = 687$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (4736.9 kPa).

## DESIGN OF INTERIOR SPAN OF A ONE-WAY SLAB

A floor slab that is continuous over several spans carries a live load of 120 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (5745 N/m<sup>2</sup>) and a dead load of 40 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (1915 N/m<sup>2</sup>), exclusive of its own weight. The clear spans are 16 ft (4.9 m). Design the interior span, using  $f'_c = 3000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (20,685 kPa) and  $f_y = 50,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (344,750 kPa).

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Find the minimum thickness of the slab as governed by the Code.** Refer to Fig. 8. The maximum potential positive or negative moment may be found by applying the type of loading that will induce the critical moment and then evaluating this moment. However, such an analysis is time-consuming. Hence, it is wise to apply the moment equations recommended in the ACI Code whenever the span and loading conditions satisfy the requirements given there. The slab is designed by considering a 12-in (304.8-mm) strip as an individual beam, making  $b = 12$  in (304.8 mm).

Assuming that  $L = 17$  ft (5.2 m), we know the minimum thickness of the slab is  $t_{\min} = L/35 = 17(12)/35 = 5.8$  in (147.32 mm).

**2. Assuming a slab thickness, compute the ultimate load on the member.** Tentatively assume  $t = 6$  in (152.4 mm). Then the beam weight =  $(6/12)(150 \text{ lb/ft}^3) = 75$  lb/lin ft (1094.5 N/m). Also,  $w_u = 1.5(40 + 75) + 1.8(120) = 390$  lb/lin ft (5691.6 N/m).

**3. Compute the shearing stress associated with the assumed beam size.** From the Code for an interior span,  $V_u = 1/2 w_u L' = 1/2(390)(16) = 3120$  lb (13,877.8 N);  $d = 6 - 1 = 5$  in (127 mm);  $v_u = 3120/[12(5)] = 52$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (358.54 kPa);  $v_c = 93$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (641.2 kPa). This is acceptable.

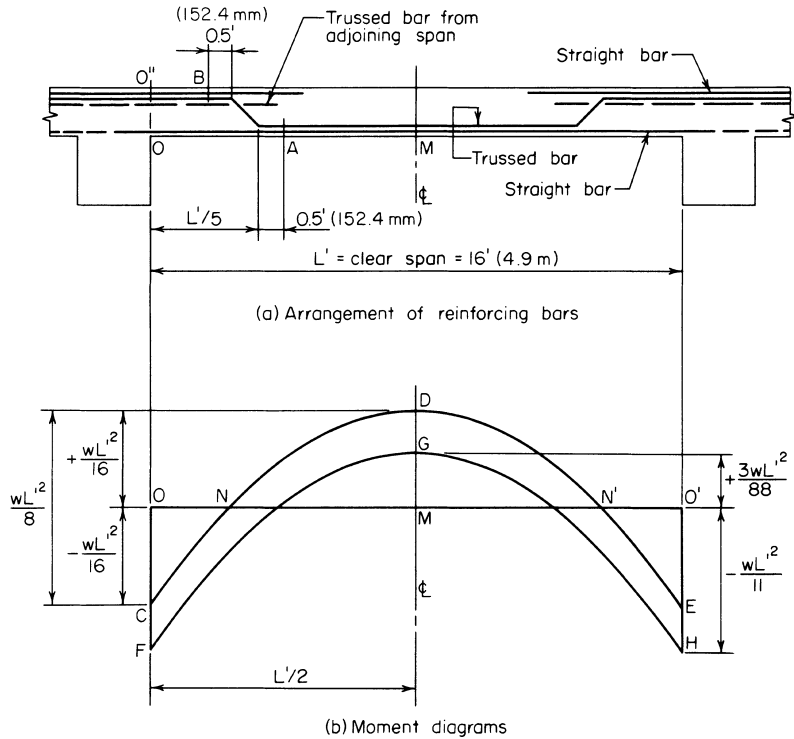


FIGURE 8

**4. Compute the two critical moments.** Apply the appropriate moment equations. Compare the computed moments with the moment capacity of the assumed beam size to ascertain whether the size is adequate. Thus,  $M_{u,neg} = (1/11)w_u L'^2 = (1/11)(390)(16)^2(12) = 108,900$  in-lb (12,305.5 N·m), where the value 12 converts the dimension to inches. Then  $M_{u,pos} = 1/16 w_u L'^2 = 74,900$  in-lb (8462.2 N·m). By Eq. 10,  $q_{max} = 0.6375(0.85)(87/137) = 0.344$ . By Eq. 6,  $M_{u,allow} = 0.90(12)(5)^2(3000)(0.344)(0.797) = 222,000$  in-lb (25,081.5 N·m). This is acceptable. The slab thickness will therefore be made 6 in (152.4 mm).

**5. Compute the area of reinforcement associated with each critical moment.** By Eq. 7,  $bdf_c = 12(5)(2.55) = 153.0$  kips (680.54 kN); then  $2bf_c M_{u,neg}/\phi = 2(12)(2.55)(108.9)/0.90 = 7405$  kips<sup>2</sup> (146,505.7 kN<sup>2</sup>);  $A_{s,neg} = [153.0 - (153.0^2 - 7405)^{0.5}]/50 = 0.530$  in<sup>2</sup> (3.4196 cm<sup>2</sup>). Similarly,  $A_{s,pos} = 0.353$  in<sup>2</sup> (2.278 cm<sup>2</sup>).

**6. Select the reinforcing bars and locate the bend points.** For positive reinforcement, use no. 4 trussed bars 13 in (330.2 mm) on centers, alternating with no. 4 straight bars 13 in (330.2 mm) on centers, thus obtaining  $A_s = 0.362$  in<sup>2</sup> (2.336 cm<sup>2</sup>).

For negative reinforcement, supplement the trussed bars over the support with no. 4 straight bars 13 in (330.2 mm) on centers, thus obtaining  $A_s = 0.543$  in<sup>2</sup> (3.502 cm<sup>2</sup>).

The trussed bars are usually bent upward at the fifth points, as shown in Fig. 8a. The reinforcement satisfies a section of the ACI Code which requires that “at least . . . one-fourth the positive moment reinforcement in continuous beams shall extend along the same face of the beam into the support at least 6 in (152.4 mm).”

**7. Investigate the adequacy of the reinforcement beyond the bend points.** In accordance with the Code,  $A_{min} = A_r = 0.0020bt = 0.0020(12)(6) = 0.144$  in<sup>2</sup> (0.929 cm<sup>2</sup>).

A section of the *Code* requires that reinforcing bars be extended beyond the point at which they become superfluous with respect to flexure a distance equal to the effective depth or 12 bar diameters, whichever is greater. In the present instance, extension =  $12(0.5) = 6$  in (152.4 mm). Therefore, the trussed bars in effect terminate as positive reinforcement at section *A* (Fig. 8). Then  $L'/5 = 3.2$  ft (0.98 m);  $AM = 8 - 3.2 - 0.5 = 4.3$  ft (1.31 m).

The conditions immediately to the left of *A* are  $M_u = M_{u, \text{pos}} - \frac{1}{2}w_u(AM)^2 = 74,900 - \frac{1}{2}(390)(4.3)^2(12) = 31,630$  in-lb (3573.56 N·m);  $A_{s, \text{pos}} = 0.181$  in<sup>2</sup> (1.168 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $q = 0.181(50)/[12(5)(3)] = 0.0503$ . By Eq. 5,  $M_{u, \text{allow}} = 0.90(0.181)(50,000)(5)(0.970) = 39,500$  in-lb (4462.7 N·m). This is acceptable.

Alternatively, Eq. 11 may be applied to obtain the following conservative approximation:  $M_{u, \text{allow}} = 74,900(0.181)/0.353 = 38,400$  in-lb (4338.43 N·m).

The trussed bars in effect terminate as negative reinforcement at *B*, where  $O''B = 3.2 - 0.33 - 0.5 = 2.37$  ft (72.23 m). The conditions immediately to the right of *B* are  $|M_u| = M_{u, \text{neg}} - 12(3120 \times 2.37 - \frac{1}{2} \times 390 \times 2.37^2) = 33,300$  in-lb (3762.23 N·m). Then  $A_{s, \text{neg}} = 0.362$  in<sup>2</sup> (2.336 cm<sup>2</sup>). As a conservative approximation,  $M_{u, \text{allow}} = 108,900(0.362)/0.530 = 74,400$  in-lb (8405.71 N·m). This is acceptable.

**8. Locate the point at which the straight bars at the top may be discontinued.**

**9. Investigate the bond stresses.** In accordance with Eq. 19,  $U_{u, \text{allow}} = 800$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (5516 kPa).

If *CDE* in Fig. 8*b* represents the true moment diagram, the bottom bars are subjected to bending stress in the interval *NN'*. Manifestly, the maximum bond stress along the bottom occurs at these boundary points (points of contraflexure), where the shear is relatively high and the straight bars alone are present. Thus,  $MN = 0.354L'$ ;  $V_u$  at *N/V\_u* at support =  $0.354L'/(0.5L') = 0.71$ ;  $V_u$  at *N* =  $0.71(3120) = 2215$  lb (9852.3 N). By Eq. 18,  $u_u = V_u/(\phi \Sigma o_j d) = 2215/[0.85(1.45)(0.875)(5)] = 411$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (2833.8 kPa). This is acceptable. It is apparent that the maximum bond stress in the top bars has a smaller value.

## ANALYSIS OF A TWO-WAY SLAB BY THE YIELD-LINE THEORY

The slab in Fig. 9*a* is simply supported along all four edges and is isotropically reinforced. It supports a uniformly distributed ultimate load of  $w_u$  lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (kPa). Calculate the ultimate unit moment  $m_u$  for which the slab must be designed.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Draw line *GH* perpendicular to *AE* at *E*; express distances *b* and *c* in terms of *a*.** Consider a slab to be reinforced in orthogonal directions. If the reinforcement in one direction is identical with that in the other direction, the slab is said to be *isotropically reinforced*; if the reinforcements differ, the slab is described as *orthogonally anisotropic*. In the former case, the capacity of the slab is identical in all directions; in the latter case, the capacity has a unique value in every direction. In this instance, assume that the slab size is excessive with respect to balanced design, the result being that the failure of the slab will be characterized by yielding of the steel.

In a steel beam, a plastic hinge forms at a *section*; in a slab, a plastic hinge is assumed to form along a straight line, termed a yield line. It is plausible to assume that by virtue of symmetry of loading and support conditions the slab in Fig. 9*a* will fail by the formation of a central yield line *EF* and diagonal yield lines such as *AE*, the ultimate moment at these lines being positive. The ultimate *unit* moment  $m_u$  is the moment acting on a unit length.

Although it is possible to derive equations that give the location of the yield lines, this procedure is not feasible because the resulting equations would be unduly cumbersome. The procedure followed in practice is to assign a group of values to the distance *a* and to determine the corresponding values of  $m_u$ . The true value of  $m_u$  is the highest one obtained. Either the static or mechanism method of analysis may be applied; the latter will be applied here.

Expressing the distances *b* and *c* in terms of *a* gives  $\tan a = 6/a = AE/b = c/(AE)$ ;  $b = aAE/6$ ;  $c = 6AE/a$ .

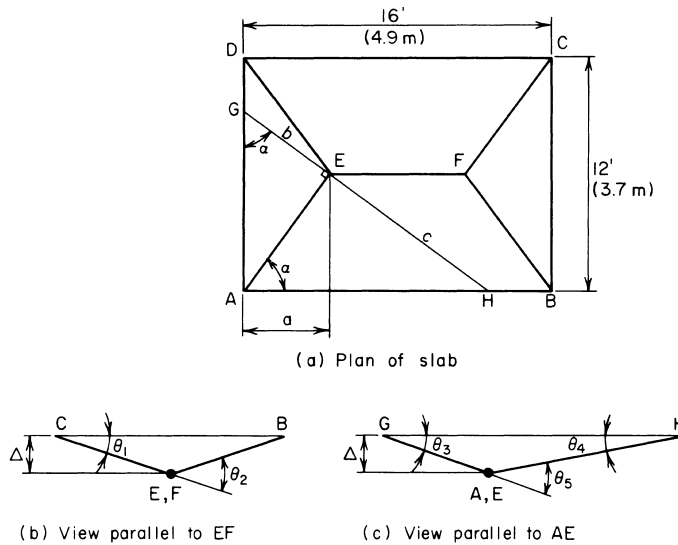
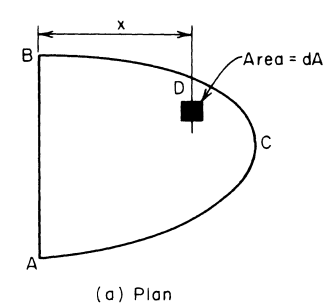


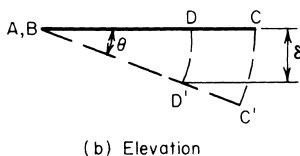
FIGURE 9 Analysis of two-way slab by mechanism method.

2. **Find the rotation of the plastic hinges.** Allow line  $EF$  to undergo a virtual displacement  $\Delta$  after the collapse load is reached. During the virtual displacement, the portions of the slab bounded by the yield lines and the supports rotate as planes. Refer to Fig. 9b and c:  $\theta_1 = \Delta/6$ ;  $\theta_2 = 2\theta_1 = \Delta/3 = 0.333\Delta$ ;  $\theta_3 = \Delta/b$ ;  $\theta_4 = \Delta/c$ ;  $\theta_5 = \Delta(1/b + 1/c) = [\Delta/(AE)](6/a + a/6)$ .

3. **Select a trial value of  $a$  and evaluate the distances and angles.** Using  $a = 4.5$  ft (1.37 m) as the trial value, we find  $AE = (a^2 + 6^2)^{0.5} = 7.5$  ft (2.28 m);  $b = 5.63$  ft (1.716 m);  $c = 10$  ft (3.0 m);  $\theta_5 = (\Delta/7.5)(6/4.5 + 4.5/6) = 0.278\Delta$ .



(a) Plan



(b) Elevation

FIGURE 10

4. **Develop an equation for the external work  $W_E$  performed by the uniform load on a surface that rotates about a horizontal axis.** In Fig. 10, consider that the surface  $ABC$  rotates about axis  $AB$  through an angle  $\theta$  while carrying a uniform load of  $w$  lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (kPa). For the elemental area  $dA_s$ , the deflection, total load, and external work are  $\delta = x\theta$ ;  $dW = w dA$ ;  $dW_E = \delta dW = x\theta w dA$ . The total work for the surface is  $W_E = w\theta \int x dA$ , or

$$W_E = w\theta Q \tag{20}$$

where  $Q$  = static moment of total area, with respect to the axis of rotation.

5. **Evaluate the external and internal work for the slab.** Using the assumed value, we see  $a = 4.5$  ft (1.37 m),  $EF = 16 - 9 = 7$  ft (2.1 m). The external work for the two triangles is  $2w_u(\Delta/4.5)(1/6)(12)(4.5)^2 = 18w_u\Delta$ . The external work for the two trapezoids is  $2w_u(\Delta/6)(1/6)(16 + 2 \times 7)(6)^2 = 60w_u\Delta$ . Then  $W_E = w_u\Delta(18 + 60) = 78w_u\Delta$ ;  $W_I = m_u(7\theta_2 + 4 \times 7.5\theta_5) = 10.67m_u\Delta$ .

6. Find the value of  $m_u$  corresponding to the assumed value of  $a$ . Equate the external and internal work to find this value of  $m_u$ . Thus,  $10.67m_u\Delta = 78w_u\Delta$ ;  $m_u = 7.31w_u$ .

7. Determine the highest value of  $m_u$ . Assign other trial values to  $a$  and find the corresponding values of  $m_u$ . Continue this procedure until the highest value of  $m_u$  is obtained. This is the true value of the ultimate unit moment.

## Design of Flexural Members by the Working-Stress Method

As demonstrated earlier, the analysis or design of a composite beam by the working-stress method is most readily performed by transforming the given beam to an equivalent homogeneous beam. In the case of a reinforced-concrete member, the transformation is made by replacing the reinforcing steel with a strip of concrete having an area  $nA_s$  and located at the same distance from the neutral axis as the steel. This substitute concrete is assumed capable of sustaining tensile stresses.

The following symbols, shown in Fig. 11, are to be added to the notational system given earlier:  $kd$  = distance from extreme compression fiber to neutral axis, in (mm);  $jd$  = distance between action lines of  $C$  and  $T$ , in (mm);  $z$  = distance from extreme compression fiber to action line of  $C$ , in (mm).

The basic equations for the working-stress design of a rectangular beam reinforced solely in tension are

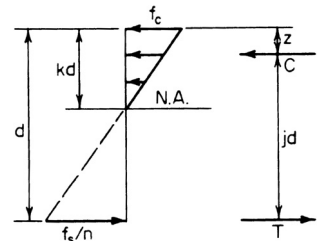


FIGURE 11. Stress and resultant forces.

$$k = \frac{f_c}{f_c + f_s/n} \quad (21)$$

$$j = 1 - \frac{k}{3} \quad (22)$$

$$M = Cjd = \frac{1}{2}f_c k j b d^2 \quad (23)$$

$$M = \frac{1}{6}f_c k (3 - k) b d^2 \quad (24)$$

$$M = Tjd = f_s A_s j d \quad (25)$$

$$M = f_s p j b d^2 \quad (26)$$

$$M = \frac{f_s k^2 (3 - k) b d^2}{6n(1 - k)} \quad (27)$$

$$p = \frac{f_c k}{2f_s} \quad (28)$$

$$p = \frac{k^2}{2n(1 - k)} \quad (29)$$

$$k = [2pn + (pn)^2]^{0.5} - pn \quad (30)$$

**TABLE 1** Values of Design Parameters at Balanced Design

$f'_c$ and $n$	$f_c$	$f_s$	$K$	$k$	$j$	$p$
2500 10	1125	20,000	178	0.360	0.880	0.0101
3000 9	1350	20,000	223	0.378	0.874	0.0128
4000 8	1800	20,000	324	0.419	0.853	0.0188
5000 7	2250	20,000	423	0.441	0.853	0.0248

For a given set of values of  $f'_c, f_s,$  and  $n, M$  is directly proportional to the beam property  $bd^2$ . Let  $K$  denote the constant of proportionality. Then

$$M = Kbd^2 \tag{31}$$

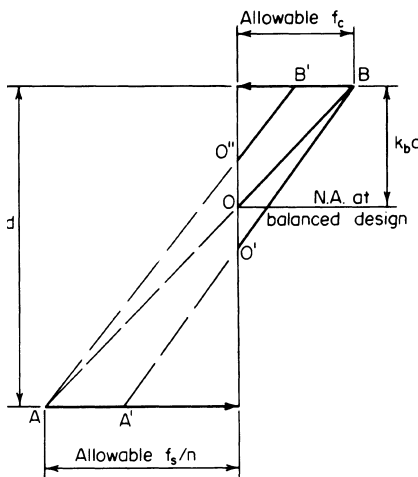
where

$$K = 1/2 f_c k j = f_s p j \tag{32}$$

The allowable flexural stress in the concrete and the value of  $n,$  which are functions of the ultimate strength  $f'_c,$  are given in the ACI Code, as is the allowable flexural stress in the steel. In all instances in the following procedures, the assumption is that the reinforcement is intermediate-grade steel having an allowable stress of 20,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (137,900 kPa).

Consider that the load on a beam is gradually increased until a limiting stress is induced. A beam that is so proportioned that the steel and concrete simultaneously attain their limiting stress is said to be in *balanced design*. For each set of values of  $f'_c$  and  $f_s,$  there is a corresponding set of values of  $K, k, j,$  and  $p$  associated with balanced design. These values are recorded in Table 1.

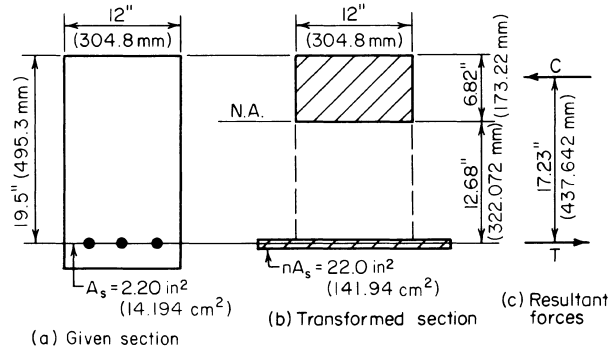
In Fig. 12,  $AB$  represents the stress line of the transformed section for a beam in balanced design. If the area of reinforcement is increased while the width and depth remain constant, the neutral axis is depressed to  $O',$  and  $A'O'B$  represents the stress line under the allowable load. But if the width is increased while the depth and area of reinforcement remain constant, the neutral axis is elevated to  $O'',$  and  $AO''B'$  represents the stress line under the allowable load. This analysis leads to these conclusions: If the reinforcement is in excess of that needed for balanced design, the concrete is the first material to reach its limiting stress under a gradually increasing load. If the beam size is in excess of that needed for balanced design, the steel is the first material to reach its limiting stress.



**FIGURE 12**

### STRESSES IN A RECTANGULAR BEAM

A beam of 2500-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (17,237.5-kPa) concrete has a width of 12 in (304.8 mm) and an effective depth of 19.5 in (495.3 mm). It is reinforced with one no. 9 and two no. 7 bars. Determine the flexural


**FIGURE 13**

stresses caused by a bending moment of 62 ft-kips (84.1 kN-m) (a) without applying the basic equations of reinforced-concrete beam design; (b) by applying the basic equations.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Record the pertinent beam data.** Thus,  $f'_c = 2500 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (17,237.5 kPa);  $\therefore n = 10$ ;  $A_s = 2.20 \text{ in}^2$  (14.194  $\text{cm}^2$ );  $nA_s = 22.0 \text{ in}^2$  (141.94  $\text{cm}^2$ ). Then  $M = 62,000(12) = 744,000 \text{ in-lb}$  (84,057.1 N-m).

**2. Transform the given section to an equivalent homogeneous section, as in Fig. 13b.**

**3. Locate the neutral axis of the member.** The neutral axis coincides with the centroidal axis of the transformed section. To locate the neutral axis, set the static moment of the transformed area with respect to its centroidal axis equal to zero:  $12(kd)^2/2 - 22.0(19.5 - kd) = 0$ ;  $kd = 6.82$ ;  $d - kd = 12.68 \text{ in}$  (322.072 mm).

**4. Calculate the moment of inertia of the transformed section.** Then evaluate the flexural stresses by applying the stress equation:  $I = (1/3)(12)(6.82)^3 + 22.0(12.68)^2 = 4806 \text{ in}^4$  (200,040.6  $\text{cm}^4$ );  $f_c = Mkd/I = 744,000(6.82)/4806 = 1060 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (7308.7 kPa);  $f_s = 10(744,000)(12.68)/4806 = 19,600 \text{ lb/in}^2$ .

**5. Alternatively, evaluate the stresses by computing the resultant forces C and T.** Thus,  $jd = 19.5 - 6.82/3 = 17.23 \text{ in}$  (437.642 mm);  $C = T = M/jd = 744,000/17.23 = 43,200 \text{ lb}$  (192,153.6 N). But  $C = 1/2f_c(6.82)12$ ;  $\therefore f_c = 1060 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (7308.7 kPa); and  $T = 2.20f_s$ ;  $\therefore f_s = 19,600 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (135,142 kPa). This concludes part a of the solution. The next step constitutes the solution to part b.

**6. Compute pn and then apply the basic equations in the proper sequence.** Thus,  $p = A_s/(bd) = 2.20/[12(19.5)] = 0.00940$ ;  $pn = 0.0940$ . Then by Eq. 30,  $k = [0.188 + (0.094)^2]^{0.5} - 0.094 = 0.350$ . By Eq. 22,  $j = 1 - 0.350/3 = 0.883$ . By Eq. 23,  $f_c = 2M/(kjb d^2) = 2(744,000)/[0.350(0.883)(12)(19.5)^2] = 1060 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (7308.7 kPa). By Eq. 25,  $f_s = M/(A_s jd) = 744,000/[2.20(0.883)(19.5)] = 19,600 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (135,142 kPa).

### CAPACITY OF A RECTANGULAR BEAM

The beam in Fig. 14a is made of 2500-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (17,237.5-kPa) concrete. Determine the flexural capacity of the member (a) without applying the basic equations of reinforced-concrete beam design; (b) by applying the basic equations.



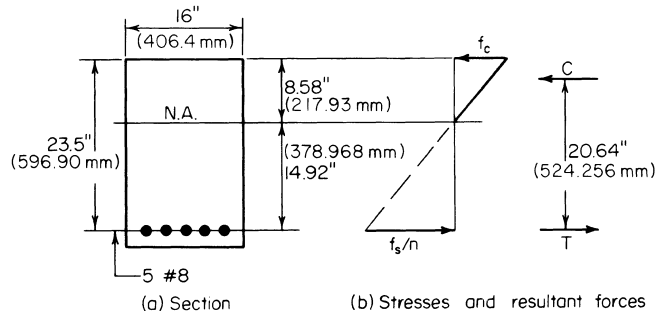


FIGURE 14

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Record the pertinent beam data.** Thus,  $f'_c = 2500 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (17,237.5 kPa);  $\therefore f_{c,\text{allow}} = 1125 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (7756.9 kPa);  $n = 10$ ;  $A_s = 3.95 \text{ in}^2$  (25.485  $\text{cm}^2$ );  $nA_s = 39.5 \text{ in}^2$  (254.85  $\text{cm}^2$ ).

2. **Locate the centroidal axis of the transformed section.** Thus,  $16(kd)^2/2 - 39.5(23.5 - kd) = 0$ ;  $kd = 8.58 \text{ in}$  (217.93 mm);  $d - kd = 14.92 \text{ in}$  (378.968 mm).

3. **Ascertain which of the two allowable stresses governs the capacity of the member.** For this purpose, assume that  $f_c = 1125 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (7756.9 kPa). By proportion,  $f_s = 10(1125)(14.92/8.58) = 19,560 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (134,866 kPa)  $< 20,000 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (137,900 kPa). Therefore, concrete stress governs.

4. **Calculate the allowable bending moment.** Thus,  $jd = 23.5 - 8.58/3 = 20.64 \text{ in}$  (524.256 mm);  $M = Cjd = \frac{1}{2}(1125)(16)(8.58)(20.64) = 1,594,000 \text{ in}\cdot\text{lb}$  (180,090.1 N·m); or  $M = Tjd = 3.95(19,560)(20.64) = 1,594,000 \text{ in}\cdot\text{lb}$  (180,090.1 N·m). This concludes part *a* of the solution. The next step comprises part *b*.

5. **Compute  $p$  and compare with  $p_b$  to identify the controlling stress.** Thus, from Table 1,  $p_b = 0.0101$ ; then  $p = A_s/(bd) = 3.95/[16(23.5)] = 0.0105 > p_b$ . Therefore, concrete stress governs.

Applying the basic equations in the proper sequence yields  $pn = 0.1050$ ; by Eq. 30,  $k = [0.210 + 0.105^2]^{0.5} - 0.105 = 0.365$ ; by Eq. 24,  $M = (\frac{1}{6})(1125)(0.365)(2.635)(16)(23.5)^2 = 1,593,000 \text{ in}\cdot\text{lb}$  (179,977.1 N·m). This agrees closely with the previously computed value of  $M$ .

## DESIGN OF REINFORCEMENT IN A RECTANGULAR BEAM OF GIVEN SIZE

A rectangular beam of 4000-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (27,580-kPa) concrete has a width of 14 in (355.6 mm) and an effective depth of 23.5 in (596.9 mm). Determine the area of reinforcement if the beam is to resist a bending moment of (a) 220 ft-kips (298.3 kN·m); (b) 200 ft-kips (271.2 kN·m).

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Calculate the moment capacity of this member at balanced design.** Record the following values:  $f_{c,\text{allow}} = 1800 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (12,411 kPa);  $n = 8$ . From Table 1,  $j_b = 0.860$ ;  $K_b = 324 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (2234.0 kPa);  $M_b = K_b bd^2 = 324(14)(23.5)^2 = 2,505,000 \text{ in}\cdot\text{lb}$  (283,014.9 N·m).

**2. Determine which material will be stressed to capacity under the stipulated moment.** For part *a*,  $M = 220,000(12) = 2,640,000$  in·lb (3,579,840 N·m)  $> M_b$ . This result signifies that the beam size is deficient with respect to balanced design, and the concrete will therefore be stressed to capacity.

**3. Apply the basic equations in proper sequence to obtain  $A_s$ .** By Eq. 24,  $k(3 - k) = 6M/(f_c'bd^2) = 6(2,640,000)/[1800(14)(23.5)^2] = 1.138$ ;  $k = 0.446$ . By Eq. 29,  $p = k^2/[2n(1 - k)] = 0.446^2/[16(0.554)] = 0.0224$ ;  $A_s = pbd = 0.0224(14)(23.5) = 7.37$  in<sup>2</sup> (47.551 cm<sup>2</sup>).

**4. Verify the result by evaluating the flexural capacity of the member.** For part *b*, compute  $A_s$  by the exact method and then describe the approximate method used in practice.

**5. Determine which material will be stressed to capacity under the stipulated moment.** Here  $M = 200,000(12) = 2,400,000$  in·lb (3,254,400 N·m)  $< M_b$ . This result signifies that the beam size is excessive with respect to balanced design, and the steel will therefore be stressed to capacity.

**6. Apply the basic equations in proper sequence to obtain  $A_s$ .** By using Eq. 27,  $k^2(3 - k)/(1 - k) = 6nM/(f_c'bd^2) = 6(8)(2,400,000)/[20,000(14)(23.5)^2] = 0.7448$ ;  $k = 0.411$ . By Eq. 22,  $j = 1 - 0.411/3 = 0.863$ . By Eq. 25,  $A_s = M/(f_sjd) = 2,400,000/[20,000(0.863)(23.5)] = 5.92$  in<sup>2</sup> (38.196 cm<sup>2</sup>).

**7. Verify the result by evaluating the flexural capacity of this member.** The value of *j* obtained in step 6 differs negligibly from the value  $j_b = 0.860$ . Consequently, in those instances where the beam size is only moderately excessive with respect to balanced design, the practice is to consider that  $j = j_b$  and to solve Eq. 25 directly on this basis. This practice is conservative, and it obviates the need for solving a cubic equation, thus saving time.

## DESIGN OF A RECTANGULAR BEAM

A beam on a simple span of 13 ft (3.9 m) is to carry a uniformly distributed load, exclusive of its own weight, of 3600 lb/lin ft (52,538.0 N/m) and a concentrated load of 17,000 lb (75,616 N) applied at midspan. Design the section, using  $f_c' = 3000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (20,685 kPa).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Record the basic values associated with balanced design.** There are two methods of allowing for the beam weight: (*a*) to determine the bending moment with an estimated beam weight included; (*b*) to determine the beam size required to resist the external loads alone and then increase the size slightly. The latter method is used here.

From Table 1,  $K_b = 223$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1537.6 kPa);  $p_b = 0.0128$ ;  $j_b = 0.874$ .

**2. Calculate the maximum moment caused by the external loads.** Thus, the maximum moment  $M_e = 1/4PL + 1/8wL^2 = 1/4(17,000)(13)(12) + 1/8(3600)(13)^2(12) = 1,576,000$  in·lb (178,056.4 N·m).

**3. Establish a trial beam size.** Thus,  $bd^2 = M/K_b = 1,576,000/223 = 7067$  in<sup>3</sup> (115,828.1 cm<sup>3</sup>). Setting  $b = (2/3)d$ , we find  $b = 14.7$  in (373.38 mm),  $d = 22.0$  in (558.8 mm). Try  $b = 15$  in (381 mm) and  $d = 22.5$  in (571.5 mm), producing an overall depth of 25 in (635 mm) if the reinforcing bars may be placed in one row.

**4. Calculate the maximum bending moment with the beam weight included; determine whether the trial section is adequate.** Thus, beam weight =  $15(25)(150)/144 = 391$  lb/lin ft (5706.2 N/m);  $M_w = (1/8)(391)(13)^2(12) = 99,000$  in·lb (11,185.0 N·m);  $M = 1,576,000 + 99,000 = 1,675,000$  in·lb (189,241.5 N·m);  $M_b = K_bbd^2 = 223(15)(22.5)^2 = 1,693,000$  in·lb (191,275.1 N·m). The trial section is therefore satisfactory because it has adequate capacity.

**5. Design the reinforcement.** Since the beam size is slightly excessive with respect to balanced design, the steel will be stressed to capacity under the design load. Equation 25 is therefore suitable for this calculation. Thus,  $A_s = M/(f_s j d) = 1,675,000/[20,000(0.874)(22.5)] = 4.26 \text{ in}^2 (27.485 \text{ cm}^2)$ .

An alternative method of calculating  $A_s$  is to apply the value of  $p_b$  while setting the beam width equal to the dimension actually required to produce balanced design. Thus,  $A_s = 0.0128(15)(1675)(22.5)/1693 = 4.27 \text{ in}^2 (27.550 \text{ cm}^2)$ .

Use one no. 10 and three no. 9 bars, for which  $A_s = 4.27 \text{ in}^2 (27.550 \text{ cm}^2)$  and  $b_{\min} = 12.0 \text{ in} (304.8 \text{ mm})$ .

**6. Summarize the design.** Thus, beam size is  $15 \times 25 \text{ in} (381 \times 635 \text{ mm})$ ; reinforcement is with one no. 10 and three no. 9 bars.

## DESIGN OF WEB REINFORCEMENT

A beam 14 in (355.6 mm) wide with an 18.5-in (469.9-mm) effective depth carries a uniform load of 3.8 kips/lin ft (55.46 N/m) and a concentrated midspan load of 2 kips (8.896 kN). The beam is simply supported, and the clear distance between supports is 13 ft (3.9 m). Using  $f'_c = 3000 \text{ lb/in}^2 (20,685 \text{ kPa})$  and an allowable stress  $f_v$  in the stirrups of  $20,000 \text{ lb/in}^2 (137,900 \text{ kPa})$ , design web reinforcement in the form of vertical U stirrups.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Construct the shearing-stress diagram for half-span.** The design of web reinforcement by the working-stress method parallels the design by the ultimate-strength method, given earlier. Let  $v$  = nominal shearing stress,  $\text{lb/in}^2$  (kPa);  $v'_c$  = shearing stress resisted by concrete;  $v'$  = shearing stress resisted by web reinforcement.

The ACI Code provides two alternative methods of computing the shearing stress that may be resisted by the concrete. The simpler method is used here. This sets

$$v_c = 1.1(f'_c)^{0.5} \quad (33)$$

The equation for nominal shearing stress is

$$v = \frac{V}{bd} \quad (34)$$

The shearing-stress diagram for a half-span is shown in Fig. 15. Establish the region  $AD$  within which web reinforcement is required. Thus,  $v_c = 1.1(3000)^{0.5} = 60 \text{ lb/in}^2 (413.7 \text{ kPa})$ . At the face of the support,  $V = 6.5(3800) + 1000 = 25,700 \text{ lb} (114,313.6 \text{ N})$ ;  $v = 25,700/[14(18.5)] = 99 \text{ lb/in}^2 (682.6 \text{ kPa})$ .

At midspan,  $V = 1000 \text{ lb} (4448 \text{ N})$ ;  $v = 4 \text{ lb/in}^2 (27.6 \text{ kPa})$ ; slope of diagram =  $-(99 - 4)/78 = -1.22 \text{ lb}/(\text{in}^2\text{-in}) (-0.331 \text{ kPa}/\text{mm})$ . At distance  $d$  from the face of the support,  $v = 99 - 18.5(1.22) = 76 \text{ lb/in}^2 (524.02 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $v' = 76 - 60 = 16 \text{ lb/in}^2 (110.3 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $AC = (99 - 60)/1.22 = 32 \text{ in} (812.8 \text{ mm})$ ;  $AD = AC + d = 32 + 18.5 = 50.5 \text{ in} (1282.7 \text{ mm})$ .

**2. Check the beam size for compliance with the Code.** Thus,  $v_{\max} = 5(f'_c)^{0.5} = 274 \text{ lb/in}^2 (1889.23 \text{ kPa}) > 76 \text{ lb/in}^2 (524.02 \text{ kPa})$ . This is acceptable.

**3. Select the stirrup size.** Use the method given earlier in the ultimate-strength calculation procedure to select the stirrup size, establish the maximum allowable spacing, and devise a satisfactory spacing.

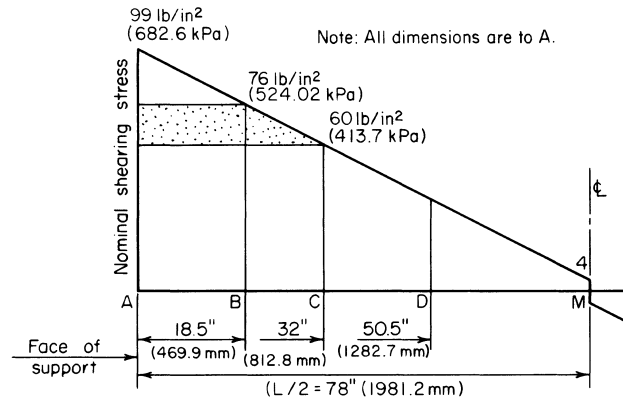


FIGURE 15 Shearing-stress diagram.

## CAPACITY OF A T BEAM

Determine the flexural capacity of the T beam in Fig. 16a, using  $f'_c = 3000 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (20,685 kPa).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Record the pertinent beam values.** The neutral axis of a T beam often falls within the web. However, to simplify the analysis, the resisting moment developed by the concrete lying between the neutral axis and the flange is usually disregarded. Let  $A_f$  denote the flange area. The pertinent beam values are  $f_{c,allow} = 1350 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (9308.3 kPa);  $n = 9$ ;  $k_b = 0.378$ ;  $nA_s = 9(4.00) = 36.0 \text{ in}^2$  (232.3  $\text{cm}^2$ ).

**2. Tentatively assume that the neutral axis lies in the web.** Locate this axis by taking static moments with respect to the top line. Thus,  $A_f = 5(16) = 80 \text{ in}^2$  (516.2  $\text{cm}^2$ );  $kd = [80(2.5) + 36.0(21.5)] / (80 + 36.0) = 8.40 \text{ in}$  (213.36 mm).

**3. Identify the controlling stress.** Thus,  $k = 8.40 / 21.5 = 0.391 > k_b$ ; therefore, concrete stress governs.

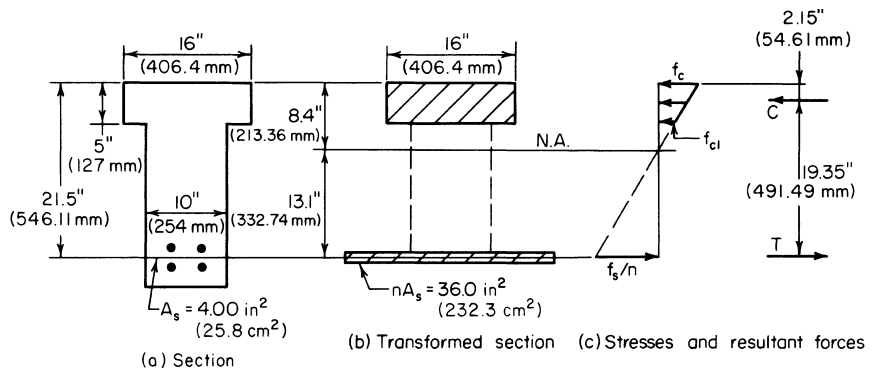


FIGURE 16

**4. Calculate the allowable bending moment.** Using Fig. 16c, we see  $f_{c1} = 1350(3.40)/8.40 = 546$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (3764.7 kPa);  $C = 1/2(80)(1350 + 546) = 75,800$  lb (337,158.4 N). The action line of this resultant force lies at the centroidal axis of the stress trapezoid. Thus,  $z = (5/3)(1350 + 2 \times 546)/(1350 + 546) = 2.15$  in (54.61 mm); or  $z = (3/3)(8.40 + 2 \times 3.40)/(8.40 + 3.40) = 2.15$  in (54.61 mm);  $M = Cjd = 75,800(19.35) = 1,467,000$  in·lb (165,741 N·m).

**5. Alternatively, calculate the allowable bending moment by assuming that the flange extends to the neutral axis.** Then apply the necessary correction. Let  $C_1$  = resultant compressive force if the flange extended to the neutral axis, lb (N);  $C_2$  = resultant compressive force in the imaginary extension of the flange, lb (N). Then  $C_1 = 1/2(1350)(16)(8.40) = 90,720$  lb (403,522.6 N);  $C_2 = 90,720(3.40/8.40)^2 = 14,860$  lb (66,097.3 N);  $M = 90,720(21.5 - 8.40/3) - 14,860(21.5 - 5 - 3.40/3) = 1,468,000$  in·lb (165,854.7 N·m).

## DESIGN OF A T BEAM HAVING CONCRETE STRESSED TO CAPACITY

A concrete girder of 2500-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (17,237.5-kPa) concrete has a simple span of 22 ft (6.7 m) and is built integrally with a 5-in (127-mm) slab. The girders are spaced 8 ft (2.4 m) on centers; the overall depth is restricted to 20 in (508 mm) by headroom requirements. The member carries a load of 4200 lb/lin ft (61,294.4 N/m), exclusive of the weight of its web. Design the section, using tension reinforcement only.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Establish a tentative width of web.** Since the girder is built integrally with the slab that it supports, the girder and slab constitute a structural entity in the form of a T beam. The effective flange width is established by applying the criteria given in the ACI Code, and the bending stress in the flange is assumed to be uniform across a line parallel to the neutral axis. Let  $A_f$  = area of flange in<sup>2</sup> (cm<sup>2</sup>);  $b$  = width of flange, in (mm);  $b'$  = width of web, in (mm);  $t$  = thickness of flange, in (mm);  $s$  = center-to-center spacing of girders.

To establish a tentative width of web, try  $b' = 14$  in (355.6 mm). Then the weight of web =  $14(15)(150)/144 = 219$ , say 220 lb/lin ft (3210.7 N/m);  $w = 4200 + 220 = 4420$  lb/lin ft (64,505.0 N/m).

Since two rows of bars are probably required,  $d = 20 - 3.5 = 16.5$  in (419.1 mm). The critical shear value is  $V = w(0.5L - d) = 4420(11 - 1.4) = 42,430$  lb (188,728.7 N);  $v = V/b'd = 42,430/[14(16.5)] = 184$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1268.7 kPa). From the Code,  $v_{\max} - 5(f_c')^{0.5} = 250$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1723.8 kPa). This is acceptable.

Upon designing the reinforcement, consider whether it is possible to reduce the width of the web.

**2. Establish the effective width of the flange according to the Code.** Thus,  $1/4 L = 1/4 (22)(12) = 66$  in (1676.4 mm);  $16t + b' = 16(5) + 14 = 94$  in (2387.6 mm);  $s = 8(12) = 96$  in (2438.4 mm); therefore,  $b = 66$  in (1676.4 mm).

**3. Compute the moment capacity of the member at balanced design.** Compare the result with the moment in the present instance to identify the controlling stress. With Fig. 16 as a guide,  $k_b d = 0.360(16.5) = 5.94$  in (150.876 mm);  $A_f = 5(66) = 330$  in<sup>2</sup> (2129.2 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $f_{c1} = 1125(0.94)/5.94 = 178$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1227.3 kPa);  $C_b = T_b = 1/2(330)(1125 + 178) = 215,000$  lb (956,320 N);  $z_b = (5/3)(5.94 + 2 \times 0.94)/(5.94 + 0.94) = 1.89$  in (48.0 mm);  $jd = 14.61$  in (371.094 mm);  $M_p = 215,000(14.61) = 3,141,000$  in·lb (354,870.2 N·m);  $M = (1/8)(4420)(22)^2(12) = 3,209,000$  in·lb (362,552.8 N·m).

The beam size is slightly deficient with respect to balanced design, and the concrete will therefore be stressed to capacity under the stipulated load. In Fig. 17, let  $AOB$  represent the stress line associated with balanced design and  $A'O'B$  represent the stress line in the present instance. (The magnitude of  $AA'$  is exaggerated for clarity.)

**4. Develop suitable equations for the beam.** Refer to Fig. 17:

$$T = T_b + \frac{bt^2x}{2d} \quad (35)$$

where  $T$  and  $T_b$  = tensile force in present instance and at balanced design, respectively. And

$$M = M_b + \frac{bt^2(3d - 2t)x}{6d} \quad (36)$$

**5. Apply the equations from step 4.** Thus,  $M - M_b = 68,000$  in-lb (7682.6 N-m). By Eq. 36,  $x = 68,000(6)(16.5)/[66(25)(49.5 - 10)] = 103$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (710.2 kPa);  $f_s = 20,000 - 10(103) = 18,970$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (130,798.2 kPa). By Eq. 35,  $T = 215,000 + 66(25)(103)/33 = 220,200$  lb (979,449.6 N).

**6. Design the reinforcement; establish the web width.** Thus,  $A_s = 220,200/18,970 = 11.61$  in<sup>2</sup> (74.908 cm<sup>2</sup>). Use five no. 11 and three no. 10 bars, placed in two rows. Then  $A_s = 11.61$  in<sup>2</sup> (74.908 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $b'_{\min} = 14.0$  in (355.6 mm). It is therefore necessary to maintain the 14-in (355.6-mm) width.

**7. Summarize the design.** Width of web: 14 in (355.6 mm); reinforcement: five no. 11 and three no. 10 bars.

**8. Verify the design by computing the capacity of the member.** Thus  $nA_s = 116.1$  in<sup>2</sup> (749.08 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $kd = [330(2.5) + 116.1(16.5)]/(330 + 116.1) = 6.14$  in (155.956 mm);  $k = 6.14/16.5 = 0.372 > k_b$ ; therefore, concrete is stressed to capacity. Then  $f_s = 10(1125)(10.36)/6.14 = 18,980$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (130,867.1 kPa);  $z = (2/3)(6.14 + 2 \times 1.14)/(6.14 + 1.14) = 1.93$  in (49.022 mm);  $jd = 14.57$  in (370.078 mm);  $M_{\text{allow}} = 11.61(18,980)(14.57) = 3,210,000$  in-lb (362,665.8 N-m). This is acceptable.

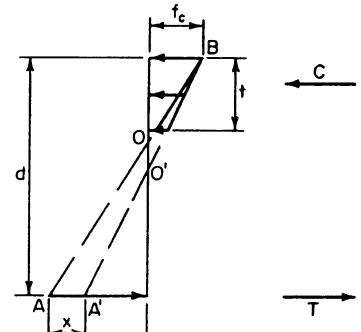


FIGURE 17 Stress diagram for T beam.

## DESIGN OF A T BEAM HAVING STEEL STRESSED TO CAPACITY

Assume that the girder in the previous calculation procedure carries a total load, including the weight of the web, of 4100 lb/lin ft (59,835.0 N/m). Compute the area of reinforcement.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Identify the controlling stress.** Thus,  $M = (1/8)(4100)(22)^2(12) = 2,977,000$  in-lb (336,341.5 N-m). From the previous calculation procedure,  $M_b = 3,141,000$  in-lb (354,870.2 N-m). Since  $M_b > M$ , the beam size is slightly excessive with respect to balanced design, and the steel will therefore be stressed to capacity under the stipulated load.

**2. Compute the area of reinforcement.** As an approximation, this area may be found by applying the value of  $jd$  associated with balanced design, although it is actually slightly larger. From the previous calculation procedure,  $jd = 14.61$  in (371.094 mm). Then  $A_s = 2,977,000/[20,000(14.61)] = 10.19$  in<sup>2</sup> (65.746 cm<sup>2</sup>).

3. *Verify the design by computing the member capacity.* Thus,  $nA_s = 101.9 \text{ in}^2$  ( $657.46 \text{ cm}^2$ );  $kd = (330 \times 2.5 + 101.9 \times 16.5)/(330 + 101.9) = 5.80 \text{ in}$  ( $147.32 \text{ mm}$ );  $z = (5/3)(5.80 + 2 \times 0.80)/(5.80 + 0.80) = 1.87 \text{ in}$  ( $47.498 \text{ mm}$ );  $jd = 14.63 \text{ in}$  ( $371.602 \text{ mm}$ );  $M_{\text{allow}} = 10.19(20,000)(14.63) = 2,982,000 \text{ in}\cdot\text{lb}$  ( $336,906.4 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$ ). This is acceptable.

### REINFORCEMENT FOR DOUBLY REINFORCED RECTANGULAR BEAM

A beam of  $4000\text{-lb/in}^2$  ( $27,580\text{-kPa}$ ) concrete that will carry a bending moment of  $230 \text{ ft}\cdot\text{kips}$  ( $311.9 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}$ ) is restricted to a  $15\text{-in}$  ( $381\text{-mm}$ ) width and a  $24\text{-in}$  ( $609.6\text{-mm}$ ) total depth. Design the reinforcement.

#### Calculation Procedure

1. *Record the pertinent beam data.* In Fig. 18, where the imposed moment is substantially in excess of that corresponding to balanced design, it is necessary to reinforce the member in compression as well as tension. The loss in concrete area caused by the presence of the compression reinforcement may be disregarded.

Since plastic flow generates a transfer of compressive stress from the concrete to the steel, the ACI Code provides that “in doubly reinforced beams and slabs, an effective modular ratio of  $2n$  shall be used to transform the compression reinforcement and compute its stress, which shall not be taken as greater than the allowable tensile stress.” This procedure is tantamount to considering that the true stress in the compression reinforcement is twice the value obtained by assuming a linear stress distribution.

Let  $A_s =$  area of tension reinforcement,  $\text{in}^2$  ( $\text{cm}^2$ );  $A'_s =$  area of compression reinforcement,  $\text{in}^2$  ( $\text{cm}^2$ );  $f_s =$  stress in tension reinforcement,  $\text{lb/in}^2$  ( $\text{kPa}$ );  $f'_s =$  stress in compression reinforcement,  $\text{lb/in}^2$  ( $\text{kPa}$ );  $C' =$  resultant force in compression reinforcement,  $\text{lb}$  ( $\text{N}$ );  $M_1 =$  moment capacity of member if reinforced solely in tension to produce balanced design;  $M_2 =$  incremental moment capacity resulting from use of compression reinforcement.

The data recorded for the beam are  $f_c = 1800 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $12.411 \text{ kPa}$ );  $n = 8$ ;  $K_b = 324 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $2234.0 \text{ kPa}$ );  $k_b = 0.419$ ;  $j_b = 0.860$ ;  $M = 230,000(12) = 2,760,000 \text{ in}\cdot\text{lb}$  ( $311,824.8 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$ ).

2. *Ascertain whether one row of tension bars will suffice.* Assume tentatively that the presence of the compression reinforcement does not appreciably alter the value of  $j$ . Then  $jd = 0.860(21.5) = 18.49 \text{ in}$  ( $469.646 \text{ mm}$ );  $A_s = M/(f_s jd) = 2,760,000/[20,000(18.49)] = 7.46 \text{ in}^2$  ( $48.132 \text{ cm}^2$ ). This area of steel cannot be accommodated in the  $15\text{-in}$  ( $381\text{-mm}$ ) beam width, and two rows of bars are therefore required.

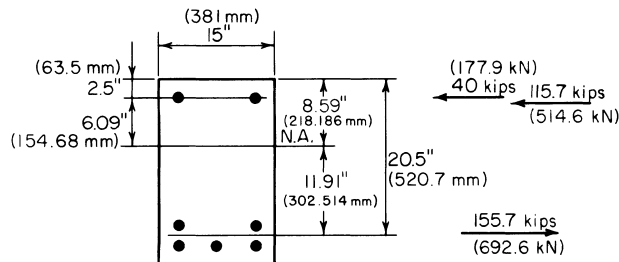


FIGURE 18 Doubly reinforced beam.

3. Evaluate the moments  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ . Thus,  $d = 24 - 3.5 = 20.5$  in (520.7 mm);  $M_1 = K_b b d^2 = 324(15)(20.5)^2 = 2,040,000$  in-lb (230,479.2 N·m);  $M_2 = 2,760,000 - 2,040,000 = 720,000$  in-lb (81,345.6 N·m).

4. Compute the forces in the reinforcing steel. For convenience, assume that the neutral axis occupies the same position as it would in the absence of compression reinforcement. For  $M_1$ , arm =  $j_b d = 0.860(20.5) = 17.63$  in (447.802 mm); for  $M_2$ , arm =  $20.5 - 2.5 = 18.0$  in (457.2 mm);  $T = 2,040,000/17.63 + 720,000/18.0 = 155,700$  lb (692,553.6 N);  $C' = 40,000$  lb (177,920 N).

5. Compute the areas of reinforcement and select the bars. Thus,  $A_s = T/f_s = 155,700/20,000 = 7.79$  in<sup>2</sup> (50.261 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $kd = 0.419(20.5) = 8.59$  in (218.186 mm);  $d - kd = 11.91$  in (302.514 mm). By proportion,  $f'_s = 2(20,000)(6.09)/11.91 = 20,500$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (141,347.5 kPa); therefore, set  $f'_s = 20,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (137,900 kPa). Then,  $A'_s = C'/f'_s = 40,000/20,000 = 2.00$  in<sup>2</sup> (12.904 cm<sup>2</sup>). Thus, tension steel: five no. 11 bars,  $A_s = 7.80$  in<sup>2</sup> (50.326 cm<sup>2</sup>); compression steel: two no. 9 bars,  $A_s = 2.00$  in<sup>2</sup> (12.904 cm<sup>2</sup>).

## DEFLECTION OF A CONTINUOUS BEAM

The continuous beam in Fig. 19a and b carries a total load of 3.3 kips/lin ft (48.16 kN/m). When it is considered as a T beam, the member has an effective flange width of 68 in (1727.2 mm). Determine the deflection of the beam upon application of full live load, using  $f'_c = 2500$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (17,237.5 kPa) and  $f_y = 40,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (275,800 kPa).

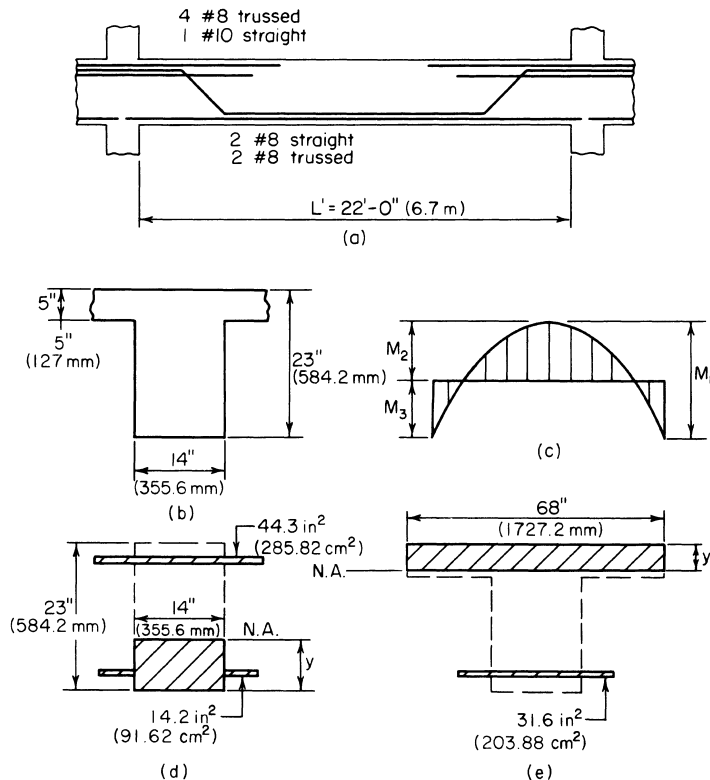


FIGURE 19



## Calculation Procedure

**1. Record the areas of reinforcement.** At support:  $A_s = 4.43 \text{ in}^2$  (28.582 cm<sup>2</sup>) (top);  $A'_s = 1.58 \text{ in}^2$  (10.194 cm<sup>2</sup>) (bottom). At center:  $A_s = 3.16 \text{ in}^2$  (20.388 cm<sup>2</sup>) (bottom).

**2. Construct the bending-moment diagram.** Apply the ACI equation for maximum midspan moment. Refer to Fig. 19c:  $M_1 = (1/8)wL^2 = (1/8)3.3(22)^2 = 200 \text{ ft-kips}$  (271.2 kN·m);  $M_2 = (1/16)WL^2 = 100 \text{ ft-kips}$  (135.6 kN·m);  $M_3 = 100 \text{ ft-kips}$  (135.6 kN·m).

**3. Determine upon what area the moment of inertia should be based.** Apply the criterion set forth in the ACI Code to determine whether the moment of inertia is to be based on the transformed gross section or the transformed cracked section. At the support  $pf_y = 4.43(40,000)/[14(20.5)] = 617 > 500$ . Therefore, use the cracked section.

**4. Determine the moment of inertia of the transformed cracked section at the support.** Refer to Fig. 19d:  $nA_s = 10(4.43) = 44.3 \text{ in}^2$  (285.82 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $(n - 1)A'_s = 9(1.58) = 14.2 \text{ in}^2$  (91.62 cm<sup>2</sup>). The static moment with respect to the neutral axis is  $Q = -1/2(14y^2) + 44.3(20.5 - y) - 14.2(y - 2.5) = 0$ ;  $y = 8.16 \text{ in}$  (207.264 mm). The moment of inertia with respect to the neutral axis is  $I_1 = (1/3)14(8.16)^3 + 14.2(8.16 - 2.5)^2 + 44.3(20.5 - 8.16)^2 = 9737 \text{ in}^4$  (40.53 dm<sup>4</sup>).

**5. Calculate the moment of inertia of the transformed cracked section at the center.** Referring to Fig. 19e and assuming tentatively that the neutral axis falls within the flange, we see  $nA_s = 10(3.16) = 31.6 \text{ in}^2$  (203.88 cm<sup>2</sup>). The static moment with respect to the neutral axis is  $Q = 1/2(68y^2) - 31.6(20.5 - y) = 0$ ;  $y = 3.92 \text{ in}$  (99.568 mm). The neutral axis therefore falls within the flange, as assumed. The moment of inertia with respect to the neutral axis is  $I_2 = (1/3)68(3.92)^3 + 31.6(20.5 - 3.92)^2 = 10,052 \text{ in}^4$  (41.840 dm<sup>4</sup>).

**6. Calculate the deflection at midspan.** Use the equation

$$\Delta = \frac{L^2}{EI} \left( \frac{5M_1}{48} - \frac{M_3}{8} \right) \quad (37)$$

where  $I$  = average moment of inertia, in<sup>4</sup> (dm<sup>4</sup>). Thus,  $I = 1/2(9737 + 10,052) = 9895 \text{ in}^4$  (41.186 dm<sup>4</sup>);  $E = 145^{1.5} \times 33f'_c)^{0.5} = 57,600(2500)^{0.5} = 2,880,000 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (19,857.6 MPa). Then  $\Delta = [22^2 \times 1728 / (2880 \times 9895)](5 \times 200/48 - 100/8) = 0.244 \text{ in}$  (6.198 mm).

Where the deflection under sustained loading is to be evaluated, it is necessary to apply the factors recorded in the ACI Code.

## Design of Compression Members by Ultimate-Strength Method

The notational system is  $P_u$  = ultimate axial compressive load on member, lb (N);  $P_b$  = ultimate axial compressive load at balanced design, lb (N);  $P_0$  = allowable ultimate axial compressive load in absence of bending moment, lb (N);  $M_u$  = ultimate bending moment in member, lb-in (N·m);  $M_b$  = ultimate bending moment at balanced design;  $d'$  = distance from exterior surface to centroidal axis of adjacent row of steel bars, in (mm);  $t$  = overall depth of rectangular section or diameter of circular section, in (mm).

A compression member is said to be *spirally reinforced* if the longitudinal reinforcement is held in position by spiral hooping and *tied* if this reinforcement is held by means of intermittent lateral ties.

The presence of a bending moment in a compression member reduces the ultimate axial load that the member may carry. In compliance with the *ACI Code*, it is necessary to design for a minimum bending moment equal to that caused by an eccentricity of  $0.05t$  for spirally reinforced members and  $0.10t$  for tied members. Thus, every compression member that is designed by the ultimate-strength method must be treated as a beam column. This type of member is considered to be in balanced design if failure would be characterized by the simultaneous crushing of the concrete, which is assumed to occur when  $\epsilon_c = 0.003$ , and incipient yielding of the tension steel, which occurs when  $f_s = f_y$ . The *ACI Code* set  $\phi = 0.75$  for spirally reinforced members and  $\phi = 0.70$  for tied members.

## ANALYSIS OF A RECTANGULAR MEMBER BY INTERACTION DIAGRAM

A short tied member having the cross section shown in Fig. 20a is to resist an axial load and a bending moment that induces compression at A and tension at B. The member is made of 3000-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (20,685-kPa) concrete, and the steel has a yield point of 40,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (275,800 kPa). By starting with  $c = 8$  in (203.2 mm) and assigning progressively higher values to  $c$ , construct the interaction diagram for this member.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the value of  $c$  associated with balanced design.** An interaction diagram, as the term is used here, is one in which every point on the curve represents a set of simultaneous values of the ultimate moment and allowable ultimate axial load. Let  $\epsilon_A$  and  $\epsilon_B$  = strain of reinforcement at A and B, respectively;  $\epsilon_c$  = strain of extreme fiber of concrete;  $F_A$  and  $F_B$  = stress in reinforcement at A and B, respectively, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (kPa);  $F_A$  and  $F_B$  = resultant force in reinforcement at A and B, respectively;  $F_c$  = resultant force in concrete, lb (N).

Compression will be considered positive and tension negative. For simplicity, disregard the slight reduction in concrete area caused by the steel at A.

Referring to Fig. 20b, compute the value of  $c$  associated with balanced design. Computing  $P_b$  and  $M_b$  yields  $c_b/d = 0.003/(0.003 + f_y/E_s) = 87,000/(87,000 + f_y)$ ;  $c_b = 10.62$  in (269.748 mm). Then  $\epsilon_A/\epsilon_B = (10.62 - 2.5)/(15.5 - 10.62) > 1$ ; therefore,  $f_A = f_y$ ;  $a_b = 0.85(10.62) = 9.03$  in (229.362 mm);  $F_c = 0.85(3000)(12a_b) = 276,300$  lb (1,228,982.4 N);  $F_A = 40,000(2.00) = 80,000$  lb (355,840 N);  $F_B = -80,000$  lb (-355,840 N);  $P_b = 0.70(276,300) = 193,400$  lb (860,243.2 N). Also,

$$M_b = 0.70 \left[ \frac{F_c(t-a)}{2} + \frac{(F_A - F_B)(t-2d')}{2} \right] \quad (38)$$

Thus,  $M_b = 0.70[276,300(18 - 9.03)/2 + 160,000(6.5)] = 1,596,000$  in-lb (180,316.1 N-m).

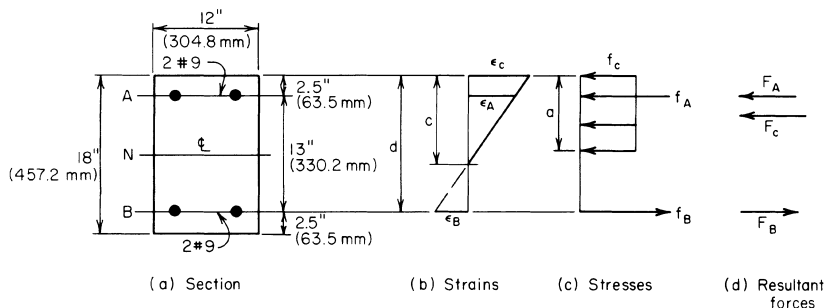


FIGURE 20

When  $c > c_b$ , the member fails by crushing of the concrete; when  $c < c_b$ , it fails by yielding of the reinforcement at line  $B$ .

**2. Compute the value of  $c$  associated with incipient yielding of the compression steel.** Compute the corresponding values of  $P_u$  and  $M_u$ . Since  $\epsilon_A$  and  $\epsilon_B$  are numerically equal, the neutral axis lies at  $N$ . Thus,  $c = 9$  in (228.6 mm);  $a = 0.85(9) = 7.65$  in (194.31 mm);  $F_c = 30,600(7.65) = 234,100$  lb (1,041,276.8 N);  $F_A = 80,000$  lb (355,840 N);  $F_B = -80,000$  lb (-355,840 N);  $P_u = 0.70(234,100) = 163,900$  lb (729,027.2 N);  $M_u = 0.70(234,100 \times 5.18 + 160,000 \times 6.5) = 1,577,000$  in·lb (178,169.5 N·m).

**3. Compute the minimum value of  $c$  at which the entire concrete area is stressed to  $0.85f'_c$ .** Compute the corresponding values of  $P_u$  and  $M_u$ . Thus,  $a = t = 18$  in (457.2 mm);  $c = 18/0.85 = 21.8$  in (537.972 mm);  $f_B = \epsilon_c E_s(c - d)/c = 87,000(21.18 - 15.5)/21.18 = 23,300$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (160,653.5 kPa);  $F_c = 30,600(18) = 550,800$  lb (2,449,958.4 N);  $F_A = 80,000$  lb (355,840 N);  $F_B = 46,600$  lb (207,276.8 N);  $P_u = 0.70(550,800 + 80,000 + 46,600) = 474,200$  lb (2,109,241.6 N);  $M_u = 0.70(80,000 - 46,600)6.5 = 152,000$  in·lb (17,192.9 N·m).

**4. Compute the value of  $c$  at which  $M_u = 0$ ; compute  $P_0$ .** The bending moment vanishes when  $F_B$  reaches 80,000 lb (355,840 N). From the calculation in step 3,  $f_b = 87,000(c - d)/c = 40,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (275,800 kPa); therefore,  $c = 28.7$  in (728.98 mm);  $P_0 = 0.70(550,800 + 160,000) = 497,600$  lb (2,213,324.8 N).

**5. Assign other values to  $c$ , and compute  $P_u$  and  $M_u$ .** By assigning values to  $c$  ranging from 8 to 28.7 in (203.2 to 728.98 mm), typical calculations are: when  $c = 8$  in (203.2 mm),  $f_B = -40,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (-275,800 kPa);  $f_A = 40,000(5.5/7.5) = 29,300$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (202,023.5 kPa);  $a = 6.8$  in (172.72 mm);  $F_c = 30,600(6.8) = 208,100$  lb (925,628.8 N);  $P_u = 0.70(208,100 + 58,600 - 80,000) = 130,700$  lb (581,353.6 N);  $M_u = 0.70(208,100 \times 5.6 + 138,600 \times 6.5) = 1,446,000$  in·lb (163,369.1 N·m).

When  $c = 10$  in (254 mm),  $f_A = 40,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (275,800 kPa);  $f_B = -40,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (-275,800 kPa);  $a = 8.5$  in (215.9 mm);  $F_c = 30,600(8.5) = 260,100$  lb (1,156,924.8 N);  $P_u = 0.70(260,100) = 182,100$  lb (809,980 N);  $M_u = 0.70(260,100 \times 4.75 + 160,000 \times 6.5) = 1,593,000$  in·lb (179,997.1 N·m).

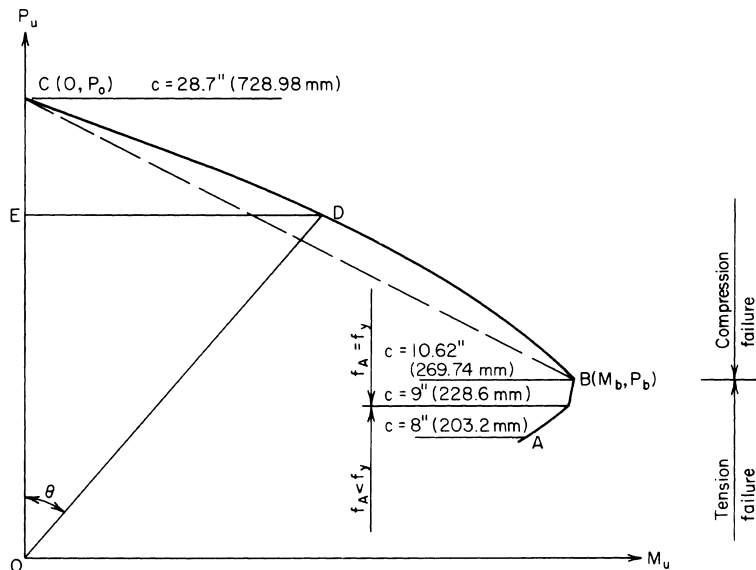


FIGURE 21 Interaction diagram.

When  $c = 14$  in (355.6 mm),  $f_B = 87,000(14 - 15.5)/14 = -9320$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (-64,261.4 kPa);  $a = 11.9$  in (302.26 mm);  $F_c = 30,600(11.9) = 364,100$  lb (1,619,516.8 N);  $P_u = 0.70(364,100 + 80,000 - 18,600) = 297,900$  lb (1,325,059.2 N);  $M_u = 0.70(364,100 \times 3.05 + 98,600 \times 6.5) = 1,226,000$  in-lb (138,513.5 N-m).

**6. Plot the points representing computed values of  $P_u$  and  $M_u$  in the interaction diagram.** Figure 21 shows these points. Pass a smooth curve through these points. Note that when  $P_u < P_b$ , a reduction in  $M_u$  is accompanied by a reduction in the allowable load  $P_u$ .

## AXIAL-LOAD CAPACITY OF RECTANGULAR MEMBER

The member analyzed in the previous calculation procedure is to carry an eccentric longitudinal load. Determine the allowable ultimate load if the eccentricity as measured from  $N$  is (a) 9.2 in (233.68 mm); (b) 6 in (152.4 mm).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Evaluate the eccentricity associated with balanced design.** Let  $e$  denote the eccentricity of the load and  $e_b$  the eccentricity associated with balanced design. Then  $M_u = P_u e$ . In Fig. 21, draw an arbitrary radius vector  $OD$ ; then  $\tan \theta = ED/OE =$  eccentricity corresponding to point  $D$ .

Proceeding along the interaction diagram from  $A$  to  $C$ , we see that the value of  $c$  increases and the value of  $e$  decreases. Thus,  $c$  and  $e$  vary in the reverse manner. To evaluate the allowable loads, it is necessary to identify the portion of the interaction diagram to which each eccentricity applies.

From the computations of the previous calculation procedure,  $e_b = M_b/P_b = 1,596,000/193,400 = 8.25$  in (209.55 mm). This result discloses that an eccentricity of 9.2 in (233.68 mm) corresponds to a point on  $AB$  and an eccentricity of 6 in (152.4 mm) corresponds to a point on  $BC$ .

**2. Evaluate  $P_u$  when  $e = 9.2$  in (233.68 mm).** It was found that  $c = 9$  in (228.6 mm) is a significant value. The corresponding value of  $e$  is  $1,577,000/163,900 = 9.62$  in (244.348 mm). This result discloses that in the present instance  $c > 9$  in (228.6 mm) and consequently  $f_A = f_y$ ;  $F_A = 80,000$  lb (355,840 N);  $F_B = -80,000$  lb (-355,840 N);  $F_c = 30,600a$ ;  $P_u/0.70 = 30,600a$ ;  $M_u/0.70 = 30,600a(18 - a)/2 + 160,000(6.5)$ ;  $e = M_u/P_u = 9.2$  in (233.68 mm). Solving gives  $a = 8.05$  in (204.47 mm),  $P_u = 172,400$  lb (766,835.2 N).

**3. Evaluate  $P_u$  when  $e = 6$  in (152.4 mm).** To simplify this calculation, the ACI Code permits replacement of curve  $BC$  in the interaction diagram with a straight line through  $B$  and  $C$ . The equation of this line is

$$P_u = P_o - (P_o - P_b) \frac{M_u}{M_b} \quad (39)$$

By replacing  $M_u$  with  $P_u e$ , the following relation is obtained:

$$P_u = \frac{P_o}{1 + (P_o - P_b)e/M_b} \quad (39a)$$

In the present instance,  $P_o = 497,600$  lb (2,213,324.8 N);  $p_b = 193,400$  lb (860,243.2 N);  $M_b = 1,596,000$  in-lb (180,316.1 N-m). Thus,  $P_u = 232,100$  lb (1,032,380 N).

## ALLOWABLE ECCENTRICITY OF A MEMBER

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The member analyzed in the previous two calculation procedures is to carry an ultimate longitudinal load of 150 kips (667.2 kN) that is eccentric with respect to axis  $N$ . Determine the maximum eccentricity with which the load may be applied.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Express  $P_u$  in terms of  $c$ , and solve for  $c$ .** From the preceding calculation procedures, it is seen that the value of  $c$  corresponding to the maximum eccentricity lies between 8 and 9 in (203.2 and 228.6 mm), and therefore  $f_A < f_y$ . Thus,  $f_B = -40,000 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $-275,800 \text{ kPa}$ );  $f_A = 40,000(c - 2.5)/(15.5 - c)$ ;  $F_c = 30,600(0.85c) = 26,000c$ ;  $150,000 = 0.70\{26,000c + 80,000[(c - 2.5)/(15.5 - c) - 1]\}$ ;  $c = 8.60 \text{ in}$  (218.44 mm).

**2. Compute  $M_u$  and evaluate the eccentricity.** Thus,  $a = 7.31 \text{ in}$  (185.674 mm);  $F_c = 223,700 \text{ lb}$  (995,017.6 N);  $f_A = 35,360 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (243,807.2 kPa);  $M_u = 0.70(223,700 \times 5.35 + 150,700 \times 6.5) = 1,523,000 \text{ in}\cdot\text{lb}$  (172,068.5 N·m);  $e = M_u/P_u = 10.15 \text{ in}$  (257.81 mm).

## Design of Compression Members by Working-Stress Method

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The notational system is as follows:  $A_g$  = gross area of section,  $\text{in}^2$  ( $\text{cm}^2$ );  $A_s$  = area of tension reinforcement,  $\text{in}^2$  ( $\text{cm}^2$ );  $A_{st}$  = total area of longitudinal reinforcement,  $\text{in}^2$  ( $\text{cm}^2$ );  $D$  = diameter of circular section, in (mm);  $p_g = A_{st}/A_g$ ;  $P$  = axial load on member, lb (N);  $f_s$  = allowable stress in longitudinal reinforcement,  $\text{lb/in}^2$  (kPa);  $m = f_y/(0.85f'_c)$ .

The working-stress method of designing a compression member is essentially an adaptation of the ultimate-strength method. The allowable ultimate loads and bending moments are reduced by applying an appropriate factor of safety, and certain simplifications in computing the ultimate values are introduced.

The allowable concentric load on a short spirally reinforced column is  $P = A_g(0.25f' + f_s p_g)$ , or

$$P = 0.25f'_c A_g + f_s A_{st} \quad (40)$$

where  $f_s = 0.40f_y$ , but not to exceed  $30,000 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (206,850 kPa).

The allowable concentric load on a short tied column is  $P = 0.85A_g(0.25f'_c + f_s p_g)$ , or

$$P = 0.2125f'_c A_g + 0.85f_s A_{st} \quad (41)$$

A section of the ACI *Code* provides that  $P_g$  may range from 0.01 to 0.08. However, in the case of a circular column in which the bars are to be placed in a single circular row, the upper limit of  $P_g$  is often governed by clearance. This section of the *Code* also stipulates that the minimum bar size to be used is no. 5 and requires a minimum of six bars for a spirally reinforced column and four bars for a tied column.

## DESIGN OF A SPIRALLY REINFORCED COLUMN

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A short circular column, spirally reinforced, is to support a concentric load of 420 kips (1868.16 kN). Design the member, using  $f'_c = 4000 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (27,580 kPa) and  $f_y = 50,000 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (344,750 kPa).

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Assume  $p_g = 0.025$  and compute the diameter of the section.** Thus,  $0.25f'_c = 1000 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (6895 kPa);  $f'_s = 20,000 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (137,900 kPa). By Eq. 40,  $A_g = 420/(1 + 20 \times 0.025) = 280 \text{ in}^2$  (1806.6  $\text{cm}^2$ ). Then  $D = (A_g/0.785)^{0.5} = 18.9 \text{ in}$  (130.32 mm). Set  $D = 19 \text{ in}$  (131.01 mm), making  $A_g = 283 \text{ in}^2$  (1825.9  $\text{cm}^2$ ).

**2. Select the reinforcing bars.** The load carried by the concrete = 283 kips (1258.8 kN). The load carried by the steel =  $420 - 283 = 137$  kips (609.4 kN). Then the area of the steel is  $A_{st} = 137/20 = 6.85 \text{ in}^2$  (44.196  $\text{cm}^2$ ). Use seven no. 9 bars, each having an area of  $1 \text{ in}^2$  (6.452  $\text{cm}^2$ ). Then  $A_{st} = 7.00 \text{ in}^2$  (45.164  $\text{cm}^2$ ). The *Reinforced Concrete Handbook* shows that a 19-in (482.6-mm) column can accommodate 11 no. 9 bars in a single row.

**3. Design the spiral reinforcement.** The portion of the column section bounded by the outer circumference of the spiral is termed the *core* of the section. Let  $A_c =$  core area,  $\text{in}^2$  ( $\text{cm}^2$ );  $D_c =$  core diameter, in (mm);  $a_s =$  cross-sectional area of spiral wire,  $\text{in}^2$  ( $\text{cm}^2$ );  $g =$  pitch of spiral, in (mm);  $p_s =$  ratio of volume of spiral reinforcement to volume of core.

The ACI Code requires 1.5-in (38.1-mm) insulation for the spiral, with  $g$  restricted to a maximum of  $D_c/6$ . Then  $D_c = 19 - 3 = 16 \text{ in}$  (406.4 mm);  $A_c = 201 \text{ in}^2$  (1296.9  $\text{cm}^2$ );  $D_c/6 = 2.67 \text{ in}$  (67.818 mm). Use a 2.5-in (63.5-mm) spiral pitch. Taking a 1-in (25.4-mm) length of column,

$$p_s = \frac{\text{volume of spiral}}{\text{volume of core}} = \frac{a_s \pi D_c / g}{\pi D_c^2 / 4}$$

or

$$a_s = \frac{g D_c p_s}{4} \quad (42)$$

The required value of  $p_s$ , as given by the ACI Code is

$$p_s = \frac{0.45(A_g/A_c - 1)f'_c}{f_y} \quad (43)$$

or  $p_s = 0.45(283/201 - 1)4/50 = 0.0147$ ;  $a_s = 2.5(16)(0.0147)/4 = 0.147 \text{ in}^2$  (0.9484  $\text{cm}^2$ ). Use  $1/2$ -in (12.7-mm) diameter wire with  $a_s = 0.196 \text{ in}^2$  (1.2646  $\text{cm}^2$ ).

**4. Summarize the design.** Thus: column size: 19-in (482.6-mm) diameter; longitudinal reinforcement: seven no. 9 bars; spiral reinforcement:  $1/2$ -in (12.7-mm) diameter wire, 2.5-in (63.5-mm) pitch.

## ANALYSIS OF A RECTANGULAR MEMBER BY INTERACTION DIAGRAM

A short tied member having the cross section shown in Fig. 22 is to resist an axial load and a bending moment that induces rotation about axis  $N$ . The member is made of 4000-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (27,580-kPa) concrete, and the steel has a yield point of 50,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (344,750 kPa). Construct the interaction diagram for this member.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute  $a$  and  $M$ .** Consider a composite member of two materials having equal strength in tension and compression, the member being subjected to an axial load  $P$  and bending moment

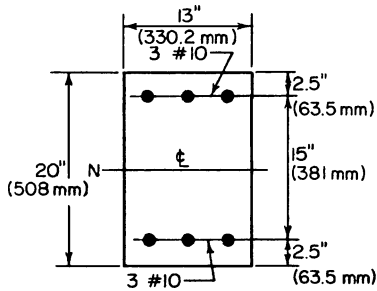


FIGURE 22

Alternate forms of this equation are

$$M = M_f \left( 1 - \frac{P}{P_a} \right) \quad P = P_a \left( 1 - \frac{M}{M_f} \right) \quad (44a)$$

$$P = \frac{P_a M_f}{M_f + P_a M / P} \quad (44b)$$

Equation 44 is represented by line *AB* in Fig. 23; it is also valid with respect to a reinforced-concrete member for a certain range of values of *P* and *M*. This equation is not applicable in the following instances: (a) If *M* is relatively small, Eq. 44 yields a value of *P* in excess of that given by Eq. 41. Therefore, the interaction diagram must contain line *CD*, which represents the maximum value of *P*. (b) If *M* is relatively large, the section will crack, and the equal-strength assumption underlying Eq. 44 becomes untenable.

Let point *E* represent the set of values of *P* and *M* that will cause cracking in the extreme concrete fiber. And let *P<sub>b</sub>* = axial load represented by point *E*; *M<sub>b</sub>* = bending moment represented by point *E*; *M<sub>o</sub>* = allowable bending moment in reinforced-concrete member in absence of axial load, as

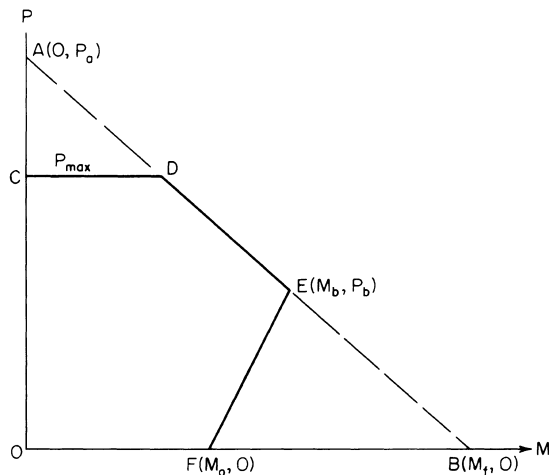


FIGURE 23 Interaction diagram.

*M* that induce the allowable stress in one or both materials. Let *P<sub>a</sub>* = allowable axial load in absence of bending moment, as computed by dividing the allowable ultimate load by a factor of safety; *M<sub>f</sub>* = allowable bending moment in absence of axial load, as computed by dividing the allowable ultimate moment by a factor of safety.

Find the simultaneous allowable values of *P* and *M* by applying the interaction equation

$$\frac{P}{P_a} + \frac{M}{M_f} = 1 \quad (44)$$

computed by dividing the allowable ultimate moment by a factor of safety. ( $M_o$  differs from  $M_f$  in that the former is based on a cracked section and the latter on an uncracked section. The subscript  $b$  as used by the ACI Code in the present instance does *not* refer to balanced design. However, its use illustrates the analogy with ultimate-strength analysis.) Let  $F$  denote the point representing  $M_o$ .

For simplicity, the interaction diagram is assumed to be linear between  $E$  and  $F$ . The interaction equation for a cracked section may therefore be expressed in any of the following forms:

$$M = M_o + \left(\frac{P}{P_b}\right)(M_b - M_o) \quad P = P_b \left(\frac{M - M_o}{M_b - M_o}\right) \quad (45a)$$

$$P = \frac{P_b M_o}{M_o - M_b + P_b M/P} \quad (45b)$$

The ACI Code gives the following approximations: For spiral columns:

$$M_o = 0.12 A_{st} f_y D_s \quad (46a)$$

where  $D_s$  = diameter of circle through center of longitudinal reinforcement. For symmetric tied columns:

$$M_o = 0.40 A_s f_y (d - d') \quad (46b)$$

For unsymmetric tied columns:

$$M_o = 0.40 A_s f_y j d \quad (46c)$$

For symmetric spiral columns:

$$\frac{M_b}{P_b} = 0.43 p_g m D_s + 0.14 t \quad (47a)$$

For symmetric tied columns:

$$\frac{M_b}{P_b} = d(0.67 p_g m + 0.17) \quad (47b)$$

For unsymmetric tied columns:

$$\frac{M_b}{P_b} = \frac{p' m (d - d') + 0.1 d}{(p' - p) m + 0.6} \quad (47c)$$

where  $p'$  = ratio of area of compression reinforcement to effective area of concrete. The value of  $P_a$  is taken as

$$P_a = 0.34 f'_c A_g (1 + p_g m) \quad (48)$$

The value of  $M_f$  is found by applying the section modulus of the transformed uncracked section, using a modular ratio of  $2n$  to account for stress transfer between steel and concrete engendered by plastic flow. (If the steel area is multiplied by  $2n - 1$ , allowance is made for the reduction of the concrete area.)

Computing  $P_a$  and  $M_f$  yields  $A_g = 260 \text{ in}^2$  (1677.5 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $A_{st} = 7.62 \text{ in}^2$  (49.164 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $p_g = 7.62/260 = 0.0293$ ;  $m = 50/[0.85(4)] = 14.7$ ;  $p_g m = 0.431$ ;  $n = 8$ ;  $P_a = 0.34(4)(260)(1.431) = 506 \text{ kips}$  (2250.7 kN).



The section modulus to be applied in evaluating  $M_f$  is found thus:  $I = (1/12)(13)(20)^3 + 7.62(15)(7.5)^2 = 15,100 \text{ in}^4$  ( $62.85 \text{ dm}^4$ );  $S = I/c = 15,100/10 = 1510 \text{ in}^3$  ( $24,748.9 \text{ cm}^3$ );  $M_f = S f_c = 1510(1.8) = 2720 \text{ in}\cdot\text{kips}$  ( $307.3 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}$ ).

2. **Compute  $P_b$  and  $M_b$ .** By Eq. 47b,  $M_b/P_b = 17.5(0.67 \times 0.431 + 0.17) = 8.03 \text{ in}$  ( $203.962 \text{ mm}$ ). By Eq. 44b,  $P_b = P_a M_f / (M_j + 8.03 P_a) = 506 \times 2720 / (2720 + 8.03 \times 506) = 203 \text{ kips}$  ( $902.9 \text{ kN}$ );  $M_b = 8.03(203) = 1630 \text{ in}\cdot\text{kips}$  ( $184.2 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}$ ).

3. **Compute  $M_o$ .** By Eq. 46b,  $M_o = 0.40(3.81)(50)(15) = 1140 \text{ in}\cdot\text{kips}$  ( $128.8 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}$ ).

4. **Compute the limiting value of  $P$ .** As established by Eq. 41,  $P_{\max} = 0.2125(4)(260) + 0.85(20)(7.62) = 351 \text{ kips}$  ( $1561.2 \text{ kN}$ ).

5. **Construct the interaction diagram.** The complete diagram is shown in Fig. 23.

## AXIAL-LOAD CAPACITY OF A RECTANGULAR MEMBER

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The member analyzed in the previous calculation procedure is to carry an eccentric longitudinal load. Determine the allowable load if the eccentricity as measured from  $N$  is (a) 10 in (254 mm); (b) 6 in (152.4 mm).

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Evaluate  $P$  when  $e = 10 \text{ in}$  (254 mm).** As the preceding calculations show, the eccentricity corresponding to point  $E$  in the interaction diagram is 8.03 in (203.962 mm). Consequently, an eccentricity of 10 in (254 mm) corresponds to a point on  $EF$ , and an eccentricity of 6 in (152.4 mm) corresponds to a point on  $ED$ .

By Eq. 45b,  $P = 203(1140)7(1140 - 1630 + 203 \times 10) = 150 \text{ kips}$  ( $667.2 \text{ kN}$ ).

2. **Evaluate  $P$  when  $e = 6 \text{ in}$  (152.4 mm).** By Eq. 44b,  $P = 506(2720)/(2720 + 506 \times 6) = 239 \text{ kips}$  ( $1063.1 \text{ kN}$ ).

## Design of Column Footings

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A reinforced-concrete footing supporting a single column differs from the usual type of flexural member in the following respects: It is subjected to bending in all directions, the ratio of maximum vertical shear to maximum bending moment is very high, and it carries a heavy load concentrated within a small area. The consequences are as follows: The footing requires two-way reinforcement, its depth is determined by shearing rather than bending stress, the punching-shear stress below the column is usually more critical than the shearing stress that results from ordinary beam action, and the design of the reinforcement is controlled by the bond stress as well as the bending stress.

Since the footing weight and soil pressure are collinear, the former does not contribute to the vertical shear or bending moment. It is convenient to visualize the footing as being subjected to an upward load transmitted by the underlying soil and a downward reaction supplied by the column, this being, of course, an inversion of the true form of loading. The footing thus functions as an overhanging beam. The effective depth of footing is taken as the distance from the top surface to the center of the upper

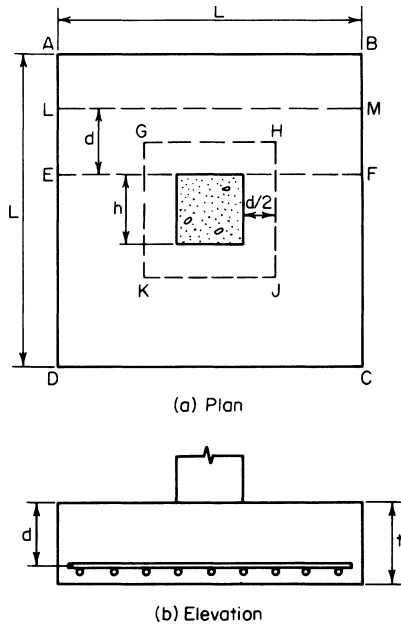


FIGURE 24

row of bars, the two rows being made identical to avoid confusion.

Refer to Fig. 24, which shows a square footing supporting a square, symmetrically located concrete column. Let  $P$  = column load, kips (kN);  $p$  = net soil pressure (that caused by the column load alone), lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (kPa);  $A$  = area of footing, ft<sup>2</sup> (m<sup>2</sup>);  $L$  = side of footing, ft (m);  $h$  = side of column, in (mm);  $d$  = effective depth of footing, ft (m);  $t$  = thickness of footing, ft (m);  $f_b$  = bearing stress at interface of column, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (kPa);  $v_1$  = nominal shearing stress under column, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (kPa);  $v_2$  = nominal shearing stress caused by beam action, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (kPa);  $b_o$  = width of critical section for  $v_1$ , ft (m);  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  = vertical shear at critical section for stresses  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ , respectively.

In accordance with the ACI *Code*, the critical section for  $v_1$  is the surface  $GHJK$ , the sides of which lie at a distance  $d/2$  from the column faces. The critical section for  $v_2$  is plane  $LM$ , located at a distance  $d$  from the face of the column. The critical section for bending stress and bond stress is plane  $EF$  through the face of the column. In calculating  $v_2$ ,  $f$ , and  $u$ , no allowance is made for the effects of the orthogonal reinforcement.

## DESIGN OF AN ISOLATED SQUARE FOOTING

A 20-in (508-mm) square tied column reinforced with eight no. 9 bars carries a concentric load of 380 kips (1690.2 kN). Design a square footing by the working-stress method using these values: the allowable soil pressure is 7000 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (335.2 kPa);  $f'_c = 3000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (20,685 kPa); and  $f'_s = 20,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (137,900 kPa).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Record the allowable shear, bond, and bearing stresses.** From the ACI *Code* table,  $v_1 = 110$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (758.5 kPa);  $v_2 = 60$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (413.7 kPa);  $f_b = 1125$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (7756.9 kPa);  $u = 4.8(f'_c)^{0.5}$ /bar diameter = 264/bar diameter.

**2. Check the bearing pressure on the footing.** Thus,  $f_b = 380/[20(20)] = 0.95$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (7.258 MPa) < 1.125 kips/in<sup>2</sup> (7.7568 MPa). This is acceptable.

**3. Establish the length of footing.** For this purpose, assume the footing weight is 6 percent of the column load. Then  $A = 1.06(380)/7 = 57.5$  ft<sup>2</sup> (5.34 in<sup>2</sup>). Make  $L = 7$  ft 8 in = 7.67 ft (2.338 m);  $A = 58.8$  ft<sup>2</sup> (5.46 m<sup>2</sup>).

**4. Determine the effective depth as controlled by  $v_1$ .** Apply

$$(4v_1 + p)d^2 + h(4v_1 + 2p)d = p(A - h^2) \quad (49)$$

Verify the result after applying this equation. Thus,  $p = 380/58.8 = 6.46$  kips/ft<sup>2</sup> (0.309 MPa);  $= 0.11(144) = 15.84$  kips/ft<sup>2</sup> (0.758 MPa);  $69.8d^2 + 127.1d = 361.8$ ;  $d = 1.54$  ft (0.469 m). Checking in

Fig. 24, we see  $GH = 1.67 + 1.54 = 3.21$  ft (0.978 m);  $V_1 = 6.46(58.8 - 3.21^2) = 313$  kips (1392.2 kN);  $v_1 = V_1/(b_o d) = 313/[4(3.21)(1.54)] = 15.83$  kips/ft<sup>2</sup> (0.758 MPa). This is acceptable.

**5. Establish the thickness and true depth of footing.** Compare the weight of the footing with the assumed weight. Allowing 3 in (76.2 mm) for insulation and assuming the use of no. 8 bars, we see that  $t = d + 4.5$  in (114.3 mm). Then  $t = 1.54(12) + 4.5 = 23.0$  in (584.2 mm). Make  $t = 24$  in (609.6 mm);  $d = 19.5$  in = 1.63 ft (0.496 m). The footing weight =  $58.8(2)(0.150) = 17.64$  kips (1384.082 kN). The assumed weight =  $0.06(380) = 22.8$  kips (101.41 kN). This is acceptable.

**6. Check  $v_2$ .** In Fig. 24,  $AL = (7.67 - 1.67)/2 - 1.63 = 1.37$  ft (0.417 m);  $V_2 = 380(1.37/7.67) = 67.9$  kips (302.02 kN);  $v_2 = V_2/(Ld) = 67,900/[92(19.5)] = 38$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (262.0 kPa) < 60 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (413.7 kPa). This is acceptable.

**7. Design the reinforcement.** In Fig. 24,  $EA = 3.00$  ft (0.914 m);  $V_{EF} = 380(3.00/7.67) = 148.6$  kips (666.97 kN);  $M_{EF} = 148.6(1/2)(3.00)(12) = 2675$  in·kips (302.22 kN·m);  $A_s = 2675/[20(0.874)(19.5)] = 7.85$  in<sup>2</sup> (50.648 cm<sup>2</sup>). Try 10 no. 8 bars each way. Then  $A_s = 7.90$  in<sup>2</sup> (50.971 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $\Sigma o = 31.4$  in (797.56 mm);  $u = V_{EF}/\Sigma ojd = 148,600/[31.4(0.874)(19.5)] = 278$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1916.81 kPa);  $u_{allow} = 264/1 = 264$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1820.3 kPa).

The bond stress at  $EF$  is slightly excessive. However, the ACI Code, in sections based on ultimate-strength considerations, permits disregarding the local bond stress if the average bond stress across the length of embedment is less than 80 percent of the allowable stress. Let  $L_e$  denote this length. Then  $L_e = EA - 3 = 33$  in (838.2 mm);  $0.80u_{allow} = 211$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1454.8 kPa);  $u_{avg} = A_s f_s / (L_e \Sigma o) = 0.79(20,000)/[33(3.1)] = 154$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1061.8 kPa). This is acceptable.

**8. Design the dowels to comply with the Code.** The function of the dowels is to transfer the compressive force in the column reinforcing bars to the footing. Since this is a tied column, assume the stress in the bars is  $0.85(20,000) = 17,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (117,215.0 kPa). Try eight no. 9 dowels with  $f_y = 40,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (275,800.0 kPa). Then  $u = 264/(9/8) = 235$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1620.3 kPa);  $L_e = 1.00(17,000)/[235(3.5)] = 20.7$  in (525.78 mm). Since the footing can provide a 21-in (533.4-mm) embedment length, the dowel selection is satisfactory. Also, the length of lap =  $20(9/8) = 22.5$  in (571.5 mm); length of dowels =  $20.7 + 22.5 = 43.2$ , say 44 in (1117.6 mm). The footing is shown in Fig. 25.

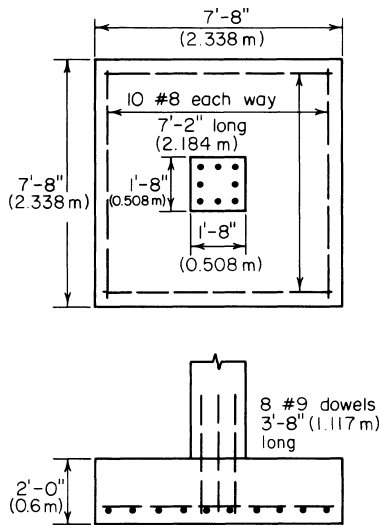


FIGURE 25

## COMBINED FOOTING DESIGN

An 18-in (457.2-mm) square exterior column and a 20-in (508.0-mm) square interior column carry loads of 250 kips (1112 kN) and 370 kips (1645.8 kN), respectively. The column centers are 16 ft (4.9 m) apart, and the footing cannot project beyond the face of the exterior column. Design a combined rectangular footing by the working-stress method, using  $f'_c = 3000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (20,685.0 kPa),  $f_s = 20,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (137,900.0 kPa), and an allowable soil pressure of 5000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (239.4 kPa).

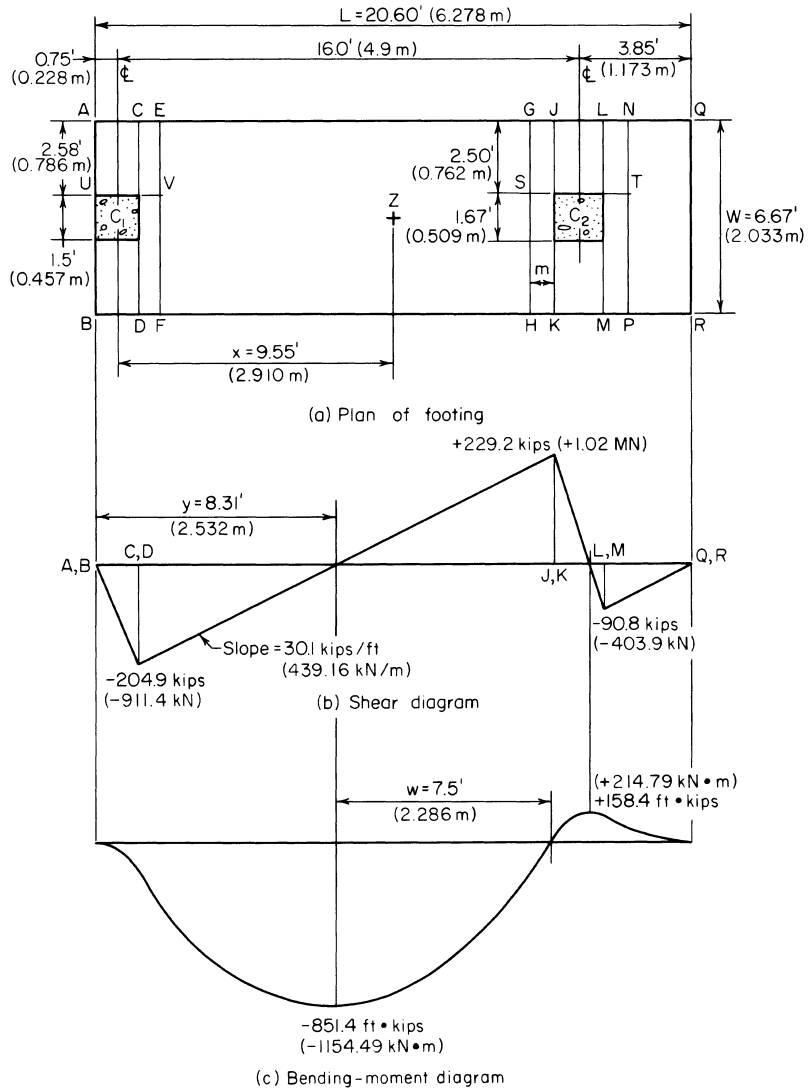


FIGURE 26

**Calculation Procedure**

1. *Establish the length of footing, applying the criterion of uniform soil pressure under total live and dead loads.* In many instances, the exterior column of a building cannot be individually supported because the required footing would project beyond the property limits. It then becomes necessary to use a combined footing that supports the exterior column and the adjacent interior column, the footing being so proportioned that the soil pressure is approximately uniform.

The footing dimensions are shown in Fig. 26a, and the reinforcement is seen in Fig. 27. It is convenient to visualize the combined footing as being subjected to an upward load transmitted

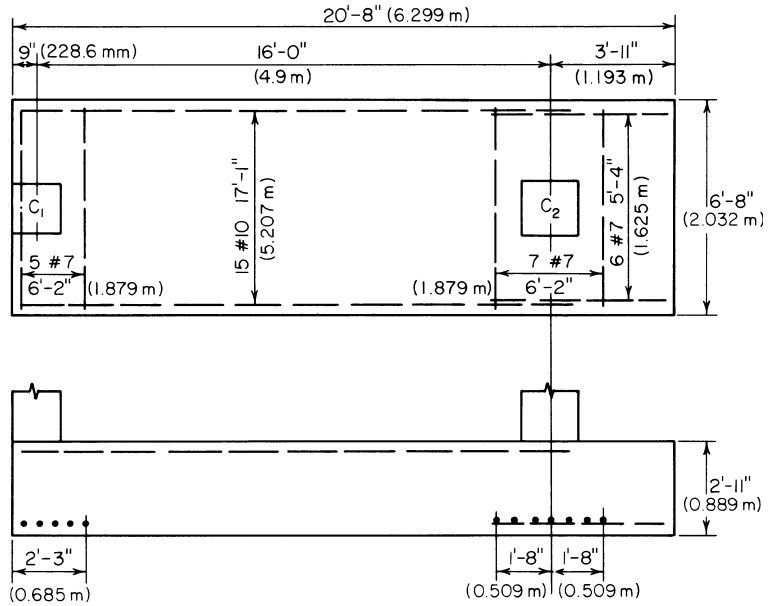


FIGURE 27

by the underlying soil and reactions supplied by the columns. The member thus functions as a beam that overhangs one support. However, since the footing is considerably wider than the columns, there is a transverse bending as well as longitudinal bending in the vicinity of the columns. For simplicity, assume that the transverse bending is confined to the regions bounded by planes *AB* and *EF* and by planes *GH* and *NP*, the distance *m* being *h*/2 or *d*/2, whichever is smaller.

In Fig. 26a, let *Z* denote the location of the resultant of the column loads. Then  $x = 370(16)/(250 + 370) = 9.55$  ft (2.910 m). Since *Z* is to be the centroid of the footing,  $L = 2(0.75 + 9.55) = 20.60$  ft (6.278 m). Set  $L = 20$  ft 8 in (6.299 m), but use the value 20.60 ft (6.278 m) in the stress calculations.

**2. Construct the shear and bending-moment diagrams.** The net soil pressure per foot of length =  $620/20.60 = 30.1$  kips/lin ft (439.28 kN/m). Construct the diagrams as shown in Fig. 26.

**3. Establish the footing thickness.** Use

$$(Pv_2 + 0.17VL + Pp')d - 0.17Pd^2 - VLp' \tag{50}$$

where *P* = aggregate column load, kips (kN); *V* = maximum vertical shear at a column face, kips (kN); *p*' = gross soil pressure, kips/ft<sup>2</sup> (MPa).

Assume that the longitudinal steel is centered 3½ in (88.9 mm) from the face of the footing. Then  $P = 620$  kips (2757.8 kN);  $V = 229.2$  kips (1019.48 kN);  $v_2 = 0.06(144) = 8.64$  kips/ft<sup>2</sup> (0.414 MPa);  $9260d - 105.4d^2 = 23,608$ ;  $d = 2.63$  ft (0.801 m);  $t = 2.63 + 0.29 = 2.92$  ft. Set  $t = 2$  ft 11 in (0.889 m);  $d = 2$  ft 7½ in (0.800 m).

**4. Compute the vertical shear at distance  $d$  from the column face.** Establish the width of the footing. Thus,  $V = 229.2 - 2.63(30.1) = 150.0$  kips (667.2 kN);  $v = V/(Wd)$ , or  $W = V/(vd) = 150/[8.64(2.63)] = 6.60$  ft (2.012 m). Set  $W = 6$  ft 8 in (2.032 m).

**5. Check the soil pressure.** The footing weight =  $20.67(6.67)(2.92)(0.150) = 60.4$  kips (268.66 kN);  $p' = (620 + 60.4)/[(20.67)(6.67)] = 4.94$  kips/ft<sup>2</sup> (0.236 MPa) < 5 kips/ft<sup>2</sup> (0.239 MPa). This is acceptable.

**6. Check the punching shear.** Thus,  $p = 4.9 - 2.92(0.150) = 4.50$  kips/ft<sup>2</sup> (0.215 MPa). At C1:  $b_o = 18 + 31.5 + 2(18 + 15.8) = 117$  in (2971.8 mm);  $V = 250 - 4.50(49.5)(33.8)/144 = 198$  kips (880.7 kN);  $v_1 = 198,000/[117(31.5)] = 54$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (372.3 kPa) < 110 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (758.5 kPa); this is acceptable.

At C2:  $b_o = 4(20 + 31.5) = 206$  in (5232.4 mm);  $V = 370 - 4.50(51.5)^2/144 = 287$  kips (1276.6 kN);  $v_1 = 287,000/[206(31.5)] = 44$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (303.4 kPa). This is acceptable.

**7. Design the longitudinal reinforcement for negative moment.** Thus,  $M = 851,400$  ft·lb = 10,217,000 in·lb (1,154,316.6 N·m);  $M_b = 223(80)(31.5)^2 = 17,700,000$  in·lb (1,999,746.0 N·m). Therefore, the steel is stressed to capacity, and  $A_s = 10,217,000/[20,000(0.874)(31.5)] = 18.6$  in<sup>2</sup> (120.01 cm<sup>2</sup>). Try 15 no. 10 bars with  $A_s = 19.1$  in<sup>2</sup> (123.2 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $\Sigma o = 59.9$  in (1521.46 mm).

The bond stress is maximum at the point of contraflexure, where  $V = 15.81(30.1) - 250 = 225.9$  kips (1004.80 kN);  $u = 225,900/[59.9(0.874)(31.5)] = 137$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (944.6 kPa);  $u_{\text{allow}} = 3.4(3000)^{0.5}/1.25 = 149$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1027.4 kPa). This is acceptable.

**8. Design the longitudinal reinforcement for positive moment.** For simplicity, design for the maximum moment rather than the moment at the face of the column. Then  $A_s = 158,400(12)/[20,000(0.874)(31.5)] = 3.45$  in<sup>2</sup> (22.259 cm<sup>2</sup>). Try six no. 7 bars with  $A_s = 3.60$  in<sup>2</sup> (23.227 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $\Sigma o = 16.5$  in (419.10 mm). Take  $LM$  as the critical section for bond, and  $u = 90,800/[16.5(0.874)(31.5)] = 200$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1379.0 kPa);  $u_{\text{allow}} = 4.8(3000)^{0.5}/0.875 = 302$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (2082.3 kPa). This is acceptable.

**9. Design the transverse reinforcement under the interior column.** For this purpose, consider member  $GNPH$  as an independent isolated footing. Then  $V_{ST} = 370(2.50/6.67) = 138.8$  kips (617.38 kN);  $M_{ST} = 1/2(138.8)(2.50)(12) = 2082$  in·kips (235.22 kN·m). Assume  $d = 35 - 4.5 = 30.5$  in (774.7 mm);  $A_s = 2,082,000/[20,000(0.874)(30.5)] = 3.91$  in<sup>2</sup> (25.227 cm<sup>2</sup>). Try seven no. 7 bars;  $A_s = 4.20$  in<sup>2</sup> (270.098 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $\Sigma o = 19.2$  in (487.68 mm);  $u = 138,800/[19.2(0.874)(30.5)] = 271$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1868.5 kPa);  $u_{\text{allow}} = 302$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (2082.3 kPa). This is acceptable.

Since the critical section for shear falls outside the footing, shearing stress is not a criterion in this design.

**10. Design the transverse reinforcement under the exterior column; disregard eccentricity.** Thus,  $V_{UV} = 250(2.58/6.67) = 96.8$  kips (430.57 kN);  $M_{UV} = 1/2(96.8)(2.58)(12) = 1498$  in·kips (169.3 kN·m);  $A_s = 2.72$  in<sup>2</sup> (17.549 cm<sup>2</sup>). Try five no. 7 bars;  $A_s = 3.00$  in<sup>2</sup> (19.356 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $\Sigma o = 13.7$  in (347.98 mm);  $u = 96,800/[13.7(0.874)(31.5)] = 257$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1772.0 kPa). This is acceptable.

## Cantilever Retaining Walls

Retaining walls having a height ranging from 10 to 20 ft (3.0 to 6.1 m) are generally built as reinforced-concrete cantilever members. As shown in Fig. 28, a cantilever wall comprises a vertical stem to retain the soil, a horizontal base to support the stem, and in many instances a key that projects into the underlying soil to augment the resistance to sliding. Adequate drainage is an essential requirement,

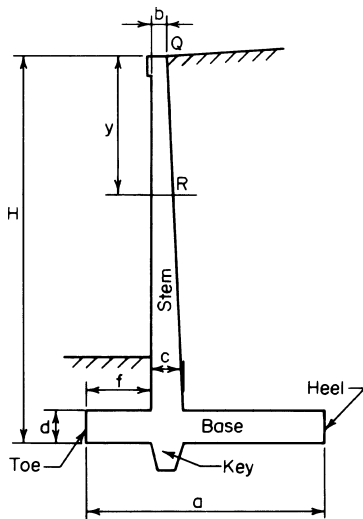


FIGURE 28 Cantilever retaining wall.

because the accumulation of water or ice behind the wall would greatly increase the horizontal thrust.

The calculation of earth thrust in this section is based on Rankine's theory, which is developed in a later calculation procedure. When a live load, termed a *surcharge*, is applied to the retained soil, it is convenient to replace this load with a hypothetical equivalent prism of earth. Referring to Fig. 28, consider a portion  $QR$  of the wall,  $R$  being at distance  $y$  below the top. Take the length of wall normal to the plane of the drawing as 1 ft (0.3 m). Let  $T$  = resultant earth thrust on  $QR$ ;  $M$  = moment of this thrust with respect to  $R$ ;  $h$  = height of equivalent earth prism that replaces surcharge;  $w$  = unit weight of earth;  $C_a$  = coefficient of active earth pressure;  $C_p$  = coefficient of passive earth pressure. Then

$$T = \frac{1}{2}C_a w y (y + 2h) \quad (51)$$

$$M = (\frac{1}{6})C_a w y^2 (y + 3h) \quad (52)$$

## DESIGN OF A CANTILEVER RETAINING WALL

Applying the working-stress method, design a reinforced-concrete wall to retain an earth bank 14 ft (4.3 m) high. The top surface is horizontal and supports a surcharge of 500 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (23.9 kPa). The soil weighs 130 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (20.42 kN/m<sup>3</sup>), and its angle of internal friction is 35°; the coefficient of friction of soil and concrete is 0.5. The allowable soil pressure is 4000 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (191.5 kPa);  $f'_c = 3000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (20,685 kPa) and  $f_y = 40,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (275,800 kPa). The base of the structure must be set 4 ft (1.2 m) below ground level to clear the frost line.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Secure a trial section of the wall.** Apply these relations:  $a = 0.60H$ ;  $b \leq 8$  in (203.2 mm);  $c = d = b + 0.045h$ ;  $f = a/3 - c/2$ .

The trial section is shown in Fig. 29a, and the reinforcement is shown in Fig. 30. As the calculation will show, it is necessary to provide a key to develop the required resistance to sliding. The sides of the key are sloped to ensure that the surrounding soil will remain undisturbed during excavation.

**2. Analyze the trial section for stability.** The requirements are that there be a factor of safety (FS) against sliding and overturning of at least 1.5 and that the soil pressure have a value lying between 0 and 4000 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (0 and 191.5 kPa). Using the equation developed later in this handbook gives  $h$  = surcharge/soil weight = 500/130 = 3.85 ft (1.173 m);  $\sin 35^\circ = 0.574$ ;  $\tan 35^\circ = 0.700$ ;  $C_a = 0.271$ ;  $C_p = 3.69$ ;  $C_a w = 35.2$  lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (5.53 kN/m<sup>3</sup>);  $C_p w = 480$  lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (75.40 kN/m<sup>3</sup>);  $T_{AB} = \frac{1}{2}(35.2)18(18 + 2 \times 3.85) = 8140$  lb (36,206.7 N);  $M_{AB} = (\frac{1}{6})35.2(18)^2(18 + 3 \times 3.85) = 56,200$  ft lb (76,207.2 N·m).

The critical condition with respect to stability is that in which the surcharge extends to  $G$ . The moments of the stabilizing forces with respect to the toe are computed in Table 2. In Fig. 29c,  $x = 81,030/21,180 = 3.83$  ft (1.167 m);  $e = 5.50 - 3.83 = 1.67$  ft (0.509 m). The fact that the resultant strikes the base within the middle third attests to the absence of uplift. By  $f = (P/A)(1 \pm 6e_x/d_x \pm 6e_y/d_y)$ ,  $p_g = (21,180/11)(1 + 6 \times 1.67/11) = 3680$  lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (176.2 kPa);  $p_b = (21,180/11)(1 - 6 \times 1.67/11) = 171$  lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (8.2 kPa). Check:  $x = (11/3)(3680 + 2 \times 171)/(3680 + 171) = 3.83$  ft (1.167 m), as before. Also,  $p_c = 2723$  lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (130.4 kPa);  $p_d = 2244$  lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (107.4 kPa); FS against overturning = 137,230/56,200 = 2.44. This is acceptable.

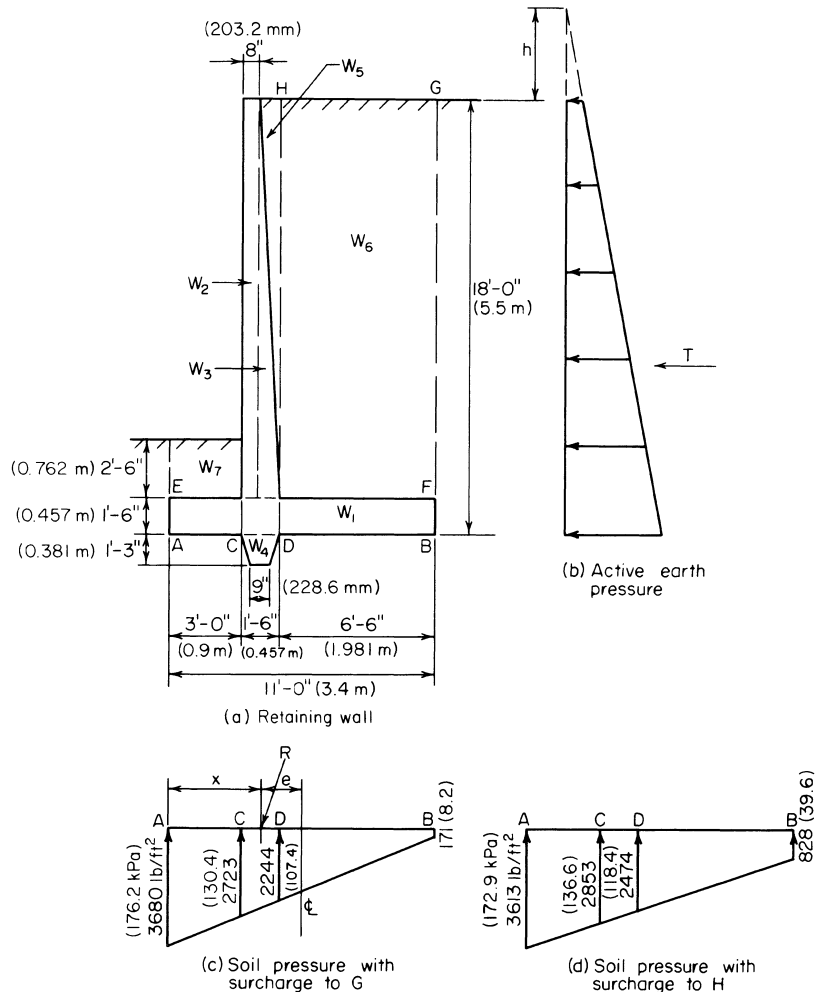


FIGURE 29

Lateral displacement of the wall produces sliding of earth on earth to the left of  $C$  and of concrete on earth to the right of  $C$ . In calculating the passive pressure, the layer of earth lying above the base is disregarded, since its effectiveness is unknown. The resistance to sliding is as follows: friction,  $A$  to  $C$  (Fig. 29):  $\frac{1}{2}(3680 + 2723)(3)(0.700) = 6720$  lb (29,890.6 N); friction,  $C$  to  $B$ :  $\frac{1}{2}(2723 + 171)(8)(0.5) = 5790$  lb (25,753.9 N); passive earth pressure:  $\frac{1}{2}(480)(2.75)^2 = 1820$  lb (8095.4 N). The total resistance to sliding is the sum of these three items, or 14,330 lb (63,739.8 N). Thus, the FS against sliding is  $14,330/8140 = 1.76$ . This is acceptable because it exceeds 1.5. Hence, the trial section is adequate with respect to stability.

**3. Calculate the soil pressures when the surcharge extends to  $H$ .** Thus,  $W_s = 500(6.5) = 3250$  lb (14,456 N);  $\Sigma W = 21,180 + 3250 = 24,430$  lb (108,664.6 N);  $M_a = 81,030 + 3250(7.75) = 106,220$  ft·lb (144,034.3 N·m);  $x = 106,220/24,430 = 4.35$  ft (1.326 m);  $e = 1.15$  ft (0.351 m);  $p_a = 3613$  lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (173 kPa);  $p_b = 828$  lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (39.6 kPa);  $p_c = 2853$  lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (136.6 kPa);  $p_d = 2474$  lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (118.5 kPa).



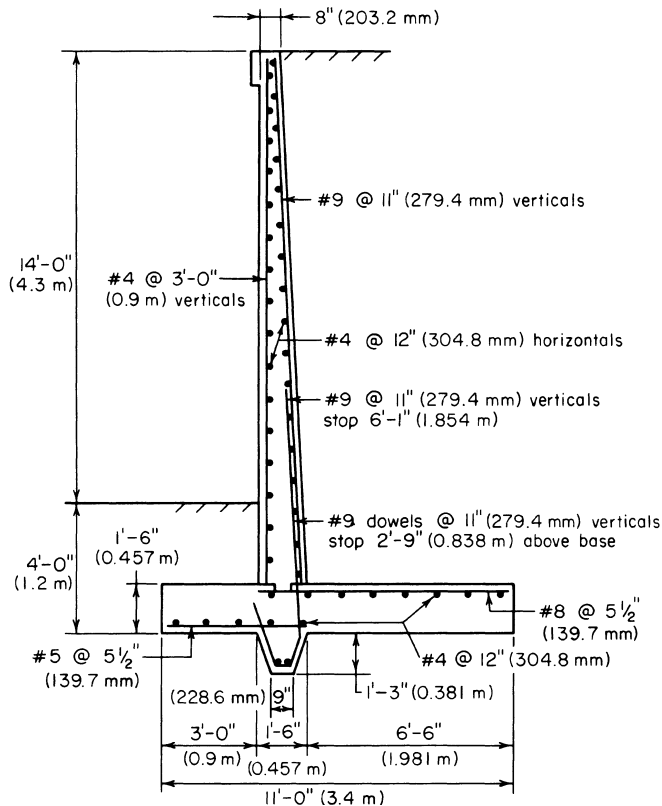


FIGURE 30

**4. Design the stem.** At the base of the stem,  $y = 16.5$  ft (5.03 m) and  $d = 18 - 3.5 = 14.5$  in (368.30 mm);  $T_{EF} = 7030$  lb (31,269.4 N);  $M_{EF} = 538,000$  in-lb (60,783.24 N-m). The allowable shear at a distance  $d$  above the base is  $V_{allow} = vbd = 60(12)(14.5) = 10,440$  lb (46,437.1 N). This is acceptable. Also,  $M_b = 223(12)(14.5)^2 = 563,000$  in-lb (63,607.74 N-m); therefore, the steel is stressed to capacity, and  $A_s = 538,000/[20,000(0.874)(14.5)] = 2.12$  in<sup>2</sup> (13.678 cm<sup>2</sup>). Use no. 9 bars 5 1/2 in (139.70 mm) on centers. Thus,  $A_s = 2.18$  in<sup>2</sup> (14.065 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $\Sigma o = 7.7$  in (195.58/mm);  $u = 7030/[7.7(0.874)(14.5)] = 72$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (496.5 kPa);  $u_{allow} = 235$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1620.3 kPa). This is acceptable.

TABLE 2 Stability of Retaining Wall

	Force, lb (N)	Arm, ft (m)	Moment, ft-lb (N-m)
$W_1$	1.5(11)(150) = 2,480 (11,031.0)	5.50 (1.676)	13,640 (18,495.8)
$W_2$	0.67(16.5)(150) = 1,650 (7,339.2)	3.33 (1.015)	5,500 (7,458.0)
$W_3$	0.5(0.83)(16.5)(150) = 1,030 (4,581.4)	3.95 (1.204)	4,070 (5,518.9)
$W_4$	1.25(1.13)(150) = 210 (934.1)	3.75 (1.143)	790 (1,071.2)
$W_5$	0.5(0.83)(16.5)(130) = 890 (3,958.7)	4.23 (1.289)	3,760 (5,098.6)
$W_6$	6.5(16.5)(130) = 13,940 (62,005.1)	7.75 (2.362)	108,000 (146,448.0)
$W_7$	2.5(3)(130) = 980 (4,359.1)	1.50 (0.457)	1,470 (1,993.3)
Total	21,180 (94,208.6)		137,230 (186,083.8)
Overturning moment			56,200 (76,207.2)
Net moment about A			81,030 (109,876.6)

Alternate bars will be discontinued at the point where they become superfluous. As the following calculations demonstrate, the theoretical cutoff point lies at  $y = 11$  ft 7 in (3.531 m), where  $M = 218,400$  in·lb (24,674.8 N·m);  $d = 4.5 + 10(11.58/16.5) = 11.52$  in (292.608 mm);  $A_s = 218,400/[20,000(0.874)(11.52)] = 1.08$  in<sup>2</sup> (6.968 cm<sup>2</sup>). This is acceptable. Also,  $T = 3930$  lb (17,480.6 N);  $u = 101$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (696.4 kPa). This is acceptable. From the ACI *Code*, anchorage =  $12(9/8) = 13.5$  in (342.9 mm).

The alternate bars will therefore be terminated at 6 ft 1 in (1.854 m) above the top of the base. The *Code* requires that special precautions be taken where more than half the bars are spliced at a point of maximum stress. To circumvent this requirement, the short bars can be extended into the footing; therefore, only the long bars require splicing. For the dowels,  $u_{\text{allow}} = 0.75(235) = 176$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1213.5 kPa); length of lap =  $1.00(20,000)/[176(3.5)] = 33$  in (838.2 mm).

**5. Design the heel.** Let  $V$  and  $M$  denote the shear and bending moment, respectively, at section  $D$ . Case 1: surcharge extending to  $G$ —downward pressure  $p = 16.5(130) + 1.5(150) = 2370$  lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (113.5 kPa);  $V = 6.5[2370 - \frac{1}{2}(2244 + 171)] = 7560$  lb (33,626.9 N);  $M = 12(6.5)^2 [\frac{1}{2} \times 2370 - \frac{1}{6}(2244 + 2 \times 171)] = 383,000$  in·lb (43,271.3 N·m).

Case 2: surcharge extending to  $H$ — $p = 2370 + 500 = 2870$  lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (137.4 kPa);  $V = 6.5[2870 - \frac{1}{2}(2474 + 828)] = 7920$  lb (35,228.1 N)  $< V_{\text{allow}}$ ;  $M = 12(6.5)^2 [\frac{1}{2} \times 2870 - \frac{1}{6}(2474 + 2 \times 828)] = 379,000$  in·lb (42,819.4 N·m);  $A_s = 2.12(383/538) = 1.51$  in<sup>2</sup> (9.742 cm<sup>2</sup>).

To maintain uniform bar spacing throughout the member, use no. 8 bars  $5\frac{1}{2}$  in (139.7 mm) on centers. In the heel, tension occurs at the top of the slab, and  $A_s = 1.72$  in<sup>2</sup> (11.097 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $\Sigma o = 6.9$  in (175.26 mm);  $u = 91$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (627.4 kPa);  $u_{\text{allow}} = 186$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1282.5 kPa). This is acceptable.

**6. Design the toe.** For this purpose, assume the absence of backfill on the toe, but disregard the minor modification in the soil pressure that results. Let  $V$  and  $M$  denote the shear and bending moment, respectively, at section  $C$  (Fig. 29). The downward pressure  $p = 1.5(150) = 225$  lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (10.8 kPa).

Case 1: surcharge extending to  $G$  (Fig. 29)— $V = 3[\frac{1}{2}(3680 + 2723) - 225] = 8930$  lb (39,720.6 N);  $M = 12(3)^2[(\frac{1}{6})(2723 + 2 \times 3680) - \frac{1}{2}(225)] = 169,300$  in·lb (19,127.5 N·m).

Case 2: surcharge extending to  $H$  (Fig. 29)— $V = 9020$  lb (40,121.0 N)  $< V_{\text{allow}}$ ;  $M = 169,300$  in·lb (19,127.5 N·m);  $A_s = 2.12(169,300/538,000) = 0.67$  in<sup>2</sup> (4.323 cm<sup>2</sup>). Use no. 5 bars  $5\frac{1}{2}$  in (139.7 mm) on centers. Then  $A_s = 0.68$  in<sup>2</sup> (4.387 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $\Sigma o = 4.3$  in (109.22 mm);  $u = 166$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1144.4 kPa);  $u_{\text{allow}} = 422$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (2909.7 kPa). This is acceptable.

The stresses in the key are not amenable to precise evaluation. Reinforcement is achieved by extending the dowels and short bars into the key and bending them.

In addition to the foregoing reinforcement, no. 4 bars are supplied to act as temperature reinforcement and spacers for the main bars, as shown in Fig. 30.

## PART 4

# PRESTRESSED CONCRETE

Prestressed-concrete construction is designed to enhance the suitability of concrete as a structural material by inducing prestresses opposite in character to the stresses resulting from gravity loads. These prestresses are created by the use of steel wires or strands, called tendons, that are incorporated in the member and subjected to externally applied tensile forces. This prestressing of the steel may be performed either before or after pouring of the concrete. Thus, two methods of prestressing a concrete beam are available: pretensioning and posttensioning.

In pretensioning, the tendons are prestressed to the required amount by means of hydraulic jacks, their ends are tied to fixed abutments, and the concrete is poured around the tendons. When hardening of the concrete has advanced to the required state, the tendons are released. The tendons now tend to contract longitudinally to their original length and to expand laterally to their original diameter,

both these tendencies being opposed by the surrounding concrete. As a result of the longitudinal restraint, the concrete exerts a tensile force on the steel and the steel exerts a compressive force on the concrete. As a result of the lateral restraint, the tendons are deformed to a wedge shape across a relatively short distance at each end of the member. It is within this distance, termed the *transmission length*, that the steel becomes bonded to the concrete and the two materials exert their prestressing forces on each other. However, unless greater precision is warranted, it is assumed for simplicity that the prestressing forces act at the end sections.

The tendons may be placed either in a straight line or in a series of straight-line segments, being deflected at designated points by means of holding devices. In the latter case, prestressing forces between steel and concrete occur both at the ends and at these deflection points.

In posttensioning, the procedure usually consists of encasing the tendons in metal or rubber hoses, placing these in the forms, and then pouring the concrete. When the concrete has hardened, the tendons are tensioned and anchored to the ends of the concrete beam by means of devices called *end anchorages*. If the hoses are to remain in the member, the void within the hose is filled with grout. Posttensioning has two important advantages compared with pretensioning: It may be performed at the job site, and it permits the use of parabolic tendons.

The term at transfer refers to the instant at which the prestressing forces between steel and concrete are developed. (In posttensioning, where the tendons are anchored to the concrete one at a time, in reality these forces are developed in steps.) Assume for simplicity that the tendons are straight and that the resultant prestressing force in these tendons lies below the centroidal axis of the concrete section. At transfer, the member cambers (deflects upward), remaining in contact with the casting bed only at the ends. Thus, the concrete beam is compelled to resist the prestressing force and to support its own weight simultaneously.

At transfer, the prestressing force in the steel diminishes because the concrete contracts under the imposed load. The prestressing force continues to diminish as time elapses as a result of the relaxation of the steel and the shrinkage and plastic flow of the concrete subsequent to transfer. To be effective, prestressed-concrete construction therefore requires the use of high-tensile steel in order that the reduction in prestressing force may be small in relation to the initial force. In all instances, we assume that the ratio of final to initial prestressing force is 0.85. Moreover, to simplify the stress calculations, we also assume that the full initial prestressing force exists at transfer and that the entire reduction in this force occurs during some finite interval following transfer.

Therefore, two loading states must be considered in the design: the initial state, in which the concrete sustains the initial prestressing force and the beam weight; and the final state, in which the concrete sustains the final prestressing force, the beam weight, and all superimposed loads. Consequently, the design of a prestressed-concrete beam differs from that of a conventional type in that designers must consider two stresses at each point, the initial stress and the final stress, and these must fall between the allowable compressive and tensile stresses. A beam is said to be in *balanced design* if the critical initial and final stresses coincide precisely with the allowable stresses.

The term *prestress* designates the stress induced by the *initial* prestressing force. The terms *prestress shear* and *prestress moment* refer to the vertical shear and bending moment, respectively, that the initial prestressing force induces in the concrete at a given section.

The *eccentricity* of the prestressing force is the distance from the action line of this resultant force to the centroidal axis of the section. Assume that the tendons are subjected to a uniform prestress. The locus of the centroid of the steel area is termed the *trajectory* of the steel or of the prestressing force.

The sign convention is as follows: The eccentricity is positive if the action line of the prestressing force lies below the centroidal axis. The trajectory has a positive slope if it inclines downward to the right. A load is positive if it acts downward. The vertical shear at a given section is positive if the portion of the beam to the left of this section exerts an upward force on the concrete. A bending moment is positive if it induces compression above the centroidal axis and tension below it. A compressive stress is positive; a tensile stress, negative.

The notational system is as follows. Cross-sectional properties:  $A$  = gross area of section,  $\text{in}^2$  ( $\text{cm}^2$ );  $A_s$  = area of prestressing steel,  $\text{in}^2$  ( $\text{cm}^2$ );  $d$  = effective depth of section at ultimate strength, in (mm);  $h$  = total depth of section, in (mm);  $I$  = moment of inertia of gross area,  $\text{in}^4$  ( $\text{cm}^4$ );  $y_b$  = distance

from centroidal axis to bottom fiber, in (mm);  $S_b$  = section modulus with respect to bottom fiber =  $I/y_b$ ,  $\text{in}^3$  ( $\text{cm}^3$ );  $k_b$  = distance from centroidal axis to lower kern point, in (mm);  $k_t$  = distance from centroidal axis to upper kern point, in (mm). *Forces and moments:*  $F_i$  = initial prestressing force, lb (N);  $F_f$  = final prestressing force, lb (N);  $\eta = F_f/F_i$ ;  $e$  = eccentricity of prestressing force, in (mm);  $e_{\text{con}}$  = eccentricity of prestressing force having concordant trajectory;  $\theta$  = angle between trajectory (or tangent to trajectory) and horizontal line;  $m$  = slope of trajectory;  $w$  = vertical load exerted by curved tendons on concrete in unit distance;  $w_w$  = unit beam weight;  $w_s$  = unit superimposed load;  $w_{\text{DL}}$  = unit dead load;  $w_{\text{LL}}$  = unit live load;  $w_u$  = unit ultimate load;  $V_p$  = prestress shear;  $M_p$  = prestress moment;  $M_w$  = bending moment due to beam weight;  $M_s$  = bending moment due to superimposed load;  $C_u$  = resultant compressive force at ultimate load;  $T_u$  = resultant tensile force at ultimate load. *Stresses:*  $f'_c$  = ultimate compressive strength of concrete,  $\text{lb/in}^2$  (kPa);  $f'_{ci}$  = compressive strength of concrete at transfer;  $f'_s$  = ultimate strength of prestressing steel;  $f_{su}$  = stress in prestressing steel at ultimate load;  $f_{bp}$  = stress in bottom fiber due to initial prestressing force;  $f_{bw}$  = bending stress in bottom fiber due to superimposed loads;  $f_{bi}$  = stress in bottom fiber at initial state =  $f_{bp} + f_{bw}$ ;  $f_{bf}$  = stress in bottom fiber at final state =  $\eta f_{bp} + f_{bw} + f_{bs}$ ;  $f_{cai}$  = initial stress at centroidal axis. *Camber:*  $\Delta_p$  = camber due to initial prestressing force, in (mm);  $\Delta_w$  = camber due to beam weight;  $\Delta_i$  = camber at initial state;  $\Delta_f$  = camber at final state.

The symbols that refer to the bottom fiber are transformed to their counterparts for the top fiber by replacing the subscript  $b$  with  $t$ . For example,  $f_{ti}$  denotes the stress in the top fiber at the initial state.

## DETERMINATION OF PRESTRESS SHEAR AND MOMENT

The beam in Fig. 31a is simply supported at its ends and prestressed with an initial force of 300 kips (1334.4 kN). At section C, the eccentricity of this force is 8 in (203.2 mm), and the slope of the trajectory is 0.014. (In the drawing, vertical distances are exaggerated in relation to horizontal distances.) Find the prestress shear and prestress moment at C.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Analyze the prestressing forces.** If the composite concrete-and-steel member is regarded as a unit, the prestressing forces that the steel exerts on the concrete are purely internal. Therefore, if a beam is simply supported, the prestressing force alone does not induce any reactions at the supports.

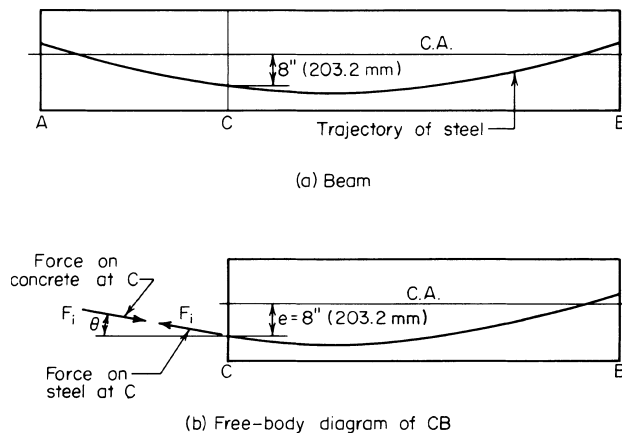


FIGURE 31

Refer to Fig. 31*b*, and consider the forces acting on the beam segment  $GB$  solely as a result of  $F_i$ . The left portion of the beam exerts a tensile force  $F_i$  on the tendons. Since  $GB$  is in equilibrium, the left portion also induces compressive stresses on the concrete at  $C$ , these stresses having a resultant that is numerically equal to and collinear with  $F_i$ .

**2. Express the prestress shear and moment in terms of  $F_i$ .** Using the sign convention described, express the prestress shear and moment in terms of  $F_i$  and  $\theta$ . (The latter is positive if the slope of the trajectory is positive.) Thus,  $V_p = -F_i \sin \theta$ ;  $M_p = -F_i e \cos \theta$ .

**3. Compute the prestress shear and moment.** Since  $\theta$  is minuscule, apply these approximations:  $\sin \theta = \tan \theta$ , and  $\cos \theta = 1$ . Then

$$V_p = -F_i \tan \theta \quad (53)$$

Or,  $V_p = -300,000(0.014) = -4200 \text{ lb } (-18,681.6 \text{ N})$ .

Also,

$$M_p = -F_i e \quad (54)$$

Or,  $M_p = -300,000(8) = -2,400,000 \text{ in}\cdot\text{lb } (-271,152 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m})$ .

## STRESSES IN A BEAM WITH STRAIGHT TENDONS

A  $12 \times 18 \text{ in } (304.8 \times 457.2 \text{ mm})$  rectangular beam is subjected to an initial prestressing force of 230 kips (1023.0 kN) applied 3.3 in (83.82 mm) below the center. The beam is on a simple span of 30 ft (9.1 m) and carries a superimposed load of 840 lb/lin ft (12,258.9 N/m). Determine the initial and final stresses at the supports and at midspan. Construct diagrams to represent the initial and final stresses along the span.

### Calculation Procedures

**1. Compute the beam properties.** Thus,  $A = 12(18) = 216 \text{ in}^2 (1393.6 \text{ cm}^2)$ ;  $S_b = S_t = (1/6)(12)(18)^2 = 648 \text{ in}^3 (10,620.7 \text{ cm}^3)$ ;  $w_w = (216/144)(150) = 225 \text{ lb/lin ft } (3,283.6 \text{ N/m})$ .

**2. Calculate the prestress in the top and bottom fibers.** Since the section is rectangular, apply  $f_{bp} = (F_i/A)(1 + 6e/h) = (230,000/216)(1 + 6 \times 3.3/18) = +2236 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+15,417.2 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{tp} = (F_i/A)(1 - 6e/h) = -106 \text{ lb/in}^2 (-730.9 \text{ kPa})$ .

For convenience, record the stresses in Table 3 as they are obtained.

**3. Determine the stresses at midspan due to gravity loads.** Thus,  $M_g = (1/8)(840)(30)^2(12) = 1,134,000 \text{ in}\cdot\text{lb } (128,119.32 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m})$ ;  $f_{bs} = -1,134,000/648 = -1750 \text{ lb/in}^2 (-12,066.3 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{ts} = +1750 \text{ lb/in}^2 (12,066.3 \text{ kPa})$ . By proportion,  $f_{bw} = -1750(225/840) = -469$ ;  $f_{tw} = +469 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+3233.8 \text{ kPa})$ .

**4. Compute the initial and final stresses at the supports.** Thus,  $f_{bi} = +2236 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+15,417.2 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{ti} = -106 \text{ lb/in}^2 (-730.9 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{bf} = 0.85(2236) = +1901 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+13,107.4 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{tf} = 0.85(-106) = -90 \text{ lb/in}^2 (-620.6 \text{ kPa})$ .

**5. Determine the initial and final stresses at midspan.** Thus,  $f_{bi} = +2236 - 469 = +1767 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+12,183.5 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{ti} = -106 + 469 = +363 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+2502.9 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{bf} = +1901 - 469 - 1750 = -318 \text{ lb/in}^2 (-2192.6 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{tf} = -90 + 469 + 1750 = +2129 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+14,679.5 \text{ kPa})$ .

**6. Construct the initial-stress diagram.** In Fig. 32*a*, construct the initial-stress diagram  $A, A_b BC$  at the support and the initial-stress diagram  $M_i M_b DE$  at midspan. Draw the parabolic arcs  $BD$  and  $CE$ .

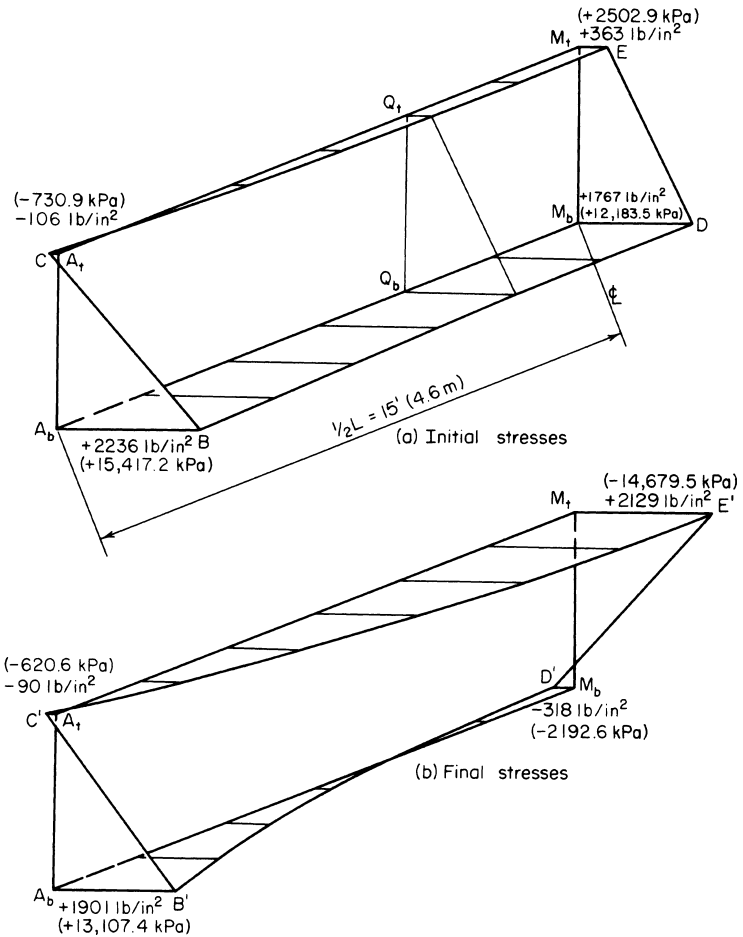


FIGURE 32 Isometric diagrams for half-span.

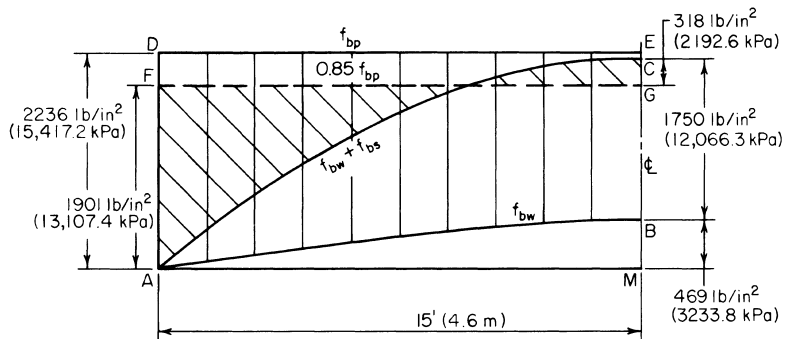


FIGURE 33 Stresses in bottom fiber along half-span.

**TABLE 3** Stresses in Prestressed-Concrete Beam

	At support		At midspan	
	Bottom fiber	Top fiber	Bottom fiber	Top fiber
(a) Initial prestress, lb/in <sup>2</sup> (kPa)	+2,236 (+15,417.2)	-106 (-730.9)	+2,236 (+15,417.2)	-106 (-730.9)
(b) Final prestress, lb/in <sup>2</sup> (kPa)	+1,901 (+13,107.4)	-90 (-620.6)	+1,901 (+13,107.4)	-90 (-620.6)
(c) Stress due to beam weight, lb/in <sup>2</sup> (kPa)	.....	.....	-469 (-3,233.8)	+469 (3,233.8)
(d) Stress due to superimposed load, lb/in <sup>2</sup> (kPa)	.....	.....	-1,750 (-12,066.3)	+1,750 (+12,066.3)
Initial stress: (a) + (c)	+2,236 (+15,417.2)	-106 (-730.9)	+1,767 (+12,183.5)	+363 (+2,502.9)
Final stress: (b) + (c) + (d)	+1,901 (+13,107.4)	-90 (-620.6)	-318 (-2,192.6)	+2,129 (+14,679.5)

The stress diagram at an intermediate section  $Q$  is obtained by passing a plane normal to the longitudinal axis. The offset from a reference line through  $B$  to the arc  $BD$  represents the value of  $f_{bw}$  at that section.

**7. Construct the final-stress diagram.** Construct Fig. 32*b* in an analogous manner. The offset from a reference line through  $B'$  to the arc  $B'D'$  represents the value of  $f_{bw} + f_{bs}$  at the given section.

**8. Alternatively, construct composite stress diagrams for the top and bottom fibers.** The diagram pertaining to the bottom fiber is shown in Fig. 33. The difference between the ordinates to  $DE$  and  $AB$  represents  $f_{bi}$  and the difference between the ordinates to  $FG$  and  $AC$  represents  $f_{bf}$ .

This procedure illustrates the following principles relevant to a beam with straight tendons carrying a uniform load: At transfer, the critical stresses occur at the supports; under full design load, the critical stresses occur at midspan if the allowable final stresses exceed  $\eta$  times the allowable initial stresses in absolute value.

The primary objective in prestressed-concrete design is to maximize the capacity of a given beam by maximizing the absolute values of the prestresses at the section having the greatest superimposed-load stresses. The three procedures that follow, when taken as a unit, illustrate the manner in which the allowable prestresses may be increased numerically by taking advantage of the beam-weight stresses, which are opposite in character to the prestresses. The next procedure will also demonstrate that when a beam is not in balanced design, there is a range of values of  $F_i$  that will enable the member to carry this maximum allowable load. In summary, the objective is to maximize the capacity of a given beam and to provide the minimum prestressing force associated with this capacity.

## **DETERMINATION OF CAPACITY AND PRESTRESSING FORCE FOR A BEAM WITH STRAIGHT TENDONS**

An  $8 \times 10$  in ( $203.2 \times 254$  mm) rectangular beam, simply supported on a 20-ft (6.1-m) span, is to be prestressed by means of straight tendons. The allowable stresses are: *initial*, +2400 and -190 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (+16,548 and -1310.1 kPa); *final*, +2250 and -425 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (+15,513.8 and -2930.3 kPa). Evaluate the

allowable unit superimposed load, the maximum and minimum prestressing force associated with this load, and the corresponding eccentricities.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the beam properties.** Here  $A = 80 \text{ in}^2$  ( $516.16 \text{ cm}^2$ );  $S = 133 \text{ in}^2$  ( $858.1 \text{ cm}^2$ );  $w_w = 83 \text{ lb/lin ft}$  ( $1211.3 \text{ N/m}$ ).

**2. Compute the stresses at midspan due to the beam weight.** Thus,  $M_w = (1/8)(83)(20)^2(12) = 49,800 \text{ in}\cdot\text{lb}$  ( $5626.4 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$ );  $f_{bw} = -49,800/133 = -374 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $-2578.7 \text{ kPa}$ ),  $f_{tw} = +374 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $2578.7 \text{ kPa}$ ).

**3. Set the critical stresses equal to their allowable values to secure the allowable unit superimposed load.** Use Fig. 32 or 33 as a guide. At support:  $f_{bi} = +2400 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $+16,548 \text{ kPa}$ );  $f_{ti} = -190 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $-1310.1 \text{ kPa}$ ); at midspan,  $f_{bf} = 0.85(2400) - 374 + f_{bs} = -425 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $-2930.4 \text{ kPa}$ );  $f_{tf} = 0.85(-190) + 374 + f_{ts} = +2250 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $+15,513.8 \text{ kPa}$ ). Also,  $f_{bs} = -2091 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $-14,417.4 \text{ kPa}$ );  $f_{ts} = +2038 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $+14,052 \text{ kPa}$ ).

Since the superimposed-load stresses at top and bottom will be numerically equal, the latter value governs the beam capacity. Or  $w_s = w_w, f_{ts}/f_{tw} = 83(2038/374) = 452 \text{ lb/lin ft}$  ( $6596.4 \text{ N/m}$ ).

**4. Find  $F_{i,max}$  and its eccentricity.** The value of  $w_s$  was found by setting the critical value of  $f_{ti}$  and of  $f_{tf}$  equal to their respective allowable values. However, since  $S_b$  is excessive for the load  $w_s$ , there is flexibility with respect to the stresses at the bottom. The designer may set the critical value of either  $f_{bi}$  or  $f_{bf}$  equal to its allowable value or produce some intermediate condition. As shown by the calculations in step 3,  $f_{bf}$  may vary within a range of  $2091 - 2038 = 53 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $365.4 \text{ kPa}$ ). Refer to Fig. 34, where the lines represent the stresses indicated.

Points  $B$  and  $F$  are fixed, but points  $A$  and  $E$  may be placed anywhere within the  $53\text{-lb/in}^2$  ( $365.4\text{-kPa}$ ) range. To maximize  $F_i$ , place  $A$  at its limiting position to the right; i.e., set the critical value of  $f_{bi}$  rather than that of  $f_{bf}$  equal to the allowable value. Then  $f_{cai} = F_{i,max}/A = 1/2(2400 - 190) = +1105 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $+7619.0 \text{ kPa}$ );  $F_{i,max} = 1105(80) = 88,400 \text{ lb}$  ( $393,203.2 \text{ N}$ );  $f_{bp} = 1105 + 88,400e/133 = +2400$ ;  $e = 1.95 \text{ in}$  ( $49.53 \text{ mm}$ ).

**5. Find  $F_{i,min}$  and its eccentricity.** For this purpose, place  $A$  at its limiting position to the left. Then  $f_{bp} = 2,400 - (53/0.85) = +2338 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $+16,120.5 \text{ kPa}$ );  $f_{cai} = +1074 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $+7405.2 \text{ kPa}$ );  $F_{i,min} = 85,920 \text{ lb}$  ( $382,172.2 \text{ N}$ );  $e = 1.96 \text{ in}$  ( $49.78 \text{ mm}$ ).

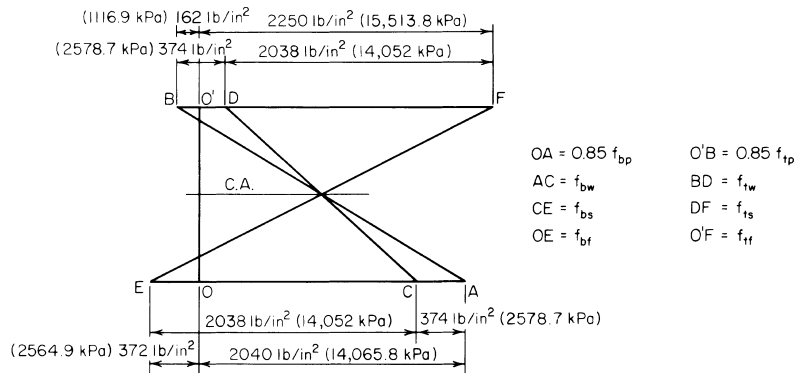


FIGURE 34 Stresses at midspan under maximum prestressing force.



6. Verify the value of  $F_{i,max}$  by checking the critical stresses. At support:  $f_{bi} = +2400 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (+16,548.0 kPa);  $f_{ti} = -190 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (-1310.1 kPa). At midspan:  $f_{bf} = +2040 - 374 - 2038 = -372 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (-2564.9 kPa);  $f_{tf} = -162 + 374 + 2038 = +2250 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (+15,513.8 kPa).

7. Verify the value of  $F_{i,min}$  by checking the critical stresses. At support:  $f_{bi} = +2338 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (16,120.5 kPa);  $f_{ti} = -190 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (-1310.1 kPa). At midspan:  $f_{bf} = 0.85(2338) - 374 - 2038 = -425 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (-2930.4 kPa);  $f_{tf} = +2250 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (+15,513.8 kPa).

### BEAM WITH DEFLECTED TENDONS

The beam in the previous calculation procedure is to be prestressed by means of tendons that are deflected at the quarter points of the span, as shown in Fig. 35a. Evaluate the allowable unit superimposed load, the magnitude of the prestressing force, the eccentricity  $e_1$  in the center interval, and the maximum and minimum allowable values of the eccentricity  $e_2$  at the supports. What increase in capacity has been obtained by deflecting the tendons?

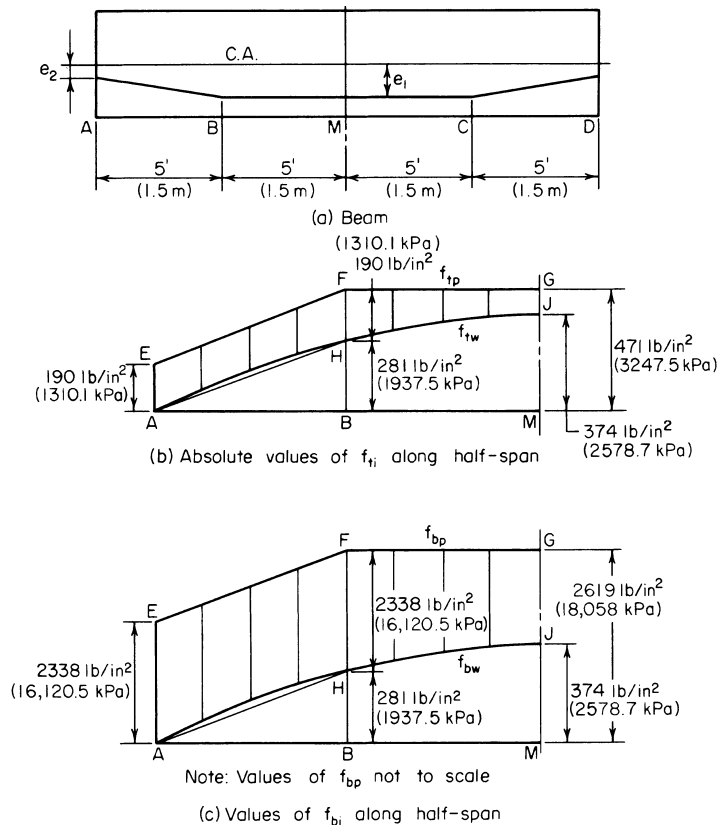


FIGURE 35

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the beam-weight stresses at B.** In the composite stress diagram, Fig. 35b, the difference between an ordinate to *EFG* and the corresponding ordinate to *AHJ* represents the value of  $f_{ii}$  at the given section. It is apparent that if *AE* does not exceed *HF*, then  $f_{ii}$  does not exceed *HE* in absolute value anywhere along the span. Therefore, for the center interval *BC*, the critical stresses at transfer occur at the boundary sections *B* and *C*. Analogous observations apply to Fig. 35c.

Computing the beam-weight stresses at *B* yields  $f_{bw} = (3/4)(-374) = -281 \text{ lb/in}^2 (-1937.5 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{tw} = +281 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+1937.5 \text{ kPa})$ .

**2. Tentatively set the critical stresses equal to their allowable values to secure the allowable unit superimposed load.** Thus, at *B*:  $f_{bi} = f_{bp} - 281 = +2400$ ;  $f_{ii} = f_{ip} + 281 = -190$ ;  $f_{bp} = +2681 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+18,485.5 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{ip} = -471 \text{ lb/in}^2 (-3247.5 \text{ kPa})$ .

At *M*:  $f_{bf} = 0.85(2681) - 374 + f_{bs} = -425$ ;  $f_{if} = 0.85(-471) + 374 + f_{is} = +2250$ ;  $f_{bs} = -2330 \text{ lb/in}^2 (-16,065.4 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{is} = +2277 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+15,699.9 \text{ kPa})$ . The latter value controls.

Also,  $w_s = 83(2277/374) = 505 \text{ lb/lin ft (7369.9 N/m)}$ ;  $505/452 = 1.12$ . The capacity is increased 12 percent.

When the foregoing calculations are compared with those in the previous calculation procedure, the effect of deflecting the tendons is to permit an increase of  $281 \text{ lb/in}^2 (1937.5 \text{ kPa})$  in the absolute value of the prestress at top and bottom. The accompanying increase in  $f_{is}$  is  $0.85(281) = 239 \text{ lb/in}^2 (1647.9 \text{ kPa})$ .

**3. Find the minimum prestressing force and the eccentricity  $e_1$ .** Examination of Fig. 34 shows that  $f_{cai}$  is not affected by the form of trajectory used. Therefore, as in the previous calculation procedure,  $F_i = 85,920 \text{ lb (382,172.2 N)}$ ;  $f_{ip} = 1074 - 85,920e_1/133 = -471$ ;  $e_1 = 2.39 \text{ in (60.706 mm)}$ .

Although it is not required, the value of  $f_{bp}$  is  $1074 + 1074 - (-471) = +2619 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+18,058 \text{ kPa})$ , or  $f_{bp} = 2681 - 53/0.85 = +2619 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+18,058 \text{ kPa})$ .

**4. Establish the allowable range of values of  $e_2$ .** At the supports, the tendons may be placed an equal distance above or below the center. Then  $e_{2,max} = 1.96 \text{ in (23.44 mm)}$ ;  $e_{2,min} = -1.96 \text{ in (-23.44 mm)}$ .

## BEAM WITH CURVED TENDONS

The beam in the second previous calculation procedure is to be prestressed by tendons lying in a parabolic arc. Evaluate the allowable unit superimposed load, the magnitude of the prestressing force, the eccentricity of this force at midspan, and the increase in capacity accruing from the use of curved tendons.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Tentatively set the initial and final stresses at midspan equal to their allowable values to secure the allowable unit superimposed load.** Since the prestressing force has a parabolic trajectory, lines *EFG* in Fig. 35b and *c* will be parabolic in the present case. Therefore, it is possible to achieve the full allowable initial stresses at midspan. Thus,  $f_{bi} = f_{bp} - 374 = +2400$ ;  $f_{ii} = f_{ip} + 374 = -190$ ;  $f_{bp} = +2774 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+19,126.7 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{ip} = -564 \text{ lb/in}^2 (-3888.8 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{bf} = 0.85(2774) - 374 + f_{bs} = -425$ ;  $f_{if} = 0.85(-564) + 374 + f_{is} = +2250$ ;  $f_{bs} = -2409 \text{ lb/in}^2 (-16,610.1 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{is} = +2356 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+16,244.6 \text{ kPa})$ . The latter value controls.

Also,  $w_s = 83(2356/374) = 523 \text{ lb/lin ft (7632.6 N/m)}$ ;  $523/452 = 1.16$ . Thus, the capacity is increased 16 percent.

When the foregoing calculations are compared with those in the earlier calculation procedure, the effect of using parabolic tendons is to permit an increase of  $374 \text{ lb/in}^2 (2578.7 \text{ kPa})$  in the absolute

value of the prestress at top and bottom. The accompanying increase in  $f_{ts}$  is  $0.85(374) = 318 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (2192.6 kPa).

2. **Find the minimum prestressing force and its eccentricity at midspan.** As before,  $F_i = 85,920 \text{ lb}$  (382,172.2 N);  $f_{ip} = 1074 - 85,920e/133 = -564$ ;  $e = 2.54 \text{ in}$  (64.516 mm).

## DETERMINATION OF SECTION MODULI

A beam having a cross-sectional area of  $500 \text{ in}^2$  (3226  $\text{cm}^2$ ) sustains a beam-weight moment equal to 3500 in-kips (395.4 kN·m) at midspan and a superimposed moment that varies parabolically from 9000 in-kips (1016.8 kN·m) at midspan to 0 at the supports. The allowable stresses are: *initial*, +2400 and  $-190 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (+16,548 and  $-1310.1 \text{ kPa}$ ); *final*, +2250 and  $-200 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (+15,513.8 and  $-1379 \text{ kPa}$ ). The member will be prestressed by tendons deflected at the quarter points. Determine the section moduli corresponding to balanced design, the magnitude of the prestressing force, and its eccentricity in the center interval. Assume that the calculated eccentricity is attainable (i.e., that the centroid of the tendons will fall within the confines of the section while satisfying insulation requirements).

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Equate the critical initial stresses, and the critical final stresses, to their allowable values.** Let  $M_w$  and  $M_s$  denote the indicated moments at midspan; the corresponding moments at the quarter point are three-fourths as large. The critical initial stresses occur at the quarter point, while the critical final stresses occur at midspan. After equating the stresses to their allowable values, solve the resulting simultaneous equations to find the section moduli and prestresses. Thus: *stresses in bottom fiber*,  $f_{bi} = f_{bp} - 0.75M_w/S_b = +2400$ ;  $f_{bf} = 0.85f_{bp} - M_w/S_b - M_s/S_b = -200$ . Solving gives  $S_b = (M_s + 0.3625M_w)/2240 = 4584 \text{ in}^3$  (75,131.7  $\text{cm}^3$ ) and  $f_{bp} = +2973 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (+20,498.8 kPa); *stresses in top fiber*,  $f_{ti} = f_{ip} + 0.75(M_w/S_t) = -190$ ;  $f_{tf} = 0.85f_{ip} + M_w/S_t + M_s/S_t = +2250$ . Solving yields  $S_t = (M_s + 0.3625M_w)/2412 = 4257 \text{ in}^3$  (69,772.2  $\text{cm}^3$ ) and  $f_{ip} = -807 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $-5564.2 \text{ kPa}$ ).

2. **Evaluate  $F_i$  and  $e$ .** In this instance,  $e$  denotes the eccentricity in the center interval. Thus,  $f_{bp} = F_i/A + F_i e/S_b = +2973$ ;  $f_{ip} = F_i/A - F_i e/S_t = -807$ ;  $F_i = (2973S_b - 807S_t)A/(S_b + S_t) = 576,500 \text{ lb}$  (2,564,272.0 N);  $e = 2973S_b/F_i - S_b/A = 14.47 \text{ in}$  (367.538 mm).

3. **Alternatively, evaluate  $F_i$  by assigning an arbitrary depth to the member.** Thus, set  $h = 10 \text{ in}$  (254 mm);  $y_b = S_b h/(S_b + S_t) = 4.815 \text{ in}$  (122.301 mm);  $f_{cai} = f_{bp} - (f_{bp} - f_{ip})y_b/h = 2973 - (2973 + 807)0.4815 = +1153 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (+7949.9 kPa);  $F_i = 1153(500) = 576,500 \text{ lb}$  (2,564,272.0 N).

## EFFECT OF INCREASE IN BEAM SPAN

Consider that the span of the beam in the previous calculation procedure increases by 10 percent, thereby causing the midspan moment due to superimposed load to increase by 21 percent. Show that the member will be adequate with respect to flexure if all cross-sectional dimensions are increased by 7.2 percent. Compute the new eccentricity in the center interval, and compare this with the original value.

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Calculate the new section properties and bending moments.** Thus,  $A = 500(1.072)^2 = 575 \text{ in}^2$  (3709.9  $\text{cm}^2$ );  $S_b = 4584(1.072)^3 = 5647 \text{ in}^3$  (92,554.3  $\text{cm}^3$ );  $S_t = 4257(1.072)^3 = 5244 \text{ in}^3$  (85,949.2  $\text{cm}^3$ );

$M_s = 9000(1.21) = 10,890$  in·kips (1230.4 kN·m);  $M_w = 3500(1.072)^2(1.21) = 4867$  in·kips (549.9 kN·m).

**2. Compute the required section moduli, prestresses, prestressing force, and its eccentricity in the central interval, using the same sequence as in the previous calculation procedure.** Thus,  $S_b = 5649$  in<sup>3</sup> (92,587.1 cm<sup>3</sup>);  $S_t = 5246$  in<sup>3</sup> (85,981.9 cm<sup>3</sup>). Both these values are acceptable. Then  $f_{bp} = +3046$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (+21,002.2 kPa);  $f_{tp} = -886$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (-6108.9 kPa);  $F_i = 662,800$  lb (2,948,134.4 N);  $e = 16.13$  in (409.7 mm). The eccentricity has increased by 11.5 percent.

In practice, it would be more efficient to increase the vertical dimensions more than the horizontal dimensions. Nevertheless, as the span increases, the eccentricity increases more rapidly than the depth.

## EFFECT OF BEAM OVERLOAD

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The beam in the second previous calculation procedure is subjected to a 10 percent overload. How does the final stress in the bottom fiber compare with that corresponding to the design load?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the value of  $f_{bs}$  under design load.** Thus,  $f_{bs} = -M_s/S_b = -9,000,000/4584 = -1963$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (-13,534.8 kPa).

**2. Compute the increment or  $f_{bs}$  caused by overload and the revised value of  $f_{bf}$ .** Thus,  $\Delta f_{bs} = 0.10(-1963) = -196$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (-1351.4 kPa);  $f_{bf} = -200 - 196 = -396$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (-2730.4 kPa). Therefore, a 10 percent overload virtually doubles the tensile stress in the member.

## PRESTRESSED-CONCRETE BEAM DESIGN GUIDES

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On the basis of the previous calculation procedures, what conclusions may be drawn that will serve as guides in the design of prestressed-concrete beams?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Evaluate the results obtained with different forms of tendons.** The capacity of a given member is increased by using deflected rather than straight tendons, and the capacity is maximized by using parabolic tendons. (However, in the case of a pretensioned beam, an economy analysis must also take into account the expense incurred in deflecting the tendons.)

**2. Evaluate the prestressing force.** For a given ratio of  $y_b/y_t$ , the prestressing force that is required to maximize the capacity of a member is a function of the cross-sectional area and the allowable stresses. It is independent of the form of the trajectory.

**3. Determine the effect of section moduli.** If the section moduli are in excess of the minimum required, the prestressing force is minimized by setting the critical values of  $f_{bf}$  and  $f_{ti}$  equal to their respective allowable values. In this manner, points *A* and *B* in Fig. 34 are placed at their limiting positions to the left.

**4. Determine the most economical short-span section.** For a short-span member, an I section is most economical because it yields the required section moduli with the minimum area. Moreover,

since the required values of  $S_b$  and  $S_t$  differ, the area should be disposed unsymmetrically about mid-depth to secure these values.

**5. Consider the calculated value of  $e$ .** Since an increase in span causes a greater increase in the theoretical eccentricity than in the depth, the calculated value of  $e$  is not attainable in a long-span member because the centroid of the tendons would fall beyond the confines of the section. For this reason, long-span members are generally constructed as T sections. The extensive flange area elevates the centroidal axis, thus making it possible to secure a reasonably large eccentricity.

**6. Evaluate the effect of overload.** A relatively small overload induces a disproportionately large increase in the tensile stress in the beam and thus introduces the danger of cracking. Moreover, owing to the presence of many variable quantities, there is not a set relationship between the beam capacity at allowable final stress and the capacity at incipient cracking. It is therefore imperative that every prestressed-concrete beam be subjected to an ultimate-strength analysis to ensure that the beam provides an adequate factor of safety.

### KERN DISTANCES

The beam in Fig. 36 has the following properties:  $A = 850 \text{ in}^2$  (5484.2  $\text{cm}^2$ );  $S_b = 11,400 \text{ in}^3$  (186,846.0  $\text{cm}^3$ );  $S_t = 14,400 \text{ in}^3$  (236,016.0  $\text{cm}^3$ ). A prestressing force of 630 kips (2802.2 kN) is applied with an eccentricity of 24 in (609.6 mm) at the section under investigation. Calculate  $f_{bp}$  and  $f_{tp}$  by expressing these stresses as functions of the kern distances of the section.

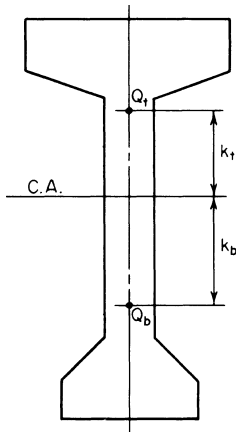


FIGURE 36 Kern points.

#### Calculation Procedure

**1. Consider the prestressing force to be applied at each kern point, and evaluate the kern distances.** Let  $Q_b$  and  $Q_t$  denote the points at which a compressive force must be applied to induce a zero stress in the top and bottom fiber, respectively. These are referred to as the *kern points* of the section, and the distances  $k_b$  and  $k_t$ , from the centroidal axis to these points are called the *kern distances*.

Consider the prestressing force to be applied at each kern point in turn. Set the stresses  $f_{tp}$  and  $f_{bp}$  equal to zero to evaluate the kern distances  $k_b$  and  $k_t$ , respectively. Thus,  $f_{tp} = F_i/A - F_i k_b/S_t = 0$ , Eq. *a*;  $f_{bp} = F_i/A - F_i k_t/S_b = 0$ , Eq. *b*. Then

$$k_b = \frac{S_t}{a} \quad \text{and} \quad k_t = \frac{S_b}{A} \quad (55)$$

And,  $k_b = 14,400/850 = 16.9 \text{ in}$  (429.26 mm);  $k_t = 11,400/850 = 13.4 \text{ in}$  (340.36 mm).

**2. Express the stresses  $f_{bp}$  and  $f_{tp}$  associated with the actual eccentricity as functions of the kern distances.** By combining the stress equations with Eqs. *a* and *b*, the following equations are obtained:

$$f_{bp} = \frac{F_i(k_t + e)}{S_b} \quad \text{and} \quad f_{tp} = \frac{F_i(k_b + e)}{S_t} \quad (56)$$

Substituting numerical values gives  $f_{bp} = 630,000(13.4 + 24)/11,400 = +2067 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (+14,252.0 kPa);  $f_{tp} = 630,000(16.9 - 24)/14,400 = -311 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (-2144.3 kPa).

3. Alternatively, derive Eq. 56 by considering the increase in prestress caused by an increase in eccentricity. Thus,  $\Delta f_{bp} = F_i \Delta e / S_b$ ; therefore,  $f_{bp} = F_i(k_t + e) / S_b$ .

## MAGNEL DIAGRAM CONSTRUCTION

The data pertaining to a girder having curved tendons are  $A = 500 \text{ in}^2$  ( $3226.0 \text{ cm}^2$ );  $S_b = 5000 \text{ in}^3$  ( $81,950 \text{ cm}^3$ );  $S_t = 5340 \text{ in}^3$  ( $87,522.6 \text{ cm}^3$ );  $M_w = 3600 \text{ in}\cdot\text{kips}$  ( $406.7 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}$ );  $M_s = 9500 \text{ in}\cdot\text{kips}$  ( $1073.3 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}$ ). The allowable stresses are: *initial*,  $+2400$  and  $-190 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $+16,548$  and  $-1310.1 \text{ kPa}$ ); *final*,  $+2250$  and  $-425 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $+15,513.8$  and  $-2930.4 \text{ kPa}$ ). (a) Construct the Magnel diagram for this member. (b) Determine the minimum prestressing force and its eccentricity by referring to the diagram. (c) Determine the prestressing force if the eccentricity is restricted to  $18 \text{ in}$  ( $457.2 \text{ mm}$ ).

### Calculation Procedure

1. *Set the initial stress in the bottom fiber at midspan equal to or less than its allowable value, and solve for the reciprocal of  $F_i$ .* In this situation, the superimposed load is given, and the sole objective is to minimize the prestressing force. The Magnel diagram is extremely useful for this purpose because it brings into sharp focus the relationship between  $F_i$  and  $e$ . In this procedure, let  $f_{bi}$  and  $f_{bf}$  and so forth represent the allowable stresses.

Thus,

$$\frac{1}{F_i} \geq \frac{k_t + e}{M_w + f_{bi} S_b} \quad (57a)$$

2. *Set the final stress in the bottom fiber at midspan equal to or algebraically greater than its allowable value, and solve for the reciprocal of  $F_i$ .* Thus,

$$\frac{1}{F_i} \leq \frac{\eta(k_t + e)}{M_w + M_s + f_{bf} S_b} \quad (57b)$$

3. *Repeat the foregoing procedure with respect to the top fiber.* Thus,

$$\frac{1}{F_i} \geq \frac{e - k_b}{M_w + f_{ti} S_t} \quad (57c)$$

and

$$\frac{1}{F_i} \leq \frac{\eta(e - k_b)}{M_w + M_s + f_{tf} S_b} \quad (57d)$$

4. *Substitute numerical values, expressing  $F_i$  in thousands of kips.* Thus,  $1/F_i \geq (10 + e)/15.60$ , Eq. a;  $1/F_i \geq (10 + e)/12.91$ , Eq. b;  $1/F_i \leq (e - 10.68)/4.61$ , Eq. c;  $1/F_i \leq (e - 10.68)/1.28$ , Eq. d.

5. *Construct the Magnel diagram.* In Fig. 37, consider the foregoing relationships as equalities, and plot the straight lines that represent them. Each point on these lines represents a set of values of  $1/F_i$  and  $e$  at which the designated stress equals its allowable value.

When the section moduli are in excess of those corresponding to balanced design, as they are in the present instance, line  $b$  makes a greater angle with the  $e$  axis than does  $a$ , and line  $d$  makes a

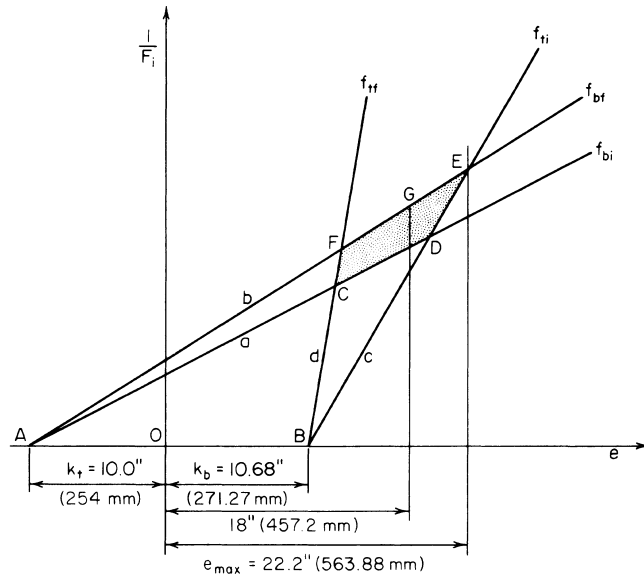


FIGURE 37 Magnel diagram.

greater angle than does  $c$ . From the sense of each inequality, it follows that  $1/F_i$  and  $e$  may have any set of values represented by a point within the quadrilateral  $CDEF$  or on its circumference.

**6. To minimize  $F_i$ , determine the coordinates of point  $E$  at the intersection of lines  $b$  and  $c$ .** Thus,  $1/F_i = (10 + e)/12.91 = (e - 10.68)/4.61$ ; so  $e = 22.2$  in (563.88 mm);  $F_i = 401$  kips (1783.6 kN).

The Magnel diagram confirms the third design guide presented earlier in the section.

**7. For the case where  $e$  is restricted to 18 in (457.2 mm), minimize  $F_i$  by determining the ordinate of point  $G$  on line  $b$ .** Thus, in Fig. 37,  $1/F_i = (10 + 18)/12.91$ ;  $F_i = 461$  kips (2050.5 kN).

The Magnel diagram may be applied to a beam having deflected tendons by substituting for  $M_w$  in Eqs. 57a and 57c the beam-weight moment at the deflection point.

## CAMBER OF A BEAM AT TRANSFER

The following pertain to a simply supported prismatic beam:  $L = 36$  ft (11.0 m);  $I = 40,000$  in<sup>4</sup> (166.49 dm<sup>4</sup>);  $f'_{ci} = 4000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (27,580.0 kPa);  $w_w = 340$  lb/lin ft (4961.9 N/m);  $F_i = 430$  kips (1912.6 kN);  $e = 8.8$  in (223.5 mm) at midspan. Calculate the camber of the member at transfer under each of these conditions: (a) the tendons are straight across the entire span; (b) the tendons are deflected at the third points, and the eccentricity at the supports is zero; (c) the tendons are curved parabolically, and the eccentricity at the supports is zero.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Evaluate  $E_c$  at transfer, using the ACI Code.** Review the moment-area method of calculating beam deflections, which is summarized earlier. Consider an upward displacement (camber) as positive, and let the symbols  $\Delta_p$ ,  $\Delta_w$ , and  $\Delta_i$ , defined earlier, refer to the camber at midspan.

Thus, using the ACI Code,  $E_c = (145)^{1.5}(33)(4000)^{0.5} = 3,644,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (25,125.4 MPa).

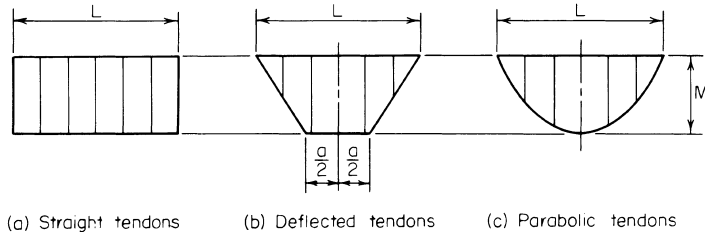


FIGURE 38 Prestress-moment diagrams.

2. **Construct the prestress-moment diagrams associated with the three cases described.** See Fig. 38. By symmetry, the elastic curve corresponding to  $F_i$  is horizontal at midspan. Consequently,  $\Delta_p$  equals the deviation of the elastic curve at the support from the tangent to this curve at midspan.

3. **Using the literal values shown in Fig. 38, develop an equation for  $\Delta_p$  by evaluating the tangential deviation; substitute numerical values.** Thus, case a:

$$\Delta_p = \frac{ML^2}{8E_c I} \quad (58)$$

or  $\Delta_p = 430,000(8.8)(36)^2(144)/[8(3,644,000)(40,000)] = 0.61$  in (15.494 mm). For case b:

$$\Delta_p = \frac{M(2L^2 + 2La - a^2)}{24E_c I} \quad (59)$$

or  $\Delta_p = 0.52$  in (13.208 mm). For case c:

$$\Delta_p = \frac{5ML^2}{48E_c I} \quad (60)$$

or  $\Delta_p = 0.51$  in (12.954 mm).

4. **Compute  $\Delta_w$ .** Thus,  $\Delta_w = -5w_w L^4/(384E_c I) = -0.09$  in (-2.286 mm).

5. **Combine the foregoing results to obtain  $\Delta_j$ .** Thus: case a,  $\Delta_j = 0.61 - 0.09 = 0.52$  in (13.208 mm); case b,  $\Delta_j = 0.52 - 0.09 = 0.43$  in (10.922 mm); case c,  $\Delta_j = 0.51 - 0.09 = 0.42$  in (10.688 mm).

## DESIGN OF A DOUBLE-T ROOF BEAM

The beam in Fig. 39 was selected for use on a simple span of 40 ft (12.2 m) to carry the following loads: roofing, 12 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (574.5 N/m<sup>2</sup>) snow, 40 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (1915.1 N/m<sup>2</sup>); total, 52 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (2489.6 N/m<sup>2</sup>). The member will be pretensioned with straight seven-wire strands,  $\frac{7}{16}$  in (11.11 mm) diameter, having an area of 0.1089 in<sup>2</sup> (0.70262 cm<sup>2</sup>) each and an ultimate strength of 248,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1,709,960.0 kPa). The concrete strengths are  $f'_c = 5000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (34,475.0 kPa) and  $f'_{ci} = 4000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (27,580.0 kPa). The allowable stresses are: *initial*, +2400 and -190 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (+16,548.0 and -1310.1 kPa); *final*, +2250 and -425 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (+15,513.8 and -2930.4 kPa). Investigate the adequacy of this section



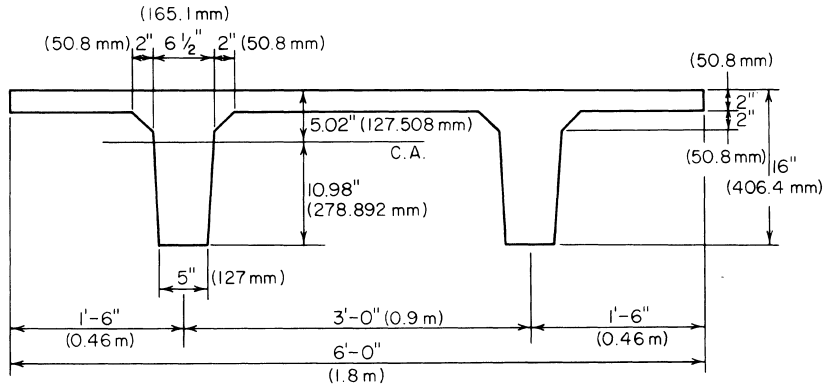


FIGURE 39 Double-T roof beam.

and design the tendons. Compute the camber of the beam after the concrete has hardened and all dead loads are present. For this calculation, assume that the final value of  $E_c$  is one-third of that at transfer.

**Calculation Procedure**

**1. Compute the properties of the cross section.** Let  $f_{bf}$  and  $f_{if}$  denote the respective stresses at midspan and  $f_{bi}$  and  $f_{ii}$  denote the respective stresses at the support. Previous calculation procedures demonstrated that where the section moduli are excessive, the minimum prestressing force is obtained by setting  $f_{bf}$  and  $f_{ii}$  equal to their allowable values.

Thus,  $A = 316 \text{ in}^2$  (2038.8  $\text{cm}^2$ );  $I = 7240 \text{ in}^4$  (30.14  $\text{dm}^4$ );  $y_b = 10.98 \text{ in}$  (278.892 mm);  $y_t = 5.02 \text{ in}$  (127.508 mm);  $S_b = 659 \text{ in}^3$  (10,801.0  $\text{cm}^3$ );  $S_t = 1442 \text{ in}^3$  (23,614  $\text{cm}^3$ );  $w_w = (316/144)150 = 329 \text{ lb/lin ft}$  (4801.4 N/m).

**2. Calculate the total midspan moment due to gravity loads and the corresponding stresses.**

Thus,  $w_s = 52(6) = 312 \text{ lb/lin ft}$  (4553.3 N/m);  $w_w = 329 \text{ lb/lin ft}$  (4801.4 N/m); and  $M_w + M_s = (1/8)(641)(40^2)(12) = 1,538,000 \text{ in}\cdot\text{lb}$  (173,763.2 N·m);  $f_{bw} + f_{bs} = -1,538,000/659 = -2334 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (-16,092.9 kPa);  $f_{rw} + f_{rs} = +1,538,000/1442 = +1067 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (+7357.0 kPa).

**3. Determine whether the section moduli are excessive.** Do this by setting  $f_{bf}$  and  $f_{ii}$  equal to their allowable values and computing the corresponding values of  $f_{bi}$  and  $f_{if}$ .

Thus,  $f_{bf} = 0.85f_{bp} - 2334 = -425$ ; therefore,  $f_{bp} = +2246 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (+15,486.2 kPa);  $f_{ii} = f_{ip} = -190 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (-1310.1 kPa);  $f_{bi} = f_{bp} = +2246 < 2400 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (+16,548.0 kPa). This is acceptable. Also,  $f_{if} = 0.85(-190) + 1067 = +905 < 2250 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (+15,513.8 kPa); This is acceptable. The section moduli are therefore excessive.

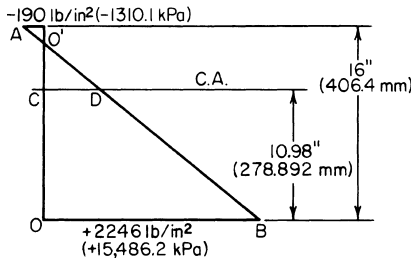


FIGURE 40 Prestress diagram.

**4. Find the minimum prestressing force and its eccentricity.** Refer to Fig. 40. Thus,  $f_{bp} = +2246 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (+15,486.2 kPa);  $f_{tp} = -190 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (-1310.1 kPa);

slope of AB =  $2246 - (-190)/16 = 152.3 \text{ lb/(in}^2\cdot\text{in)}$  (41.33 MPa/m);  $F_i/A = CD = 2246 - 10.98(152.3) = 574 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (3957.7 kPa);  $F_i = 574(316) = 181,400 \text{ lb}$  (806,867.2 N); slope of AB =  $F_i e/I = 152.3$ ;  $e = 152.3(7240)/181,400 = 6.07 \text{ in}$  (154.178 mm).

**5. Determine the number of strands required, and establish their disposition.**

In accordance with the ACI Code, allowable initial force per strand =  $0.1089(0.70)(248,000) = 18,900$  lb (84,067.2 N); number required =  $181,400/18,900 = 9.6$ . Therefore, use 10 strands stressed to 18,140 lb (80,686.7 N) each.

Referring to the ACI Code for the minimum clear distance between the strands, we find the allowable center-to-center spacing =  $4(^{7}/_{16}) = 1\frac{3}{4}$  in (44.45 mm). Use a 2-in (50.8-mm) spacing. In Fig. 41, locate the centroid of the steel, or  $y = (2 \times 2 + 1 \times 4)/5 = 1.60$  in (40.64 mm);  $v = 10.98 - 6.07 - 1.60 = 3.31$  in (84.074 mm); set  $v = 3\frac{5}{16}$  in (84.138 mm).

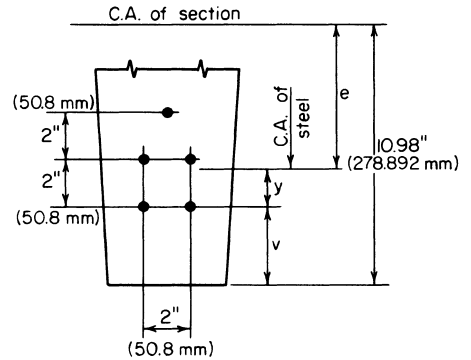


FIGURE 41 Location of tendons.

**6. Calculate the allowable ultimate moment of the member in accordance with the ACI Code.**

Thus,  $A_s = 10(0.1089) = 1.089$  in<sup>2</sup> (7.0262 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $d = y_i + e = 5.02 + 6.07 = 11.09$  in (281.686 mm);  $p = A_s/(bd) = 1.089/[72(11.09)] = 0.00137$ .

Compute the steel stress and resultant tensile force at ultimate load:

$$f_{su} = f_s' \left( 1 - \frac{0.5pf_s'}{f_c'} \right) \quad (61)$$

Or,  $f_{su} = 248,000(1 - 0.5 \times 0.00137 \times 248,000/5000) = 240,00$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1,654,800 kPa);  $T_u = A_s f_{su} = 1.089(240,000) = 261,400$  lb (1,162,707.2 N).

Compute the depth of the compression block. This depth,  $a$ , is found from  $C_u = 0.85(5000)(72a) = 261,400$  lb (1,162,707.2 N);  $a = 0.854$  in (21.6916 mm);  $jd = d - a/2 = 10.66$  in (270.764 mm);  $M_u = \phi T_u jd = 0.90(261,400)(10.66) = 2,500,000$  in-lb (282,450.0 N-m).

Calculate the steel index to ascertain that it is below the limit imposed by the ACI Code, or  $q = pf_{su}f_c' = 0.00137(240,000)/5000 = 0.0658 < 0.30$ . This is acceptable.

**7. Calculate the required ultimate-moment capacity as given by the ACI Code.** Thus,  $w_{DL} = 329 + 12(6) = 401$  lb/lin ft (5852.2 N/m);  $w_{LL} = 40(6) = 240$  lb/lin ft (3502.5 N/m);  $w_u = 1.5w_{DL} + 1.8w_{LL} = 1034$  lb/lin ft (15,090.1 N/m);  $M_u$  required =  $(1/8)(1034)(40)^2(12) = 2,480,000 < 2,500,000$  in-lb (282,450.0 N-m). The member is therefore adequate with respect to its ultimate-moment capacity.

**8. Calculate the maximum and minimum area of web reinforcement in the manner prescribed in the ACI Code.**

Since the maximum shearing stress does not vary linearly with the applied load, the shear analysis is performed at ultimate-load conditions. Let  $A_v$  = area of web reinforcement placed perpendicular to the longitudinal axis;  $V_c'$  = ultimate-shear capacity of concrete;  $V_p'$  = vertical component of  $F_f$  at the given section;  $V_u'$  = ultimate shear at given section;  $s$  = center-to-center spacing of stirrups;  $f_{pc}'$  = stress due to  $F_f$ , evaluated at the centroidal axis, or at the junction of the web and flange when the centroidal axis lies in the flange.

Calculate the ultimate shear at the critical section, which lies at a distance  $d/2$  from the face of the support. Then distance from midspan to the critical section =  $1/2(L - d) = 19.54$  ft (5.955 m);  $V_u' = 1034(19.54) = 20,200$  lb (89,849.6 N).

Evaluate  $V_c'$  by solving the following equations and selecting the smaller value:

$$V_{ci}' = 1.7b'd(f_c')^{0.5} \quad (62)$$

where  $d$  = effective depth, in (mm);  $b'$  = width of web at centroidal axis, in (mm);  $b' = 2(5 + 1.5 \times 10.98/12) = 12.74$  in (323.596 mm);  $V'_{ci} = 1.7(12.74)(11.09)(5000)^{0.5} = 17,000$  lb (75,616.0 N). Also,

$$V'_{cw} = b'd(3.5f'_c{}^{0.5} + 0.3f'_{pc}) + V'_p \quad (63)$$

where  $d$  = effective depth or 80 percent of the overall depth, whichever is greater, in (mm). Thus,  $d = 0.80(16) = 12.8$  in (325.12 mm);  $V'_p = 0$ . From step 4,  $f'_{pc} = 0.85(574) = +488$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (3364.8 kPa);  $V'_{cw} = 12.74(12.8)(3.5 \times 5000^{0.5} + 0.3 \times 488) = 64,300$  lb (286,006.4 N); therefore,  $V'_c = 17,000$  lb (75,616.0 N).

Calculate the maximum web-reinforcement area by applying the following equation:

$$A_v = \frac{s(V'_u - \phi V'_c)}{\phi df_y} \quad (64)$$

where  $d$  = effective depth at section of maximum moment, in (mm). Use  $f_y = 40,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (275,800.0 kPa), and set  $s = 12$  in (304.8 mm). Then  $A_v = 12(20,200 - 0.85 \times 17,000)/[0.85(11.09)(40,000)] = 0.184$  in<sup>2</sup>/ft (3.8949 cm<sup>2</sup>/m). This is the area required at the ends.

Calculate the minimum web-reinforcement area by applying

$$A_v = \frac{A_s}{80} \frac{f'_s}{f_y} \frac{s}{(b'd)^{0.5}} \quad (65)$$

or  $A_v = (1.089/80)(248,000/40,000)12/(12.74 \times 11.09)^{0.5} = 0.085$  in<sup>2</sup>/ft (1.7993 cm<sup>2</sup>/m).

**9. Calculate the camber under full dead load.** From the previous procedure,  $E_c = (1/3)(3.644)(10)^6 = 1.215 \times 10^6$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (8.377  $\times 10^6$  kPa);  $E_c I = 1.215(10)^6(7240) = 8.8 \times 10^9$  lb-in<sup>2</sup> (25.25  $\times 10^6$  N-m<sup>2</sup>);  $\Delta_{ADL} = -5(401) (40)^4(1728)/[384(8.8)(10)^9] = -2.62$  in (-66.548 mm). By Eq. 58,  $\Delta_p = 0.85(181,400) (6.07)(40)^2(144)/[8(8.8)(10)^9] = 3.06$  in (77.724 mm);  $\Delta = 3.06 - 2.62 = 0.44$  in (11.176 mm).

## DESIGN OF A POSTTENSIONED GIRDER

The girder in Fig. 42 has been selected for use on a 90-ft (27.4-m) simple span to carry the following superimposed loads: dead load, 1160 lb/lin ft (16,928.9 N/m), live load, 1000 lb/lin ft (14,593.9 N/m). The girder will be posttensioned with Freyssinet cables. The concrete strengths are  $f'_c = 5000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (34,475 kPa) and  $f'_{ci} = 4000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (27,580 kPa). The allowable stresses are: *initial*, +2400 and -190 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (+16,548 and -1310.1 kPa); *final*, +2250 and -425 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (+15,513.8 and -2930.4 kPa). Complete the design of this member and calculate the camber at transfer.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the properties of the cross section.** Since the tendons will be curved, the initial stresses at midspan may be equated to the allowable values. The properties of the cross section are  $A = 856$  in<sup>2</sup> (5522.9 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $I = 394,800$  in<sup>4</sup> (1643 dm<sup>4</sup>);  $y_b = 34.6$  in (878.84 mm);  $y_t = 27.4$  in (695.96 mm);  $S_b = 11,410$  in<sup>3</sup> (187,010 cm<sup>3</sup>);  $S_t = 14,410$  in<sup>3</sup> (236,180 cm<sup>3</sup>);  $w_w = 892$  lb/lin ft (13,017.8 N/m).

**2. Calculate the stresses at midspan caused by gravity loads.** Thus,  $f_{bw} = -950$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (-6550.3 kPa);  $f_{bs} = -2300$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (-15,858.5 kPa);  $f_{tw} = +752$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (+5185.0 kPa);  $f_{ts} = +1820$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (+12,548.9 kPa).

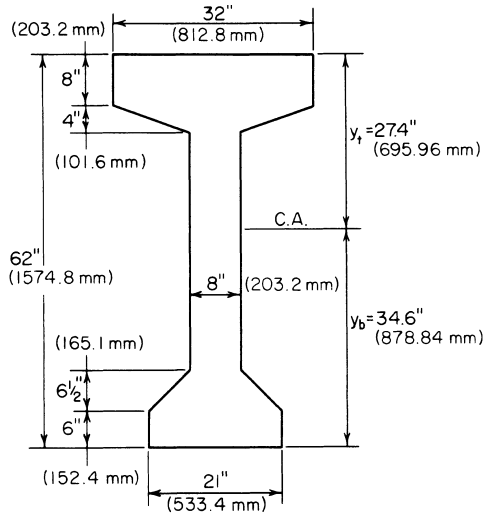


FIGURE 42

3. **Test the section adequacy.** To do this, equate  $f_{bf}$  and  $f_{ti}$  to their allowable values and compute the corresponding values of  $f_{bi}$  and  $f_{tf}$ . Thus,  $f_{bf} = 0.85 f_{bp} - 950 - 2300 = -425$ ;  $f_{ti} = f_{tp} + 752 = -190$ ; therefore,  $f_{bp} = +3324 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $+22,919.0 \text{ kPa}$ ) and  $f_{tp} = -942 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $-6495.1 \text{ kPa}$ );  $f_{bi} = +3324 - 950 = +2374 < 2400 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $16,548.0 \text{ kPa}$ ). This is acceptable. And  $f_{tf} = 0.85(-942) + 752 + 1820 = +1771 < 2250 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $15,513.8 \text{ kPa}$ ). This is acceptable. The section is therefore adequate.

4. **Find the minimum prestressing force and its eccentricity at midspan.** Do this by applying the prestresses found in step 3. Refer to Fig. 43. Slope of  $AB = [3324 - (-942)]/62 = 68.8 \text{ lb}/(\text{in}^2 \cdot \text{in})$  ( $18.68 \text{ kPa}/\text{mm}$ );  $F_i/A = CD = 3324 - 34.6(68.8) = 944 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $6508.9 \text{ kPa}$ );  $F_i = 944(856) = 808,100 \text{ lb}$  ( $3,594,428.8 \text{ N}$ ); slope of  $AB = F_i e/I = 68.8$ ;  $e = 68.8(394,800)/808,100 = 33.6 \text{ in}$  ( $853.44 \text{ mm}$ ). Since  $y_b = 34.6 \text{ in}$  ( $878.84 \text{ mm}$ ), this eccentricity is excessive.

5. **Select the maximum feasible eccentricity; determine the minimum prestressing force associated with this value.** Try  $e = 34.6 - 3.0 = 31.6 \text{ in}$  ( $802.64 \text{ mm}$ ). To obtain the minimum value of  $F_i$ , equate  $f_{bf}$  to its allowable value. Check the remaining stresses. As before,  $f_{bp} = +3324 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $+22,919 \text{ kPa}$ ). But  $f_{bp} = F_i/856 + 31.6F_i/11,410 = +3324$ ; therefore,  $F_i = 844,000 \text{ lb}$  ( $3754.1 \text{ kN}$ ).

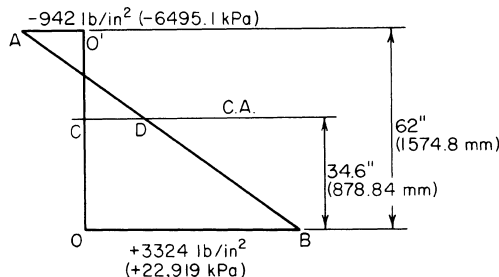


FIGURE 43 Prestress diagram.

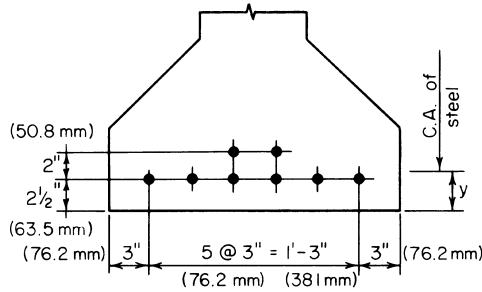


FIGURE 44 Location of tendons at midspan.

Also,  $f_{tp} = -865 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $-5964.2 \text{ kPa}$ );  $f_{bi} = +2374 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $+16,368.7 \text{ kPa}$ );  $f_{ti} = -113 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $-779.1 \text{ kPa}$ );  $f_{tf} = +1837 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $+12,666.1 \text{ kPa}$ ).

**6. Design the tendons and establish their pattern at midspan.** Refer to a table of the properties of Freyssinet cables and select 12/0.276 cables. The designation indicates that each cable consists of 12 wires of 0.276-in (7.0104-mm) diameter. The ultimate strength is 236,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1,627,220 kPa). Then  $A_s = 0.723 \text{ in}^2$  (4.6648 cm<sup>2</sup>) per cable. Outside diameter of cable = 1<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> in (41.27 mm). Recommended final prestress = 93,000 lb (413,664 N) per cable; initial prestress = 93,000/0.85 = 109,400 lb (486,611.2 N) per cable. Therefore, use eight cables at an initial prestress of 105,500 lb (469,264.0 N) each.

A section of the ACI Code requires a minimum cover of 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> in (38.1 mm) and another section permits the ducts to be bundled at the center. Try the tendon pattern shown in Fig. 44. Thus,  $y = [6(2.5) + 2(4.5)]/8 = 3.0 \text{ in}$  (76.2 mm). This is acceptable.

**7. Establish the trajectory of the prestressing force.** Construct stress diagrams to represent the initial and final stresses in the bottom and top fibers along the entire span.

For convenience, set  $e = 0$  at the supports. The prestress at the ends is therefore  $f_{bp} = f_{tp} = 844,000/856 = +986 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $+6798.5 \text{ kPa}$ ). Since  $e$  varies parabolically from maximum at mid-span to zero at the supports, it follows that the prestresses also vary parabolically.

In Fig. 45a, draw the parabolic arc  $AB$  with summit at  $B$  to represent the absolute value of  $f_{bp}$ . Draw the parabolic arc  $OC$  in the position shown to represent  $f_{bw}$ . The vertical distance between the arcs at a given section represents the value of  $f_{bi}$ ; this value is maximum at midspan.

In Fig. 45b, draw  $A'B'$  to represent the absolute value of the final prestress; draw  $OC'$  to represent the absolute value of  $f_{bw} + f_{bs}$ . The vertical distance between the arcs represents the value of  $f_{bf}$ . This stress is compressive in the interval  $ON$  and tensile in the interval  $NM$ .

Construct Fig. 45c and d in an analogous manner. The stress  $f_{ti}$  is compressive in the interval  $OQ$ .

**8. Calculate the allowable ultimate moment of the member.** The midspan section is critical in this respect. Thus,  $d = 62 - 3 = 59.0 \text{ in}$  (1498.6 mm);  $A_s = 8(0.723) = 5.784 \text{ in}^2$  (37.3184 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $p = A_s/(bd) = 5.784/[32(59.0)] = 0.00306$ .

Apply Eq. 61, or  $f_{su} = 236,000(1 - 0.5 \times 0.00306 \times 236,000/5000) = 219,000 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (1,510,005.0 kPa). Also,  $T_u = A_s f_{su} = 5.784(219,000) = 1,267,000 \text{ lb}$  (5,635,616.0 N). The concrete area under stress = 1,267,000/[0.85(5,000)] = 298 in<sup>2</sup> (1922.7 cm<sup>2</sup>). This is the shaded area in Fig. 46, as the following calculation proves:  $32(9.53) - 4.59(1.53) = 305 - 7 = 298 \text{ in}^2$  (1922.7 cm<sup>2</sup>).

Locate the centroidal axis of the stressed area, or  $m = [305(4.77) - 7(9.53 - 0.51)]/298 = 4.67 \text{ in}$  (118.618 mm);  $M_u = \theta T_u jd = 0.90(1,267,000)(59.0 - 4.67) = 61,950,000 \text{ in}\cdot\text{lb}$  (6,999,111.0 N·m).

Calculate the steel index to ascertain that it is below the limit imposed by the ACI Code. Refer to Fig. 46. Or, area of  $ABCD = 8(9.53) = 76.24 \text{ in}^2$  (491.900 cm<sup>2</sup>). The steel area  $A_{sr}$  that is required to

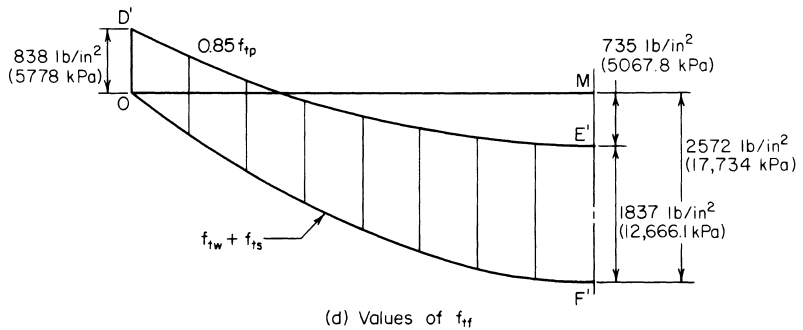
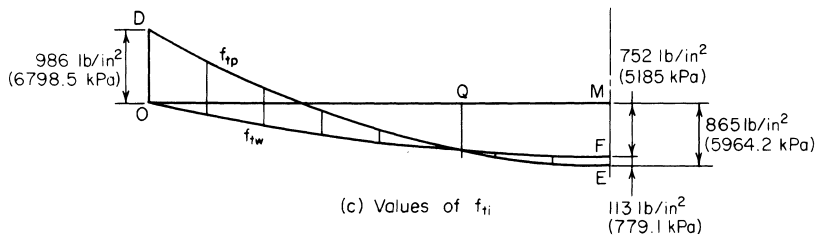
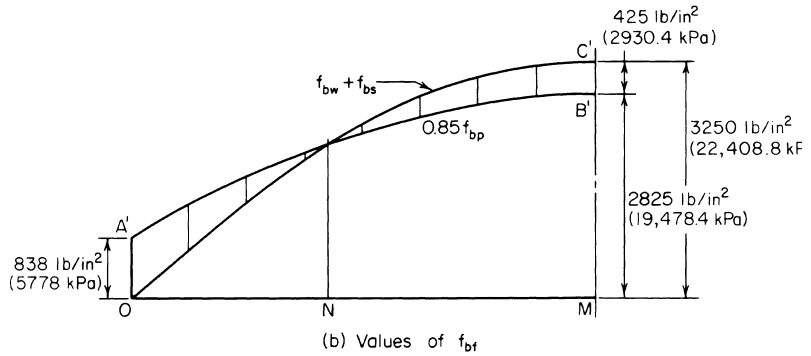
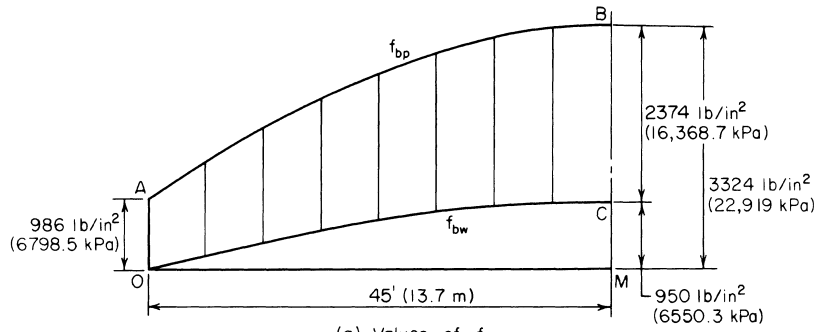


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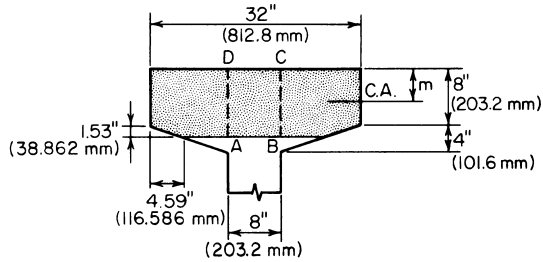


FIGURE 46 Concrete area under stress at ultimate load.

balance the force on this web strip is  $A_{sr} = 5.784(76.24)/298 = 1.48 \text{ in}^2 (9.549 \text{ cm}^2)$ ;  $q = A_{sr}f_{su}(b' df_c') = 1.48(219,000)/[8(59.0)(5000)] = 0.137 < 0.30$ . This is acceptable.

**9. Calculate the required ultimate-moment capacity as given by the ACI Code.** Thus,  $w_u = 1.5(892 + 1160) + 1.8(1000) = 4878 \text{ lb/lin ft } (71,189.0 \text{ N/m})$ ;  $M_u \text{ required} = (1/8)(4878)(90)^2(12) = 59,270,000 \text{ in}\cdot\text{lb } (6,696,324.6 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m})$ . This is acceptable. The member is therefore adequate with respect to its ultimate-moment capacity.

**10. Design the web reinforcement.** Follow the procedure given in step 8 of the previous calculation procedure.

**11. Design the end block.** This is usually done by applying isobar charts to evaluate the tensile stresses caused by the concentrated prestressing forces. Refer to Winter et al.—*Design of Concrete Structures*, McGraw-Hill.

**12. Compute the camber at transfer.** Referring to earlier procedures in this section, we see that  $E_c I = 3.644(10)^6(394,800) = 1.44 \times 10^{12} \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in}^2 (4.132 \times 10^9 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2)$ . Also,  $\Delta_w = -5(892)(90)^4(1728)/[384(1.44)(10)^{12}] = -0.91 \text{ in } (-23.11 \text{ mm})$ . Apply Eq. 60, or  $\Delta_p = 5(844,000)(31.6)(90)^2(144)/[48(1.44)(10)^{12}] = 2.25 \text{ in } (57.15 \text{ mm})$ ;  $\Delta_i = 2.25 - 0.91 = 1.34 \text{ in } (34.036 \text{ mm})$ .

## PROPERTIES OF A PARABOLIC ARC

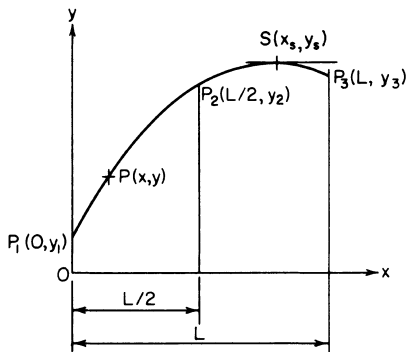


FIGURE 47 Parabolic arc.

Figure 47 shows the literal values of the coordinates at the ends and at the center of the parabolic arc  $P_1P_2P_3$ . Develop equations for  $y$ ,  $dy/dx$ , and  $d^2y/dx^2$  at an arbitrary point  $P$ . Find the slope of the arc at  $P_1$  and  $P_3$  and the coordinates of the summit  $S$ . (This information is required for the analysis of beams having parabolic trajectories.)

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Select a slope for the arc.** Let  $m$  denote the slope of the arc.

2. *Present the results.* The equations are

$$y = 2(y_1 - 2y_2 + y_3) \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^2 - (3y_1 - 4y_2 + y_3) \frac{x}{L} + y_1 \quad (66)$$

$$m = \frac{dy}{dx} = 4(y_1 - 2y_2 + y_3) \left( \frac{x}{L} \right) - \frac{3y_1 - 4y_2 + y_3}{L} \quad (67)$$

$$\frac{dm}{dx} = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{4}{L^2} (y_1 - 2y_2 + y_3) \quad (68)$$

$$m_1 = \frac{-(3y_1 - 4y_2 + y_3)}{L} \quad (69a)$$

$$m_3 = \frac{y_1 - 4y_2 + 3y_3}{L} \quad (69b)$$

$$x_s = \frac{(L/4)(3y_1 - 4y_2 + y_3)}{y_1 - 2y_2 + y_3} \quad (70a)$$

$$y_s = \frac{-(1/8)(3y_1 - 4y_2 + y_3)^2}{y_1 - 2y_2 + y_3} + y_1 \quad (70b)$$

## ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF ANALYZING A BEAM WITH PARABOLIC TRAJECTORY

The beam in Fig. 48 is subjected to an initial prestressing force of 860 kips (3825.3 kN) on a parabolic trajectory. The eccentricities at the left end, midspan, and right end, respectively, are  $e_a = 1$  in (25.4 mm);  $e_m = 30$  in (762.0 mm);  $e_b = -3$  in (-76.2 mm). Evaluate the prestress shear and prestress moment at section *C* (a) by applying the properties of the trajectory at *C*; (b) by considering the prestressing action of the steel on the concrete in the interval *AC*.

### Calculation Procedure

1. *Compute the eccentricity and slope of the trajectory at C.* Use Eqs. 66 and 67. Let  $m$  denote the slope of the trajectory. This is positive if the trajectory slopes downward to the right.

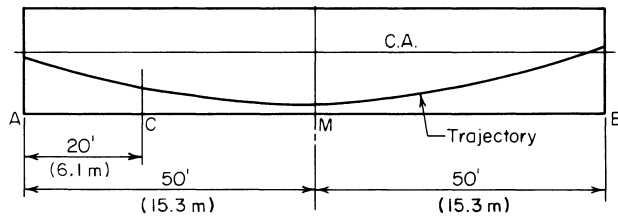


FIGURE 48



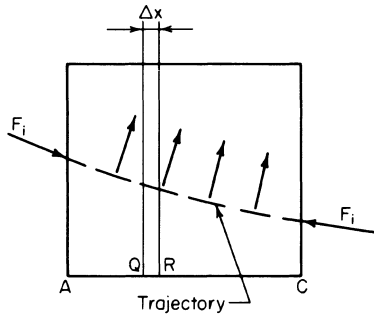


FIGURE 49 Free-body diagram of concrete.

Thus,  $e_a - 2e_m + e_b = 1 - 60 - 3 = -62$  in (1574.8 mm);  $3e_a - 4e_m + e_b = 3 - 120 - 3 = -120$  in (-3048 mm);  $e_m = 2(-62)(20/100)^2 + 120(20/100) + 1 = 20.04$  in (509.016 mm);  $m_c = 4(-62/12)(20/100)^2 - (-120/12 \times 100) = 0.0587$ .

2. Compute the prestress shear and moment at C. Thus,  $V_{pc} = -m_c F_i = -0.0587(860,000) = -50,480$  lb (-224,535.0 N);  $M_{pc} = -F_i e = -860,000(20.04) = -17,230,000$  in·lb (-1,946,645.4 N·m). This concludes the solution to part a.

3. Evaluate the vertical component  $w$  of the radial force on the concrete in a unit longitudinal distance. An alternative approach to this problem is to analyze the forces that the tendons exert on the concrete in the interval AC, namely, the prestressing force transmitted at the end and the radial forces resulting from curvature of the tendons.

Consider the component  $w$  to be positive if directed downward. In Fig. 49,  $V_{pr} - V_{pq} = -F_i(m_r - m_q)$ ; therefore,  $\Delta V_p / \Delta x = -F_i \Delta m / \Delta x$ . Apply Eq. 68:  $dV_p / dx = -F_i dm / dx = -(4F_i / L^2)(e_a - 2e_m + e_b)$ ; but  $dV_p / dx = -w$ . Therefore,

$$w = F_i \frac{dm}{dx} = \left( \frac{4F_i}{L^2} \right) (e_a - 2e_m + e_b) \tag{71}$$

This result discloses that when the trajectory is parabolic,  $w$  is uniform across the span. The radial forces are always directed toward the center of curvature, since the tensile forces applied at their ends tend to straighten the tendons. In the present instance,  $w = (4F_i / 100^2)(-62/12) = -0.002067F_i$  lb/lin ft (-0.00678 $F_i$  N/m).

4. Find the prestress shear at C. By Eq. 69a,  $m_a = -[-120/(100 \times 12)] = 0.1$ ;  $V_{pa} = -0.1F_i$ ;  $V_{pc} = V_{pa} - 20w = F_i(-0.1 + 20 \times 0.002067) = -0.0587F_i = -50,480$  lb (-224,535.0 N).

5. Find the prestress moment at C. Thus,  $M_{pc} = M_{pa} + V_{pa}(240) - 20w(120) = F_i - 0.1 \times 240 + 20 \times 0.002067 \times 120 = -20.04F_i = -17,230,000$  in·lb (1,946,645.4 N·m).

### PRESTRESS MOMENTS IN A CONTINUOUS BEAM

The continuous prismatic beam in Fig. 50 has a prestressing force of 96 kips (427.0 kN) on a parabolic trajectory. The eccentricities are  $e_a = -0.40$  in (-10.16 mm);  $e_d = +0.60$  in (15.24 mm);  $e_b = -1.20$  in (-30.48 mm);  $e_e = +0.64$  in (16.256 mm);  $e_c = -0.60$  in (-15.24 mm). Construct the prestress-moment diagram for this member, indicating all significant values.

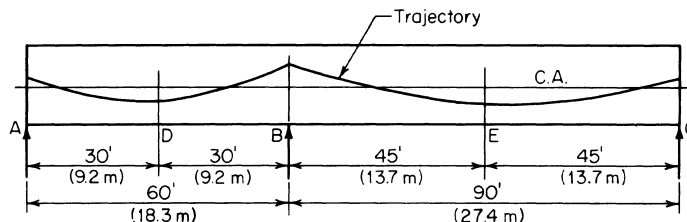


FIGURE 50

**Calculation Procedure**

1. Find the value of  $wL^2/4$  for each span by applying Eq. 71.

Refer to Fig. 51. Since members AB and BC are constrained to undergo an identical rotation at B, there exists at this section a bending moment  $M_{kb}$  in addition to that resulting from the eccentricity of  $F_i$ . The moment  $M_{kb}$  induces reactions at the supports. Thus, at every section of the beam there is a moment caused by continuity of the member as well as the moment  $-F_i e$ . The moment  $M_{kb}$  is termed the continuity moment; its numerical value is directly proportional to the distance from the given section to the end support. The continuity moment may be evaluated by adopting the second method of solution in the previous calculation procedure, since this renders the continuous member amenable to analysis by the theorem of three moments or moment distribution.

Determine  $wL^2/4$  for each span: span AB,  $w_1 L_1^2/4 = F_i(-0.40 - 1.20 - 1.20) = -2.80F_i$  in-lb ( $-0.3163F_i$  N·m); span BC,  $w_2 L_2^2/4 = F_i(-1.20 - 1.28 - 0.60) = -3.08F_i$  in-lb ( $-0.3479F_i$  N·m).

2. Determine the true prestress moment at B in terms of  $F_i$ . Apply the theorem of three moments; by subtraction, find  $M_{kb}$ . Thus,  $M_{pa}L_1 + 2M_{pb}(L_1 + L_2) + M_{pc}L_2 = -w_1 L_1^3/4 - w_2 L_2^3/4$ . Substitute the value of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , in feet (meters), and divide each term by  $F_i$ , or  $0.40(60) + (2M_{pb} \times 150)/F_i + 0.60(90) = 2.80(60) + 3.08(90)$ . Solving gives  $M_{pb} = 1.224F_i$  in-lb ( $0.1383F_i$  N·m). Also,  $M_{kb} = M_{pb} - (-F_i e_b) = F_i(1.224 - 1.20) = 0.024F_i$ . Thus, the continuity moment at B is positive.

3. Evaluate the prestress moment at the supports and at midspan. Using foot-pounds (newton-meters) in the moment evaluation yields  $M_{pa} = 0.40(96,000)/12 = 3200$  ft-lb (4339.2 N·m);  $M_{pb} = 1.224(96,000)/12 = 9792$  ft-lb (13,278 N·m);  $M_{pc} = 0.60(96,000)/12 = 4800$  ft-lb (6508.0 N·m);  $M_{pd} = -F_i e_d + M_{kd} = F_i(-0.60 + 1/2 \times 0.024)/12 = -4704$  ft-lb (-6378 N·m);  $M_{pe} = F_i(-0.64 + 1/2 \times 0.024)/12 = -5024$  ft-lb (-6812 N·m).

4. Construct the prestress-moment diagram. Figure 52 shows this diagram. Apply Eq. 70 to locate and evaluate the maximum negative moments. Thus,  $AF = 25.6$  ft (7.80 m);  $BG = 49.6$  ft (15.12 m);  $M_{pf} = -4947$  ft-lb (-6708 N·m);  $M_{pg} = -5151$  ft-lb (-6985 N·m).

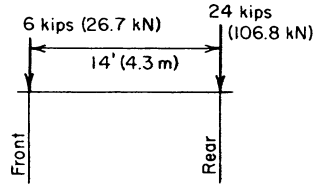
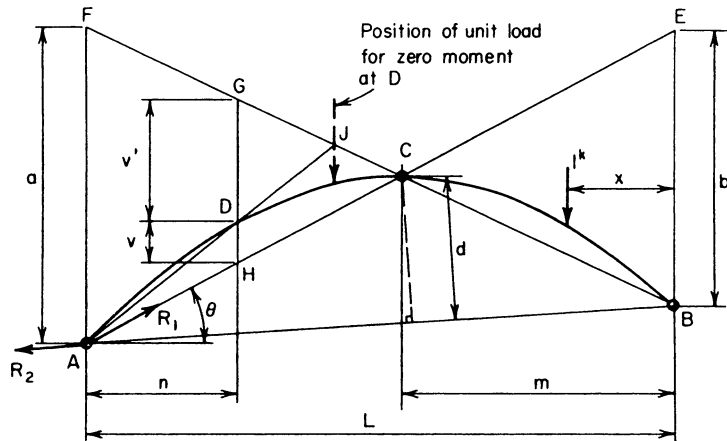


FIGURE 51 Free-body diagram of concrete.



(a) Three-hinged arch

FIGURE 52 Prestress moment diagram.

## PRINCIPLE OF LINEAR TRANSFORMATION

For the beam in Fig. 50, consider that the parabolic trajectory of the prestressing force is displaced thus:  $e_a$  and  $e_c$  are held constant as  $e_b$  is changed to  $-2.0$  in ( $-50.80$  mm), the eccentricity at any intermediate section being decreased algebraically by an amount directly proportional to the distance from that section to  $A$  or  $C$ . Construct the prestress-moment diagram.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the revised eccentricities.** The modification described is termed a *linear transformation* of the trajectory. Two methods are presented. Steps 1 through 4 comprise method 1; the remaining steps comprise method 2.

The revised eccentricities are  $e_a = -0.40$  in ( $-10.16$  mm);  $e_d = +0.20$  in ( $5.08$  mm);  $e_b = -2.00$  in ( $-50.8$  mm);  $e_e = +0.24$  in ( $6.096$  mm);  $e_c = -0.60$  in ( $-15.24$  mm).

**2. Find the value of  $wL^2/4$  for each span.** Apply Eq. 71: span  $AB$ ,  $w_1L_1^2/4 = F_i(-0.40 - 0.40 - 2.00) = -2.80F_i$ ; span  $BC$ ,  $w_2L_2^2/4 = F_i(-2.00 - 0.48 - 0.60) = -3.08F_i$ .

These results are identical with those obtained in the previous calculation procedure. The change in  $e_b$  is balanced by an equal change in  $2e_d$  and  $2e_e$ .

**3. Determine the true prestress moment at  $B$  by applying the theorem of three moments; then find  $M_{kb}$ .** Refer to step 2 in the previous calculation procedure. Since the linear transformation of the trajectory has not affected the value of  $w_1$  and  $w_2$ , the value of  $M_{pb}$  remains constant. Thus,  $M_{kb} = M_{pb} - (-F_i e_b) = F_i(1.224 - 2.0) = -0.776F_i$ .

**4. Evaluate the prestress moment at midspan.** Thus,  $M_{pd} = -F_i e_d + M_{kd} = F_i(-0.20 - 1/2 \times 0.776)/12 = -4704$  ft-lb ( $-6378.6$  N-m);  $M_{pe} = F_i(-0.24 - 1/2 \times 0.776)/12 = -5024$  ft-lb ( $-6812.5$  N-m).

These results are identical with those in the previous calculation procedure. The change in the eccentricity moment is balanced by an accompanying change in the continuity moment. Since three points determine a parabolic arc, the prestress moment diagram coincides with that in Fig. 52. This constitutes the solution by method 1.

**5. Evaluate the prestress moments.** Do this by replacing the prestressing system with two hypothetical systems that jointly induce eccentricity moments identical with those of the true system.

Let  $e$  denote the original eccentricity of the prestressing force at a given section and  $\Delta e$  the change in eccentricity that results from the linear transformation. The final eccentricity moment is  $-F_i(e + \Delta e) = -(F_i e + F_i \Delta e)$ .

Consider the beam as subjected to two prestressing forces of 96 kips (427.0 kN) each. One has the parabolic trajectory described in the previous calculation procedure; the other has the linear trajectory shown in Fig. 53, where  $e_a = 0$ ,  $e_b = -0.80$  in ( $-20.32$  mm), and  $e_c = 0$ . Under the latter prestressing system, the tendons exert three forces on the concrete—one at each end and one at the deflection point above the interior support caused by the change in direction of the prestressing force.

The horizontal component of the prestressing force is considered equal to the force itself; it therefore follows that the force acting at the deflection point has no horizontal component.

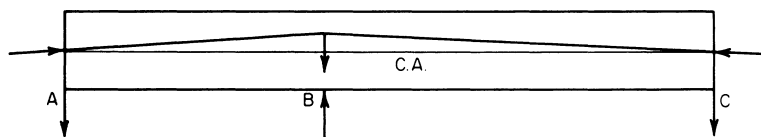


FIGURE 53 Hypothetical prestressing system and forces exerted on concrete.

Since the three forces that the tendons exert on the concrete are applied directly at the supports, their vertical components do not induce bending. Similarly, since the forces at  $A$  and  $C$  are applied at the centroidal axis, their horizontal components do not induce bending. Consequently, the prestressing system having the trajectory shown in Fig. 53 does not cause any prestress moments whatsoever. The prestress moments for the beam in the present instance are therefore identical with those for the beam in the previous calculation procedure.

The second method of analysis is preferable to the first because it is general. The first method demonstrates the equality of prestress moments before and after the linear transformation where the trajectory is parabolic; the second method demonstrates this equality without regard to the form of trajectory.

In this calculation procedure, the extremely important principle of linear transformation for a two-span continuous beam was developed. This principle states: The prestress moments remain constant when the trajectory of the prestressing force is transformed linearly. The principle is frequently applied in plotting a trial trajectory for a continuous beam.

Two points warrant emphasis. First, in a linear transformation, the eccentricities at the end supports remain constant. Second, the hypothetical prestressing systems introduced in step 5 are equivalent to the true system solely with respect to bending stresses; the axial stress  $F_i/A$  under the hypothetical systems is double that under the true system.

## CONCORDANT TRAJECTORY OF A BEAM

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Referring to the beam in the second previous calculation procedure, transform the trajectory linearly to obtain a concordant trajectory.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Calculate the eccentricities of the concordant trajectory.** Two principles apply here. First, in a continuous beam, the prestress moment  $M_p$  consists of two elements, a moment  $-F_i e$  due to eccentricity and a moment  $M_k$  due to continuity. The continuity moment varies linearly from zero at the ends to its maximum numerical value at the interior support. Second, in a linear transformation, the change in  $-F_i e$  is offset by a compensatory change in  $M_k$ , with the result that  $M_p$  remains constant.

It is possible to transform a given trajectory linearly to obtain a new trajectory having the characteristic that  $M_k = 0$  along the entire span, and therefore  $M_p = -F_i e$ . The latter is termed a *concordant trajectory*. Since  $M_p$  retains its original value, the concordant trajectory corresponding to a given trajectory is found simply by equating the final eccentricity to  $-M_p/F_i$ .

Refer to Fig. 50, and calculate the eccentricities of the concordant trajectory. As before,  $e_a = -0.40$  in ( $-10.16$  mm) and  $e_c = -0.60$  in ( $-15.24$  mm). Then  $e_d = 4704(12)/96,000 = +0.588$  in ( $+14.9352$  mm);  $e_b = -9792(12)/96,000 = -1.224$  in ( $-31.0896$  mm);  $e_e = 5024(12)/796,000 = +0.628$  in ( $15.9512$  mm).

**2. Analyze the eccentricities.** All eccentricities have thus been altered by an amount directly proportional to the distance from the adjacent end support to the given section, and the trajectory has undergone a linear transformation. The advantage accruing from plotting a concordant trajectory is shown in the next calculation procedure.

## DESIGN OF TRAJECTORY TO OBTAIN ASSIGNED PRESTRESS MOMENTS

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The prestress moments shown in Fig. 52 are to be obtained by applying an initial prestressing force of 72 kips (320.3 kN) with an eccentricity of  $-2$  in ( $-50.8$  mm) at  $B$ . Design the trajectory.

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Plot a concordant trajectory.** Set  $e = M_p/F_p$ , or  $e_a = -3200(12)/772,000 = -0.533$  in ( $-13.5382$  mm);  $e_d = +0.784$  in ( $19.9136$  mm);  $e_b = -1.632$  in ( $-41.4528$  mm);  $e_c = +0.837$  in ( $21.2598$  mm);  $e_c = -0.800$  in ( $-20.32$  mm).

2. **Set  $e_b =$  desired eccentricity, and transform the trajectory linearly.** Thus,  $e_a = -0.533$  in ( $-13.5382$  mm);  $e_c = -0.800$  in ( $-20.32$  mm);  $e_d = +0.784 - 1/2(2.000 - 1.632) = +0.600$  in ( $+15.24$  mm);  $e_e = +0.837 - 0.184 = +0.653$  in ( $+16.5862$  mm).

## EFFECT OF VARYING ECCENTRICITY AT END SUPPORT

For the beam in Fig. 50, consider that the parabolic trajectory in span  $AB$  is displaced thus:  $e_b$  is held constant as  $e_a$  is changed to  $-0.72$  in ( $-18.288$  mm), the eccentricity at every intermediate section being decreased algebraically by an amount directly proportional to the distance from that section to  $B$ . Compute the prestress moment at the supports and at midspan caused by a prestressing force of 96 kips ( $427.0$  kN).

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Apply the revised value of  $e_a$ ; repeat the calculations of the earlier procedure.** Thus,  $M_{pa} = 5760$  ft-lb ( $7810.6$  N-m);  $M_{pd} = -3680$  ft-lb ( $-4990.1$  N-m);  $M_{pb} = 9280$  ft-lb ( $12,583.7$  N-m);  $M_{pe} = -5280$  ft-lb ( $-7159.7$  N-m);  $M_{pc} = 4800$  ft-lb ( $6508.8$  N-m).

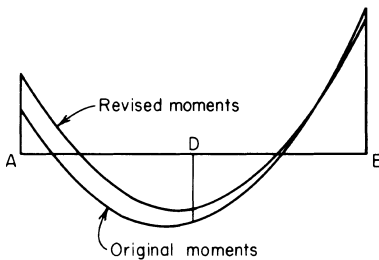


FIGURE 54 Prestress-moment diagrams.

The change in prestress moment caused by the displacement of the trajectory varies linearly across each span. Figure 54 compares the original and revised moments along  $AB$ . This constitutes method 1.

2. **Replace the prestressing system with two hypothetical systems that jointly induce eccentricity moments identical with those of the true system.** This constitutes method 2. For this purpose, consider the beam to be subjected to two prestressing forces of 96 kips ( $427.0$  kN) each. One has the parabolic trajectory described in the earlier procedure; the other has a trajectory that is linear in each span, the eccentricities being  $e_a = -0.72 - (-0.40) = -0.32$  in ( $-8.128$  mm),  $e_b = 0$ , and  $e_c = 0$ .

3. **Evaluate the prestress moments induced by the hypothetical system having the linear trajectory.** The tendons exert a force on the concrete at  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ , but only the force at  $A$  causes bending moment.

Thus,  $M_{pa} = -F_p e_a = -96,000(-0.32)/12 = 2560$  ft-lb ( $3471.4$  N-m). Also,  $M_{pa}L_1 + 2M_{pb}(L_1 + L_2) + M_{pc}L_2 = 0$ . But  $M_{pc} = 0$ ; therefore,  $M_{pb} = -512$  ft-lb ( $-694.3$  N-m);  $M_{pd} = 1/2(2560 - 512) = 1024$  ft-lb ( $1388.5$  N-m);  $M_{pe} = 1/2(-512) = -256$  ft-lb ( $-347.1$  N-m).

4. **Find the true prestress moments by superposing the two hypothetical systems.** Thus,  $M_{pa} = 3200 + 2560 = 5760$  ft-lb ( $7810.6$  N-m);  $M_{pd} = 4704 + 1024 = 3680$  ft-lb ( $-4990.1$  N-m);  $M_{pb} = 9792 - 512 = 9280$  ft-lb ( $12,583.7$  N-m);  $M_{pe} = 5024 - 256 = -5280$  ft-lb ( $-7159.7$  N-m);  $M_{pc} = 4800$  ft-lb ( $6508.8$  N-m).

## DESIGN OF TRAJECTORY FOR A TWO-SPAN CONTINUOUS BEAM

A T beam that is continuous across two spans of 120 ft (36.6 m) each is to carry a uniformly distributed live load of 880 lb/lin ft (12,842.6 N/m). The cross section has these properties:  $A = 1440 \text{ in}^2$  (9290.8  $\text{cm}^2$ );  $I = 752,000 \text{ in}^4$  (3130.05  $\text{dm}^4$ );  $y_b = 50.6 \text{ in}$  (1285.24 mm);  $y_t = 23.4 \text{ in}$  (594.36 mm). The allowable stresses are: *initial*, +2400 and -60 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (+16,548.0 and -413.7 kPa); *final*, +2250 and -60 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (+15,513.8 and 413.7 kPa). Assume that the minimum possible distance from the extremity of the section to the centroidal axis of the prestressing steel is 9 in (228.6 mm). Determine the magnitude of the prestressing force, and design the parabolic trajectory (a) using solely prestressed reinforcement; (b) using a combination of prestressed and non-prestressed reinforcement.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the section moduli, kern distances, and beam weight.** For part a, an exact design method consists of these steps: First, write equations for the prestress moment, beam-weight moment, maximum and minimum potential superimposed-load moment, expressing each moment in terms of the distance from a given section to the adjacent exterior support. Second, apply these equations to identify the sections at which the initial and final stresses are critical. Third, design the prestressing system to restrict the critical stresses to their allowable range. Whereas the exact method is not laborious when applied to a prismatic beam carrying uniform loads, this procedure adopts the conventional, simplified method for illustrative purposes. This consists of dividing each span into a suitable number of intervals and analyzing the stresses at each boundary section.

For simplicity, set the eccentricity at the ends equal to zero. The trajectory will be symmetric about the interior support, and the vertical component  $w$  of the force exerted by the tendons on the concrete in a unit longitudinal distance will be uniform across the entire length of member. Therefore, the prestress-moment diagram has the same form as the bending-moment diagram of a non-prestressed prismatic beam continuous over two equal spans and subjected to a uniform load across its entire length. It follows as a corollary that the prestress moments at the boundary sections previously referred to have specific *relative values*, although their absolute values are functions of the prestressing force and its trajectory.

The following steps constitute a methodical procedure: Evaluate the relative prestress moments and select a trajectory having ordinates directly proportional to these moments. The trajectory thus fashioned is concordant. Compute the prestressing force required to restrict the stresses to the allowable range. Then transform the concordant trajectory linearly to secure one that lies entirely within the confines of the section. Although the number of satisfactory concordant trajectories is infinite, the one to be selected is that which requires the minimum prestressing force. Therefore, the selection of the trajectory and the calculation of  $F_i$  are blended into one operation.

Divide the left span into five intervals, as shown in Fig. 55. (The greater the number of intervals chosen, the more reliable are the results.)

Computing the moduli, kern distances, and beam weight gives  $S_b = 14,860 \text{ in}^3$  (243,555.4  $\text{cm}^3$ );  $S_t = 32,140 \text{ in}^3$  (526,774.6  $\text{cm}^3$ );  $k_b = 22.32 \text{ in}$  (566.928 mm);  $k_t = 10.32 \text{ in}$  (262,128 mm);  $w_w = 1500 \text{ lb/lin ft}$  (21,890.9 N/m).

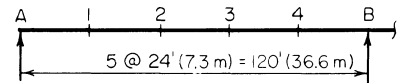


FIGURE 55 Division of span into intervals.

**2. Record the bending-moment coefficients  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$ , and  $C_3$ .** Use Table 4 to record these coefficients at the boundary sections. The subscripts refer to these conditions of loading: 1, load on entire left span and none on right span; 2, load on entire right span and none on left span; 3, load on entire length of beam.

**TABLE 4** Calculations for Two-Span Beam: Part *a*

Section	1	2	3	4	<i>B</i>
1 $C_1$	+0.0675	+0.0950	+0.0825	+0.0300	-0.0625
2 $C_2$	-0.0125	-0.0250	-0.0375	-0.0500	-0.0625
3 $C_3$	+0.0550	+0.0700	+0.0450	-0.0200	-0.1250
4 $f_{bw}$ , lb/in <sup>2</sup> (kPa)	-959 (-6,611)	-1,221 (-8,418)	-785 (-5,412)	+349 (+2406)	+2,180 (+15,029)
5 $f_{bs1}$ , lb/in <sup>2</sup> (kPa)	-691 (-4,764)	-972 (-6,701)	-844 (-5,819)	-307 (-2,116)	+640 (+4,412)
6 $f_{bs2}$ , lb/in <sup>2</sup> (kPa)	+128 (+882)	+256 (+1,765)	+384 (+2,647)	+512 (+3,530)	+640 (+4,412)
7 $f_{tw}$ , lb/in <sup>2</sup> (kPa)	+444 (+3,060)	+565 (+3895)	+363 (+2,503)	-161 (-1,110)	-1,008 (-6,949)
8 $f_{ts1}$ , lb/in <sup>2</sup> (kPa)	+319 (+2,199)	+450 (+3,102)	+390 (+2689)	+142 (+979)	-296 (-2,041)
9 $f_{ts2}$ , lb/in <sup>2</sup> (kPa)	-59 (-407)	-118 (-813)	-177 (-1,220)	-237 (-1,634)	-296 (-2,041)
10 $e_{con}$ , in (mm)	+17.19 (+436.6)	+21.87 (+555.5)	+14.06 (+357.1)	-6.25 (-158.8)	-39.05 (-991.9)
11 $f_{bp}$ , lb/in <sup>2</sup> (kPa)	+2,148 (+14,808)	+2,513 (+17,325)	+1,903 (+13,119)	+318 (+2,192)	-2,243 (-15,463)
12 $f_{tp}$ , lb/in <sup>2</sup> (kPa)	+185 (+128)	+16 (+110)	+298 (+2,054)	+1,031 (+7,108)	+2,215 (+15,270)
13 $0.85f_{bp}$ lb/in <sup>2</sup> (kPa)	+1,826 (+12,588)	+2,136 (+14,726)	+1,618 (+11,154)	+270 (+1,861)	-1,906 (-13,140)
14 $0.85f_{tp}$ lb/in <sup>2</sup> (kPa)	+157 (+1,082)	+14 (+97)	+253 (+1,744)	+876 (+6,039)	+1,883 (+12,981)

At midspan:  $C_3 = +0.0625$  and  $e_{con} = +19.53$  in (496.1 mm)

To obtain these coefficients, refer to the AISC *Manual*, case 29, which represents condition 1. Thus,  $R_1 = (l/16)wL$ ;  $R_3 = -(l/16)wL$ . At section 3, for example,  $M_1 = (l/16)wL(0.6L) - 1/2w(0.6L)^2 = [7(0.6) - 8(0.36)]wL^2/16 = 0.0825wL^2$ ;  $C_1 = M_1/(wL^2) = +0.0825$ .

To obtain condition 2, interchange  $R_1$  and  $R_3$ . At section 3,  $M_2 = -(l/16)wL(0.6L) = -0.0375wL^2$ ;  $C_2 = -0.0375$ ;  $C_3 = C_1 + C_2 = +0.0825 - 0.0375 = +0.0450$ .

These moment coefficients may be applied without appreciable error to find the maximum and minimum potential live-load bending moments at the respective sections. The values of  $C_3$  also represent the relative eccentricities of a concordant trajectory.

Since the gravity loads induce the maximum positive moment at section 2 and the maximum negative moment at section *B*, the prestressing force and its trajectory will be designed to satisfy the stress requirements at these two sections. (However, the stresses at all boundary sections will be checked.) The Magnel diagram for section 2 is similar to that in Fig. 37, but that for section *B* is much different.

**3. Compute the value of  $C_3$  at midspan.** Thus,  $C_3 = +0.0625$ .

**4. Apply the moment coefficients to find the gravity-load stresses.** Record the results in Table 4. Thus,  $M_w = C_3(1500)(120)^2(12) = 259,200,000C_3$  in·lb (29.3 $C_3$  kN·m);  $f_{bw} = -259,200,000C_3/14,860 = -17,440C_3$ ;  $f_{bs1} = -10,230C_3$ ;  $f_{bs2} = -10,230C_2$ ;  $f_{tw} = 8065C_3$ ;  $f_{ts1} = 4731C_1$ ;  $f_{ts2} = 4731C_2$ .

Since  $S_t$  far exceeds  $S_b$ , it is manifest that the prestressing force must be designed to confine the bottom-fiber stresses to the allowable range.

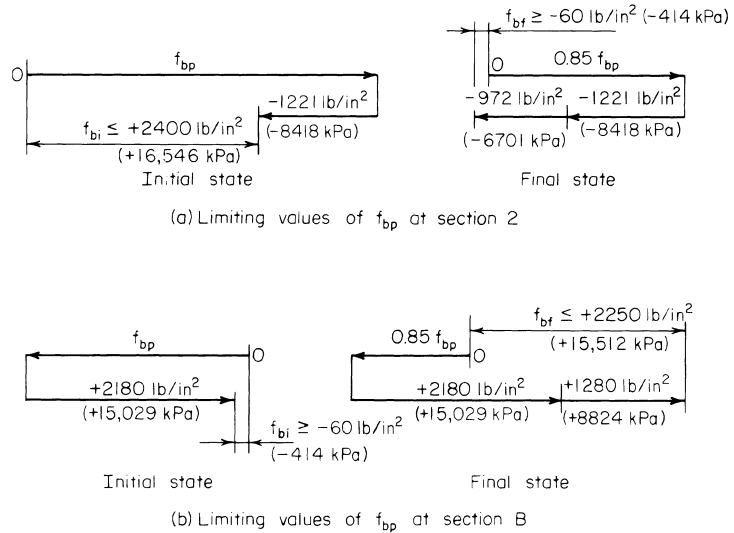


FIGURE 56

5. Consider that a concordant trajectory has been plotted; express the eccentricity at section B relative to that at section 2. Thus,  $e_y/e_2 = -0.1250/0.0700 = -1.786$ ; therefore,  $e_b = -1.786e_2$ .

6. Determine the allowable range of values of  $f_{bp}$  at sections 2 and B. Refer to Fig. 56. At section 2,  $f_{bp} \leq +3621 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+24,966.8 \text{ kPa})$ , Eq. a;  $0.85f_{bp} \geq 1221 + 972 - 60$ ; therefore,  $f_{bp} \geq +2509 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+17,299.5 \text{ kPa})$ , Eq. b. At section B,  $f_{bp} \geq -2240 \text{ lb/in}^2 (-15,444.8 \text{ kPa})$ , Eq. c;  $0.85f_{bp} \leq -(2180 + 1280) + 2250$ ;  $f_{bp} \leq -1424 \text{ lb/in}^2 (-9818.5 \text{ kPa})$ , Eq. d.

7. Substitute numerical values in Eq. 56, expressing  $e_b$  in terms of  $e_2$ . The values obtained are  $1/F_i \leq (k_i + e_2)/(3621S_b)$ , Eq. a';  $1/F_i \leq (k_i + e_2)/(2509S_b)$ , Eq. b';  $1/F_i \geq (1.786e_2 - k_i)/(2240S_b)$ , Eq. c';  $1/F_i \leq (1.786e_2 - k_i)/(1424S_b)$ , Eq. d'.

8. Obtain the composite Magnel diagram. Considering the relations in step 7 as equalities, plot the straight lines representing them to obtain the composite Magnel diagram in Fig. 57. The slopes of the lines have these relative values:  $m_a = 1/3621$ ;  $m_b = 1/2509$ ;  $m_c = 1.786/2240 = 1/1254$ ;  $m_d = 1.786/1424 = 1/797$ . The shaded area bounded by these lines represents the region of permissible sets of values of  $e_2$  and  $1/F_i$ .

9. Calculate the minimum allowable value of  $F_i$  and the corresponding value of  $e_2$ . In the composite Magnel diagram, this set of values is represented by point A. Therefore, consider Eqs. b' and c' as equalities and solve for the unknowns. Or,  $(10.32 + e_2)/2509 = (1.786e_2 - 10.32)/2240$ ; solving gives  $e_2 = 21.87 \text{ in} (555.5 \text{ mm})$  and  $F_i = 1,160,000 \text{ lb} (5,159,680.0 \text{ N})$ .

10. Plot the concordant trajectory. Do this by applying the values of  $C_3$  appearing in Table 4; for example,  $e_1 = +21.87(0.0550)/0.0700 = +17.19 \text{ in} (436.626 \text{ mm})$ . At midspan,  $e_m = +21.87(0.0625)/0.0700 = +19.53 \text{ in} (496.062 \text{ mm})$ .

Record the eccentricities on line 10 of the table. It is apparent that this concordant trajectory is satisfactory in the respect that it may be linearly transformed to one falling within the confines of the section; this is proved in step 14.



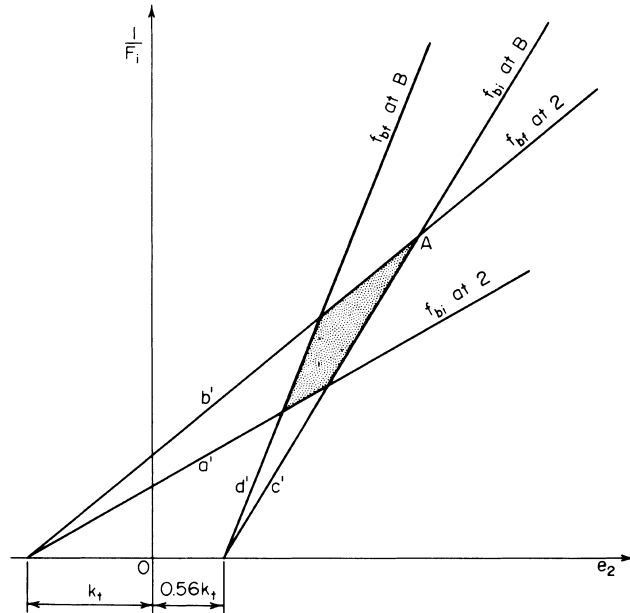


FIGURE 57 Composite Magnel diagram.

11. Apply Eq. 56 to find  $f_{bp}$  and  $f_{fp}$ . Record the results in Table 4. For example, at section 1,  $f_{bp} = 1,160,000(10.32 + 17.19)/14,860 = +2148 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+14,810.5 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{fp} = 1,160,000(22.32 - 17.19)/32,140 = +185 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+1275.6 \text{ kPa})$ .

12. Multiply the values of  $f_{bp}$  and  $f_{fp}$  by 0.85, and record the results. These results appear in Table 4.

13. Investigate the stresses at every boundary section. In calculating the final stresses, apply the live-load stress that produces a more critical condition. Thus, at section 1:  $f_{bi} = -959 + 2148 = +1189 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+8198.2 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{bf} = -959 - 691 + 1826 = +176 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+1213.6 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{ti} = +444 + 185 = +629 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+4337.0 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{tf} = +444 + 319 + 157 = +920 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+6343.4 \text{ kPa})$ . At section 2:  $f_{bi} = -1221 + 2513 = +1292 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+8908.3 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{bf} = -1221 - 972 + 2136 = -57 \text{ lb/in}^2 (-393.0 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{ti} = +565 + 16 = +581 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+4006.0 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{tf} = +565 + 450 + 14 = +1029 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+7095.0 \text{ kPa})$ . At section 3:  $f_{bi} = -785 + 1903 = +1118 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+7706.8 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{bf} = -785 - 844 + 1618 = -11 \text{ lb/in}^2 (-75.8 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{ti} = +363 + 298 = +661 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+4558.0 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{tf} = +363 + 390 + 253 = +1006 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+6936.4 \text{ kPa})$ . At section 4:  $f_{bi} = +349 + 318 = +667 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+4599.0 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{bf} = +349 - 307 + 270 = +312 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+2151.2 \text{ kPa})$ ; or  $f_{bf} = +349 + 512 + 270 = +1131 \text{ lb/in}^2 (7798.2 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{ti} = -161 + 1031 = +870 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+5998.7 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{tf} = -161 - 237 + 876 = +478 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+3295.8 \text{ kPa})$ , or  $f_{tf} = -161 + 142 + 876 = +857 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+5909.0 \text{ kPa})$ . At section B:  $f_{bi} = +2180 - 2243 = -63 \text{ lb/in}^2 (-434.4 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{bf} = +2180 + 1280 - 1906 = +1554 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+10,714.8 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{ti} = -1008 + 2215 = +1207 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+8322.3 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{tf} = -1008 - 592 + 1883 = +283 \text{ lb/in}^2 (+1951.3 \text{ kPa})$ .

In all instances, the stresses lie within the allowable range.

14. Establish the true trajectory by means of a linear transformation. The imposed limits are  $e_{\max} = y_b - 9 = 41.6 \text{ in } (1056.6 \text{ mm})$ ,  $e_{\min} = -(y_t - 9) = -14.4 \text{ in } (-365.76 \text{ mm})$ .

Any trajectory that falls between these limits and that is obtained by linearly transforming the concordant trajectory is satisfactory. Set  $e_b = -14 \text{ in } (-355.6 \text{ mm})$  and compute the eccentricity at midspan and the maximum eccentricity.

Thus,  $e_m = +19.53 + 1/2(39.05 - 14) = +32.06$  in (814.324 mm). By Eq. 70b,  $e_s = -(1/8)(-4 \times 32.06 - 14)^2/(-2 \times 32.06 - 14) = +32.4$  in (+823.0 mm) < 41.6 in (1056.6 mm). This is acceptable. This constitutes the solution to part *a* of the procedure. Steps 15 through 20 constitute the solution to part *b*.

**15. Assign eccentricities to the true trajectory and check the maximum eccentricity.** The preceding calculation shows that the maximum eccentricity is considerably below the upper limit set by the beam dimensions. Refer to Fig. 57. If the restrictions imposed by line *c'* are removed,  $e_2$  may be increased to the value corresponding to a maximum eccentricity of 41.6 in (1056.6 mm), and the value of  $F_i$  is thereby reduced. This revised set of values will cause an excessive initial tensile stress at *B*, but the condition can be remedied by supplying nonprestressed reinforcement over the interior support. Since the excess tension induced by  $F_i$  extends across a comparatively short distance, the savings accruing from the reduction in prestressing force will more than offset the cost of the added reinforcement.

Assigning the following eccentricities to the true trajectory and checking the maximum eccentricity by applying Eq. 70b, we get  $e_a = 0$ ;  $e_m = +41$  in (1041.4 mm);  $e_b = -14$  in (-355.6 mm);  $e_s = -(1/8)(-4 \times 41 - 14)^2/(-2 \times 41 - 14) = +41.3$  in (1049.02 mm). This is acceptable.

**16. To analyze the stresses, obtain a hypothetical concordant trajectory by linearly transforming the true trajectory.** Let *y* denote the upward displacement at *B*. Apply the coefficients  $C_3$  to find the eccentricities of the hypothetical trajectory. Thus,  $e_m/e_b = (41 - 1/2y)/(-14 - y) = +0.0625/-0.1250$ ;  $y = 34$  in (863.6 mm);  $e_a = 0$ ;  $e_m = +24$  in (609.6 mm);  $e_b = -48$  in (-1219.2 mm);  $e_1 = -48 (+0.0550)/-0.1250 = +21.12$  in (536.448 mm);  $e_2 = +26.88$  in (682.752 mm);  $e_3 = +17.28$  in (438.912 mm);  $e_4 = -7.68$  in (-195.072 mm).

**17. Evaluate  $F_i$  by substituting in relation (*b'*) of step 7.** Thus,  $F_i = 2509(14,860)/(10.32 + 26.88) = 1,000,000$  lb (4448 kN). Hence, the introduction of nonprestressed reinforcement served to reduce the prestressing force by 14 percent.

**18. Calculate the prestresses at every boundary section; then find the stresses at transfer and under design load.** Record the results in Table 5. (At sections 1 through 4, the final stresses were determined by applying the values on lines 5 and 8 in Table 4. The slight discrepancy between the final stress at 2 and the allowable value of -60 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (-413.7 kPa) arises from the degree of precision in the calculations.)

With the exception of  $f_{bi}$  at *B*, all stresses at the boundary sections lie within the allowable range.

**TABLE 5** Calculations for Two-Span Continuous Beam: Part *b*

Section	1	2	3	4	<i>B</i>
$e_{con}$ , in (mm)	+21.12 (536.4)	+26.88 (+682.8)	+17.28 (+438.9)	-7.68 (-195.1)	-48.00 (-1,219.2)
$f_{bp}$ , lb/in <sup>2</sup> (kPa)	+2,116 (+14,588)	+2,503 (+17,256)	+1,857 (+12,802)	+178 (+1,227)	-2,535 (-17,476)
$f_{ip}$ , lb/in <sup>2</sup> (kPa)	+37 (+255)	-142 (-979)	+157 (+1,082)	+933 (+6,660)	+2188 (+15,084)
$0.85f_{bp}$ , lb/in <sup>2</sup> (kPa)	+1,799 (+12,402)	+2,128 (+14,670)	+1,578 (+10,879)	+151 (+1,041)	-2,155 (-14,857)
$0.85f_{ip}$ , lb/in <sup>2</sup> (kPa)	+31 (+214)	-121 (-834)	+133 (+917)	+793 (+5,467)	+1,860 (+12,823)
$f_{bi}$ , lb/in <sup>2</sup> (kPa)	+1,157 (+7,976)	+1,282 (+8,838)	+1,072 (+7,390)	+527 (+3,633)	-355 (-2,447)
$f_{bp}$ , lb/in <sup>2</sup> (kPa)	+149 (+1,027)	-65 (-448)	-51 (-352)	+193 (+1,331)	+1,305 (+8,997)
$f_{it}$ , lb/in <sup>2</sup> (kPa)	+481 (+3,316)	+423 (+2,916)	+520 (+3,585)	+772 (+5,322)	+1,180 (+8,135)
$f_{fs}$ , lb/in <sup>2</sup> (kPa)	+794 (+5,474)	+894 (+6,163)	+886 (+6,108)	+774 (+5,336)	+260 (+1,792)

**19. Locate the section at which  $f_{bi} = -60 \text{ lb/in}^2 (-413.7 \text{ kPa})$ .** Since  $f_{bp}$  and  $f_{bw}$  vary parabolically across the span, their sum  $f_{bi}$  also varies in this manner. Let  $x$  denote the distance from the interior support to a given section. Apply Eq. 66 to find the equation for  $f_{bi}$  using the initial-stress values at sections B, 3, and 1. Or,  $-355 - 2 \times 1072 + 1157 = -1342 (-9253.1 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $3(-355) - 4(1072) + 1157 = -4196 (-28,931.4 \text{ kPa})$ ;  $f_{bi} = -2684(x/96)^2 + 4196x/96 - 355$ . When  $f_{bi} = -60 (-413.7)$ ,  $x = 7.08 \text{ ft} (2.15 \text{ m})$ . The tensile stress at transfer is therefore excessive in an interval of only 14.16 ft (4.32 m).

**20. Design the nonprestressed reinforcement over the interior support.** As in the preceding procedures, the member must be investigated for ultimate-strength capacity. The calculation pertaining to any quantity that varies parabolically across the span may be readily checked by verifying that the values at uniformly spaced sections have equal "second differences." For example, with respect to the values of  $f_{bi}$  recorded in Table 5, the verification is:

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} +1157 & +1282 & +1072 & +527 & -355 & \\ & -125 & +210 & +545 & +882 & \\ & & +335 & +335 & +337 & \end{array}$$

The values on the second and third lines represent the differences between successive values on the preceding line.

## REACTIONS FOR A CONTINUOUS BEAM

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With reference to the beam in the previous calculation procedure, compute the reactions at the supports caused by the initial prestressing force designed in part *a*.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine what causes the reactions at the supports.** As shown in Fig. 51, the reactions at the supports result from the continuity at B, and  $R_a = M_{kb}/L$ .

**2. Compute the continuity moment at B; then find the reactions.** Thus,  $M_p = -F_i e + M_k = -F_i e_{\text{con}}$ ;  $M_k = F_i(e - e_{\text{con}}) = 1160(-14 + 39.05) = 29,060 \text{ in}\cdot\text{kips} (3283 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m})$ .  $R_a = 29,060/[120(12)] = 20.2 \text{ kips} (89.8 \text{ kN})$ ;  $R_B = -40.4 \text{ kips} (-179.8 \text{ kN})$ .

## STEEL BEAM ENCASED IN CONCRETE

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A concrete floor slab is to be supported by steel beams spaced 10 ft (3.05 m) on centers and having a span of 28 ft 6 in (8.69 m). The beams will be encased in concrete with a minimum cover of 2 in (50.8 mm) all around; they will remain unshored during construction. The slab has been designed as 4½ in (114.3 mm) thick, with  $f'_c = 3000 \text{ lb/in}^2 (20.7 \text{ MPa})$ . The loading includes the following: live load, 120 lb/ft² (5.75 kPa); finished floor and ceiling, 25 lb/ft² (1.2 kPa). The steel beams have been tentatively designed as W16 × 40. Review the design.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Record the relevant properties of the section and the allowable flexural stresses.** In accordance with the AISC *Specification*, the member may be designed as a composite steel-and-concrete

beam, reliance being placed on the natural bond of the two materials to obtain composite action. Refer to Sec. 1 for the design of a composite bridge member. In the design of a composite building member, the effects of plastic flow are usually disregarded. Since the slab is poured monolithically, the composite member is considered continuous. Apply the following equations in computing bending moments in the composite beams: at midspan,  $M = (1/20)wL^2$ ; at support,  $M = (1/12)wL^2$ .

The subscripts  $c$ ,  $ts$ , and  $bs$  refer to the extreme fiber of concrete, top of steel, and bottom of steel, respectively. The superscripts  $c$  and  $n$  refer to the composite and noncomposite sections, respectively.

Record the properties of the W16  $\times$  40:  $A = 11.77 \text{ in}^2$  (75.94  $\text{cm}^2$ );  $d = 16.00 \text{ in}$  (406.4 mm);  $I = 515.5 \text{ in}^4$  (21.457  $\text{cm}^4$ );  $S = 64.4 \text{ in}^3$  (1055.3  $\text{cm}^3$ ); flange width = 7 in (177.8 mm). By the AISC *Specification*,  $f_s = 24,000 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (165.5 MPa). By the ACI *Code*,  $n = 9$  and  $f_c = 1350 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (9306.9 kPa).

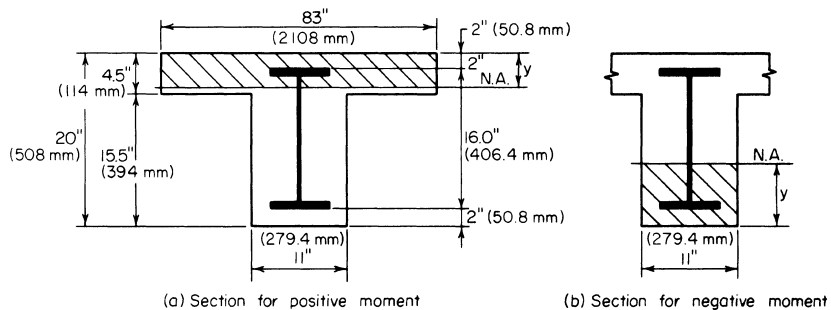
**2. Transform the composite section in the region of positive moment to an equivalent section of steel; compute the section moduli.** Refer to Fig. 58a and the AISC *Specification*. Use the gross concrete area. Then the effective flange width =  $1/4L = 1/4(28.5)12 = 85.5 \text{ in}$  (2172 mm); spacing of beams = 120 in (3048 mm);  $16t + 11 = 16(4.5) + 11 = 83 \text{ in}$  (2108 mm); this governs. Transformed width =  $83/9 = 9.22 \text{ in}$  (234.2 mm).

Assume that the neutral axis lies within the flange, and take static moments with respect to this axis; or  $1/2(9.22y^2) - 11.77(10 - y) = 0$ ;  $y = 3.93 \text{ in}$  (99.8 mm).

Compute the moment of inertia. Slab:  $(1/3)9.22(3.93)^3 = 187 \text{ in}^4$  (7783.5  $\text{cm}^4$ ). Beam:  $515.5 + 11.77 \times (10 - 3.93)^2 = 949 \text{ in}^4$  (39,500.4  $\text{cm}^4$ );  $I = 187 + 949 = 1136 \text{ in}^4$  (47,283.9  $\text{cm}^4$ );  $S_c = 1136/3.93 = 289.1 \text{ in}^3$  (4737.5  $\text{cm}^3$ );  $S_{bs} = 1136/14.07 = 80.7 \text{ in}^3$  (1322.4  $\text{cm}^3$ ).

**3. Transform the composite section in the region of negative moment to an equivalent section of steel; compute the section moduli.** Referring to Fig. 58b, we see that the transformed width =  $11/9 = 1.22 \text{ in}$  (31.0 mm). Take static moments with respect to the neutral axis. Or,  $11.77(10 - y) - 1/2(1.22y^2) = 0$ ;  $y = 7.26 \text{ in}$  (184.4 mm). Compute the moment of inertia. Thus, slab:  $(1/3)1.22(7.26)^3 = 155.6 \text{ in}^4$  (6476.6  $\text{cm}^4$ ). Beam:  $515.5 + 11.77(10 - 7.26)^2 = 603.9 \text{ in}^4$  (25,136.2  $\text{cm}^4$ );  $I = 155.6 + 603.9 = 759.5 \text{ in}^4$  (31,612.8  $\text{cm}^4$ ). Then  $S_c = 759.5/7.26 = 104.6 \text{ in}^3$  (1714.1  $\text{cm}^3$ );  $S_{ts} = 759.5/10.74 = 70.7 \text{ in}^3$  (1158.6  $\text{cm}^3$ ).

**4. Compute the bending stresses at midspan.** The loads carried by the noncomposite member are: slab,  $(4.5)150(10)/12 = 563 \text{ lb/lin ft}$  (8.22 kN/m); stem,  $11(15.5)150/144 = 178 \text{ lb/lin ft}$  (2.6 kN/m); steel, 40 lb/lin ft (0.58 kN/m); total =  $563 + 178 + 40 = 781 \text{ lb/lin ft}$  (11.4 kN/m). The load carried by the composite member =  $145(10) = 1450 \text{ lb/lin ft}$  (21.2 kN/m). Then  $M^n = (1/8)781(28.5)^2 12 = 951,500 \text{ in}\cdot\text{lb}$  (107.5 kN·m);  $M^c = (1/20)1450(28.5)^2 12 = 706,600 \text{ in}\cdot\text{lb}$  (79.8 kN·m);  $f_c = 706,600/[289.1(9)] = 272 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (1875 kPa), which is acceptable. Also,  $f_{bs} = (951,500/64.4) + (706,600/80.7) = 23,530 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (162.2 MPa), which is acceptable.



**FIGURE 58** Steel beam encased in concrete. (a) Section for positive moment; (b) section for negative moment.

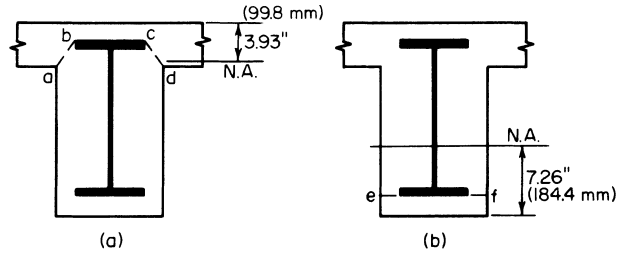


FIGURE 59 Critical planes for horizontal shear.

**5. Compute the bending stresses at the support.** Thus,  $M^c = 706,600(20/12) = 1,177,700$  in·lb (132.9 kN·m);  $f_c = 1,177,700/[104.6(9)] = 1251$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (8.62 MPa), which is satisfactory. Also,  $f_{ts} = 1,177,700/70.7 = 16,600$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (114.9 MPa), which is acceptable. The design is therefore satisfactory with respect to flexure.

**6. Investigate the composite member with respect to horizontal shear in the concrete at the section of contraflexure.** Assume that this section lies at a distance of  $0.2L$  from the support. The shear at this section is  $V^c = 1450(0.3)(28.5) = 12,400$  lb (55.2 kN).

Refer to Sec. 1. Where the bending moment is positive, the critical plane for horizontal shear is considered to be the surface  $abcd$  in Fig. 59a. For simplicity, however, compute the shear flow at the neutral axis. Apply the relation  $q = VQ/I$ , where  $Q = 1/2(9.22)(3.93)^2 = 71.20$  in<sup>3</sup> (1166.8 cm<sup>3</sup>) and  $q = 12,400(71.20)/1136 = 777$  lb/lin in (136 N/mm).

Resistance to shear flow is provided by the bond between the steel and concrete along  $bc$  and by the pure-shear strength of the concrete along  $ab$  and  $cd$ . (The term *pure shear* is used to distinguish this from shear that is used as a measure of diagonal tension.) The allowable stresses in bond and pure shear are usually taken as  $0.03f'_c$  and  $0.12f'_c$ , respectively. Thus,  $bc = 7$  in (177.8 mm);  $ab = (2.52 + 2^2)^{0.5} = 3.2$  in (81.3 mm);  $q_{\text{allow}} = 7(90) + 2(3.2)360 = 2934$  lb/lin in (419 N/mm), which is satisfactory.

**7. Investigate the composite member with respect to horizontal shear in the concrete at the support.** The critical plane for horizontal shear is  $ef$  in Fig. 59b. Thus  $V^c = 1450(0.5)28.5 = 20,660$  lb (91.9 kN);  $Q = 1.22(2)(7.26 - 1) = 15.27$  in<sup>3</sup> (250.2 cm<sup>3</sup>);  $q = 20,660(15.27)/759.5 = 415$  lb/lin in (72.7 N/mm);  $q_{\text{allow}} = 7(90) + 2(2)360 = 2070$  lb/lin in (363 N/mm), which is satisfactory.

Mechanical shear connectors are not required to obtain composite action, but the beam is wrapped with wire mesh.

## COMPOSITE STEEL-AND-CONCRETE BEAM

A concrete floor slab is to be supported by steel beams spaced lift (3.35 m) on centers and having a span of 36 ft (10.97 m). The beams will be supplied with shear connectors to obtain composite action of the steel and concrete. The slab will be 5 in (127 mm) thick and made of 3000-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (20.7-MPa) concrete. Loading includes the following: live load, 200 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (9.58 kPa); finished floor, ceiling, and partition, 30 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (1.44 kPa). In addition, each girder will carry a dead load of 10 kips (44.5 kN) applied as a concentrated load at midspan prior to hardening of the concrete. Conditions at the job site preclude the use of temporary shoring. Design the interior girders, limiting the overall depth of steel to 20 in (508 mm), if possible.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the unit loads  $w_p$ ,  $w_2$ , and  $w_3$ .** Refer to the AISC *Specification and Manual*. Although ostensibly we apply the elastic-stress method, the design of a composite steel-and-concrete beam in reality is based on the ultimate-strength behavior of the member. Loads that are present before the concrete has hardened are supported by the steel member alone; loads that are present after the concrete has hardened are considered to be supported by the composite member, regardless of whether these loads originated before or after hardening. The effects of plastic flow are disregarded.

The subscripts 1, 2, and 3 refer, respectively, to dead loads applied before hardening of the concrete, dead loads applied after hardening of the concrete, and live loads. The subscripts  $b$ ,  $ts$ , and  $tc$  refer to the bottom of the member, top of the steel, and top of the concrete, respectively. The superscripts  $c$  and  $n$  refer to the composite and noncomposite member, respectively.

We compute the unit loads for a slab weight of 63 lb/lin ft (0.92 kN/m) and an assumed steel weight of 80 lb/lin ft (1167.5 N/m):  $w_1 = 63(11) + 80 = 773$  lb/lin ft (11.3 kN/m);  $w_2 = 30(11) = 330$  lb/lin ft (4.8 kN/m);  $w_3 = 200(11) = 2200$  lb/lin ft (32.1 kN/m).

**2. Compute all bending moments required in the design.** Thus,  $M_1 = 12[(1/8)0.773(36)^2 + 1/4(10)36] = 2583$  in-kips (291.8 kN-m);  $M_2 = (1/8)0.330(36)^2 12 = 642$  in-kips (72.5 kN-m).  $M_3 = (1/8)2.200(36)^2 12 = 4277$  in-kips (483.2 kN-m);  $M^c = 2583 + 642 + 4277 = 7502$  in-kips (847.6 kN-m);  $M^n = 2583$  in-kips (291.8 kN-m);  $M_{DL} = 2583 + 642 = 3225$  in-kips (364.4 kN-m);  $M_{LL} = 4277$  in-kips (483.2 kN-m).

**3. Compute the required section moduli with respect to the steel, using an allowable bending stress of 24 kips/in<sup>2</sup> (165.5 MPa).** In the composite member, the maximum steel stress occurs at the bottom; in the noncomposite member, it occurs at the top of the steel if a bottom-flange cover plate is used.

Thus, composite section,  $S_b = 7502/24 = 312.6$  in<sup>3</sup> (5122.6 cm<sup>3</sup>); noncomposite section,  $S_{ts} = 2583/24 = 107.6$  in<sup>3</sup> (1763.3 cm<sup>3</sup>).

**4. Select a trial section by tentatively assuming that the composite-design tables in the AISC Manual are applicable.** The *Manual* shows that a composite section consisting of a 5-in (127-mm) concrete slab, a W18 × 55 steel beam, and a cover plate having an area of 9 in<sup>2</sup> (58.1 cm<sup>2</sup>) provides  $S_b = 317.5$  in<sup>3</sup> (5202.9 cm<sup>3</sup>). The noncomposite section provides  $S_{ts} = 113.7$  in<sup>3</sup> (1863.2 cm<sup>3</sup>).

Since unshored construction is to be used, the section must conform with the *Manual* equation 1.35 + 0.35 $M_{LL}/M_{DL} = 1.35 + 0.35(4277/3225) = 1.81$ . And  $S_b^c/S_b^n = 317.5/213.6 = 1.49$ , which is satisfactory.

The flange width of the W18 × 55 is 7.53 in (191.3 mm). The minimum allowable distance between the edge of the cover plate and the edge of the beam flange equals the size of the fillet weld plus <sup>5</sup>/<sub>16</sub> in (7.9 mm). Use a 9 × 1 in (229 × 25 mm) plate. The steel section therefore coincides with that presented in the AISC *Manual*, which has a cover plate thickness  $t_p$  of 1 in (25.4 mm). The trial section is therefore W18 × 55; cover plate is 9 × 1 in (229 × 25 mm).

**5. Check the trial section.** The AISC composite-design tables are constructed by assuming that the effective flange width of the member equals 16 times the slab thickness plus the flange width of the steel. In the present instance, the effective flange width, as governed by the AISC, is  $1/4L = 1/4(36)12 = 108$  in (2743 mm); spacing of beams = 132 in (3353 mm);  $16t + 7.53 = 16(5) + 7.53 = 87.53$  in (2223.3 mm), which governs.

The cross section properties in the AISC table may be applied. The moment of inertia refers to an equivalent section obtained by transforming the concrete to steel. Refer to Sec. 1. Thus  $y_{tc} = 5 + 18.12 + 1 - 16.50 = 7.62$  in (194 mm);  $S_{tc} = I/y_{tc} = 5242/7.62 = 687.9$  in<sup>3</sup> (11,272.7 cm<sup>3</sup>). From the ACI *Code*,  $f_c = 1350$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (9.31 MPa) and  $n = 9$ . Then  $f_c = M^c/(nS_{tc}) = 7,502,000/[9(687.9)] = 1210$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (8.34 MPa), which is satisfactory.

**6. Record the relevant properties of the W18 × 55.** Thus,  $A = 16.19$  in<sup>2</sup> (104.5 cm<sup>2</sup>);  $d = 18.12$  in (460 mm);  $I = 890$  in<sup>4</sup> (37,044.6 cm<sup>4</sup>);  $S = 98.2$  in<sup>3</sup> (1609 cm<sup>3</sup>); flange thickness = 0.630 in (16.0 mm).

7. Compute the section moduli of the composite section where the cover plate is absent. To locate the neutral axis, take static moments with respect to the center of the steel. Thus, transformed flange width =  $87.53/9 = 9.726$  in (247.0 mm). Further,

Element	$A, \text{in}^2 (\text{cm}^2)$	$y, \text{in} (\text{mm})$	$Ay, \text{in}^3 (\text{cm}^3)$	$Ay^2, \text{in}^4 (\text{cm}^4)$	$I_o, \text{in}^4 (\text{cm}^4)$
W18 × 55	16.19 (104.5)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	890 (37,044.6)
Slab	48.63 (313.7)	11.56 (294)	562.2 (9,212.8)	6,499 (270,509)	101 (4,203.9)
Total	64.82 (418.2)	.....	562.2 (9,212.8)	6,499 (270,509)	991 (41,248.5)

Then  $\bar{y} = 562.2/64.82 = 8.67$  in (220 mm);  $I = 6499 + 991 - 64.82(8.67)^2 = 2618 \text{ in}^4$  (108,969.4  $\text{cm}^4$ );  $y_b = 9.06 + 8.67 = 17.73$  in (450 mm);  $y_{tc} = 9.06 + 5 - 8.67 = 5.39$  in (136.9 mm);  $S_b = 2618/17.73 = 147.7 \text{ in}^3$  (2420  $\text{cm}^3$ );  $S_{tc} = 2618/5.39 = 485.7 \text{ in}^3$  (7959  $\text{cm}^3$ ).

8. Verify the value of  $S_b$ . Apply the value of the  $K$  factor in the AISC table. This factor is defined by  $K^2 = 1 - S_b$  without plate/ $S_b$  with plate. The  $S_b$  value without the plate =  $317.5(1 - 0.732) = 148 \text{ in}^3$  (2425  $\text{cm}^3$ ), which is satisfactory.

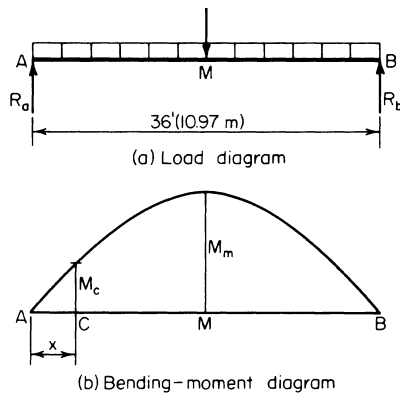


FIGURE 60 (a) Load diagram; (b) bending-moment diagram.

9. Establish the theoretical length of the cover plate.

In Fig. 60, let  $C$  denote the section at which the cover plate becomes superfluous with respect to flexure. Then, for the composite section,  $w = 0.773 + 0.330 + 2.200 = 3.303$  kips/lin ft (48.2 kN/m);  $P = 10$  kips (44.5 kN);  $M_m = 7502$  in-kips (847.6 kN-m);  $R_a = 64.45$  kips (286.7 kN). The allowable values of  $M_c$  are, for concrete,  $M_c = 485.7(9)1.35/12 = 491.8$  ft-kips (666.9 kN-m) and, for steel,  $M_c = 147.7(24)/12 = 295.4$  ft-kips (400.6 kN-m), which governs. Then  $R_a x - \frac{1}{2}wx^2 = 295.4$ ;  $x = 5.30$  ft (1.62 m). The theoretical length =  $36 - 2(5.30) = 25.40$  ft (7.74 m).

For the noncomposite section, investigate the stresses at the section  $C$  previously located. Thus:  $w = 0.773$  kips/lin ft (11.3 kN/m);  $P = 10$  kips (44.5 kN);  $R_a = 18.91$  kips (84.1 kN);  $M_c = 18.91(5.30) - \frac{1}{2}(0.773) \times 5.30^2 = 89.4$  ft-kips (121.2 kN-m);  $f_b = 89.4(12)/98.2 = 10.9$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (75.1 MPa), which is satisfactory.

10. Determine the axial force  $F$  in the cover plate at its end by computing the mean bending stress. Thus,  $f_{\text{mean}} = My_{\text{mean}}/I = 295.4(12(916.50) - 0.50)/5242 = 10.82$  kips/in<sup>2</sup> (75.6 MPa);  $F = Af_{\text{mean}} = 9(10.82) = 97.4$  kips (433.2 kN). Alternatively, calculate  $F$  by applying the factor  $12Q/I$  recorded in the AISC table. Thus,  $F = 12QM/I = 0.33(295.4) = 97.5$  kips (433.7 kN).

11. Design the weld required to develop the cover plate at each end. Use fillet welds of E60 electrodes, placed along the sides but not along the end of the plate. The AISC Specification requires a minimum weld of  $\frac{5}{16}$  in (7.9 mm) for a 1-in (25.4-mm) plate; the capacity of this weld is 3000 lb/lin in (525 N/mm). Then, length =  $97,400/3000 = 32.5$  in (826 mm). However, the AISC requires that the plate be extended 18 in (457 mm) beyond the theoretical cutoff point, thus providing 36 in (914 mm) of weld at each end.

12. Design the intermittent weld. The vertical shear at  $C$  is  $V_c = R_a - 5.30w = 64.45 - 5.30(3.303) = 46.94$  kips (208.8 kN);  $q = VQ/I = 46,940(0.33)/12 = 1290$  lb/lin in (225.9 N/mm). The AISC calls for a minimum weld length of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in (3.81 mm). Let  $s$  denote the center-to-center

spacing. Then  $s = 2(1.5)3000/1290 = 7.0$  in (177.8 mm). The AISC imposes an upper limit of 24 times the thickness of the thinner part joined, or 12 in (304.8 mm). Thus,  $s_{\max} = 24(0.63) > 12$  in (304.8 mm). Use a 7-in (177.8-mm) spacing at the ends and increase the spacing as the shear diminishes.

**13. Design the shear connectors.** Use  $3/4$ -in (19.1-mm) studs, 3 in (76.2 mm) high. The design of the connectors is governed by the AISC *Specification*. The capacity of the stud = 11.5 kips (51.2 kN). From the AISC table,  $V_h = 453.4$  kips (2016.7 kN). Total number of studs required =  $2(453.4)/11.5 = 80$ . These are to be equally spaced.

## DESIGN OF A CONCRETE JOIST IN A RIBBED FLOOR

The concrete floor of a building will be constructed by using removable steel pans to form a one-way ribbed slab. The loads are: live load, 80 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (3.83 kPa); allowance for movable partitions, 20 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (0.96 kPa); plastered ceiling, 10 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (0.48 kPa); wood floor with sleepers in cinder-concrete fill, 15 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (0.72 kPa). The joists will have a clear span of 17 ft (5.2 m) and be continuous over several spans. Design the interior joist by the ultimate-strength method, using  $f'_c = 3000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (20.7 MPa) and  $f_y = 40,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (275.8 MPa).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the ultimate load carried by the joist.** A one-way ribbed floor consists of a concrete slab supported by closely spaced members called ribs, or joists. The joists in turn are supported by steel or concrete girders that frame to columns. Manufacturers' engineering data present the dimensions of steel-pan forms that are available and the average weight of floor corresponding to each form.

Try the cross section shown in Fig. 61, which has an average weight of 54 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (2.59 kPa). Although the forms are tapered to facilitate removal, assume for design purposes that the joist has a constant width of 5 in (127 mm). The design of a ribbed floor is governed by the ACI *Code*. The ultimate-strength design of reinforced-concrete members is covered in Sec. 1.

Referring to the ACI *Code*, compute the ultimate load carried by the joist. Or,  $w_u = 2.08[1.5(54 + 20 + 10 + 15) + 1.8(80)] = 608$  lb/lin ft (8.9 kN/m).

**2. Determine whether the joist is adequate with respect to shear.** Since the joist is too narrow to permit the use of stirrups, the shearing stress must be limited to the value given in the ACI *Code*. Or,  $v_c = 1.1(2\phi)(f'_c)(2\phi)^{0.5} = 1.1(2)(0.85)(3000)^{0.5} = 102$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (703.2 kPa).

Assume that the reinforcement will consist of no. 4 bars. With  $3/4$  in (19.1 mm) for fireproofing, as required by the ACI *Code*,  $d = 8 + 2.5 - 1.0 = 9.5$  in (241.3 mm). The vertical shear at a distance  $d$  from the face of the support is  $V_u = (8.5 - 0.79)608 = 4690$  lb (20.9 kN).

The critical shearing stress computed as required by the ACI *Code* is  $v_u = V_u/(bd) = 4690/[5(9.5)] = 99$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (682.6 kPa)  $< v_c$ , which is satisfactory.

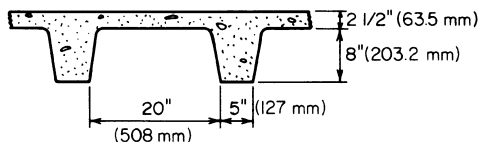


FIGURE 61 Ribbed floor.



**3. Compute the ultimate moments to be resisted by the joist.** Do this by applying the moment equations given in the ACI Code. Or,  $M_{u, \text{pos}} = (1/16)608(17)^2 12 = 132,000 \text{ in}\cdot\text{lb}$  (14.9 kN·m);  $M_{u, \text{neg}} = (1/11)608(17)212 = 192,000 \text{ in}\cdot\text{lb}$  (21.7 kN·m).

Where the bending moment is positive, the fibers above the neutral axis are in compression, and the joist and tributary slab function in combination to form a T beam. Where the bending moment is negative, the joist functions alone.

**4. Determine whether the joist is capable of resisting the negative moment.** Use the equation  $q_{\text{max}} = 0.6375k_1 87,000 / (87,000 + f_y)$ , or  $q_{\text{max}} = 0.6375(0.85)87,000 / 127,000 = 0.371$ . By Eq. 6 of Sec. 1,  $M_u = \phi b d^2 f_c' q (1 - 0.59q)$ , or  $M_u = 0.90(5)9.5^2 \times (3000)0.371(0.781) = 353,000 \text{ in}\cdot\text{lb}$  (39.9 kN·m), which is satisfactory.

**5. Compute the area of negative reinforcement.** Use Eq. 7 of Sec. 1. Or,  $f_c = 0.85(3) = 2.55 \text{ kips/in}^2$  (17.6 MPa);  $bdf_c = 5(9.5)2.55 = 121.1$ ;  $2bf_c M_u / \phi = 2(5)2.55(192) / 0.90 = 5440$ ;  $A_s = [(121.1 - (121.1^2 - 5440)^{0.5}) / 40] = 0.63 \text{ in}^2$  (4.06 cm<sup>2</sup>).

**6. Compute the area of positive reinforcement.** Since the stress block lies wholly within the flange, apply Eq. 7 of Sec. 1, with  $b = 25 \text{ in}$  (635 mm). Or,  $bdf_c = 605.6$ ;  $2bf_c M_u / \phi = 18,700$ ;  $A_s = [605.6 - (605.6^2 - 18,700)^{0.5}] / 40 = 0.39 \text{ in}^2$  (2.52 cm<sup>2</sup>).

**7. Select the reinforcing bars and locate the bend points.** For positive reinforcement, use two no. 4 bars, one straight and one trussed, to obtain  $A_s = 0.40 \text{ in}^2$  (2.58 cm<sup>2</sup>). For negative reinforcement, supplement the two trussed bars over the support with one straight no. 5 bar to obtain  $A_s = 0.71 \text{ in}^2$  (4.58 cm<sup>2</sup>).

To locate the bend points of the trussed bars and to investigate the bond stress, follow the method given in Sec. 1.

## DESIGN OF A STAIR SLAB

The concrete stair shown in elevation in Fig. 62a, which has been proportioned in conformity with the requirements of the local building code, is to carry a live load of 100 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (4.79 kPa). The slab will be poured independently of the supporting members. Design the slab by the working-stress method, using  $f_c' = 3000 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (20.7 MPa) and  $f_s = 20,000 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (137.9 MPa).

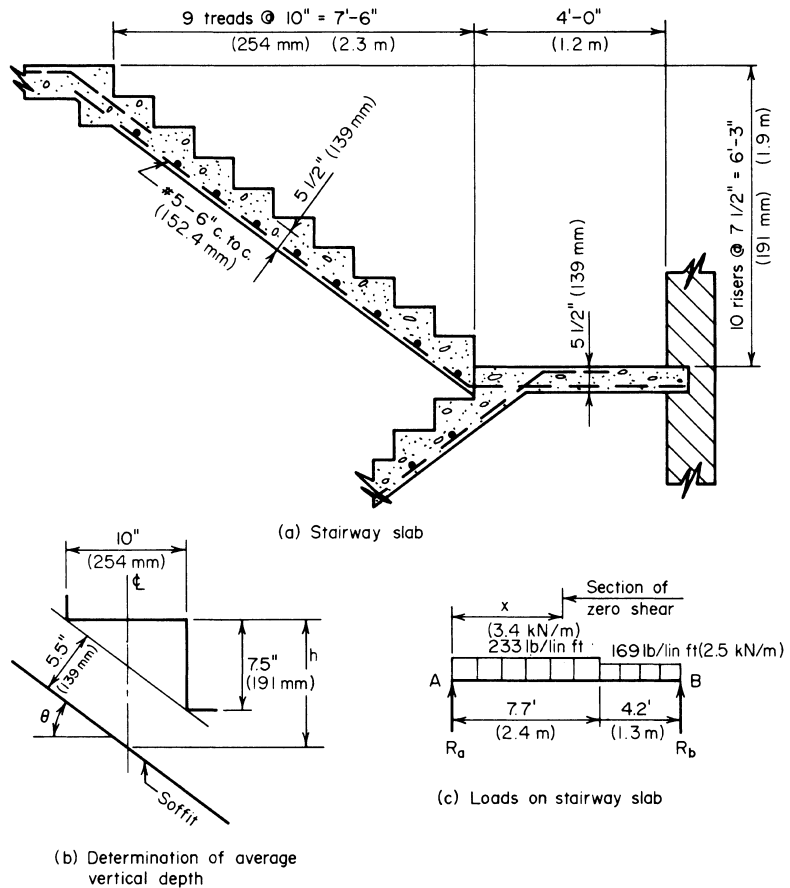
### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the unit loads.** The working-stress method of designing reinforced-concrete members is presented in Sec. 1. The slab is designed as a simply supported beam having a span equal to the horizontal distance between the center of supports. For convenience, consider a strip of slab having a width of 1 ft (0.3 m).

Assume that the slab will be 5.5 in (139 mm) thick, the thickness of the stairway slab being measured normal to the soffit. Compute the average vertical depth in Fig. 62b. Thus,  $\sec \theta = 1.25$ ;  $h = 5.5(1.25) + 3.75 = 10.63 \text{ in}$  (270.0 mm). For the stairway,  $w = 100 + 10.63(150) / 12 = 233 \text{ lb/lin ft}$  (3.4 kN/m); for the landing,  $w = 100 + 5.5(150) / 12 = 169 \text{ lb/lin ft}$  (2.5 kN/m).

**2. Compute the maximum bending moment in the slab.** Construct the load diagram shown in Fig. 62c, adding about 5 in (127 mm) to the clear span to obtain the effective span. Thus,  $R_a = [169(4.2)2.1 + 233(7.7)8.05] / 11.9 = 1339 \text{ lb}$  (5.95 kN);  $x = 1339 / 233 = 5.75 \text{ ft}$  (1.75 m);  $M_{\text{max}} = 1/2(1339)5.75(12) = 46,200 \text{ in}\cdot\text{lb}$  (5.2 kN·m).

**3. Design the reinforcement.** Refer to Table 1 to obtain the following values:  $K_b = 223 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (1.5 MPa);  $j = 0.874$ . Assume an effective depth of 4.5 in (114.3 mm). By Eq. 31, the moment capacity



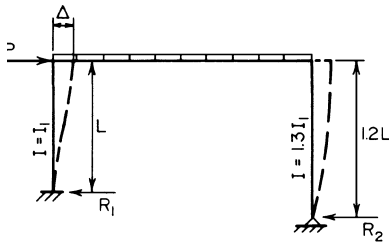
**FIGURE 62** (a) Stairway slab; (b) determination of average vertical depth; (c) loads on stairway slab.

of the member at balanced design is  $M_b = K_b b d^2 = 223(12)4.5^2 = 54,190$  in·lb (6.1 kN·m). The steel is therefore stressed to capacity. (Upon investigation, a 5-in (127-mm) slab is found to be inadequate.) By Eq. 25,  $A_s = M/(f_s j d) = 46,200/[20,000(0.874)4.5] = 0.587$  in<sup>2</sup> (3.79 cm<sup>2</sup>).

Use no. 5 bars, 6 in (152.4 mm) on centers, to obtain  $A_s = 0.62$  in<sup>2</sup> (4.0 cm<sup>2</sup>). In addition, place one no. 5 bar transversely under each tread to assist in distributing the load and to serve as temperature reinforcement. Since the slab is poured independently of the supporting members, it is necessary to furnish dowels at the construction joints.

## FREE VIBRATORY MOTION OF A RIGID BENT

The bent in Fig. 63 is subjected to a horizontal load  $P$  applied suddenly at the top. Using literal values, determine the frequency of vibration of the bent. Make these simplifying assumptions: The girder is infinitely rigid; the columns have negligible mass; damping forces are absent.



**FIGURE 63** Vibrating bent.

columns are vertical at the top. Let  $f$  = frequency;  $k$  = spring constant;  $M$  = total mass of girder and bodies supported by girder.

Using cases 22 and 23 in the *AISC Manual*, we see that when  $\Delta = 1$ , the horizontal reactions are  $R_1 = 12EI_1/L^3$ ;  $R_2 = 3E(1.3I_1)/(1.2L)^3 = 2.26EI_1/L^3$   $k = R_1 + R_2 = 14.26EI_1/L^3$ .

**2. Compute the frequency of vibration.** Use the equation  $f = (1/2\pi)(k/M)^{0.5} = (1/2\pi)(14.26EI_1/ML^3)^{0.5} = 0.601(EI_1/ML^3)^{0.5}$  Hz.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the spring constant.** The amplitude (maximum horizontal displacement of the bent from its position of static equilibrium) is a function of the energy imparted to the bent by the applied load. The frequency of vibration is independent of this energy. To determine the frequency, it is necessary to find the spring constant of the vibrating system. This is the static force that is required at the top to cause a horizontal displacement of one unit. Since the girder is considered to be infinitely rigid, the elastic curves of the

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## Plumbing and Drainage

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### DETERMINATION OF PLUMBING-SYSTEM PIPE SIZES

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A two-story industrial plant has the following plumbing fixtures: first floor—six wall-lip urinals, three valve-operated water closets, three large-size lavatories, and six showers, each with a separate head; second floor—three wall-lip urinals, three valve-operated water closets, three large-size lavatories, and three showers, each with a separate head. Size the waste and vent stacks and the building house drain for this system. Use the *National Plumbing Code (NPC)* as the governing code for the plant locality. The branch piping and house drain will be pitched  $1/4$  in (6.4 mm) per ft (m) of length.

#### Calculation Procedure

**1. Select the upper-floor branch layout.** Sketch the layout of the proposed plumbing system, beginning with the upper, or second, floor. Figure 1 shows a typical plumbing-system sketch. Assume in this plant that the second-floor urinals, water closets, and lavatories are served by one branch drain and the showers by another branch. Both branch drains discharge into a vertical soil stack.

**2. Compute the upper-floor branch fixture units.** List each plumbing fixture as in Table 1.

Obtain the data for each numbered column of Table 1 in the following manner. (1) List the number of the floor being studied and number of each branch drain from the system sketch. Since it was decided to use two branch drains, number them accordingly. (2) List the name of each fixture that will be used. (3) List the number of each type of fixture that will be used. (4) Obtain from the *National Plumbing Code*, or Table 2, the number of *fixture units per fixture*, i.e., the average discharge, during use, of an arbitrarily selected fixture, such as a lavatory or toilet. Once this value is established in a plumbing code, the discharge rates of other types of fixtures are stated in terms of

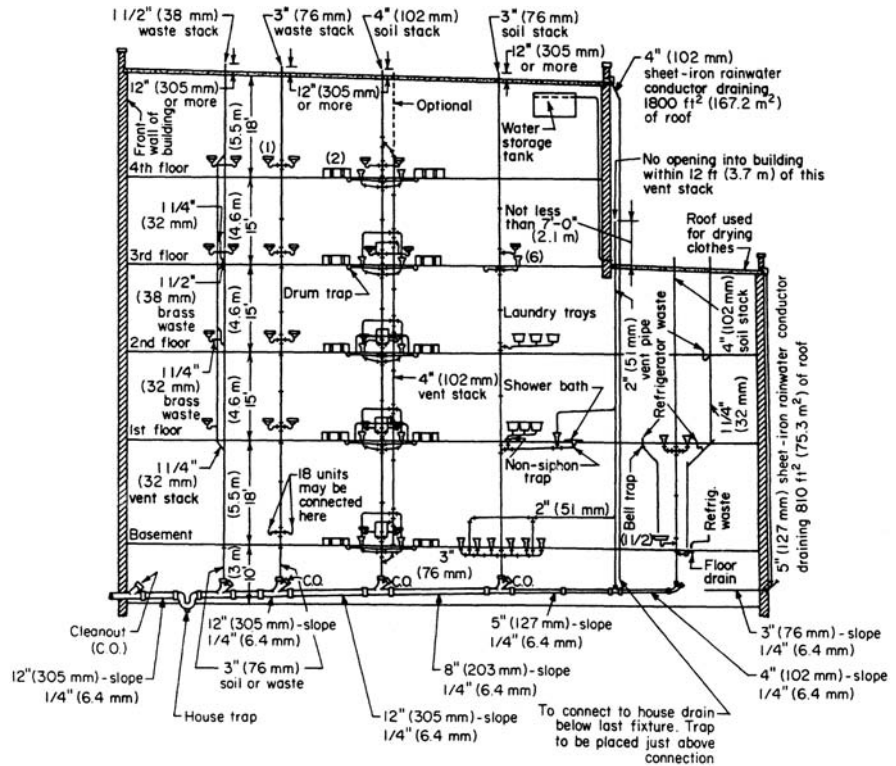


FIGURE 1 Typical plumbing layout diagram for a multistory building.

TABLE 1 Floor-Fixture Analysis

(1) Floor	(2) Fixture name	(3) No. of fixtures	(4) Fixture units per fixture	(5) Total no. of fixture units
Floor 2	Urinals, wall-lip	3	4	12
Branch drain 1	Water closets, valve-operated	3	8	24
	Lavatories, large-size	3	2	6
Total	...	9	...	42
Branch drain 2	Showers	3	3	9
Total	...	3	...	9
Floor 1	Urinals, wall-lip	6	4	24
Branch drain 3	Water closets, valve-operated	3	8	24
	Lavatories, large-size	3	2	6
Total	...	12	...	54
Branch drain 4	Showers	6	3	18
Total	...	6	...	18

**TABLE 2** Fixture Units per Fixture or Group\*

Fixture type	Fixture-unit value as load factors	Minimum size of trap, in (mm)
One bathroom group consisting of water closet, lavatory, and bathtub or shower stall	Tank water closet, 6; flush-valve water closet, 8	
Bathtub <sup>†</sup> (with or without overhead shower)	2	1½ (38)
Bathtub <sup>†</sup>	3	2 (51)
Bidet	3	Nominal, 1½ (38)
Combination sink and tray	3	1½ (38)
Combination sink and tray with food-disposal unit	4	Separate traps, 1½ (38)
Dental unit or cuspidor	1	1¼ (32)
Dental lavatory	1	1¼ (32)
Drinking fountain	½	1 (25)
Dishwasher, domestic	2	1½ (38)
Floor drains <sup>‡</sup>	1	2 (51)
Kitchen sink, domestic	2	1½ (38)
Kitchen sink, domestic, with food-waste grinder	3	1½ (38)
Lavatory <sup>§</sup>	1	Small PO, 1¼ (32)
Lavatory <sup>§</sup>	2	Large PO, 1½ (38)
Lavatory, barber, beauty parlor	2	1½ (38)
Lavatory, surgeon's	2	1½ (38)
Laundry tray (one or two compartments)	2	1½ (38)
Shower stall, domestic	2	2 (51)
Showers (group) per head	3	
Sinks:		
Surgeon's	3	1½ (38)
Flushing rim (with valve)	8	3 (76)
Service (trap standard)	3	3 (76)
Service (P trap)	2	2 (51)
Pot, scullery, etc.	4	1½ (38)
Urinal, pedestal, siphon jet, blowout	8	Nominal, 3 (76)
Urinal, wall lip	4	1½ (38)
Urinal, stall, washout	4	2 (51)
Urinal trough [each 2-ft (0.61-m) section]	2	1½ (38)
Wash sink (circular or multiple) each set of faucets	2	Nominal, 1½ (38)
Water closet, tank-operated	2	Nominal, 3 (76)
Water closet, valve-operated	8	3 (76)

\*From *National Plumbing Code*.

<sup>†</sup>A shower head over a bathtub does not increase the fixture value.

<sup>‡</sup>Size of floor drain shall be determined by the area of surface water to be drained.

<sup>§</sup>Lavatories with 1¼-(32-mm) or 1½-in (38-mm) trap have the same load value; larger PO (plumbing orifice) plugs have greater flow rate.

the basic unit. Plumbing codes adopted by various localities usually list the fixture units they recommend in a tabulation similar to Table 2. (5) Multiply the number of fixtures, column 3, by the fixture units, column 4, to obtain the result in column 5. Thus, for the urinals, (3 urinals)(4 fixture units per urinal fixture) = 12 fixture units. Find the sum of the fixture units for each branch.

**3. Size the upper-floor branch pipes.** Refer to the *National Plumbing Code*, or Table 3, for the number of fixture units each branch can have connected to it. Thus, Table 3 shows that a 4-in (102-mm) branch pipe must be used for branch drain 1 because no more than 20 fixture units can be connected to the next smaller, or 3-in (76-mm) pipe. Hence, branch drain 1 will use a 4-in (102-mm) pipe because it serves 42 fixture units, step 2.

**TABLE 3** Horizontal Fixture Branches and Stacks\*

Diameter of pipe, in (mm)	Maximum number of fixture units that may be connected to			
	Any horizontal <sup>†</sup> fixture branch	One stack of three stories in height or three intervals	More than three stories in height	
			Total for stack	Total at one story or branch interval
1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> (32)	1	2	2	1
1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> (38)	3	4	8	2
2 (51)	6	10	24	6
2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> (64)	12	20	42	9
3 (76)	20 <sup>‡</sup>	30 <sup>§</sup>	60 <sup>§</sup>	16 <sup>‡</sup>
4 (102)	160	240	500	90
5 (127)	360	540	1100	200
6 (152)	620	960	1900	350

\*From *National Plumbing Code*.

<sup>†</sup>Does not include branches of the building drain.

<sup>‡</sup>Not over two water closets.

<sup>§</sup>Not over six water closets.

Branch drain 2 serves 9 fixture units, step 2. Hence, a 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-in (64-mm) branch pipe will be suitable because it can serve 12 fixture units or less (Table 3).

**4. Size the upper-floor stack.** The two horizontal branch drains are sloped toward a vertical *stack* pipe that conducts the waste and water from the upper floors to the sewer. Use Table 3 to size the stack, which is three stories high, including the basement. The total number of second-floor fixture units the stack must serve is 42 + 9 = 51. Hence, for a 4-in (102-mm) stack, Table 3 must be used.

**5. Size the upper-story vent pipe.** Each branch drain on the upper floor must be vented. However, the stack can be extended upward and each branch vent connected to it, if desired. Use the *NPC*, or Table 4, to determine the vent size.

As a guide, the diameter of a branch vent or vent stack is one-half or more of the branch or stack it serves, but not less than 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in (32 mm). Thus, branch drain 1 would have a 4/2 = 2-in (51-mm) vent, whereas branch drain 2 would have a 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>/2 = 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-in (32-mm) vent.

**TABLE 4** Sizes of Building Drains and Sewers\*

Diameter of pipe, in (mm)	Maximum number of fixture units that may be connected to any portion <sup>†</sup> of the building drain or the building sewer			
	Fall per foot (meter)			
	1/16 in (1.6 mm)	1/8 in (3.2 mm)	1/4 in (6.4 mm)	1/2 in (12.7 mm)
2 (51)	...	...	21	26
2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> (64)	...	...	24	31
3 (76)	...	20 <sup>‡</sup>	27 <sup>‡</sup>	36 <sup>‡</sup>
4 (102)	...	180	216	250
5 (127)	...	390	480	575
6 (152)	...	700	840	1000

\*From *National Plumbing Code*.

<sup>†</sup>Includes branches of the building drain.

<sup>‡</sup>Not over two water closets.



**6. Select the lower-floor branch layout.** Assume that the six urinals, three water closets, and three lavatories are served by one branch drain and the six showers by another. Indicate these on the system sketch. Further, arrange both branch drains so that they discharge into the vertical stack serving the second floor.

**7. Compute the lower-floor branch fixture units.** Use the same procedure as in step 2, listing the fixtures and their respective fixture units in the lower part of Table 1.

**8. Size the lower-floor branch pipes.** By Table 3, branch drain 3 must be 4 in (102 mm) because it serves a total of 54 fixture units. Branch 4 must be 3 in (76 mm) because it serves a total of 18 fixture units.

**9. Size the lower-floor stack.** The lower-floor stack serves both the upper- and lower-floor branch drains, or a total of  $42 + 9 + 54 + 18 = 123$  fixture units. Table 3 shows that a 4-in (102-mm) stack will be satisfactory.

**10. Size the lower-floor vents.** By the one-half rule of step 5, the vent for branch drain 3 must be 2 in (51 mm), whereas that for branch drain 4 must be  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in (38 mm).

**11. Size the building drain.** The building drain serves all the fixtures installed in the building and slopes down toward the city sewer. Hence, the total number of fixture units it serves is  $42 + 9 + 54 + 18 = 123$ . This is the same as the vertical stack. Table 4 shows that a 4-in (102-mm) drain that is sloped  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in/ft (21 mm/m) will serve 216 fixture units. Thus, a 4-in (102-mm) drain will be satisfactory. The house trap that is installed in the building drain should also be a 4-in (102-mm) unit.

**Related Calculations** Where a local plumbing code exists, use it instead of the *NPC*. If no local code exists, follow the *NPC* for all classes of buildings. Use the general method given here to size the various pipes in the system. Select piping materials (cast iron, copper, clay, steel, brass, wrought iron, lead, etc.) in accordance with the local or *NPC* recommendations. Where the house drain is below the level of the public sewer line, it is often arranged to discharge into a suitably sized *sump pit*. Sewage is discharged from the sump pit to the public sewer by a pneumatic ejector or motor-driven pump.

## DESIGN OF ROOF AND YARD RAINWATER DRAINAGE SYSTEMS

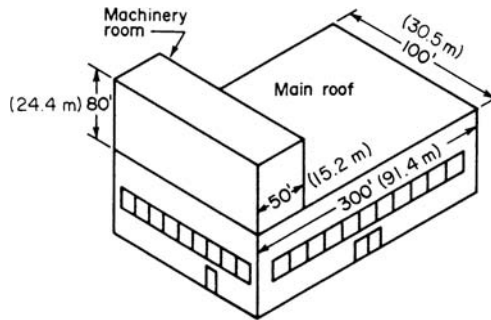
An industrial plant is 300 ft (91.4 m) long and 100 ft (30.5 m) wide. The roof of the building is flat except for a 50-ft (15.2-m) long, 100-ft (30.5-m) wide, 80-ft (24.4-m) high machinery room at one end of the roof. Size the leaders and horizontal drains for this roof for a maximum rainfall of 4 in/h (102 mm/h). What size storm drain is needed if the drain is sloped  $\frac{1}{4}$  in/ft (2.1 cm/m) of length?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Sketch the building roof.** Figure 2 shows the building roof and machinery room roof. Indicate on the sketch the major dimensions of the roof and machinery room.

**2. Compute the roof area to be drained.** Two roof areas must be drained, the machinery-room roof and the main roof. The respective areas are: machinery room roof area =  $50 \times 100 = 5000$  ft<sup>2</sup> (464.5 m<sup>2</sup>); main roof area =  $250 \times 100 = 25,000$  ft<sup>2</sup> (2322.5 m<sup>2</sup>).

The wall of the machinery room facing the main roof will also collect rain to some extent. This must be taken into consideration when the roof leaders are sized. Do this by computing the area of the wall facing the main roof and adding one-half this area to the main roof area. Thus, wall area =  $80 \times 100 = 8000$  ft<sup>2</sup> (743.2 m<sup>2</sup>). Adding half this area to the main roof area gives  $25,000 + 8000/2 = 29,000$  ft<sup>2</sup> (2694 m<sup>2</sup>).


**FIGURE 2** Building roof areas.

**3. Select the leader size for each roof.** Decide whether the small roof area, i.e., the machinery room roof, will be drained by separate leaders to the ground or to the main roof area. If the small roof area is drained separately, treat it as a building unto itself. Where the small roof drains onto the main roof, add the two roof areas to determine the leader size.

By treating the two roofs as separate units, Table 5 shows that a 5-in (127-mm) leader is needed for the 5000-ft<sup>2</sup> (464.5-m<sup>2</sup>) machinery room roof. This same table shows that an 8-in (203-mm) leader is needed for the 29,000-ft<sup>2</sup> (2694-m<sup>2</sup>) main roof, including the machinery room wall.

**TABLE 5** Sizes of Vertical Leaders and Horizontal Storm Drains\*

Vertical leaders			
Size of leader or conductor, <sup>†</sup> in (mm)	Maximum projected roof area, ft <sup>2</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> )		
2 (51)	720 (66.9)		
2½ (64)	1,300 (120.8)		
3 (76)	2,200 (204.4)		
4 (102)	4,600 (427.3)		
5 (127)	8,650 (803.6)		
6 (152)	13,500 (1,254.2)		
8 (203)	29,000 (2,694)		

Horizontal storm drains			
Diameter of drain, in (mm)	Maximum projected roof area for drains of various slopes, ft <sup>2</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> )		
	1/8-in (3.2-mm) slope	1/4-in (6.4-mm) slope	1/2-in (12.7-mm) slope
3 (76)	822 (76.4)	1,160 (107.8)	1,644 (152.7)
4 (102)	1,880 (174.4)	2,650 (246.2)	3,760 (349.3)
5 (127)	3,340 (310.3)	4,720 (438.5)	6,680 (620.6)
6 (152)	5,350 (497.0)	7,550 (701.4)	10,700 (994.0)
8 (203)	11,500 (1,068.4)	16,300 (1,514.3)	23,000 (2,136.7)
10 (254)	20,700 (1,923.0)	29,200 (2,712.7)	41,400 (3,846.1)
12 (305)	33,300 (3,093.6)	47,000 (4,366.3)	66,600 (6,187.1)
15 (381)	59,500 (5,527.6)	84,000 (7,803.6)	119,000 (11,055.1)

\*From *National Plumbing Code*.

<sup>†</sup>The equivalent diameter of square or rectangular leader may be taken as the diameter of that circle that may be inscribed within the cross-sectional area of the leader.

**TABLE 6** Size of Gutters\*

Diameter of gutter, <sup>†</sup> in (mm)	Maximum projected roof area for gutters of various slopes, ft <sup>2</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> )			
	1/16-in (1.6-mm) slope	1/8-in (3.2-mm) slope	1/4-in (6.4-mm) slope	1/2-in (12.7-mm) slope
3 (76)	170 (15.8)	240 (22.3)	340 (31.6)	480 (44.6)
4 (102)	360 (33.4)	510 (47.4)	720 (66.9)	1,020 (94.8)
5 (127)	625 (58.1)	880 (81.8)	1,250 (116.1)	1,770 (164.4)
6 (152)	960 (89.2)	1,360 (126.3)	1,920 (178.4)	2,770 (257.3)
7 (178)	1,380 (128.2)	1,950 (181.2)	2,760 (256.4)	3,900 (362.3)
8 (203)	1,990 (184.9)	2,800 (260.1)	3,980 (369.7)	5,600 (520.2)
10 (254)	3,600 (334.4)	5,100 (473.8)	7,200 (668.9)	10,000 (929.0)

\*From National Plumbing Code.

†Gutters other than semicircular may be used provided they have an equivalent cross-sectional area.

**4. Size the storm drain for each roof.** The lower portion of Table 5 shows that a 6-in (152-mm) storm drain is needed for the 5000-ft<sup>2</sup> (464.5-m<sup>2</sup>) roof. A 10-in (254-mm) storm drain (Table 5) is needed for the 29,000-ft<sup>2</sup> (2694-m<sup>2</sup>) main roof.

When any storm drain is connected to a building sanitary drain or storm sewer, a trap should be used at the inlet to the sanitary drain or storm sewer. The trap prevents sewer gases entering the storm leaders.

**Related Calculations** Size roof leaders in strict accordance with the *National Plumbing Code (NPC)* or the local applicable code. Undersized roof leaders are dangerous because they can cause water buildup on a roof, leading to excessive roof loads. Where gutters are used on a building, size them in accordance with Table 6.

Where a roof leader discharges into a sanitary drain, convert the roof area to equivalent fixture units to determine the load on the sanitary drain. To convert roof area to fixture units, take the first 1000 ft<sup>2</sup> (92.9 m<sup>2</sup>) of roof area as equivalent to 256 fixture units when designing for a maximum rainfall of 4 in/h (102 mm/h). Where the total roof area exceeds 1000 ft<sup>2</sup> (92.9 m<sup>2</sup>), divide the remaining roof area by 3.9 ft<sup>2</sup> (0.36 m<sup>2</sup>) per fixture unit to determine the fixture load for the remaining area.

Thus, the machinery room roof in the above plant is equivalent to  $256 + 4000/3.9 = 1281$  fixture units. The main roof and machinery room wall are equivalent to  $256 + 28,000/3.9 = 7436$  fixture units. These roofs, if taken together, would place a total load of  $1281 + 7436 = 8717$  fixture units on a sanitary drain.

Where the rainfall differs from 4 in/h (102 mm/h), compute the load on the drain in the same way as described above. Choose the drain size from the appropriate table. Then multiply the drain size by actual maximum rainfall, in (mm)/4. If the drain size obtained is nonstandard, as will often be the case, use the next *larger* standard drain size. Thus, with a 6-in (152-mm) rainfall and a 5-in (127-mm) leader based on the 4-in (102-mm) rainfall tables, leader size =  $(5)(6/4) = 7.5$  in (191 mm). Since this is not a standard size, use the next larger size, or 8 in (203 mm). Roof areas should be drained as quickly as possible to prevent excessive structural stresses caused by water accumulations.

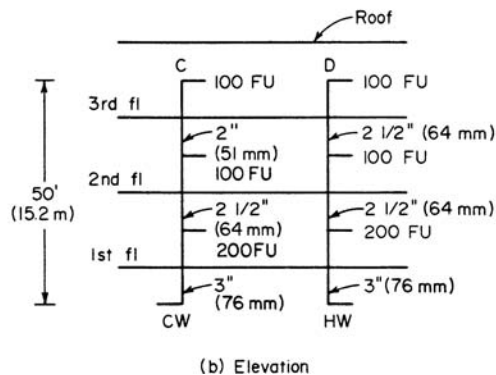
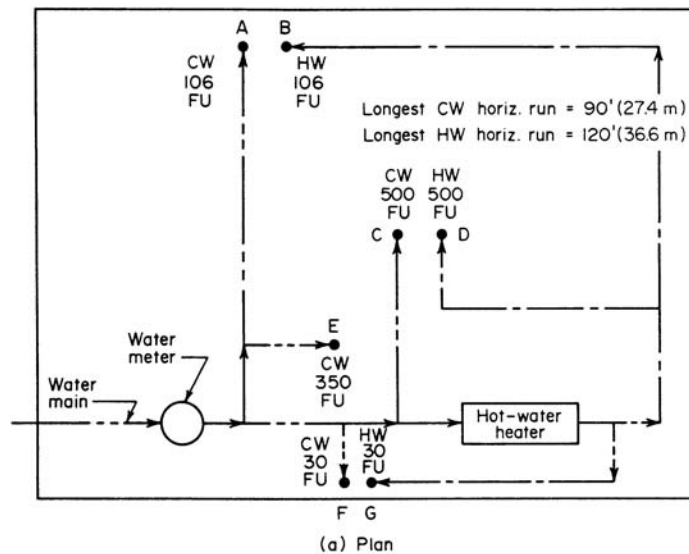
To compute the required size of drains for paved areas, yards, courts, and courtyards, use the same procedure and tables as for roofs. Where the rainfall differs from 4 in (102 mm), apply the conversion ratio discussed in the previous paragraph. Note that the flow capacity of floor and roof drains must equal, or exceed, the flow capacity of the leader to which either unit is connected.

## SIZING COLD- AND HOT-WATER-SUPPLY PIPING

An industrial building has the following plumbing fixtures: 2 showers, 200 private lavatories, 200 service sinks, 20 public lavatories, 1 dishwasher, 25 flush-valve water closets, and 20 stall urinals. Size the cold- and hot-water piping for these fixtures, using an upfeed system. The highest fixture is 50 ft (15.2 m) above the water main. The minimum water pressure available in the water main is 60 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (413.6 kPa); the pressure loss in the water meter is 8.3 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (57.2 kPa).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Sketch the proposed piping system.** Draw a single-line diagram of the proposed cold- and hot-water piping. Thus, Fig. 3a shows the proposed basement layout of the water piping, and Fig. 3b



**FIGURE 3** (a) Plan of industrial-plant water piping; (b) elevation of building water-supply risers.

**TABLE 7** Rate of Flow and Required Pressure During Flow for Different Fixtures\*

Fixture	Flow pressure <sup>†</sup>		Flow rate	
	lb/L <sup>2</sup>	kPa	gal/min	L/s
Ordinary basin faucet	8	55.2	3.0	0.19
Self-closing basin faucet	12	82.7	2.5	0.16
Sink faucet, 3/8 in (9.5 mm)	10	68.9	4.5	0.28
Sink faucet, 1/2 in (12.7 mm)	5	34.5	4.5	0.28
Bathtub faucet	5	34.5	6.0	0.38
Laundry-tub cock, 1/2 in (12.7 mm)	5	34.5	5.0	0.32
Shower	12	82.7	5.0	0.32
Ball cock for closet	15	103.4	3.0	0.19
Flush valve for closet	10–20	68.9–137.9	15–40 <sup>‡</sup>	0.95–2.5
Flush valve for urinal	15	103.4	15.0	0.95
Garden hose, 50 ft (15.2 m) and sill cock	30	206.8	5.0	0.32

\*From *National Plumbing Code*.

<sup>†</sup>Flow pressure is the pressure in the pipe at the entrance to the particular fixture considered.

<sup>‡</sup>Wide range due to variation in design and type of flush-valve closets.

shows two of the risers used in this industrial plant. Indicate on each branch line the “weight” in *fixture units* of fixtures served and the required water flow. Table 7 shows the rate of flow and required pressure during flow to different types of fixtures.

**2. Compute the demand weight of the fixtures.** List the fixtures as in Table 8. Next to the name and number of each fixture, list the demand weight for cold or hot water, or both, from Table 9. Note that when a fixture has both a cold-water and hot-water supply, only three-fourths of the fixture weight listed in Table 8 is used for each cold-water and each hot-water outlet. Thus, with a total demand weight of 1 for a private lavatory, the cold-water demand weight is  $0.75(1) = 0.75$  fixture unit, and the hot-water demand weight is  $0.75(1) = 0.75$  fixture unit.

Find the product of the number of each type of fixture and the demand weight per fixture for cold and hot water; enter the result in the last two columns of Table 8. The sum of the cold- and hot-water-*fixture demand weights*, 986 and 636 fixture units, respectively, gives the total demand weight for the building, in fixture units, except for the dishwasher.

**TABLE 8** Fixture Demand Weight\*

Fixture name	No. of fixtures	Demand weight per fixture in fixture units		Total fixture demand weight in fixture units	
		Cold water	Hot water	Cold water	Hot water
Shower	2	3	3	6	6
Lavatory, private	200	0.75	0.75	150	150
Lavatory, public	20	1.5	1.5	30	30
Sink, service	200	2.25	2.25	450	450
Dishwasher	1	...	*	...	...
Water closet, flush-valve	25	10	...	250	...
Urinal, stall	20	5	...	100	...
Total	...	...	...	986	636

\*Not given in *National Plumbing Code* tabulation.

**TABLE 9** Demand Weight of Fixtures in Fixture Units\*

Fixture or group <sup>†</sup>	Occupancy	Type of supply control	Weight in fixture units <sup>‡</sup>
Water closet	Public	Flush valve	10
Water closet	Public	Flush tank	5
Pedestal urinal	Public	Flush valve	10
Stall or wall urinal	Public	Flush valve	5
Stall or wall urinal	Public	Flush tank	3
Lavatory	Public	Faucet	2
Bath tub	Public	Faucet	4
Shower head	Public	Mixing valve	4
Service sink	Office, etc.	Faucet	3
Kitchen sink	Hotel or restaurant	Faucet	4
Water closet	Private	Flush valve	6
Water closet	Private	Flush tank	3
Lavatory	Private	Faucet	1
Bath tub	Private	Faucet	2
Shower head	Private	Mixing valve	2
Bathroom group	Private	Flush valve for closet	8
Bathroom group	Private	Flush tank for closet	6
Separate shower	Private	Mixing valve	2
Kitchen sink	Private	Faucet	2
Laundry trays (one to three)	Private	Faucet	3
Combination fixture	Private	Faucet	3

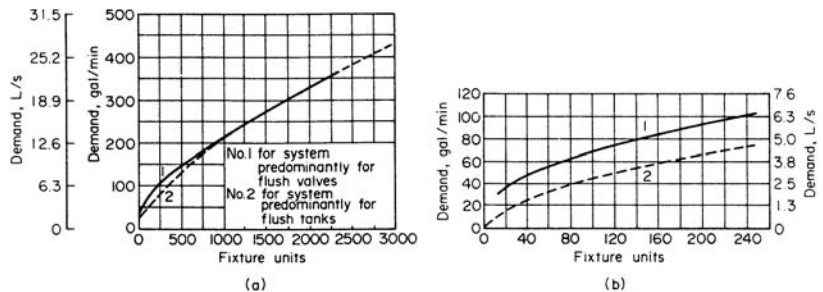
\*From *National Plumbing Code*. For supply outlets likely to impose continuous demands, estimate continuous supply separately and add to total demand for fixtures.

<sup>†</sup>For fixtures not listed, weights may be assumed by comparing the fixture to a listed one using water in similar quantities and at similar rates.

<sup>‡</sup>The given weights are for total demand. For fixtures with both hot- and cold-water supplies, the weights for maximum separate demands may be taken as three-fourths the listed demand for supply.

**3. Compute the building water demand.** Using Fig. 4a, enter at the bottom with the number of fixture units and project vertically upward to the curve. At the left read the demand—210 gal/min (13.3 L/s) of cold water and 160 gal/min (10.1 L/s) of hot water, excluding the dishwasher.

Table 9 shows that a dishwasher serving 500 people in an industrial plant requires 250 gal/h (0.26 L/s) with a demand factor of 0.40. This is equivalent to a demand of (demand, gal/h) (demand factor), or (250)(0.40) = 100 gal/h (0.11 L/s) or 100 gal/h/(60 min/h) = 1.66 gal/min (0.10 L/s), say



**FIGURE 4** (a) Domestic water demand for various fixtures; (b) enlargement of low-demand portion of (a).

2.0 gal/min (0.13 L/s). Hence, the total hot-water demand is  $160 + 2 = 162$  gal/min (10.2 L/s). The total building water demand is therefore  $210 + 162 = 372$  gal/min (23.5 L/s).

**4. Compute the allowable piping pressure drop.** The minimum inlet water pressure generally recommended for a plumbing fixture is  $8 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (55.2 kPa), although some authorities use a lower limit of  $5 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (34.5 kPa). Flushometers normally require an inlet pressure of  $15 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (103.4 kPa). Table 7 lists the usual inlet pressure and flow rates required for various plumbing fixtures.

Assume a  $15\text{-lb/in}^2$  (103.4-kPa) inlet pressure at the highest fixture. This fixture is 50 ft (15.2 m) above the water main (Fig. 3). To convert elevation in feet to pressure in pounds per square inch, multiply by 0.434, or  $(50 \text{ ft})(0.434) = 21.7 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (149.6 kPa). Last, the pressure loss in the water meter is  $8.8 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (57.2 kPa), as given in the problem statement. Thus, the pressure loss in this or any other water-supply system, not considering piping friction loss, is fixture inlet pressure,  $\text{lb/in}^2$ , + vertical elevation loss,  $\text{lb/in}^2$ , + water-meter pressure loss,  $\text{lb/in}^2 = 15 + 21.7 + 8.3 = 45 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (310.2 kPa). Hence, the pressure available to overcome the piping frictional resistance =  $60 - 45 = 15 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (103.4 kPa).

*Note:* The pressure loss in water meters of various sizes can be obtained from manufacturers' engineering data, or Fig. 5, for disk-type meters.

**5. Compute the allowable friction loss in the piping.** Figure 3a shows that the longest horizontal run of pipe is  $90 + 50 = 140$  ft (42.7 m). Allowing 50 percent of the straight run for the equivalent length of valves and fittings in the longest run and riser gives the total equivalent length of cold-water piping as  $140 + 0.50 = 210$  ft (64.0 m).

Compute the allowable friction loss per 100 ft (30.5 m) of cold-water pipe from  $F = 100$  (pressure available to overcome piping frictional resistance,  $\text{lb/in}^2$ )/equivalent length of cold-water piping, ft. Or,  $F = 100(15)/210 = 7.14 \text{ lb/in}^2$  per 100 ft (1.62 kPa/m); use  $7.0 \text{ lb/in}^2$  per 100 ft (1.58 kPa/m) for design purposes.

By the same procedure for the hot-water pipe,  $F = 100(15)/255 = 5.88 \text{ lb/in}^2$  per 100 ft (1.33 kPa/m); use  $5.75 \text{ lb/in}^2$  per 100 ft (1.30 kPa/m). Reducing the design pressure loss for the cold- and hot-water piping design pressure loss to the next lower convenient pressure is done only to save time. If desired, the actual computed value can be used. *Never* round off to the next higher convenient pressure loss because this can lead to undersized pipes and reduced flow from the fixture.

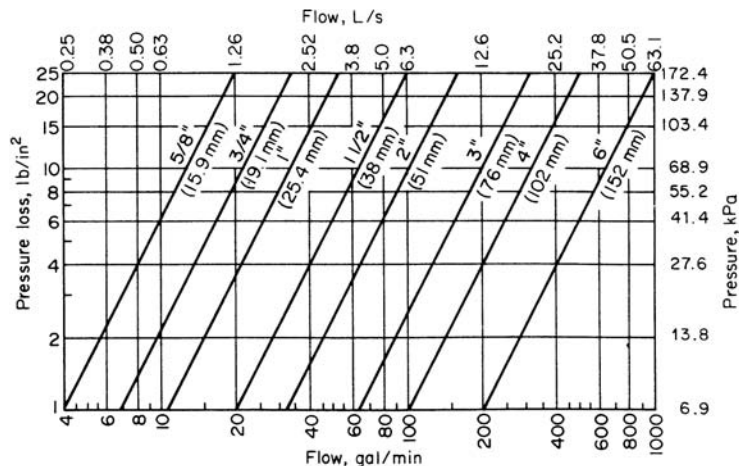


FIGURE 5 Pressure loss in disk-type water meters.

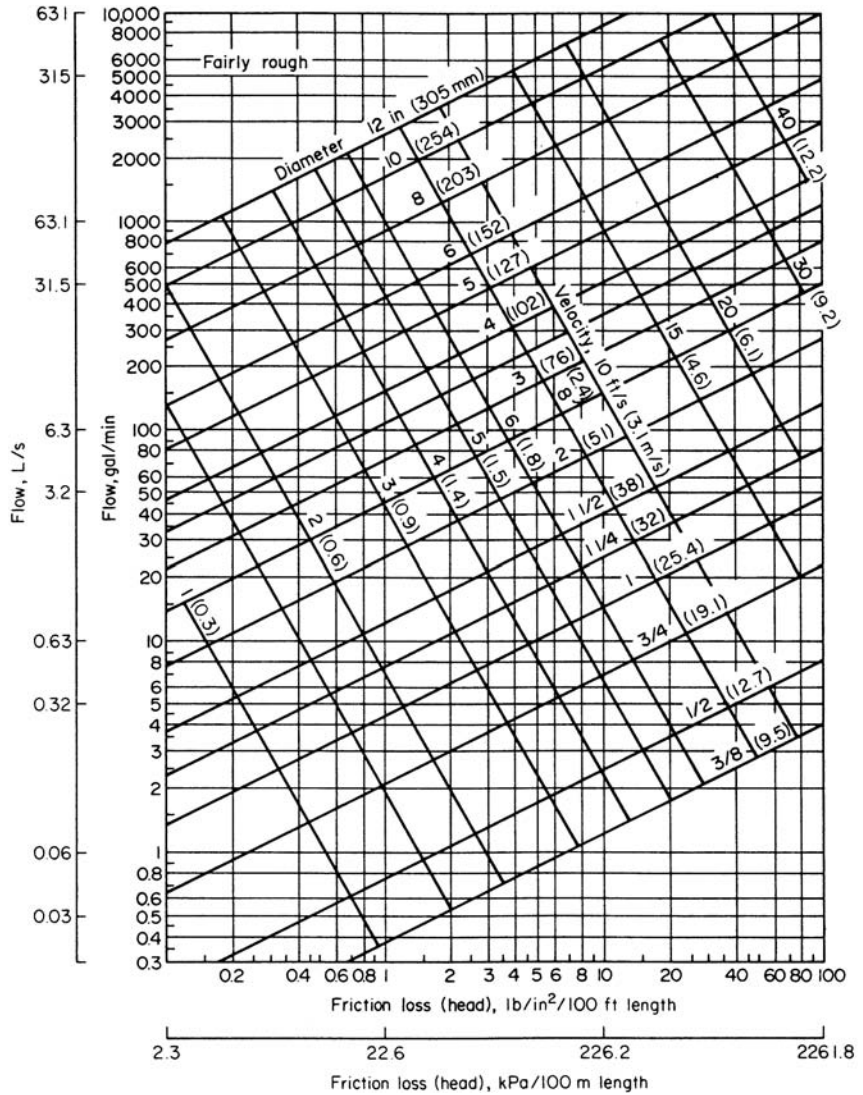


FIGURE 6 Chart for selecting water-pipe size for various flow rates.

**6. Size the water main.** Step 3 shows that the total building water demand is 372 gal/min (23.5 L/s). Using the cold-water friction loss of 7.0 lb/in<sup>2</sup> per 100 ft (1.58 kPa/m), enter Fig. 6 at the bottom at 7.0 and project vertically upward to 372 gal/min (23.5 L/s). Read the main size as 4 in (102 mm). This size would be run to the water heater (Fig. 3) unless the run were extremely long. With a long run, the main size would be reduced after each branch takeoff to the risers to reduce the cost of the piping.

**7. Compute the water flow in each riser.** List the risers in Fig. 3 as shown in Table 10. Next to the letter identifying a riser, list the water it handles (hot or cold), the number of fixture units served by



**TABLE 10** Riser Sizing Calculations

Riser	Type*	Fixture units	Rate		Pressure loss		Riser size	
			gal/min	L/s	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	kPa	in	mm
A	CW	106	70	4.4	7.0	48.3	2	51
B	HW	106	70	4.4	5.75	39.6	2½	64
C	CW	500	150	9.5	7.0	48.3	3	76
D	HW	500	150	9.5	5.75	39.6	3	76
E	CW	350	130	8.2	7.0	48.3	2½	64
F	CW	30	40	2.5	7.0	48.3	2	51
G	HW	30	40	2.5	5.75	39.6	2	51

\*CW stands for cold water; HW stands for hot water.

the riser, and the flow. Find the flow by entering Fig. 4 with the number of fixture units served by the riser and projecting up to the flush-valve curve. Read the gallons per minute (liters per second) at the left of Fig. 4.

**8. Choose the riser size.** Enter the pressure loss, lb/in<sup>2</sup> per 100 ft (kPa per 30.5 m), found in step 5 next to each riser (Table 10). Using Fig. 4 and the appropriate pressure loss, size each riser and enter the chosen size in Table 10. Thus, riser A conveys 70 gal/min (4.4 L/s) with a pressure loss of 7.0 lb/in<sup>2</sup> per 100 ft (1.58 kPa/m). Figure 4 shows that a 2-in (50.8-mm) riser is suitable. When Fig. 4 indicates a pipe size that is between two standard pipe sizes, use the next *larger* pipe size.

**9. Choose the fixture supply-pipe size.** Use Table 11 as a guide for choosing the fixture supply-pipe size. Note that these tabulated sizes are the minimum recommended. Where the supply-pipe run is more than 3 ft (1 m), or where more than one fixture is served, use a larger size.

**10. Select the hot-water-heater capacity.** Table 12 shows that the demand factor for a hot-water heater in an industrial plant is 0.40 times the hourly hot-water demand. Step 3 shows that the total hot-water demand is 162 gal/min (10.2 L/s), or 162(60) = 9720 gal/h (10.2 L/s). Therefore, this hot-water heater must have a heating coil capable of heating at least 0.4(9720) = 3888 gal/h, say 3900 gal/h (4.1 L/s).

The storage capacity should equal the product of hourly water demand and the storage factor from Table 12. Thus, storage capacity = 9720(1.0) = 9720 gal (36,790 L). Table 13 shows the usual hot-water temperature used for various services in different types of structures.

**TABLE 11** Minimum Sizes for Fixture-Supply Pipes\*

Type of fixture or device	Pipe size		Type of fixture or device	Pipe size	
	in	mm		in	mm
Bathtubs	½	12.7	Shower (single head)	½	12.7
Combination sink and tray	½	12.7	Sinks (service, slop)	½	12.7
Drinking fountain	¾	9.5	Sinks, flushing rim	¾	19.1
Dishwasher (domestic)	½	12.7	Urinal (flush tank)	½	12.7
Kitchen sink, residential	½	12.7	Urinal (direct flush valve)	¾	19.1
Kitchen sink, commercial	¾	19.1	Water closet (tank type)	¾	9.5
Lavatory	¾	9.5	Water closet (flush valve type)	1	25.4
Laundry tray, one, two or three compartments	½	12.7	Hose bibs	½	12.7
			Wall hydrant	½	12.7

\*From *National Plumbing Code*.

**TABLE 12** Hot-Water Demand per Fixture for Various Building Types\*

Type of fixture	Apartment house	Hospital	Hotel	Industrial plant	Office building
Basins, private lavatories	2 (7.6)	2 (7.6)	2 (7.6)	2 (7.6)	2 (7.6)
Basins, public lavatories	4 (15.1)	6 (22.7)	8 (30.3)	12 (45.4)	6 (22.7)
Showers	75 (283.9)	75 (283.9)	75 (283.9)	225 (851.6)	—
Slop sinks	20 (75.7)	20 (75.7)	30 (113.6)	20 (75.7)	15 (56.8)
Dishwashers (per 500 people)	250 (946.3)	250 (946.3)	250 (946.3)	250 (946.3)	250 (946.3)
Pantry sinks	5 (18.9)	10 (37.9)	10 (37.9)	—	—
Demand factor	0.30 (1.1)	0.35 (1.32)	0.25 (0.95)	0.40 (1.51)	0.30 (1.1)
Storage factor	1.25 (4.7)	0.60 (2.27)	0.80 (3.0)	1.00 (3.79)	2.00 (7.57)

\*Based on average conditions for types of buildings listed, gallons of water per hour (liters per hour) per fixture at 140°F (60°C).

**Related Calculations** Size the risers serving each floor, using the same procedure as in steps 6 and 7. Thus, risers *C* and *D* are each 3 in (76 mm) up to the first-floor branch. Between this and the second-floor branch, a 2½-in (64-mm) riser is needed. Between the second and third floors, a 2-in (51-mm) cold-water riser and a 2½-in (64-mm) hot-water riser are needed.

In a *downfeed* water-supply system, an elevated roof tank generally supplies cold water to the fixtures. To provide a 15-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (103.4-kPa) inlet pressure to the highest fixtures, the bottom of the tank must be (15 lb/in<sup>2</sup>)(2.31 ft·in<sup>2</sup>/lb of water) = 34.6 ft (10.6 m) above the fixture inlet. Where this height cannot be obtained because the building design prohibits it, tank-type fixtures requiring only a 3 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (20.7 kPa) or (3 lb/in<sup>2</sup>)(2.31) = 6.93-ft (2.1-m) elevation at the fixture inlet may be used on the upper floors. Valve-type fixtures are used on the lower floors where the tank elevation provides the required 15-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (103.4-kPa) inlet pressure.

To design a downfeed system: (a) Compute the pressure available at the highest fixture resulting from the tank elevation from lb/in<sup>2</sup> = 0.434 (tank elevation above inlet to highest fixture, ft)(9.8 kPa/m). (b) Subtract the required inlet pressure to the highest fixture from the pressure obtained in *a*. (c) Compute the pressure available to overcome the friction in 100 ft (30.5 m) of piping, using the method of step 5 of the upfeed design procedure and substituting the value found in item *b*. (d) Size the main from the tank so it is large enough to provide the needed flow to all the upper- and lower-floor fixtures. (e) Note that the pressure in each supply main increases as the distance from the tank bottom becomes greater. Thus, the hydraulic pressure increases 0.43 lb/in<sup>2</sup>·ft (9.8 kPa/m) of distance from the tank bottom. Usual design practice allows a 15-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (103.4-kPa) drop through the fittings and valves in the main. The remaining pressure produced by the tank elevation is then available for overcoming pipe friction.

Note that both cold and hot water can be supplied from separate overhead tanks. However, hot water is usually supplied from the building basement by a pump. In exceptionally high buildings, water tanks may be located on several intermediate floors as well as the roof. Hot-water heaters may also be located on intermediate floors, although the usual location is in the basement.

**TABLE 13** Hot-Water Temperatures for Various Services, °F (°C)

Cafeterias (serving areas)	130	(54)
Lavatories and showers	130	(54)
Slop sinks (floor cleaning)	150	(65.6)
Slop sinks (other cleaning)	130	(54)
Cafeteria kitchens	130 + steam	(54 + steam)

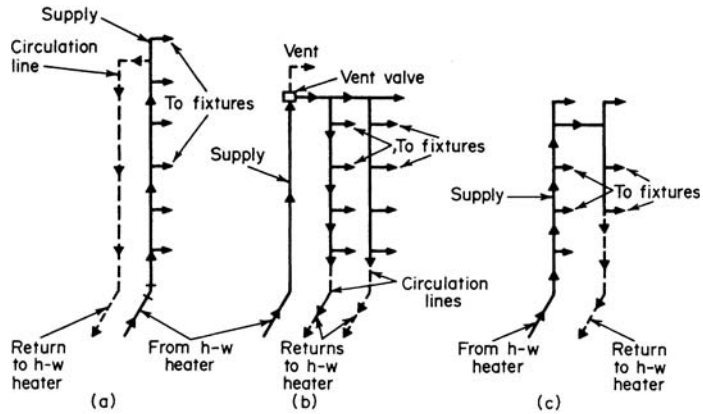


FIGURE 7 Hot-water piping systems.

In a *zoned* system, one water tank and one set of hot-water heaters serve several floors or one or more wings of a building. The piping in each zone is designed as described above, using the appropriate method for an upfeed or downfeed system.

To provide hot water as soon as possible after a fixture is opened, the water may be continuously recirculated to the fixtures (Fig. 7). Recirculation is used with both upfeed and downfeed systems. To determine the required hot-water temperature in a system, use Table 13, which shows the usual hot-water temperatures used for various services in buildings of different types. Hot-water piping is generally insulated to reduce heat losses.

## SPRINKLER-SYSTEM SELECTION AND DESIGN

Select and design a sprinkler system for the warehouse building shown in Fig. 8. The materials stored in this warehouse are not flammable. The warehouse is built of fire-resistive materials.

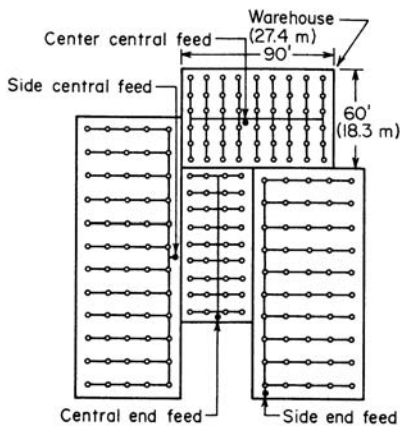


FIGURE 8 Typical arrangement of sprinkler piping.

### Calculation Procedure

#### 1. Determine the type of occupancy of the building.

The classifications of occupancy used by the National Board of Fire Underwriters (NBFU) are (1) light hazard, such as apartment houses, asylums, club-houses, colleges, churches, dormitories, hospitals, hotels, libraries, museums, office buildings, and schools; (2) ordinary hazard, such as mercantile buildings, warehouses, manufacturing plants, and occupancies not classed as light or extra hazardous; (3) extra-hazard occupancies, i.e., those buildings or portions of buildings where the inspection agency having jurisdiction determines that the hazard is severe.

Since this is a warehouse used to store nonflammable materials, it can be tentatively classed as an ordinary-hazard occupancy.

**2. Compute the number of sprinkler heads required.** Consult the local fire-prevention code and the fire underwriters regarding the type, size, and materials required for sprinkler systems. Typical codes recommend that each sprinkler head in an ordinary-hazard fire-resistive building protect not more than 100 ft<sup>2</sup> (9.29 m<sup>2</sup>) and that the sprinkler branch pipes, and the sprinklers themselves, be not more than 12 ft (3.7 m) apart, center to center.

The area of the warehouse floor is 90(60) = 5400 ft<sup>2</sup> (501.7 m<sup>2</sup>). With each sprinkler protecting 100 ft<sup>2</sup> (9.29 m<sup>2</sup>) of area, the number of sprinkler heads required is 5400 ft<sup>2</sup>/100 ft<sup>2</sup> (501.7 m<sup>2</sup>/9.29 m<sup>2</sup>) per sprinkler = 54 heads.

**3. Sketch the sprinkler layout.** If the warehouse has a centrally located support column or piping cluster, a center central feed pipe (Fig. 8) can be used. Assuming the sprinkler branch pipes are spaced on 10-ft (3.05-m) centers, sketch the branches and heads as shown in Fig. 8. Use a small circle to indicate each sprinkler head.

Space the end sprinkler heads and branch pipes away from the walls by an amount equal to one-half the center-to-center distance between branch pipes. Thus, the end sprinkler heads and branch pipes will be 10/2 = 5 ft (1.5 m) from the walls.

**4. Size the branch and main sprinkler pipes.** Use the local code, Fig. 9, or Table 14. Table 14 shows that a 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-in (32-mm) branch line will be suitable for three sprinklers in an ordinary-hazard occupancy such as this warehouse. Hence, each branch line having three sprinklers will be this size.

The horizontal overhead main supplying the branches will progressively decrease in diameter as it runs farther from the vertical center feed and serves fewer sprinklers. To the right of the vertical feed, the horizontal main serves 30 sprinklers. Table 14 shows that a 3-in (76-mm) pipe can serve up to 40 sprinklers. Hence, this size will be used because the next smaller size, 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> in (64 mm), can serve only 20 sprinklers.

Since the first branch has six sprinklers, a 3-in (76-mm) pipe is still needed for the main because Table 14 shows that a 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-in (64-mm) pipe can serve only 20, or fewer, sprinklers. However, beyond the second branch, the diameter of the horizontal main can be reduced to 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> in (64 mm) because the number of sprinklers served in 30 – 12 = 18. Beyond the fourth branch, the main size can be reduced to 2 in (51 mm) because only six sprinklers are served. Size the left-hand horizontal main in the same way.

The vertical center central feed pipe serves 54 sprinklers. Hence, a 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-in (89-mm) pipe must be used, according to Table 14.

**5. Choose the primary and secondary water supply.** Usual codes require that each sprinkler system have two water supplies. The primary supply should be automatic and must have sufficient capacity and pressure to serve the system. Local codes usually specify the minimum pressure and capacity acceptable for sprinklers serving various occupancies.

**TABLE 14** Pipe-Size Schedule for Typical Sprinkler Installations

Occupancy and pipe size, in (mm)	No. of sprinklers
<b>Light hazard</b>	
1 (25)	2
1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> (32)	3
1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> (38)	5
2 (51)	10
2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> (64)	40
3 (76)	No limit
<b>Ordinary hazard</b>	
1 (25)	2
1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> (32)	3
1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> (38)	5
2 (51)	10
2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> (64)	20
3 (76)	40
3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> (89)	65
4 (102)	100
5 (127)	160
6 (152)	250
<b>Extra hazard</b>	
1 (25)	1
1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> (32)	2
1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> (38)	5
2 (51)	8
2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> (64)	15
3 (76)	27
3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> (89)	40
4 (102)	55
5 (127)	90
6 (152)	150

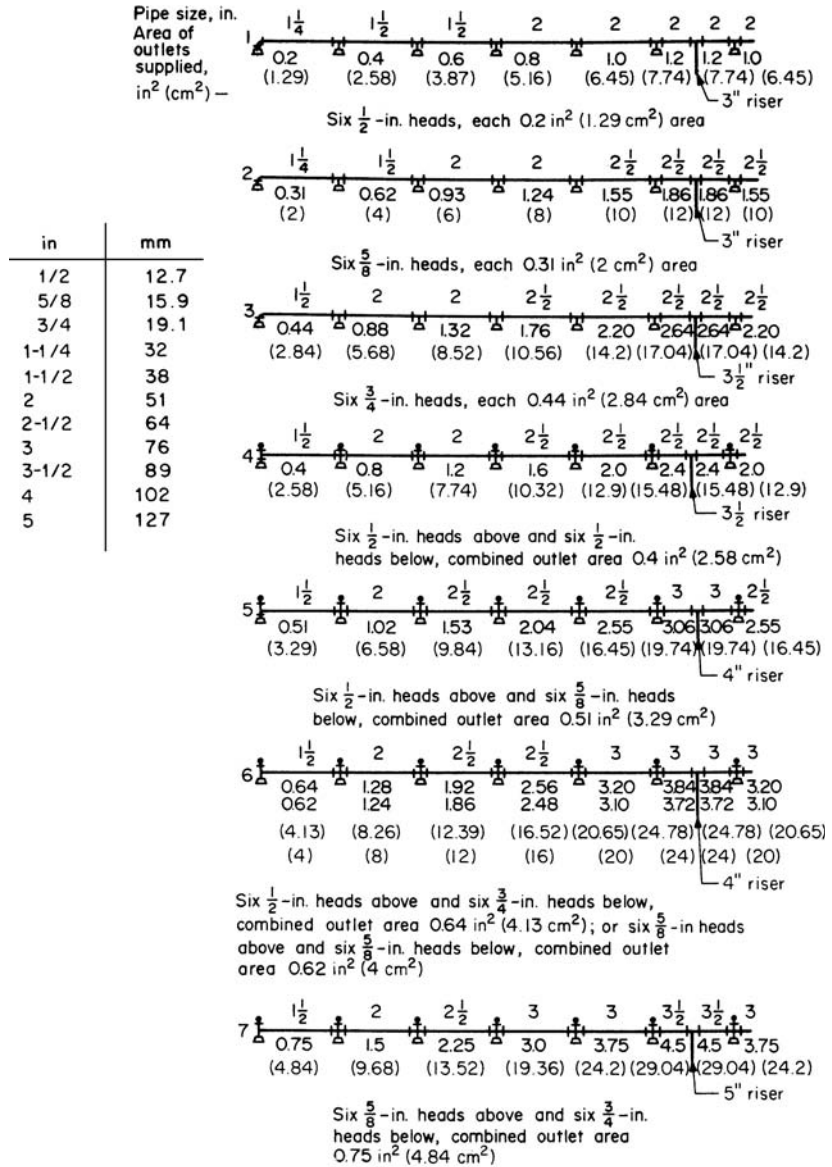


FIGURE 9 Sprinkler pipe sizes.

The secondary supply is often a motor-driven, automatically controlled fire pump supplied from a water main or taking its suction under pressure from a storage system having sufficient capacity to meet the water requirements of the structure protected.

For light-hazard occupancy, the pump should have a capacity of at least 250 gal/min (15.8 L/s); when the pump supplies both sprinklers and hydrants, the capacity should be at least 500 gal/min (31.5 L/s). Where the occupancy is classed as an ordinary hazard, as this warehouse is, the capacity

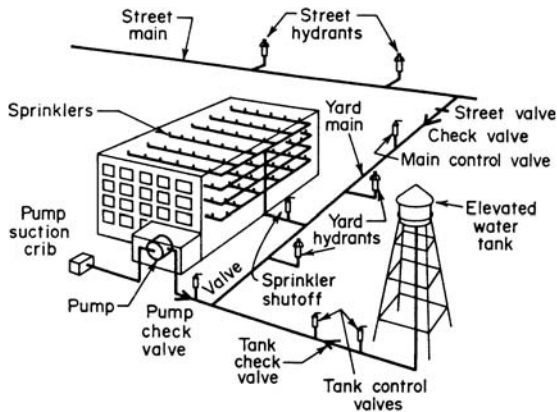


FIGURE 10 Water-supply piping for sprinklers.

of the pump should be at least 500 gal/min (31.6 L/s) or 750 gal/min (47.3 L/s), depending on whether hydrants are supplied in addition to sprinklers. For extra-hazard occupancy, consult the underwriter and local fire-protection authorities.

**Related Calculations** For fire-resistive construction and light-hazard occupancy, the area protected by each sprinkler should not exceed 196 ft<sup>2</sup> (18.2 m<sup>2</sup>), and the center-to-center distance of the sprinkler pipes and sprinklers themselves should not exceed 14 ft (4.3 m). For extra-hazard occupancy, the area protected by each sprinkler should not exceed 90 ft<sup>2</sup> (8.4 m<sup>2</sup>); the distance between pipes and between sprinklers should not be more than 10 ft (3.05 m). Local fire-protection codes and underwriters' requirements cover other types of construction, including mill, semimill, open-joint, and joist-type with a sheathed or plastered ceiling.

For protection of structures against exposure to fires, outside sprinklers may be used. They can be arranged to protect cornices, windows, side walls, ridge poles, mansard roofs, etc. They are also governed by underwriters' requirements. Figure 9 shows the pipe sizes used for sprinklers protecting outside areas of buildings, including cornices, windows, side walls, etc.

Four common types of automatic sprinkler systems are in use today: wet pipe, dry pipe, pre-action, and deluge. The type of system used depends on a number of factors, including occupancy classification, local code requirements, and the requirements of the building fire underwriters. Since the requirements vary from one area to another, no attempt is made here to list those of each locality or underwriter. The Standards of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, as recommended by the National Fire Protection Association, are excerpted instead because they are so widely used that they are applicable for the majority of buildings. In general, the type of sprinkler chosen does not change the design procedure given above. Figure 10 shows a typical layout of the water-supply piping for an industrial-plant sprinkler system. Figure 11 shows how sprinklers are positioned with respect to a building ceiling.

Use the same general design procedure presented here for sprinklers in other types of buildings—hotels, office buildings, schools, churches, dormitories, colleges, museums, libraries, clubhouses, hospitals, and asylums.

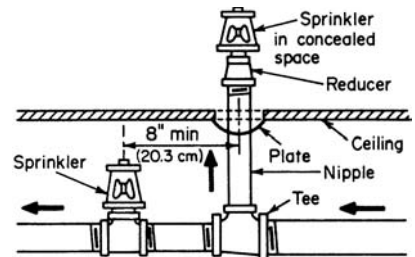


FIGURE 11 Sprinkler positioning with respect to a building ceiling.

**TABLE 15** Heat Input to Common Appliances

Unit	Approximate input, Btu/h (kW)
Water heater, side-arm or circulating type	25,000 (7.32)
Water heater, automatic instantaneous:	
4 gal/min (0.25 L/s)	150,000 (43.9)
6 gal/min (0.38 L/s)	225,000 (65.9)
8 gal/min (0.5 L/s)	300,000 (87.9)
Refrigerator	2,500 (0.73)
Ranges, domestic:	
Four top burners, one oven burner	62,500 (18.3)
Four top burners, two oven burners	82,500 (24.2)

*Note:* Do not finalize a sprinkler system design until after it is approved by local fire authorities and the fire underwriters insuring the building.

## **SIZING GAS PIPING FOR HEATING AND COOKING**

An industrial building has two 8-gal/min (0.5-L/s) water heaters and ten ranges, each of which has four top burners and one oven burner. What maximum gas consumption must be provided for if carbureted water gas is used as the fuel? Determine the pressure in the longest run of gas pipe in this building if the total equivalent length of pipe in the longest run is 150 ft (45.7 m) and the specific gravity of the gas is 0.60 relative to air. What would the pressure loss of a 0.35-gravity gas be?

### **Calculation Procedure**

**1. Compute the heat input to the appliances.** Table 15 lists the typical heat input to various gas-burning appliances. By using the tabulated data for the 8-gal/min (0.5-L/s) water heaters and the four-burner stove, the maximum heat input =  $2(300,000) + 10(62,500) = 1,225,000$  Btu/h (359.0 kW). The gas-supply pipe must handle sufficient gas to supply this heat input because all burners might be operated simultaneously.

**2. Compute the required gas-flow rate.** Table 16 shows that the heating value of carbureted water gas is 508 Btu/ft<sup>3</sup> (18,928 kJ/m<sup>3</sup>). Using a value of 500 Btu/ft<sup>3</sup> (18,629 kJ/m<sup>3</sup>) to provide a modest safety factor, we find gas flow required, ft<sup>3</sup> = maximum heat input required, Btu/h/fuel heating value, Btu/ft<sup>3</sup> =  $1,225,000/500 = 2450$  ft<sup>3</sup>/h (69.4 m<sup>3</sup>/h).

**TABLE 16** Typical Heating Values of Commercial Gases

Gas	Net heating value, Btu/ft <sup>3</sup> (kJ/m <sup>3</sup> )
Natural gas (Los Angeles)	971 (36,178.4)
Natural gas (Pittsburgh)	1,021 (38,041.3)
Coke-oven gas	514 (19,151.1)
Carbureted water gas	508 (18,927.5)
Commercial propane	2,371 (88,340.9)
Commercial butane	2,977 (110,919.8)

**TABLE 17** Capacities of Gas Pipes [Losses of pressure are shown in inches of water per 100 ft (millimeters per 30.4 m) of pipe, due to the flow of gas with a specific gravity of 0.6 with respect to air]\*

Rate of flow, ft <sup>3</sup> /h (m <sup>3</sup> /h)	Size of pipe, in (mm)			
	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> (32)	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> (38)	2 (51)	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> (64)
1000 (28.3)	...	1.6 (40.6)	0.80 (20.3)	0.15 (3.8)
1500 (42.5)	8.8 (223.5)	3.6 (91.4)	0.86 (21.8)	0.33 (8.4)
2000 (56.6)	...	6.3 (160.0)	1.50 (38.1)	0.60 (15.2)
3000 (84.9)	...	...	3.5 (88.9)	0.94 (23.9)
5000 (141.5)	...	...	8.8 (223.5)	3.6 (91.4)

Rate of flow, ft <sup>3</sup> /h (m <sup>3</sup> /h)	Size of pipe, in (mm)			
	3 (76)	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> (89)	4 (102)	5 (127)
1000 (28.3)	0.05 (1.3)	...	...	...
1500 (42.5)	0.11 (2.8)	0.05 (1.3)	...	...
2000 (56.6)	0.18 (4.6)	0.08 (2.0)	0.05 (1.3)	...
3000 (84.9)	0.44 (11.2)	0.19 (4.8)	0.10 (2.5)	...
5000 (141.5)	1.2 (30.5)	0.54 (13.7)	0.34 (8.6)	0.08 (2.0)

\*To determine head losses for other lengths of pipe, multiply the head losses in this table by the length of the pipe and divide by 100 ft. (30.4 m). For head losses due to flow of gases with specific gravity other than 0.6, use the figures given in Table 18.

**3. Compute the pressure loss in the gas pipe.** The longest equivalent run is 150 ft (45.7 m). Gas flows through the pipe at the rate of 2450 ft<sup>3</sup>/h (69.4 m<sup>3</sup>/h). Enter Table 17 at this flow rate, or at the next *larger* tabulated flow rate and project horizontally to the first pressure drop listed, or 3.5 in/100 ft (89 mm/30 m) in a 2-in (51-mm) pipe.

The pressure loss listed in Table 17 is for 100 ft (30.5 m) of pipe if the gas has a specific gravity of 0.6 in relation to air. To find the pressure loss in 150 ft (45.7 m) of pipe, use the relation actual pressure loss, in of water = (tabulated pressure loss, in per 100 ft)(actual pipe length, ft/tabulated pipe length, ft) = 3.5(150/100) = 5.25 in (13.3 mm) of water. Since the actual flow rate is less than 3000 ft<sup>3</sup>/h (84.9 m<sup>3</sup>/h), the actual pressure drop will be less than computed.

**4. Compute the pressure loss of the lighter gas.** To correct for a gas of a different specific gravity, multiply the actual gas flow by the appropriate factor from Table 18. Thus, equivalent flow rate for this plant when a gas of 0.5 gravity is flowing is 2450(0.77) = 1882 ft<sup>3</sup>/h (53.5 m<sup>3</sup>/h); say 2000 ft<sup>3</sup>/h (56.6 m<sup>3</sup>/h).

Entering Table 17 shows that a flow of 2000 ft<sup>3</sup>/h (56.6 m<sup>3</sup>/h) will have a pressure loss of 6.3 in (160 mm) of water in 100 ft (30.5 m) of 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-in (38-mm) pipe. In 150 ft (45.7 m) of 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-in (38-mm) pipe, the pressure loss will be 6.3(150/100) = 9.45 in (240 mm) of water. Increasing the pipe size to 2 in (51 mm) would reduce the pressure loss to 2.25 in (57.2 mm) of water.

**Related Calculations** When gas flows upward in a vertical pipe to serve upper floors, there is a *gain* in the gas pressure if the gas is lighter than air. Table 19 shows the gain in gas pressure per 100 ft (30.5 m) of rise in a vertical pipe for gases of various specific gravities. This pressure gain must be recognized when piping systems are designed.

**TABLE 18** Factors by Which Flows in Table 17 Must be Multiplied for Gases of Other Specific Gravity\*

Specific gravity of gas	0.35	0.40	0.45	0.50	0.55	0.60	0.65	0.70
Factor	0.77	0.82	0.87	0.91	0.96	1.00	1.04	1.08



**TABLE 19** Changes in Pressure in Gas Pipes

Gain in pressure per 100 ft (30.4 m) of rise in vertical pipe, in of water (mm of water)	0.96 (24.4)	0.89 (22.6)	0.81 (20.6)	0.74 (18.8)	0.66 (16.8)	0.59 (15.0)	0.52 (13.2)	0.44 (11.2)
Specific gravity of gas compared to air	0.35	0.40	0.45	0.50	0.55	0.60	0.65	0.70

As with piping and fixtures for plumbing systems, gas piping and fixtures are subject to code regulations in most cities and towns. Natural and manufactured gases are widely used in stoves, water heaters, and space heaters of many designs. Since gas can form explosive mixtures when mixed with air, gas piping must be absolutely tight and free of leaks at all times. Usual codes cover every phase of gas-piping size, installation, and testing. The local code governing a particular building should be carefully followed during design and installation.

For gas supply, the usual practice is for the public-service gas company to run its pipes into the building cellar, terminating with a brass shutoff valve and gas meter inside the cellar wall. From this point, the plumbing contractor or gas-pipe fitter runs lines through the building to the various fixture outlets. When the pressure of the gas supplied by the public-service company is too high for the devices in the building, a pressure-reducing valve can be installed near the point where the line enters the building. The valve is usually supplied by the gas company.

Besides municipal codes governing the design and installation of gas piping and devices, the gas company serving the area will usually have a number of regulations that must be followed. In general, gas piping should be run in such a manner that it is unnecessary to locate the meter near a boiler, under a window or steps, or in any other area where it may be easily damaged. Where multiple-meter installations are used, the piping must be plainly marked by means of a metal tag showing which part of the building is served by the particular pipe. When two or more meters are used in a building to supply separate consumers, there should be no inter-connection on the outlet side of the meters.

Materials used for gas piping include black iron, steel, and wrought iron. Copper tubing is also finding some use, and the values listed in Table 17 apply to it as well as schedule 40 (standard weight) pipe made of the materials listed above. Use the procedure given here to size gas pipes for industrial, commercial, and residential installations.

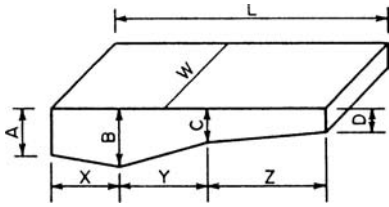
## ***SWIMMING POOL SELECTION, SIZING, AND SERVICING***

Choose a swimming pool to serve 140 bathers with facilities for diving and swimming contests. Size the pumps for the pool. Select a suitable water-treatment system and the inlet and outlet pipe sizes. Determine the size of heater required for the pool, should heating of the water be required.

### **Calculation Procedure**

**1. Compute the swimming-pool area required.** Usual swimming pools are sized in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Committee on Swimming Pools, which uses 25 ft<sup>2</sup> (2.3 m<sup>2</sup>) per bather as a desirable pool area. With 140 bathers, the recommended area = 25(140) = 3500 ft<sup>2</sup> (325.2 m<sup>2</sup>).

**TABLE 20** Dimensions of Official Swimming Pools



Pool capacity, gal (L)	Bathing load, persons	Bathing capacity per day*	A	B	C	D	X	Y	Z	L	W
			Dimensions, ft (m)								
55,000 (208,197)	48	418	8 (2.4)	9 (2.7)	5 (1.5)	3.25 (1.0)	15 (4.6)	20 (6.1)	25 (7.6)	60 (18.3)	20 (6.1)
80,800 (305,860)	75	607	8 (2.4)	9.5 (2.9)	5 (1.5)	3.25 (1.0)	15 (4.6)	20 (6.1)	40 (12.2)	75 (22.9)	25 (7.6)
120,000 (454,248)	108	900	8 (2.4)	9.5 (2.9)	5 (1.5)	3.25 (1.0)	18 (5.5)	25 (7.6)	47 (14.3)	90 (27.4)	30 (9.1)
155,600 (589,008)	147	1,170	8 (2.4)	10 (3.0)	5 (1.5)	3.25 (1.0)	18 (5.5)	25 (7.6)	62 (18.9)	105 (32.0)	35 (10.7)
207,600 (785,849)	192	1,555	8 (2.4)	10 (3.0)	5 (1.5)	3.25 (1.0)	20 (6.1)	30 (9.1)	70 (21.3)	120 (36.6)	40 (12.2)
254,000 (961,492)	243	1,905	8 (2.4)	10 (3.0)	5 (1.5)	3.25 (1.0)	20 (6.1)	30 (9.1)	85 (25.9)	135 (41.2)	45 (13.7)
306,000 (1,158,332)	300	2,300	8 (2.4)	10 (3.0)	5 (1.5)	3.25 (1.0)	20 (6.1)	30 (9.1)	100 (30.5)	150 (45.7)	50 (15.2)
422,400 (1,598,953)	432	3,170	8 (2.4)	10 (3.0)	5 (1.5)	3.25 (1.0)	20 (6.1)	30 (9.1)	130 (39.6)	180 (54.9)	60 (18.3)
558,000 (2,112,253)	590	4,180	8 (2.4)	10 (3.0)	5 (1.5)	3.25 (1.0)	20 (6.1)	30 (9.1)	160 (48.8)	210 (64.0)	70 (21.3)

\*Based on 8-h turnover.

**2. Choose the pool dimensions.** Use Table 20 as a guide to usual pool dimensions. This tabulation shows that a 105-ft (32-m) long by 35-ft (10.7-m) wide pool is suitable for 147 bathers. Since the next smaller pool will handle only 108 bathers, the larger pool must be used.

To provide for swimming contests, lanes at least 7 ft (2.1 m) wide are required. Thus, this pool could have 35 ft/7 ft = 5 lanes for swimming contests. If more lanes are desired, the pool width must be increased, if there is sufficient space. Also, consideration of the pool length is required if swimming meets covering a specified distance are required. Assume that the 105 × 35 ft (32 × 10.7 m) pool chosen earlier is suitable with respect to contests and space.

To provide for diving contests, a depth of more than 9 ft (2.7 m) is recommended at the deep end of the pool. Table 20 shows that this pool has an actual maximum depth of 10 ft (3.05 m), which makes it better suited for diving contests. Some swimming specialists recommend a depth of at least 10 ft (3.05 m) for diving contests. Assume, therefore, that 10 ft (3.05 m) is acceptable for this pool.

The pool will have a capacity of 155,600 gal (588,946 L) of water (Table 20). If installed indoors, the pool would probably be faced with tile or glazed brick. An outdoor pool of this size is usually constructed of concrete, and the walls are a smooth finish.

**3. Determine the pump capacity required.** To keep the pool water as pure as possible, three turnovers (i.e., the number of times the water in the pool is changed each day) are generally used.

This means that the water will be changed once each  $24 \text{ h}/3 \text{ changes} = 8 \text{ h}$ . The water is changed by recirculating it through filters, a chlorinator, strainer, and heater. Thus, the pump must handle water at the rate of pool capacity,  $\text{gal}/8 \text{ h} = 155,600/8 = 19,450 \text{ gal/h}$  ( $73,626 \text{ L/h}$ ), or  $19,450/60 \text{ min/h} = 324.1 \text{ gal/min}$  ( $1266.9 \text{ L/min}$ ); say  $325 \text{ gal/min}$  ( $1230.3 \text{ L/min}$ ).

**4. Choose the pump discharge head.** Motor-driven centrifugal pumps find almost universal application for swimming pools. Reciprocating pumps are seldom suitable because they produce pulsations in the delivery pipe and pool filters. Either single- or double-suction single-stage centrifugal pumps can be used. The double-suction design is usually preferred because the balanced impeller causes less wear.

The discharge head that a swimming pool circulating pump must develop is a function of the resistance of the piping, fittings, heater, and filters. Of these four, the heater and filters produce the largest head loss.

The usual swimming pool heater causes a head loss of up to 10 ft (3.05 m) of water. Sand filters cause a head loss of about 50 ft (15.2 m) of water, whereas diatomaceous earth filters cause a head loss of about 90 ft (27.4 m) of water. To choose the pump discharge head, find the sum of the pump suction lift, piping and fitting head loss, and heater and filter head loss. Add a 10 percent allowance for overload. The result is the required pump discharge head in feet of water.

Most pools are equipped with two identical circulating pumps. The spare pump ensures constant operation of the pool should one pump fail. Also, the spare pump permits regular maintenance of the other pump.

**5. Compute the quantity of makeup water required.** Swimmers splash water over the gutter line of the pool. The water is drained away to the sewer in some pools; in others the water is treated and returned to the pool for reuse. Gutter drains are usually spaced at 15-ft (4.6-m) intervals.

Since the pool waterline is level with the gutter, every swimmer who enters the pool displaces some water, which enters the gutter and is drained away. This drainage must be made up by the pool recirculating system.

The water displaced by a swimmer is approximately equal to his or her weight. Assuming each swimmer weighs 160 lb (72.7 kg), this weight of water will be displaced into the gutter. Since 1 gal (3.79 L) of water weighs 8.33 lb (3.75 kg), each swimmer will displace  $160 \text{ lb}/(8.33 \text{ lb/gal}) = 19.2 \text{ gal}$  (72.7 L). With a maximum of 140 swimmers in the pool, the total quantity of water displaced is  $(140)(19.2) = 2695 \text{ gal/h}$  ( $10,201.7 \text{ L/h}$ ), or  $2695/(60 \text{ min/h}) = 44.9 \text{ gal/min}$  ( $169.9 \text{ L/min}$ ), say  $45 \text{ gal/min}$  ( $170.3 \text{ L/min}$ ).

Thus, to keep this pool operating, the water-supply system must be capable of delivering at least  $45 \text{ gal/min}$  ( $170.3 \text{ L/min}$ ). This quantity of water can come from a city water system, a well, or recirculation of the gutter water after purification.

**6. Compute the required filter-bed area.** Two types of filters are used in swimming pools: sand and diatomaceous earth. In either type, a flow rate of 2 to 4  $\text{gal}/(\text{min}\cdot\text{ft}^2)$  [ $81.5$  to  $162.5 \text{ L}/(\text{min}\cdot\text{m}^2)$ ] is generally used. The lower flow rates, 2 to 2.5  $\text{gal}/(\text{min}\cdot\text{ft}^2)$  [ $81.5$  to  $101 \text{ L}/(\text{min}\cdot\text{m}^2)$ ] are usually preferred. Assuming that a flow rate of 2.5  $\text{gal}/(\text{min}\cdot\text{ft}^2)$  [ $101 \text{ L}/(\text{min}\cdot\text{m}^2)$ ] is used and that  $325 \text{ gal/min}$  ( $1230.3 \text{ L/min}$ ) flows through the filters, as computed in step 3, the filter-bed area required is  $325 \text{ gal/min}/[2.5 \text{ gal}/(\text{min}\cdot\text{ft}^2)] = 130 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $12.1 \text{ m}^2$ ).

Two filters are generally used in swimming pools to ensure continuity of service and backwashing of one filter while the other is in use. The required area of  $130 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $12.1 \text{ m}^2$ ) could then be divided between the two filters. Some pools use three or more filters. Regardless of how many filters are used, the required area can be evenly divided among them.

**7. Choose the number of water inlets and outlets for the pool.** The pool inlets supply the recirculation water required. Usual practice rates each inlet for a flow of 10 to 20  $\text{gal/min}$  ( $37.9$  to  $75.7 \text{ L/min}$ ). Given a  $10\text{-gal/min}$  ( $37.9\text{-L/min}$ ) flow for this pool, the number of inlets required is  $325 \text{ gal/min}/10 \text{ gal/min per inlet} = 32.5$ , say 32.

Locate the inlets around the periphery of the pool and on each end. Space the inlets so that they provide an even distribution of the water. In general, inlets should not be located more than 30 ft (10 m) apart.

Size the pool drain to release the water in the pool within the desired time interval, usually 4 to 12 h. Since there is no harm in emptying a pool quickly—if the sewer into which the pool discharges has sufficient capacity—size the discharge line liberally. Thus, a 12-in (305-mm) discharge line can handle about 2000 gal/min (7570.8 L/min) when a swimming pool is drained.

**8. Compute the quantity of disinfectant required.** Chlorine, bromine, and ozone are some of the disinfectants used in swimming pools. Chlorine is probably the most popular. It is used in quantities sufficient to maintain 0.5 ppm chlorine in the water. Since this pool contains 155,600 gal (589,008 L) of water that is recirculated three times per day, the quantity of chlorine disinfectant that must be added each day is  $(155,600 \text{ gal})(3 \text{ changes per day})(8.33 \text{ lb/gal}) [0.5 \text{ lb of chlorine per } 10^6 \text{ lb (454,545.5 kg) of water}] = 1.95 \text{ lb (0.89 kg) of chlorine per day}$ . The required chlorine can be pumped into the pool inlet water or fed from cylinders.

**9. Size the water heater for the pool.** The usual swimming pool heater has a heating capacity, in gallons per hour, which is 10 times the gallons-per-minute rating of the circulating pump. Since the circulating pump for this pool is rated at 325 gal/min (1230.6 L/min), the heater should have a capacity of  $10(325) = 3250 \text{ gal/h (12,306.6 L/h)}$ .

Since the entering water temperature may be as low as 40°F (4.4°C) in the winter, the heater should be chosen for this entering temperature. The outlet temperature of the water should be at least 80°F (26.7°C). To heat the entire contents of the pool from 40°F (4.4°C) to about 70°F (21°C), at least 48 h is generally allowed. Instantaneous hot-water heaters are usually chosen for swimming pool service.

**10. Select the backwash sump pump.** When the filter backwash flow cannot be discharged directly to a sewer, the usual practice is to pipe the backwash to a sump in the pool machinery room. The accumulated backwash is then pumped to the sewer by a sump pump mounted in the sump.

The sump should be large enough to store sufficient backwash to prevent overflowing. Assuming that either of the 130-ft<sup>2</sup> (12.1-m<sup>2</sup>) filter beds is backwashed with a flow of 12.5 gal/(min·ft<sup>2</sup>) [509.3 L/(min·m<sup>2</sup>)] of filter-bed area, the quantity of water entering the sump will be  $(12.5)(130) = 1725 \text{ gal/min}$ . If there is room for a 5-ft deep, 8-ft wide, and 5-ft long (1.5-m deep, 2.4-m wide, and 1.5-m long) sump, its capacity will be  $5 \times 8 \times 5 \times 7.5 \text{ gal/ft}^3 = 1500 \text{ gal (5678 L)}$ . The difference, of  $1625 - 1500 = 125 \text{ gal/min (473.2 L/min)}$ , must be discharged by the pump to prevent overflow of the sump. A 150-gal/min (567.8-L/min) sump pump should probably be chosen to provide a margin of safety. Further, it is usual practice to install duplicate sump pumps to ensure pool operation in the event one pump fails. Where water is collected from other drains and discharged to the sump, the pump capacity may have to be increased accordingly.

**Related Calculations** Use the general procedure given here to choose swimming pools and their related equipment for schools, recreation centers, hotels, motels, cities, towns, etc. Wherever possible, follow the recommendations of local codes and of the Joint Committee on Swimming Pools.

## Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning

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### **BUILDING OR STRUCTURE HEAT-LOSS DETERMINATION**

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An industrial building has 8-in (203.2 mm) thick uninsulated brick walls, a 2-in (50.8-mm) thick concrete uninsulated roof, and a concrete floor. The building is 150 ft (45.7 m) long, 75 ft (22.9 m) wide, and 15 ft (4.6 m) high. Each long wall contains eight 5 × 10 ft (1.5 × 3 m) double-glass windows, and each short wall contains two 4 × 8 ft (1.2 × 2.4 m) double-glass doors. What is the heat

loss of this building per hour if the required indoor temperature is 70°F (21.1°C) and the design outside temperature is 0°F (−17.8°C)? How much will the heat loss increase if infiltration causes two air changes per hour?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the heat loss through the glass.** The usual heat-loss computation begins with the glass areas of a building. Hence, this procedure is followed here. However, a heat-loss computation can be started with any part of the building, provided each part of the structure is eventually considered.

To compute the heat loss through a building surface, use the general relation  $H_L = UA \Delta t$ , where  $H_L$  = heat loss, Btu/h, through the surface;  $U$  = overall coefficient of heat transmission for the material, Btu/(h·°F·ft<sup>2</sup>);  $A$  = area of heat-transmission surface, ft<sup>2</sup>;  $\Delta t$  = temperature difference,  $F = t_i - t_o$ , where  $t_i$  = inside temperature, °F;  $t_o$  = outside temperature, °F. Find  $U$  from Table 1 for the material in question.

This building has sixteen 5 × 10 ft (1.5 × 3 m) double-glass windows and four 4 × 8 ft (1.2 × 2.4 m) double-glass doors. Hence, the total glass area = 16 × 5 × 10 + 4 × 4 × 8 = 928 ft<sup>2</sup> (86.2 m<sup>2</sup>). The value of  $U$  for double glass is, from Table 1, 0.45. Thus,  $H_L = UA \Delta t = 0.45(928)(70 - 0) = 29,200$  Btu/h (8639.8 W).

**2. Compute the heat loss through the building walls.** Use the same relation as in step 1, substituting the wall heat-transfer coefficient and wall area. Thus,  $U = 0.50$ , and  $A = 2 \times 150 \times 15 + 2 \times 75 \times 15 - 928 = 5822$  ft<sup>2</sup> (540.9 m<sup>2</sup>). Then  $H_L = UA \Delta t = 0.50(5,822)(70 - 0) = 204,000$  Btu/h (59,746.5 W).

**3. Compute the heat loss through the building roof.** Use the same relation as in step 1, substituting the roof heat-transfer coefficient and roof area. Thus,  $U = 0.82$  and  $A = 150 \times 75 = 11,250$  ft<sup>2</sup> (1045.1 m<sup>2</sup>). Then  $H_L = UA \Delta t = 0.82 \times (11,250)(70 - 0) = 646,000$  Btu/h (189,197.3 W).

**4. Compute the total heat loss of the building.** The total heat loss of a building is the sum of the individual heat losses of the walls, glass areas, roof, and floor. In large buildings the heat loss through concrete floors is usually negligible and can be ignored. Hence, the total heat loss of this building caused by transmission through the building surfaces is  $H_T = 29,200 + 204,000 + 646,000 = 879,200$  Btu/h (257,495.7 W).

**5. Compute the infiltration heat loss.** The building volume is  $150 \times 75 \times 15 = 168,500$  ft<sup>3</sup> (4773.1 m<sup>3</sup>). With two air changes per hour, the volume of infiltration air that must be heated is  $2 \times 168,500 = 337,000$  ft<sup>3</sup>/h (9546.1 m<sup>3</sup>/h). The heat that must be supplied to raise the temperature of this air is  $H_i = (\text{ft}^3/\text{h})(\Delta t)/55 = (337,000)(70 - 0)/55 = 429,000$  Btu/h (125,643.4 W). Thus, the total heat loss of this building, including infiltration, is  $H_T = 879,200 + 429,000 = 1,308,200$  Btu/h (383.1 kW).

**Related Calculations** Determine the design outdoor temperature for a given locality from Baumeister—*Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers* or the *ASHRAE Guide and Data Book*, published by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers. Both these works are also suitable sources of comprehensive listings of  $U$  values for

**TABLE 1** Typical Overall Coefficients of Heat Transmission, Btu/(ft<sup>2</sup>·h·°F) [W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)]

Building surface	Type	Type of insulation
Walls	8-in (203.2-mm) brick	0.50 (2.84)
Roof	2-in (50.8-mm) concrete	0.82 (4.66)
Windows	Single glass	1.13 (6.42)
	Double glass	0.45 (2.56)

various materials and types of building construction. Since the winter-design outdoor temperature is usually for nighttime conditions, no credit is taken for heat given off by machinery, lights, people, etc., unless the structure will always operate on a 24-h basis. The safest design ignores these heat sources because the machinery in the building may be removed, the operating cycle changed, or the heat sources eliminated in some other way. However, where an internal heat source of any kind will be a permanent part of a building, simply subtract the hourly heat release from the total building heat loss. The result is the net heat loss of the building and is used in choosing the heating equipment for the building.

Most heat-loss calculations for large structures are made on a form available from heat equipment manufacturers. Such a form helps organize the calculations. The steps followed, however, are identical to those given above. Another advantage of the calculation form is that it helps the designer remember the various items—walls, roof, glass, infiltration, etc.—to consider.

When some areas in a structure will be kept at a lower temperature than others, compute the heat loss from one area to another in the manner shown above. Substitute the lower indoor temperature for the outdoor design temperature. For areas exposed to prevailing winds, some manufacturers recommend increasing the computed heat loss by 10 percent. Thus, if the north wall of a building were exposed to the prevailing winds and its heat loss is 50,000 Btu/h (14,655.0 W), this heat loss would be increased to  $1.1(50,000) = 55,000$  Btu/h (16,120.5 W).

## HEATING-SYSTEM SELECTION AND ANALYSIS

Choose a heating system suitable for an industrial plant consisting of a production area 150 ft (45.7 m) long and 75 ft (22.9 m) wide and an office area 75 ft (22.9 m) wide and 60 ft (18.3 m) long. The heat loss from the production area is 1,396,000 Btu/h (409.2 kW); the heat loss from the office area is 560,000 Btu/h (164.1 kW). Indoor design temperature for both areas is 70°F (21.1°C); outdoor design temperature is 0°F (−17.8°C). What will the fuel consumption of the chosen heating system be if the annual degree-days for the area in which the plant is located is 6000? Compare the annual fuel consumption of gas, oil, and coal.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Choose the type of heating system to use.** Table 2 lists the various types of heating systems used today and typical applications. Study of this tabulation shows that steam unit heaters would probably be best for the production area because it is relatively large and open. Either a forced-warm-air or a two-pipe steam heating system could be used for the office area. Since the production area will use steam unit heaters, a two-pipe steam heating system would probably be best for the office area. Since steam unit heaters are almost universally two-pipe, the same method of supply and return is best chosen for the office system.

Note that Table 2 lists six different types of two-pipe steam heating systems. Choice of a particular type of two-pipe system depends on a number of factors, including economics, steam pressure required for nonheating (i.e., process) services in the building, type and pressure rating of boiler used, etc. Where high-pressure steam—30 to 150 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (206.8 to 1034.1 kPa), or higher—is used for process, the two-pipe system fitted with pressure-reducing valves between the process and heating mains is often an economical choice.

Hot-water heating is unsuitable for this building because unit heaters are required for the production area. An inlet air temperature less than 30°F (−1.1°C) is generally not recommended for hot-water unit heaters. Since the inlet-air temperature can be as low as 0°F (−17.8°C) in this plant, hot-water unit heaters could not be used.

**2. Compute the annual fuel consumption of the system.** Use the degree-day method to compute the annual fuel consumption. To apply the degree-day method, substitute the appropriate values in  $F_g = DU_g RC$ , for gas heating;  $F_o = DU_o H_T C/1000$ , for oil;  $F_c = DU_c H_T C/1000$ , for coal,

**TABLE 2** Typical Applications of Heating Systems

System type	Fuel*	Typical applications
Gravity warm air	G, O, C	Small residences, wooden or masonry
Forced warm air	G, O, C	Small and large residences, wooden or masonry; small and medium-sized industrial plants, offices
Steam heating:		
One-pipe	G, O, C	Small residences, wooden or masonry
Two-pipe <sup>†</sup>	G, O, C	Small and large residences, wooden or masonry; small and large industrial plants, offices. High-pressure systems [30 to 150 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage) (206.8 to 1034.1 kPa)] may be used in large industrial buildings having unit heaters or fan units. Unit heaters are used for large, open areas.
Hot water:		
Gravity	G, O, C	Small residences, wooden or masonry
Forced <sup>‡</sup>	G, O, C	Small and large residences; small and large industrial plants
Radiant	G, O, C	Small and large residences and plants
Electric	Electricity	Small residences and plants

\*G—gas; O—oil; C—coal.

<sup>†</sup>May be low-pressure, two-pipe vapor; two-pipe vacuum; two-pipe subatmospheric; two-pipe orifice; high-pressure.

<sup>‡</sup>May be one-pipe; two-pipe.

where  $F$  = fuel consumption, the type of fuel being identified by the subscript,  $g$  for gas,  $o$  for oil,  $c$  for coal, with the unit of consumption being the therm for gas, gal for oil, and lb for coal;  $D$  = degree-days during the heating season;  $U$  = unit fuel consumption, the unit again being identified by the subscript;  $R$  = ft<sup>2</sup> EDR (equivalent direct radiation) in the heating system;  $C$  = a correction factor for the outdoor design temperatures. Values of  $U$  and  $C$  are given in Table 3. Note the fuel heating values on which this table is based. For other heating values, see Related Calculations on the following page.

**TABLE 3** Factors for Estimating Fuel Consumption\*

Fuel	Consumption per degree-day	Heating conditions			
		Steam		Hot water	
Gas	Therms [100,000 Btu (105,500 kJ)]	0.00127 [300-ft <sup>2</sup> (28-m <sup>2</sup> ) EDR]	0.000743 [500-ft <sup>2</sup> (46-m <sup>2</sup> ) EDR]		
		0.00121 [300–700 ft <sup>2</sup> (28–65 m <sup>2</sup> ) EDR]	0.000709 [500–1000 ft <sup>2</sup> (46–92 m <sup>2</sup> ) EDR]		
		0.00116 [700-ft <sup>2</sup> (65-m <sup>2</sup> ) EDR]	0.000675 [1200-ft <sup>2</sup> (111-m <sup>2</sup> ) EDR]		
Heating-plant efficiency					
Oil [heating value = 141,000 Btu/gal (39,297 MJ/L)]	Gal per 1000-Btu/h heat loss [L/(MJ·h)]	70%	80%		
		0.00437 (0.01568)	0.00383 (0.01374)		
Coal [heating value = 12,000 Btu/lb (27,912 kJ/kg)]	Lb per 1000-Btu/h heat loss [kg/(MJ·h)]	70%	80%		
		0.0507 (0.02163)	0.0444 (0.01893)		
Outside-design temperature correction factor					
Outside design temperature, °F (°C)	-20 (-28.9)	-10 (-23.3)	0 (-17.8)	+10 (-12.2)	+20 (-6.7)
Correction factor	0.778	0.875	1.000	1.167	1.400

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For gas heating,  $F_g = DU_g RC$ , therms, where 1 therm = 100,000 Btu (105,500 kJ). To select the correct value for  $U_g$ , compute the ft<sup>2</sup> EDR (see the next calculation procedure) from  $H_T/240$ , or ft<sup>2</sup> (m<sup>2</sup>) EDR = 1,956,000/240 = 8150 (757.1). Hence,  $U_g = 0.00116$  from Table 3. From the same table,  $C = 1.00$  for an outdoor design temperature of 0°F (-17.8°C). Hence,  $F_g = (6000)(0.00116)(8150)(1.00) = 56,800$  therms. Assuming gas having a heating value  $h_v$  of 1000 Btu/ft<sup>3</sup> (37,266 kJ/m<sup>3</sup>) is burned in this heating system, the annual gas consumption is  $F_g \times 10^5/h_v$ . Or,  $56,800 \times 10^5/1000 = 5,680,000$  ft<sup>3</sup> (160,081 m<sup>3</sup>).

Using Table 3 for oil heating and assuming a heating plant efficiency of 70 percent,  $U_o = 0.00437$  gal per 1000 Btu/h [0.01568 L/(MJ·h)] heat loss, and  $C = 1.00$  for the design conditions. Then  $F_o = DU_o H_T C/1000 = (6000)(0.00437)(1,956,000)(1.00)/1000 = 51,400$  gal (194,570 L).

Using Table 3 for coal heating and assuming a heating-plant efficiency of 70 percent, we get  $U_c = 0.0507$  lb coal per 1000 Btu/h [0.2163 kg/(MJ·h)] heat loss, and  $C = 1.00$  for the design conditions. Then  $F_c = DU_c H_T C/1000 = (6000)(0.0507)(1,956,000)(1.00)/1000 = 595,000$  lb, or 297 tons of 2000 lb (302 t) each.

**Related Calculations** When the outdoor-design temperature is above or below 0°F (-18°C), a correction factor must be applied as shown in the equations given in step 2. The appropriate correction factor is given in Table 3. Fuel-consumption values listed in Table 3 are based on an indoor-design temperature of 70°F (21°C) and an outdoor-design temperature of 0°F (-18°C).

The oil consumption values are based on oil having a heating value of 141,000 Btu/gal (39,296.7 MJ/L). Where oil having a different heating value is burned, multiply the fuel consumption value selected by 141,000/(heating value, Btu/gal, of oil burned).

The coal consumption values are based on coal having a heating value of 12,000 Btu/lb (27,912 kJ/kg). Where coal having a different heating value is burned, multiply the fuel consumption value selected by 12,000/(heating value, Btu/lb, of coal burned).

For example, if the oil burned in the heating system in step 2 has a heating value of 138,000 Btu/gal (38,460.6 MJ/L),  $U_o = 0.00437(141,000/138,000) = 0.00446$ . And if the coal has a heating value of 13,500 Btu/lb (31,401 kJ/kg),  $U_c = 0.0507(12,000/13,500) = 0.0451$ .

Steam consumption of a heating system can also be computed by the degree-day method. Thus, the weight of steam  $W$  required for the degree-day period—from a day to an entire heating season—is  $W = 24H_T D/1000$ , where all the symbols are as given earlier. Thus, for the industrial building analyzed above,  $W = 24(1,956,000) \times (6000)/1000 = 281,500,000$  lb (127,954,546 kg) of steam per heating season. The denominator in this equation is based on low-pressure steam having an enthalpy of vaporization of approximately 1000 Btu/lb (2326 kJ/kg). Where high-pressure steam is used and the enthalpy of vaporization is lower, substitute the actual enthalpy in the denominator to obtain more accurate results.

Steam consumption for building heating purposes can also be given in pounds (kilograms) of steam per 1000 ft<sup>3</sup> (28.3 m<sup>3</sup>) of building space per degree-day and of steam per 1000 ft<sup>2</sup> (92.9 m<sup>2</sup>) of EDR per degree-day. On the building-volume basis, steam consumption in the United States can range from a low of 0.130 (0.06) to a high of 2.07 lb (0.94 kg) of steam per 1000 ft<sup>3</sup>/degree-day (28.3 m<sup>3</sup>/degree-day), depending on the building type (apartment house, bank, church, department store, garage, hotel, or office building) and the building location (southwest or far north). Steam consumption can range from a low of 21 lb (10.9 kg) per 1000 ft<sup>2</sup> (92.9 m<sup>2</sup>) EDR per degree-day to a high of 120 lb (54.6 kg) per 1000 ft<sup>2</sup> (92.9 m<sup>2</sup>) EDR per degree-day, depending on the building type and location. The ASHRAE *Guide and Data Book* lists typical steam consumption values for buildings of various types in different locations.

## REQUIRED CAPACITY OF A UNIT HEATER

An industrial building is 150 ft (45.7 m) long, 75 ft (22.9 m) wide, and 30 ft (9.1 m) high. The heat loss from the building is 350,000 Btu/h (102.6 kW). Choose suitable unit heaters for this building if 5-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (30.5-kPa) steam and 200°F (93.3°C) hot water are available to supply heat. Air enters



the unit heater at 0°F (−18°C); an indoor temperature of 70°F (21°C) is desired in the building. What capacity unit heaters are needed if 20,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (566.2 m<sup>3</sup>/min) is exhausted from the building?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the total heat loss of the building.** The heat loss through the building walls and roof is given as 350,000 Btu/h (102.6 kW). However, there is an additional heat loss caused by infiltration of outside air into the building. Compute this loss as follows.

Find the cubic content of the building from volume, ft<sup>3</sup> =  $LWH$ , where  $L$  = building length, ft;  $W$  = building width, ft;  $H$  = building height, ft. Thus, volume = (150)(75)(30) = 337,500 ft<sup>3</sup> (9554.6 m<sup>3</sup>).

Determine the heat loss caused by infiltration by estimating the number of air changes per hour caused by leakage of air into and out of the building. For the usual industrial building, one to two air changes per hour are produced by infiltration. At one air change per hour, the quantity of infiltration air that must be heated from the outside to the inside temperature = building volume = 337,500 ft<sup>3</sup>/h (9554.6 m<sup>3</sup>/h). Had two air changes per hour been assumed, the quantity of infiltration air that must be heated = 2 × building volume.

Compute the heat required to raise the temperature of the infiltration air from the outside to the inside temperature from  $H_i = (\text{ft}^3/\text{h})(\Delta t)/55$ , where  $H_i$  = heat required to raise the temperature of the air, Btu/h, through  $\Delta t$ , where  $\Delta t = t_i - t_o$ , and  $t_i$  = inside temperature, °F;  $t_o$  = outside temperature, °F. For this building,  $H_i = 337,500(70 - 0)/55 = 429,000$  Btu/h (125.7 kW). Hence the total heat loss of this building  $H_t = 350,000 + 429,000$  Btu/h (228.3 kW), without exhaust ventilation.

**2. Determine the extra heat load caused by exhausting air.** When air is exhausted from a building, an equivalent amount of air must be supplied by infiltration or ventilation. In either case, an amount of air equal to that exhausted must be heated from the outside temperature to room temperature.

With an exhaust rate of 10,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min = 60(10,000) = 600,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/h (19,986 m<sup>3</sup>/h), the heat required is  $H_e = (\text{ft}^3/\text{h})(\Delta t)/55$ , where  $H_e$  = heat required to raise the temperature of the air that replaces the exhaust air, Btu/h. Or,  $H_e = 600,000(70 - 0)/55 = 764,000$  Btu/h (223.9 kW).

To determine the total heat loss from a building when both infiltration and exhaust occur, add the larger of the two heat requirements—infiltration or exhaust—to the heat loss caused by transmission through the building walls and roof. Since, in this building,  $H_e > H_i$ ,  $H_t = 350,000 + 764,000 = 1,114,000$  Btu/h (326.5 kW).

**3. Choose the location and number of unit heaters.** This building is narrow; i.e., it is half as wide as it is long. In such a building, three vertical-discharge unit heaters (Fig. 1) will provide good distribution of the heated air. With three heaters, the capacity of each should be 764,000/3 = 254,667 Btu/h (74.6 kW) without ventilation and 1,114,000/3 = 371,333 Btu/h (108.8 kW) with ventilation. Once the capacity of each unit heater is chosen, the spread diameter of the heated air discharged by the heater can be checked to determine whether it is sufficient to provide the desired comfort.

**4. Select the capacity of the unit heaters.** Use the engineering data published by a unit-heater manufacturer, such as Table 4, to determine the final air temperature, Btu delivered per hour, cubic feet of air handled, and the quantity of condensate formed. Thus, Table 4 shows that vertical-discharge model D unit heater delivers 277,900 Btu/h (81.5 kW) when the entering air is at 0°F (−17.8°C) and the heating steam is at a pressure of 5 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (34.5 kPa). This heater discharges 3400 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (96.3 m<sup>3</sup>/min) of heated air at 76°F (24.4°C) and forms 290 lb/h (131.8 kg/h) of condensate. The capacity table for a horizontal-discharge unit heater is similar to Table 4. When the building is ventilated, a model E unit heater delivering 388,400 Btu/h (113.8 kW) could be used with entering air at 0°F (−17.8°C). This heater, as Table 4 shows, delivers 4920 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (139.3 m<sup>3</sup>/min) of air at 73°F (22.8°C) and forms 404 lb (183.6 kg) of condensate.

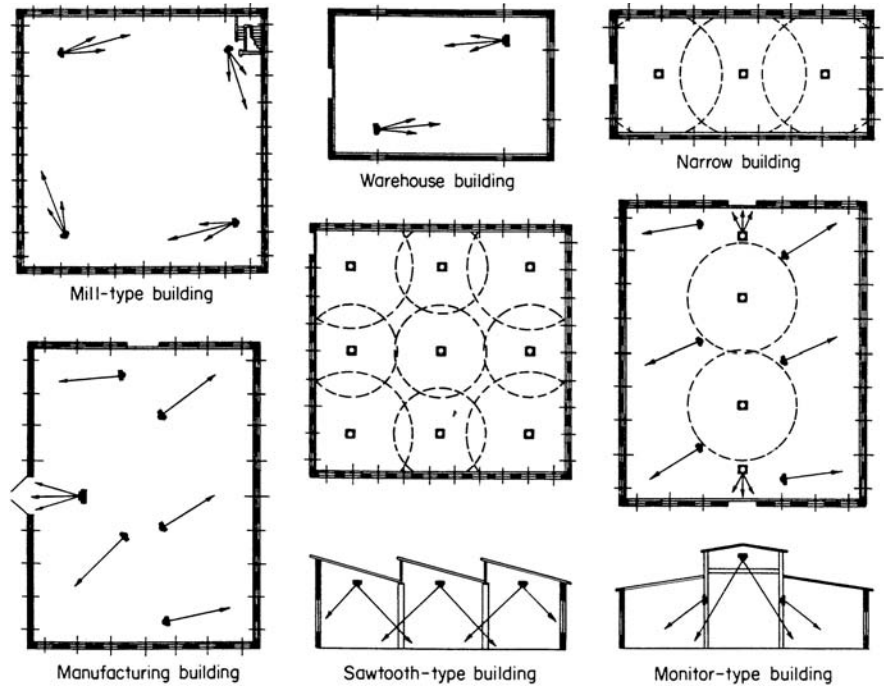


FIGURE 1 Recommended arrangements of unit heaters in various types of buildings. (Modine Manufacturing Company.)

TABLE 4 Typical Vertical-Delivery Unit-Heater Capacities\*

Model	Mtg. ht., ft (m)	Spread diam., ft (m)	Motor speed, r/min	ft <sup>3</sup> /min <sup>†</sup> (m <sup>3</sup> /min)	0°F (-17.8°C) entering air			50°F (10°C) entering air		
					Btu/h (kw)	Final temp., °F (°C)	Cond., lb/h (kg/h)	Btu/h (kW)	Final temp., °F (°C)	Condensate, lb/h (kg/h)
D	14 (4.3)	48, 54 (14.8, 16.5)	1,135	3,400 (96)	277,900 (81.5)	76 (24.4)	290 (161)	208,900 (61.2)	111 (43.9)	218 (99)
E	15 (4.6)	56, 62 (17.3, 18.9)	1,135	4,920 (139.3)	388,400 (113.8)	73 (22.8)	404 (183)	292,000 (85.6)	109 (42.8)	304 (151)
Mounting height correction factors										
Steam press., lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage) (kPa)		Water temp., °F (°C)		Normal room temp., °F (°C)						
				60 (15.6)	70 (21.1)	80 (26.7)				
...	...	210 (98.9)	1.05	1.10	1.20					
0-5	(0-34.4)	220 (104.4)	1.00	1.07	1.14					
6-15	(41.4-103.4)	...	0.88	0.94	1.00					
16-30	(110.3-206.8)	...	0.77	0.81	0.86					
31-50	(213.7-344.7)	...	0.70	0.73	0.77					

\*5-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (34.5-kPa) steam supply.

<sup>†</sup>ft<sup>3</sup>/min capacity at final air temperature. For horizontal discharge unit heaters, the ft<sup>3</sup>/min capacity is usually stated at the entering air temperature.

**5. Check the spread diameter produced by the heater.** Table 4 shows the different spread diameters, i.e., diameter of the heated-air blast at the floor level for different mounting heights of the unit heater. Thus, at a 14-ft (4.3-m) mounting level above the floor, model D will produce a spread diameter of 48 ft (14.6 m) or 54 ft (16.5 m), depending on the type of outlet cone used. These spread diameters are based on 2-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (13.8-kPa) steam and 60°F (15.6°C) room temperature. For 5-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (34.5-kPa) steam and 70°F (21.1°C) room temperature, multiply the tabulated spread diameter and mounting height by the correction factor shown at the bottom of Table 4. Thus, for model D, spread diameter = 1.07(48) = 51.4 ft (15.7 m) and 1.07(54) = 57.8 ft (17.6 m), whereas the mounting height could be 1.07(14) = 14.98 ft (4.6 m).

Find the spread diameter for model E in the same way, or, 56 ft (17.1 m) and 62 ft (18.9 m) at a 15-ft (4.6-m) height with 2-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (13.8-kPa) steam. With 5-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (34.5-kPa) steam, the spread diameters are 1.07(56) = 59.9 ft (18.3 m) and 1.07(62) = 66.4 ft (20.2 m), whereas the mounting height could be 1.07(15) = 16 ft (4.9 m).

**6. Compute the hot-water-heater capacity required.** Study several manufacturers' engineering data to determine the capacity of a suitable hot-water unit heater. This study will show that hot-water unit heaters are generally not available for inlet-air temperatures less than 30°F (−1.1°C). Since the inlet-air temperature in this building is 0°F (−17.8°C), a hot-water unit heater would be unsuitable; hence, it cannot be used. The *minimum* outlet-air temperature often recommended for unit heaters is 95°F (35.0°C).

**Related Calculations** Use the same general method to choose horizontal-delivery unit heaters. The heated air delivered by these units travels horizontally or can be deflected down toward the floor. Tables in manufacturers' engineering data list the heat-throw distance for horizontal-delivery unit heaters.

Standard ratings of steam unit heaters are given for 2-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (13.8-kPa) steam and 60°F (15.6°C) entering air; hot-water unit heaters for 180°F (82.2°C) entering water and 60°F (15.6°C) entering air. For other steam pressures, water temperatures, or entering air temperatures, *divide* the Btu per hour at stated conditions by the appropriate correction factor from Table 5 to obtain the required rating at *standard* conditions. Thus, a steam unit heater rated at 18,700 Btu/h (5.5 kW)

**TABLE 5** Unit-Heater Conversion Factors

Steam pressure, lb/ in <sup>2</sup> (gage) (kPa)	Entering air temperature, °F (°C)			
	40 (4.4)	50 (10.0)	60 (15.6)	70 (21.1)
	Horizontal-delivery steam heaters			
2 (13.8)	1.153	1.076	1.000	0.927
5 (34.5)	1.209	1.131	1.055	0.981
10 (68.9)	1.288	1.209	1.132	1.057
20 (137.9)	1.413	1.333	1.254	1.178
40 (275.8)	1.593	1.510	1.430	1.351
50 (344.7)	1.664	1.582	1.500	1.421
	Horizontal-delivery hot-water heaters			
	Entering water temperature, °F (°C)			
	150 (65.6)	160 (71.1)	170 (76.7)	180 (82.2)
	0.911	1.027	1.142	1.262
	0.790	0.900	1.012	1.127
	0.676	0.783	0.890	1.000
	0.568	0.670	0.773	0.880
	0.990	1.115	1.245	1.384
	1.102	1.231	1.365	1.503

at 20 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (137.9 kPa) and 70°F (21.1°C) entering air has a standard rating of 18,700/1.178 = 15,900 Btu/h (4.7 kW), closely, at 2 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (13.8 kPa) and 60°F (15.6°C) entering air temperature, using the correction factor from Table 5. Conversely, a steam unit heater rated at 228,000 Btu/h (66.8 kW) at 2 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (13.8 kPa) and 60°F (15.6°C) will deliver 228,000(1.421) = 324,000 Btu/h (94.9 kW) at 50 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (344.7 kPa) and 70°F (21.1°C) entering air. Electric and gas-fired unit heaters are also rated on the basis of 60°F (15.6°C) entering air.

When a unit heater is supplied both outside air and recirculated air from within the building, use the temperature of the combined airstreams as the inlet air temperature. Thus, with 1000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (28.3 m<sup>3</sup>/min) of 10°F (−12.2°C) outside air and 4000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (113.2 m<sup>3</sup>/min) of 70°F (21.1 °C) recirculated air, the temperature of the air entering the heater is  $t_e = (t_{oa}cfm_{oa} + t_rcfm_r)/cfm_i$ , where  $t_e$  = temperature of air entering heater, °F;  $t_{oa}$  = temperature of outside air, °F;  $cfm_{oa}$  = quantity (cubic feet per minute) of outside air entering the heater, ft<sup>3</sup>/min;  $t_r$  = temperature of room air entering heater, °F;  $cfm_r$  = quantity of room air entering heater, ft<sup>3</sup>/min;  $cfm_i$  = total cfm entering heater =  $cfm_{oa} + cfm_r$ . Thus,  $t_e = (10 \times 1000 + 70 \times 4000)/5000 = 58^\circ\text{F}$  (14.4°C). This relation is valid for both steam and hot-water unit heaters.

To find the approximate outlet air temperature of a unit heater when the capacity, cfm, and entering air temperature are known, use the relation  $t_o = t_i + (460 + t_i)/[575 \text{ ft}^3 \cdot \text{h}/(\text{min} \cdot \text{Btu})] - 1$ , where  $t_o$  = unit-heater outlet-air temperature, °F;  $t_i$  = temperature of air entering the heater, °F;  $cfm$  = quantity of air passing through the heater, ft<sup>3</sup>/min; Btu/h = rated capacity of the unit heater. Thus, for a heater rated at 73,500 Btu/h (21.5 kW), 1530 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (43.4 m<sup>3</sup>/min), with 50°F (10.0°C) entering air temperature,  $t_o = 50 + (460 + 50)/(575 \times 1530/73,500) - 1 = 94.1^\circ\text{F}$  (34.5°C). The unit-heater capacity used in this equation should be the capacity at standard conditions: 2 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (13.8 kPa) steam or 180°F (82.2°C) water and 60°F (15.6°C) entering air temperature. Results obtained with this equation are only approximate. In any event, the outlet air temperature should never be less than the room air temperature. For the actual outlet temperature of a specific unit heater, refer to the manufacturers' engineering data.

The air discharged by a unit heater should be at a temperature greater than the room temperature because air in motion tends to chill the occupants of a room. Choose the outlet temperature by referring to the heated-air velocity. Thus, with a velocity of 20 ft/min (6.1 m/min), the air temperature should be at least 76°F (24.4°C) at the heater outlet. As the air velocity increases, higher air temperatures are required.

The outlet air velocity and distance of blow of typical unit heaters are shown in Table 6.

When a unit heater of any type discharges against an external resistance, such as a duct or grille, its heating capacity and air capacity, as compared to standard conditions, are reduced. However, the final air temperature usually increases a few degrees over that at standard conditions.

To convert the rated output of any steam unit heater to ft<sup>2</sup> (m<sup>2</sup>) of equivalent direct radiation [abbreviated ft<sup>2</sup> EDR (m<sup>2</sup> EDR)], divide the unit-heater rated capacity in Btu/h (W) by 240 Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup> EDR) (70.3 W/m<sup>2</sup> EDR). Thus, a unit heater rated at 240,000 Btu/h (70.34 W) has a heat output of 240,000/240 = 1000 ft<sup>2</sup> EDR (1000 m<sup>2</sup> EDR). For hot-water unit heaters, use the conversion factor of 150 Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup> EDR) (43.9 W/m<sup>2</sup> EDR).

To determine the rate of condensate formation in a steam unit heater, divide the rated output in Btu/h (W) by an enthalpy of 930 Btu/lb (2163.2 kJ/kg) of steam. Most unit-heater

**TABLE 6** Unit-Heater Outlet Velocity and Blow Distance

Unit-heater type	Outlet velocity, ft/min (m/min)	Blow distance, ft (m)
Centrifugal fan	1500–2500 (457–762)	20–200 (6–61)
Horizontal propeller fan	400–1000 (122–305)	30–100 (9–30)
Vertical propeller fan	1200–2200 (366–671)	70 (21)

**TABLE 7** Typical Steam Unit-Heater Pipe Diameters,\* in (mm)

Condensate, lb/h (kg/h)	Steam-supply pressure, lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage) (kPa)			
	5 (34.5)		30 (206.8)	
	Supply	Return <sup>†</sup>	Supply	Return
100 (45)	2 (51)	1 (25)	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> (32)	3 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>4</sub> (19)
400 (180)	3 (76)	2 (51)	2 (51)	1 (25)
800 (360)	4 (102)	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> (64)	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> (64)	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> (32)
1000 (450)	5 (127)	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> (64)	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> (64)	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> (32)

\*Modine Manufacturing Company.

†Gravity return.

rating tables list the rate of condensate formation for each heater. Table 7 shows typical pipe sizes recommended for various condensate loads of steam unit heaters. Thus, with 1000 lb/h (454.6 kg/h) of condensate and 30-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (206.8-kPa) steam supply to the unit heater, the supply main should be 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-in (64-mm) nominal diameter and the return main should be 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-in (32-mm) nominal diameter.

Figure 1 shows how unit heaters of any type should be located in buildings of various types. The diagrams are also useful in determining the approximate number of heaters needed once the heat loss is known. Locate unit heaters so that the following general conditions prevail, if possible.

Unit heater type	Desirable conditions
Horizontal delivery	Discharge should wipe exposed walls at an angle of about 30°. With multiple units, the airstreams should support each other.
Vertical delivery	With only vertical units, the airstream should blanket exposed walls with warm air.

The unit-heater arrangements shown in Fig. 1 illustrate a number of important principles.<sup>1</sup> The basic principle of unit-heater location is shown in the *mill-type* building. Here the heated-air flow from each unit heater supports the air flow from the other unit heaters and tends to set up a general circulation of air in the space heated. In the *warehouse* building arrangement, maximum area coverage is obtained with a minimum number of units. The *narrow* building uses vertical-discharge unit heaters that blanket the building walls with warmed air.

In the *manufacturing* building, circular air movement is sacrificed to offset a large roof heat loss and to permit short runouts from a single steam main. Note how a long-throw unit heater blankets a frequently used doorway.

Vertical-discharge unit heaters are used in the medium-height *sawtooth-type* building shown in Fig. 1. The *monitor-type*-building installation combines both horizontal and vertical unit heaters. Horizontal-discharge unit heaters are located in the low-ceiling areas and vertical-discharge units in the high-ceiling areas above the craneway. Much of the data in this procedure were supplied by Modine Manufacturing Company.

<sup>1</sup>Modine Manufacturing Company.

## STEAM CONSUMPTION OF HEATING APPARATUS

Determine the probable steam consumption of the non-space-heating equipment in a building equipped with the following: three bain-maries, each 100 ft<sup>2</sup> (9.3 m<sup>2</sup>); two 50-gal (189.3-L) coffee urns; one jet-type dishwasher; one plate warmer having a 60-ft<sup>3</sup> (1.7-m<sup>3</sup>) volume; two steam tables, each having an area of 50 ft<sup>2</sup> (4.7 m<sup>2</sup>); and one water still having a capacity of 75 gal/h (283.9 L/h). The available steam pressure is 40 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (275.8 kPa); the kitchen equipment will operate at 20 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (137.9 kPa) and the water still at 40 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (275.8 kPa).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine steam consumption of the equipment.** The general procedure in determining heating-equipment steam consumption is to obtain engineering data from the manufacturer of the unit. When these data are unavailable, Table 8 will provide enough information for a reasonably accurate first approximation. Hence, this tabulation is used here to show how the data are applied.

Since the supply steam pressure is 40 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (275.8 kPa), a pressure-reducing valve will have to be used between the steam main and the kitchen supply main. The capacity of this valve depends on the steam consumption of the equipment. Hence, the valve capacity cannot be determined until the equipment steam consumption is known.

During equipment operation the steam consumption is different from the consumption during startup. Since the operating consumption must be known before the starting consumption can be computed, the former is determined first.

Using data from Table 8, we see the three 100-ft<sup>2</sup> (9.3-m<sup>2</sup>) bain-maries will require (3 lb/h)(3 units)(100 ft<sup>2</sup> each) = 900 lb/h (409.1 kg/h) of steam. The two 50-gal (189.3-L) coffee urns require (2.75 lb/h)(2 units)(50 gal per unit) = 275 lb/h (125 kg/h), using the average steam consumption. One jet-type dishwasher will require 60 lb/h (27.3 kg/h) of steam. A 60-ft<sup>3</sup> (1.7-m<sup>3</sup>) plate warmer will require (60 ft<sup>3</sup>/(1 unit) [(30 lb/h)/20-ft<sup>3</sup> unit] = 90 lb/h (40.9 kg/h). Two 50-ft<sup>2</sup> (4.7-m<sup>2</sup>) steam tables require (1.5 lb/h)(2 units) (50 ft<sup>2</sup> per unit) = 150 lb/h. The 75-gal/h (283.9 L/h) water still will consume (9 lb/h)(1 unit)(75 gal/h) = 675 lb/h (306.8 kg/h). Hence, the total operating consumption of 20-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (137.9 kPa) steam is 900 + 275 + 60 + 90 + 150 = 1475 lb/h (670.5 kg/h). The water still will consume 675 lb/h (306.8 kg/h) of 40-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (275.8-kPa) steam.

Since the 20-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (137.9-kPa) steam must pass through the pressure-reducing valve before entering the 20-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (137.9-kPa) main, the required *operating* capacity of this valve is 1475 lb/h (670.5 kg/h). However, the total steam consumption during operation, without an allowance for condensation in the pipelines, is 1475 + 675 = 2150 lb/h (977.3 kg/h).

**TABLE 8** Typical Steam Consumption of Heating Equipment

Equipment	Steam, lb/h at 20–40 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage) (kg/h at 138–276 kPa)	
Bain-marie, per ft <sup>2</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> ) of surface	3.0	(14.5)
Coffee urns, per gal (L)	2.5–3.0	(0.30–0.36)
Dishwashers, jet-type	60	(27.0)
Plate warmer, per 20 ft <sup>3</sup> (0.57 m <sup>3</sup> )	30	(13.5)
Soup or stock kettle, 60 gal (0.23 L); 40 gal (0.15 L)	60; 45	(27.0; 20.3)
Steam table, per ft <sup>2</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> ) of surface	1.5	(7.3)
Vegetable steamer, per compartment		
5-lb (2.3-kg) press	30	(13.5)
Water still, per gal (L) capacity per h	9	(1.1)

**2. Compute the system condensation losses.** Condensation losses can range from 25 to 50 percent of the steam supplied, depending on the type of insulation used on the piping, the ambient temperature in the locality of the pipe, and the degree of superheat, if any, in the steam. Since the majority of the steam used in this building is 20-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (137.9-kPa) steam reduced in pressure from 40 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (275.8 kPa) and there will be a small amount of superheating during pressure reduction, a 25 percent allowance for pipe condensation is probably adequate. Hence, the total operating steam consumption = (1.25)(2150) = 2688 lb/h (1221.8 kg/h).

**3. Compute the startup steam consumption.** During equipment startup there is additional condensation caused by the cold metal and, possibly, some cold products in the equipment. Therefore, the startup steam consumption is different from the operating consumption.

One rule of thumb estimates the startup steam consumption as two times the operating consumption. Thus, by this rule of thumb, startup steam consumption = 2(2688) = 5376 lb/h (2443.6 kg/h). Note that this consumption rate is of relatively short duration because the metal parts are warmed rapidly. However, the pressure-reducing valve must be sized for this flow rate unless slower warming is acceptable.

The actual rate of condensate formation can be computed if the weight of the equipment, the specific heat of the materials of construction, and initial and final temperatures of the equipment are known. Use the relation steam condensation, lb/h =  $60 Ws(\Delta t)/h_{fg}T$ , where  $W$  = weight of equipment and piping being heated, lb;  $s$  = specific heat of the equipment and piping, Btu/(lb·°F);  $\Delta t$  = temperature rise of the equipment from the cold to the hot state, °F;  $h_{fg}$  = latent heat of vaporization of the heating steam, Btu/lb;  $T$  = heating period, min. In SI units, condensation is found from the same relationship, except  $W$  is in kg;  $s$  is in kJ/(kg·°C);  $t$  = temperature change, °C;  $h_{fg}$  = latent heat of vaporization, kJ/kg; other variables the same.

This relation assumes that the final temperature of the equipment approximately equals the temperature of the heating steam. Where the specific heat of the equipment is different from that of the piping, solve for the steam condensation rate of each unit and sum the results. Where products in the equipment must be heated, use the same relation but substitute the product weight and specific heat.

**Related Calculations** Use the general method given here to compute the steam consumption of any type of industrial equipment for which the unit steam consumption is known or can be determined.

## SELECTION OF AIR HEATING COILS

Select a steam heating coil to heat 80,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (2264.8 m<sup>3</sup>/min) of outside air from 10°F (−12.2°C) to 150° (65.6°C) for steam at 15 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (103.4 kPa). The heated air will be used for factory space heating. Illustrate how a steam coil is piped. Show the steps for choosing a hot-water heating coil.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the required face area of the coil.** If the coil-face air velocity is not given, a suitable air velocity must be chosen. In usual air-conditioning and heating practice, the air velocity across the face of the coil can range from 300 to 1000 ft/min (91.4 to 305 m/min) with 500, 800, and 1000 ft/min (152.4, 243.8, and 305 m/min) being common choices. The higher velocities—up to 1000 ft/min (305 m/min)—are used for industrial installations where noise is not a critical factor. Assume a coil face velocity of 800 ft/min (243.8 m/min) for this installation.

Compute the required face area from  $A_c = cfm/V_a$ , where  $A_c$  = required coil face area, ft<sup>2</sup>;  $cfm$  = quantity of air to be heated by the coil, ft<sup>3</sup>/min, at 70°F (21.1°C) and 29.92 in (759.97 mm) Hg;  $V_a$  = air velocity through the coil, ft/min. To correct the air quantity to standard conditions, when the air is being delivered at nonstandard conditions, multiply the flow in at the other temperature by the appropriate

factor from Table 9. Thus, with the incoming air at 10°F (-12.2°C), ft<sup>3</sup>/m at 70°F (21.1°C) and 29.92 in (759.97 mm) Hg = (1.128)(80,000) = 90,400 ft<sup>3</sup>/m (2559.2 m<sup>3</sup>/min). Hence, A<sub>c</sub> = 90,400/800 = 112.8 ft<sup>2</sup> (10.5 m<sup>2</sup>).

**2. Compute the coil outlet temperature.** The capacity, final temperature, and condensate formation rate for steam heating coils for air-conditioning and heating systems are usually based on steam supplied at 5 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (34.5 kPa) and inlet air at 0°F (-17.8°C). At other steam pressures a correction factor must be applied to the tabulated outlet temperature for 5-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (34.5-kPa) coils with 0°F (-17.8°C) inlet air.

Table 10 shows an excerpt from a typical coil-rating table and excerpts from coil correction-factor tables. To use such a tabulation for a coil supplied steam at 5 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (34.5 kPa), enter at the air inlet temperature and coil face velocity. Find the final air temperature equal to, or higher than, the required final air temperature.

Opposite this read the number of rows of tubes required. Thus, in a 5-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (34.5-kPa) coil with 0°F (-17.8°C) inlet air, 800-ft/min (243.8-m/min) face velocity, and a 165°F (73.9°C) final air temperature, Table 10 shows that five rows of tubes would be required. This table shows that the coil forms condensate at the rate of 149.8 lb/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>)[732.9 kg/(h·m<sup>2</sup>)] of net fin area when the final air

**TABLE 9** Air-Volume Conversion Factors\*†

Air temp., °F (°C)	Factor	Air temp., °F (°C)	Factor
0 (-17.18)	1.152	90 (32.2)	0.964
10 (-12.2)	1.128	100 (37.8)	0.946
20 (-6.7)	1.104	110 (43.3)	0.930
30 (-1.1)	1.082	120 (48.9)	0.914
40 (4.4)	1.060	130 (54.4)	0.898
50 (10.0)	1.039	140 (60.0)	0.883
60 (15.6)	1.019	150 (65.6)	0.869
70 (21.1)	1.000	160 (71.1)	0.855
80 (26.7)	0.981	170 (76.7)	0.841

\*McQuay, Inc.

†The air volume in heating and air-conditioning applications is usually measured in ft<sup>3</sup>/m at 70°F (21.1°C) and 29.92 in (759.97 mm) Hg. When the actual air volume is at another temperature, multiply the ft<sup>3</sup>/m or velocity by the factor given for the temperature of the air. The result is the ft<sup>3</sup>/min or velocity at standard conditions and is the value used when entering heater capacity tables and the friction chart, Fig. 2.

**TABLE 10** Steam-Heating-Coil Final Temperatures and Condensate-Formation Rate

Inlet air temp., °F (°C)	Rows of tubes	Face velocity, 800 ft/min (243.8 m/min)	
		Final air temp., °F, (°C)	Condensate, lb/h (kg/h)
0 (-17.8)	2	51 (10.6)	83.7 (37.7)
0 (-17.8)	3	124 (51.1)	111.7 (50.3)
0 (-17.8)	4	148 (64.4)	132.9 (59.8)
0 (-17.8)	5	166 (74.4)	149.8 (67.4)
Temperature-rise correction factor			
Actual inlet air temp., °F (°C)	Steam pressure, lb/in <sup>2</sup> (abs) (kPa)		
	10 (68.9)	15 (103.4)	20 (137.9)
0 (-17.8)	1.054	1.100	1.139
10 (-12.2)	1.010	1.056	1.095
20 (-6.7)	0.966	1.011	1.051
Condensate correction factors			
0 (-17.8)	1.063	1.117	1.165
10 (-12.2)	1.019	1.072	1.120
20 (-6.7)	0.974	1.027	1.075



temperature is 166°F (74.4°C). The coil thus chosen is the first-trial coil, which must be checked against the actual steam conditions as described below.

When a coil is supplied steam at a pressure different from 5 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (34.5 kPa), multiply the final air temperature given in the 5-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (34.5-kPa) table for 0°F (−17.8°C), at the face velocity being used, by the correction factor given in Table 10 for the actual steam pressure and actual inlet air temperature. Thus, for this coil, which is supplied steam at 15 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (103.4 kPa) and has an inlet air temperature of 10°F (−12.2°C), the temperature correction factor from Table 10 is 1.056. Add the product of the correction factor and the tabulated final air temperature to the inlet air temperature to obtain the actual final air temperature. Several trials may be necessary before the desired outlet temperature is obtained.

The desired final air temperature for this coil is 150°F (65.6°C). Using the 124°F (51.1°C) final air temperature from Table 10 as the first-trial value, we get the actual final air temperature = (1.056)(124) + 10 = 141°F (60.6°C). This is too low. Trying the next higher final air temperature gives the actual final air temperature = (1.056)(148) + 10 = 166.5°F (74.7°C). This is higher than required, but the steam supply can be reduced to produce the desired final air temperature. Thus, the coil will be four rows of tubes deep, as Table 10 shows. Hence, the five rows of coils originally indicated will not be needed. Instead, four rows will suffice.

**3. Compute the quantity of condensate produced by the coil.** Use the same general procedure as in step 2, or actual condensate formed, lb/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>) = [lb/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>)] [condensate from 5-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs), 0°F (34.5-kPa, −17.8°C) table] (correction factor from Table 10); or for this coil, (132.9)(1.072) = 142.47 lb/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>) [690.1 kg/(h·m<sup>2</sup>)]. Since the coil has a net fin face area of 112.8 ft<sup>2</sup> (10.5 m<sup>2</sup>), the total actual condensate formed = (112.8)ft<sup>2</sup>(142.47) = 16,100 lb/h (7318.2 kg/h).

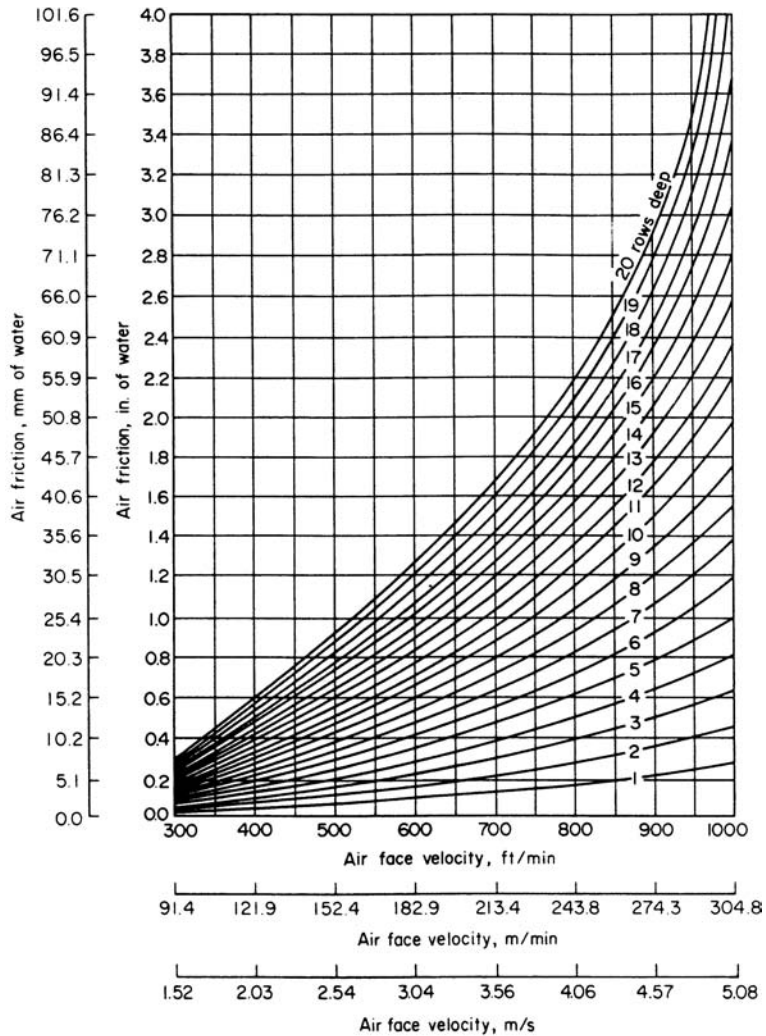
**4. Determine the coil friction loss.** Most manufacturers publish a chart or table of coil friction losses in coils having various face velocities and tube rows. Thus, Fig. 2 shows that a coil having a face velocity of 800 ft/min (243.8 m/min) and four rows of tube has a friction loss of 0.45 in (11.4 mm) of water. Figure 2 is a typical friction-loss chart and can be safely used for all routine preliminary coil selections. However, when the final choice of a heating coil is made, use the friction chart or table prepared by the manufacturer of the coil chosen.

**5. Determine the coil dimensions.** Refer to the manufacturer's engineering data for the dimensions of the coil chosen. Each manufacturer has certain special construction features. Hence, there will be some variation in dimensions from one manufacturer to another.

**6. Indicate how the coil will be piped.** The ASHRAE *Guide and Data Book* shows piping arrangements for low- and high-pressure steam heating coils as recommended by various coil manufacturers. Follow the recommendations of the manufacturer whose coil is actually used when the final selection is made.

**Related Calculations** Typical variables met in heating-coil selection are the *face velocity*, which varies from 300 to 1000 ft/min (91.4 to 304.8 m/min), with the higher velocities being used for industrial applications, the lower velocities for nonindustrial applications; the *final air temperature*, which ranges between 50 and 300°F (10 and 148.9°C), the lower temperatures being used for ventilation, the higher ones for heating; *steam pressures*, which vary from 2 to 150 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (13.8 to 1034.1 kPa), with the lower pressures—2 to 15 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (13.8 to 103.4 kPa)—being the most popular for heating.

Hot-water heating coils are also used for air heating. The general selection procedure is: (a) Compute the heating capacity, Btu/h, required from (1.08)(temperature rise of air, °F)(cfm heated). (b) Compute the coil face area required, ft<sup>2</sup>, from cfm/face velocity, ft/min. Assume a suitable face velocity using the guide given above. (c) Compute the logarithmic mean-effective-temperature difference across the coil, using the method given elsewhere in this handbook. (d) Compute the required hot-water flow rate, gallons per minute (gal/min), from Btu/h heating capacity/(500)(temperature drop of water, °F). The usual temperature drop of the hot water during passage through



**FIGURE 2** Heating-coil air-friction chart for air at standard conditions of 70°F (21.1°C) and 29.92 in (76 cm). (McQuay, Inc.)

the heating coil is 20°F (11.1°C), with water supplied at 150 to 225°F (65.6 to 107.2°C). (e) Determine the tube water velocity, ft/s, from  $(8.33)(\text{gal/min}) / (384)(\text{number of tubes in heating coil})$ . The number of tubes in the coil is obtained by making a preliminary selection of the coil, using heating-capacity tables similar to Table 10. The usual hot-water heating coil has a water velocity between 2 and 6 ft/s (0.6 and 1.8 m/s). (f) Compute the number of tube rows required from  $\text{Btu/h heating capacity} / (\text{face area ft}^2)(\text{logarithmic mean-effective-temperature difference from step 3})(K \text{ factor from the manufacturer's engineering data})$ . (g) Compute the coil air resistance or friction loss, using the manufacturer's chart or table. The usual friction loss ranges from 0.375 to 0.675 in (9.5 to 17.2 mm) of water for commercial applications to about 1.0 in (25 mm) of water for industrial installations.

## RADIANT-HEATING-PANEL CHOICE AND SIZING

One room of a building has a heat loss of 13,900 Btu/h (4074.1 W). Choose and size a radiant heating panel suitable for this room. Illustrate the trial method of panel choice. The floor of the room is made of wooden blocks.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Choose the type and location of the heating coil.** Compute the heat loss for a given room or building, using the method given earlier in this section. Once the heat loss is known, choose the type of heating panel to use—ceiling or floor. In some rooms or buildings, a combination of floor and ceiling panels may prove more effective than either type used alone. Wall panels are also used but not as extensively as floor and ceiling panels.

In general, ceiling panels are embedded in concrete or plaster, as are wall panels. Floor panels are almost always embedded in concrete. Hence, use of another type of floor—block, tile, wood, or metal—may rule out the use of floor panels. Since this room has a wooden-block floor, a ceiling panel will be chosen.

**2. Size the heating panel.** Table 11 shows the maximum Btu/h (W) heat output of  $3/8$ -in (9.5-mm) copper-tube ceiling panels. The  $3/8$ -in (9.5-mm) size is popular; however, other sizes— $1/2$ -,  $5/8$ -, and  $7/8$ -in (12.7-, 15.9-, and 22.2-mm) diameter—are also used, depending on the heat load served. Using  $3/8$ -in (9.5-mm) tubing on 6-in (152.4-mm) centers embedded in a plaster ceiling will provide a heat output of 60 Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>) (189.1 W/m<sup>2</sup>) of tubing, as shown in Table 11.

To obtain the area of the heated panel,  $A$  ft<sup>2</sup>, use the relation  $A = H_L/P$ , where  $H_L$  = room or building heat loss, Btu/h;  $P$  = panel maximum heat output, Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>). For this room,  $A = 13,900/60 = 232$  ft<sup>2</sup> (21.6 m<sup>2</sup>).

**3. Determine the total length of tubing required.** Use the appropriate tube-length factor from Table 11, or  $(2.0)(232) = 464$  lin ft (141.4 m) of  $3/8$ -in (9.5-mm) copper tubing.

**4. Find the maximum panel tube length.** To stay within the commercial limits of smaller hot-water circulating pumps, the maximum tube lengths per panel circuit given in Table 11 are generally used. This tabulation shows that the maximum panel unit tube length for  $3/8$ -in (9.5-mm) tubing on 6-in (152.4-mm) centers is 165 ft (50.3 m). Such a length will not require a pump head of more than 4 ft (1.22 m), excluding the head loss in the mains.

**5. Determine the number of panels required.** Find the number of panels required by dividing the linear tubing length needed by the maximum unit tube length, or  $464/165 = 2.81$ . Use three panels, the next larger whole number, because partial panels cannot be used. To conserve tubing and reduce the first cost of the installation, three panels, each having 155 lin ft (47.2 m) of piping, would be used. Note that the tubing length chosen for the actual panel must be *less than* the maximum length listed in Table 11.

**6. Find the required piping main size required.** Determine the number of panels required in the remainder of the building. Use Table 11 to select the proper main size for a pressure loss of about 0.5 ft/100 ft (150 mm/30 m) of the main, including the supply and return lines. Thus, if 12 ceiling panels of maximum length were used in the building, a  $1\ 1/2$ -in (38.1-mm) main would be used.

**7. Use the trial method to choose the main size.** If the size of the main for the panels required cannot be found in Table 11, compute the total Btu required for the panels from Table 11. Then, by trial, find the size of the main from Table 11 that will deliver approximately, and preferably somewhat more than, this total Btu/h requirement.

**TABLE 11** Heating Panel Characteristics

Maximum Btu/(h·ft <sup>2</sup> ) (W/m <sup>2</sup> ) of 3/8-in (9.5-mm) copper tube embedded in ceiling plaster				Maximum Btu/(h·ft <sup>2</sup> ) (W/m <sup>2</sup> ) of copper tube embedded in concrete floor				
<i>Approx.</i>				<i>Approx.</i>				
4 1/2 in (114.3 mm) center to center		75 (236.4)		1/2 in (12.7 mm) 9 in (228.6 mm) center to center		50 (157.6)		
6 in (152.4 mm) center to center		60 (189.1)		3/4 in (19.1 mm) 9 in (228.6 mm) center to center		50 (157.6)		
9 in (228.6 mm) center to center		45 (141.8)		3/4 in (19.1 mm) 12 in (304.8 mm) center to center		50 (157.6)		
				1 in (25.4 mm) 12 in (304.8 mm) center to center		50 (157.6)		
Total length of tube required, ft (m) <sup>†</sup>								
		2.7 (0.82)		Where 4 1/2-in (114.3-mm) centers are required				
		2 (0.61)		Where 6-in (152.4-mm) centers are required				
		1.3 (0.40)		Where 9-in (228.6-mm) centers are required				
		1 (0.30)		Where 12-in (304.8-mm) centers are required				
Maximum panel unit tube length <sup>‡</sup>								
Ceilings				Floors				
Nominal size, in (mm)	Centers, in (mm)	Btu/(h·ft) (W/m) of tube	Ft (m)	Nominal size in (mm)	Centers, in (mm)	Btu/(h·ft) (W/m) of tube	Ft (m)	
3/8 (9.5)	4 1/2 (114.3)	27 (25.9)	175 (47.9)	1/2 (12.7)	9 (228.6)	38 (36.5)	220 (67.1)	
3/8 (9.5)	6 (152.4)	30 (28.9)	165 (50.3)	3/4 (19.1)	9 (228.6)	38 (36.5)	400 (121.9)	
3/8 (9.5)	9 (228.6)	34 (32.7)	150 (45.7)	3/4 (19.1)	12 (304.8)	50 (48.1)	350 (106.7)	
				1 (25.4)	12 (304.8)	50 (48.1)	550 (167.7)	
Number of panel circuits of maximum length <sup>§</sup>								
Mains	Ceiling			Floor				
	3/8 in—4 1/2, 6, 9 center-to-center (9.53 mm—114.3, 152.4, 228.6 center-to-center)			1/2 in—9 center-to-center (12.7 mm—228.6 center-to-center)		3/4 in—9, 12 center-to-center (19.1 mm—228.6, 304.8 center-to-center)		1 in—12 center-to-center (25.4 mm—304.8 center-to-center)
Diam., in (mm)								
2 (50.8)	27			16		8		5
1 1/2 (38.1)	12			7		4		2
1 1/4 (31.6)	8			5		2		1
1 (25.4)	4			3		1		1
3/4 (19.1)	2			1				

<sup>†</sup>To arrive at the required lin ft of tube per panel, multiply the ft<sup>2</sup> of heated panel by the factors given.

<sup>‡</sup>To keep within the commercial limits of the smaller pumps, as an example the above maximum tube lengths per panel circuit are suggested. These lengths alone will require not more than about a 4-ft (1.2-m) head. This does not include loss in mains.

<sup>§</sup>Use the information given in the section on maximum panel unit tube length, as given above, which can be supplied, allowing about 0.5 ft (150 mm) head required per 100 ft (30 m) of main (supply and return).

For instance, suppose an industrial building requires the following panel circuits:

No. of panel circuits	Tube size and location	Btu (kJ) required from Table 11 (number of circuits $\times$ Btu/ft of tube $\times$ maximum panel tube length)
4	$3/8$ -in (9.5-mm) tubes on $4\frac{1}{2}$ -in (114.3-mm) centers, ceiling	$4 \times 27 \times 175 = 18,900$ (19,940)
1	$1/2$ -in (12.7-mm) tubes on 9-in (228.6-mm) centers, floor	$1 \times 38 \times 220 = 8,360$ (8,820)
1	1-in (25.4-mm) tubes on 12-in (304.8-mm) centers, floor	$1 \times 50 \times 550 = 27,500$ (29,013)
3	$3/4$ -in (19.1-mm) tubes on 9-in (228.6-mm) centers, floor	$3 \times 38 \times 400 = 45,600$ (48,108)
9		Total Btu/h (kJ/h) required = 100,360 (105,881)

*Trial 1:* Assume 100 ft of  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -in (30 m of 38-mm) main is used for seven floor circuits that are each 220 ft (67.1 m) long and made of  $1/2$ -in (12.7-mm) tubing on 9-in (228.6-mm) centers. From Table 11 the output of these seven floor circuits is 7 circuits  $\times$  38 Btu/(h-ft) of tube (36.5 W/m)  $\times$  220 ft (67.1 m) of tubing = 58,520 Btu/h (17.2 kW). Since this output is considerably less than the required output of 100,360 Btu/h (29.4 kW), a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -in (38.1-mm) main is not large enough.

*Trial 2:* Assume 100 ft of 2-in (30 m of 50.8-mm) main for 16 circuits that are each 220 ft (67.1 m) long and are made of  $1/2$ -in (12.7-mm) tubing on 9-in (228.6-mm) centers. Then, as in trial 1,  $16 \times 38 \times 220 = 133,760$  Btu/h (39.2 kW) delivered. Hence, a 2-in (50.8-mm) main is suitable for the nine panels listed above.

**Related Calculations** Use the same general method given here for heating panels embedded in the concrete floor of a building. The liquid used in most panel heating systems is water at about 130°F (54.4°C). This warm water produces a panel temperature of about 85°F (29.4°C) in floors and about 115°F (46.1°C) in ceilings. The maximum water temperature at the boiler is seldom allowed to exceed 150°F (65.6°C).

When the first-floor ceiling of a multistory building is not insulated, the floor above a ceiling panel develops about 17 Btu/(ft<sup>2</sup>·h) (53.6 W/m<sup>2</sup>) from the heated panel below. If this type of construction is used, the radiation into the room above can be deducted from the heat loss computed for that room. It is essential, however, to calculate only the heat output in the floor area directly above the heated panel.

Standard references, such as the ASHRAE *Guide and Data Book*, present heat-release data for heating panels in both graphical and tabular form. Data obtained from charts are used in the same way as described above for the tabular data. Tubing data for radiant heating are available from Anaconda American Brass Company.

## SNOW-MELTING HEATING-PANEL CHOICE AND SIZING

Choose and size a snow-melting panel to melt a maximum snowfall of 3 in/h (76.2 mm/h) in a parking lot that has an area of 1000 ft<sup>2</sup> (92.9 m<sup>2</sup>). Heat losses downward, at the edges, and back of the slab are about 25 percent of the heat supplied; also, there is an atmospheric evaporation loss of 15 percent of the heat supplied. The usual temperature during snowfalls in the locality of the parking lot is 32°F (0°C).

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the hourly snowfall weight rate.** The density of the snow varies from about 3 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> at 5°F (48 kg/m<sup>3</sup> at -15°C) to about 7.8 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> at 34°F (124.9 kg/m<sup>3</sup> at 1.1°C). Given a density of 7.3 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (116.9 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) for this installation, the hourly snowfall weight rate per ft<sup>2</sup> is (area, ft)(depth, ft)(density) = (1.0)(3/12)(7.3) = 1.83 lb/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>) [8.9 (kg/h·m<sup>2</sup>)]. In this computation, the rate of fall of 3 in/h (76.2 mm/h) is converted to a depth in ft by dividing by 12 in/ft.

**2. Compute the heat required for snow melting.** The heat of fusion of melting snow is 144 Btu/lb (334.9 kJ/kg). Since the snow accumulates at the rate of 1.83 lb/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>) [8.9 kg/(h·m<sup>2</sup>)], the amount of heat that must be supplied to melt the snow is (1.83)(144) = 264 Btu/(ft<sup>2</sup>·h) (832.1 W/m<sup>2</sup>).

Of the heat supplied, the percent lost is 25 + 15 = 40 percent as given. Of this total loss, 25 percent is lost downward and 15 percent is lost to the atmosphere. Hence, the total heat that must be supplied is (1.0 + 0.40)(264) = 370 Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>) (1166 W/m<sup>2</sup>). With an area of 1000 ft<sup>2</sup> (92.9 m<sup>2</sup>) to be heated, the panel system must supply (1000)(370) = 370,000 Btu/h (108.6 kW).

**3. Determine the length of pipe or tubing required.** Consult the ASHRAE *Guide and Data Book* or manufacturer's engineering data to find the heat output per ft of tubing or pipe length. Suppose the heat output is 50 Btu/(h·ft) (48.1 W/m) of tube. Then the length of tubing required is 370,000/50 = 7400 ft (2256 m).

Some manufacturers rate their pipe or tubing on the basis of the rainfall equivalent of the snowfall and the wind velocity across the heated surface. Where this method is used, compute the heat required to melt the snow as the equivalent amount of heat to vaporize the water. This is  $Q_e = 1074(0.002V + 0.055)(0.185 - v_a)$ , where  $Q_e$  = heat required to vaporize the water, Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>);  $V$  = wind velocity over the heated surface, mi/h;  $v_a$  = vapor pressure of the atmospheric air, in Hg.

**4. Determine the quantity of heating liquid required.** Use the relation  $\text{gpm} = 0.125 H_t/dc \Delta t$ , for ethylene glycol, the most commonly used heating liquid. In this relation,  $H_t$  = total heat required for snow melting, Btu/h;  $d$  = density of the heating liquid, lb/ft<sup>3</sup>;  $c$  = specific heat of the heating liquid, Btu/(lb·°F);  $\Delta t$  = temperature loss of the heating liquid during passage through the heating coil, usually taken as 15 to 20°F (-9.4 to -6.7°C).

Assuming that a 60 percent ethylene glycol solution is used for heating, we have  $d = 68.6$  lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (1098.3 kg/m<sup>3</sup>);  $c = 0.75$  Btu/(lb·°F) [3140 J/(kg·K)]. Since the piping must supply 370,000 Btu/h (108.5 kW),  $\text{gpm} = (0.125)(370,000)/(68.6)(0.75)(20) = 45$  gal/min (170.3 L/min) when the temperature loss of the heating liquid is 20°F (-6.7°C).

**5. Size the heater for the system.** The heater must provide at least 370,000 Btu/h (108.5 kW) to the ethylene glycol. If the heater has an overall efficiency of 60 percent, then the required heat input to deliver 370,000 Btu/h (108.5 kW) is 370,000/0.60 = 617,000 Btu/h (180.6 kW).

To avoid a long warmup time at the start of a snowfall, the usual practice is to operate the system for several hours prior to an expected snowfall. The heating liquid temperature during warmup is kept at about 100°F (37.8°C) and the pump is operated at half-speed.

**Related Calculations** Use this general method to size snow-melting systems for sidewalks, driveways, loading docks, parking lots, storage yards, roads, and similar areas. To prevent an excessive warmup load on the system, provide for prestorm operation. Without prestorm operation, the load on the heater can be twice the normal hourly load.

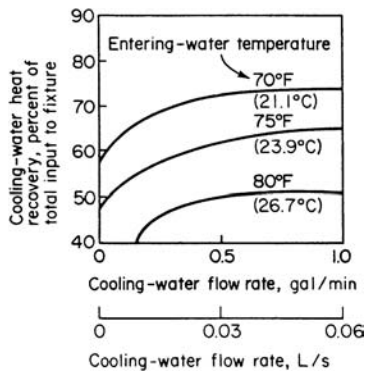
Copper tubing and steel pipe are the most commonly used heating elements. For properties of tubing and piping important in snow-melting calculations, see Baumeister—*Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers*.

## HEAT RECOVERY FROM LIGHTING SYSTEMS FOR SPACE HEATING

Determine the quantity of heat obtainable from 30 water-cooled fluorescent luminaires rated at 200 W each if the entering water temperature is 70°F (21.1°C) and the water flow rate is 1.0 gal/min (3.8 L/min). How much heat can be recovered from 10 air-cooled fluorescent luminaires rated at 100 W each?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the water-cooled luminaire heat recovery.** Luminaire manufacturers publish heat-recovery data in chart form (Fig. 3). This chart shows that with a flow rate of 0.5 gal/min (1.9 L/min)



**FIGURE 3** Heat recovery in water-cooled lighting fixtures.

Or,  $\Delta t = 18,900/500(1.0) = 37.8^\circ\text{F}$  ( $21.0^\circ\text{C}$ ). A temperature rise of this magnitude is seldom used in practice. However, this calculation shows the large amount of heat recoverable with water-cooled lighting fixtures.

**3. Compute the heat recoverable with air cooling.** In the usual air-cooled luminaire, 50 to 70 percent of the input energy is recoverable. Assuming a 60 percent recovery, with a total input of  $(10)(100) = 1000$  W, we see that the energy recoverable is  $0.60(1000) = 600$  W. Converting to the heat recoverable gives  $(3.4)(1.25)(600) = 2545$  Btu/h (745.9 W).

**Related Calculations** Heat recovery from lighting fixtures is receiving increasing attention for many different structures because substantial fuel savings are possible. The water or air heated by the lighting is used to heat the supply or return air supplied to the conditioned space. Where the heat recovered must be rejected, as in the summer, either a cooling tower (for water) or an air-cooled condenser (for air) may be used.

Other popular sources of heat are refrigeration condensers and electric motors. In many installations the heat is absorbed from the condenser or motors, or both, by air.

## AIR-CONDITIONING-SYSTEM HEAT-LOAD DETERMINATION—GENERAL METHOD

Show how to compute the total heat load for an air-conditioned industrial building fitted with windows having shades, internal heat loads from people and machines, and heat transmission gains through the walls, roof, and floor. Use the *ASHRAE Guide and Data Book* as a data source.

## Calculation Procedure<sup>1</sup>

**1. Determine the design outdoor and indoor conditions.** Refer to the ASHRAE *Guide and Data Book* (called *Guide*) for the state and city in which the building is located. Read from the *Guide* table for the appropriate city the design outdoor dry-bulb and wet-bulb temperatures. At the same time, determine from the *Guide* the indoor design conditions—temperature and relative humidity for the type of application being considered. The *Guide* lists a variety of typical applications such as apartment houses, motels, hotels, industrial plants, etc. It also lists the average summer wind velocity for a variety of locations. Where the exact location of a plant is not tabulated in the *Guide*, consult the nearest local branch of the weather bureau for information on the usual summer outdoor high and low dry- and wet-bulb temperatures, relative humidity, and velocity.

**2. Compute the sunlight heat gain.** The sunlight heat gain results from the solar radiation through the glass in the building's windows and the materials of construction in certain of the building's walls. If the glass or wall of a building is shaded by an adjacent solid structure, the sunlight heat gain for that glass and wall is usually neglected. The same is true for the glass and wall of the building facing the north.

Compute the glass sunlight heat gain, Btu/h, from (glass area, ft<sup>2</sup>)(equivalent temperature difference from the appropriate *Guide* table)(factor for shades, if any are used). The equivalent temperature difference is based on the time of day and orientation of the glass with respect to the points of the compass. A latitude correction factor may have to be applied if the building is located in a tropical area. Use the equivalent temperature difference for the time of day on which the heat-load estimate is based. Several times may be chosen to determine at which time the greatest heat gain occurs. Where shades are used in the building, choose a suitable shade factor from the appropriate *Guide* table and insert it in the equation above.

Compute the sunlight heat gain, Btu/h, for the appropriate walls and the roof from (wall area, ft<sup>2</sup>)(equivalent temperature difference from *Guide* for walls) [coefficient of heat transmission for the wall, Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F)]. For the roof, find the heat gain, Btu/h, from (roof area, ft<sup>2</sup>)(equivalent temperature difference from the appropriate *Guide* table for roofs) [coefficient of heat transmission for the roof, Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F)].

**3. Compute the transmission heat gain.** All the glass in the building windows is subject to transmission of heat from the outside to the inside as a result of the temperature difference between the outdoor and indoor dry-bulb temperatures. This transmission gain is commonly called the *all-glass gain*. Find the all-glass transmission heat gain, Btu/h, from (total window-glass area, ft<sup>2</sup>)(outdoor design dry-bulb temperature, °F—indoor design dry-bulb temperature, °F)[coefficient of heat transmission of the glass, Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F), from the appropriate *Guide* table].

Compute the heat transmission, Btu/h, through the shaded walls, if any, from (total shaded wall area, ft<sup>2</sup>)(equivalent temperature difference for shaded wall from the appropriate *Guide* table, °F) [coefficient of heat transmission of the wall material, Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F), from the appropriate *Guide* table].

Where the building has a machinery room or utility room that is not air-conditioned and is next to a conditioned space, and the temperature in the utility room is higher than in the conditioned space, find the heat gain, Btu/h, from (area of utility or machine room partition, ft<sup>2</sup>)(utility or machine room dry-bulb temperature, °F—conditioned-space dry-bulb temperature, °F)[coefficient of heat transmission of the utility or machine room partition, Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F), from the appropriate *Guide* table].

For buildings having a floor contacting the earth, or over unventilated and unheated basements, there is generally *no* heat gain through the floor because the ground is usually at a lower temperature than the floor. Where the floor is above the ground and in contact with the outside air, find the heat gain, Btu/h, through the floor from (floor area, ft<sup>2</sup>)(design outside dry-bulb temperature, °F—design inside dry-bulb temperature, °F) [coefficient of heat transmission of the floor material,

<sup>1</sup> SI units are given in later numerical procedures.



Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F), from the appropriate *Guide* table]. When a machine room or utility room is below the floor, use the same relation but substitute the machine room or utility room dry-bulb temperature for the design outside dry-bulb temperature.

For floors above the ground, some designers reduce the difference between the design outdoor and indoor dry-bulb temperatures by 5°F (–15°C); other designers use the shaded-wall equivalent temperature difference from the *Guide*. Either method, or that given above, will provide safe results.

**4. Compute the infiltration heat gain.** Use the relation infiltration heat gain, Btu/h = (window crack length, ft) [window infiltration, ft<sup>3</sup>/(ft·min) from the appropriate *Guide* table] (design outside dry-bulb temperature, °F – design inside dry-bulb temperature, °F)(1.08). Three aspects of this computation require explanation.

The window crack length used is usually one-half the total crack length in all the windows. Infiltration through cracks is caused by the wind acting on the building. Since the wind cannot act on all sides of a building at once, one-half the total crack length is generally used (but never less than one-half) in computing the infiltration heat gain. Note that the crack length varies with different types of windows. Thus, the *Guide* gives, for metal sash, crack length = total perimeter of the movable section. For double-hung windows, the crack length = three times the width plus twice the height.

The window infiltration rate, ft<sup>3</sup>/(min·ft) of crack, is given in the *Guide* for various wind velocities. Some designers use the infiltration rate for a wind velocity of 10 mi/h (16.1 km/h); others use 5 mi/h (8.1 km/h). The factor 1.08 converts the computed infiltration to Btu/h ( $\times 0.32 = W$ ).

**5. Compute the outside-air bypass heat load.** Some outside air may be needed in the conditioned space to ventilate fumes, odors, and other undesirables in the conditioned space. This ventilation air imposes a cooling or dehumidifying load on the air conditioner because the heat or moisture, or both, must be removed from the ventilation air. Most air conditioners are arranged to permit some outside air to bypass the cooling coils. The bypassed outdoor air becomes a load within the conditioned space similar to infiltration air.

Determine heat load, Btu/h, of the outside air bypassing the air conditioner from (cfm of ventilation air)(design outdoor dry-bulb-temperature, °F – design indoor dry-bulb temperature, °F)(air-conditioner bypass factor)(1.08).

Find the ventilation-air quantity by multiplying the number of people in the conditioned space by the cfm per person recommended by the *Guide*. The cfm (m<sup>3</sup>/min) per person can range from a minimum of 5 (0.14) to a high of 50 (1.42) where heavy smoking is anticipated. If industrial processes within the conditioned space require ventilation, the air may be supplied by increasing the outside air flow, by a local exhaust system at the process, or by a combination of both. Regardless of the method used, outside air must be introduced to make up for the air exhausted from the conditioned space. The sum of the air required for people and processes is the total ventilation-air quantity.

Until the air conditioner is chosen, its bypass factor is unknown. However, to solve for the outside-air bypass heat load, a bypass factor must be applied. Table 12 shows typical bypass factors for various applications.

**6. Compute the heat load from internal heat sources.** Within an air-conditioned space, heat is given off by people, lights, appliances, machines, pipes, etc. Find the sensible heat, Btu/h, given off by people by taking the product (number of people in the air-conditioned space)(sensible heat release per person, Btu/h, from the appropriate *Guide* table). The sensible heat release per person varies with the activity of each person (seated, at rest, doing heavy work) and the room dry-bulb temperature. Thus, at 80°F (26.7°C), a person doing heavy work in a factory will give off 465 Btu/h (136.3 W) sensible heat; seated at rest in a theater at 80°F (26.7°C), a person will give off 195 Btu/h (57.2 W), sensible heat.

Find the heat, Btu/h, given off by electric lights from (wattage rating of all installed lights) (3.4). Where the installed lighting capacity is expressed in kilowatts, use the factor 3413 instead of 3.4.

For electric motors, find the heat, Btu/h, given off from (total installed motor hp)(2546)/motor efficiency expressed as a decimal. The usual efficiency assumed for electric motors is 85 percent.

**TABLE 12** Typical Bypass Factors\*

a. For various applications				
Coil bypass factor <sup>†</sup>	Type of application		Example	
0.30–0.50	A <i>small</i> total load or a load that is somewhat larger with a low sensible heat factor (high latent load)		Residence	
0.20–0.30	Typical comfort application with a <i>relatively small</i> total load or a low sensible heat factor with a somewhat larger load		Residence; small retail shop; factory	
0.10–0.20	Typical comfort application		Department store; bank; factory	
0.05–0.10	Applications with high internal sensible loads or requiring a large amount of outdoor air for ventilation		Department store; restaurant; factory	
0–0.10	All outdoor air applications		Hospital; operating room; factory	
b. For finned coils				
Depth of coils, rows	Without sprays		With sprays <sup>‡</sup>	
	8 fins/in (25.4 mm)	14 fins/in (25.4 mm)	8 fins/in (25.4 mm)	14 fins/in (25.4 mm)
	Velocity, ft/min (m/min)			
	300–700 (91.4–213.4)	300–700 (91.4–213.4)	300–700 (91.4–213.4)	300–700 (91.4–213.4)
2	0.42–0.55	0.22–0.38		
3	0.27–0.40	0.10–0.23		
4	0.19–0.30	0.50–0.14	0.12–0.22	0.03–0.10
5	0.12–0.23	0.02–0.09	0.08–0.14	0.01–0.08
6	0.08–0.18	0.01–0.06	0.06–0.11	0.01–0.05
8	0.03–0.08	...	0.02–0.05	

\*Carrier Air Conditioning Company.

<sup>†</sup>The bypass factor with spray coils is decreased because spray provides more surface for contacting the air.

Many other sensible-heat-generating devices may be used in an air-conditioned space. These devices include restaurant, beauty shop, hospital, gas-burning, and kitchen appliances. The *Guide* lists the heat given off by a variety of devices, as well as pipes, tanks, pumps, etc.

**7. Compute the room sensible heat.** Find the sum of the sensible heat gains computed in steps 2 (sunlight heat gain), 3 (transmission heat gain), 4 (infiltration heat gain), 5 (outside air heat gain), 6 (internal heat sources). This sum is the room sensible-heat subtotal.

A further sensible heat gain may result from supply-duct heat gain, supply-duct-leakage loss, and air-conditioning-fan horsepower. To the sum of these losses, a safety factor is usually added in the form of a percentage, since all the losses are also generally expressed as a percentage. The *Guide* provides means to estimate each loss and the safety factor. Assuming the sum of the losses and safety factor is  $x$  percent, the room sensible heat load, Btu/h, is  $(1 + 0.01 \times x)(\text{room sensible heat subtotal, Btu/h})$ .

**8. Compute the room latent heat load.** The room latent heat load results from the moisture entering the room with the infiltration air and bypass ventilation air, the moisture given off by room occupants, and any other moisture source such as open steam kettles, sterilizers, etc.

Find the infiltration-air latent heat load, Btu/h, from (cfm infiltration)(moisture content of outside air design at design outdoor conditions, g/lb – moisture content of the conditioned air at the design indoor conditions, g/lb)(0.68). Use a similar relation for the bypass ventilation air, or Btu/h latent heat = (cfm ventilation)(moisture content of the outside air at design outdoor conditions, g/lb – moisture content of conditioned air at design indoor conditions, g/lb)(bypass factor)(0.68).

Find the latent heat gain from the room occupants, Btu/h, from (number of occupants in the conditioned space)(latent heat gain, Btu/h per person, from the appropriate *Guide* table). Be sure to choose the latent heat gain that applies to the activity *and* conditioned-room dry-bulb temperature.

Nonhooded restaurant, hospital, laboratory, and similar equipment produces both a sensible and latent heat load in the conditioned space. Consult the *Guide* for the latent heat load for each type of unit in the space. Find the latent heat load of these units, Btu/h, from (number of units of each type)(latent heat load, Btu/h, per unit).

Take the sum of the latent heat loads for infiltration, ventilation bypass air, people, and devices. This sum is the room latent-heat subtotal, if water-vapor transmission through the building surfaces is neglected.

Water vapor flows through building structures, resulting in a latent heat load whenever a vapor-pressure difference exists across a structure. The latent heat load from this source is usually insignificant in comfort applications and need be considered only in low or high dew-point applications. Compute the latent heat gain from this source, using the appropriate *Guide* table, and add it to the room latent-heat subtotal.

Factors for the supply-duct leakage loss and for a safety margin are usually applied to the above sum. When all the latent heat subtotals summed, the result is the room latent-heat total.

**9. Compute the outside-air heat.** Air brought in for space ventilation imposes a sensible and latent heat load on the air-conditioning apparatus. Compute the sensible heat load, Btu/h, from (cfm outside air)(design outdoor dry-bulb temperature – design indoor dry-bulb temperature)(1 – bypass factor)(1.08). Compute the latent heat load, Btu/h, from (cfm outside air) (design outdoor moisture content, g/lb – design indoor moisture content, g/lb)(1 – bypass factor)(0.68). Apply percentage factors for return duct heat and leakage gain, pump horsepower, dehumidifier, and piping loss; see the *Guide* for typical values.

**10. Compute the grand-total heat and refrigeration tonnage.** Take the sum of the room total heat and outside-air heat. The result is the grand-total heat load of the space, Btu/h.

Compute the refrigeration load, tons, from (grand-total heat, Btu/h)/[12,000 Btu (h-ton) (3577 W) of refrigeration]. A refrigeration system having the next higher standard rating is generally chosen.

**11. Compute the sensible heat factor and the apparatus dew point.** For any air-conditioning system, sensible heat factor = (room sensible heat, Btu/h)/(room total heat, Btu/h). Using a psychrometric chart and the known room conditions, we find the apparatus dew point. An alternative, and quicker, way to find the apparatus dew point is to use the *Carrier Handbook of Air Conditioning System Design* tables.

**12. Compute the quantity of dehumidified air required.** Determine the dehumidified air temperature rise, °F, from (1 – bypass factor)(design indoor temperature, °F – apparatus dew point, °F). Compute the dehumidified air quantity, ft<sup>3</sup>/min, from (room sensible heat, Btu/h)/1.08 (dehumidified air temperature rise, °F).

**Related Calculations** The general procedure given above is valid for all types of air-conditioned spaces—offices, industrial plants, residences, hotels, apartment houses, motels, etc. Use the *ASHRAE Guide and Data Book* or the *Carrier Handbook of Air Conditioning System Design* as a source of data for the various calculations. Application of this method to an actual building is shown in the next calculation procedure.

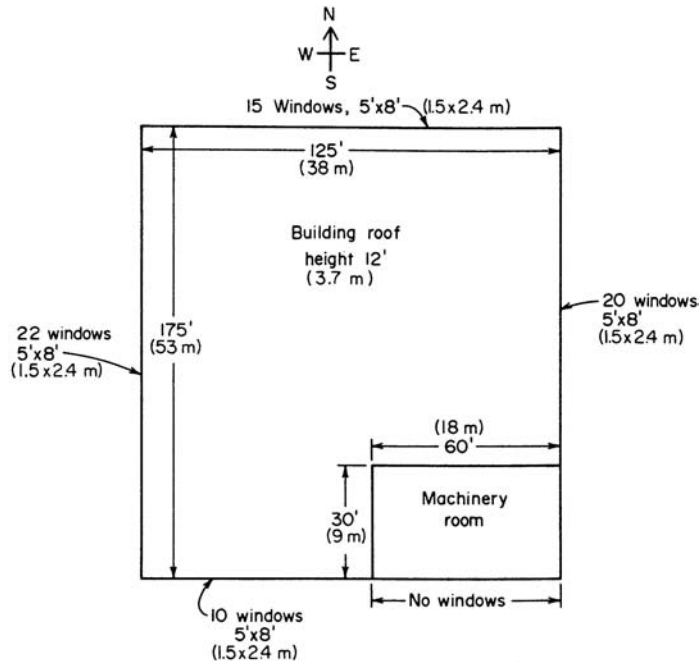
In actual design work, a calculations form incorporating the calculations shown above is generally used. Such forms are obtainable from equipment manufacturers. Since the usual form does

not provide any explanation of the calculations, the present calculation procedure is a useful guide to using the form. Refer to the Carrier *Handbook of Air Conditioning System Design* for one such form.

In using SI units in air-conditioning design calculations, the same general steps are followed as given above. Numerical usage of SI is shown in the next calculation procedure.

## AIR-CONDITIONING-SYSTEM HEAT-LOAD DETERMINATION— NUMERICAL COMPUTATION

Determine the required capacity of an air-conditioning system to serve the industrial building shown in Fig. 4. The outside walls are 8-in (203.2-mm) brick with an interior finish of  $\frac{3}{8}$ -in (9.5-mm) gypsum lath plastered and furred. A 6-in (152.4-mm) plain poured-concrete partition separates the



$$\text{N wall area} = 125(12) - 15(40) = 900 \text{ ft}^2(83.6 \text{ m}^2)$$

$$\text{S wall area} = 125(12) - 5 \times 8 \times 10 = 1100 \text{ ft}^2(102.2 \text{ m}^2)$$

$$\text{E wall area} = (175)(12) - 5 \times 8 \times 20 = 1300 \text{ ft}^2(120.8 \text{ m}^2)$$

$$\text{W wall area} = (175)(12) - 5 \times 8 \times 22 = 1220 \text{ ft}^2(113.3 \text{ m}^2)$$

$$\text{Roof area} = (175)(125) = 21,875 \text{ ft}^2(2032.3 \text{ m}^2)$$

$$\text{Glass area} = (20 \times 40) + (10 \times 40) + 22(40) + 15(40) = 2680 \text{ ft}^2(248.9 \text{ m}^2)$$

$$\text{Partition area} = 90 \times 12 = 1080 \text{ ft}^2(100.3 \text{ m}^2)$$

FIGURE 4 Industrial building layout.

machinery room from the conditioned space. The roof is 6-in (152.4-mm) concrete covered with 1/2-in (12.7-mm) thick insulating board, and the floor is 2-in (50.8-mm) concrete. The windows are double-hung, metal-frame locked units with light-colored shades three-quarters drawn. Internal heat loads are: 100 people doing light assembly work; twenty-five 1-hp (746-W) motors running continuously at full load; 20,000 W of light kept on at all times. The building is located in Port Arthur, Texas, at about 30° north latitude. The desired indoor design conditions are 80°F (26.7°C) dry bulb, 67°F (19.4°C) wet bulb, and 51 percent relative humidity. Air-conditioning equipment will be located in the machinery room. Use the general method given in the previous calculation procedure.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the design outdoor and indoor conditions.** The ASHRAE *Guide and Data Book* lists the design dry-bulb temperature in common use for Port Arthur, Texas, as 95°F (35°C) and the design wet-bulb temperature as 79°F (26.1°C). Design indoor temperature and humidity conditions are given; if they were not given, the recommended conditions given in the *Guide* for an industrial building housing light assembly work would be used.

**2. Compute the sunlight heat gain.** The east, south, and west windows and walls of the building are subject to sunlight heat gains. North-facing walls are neglected because the sunlight heat gain is usually less than the transmission heat gain. Reference to the *Guide* table for sunlight radiation through glass shows that the largest amount of heat radiation occurs through the east and west walls. The maximum radiation is 181 Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>) (570.5 W/m<sup>2</sup>) of glass area at 8 a.m. for the east wall and the same for the west wall at 4 p.m. Radiation through the glass in the south wall never reaches this magnitude. Hence, only the east or west wall need be considered. Since the west wall has 22 windows compared with 20 in the east wall, the west-wall sunlight heat gain will be used because it has a *larger* heat gain. (If both walls had an equal number of windows, either wall could be used.) When the window shades are normally three-quarters drawn, a value 0.6 times the tabulated sunlight radiation can be used. Hence, the west-glass sunlight heat gain = (22 windows)(5 × 8 ft each) (181)(0.6) = 95,600 Btu/h (28,020.4 W).

For the same time of day, 4 p.m., the *Guide* table shows that the east-glass radiation is 0 Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>) and the south glass is 2 Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>) (6.3 W/m<sup>2</sup>). Hence, the south-glass sunlight heat gain = (10 windows) (5 × 8 ft each)(2)(0.6) = 480 Btu/h (140.7 W).

The same three walls, and the roof, are also subject to sunlight heat gains. Reference to the *Guide* shows that with 8-in (203-mm) walls the temperature difference resulting from sunlight heat gains is 15°F (8.3°C) for south walls and 20°F (−6.7°C) for east and west walls. At 4 p.m. the roof temperature difference is given as 40°F (4.4°C). Hence, sunlight gain, south wall = (wall area, ft<sup>2</sup>)(temperature difference, °F)[wall coefficient of heat transfer, Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F)], or (1100)(15)(0.30) = 4950 Btu/h (1450.9 W). Likewise, the east-wall sunlight heat gain = (1300)(20)(0.30) = 7800 Btu/h (2286.2 W); the west-wall sunlight heat gain = (1220)(20)(0.30) = 7,320 Btu/h (2145.5 W); the roof sunlight heat gain = (21,875)(40)(0.33) = 289,000 Btu/h (84.7 kW). Note that the wall and roof coefficients of heat transfer are obtained from the appropriate *Guide* table.

The sum of the sunlight heat gains gives the total sunlight gain, or 405,150 Btu/h (118.7 kW).

**3. Compute the glass transmission heat gain.** All the glass in the building is subject to a transmission heat gain. Find the all-glass transmission heat gain, Btu/h, from (total glass area, ft<sup>2</sup>)(outdoor design dry-bulb temperature, °F – indoor design dry-bulb temperature, °F)[coefficient of heat transmission of glass, Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F), from *Guide*], or (2680)(95 – 80)(1.13) = 45,400 Btu/h (13.3 kW).

The transmission heat gain of the south, east, and west walls can be neglected because the sunlight heat gain is greater. Hence, only the north-wall transmission heat gain need be computed. For unshaded walls, the transmission heat gain, Btu/h, is (wall area, ft<sup>2</sup>)(design outdoor dry-bulb temperature, °F – design indoor dry-bulb temperature, °F)[coefficient of heat transmission, Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F)] = (900)(95 – 80)(0.30) = 4050 Btu/h (1187.1 W).

The heat gain from the ground can be neglected because the ground is usually at a lower temperature than the floor. Thus, the total transmission heat gain is the sum of the individual gains, or 66,530 Btu/h (19.5 kW).

**4. Compute the infiltration heat gain.** The total crack length for double-hung windows is  $3 \times \text{width} + 2 \times \text{height}$ , or (67 windows)[ $(3 \times 5) + (2 \times 8)$ ] = 2077 ft (633.1 m). By using one-half the total length, or  $2077/2 = 1039$  ft (316.7 m), and a wind velocity of 10 mi/h (16.1 km/h), the leakage cfm is (crack length, ft)(leakage per ft of crack) =  $(1039)(0.75) = 770$  ft<sup>3</sup>/min, or  $60(779) = 46,740$  ft<sup>3</sup>/h (1323 m<sup>3</sup>/h).

The heat gain due to infiltration through the window cracks is (leakage, ft<sup>3</sup>/min) (design outdoor dry-bulb temperature, °F – design indoor dry-bulb temperature, °F)(1.08), or  $(779)(95 - 80)(1.08) = 12,610$  Btu/h (3.7 kW).

**5. Compute the outside-air bypass heat load.** For factories, the *Guide* recommends a ventilation air quantity of 10 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.28 m<sup>3</sup>/min) per person. Local codes may require a larger quantity; hence, the codes should be checked before a final choice is made of the ventilation-air quantity used per person. Since there are 100 people in this factory, the required ventilation quantity is  $100(10) = 100$  ft<sup>3</sup>/min (28 m<sup>3</sup>/min). Next, the bypass factor for the air-conditioning equipment must be chosen.

Table 12 shows that the usual factory air-conditioning equipment has a bypass factor ranging between 0.10 and 0.20. Assume a value of 0.10 for this installation.

The heat load, Btu/h, of the outside air bypassing the air conditioner is (cfm of ventilation air)(design outdoor dry-bulb temperature, °F – design indoor dry-bulb temperature, °F)(air-conditioner bypass factor)(1.08). Hence,  $(1000)(95 - 80)(0.10)(1.08) = 1620$  Btu/h (474.8 W).

**6. Compute the heat load from internal heat sources.** The internal heat sources in this building are people, lights, and motors. Compute the sensible heat load of the people from Btu/h = (number of people in the air-conditioned space)(sensible heat release per person, Btu/h, from the appropriate *Guide* table). Thus, for this building with an 80°F (26.7°C) indoor dry-bulb temperature and 100 occupants doing light assembly work, the heat load produced by people =  $(100)(210) = 21,000$  Btu/h (6.2 kW).

The motor heat load, Btu/h, is (motor hp)(2546)/motor efficiency. Given an 85 percent motor efficiency, the motor heat load =  $(25)(2546)/0.85 = 75,000$  Btu/h (21.9 kW). Thus, the total internal heat load =  $21,000 + 68,000 + 75,000 = 164,000$  Btu/h (48.1 kW).

**7. Compute the room sensible heat.** Find the sum of the sensible heat gains computed in steps 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Thus, sensible heat load =  $405,150 + 66,530 + 12,610 + 1620 + 164,000 = 649,910$  Btu/h (190.5 kW), say 650,000 Btu/h (190.5 kW). Using an assumed safety factor of 5 percent to cover the various losses that may be encountered in the system, we find room sensible heat =  $(1.05)(650,000) = 682,500$  Btu/h (200.0 kW).

**8. Compute the room latent-heat load.** The room latent load results from the moisture entering the air-conditioned space with the infiltration and bypass air, moisture given off by room occupants, and any other moisture sources.

Find the infiltration heat load, Btu/h, from (cfm infiltration)(moisture content of outside air at design outdoor conditions, g/lb – moisture content of the conditioned air at the design indoor conditions, g/lb)(0.68). Using a psychrometric chart or the *Guide* thermodynamic tables, we get the infiltration latent-heat load =  $(779)(124 - 78)(0.68) = 24,400$  Btu/h (7.2 kW).

Using a similar relation for the ventilation air gives Btu/h latent heat = (cfm ventilation air)(moisture content of outside air at design outdoor conditions, g/lb – moisture content of the conditioned air at the design indoor conditions, g/lb)(bypass factor)(0.68). Or,  $(1000)(124 - 78)(0.10)(0.68) = 3130$  Btu/h (917.4 W).

The latent heat gain from room occupants is Btu/h = (number of occupants in the conditioned space)(latent heat gain, Btu/h per person, from the appropriate *Guide* table). Or,  $(100)(450) = 45,000$  Btu/h (13.2 kW).

Find the latent heat gain subtotal by taking the sum of the above heat gains, or  $24,400 + 3130 + 45,000 = 72,530$  Btu/h (21.2 kW). Using an allowance of 5 percent for supply-duct leakage loss and a safety margin gives the latent heat gain =  $(1.05)(72,530) = 76,157$  Btu/h (22.3 kW).

**9. Compute the outside heat.** Compute the sensible heat load of the outside ventilation air from Btu/h = (cfm outside ventilation air)(design outdoor dry-bulb temperature – design indoor dry-bulb temperature)(1 – bypass factor)(1.08). For this system, with 1000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (28.3 m<sup>3</sup>/min) outside air ventilation, sensible heat =  $(1000)(95 - 80)(1 - 0.10)(1.08) = 14,600$  Btu/h (4.3 kW).

Compute the latent-heat load of the outside ventilation air from (cfm outside air) × (design indoor moisture content, g/lb – design indoor moisture content, g/lb)(1 – bypass)(0.68). Using the moisture content from step 8 gives  $(1000)(124 - 78)(1 - 0.1) \times (0.68) = 28,200$  Btu/h (8.3 kW).

**10. Compute the grand-total heat and refrigeration tonnage.** Take the sum of the room total heat and the outside-air sensible and latent heat. The result is the grand-total heat load of the space, Btu/h (W or kW).

The room total heat = room sensible-heat total + room latent-heat total =  $682,500 + 76,157 = 768,657$  Btu/h (225.3 kW). Then the grand-total heat =  $768,657 + 14,600 + 28,200 = 811,457$  Btu/h, say 811,500 Btu/h (237.9 kW).

Compute the refrigeration load, tons, from (grand-total heat, Btu/h)/(12,000 Btu/h per ton of refrigeration), or  $811,500/12,000 = 67.6$  tons (237.7 kW), say, 70 tons (246.2 kW).

The quantity of cooling water required for the refrigeration-system condenser is  $Q$  gal/min =  $30 \times$  tons of refrigeration/condenser water-temperature rise, °F. Assuming a 75°F (23.9°C) entering water temperature and 95°F (35°C) leaving water temperature, which are typical values for air-conditioning practice  $Q = 30(70)/95 - 75 = 105$  gal/min (397.4 L/min).

**11. Compute the sensible heat factor and apparatus dew point.** For any air-conditioning system, sensible heat factor = (room sensible heat, Btu/h)/(room total heat, Btu/h) =  $682,500/768,657 = 0.888$ .

The *Guide* or the *Carrier Handbook of Air Conditioning Design* gives an apparatus dew point of 58°F (14.4°C), closely.

**12. Compute the quantity of dehumidified air required.** Determine the dehumidified air temperature rise first from  $F = (1 - \text{bypass factor})(\text{design indoor temperature, } ^\circ\text{F} - \text{apparatus dew point, } ^\circ\text{F})$ , or  $F = (1 - 0.1)(80 - 58) = 19.8^\circ\text{F}$  ( $-6.8^\circ\text{C}$ ).

Next, compute the dehumidified air quantity, ft<sup>3</sup>/min from (room sensible heat, Btu/h)/1.08/(dehumidified air temperature rise, °F), or  $(682,500)/1.08(19.8) = 34,400$  ft<sup>3</sup>/min (973.9 m<sup>3</sup>/min).

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure for any type of air-conditioned building or space—industrial, office, hotel, motel, apartment house, residence, laboratories, school, etc. Use the *ASHRAE Guide and Data Book* or the *Carrier Handbook of Air Conditioning System Design* as a source of data for the various calculations. In comparing the various values from the *Guide* used in this procedure, note that there may be slight changes in certain tabulated values from one edition of the *Guide* to the next. Hence, the values shown may differ slightly from those in the current edition. This should not cause concern, because the procedure is the same regardless of the values used.

## AIR-CONDITIONING-SYSTEM COOLING-COIL SELECTION

Select an air-conditioning cooling coil to cool 15,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (424.7 m<sup>3</sup>/min) of air from 85°F (29.4°C) dry bulb, 67°F (19.4°C) wet bulb, 57°F (13.9°C) dew point, 38 percent relative humidity, to a dry-bulb temperature of 65°F (18.3°C) with cooling water at 50°F (10°C). Suppose the air were cooled below the dew point of the entering air. How would the calculation procedure differ?

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the weight of air to be cooled.** From a psychrometric chart (Fig. 5) find the specific volume of the entering air as  $13.75 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb}$  ( $0.86 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}$ ). To convert the air flow in  $\text{ft}^3/\text{min}$  to  $\text{lb}/\text{h}$ , use the relation  $\text{lb}/\text{h} = 60 \text{ cfm}/v_s$ , where  $\text{cfm}$  = air flow,  $\text{ft}^3/\text{min}$ ;  $v_s$  = specific volume of the entering air,  $\text{ft}^3/\text{lb}$ . Hence for this cooling coil,  $\text{lb}/\text{h} = 60(15,000)/13.75 = 65,500 \text{ lb}/\text{h}$  ( $29,773 \text{ kg}/\text{h}$ ).

Where a cooling coil is rated by the manufacturer for air at  $70^\circ\text{F}$  ( $21.1^\circ\text{C}$ ) dry bulb and 50 percent relative humidity, as is often done, use the relation  $\text{lb}/\text{h} = 4.45 \text{ cfm}$ . Thus, if this coil were rated for air at  $70^\circ\text{F}$  ( $21.1^\circ\text{C}$ ) dry bulb, the weight of air to be cooled would be  $\text{lb}/\text{h} = 4.45(15,000) = 66,800$  ( $30,364 \text{ kg}/\text{h}$ ).

Since this air quantity is somewhat greater than when the entering air specific volume is used, and since cooling coils are often rated on the basis of  $70^\circ\text{F}$  ( $21.1^\circ\text{C}$ ) dry-bulb air, this quantity,  $66,800 \text{ lb}/\text{h}$  ( $30,364 \text{ kg}/\text{h}$ ), will be used. The procedure is the same in either case. [Note:  $4.45 = 60/135 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb}$ , the specific volume of air at  $70^\circ\text{F}$  ( $21.1^\circ\text{C}$ ) and 50 percent relative humidity.]

**2. Compute the quantity of heat to be removed.** Use the relation  $H_r = ws\Delta t$ , where  $H_r$  = heat to be removed from the air,  $\text{Btu}/\text{h}$ ;  $w$  = weight of air cooled,  $\text{lb}/\text{h}$ ;  $s$  = specific heat of air =  $0.24 \text{ Btu}/(\text{lb}\cdot^\circ\text{F})$ ;  $\Delta t$  = temperature drop of the air = entering dry-bulb temperature,  $^\circ\text{F}$  – leaving dry-bulb temperature,  $^\circ\text{F}$ . For this coil,  $H_r = (66,800)(0.24)(85 - 65) = 321,000 \text{ Btu}/\text{h}$  ( $94.1 \text{ kW}$ ).

**3. Compute the quantity of cooling water required.** The quantity of cooling water required in  $\text{gpm} = H_r/500 \Delta t_w$ , where  $\Delta t_w$  = leaving water temperature,  $^\circ\text{F}$  – entering water temperature,  $^\circ\text{F}$ . Since the leaving water temperature is not known, a value must be assumed. The usual temperature rise of water during passage through an air-conditioning cooling coil is 4 to  $12^\circ\text{F}$  ( $2.2$  to  $6.7^\circ\text{C}$ ). Assuming a  $10^\circ\text{F}$  ( $5.6^\circ\text{C}$ ) rise, which is a typical value,  $\text{gpm required} = 321,000/500(10) = 64.2 \text{ gal}/\text{min}$  ( $4.1 \text{ L}/\text{s}$ ).

**4. Determine the logarithmic mean temperature difference.** Use Fig. 4 in the heat transfer section of this handbook to determine the logarithmic mean temperature difference for the cooling coil. In this chart, greatest terminal difference = entering air temperature,  $^\circ\text{F}$  – leaving water temperature,  $^\circ\text{F} = 85 - 60 = 25^\circ\text{F}$  ( $13.9^\circ\text{C}$ ), and least terminal temperature difference = leaving air temperature,  $^\circ\text{F}$  – entering water temperature,  $^\circ\text{F} = 65 - 50 = 15^\circ\text{F}$  ( $8.3^\circ\text{C}$ ). Entering Fig. 4 at these two temperature values gives a logarithmic mean temperature difference (LMTD) of  $19.5^\circ\text{F}$  ( $10.8^\circ\text{C}$ ).

**5. Compute the coil core face area.** The coil core face area is the area exposed to the air flow; it does not include the area of the mounting flanges. Compute the coil core face area from  $A_c = \text{cfm}/V_a$ , where  $V_a$  = air velocity through the coil,  $\text{ft}/\text{min}$ . The usual air velocity through the coil, often termed face velocity, ranges from 300 to  $800 \text{ ft}/\text{min}$  ( $91.4$  to  $243.8 \text{ m}/\text{min}$ ) although special designs may use velocities down to  $200 \text{ ft}/\text{min}$  ( $60.9 \text{ m}/\text{min}$ ) or up to  $1200 \text{ ft}/\text{min}$  ( $365.8 \text{ m}/\text{min}$ ). Assuming a face velocity of  $500 \text{ ft}/\text{min}$  ( $152.4 \text{ m}/\text{min}$ ) gives  $A_c = 15,000/500 = 30 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $2.79 \text{ m}^2$ ).

**6. Select the cooling coil for the load.** Using the engineering data provided by the manufacturer whose coil is to be used, choose the coil. Table 13 summarizes typical engineering data provided by a coil manufacturer. This table shows that two  $15.4\text{-ft}^2$   $1.43\text{-m}^2$  coils placed side by side will provide a total face area of  $2 \times 15.4 = 30.8 \text{ ft}^2$ . Hence, the actual air velocity through the coil is  $V_a = \text{cfm}/A_c = 15,000/30.8 = 487 \text{ ft}/\text{min}$  ( $148.4 \text{ m}/\text{min}$ ).

**7. Compute the water velocity in the coil.** Table 13 shows that the coil water velocity,  $\text{ft}/\text{min} = 3.59 \text{ gpm}$ . Since the required water flow is, from step 3,  $64.2 \text{ gal}/\text{min}$  ( $243 \text{ L}/\text{min}$ ), the water flow for each unit will be half this, or  $64.2/2 = 32.1 \text{ gal}/\text{min}$  ( $121.5 \text{ L}/\text{min}$ ). Hence the water velocity =  $3.59(32.1) = 115.2 \text{ ft}/\text{min}$  ( $35.1 \text{ m}/\text{min}$ ).

**8. Determine the coil heat-transfer factors.** Table 13 lists typical heat-transfer factors for various water and air velocities. Interpolating between 400- and  $500\text{-ft}/\text{min}$  ( $121.9\text{-}$  and  $152.4\text{-m}/\text{min}$ ) air



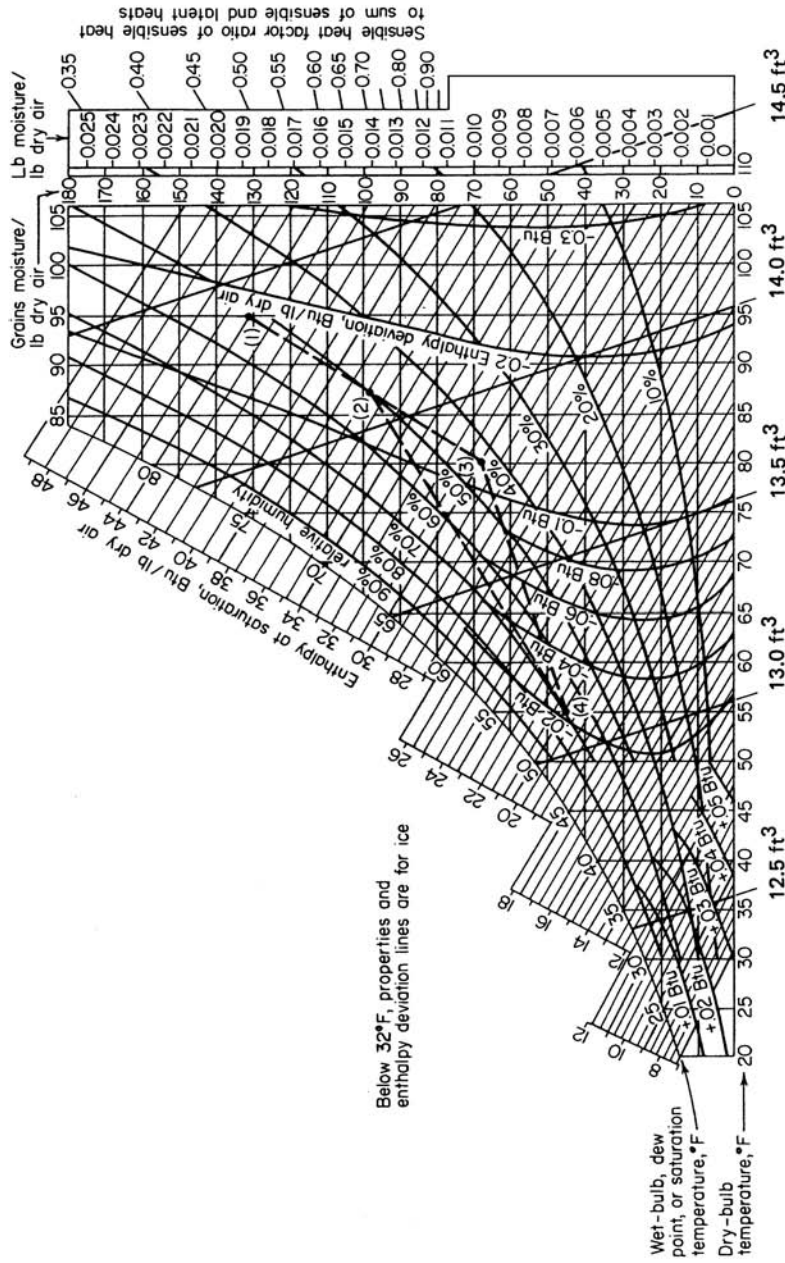
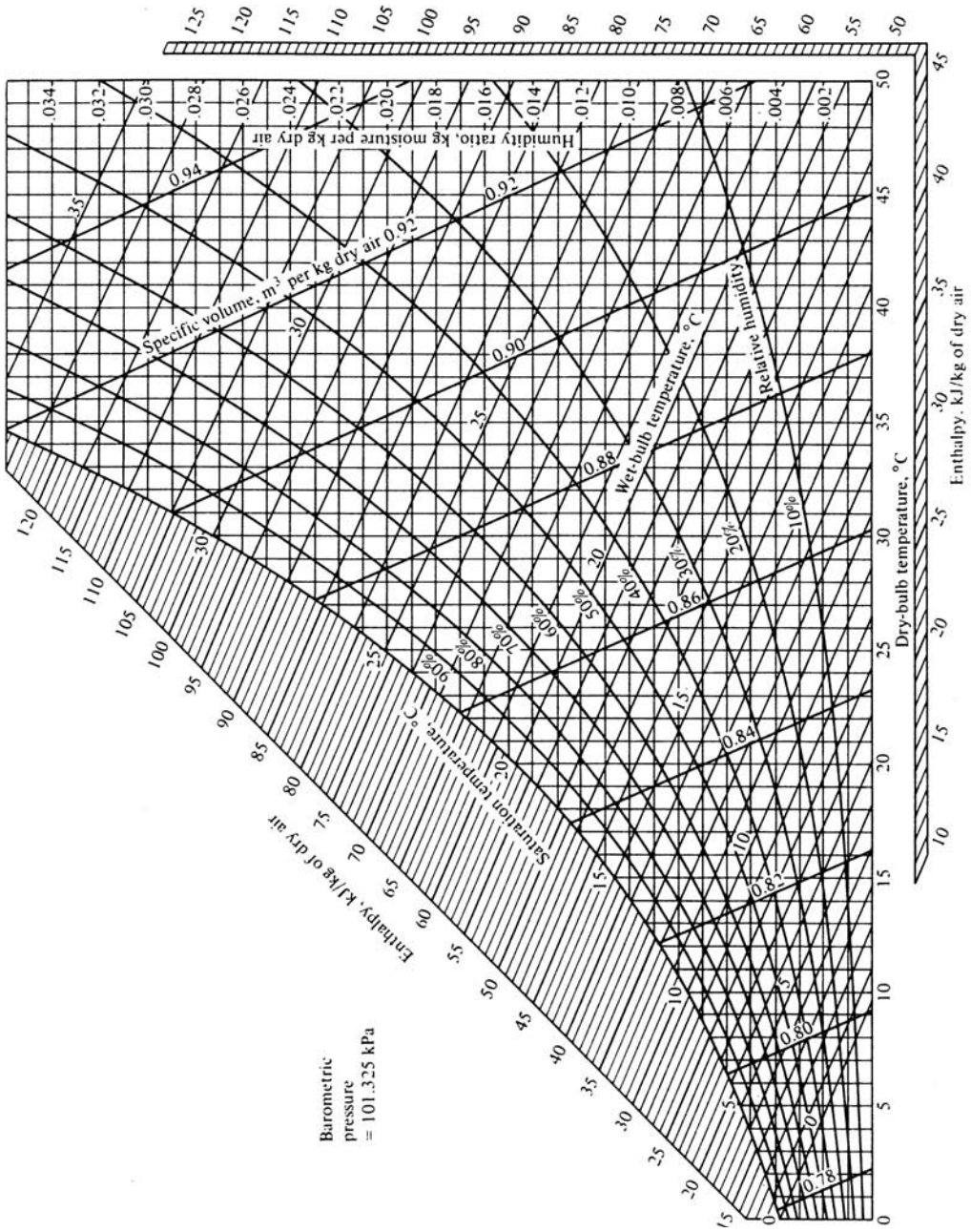


FIGURE 5 Psychrometric charts for normal temperatures. (a) USCS version. (Carrier Air Conditioning Company.)



(b) **FIGURE 5** (b) SI version. (Stoecker and Jones—Refrigeration and Air Conditioning, McGraw-Hill)

**TABLE 13** Typical Cooling-Coil Characteristics

Face area, ft <sup>2</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> )	14.0 (1.3)	15.4 (1.43)	17.9 (1.66)
Tube length, ft-in (m)	5-6 (1.68)	6-0 (1.83)	7-0 (2.13)
Water velocity, ft/min (m/min)	3.59 gal/min (4.14 L/min)	3.59 gal/min (4.14 L/min)	3.59 gal/min (4.14 L/min)
Coil heat-transfer factors, $k = \text{Btu}/(\text{h} \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{F})$ LMTD row $[\text{W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K})]$			
Water velocity, ft/min (m/min)	Air velocity, ft/min (m/min)		
	400 (121.9)	500 (152.4)	550 (167.6)
113 (34.4)	154 (46.9)	162 (49.4)	170 (51.8)
115 (35.1)	158 (48.2)	167 (50.9)	175 (53.3)
117 (35.7)	161 (49.1)	172 (52.4)	176 (53.6)
Coil water pressure drop, ft (m) of water per row			
Tube length, ft-in (m)	Water velocity, ft/min (m/min)		
	90 (27.4)	120 (36.6)	150 (45.7)
5-6 (1.68)	0.16 (0.04)	0.26 (0.08)	0.38 (0.12)
	0.18 (0.05)	0.29 (0.09)	0.42 (0.13)
6-0 (1.83)	0.21 (0.06)	0.32 (0.10)	0.46 (0.14)
	0.21 (0.06)	0.32 (0.10)	0.46 (0.14)
Header water pressure drop, ft (m) of water			
Coil type	Water velocity, ft/min (m/min)		
	90 (27.4)	120 (36.6)	150 (45.7)
A	0.26 (0.08)	0.48 (0.15)	0.72 (0.22)
	0.34 (0.10)	0.62 (0.19)	0.92 (0.28)
B	0.34 (0.10)	0.62 (0.19)	0.92 (0.28)

velocities at a water velocity of 115 ft/min (35.1 m/min) gives a heat transfer factor of  $k = 165 \text{ Btu}/(\text{h} \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{F})$  [936.9 W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)] LMTD row. The increase in velocity from 15 to 15.2 ft/min (4.63 m/min) is so small that it can be ignored. If the actual velocity is midway, or more, between the two tabulated velocities, interpolate vertically also.

**9. Compute the number of tube rows required.** Use the relation number of tube rows =  $H_r/(\text{LMTD})(A_c)(k)$ . Thus, number of rows =  $321,000/(19.5)(30.8)(165) = 3.24$ , or four rows, the next larger *even* number.

Water cooling coils for air-conditioning service are usually built in units having two, four, six, or eight rows of coils. If the above calculation indicates that an odd number of coils should be used (i.e., the result was 3.24 rows), use the next smaller or larger *even* number of rows after increasing or decreasing the air and water velocity. Thus, to decrease the air velocity, use a coil having a larger face area. Recompute the air velocity and water velocity; find the new heat-transfer factor and the required number of rows. Continue doing this until a suitable number of rows is obtained. Usually only one recalculation is necessary.

**10. Determine the coil water-pressure drop.** Table 13 shows the water-pressure drop, ft (m) of water, for various tube lengths and water velocities. Interpolating between 90 and 120 ft/min

(27.4 and 36.6 m/min) for a 6-ft (1.83-m) long tube gives a pressure drop of 0.27 ft (0.08 m) of water per row at a water velocity of 115.2 ft/min (35.1 m/min). Since the coil has four rows, total tube pressure drop =  $4(0.27) = 1.08$  ft (0.33 m) of water.

There is also a water pressure drop in the coil headers. Table 13 lists typical values. Interpolating between 90 and 120 ft/min (27.4 and 36.6 m/min) for a B-type coil gives a header pressure loss of 0.57 ft (0.17 m) of water at a water velocity of 115.2 ft/min (35.1 m/min). Hence, the total pressure loss in the coil is  $1.08 + 0.57 = 1.65$  ft (0.50 m) of water = coil loss + header loss.

**11. Determine the coil resistance to air flow.** Table 14 lists the resistance of coils having two to six rows of tubes and various air velocities. Interpolating for four tube rows gives a resistance of 0.225 in H<sub>2</sub>O for an air velocity of 487 ft/min (148.4 m/min). The increase in resistance with a wet tube surface is, from Table 14, 28 percent at a 500-ft/min (152.4-m/min) air velocity. This occurs when the air is cooled below the entering air dew point and is discussed in step 13.

**12. Check the coil selection in a coil-rating table.** Many manufacturers publish precomputed coil-rating tables as part of their engineering data. Table 14 shows a portion of one such table. This tabulation shows that with an air velocity of 500 ft/min (152.4 m/min), four tube rows, an entering-air temperature of 85°F (29.4°C), and an entering water temperature of 50°F (10.0°C), the cooling coil has a cooling capacity of 10,300 Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>) (32,497 W/m<sup>2</sup>), and a final air temperature of 65°F (18.3°C). Since the actual air velocity of 487 ft/min (148.4 m/min) is close to 500 ft/min (152.4 m/min), the tabulated cooling capacity closely approximates the actual cooling capacity. Hence the required heat-transfer area is  $A_c = H_r/10,300 = 321,000/10,300 = 31.1$  ft<sup>2</sup> (2.98 m<sup>2</sup>). This agrees closely with the area of 30.8 ft<sup>2</sup> (2.86 m<sup>2</sup>) found in step 6.

In actual practice, designers use a coil cooling capacity table whenever it is available. However, the procedure given in steps 1 through 11 is also used when an exact analysis of a coil is desired or when a capacity table is not available.

**13. Compute the heat removal for cooling below the dew point.** When the temperature of the air leaving the cooling coil is lower than the dew point of the entering air,  $H_r =$  (weight of air cooled, lb)(total heat of entering air at its wet-bulb temperature, Btu/lb – total heat of the leaving air at its wet-bulb temperature, Btu/lb). Once  $H_r$  is known, follow all the steps given above except that (a) a

**TABLE 14** Typical Cooling-Coil Resistance Characteristics

Air-flow resistance, in H <sub>2</sub> O for 70°F air (mm H <sub>2</sub> O for 21.1°C air)					
		Air-face velocity, ft/min (m/min)			
No. of tube rows		400 (121.9)	500 (152.4)	600 (182.9)	
2		0.081 (2.06)	0.122 (3.10)	0.164 (4.17)	
4		0.162 (4.11)	0.234 (5.94)	0.318 (8.08)	
6		0.234 (5.94)	0.344 (8.74)	0.472 (11.99)	
8		0.312 (7.92)	0.454 (11.53)	0.622 (15.80)	
Resistance increase due to wet tube surface, percent					
		32	28	24	
Coil cooling capacity, Btu/(h·ft <sup>2</sup> ) (W/m <sup>2</sup> ) face area and final air temperature, °F (°C)					
Air velocity, ft/min (m/min)	No. of tube rows	Entering air temperature, °F (°C)		Entering water temperature, °F (°C)	
		45 (7.2)	50 (10)	45 (7.2)	50 (10)
500 (152.4)	4	85 (29.4)		11,900 (36,545)	10,300 (32,497)
				63 (17.2)	65 (18.3)

correction must be applied in step 11 for a wet tube surface. Obtain the appropriate correction factor from the manufacturer's engineering data, and apply it to the air-flow-resistance data, for the coil selected. (b) Also, the usual coil-rating table presents only the sensible-heat capacity of the coil. Where the ratio of sensible heat removed to latent heat removed is more than 2:1, the usual coil-rating table can be used. If the ratio is less than 2:1, use the procedure in steps 1 through 13.

**Related Calculations** Use the method given here in steps 1 through 11 for any finned-type cooling coil mounted perpendicular to the air flow and having water as the cooling medium where the final air temperature leaving the cooling coil is *higher than* the dew point of the entering air. Follow step 13 for cooling below the dew point of the entering air.

Cooling and dehumidifying coils used in air-conditioning systems generally serve the following ranges of variables: (1) dry-bulb temperature of the entering air is 60 to 100°F (15.6 to 37.8°C); wet-bulb temperature of entering air is 50 to 80°F (10 to 26.7°C); (2) coil core face velocity can range from 200 to 1200 ft/min (60.9 to 365.8 m/min) with 500 to 800 ft/min (152.4 to 243.8 m/min) being the most common velocity for comfort cooling applications; (3) entering water-temperature ranges from 40 to 65°F (4.4 to 18.3°C); (4) the water-temperature rise ranges from 4 to 12°F (2.2 to 6.7°C) during passage through the coil; (5) the water velocity ranges from 2 to 6 ft/s (0.61 to 1.83 m/s).

To choose an air-cooling coil using a direct-expansion refrigerant, follow the manufacturer's engineering data. Since most of the procedures are empirical, it is difficult to generalize about which procedure to use. However, the usual range of the volatile refrigerant temperature at the coil suction outlet is 25 to 55°F (-3.9 to 12.8°C). Where chilled water is circulated through the coil, the usual quantity range is 2 to 6 gal/(m·ton) (8.4 to 25 L/t).

## MIXING OF TWO AIRSTREAMS

An air-conditioning system is designed to deliver 100,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (2831 m<sup>3</sup>/min) of air to a conditioned space. Of this total, 90,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (2548 m<sup>3</sup>/min) is recirculated indoor air at 72°F (22.2°C) and 40 percent relative humidity; 10,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (283.1 m<sup>3</sup>/min) is outdoor air at 0°F (-17.8°C). What are the enthalpy, temperature, moisture content, and relative humidity of the resulting air mixture? If air enters the room from the outlet grille at 60°F (15.6°C) after leaving the apparatus at a 50°F (10°C) dew point and the return air is at 75°F (23.9°C), what proportion of conditioned air and bypassed return air must be used to produce the desired outlet temperature at the grille?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the proportions of each airstream.** Use the relations  $p_r = r/t$  and  $p_o = o/t$ , where  $p_r$  = percent recirculated room air, expressed as a decimal;  $r$  = recirculated air quantity, ft<sup>3</sup>/min;  $t$  = total air quantity, ft<sup>3</sup>/min;  $p_o$  = percent outside air, expressed as a decimal;  $o$  = outside air quantity, ft<sup>3</sup>/min. For this system,  $p_r = 90,000/100,000 = 0.90$ , or 90 percent;  $p_o = 10,000/100,000 = 0.10$ , or 10 percent. (The computation in SI units is identical.)

**2. Determine the enthalpy of each airstream.** Use a psychrometric chart or table to find the enthalpy of the recirculated indoor air as 24.6 Btu/lb (57.2 kJ/kg).

The enthalpy of the outdoor air is 0.0 Btu/lb (0.0 kJ/kg) because in considering heating or humidifying processes in winter it is always safest to assume that the outdoor air is completely dry. This condition represents the greatest heating and humidifying load because the enthalpy and the water-vapor content of the air are at a minimum when the air is considered dry at the outdoor temperature.

**3. Determine the moisture content of each airstream.** The moisture content of the indoor air at a 72°F (22.2°C) dry-bulb temperature and 40 percent relative humidity is, from the psychrometric

chart (Fig. 5), 47.2 gr/lb (6796.8 mg/kg). From a psychrometric table the moisture content of the 0°F (−17.8°C) outdoor air, which is assumed to be completely dry, is 0.0 gr/lb (0.0 mg/kg).

**4. Compute the enthalpy of the air mixture.** Use the relation  $h_m = (oh_0 + rh_r)/t$ , where  $h_m$  = enthalpy of mixture, Btu/lb;  $h_0$  = enthalpy of the outside air, Btu/lb;  $h_r$  = enthalpy of the recirculated room air, Btu/lb; other symbols as before. Hence,  $h_m = (10,000 \times 0 + 90,000 \times 24.6)/100,000 = 22.15$  Btu/lb (51.5 kJ/kg).

**5. Compute the temperature of the air mixture.** Use a similar relation to that in step 4, substituting the air temperature for the enthalpy. Or,  $t_m = (ot_o + rt_r)/t$ , where  $t_m$  = mixture temperature, °F;  $t_o$  = temperature of outdoor air, °F;  $t_r$  = temperature of recirculated room air, °F; other symbols as before. Hence,  $t_m = (10,000 \times 0 + 90,000 \times 72)/100,000 = 64.9^\circ\text{F}$  (18.3°C).

**6. Compute the moisture content of the air mixture.** Use a similar relation to that in step 4, substituting the moisture content for the enthalpy. Or,  $g_m = (og_0 + rg_r)/t$ , where  $g_m$  = gr of moisture per lb of mixture;  $g_0$  = gr of moisture per lb of outdoor air;  $g_r$  = gr of moisture per lb of recirculated room air; other symbols as before. Thus,  $g_m = (10,000 \times 0 + 90,000 \times 47.2)/100,000 = 42.5$  gr/lb (6120 mg/kg).

**7. Determine the relative humidity of the mixture.** Enter the psychrometric chart at the temperature of the mixture, 64.9°F (18.3°C), and the moisture content, 42.5 gr/lb (6120 mg/kg). At the intersection of the two lines, find the relative humidity of the mixture as 47 percent relative humidity.

**8. Determine the required air proportions.** Set up an equation in which  $x$  = proportion of conditioned air required to produce the desired outlet temperature at the grille and  $y$  = the proportion of bypassed air required. The air quantities will also be proportional to the dry-bulb temperatures of each airstream. Since the dew point of the air leaving an air-conditioning apparatus = dry-bulb temperature of the air,  $50x + 75y = 60(x + y)$ , or  $15y = 10x$ . Also, the sum of the two airstreams  $x + y = 1$ . Substituting and solving for  $x$  and  $y$ , we get  $x = 60$  percent;  $y = 40$  percent. Multiplying the actual air quantity supplied to the room by the percentage representing the proportion of each airstream will give the actual cfm required for supply and bypass air.

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure to determine the properties of any air mixture in which two airstreams are mixed without compression, expansion, or other processes involving a marked change in the pressure or volume of either or both airstreams.

## SELECTION OF AN AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM FOR A KNOWN LOAD

Choose the type of air-conditioning system to use for comfort conditioning of a factory having a heat gain that varies from 500,000 to 750,000 Btu/h (146.6 to 219.8 kW) depending on the outdoor temperature and the conditions inside the building. Indicate why the chosen system is preferred.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Review the types of air-conditioning systems available.** Table 15 summarizes the various types of air-conditioning systems commonly used for different applications. Economics and special design objectives dictate the final choice and modifications of the systems listed. Where higher-quality air conditioning is desired (often at a higher cost), certain other systems may be considered. These are dual-duct, dual-conduit, three-pipe induction and fan-coil, four-pipe induction and fan-coil, and panel-air systems.

**TABLE 15** Systems and Applications\*

Applications	Systems <sup>†</sup>	Applications	Systems <sup>†</sup>
Single-purpose occupancies		Multipurpose occupancies	
Residential:		Office buildings	2e 2i 2j
Medium	1c	Hotels, dormitories	1e 1f 2j 2k
Large	1d 1e 2i	Motels	1e
Restaurants:		Apartment buildings	1f 2j 2k
Medium	1d 1h	Hospitals	1f 2h 2j
Large	1d 2f 2g 2h 2i	Schools and colleges	1f 2e 2f 2g 2h
Variety and specialty shops	1d	Museums	2h 2i
Bowling alleys	1d 2f	Libraries:	
Radio and TV studios:		Standard	2h 2f 2h 2i
Small	1d 2f 2h 2i	Rare books	2h
Large	1d 2f 2h 2i	Department stores	1d 2f
Country clubs	1d 2f 2h 2i	Shopping centers	1d 2f 2i
Funeral homes	1d 2i	Laboratories:	
Beauty salons	1c 1d	Small	1d 2e 2h 2i
Barber shops	1c 1d	Large building	2e 2g 2j
Churches	1d 2f 2i	Marine	2g 2j
Theaters	2f		
Auditoriums	2f		
Dance and roller skating pavillions	1d 2e 2f		
Factories (comfort)	1d 2f 2h		

\*Carrier Air Conditioning—*Handbook of Air Conditioning Systems Design*, McGraw-Hill.

†The systems in the table are:

1. Individual room or zone unit systems
  - a. DX self-contained
  - b. All-water
  - c. Room DX self-contained 0.5 to 2 tons (1.76 to 7.0 kW)
  - d. Zone DX self-contained 2 tons and over (7.0 kW and over)
  - e. All-water room fan-coil recirculating air
  - f. All-water room fan-coil with outdoor air
2. Central station apparatus systems
  - a. All-air
  - b. Air-water
  - c. All-air, single airstream
  - d. Air-water, primary air systems
  - e. All-air, single airstream, variable volume
  - f. All-air, single airstream, bypass
  - g. All-air, single airstream, reheat at terminal
  - h. All-air, single airstream, reheat zone in duct
  - i. All-air, single airstream, multizone single duct
  - j. Air-water primary air systems, secondary water H-V H-P induction
  - k. Air-water primary air systems, room fan-coil with outside air

Systems listed for a particular application are the systems most commonly used. Economics and design objectives dictate the choice and deviations of systems listed above, other systems as listed in note 2, and some entirely new systems.

Several systems are used in many of these applications when higher-quality air conditioning is desired (often at higher expense). They are dual-duct, dual-conduit, three-pipe induction and fan-coil, four-pipe induction and fan-coil, and panel-air.

Study of Table 15 shows that four main types of air-conditioning systems are popular: direct-expansion (termed DX), all-water, all-air, and air-water. These classifications indicate the methods used to obtain the final within-the-space cooling and heating. The air surrounding the occupant is the end medium that is conditioned.

**2. Select the type of air-conditioning system to use.** Table 15 indicates that direct-expansion and all-air air-conditioning systems are *commonly used* for factory comfort conditioning. The load in the

factory being considered may range from 500,000 to 750,000 Btu/h (146.6 to 219.8 kW). This is the equivalent of a maximum cooling load of 750,000/12,000 Btu/(h·ton) of refrigeration = 62.5 tons (219.8 kW) of refrigeration.

Where a building has a varying heat load, bypass control wherein neutral air is recirculated from the conditioned space while the amount of cooling air is reduced is often used. With this arrangement, the full quantity of supply air is introduced to the cooled area at all times during system operation.

Self-contained direct-expansion systems can serve large factory spaces. Their choice over an all-air bypass system is largely a matter of economics and design objectives.

Where reheat is required, this may be provided by a reheater in a zone duct. Reheat control maintains the desired dry-bulb temperature within a space by replacing any decrease in sensible loads by an artificial heat load. Bypass control maintains the desired dry-bulb temperature within the space by modulating the amount of air to be cooled. Since the bypass all-air system is probably less costly for this building, it will be the first choice. A complete economic analysis would be necessary before this conclusion could be accepted as fully valid.

**Related Calculations** Use this general method to make a preliminary choice of the 11 different types of air-conditioning systems for the 31 applications listed in Table 15. Where additional analytical data for comparison of systems are required, consult Carrier Air Conditioning Company's *Handbook of Air Conditioning System Design* or the ASHRAE *Guide and Data Book*.

## **-sizing low-velocity air-conditioning-system ducts—equal-friction method**

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An industrial air-conditioning system requires 36,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (1019.2 m<sup>3</sup>/min) of air. This low-velocity system will be fitted with enough air outlets to distribute the air uniformly throughout the conditioned space. The required operating pressure for each duct outlet is 0.20 in (5.1 mm) wg. Determine the duct sizes required for this system by using the equal-friction method of design. What is the required fan static discharge pressure?

### **Calculation Procedure**

**1. Sketch the duct system.** The required air quantity, 36,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (1019.2 m<sup>3</sup>/min), must be distributed in approximately equal quantities to the various areas in the building. Sketch the proposed duct layout as shown in Fig. 6. Locate air outlets as shown to provide air to each area in the building.

Determine the required capacity of each air outlet from air quantity required, ft<sup>3</sup>/min per number of outlets, or outlet capacity = 36,000/18 = 2000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (56.6 m<sup>3</sup>/min) per outlet. This is within the usual range of many commercially available air outlets. Where the required capacity per outlet is extremely large, say 10,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (283.1 m<sup>3</sup>/min), or extremely small, say 5 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.14 m<sup>3</sup>/min), change the number of outlets shown on the duct sketch to obtain an air quantity within the usual capacity range of commercially available outlets. Relocate each outlet so it serves approximately the same amount of floor area as each of the other outlets in the system. Thus, the duct sketch serves as a trial-and-error analysis of the outlet location and capacity.

Where a building area requires a specific amount of air, select one or more outlets to supply this air. Size the remaining outlets by the method described above, after subtracting the quantity of air supplied through the outlets already chosen.

**2. Determine the required outlet operating pressure.** Consult the manufacturer's engineering data for the required operating pressure of each outlet. Where possible, try to use the same type of outlets throughout the system. This will reduce the initial investment. Assume that the required outlet operating pressure is 0.20-in (5.1-mm) wg for each outlet in this system.



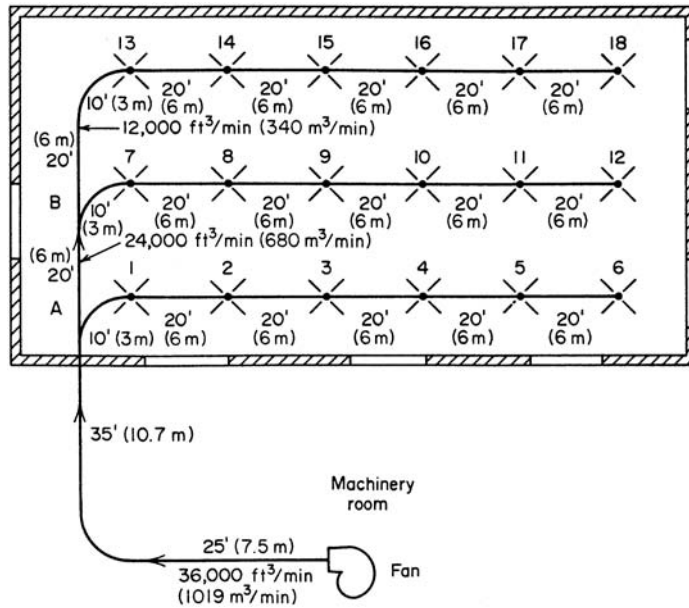


FIGURE 6 Duct-system layout.

3. **Choose the air velocity for the main duct.** Use Table 16 to determine a suitable air velocity for the main duct of this system. Table 16 shows that an air velocity up to 2500 ft/min (762 m/min) can be used for main ducts where noise is the controlling factor; 3000 ft/min (914.4 m/min) where duct friction is the controlling factor. A velocity of 2500 ft/min (762 m/min) will be used for the main duct in this installation.

TABLE 16 Recommended Maximum Duct Velocities for Low-Velocity Systems, ft/min (m/min)\*

Application	Controlling factor—noise generation, main ducts	Controlling factor—duct friction			
		Main ducts		Branch ducts	
		Supply	Return	Supply	Return
Residences	600 (183)	1000 (300)	800 (244)	600 (183)	600 (183)
Apartments, hotel bedrooms, hospital bedrooms	1000 (300)	1500 (457)	1300 (396)	1200 (366)	1000 (300)
Private offices, directors rooms, libraries	1200 (366)	2000 (610)	1500 (457)	1600 (488)	1200 (366)
Theaters, auditoriums	800 (244)	1300 (396)	1100 (335)	1000 (300)	800 (244)
General offices, high-class restaurants, high-class stores, banks	1500 (457)	2000 (610)	1500 (457)	1600 (488)	1200 (366)
Average stores, cafeterias	1800 (549)	2000 (610)	1500 (459)	1600 (488)	1200 (366)
Industrial	2500 (762)	3000 (914)	1800 (549)	2200 (671)	1500 (457)

\*Carrier Air Conditioning Company.

**4. Determine the dimensions of the main duct.** The required duct area  $A \text{ ft}^2 = (\text{ft}^3/\text{min})/(\text{ft}/\text{min}) = 36,000/2500 = 14.4 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $1.34 \text{ m}^2$ ). A nearly square duct, i.e., a duct  $46 \times 45$  in ( $117 \times 114$  cm), has an area of  $14.38 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $1.34 \text{ m}^2$ ) and is a good first choice for this system because it closely approximates the outlet size of a standard centrifugal fan. Where possible, use a square main duct to simplify fan connections. Thus, a  $46 \times 46$  in ( $117 \times 117$  cm) duct might be the final choice for this system.

**5. Determine the main-duct friction loss.** Convert the duct area to the equivalent diameter in inches  $d$ , using  $d = 2(144A/\pi)^{0.5} = 2(144 \times 14.4/\pi)^{0.5} = 51.5$  in ( $130.8$  cm).

Enter Fig. 7 at  $36,000 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $1019.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$ ) and project horizontally to a round-duct diameter of  $51.5$  in ( $130.8$  cm). At the top of Fig. 7 read the friction loss as  $0.13$  in ( $3.3$  mm) wg per  $100$  ft ( $30$  m) of equivalent duct length.

**6. Size the branch ducts.** For many common air-conditioning systems the equal-friction method is used to size the ducts. In this method the supply, exhaust, and return-air ducts are sized so they have the same friction loss per foot of length for the entire system. The equal-friction method is superior to the velocity-reduction method of duct sizing because the former requires less balancing for symmetrical layouts.

The usual procedure in the equal-friction method is to select an initial air velocity in the main duct near the fan, using the sound level as the limiting factor. With this initial velocity and the design air flow rate, the required duct diameter is found, as in steps 4 and 5, above. Once the duct diameter is known, the friction loss is found from Fig. 7, as in step 5. This same friction loss is then maintained throughout the system, and the equivalent round-duct diameter is chosen from Fig. 7.

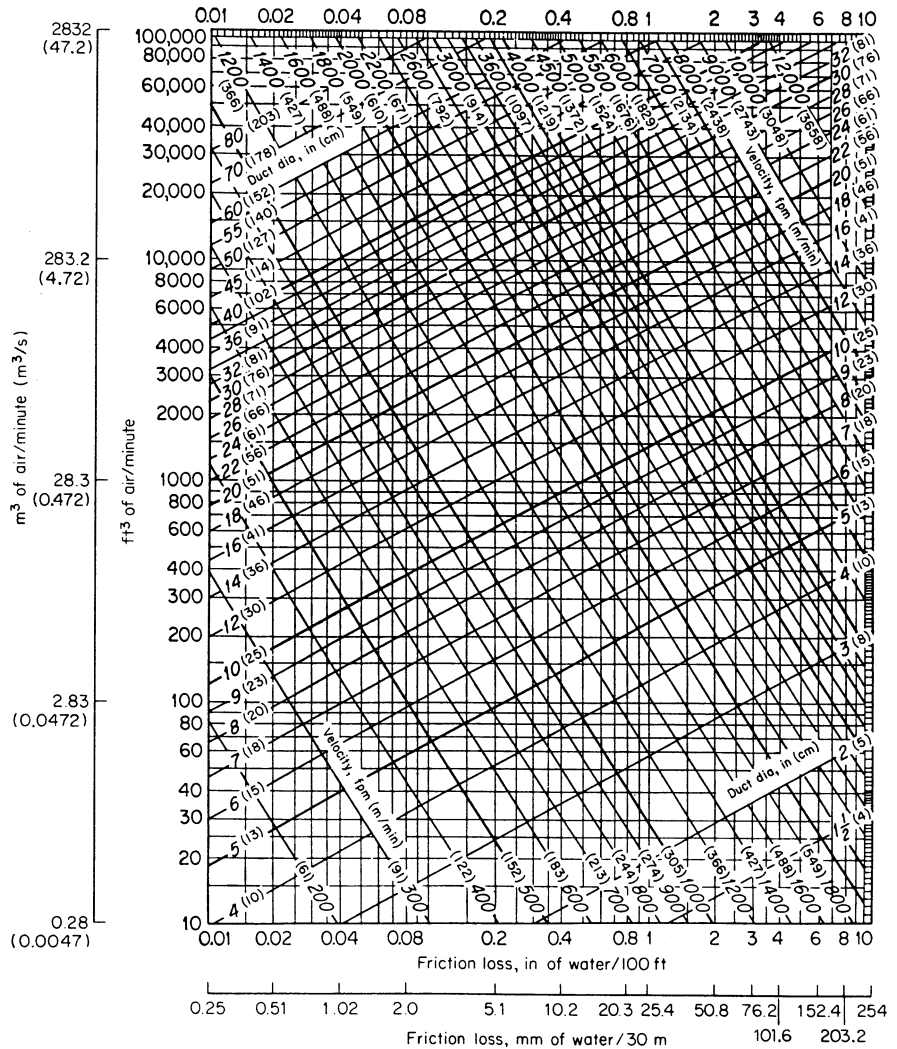
To expedite equal-friction calculations, Table 17 is often used instead of the friction chart. (It is valid for SI units also.) This provides the same duct sizes. Duct areas are determined from Table 17, and the area found is converted to a round-, rectangular-, or square-duct size suitable for the installation. This procedure of duct sizing automatically reduces the air velocity in the direction of air flow. Hence, the equal-friction method will be used for this system.

Compute the duct areas, using Table 17. Tabulate the results, using the duct run having the highest resistance. The friction loss through all elbows and fittings in the section must be included. The total friction loss in the duct having the highest resistance is the loss the fan must overcome.

Inspection of the duct layout (Fig. 6) shows that the duct run from the fan to outlet 18 probably has the highest resistance because it is the longest run. Tabulate the results as shown.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Duct section	Air quantity, $\text{ft}^3/\text{min}$ ( $\text{m}^3/\text{min}$ )	$\text{ft}^3/\text{min}$ ( $\text{m}^3/\text{min}$ ) capacity, percent	Duct, percent	Area, $\text{ft}^2$ ( $\text{m}^2$ )	Duct size, in (cm)
Fan to A	36,000 (1,019.2)	100	100	14.4 (1.34)	$46 \times 45$ ( $117 \times 114$ )
A-B	24,000 (679.4)	67	73.5	10.6 (0.98)	$39 \times 39$ ( $99 \times 99$ )
B-13	12,000 (339.7)	33	41.0	5.9 (0.55)	$30 \times 29$ ( $76 \times 74$ )
13-14	10,000 (283.1)	28	35.5	5.1 (0.47)	$27 \times 27$ ( $69 \times 69$ )
14-15	8,000 (226.5)	22	29.5	4.3 (0.40)	$25 \times 25$ ( $64 \times 64$ )
15-16	6,000 (169.9)	17	24.0	3.5 (0.33)	$23 \times 22$ ( $58 \times 56$ )
16-17	4,000 (113.2)	11	17.5	2.5 (0.23)	$20 \times 18$ ( $51 \times 46$ )
17-18	2,000 (56.6)	6	10.5	1.5 (0.14)	$15 \times 15$ ( $38 \times 38$ )

The values in this tabulation are found as follows. Column 1 lists the longest duct run in the system. In column 2, the air leaving the outlets in branch A, or (6 outlets) ( $2000 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  per outlet) =  $12,000 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $339.7 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$ ), is subtracted from the quantity of air,  $36,000 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $1019.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$ ), discharged by the fan to give the air quantity flowing from A-B. A similar procedure is followed for each successive duct and air quantity.

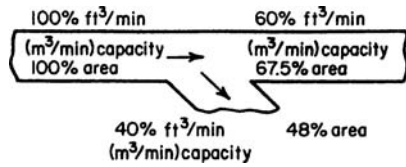


Friction loss for usual air conditions. This chart applies to smooth round galvanized iron ducts. See table below for corrections to apply when using other pipe.

Type of pipe	Degree of roughness	Velocity		Roughness factor (use as multiplier)
		ft/min	m/min	
Concrete	Medium rough	1000-2000	300-610	1.4
Riveted steel	Very rough	1000-2000	300-610	1.9
Tubing	Very smooth	1000-2000	300-610	0.9

FIGURE 7 Friction loss in round ducts.

**TABLE 17** Percentage of Section Area in Branches for Maintaining Equal Friction\*



ft <sup>3</sup> /min (m <sup>3</sup> /min) capacity, %	Duct area, <sup>†</sup> %	ft <sup>3</sup> /min (m <sup>3</sup> /min) capacity, %	Duct area, %	ft <sup>3</sup> /min (m <sup>3</sup> /min) capacity, %	Duct area, %	ft <sup>3</sup> /min (m <sup>3</sup> /min) capacity, %	Duct area, %
1	2.0	26	33.5	51	59.0	76	81.0
2	3.5	27	34.5	52	60.0	77	82.0
3	5.5	28	35.5	53	61.0	78	83.0
4	7.0	29	36.5	54	62.0	79	84.0
5	9.0	30	37.5	55	63.0	80	84.5
6	10.5	31	39.0	56	64.0	81	85.5
7	11.5	32	40.0	57	65.0	82	86.0
8	13.0	33	41.0	58	65.5	83	87.0
9	14.5	34	42.0	59	66.5	84	87.5
10	16.5	35	43.0	60	67.5	85	88.5
11	17.5	36	44.0	61	68.0	86	89.5
12	18.5	37	45.0	62	69.0	87	90.0
13	19.5	38	46.0	63	70.0	88	90.5
14	20.5	39	47.0	64	71.0	89	91.5
15	21.5	40	48.0	65	71.5	90	92.0
16	23.0	41	49.0	66	72.5	91	93.0
17	24.0	42	50.0	67	73.5	92	94.0
18	25.0	43	51.0	68	74.5	93	94.5
19	26.0	44	52.0	69	75.5	94	95.0
20	27.0	45	53.0	70	76.5	95	96.0
21	28.0	46	54.0	71	77.0	96	96.5
22	29.5	47	55.0	72	78.0	97	97.5
23	30.5	48	56.0	73	79.0	98	98.0
24	31.5	49	57.0	74	80.0	99	99.0
25	32.5	50	58.0	75	80.5	100	100.0

\*Carrier Air Conditioning Company.

†The same duct area percentage applies when flow is measured in m<sup>3</sup>/min or m<sup>3</sup>/s.

Column 3 is found by dividing the air quantity in each branch listed in columns 1 and 2 by 36,000, the total air flow, and multiplying the result by 100. Thus, for run B-13, column 3 = 12,000 (100)/36,000 = 33 percent.

Column 4 values are found from Table 17. Enter that table with the cfm capacity from column 3 and read the duct area, percent. Thus, for branch 13-14 with 28 percent cfm capacity, the duct area from Table 17 is 35.5 percent. Determine the duct area, column 6, by taking the product, line by line, of column 4 and the main duct area. Thus, for branch 13-14, duct area = (0.355)(14.4) = 5.1 ft<sup>2</sup> (0.47 m<sup>2</sup>). Convert the duct area to a nearly square, or a square, duct by finding two dimensions that will produce the desired area.

Duct sections *A* through 6 and *B* through 12 have the same dimensions as the corresponding duct sections *B* through 18.

**7. Find the total duct friction loss.** Examination of the duct sketch (Fig. 6) indicates that the duct run from the fan to outlet 18 has the highest resistance. Compute the total duct run length and the equivalent length of the two elbows in the run as shown.

(1) Duct section	(2) System part	(3) Length		(4) Elbow equivalent length	
		ft	m	ft	m
Fan to <i>A</i>	Duct	60	18.3		
	Elbow	...		30	9.1
<i>A</i> – <i>B</i>	Duct	20	6.1		
<i>B</i> –13	Duct	30	9.1		
	Elbow	...		15	4.6
13–14	Duct	20	6.1		
14–15	Duct	20	6.1		
15–16	Duct	20	6.1		
16–17	Duct	20	6.1		
17–18	Duct	20	6.1		
Total		210	64.0	45	13.7

Note several facts about this calculation. The duct lengths, column 3, are determined from the system sketch, Fig. 6. The equivalent length of the duct elbows, column 4, is determined from the *Guide or Carrier Handbook of Air Conditioning Design*. The total equivalent duct length = column 3 + column 4 = 210 + 45 = 255 ft (77.7 m).

**8. Compute the duct friction loss.** Use the general relation  $h_T = Lf$ , where  $h_T$  = total friction loss in duct, in wg;  $L$  = total equivalent duct length, ft;  $f$  = friction loss for the system, in wg per 100 ft (30 m). With the friction loss of 0.13 in (3.3 mm) wg per 100 ft (30 m), as determined in step 5,  $h_f = (229/100)(0.13) = 0.2977$  in (7.6 mm) wg; say 0.30 in (7.6 mm) wg.

**9. Determine the required fan static discharge pressure.** The total static pressure required at the fan discharge = outlet operating pressure + duct loss – velocity regain between first and last sections of the duct, all expressed in in wg. The first two variables in this relation are already known. Hence, only the velocity regain need be computed.

The velocity  $v$  ft/min of air in any duct is  $v = \text{cfm}/\text{duct area}$ . For duct section *A*,  $v = 36,000/14.4 = 2500$  ft/min (762 m/min); for the last duct section, 17-18,  $v = 2000/1.5 = 1333$  ft/min (406.3 m/min).

When the fan discharge velocity is higher than the duct velocity in an air-conditioning system, use this relation to compute the static pressure regain  $R = 0.75[(v_f/4000)^2 - (v_d/4000)^2]$ , where  $R$  = regain, in wg;  $v_f$  = fan outlet velocity, ft/min;  $v_d$  = duct velocity, ft/min. Thus, for this system,  $R = 0.75[(2500/4000)^2 - (1333/4000)^2] = 0.21$  in (5.3 mm) wg.

With the regain known, compute the total static pressure required as  $0.20 + 0.30 - 0.21 = 0.29$  in (7.4 mm) wg. A fan having a static discharge pressure of at least 0.30 in (7.6 mm) wg would probably be chosen for this system.

If the fan outlet velocity exceeded the air velocity in duct section *A*, the air velocity in this section would be used instead of the air velocity in the last duct section. Thus, in this circumstance, the last section becomes the duct connected to the fan outlet.

**Related Calculations** Where the velocity in the fan outlet duct is *higher* than the fan outlet velocity, use the relation where  $l = 1.1 [(v_d/4000)^2 - (v_f/4000)^2]$ , where  $l =$  loss, in wg. This loss is the additional static pressure required of the fan. Hence, this loss must be *added* to the outlet operating pressure and the duct loss to determine the total static pressure required at the fan discharge.

The equal-friction method does not satisfy the design criteria of uniform static pressure at all branches and air terminals. To obtain the proper air quantity at the beginning of each branch, it is necessary to include a splitter damper to regulate the flow to the branch. It may also be necessary to have a control device (vanes, volume damper, or adjustable-terminal volume control) to regulate the flow at each terminal for proper air distribution.

The *velocity-reduction method* of duct design is not too popular because it requires a broad background of duct-design experience and knowledge to be within reasonable accuracy. It should be used for only the simplest layouts. Splitters and dampers should be included for balancing purposes.

To apply the velocity-reduction method: (1) Select a starting velocity at the fan discharge. (2) Mark arbitrary reductions in velocity down the duct run. The starting velocity should not exceed the values in Table 16. Obtain the equivalent round-duct diameter from Fig. 7. Compute the required duct area from the round-duct diameter, and from this the duct dimensions, as shown in steps 4 and 5 above. (3) Determine the required fan static discharge pressure for the supply by using the longest run of duct, including all elbows and fittings. Note, however, that the longest run is not necessarily the run with the greatest friction loss, as shorter runs may have more elbows, fittings, and restrictions.

The equal-friction and velocity-reduction methods of air-conditioning system duct design are applicable only to low-velocity systems, i.e., systems in which the maximum air velocity is 3000 ft/min (914.4 m/min), or less. The methods presented in this calculation procedure are those used by the Carrier Air Conditioning Company at the time of this writing.

## **SIZING LOW-VELOCITY AIR-CONDITIONING DUCTS—STATIC-REGAIN METHOD**

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Using the same data as in the previous calculation procedure, an air velocity of 2500 ft/min (762.0 m/min) in the main duct section, an unvaned elbow radius of  $R/D = 1.25$ , and an operating pressure of 0.20 in (2.5 mm) wg for each outlet, size the system ducts, using the static-regain method of design for low-velocity systems.

### **Calculation Procedure**

**1. Compute the fan outlet duct size.** The fan outlet duct, also called the main duct section, will have an air velocity of 2500 ft/min (762.0 m/min). Hence, the required duct area is  $A = 36,000/2500 = 14.4 \text{ ft}^2$  (1.34 m<sup>2</sup>). This corresponds to a round-duct diameter of  $d = 2(144A/\pi)^{0.5} = 2(144 \times 14.4/\pi)^{0.5} = 51.5 \text{ in}$  (130.8 cm). A nearly square duct, i.e., a duct 46 × 45 in (116.8 × 114.3 cm), has an area of 14.38 ft<sup>2</sup> (1.34 m<sup>2</sup>) and is a good first choice for this system because it closely approximates the outlet size of a standard centrifugal fan.

Where possible, use a square main duct to simplify fan connections. Thus, a 46 × 46 in (116.8 × 116.8 cm) duct might be the final choice of this system.

**2. Compute the main-duct friction loss.** Using Fig. 7, find the main-duct friction loss as 0.13 in (3.3 mm) wg per 100 ft (30 m) of equivalent duct length for a flow of 36,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (1019.2 m<sup>3</sup>/min) and a diameter of 51.5 in (130.8 cm).

**3. Determine the friction loss up to the first branch duct.** The length of the main duct between the fan and the first branch is  $25 + 35 = 60$  ft (18.3 m). The equivalent length of the elbow is, from the *Guide or Carrier Handbook of Air Conditioning Design*, 26 ft (7.9 m). Hence, the total equivalent length =  $60 + 30 = 90$  ft (27.4 m). The friction loss is then  $h_T = L_f = (90/100)(0.13) = 0.117$  in (2.97 mm) wg.

**4. Size the longest duct run.** The longest duct run is from A to outlet 18 (Fig. 6). Size the duct using the following tabulation, preparing it as described below.

(1)	(2)		(3)		(4)	(5)	(6)		(7)
Section number	Air flow, ft <sup>3</sup> /min (m <sup>3</sup> /min)		Equivalent length, ft (m)		$L/Q$ ratio	Velocity, ft/min (m/min)	Duct area, ft <sup>2</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> ) (2)/(5)		Duct size, in (cm)
Fan to A	36,000	(1,019.2)	86	(26.2)	...	2,500 (762.0)	14.4 (1.34)		46 × 45 (116.8 × 114.3)
A-B	24,000	(679.4)	20	(6.1)	0.034	2,410 (734.6)	9.95 (0.92)		38 × 38 (96.5 × 96.5)
B-13	12,000	(339.7)	26*	(7.9)*	0.088	2,200 (670.6)	5.45 (0.51)		28 × 28 (71.1 × 71.1)
13-14	10,000	(283.1)	20	(6.1)	0.072	2,040 (621.8)	4.90 (0.46)		27 × 27 (68.6 × 68.6)
14-15	8,000	(226.5)	20	(6.1)	0.083	1,850 (563.9)	4.33 (0.40)		25 × 25 (63.5 × 63.5)
15-16	6,000	(169.9)	20	(6.1)	0.098	1,700 (518.2)	3.53 (0.33)		24 × 23 (60.9 × 58.4)
16-17	4,000	(113.2)	20	(6.1)	0.130	1,520 (463.3)	2.63 (0.24)		20 × 19 (50.8 × 48.3)
17-18	2,000	(56.6)	20	(6.1)	0.195	1,300 (396.2)	1.54 (0.14)		15 × 15 (38.1 × 38.1)
B-7	12,000	(339.7)	25*	(7.6)*	...	...	...		28 × 28 (71.1 × 71.1)
7-8	10,000	(283.1)	20	(6.1)	...	...	...		27 × 27 (68.6 × 68.6)
8-9	8,000	(226.5)	20	(6.1)	...	...	...		25 × 25 (63.5 × 63.5)
9-10	6,000	(169.9)	20	(6.1)	...	...	...		25 × 23 (60.9 × 58.4)
10-11	4,000	(113.2)	20	(6.1)	...	...	...		20 × 19 (50.8 × 48.3)
11-12	2,000	(56.1)	20	(6.1)	...	...	...		15 × 15 (38.1 × 38.1)
A-1	12,000	(339.7)	25°	(7.6)	...	...	...		28 × 28 (71.1 × 71.1)
1-2	10,000	(283.1)	20	(6.1)	...	...	...		27 × 27 (68.6 × 68.6)
2-3	8,000	(226.5)	20	(6.1)	...	...	...		25 × 25 (63.5 × 64.5)
3-4	6,000	(169.9)	20	(6.1)	...	...	...		24 × 23 (60.9 × 58.4)
4-5	4,000	(113.2)	20	(6.1)	...	...	...		20 × 19 (50.8 × 48.3)
5-6	2,000	(56.1)	20	(6.1)	...	...	...		15 × 15 (38.1 × 38.1)

\*See text.

List in column 1 the various duct sections in the longest duct run, as shown in Fig. 6. In column 2 list the air quantity flowing through each duct section. Tabulate in column 3 the equivalent length of each duct. Where a fitting is in the duct section, as in B-13, assume a duct size and compute the equivalent length using the *Guide or Carrier fitting table*. When the duct section does not have a fitting, as with section 13-14, the equivalent length equals the distance between the centerlines of two adjacent outlets.

Next, determine the  $L/Q$  ratio for each duct section, using Fig. 8. Enter Fig. 8 at the air quantity in the duct and project vertically upward to the curve representing the equivalent length of the duct. At the left read the  $L/Q$  ratio for this section of the duct. Thus, for duct section 13-14,  $Q = 10,000$  ft<sup>3</sup>/min (283.1 m<sup>3</sup>/min), and  $L = 20$  ft (6.1 m). Entering the chart as detailed above shows that  $L/Q = 0.72$ . Proceed in this manner, determining the  $L/Q$  ratio for each section of the duct in the longest duct run.

Determine the velocity of the air in the duct by using Fig. 9. Enter Fig. 9 a the  $L/Q$  ratio for the duct section, say 0.072 for section 13-14. Find the intersection of the  $L/Q$  curve with the velocity

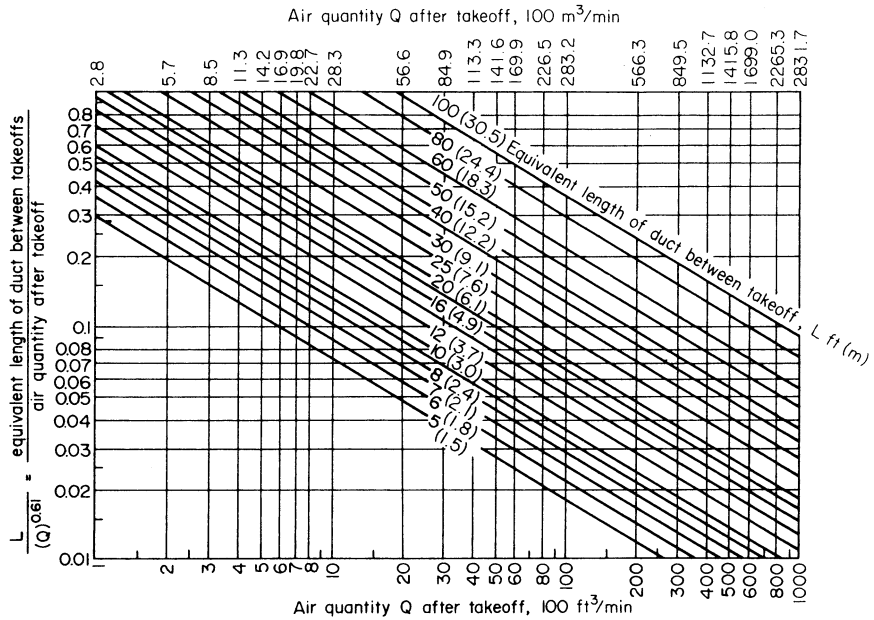


FIGURE 8 L/Q ratio for air ducts. (Carrier Air Conditioning Company.)

curve for the preceding duct section: 2200 ft/min (670.6 m/min) for section 13-14. At the bottom of Fig. 9 read the velocity in the duct section, i.e., after the previous outlet and in the duct section under consideration. Enter this velocity in column 5. Proceed in this manner, determining the velocity in each section of the duct in the longest duct run.

Determine the required duct area from column 2/column 5, and insert the result in column 6. Find the duct size, column 7, by converting the required duct area to a square- or rectangular-duct dimension. Thus, a 27 × 17 in (68.6 × 43.2 cm) square duct has a cross-sectional area slightly greater than 4.90 ft<sup>2</sup> (0.46 m<sup>2</sup>).

**5. Determine the sizes of the other ducts in the system.** Since the ducts in runs A and B are symmetric with the duct containing the outlets in the longest run, they can be given the same size when the same quantity of air flows through them. Thus, duct section 7-8 is sized the same as section 13-14 because the same quantity of air, 10,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (4.72 m<sup>3</sup>/s), is flowing through both sections.

Where the duct section contains a fitting, as B-7 and A-1, assume a duct size and find the equivalent length, using the *Guide* or Carrier fitting table. These sections are marked with an asterisk.

**6. Determine the required fan discharge pressure.** The total pressure required at the fan discharge equals the sum of the friction loss in the main duct plus the terminal operating pressure. Hence, the required fan static discharge pressure = 0.117 + 0.20 = 0.317 in (8.1 mm) wg.

**Related Calculations** The basic principle of the static-regain method is to size a duct run so that the increase in static pressure (regain due to the reduction in velocity) at each branch or air terminal just offsets the friction loss in the succeeding section of duct. The static pressure is then the same before each terminal and at each branch.



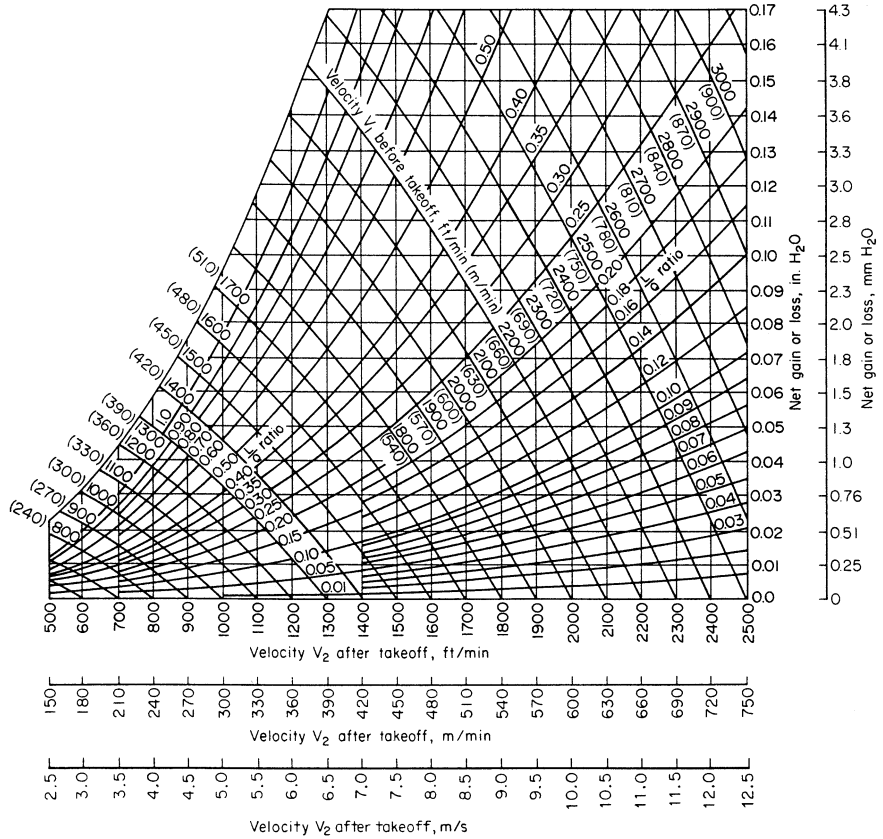


FIGURE 9 Low-velocity static regain in air ducts. (Carrier Air Conditioning Company.)

As a *general* guide to the results obtained with the static-regain and equal-friction duct-design methods, the following should be helpful:

	Static regain	Equal friction
Main-duct sizes	Same	Same
Branch-duct sizes	Larger	Smaller
Sheet-metal weight	Greater	Less
Fan horsepower	Less	Greater
Balancing time	Less	Greater
Operating costs	Less	Greater

Note that these tabulated results are *general* and may not apply to every system. The method presented in this calculation procedure is that used by the Carrier Air Conditioning Company at the time of this writing.

## HUMIDIFIER SELECTION FOR DESIRED ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS

A paper mill has a storeroom with a volume of 500,000 ft<sup>3</sup> (14,155 m<sup>3</sup>). The lowest recorded outdoor temperature in the mill locality is 0°F (-17.8°C). What capacity humidifier is required for this storeroom if a 70°F (21°C) dry-bulb temperature and a 65 percent relative humidity are required in it? Moisture absorption by the paper products in the room is estimated to be 450 lb/h (204.6 kg/h). The storeroom ventilating system produces three air changes per hour. What capacity humidifier is required if the room temperature is maintained at 60°F (15.5°C) and 65 percent relative humidity? The products release 400 lb/h (181.8 kg/h) of moisture. Steam at 25 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (172.4 kPa) is available for humidification. The outdoor air has a relative humidity of 50 percent and a minimum temperature of 5°F (-15°C).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the outdoor design temperature.** In choosing a humidifier, the usual procedure is to add 10°F (5.6°C) to the minimum outdoor recorded temperature because this temperature level seldom lasts more than a few hours. The result is the design outdoor temperature. Thus, for this mill, design outdoor temperature = 0 + 10 = 10°F (-12°C).

**2. Compute the weight of moisture required for humidification.** Enter Table 18 at an outdoor temperature of 10°F (-12.2°C), and project across to the desired relative humidity, 65 percent. Read the quantity of steam required as 1.330 lb/h (0.6 kg/h) per 1000 ft<sup>3</sup> (28.3 m<sup>3</sup>) of room volume for two air changes per hour. Since this room has three air changes per hour, the quantity of moisture required is (3/2)(1.330) = 1.995 lb/h (0.91 kg/h) per 1000 ft<sup>3</sup> (28.3 m<sup>3</sup>) of volume.

The amount of moisture in the form of steam required for this storeroom = (room volume, ft<sup>3</sup>/1000)(lb/h of steam per 1000 ft<sup>3</sup>) = (500,000/1000)(1.995) = 997.5 lb (453.4 kg) for humidification of the air. However, the products in the storeroom absorb 450 lb/h (202.5 kg/h) of moisture. Hence, the total moisture quantity required = moisture for air humidification + moisture absorbed by products = 997.5 + 450.0 = 1447.5 lb/h (657.9 kg/h), say 1450 lb/h (659.1 kg/h) for humidifier sizing purposes.

**TABLE 18** Steam Required for Humidification at 70°F (21°C)\* †

Outdoor temp		Relative humidity desired indoors, percent									
		40		50		60		65		70	
°F	°C	lb	kg	lb	kg	lb	kg	lb	kg	lb	kg
50	10.0	0.045	0.02	0.271	0.12	0.501	0.23	0.616	0.28	0.731	0.33
40	4.4	0.307	0.14	0.537	0.24	0.767	0.35	0.882	0.40	1.000	0.45
30	1.1	0.503	0.23	0.734	0.33	0.964	0.43	1.079	0.49	1.194	0.54
20	-6.7	0.654	0.29	0.883	0.40	1.115	0.50	1.230	0.55	1.345	0.61
10	-12.2	0.754	0.34	0.985	0.44	1.215	0.55	1.330	0.60	1.445	0.65
0	-17.8	0.819	0.37	1.049	0.47	1.279	0.58	1.394	0.63	1.509	0.68
-10	-23.3	0.860	0.39	1.090	0.49	1.320	0.59	1.435	0.65	1.550	0.70
-20	-28.9	0.885	0.30	1.115	0.50	1.345	0.61	1.460	0.66	1.575	0.71

\*Armstrong Machine Works.

†Pounds (kilograms) of steam per hour required per 1000 ft<sup>3</sup> (28.3 m<sup>3</sup>) of space to secure desired indoor relative humidity at 70°F (21°C), with various outdoor temperatures. Assuming two air changes per hour and outdoor relative humidity of 75 percent.

**TABLE 19** Humidifier Capacities\*

Steam pressure, lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage) (kPa)	Orifice size, in (mm)			
	7/16 (1.11)	3/8 (9.5)	1/4 (31.8)	17/64 (28.2)
5(34.5)	100	...	340	42
		...		
		...		
		...		
10(68.9)	140	...	610	
		...		
15 (103.4)	170	138	810	74
20 (137.9)	...	158	980	80
25 (172.4)	...	174	1130	90
30 (206.8)	...	190	1280	100

\*Armstrong Machine Works.

†Continuous discharge capacity with steam pressures as indicated. No allowance for pressure drop after solenoid valve opens.

**3. Select a suitable humidifier.** Table 19 lists typical capacities for humidifiers having orifices of various sizes and different steam pressures. Study of Table 19 shows that one 1/4-in (32-mm) orifice humidifier and two 3/8-in (9.5-cm) orifice humidifiers will discharge  $1130 + (2)(174) = 1478$  lb/h (671.8 kg/h) of steam when the steam supply pressure is 25 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (172.4 kPa). Since the required capacity is 1450 lb/h (659.1 kg/h), these humidifiers may be acceptable.

Large-capacity steam humidifiers usually must depend on existing ducts or large floor-type unit heaters for distribution of the moisture. When such means of distribution are not available, choose a larger number of smaller-capacity humidifiers and arrange them as shown in Fig. 10c. Thus, if 3/8-in (9.5-cm) orifice humidifiers were selected, the number required would be (moisture needed, lb/h)/(humidifier capacity, lb/h) =  $1450/174 = 8.33$ , or 9 humidifiers.

**4. Choose a humidifier for the other operating conditions.** Where the desired room temperature is different from 70°F (21°C), use Table 20 instead of Table 18. Enter Table 20 at the desired room temperature, 60°F (15.6°C), and read the moisture content of saturated air at this temperature, as 5.795 gr/ft<sup>3</sup> (13.26 mL/dm<sup>3</sup>). The outdoor air at 5 + 10 = 15°F (9.4°C) contains, as Table 20 shows, 0.984 gr/ft<sup>3</sup> (2.25 mL/dm<sup>3</sup>) of moisture when fully saturated.

Find the moisture content of the air at the room and the outdoor conditions from moisture content, gr/ft<sup>3</sup> = (relative humidity of the air, expressed as a decimal) (moisture content of saturated air, gr/ft<sup>3</sup>). For the 60°F (15.6°C), 65 percent relative humidity room air, moisture content =  $(0.65)(5.795) = 3.77$  gr/ft<sup>3</sup> (8.63 mL/dm<sup>3</sup>). For the 15°F (−9.4°C) 50 percent relative humidity outdoor air, moisture content =  $(0.50)(0.984) = 0.492$  gr/ft<sup>3</sup> (1.13 mL/dm<sup>3</sup>). Thus, the humidifier must add the difference or  $3.77 - 0.492 = 3.278$  gr/ft<sup>3</sup> (7.5 mL/dm<sup>3</sup>).

This storeroom has a volume of 500,000 ft<sup>3</sup> (14,155 m<sup>3</sup>) and three air changes per hour. Thus, the weight of moisture that must be added per hour is (number of air changes per hour)(volume, ft<sup>3</sup>)(gr/ft<sup>3</sup> of air)/7000 gr/lb or, for this storeroom,  $(3)(500,000)(3.278)/7000 = 701$  lb/h (0.09 kg/s) excluding the product load. Since the product load 400 lb/h (0.05 kg/s), the total humidification load is  $701 + 400 = 1101$  lb/h (0.14 kg/s). Choose the humidifiers for these conditions in the same way as described in step 4.

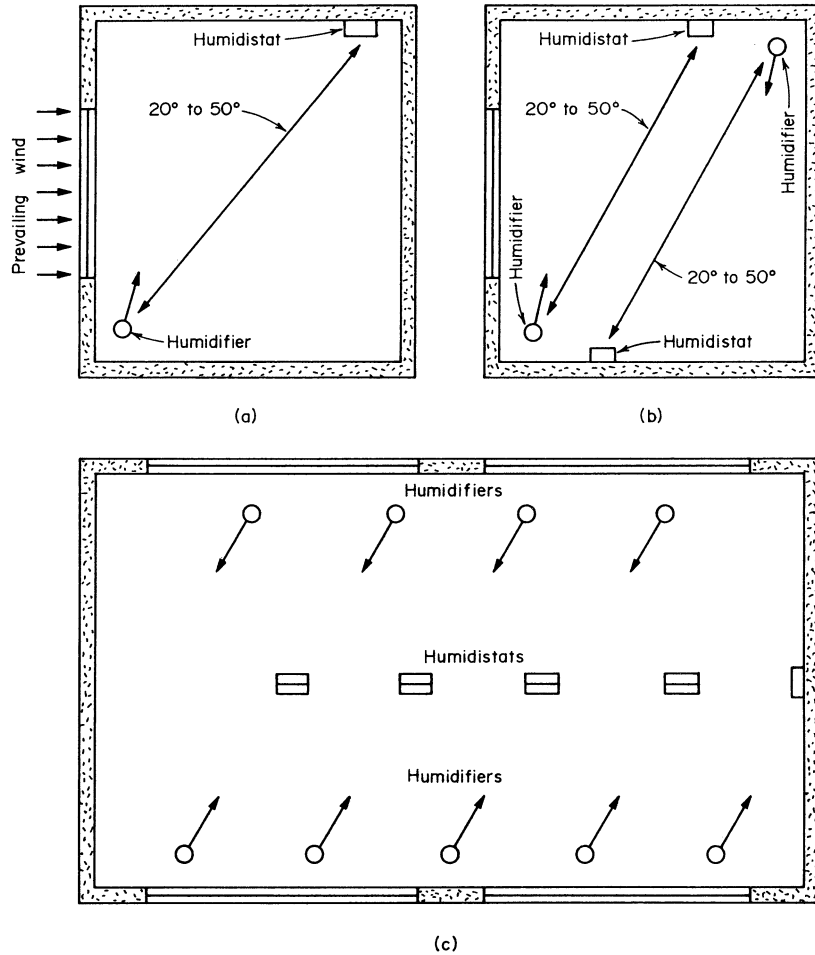


FIGURE 10 Location of (a) a single humidifier, (b) two humidifiers, (c) multiple humidifiers.

**Related Calculations** Use the method given here to choose a humidifier for any normal industrial or comfort application. Table 21 summarizes typical recommended humidities and temperatures for a variety of industrial operations. The relative humidity maintained in industrial plants is extremely important because it can control the moisture content of hygroscopic materials.

Where the number of hourly air changes is not specified, assume two air changes, except in cotton mills where three or four may be necessary. If the plant ventilating system provides more than two air changes per hour, use the actual number of changes in computing the required humidifier capacity.

TABLE 20 Moisture Content of Saturated Air

°F	°C	Grains of water	
		Per ft <sup>3</sup>	Per m <sup>3</sup>
15	-9.4	0.984	34.8
20	-6.7	1.242	43.9
40	4.4	2.863	101.1
50	10.0	4.106	145.0
60	15.6	5.795	204.7
70	21.1	8.055	284.5

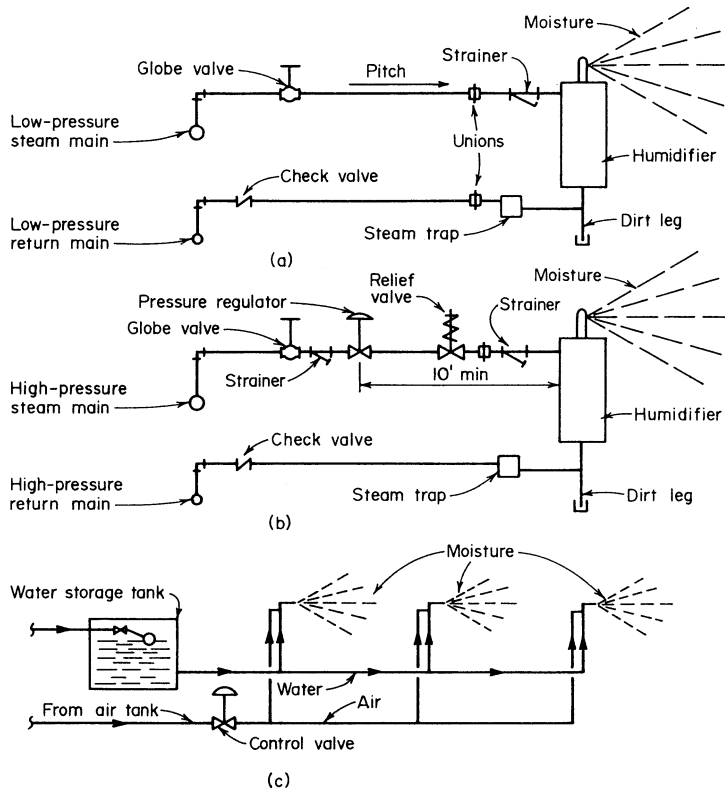
Many types of manufactured goods and raw materials absorb or release moisture during processing and storage. Since product quality usually depends directly on the moisture content, carefully controlled humidity will often reduce the number of rejects. The room humidifier must supply sufficient moisture for humidification of the air, plus any moisture absorbed by the products or materials in the room. Where these products or materials continuously release moisture to the atmosphere in the room, the quantity released can be subtracted from the moisture required for humidification. However, this condition can seldom be relied on. The usual procedure then is to select the humidifier on the basis of the moisture required for humidification of the air. The humidistat controls the operation of the humidifier, shutting it off when the products release enough moisture to supply the room requirements.

Correct locations for one or more humidifiers are shown in Fig. 10. Proper location of humidifiers is necessary if the design is to take advantage of the prevailing wind in the plant locality. Also, correct location provides a uniform, continuous circulation of air throughout the humidified area.

When only one humidifier is used, it is placed near the prevailing wind wall and arranged to discharge parallel to the wall exposed to the prevailing wind, Fig. 10*a*. Two humidifiers, Fig. 10*b*, are generally located in opposite corners of the manufacturing space and their discharges are used to produce a rotary air motion. Installations using more than two humidifiers generally have a slightly greater number of humidifiers on the windward wall to take advantage of the natural air drift from one side of the room to the other.

**TABLE 21** Recommended Industrial Humidities and Temperatures

Industry	Degrees		Relative humidity, %
	°F	°C	
Ceramics:			
Drying refractory shapes	110–150	43–65	50–60
Molding room	80	26	60
Confectionery:			
Chocolate covering	62–65	17–18	50–55
Hard-candy making	70–80	21–27	30–50
Electrical:			
Manufacture of cotton-covered wire, storage, general	60–80	21–27	60–70
Food storage:			
Apple	31–34	–0.5–1.1	75–85
Citrus fruit	32	0	80
Grain	60	16	30–45
Meat ripening	40	4	80
Paper products:			
Binding	70	21	45
Folding	77	25	65
Printing	75	24	60–78
Storage	75–80	24–27	40–60
Textile:			
Cotton carding	75–80	24–27	50–55
Cotton spinning	60–80	16–27	50–70
Rayon spinning, throwing	70	21	85
Silk processing	75–80	24–27	60–70
Wool spinning, weaving	75–80	24–27	55–60
Miscellaneous:			
Laboratory, analytical	60–70	16–21	60–70
Munitions, fuse loading	70	21	55
Cigar and cigarette making	70–75	21–24	55–65



**FIGURE 11** Piping for spray-type humidifiers. (a) Low-pressure steam; (b) high-pressure steam; (c) water spray.

Pipe spray humidifiers are as shown in Fig. 11 unless the manufacturer advises otherwise. Size the return lines as shown in Table 22.

Humidistats to start and stop the flow of moisture into the room may be either electrically or air (hygrostat) operated, according to the type of activities in the space. Where electric switches and circuits might cause a fire hazard, use an air-operated hygrostat instead of a humidistat.

**TABLE 22** Steam- and Return-Pipe Sizes, in (mm)

Steam or condensate flow, lb/h (kg/h)	Steam pressure, lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage) (kPa)				Length of return pipe, ft (m)	
	5 (34.5)	10 (68.9)	50 (344.7)	100 (689.4)	100 (30)	200 (60)
100 (45)	1½ (38.1)	1¼ (32)	1 (25)	1 (25)	1 (25)	1 (25)
200 (90)	2 (51)	2 (51)	1¼ (32)	1¼ (32)	1¼ (32)	1¼ (32)
400 (180)	3 (76)	2½ (64)	2 (51)	1½ (38.1)	1½ (38)	2 (51)
500 (225)	3 (76)	2½ (64)	2 (51)	2 (51)	2 (51)	2 (51)
1000 (450)	3½ (88.9)	3 (76)	2½ (64)	2½ (64)	2½ (64)	2½ (64)
2000 (900)	5 (127)	4 (102)	3 (76)	3 (76)	3 (76)	3 (76)
4000 (1800)	6 (152)	5 (127)	4 (102)	4 (102)	4 (102)	4 (102)

Locate either type of control to one side of the humidifying moisture stream, 20 to 50 ft (6.1 to 15.2 m) away.

## USE OF THE PSYCHROMETRIC CHART IN AIR-CONDITIONING CALCULATIONS

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Determine the properties of air at 80°F (26.7°C) dry-bulb (db) temperature and 65°F (18.3°C) wet-bulb (wb) temperature, using the psychrometric chart. Determine the same properties of air if the wet-bulb temperature is 75°F (23.9°C) and the dew-point temperature is 67°F (19.4°C). Show on the psychrometric chart an air-conditioning process in which outside air at 95°F (35°C) db and 80°F (26.7°C) wb is mixed with return air from the room at 80°F (26.7°C) db and 65°F (18.3°C) wb. Air leaves the conditioning apparatus at 55°F (12.8°C) db and 50°F (10°C) wb.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the relative humidity of the air.** Using Fig. 5, enter the bottom of the chart at the first dry-bulb temperature, 80°F (26.7°C), and project vertically upward until the slanting 65°F (18.3°C) wet-bulb temperature line is intersected. At the intersection, or *state point*, read the relative humidity at 45 percent on the sloping curve. Note that the number representing the wet-bulb temperature appears on the saturation, or 100 percent relative humidity, curve and that the wet-bulb temperature line is a straight line sloping downward from left to right. The relative humidity curves slope upward from left to right and have the percentage of relative humidity marked on them.

When the wet-bulb and dew-point temperatures are given, enter the psychrometric chart at the wet-bulb temperature, 75°F (23.9°C) on the saturated curve. From here project downward along the wet-bulb temperature line until the horizontal line representing the dew-point temperature, 67°F (19.4°C), is intersected. At the intersection, or *state point*, read the dry-bulb temperature as 94.7°F (34.8°C) on the bottom scale of the chart. Read the relative humidity at the intersection at 40.05 percent because the intersection is very close to the 40 percent relative humidity curve.

**2. Determine the moisture content of the air.** Read the moisture content of the air in grains on the right-hand scale by projecting horizontally from the intersection, or *state point*. Thus, for the first condition of 80°F (26.7°C) dry bulb and 65°F (18.3°C) wet bulb, projection to the right-hand scale gives a moisture content of 68.5 gr/lb (9.9 gr/kg) of dry air.

For the second condition, 75°F wet bulb and 67°F (19.4°C) dew point, projection to the right-hand scale gives a moisture content of 99.2 gr/lb (142.9 gr/kg).

**3. Determine the dew point of the air.** This applies to the first condition only because the dew point is known for the second condition. From the intersection of the dry-bulb temperature, 80°F (26.7°C), and the wet-bulb temperature, 65°F (18.3°C), that is, the *state point*, project horizontally to the left to read the dew point on the horizontal intersection with the saturation curve as 56.8°F (13.8°C). Note that the temperatures plotted along the saturation curve correspond to both the wet-bulb and dew-point temperatures.

**4. Determine the enthalpy of the air.** Find the enthalpy (also called *total heat*) by reading the value on the sloping line on the central scale above the saturation curve at the *state point* for the air. Thus, for the first condition, 80°F (26.7°C) dry bulb and 65°F (18.3°C) wet bulb, the enthalpy is 30 Btu/lb (69.8 kJ/kg). The enthalpy value on the psychrometric chart includes the heat of 1 lb (0.45 kg) of dry air and the heat of the moisture in the air, in this case, 68.5 gr (98.6 gr) of water vapor.

For the second condition, 75°F (23.9°C) wet bulb and 67°F (19.4°C) dew point, read the enthalpy as 38.5 Btu/lb (89.6 kJ/kg) at the *state point*.

**5. Determine the specific volume of the air.** The specific volume lines slope downward from left to right from the saturation curve to the horizontal dry-bulb temperature. Values of specific volume increase by  $0.5 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb}$  ( $0.03 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}$ ) between each line.

For the first condition,  $80^\circ\text{F}$  ( $26.7^\circ\text{C}$ ) dry-bulb and  $65^\circ\text{F}$  ( $18.3^\circ\text{C}$ ) wet-bulb temperature, the stage point lies just to the right of the 13.8 line, giving a specific volume of  $13.81 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb}$  ( $0.86 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}$ ). For the second condition,  $75^\circ\text{F}$  ( $23.9^\circ\text{C}$ ) wet-bulb and  $67^\circ\text{F}$  ( $19.4^\circ\text{C}$ ) dew-point temperatures, the specific volume, read in the same way, is  $14.28 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb}$  ( $0.89 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}$ ).

The weight of the air-vapor mixture can be found from  $1.000 + 68.5 \text{ gr}/\text{lb}$  of air/ $(7000 \text{ gr}/\text{lb}) = 1.0098 \text{ lb}$  ( $0.46 \text{ kg}$ ) for the first condition and  $1.000 + 99.2/7000 = 1.0142 \text{ lb}$  ( $0.46 \text{ kg}$ ). In both these calculations the  $1000 \text{ lb}$  ( $454.6 \text{ kg}$ ) represents the weight of the *dry* air and  $68.5 \text{ gr}$  ( $4.4 \text{ gr}$ ) and  $99.2 \text{ gr}$  ( $6.43 \text{ gr}$ ) represent the weight of the moisture for each condition.

**6. Determine the vapor pressure of the moisture in the air.** Read the vapor pressure by projecting horizontally from the state point to the extreme left-hand scale. Thus, for the first condition the pressure of the water vapor is  $0.228 \text{ lb}/\text{in}^2$  ( $1.57 \text{ kPa}$ ). For the second condition the pressure of the water is  $0.328 \text{ lb}/\text{in}^2$  ( $2.26 \text{ kPa}$ ).

**7. Plot the air-conditioning process on the psychrometric chart.** Air-conditioning processes are conveniently represented on the psychrometric chart. To represent any process, locate the various state points on the chart and convert the points by means of lines representing the process.

Thus, for the air-conditioning process being considered here, start with the outside air at  $95^\circ\text{F}$  ( $35^\circ\text{C}$ ) db and  $80^\circ\text{F}$  ( $26.7^\circ\text{C}$ ) wb, and plot point 1 (Fig. 5) at the intersection of the two temperature lines. Next, plot point 3, the return air from the room at  $80^\circ\text{F}$  ( $26.7^\circ\text{C}$ ) db and  $65^\circ\text{F}$  ( $18.3^\circ\text{C}$ ) wb. Point 2 is obtained by computing the final temperature of two airstreams that are mixed, using the method of the calculation procedure given earlier in this section. Plot point 4, using the given leaving temperatures for the apparatus,  $55^\circ\text{F}$  ( $12.8^\circ\text{C}$ ) db and  $50^\circ\text{F}$  ( $10^\circ\text{C}$ ) wb.

The process in this system is as follows: Air is supplied to the conditioned space along line 4-3. During passage along this line on the chart, the air absorbs heat and moisture from the room. While passing from point 3 to 2, the air absorbs additional heat and moisture while mixing with the warmer outside air. From point 1 to 2, the outside air is cooled while it is mixed with the indoor air. At point 2, the air enters the conditioning apparatus, is cooled, and has its moisture content reduced.

**Related Calculations** Use the psychrometric chart for all applied air-conditioning problems where graphic representation of the state of the air or a process will save time. At any given state point of air, the relative humidity in percent can be computed from [partial pressure of the water vapor at the dew-point temperature,  $\text{lb}/\text{in}^2$  (abs) + partial pressure of the water vapor at saturation corresponding to the dry-bulb temperature of the air,  $\text{lb}/\text{in}^2$  (abs)](100). Determine the partial pressures from a table of air properties or from the steam tables.

In an *air washer* the temperature of the entering air is reduced. Well-designed air washers produce a leaving-air dry-bulb temperature that equals the wet-bulb and dew-point temperatures of the leaving air. The humidifier portion of an air-conditioning apparatus adds moisture to the air while the dehumidifier removes moisture from the air. In an ideal air washer, adiabatic cooling is assumed to occur.

By using the methods of step 7, any basic air-conditioning process can be plotted on the psychrometric chart. Once a process is plotted, the state points for the air are easily determined from the psychrometric chart.

When you make air-conditioning computations, keep these facts in mind: (1) The total enthalpy, sometimes termed *total heat*, varies with the wet-bulb temperature of the air. (2) The sensible heat of air depends on the wet-bulb temperature of the air; the enthalpy of vaporization, also called the *latent heat*, depends on the dew-point temperature of the air; the dry-bulb, wet-bulb, and dew-point temperatures of air are the same for a saturated mixture. (3) The dew-point temperature of air is fixed by the amount of moisture present in the air.



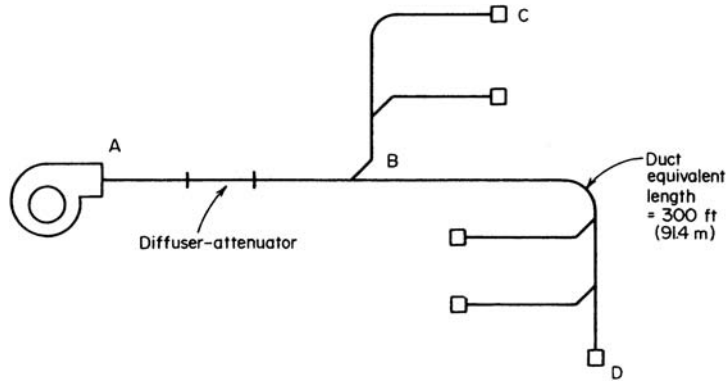


FIGURE 12 High-velocity air-duct-system layout.

## DESIGNING HIGH-VELOCITY AIR-CONDITIONING DUCTS

Design a high-velocity air-distribution system for the duct arrangement shown in Fig. 12 if the required total air flow is 5000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (2.36 m<sup>3</sup>/s).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the main-duct friction loss.** Many high-velocity air-conditioning systems are designed for a main-header velocity of 4000 ft/min (1219.2 m/min) and a friction loss of 1.0 in H<sub>2</sub>O per 100 ft (0.08 cm/m) of equivalent duct length. The fan usually discharges into a combined air-diffuser noise-attenuator in which the static pressure of the air increases. This pressure increase must be considered in the choice of the fan-outlet static pressure, but the duct friction loss must be calculated first, as shown below.

Determine the main-duct friction loss by assuming a 1 in/100 ft (0.08 cm/m) static pressure loss for the main duct and a fan-outlet and main-duct velocity of 4000 ft/min (1219.2 m/min). Size the duct by using the equal-friction method. Thus, for the 300-ft (91.4-m) equivalent-length main duct in Fig. 12, the friction pressure loss will be (300 ft)(1.0 in/100 ft) = 3.0 in (76 mm) H<sub>2</sub>O.

**2. Compute the required fan-outlet pressure.** The total friction loss in the duct = duct friction, in H<sub>2</sub>O + diffuser-attenuator static pressure, in H<sub>2</sub>O. In typical installations the diffuser-attenuator static pressure varies from 0.3 to 0.5 in (7.6 to 9.7 mm) H<sub>2</sub>O. This is the inlet pressure required to force air through the diffuser-attenuator with all outlets open. Using a value of 0.5 in (12.7 mm) gives the total friction loss in the duct = 3.0 + 0.5 = 3.5 in (8.9 mm).

At the fan outlet the required static pressure is less than the total friction loss in the main duct because there is static regain at each branch takeoff to the outlets. This static regain is produced by the reduction in velocity that occurs at each takeoff from the main duct. There is a recovery of static pressure (velocity regain) at the takeoff that offsets the friction loss in the succeeding duct section.

Assume that the velocity in branch C (Fig. 12) is 2000 ft/min (609.6 m/min). This is the usual maximum velocity in takeoffs to terminals. Then, the maximum static regain that could occur  $R = (v_i/4005)^2 - (v_f/4000)^2$ , where  $R$  = static regain, in of H<sub>2</sub>O;  $v_i$  = initial velocity of the air, ft/min;  $v_f$  = final velocity of the air, ft/min. For this system with an initial velocity of 4000 ft/min (1219.2 m/min) and a final velocity of 2000 ft/min (609.6 m/min),  $R = (4000/4005)^2 - (2000/4005)^2 = 0.75$ .

The maximum static regain is seldom achieved. Actual static regains range from 0.5 to 0.8 of the maximum. With a value of 0.8, the actual static regain = 0.8(0.75) = 0.60 in (15.2 mm) H<sub>2</sub>O. This static

**TABLE 23** Classes of Construction for Centrifugal Fans

Class	Maximum total pressure, in H <sub>2</sub> O (mm H <sub>2</sub> O)
I	3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> (95)—standard
II	6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> (172)—standard
III	12 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> (324)—standard
IV	More than 12 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> (324)—recommended

regain occurs at point *B*, the takeoff, and reduces the required fan discharge pressure to total friction loss in the duct – static region at first takeoff =  $3.5 - 0.60 = 2.9$  in (73.7 mm) H<sub>2</sub>O. Thus, a fan developing a static discharge pressure of 3.0 in (76 mm) H<sub>2</sub>O would probably be chosen for this system.

**3. Find the branch-duct pressure loss.** To find the branch-duct pressure loss, find the pressure in the main duct at the takeoff point. Use the standard duct-friction chart (Fig. 7) to determine the pressure loss from the fan to the takeoff point. Subtract the sum of this loss and the diffuser-attenuator static pressure from the fan static discharge pressure. The result is the pressure available to force air through the branch duct. Size the branch duct by using the equal-friction method.

**Related Calculations** Note that the design of a high-velocity duct system (i.e., a system design in which the air velocities and static pressures are higher than in conventional systems) is basically the same as for a low-velocity duct system designed for static regain. The air velocity is reduced at each takeoff to the riser and air terminals. Design of any high-velocity duct system involves a compromise between the reduced duct sizes (with a saving in materials, labor, and space costs) and higher fan horsepower.

Class II centrifugal fans (Table 23) are generally required for the higher static pressures used in high-velocity air-conditioning systems. Extra care must be taken in duct layout and construction. The high-velocity ducts are usually sealed to prevent air leakage that may cause objectionable noise. Round ducts are preferred to rectangular ones because of the greater rigidity of the round duct.

Use as many symmetric duct runs as possible in designing high-velocity duct systems. The greater the system symmetry, the less time required for duct design, layout, balancing, construction, and installation.

The initial starting velocity use in the supply header depends on the number of hours of operation. To achieve an economic balance between first cost and operating cost, lower air velocities in the header are recommended for 24-h operation, where space permits. Table 24 shows typical air velocities used in high-velocity air-conditioning systems. Use this tabulation to select suitable velocities for the main and branch ducts in high-velocity systems.

**TABLE 24** Typical High-Velocity-System Air Velocities\*

	Velocity, ft/min (m/min)
Header or main duct:	
12-h operation	3000–4000 (914.4–1219.2)
24-h operation	2000–3500 (609.6–1066.8)
Branch ducts:†	
90° conical tee	4000–5000 (1219.1–1524.0)
90° tee	3500–4000 (1066.8–1219.2)

\*Carrier Air Conditioning Company.

†Branches are defined as a branch header or riser having four to five, or more, takeoffs to terminals.

Carrier Air Conditioning Company recommends that the following factors be considered in laying out header ductwork for high-velocity air-conditioning systems.

1. The design friction losses from the fan discharge to a point immediately upstream of the first riser takeoff from each branch header should be as nearly equal as possible.
2. To satisfy principle 1 above as applied to multiple headers leaving the fan, and to take maximum advantage of the allowable high velocity, adhere to the following basic rule whenever possible: Make as nearly equal as possible the ratio of the total equivalent length of each header run (fan discharge to the first riser takeoff) to the initial header diameter ( $L/D$  ratio). Thus, the longest header run should preferably have the highest air quantity so that the highest velocities can be used throughout.
3. Unless space conditions dictate otherwise, use a  $90^\circ$  tee or  $90^\circ$  conical tee for the takeoff from the header rather than a  $45^\circ$  tee. Fittings of  $90^\circ$  provide more uniform pressure drops to the branches throughout the system. Also, the first cost is lower.

## **AIR-CONDITIONING-SYSTEM OUTLET- AND RETURN-GRILLE SELECTION**

Choose an air grille to deliver  $425 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $0.20 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ) of air to a broadcast studio having a 12-ft (3.7-m) ceiling height. The room is 10 ft (3.0 m) long and 10 ft (3.0 m) wide. Specify the temperature difference to use, the air velocity, grille static resistance, size, and face area.

### **Calculation Procedure**

**1. Choose the outlet-grille velocity.** The air velocity specified for an outlet grille is a function of the type of room in which the grille is used. Table 25 lists typical maximum outlet air velocities used in grilles serving various types of rooms. Assuming a velocity of  $350 \text{ ft}/\text{min}$  ( $106.7 \text{ m}/\text{min}$ ) for the outlet grille in this broadcast studio, compute the grille area required from  $A = cfm/v$ , where  $A$  = grille area,  $\text{ft}^2$ ;  $cfm$  = air flow through the grille,  $\text{ft}^3/\text{min}$ ;  $v$  = air velocity,  $\text{ft}/\text{min}$ . Hence,  $A = 425/350 = 1.214 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $0.11 \text{ m}^2$ ).

**2. Select the outlet-grille size.** Use the selected manufacturer's engineering data, such as that in Table 26. Examination of this table shows that there is no grille rated at  $425 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $0.20 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ).

**TABLE 25** Typical Air Outlet Velocities

Type of room	Maximum velocity, ft/min (m/min)
Broadcast studio	300–500 (91.4–152.4)
Apartments, private residences, churches, hotel bedrooms, legitimate theaters, private offices	500–750 (152.4–228.6)
	500–750 (152.4–228.6)
	500–750 (152.4–228.6)
	500–750 (152.4–228.6)
	500–750 (152.4–228.6)
Movie theaters	1000 (304.8)
General offices	1200–1500 (365.8–457.2)
Stores—upper floors	1500 (365.8)
Stores—main floors	2000 (609.6)

**TABLE 26** Air-Grille-Selection Table\*

Air flow, ft <sup>3</sup> /min (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	Wall area per outlet, ft <sup>2</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> )		Throw, ft (m) <sup>†</sup>	Min. ceiling height, ft (m) for temp. difference of			Air velocity, ft/min (m/min)	Grille static resist., in H <sub>2</sub> O (cm H <sub>2</sub> O)	Grille face area	
	Max.	Min.		15°F (8.3°C)	20°F (11.1°C)	25°F (13.9°C)			ft <sup>2</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> )	in <sup>2</sup> (cm <sup>2</sup> )
306 (0.14)	25 (2.32)	8 (0.4)	S:11 (3.35) F:6 (1.83) S:20 (6.1)	13 (3.96) 10 (3.05) 16 (4.88)	14 (4.27) 10 (3.05) 17 (5.18)	15 (4.57) 10 (3.05) 18 (5.49)	0.005 (0.01)	24 × 8 (60.9 × 20.3)	1.224 (0.11)	176 (1135.5)
459 (0.22)	57 (5.30)	1 (1.58)	F:10 (3.0)	10 (3.05)	10 (3.05)	11 (3.35)	0.01 (0.03)	24 × 8 (60.9 × 20.3)	1.224 (0.11)	176 (1135.5)

\*Waterloo Register.

†S—straight; F—fan spread.

Hence, the next larger capacity, 459 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.22 m<sup>3</sup>/s) must be used. This grille, as the third column from the right of Table 26 shows, is 24 in wide and 8 in high (60.9 cm wide and 20.3 cm high).

**3. Choose the grille throw distance.** *Throw* is the horizontal distance the air will travel after leaving the grille. With a *fan spread*, the throw of this grille is 10 ft (3.0 m), Table 26. This throw is sufficient if the duct containing the grille is located at any point in the room, i.e., along one wall, in the center, etc. If desired, the grille can be adjusted to reduce the throw, but the throw cannot be increased beyond the distance tabulated. Hence, a fan-spread grille will be used.

**4. Select the grille-mounting height.** The grille-mounting height is a function of several factors: the difference between the temperature of the entering air and the room air, the room-ceiling height, and the air *drop* (i.e., the distance the air falls from the time it passes through the outlet until it reaches the end of the throw).

By assuming a temperature difference of 20°F (11.1°C) between the entering air and the room air, Table 26 shows that the minimum ceiling height for this grille is 10 ft (3.0 m). Since the room is 12 ft (3.67 m) high, the grille can be mounted at any distance above the floor of 10 ft (3.0 m) or higher.

**5. Determine the actual air velocity in the grille.** Table 26 shows that the actual air velocity in the grille is 375 ft/min (114.3 m/min). Table 25 shows that an air velocity of 300 to 500 ft/min (91.4 to 152.4 m/min) is suitable for broadcast studios. Hence, this grille is acceptable. If the actual velocity at the grille outlet were higher than that recommended in Table 25, a larger grille giving a velocity within the recommended range would have to be chosen.

**6. Determine the grille static resistance.** Table 26 shows that the grille static resistance is 0.01 in (0.25 mm) H<sub>2</sub>O. This is within the usual static resistance range of outlet grilles.

**7. Determine the outlet-grille area.** Table 26 shows that the outlet grille has an area of 1.224 ft<sup>2</sup> (0.11 m<sup>2</sup>), or 176 in<sup>2</sup> (1135.5 cm<sup>2</sup>). This agrees well with the area computed in step 1, or 1.214 ft<sup>2</sup> (0.11 m<sup>2</sup>).

**8. Select the air-return grille.** Table 27 shows typical air velocities used for return grilles in various locations. By assuming that the air is returned through a wall louver, a velocity of 500 ft/min (152.4 m/min) might be used. Hence, by using the equation of step 1, grille area  $A = cfm/v = 425/500 = 0.85$  ft<sup>2</sup> (0.08 m<sup>2</sup>).

If a lattice-type return intake having a free area of 60 percent is used, Table 28 shows that the pressure drop during passage of the air through the grille is 0.04 in (1.02 mm) H<sub>2</sub>O. Locate the return

**TABLE 27** Lattice-Type Return-Grille Pressure Drop, in H<sub>2</sub>O (mm H<sub>2</sub>O)

Free area of grille, percent	Face velocity, ft/min (m/min)		Return-intake-air velocities*	
	400 (121.9)	600 (182.9)	Intake location	Velocity over gross area, ft/min (m/min)
50	0.04 (1.02)	0.09 (2.29)	Above occupied zone	800 and up (243.8 and up)
60	0.03 (0.76)	0.06 (1.52)	In occupied zone:	
70	0.02 (0.51)	0.05 (1.27)	Not near seats	600–800 (182.9–243.8)
80	0.01 (0.25)	0.03 (0.76)	Near seats	400–600 (121.9–182.9)
			Door or wall louvers	500–700 (152.4–213.4)
			Undercut door (through undercut area)	600 (182.9)

\*ASHRAE Guide.

**TABLE 28** Approximate Pressure Drop for Lattice Return Intakes, in (mm) H<sub>2</sub>O\*

Percentage of free area	Face velocity, ft/min (m/min)			
	400 (121.9)	600 (182.9)	800 (243.8)	1000 (304.8)
50	0.06 (1.52)	0.13 (3.30)	0.22 (5.59)	0.35 (8.89)
60	0.04 (1.02)	0.09 (2.29)	0.16 (4.06)	0.24 (6.10)
70	0.03 (0.76)	0.07 (1.78)	0.12 (3.05)	0.18 (4.57)
80	0.02 (0.51)	0.05 (1.27)	0.09 (2.29)	0.14 (3.56)

\*ASHRAE *Guide and Data Book*.

grille away from the supply grille to prevent short circuiting of the air and excessive noise. The pressure losses in Table 27 are typical for return grilles. Choice of the pressure drop to use is generally left with the system designer.

**Related Calculations** Use this general method to choose outlet and return grilles for industrial, commercial, and domestic applications. Be certain not to exceed the tabulated velocities where noise is a factor in an installation. Excessive noise can lead to complaints from the room occupants.

The outlet-table excerpt presented here is typical of the table arrangement used by many manufacturers. Hence, the general procedure given for selecting an outlet is similar to that for any other manufacturer's outlet.

Many modern-design ceiling outlets are built so that the leaving air entrains some of the room air. The air being discharged by the outlet is termed *primary air*, and the room air is termed *secondary air*. The induction ratio  $R_i = (\text{total air, ft}^3/\text{min})/(\text{primary air, ft}^3/\text{min})$ . Typical induction ratios run in the range of 30 percent.

For a given room, the total air in circulation, cfm = (outlet cfm)(induction ratio). Also, average room air velocity, fpm = 1.4 (total cfm in circulation)/area of wall, ft<sup>2</sup>, opposite the outlet or outlets. The wall area in the last equation is the *clear* wall area. Any obstructions must be deducted. The multiplier 1.4 allows for blocking caused by the airstream. Where the room circulation factor  $K$  must be computed, use the relation  $K = (\text{average room air velocity, ft/min})/1.4(\text{induction ratio})$ . The ideal room-air velocity for most applications is 25 ft/min (7.62 m/min). However, velocities up to 300 ft/min (91.4 m/min) are used in some factory air-conditioning applications.

The types of outlets commonly used today are grille (perforated, fixed-bar, adjustable-bar), slotted, ejector, internal induction, pan, diffuser, and perforated ceiling. Choice of a given type depends on the room ceiling height, desired air-temperature difference, blow, drop, and spread, as well as other factors that are a function of the room, air quantity, and the activities in the room.

As a general guide to outlet selection, use the following pointers: (1) Choose the number of outlets for each room after considering the quantity of air required, throw or diffusion distance available, ceiling height, obstructions, etc. (2) Try to arrange the outlets symmetrically in the space available as shown by the room floor plan.

## SELECTING ROOF VENTILATORS FOR BUILDINGS

A 10-bay building is 200 ft (60.9 m) long, 100 ft (30.5 m) wide, 50 ft (15.2 m) high to the top of the pitched roof, and 35 ft (10.7 m) high to the eaves. The building houses 15 turbine-driven generators and is classed as an engine room. Choose enough roof ventilators to produce a suitable number of air changes in the building. During reduced-load operating periods between 12 midnight and 7 a.m.

on weekdays, and on weekends, only half the full-load air changes are required. The prevailing summer-wind velocity against the long side of the building is 10 mi/h (16.1 km/h). The total available open-window area on each long side is 300 ft<sup>2</sup> (27.9 m<sup>2</sup>). The minimum difference between the outdoor and indoor temperatures will be 40°F (22.2°C).

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the cubic volume of the building.** To compute the cubic volume of a pitched-roof building, the usual procedure is to assume an average height from the eaves to the ridge. Since this building has a 15-ft (4.6-m) high ridge from the eaves, the average height =  $15/2 = 7.5$  ft (4.6 m). Since the height from the ground to the eaves is 35 ft (10.7 m), the building height to be used in the volume computation is  $35 + 7.5 = 42.5$  ft (13.9 m). Hence, the volume of the building, ft<sup>3</sup> =  $V = \text{length} \times \text{width} \times \text{average height}$ , all measured in ft =  $200 \times 100 \times 42.5 = 850,000$  ft<sup>3</sup> (24,064 m<sup>3</sup>).

**2. Determine the number of air changes required.** Table 29 shows that four to six air changes per hour are normally recommended for engine rooms. Using five air changes per hour will probably be satisfactory, and the roof ventilators will be chosen on this basis. During the early morning, and on weekends, 2.5 air changes will be satisfactory, since only half the normal number of air changes is needed during these periods.

**3. Compute the required hourly air flow.** The required hourly air flow, ft<sup>3</sup>/h =  $Q = (\text{number of air changes per hour})(\text{building volume, ft}^3) = (5)(850,000) = 4,250,000$  ft<sup>3</sup>/h (120,318 m<sup>3</sup>/h). During the early morning hours and on weekends when 2.5 air changes are used,  $Q = 2.5(850,000) = 2,125,000$  ft<sup>3</sup>/h (60,159 m<sup>3</sup>/h).

**4. Compute the air flow produced by natural ventilation.** The ASHRAE *Guide and Data Book* lists the prevailing winter and summer wind velocities for a variety of locations. Usual practice, in designing natural-ventilation systems, is to use one-half the tabulated wind velocity for the season being considered. Since summer ventilation is usually of greater importance than winter ventilation, one-half the prevailing summer wind velocity is generally used in natural-ventilation calculations. As the prevailing summer wind velocity in this locality is 8 mi/h (12.9 km/h), a velocity of  $8/2 = 4$  mi/h (6.4 km/h) will be used to compute the air flow produced by the wind.

**TABLE 29** Number of Air Changes Required per Hour\*

Auditoriums and assembly rooms	10–15	Libraries	3
Boiler rooms	10–15	Machine shops	6
Churches	10–15	Paint shops	10–15
Engine rooms	4–6	Paper mills	15–20
Factory buildings (general)	4	Pump rooms	8–10
Factory buildings (where excessive conditions of fumes, moisture, etc., are present)	15–20	Railroad shops	4
Foundries	12	Schools	10–12
Garages	10–15	Textile mills (general)	4
General offices	3	Textile mill dye houses	15–20
Hotel dining rooms	4	Theaters	5–8
Hotel kitchens	10–20	Waiting rooms	4
Laundries	15–25	Warehouses	4
		Wood-working shops	8

\*DeBothezat Fans Division, AMETEK Inc.

Use the relation  $Q = VAE$  to find the air flow produced by the wind. In this relation,  $Q$  = air flow produced by the wind,  $\text{ft}^3/\text{min}$ ;  $V$  = design wind velocity,  $\text{ft}/\text{min} = 88 \times \text{mi}/\text{h}$ ;  $A$  = free area of the air-inlet openings,  $\text{ft}^2$ ;  $E$  = effectiveness of the air inlet openings—use 0.50 to 0.60 for openings perpendicular to the wind and 0.25 to 0.35 for diagonal winds.

Assuming  $E = 0.50$ , we get  $Q = VAE = (4 \times 88)(300)(0.50) = 52,800 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $1494.8 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$ ) or  $60(52,800) = 3,168,000 \text{ ft}^3/\text{h}$  ( $89,686.1 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$ ). Step 3 shows that the required air flow is  $4,250,000 \text{ ft}^3/\text{h}$  ( $120,318 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$ ) when all turbines are operating. Hence, the air flow produced by natural ventilation is inadequate for full-load operation. However, since the required flow of  $2,125,000 \text{ ft}^3/\text{h}$  ( $60,159 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$ ) for the early morning hours and weekends is less than the natural-ventilation flow of  $3,168,000 \text{ ft}^3/\text{h}$  ( $89,686.1 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$ ), natural ventilation may be acceptable during these periods.

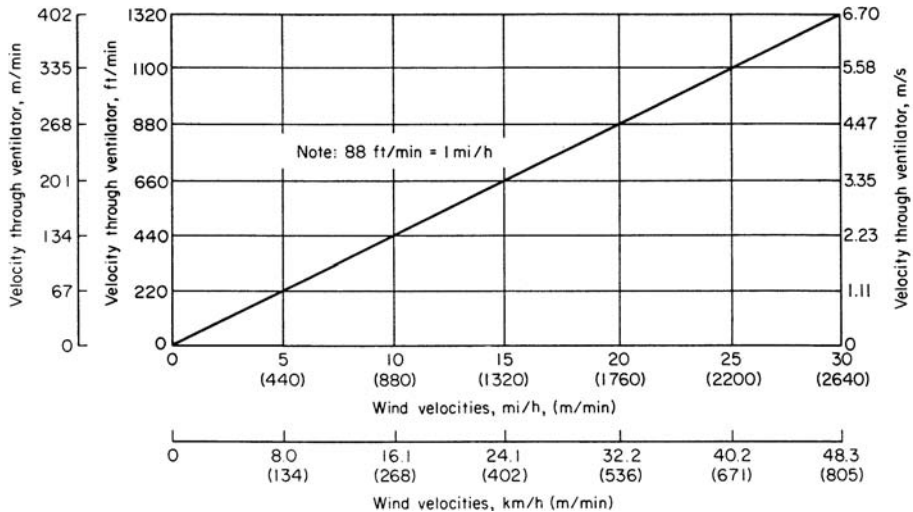
**5. Determine the number of stationary-type ventilators needed.** A stationary-type roof ventilator (i.e., one that depends on the wind and air-temperature difference to produce the desired air movement) may be suitable for this application. If the stationary-type is not suitable, a powered-fan type of roof ventilator will be investigated and must be used. The Breidert-type ventilator is investigated here because the procedure is similar to that used for other stationary-type roof ventilators.

Stationary ventilators produce air flow out of a building by two means: suction caused by wind action across the ventilators and the stack effect caused by the temperature difference between the inside and outside air.

Figure 13 shows the air velocity produced in a stationary Breidert ventilator by winds of various velocities. Thus, with the average 5-mi/h (8.1-km/h) wind assumed earlier for this building, Fig. 13 shows that the air velocity through the ventilator produced by this wind velocity is 220 ft/min (67.1 m/min), closely.

Table 30 shows that a  $1.0\text{-ft}^2$  ( $0.093\text{-m}^2$ ) ventilator installed on a 50-ft (15.2-m) high building having an air-temperature difference of  $40^\circ\text{F}$  ( $22.2^\circ\text{C}$ ) will produce, owing to the stack effect, an air-flow velocity of 482 ft/min (146.9 m/min). Hence, the total velocity through this ventilator resulting from the wind and stack action is  $220 + 482 = 702 \text{ ft}/\text{min}$  ( $213.9 \text{ m}/\text{min}$ ).

Since air flow,  $\text{ft}^3/\text{min} = (\text{air velocity, ft}/\text{min})(\text{area of ventilator opening, ft}^2)$ , an air flow of  $(702)(1.0) = 702 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $19.9 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$ ) will be produced by each square foot of ventilator-neck or



**FIGURE 13** Roof-ventilator air-exhaust capacity for various wind velocities. Add the extra velocity for temperature difference given in Table 30. (G. C. Breidert Co.)



**TABLE 30** Flow of Air in Natural-Draft Flues,  $\text{ft}^3/(\text{min}\cdot\text{ft}^2)$  [ $\text{m}^3/(\text{min}\cdot\text{m}^2)$ ]\*

Difference in temperature, °F (°C)	Height of flue, ft (m), same as height of room or building			
	30 (9.1)	40 (12.2)	50 (15.2)	60 (18.3)
10 (5.6)	188 (57.3)	217 (66.1)	242 (73.7)	264 (80.4)
20 (11.1)	265 (80.6)	306 (93.2)	342 (104.2)	373 (113.7)
30 (16.7)	325 (99.0)	375 (114.3)	419 (127.7)	461 (140.5)
40 (22.2)	374 (113.9)	431 (131.3)	482 (140.2)	529 (161.2)
50 (27.8)	419 (127.7)	484 (147.5)	541 (164.9)	594 (181.0)
60 (33.3)	460 (140.2)	532 (162.1)	595 (181.4)	650 (198.1)

\*G. C. Breidert Co.

inlet-duct area. Thus, to produce a flow of  $(4,250,000 \text{ ft}^3/\text{h})/(60 \text{ min}/\text{h}) = 70,700 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $2002 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$ ) will require a ventilator area of  $70,700/702 = 101 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $9.38 \text{ m}^2$ ). A 48-in (121.9-cm) Breidert ventilator has a neck area of  $12.55 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $1.17 \text{ m}^2$ ). Hence, a  $101/12.55 = 8.05$ , or eight ventilators will be required. Alternatively, the Breidert capacity table in the engineering data prepared by the manufacturer shows that a 48-in (121.9-cm) ventilator has a ventilating capacity of  $8835 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $250.1 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$ ) when it is used for a 5-mi/h (8.1-km/h), 50-ft (15.2-m) high,  $40^\circ\text{F}$  ( $22.2^\circ\text{C}$ ) temperature-difference application. With this capacity, the number of ventilators required =  $70,700/8835 = 8.02$ , say eight ventilators. These ventilators will be suitable for both full- and part-load operation.

**6. Determine the number of powered ventilators needed.** Powered ventilators are equipped with single- or two-speed fans to produce a positive air flow independent of wind velocity and stack effect. For this reason, some engineers prefer powered ventilators where it is essential that air movement out of the building be maintained at all times.

Two-speed powered ventilators are usually designed so that the reduced-speed rpm is approximately one-half the full-speed rpm. The air flow at half-speed is about one-half that at full speed.

Checking the capacity table of a typical powered-ventilator manufacturer shows that ventilator capacities range from about  $2100 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $59.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$ ) for a 21-in (53.3-cm) diameter unit at a  $1/8$ -in (3.18-mm) static pressure difference to about  $24,000 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $679 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$ ) for a 36-in (91.4-cm) diameter ventilator at the same pressure difference. With a 27-in (68.6-cm) diameter powered ventilator which has a capacity of  $14,900 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $421.8 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$ ), the number required is  $[70,700 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min} (2002 \text{ m}^3/\text{min})]/[14,900 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min} (422 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}) \text{ per unit}] = 4.76$ , or 5.

**7. Choose the type of ventilator to use.** Either a stationary or powered ventilator might be chosen for this application. Since a large amount of heat is generated in an engine room, the powered ventilator would probably be a better choice because there would be less chance of overheating during periods of little or no wind.

**Related Calculations** Use the general method given here to choose stationary or powered ventilators for any of the 25 applications listed in Table 29. Usual practice is to locate one ventilator in each bay or sawtooth of a building.

With the greater interdiction of smoking in public places (factories, offices, hotels, restaurants, schools, etc.), special exhaust fans—often termed “smoke eaters”—are being installed. These high-velocity fans draw smoke-laden air from a designated smoking area and exhaust it to the atmosphere or to treatment devices.

Local building codes govern smoking in structures of various types, so the engineer must consult the local code before choosing the type of exhaust fan to use for a specific building. Many cities now prohibit all smoking inside a building. In such cities special exhaust fans are not needed to handle cigarette, cigar, or pipe smoke.

Restaurants, bowling alleys, billiard rooms, taverns, and similar gathering places still permit some indoor smoking. Most cities have not prohibited smoking in such establishments because it is a part of the ambiance of these places. Some cities, however, recommend—or require—designated smoking areas, particularly in restaurants. It is here that the engineer must select and specify a suitable exhaust fan to rid the area of tobacco smoke.

Follow the same procedure given above to choose the fan or fans. Be certain to use the required number of air changes specified by any local building code. While an excessive number of air changes will increase the winter heating load, many engineers overdesign to be certain they meet clean air requirements. Tobacco smoke must be handled decisively so that all patrons of an establishment are comfortable.

## VIBRATION-ISOLATOR SELECTION FOR AN AIR CONDITIONER

Choose a vibration isolator for a packaged air conditioner operating at 1800 r/min. What minimum mounting deflection is required if the air conditioner is mounted on a basement floor? On an upper-story floor made of light concrete?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the suggested isolation efficiency.** Table 31 lists the suggested isolation efficiency for various components used in air-conditioning and refrigeration systems. This tabulation shows that the suggested isolation efficiency for a packaged air conditioner is 90 percent. This means that the vibration isolator or mounting should absorb 90 percent, or more, of the vibration caused by the machine. At this efficiency only 10 percent of the machine vibration would be transmitted to the supporting structure.

**2. Determine the static deflection caused by the vibration.** Use Fig. 14 to find the static deflection caused by the vibration. Enter at the bottom of Fig. 14 at 1800 r/min the disturbing frequency,

**TABLE 31** Suggested Isolation Efficiencies

Equipment	Installed efficiency, %
Absorption units	95
Steam generators	95
Centrifugal compressors	98
Reciprocating compressors:	
Up to 15 hp (11.2 kW)	85
20–60 hp (14.9–44.8 kW)	90
75–150 hp (56.0–111.9 kW)	95
Package air conditioners	90
Centrifugal fans:	
80 r/min and above; all diameters	90–95
350–800 r/min; all diameters	70–90
200–350 r/min; 48-in (121.9-cm) diameter or smaller	*
200–350 r/min; 54-in (137.2-cm) diameter or larger	70–80
Centrifugal pumps	95
Cooling towers	85
Condensers	80
Fan coil units	80
Piping	95

\*Installed for noise isolation only.

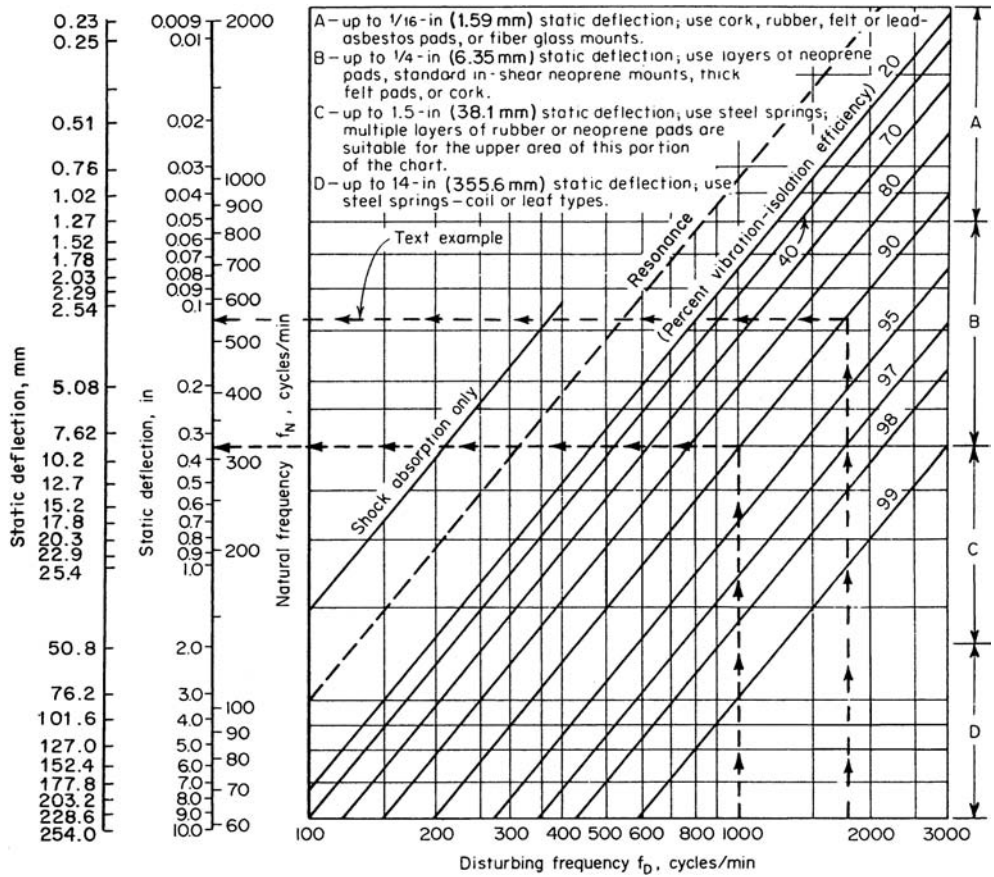


FIGURE 14 Vibration-isolator deflection for various disturbing frequencies. (Power.)

and project vertically upward to the 90 percent efficiency curve. At the left read the static deflection as 0.11 in (2.79 mm).

**3. Select the type of vibration isolator to use.** Project to the right from the intersection with the efficiency curve (Fig. 14) to read the type of isolator to use. Thus, neoprene pads or neoprene-in-shear mounts will safely absorb up to 0.25-in (6.35-mm) static deflection. Hence, either type of isolator mounting could be used.

**4. Check the isolator selection.** Use Table 32 to check the theoretical isolation efficiency of the mounting chosen. Enter at the top at the rpm of the machine, and project vertically downward until an efficiency equal to, or greater than, that desired is intersected.

For this machine operating at 1800 r/min, single-deflection rubber mountings have an efficiency of 94 percent. Since neoprene is also called synthetic rubber, the isolator choice is acceptable because it yields a higher efficiency than required.

**5. Determine the minimum mounting deflection required.** Table 33 lists the minimum mounting deflection required at various operating speeds for machines installed on various types of floors. Thus, at 1800 r/min, machines mounted on a basement floor must have isolator mountings that will absorb

**TABLE 32** Theoretical Vibration-Isolation Efficiencies\*

Isolation material	Average static deflection, in (mm)	Average natural frequency	Efficiencies, percent												
			350 r/min	500 r/min	600 r/min	800 r/min	1000 r/min	1200 r/min	1500 r/min	1800 r/min	3000 r/min	3600 r/min			
2-in (50.8-mm) thick standard-density cork	0.08	By test 1420	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	72	82
Type W waffle pad	Curvature corrected, 0.035	1000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	87	92
Two layers of W waffle pad	Curvature corrected, 0.070	710	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	71	82	93	93	96
Single-deflection rubber	0.20	420	...	...	...	...	62	79	86	91	94	98	98	99	99
Double-deflection rubber	0.40	300	...	44	67	84	84	90	93	96	97	99	99	Almost perfect	Almost perfect
Standard spring	1.00	188	70	85	89	94	94	96	97	98	99	Almost perfect	Almost perfect	Almost perfect	Almost perfect
Double-deflection rubber and spring mountings	1.40	160	75	89	93	96	96	97	98	99	Almost perfect	Almost perfect	Almost perfect	Almost perfect	Almost perfect

\*Power magazine.

**TABLE 33** Minimum Mounting Deflections

Operating speed, r/min	Basement—negligible floor deflection, in (mm)	Rigid concrete floor, in (mm)	Upper story—light-concrete floor, in (mm)	Wood floor, in (mm)
300	1.50 (38.1)	3.00 (76.2)	3.50 (88.9)	4.00 (101.6)
500	0.63 (16.0)	1.25 (31.8)	1.65 (41.9)	1.95 (49.5)
800	0.25 (6.35)	0.60 (15.2)	1.00 (25.4)	1.25 (31.6)
1200	0.20 (5.08)	0.45 (11.4)	0.80 (20.3)	1.00 (25.4)
1800	0.10 (2.54)	0.35 (8.9)	0.80 (20.3)	1.00 (25.4)
3600	0.03 (0.76)	0.20 (5.08)	0.80 (20.3)	1.00 (25.4)
7200	0.03 (0.76)	0.20 (5.08)	0.80 (20.3)	1.00 (25.4)

deflections up to 0.10 in (2.54 mm). Since the neoprene mountings chosen in step 3 will absorb up to 0.25 in (6.35 mm) of deflection, they will be acceptable for use on a basement-mounted machine.

For mounting on a light-concrete upper-story floor, Table 33 shows that the mounting must be able to absorb a deflection of 0.80 in (20.3 mm) for machines operating at 1800 r/min. Since the neoprene isolators can absorb only 0.25 in (6.35 mm), another type of mounting is needed if the machine is installed on an upper floor. Figure 14 shows that steel springs will absorb up to 1.5 in (38.1 mm) of static deflection. Hence, this type of mounting would be used for machines installed on upper floors of the building.

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure for engines, compressors, turbines, pumps, fans, and similar rotating and reciprocating equipment. Note that the suggested isolation efficiencies in Table 31 are for air-conditioning equipment located in critical areas of buildings, such as offices, hospitals, etc. In noncritical areas, such as basements or warehouses, an isolation efficiency of 70 percent may be acceptable. Note that the efficiencies given in Table 31 are useful as general guides for all types of rotating machinery.

Although much emphasis is placed on atmospheric, soil, and water pollution, greater attention is being placed today on audio pollution than in the past. Audio pollution is the discomfort in human beings produced by excessive or high-pitch noise. One good example is the sound produced by jet aircraft during takeoff and landing.

Audio pollution can be injurious when it is part of the regular workplace environment. At home, audio pollution can interfere with one's life-style, making both indoor and outdoor activities unpleasant. For these reasons, regulatory agencies are taking stronger steps to curb audio pollution.

Control of audio pollution almost reverts to engineering design. For this reason, engineers will be more concerned with the noise their designs produce because it is they who have more control of it than any others in the design, manufacture, and use of a product.

## **SELECTION OF NOISE-REDUCTION MATERIALS**

A concrete-walled test laboratory is 25 ft (7.62 m) long, 20 ft (6.1 m) wide, and 10 ft (3.05 m) high. The laboratory is used for testing chipping hammers. What noise reduction can be achieved in this laboratory by lining it with acoustic materials?

### **Calculation Procedure**

**1. Determine the noise level of devices in the room.** Table 34 shows that a chipping hammer produces noise in the 130-dB range. Hence, the noise level of this room can be assumed to be 130 dB.

**TABLE 34** Power and Intensity of Noise Sources\*

Sound source	Power range, W	Decibel range (10 <sup>-13</sup> W)
Ram jet	100,000.0	180
Turbojet with 7000-lb (31,136-N) thrust	10,000.0	170
	1,000.0	160
Four-propeller airliner	100.0	150
75-piece orchestra, pipe organ; small aircraft engine	10.0	140
Chipping hammer	1.0	130
Piano, blaring radio	0.1	120
Centrifugal ventilating fan at 13,000 ft <sup>3</sup> /min (6.14 m <sup>3</sup> /s)	0.01	110
Automobile on roadway; vane-axial ventilating fan	0.001	100
Subway car, air drill	0.0001	90
Conversational voice; traffic on street corner	0.000 01	80
Street noise, average radio	0.000 001	70
Typical office	0.000 000 1	60
	0.000 000 01	50
Very soft whisper	0.000 000 001	40

Reference values relate decibel scales

db scale	Definition	Reference quantity
Sound-power level	$PWL = 10 \log \frac{W}{W_{re}}$	$W_{re} = 10^{-13} \text{ W}$
Sound-intensity level	$IL = 10 \log \frac{I}{I_{re}}$	$I_{re} = 10^{12} \text{ W/m}^2$ $= 10^{-16} \text{ W/cm}^2$
Sound-pressure level	$SPL = 10 \log \frac{P^2}{P^2_{re}} = 20 \log \frac{P}{P_{re}}$	$P_{re} = 0.000,02 \text{ N/m}^2$ $= 0.0002 \text{ } \mu\text{bar}$ $= 0.0002 \text{ dyn/cm}^2$

\*Power magazine.

This is rated as deafening by various authorities. Therefore, some kind of sound-absorption material is needed in this room if the uninsulated walls do not absorb enough sound.

**2. Compute the total sound absorption of the room.** The *sound-absorption coefficient* of bare concrete is 0.1. This means that 10 percent of the sound produced in the room is absorbed by the bare concrete walls.

To find the total sound absorption by the walls and ceiling, find the product of the total area exposed to the sound and the sound absorption coefficient of the material. Thus, concrete area, excluding the floor but including the ceiling = two walls (25 ft long × 10 ft high) + two walls (20 ft wide × 10 ft high) + one ceiling (25 ft long × 20 ft wide) = 1400 ft<sup>2</sup> (130.1 m<sup>2</sup>). Then the total sound absorption = (1400)(0.1) = 140.

**3. Compute the total sound absorption with acoustical materials.** Table 35 lists the sound- or noise-reduction coefficients for various acoustic materials. Assume that the four walls and ceiling are

**TABLE 35** Noise-Reduction Coefficients\*

Type	Material	Noise-reduction coefficient range [3/4 in (19.1 mm) thick]
1	Regularly perforated cellulose-fiber tile	0.65–0.85
2	Randomly perforated cellulose-fiber tile	0.60–0.75
3	Textured, perforated, fissured, cellulose tile	0.50–0.70
4	Cellulose-fiber lay-in panels	0.50–0.60 <sup>†</sup>
5	Perforated mineral-fiber tile	0.65–0.85
6	Fissured mineral-fiber tile	0.65–0.80
7	Textured, perforated or smooth mineral-fiber tile	0.65–0.85
8	Membrane-faced mineral-fiber tile	0.30–0.90
9	Mineral-fiber lay-in panels	0.20–0.90
10	Perforated-metal pans with mineral-fiber pads	0.60–0.80 <sup>†</sup>
11	Perforated-metal lay-in panels with mineral-fiber pads	0.75–0.85
12	Mineral-fiber tile—fire-resistive assemblies	0.55–0.90
13	Mineral-fiber lay-in panels—fire-resistive units	0.65–0.75 <sup>‡</sup>
14	Perforated-asbestos panels with mineral-fiber pads	0.65–0.75 <sup>§</sup>
15	Sound-absorbent duct lining	0.65–0.75 <sup>†</sup>
16	Special acoustic panels and materials	

\*Acoustical and Insulating Materials Association.

<sup>†</sup>Noise reduction coefficient 1 in (25.4 mm) thick.

<sup>‡</sup>Noise-reduction coefficient 5/8 in (15.9 mm) thick.

<sup>§</sup>Noise-reduction coefficient 15/16 in (23.3 mm) thick.

insulated with membrane-faced mineral-fiber tile having a sound absorption coefficient of 0.90, from Table 35.

Then, by the procedure of step 2, total noise reduction =  $(1400 \text{ ft}^2)(0.90) = 1260 \text{ ft}^2$  (117.1 m<sup>2</sup>).

**4. Compute the noise reduction resulting from insulation use.** Use the relation noise reduction, dB =  $10 \log$  (total absorption *after* treatment/total absorption *before* treatment) =  $10 \log (1260/140) = 9.54$  dB. Thus, the sound level in the room would be reduced to  $130.00 - 9.54 = 120.46$  dB. This is a reduction of  $9.54/130 = 0.0733$ , or 7.33 percent. To obtain a further reduction of the noise in this room, the floor could be insulated or, preferably, the noise-producing device could be redesigned to give off less noise.

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure to determine the effectiveness of acoustic materials used in any room in a building, on a ship, in an airplane, etc.

## Solar Energy

### DESIGNING A FLAT-PLATE SOLAR-ENERGY HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEM

Give general design guidelines for the planning of a solar-energy heating the cooling system for an industrial building in the Jacksonville, Florida, area to use solar energy for space heating and cooling

and water heating. Outline the key factors considered in the design so they may be applied to solar-energy heating and cooling systems in other situations. Give sources of pertinent design data, where applicable.

## Calculation Procedure

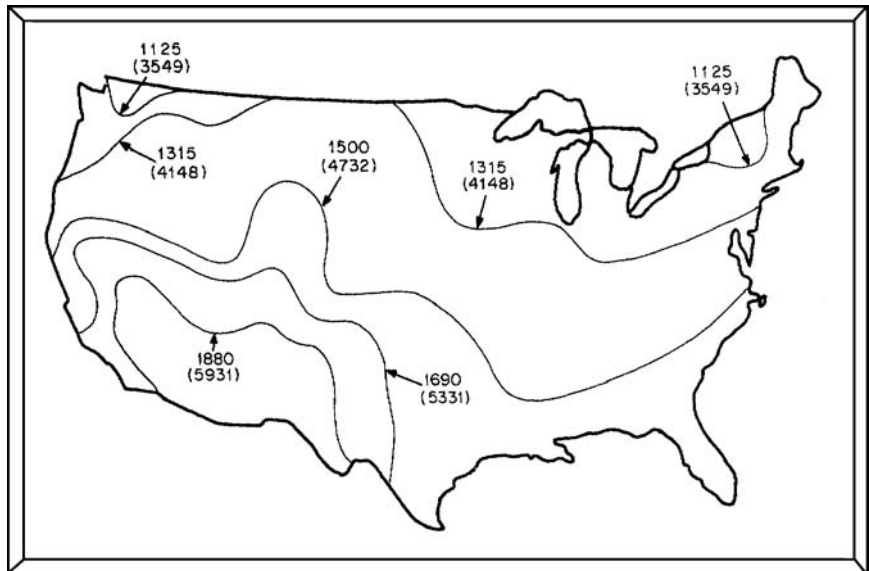
**1. Determine the average annual amount of solar energy available at the site.** Figure 15 shows the average amount of solar energy available, in  $\text{Btu}/(\text{day} \cdot \text{ft}^2)$  ( $\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ ) of panel area, in various parts of the United States. How much energy is collected depends on the solar panel efficiency and the characteristics of the storage and end-use systems.

Tables available from the National Weather Service and the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) chart the monthly solar-radiation impact for different locations and solar insolation [total radiation from the sun received by a surface, measured in  $\text{Btu}/(\text{h} \cdot \text{ft}^2)$  ( $\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ ); insolation is the sum of the direct, diffuse, and reflected radiation] for key hours of a day each month.

Estimate from these data the amount of solar radiation likely to reach the surface of a solar collector over 1 yr. Thus, for this industrial building in Jacksonville, Florida, Fig. 15 shows that the average amount of solar energy available is  $1500 \text{ Btu}/(\text{day} \cdot \text{ft}^2)$  ( $4.732 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$ ).

When you make this estimate, keep in mind that on a clear, sunny day direct radiation accounts for 90 percent of the insolation. On a hazy day only diffuse radiation may be available for collection, and it may not be enough to power the solar heating and cooling system. As a guide, the water temperatures required for solar heating and cooling systems are:

Space heating	Up to $170^\circ\text{F}$ ( $76.7^\circ\text{C}$ )
Space cooling with absorption air conditioning	From $200$ to $240^\circ\text{F}$ ( $93.3$ to $115.6^\circ\text{C}$ )
Domestic hot water	$140^\circ\text{F}$ ( $60^\circ\text{C}$ )



**FIGURE 15** Average amount of solar energy available, in  $\text{Btu}/(\text{day} \cdot \text{ft}^2)$  ( $\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ ), for different parts of the United States. (Power.)



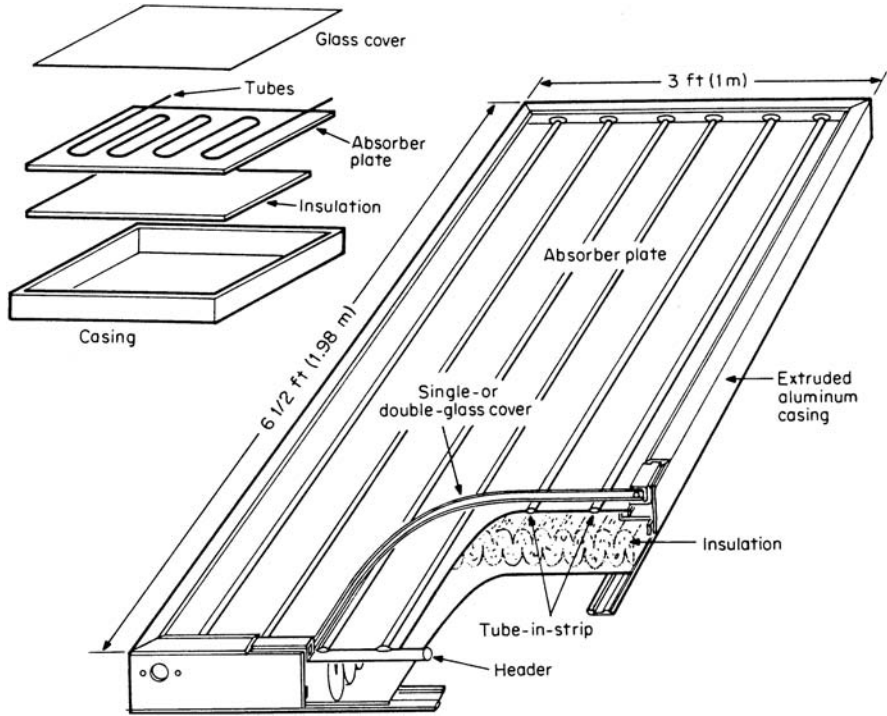


FIGURE 16 Construction details of flat-plate solar collectors. (Power.)

**2. Choose collector type for the system.** There are two basic types of solar collectors: flat-plate and concentrating types. At present the concentrating type of collector is not generally cost-competitive

with the flat-plate collector for normal space heating and cooling applications. It will probably find its greatest use for high-temperature heating of process liquids, space cooling, and generation of electricity. Since process heating applications are not the subject of this calculation procedure, concentrating collectors are discussed separately in another calculation procedure.

Flat-plate collectors find their widest use for building heating, domestic water heating, and similar applications. Since space heating and cooling are the objective of the system being considered here, a flat-plate collector system will be a tentative choice until it is proved suitable or unsuitable for the system. Figure 16 shows the construction details of typical flat-plate collectors.

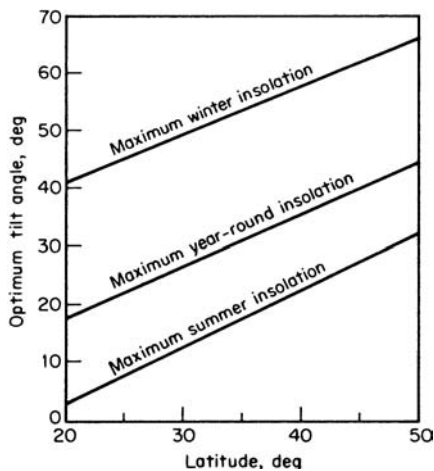


FIGURE 17 Spacing of solar flat-plate collectors to avoid shadowing. (Power.)

**3. Determine the collector orientation.** Flat-plate collectors should face south for maximum exposure and should be tilted so the sun's rays are normal to the plane of the plate cover. Figure 17

**TABLE 36** Spacing to Avoid Shadowing, ft (m)\*

Collector angle, deg	Latitude of installation, deg			
	30	35	40	45
30	9.9 (3.0)	11.1 (3.4)	12.6 (3.8)	13.7 (4.2)
45	10.6 (3.2)	12.2 (3.7)	14.4 (4.4)	16.0 (4.9)
60	10.7 (3.3)	12.6 (3.8)	15.4 (4.7)	17.2 (5.2)

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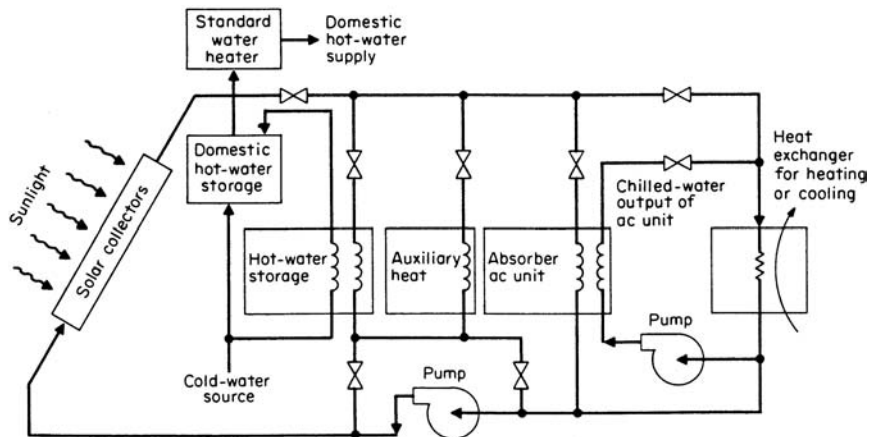
shows the optimum tilt angle for the plate for various insolation requirements at different latitudes.

Since Jacksonville, Florida, is approximately at latitude  $30^\circ$ , the tilt of the plate for maximum year-round insolation should be  $25^\circ$  from Fig. 17. As a general rule for heating with maximum winter insolation, the tilt angle should be  $15^\circ$  plus the angle of latitude at the site; for cooling, the tilt angle equals the latitude (in the south, this should be the latitude minus  $10^\circ$  for cooling); for hot water, the angle of tilt equals the latitude plus  $5^\circ$ . For combined systems, such as heating, cooling, and hot water, the tilt for the dominant service should prevail. Alternatively, the tilt for maximum year-round insolation can be used, as was done above.

When collector banks are set in back of one another in a sawtooth arrangement, low winter sun can cause shading of one collector by another. This can cause a loss in capacity unless the units are carefully spaced. Table 36 shows the minimum spacing to use between collector rows, based on the latitude of the installation and the collector tilt.

**4. Sketch the system layout.** Figure 18 shows the key components of a solar system using flat-plate collectors to capture solar radiation. The arrangement provides for heating, cooling, and hot-water production in this industrial building with sunlight supplying about 60 percent of the energy needed to meet these loads—a typical percentage for solar systems.

For this layout, water circulating in the rooftop collector modules is heated to  $160^\circ\text{F}$  ( $71.1^\circ\text{C}$ ) to  $215^\circ\text{F}$  ( $101.7^\circ\text{C}$ ). The total collector area is  $10,000\text{ ft}^2$  ( $920\text{ m}^2$ ). Excess heated hot water not needed for space heating or cooling or for domestic water is directed to four 6000-gal (22,740-L)



**FIGURE 18** Key components of a solar-energy system using flat-plate collectors. (Power.)

tanks for short-term energy storage. Conventional heating equipment provides the hot water needed for heating and cooling during excessive periods of cloudy weather. During a period of 3 h around noon on a clear day, the heat output of the collectors is about 2 million Btu/h (586 kW), with an efficiency of about 50 percent at these conditions.

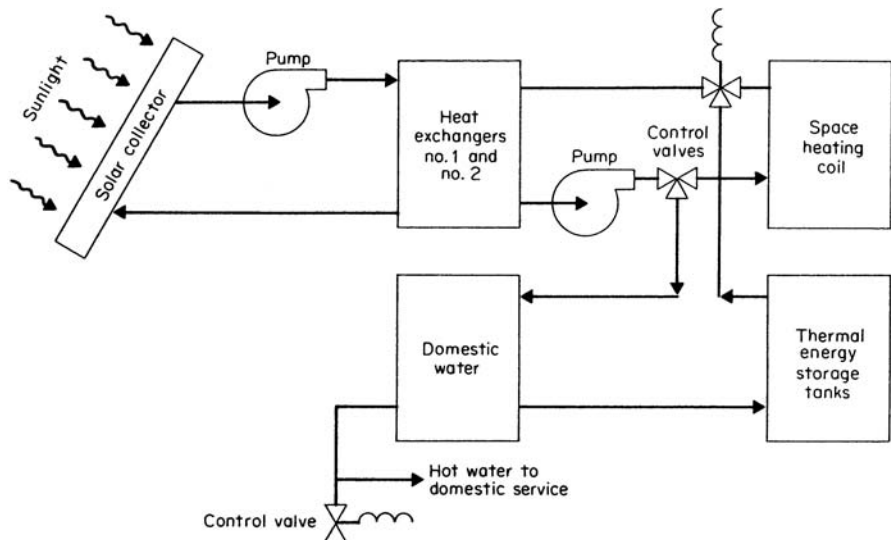
For this industrial building solar-energy system, a lithium-bromide absorption air-conditioning unit (a frequent choice for solar-heated systems) develops 100 tons (351.7 kW) of refrigeration for cooling with a coefficient of performance of 0.71 by using heated water from the solar collectors. Maximum heat input required by this absorption unit is 1.7 million Btu/h (491.8 kW) with a hot-water flow of 240 gal/min (909.6 L/min). Variable-speed pumps and servo-actuated valves control the water flow rates and route the hot-water flow from the solar collectors along several paths—to the best exchanger for heating or cooling of the building, to the absorption unit for cooling of the building, to the storage tanks for use as domestic hot water, or to short-term storage before other usage. The storage tanks hold enough hot water to power the absorption unit for several hours or to provide heating for up to 2 days.

Another—and more usual—type of solar-energy system is shown in Fig. 19. In it a flat-plate collector absorbs heat in a water/antifreeze solution that is pumped to a pair of heat exchangers.

From unit no. 1 hot water is pumped to a space-heating coil located in the duct work of the hot-air heating system. Solar-heated antifreeze solution pumped to unit no. 2 heats the hot water for domestic service. Excess heated water is diverted to fill an 8000-gal (30,320-L) storage tank. This heated water is used during periods of heavy cloud cover when the solar heating system cannot operate as effectively.

**5. Give details of other techniques for solar heating.** Wet collectors having water running down the surface of a tilted absorber plate and collected in a gutter at the bottom are possible. While these “trickle-down” collectors are cheap, their efficiency is impaired by heat losses from evaporation and condensation.

Air systems using rocks or gravel to store heat instead of a liquid find use in residential and commercial applications. The air to be heated is circulated via ducts to the solar collector consisting of



**FIGURE 19** Solar-energy system using flat-plate collectors and an antifreeze solution in a pair of heat exchangers. (Power.)

rocks, gravel, or a flat-plate collector. From here other ducts deliver the heated air to the area to be heated.

In an air system using rocks or gravel, more space is needed for storage of the solid media, compared to a liquid. Further, the ductwork is more cumbersome and occupies more space than the piping for liquid heat-transfer media. And air systems are generally not suitable for comfort cooling or liquid heating, such as domestic hot water.

Eutectic salts can be used to increase the storage capacity of air systems while reducing the volume required for storage space. But these salts are expensive, corrosive, and toxic, and they become less effective with repeated use. Where it is desired to store thermal energy at temperatures above 200°F (93.3°C), pressurized storage tanks are attractive.

Solar “heat wheels” can be used in the basic solar heating and cooling system in the intake and return passages of the solar system. The wheels permit the transfer of thermal energy from the return to the intake side of the system and offer a means of controlling humidity.

For solar cooling, high-performance flat-plate collectors or concentrators are needed to generate the 200 to 240°F (93.3 to 115.6°C) temperatures necessary for an absorption-chiller input. These chillers use either lithium bromide or ammonia with hot water to form an absorbent/refrigerant solution. Chiller operation is conventional.

Solar collectors can be used as a heat source for heat-pump systems in which the pump transfers heat to a storage tank. The hot water in the tank can then be used for heating, while the heat pump supplies cooling.

In summary, solar energy is a particularly valuable source of heat to augment conventional space-heating and cooling systems and for heating liquids. The practical aspects of system operation can be troublesome—corrosion, deterioration, freezing, condensation, leaks—but these problems can be surmounted. Solar energy is not “free” because a relatively high initial investment for equipment must be paid off over a long period. And the equipment requires some fossil-fuel energy to fabricate.

But even with these slight disadvantages, the more solar energy that can be put to work, the longer the supply of fossil fuels will last. And recent studies show that solar energy will become more cost-competitive as the price of fossil fuels continues to rise.

**6. Give design guides for typical solar systems.** To ensure the best performance from any solar system, keep these pointers in mind:

- a. For space heating, size the solar collector to have an area of 25 to 50 percent of the building’s floor area, depending on geographic location, amount of insulation, and ratio of wall to glass area in the building design.
- b. For space cooling, allow 250 to 330 ft<sup>2</sup> (23.3 to 30.7 m<sup>2</sup>) of collector surface for every ton of absorption air conditioning, depending on unit efficiency and solar intensity in the area. Insulate piping and vessels adequately to provide fluid temperatures of 200 to 240°F (93.3 to 115.6°C).
- c. Size water storage tanks to hold between 1 and 2 gal/ft<sup>2</sup> (3.8 to 7.6 L/m<sup>2</sup>) of collector surface area.
- d. In large collector installations, gang collectors in series rather than parallel. Use the lowest fluid temperature suitable for the heating or cooling requirements.
- e. Insulate piping and collector surfaces to reduce heat losses. Use an overall heat-transfer coefficient of less than 0.04 Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F) [0.23 W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)] for piping and collectors.
- f. Avoid water velocities of greater than 4 ft/s (1.2 m/s) in the collector tubes, or else efficiency may suffer.
- g. Size pumps handling antifreeze solutions to carry the additional load caused by the higher viscosity of the solution.

**Related Calculations** The general guidelines given here are valid for solar heating and cooling systems for a variety of applications (domestic, commercial, and industrial), for space heating and cooling, and for process heating and cooling, as either the primary or supplemental heat source. Further, note that solar energy is not limited to semitropical areas. There are numerous successful applications of solar heating in northern areas which are often considered to be “cold.”

**TABLE 37** Solar-Energy Design Selection Summary

Energy collection device	Typical heat-transfer applications	Typical uses of collected heat
Flat-plate tubed collector	Liquid heating	Space heating or cooling; water heating
Wet collectors	Liquid heating	Water or liquid heating
Rock or gravel collectors	Air heating	Space heating
Flat-plate air heaters	Air heating	Space heating or cooling
Eutectic salts	Air heating	Space heating
Evacuated-tube collectors	Liquid heating to higher temperature levels	Space cooling and heating; process heating
Concentrating collectors	Steam generation	Electric-power generation
Pressurized storage tank	Storage of thermal energy above 200°F (93.3°C)	Industrial processes
Heat wheels	Heat transfer	Humidity control

And with the growing energy consciousness in all fields, there will be greater utilization of solar energy to conserve fossil-fuel use.

Energy experts in many different fields believe that solar-energy use is here to stay. Since there seems to be little chance of fossil-fuel price reductions (only increases), more and more energy users will be looking to solar heat sources to provide some of or all their energy needs. For example, Wagner College in Staten Island, New York, installed, at this writing, 11,100 ft<sup>2</sup> (1032.3 m<sup>2</sup>) of evacuated-tube solar panels on the roof of a then single-level parking structure. These panels provide heating, cooling, and domestic hot water for two of the buildings on the campus. Energy output of these evacuated-tube collectors is some 3 billion Btu ( $3.2 \times 10^9$  kJ), producing a fuel-cost savings of \$25,000 during the first year of installation. The use of evacuated-tube collectors is planned in much the same way as detailed above. Other applications of such collectors include soft-drink bottling plants, nursing homes, schools, etc. More applications will be found as fossil-fuel price increases make solar energy more competitive in the years to come. Table 37 gives a summary of solar-energy collector choices for quick preliminary use.

Data in this procedure are drawn from an article in *Power* magazine prepared by members of the magazine's editorial staff and from Owens-Illinois, Inc.

### **DETERMINATION OF SOLAR INSOLATION ON SOLAR COLLECTORS UNDER DIFFERING CONDITIONS**

A south-facing solar collector will be installed on a building in Glasgow, Montana, at latitude 48°13'N. What is the clear-day solar insolation on this panel at 10 a.m. on January 21 if the collector tilt angle is 48°? What is the daily surface total insolation for January 21 at this angle of collector tilt? Compute the solar insolation at 10:30 a.m. on January 21. What is the actual daily solar insolation for this collector? Calculate the effect on the clear-day daily solar insolation if the collector tilt angle is changed to 74°.

#### **Calculation Procedure**

**1. Determine the insolation for the collector at the specified location.** The latitude of Glasgow, Montana, is 48°13'N. Since the minutes are less than 30, or one-half of a degree, the ASHRAE clear-day insolation table for 48° north latitude can be used. Entering Table 38 (which is an excerpt

**TABLE 38** Solar Position and Insolation Values for 48°N Latitude\*

Date	Solar time		Solar position		Btu·h/ft <sup>2</sup> (W/m <sup>2</sup> ) total insolation on surfaces													
	a.m.	p.m.	Alt.	Azim.	Normal	Horiz.	South-facing surface angle with horizontal					90						
							38	48	58	68	90							
Jan 21	8	4	3.5	54.6	37	(116.6)	4	(12.6)	17	(53.6)	19	(59.9)	21	(66.2)	22	(69.4)	22	(69.4)
	9	3	11.0	42.6	185	(583.2)	46	(145.0)	120	(378.3)	132	(416.1)	140	(441.4)	145	(457.1)	139	(438.2)
	10	2	16.9	29.4	239	(753.4)	83	(261.7)	190	(598.9)	206	(649.4)	216	(680.9)	220	(693.6)	206	(649.4)
	11	1	20.7	15.1	261	(822.8)	107	(337.3)	231	(728.2)	249	(784.9)	260	(819.7)	263	(829.1)	243	(766.1)
	12		22.0	0.0	267	(841.7)	115	(362.5)	245	(772.4)	264	(832.3)	275	(866.9)	278	(876.4)	255	(803.9)
	Surface daily totals				1710	(5390.7)	596	(1878.9)	1360	(4287.4)	1478	(4659.4)	1550	(4886.4)	1578	(4974.6)	1478	(4659.4)

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of the ASHRAE table) for 10 a.m. on January 21, we find the clear-day solar insolation on a south-facing collector with a  $48^\circ$  tilt is  $206 \text{ Btu}/(\text{h}\cdot\text{ft}^2)$  ( $649.7 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$ ). The daily clear-day surface total for January 21 is, from the same table,  $1478 \text{ Btu}/(\text{day}\cdot\text{ft}^2)$  ( $4661.6 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$ ) for a  $48^\circ$  collector tilt angle.

**2. Find the insolation for the time between tabulated values.** The ASHRAE tables plot the clear-day insolation at hourly intervals between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. For other times, use a linear interpolation. Thus, for 10:30 a.m., interpolate in Table 38 between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. values. Or,  $(249 - 206)/2 + 206 = 227.5 \text{ Btu}/(\text{h}\cdot\text{ft}^2)$  ( $717.5 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$ ), where the 249 and 206 are the insolation values at 11 and 10 a.m., respectively. Note that the difference can be either added to or subtracted from the lower, or higher, clear-day insolation value, respectively.

**3. Find the actual solar insolation for the collector.** ASHRAE tables plot the clear-day solar insolation for particular latitudes. Dust, clouds, and water vapor will usually reduce the clear-day solar insolation to a value less than that listed.

To find the actual solar insolation at any location, use the relation  $i_A = pi_T$ , where  $i_A$  = actual solar insolation,  $\text{Btu}/(\text{h}\cdot\text{ft}^2)$  ( $\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ );  $p$  = percentage of clear-day insolation at the location, expressed as a decimal;  $i_T$  = ASHRAE-tabulated clear-day solar insolation,  $\text{Btu}/(\text{h}\cdot\text{ft}^2)$  ( $\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ ). The value of  $p = 0.3 + 0.65(S/100)$ , where  $S$  = average sunshine for the locality, percent, from an ASHRAE or government map of the sunshine for each month of the year. For January, in Glasgow, Montana, the average sunshine is 50 percent. Hence,  $p = 0.30 + 0.65(50/100) = 0.625$ . Then  $i_A = 0.625(1478) = 923.75$ , say  $923.5 \text{ Btu}/(\text{day}\cdot\text{ft}^2)$  ( $2913.7 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$ ), by using the value found in step 1 of this procedure for the daily clear-day solar insolation for January 21.

**4. Determine the effect of a changed tilt angle for the collector.** Most south-facing solar collectors are tilted at an angle approximately that of the latitude of the location plus  $15^\circ$ . But if construction or other characteristics of the site prevent this tilt angle, the effect can be computed by using the ASHRAE tables and a linear interpolation.

Thus, for this  $48^\circ\text{N}$  location, with an actual tilt angle of  $48^\circ$ , a collector tilt angle of  $74^\circ$  will produce a clear-day solar insolation of  $i_T = 1578[(74 - 68)/(90 - 68)](1578 - 1478) = 1551.0 \text{ Btu}/(\text{day}\cdot\text{ft}^2)$  ( $4894.4 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$ ), by the ASHRAE tables. In the above relation, the insolation values are for solar collector tilt angles of  $68^\circ$  and  $90^\circ$ , respectively, with the higher insolation value for the smaller angle. Note that the insolation (heat absorbed) is greater at  $74^\circ$  than at  $48^\circ$  tilt angle.

**Related Calculations** This procedure demonstrates the flexibility and utility of the ASHRAE clear-day solar insolation tables. Using straight-line interpolation, the designer can obtain a number of intermediate clear-day values, including solar insolation at times other than those listed, insolation at collector tilt angles different from those listed, insolation on both normal (vertical) and horizontal planes, and surface daily total insolation. The calculations are simple, provided the designer carefully observes the direction of change in the tabulated values and uses the latitude table for the collector location. Where an exact-latitude table is not available, the designer can interpolate in a linear fashion between latitude values less than and greater than the location latitude.

Remember that the ASHRAE tables give clear-day insolation values. To determine the actual solar insolation, the clear-day values must be corrected for dust, water vapor, and clouds, as shown above. This correction usually reduces the amount of insolation, requiring a larger collector area to produce the required heating or cooling. ASHRAE also publishes tables of the average percentage of sunshine for use in the relation for determining the actual solar insolation for a given location.

## -sizing collectors for solar-energy heating systems

Select the required collector area for a solar-energy heating system which is to supply 70 percent of the heat for a commercial building situated in Grand Forks, Minnesota, if the computed heat loss is

100,000 Btu/h (29.3 kW), the design indoor temperature is 70°F (21.1°C), the collector efficiency is given as 38 percent by the manufacturer, and collector tilt and orientation are adjustable for maximum solar-energy receipt.

**Calculation Procedure**

**1. Determine the heating load for the structure.** The first step in sizing a solar collector is to compute the heating load for the structure. This is done by using the methods given for other procedures in this handbook in Sec. 2, under Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning, and in Sec. 4, under Electric Comfort Heating. Use of these procedures would give the hourly heating load—in this instance, it is 100,000 Btu/h (29.3 kW).

**2. Compute the energy insolation for the solar collector.** To determine the insolation received by the collector, the orientation and tilt angle of the collector must be known. Since the collector can be oriented and tilted for maximum results, the collector will be oriented directly south for maximum insolation. Further, the tilt will be that of the latitude of Grand Forks, Minnesota, or 48°, since this produces the maximum performance for any solar collector.

Next, use tabulations of mean percentage of possible sunshine and solar position and insolation for the latitude of the installation. Such tabulations are available in ASHRAE publications and in similar reference works. List, for each month of the year, the mean percentage of possible sunshine and the insolation in Btu/(day·ft<sup>2</sup>) (W/m<sup>2</sup>), as in Table 39.

Using a heating season of September through May, we find the total solar energy available from the collector for these months is 103,627.6 Btu/ft<sup>2</sup> (326.9 kW/m<sup>2</sup>), found by taking the heat energy per month (= mean sunshine, percent)[total insolation, Btu/(ft<sup>2</sup>·day)](collector efficiency, percent) and summing each month's total. Heat available during the off season can be used for heating water for use in the building hot-water system.

**TABLE 39** Solar Energy Available for Heating

Month	Mean sunshine, percent	Total insolation		Efficiency of collector, percent	Energy available from collector*		Heating-season energy available	
		Btu/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·day)	W/(m <sup>2</sup> ·day)		Btu/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·day)	W/(m <sup>2</sup> ·day)	Btu/(month·ft <sup>2</sup> )	W (month·m <sup>2</sup> )
Jan.	49	1,478	4,663.1	38	275.2	868.3	8,531.2	26,915.9
Feb.	54	1,972	6,221.7	38	404.7	1,276.8	11,331.6	35,751.2
Mar.	55	2,228	7,029.3	38	465.7	1,469.3	14,436.7	45,547.8
Apr.	57	2,266	7,149.2	38	490.8	1,548.5	14,724.0	46,454.2
May	60	2,234	7,048.3	38	509.4	1,607.2	15,791.4	49,821.9
June	64	2,204	6,953.6	38	NA <sup>†</sup>	NA	NA	NA
July	72	2,200	6,941.0	38	NA <sup>†</sup>	NA	NA	NA
Aug.	69	2,200	6,941.0	38	NA <sup>†</sup>	NA	NA	NA
Sept.	60	2,118	6,682.3	38	482.9	1,523.6	14,487.0	45,706.5
Oct.	54	1,860	5,868.3	38	381.7	1,204.3	11,832.7	37,332.2
Nov.	40	1,448	4,568.4	38	220.1	694.4	6,603.0	20,832.5
Dec.	40	1,250	3,943.8	38	190.0	599.5	5,890.0	18,582.9
					Total = 103,627.6 [326.9 kW/(month·m <sup>2</sup> )]			

\*Values in this column = (mean sunshine, %)[total insolation, Btu/(ft<sup>2</sup>·day)](efficiency of collector, %).

†Not applicable because not part of the heating season; June, July, and August are ignored in the calculation.



**3. Find the annual heating season heat load.** Since the heat loss is 100,000 Btu/h (29.3 kW), the total heat load during the 9-month heating season from September through May, or 273 days, is  $H_a = (24 \text{ h})(273 \text{ days})(100,000) = 655,200,000 \text{ Btu}$  (687.9 MJ).

**4. Determine the collector area required.** The calculation in step 2 shows that the total solar energy available during the heating season is 103,627.6 Btu/ft<sup>2</sup> (326.9 kW/m<sup>2</sup>). Then the collector area required is  $A \text{ ft}^2 \text{ (m}^2\text{)} = H_a/S_a$ , where  $S_a$  = total solar energy available during the heating season, Btu/ft<sup>2</sup>. Or  $A = 655,200,000/103,627.6 = 6322.64 \text{ ft}^2$  (587.4 m<sup>2</sup>) if the solar panel is to supply all the heat for the building. However, only 70 percent of the heat required by the building is to be supplied by solar energy. Hence, the required solar panel area =  $0.7(6322.6) = 4425.8 \text{ ft}^2$  (411.2 m<sup>2</sup>).

With the above data, a collector of 4500 ft<sup>2</sup> (418 m<sup>2</sup>) would be chosen for this installation. This choice agrees well with the precomputed collector sizes published by the U.S. Department of Energy for various parts of the United States.

**Related Calculations** The procedure shown here is valid for any type of solar collector—flat-plate, concentrating, or nonconcentrating. The two variables which must be determined for any installation are the annual heat loss for the structure and the annual heat flow available from the solar collector. Once these are known, the collector area is easily determined.

The major difficulty in sizing solar collectors for either comfort heating or water heating lies in determining the heat output of the collector. Factors such as collector tilt angle, orientation, and efficiency must be carefully evaluated before the collector final choice is made. And of these three factors, collector efficiency is probably the most important in the final choice of a collector.

## F CHART METHOD FOR DETERMINING USEFUL ENERGY DELIVERY IN SOLAR HEATING

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Determine the annual heating energy delivery of a solar space-heating system using a double-glazed flat-plate collector if the building is located in Bismarck, North Dakota, and the following specifications apply:

### Building

Location: 47°N latitude

Space-heating load: 15,000 Btu/(°F·day)[8.5 kW/(m<sup>2</sup>·K·day)]

### Solar System

Collector loss coefficient:  $F_R U_C = 0.80 \text{ Btu}/(\text{h} \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{F})$ [4.5 W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)]

Collector optical efficiency (average):  $F_R (\bar{\tau}\alpha) = 0.70$

Collector tilt:  $\beta = L + 15^\circ = 62^\circ$

Collector area:  $A_c = 600 \text{ ft}^2$  (55.7 m<sup>2</sup>)

Collector fluid flow rate:  $\dot{m}_c/A_c = 11.4 \text{ lb}/(\text{h} \cdot \text{ft}^2)$  (water) [0.0155 kg/(s·m<sup>2</sup>)]

Collector fluid heat capacity–specific gravity product:  $c_{pc} = 0.9 \text{ Btu}/(\text{lb} \cdot ^\circ\text{F})$ [3.8 kJ/(kg·K)] (antifreeze)

Storage capacity: 1.85 gal/ft<sup>2</sup>(water) (75.4 L/m<sup>2</sup>)

Storage fluid flow rate:  $\dot{m}_c/A_c = 20 \text{ lb}/(\text{h} \cdot \text{ft}^2)$  (water) [0.027 kg/(s·m<sup>2</sup>)]

Storage fluid heat capacity:  $c_{ps} = 1 \text{ Btu}/(\text{lb} \cdot ^\circ\text{F})$ (water)[4.2 kJ/(kg·K)]

Heat-exchanger effectiveness: 0.75

### Climatic Data

Climatic data from the NWS are tabulated in Table 40.

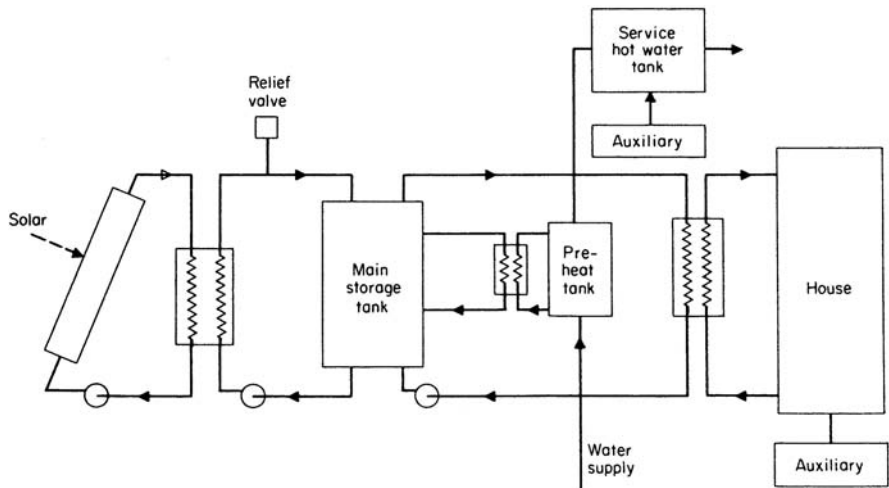
**TABLE 40** Climate and Solar Data for Bismarck, North Dakota

Month	Average ambient temperature		Heating, degree-days		Horizontal solar radiation, langley's/day
	°F	°C	°F	°C	
Jan.	8.2	-13.2	1761	978	157
Feb.	13.5	-10.3	1442	801	250
Mar.	25.1	-3.8	1237	687	356
Apr.	43.0	6.1	660	367	447
May	54.4	12.4	339	188	550
June	63.8	17.7	122	68	590
July	70.8	21.5	18	10	617
Aug.	69.2	20.7	35	19	516
Sept.	57.5	14.2	252	140	390
Oct.	46.8	8.2	564	313	272
Nov.	28.9	-1.7	1083	602	161
Dec.	15.6	-9.1	1531	850	124

**Calculation Procedure**

**1. Determine the solar parameter  $P_s$ .** The  $F$  chart is a common calculation procedure used in the United States to ascertain the useful energy delivery of active solar heating systems. The  $F$  chart applies only to the specific system designs of the type shown in Fig. 20 for liquid systems and Fig. 21 for air systems. Both systems find wide use today.

The  $F$  chart method consists of several empirical equations expressing the monthly solar heating fraction  $f_s$  as a function of dimensionless groups which relate system properties and weather data for a month to the monthly heating requirement. The several dimensionless parameters are grouped into two dimensionless groups called the *solar parameter*  $P_s$  and the *loss parameter*  $P_L$ .



**FIGURE 20** Liquid-based solar space- and water-heating system. (DOE/CS-0011.)

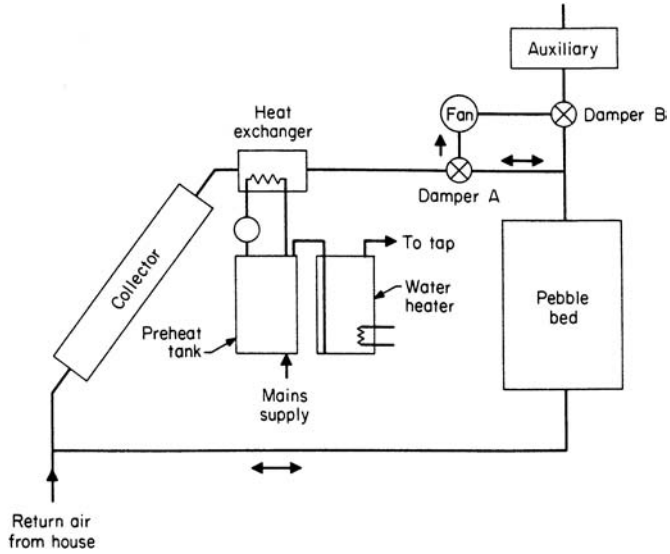


FIGURE 21 Air-based solar space- and water-heating system. (DOE/CS-0011.)

The solar parameter  $P_s$  is the ratio of monthly solar energy absorbed by the collector divided by the monthly heating load, or

$$P_s = \frac{K_{ldhx} F_{hx} (F_R \bar{\tau\alpha}) \bar{I}_c N}{L}$$

where  $F_{hx}$  = heat-exchanger penalty factor (see Fig. 22)

$F_R \tau\alpha$  = average collector optical efficiency =  $0.95 \times$  collector efficiency curve intercept

$F_R(\tau\alpha)_n$

$\bar{I}_c$  = monthly average insolation on collector surface from a listing of monthly solar and climatic data

$N$  = number of days in a month

$L$  = monthly heating load, net of any passive system delivery as calculated by the  $P$  chart, solar load ratio (SLR), or any other suitable method, Btu/month

$K_{ldhx}$  = load-heat-exchanger correction factor for liquid systems, Table 41

(The  $P$  chart method and the SLR method are both explained in Related Calculations later.)

The value of  $P_s$  is found for each month of the year by substituting appropriate unit values in the above equation and tabulating the results (Table 42).

**2. Determine the loss parameter  $P_L$ .** The loss parameter  $P_L$  is related to the long-term energy losses from the collector divided by the monthly heating load:

$$P_L = (K_{stor} K_{flow} K_{DHW}) \frac{F_{hx} (F_R U_c) (T_r - \bar{T}_a) \Delta t}{L}$$

where  $F_R U_c$  = magnitude of collector efficiency curve slope (can be modified to include piping and duct losses)

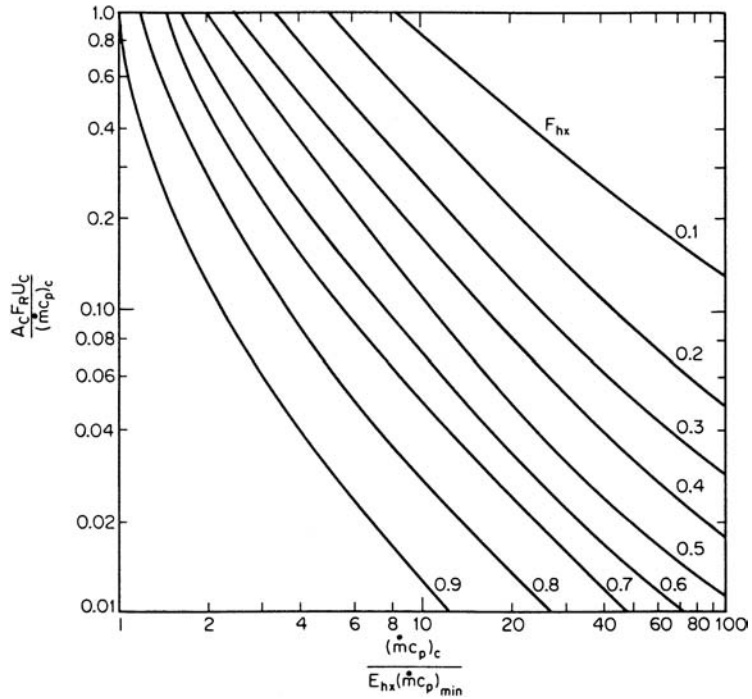


FIGURE 22 Heat-exchanger penalty factor  $F_{hx}$ . When no exchanger is present,  $F = 1$ . (Kreider—The Solar Heating Design Process, McGraw-Hill).

TABLE 41  $F$  Chart  $K$  Factors

Correction factor	Air or liquid system	Correction factor	Validity range for factor
$K_{flow}$	A*	$\{[2 \text{ ft}^3/(\text{min} \cdot \text{ft}^2)]/\text{actual flow}\}^{-0.28}$ $\{[0.61 \text{ m}^3/(\text{min} \cdot \text{m}^2)]/\text{actual flow}\}^{-0.28}$	1–4 $\text{ft}^3/(\text{min} \cdot \text{ft}^2)$ [0.03 to 0.11 $\text{m}^3/(\text{min} \cdot \text{m}^2)$ ]
$K_{stor}$	L A†	Small effect included in $F_R$ and $F_{hx}$ only $[(0.82 \text{ ft}^3/\text{ft}^2)/\text{actual volume}]^{0.30}$ $[(0.25 \text{ m}^3/\text{m}^2)/\text{actual volume}]^{0.30}$	0.4–3.3 $\text{ft}^3/\text{ft}^2$ (0.012 to 0.10 $\text{m}^3/\text{m}^2$ )
	L	$[(1.85 \text{ gal}/\text{ft}^2)/\text{actual volume}]^{0.25}$ $[(0.0754 \text{ L}/\text{m}^2)/\text{actual volume}]^{0.25}$	0.9–7.4 $\text{gal}/\text{ft}^2$ (36.7 to 301.5 $\text{L}/\text{m}^2$ )
$K_{DHW}^{\ddagger}$	L	$\frac{(1.18T_{w,o} + 3.86T_{w,i} - 2.32\bar{T}_a - 66.2)}{212 - \bar{T}_a}$	
$K_{ldhx}^{\S}$	L	$0.39 + 0.65 \exp[-0.139UA/E_L(\dot{m}c_p)_{air}]$	$0.5 < \frac{E_L(\dot{m}c_p)_{air}}{UA} < 50$
	A	NA	

\*User must also include the effect of flow rate in  $F_R$ , i.e., in  $F_R(\bar{T}\bar{\alpha})$  and  $F_R U_c$ . Refer to manufacturer's data for this.

†For air systems using latent-heat storage, see J. J. Jurinak and S. I. Abdel-Khalik, *Energy*, vol. 4, p. 503 (1979) for the expression for  $K_{stor}$ .

‡Only applies for liquid storage DHW systems (air collectors can be used, however);  $T_{w,o}$  = hot-water supply temperature,  $T_{w,i}$  = cold-water supply temperature to water heater, both °F. Applies only to a specific water use schedule; predictions of performance for other schedules will have reduced accuracy.

§UA = unit building heat load, Btu/(h·°F);  $E_L$  = load-heat-exchanger effectiveness;  $(\dot{m}c_p)_{air}$  = load-heat-exchanger air capacitance rate, Btu/(h·°F) = density × 60 × cubic feet per minute × 0.24.

Note: Metrication supplied by handbook editor.

**TABLE 42** *F* Chart Summary

Month	Collector-plane radiation		Monthly energy demand L				Monthly deliver		
	Btu/(day·ft <sup>2</sup> )	W/m <sup>2</sup>	million		$P_L^a$	$P_s^a$	$f_s$	million	
			Btu	MJ/month				Btu	MJ/month
Jan.	1506	4749.9	26.41	27.86	2.68	0.72	0.46	12.15	12.82
Feb.	1784	5626.7	21.63	22.82	2.88	0.95	0.60	12.98	13.69
Mar.	1795	5661.4	18.55	19.57	3.50	1.22	0.73	13.54	14.28
Apr.	1616	5096.9	9.90	10.44	5.75	2.00	0.94	9.31	9.82
May	1606	5065.3	5.08	5.36	10.78	>3.00	1.00	5.08	5.36
June	1571	4954.9	1.83	1.93	>20.00	>3.00	1.00	1.83	1.93
July	1710	5393.3	0.27	0.28	>20.00	>3.00	1.00	0.27	0.28
Aug.	1712	5399.6	0.52	0.55	>20.00	>3.00	1.00	0.52	0.55
Sept.	1721	5428.0	3.78	3.99	13.76	>3.00	1.00	3.78	3.99
Oct.	1722	5431.2	8.46	8.93	6.79	2.58	1.00	8.46	8.93
Nov.	1379	4349.4	16.24	17.13	3.79	1.04	0.61	9.91	10.46
Dec.	1270	4005.6	22.96	24.22	2.98	0.70	0.43	9.87	10.41
Annual			135.66	143.1			0.65	87.70	92.52

<sup>a</sup> $P_s > 3.0$  or  $P_L > 20.0$  implies  $P_s = 3.0$  and  $P_L = 20$ , i.e.,  $f_s = 1.0$ . The annual solar fraction  $\bar{f}_s$  is 87.70/135.66, or 6 percent.

- $\bar{T}_a$  = monthly average ambient temperature, °F (°C)<sup>1</sup>
- $\Delta t$  = number of hours per month = 24*N*
- $T_r$  = reference temperature = 212°F (100°C)
- $K_{stor}$  = storage volume correction factor, Table 41
- $K_{flow}$  = collector flow rate correction factor, Table 41
- $K_{DHW}$  = conversion factor for parameter  $P_L$  when *only* a water heating system is to be studied, Table 41

**3. Determine the monthly solar fraction.** The monthly solar fraction  $f_s$  depends only on these two parameters,  $P_s$  and  $P_L$ . For liquid heating systems using solar energy as their heat source, the monthly solar fraction is given by

$$f_s = 1.029P_s - 0.065P_L - 0.245P_s^2 + 0.0018P_L^2 + 0.0215P_s^3$$

if  $P_s > P_L/12$  (if not,  $f_s = 0$ ).

For air-based solar heating systems, the monthly solar heating fraction is given by

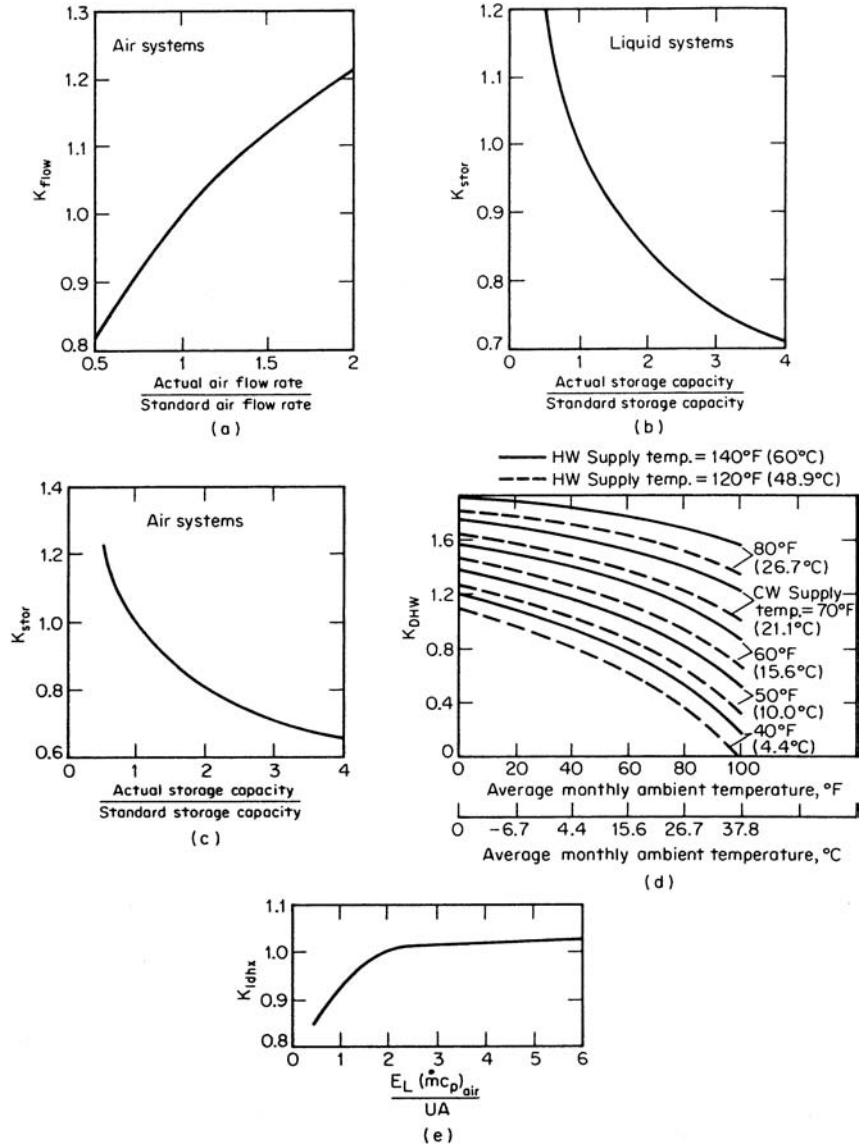
$$f_s = 1.040P_s - 0.065P_L - 0.159P_s^2 + 0.00187P_L^2 + 0.0095P_s^3$$

if  $P_s > 0.07P_L$  (if not,  $f_s = 0$ ).

Flow rate, storage, load heat-exchanger, and domestic hot-water correction factors for use in the equations for  $P_s$  and  $P_L$ , in steps 1 and 2 above, are given in Table 41 and Fig. 23.

When you use the *F* chart method of calculation for any system, follow this order: collector insolation, collector properties, monthly heat loads, monthly ambient temperatures, and monthly values of  $P_s$  and  $P_L$ . Once the parameter values are known, the monthly solar fraction and monthly energy delivery are readily calculated, as shown in Table 42.

<sup>1</sup>Note that  $T_a \neq 65^\circ$  – (degree heating days/*N*), contrary to statements of many U.S. government contractors and in many government reports. The equality is only valid for those months when  $T_a < 65^\circ\text{F}$  every day, i.e., only 3 or 4 months of the year at the most. The errors propagated through the solar industry by assuming the equality to be true are too many to count.



**FIGURE 23** *F* chart correction factors. (a)  $K_{flow}$  {standard value is 2 standard ft<sup>2</sup>/(min·ft<sup>2</sup>) [0.01 m<sup>3</sup>/(s·m<sup>2</sup>)]} (b), (c)  $K_{stor}$  [standard liquid value is 1.85 gal/ft<sup>2</sup> (75.4 L/m<sup>2</sup>); standard rock value is 0.82 ft<sup>3</sup>/ft<sup>2</sup> (0.025 m<sup>3</sup>/m<sup>2</sup>)]. (d)  $K_{DHW}$ . (e)  $K_{idhx}$  (standard value of abscissa is 2.0). (U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development and Kreider—The Solar Heating Design Process, McGraw-Hill.)

The total of all monthly energy deliveries is the total annual useful energy produced by the solar system. And the total annual useful energy delivered divided by the total annual load is the annual solar load fraction.

**4. Compute the monthly energy delivery.** Set up a tabulation such as that in Table 42. Using weather data for Bismarck, North Dakota, list the collector-plane radiation, Btu/(day·ft<sup>2</sup>), monthly

energy demand [= space-heating load, Btu/(°F·day)](degree days for the month, from weather data),  $P_L$  computed from the relation given,  $P_s$  computed from the relation given,  $f_s$  computed from the appropriate relation (water or air) given earlier, and the monthly delivery found from  $f_s$  (monthly energy demand).

**Related Calculations** In applying the  $F$  chart method, it is important to use a consistent area basis for calculating the efficiency curve information and the solar and loss parameters,  $P_s$  and  $P_L$ . The early National Bureau of Standards (NBS) test procedures based the collector efficiency on net glazing area. A more recent and more widely used test procedure developed by ASHRAE (93.77) uses the gross-area basis. The gross area is the area of the glazing plus the area of opaque weatherstripping, seals, and supports. Hence, when ASHRAE test data are used, the solar and loss parameters must be based on gross area. The efficiency curve basis and  $F$  chart basis must be consistent for proper results.

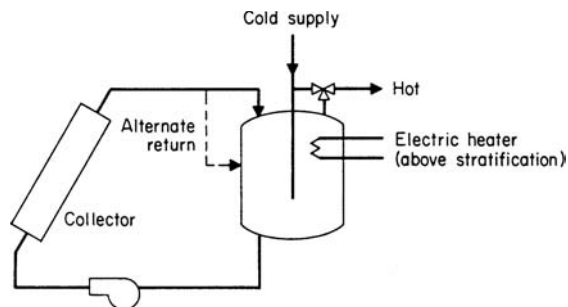
The  $F$  chart method can be used for a number of other solar-heating calculations, including performance of an associated heat-pump backup system, collectors connected in series, etc. For specific steps in these specialized calculation procedures, see Kreider—*The Solar Heating Design Process*, McGraw-Hill. The calculation procedure given here is based on the Kreider book, with numbers and SI units being added to the steps in the calculation by the editor of this handbook.

The  $P$  chart mentioned as part of the  $P_s$  calculation is a trademark of the Solar Energy Design Corporation, POB 67, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521. Developed by Arney, Seward, and Kreider for passive predictions of solar performance, the  $P$  chart uses only the building heat load in Btu/(°F·day). The  $P$  chart will specify the solar fraction and optimum size of three passive systems.

The monthly solar load ratio is an empirical method of estimating monthly solar and auxiliary energy requirements for passive solar systems. For more data on both the  $P$  chart and SLR methods, see the Kreider work mentioned above.

## DOMESTIC HOT-WATER-HEATER COLLECTOR SELECTION

Select the area for a solar collector to provide hot water for a family of six people in a residential building in Northport, New York, when the desired water outlet temperature is 140°F (60°C) and the water inlet temperature is 50°F (10°C). A pumped-liquid type of domestic hot-water (DHW) system (Fig. 24) is used. Compare the collector area required for 60, 80, and 90 percent of the DHW heating load.



**FIGURE 24** Direct-heating pump circulation solar water heater. (DOE/CS-0011.)

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Find the daily DHW heating load.** A typical family in the United States uses about 20 gal (9.1 L) of hot water per person per day. Hence, a family of six will use a total of  $6(20) = 120$  gal (54.6 L) per day. Since water has a specific heat of unity (1.0) and weighs 8.34 lb/gal (1.0 kg/dm<sup>3</sup>), the daily DHW heating load is  $L = (120 \text{ gal/day})(8.34 \text{ lb/gal}) [1.0 \text{ Btu}/(\text{lb} \cdot ^\circ\text{F})](140 - 50) = 90,072 \text{ Btu/day}$  (95,026 kJ/day). This is the 100 percent heating load.

**2. Determine the average solar insolation for the collector.** Use the month of January because this usually gives the minimum solar insolation during the year, providing the maximum collector area. Using Fig. 25 for eastern Long Island, where Northport is located, we find the solar insolation  $H = 580 \text{ Btu}/(\text{ft}^2 \cdot \text{day})$  [1829.3 W/(m<sup>2</sup>·day)] on a horizontal surface. (The horizontal surface insolation is often used in DHW design because it provides conservative results.)

**3. Find the HA/L ratio for this installation.** Use Fig. 26 to find the HA/L ratio, where A = collector area, ft<sup>2</sup> (m<sup>2</sup>). Enter Fig. 26 on the left at the fraction  $F$  of the annual load supplied by solar energy; project to the right to the tinted area and then vertically downward to the HA/L ratio. Thus, for  $F = 60$  percent,  $HA/L = 1.0$ ;  $F = 80$  percent,  $HA/L = 1.5$ ; for  $F = 90$  percent,  $HA/L = 2.0$ .

**4. Compute the solar collector area required.** Use the relation  $HA/L = 1$  for the 60 percent fraction. Or,  $HA/L = 1$ ,  $A = L/H = 0.6(90,072)/580 = 93.18 \text{ ft}^2$  (8.7 m<sup>2</sup>). For  $HA/L = 1.5$  for the 80 percent fraction,  $A = 0.8(90,072)/580 = 124.24 \text{ ft}^2$  (11.5 m<sup>2</sup>). And for the 90 percent fraction,  $A = 0.9(90,072)/580 = 139.77 \text{ ft}^2$  (12.98 m<sup>2</sup>).

Comparing these areas shows that the 80 percent factor area is 33 percent larger than the 60 percent factor area, while the 90 percent factor area is 50 percent larger. To evaluate the impact of the increased area, the added cost of the larger collector must be compared with the fuel that will be saved by reducing the heat input needed for DHW heating.

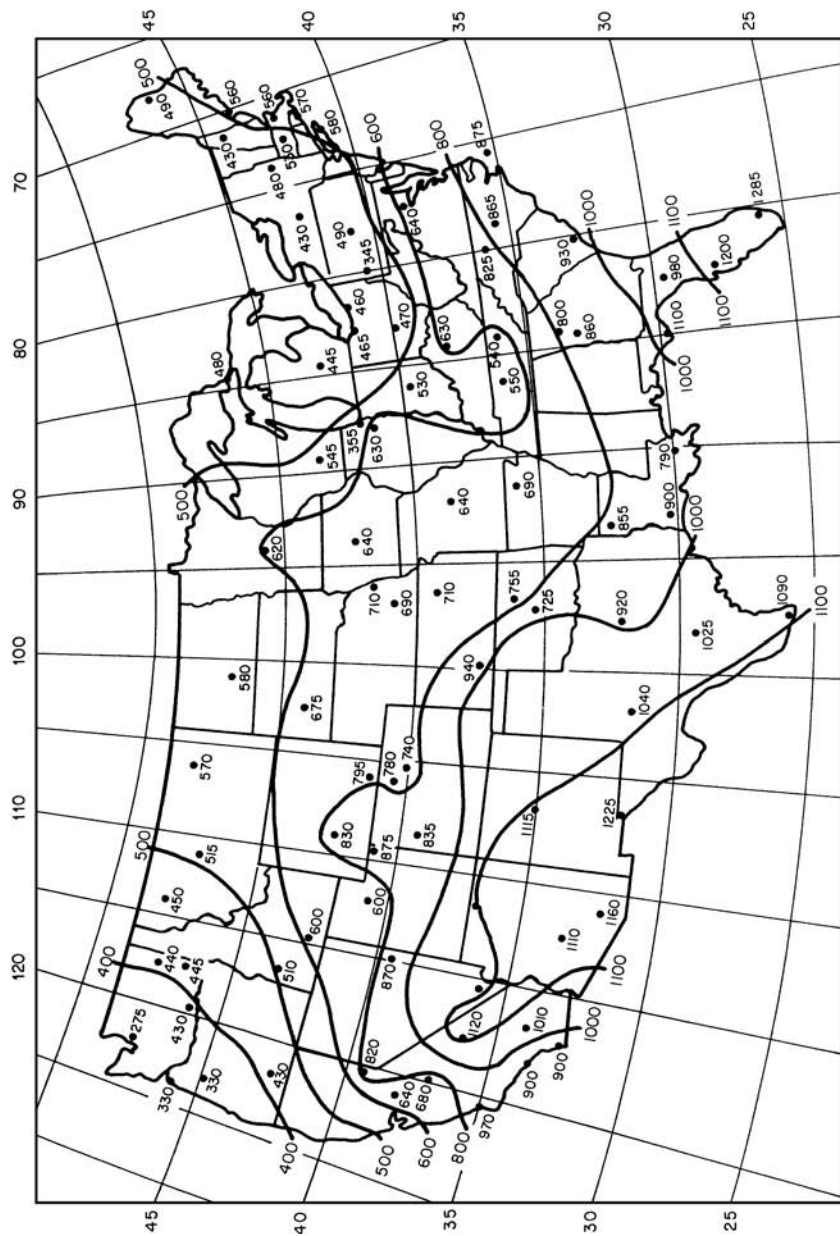
**Related Calculations** Figures 25 and 26 are based on computer calculations for 11 different locations for the month of January in the United States ranging from Boulder, Colorado, to Boston; New York; Manhattan, Kansas; Gainesville, Florida; Santa Maria, California; St. Cloud, Minnesota; Washington; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Madison, Wisconsin; Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The separate curve above the shaded band in Fig. 26 is the result for Seattle, which is distinctly different from other parts of the country. Hot-water loads used in the computer computations range from 50 gal/day (189.2 L/day) to 2000 gal/day (7500 L/day). The sizing curves in Fig. 26 are approximate and should not be expected to yield results closer than 10 percent of the actual value.

Remember that the service hot-water load is nearly constant throughout the year while the solar energy collected varies from season to season. A hot-water system sized for January, such as that in Fig. 26, with collectors tilted at the latitude angle, will deliver high-temperature water and may even cause boiling in the summer. But a system sized to meet the load in July will not provide all the heat needed in winter. Orientation of the collector can partially overcome the month-to-month fluctuations in radiation and temperature.

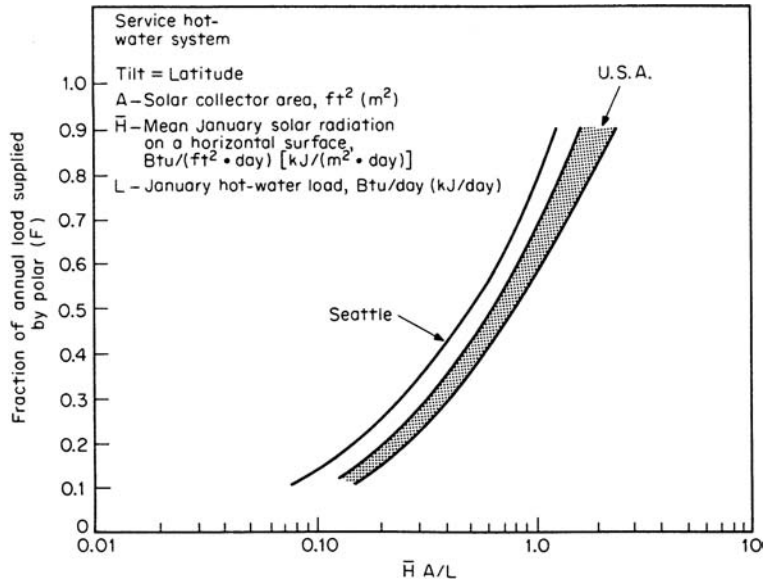
Solar-energy water heaters cost from \$300 for a roof-mounted collector to over \$2000 for a collector mounted on a stand adjacent to the house. The latter are nonfreeze type collectors fitted with a draindown valve, 50 ft<sup>2</sup> (4.7 m<sup>2</sup>) of collector surface area, an 80-gal (302.8-L) water tank, and the needed pumps and controls. Estimates of the time to recover the investment in such a system can range from as little as 3 to as long as 8 yr, depending on the cost of the fuel saved. The charts used in this procedure were originally published in DOE/CS-0011, *Introduction to Solar Heating and Cooling—Design and Sizing*, available from the National Technical Information Service, Springfield, Virginia 22161.

DOE/CS-0011 notes that a typical family of four persons requires, in the United States, about 80 gal (302.8 L) of hot water per day. At a customary supply temperature of 140°F (60°C), the amount of heat required if the cold inlet water is at 60°F (15.5°C) is about 50,000 Btu/day





**FIGURE 25** Average solar radiation, Btu/ft<sup>2</sup> ( $\times 3.155 = \text{W/m}^2$ ), horizontal surface in the month of January. (DOE/CS-0011.)



**FIGURE 26** Fraction of annual load supplied by a solar hot-water heating system as a function of January conditions. (DOE/CS-0011.)

(52,750 kJ/day). Further, there is a wide variation in the solar availability from region to region and from season to season in a particular location. There are also the short-term radiation fluctuations owing to cloudiness and the day-night cycle.

Seasonal variations in solar availability result in a 200 to 400 percent difference in the solar heat supply to a hot-water system. In the winter, for example, an average recovery of 40 percent of 1200 Btu/ft<sup>2</sup> (3785 W/m<sup>2</sup>) of solar energy of sloping surface would require approximately 100 ft<sup>2</sup> (9.3 m<sup>2</sup>) of collector for the 50,000-Btu (52,750-kJ) average daily requirement. Such a design would provide essentially all the hot-water needs on an average winter day, but would fall short on days of less than average sunshine. By contrast, a 50 percent recovery of an average summer radiant supply of 2000 Btu/ft<sup>2</sup> (6308 W/m<sup>2</sup>) would involve the need for only 50 ft<sup>2</sup> (4.6 m<sup>2</sup>) of collector to satisfy the average hot-water requirements.

If a 50-ft<sup>2</sup> (4.6-m<sup>2</sup>) solar collector were installed, it could supply the major part of, or perhaps nearly all, the summer hot-water requirements, but it could supply less than half the winter needs. And if a 100-ft<sup>2</sup> (9.3-m<sup>2</sup>) solar collector were used so that winter needs could be more nearly met, the system would be oversized for summer operation and excess solar heat would be wasted. In such circumstances, if an aqueous collection medium were used, boiling in the system would occur and collector or storage venting of steam would have to be provided.

The more important disadvantage of the oversized solar collector (for summer operation) is the economic penalty associated with investment in a collector that is not fully utilized. Although the cost of the 100-ft<sup>2</sup> (9.3-m<sup>2</sup>) solar collector system would not be double that of the 50-ft<sup>2</sup> (4.6-m<sup>2</sup>) unit, its annual useful heat delivery would be considerably less than double. It would, of course, deliver about twice as much heat in the winter season, when nearly all the heat could be used. But in the other seasons, particularly in summer, heat overflow would occur. The net effect of these factors is a lower economic return, per unit of investment, by the larger system. Stated another way, more Btu (kJ) per dollar of investment (hence cheaper solar heat) can be delivered by the smaller system.

If it sized on average daily radiation in the sunniest months, the solar collector will be slightly oversized and a small amount of heat will be wasted on days of maximum solar input. On partly cloudy days during the warm season, some auxiliary heat must be provided. In the month of lowest average solar energy delivery, typically one-half to one-third as much solar-heated water can be supplied as during the warm season. Thus, fuel requirements for increasing the temperature of solar-heated water to the desired (thermostated) level could involve one-half to two-thirds of the total energy needed for hot-water heating in a midwinter month.

One disadvantage of solar DHW heating systems is the possibility of the water in the collector and associated pipe freezing during unexpectedly cold weather. Since they were introduced on a wide scale, thousands of solar DHW systems have suffered freeze damage, even in relatively warm areas of the world. Such damage is both costly and wasteful of energy.

Three ways are used to prevent freeze damage in solar DHW systems:

1. Pump circulation of warm water through the collector and piping during the night hours reduces the savings produced by the solar DHW heating system because the energy required to run the pump must be deducted from the fuel savings resulting from use of the solar panels.
2. Use an automatic drain-down valve or mechanisms to empty the system of water during freezing weather. Since the onset of a freeze can be sudden, such systems must be automatic if they are to protect the collector and piping while the occupants of the building are away. Unfortunately, there is no 100 percent reliable drain-down valve or mechanism. A number of “fail-safe” systems have frozen during unusually sharp or sudden cold spells. Research is still being conducted to find the completely reliable drain-down device.
3. Indirect solar DHW systems use a nonfreeze fluid in the collector and piping to prevent freeze damage. The nonfreeze fluid passes through a heat exchanger wherein it gives up most of its heat to the potable water for the DHW system. To date, the indirect system gives the greatest protection against freezing. Although there is a higher initial cost for an indirect system, the positive freeze protection is felt to justify this additional investment.

There are various sizing rules for solar DHW heating systems. Summarized below are those given by Kreider and Kreith—*Solar Heating and Cooling*, Hemisphere and McGraw-Hill:

Collector area: 1 ft<sup>2</sup>/(gal·day) [0.025 m<sup>2</sup>/(L·day)]; DHW storage tank capacity: 1.5 to 2 gal/ft<sup>2</sup> (61.1 to 81.5 L/m<sup>2</sup>) of collector area; collector water flow rate: 0.025 gal/(min·ft<sup>2</sup>) [0.000017 m<sup>3</sup>/(s·m<sup>2</sup>)]; indirect system storage flow rate: 0.03 to 0.04 gal/(min·ft<sup>2</sup>) [0.0002 to 0.00027 m<sup>3</sup>/(s·m<sup>2</sup>)] of collector area; indirect system heat-exchanger area of 0.05 to 0.1 ft<sup>2</sup>/collector ft<sup>2</sup> (0.005 to 0.009 m<sup>2</sup>/collector m<sup>2</sup>); collector tilt; latitude ±5°; indirect system expansion-tank volume: 12 percent of collector fluid loop; controller turnon  $\Delta T$ : 15 to 20°F (27 to 36°C); controller turnoff: 3 to 5°F (5.4 to 9°C); system operating pressure: provide 3 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (20.7 kPa) at top-most collector manifold; storage-tank insulation: R-25 to R-30; mixing-valve set point: 120 to 140°F (48.8 to 59.9°C); pipe diameter: to maintain fluid velocity below 6 ft/s (1.83 m/s) and above 2 ft/s (0.61 m/s).

Most domestic solar hot-water heaters are installed to reduce fuel cost. Typically, domestic hot water is heated in an oil-burning boiler or heater. A solar collector reduces the amount of oil needed to heat water, thereby reducing fuel cost. Simple economic studies will show how long it will take to recover the cost of the collector, given the estimated fuel saving.

A welcome added benefit obtained when using a solar collector to heat domestic water is the reduced atmospheric pollution because less fuel is burned to heat the water. All combustion produces carbon dioxide, which is believed to contribute to atmospheric pollution and the possibility of global warming. Reducing the amount of fuel burned to heat domestic water cuts the amount of carbon dioxide emitted to the atmosphere.

Although the reduced carbon dioxide emission is difficult to evaluate on an economic basis, it is a positive factor to be considered in choosing a hot-water heating system. With greater emphasis on environmentally desirable design, solar heating of domestic hot water will receive more attention in the future.

## PASSIVE SOLAR HEATING SYSTEM DESIGN

A south-facing passive solar collector will be designed for a one-story residence in Denver, Colorado. Determine the area of collector required to maintain an average inside temperature of 70°F (21°C) on a normal clear winter day for a corner room 15 ft (4.6 m) wide, 14 ft (4.3 m) deep, and 8 ft (2.4 m) high. The collector is located on the 15-ft (4.6-m) wide wall facing south, and the 14-ft (4.3-m) sidewall contains a 12-ft<sup>2</sup> (1.11-m<sup>2</sup>) window. The remaining two walls adjoin heated space and so do not transfer heat. Find the volume and surface area of thermal storage material needed to prevent an unsuitable daytime temperature increase and to store the solar gain for nighttime heating. Estimate the passive solar-heating contribution for an average heating season.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the heat loss.** The surface areas and the coefficients of heat transmission of collector, windows, doors, walls, and roofs must be known to calculate the conductive heat losses of a space. The collector area can be estimated for purposes of heat-loss calculations from Table 43.

Table 43 lists ranges of the estimated ratio of collector area to floor area,  $g$ , of a space for latitudes 36°N to 48°N based on 4°F (2.2°C) intervals of average January temperature and on various types of passive solar collectors. Average January temperatures can be selected from government weather data. Denver has an average January temperature of 32°F (0°C). Choosing a direct-gain system for this installation, read down to the horizontal line for  $t_o = 32^\circ\text{F}$  (0°C), and then read right to the column for a direct-gain system. To find the estimated ratio of collector area to floor area, use a linear interpolation. Thus, for Denver, which is located at approximately 40°N, interpolate between 48°N and 36°N values. Or,  $(0.24 - 0.20)/12 \times (40 - 36) + 0.20 = 0.21$ , where 0.24 and 0.20 are the ratios at 48°N and 36°N, respectively; 12 is a constant derived from  $48 - 36$ ; and 40 is the latitude for which a ratio is sought.

Next, find the collector area by using the relation  $A_C = (g)(A_F)$ , where  $A_C$  = collector area, ft<sup>2</sup> (m<sup>2</sup>);  $g$  = ratio of collector area to floor area, expressed as a decimal; and  $A_F$  = floor area, ft<sup>2</sup> (m<sup>2</sup>). Therefore,  $A_C = (0.21)(210) = 44$  ft<sup>2</sup> (4.1 m<sup>2</sup>).

To compute the conductive heat loss through a surface, use the general relation  $H_C = UA \Delta t$ , where  $H_C$  = conductive heat loss, Btu/h (W);  $U$  = overall coefficient of heat transmission of the surface, Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F) [W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)];  $A$  = area of heat transmission surface, ft<sup>2</sup> (m<sup>2</sup>); and  $\Delta t$  = temperature difference, °F = 65 -  $t_o$  (°C = 18.33 -  $t_o$ ), where  $t_o$  = average monthly temperature, °F (°C). The  $U$  values of materials can be found in ASHRAE and architectural handbooks.

**TABLE 43** Estimated Ratio of Collector Area to Floor Area,  $g = h_L(65 - t_o)/i_T$  for 36 to 48° North Latitude\*

Average January temperature $T_o$ , °F (°C)	Direct gain $g$	Water wall $g$	Masonry wall $g$
20 (- 6.7)	0.27-0.32	0.54-0.64	0.69-0.81
24 (- 4.4)	0.25-0.29	0.49-0.58	0.63-0.74
28 (- 2.2)	0.22-0.27	0.44-0.52	0.56-0.67
32 (0)	0.20-0.24	0.39-0.47	0.50-0.60
36 (+ 2.2)	0.17-0.21	0.35-0.41	0.44-0.53
40 (+ 4.4)	0.15-0.18	0.30-0.35	0.38-0.45
44 (+ 6.7)	0.13-0.15	0.25-0.30	0.32-0.38

For SI temperatures, use the relation  $g = h_L(18.33 - t_o)/i_T$ .  
\*Based on a heat loss of 8 Btu/(day·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F) [0.58 W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)].

Since a direct-gain system was selected, the total area of glazing is the sum of the collector and noncollector glazing,  $44 \text{ ft}^2 (4.1 \text{ m}^2) + 12 \text{ ft}^2 (1.1 \text{ m}^2) = 56 \text{ ft}^2 (5.2 \text{ m}^2)$ . Double glazing is recommended in all passive solar designs and is found to have a  $U$  value of  $0.42 \text{ Btu}/(\text{h}\cdot\text{ft}^2\cdot^\circ\text{F}) [2.38 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2\cdot\text{K})]$  in winter. Thus, the conductive heat loss through the glazing is  $H_C = UA\Delta t = (0.42)(56)(65 - 32) = 776 \text{ Btu/h} (227.4 \text{ W})$ .

The area of opaque wall surface subject to heat loss can be estimated by multiplying the wall height by the total wall length and then subtracting the estimated glazed areas from the total exterior wall area. Thus, the opaque wall area of this space is  $(8)(15 + 14) - 56 = 176 \text{ ft}^2 (16.3 \text{ m}^2)$ . Use the same general relation as above, substituting the  $U$  value and area of the wall. Thus,  $U = 0.045 \text{ Btu}/(\text{h}\cdot\text{ft}^2\cdot^\circ\text{F}) [0.26 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2\cdot\text{K})]$ , and  $A = 176 \text{ ft}^2 (16.3 \text{ m}^2)$ . Then  $H_C = UA \Delta t = (0.045)(176)(65 - 32) = 261 \text{ Btu/h} (76.5 \text{ W})$ .

To determine the conductive heat loss of the roof, use the same general relation as above, substituting the  $U$  value and area of the roof. Thus,  $U = 0.029 \text{ Btu}/(\text{h}\cdot\text{ft}^2\cdot^\circ\text{F}) [0.16 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2\cdot\text{K})]$  and  $A = 210 \text{ ft}^2 (19.5 \text{ m}^2)$ . Then  $H_C = UA \Delta t = (0.029)(210)(65 - 32) = 201 \text{ Btu/h} (58.9 \text{ W})$ .

To calculate infiltration heat loss, use the relation  $H_i = Vn \Delta t/55$ , where  $V$  = volume of heated space,  $\text{ft}^3 (\text{m}^3)$ ;  $n$  = number of air changes per hour, selected from Table 44. The volume for this space is  $V = (15)(14)(8) = 1680 \text{ ft}^3 (47.6 \text{ m}^3)$ . Entering Table 44 at the left for the physical description of the space, read to the right for  $n$ , the number of air changes per hour. This space has windows on two walls, so  $n = 1$ . Thus,  $H_i = (1680)(1)(65 - 32)/55 = 1008 \text{ Btu/h} (295.4 \text{ W})$ .

The total heat loss of the space is the sum of the individual heat losses of glass, wall, roof, and infiltration. Therefore, the total heat loss for this space is  $H_T = 776 + 261 + 201 + 1008 = 2246 \text{ Btu/h} (658.3 \text{ W})$ . Convert the total hourly heat loss to daily heat loss, using the relation  $H_D = 24 H_T$ , where  $H_D$  = total heat loss per day,  $\text{Btu/day} (\text{W})$ . Thus,  $H_D = 24(2246) = 53,904 \text{ Btu/day} (658.3 \text{ W})$ .

**2. Determine the daily insolation transmitted through the collector.** Use government data or ASHRAE clear-day insolation tables. The latitude of Denver is  $39^\circ 50' \text{N}$ . Since the minutes are greater than 30, or one-half of a degree, the ASHRAE table for  $40^\circ \text{N}$  is used. The collector is oriented due south. Hence, the average daily insolation transmitted through vertical south-facing single glazing for a clear day in January is  $i_T = 1626 \text{ Btu}/\text{ft}^2 (5132 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2)$ , or double the half-day total given in the ASHRAE table. Since double glazing is used, correct the insolation transmitted through single glazing by a factor of 0.875. Thus,  $i_T = (1626)(0.875) = 1423 \text{ Btu}/(\text{day}\cdot\text{ft}^2) (4490 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2)$  of collector.

**3. Compute the area of unshaded collector required.** Determine the area of unshaded collector needed to heat this space on an average clear day in January. An average clear day is chosen because sizing the collector for extreme or cloudy conditions would cause space overheating on clear days. January is used because it generally has the highest heating load of all the months.

To compute the collector area, use the relation  $A_C = H_D/(E)(i_T)$ , where  $E$  = a rule of thumb for the energy absorptance efficiency of the passive solar-heating system used, expressed as a decimal. Enter Table 45 for a direct gain system to find  $E = 0.91$ . Therefore,  $A_C = 53,904/(0.91)(1423) = 42 \text{ ft}^2 (3.9 \text{ m}^2)$ .

**TABLE 44** Air Changes per Hour for Well-Insulated Spaces\*

Description of space	Number of air changes per hour $n$
No windows or exterior doors	0.33
Windows or exterior doors on one side	0.67
Windows or exterior doors on two sides	1.0
Windows or exterior doors on three sides	1.33

\*These figures are based on spaces with weatherstripped doors and windows or spaces with storm windows or doors. If the space does not have these features, increase the value listed for  $n$  by 50%.

**TABLE 45** Energy Absorptance Efficiency of Passive Solar-Heating Systems

System	Efficiency $E$
Direct gain	0.91
Water thermal storage wall or roof pond	0.46
Masonry thermal storage wall	0.36
Attached greenhouse	0.18

If the area of unshaded collector computed in this step varies by more than 10 percent from the area of the collector estimated for heat-loss calculations in step 1, the heat loss should be recomputed with the new areas of collector and opaque wall. In this example, the computed and estimated collector areas are within 10 percent of each other, making a second computation of the collector area unnecessary.

**4. Compute the insolation stored for nighttime heating.** To compute the insolation to be stored for nighttime heating, the total daily insolation must be determined. Use the relation  $i_D = (A_C)(i_T)(E)$ , where  $i_D$  = total daily insolation collected, Btu (J). Therefore,  $i_D = (42)(1423)(0.91) = 54,387$  Btu (57.4 kJ).

Typically 35 percent of the total space heat gain is used to offset daytime heat losses, requiring 65 percent to be stored for nighttime heating. Therefore,  $i_S = (0.65)i_D$ , where  $i_S$  = insolation stored, Btu (J). Thus,  $i_S = (0.65)(54,387) = 35,352$  Btu (37.3 kJ). This step is not required for the design of thermal storage wall systems since the storage system is integrated within the collector.

**5. Compute the volume of thermal storage material required.** For a direct-gain system, use the formula  $V_M = i_S / (d)(c_p)(\Delta t_S)(C_S)$ , where  $V_M$  = volume of thermal storage material, ft<sup>3</sup> (m<sup>3</sup>);  $d$  = density of storage material, lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (kg/m<sup>3</sup>);  $c_p$  = specific heat of the material, Btu/(lb·°F) [kJ/(kg·K)];  $\Delta t_S$  = temperature increase of the material, °F (°C); and,  $C_S$  = fraction of insolation absorbed by the material due to color, expressed as a decimal.

Select concrete as the thermal storage material. Entering Table 46, we find the density and specific heat of concrete to be 144 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (2306.7 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) and 0.22 Btu/(lb·°F) [0.921 kJ/(kg·K)], respectively.

A suitable temperature increase of the storage material in a direct-gain system is  $\Delta t_S = +15^\circ\text{F}$  (+8.3°C). A range of +10 to +20°F (+5.6 to +11.1°C) can be used with smaller increases being more suitable. Select from Table 47. In this space, thermal energy will be stored in floors and walls, resulting in a weighted average of  $C_S = 0.60$ . Thus,  $V_M = 35,352 / (144)(0.22)(15)(0.60) = 124$  ft<sup>3</sup> (3.5 m<sup>3</sup>).

**TABLE 46** Properties of Thermal Storage Materials

Material	Density $d$		Specific heat $c_p$		Heat capacity	
	lb/ft <sup>3</sup>	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Btu/(lb·°F)	kJ/(kg·K)	Btu/(ft <sup>3</sup> ·°F)	kJ/(m <sup>3</sup> ·K)
Water	62.4	999.0	1.00	4184.0	62.40	4180.8
Rock	153	2449.5	0.22	920.5	33.66	2255.2
Concrete	144	2305.4	0.22	920.5	31.68	2122.6
Brick	123	1969.2	0.22	920.5	27.06	1813.0
Adobe	108	1729.1	0.24	1004.2	25.92	1736.6
Oak	48	768.5	0.57	2384.9	27.36	1833.1
Pine	31	496.3	0.67	2803.3	20.77	1391.6

**TABLE 47** Insolation Absorption Factors for Thermal Storage Material Based on Color

Color/Material	Factor $C_s$
Black, matte	0.95
Dark blue	0.91
State, dark gray	0.89
Dark green	0.88
Brown	0.79
Gray	0.75
Quarry tile	0.69
Red brick	0.68
Red clay tile	0.64
Concrete	0.60
Wood	0.60
Dark red	0.57
Limestone, dark	0.50
Limestone, light	0.35
Yellow	0.33
White	0.18

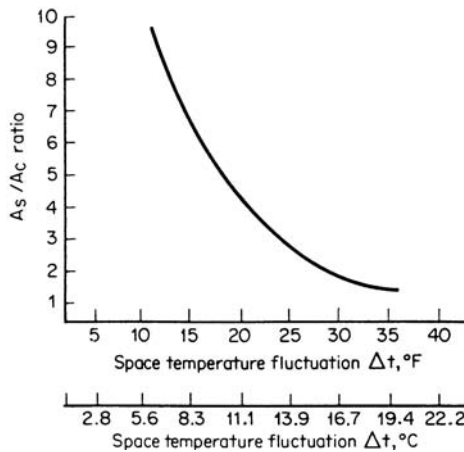
surface of storage material receiving direct, diffused or reflected insolation,  $\text{ft}^2$  ( $\text{m}^2$ ). In this example,  $15^\circ\text{F}$  ( $8.33^\circ\text{C}$ ) is selected, requiring  $A_s/A_c = 6.8$ . Thus,  $A_s = (6.8)(42) = 286 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $26.5 \text{ m}^2$ ).

This step is not required for the design of thermal storage wall systems in which  $A_s = A_c$ .

**7. Determine the average daily inside temperatures.** To verify that the collector and thermal storage material are correctly sized, the average inside temperature must be determined. Use  $t_i = t_o + 5 + (i_D)(65 - t_o)/H_D$ , where  $t_i$  = average daily inside temperature,  $^\circ\text{F}$  ( $^\circ\text{C}$ ), and  $5^\circ\text{F}$  ( $2.8^\circ\text{C}$ ) is an assumed inside temperature increase owing to internal heat generation such as lights, equipment, and people. Thus,  $t_i = 32 + 5 + (54,387)(65 - 32)/53,904 = 70.3^\circ\text{F}$  ( $21.27^\circ\text{C}$ ).

As a rule of thumb for thermal storage wall systems, provide a minimum of  $1 \text{ ft}^3$  ( $0.30 \text{ m}^3$ ) of dark-colored thermal storage material per square foot (meter) of collector for masonry walls or  $0.5 \text{ ft}^3$  ( $0.15 \text{ m}^3$ ) of water per square foot (meter) of collector for a water wall. This will provide enough thermal storage material to maintain the inside space temperature fluctuation within  $15^\circ\text{F}$  ( $8.33^\circ\text{C}$ ).

**6. Determine the surface area of storage material for a direct-gain space.** In a direct-gain system, the insolation must be spread over the surface area of the storage material to prevent overheating. Generally, the larger the surface area of material, the lower the inside temperature fluctuation, and thus the space is more comfortable. To determine this area, enter Fig. 27 at the lower axis to select an acceptable space temperature fluctuation. Project vertically to the curve, and read left to the  $A_s/A_c$  ratio. This is the ratio of thermal storage material surface to collector area, where  $A_s$  = surface



**FIGURE 27** Ratio of mass surface area to collector area. (Based on data in DOE/CS-0127-2 Passive Solar Design Handbook, vol. 2.)

To determine the average daily low and high temperatures, use  $t_L = t_i - \Delta t/2.5$ , and  $t_H = t_i + \Delta t/1.67$ , where  $t_L$  = minimum average space temperature, °F (°C);  $t_H$  = maximum average space temperature, °F (°C); and  $\Delta t$  = inside space temperature fluctuation used in step 6. Thus,  $t_L = 70.3 - 15/2.5 = 64.3^\circ\text{F}$  ( $17.9^\circ\text{C}$ ), and  $t_H = 70.3 + 15/1.67 = 79.3^\circ\text{F}$  ( $26.27^\circ\text{C}$ ).

**8. Estimate the passive solar-heating contribution.** To estimate the passive solar-heating contribution (SHC) for an average month, use  $\text{SHC}_M = 100(i_D)(p)/H_D$ , where  $\text{SHC}_M$  = solar heating contribution of the total monthly space-heating needs, percent, and  $p$  = an insolation factor based on the percentage of clear days, expressed as a decimal. The value of  $p = 0.30 + 0.65(S/100)$ , where  $S$  = average sunshine for the month, percent, from an ASHRAE or government map of sunshine for each month. The average January sunshine for Denver is 67 percent. Hence,  $p = 0.30 + 0.65(67/100) = 0.74$ . Thus, for this room in January,  $\text{SHC}_M = 100(54,387)(0.74)/53,904 = 74.7$  percent of the total average space-heating needs are provided by the passive solar-heating system.

To estimate the average annual solar-heating contribution for a building, repeat steps 1, 2, and 7 for each space for each month of the heating season. Use the collector area computed in step 3 for an average clear day in January to determine  $i_D$  for each month unless part of the collector is shaded (in which case, determine the unshaded area and use that figure). Use  $\text{SHC}_A = 100\Sigma(i_D)(p)(D)/\Sigma(H_D)(D)$ , where  $\text{SHC}_A$  = annual passive solar-heating contribution, percent, and  $D$  = number of days of the month. The summation of the heat gains for each space for each month of the heating season is divided by the summation of the heat losses for each space for each month.

**Related Calculations** These design procedures are suitable for buildings with skin-dominated heat loads such as heat losses through walls, roofs, perimeters, and infiltration. They are not applicable to buildings which have high internal heat loads or buildings which are so deep that it is difficult to collect solar heat. Therefore, these procedures generally should be limited to small and medium-size buildings with good solar access.

These procedures use an average clear-day method as a basis for sizing a passive solar-heating system. Average monthly and yearly data also are used. If the actual weather conditions vary substantially from the average, the performance of the system will vary. For instance, if a winter day is unseasonably warm, the passive solar-heating system will collect more heat than is required to offset the heat loss on that day, possibly causing space overheating. Since passive solar-heating systems rely on natural phenomena, temperature fluctuation and variability in performance are inherent in the system. Adjustable shading, reflectors, movable insulation, venting mechanisms, and backup heating systems are often used to stabilize system performance.

Since passive systems collect, store, and distribute heat through natural physical means, the system must be integrated with the architectural design. The actual efficiency of the system is highly variable and dependent on this integration within the architectural design. Efficiency ratings given in this procedure are rules of thumb. Detailed analyses of many variables and how they affect system performance can be found in DOE/CS-0127-2 and 3, *Passive Solar Design Handbook*, volumes 2 and 3, available from the National Technical Information Service, Springfield, Virginia, 22161. *The Passive Solar Energy Book*, by Edward Mazria, available from Rodale Press, Emmaus, PA, examines various architectural concepts and how they can be utilized to maximize system performance.

If thermal collection and storage to provide heating on cloudy days is desired, the collector area can be oversized by 10 percent. This necessitates the oversizing of the thermal storage material to store 75 percent of the total daily heat gain rather than 65 percent, as used in step 4. Oversizing the system will increase the average inside temperature. Step 7 should be used to verify that this higher average temperature is acceptable. Oversizing the system for cloudy-day storage is not recommended for excessively hazy or cloudy climates. Cloudy climates do not have enough clear days in a row to accumulate reserve heat for cloudy-day heating. This increased collector area may increase heat load in these climates. Cloudy-day storage should be considered only for climates with a ratio of several clear days to each cloudy day.

Passive solar-heating systems may overheat buildings if insolation reaches the collector during seasons when heating loads are low or nonexistent. Shading devices are recommended in



passive solar-heated buildings to control unwanted heat. Shading devices should allow low-angle winter insolation to penetrate the collector but block higher-angle summer insolation. The shading device should allow enough insolation to penetrate the collector to heat the building during the lower-heating-load seasons of autumn and spring without overheating spaces. If shading devices are used, the area of unshaded collector must be calculated for each month to determine  $i_D$ . Methods to calculate the area of unshaded collector can be found in *The Passive Solar Energy Book* and in *Solar Control and Shading Devices*, by V. and A. Olgyay, available from Princeton University Press.

Passive solar-heating systems should be considered only for tightly constructed, well-insulated buildings. The cost of a passive system is generally higher than that of insulating and weather-stripping a building. A building that has a relatively small heat load will require a smaller collection and storage system and so will have a lower construction cost. The cost effectiveness of a passive solar-heating system is inversely related to the heat losses of the building. Systems which have a smaller ratio of collector area to floor area are generally more efficient.

Significant decreases in the size of the collector can be achieved by placing movable insulation over the collector at night. This is especially recommended for extremely cold climates in more northern latitudes. If night insulation is used, calculate heat loss for the uninsulated collector for 8 h with the daytime average temperature and for the insulated collector for 16 h with the night-time average temperature.

Table 43 is based on a heat loss of 8 Btu/(day·ft<sup>2</sup>) of floor area per °F [W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)]. Total building heat loss will increase with the increase in the ratio of collector to floor area because of the larger areas of glazing. However, it is assumed that this increase in heat loss will be offset by providing higher insulation values in noncollector surfaces. The tubulated values correspond to a residence with a compact plan, 8-ft-high ceilings, R-30 roof insulation, R-19 wall insulation, R-10 perimeter insulation, double glazing, and one air change per hour. It is provided for estimating purposes only. If the structure under consideration differs, the ratio of collector area to floor area,  $g$ , can be estimated for heat-loss calculations by using  $g = h(65 - t_o)/i_T$ , where  $h_L$  = estimated heat loss, Btu/(day·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F)[W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)].

Passive solar heating is nonpolluting and is environmentally attractive. Other than the pollution (air, stream, and soil) possibly created in manufacturing the components of a passive solar heating system, this method of space heating is highly desirable from an environmental standpoint.

Solar heating does not produce carbon dioxide, as does the combustion of coal, gas, oil, and wood. Thus, there is no accumulation of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere from solar heating. It is the accumulated carbon dioxide in the earth's atmosphere that traps heat from the sun's rays and earth reradiation that leads to global warming.

Computer models of the earth's atmosphere and the warming that might be caused by excessive accumulation of carbon dioxide show that steps must be taken to control pollution. Although there is some disagreement about the true effect of carbon dioxide on global warming, most scientists believe that efforts to reduce carbon dioxide emissions are worthwhile. Both a United Nations scientific panel and research groups associated with the National Academy of Sciences recommend careful study and tracking of the possibility of global warming.

For these reasons solar heating will receive more attention from designers. With more attention being paid to the environment, solar heating offers a nonpolluting alternative that can easily be incorporated in the design of most buildings.

**Latest Development in Energy Conservation for Buildings:** A highly significant development in the design and operation of buildings is the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System. The LEED system is a voluntary national standard for designing and operating buildings so they conserve energy and perform their designed function in an efficient, safe and healthy manner.

LEED is applicable to a variety of structures, including:

- Commercial buildings—both new construction and older buildings under major renovation, termed LEED-NC.

- Existing building operations (LEED-EB).
- Commercial interiors—both new and renovated (LEED-CI).
- Core and shell design (LEED-CS).
- Residential homes (LEED-H).
- Many other types of buildings—schools, offices, laboratories, multi-family residential, etc.

Note that LEED is aimed at both new and existing buildings. Designs to save energy, conserve water use, provide healthy and comfortable indoor air quality environments, eliminate mold and undesirable moisture, right-size air and hydronic systems, and select effective metering and control systems, are objectives of LEED, while meeting ASHRAE standards.

Today, most major engineering and architectural organizations have, or are in the process of, endorsing LEED for new buildings and for existing buildings under major renovation. Hence, design engineers in all aspects of planning, construction and operation of buildings will soon be encountering LEED calculations in their professional work.

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### ENERGY STORED IN A ROTATING FLYWHEEL

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A 48-in (121.9-cm) diameter spoked steel flywheel having a 12-in wide  $\times$  10-in (30.5-cm  $\times$  25.4-cm) deep rim rotates at 200 r/min. How long a cut can be stamped in a 1-in (2.5-cm) thick aluminum plate if the stamping energy is obtained from this flywheel? The ultimate shearing strength of the aluminum is 40,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (275,789.9 kPa).

#### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the kinetic energy of the flywheel.** In routine design calculations, the weight of a spoked or disk flywheel is assumed to be concentrated in the rim of the flywheel. The weight of the spokes or disk is neglected. In computing the kinetic energy of the flywheel, the weight of a rectangular, square, or circular rim is assumed to be concentrated at the horizontal centerline. Thus, for this rectangular rim, the weight is concentrated at a radius of  $48/2 - 10/2 = 19$  in (48.3 cm) from the centerline of the shaft to which the flywheel is attached.

Then the kinetic energy  $K = Wv^2/(2g)$ , where  $K$  = kinetic energy of the rotating shaft, ft-lb;  $W$  = flywheel weight of flywheel rim, lb;  $v$  = velocity of flywheel at the horizontal centerline of the rim, ft/s. The velocity of a rotating rim is  $v = 2\pi RD/60$ , where  $\pi = 3.1416$ ;  $R$  = rotational speed, r/min;  $D$  = distance of the rim horizontal centerline from the center of rotation, ft. For this flywheel,  $v = 2\pi(200)(19/12)/60 = 33.2$  ft/s (10.1 m/s).

The rim of the flywheel has a volume of (rim height, in)(rim width, in)(rim circumference measured at the horizontal centerline, in), or  $(10)(12)(2\pi)(19) = 14,350 \text{ in}^3$  ( $235,154.4 \text{ cm}^3$ ). Since machine steel weighs  $0.28 \text{ lb/in}^3$  ( $7.75 \text{ g/cm}^3$ ), the weight of the flywheel rim is  $(14,350)(0.28) = 4010 \text{ lb}$  ( $1818.9 \text{ kg}$ ). Then  $K = (4010)(33.2)^2/[2(32.2)] = 68,700 \text{ ft}\cdot\text{lb}$  ( $93,144.7 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$ ).

**2. Compute the dimensions of the hole that can be stamped.** A stamping operation is a shearing process. The area sheared is the product of the plate thickness and the length of the cut. Each square inch of the sheared area offers a resistance equal to the ultimate shearing strength of the material punched.

During stamping, the force exerted by the stamp varies from a maximum  $F$  lb at the point of contact to 0 lb when the stamp emerges from the metal. Thus, the average force during stamping is  $(F + 0)/2 = F/2$ . The work done is the product of  $F/2$  and the distance through which this force moves, or the plate thickness  $t$  in. Therefore, the maximum length that can be stamped is that which occurs when the full kinetic energy of the flywheel is converted to stamping work.

With a 1-in (2.5-cm) thick aluminum plate, the work done is  $W \text{ ft}\cdot\text{lb} = (\text{force, lb})(\text{distance, ft})$ . The work done when all the flywheel kinetic energy is used is  $W = K$ . Substituting the kinetic energy from step 1 gives  $W = K = 68,700 \text{ ft}\cdot\text{lb}$  ( $93,144.7 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$ )  $= (F/2)(1/12)$ ; and solving for the force yields  $F = 1,650,000 \text{ lb}$  ( $7,339,566.3 \text{ N}$ ).

The force  $F$  also equals the product of the plate area sheared and the ultimate shearing strength of the material stamped. Thus,  $F = lts_u$ , where  $l$  = length of cut, in;  $t$  = plate thickness, in;  $s_u$  = ultimate shearing strength of the material. Substituting the known values and solving for  $l$ , we get  $l = 1,650,000/[(1)(40,000)] = 41.25 \text{ in}$  ( $104.8 \text{ cm}$ ).

**Related Calculations** The length of cut computed above can be distributed in any form—square, rectangular, circular, or irregular. This method is suitable for computing the energy stored in a flywheel used for any purpose. Use the general procedure in step 2 for computing the principal dimension in blanking, punching, piercing, trimming, bending, forming, drawing, or coining.

## SHAFT TORQUE, HORSEPOWER, AND DRIVER EFFICIENCY

A 4-in (10.2-cm) diameter shaft is driven at 3600 r/min by a 400-hp (298.3-kW) motor. The shaft drives a 48-in (121.9-cm) diameter chain sprocket having an output efficiency of 85 percent. Determine the torque in the shaft, the output force on the sprocket, and the power delivered by the sprocket.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the torque developed in the shaft.** For any shaft driven by any driver, the torque developed is  $T \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in} = 63,000hp/R$ , where  $hp$  = horsepower delivered to, or by, the shaft;  $R$  = shaft rotative speed, r/min. Thus, the torque developed by this shaft is  $T = (63,000)(400)/3600 = 7000 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in}$  ( $790.9 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$ ).

**2. Compute the sprocket output force.** The force developed at the output surface, tooth, or other part of a rotating member is given by  $F = T/r$ , where  $F$  = force developed, lb;  $r$  = radius arm of the force, in. In this drive the radius is  $48/2 = 24 \text{ in}$  ( $61 \text{ cm}$ ). Hence,  $F = 7000/24 = 291 \text{ lb}$  ( $1294.4 \text{ N}$ ).

**3. Compute the power delivered by the sprocket.** The work input to this shaft is 400 hp (298.3 kW). But the work output is less than the input because the efficiency is less than 100 percent. Since efficiency = work output, hp/work input, hp, the work output, hp = (work input, hp)(efficiency), or output hp =  $(400)(0.85) = 340 \text{ hp}$  ( $253.5 \text{ kW}$ ).

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for any shaft driven by any driver—electric motor, steam turbine, internal-combustion engine, gas turbine, belt, chain, sprocket, etc. When computing the radius of toothed or geared members, use the pitch-circle or pitch-line radius.

## PULLEY AND GEAR LOADS ON SHAFTS

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A 500-r/min shaft is fitted with a 30-in (76.2-cm) diameter pulley weighing 250 lb (113.4 kg). This pulley delivers 35 hp (26.1 kW) to a load. The shaft is also fitted with a 24-in (61.0-cm) pitch-diameter gear weighing 200 lb (90.7 kg). This gear delivers 25 hp (18.6 kW) to a load. Determine the concentrated loads produced on the shaft by the pulley and the gear.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the pulley concentrated load.** The largest concentrated load caused by the pulley occurs when the belt load acts vertically downward. Then the total pulley concentrated load is the sum of the belt load and pulley weight.

For a pulley in which the tension of the tight side of the belt is twice the tension in the slack side of the belt, the maximum belt load is  $F_p = 3T/r$ ; where  $F_p$  = tension force, lb, produced by the belt load;  $T$  = torque acting on the pulley, lb-in;  $r$  = pulley radius, in. The torque acting on a pulley is found from  $T = 63,000hp/R$ , where  $hp$  = horsepower delivered by pulley;  $R$  = revolutions per minute (rpm) of shaft.

For this pulley,  $T = 63,000(35)/500 = 4410$  lb-in (498.3 N-m). Hence, the total pulley concentrated load =  $882 + 250 = 1132$  lb (5035.1 N).

**2. Determine the gear concentrated load.** With a gear, the turning force acts only on the teeth engaged with the meshing gear. Hence, there is no slack force as in a belt. Therefore,  $F_g = T/r$ , where  $F_g$  = gear tooth-thrust force, lb;  $r$  = gear pitch radius, in; other symbols as before. The torque acting on the gear is found in the same way as for the pulley.

Thus,  $T = 63,000(25)/500 = 3145$  lb-in (355.3 N-m). Then  $F_g = 3145/12 = 263$  lb (1169.9 N). Hence, the total gear concentrated load is  $263 + 200 = 463$  lb (2059.5 N).

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure to determine the concentrated load produced by any type of gear (spur, herringbone, worm, etc.), pulley (flat, V, or chain belt), sprocket, or their driving member. When the power transmission belt or chain leaves the belt or sprocket at an angle other than the vertical, take the vertical component of the pulley force and add it to the pulley weight to determine the concentrated load.

## SHAFT REACTIONS AND BENDING MOMENTS

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A 30-ft (9.1-m) long steel shaft weighing 150 lb/ft (223.2 kg/m) of the length has a 500-lb (2224.1-N) concentrated gear load 10 ft (3.0 m) from the left end of the shaft and a 2000-lb (8896.4-N) concentrated pulley load 15 ft (4.6 m) from the right end of the shaft. Determine the end reactions and the maximum bending moment in this shaft.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Draw a sketch of the shaft.** Figure 1a shows a sketch of the shaft. Label the left- and right-hand reactions  $L_R$  and  $R_R$ , respectively.

**2. Compute the shaft end reactions.** Take moments about  $R_R$  to determine the magnitude of  $L_R$ . Since the shaft has a uniform weight per foot of length, assume that the total weight of the shaft is concentrated at its midpoint. Then  $30L_R - 500(20) - 150(30)(15) - 2000(15) = 0$ ;  $L_R = 3583.33$  lb (15,939.4 N). Take

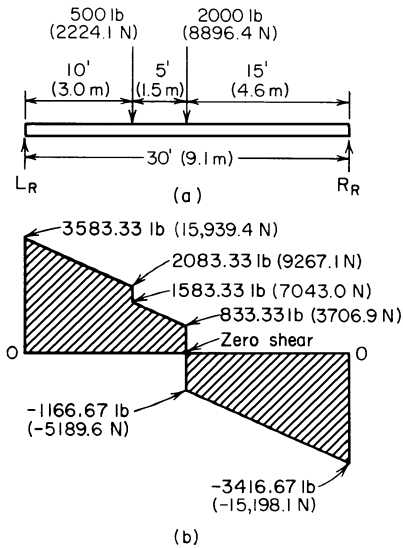


FIGURE 1 Shaft bending-moment diagram.

to the 500-lb (2224.1-N) load. At this load,  $V_{10R} = 2083.33 - 500 = 1583.33$  lb (7043.0 N). To the right of the 500-lb (2224.1-N) load, at the 2000-lb (8896.4-N) load,  $V_{20L} = 1583.33 - 5 \times 150 = 833.33$  lb (3706.9 N). To the right of the 2000-lb (8896.4-N) load,  $V_{20R} = 833.33 - 2000 = -1166.67$  lb (-5189.6 N). At the left of  $V_{30R}$ ,  $V_{30L} = -1166.67 - 15 \times 150 = -3416.67$  lb (-15,198.1 N). At the right hand end of the shaft  $V_{30R} = -3416.67 + 3416.67 = 0$ .

Draw the shear diagram (Fig. 1b). This diagram shows that zero shear occurs at a point 15 ft (4.6 m) from the left-hand reaction. Hence, the maximum bending moment  $M_m$  on this shaft is  $M_m = 3583.33(15) - 500(5) - 150(15)(7.5) = 34,340$  lb-ft (46,558.8 N·m).

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for shafts of any metal—steel, bronze, aluminum, plastic, etc.—if the shaft is of uniform cross section. For nonuniform shafts, use the procedures discussed later in this section.

moments about  $L_R$  to determine  $R_R$ . Or,  $30R_R - 500(10) - 150(30)(15) - 2000(15) = 0$ ;  $R_R = 3416.67$  lb (15,198.1 N). Alternatively, the first reaction found could be subtracted from the sum of the vertical loads, or  $500 + 30 \times 150 + 2000 - 3583.33 = 3416.67$  lb (15,198.1 N). However, taking moments about each support permits checking the results, because the sum of the reactions should equal the sum of the vertical loads, including the weight of the shaft.

**3. Compute the maximum bending moment.** The maximum bending moment in a shaft occurs where the shear is zero. Find the vertical shear at each point of applied load or reaction by taking the algebraic sum of the vertical forces to the left and right of the load. Use a plus sign for upward forces and a minus sign for downward forces. Designate each shear force by  $V$  with a subscript number showing its location, in feet (meters) along the shaft from the left end. Use  $L$  and  $R$  to indicate whether the shear is to the left or right of the load. The shear at the left-hand reaction is  $V_{LR} = +3583.33$  lb (+15,939.5 N);  $V_{10L} = 3583.33 - 10 \times 150 = 2083.33$  lb (9267.1 N), where the product  $10 \times 150 =$  the weight of the shaft from the point  $V_{LR}$

## SOLID AND HOLLOW SHAFTS IN TORSION

A solid steel shaft will transmit 500 hp (372.8 kW) at 3600 r/min. What diameter shaft is required if the allowable stress in the shaft is 12,500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (86,187.5 kPa)? What diameter hollow shaft is needed to transmit the same power if the inside diameter of the shaft is 1.0 in (2.5 cm)?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the torque in the solid shaft.** For any solid shaft, the torque  $T$ , lb-in =  $63,000hp/R$ , where  $R$  = shaft rpm. Thus,  $T = 63,000(500)/3600 = 8750$  lb-in (988.6 N·m).

**2. Compute the required shaft diameter.** For any solid shaft, the required diameter  $d$ , in =  $1.72(T/s)^{1/3}$ , where  $s$  = allowable stress in shaft, lb/in<sup>2</sup>. Thus, for this shaft,  $d = 1.72(8750/12,500)^{1/3} = 1.526$  in (3.9 cm).

**3. Analyze the hollow shaft.** The usual practice is to size hollow shafts such that the ratio  $q$  of the inside diameter  $d_i$  into the outside diameter  $d_o$  in is 1:2 to 1:3 or some intermediate value. With a  $q$  in this range the shaft will have sufficient thickness to prevent failure in service.

Assume  $q = d_i/d_o = 1/2$ . Then with  $d_i = 1.0$  in (2.5 cm),  $d_o = d_i/q$ , or  $d_o = 1.0/0.5 = 2.0$  in (5.1 cm). With  $q = 1/3$ ,  $d_o = 1.0/0.33 = 3.0$  in (7.6 cm).

**4. Compute the stress in each hollow shaft.** For the hollow shaft  $s = 5.1T/d_o^3(1 - q^4)$ , where the symbols are as defined above. Thus, for the 2-in (5.1-cm) outside-diameter shaft,  $s = 5.1(8750)/[8(1 - 0.0625)] = 5950$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (41,023.8 kPa).

By inspection, the stress in the 3-in (7.6-cm) outside-diameter shaft will be lower because the torque is constant. Thus,  $s = 5.1(8750)/[27(1 - 0.0123)] = 1672$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (11,528.0 kPa).

**5. Choose the outside diameter of the hollow shaft.** Use a trial-and-error procedure to choose the hollow shaft's outside diameter. Since the stress in the 2-in (5.1-cm) outside-diameter shaft, 5950 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (41,023.8 kPa), is less than half the allowable stress of 12,500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (86,187.5 kPa), select a smaller outside diameter and compute the stress while holding the inside diameter constant.

Thus, with a 1.5-in (3.8-cm) shaft and the same inside diameter,  $s = 5.1(8750)/[3.38(1 - 0.197)] = 16,430$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (113,284.9 kPa). This exceeds the allowable stress.

Try a larger outside diameter, 1.75 in (4.4 cm), to find the effect on the stress. Or  $s = 5.1(8750)/[5.35(1 - 0.107)] = 9350$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (64,468.3 kPa). This is lower than the allowable stress.

Since a 1.5-in (3.8-cm) shaft has a 16,430-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (113,284.9-kPa) stress and a 1.75-in (4.4-cm) shaft has a 9350-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (64,468.3-kPa) stress, a shaft of intermediate size will have a stress approaching 12,500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (86,187.5 kPa). Trying 1.625 in (4.1 cm) gives  $s = 5.1(8750)/[4.4(1 - 0.143)] = 11,820$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (81,489.9 kPa). This is within 680 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (4688.6 kPa) of the allowable stress and is close enough for usual design calculations.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure to find the diameter of any solid or hollow shaft acted on only by torsional stress. Where bending and torsion occur, use the next calculation procedure. Find the allowable torsional stress for various materials in Baumeister and Marks—*Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers*.

## SOLID SHAFTS IN BENDING AND TORSION

A 30-ft (9.1-m) long solid shaft weighing 150 lb/ft (223.2 kg/m) is fitted with a pulley and a gear as shown in Fig. 2. The gear delivers 100 hp (74.6 kW) to the shaft while driving the shaft at 500 r/min. Determine the required diameter of the shaft if the allowable stress is 10,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (68,947.6 kPa).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the pulley and gear concentrated loads.** Using the method of the previous calculation procedure, we get  $T = 63,000hp/R = 63,000(100)/500 = 12,600$  lb-in (1423.6 N·m). Assuming that the maximum tension of the tight side of the belt is twice the tension of the slack side, we see the maximum belt load is  $R_p = 3T/r = 3(12,600)/24 = 1575$  lb (7005.9 N). Hence, the total pulley concentrated load = belt load + pulley weight = 1575 + 750 = 2325 lb (10,342.1 N).

The gear concentrated load is found from  $F_g = T/r$ , where the torque is the same as computed for the pulley, or  $F_g = 12,600/9 = 1400$  lb (6227.5 N). Hence, the total gear concentrated load is 1400 + 75 = 1475 lb (6561.1 N).

Draw a sketch of the shaft showing the two concentrated loads in position (Fig. 2).

**2. Compute the end reactions of the shaft.** Take moments about  $R_R$  to determine  $L_R$ , using the method of the previous calculation procedures. Thus,  $L_R(30) - 2325(25) - 1475(8) - 150(30)(15) = 0$ ;

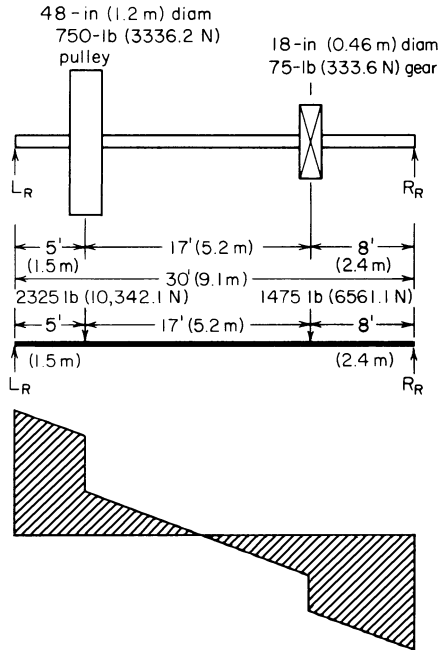


FIGURE 2 Solid-shaft bending moments.

$L_R = 4580$  lb (20,372.9 N). Taking moments about  $L_R$  to determine  $R_R$  yields  $R_R(30) - 1475(22) - 2325(5) - 150(30)(15) = 0$ ;  $R_R = 3720$  lb (16,547.4 N). Check by taking the sum of the upward forces:  $4580 + 3720 = 8300$  lb (36,920.2 N) = sum of the downward forces, or  $2325 + 1475 + 4500 = 8300$  lb (36,920.2 N).

### 3. Compute the vertical shear acting on the shaft.

Using the method of the previous calculation procedures, we find  $V_{LR} = 4580$  lb (20,372.9 N);  $V_{5L} = 4580 - 5(150) = 3830$  lb (17,036.7 N);  $V_{5R} = 3830 - 2325 = 1505$  lb (6694.6 N);  $V_{22L} = 1505 - 17(150) = -1045$  lb (-4648.4 N);  $V_{22R} = -1045 - 1475 = -2520$  lb (-11,209.5 N);  $V_{30L} = -2520 - 8(150) = -3720$  lb (-16,547.4 N);  $V_{30R} = -3720 + 3720 = 0$ .

### 4. Find the maximum bending moment on the shaft.

Draw the shear diagram shown in Fig. 2. Determine the point of zero shear by scaling it from the shear diagram or setting up an equation thus: positive shear -  $x(150 \text{ lb/ft}) = 0$ , where the positive shear is the last recorded plus value,  $V_{5R}$  in this shaft, and  $x =$  distance from  $V_{5R}$  where the shear is zero. Substituting values gives  $1505 - 150x = 0$ ;  $x = 10.03$  ft (3.1 m). Then  $M_m = 4580(15.03) - 2325(10.03) - (150)(5 + 10.03)[(5 + 10.03)/2] = 28,575$  lb (127,108.3 N).

**5. Determine the required shaft diameter.** Use the method of maximum shear theory to size the shaft. Determine the equivalent torque  $T_e$  from  $T_e = (M^2m + T^2)^{0.5}$ , where  $M_m$  is the maximum bending moment, lb-ft, acting on the shaft and  $T$  is the maximum torque acting on the shaft. For this shaft,  $T_e = [28,575^2 + (12,600/12)^2]^{0.5} = 28,600$  lb-ft (38,776.4 N-m), where the torque in pound-inches is divided by 12 to convert it to pound-feet. To convert  $T_e$  to  $T_e$  lb-in, multiply by 12.

Once the equivalent torque is known, the shaft diameter  $d$  in is computed from  $d = 1.72(T_e/s)^{1/3}$ , where  $s =$  allowable stress in the shaft. For this shaft,  $d = 1.72(28,500)(12)/(10,000)^{1/3} = 5.59$  in (14.2 cm). Use a 6.0-in (15.2-cm) diameter shaft.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for any solid shaft of uniform cross section made of metal—steel, aluminum, bronze, brass, etc. The equation used in step 4 to determine the location of zero shear is based on a strength-of-materials principle: When zero shear occurs between two concentrated loads, find its location by dividing the last *positive* shear by the uniform load. If desired, the maximum principal stress theory can be used to combine the bending and torsional stresses in a shaft. The results obtained approximate those of the maximum shear theory.

## EQUIVALENT BENDING MOMENT AND IDEAL TORQUE FOR A SHAFT

A 2-in (5.1-cm) diameter solid steel shaft has a maximum bending moment of 6000 lb-in (677.9 N-m) and an applied torque of 3000 lb-in (339.0 N-m). Is this shaft safe if the maximum allowable bending stress is 10,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (68,947.6 kPa)? What is the ideal torque for this shaft?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the equivalent bending moment.** The equivalent bending moment  $M_e$  lb-in for a solid shaft is  $M_e = 0.5[M + (M^2 + T^2)^{0.5}]$ , where  $M$  = maximum bending moment acting on the shaft, lb-in;  $T$  = maximum torque acting on the shaft, lb-in. For this shaft,  $M_e = 0.5[6000 + (6000^2 + 3000^2)^{0.5}] = 6355$  lb-in (718.0 N·m).

**2. Compute the stress in the shaft.** Use the flexure relation  $s = Mc/I$ , where  $s$  = stress developed in the shaft, lb/in<sup>2</sup>;  $M = M_e$  for a shaft;  $I$  = section moment of inertia of the shaft about the neutral axis; in<sup>4</sup>;  $c$  = distance from shaft neutral axis to outside fibers, in. For a circular shaft,  $I = \pi d^4/64 = \pi(2)^4/64 = 0.785$  in<sup>4</sup> (32.7 cm<sup>4</sup>);  $c = d/2 = 2/2 = 1.0$ . Then  $s = Mc/I = (6355)(1.0)/0.785 = 8100$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (55,849.5 kPa). Thus, the actual bending stress is 1900 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (13,100.5 kPa) less than the maximum allowable bending stress. Therefore the shaft is safe. Alternatively, compute the maximum equivalent bending moment from  $M_e = sI/c = (10,000)(0.785)/1.0 = 7850$  lb-in (886.9 N·m). This is  $7850 - 6355 = 1495$  lb-in (168.9 N·m) greater than the actual equivalent bending moment. Hence, the shaft is safe.

**3. Compute the ideal torque for the shaft.** The ideal torque  $T_i$  lb-in for a shaft is  $T_i = M + (M^2 + T^2)^{0.5}$ , where  $M$  and  $T$  are the bending and torsional moments, respectively, acting on the shaft, lb-in. For this shaft,  $T_i = 6000 + (6000^2 + 3000^2)^{0.5} = 12,710$  lb-in (1436.0 N·m).

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for any shaft of uniform cross section made of metal—steel, aluminum, bronze, brass, etc.

## TORSIONAL DEFLECTION OF SOLID AND HOLLOW SHAFTS

What diameter solid steel shaft should be used for a 500-hp (372.8-kW) 250-r/min application if the allowable torsional deflection is 1°, the maximum allowable stress is 10,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (68,947.6 kPa), and the modulus of rigidity is  $13 \times 10^6$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> ( $89.6 \times 10^9$  kPa)? What diameter hollow steel shaft should be used if the ratio of the inside diameter to the outside diameter is 1:3, the allowable deflection is 1°, the allowable stress is 10,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (68,947.6 kPa), and the modulus of rigidity is  $13 \times 10^6$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> ( $89.6 \times 10^9$  kPa)? What shaft has the greatest weight?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the torque acting on the shaft.** For any shaft,  $T = 63,000hp/R$ ; or for this shaft,  $T = 63,000(500)/250 = 126,000$  lb-in (14,236.1 N·m).

**2. Compute the required diameter of the solid shaft.** For a solid metal shaft,  $d = (584TI/G\alpha)^{1/3}$ , where  $l$  = shaft length expressed as a number of shaft diameters, in;  $G$  = modulus of rigidity, lb/in<sup>2</sup>;  $\alpha$  = angle of torsion deflection, deg.

Usual specifications for noncritical applications of shafts require that the torsional deflection not exceed 1° in a shaft having a length equal to 20 diameters. Using this length gives  $d = [584 \times 126,000 \times 20/(13 \times 10^6 \times 1.0)]^{1/3} = 4.84$  in (12.3 cm). Use a 5-in (12.7-cm) diameter shaft.

**3. Compute the outside diameter of the hollow shaft.** Assume that the shaft has a length equal to 20 diameters. Then for a hollow shaft  $d = [584TI/G\alpha(1 - q^4)]^{1/3}$ , where  $q = d_i/d_o$ ;  $d_i$  = inside diameter of the shaft, in;  $d_o$  = outside diameter of the shaft, in. For this shaft,  $d = \{584 \times 126,000 \times 20/(13 \times 10^6 \times 1.0)[1 - (1/3)^4]\}^{1/3} = 4.86$  in (12.3 cm). Use a 5-in (12.7-cm) outside-diameter shaft. The inside diameter would be  $5.0/3 = 1.667$  in (4.2 cm).



**4. Compare the weight of the shafts.** Steel weighs approximately 480 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (7688.9 kg/m<sup>3</sup>). To find the weight of each shaft, compute its volume in cubic feet and multiply it by 480. Thus, for the 5-in (12.7-cm) diameter solid shaft, weight =  $(\pi 5^2/4)(5 \times 20)(480)/1728 = 540$  lb (244.9 kg). The 5-in (12.7-cm) outside-diameter hollow shaft weighs  $(\pi 5^2/4 - \pi 1.667^2/4)(5 \times 20)(480)/1728 = 242$  lb (109.8 kg). Thus, the hollow shaft weighs less than half the solid shaft. However, it would probably be more expensive to manufacture because drilling the central hole could be costly.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure to determine the steady-load torsional deflection of any shaft of uniform cross section made of any metal—steel, bronze, brass, aluminum, Monel, etc. The assumed torsional deflection of 1° for a shaft that is 20 times as long as the shaft diameter is typical for routine applications. Special shafts may be designed for considerably less torsional deflection.

## DEFLECTION OF A SHAFT CARRYING CONCENTRATED AND UNIFORM LOADS

A 2-in (5.1-cm) diameter steel shaft is 6 ft (1.8 m) long between bearing centers and turns at 500 r/min. The shaft carries a 600-lb (2668.9-N) concentrated gear load 3 ft (0.9 m) from the left-hand center. Determine the deflection of the shaft if the modulus of elasticity  $E$  of the steel is  $30 \times 10^6$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> ( $206.8 \times 10^9$  Pa). What would the shaft deflection be if the load were 2 ft (0.6 m) for the left-hand bearing? The shaft weighs 10 lb/ft (14.9 kg/m).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the deflection caused by the concentrated load.** When a beam carries both a concentrated and a uniformly distributed load, compute the deflection for each load separately and find the sum. This sum is the total deflection caused by the two loads.

For a beam carrying a concentrated load, the deflection  $\Delta$  in =  $Wl^3/48EI$ , where  $W$  = concentrated load, lb;  $l$  = length of beam, in;  $E$  = modulus of elasticity, lb/in<sup>2</sup>;  $I$  = moment of inertia of shaft cross section, in<sup>4</sup>. For a circular shaft,  $I = \pi d^4/64 = \pi(2)^4/64 = 0.7854$  in<sup>4</sup> (32.7 cm<sup>4</sup>). Then  $\Delta = 600(72)^3/[48(30)(10^6)(0.7854)] = 0.198$  in (5.03 mm). The deflection per foot of shaft length is  $\Delta_f = 0.198/6 = 0.033$  in/ft (2.75 mm/m) for the concentrated load.

**2. Compute the deflection due to shaft weight.** For a shaft of uniform weight,  $\Delta = 5w^3/384EI$ , where  $w$  = total distributed load = weight of shaft, lb. Thus,  $\Delta = 5(60)(72)^3/[384(30 \times 10^6)(0.7854)] = 0.0129$  in (0.328 mm). The deflection per foot of shaft length is  $\Delta_f = 0.0129/6 = 0.00214$  in/ft (0.178 mm/m).

**3. Determine the total deflection of the shaft.** The total deflection of the shaft is the sum of the deflections caused by the concentrated and uniform loads, or  $\Delta_t = 0.198 + 0.0129 = 0.2109$  in (5.36 mm). The total deflection per foot of length is  $0.033 + 0.00214 = 0.03514$  in/ft (2.93 mm/m).

Usual design practice limits the transverse deflection of a shaft of any diameter to 0.01 in/ft (0.83 mm/m) of shaft length. The deflection of this shaft is 3 1/2 times this limit. Therefore, the shaft diameter must be increased if this limit is not to be exceeded.

Using a 3-in (7.6-cm) diameter shaft weighing 25 lb/ft (37.2 kg/m) and computing the deflection in the same way, we find the total transverse deflection is 0.0453 in (1.15 mm), and the total deflection per foot of shaft length is 0.00755 in/ft (0.629 mm/m). This is within the desired limits. By reducing the assumed shaft diameter in 1/8-in (0.32-cm) increments and computing the deflection per foot of length, a deflection closer to the limit can be obtained.

**4. Compute the total deflection for the noncentral load.** For a noncentral load,  $\Delta = (Wc'/3EI)[(cl/3 + cc'/3)^3]^{0.5}$ , where  $c$  = distance of concentrated load from left-hand bearing, in;  $c'$  = distance of concentrated load from right-hand bearing, in. Thus  $c + c' = l$ , and for this shaft  $c = 24$  in (61.0 cm) and  $c' = 48$  in (121.9 cm). Then  $\Delta = [600 \times 48 / (3 \times 30 \times 10^6 \times 0.7854 \times 72)] [(24 \times 72/x + 24 \times 48/3)^3]^{0.5} = 0.169$  in (4.29 mm).

The deflection caused by the weight of the shaft is the same as computed in step 2, or 0.0129 in (0.328 mm). Hence, the total shaft deflection is  $0.169 + 0.0129 = 0.1819$  in (4.62 mm). The deflection per foot of shaft length is  $0.1819/6 = 0.0303$  in (2.53 mm/m). Again, this exceeds 0.01 in/ft (0.833 mm/m).

Using a 3-in (7.6-cm) diameter shaft as in step 3 shows that the deflection can be reduced to within the desired limits.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for any metal shaft—aluminum, brass, bronze, etc.—that is uniformly loaded or carries a concentrated load.

## SELECTION OF KEYS FOR MACHINE SHAFTS

Select a key for a 4-in (10.2-cm) diameter shaft transmitting 1000 hp (745.7 kW) at 1000 r/min. The allowable shear stress in the key is 15,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (103,425.0 kPa), and the allowable compressive stress is 30,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (206,850.0 kPa). What type of key should be used if the allowable shear stress is 5000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (34,475.0 kPa) and the allowable compressive stress is 20,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (137,900.0 kPa)?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the torque acting on the shaft.** The torque acting on the shaft is  $T = 63,000hp/R$ , or  $T = 63,000(1000/1000) = 63,000$  lb-in (7118.0 N-m).

**2. Determine the shear force acting on the key.** The shear force  $F_s$  lb acting on a key is  $F_s = T/r$ , where  $T$  = torque acting on shaft, lb-in;  $r$  = radius of shaft, in. Thus  $T = 63,000/2 = 31,500$  lb (140,118.9 N).

**3. Select the type of key to use.** When a key is designed so that its allowable shear stress is approximately one-half its allowable compressive stress, a square key (i.e., a key having its height equal to its width) is generally chosen. For other values of the stress ratio, a flat key is generally used.

Determine the dimensions of the key from Baumeister and Marks—*Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers*. This handbook shows that a 4-in (10.2-cm) diameter shaft should have a square key 1 in wide  $\times$  1 in (2.5 cm  $\times$  2.5 cm) high.

**4. Determine the required length of the key.** The length of a 1-in (2.5-cm) key based on the allowable shear stress is  $l = 2F_s/(w_k s_s)$ , where  $w_k$  = width of key, in. Thus,  $l = 31,500/[(1)(15,000)] = 2.1$  in (5.3 cm), say  $2\frac{1}{8}$  in (5.4 cm).

**5. Check key length for the compressive load.** The length of a 1-in (2.5-cm) key based on the allowable compressive stress is  $l = 2F_s/(ts_c)$ , where  $t$  = key thickness, in;  $s_c$  = allowable compressive stress, lb/in<sup>2</sup>. Thus,  $l = 2(31,500)/[(1)(30,000)] = 2.1$  in (5.3 cm). This agrees with the key length based on the allowable shear stress. The key length found in steps 4 and 5 should agree if the key is square in cross section.

**6. Determine the key size for other stress values.** When the allowable shear stress does not equal one-half the allowable compressive stress for a shaft key, a flat key is generally used. A flat key has a width greater than its height.

Find the recommended dimensions for a flat key from Baumeister and Marks—*Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers*. This handbook shows that a 4-in (10.2-cm) diameter shaft will use a 1-in (2.5-cm) wide by  $3/4$ -in (1.9-cm) thick flat key.

The length of the key based on the allowable shear stress is  $l = F_s / (w_k s_s) = 31,500 / [(1)(5000)] = 6.31$  in (16.0 cm). Use a  $6^{5/16}$ -in (16.0-cm) long key.

Checking the key length based on the allowable compressive stress yields  $l = 2F_s / (t_s c) = 2(31,500) / [(0.75)(20,000)] = 4.2$  in (10.7 cm). Use the longer length,  $6^{5/16}$  in (16.0 cm), because the shorter key would be overloaded in compression.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for shafts and keys made of any metal (steel, bronze, brass, stainless steel, etc.). The dimensions of shaft keys can also be found in ANSI Standard B17f, Woodruff Keys, Keyways and Cutters. Woodruff keys are used only for light-torque applications.

## SELECTING A LEATHER BELT FOR POWER TRANSMISSION

Choose a leather belt to transmit 50 hp (37.3 kW) from a 1750-r/min squirrel-cage compensator-starting motor through a 12-in (30.5-cm) diameter pulley in an oily atmosphere. What belt width is needed with a 50-hp (37.3-kW) internal-combustion engine fitted with a 1750-r/min 12-in (30.5-cm) diameter pulley operating in an oily atmosphere?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the belt speed.** The speed of a belt  $S$  is found for  $S = \pi RD$ , where  $R$  = rpm of driving or driven pulley;  $D$  = diameter, ft, of driving or driven pulley. Thus, for this belt,  $S = \pi(1750)(12/12) = 5500$  ft/min (27.9 m/s).

**2. Determine the belt thickness needed.** Use the National Industrial Leather Association recommendations. Enter Table 1 at the bottom at a belt speed of 5500 ft/min (27.9 m/s), i.e., between 4000 and 6000 ft/min (20.3 and 30.5 m/s); and project horizontally to the next smaller pulley diameter than that actually used. Thus, by entering at the line marked 4000–6000 ft/min (20.3–30.5 m/s) and

**TABLE 1** Leather-Belt Capacity Factors

Belt speed		Double ply			
		20/64 in (7.9 mm)		23/64 in (9.1 mm)	
ft/min	m/s	Medium		Heavy	
4000	20.3	10.9		12.6	
5000	25.4	12.5		14.3	
6000	30.5	13.2		15.2	
Minimum pulley diameters					
Up to 2500	Up to 12.7	5 in*	12.7 cm*	8 in*	20.3 cm*
2500–4000	12.7–20.3	6*	15.2*	9*	22.9*
4000–6000	20.3–30.5	7*	17.8*	10*	25.4*

\*For belts 8 in (20.3 cm) and over, add 2 in (5.1 cm) to pulley diameter.

**TABLE 2** Leather-Belt Correction Factors

	Correction factor
Characteristics or condition of motor and starter:	
Squirrel-cage, compensator-starting motor	$M = 1.5$
Squirrel-cage, line-starting	$M = 2.0$
Slip-ring, high starting torque	$M = 2.5$
Diameter of small pulley, in (cm):	
4 and under (10.2 and under)	$P = 0.5$
4.5 to 8 (11.4 to 20.3)	$P = 0.6$
9 to 12 (22.9 to 30.5)	$P = 0.7$
13 to 16 (33.0 to 40.6)	$P = 0.8$
17 to 30 (43.2 to 76.2)	$P = 0.9$
Over 30 (over 76.2)	$P = 1.0$
Operating conditions:	
Oily, wet, or dusty atmosphere	$F = 1.35$
Vertical drives	$F = 1.2$
Jerky loads	$F = 1.2$
Shock and reversing loads	$F = 1.4$

projecting to the 10-in (25.4-cm) minimum diameter pulley, since a 12-in (30.5-cm) pulley is used, we see that a 23/64-in (0.91-cm) thick double-ply heavy belt should be used. Read the belt thickness and type at the top of the column in which the next smaller pulley diameter appears.

**3. Determine the belt capacity factors.** Enter the body of Table 1 at a belt speed of 5500 ft/min (27.9 m/s), i.e., between 4000 and 6000 ft/min (20.3 and 30.5 m/s); then project to the double-ply heavy column. Interpolating by eye give a belt capacity factor of  $K_c = 14.8$ .

**4. Determine the belt correction factors.** Table 2 lists motor, pulley diameter, and operating correction factors, respectively. Thus, from Table 2, the motor correction factor  $M = 1.5$  for a squirrel-cage compensator-starting motor. Also from Table 2, the smaller pulley diameter correction factor  $P = 0.7$ ; and  $F = 1.35$  for an oily atmosphere.

**5. Compute the required belt width.** The required belt width, in, is  $W = hpMF/(K_c P)$ , where  $hp$  = horsepower transmitted by the belt; the other factors are as given above. For this belt, then,  $W = (50)(1.5)(1.35)/[14.8(0.7)] = 9.7$  in (24.6 cm). Thus, a 10-in (25.4-cm) wide belt would be used because belts are commercially available in 1-in (2.5-cm) increments.

**6. Determine the belt width for the engine drive.** For a double-ply belt driven by a driver other than an electric motor,  $W = 2750hp/dR$ , where  $d$  = driving pulley diameter, in;  $R$  = driving pulley, r/min. Thus,  $W = 2750(50)/[(12)(1750)] = 6.54$  in (16.6 cm). Hence, a 7-in (17.8-cm) wide belt would be used.

For a single-ply belt the above equation becomes  $W = 1925 hp/dR$ .

**Related Calculations** Note that the relations in steps 1, 5, and 6 can be solved for any unknown variable when the other factors in the equations are known. Where the hp rating of a belt material is available from the manufacturer's catalog or other published data, find the required width from  $W = hp_b F/K_c P$ , where  $hp_b$  = hp rating of the belt material, as stated by the manufacturer; other symbols as before. To find the tension  $T_b$  lb in a belt, solve  $T_b = 33,000hp/S$  where  $S$  = belt speed, ft/min. The tension per inch of belt width is  $T_{bi} = T_b/W$ . Where the belt speed exceeds 6000 ft/min (30.5 m/s), consult the manufacturer.

**TABLE 3** Service Factor S

Application	Squirrel-cage ac motor		Wound rotor ac motor (slip ring)	Single-phase capacitor motor	Dc shunt-wound motor	Diesel engine, four or more cylinders, above 700 r/min
	Normal torque, line start	High torque				
Agitators	1.0–1.2	1.2–1.4	1.2			
Compressors	1.2–1.4	.....	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.2
Belt conveyors (ore, coal, sand)	.....	1.4	.....	..	1.2	
Screw conveyors	.....	1.8	.....	..	1.6	
Crushing machinery	.....	1.6	1.6	..	.....	1.4–1.6
Fans, centrifugal	1.2	.....	1.4	..	1.4	1.4
Fans, propeller	1.4	2.0	1.6	..	1.6	1.6
Generators and exciters	1.2	.....	.....	..	1.2	2.0
Line shafts	1.4	.....	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.6
Machine tools	1.0–1.2	.....	1.2–1.4	1.0	1.0–1.2	
Pumps, centrifugal	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.2	
Pumps, reciprocating	1.2–1.4	.....	1.4–1.6	..	.....	1.8–2.0

## SELECTING A RUBBER BELT FOR POWER TRANSMISSION

Choose a rubber belt to transmit 15 hp (11.2 kW) from a 7-in (17.8-cm) diameter pulley driven by a shunt-wound dc motor. The pulley speed is 1300 r/min, and the belt drives an electric generator. The arrangement of the drive is such that the arc of contact of the belt on the pulley is 220°.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the belt service factor.** The belt *service factor* allows for the typical conditions met in the use of a belt with a given driver and driven machine or device. Table 3 lists typical service factors  $S_f$  used by the B. F. Goodrich Company. Entering Table 3 at the type of driver, a shunt-wound dc motor, and projecting downward to the driven machine, an electric generator, shows that  $S_f = 1.2$ .

**2. Determine the arc-of-contact factor.** A rubber belt can contact a pulley in a range from about 140 to 220°. Since the hp capacity ratings for belts are based on an arc of contact of 180°, a correction factor must be applied for other arcs of contact.

Table 4 lists the arc-of-contact correction factor  $C_c$ . Thus, for an arc of contact of 220°,  $C_c = 1.12$ .

**3. Compute the belt speed.** The belt speed is  $S = \pi RD$ , where  $S$  = belt speed, ft/min;  $R$  = pulley rpm;  $D$  = pulley diameter, ft. For this pulley,  $S = \pi (1300)(7/12) = 2380$  ft/min (12.1 m/s).

**TABLE 4** Arc of Contact Factor  $K$ —Rubber Belts

Arc of contact, °	140	160	180	200	220
Factor $K$	0.82	0.93	1.00	1.06	1.12

**TABLE 5** Minimum Pulley Diameters, in (cm)—Rubber Belts of 32-oz (0.9-kg) Hard Fabric

Ply	Belt speed, ft/min (m/s)			
	2000 (149.4)	2500 (186.4)	3000 (223.7)	4000 (298.3)
3	4 (10.2)	4 (10.2)	4 (10.2)	4 (10.2)
4	5 (12.7)	6 (15.2)	6 (15.2)	7 (17.8)
5	8 (20.3)	8 (20.3)	9 (22.9)	10 (25.4)
6	11 (27.9)	11 (27.9)	12 (30.5)	13 (33.0)
7	15 (38.1)	15 (38.1)	16 (40.6)	17 (43.2)
8	18 (45.7)	19 (48.3)	20 (50.8)	21 (53.3)
9	22 (55.9)	23 (58.4)	24 (61.0)	25 (63.5)
10	26 (66.0)	27 (68.6)	28 (71.1)	29 (73.7)

**4. Choose the minimum pulley diameter and belt ply.** Table 5 lists minimum recommended pulley diameters, belt material, and number of plies for various belt speeds. Choose the pulley diameter and number of plies for the next higher belt speed when the computed belt speed falls between two tabulated values. Thus, for a belt speed of 2380 ft/min (12.1 m/s), use a 7-in (17.8-cm) diameter pulley as listed under 2500 ft/min (12.7 m/s). The corresponding material specifications are found in the left-hand column and are four plies, 32-oz (0.9-kg) fabric.

**5. Determine the belt power rating.** Enter Table 6 at 32 oz (0.9 kg) four-ply material specifications, and project horizontally to the belt speed. This occurs between the tabulated speeds of 2000 and 2500 ft/min (10.2 and 12.7 m/s). Interpolating, we find  $[(2500 - 2380)/(2500 - 2000)](4.4 - 3.6) = 0.192$ . Hence, the power rating of the belt  $hp_{bi}$  is  $4.400 - 0.192 = 4.208$  hp/in (1.2 kW/cm) of width.

**6. Determine the required belt width.** The required belt width  $W = hpS_f/(hp_{bi}C_c)$ , or  $W = (15)(1.2)/[(4.208)(1.12)] = 3.82$  in (9.7 cm). Use a 4-in (10.2-cm) wide belt.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for rubber-belt drives of all types. For additional service factors, consult the engineering data published by B. F. Goodrich Company, The Good-year Tire and Rubber Company, United States Rubber Company, etc.

**TABLE 6** Power Ratings of Rubber Belts [32-oz (0.9-kg) Hard Fabric]

(HP = hp/in of belt width for 180° wrap)

(Power = kW/cm of belt width for 180° wrap)

Ply	Belt speed, ft/min (m/s)			
	2000 (10.2)	2500 (12.7)	3000 (15.2)	4000 (20.3)
3	2.9 (0.85)	3.5 (1.03)	4.1 (1.20)	5.1 (1.50)
4	3.9 (1.14)	4.7 (1.38)	5.5 (1.61)	6.8 (2.00)
5	4.9 (1.44)	5.9 (1.73)	6.9 (2.03)	8.5 (2.50)
6	5.9 (1.73)	7.1 (2.08)	8.3 (2.44)	10.2 (2.99)
7	6.9 (2.03)	8.3 (2.44)	9.7 (2.85)	11.9 (3.49)
8	7.9 (2.32)	9.5 (2.79)	11.1 (3.26)	13.6 (3.99)
9	8.9 (2.61)	10.6 (3.11)	12.4 (3.64)	15.3 (4.49)
10	9.8 (2.88)	11.7 (3.43)	13.7 (4.02)	17.0 (4.99)

**TABLE 7** Service Factors for V-Belt Drives

Typical machines	Type of service	Service factors
Domestic washing machines, domestic ironers, advertising display fixtures, small fans and blowers	Light	1.0–1.2
Fans and blowers (heavy rotors), centrifugal pumps, oil burners, home workshop machines	Medium	1.2–1.4
Stokers, reciprocating pumps and compressors, refrigerators, drill presses, grinders, lathes, meat slicers, machines for industrial use	Heavy	1.4–1.6

## SELECTING A V BELT FOR POWER TRANSMISSION

Choose a V belt to drive a 0.75-hp (559.3-W) stoker at about 900 r/min from a 1750-r/min motor. The stoker is fitted with a 3-in (7.6-cm) diameter sheave and the motor with a 6-in (15.2-cm) diameter sheave. The distance between the sheave shaft centerlines is 18 in (45.7 cm). The stoker handles soft coal free of hard lumps.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the design horsepower for the belt.** V-belt manufacturers publish service factors for belts used in various applications. Table 7 shows that a stoker is classed as heavy service and has a service factor of 1.4 to 1.6. By using the lower value, because the stoker handles soft coal free of hard lumps, the design horsepower for the belt is found by taking the product of the rated horsepower of the device driven by the belt and the service factor, or (0.75 hp)(1.4 service factor) = 1.05 hp (783.0 W). The belt must be capable of transmitting this, or a greater, horsepower.

**2. Determine the belt speed and arc of contact.** The belt speed  $S = \pi RD$ , where  $R$  = sheave rpm;  $D$  = sheave pitch diameter, ft = (sheave outside diameter, in  $- 2X$ )/12, where  $2X$  = sheave dimension from Table 8. Before solving this equation, an assumption about the cross-sectional width of the belt

**TABLE 8** Sheave Dimensions—Light-Duty V Belt

Belt cross section	Sheave effective OD		Groove angle, deg	$W$		$D$		$2X$	
	in	cm		in	mm	in	mm	in	mm
2L	Under	Under							
	1.5	3.8	32	0.240	6.10	0.250	6.4	0.10	2.5
	1.5–1.99	3.8–5.05	34	0.243	6.17				
	2.0–2.5	5.08–6.4	36	0.246	6.25				
3L	Over 2.5	Over 6.4	38	0.250	6.35				
	Under	Under							
	2.2	5.6	32	0.360	9.14	0.406	10.3	0.15	3.8
	2.2–3.19	5.6–8.10	34	0.364	9.25				
4L	3.2–4.2	8.13–10.7	36	0.368	9.35				
	Over	Over							
	4.20	10.7	38	0.372	9.45				
	Under	Under							
4L	2.65	6.7	30	0.485	12.32	0.490	12.4	0.20	5.1
	2.65–3.24	6.7–8.23	32	0.490	12.45				
	3.25–5.65	8.26–14.4	34	0.494	12.55				
	Over	Over							
	5.65	14.4	38	0.504	12.80				

**TABLE 9** Correction Factors for Arc of Contact—V-Belt Drives

Arc of contact, deg	Correction factor		Arc of contact, deg	Correction factor	
	V to V	V to flat*		V to V	V to flat*
180	1.00	0.75	130	0.86	0.86
170	0.98	0.77	120	0.82	0.82
160	0.95	0.80	110	0.78	0.78
150	0.92	0.82	100	0.74	0.74
140	0.89	0.84	90	0.69	0.69

\*A V-to-flat drive has a small sheave and a larger-diameter flat pulley.

must be made because  $2X$  varies from 0.10 to 0.30 in (2.5 to 7.6 mm), and the exact cross section of the belt that will be used is not yet known. A value of  $X = 0.15$  in (3.8 mm) is usually a safe assumption. It corresponds to a  $3L$  belt cross section. Using  $X = 0.15$  and the diameter and speed of the larger sheave, we see  $S = \pi(1750)(6.0 - 0.15)/12 = 2675$  ft/min (13.6 m/s).

Compute the belt arc of contact from arc of contact, degrees =  $180 - [60(d_1 - d_s)/l]$ , where  $d_1$  = large sheave nominal diameter, in;  $d_s$  = small sheave nominal diameter, in;  $l$  = distance between shaft centers, in. For this drive, arc =  $180 - [60(6 - 3)/18] = 170^\circ$ . An arc-of-contact correction factor must be applied in computing the belt power capacity. Read this correction factor from Table 9 as  $C_c = 0.98$  for a V-sheave to V-sheave drive and a  $170^\circ$  arc of contact.

*Note:* If desired, the pitch diameters can be used in the above relation in place of the nominal diameters.

**3. Select the belt to be used.** The  $2X$  value used in step 3 corresponds to a  $3L$  cross section belt. Check the power capacity of this belt by entering Table 10 at a belt speed of 2800 ft/min (14.2 m/s), the next larger tabulated speed, and projecting across to the appropriate small-sheave diameter—3 in (7.6 cm) or larger. Read the belt horsepower rating as 0.87 hp (648.8 W). This is considerably less than the required capacity of 1.05 hp (783.0 W) computed in step 1. Therefore, the  $3L$  belt is unsatisfactory.

Try a  $4L$  belt, Table 11, following the same procedure. A  $4L$  belt with a 3-in (7.6-cm) diameter small sheave has a rating of 1.16 hp (865.0 W). Correct this for the actual arc of contact by multiplying by  $C_c$ , or  $(1.16)(0.98) = 1.137$  (847.9 W). Thus, the belt is suitable for the design hp value of 1.05 hp (783.0 W).

As a final check, compute the actual belt speed using the actual  $2X$  value from Table 8. Thus, for a  $4L$  belt on a 6-in (15.2-cm) sheave,  $2X = 0.20$ , and  $S = \pi(1750)(6 - 0.20)/12 = 2660$  ft/min (13.5 m/s). Hence, use of 2800 ft/min (14.2 m/s) in selecting the belt was a safe assumption. Note that the difference between the belt speed based on the assumed value of  $2X$ , 2675 ft/min (13.6 m/s), and the actual belt speed, 2660 ft/min (13.5 m/s), is about 0.5 percent. This is negligible.

**TABLE 10** Power Ratings of  $3L$  Cross Section V Belts

(Based on  $180^\circ$  arc of contact on small sheave)

Belt speed		Effective OD of small sheave							
		1½ in (3.8 cm)		2 in (5.1 cm)		2½ in (6.4 cm)		3 in (7.6 cm) or more	
ft/min	m/s	hp	W	hp	W	hp	W	hp	W
2200	11.2	0.12	89.5	0.44	328.1	0.64	477.2	0.77	574.2
2400	12.2	0.10	74.6	0.45	335.6	0.66	492.2	0.81	604.0
2600	13.2	0.07	52.2	0.46	343.0	0.69	514.5	0.84	626.4
2800	14.2	0.04	29.8	0.46	343.0	0.70	522.0	0.87	648.8
3000	15.2	0.01	7.5	0.45	335.6	0.72	536.9	0.89	663.7



**TABLE 11** Power Ratings of 4L Cross Section V Belts  
(Based on 180° arc of contact on small sheave)

Belt speed		Effective OD of small sheave							
		2½ in (6.4 cm)		3 in (7.6 cm)		3½ in (8.9 cm)		4 in (10.2 cm) or more	
ft/min	m/s	hp	W	hp	W	hp	W	hp	W
2200	11.2	0.67	499.6	1.08	805.4	1.37	1021.6	1.58	1178.2
2400	12.2	0.68	507.1	1.12	835.2	1.43	1066.4	1.66	1237.9
2600	13.2	0.66	492.2	1.16	865.0	1.50	1118.5	1.75	1305.0
2800	14.2	0.65	484.7	1.18	879.9	1.54	1148.4	1.81	1349.7
3000	15.2	0.63	469.8	1.19	887.4	1.58	1178.2	1.87	1394.5

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure when choosing a single V belt for a drive. Where multiple belts are used, follow the steps given in the next calculation procedure. The data presented for single V belts is abstracted from *Standards for Light-duty or Fractional-horsepower V-Belts*, published by the Rubber Manufacturers Association.

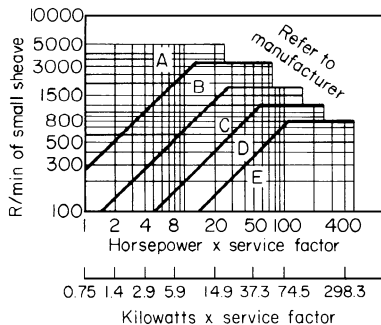
## SELECTING MULTIPLE V BELTS FOR POWER TRANSMISSION

Choose the type and number of V belts needed to drive an air compressor from a 5-hp (3.7-kW) wound-rotor ac motor when the motor speed is 1800 r/min and the compressor speed is 600 r/min. The pitch diameter of the large sheave is 20 in (50.8 cm); and the distance between shaft centers is 36.0 in (91.4 cm).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Choose the V-belt section.** Determine the design horsepower of the drive by finding the product of the service factor and the rated horsepower. Use Table 3 to find the service factor. The value of this factor is 1.4 for a compressor driven by a wound-rotor ac motor. Thus, the design horsepower = (5.0 hp)(1.4 service factor) = 7.0 hp (5.2 kW).

Enter Fig. 3 at 7.0 hp (5.2 kW), and project up to the small sheave speed, 600 r/min. Read the belt cross section as type B.



**FIGURE 3** V-belt cross section for required hp rating.

**2. Determine the small-sheave pitch diameter.** Use the speed ratio of the shafts to determine the diameter of the small sheave. The speed ratio of the shafts is the ratio of the speed of the high-speed shaft to that of the low-speed shaft, or  $1800/600 = 3.0$ . The sheave pitch diameters have the same ratio, or  $20/PD_s = 3$ ;  $PD_s = 20/3 = 6.67$  in (16.9 cm).

**3. Compute the belt speed.** The belt speed is  $S = \pi RD$ , where  $R$  = small-sheave rpm;  $D$  = small-sheave pitch diameter, ft. Thus,  $S = \pi(1800)(6.67/12) = 3140$  ft/min (16.0 m/s).

**TABLE 12** Small-Diameter Factors—Multiple V Belts

Speed ratio range	Small-diameter factor
1.000–1.019	1.00
1.020–1.032	1.01
1.033–1.055	1.02
1.056–1.081	1.03
1.082–1.109	1.04
1.110–1.142	1.05
1.143–1.178	1.06
1.179–1.222	1.07
1.223–1.274	1.08
1.275–1.340	1.09
1.341–1.429	1.10
1.430–1.562	1.11
1.563–1.814	1.12
1.815–2.948	1.13
2.949 and over	1.14

**4. Determine the belt horsepower rating.** A tabulation of allowable belt horsepower ratings is used to determine the rating of a specific belt. To enter this table, the belt speed and the small-sheave equivalent diameter must be known.

Find the equivalent diameter  $d_e$  of the small sheave by taking the product of the small-sheave pitch diameter and the diameter factor, Table 12. Thus, for a speed range of 3.0 the small-diameter factor = 1.14, from Table 12. Hence,  $d_e = (6.67)(1.14) = 7.6$  in (19.3 cm).

Enter Table 12A at a belt speed of 3200 ft/min (16.3 m/s) and  $d_e = 7.6$  in (19.3 cm). In the last column read the belt horsepower rating as 6.5 hp (4.85 kW). This rating must be corrected for the arc of contact and the belt length.

The arc of contact =  $180 - [60(d_l - d_s)/l]$ , where  $d_l$  and  $d_s$  = large- and small-sheave pitch diameters, respectively, in;  $l$  = distance between sheave shaft centers, in. Thus, arc of contact =  $180 - [60(20 - 6.67)/36] = 157.8^\circ$ . Using Table 4 and interpolating, we find the arc-of-contact correction factor  $C_c = 0.94$ .

Compute the belt pitch length from  $L = 2l + 1.57(d_l + d_s) + (d_l - d_s)^2/(4l)$ , where all the symbols are as given earlier. Thus,  $L = 2(36) + 1.57(20 + 6.67) + (20 - 6.67)^2/[4(36)] = 115.1$  in (292.4 cm).

Enter Table 13 by interpolating between the standard belt lengths of 105 and 120 in (266.7 and 304.8 cm), and find the length correction factor for a B cross section belt as 1.06.

Find the product of the rated horsepower of the belt and the two correction factors—arc of contact and belt length, or  $(6.5)(0.94)(1.06) = 6.47$  hp (4.82 kW).

**5. Choose the number of belts required.** The design horsepower, step 1, is 7.0 hp (5.2 kW). Thus, 7.0 design hp/6.47 rated belt hp = 1.08 belts; use two belts. Choose the next larger number of belts whenever a fractional number is indicated.

**Related Calculations** The tables and data used here are based on engineering information which is available from and updated by the Mechanical Power Transmission Association and the Rubber Manufacturers Association. Similar engineering data are published by the various V-belt manufacturers. Data presented here may be used when manufacturer's engineering data are not available.

**TABLE 12A** Power Ratings for Premium-Quality B-Section V Belts

Belt speed		Equivalent diameter $d_e$			
		6.6 in (16.8 cm)		7.0 + in (17.8 + cm)	
ft/min	m/s	hp	kW	hp	kW
3000	15.2	5.90	4.40	6.26	4.67
3200	16.3	6.12	4.56	6.50	4.85
3400	17.3	6.31	4.71	6.73	5.02

**TABLE 13** Length Correction Factors—Multiple V Belts

Standard length designation		Belt cross section			
		A	B	C	D
in	cm				
96	243.8	1.08	...	0.92	
105	266.7	1.10	1.04	0.94	
120	304.8	1.13	1.07	0.97	0.86
136	345.4	...	1.09	0.99	

## SELECTION OF A WIRE-ROPE DRIVE

Choose a wire-rope drive for a 3000-lb (1360.8-kg) traction-type freight elevator designed to lift freight or passengers totaling 4000 lb (1814.4 kg). The vertical lift of the elevator is 500 ft (152.4 m), and the rope velocity is 750 ft/min (3.8 m/s). The traction-type elevator sheaves are designed to accelerate the car to full speed in 60 ft (18.3 m) when it starts from a stopped position. A 48-in (1.2-m) diameter sheave is used for the elevator.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Select the number of hoisting ropes to use.** The number of ropes required for an elevator is usually fixed by state or city laws. Check the local ordinances before choosing the number of ropes. Usual laws require at least four ropes for a freight elevator. Assume four ropes are used for this elevator.

**2. Select the rope size and strength.** Standard “blue-center” steel hoisting rope is a popular choice, as is “plow-steel” and “mild plow-steel” rope. Assume that four  $\frac{9}{16}$ -in (14.3-mm) six-strand 19-wires-per-strand blue-center steel ropes will be suitable for this car. The  $6 \times 19$  rope is commonly used for freight and passenger elevators. Once the rope size is chosen, its strength can be checked against the actual load. The breaking strength of  $\frac{9}{16}$  in (14.3 mm),  $6 \times 19$  blue-center steel rope is 13.5 tons (12.2 t), and its weight is 0.51 lb/ft (0.76 kg/m). These values are tabulated in Baumeister and Marks—*Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers* and in rope manufacturers’ engineering data.

**3. Compute the total load on each rope.** The weight of the car and its contents is  $3000 + 4000 = 7000$  lb (3175.1 kg). With four ropes, the load per rope is  $7000/[4(2000 \text{ lb-ton})] = 0.875$  ton (0.794 t).

With a 500-ft (152.4-m) lift, the length of each rope would be equal to the lift height. Hence, with a rope weight of 0.51 lb/ft (0.76 kg/m), the total weight of the rope =  $(0.51)(500)/2000 = 0.127$  ton (0.115 t).

Acceleration of the car from the stopped condition places an extra load on the rope. The rate of acceleration of the car is found from  $a = v^2/(2d)$ , where  $a$  = car acceleration,  $\text{ft/s}^2$ ;  $v$  = final velocity of the car,  $\text{ft/s}$ ;  $d$  = distance through which the acceleration occurs, ft. For this car,  $a = (750/60)^2/[2(60)] = 1.3 \text{ ft/s}^2$  ( $39.6 \text{ cm/s}^2$ ). The value 60 in the numerator of the above relation converts from feet per minute to feet per second.

The rope load caused by acceleration of the car is  $L_r = Wa/(\text{number of ropes})(2000 \text{ lb/ton})$  [ $g = 32.2 \text{ ft/s}^2$  ( $9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ )], where  $L_r$  = rope load, tons;  $W$  = weight of car and load, lb. Thus,  $L_r = (7000)(1.3)/[(4)(2000)(32.2)] = 0.03351$  ton (0.03040 t) per rope.

The rope load caused by acceleration of the rope is  $L_r = Wa/32.2$ , where  $W$  = weight of rope, tons. Or,  $L_r = (0.127)(1.3)/32.2 = 0.0512$  ton (0.0464 t).

When the rope bends around the sheave, another load is produced. This bending load is, in pounds,  $F_b = AE_r d_w/d_s$ , where  $A$  = rope area,  $\text{in}^2$ ;  $E_r$  = modulus of elasticity of the whole rope =  $12 \times 10^6 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $82.7 \times 10^6 \text{ kPa}$ ) for steel rope;  $d_w$  = rope diameter, in;  $d_s$  = sheave diameter, in. Thus, for this rope,  $F_b = (0.0338)(12 \times 10^6)(0.120/48) = 1014$  lb, or 0.507 ton (0.460 t).

The total load on the rope is the sum of the individual loads, or  $0.875 + 0.127 + 0.0351 + 0.507 + 0.051 = 1.545$  tons (1.4 t). Since the rope has a breaking strength of 13.5 tons (12.2 t), the factor of safety FS = breaking strength, tons/rope load, tons =  $13.5/1.545 = 8.74$ . The usual minimum acceptable FS for elevator ropes is 8.0. Hence, this rope is satisfactory.

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure when choosing wire-rope drivers for mine hoists, inclined-shaft hoists, cranes, derricks, car pullers, dredges, well drilling, etc. When standard hoisting rope is chosen, which is the type most commonly used, the sheave diameter should

not be less than  $30d_w$ ; the recommended diameter is  $45d_w$ . For *haulage rope* use  $42d_w$  and  $72d_w$ , respectively; for special flexible *hoisting rope*, use  $18d_w$  and  $27d_w$  sheaves.

## SPEEDS OF GEARS AND GEAR TRAINS

A gear having 60 teeth is driven by a 12-tooth gear turning at 800 r/min. What is the speed of the driven gear? What would be the speed of the driven gear if a 24-tooth idler gear were placed between the driving and driven gear? What would be the speed of the driven gear if two 24-tooth idlers were used? What is the direction of rotation of the driven gear when one and two idlers are used? A 24-tooth driving gear turning at 600 r/min meshes with a 48-tooth compound gear. The second gear of the compound gear has 72 teeth and drives a 96-tooth gear. What are the speed and direction of rotation of the 96-tooth gear?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the speed of the driven gear.** For any two meshing gears, the speed ratio  $R_D/R_d = N_d/N_D$ , where  $R_D$  = rpm of driving gear;  $R_d$  = rpm of driven gear;  $N_d$  = number of teeth in driven gear;  $N_D$  = number of teeth in driving gear. By substituting the given values,  $R_D/R_d = N_d/N_D$ , or  $800/R_d = 60/12$ ;  $R_d = 160$  r/min.

**2. Determine the effect of one idler gear.** An idler gear has *no* effect on the speed of the driving or driven gear. Thus, the speed of each gear would remain the same, regardless of the number of teeth in the idler gear. An idler gear is generally used to reduce the required diameter of the driving and driven gears on two widely separated shafts.

**3. Determine the effect of two idler gears.** The effect of more than one idler is the same as that of a single idler—i.e., the speed of the driving and driven gears remains the same, regardless of the number of idlers used.

**4. Determine the direction of rotation of the gears.** Where an odd number of gears are used in a gear train, the first and last gears turn in the *same* direction. Thus, with one idler, one driver, and one driven gear, the driver and driven gear turn in the *same* direction because there are three gears (i.e., an odd number) in the gear train.

Where an even number of gears is used in a gear train, the first and last gears turn in the *opposite* direction. Thus, with two idlers, one driver, and one driven gear, the driver and driven gear turn in the *opposite* direction because there are four gears (i.e., an even number) in the gear train.

**5. Determine the compound-gear output speed.** A compound gear has two gears keyed to the same shaft. One of the gears is driven by another gear; the second gear of the compound set drives another gear. In a compound gear train, the product of the number of teeth of the driving gears and the rpm of the first driver equals the product of the number of teeth of the driven gears and the rpm of the last driven gear.

In this gearset, the first driver has 24 teeth and the second driver has 72 teeth. The rpm of the first driver is 600. The driven gears have 48 and 96 teeth, respectively. Speed of the final gear is unknown. Applying the above rule gives  $(24)(72)(600) = (48)(96)(R_d)$ ;  $R_d = 215$  r/min.

Apply the rule in step 4 to determine the direction of rotation of the final gear. Since the gearset has an even number of gears, four, the final gear revolves in the opposite direction from the first driving gear.

**Related Calculations** Use the general procedure given here for gears and gear trains having spur, bevel, helical, spiral, worm, or hypoid gears. Be certain to determine the correct number of teeth and the gear rpm before substituting values in the given equations.

## SELECTION OF GEAR SIZE AND TYPE

Select the type and size of gears to use for a 100-ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.047-m<sup>3</sup>/s) reciprocating air compressor driven by a 50-hp (37.3-kW) electric motor. The compressor and motor shafts are on parallel axes 21 in (53.3 cm) apart. The motor shaft turns at 1800 r/min while the compressor shaft turns at 300 r/min. Is the distance between the shafts sufficient for the gears chosen?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Choose the type of gears to use.** Table 14 lists the kinds of gears in common use for shafts having parallel, intersecting, and non-intersecting axes. Thus, Table 14 shows that for shafts having parallel axes, spur or helical, external or internal, gears are commonly chosen. Since external gears are simpler to apply than internal gears, the external type is chosen wherever possible. Internal gears are the planetary type and are popular for applications where limited space is available. Space is not a consideration in this application; hence, an external spur gearset will be used.

Table 15 lists factors to consider in selecting gears by the characteristics of the application. As with Table 14, the data in Table 15 indicate that spur gears are suitable for this drive. Table 16, based on the convenience of the user, also indicates that spur gears are suitable.

**2. Compute the pitch diameter of each gear.** The distance between the driving and driven shafts is 21 in (53.3 cm). This distance is approximately equal to the sum of the driving gear pitch radius  $r_D$  in and the driven gear pitch radius  $r_d$  in. Or  $d_D + r_d = 21$  in (53.3 cm).

In this installation the driving gear is mounted on the motor shaft and turns at 1800 r/min. The driven gear is mounted on the compressor shaft and turns at 300 r/min. Thus, the speed ratio of the gears ( $R_D$ , driver rpm/ $R_d$ , driven rpm) = 1800/300 = 6. For a spur gear,  $R_D/R_d = r_d/r_D$ , or  $6 = r_d/r_D$ , and  $r_d = 6r_D$ . Hence, substituting in  $r_D + r_d = 21$ ,  $r_D + 6r_D = 21$ ;  $r_D = 3$  in (7.6 cm). Then  $3 + r_d = 21$ ,  $r_d = 18$  in (45.7 cm). The respective pitch diameters of the gears are  $d_D = 2 \times 3 = 6.0$  in (15.2 cm);  $d_d = 2 \times 18 = 36.0$  in (91.4 cm).

**3. Determine the number of teeth in each gear.** The number of teeth in a spur gearset,  $N_D$  and  $N_d$ , can be approximated from the ratio  $R_D/R_d = N_d/N_D$ , or 1800/300 =  $N_d/N_D$ ;  $N_d = 6N_D$ . Hence, the driven gear will have approximately six times as many teeth as the driving gear.

**TABLE 14** Types of Gears in Common Use\*

Parallel axes	Intersecting axes	Nonintersecting parallel axes
Spur, external	Straight bevel	Crossed helical
Spur, internal	Zerol <sup>†</sup> bevel	Single-enveloping worm
Helical, external	Spiral bevel	Double-enveloping worm
Helical, internal	Face gear	Hypoid

\*From Darle W. Dudley—*Practical Gear Design*, McGraw-Hill, 1954.

<sup>†</sup>Registered trademark of the Gleason Works.

**TABLE 15** Gear Drive Selection by Application Characteristics\*

Characteristic	Type of gearbox	Kind of teeth	Range of use
High power	Simple, branched, or epicyclic	Helical	Up to 40,000 hp (29,828 kW) per single mesh; over 60,000 hp (44,742 kW) in MDT designs; up to 40,000 hp (29,282 kW) in epicyclic units
	Simple, branched, or epicyclic	Spur	Up to 4000 hp (2983 kW) per single mesh; up to 10,000 hp (7457 kW) in an epicyclic
High efficiency	Simple	Spiral bevel	Up to 15,000 hp (11,186 kW) per single mesh
		Zerol bevel	Up to 1000 hp (745.7 kW) per single mesh
Light weight	Simple	Spur, helical or bevel	Over 99 percent efficiency in the most favorable cases—98 percent efficiency is typical
		Spur or helical	Outstanding in airplane and helicopter drives
Compact	Epicyclic	Helical	Very good in marine main reductions
	Simple	Spur or helical	Outstanding in high-torque-actuating devices
	Simple	Bevel	Automobiles, trucks, and instruments
	Simple	Spur or helical	Good in aircraft nacelles
Precision	Simple	Worm-gear	Good in high-ratio industrial speed reducers
	Simple	Hypoid	Good in tools and other applications
	Simple or branched	Helical	Good in auto and truck rear ends plus other applications
	Simple	Spur	Widely used in machine-tool index drives
	Simple	Hypoid	Used in certain index drives for machine tools
	Simple	Helical	A favorite for high-speed, high-accuracy power gears
	Simple	Spur	Widely used in radar pedestal gearing, gun control drives, navigation instruments, and many other applications
	Simple	Spiroid	Used where precision and adjustable backlash are needed

\*Mechanical Engineering, November 1965.

As a trial, assume that  $N_d = 72$  teeth; then  $N_D = N_d/6 = 72/6 = 12$  teeth. This assumption must now be checked to determine whether the gears will give the desired output speed. Since  $R_D/R_d = N_d/N_D$ , or  $1800/300 = 72/12$ ;  $6 = 6$ . Thus, the gears will provide the desired speed change.

The distance between the shafts is  $21$  in ( $53.3$  cm)  $= r_D + r_d$ . This means that there is no clearance when the gears are meshed. Since all gears require some clearance, the shafts will have to be moved apart slightly to provide this clearance. If the shafts cannot be moved apart, the gear diameter must be reduced. In this installation, however, the electric-motor driver can probably be moved a fraction of an inch to provide the desired clearance.

**4. Choose the final gear size.** Refer to a catalog of stock gears. From this catalog choose a driving and a driven gear having the required number of teeth and the required pitch diameter. If gears of the exact size required are not available, pick the nearest suitable stock sizes.

Check the speed ratio, using the procedure in step 3. As a general rule, stock gears having a slightly different number of teeth or a somewhat smaller or larger pitch diameter will provide nearly the desired speed ratio. When suitable stock gears are not available in one catalog, refer to one or more other catalogs. If suitable stock gears are still not available, and if the speed ratio is a critical factor in the selection of the gear, custom-sized gears may have to be manufactured.

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure to choose gear drives employing any of the 12 types of gears listed in Table 14. Table 17 lists typical gear selections based on the arrangement of the driving and driven equipment. These tables are the work of Darle W. Dudley.

**TABLE 16** Gear Drive Selection for the Convenience of the User\*

Consideration	Kind of teeth	Typical applications	Comments
Cost	Spur	Toys, clocks, instruments, industrial drives, machine tools, transmissions, military equipment, household applications, rocket boosters	Very widely used in all manner of applications where power and speed requirements are not too great—parts are often mass-produced at very low cost per part
Ease of use	Spur or helical	Change gears in machine tools, vehicle transmissions where gear shifting occurs	Ease of changing gears to change ratio is important
	Worm-gear	Speed reducers	High ratio drive obtained with only two gear parts
Simplicity	Crossed helical	Light power drives	No critical positioning required in a right-angle drive
	Face gear	Small power drives	Simple and easy to position for a right-angle drive
	Helical	Marine main drive units for ships, generator drives in power plants	Helical teeth with good accuracy and a design that provides good axial overlap mesh very smoothly
	Spiral bevel	Main drive units for aircraft, ships, and many other applications	Helical type of tooth action in a right-angle power drive
Noise	Hypoid	Automotive rear axle	Helical type of tooth provides high overlap
	Worm-gear	Small power drives in marine, industrial, and household appliance applications	Overlapping, multiple tooth contacts
	Spiroid-gear	Portable tools, home appliances	Overlapping, multiple tooth contacts

\*Mechanical Engineering, November 1965.

## GEAR SELECTION FOR LIGHT LOADS

Detail a generalized gear-selection procedure useful for spur, rack, spiral miter, miter, bevel, helical, and worm gears. Assume that the drive horsepower and speed ratio are known.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Choose the type of gear to use.** Use Table 14 of the previous calculation procedure as a general guide to the type of gear to use. Make a tentative choice of the gear type.

**2. Select the pitch diameter of the pinion and gear.** Compute the pitch diameter of the pinion from  $d_p = 2c/(R + 2)$ , where  $d_p$  = pitch diameter in, of the pinion, which is the *smaller* of the two gears in mesh;  $c$  = center distance between the gear shafts, in;  $R$  = gear ratio = larger rpm, number of teeth, or pitch diameter + smaller rpm, smaller number of teeth, or smaller pitch diameter.

Compute the pitch diameter of the gear, which is the *larger* of the two gears in mesh, from  $d_g = d_p R$ .

**3. Determine the diametral pitch of the drive.** Tables 18 to 21 show typical diametral pitches for various horsepower ratings and gear materials. Enter the appropriate table at the horsepower that will be transmitted, and select the diametral pitch of the pinion.

**TABLE 17** Gear Drive Selection by Arrangement of Driving and Driven Equipment\*

Kind of teeth	Axes	Gearbox type	Type of tooth contact	Generic family
Spur <sup>†</sup>	Parallel	Simple (pinion and gear), epicyclic (planetary, star, solar), branched systems, idler for reverse	Line	Coplanar
Helical <sup>†</sup> (single or double helical, herringbone)	Parallel	Simple, epicyclic, branched	Overlapping line	Coplanar
Bevel	Right-angle or angular, but intersecting	Simple, epicyclic, branched	(Straight) line, (Zerol) <sup>‡</sup> line, (spiral) overlapping	Coplanar
Worm	Right-angle, nonintersecting	Simple	(Cylindrical) overlapping line, (double-enveloping) <sup>§</sup> overlapping line	Nonplanar
Crossed helical	Right-angle or skew, nonintersecting	Simple	Point	Nonplanar
Face gear	Right-angle, intersecting	Simple	Line (overlapping if helical)	Coplanar
Hypoid	Right-angle or angular, nonintersecting	Simple	Overlapping line	Nonplanar
Spiroid, helicon, planoid	Right-angle, nonintersecting	Simple	Overlapping line	Nonplanar

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<sup>†</sup>These kinds of teeth are often used to change rotary motion to linear motion by use of a pinion and rack.

<sup>‡</sup>Zerol is a registered trademark of the Gleason Works, Rochester, New York.

<sup>§</sup>The most widely used double-enveloping worm gear is the cone-drive type.

**TABLE 18** Spur-Gear Pitch Selection Guide\*

(20° pressure angle)

Gear diametral pitch		Pinion		Gear	
in	cm	hp	W	hp	W
20	50.8	0.04–1.69	29.8–1,260	0.13–0.96	96.9–715.9
16	40.6	0.09–2.46	67.1–1,834	0.22–1.61	164.1–1,200
12	30.5	0.24–5.04	179.0–3,758	0.43–3.16	320.8–2,356
10	25.4	0.46–6.92	343.0–5,160	0.70–5.12	522.0–3,818
8	20.3	0.88–10.69	656.2–7,972	1.11–7.87	827.7–5,869
6	15.2	1.84–16.63	1,372–12,401	2.28–12.39	1,700–9,239
5	12.7	3.04–24.15	2,267–18,009	3.75–17.19	2,796–12,819
4	10.2	5.29–34.83	3,945–25,973	6.36–25.17	4,743–18,769
3	7.6	13.57–70.46	10,119–52,542	15.86–51.91	11,831–38,709

\*Morse Chain Company.



**TABLE 19** Miter and Bevel-Gear Pitch Selection Guide\*  
(20° pressure angle)

Gear diametral pitch		Hardened gear		Unhardened gear	
in	cm	hp	kW	hp	kW
Steel spiral miter					
18	45.7	0.07–0.70	0.053–0.522	0.04–0.42	0.030–0.313
12	30.5	0.15–1.96	0.112–1.462	0.09–1.17	0.067–0.873
10	25.4	0.50–4.53	0.373–3.378	0.30–2.70	0.224–2.013
8	20.3	1.56–7.15	1.163–5.331	0.93–4.26	0.694–3.177
7	17.8	1.93–9.30	1.439–6.935	1.15–5.54	0.858–4.131
Steel miter					
20	50.8	.....	.....	0.01–0.12	0.008–0.090
16	40.6	0.07–0.73	0.053–0.544	0.02–0.72	0.015–0.537
14	35.6	.....	.....	0.04–0.37	0.030–0.276
12	30.5	0.14–2.96	0.104–2.207	0.07–1.77	0.052–1.320
10	25.4	0.39–3.47	0.291–2.588	0.23–2.07	0.172–1.544
Steel and cast-iron bevel gears					
	Ratio	hp		W	
	1.5:1	0.04–2.34		29.8–1744.9	
	2:1	0.01–12.09		7.5–9015.5	
	3:1	0.04–8.32		29.8–6204.2	
	4:1	0.05–10.60		37.3–7904.4	
	6:1	0.07–2.16		52.2–1610.7	

\*Morse Chain Company.

**4. Choose the gears to use.** Enter a manufacturer’s engineering tabulation of gear properties, and select the pinion and gear for the horsepower and rpm of the drive. Note that the rated horsepower of the pinion and the gear must equal, or exceed, the rated horsepower of the drive at this specified input and output rpm.

**5. Compute the actual center distance.** Find half the sum of the pitch diameter of the pinion and the pitch diameter of the gear. This is the actual center-to-center distance of the drive. Compare this value with the available space. If the actual center distance exceeds the allowable distance, try to rearrange the drive or select another type of gear and pinion.

**6. Check the drive speed ratio.** Find the actual speed ratio by dividing the number of teeth in the gear by the number of teeth in the pinion. Compare the actual ratio with the desired ratio. If there is a major difference, change the number of teeth in the pinion or gear or both.

**TABLE 20** Helical-Gear Pitch Selection Guide\*

Gear diametral pitch		Hardened-steel gear	
in	cm	hp	W
20	50.8	0.04–1.80	29.8–1,342.3
16	40.6	0.08–2.97	59.7–2,214.7
12	30.5	0.22–5.87	164.1–4,377.3
10	25.4	0.37–8.29	275.9–6,181.9
8	20.3	†0.66–11.71	492.2–8,732.1
		‡0.49–9.07	365.4–6,763.5
6	15.2	§1.44–19.15	1,073.8–14,280.2
		†1.15–15.91	857.6–11,864.1

\*Morse Chain Company.

†1-in (2.5-cm) face.

‡3/4-in (1.9-cm) face.

§1 1/2-in (3.8-cm) face.

Compare the actual ratio with the desired ratio. If there is a major difference, change the number of teeth in the pinion or gear or both.

**TABLE 21** Worm-Gear Pitch Selection Guide\*

Gear diametral pitch		Bronze gears					
		Single		Double		Quadruple	
in	cm	hp	W	hp	W	hp	W
12	30.5	0.04–0.64	29.8–477.2	0.05–1.21	37.3–902.3	0.05–3.11	37.3–2319
10	25.4	0.06–0.97	44.7–723.3	0.08–2.49	59.7–1856	0.13–4.73	96.9–3527
8	20.3	0.11–1.51	82.0–1126	0.15–3.95	111.9–2946	0.08–7.69	59.7–5734
Triple							
5	12.7	0.51–4.61	380.3–3437	1.10–10.53	820.3–7852		
4	10.2	0.66–6.74	492.2–5026				

\*Morse Chain Company.

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure to select gear drives for loads up to the ratings shown in the accompanying tables. For larger loads, use the procedures given elsewhere in this section.

## SELECTION OF GEAR DIMENSIONS

A mild-steel 20-tooth 20° full-depth-type spur-gear pinion turning at 900 r/min must transmit 50 hp (37.3 kW) to a 300-r/min mild-steel gear. Select the number of gear teeth, diametral pitch of the gear, width of the gear face, the distance between the shaft centers, and the dimensions of the gear teeth. The allowable stress in the gear teeth is 800 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (55,160 kPa).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the number of teeth on the gear.** For any gearset,  $R_D/R_d = N_d/N_D$ , where  $R_D$  = rpm of driver;  $R_d$  = rpm driven gear;  $N_d$  = number of teeth on the driven gear;  $N_D$  = number of teeth on driving gear. Thus,  $900/300 = N_d/20$ ;  $N_d = 60$  teeth.

**2. Compute the diametral pitch of the gear.** The diametral pitch of the gear must be the same as the diametral pitch of the pinion if the gears are to run together. If the diametral pitch of the pinion is known, assume that the diametral pitch of the gear equals that of the pinion.

When the diametral pitch of the pinion is not known, use a modification of the Lewis formula, shown in the next calculation procedure, to compute the diametral pitch. Thus,  $P = (\pi SaYv/33,000 \text{ hp})^{0.5}$ , where all the symbols are as in the next calculation procedure, except that  $a = 4$  for machined gears. Obtain  $Y = 0.421$  for 60 teeth in a 20° full-depth gear from Baumeister and Marks—*Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers*. Assume that  $v$  = pitch-line velocity = 1200 ft/min (6.1 m/s). This is a typical reasonable value for  $v$ . Then  $P = [\pi \times 8000 \times 4 \times 0.421 \times 1200/(33,000 \times 50)]^{0.5} = 5.56$ , say 6, because diametral pitch is expressed as a whole number whenever possible.

**3. Compute the gear face width.** Spur gears often have a face width equal to about four times the circular pitch of the gear. Circular pitch  $p_c = \pi/P = \pi/6 = 0.524$ . Hence, the face width of the gear =  $4 \times 0.524 = 2.095$  in, say 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> in (5.4 cm).

**4. Determine the distance between the shaft centers.** Find the exact shaft centerline distance from  $d_c = (N_p + N_g)/2P$ , where  $N_p$  = number of teeth on pinion gear;  $N_g$  = number of teeth on gear. Thus,  $d_c = (20 + 60)/[2(6)] = 6.66$  in (16.9 cm).

**5. Compute the dimensions of the gear teeth.** Use AGMA Standards, Dudley—*Gear Handbook*, or the engineering tables published by gear manufacturers. Each of these sources provides a list of factors by which either the circular or diametral pitch can be multiplied to obtain the various dimensions of the teeth in a gear or pinion. Thus, for a  $20^\circ$  full-depth spur gear, using the circular pitch of 0.524 computed in step 3, we have the following:

	Factor	Circular pitch	Dimension, in (mm)
Addendum	= 0.3183	× 0.524	= 0.1668 (4.2)
Dedendum	= 0.3683	× 0.524	= 0.1930 (4.9)
Working depth	= 0.6366	× 0.524	= 0.3336 (8.5)
Whole depth	= 0.6866	× 0.524	= 0.3598 (9.1)
Clearance	= 0.05	× 0.524	= 0.0262 (0.67)
Tooth thickness	= 0.50	× 0.524	= 0.262 (6.7)
Width of space	= 0.52	× 0.524	= 0.2725 (6.9)
Backlash = width of space – tooth thickness	=	0.2725 – 0.262	= 0.0105 (0.27)

The dimensions of the pinion teeth are the same as those of the gear teeth.

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure to select the dimensions of helical, herringbone, spiral, and worm gears. Refer to the AGMA Standards for suitable factors and typical allowable working stresses for each type of gear and gear material.

## HORSEPOWER RATING OF GEARS

What are the strength horsepower rating, durability horsepower rating, and service horsepower rating of a 600-r/min 36-tooth 1.75-in (4.4-cm) face-width  $14.5^\circ$  full-depth 6-in (15.2-cm) pitch-diameter pinion driving a 150-tooth 1.75-in (4.4-cm) face width  $14.5^\circ$  full-depth 25-in (63.5-cm) pitch-diameter gear if the pinion is made of SAE 1040 steel 245 BHN and the gear is made of cast steel 0.35/0.45 carbon 210 BHN when the gearset operates under intermittent heavy shock loads for 3 h/day under fair lubrication conditions? The pinion is driven by an electric motor.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the strength horsepower, using the Lewis formula.** The widely used Lewis formula gives the strength horsepower,  $hp_s = SYFK_v v / (33,000P)$ , where  $S$  = allowable working stress of gear material, lb/in<sup>2</sup>;  $Y$  = tooth form factor (also called the Lewis factor);  $F$  = face width, in;  $K_v$  = dynamic load factor =  $600 / (600 + v)$  for metal gears,  $0.25 + 150 / (200 + v)$  for nonmetallic gears;  $v$  = pitchline velocity, ft/min = (pinion pitch diameter, in)(pinion rpm)(0.262);  $P$  = diametral pitch, in = number of teeth/pitch diameter, in. Obtain values of  $S$  and  $Y$  from tables in Baumeister and Marks—*Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers*, or AGMA Standards Books, or gear manufacturers' engineering data. Compute the strength horsepower for the pinion and gear separately.

Using one of the above references for the pinion, we find  $S = 25,000 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (172,368.9 kPa) and  $Y = 0.298$ . The pitchline velocity for the metal pinion is  $v = (6.0)(600)(0.262) = 944 \text{ ft/min}$  (4.8 m/s). Then  $K_v = 600/(600 + 944) = 0.388$ . The diametral pitch of the pinion is  $P = N_p/d_p$ , where  $N_p$  = number of teeth on pinion;  $d_p$  = diametral pitch of pinion, in. Or  $P = 36/6 = 6$ .

Substituting the above values in the Lewis formula gives  $hp_s = (25,000)(0.298)(1.75)(0.388)(944)/[(33,000)(6)] = 24.117 \text{ hp}$  (17.98 kW) for the pinion.

Using the Lewis formula and the same procedure for the 150-tooth gear,  $hp_s = (20,000)(0.374)(1.75)(0.388)(944)/[(33,000)(6)] = 24.2 \text{ hp}$  (18.05 kW). Thus, the strength horsepower of the gear is greater than that of the pinion.

**2. Compute the durability horsepower.** The durability horsepower of spur gears is found from  $hp_d = F_i K_r D_o C_r$  for  $20^\circ$  pressure-angle full-depth or stub teeth. For  $14.5^\circ$  full-depth teeth, multiply  $hp_d$  by 0.75. In this relation,  $F_i$  = face-width and built-in factor from AGMA Standards;  $K_r$  = factor for tooth form, materials, and ratio of gear to pinion from AGMA Standards;  $D_o = (d_p^2 R_p / 158,000)(1 - v^{0.5}/84)$ , where  $d_p$  = pinion pitch diameter, in;  $R_p$  = pinion rpm;  $v$  = pinion pitchline velocity, ft/min, as computed in step 1;  $C_r$  = factor to correct for increased stress at the start of single-tooth contact as given by AGMA Standards.

Using appropriate values from these standards for low-speed gears of double speed reductions yields  $hp_d = (0.75)(1.46)(387)(0.0865)(1.0) = 36.6 \text{ hp}$  (27.3 kW).

**3. Compute the gearset service rating.** Determine, by inspection, which is the lowest computed value for the gearset—the strength or durability horsepower. Thus, step 1 shows that the strength horsepower  $hp_s = 24.12 \text{ hp}$  (18.0 kW) of the pinion is the lowest computed value. Use this lowest value in computing the gear-train service rating.

Using the AGMA Standards, determine the service factors for this installation. The load service factor for heavy shock loads and 3 h/day intermittent operation with an electric-motor drive is 1.5 from the Standards. The lubrication factor for a drive operating under fair conditions is, from the Standards, 1.25. To find the service rating, divide the lowest computed horsepower by the product of the load and lubrication factors; or, service rating =  $24.12/(1.5)(1.25) = 7.35 \text{ hp}$  (9.6 kW).

Were this gearset operated only occasionally (0.5 h or less per day), the service rating could be determined by using the lower of the two computed strength horsepower, in this case 24.12 hp (18.0 kW). Apply only the load service factor, or 1.25 for occasional heavy shock loads. Thus, the service rating for these conditions =  $24.12/1.25 = 19.30 \text{ hp}$  (14.4 kW).

**Related Calculations** Similar AGMA gear construction-material, tooth-form, face-width, tooth-stress, service, and lubrication tables are available for rating helical, double-helical, herringbone, worm, straight-bevel, spiral-bevel, and Zerol gears. Follow the general procedure given here. Be certain, however, to use the applicable values from the appropriate AGMA tables. In general, choose suitable stock gears first; then check the horsepower rating as detailed above.

## MOMENT OF INERTIA OF A GEAR DRIVE

A 12-in (30.5-cm) outside-diameter 36-tooth steel pinion gear having a 3-in (7.6-cm) face width is mounted on a 2-in (5.1-cm) diameter 36-in (91.4-cm) long steel shaft turning at 600 r/min. The pinion drives a 200-r/min 36-in (91.4-cm) outside-diameter 108-tooth steel gear mounted on a 12-in (30.5-cm) long 2-in (5.1-cm) diameter steel shaft that is solidly connected to a 24-in (61.0-cm) long 4-in (10.2-cm) diameter shaft. What is the moment of inertia of the high-speed and low-speed assemblies of this gearset?

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the moment of inertia of each gear.** The moment of inertia of a cylindrical body about its longitudinal axis is  $I_i = WR^2$ , where  $I_i$  = moment of inertia of a cylindrical body, in<sup>4</sup>/in of length;  $W$  = weight of cylindrical material, lb/in<sup>3</sup>;  $R$  = radius of cylinder to its outside surface, in. For a steel shaft or gear, this relation can be simplified to  $I_i = D^4/35.997$ , where  $D$  = shaft or gear diameter, in. When you are computing  $I$  for a gear, treat it as a solid blank of material. This is a safe assumption.

Thus, for the 12-in (30.5-cm) diameter pinion,  $I = 12^4/35.997 = 576.05$  in<sup>4</sup>/in (9439.8 cm<sup>4</sup>/cm) of length. Since the gear has a 3-in (7.6-cm) face width, the moment of inertia for the total length is  $I_i = (3.0)(576.05) = 1728.15$  in<sup>4</sup> (71,931.0 cm<sup>4</sup>).

For the 36-in (91.4-cm) gear,  $I_i = 36^4/35.997 = 46,659.7$  in<sup>4</sup>/in (764,615.5 cm<sup>4</sup>/cm) of length. With a 3-in (7.6-cm) face width,  $I_i = (3.0)(46,659.7) = 139,979.1$  in<sup>4</sup> (5,826,370.0 cm<sup>4</sup>).

**2. Compute the moment of inertia of each shaft.** Follow the same procedure as in step 1. Thus for the 36-in (91.4-cm) long 2-in (5.1-cm) diameter pinion shaft,  $I_i = (2^4/35.997)(36) = 16.0$  in<sup>4</sup> (666.0 cm<sup>4</sup>).

For the 12-in (30.5-cm) long 2-in (5.1-cm) diameter portion of the gear shaft,  $I_i = (2^4/35.997)(12) = 5.33$  in<sup>4</sup> (221.9 cm<sup>4</sup>). For the 24-in (61.0-cm) long 4-in (10.2-cm) diameter portion of the gear shaft,  $I_i = (4^4/35.997)(24) = 170.69$  in<sup>4</sup> (7104.7 cm<sup>4</sup>). The total moment of inertia of the gear shaft equals the sum of the individual moments, or  $I_i = 5.33 + 170.69 = 176.02$  in<sup>4</sup> (7326.5 cm<sup>4</sup>).

**3. Compute the high-speed-assembly moment of inertia.** The effective moment of inertia at the high-speed assembly, input =  $I_{thi} = I_{th} + I_{il}/(R_h/R_l)^2$ , where  $I_{th}$  = moment of inertia of high-speed assembly, in<sup>4</sup>;  $I_{il}$  = moment of inertia of low-speed assembly, in<sup>4</sup>;  $R_h$  = high speed, r/min;  $R_l$  = low speed, r/min. To find  $I_{th}$  and  $I_{il}$ , take the sum of the shaft and gear moments of inertia for the high- and low-speed assemblies, respectively. Or,  $I_{th} = 16.0 + 1728.5 = 1744.15$  in<sup>4</sup> (72,597.0 cm<sup>4</sup>);  $I_{il} = 176.02 + 139,979.1 = 140,155.1$  in<sup>4</sup> (5,833,695.7 cm<sup>4</sup>).

Then  $I_{thi} = 1744.15 + 140,155.1/(600/200)^2 = 17,324.2$  in<sup>4</sup> (721,087.6 cm<sup>4</sup>).

**4. Compute the low-speed-assembly moment of inertia.** The effective moment of inertia at the low-speed assembly output is  $I_{ilo} = I_{il} + I_{th}(R_h/R_l)^2 = 140,155.1 + (1744.15)(600/200)^2 = 155,852.5$  in<sup>4</sup> (6,487,070.8 cm<sup>4</sup>).

Note that  $I_{thi} \neq I_{ilo}$ . One value is approximately nine times that of the other. Thus, in stating the moment of inertia of a gear drive, be certain to specify whether the given value applies to the high- or low-speed assembly.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for shafts and gears made of any metal—aluminum, brass, bronze, chromium, copper, cast iron, magnesium, nickel, tungsten, etc. Compute  $WR^2$  for steel, and multiply the result by the weight of shaft material, lb/in<sup>3</sup>/0.283.

## BEARING LOADS IN GEARED DRIVES

A geared drive transmits a torque of 48,000 lb-in (5423.3 N-m). Determine the resulting bearing load in the drive shaft if a 12-in (30.5-cm) pitch-radius spur gear having a 20° pressure angle is used. A helical gear having a 20° pressure angle and a 14.5° spiral angle transmits a torque of 48,000 lb-in (5423.2 N-m). Determine the bearing load it produces if the pitch radius is 12 in (30.5 cm). Determine the bearing load in a straight bevel gear having the same proportions as the helical gear above, except that the pitch cone angle is 14.5°. A worm having an efficiency of 70 percent and a 30° helix angle drives a gear having a 20° normal pressure angle. Determine the bearing load when the torque is 48,000 lb-in (5423.3 N-m) and the worm pitch radius is 12 in (30.5 cm).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the spur-gear bearing load.** The tangential force acting on a spur-gear tooth is  $F_t = T/r$ , where  $F_t$  = tangential force, lb;  $T$  = torque, lb-in;  $r$  = pitch radius, in. For this gear,  $F_t = T/r = 48,000/12 = 4000$  lb (17,792.9 N). This force is tangent to the pitch-diameter circle of the gear.

The separating force acting on a spur-gear tooth perpendicular to the tangential force is  $F_s = F_t \tan \alpha$ , where  $\alpha$  = pressure angle, degrees. For this gear,  $F_s = (4000)(0.364) = 1456$  lb (6476.6 N).

Find the resultant force  $R_f$  lb from  $R_f = (F_t^2 + F_s^2)^{0.5} = (4000^2 + 1456^2)^{0.5} = 4260$  lb (18,949.4 N). This is the bearing load produced by the gear.

**2. Compute the helical-gear load.** The tangential force acting on a helical gear is  $F_t = T/r = 48,000/12 = 4000$  lb (17,792.9 N). The separating force, acting perpendicular to the tangential force, is  $F_s = F_t \tan \alpha / \cos \beta$ , where  $\beta$  = the spiral angle. For this gear,  $F_s = (4000)(0.364)/0.986 = 1503$  lb (6685.7 N). The resultant bearing load, which is a side thrust, is  $R_f = (4000^2 + 1503^2)^{0.5} = 4380$  lb (19,483.2 N).

Helical gears produce an end thrust as well as the side thrust just computed. This end thrust is given by  $F_e = F_t \tan \beta$ , or  $F_e = (4000)(0.259) = 1036$  lb (4608.4 N). The end thrust of the driving helical gear is equal and opposite to the end thrust of the driven helical gear when the teeth are of the opposite hand in each gear.

**3. Compute the bevel-gear load.** The tangential force acting on a bevel gear is  $F_t = T/r = 48,000/12 = 4000$  lb (17,792.9 N). The separating force is  $F_s = F_t \tan \alpha \cos \theta$ , where  $\theta$  = pitch cone angle. For this gear,  $F_s = (4000)(0.364)(0.968) = 1410$  lb (6272.0 N).

Bevel gears produce an end thrust similar to helical gears. This end thrust is  $F_e = F_t \tan \alpha \sin \theta$ , or  $F_e = (4000)(0.364)(0.25) = 364$  lb (1619.2 N). The side thrust in a bevel gear is  $F_t = 4000$  lb (17,792.9 N) and acts tangent to the pitch-diameter circle. The resultant is an end thrust produced by  $F_s$  and  $F_e$ , or  $R_f = (F_s^2 + F_e^2)^{0.5} = (1410^2 + 364^2)^{0.5} = 1458$  lb (6485.5 N). In a bevel-gear drive,  $F_t$  is common to both gears,  $F_s$  becomes  $F_e$  on the mating gear, and  $F_e$  becomes  $F_s$  on the mating gear.

**4. Compute the worm-gear bearing load.** The worm tangential force  $F_t = T/r = 48,000/12 = 4000$  lb (17,792.9 N). The separating force is  $F_s = F_t E \tan \alpha / \sin \phi$ , where  $E$  = worm efficiency expressed as a decimal;  $\phi$  = worm helix or lead angle. Thus,  $F_s = (4999)(0.70)(0.364)/0.50 = 2040$  lb (9074.4 N).

The worm end thrust force is  $F_e = F_t E \cot \phi = (4000)(0.70)(1.732) = 4850$  lb (21,573.9 N). This end thrust acts perpendicular to the separating force. Thus the resultant bearing load  $R_f = (F_s^2 + F_e^2)^{0.5} = (2040^2 + 4850^2)^{0.5} = 5260$  lb (23,397.6 N).

Forces developed by the gear are equal and opposite to those developed by the worm tangential force if cancelled by the gear tangential force.

**Related Calculations** Use these procedures to compute the bearing loads in any type of geared drive—open, closed, or semiclosed—serving any type of load. Computation of the bearing load is a necessary step in bearing selection.

### FORCE RATIO OF GEARED DRIVES

A geared hoist will lift a maximum load of 1000 lb (4448.2 N). The hoist is estimated to have friction and mechanical losses of 5 percent of the maximum load. How much force is required to lift the maximum load if the drum on which the lifting cable reels is 10 in (25.4 cm) in diameter and the driving gear is 50 in (127.0 cm) in diameter? If the load is raised at a velocity of 100 ft/min (0.5 m/s), what is the hp output? What is the driving-gear tooth load if the gear turns at 191 r/min? A 15-in (38.1-cm) triple-reduction hoist has three driving gears with 48-, 42-, and 36-in (121.9-, 106.7-, and 91.4-cm) diameters, respectively, and two pinions of 12- and 10-in (30.5- and 25.4-cm) diameter. What force is required to lift a 1000-lb (4448.2-N) load if friction and mechanical losses are 10 percent?

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the total load on the hoist.** The friction and mechanical losses *increase* the maximum load on the drum. Thus, the total load on the drum = maximum lifting load, lb + friction and mechanical losses, lb =  $1000 + 1000(0.05) = 1050$  lb (4670.6 N).

**2. Compute the required lifting force.** Find the lifting force from  $L/D_g = F/d_d$ , where  $L$  = total load on hoist, lb;  $D_g$  = diameter of driving gear, in;  $F$  = lifting force required, lb;  $d_d$  = diameter of lifting drum, in. For this hoist,  $1050/50 = F/10$ ;  $F = 210$  lb (934.1 N).

**3. Compute the horsepower input.** Find the horsepower input from  $hp = Lv/33,000$ , where  $v$  = load velocity, ft/min. Thus,  $hp = (1050)(100)/33,000 = 3.19$  hp (2.4 kW).

Where the mechanical losses are not added to the load before the horsepower is computed, use the equation  $hp = Lv/(1.00 - \text{losses})(33,000)$ . Thus,  $hp = (1000)(100)/(1 - 0.05)(33,000) = 3.19$  hp (2.4 kW), as before.

**4. Compute the driving-gear tooth load.** Assume that the entire load is carried by one tooth. Then the tooth load  $L_t$  lb =  $33,000 hp/v_g$ , where  $v_g$  = peripheral velocity of the driving gear, ft/min. With a diameter of 50 in (127.0 cm) and a speed of 191 r/min,  $v_g = (D_g R)/12$ , where  $R$  = gear rpm. Or,  $v_g = \pi(50)(191)/12 = 2500$  ft/min (12.7 m/s). Then  $L_t = (33,000)(3.19)/2500 = 42.1$  lb (187.3 N). This is a nominal tooth-load value.

**5. Compute the triple-reduction hoisting force.** Use the equation from step 2, but substitute the product of the three driving-gear diameters for  $D_g$  and the three driven-gear diameters for  $d_d$ . The total load =  $1000 + 0.10(1000) = 1100$  lb (4893.0 N). Then  $L/D_g = F/d_d$ , or  $1100/(48 \times 42 \times 36) = F/(15 \times 12 \times 10)$ ;  $F = 27.2$  lb (121.0 N). Thus, the triple-reduction hoist reduces the required lifting force to about one-tenth that required by a double-reduction hoist (step 2).

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for geared hoists of all types. Where desired, the number of gear teeth can be substituted for the driving- and driven-gear diameters in the force equation in step 2.

## DETERMINATION OF GEAR BORE DIAMETER

Two helical gears transmit 500 hp (372.9 kW) at 3600 r/min. What should the bore diameter of each gear be if the allowable stress in the gear shafts is 12,500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (86,187.5 kPa)? How should the gears be fastened to the shafts? The shafts are solid in cross section.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the required hub bore diameter.** The hub bore diameter must at least equal the outside diameter of the shaft, unless the gear is press- or shrink-fitted on the shaft. Regardless of how the gear is attached to the shaft, the shaft must be large enough to transmit the rated torque at the allowable stress.

Use the method of step 2 of "Solid and Hollow Shafts in Torsion" in this section to compute the required shaft diameter, after finding the torque by using the method of step 1 in the same procedure. Thus,  $T = 63,000hp/R = (63,000)(500)/3600 = 8750$  lb-in (988.6 N-m). Then  $d = 1.72 (T/s)^{1/3} = 1.72(8750/12,500)^{1/3} = 1.526$  in (3.9 cm).

**2. Determine how the gear should be fastened to the shaft.** First decide whether the gears are to be permanently fastened or removable. This decision is usually based on the need for gear removal for maintenance or replacement. Removable gears can be fastened by a key, setscrew, spline, pin, clamp, or a taper and screw. Large gears transmitting 100 hp (74.6 kW) or more are usually fitted with a key for easy removal. See “Selection of Keys for Machine Shafts” in this section for the steps in choosing a key.

Permanently fastened gears can be shrunk, pressed, cemented, or riveted to the shaft. Shrink-fit gears generally transmit more torque before slippage occurs than do press-fit gears. With either type of fastening, interference is necessary; i.e., the gear bore is made smaller than the shaft outside diameter.

Baumeister and Marks—*Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers* shows that press- or shrink-fit gears on shafts of 1.19- to 1.58-in (3.0- to 4.0-cm) diameter should have an interference ranging from 0.3 to 4.0 thousandths of an inch (0.8 to 10.2 thousandths of a centimeter) on the diameter, depending on the class of fit desired.

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure for any type of gear—spur, helical, herringbone, worm, etc. Never reduce the shaft diameter below that required by the stress equation, step 1. Thus, if interference is provided by the shaft diameter, *increase* the diameter; do not reduce it.

## TRANSMISSION GEAR RATIO FOR A GEARED DRIVE

A four-wheel vehicle must develop a drawbar pull of 17,500 lb (77,843.9 N). The engine, which develops 500 hp (372.8 kW) and drives through a gear transmission a 34-tooth spiral bevel pinion gear which meshes with a spiral bevel gear having 51 teeth. This gear is keyed to the drive shaft of the 48-in (121.9-cm) diameter rear wheels of the vehicle. What transmission gear ratio should be used if the engine develops maximum torque at 1500 r/min? Select the axle diameter for an allowable torsional stress of 12,500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (86,187.5 kPa). The efficiency of the bevel-gear differential is 80 percent.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the torque developed at the wheel.** The wheel torque = (drawbar pull, lb)(moment arm, ft), where the moment arm = wheel radius, ft. For this vehicle having a wheel radius of 24 in (61.0 cm), or 24/12 = 2 ft (0.6 m), the wheel torque = (17,500)(2) = 35,000 lb-ft (47,453.6 N·m).

**2. Compute the torque developed by the engine.** The engine torque  $T = 5250 \text{ hp}/R$ , or  $T = (5250)(500)/1500 = 1750 \text{ lb-ft}$  (2372.7 N·m), where  $R = \text{rpm}$ .

**3. Compute the differential speed ratio.** The differential speed ratio =  $N_g/N_p = 51/34 = 1.5$ , where  $N_g$  = number of gear teeth;  $N_p$  = number of pinion teeth.

**4. Compute the transmission gear ratio.** For any transmission gear, its ratio = (output torque, lb-ft)/[(input torque, lb-ft) (differential speed ratio)(differential efficiency)], or transmission gear ratio =  $35,000 / [(1750)(1.5)(0.80)] = 16.67$ . Thus, a transmission with a 16.67 ratio will give the desired output torque at the rated enging speed.

**5. Determine the required shaft diameter.** Use the relation  $d = 1.72(T/s)^{1/3}$  from the previous calculation procedure to determine the axle diameter. Since the axle is transmitting a total torque of 35,000 lb-ft (47,453.6 N·m), each of the two rear wheels develops a torque for  $35,000/2 = 17,500 \text{ lb-ft}$  (23,726.8 N·m), and  $d = 1.72(17,500/12,500)^{1/3} = 1.92 \text{ in}$  (4.9 cm).



**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure for any type of differential—worm gear, herringbone gear, helical gear, or spiral gear—connected to any type of differential. The output torque can be developed through a wheel, propeller, impeller, or any other device. Note that although this vehicle has two rear wheels, the total drawbar pull is developed by *both* wheels. Either wheel delivers *half* the drawbar pull. If the total output torque were developed by only one wheel, its shaft diameter would be  $d = 1.72(35,000/12,500)^{1/3} = 2.42$  in (6.1 cm).

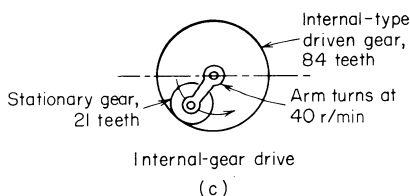
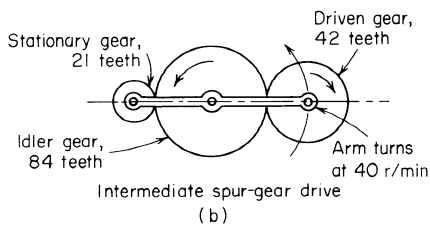
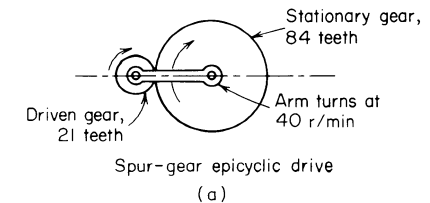
## EPICYCLIC GEAR TRAIN SPEEDS

Figure 4 shows several typical arrangements of epicyclic gear trains. The number of teeth and the rpm of the driving arm are indicated in each diagram. Determine the driven-member rpm for each set of gears.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the spur-gear speed.** For a gear arranged as in Fig. 4a,  $R_d = R_D(1 + N_s/N_d)$ , where  $R_d$  = driven-member rpm;  $R_D$  = driving-member rpm;  $N_s$  = number of teeth on the stationary gear;  $N_d$  = number of teeth on the driven gear. Given the values given for this gear and since the arm is the driving member,  $R_d = 40(1 + 84/21)$ ;  $R_d = 200$  r/min.

Note how the driven-gear speed is attained. During one planetary rotation around the stationary gear, the driven gear will rotate axially on its shaft. The number of times the driven gear rotates on its shaft =  $N_s/N_d = 84/21 = 4$  times per planetary rotation about the stationary gear. While rotating on its shaft, the driven gear makes a planetary rotation around the fixed gear. So while rotating axially on its shaft four times, the driven gear makes one additional planetary rotation about the stationary gear. Its total axial and planetary rotation is  $4 + 1 = 5$  r/min per rpm of the arm. Thus, the gear ratio  $G_r = R_D/R_d = 40/200 = 1:5$ .



**FIGURE 4** Epicyclic gear trains.

**2. Compute the idler-gear train speed.** The idler gear, Fig. 4b, turns on its shaft while the arm rotates. Movement of the idler gear causes rotation of the driven gear. For an epicyclic gear train of this type,  $R_d = R_D(1 - N_s/N_d)$ , where the symbols are as defined in step 1. Thus,  $R_d = 40(1 - 21/42) = 20$  r/min.

**3. Compute the internal gear drive speed.** The arm of the internal gear drive, Fig. 4c, turns and carries the stationary gear with it. For a gear train of this type,  $R_d = R_D(1 - N_s/N_d)$ , or  $R_d = 40(1 - 21/84) = 30$  r/min.

Where the internal gear is the driving gear that turns the arm, making the arm the driven member, the velocity equation becomes  $r_d = R_D N_D / (N_D + N_s)$ , where  $R_D$  = driving-member rpm;  $N_D$  = number of teeth on the driving member.

**Related Calculations** The arm was the driving member for each of the gear trains considered here. However, any gear can be made the driving member if desired. Use the same relations as given

above, but substitute the gear rpm for  $R_D$ . Thus, a variety of epicyclic gear problems can be solved by using these relations. Where unusual epicyclic gear configurations are encountered, refer to Dudley—*Gear Handbook* for a tabular procedure for determining the gear ratio.

## PLANETARY-GEAR-SYSTEM SPEED RATIO

Figure 5 shows several arrangements of important planetary-gear systems using internal ring gears, planet gears, sun gears, and one or more carrier arms. Determine the output rpm for each set of gears.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the planetary-gear output speed.** For the planetary-gear drive, Fig. 5a, the gear ratio  $G_r = (1 + N_4N_2/N_3N_1)/(1 - N_4N_2/N_5N_1)$ , where  $N_1, N_2, \dots, N_5$  = number of teeth, respectively, on each of gears 1, 2, . . . , 5. Also, for any gearset, the gear ratio  $G_r$  = input rpm/output rpm, or  $G_r$  = driver rpm/driven rpm.

With ring gear 2 fixed and ring gear 5 the output gear, Fig. 5a, and the number of teeth shown,  $G_r = \{1 + (33)(74)/[(9)(32)]\}/\{1 - (33)(74)/[(175)(32)]\} = -541.667$ . The minus sign indicates that the output shaft revolves in a direction *opposite* to the input shaft. Thus, with an input speed of 5000 r/min,  $G_r$  = input rpm/output rpm; output rpm = input rpm/ $G_r$ , or output rpm = 5000/541.667 = 9.24 r/min.

**2. Determine the coupled planetary drive output speed.** The drive, Fig. 5b, has the coupled ring gear 2, the sun gear 3, the coupled planet carriers  $C$  and  $C'$ , and the fixed ring gear 4. The gear ratio is  $G_r = (1 - N_2N_4/N_1N_3)$ , where the symbols are the same as before. Find the output speed for any given number of teeth by first solving for  $G_r$  and then solving  $G_r$  = input rpm/output rpm.

With the number of teeth shown,  $G_r = 1 - (75)(75)/[(32)(12)] = -13.65$ . Then output rpm = input rpm/ $G_r$  = 1200/13.65 = 87.9 r/min.

Two other arrangements of coupled planetary drives are shown in Fig. 5c and d. Compute the output speed in the same manner as described above.

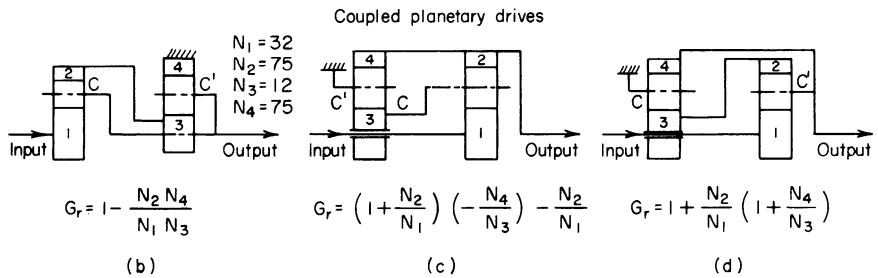
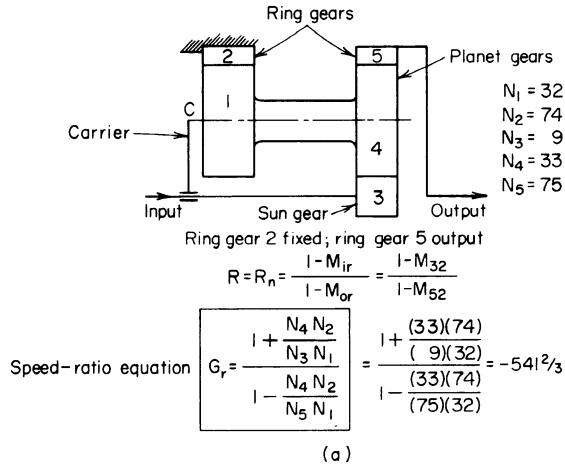
**3. Determine the fixed-differential output speed.** Figure 5e and f shows two typical fixed-differential planetary drives. Compute the output speed in the same manner as step 2.

**4. Determine the triple planetary output speed.** Figure 5g shows three typical triple planetary drives. Compute the output speed in the same manner as step 2.

**5. Determine the output speed of other drives.** Figure 5h, i, j, k, and l shows the gear ratio and arrangement for the following drives: compound spur-bevel gear, plancentric, wobble gear, double eccentric, and Humpage's bevel gears. Compute the output speed for each in the same manner as step 2.

**Related Calculations** Planetary and sun-gear calculations are simple once the gear ratio is determined. The gears illustrated here<sup>1</sup> comprise an important group in the planetary and sun-gear field. For other gear arrangements, consult Dudley—*Gear Handbook*.

<sup>1</sup>John H. Glover, "Planetary Gear Systems," *Product Engineering*, Jan. 6, 1964.



Fixed-differential drives

Output is difference between speeds of two parts leading to high reduction ratios

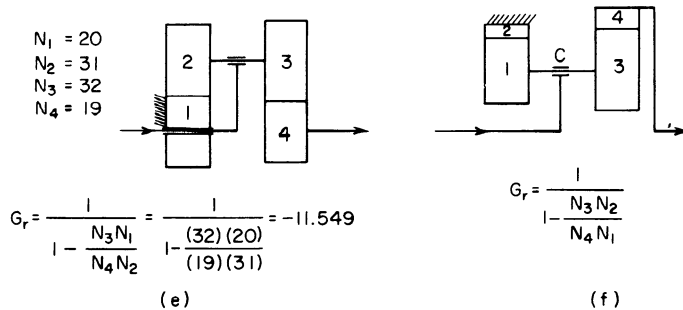


FIGURE 5 Planetary gear systems. (Product Engineering.)

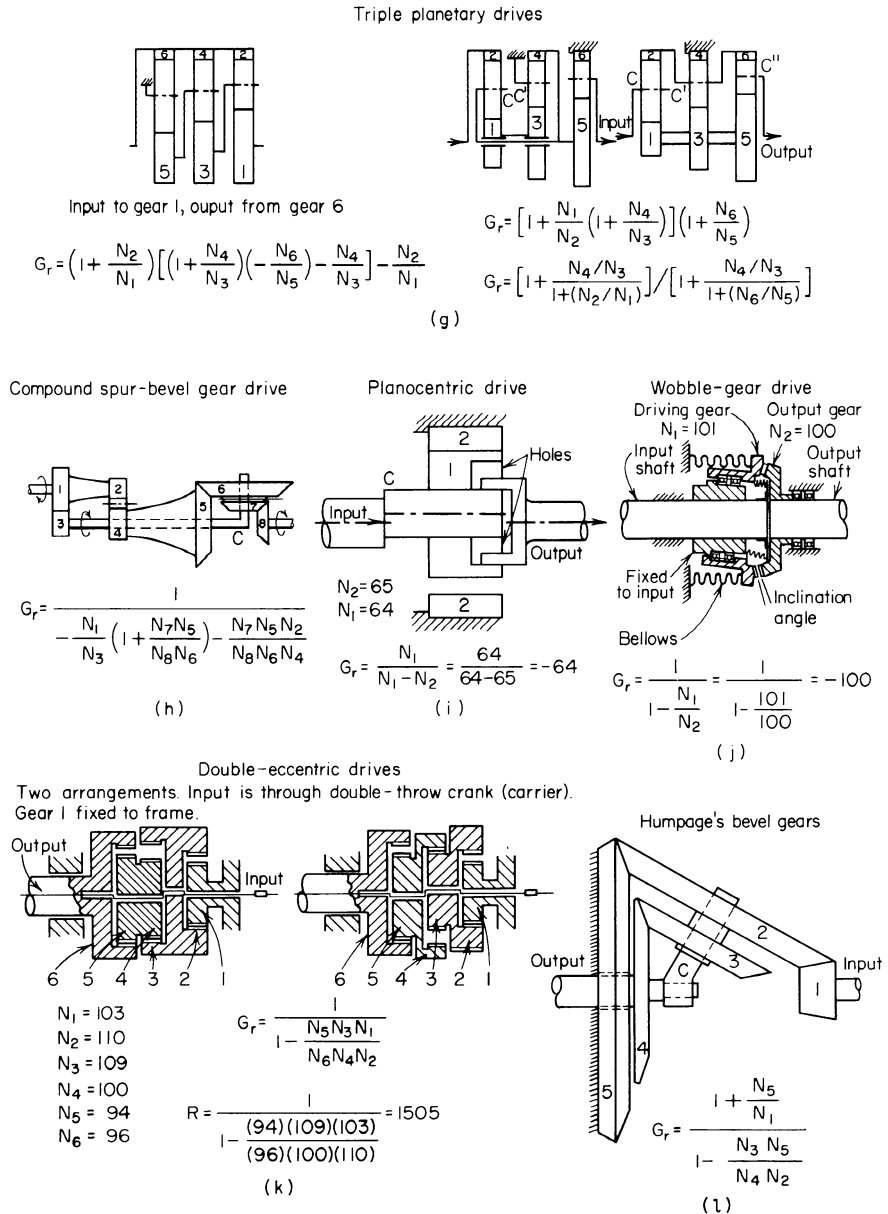


FIGURE 5 (Continued).

### SELECTION OF A RIGID FLANGE-TYPE SHAFT COUPLING

Choose a steel flange-type coupling to transmit a torque of 15,000 lb-in (1694.4 N-m) between two 2 1/2-in (6.4-cm) diameter steel shafts. The load is uniform and free of shocks. Determine how many bolts are needed in the coupling if the allowable bolt shear stress is 3000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (20,685.0 kPa).

How thick must the coupling flange be, and how long should the coupling hub be if the allowable stress in bearing for the hub is 20,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (137,900.0 kPa) and in shear 6000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (41,370.0 kPa)? The allowable shear stress in the key is 12,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (82,740.0 kPa). There is no thrust force acting on the coupling.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Choose the diameter of the coupling bolt circle.** Assume a bolt-circle diameter for the coupling. As a first choice, assume the bolt-circle diameter is three times the shaft diameter, or  $3 \times 2.5 = 7.5$  in (19.1 cm). This is a reasonable first assumption for most commercially available couplings.

**2. Compute the shear force acting at the bolt circle.** The shear force  $F_s$  lb acting at the bolt-circle radius  $r_b$  in is  $F_s = T/r_b$ , where  $T$  = torque on shaft, lb-in. Or,  $F_s = 15,000/(7.5/2) = 4000$  lb (17,792.9 N).

**3. Determine the number of coupling bolts needed.** When the allowable shear stress in the bolts is known, compute the number of bolts  $N$  required from  $N = 8F_s/(\pi d^2 s_s)$ , where  $d$  = diameter of each coupling bolt, in;  $s_s$  = allowable shear stress in coupling bolts, lb/in<sup>2</sup>.

The usual bolt diameter in flanged, rigid couplings ranges from  $1/4$  to 2 in (0.6 to 5.1 cm), depending on the torque transmitted. Assuming that  $1/2$ -in (1.3-cm) diameter bolts are used in this coupling, we see that  $N = 8(4000)/[\pi (0.5)^2(3000)] = 13.58$ , say 14 bolts.

Most flanged, rigid couplings have two to eight bolts, depending on the torque transmitted. A coupling having 14 bolts would be a poor design. To reduce the number of bolts, assume a larger diameter, say 0.75 in (1.9 cm). Then  $N = 8(4000)/[\pi (0.75)^2(3000)] = 6.03$ , say eight bolts, because an odd number of bolts are seldom used in flanged couplings.

Determine the shear stress in the bolts by solving the above equation for  $s_s = 8F_s/(\pi d^2 N) = 8(4000)/[\pi (0.75)^2(8)] = 2265$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (15,617.2 kPa). Thus, the bolts are not overstressed, because the allowable stress in 3000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (20,685.0 kPa).

**4. Compute the coupling flange thickness required.** The flange thickness  $t$  in for an allowable bearing stress  $s_b$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> is  $t = 2F_s/(Nds_b) = 2(4000)/[(8)(0.75)(20,000)] = 0.0666$  in (0.169 cm). This thickness is much less than the usual thickness used for flanged couplings manufactured for off-the-shelf use.

**5. Determine the hub length required.** The hub length is a function of the key length required. Assuming a  $3/4$ -in (1.9-cm) square key, compute the hub length  $l$  in from  $l = 2F_{ss}/(t_k s_t)$ , where  $F_{ss}$  = force acting at shaft outer surface, lb;  $t_k$  = key thickness, in. The force  $F_{ss} = T/r_h$ , where  $r_h$  = inside radius of hub, in = shaft radius =  $2.5/2 = 1.25$  in (3.2 cm) for this shaft. Then  $F_{ss} = 15,000/1.25 = 12,000$  lb-in (1355.8 N-m). Then  $l = 2(12,000)/[(0.75)(20,000)] = 1.6$  in (4.1 cm).

When the allowable design stress for bearing, 20,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (137,895.1 kPa) here, is less than half the allowable design stress for shear, 12,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (82,740.0 kPa) here, the longest key length is obtained when the bearing stress is used. Thus, it is not necessary to compute the thickness needed to resist the shear stress for this coupling. If it is necessary to compute this thickness, find the force acting at the surface of the coupling hub from  $F_h = T/r_h$ , where  $r_h$  = hub radius, in. Then,  $t_s = F_h/\pi d_h s_s$ , where  $d_h$  = hub diameter, in;  $s_s$  = allowable hub shear stress, lb/in<sup>2</sup>.

**Related Calculations** Couplings offered as standard parts by manufacturers are usually of sufficient thickness to prevent fatigue failure.

Since each half of the coupling transmits the total torque acting, the length of the key must be the same in each coupling half. The hub diameter of the coupling is usually 2 to 2.5 times the shaft diameter, and the coupling lip is generally made the same thickness as the coupling flange. The procedure given here can be used for couplings made of any metallic material.

**TABLE 22** Allowable Flexible Coupling Misalignment

Coupling type	Angular misalignment	Parallel misalignment		End float	
		USCS	SI	USCS	SI
Plastic chain	Up to 1.0°	0.005 in	0.1 mm	1/16 in	2 mm
Roller chain	Up to 0.5°	2% of chain pitch	2% of chain pitch	1/16 in	2 mm
Silent chain	Up to 0.5°	2% of chain pitch	2% of chain pitch	1/4 to 3/4 in	0.6 to 1.9 cm
Neoprene biscuit	Up to 5.0°	0.01 to 0.05 in	0.3 to 1.3 mm	Up to 1/2 in	Up to 1.3 cm
Radial	Up to 0.5°	0.01 to 0.02 in	0.3 to 0.5 mm	Up to in 1/16 in	Up to 2 mm

## SELECTION OF A FLEXIBLE COUPLING FOR A SHAFT

Choose a stock flexible coupling to transmit 15 hp (11.2 kW) from a 1000-r/min four-cylinder gasoline engine to a dewatering pump turning at the same rpm. The pump runs 8 h/day and is an uneven load because debris may enter the pump. The pump and motor shafts are each 1.0 in (2.5 cm) in diameter. Maximum misalignment of the shafts will not exceed 0.5°. There is no thrust force acting on the coupling, but the end float or play may reach 1/16 in (0.2 cm).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Choose the type of coupling to use.** Consult Table 22 or the engineering data published by several coupling manufacturers. Make a tentative choice from Table 22 of the type of coupling to use, based on the maximum misalignment expected and the tabulated end-float capacity of the coupling. Thus, a roller-chain-type coupling (one in which the two flanges are connected by a double roller chain) will be chosen from Table 22 for this drive because it can accommodate 0.5° of misalignment and an end float of up to 1/16 in (0.2 cm).

**2. Choose a suitable service factor.** Table 23 lists typical service factors for roller-chain-type flexible couplings. Thus, for a four-cylinder gasoline engine driving an uneven load, the service factor  $SF = 2.5$ .

**3. Apply the service factor chosen.** Multiply the horsepower or torque to be transmitted by the service factor to obtain the coupling design horsepower or torque. Or, coupling design  $hp = (15)(2.5) = 37.5$  hp (28.0 kW).

**4. Select the coupling to use.** Refer to the coupling design horsepower rating table in the manufacturer's engineering data. Enter the table at the shaft rpm, and project to a design horsepower

**TABLE 23** Flexible Coupling Service Factors\*

Engine, <sup>†</sup> less than six cylinders	Type of drive		Type of load
	Engine, six cylinders or more	Electric motor; steam turbine	
2.0	1.5	1.0	Even load, 8 h/day; nonreversing, low starting torque
2.5	2.0	1.5	Uneven load, 8 h/day; moderate shock or torque, nonreversing
3.0	2.5	2.0	Heavy shock load, 8 h/day; reversing under full load, high starting torque

\*Morse Chain Company.

†Gasoline or diesel.

**TABLE 24** Flexible Coupling hp Ratings\*

r/min			Bore diameter, in (cm)	
800	1000	1200	Maximum	Minimum
16.7	19.9	23.2	1.25 (3.18)	0.5 (1.27)
32.0	38.3	44.5	1.75 (4.44)	0.625 (1.59)
75.9	90.7	105.0	2.25 (5.72)	0.75 (1.91)

\*Morse Chain Company.

slightly greater than the value computed in step 3. Thus, in Table 24 a typical rating tabulation shows that a coupling design horsepower rating of 38.3 hp (28.6 kW) is the next higher value above 37.5 hp (28.0 kW).

**5. Determine whether the coupling bore is suitable.** Table 24 shows that a coupling suitable for 38.3 hp (28.6 kW) will have a maximum bore diameter up to 1.75 in (4.4 cm) and a minimum bore diameter of 0.625 in (1.6 cm). Since the engine and pump shafts are each 1.0 in (2.5 cm) in diameter, the coupling is suitable.

The usual engineering data available from manufacturers include the stock keyway sizes, coupling weight, and principal dimensions of the coupling. Check the overall dimensions of the coupling to determine whether the coupling will fit the available space. Where the coupling bore diameter is too small to fit the shaft, choose the next larger coupling. If the dimensions of the coupling make it unsuitable for the available space, choose a different type or make a coupling.

**Related Calculations** Use the general procedure given here to select any type of flexible coupling using flanges, springs, roller chain, preloaded biscuits, etc., to transmit torque. Be certain to apply the service factor recommended by the manufacturer. Note that biscuit-type couplings are rated in hp/100 r/min. Thus, a biscuit-type coupling rated at 1.60 hp/100 r/min (1.2 kW/100 r/min) and maximum allowable speed of 4800 r/min could transmit a maximum of  $(1.80 \text{ hp})(4800/100) = 76.8 \text{ hp}$  (57.3 kW).

## SELECTION OF A SHAFT COUPLING FOR TORQUE AND THRUST LOADS

Select a shaft coupling to transmit 500 hp (372.9 kW) and a thrust of 12,500 lb (55,602.8 N) at 100 r/min from a six-cylinder diesel engine. The load is an even one, free of shock.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the torque acting on the coupling.** Use the relation  $T = 5252hp/R$  to determine the torque, where  $T$  = torque acting on coupling, lb-ft;  $hp$  = horsepower transmitted by the coupling;  $R$  = shaft rotative speed, r/min. For this coupling,  $T = (5252)(500)/100 = 26,260 \text{ lb-ft}$  (35,603.8 N·m).

**2. Find the service torque.** Multiply the torque  $T$  by the appropriate service factor from Table 23. This table shows that a service factor of 1.5 is suitable for an even load, free of shock. Thus, the service torque =  $(26,260 \text{ lb-ft})(1.5) = 39,390 \text{ lb-ft}$ , say 39,500 lb-ft (53,554.8 N·m).

**3. Choose a suitable coupling.** Enter Fig. 6 at the torque on the left, and project horizontally to the right. Using the known thrust, 12,500 lb (55,602.8 N), enter Fig. 6 at the bottom and project vertically upward until the torque line is intersected. Choose the coupling model represented by the next higher curve. This shows that a type A coupling having a maximum allowable speed of 300 r/min will be

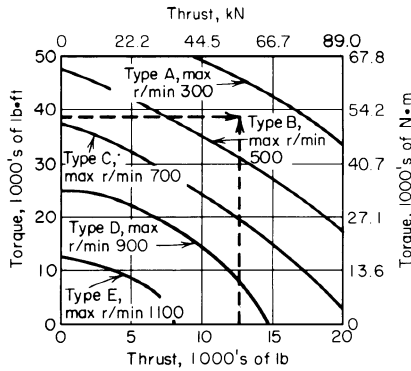


FIGURE 6 Shaft-coupling characteristics.

suitable. If the plotted maximum rpm is lower than the actual rpm of the coupling, use the next plotted coupling type rated for the actual, or a higher, rpm.

In choosing a specific coupling, use the manufacturer's engineering data. This will resemble Fig. 6 or will be a tabulation of the ranges plotted.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure to select couplings for industrial and marine drives where both torque and thrust must be accommodated. See the Marine Engineering section of this handbook for an accurate way to compute the thrust produced on a coupling by a marine propeller. Always check to see that the coupling bore is large enough to accommodate the connected shafts. Where the bore is too small, use the next larger coupling.

### HIGH-SPEED POWER-COUPLING CHARACTERISTICS

Select the type of power coupling to transmit 50 hp (37.3 kW) at 200 r/min if the angular misalignment varies from a minimum of 0 to a maximum of 45°. Determine the effect of angular misalignment on the shaft position, speed, and acceleration at angular misalignments of 30 and 45°.

#### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the type of coupling to use.** Table 25, developed by N. B. Rothfuss, lists the operating characteristics of eight types of high-speed couplings. Study of this table shows that a universal joint is the only type of coupling among those listed that can handle an angular misalignment of 45°. Further study shows that a universal coupling has a suitable speed and hp range for the load being considered. The other items tabulated are not factors in this application. Therefore, a universal coupling will be suitable. Table 26 compares the functional characteristics of the couplings. Data shown support the choice of the universal joint.

TABLE 25 Operating Characteristics of Couplings\*

	Contoured diaphragm	Axial spring	Laminated disk	Universal joint	Ball-race	Gear	Chain	Elastomeric
Speed range, r/min	0-60,000	0-8,000	0-20,000	0-8,000	0-8,000	0-25,000	0-6,300	0-6,000
Power range, kW/100 r/min	1-500	1-9,000	1-100	1-100	1-100	1-2,000	1-200	0-400
Angular misalignment, degrees	0-8.0	0-2.0	0-1.5	0-45	0-40	0-3	0-2	0-4
Parallel misalignment, mm	0-2.5	0-2.5	0-2.5	None	None	0-2.5	0-2.5	0-2.5
Axial movement, cm	0-0.5	0-2.5	0-0.5	None	None	0-5.1	0-2.5	0-0.8
Ambient temperature, °C	900	Varies	900	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies
Ambient pressure, kPa	Sea level to zero	Varies	Sea level to zero	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies

\*Product Engineering.



**TABLE 26** Functional Characteristics of Couplings\*

	Contoured diaphragm	Axial spring	Laminated disk	Universal joint	Ball-race	Gear	Chain	Elastomeric
No lubrication	√	...	√	...	...	...	...	√
No backlash	√	√	√	†	†	...	...	√
Constant velocity ratio	√	√	...	‡	√	‡	‡	√
Containment	√	...	†	...	†			
Angular only	√	...	√	√	√	√		
Axial and angular	√	...	√	...	√	√	√	√
Axial and parallel	√	√	√	...	...	√	√	√
Axial, angular, and parallel	√	√	√	...	...	√	√	√
High temperature	√	...	√					
High altitude	√	...	√					
High torsional spring rate	√	...	√	√	√	√	√	
Low bending moment	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
No relative movement	√	...	...	...	...	...	...	√

\*Product Engineering.

†Zero backlash and containment can be obtained by special design.

‡Constant velocity ratio at small angles can be closely approximated.

**2. Determine the shaft position error.** Table 27, developed by David A. Lee, shows the output variations caused by misalignment between the shafts. Thus, at 30° angular misalignment, the position error is 4°06'42". This means that the output shaft position shifts from -4°06'42" to +4°06'42" twice each revolution. At a 45° misalignment the position error, Table 27, is 9°52'26". The shift in position is similar to that occurring at 30° angular misalignment.

**3. Compute the output-shaft speed variation.** Table 27 shows that at 30° angular misalignment the output-shaft speed variation is ±15.47 percent. Thus, the output-shaft speed varies between 200(1.00 ± 0.1547) = 169.06 and 230.94 r/min. This speed variation occurs *twice* per revolution.

For a 45° angular misalignment the speed variation, determined in the same way, is 117.16 to 282.84 r/min. This speed variation also occurs twice per revolution.

**4. Determine output-shaft acceleration.** Table 27 lists the ratio of maximum output-shaft acceleration  $A$  to the square of the input speed,  $\omega^2$ , expressed in radians. To convert r/min to rad/s, use  $rps = 0.1047 \text{ r/min} = 0.1047(200) = 20.94 \text{ rad/s}$ .

**TABLE 27** Universal Joint Output Variations\*

Misalignment angle, deg	Maximum position error	Maximum speed error, percent	Ratio $A/\omega^2$
5	0°06'34"	0.382	0.011747
10	0°26'18"	1.543	0.030626
15	0°59'36"	3.526	0.069409
20	1°46'54"	6.418	0.124966
25	2°48'42"	10.338	0.198965
30	4°06'42"	15.470	0.294571
35	5°42'20"	22.077	0.417232
40	7°36'43"	30.541	0.576215
45	9°52'26"	41.421	0.787200

\*Caused by misalignment of the shaft. Table from *Machine Design*.

For  $30^\circ$  angular misalignment, from Table 27  $A/\omega^2 = 0.294571$ . Thus,  $A = \omega^2(0.294571) = (20.94)^2(0.294571) = 129.6 \text{ rad/s}^2$ . This means that a constant input speed of 200 r/min produces an output acceleration ranging from  $-129.6$  to  $+129.6 \text{ rad/s}^2$ , and back, at a frequency of  $2(200 \text{ r/min}) = 400 \text{ cycles/min}$ .

At a  $45^\circ$  angular misalignment, the acceleration range of the output shaft, determined in the same way, is  $-346$  to  $+346 \text{ rad/s}^2$ . Thus, the acceleration range at the larger shaft angle misalignment is 2.67 times that at the smaller,  $30^\circ$ , misalignment.

**Related Calculations** Table 25 is useful for choosing any of seven other types of high-speed couplings. The eight couplings listed in this table are popular for high-horsepower applications. All are classed as rigid types, as distinguished from entirely flexible connectors such as flexible cables.

Values listed in Table 25 are nominal ones that may be exceeded by special designs. These values are guideposts rather than fixed; in borderline cases, consult the manufacturer's engineering data. Table 26 compares the functional characteristics of the couplings and is useful to the designer who is seeking a unit with specific operating characteristics. Note that the values in Table 25 are maximum and not additive. In other words, a coupling *cannot* be operated at the maximum angular and parallel misalignment and at the maximum horsepower and speed simultaneously—although in some cases the combination of maximum angular misalignment, maximum horsepower, and maximum speed would be acceptable. Where shock loads are anticipated, apply a suitable correction factor, as given in earlier calculation procedures, to the horsepower to be transmitted before entering Table 25.

## SELECTION OF ROLLER AND INVERTED-TOOTH (SILENT) CHAIN DRIVES

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Choose a roller chain and the sprockets to transmit 6 hp (4.5 kW) from an electric motor to a propeller fan. The speed of the motor shaft is 1800 r/min and of the driven shaft 900 r/min. How long will the chain be if the centerline distance between the shafts is 30 in (76.2 cm)?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine, and apply, the load service factor.** Consult the manufacturer's engineering data for the appropriate load service factor. Table 28 shows several typical load ratings (smooth, moderate shock, heavy shock) for various types of driven devices. Use the load rating and the type of drive to determine the service factor. Thus, a propeller fan is rated as a heavy shock load. For this type of load and an electric-motor drive, the load service factor is 1.5, from Table 28.

Apply the load service factor by taking the product of it and the horsepower transmitted, or  $(1.5)(6 \text{ hp}) = 9.0 \text{ hp}$  (6.7 kW). The roller chain and sprockets must have enough strength to transmit this horsepower.

**2. Choose the chain and number of teeth in the small sprocket.** Using the manufacturer's engineering data, enter the horsepower rating table at the small-sprocket rpm and project to a horsepower value equal to, or slightly greater than, the required rating. At this horsepower rating, read the number of teeth in the small sprocket, which is also listed in the table. Thus, in Table 29, which is an excerpt from a typical horsepower rating tabulation, 9.0 hp (6.7 kW) is not listed at a speed of 1800 r/min. However, the next higher horsepower rating, 9.79 hp (7.3 kW), will be satisfactory. The table shows that at this power rating, 16 teeth are used in the small sprocket.

This sprocket is a good choice because most manufacturers recommend that at least 16 teeth be used in the smaller sprocket, except at low speeds (100 to 500 r/min).

**TABLE 28** Roller Chain Loads and Service Factors\*

Load rating			
Driven device	Type of load		
Agitators (paddle or propeller)	Smooth		
Brick and clay machinery	Heavy shock		
Compressors (centrifugal and rotary)	Moderate shock		
Conveyors (belt)	Smooth		
Crushing machinery	Heavy shock		
Fans (centrifugal)	Moderate shock		
Fans (propeller)	Heavy shock		
Generators and exciters	Moderate shock		
Laundry machinery	Moderate shock		
Mills	Heavy shock		
Pumps (centrifugal, rotary)	Moderate shock		
Textile machinery	Smooth		

Service factor			
Type of load	Internal-combustion engine		
	Hydraulic drive	Mechanical drive	Electric motor or turbine
Smooth	1.0	1.2	1.0
Moderate shock	1.2	1.4	1.3
Heavy shock	1.4	1.7	1.5

\*Excerpted from Morse Chain Company data.

**3. Determine the chain pitch and number of strands.** Each horsepower rating table is prepared for a given chain pitch, number of chain strands, and various types of lubrication. Thus, Table 29 is for standard single-strand  $\frac{5}{8}$ -in (1.6-cm) pitch roller chain. The 9.79-hp (7.3-kW) rating at 1800 r/min for this chain is with type III lubrication—oil bath or oil slinger—with the oil level maintained in the chain casing at a predetermined height. See the manufacturer's engineering data for the other types of lubrication (manual, drip, and oil stream) requirements.

**4. Compute the drive speed ratio.** For a roller chain drive, the speed ratio  $S_r = R_h/R_l$ , where  $R_h$  = rpm of high-speed shaft;  $R_l$  = rpm of low-speed shaft. For this drive,  $S_r = 1800/900 = 2$ .

**5. Determine the number of teeth in the large sprocket.** To find the number of teeth in the large sprocket, multiply the number of teeth in the small sprocket, found in step 2, by the speed ratio, found in step 4. Thus, the number of teeth in the large sprocket =  $(16)(2) = 32$ .

**TABLE 29** Roller Chain Power Rating\*[Single-strand,  $\frac{5}{8}$ -in (1.6-cm) pitch roller chain]

No. of teeth in small sprocket	Small sprocket rpm					
	1500		1800		2100	
	hp	kW	hp	kW	hp	kW
14	10.7	7.98	8.01	5.97	6.34	4.73
15	11.9	8.87	8.89	6.63	7.03	5.24
16	13.1	9.77	9.79	7.30	7.74	5.77
17	14.3	10.7	10.7	7.98		

\*Excerpted from Morse Chain Company data.

**6. Select the sprockets.** Refer to the manufacturer's engineering data for the dimensions of the available sprockets. Thus, one manufacturer supplies the following sprockets for  $5/8$ -in (1.6-cm) pitch single-strand roller chain: 16 teeth, OD = 3.517 in (8.9 cm), bore =  $5/8$  in (1.6 cm); 32 teeth, OD = 6.721 in (17.1 cm), bore =  $5/8$  or  $3/4$  in (1.6 or 1.9 cm). When choosing a sprocket, be certain to refer to data for the size and type of chain selected in step 3, because each sprocket is made for a specific type of chain. Choose the type of hub—setscrew, keyed, or taper-lock bushing—based on the torque that must be transmitted by the drive. See earlier calculation procedures in this section for data on key selection.

**7. Determine the length of the chain.** Compute the chain length in pitches  $L_p$  from  $L_p = 2C + (S/2) + K/C$ , where  $C$  = shaft center distance, in/chain pitch, in;  $S$  = sum of the number of teeth in the small and large sprocket;  $K$  = a constant from Table 30, obtained by entering this table with the value  $D$  = number of teeth in large sprocket – number of teeth in small sprocket. For this drive,  $C = 30/0.625 = 48$ ;  $S = 16 + 32 = 48$ ;  $D = 32 - 16 = 16$ ;  $K = 6.48$  from Table 30.

**TABLE 30** Roller Chain Length Factors\*

$D$	$K$	$D$	$K$
1	0.03	11	3.06
2	0.10	12	3.65
3	0.23	13	4.28
4	0.41	14	4.96
5	0.63	15	5.70
6	0.91	16	6.48
7	1.24	17	7.32
8	1.62	18	8.21
9	2.05	19	9.14
10	2.53	20	10.13

\*Excerpted from Morse Chain Company data.

Then,  $L_p = 2(48) + 48/2 + 6.48/48 = 120.135$  pitches. However, a chain cannot contain a fractional pitch; therefore, use the next higher number of pitches, or  $L_p = 121$  pitches.

Convert the length in pitches to length in inches,  $L_i$ , by taking the product of the chain pitch  $p$  in and  $L_p$ . Or  $L_i = L_p p = (121)(0.625) = 75.625$  in (192.1 cm).

**Related Calculations** At low-speed ratios, large-diameter sprockets can be used to reduce the roller-chain pull and bearing loads. At high-speed ratios, the number of teeth in the high-speed sprocket may have to be kept as small as possible to reduce the chain pull and bearing loads. The Morse Chain Company states: Ratios over 7:1 are generally not

recommended for single-width roller chain drives. Very slow-speed drives (10 to 100 r/min) are often practical with as few as 9 or 10 teeth in the small sprocket, allowing ratios up to 12:1. In all cases where ratios exceed 5:1, the designer should consider the possibility of using compound drives to obtain maximum service life.

When you select standard inverted-tooth (silent) chain and high-velocity inverted-tooth silent-chain drives, follow the same general procedures as given above, except for the following changes.

*Standard inverted-tooth silent chain:* (a) Use a minimum of 17 teeth, and an odd number of teeth on one sprocket, where possible. This increases the chain life. (b) To achieve minimum noise, select sprockets having 23 or more teeth. (c) Use the proper service factor for the load, as given in the manufacturer's engineering data. (d) Where a long or fixed-center drive is necessary, use a sprocket or shoe idler where the largest amount of slack occurs. (e) Do not use an idler to reduce the chain wrap on small-diameter sprockets. (f) Check to see that the small-diameter sprocket bore will fit the high-speed shaft. Where the high-speed shaft diameter exceeds the maximum bore available for the chosen smaller sprocket, increase the number of teeth in the sprocket or choose the next larger chain pitch. (This general procedure also applies to roller chain sprockets). (g) Compute the chain design horsepower from (drive hp)(chain service factor). (h) Select the chain pitch, number of teeth in the small sprocket, and chain width from the manufacturer's rating table. Thus, if the chain design horsepower = 36 hp (26.8 kW) and the chain is rated at 4 hp/in (1.2 kW/cm) of width, the required chain width = 36 hp/(4 hp/in) = 9 in (22.9 cm).

*High-velocity inverted-tooth silent chain:* (a) Use a minimum of 25 teeth and an odd number of teeth on one sprocket, where possible. This increases the chain life. (b) To achieve minimum noise, select sprockets with 27 or more teeth. (c) Use a larger service factor than the manufacturer's engineering data recommends, if trouble-free drives are desired. (d) Use a wider chain than needed, if an

increased chain life is wanted. Note that the chain width is computed in the same way as described in item *h* above. (*e*) If a longer center distance between the drive shafts is desired, select a larger chain pitch [usual pitches are  $\frac{3}{4}$ , 1,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ , or 2 in (1.9, 2.5, 3.8, or 5.1 cm)]. (*f*) Provide a means to adjust the centerline distance between the shafts. Such an adjustment *must* be provided in vertical drives. (*g*) Try to use an even number of pitches in the chain to avoid an offset link.

## CAM CLUTCH SELECTION AND ANALYSIS

Choose a cam-type clutch to drive a centrifugal pump. The clutch must transmit 125 hp (93.2 kW) at 1800 r/min to the pump, which starts and stops 40 times per hour throughout its 12-h/day, 360-day/year operating period. The life of the pump will be 10 years.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the maximum torque acting on the clutch.** Compute the torque acting on the clutch from  $T = 5252hp/R$ , where the symbols are the same as in the previous calculation procedure. Thus, for this clutch,  $T = 5252 \times 125/1800 = 365 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{ft}$  (494.9 N·m).

**2. Analyze the torque acting on the clutch.** For installations free of shock loads during starting and stopping, the running torque is the maximum torque that acts on the clutch. But if there is a shock load during starting or stopping, or at other times, the shock torque must be added to the running torque to determine the total torque acting. Compute the shock torque using the relation in step 1 and the actual hp and speed developed by the shock load.

**3. Compute the total number of load applications.** With 40 starts and stops (cycles) per hour, a 12-h day, and 360 operating days per year, the number of cycles per year is (40 cycles/h)(12 h/day)(360 days/year) = 172,800. In 10 years, the clutch will undergo (172,800 cycles/year)(10 years) = 1,728,000 cycles.

**4. Choose the clutch size.** Enter Fig. 7 at the maximum torque, 365 lb·ft (494.9 N·m), on the left, and the number of load cycles, 1,728,000, on the bottom. Project horizontally and vertically until the point of intersection is reached. Select the clutch represented by the next higher curve. Thus a type A clutch would be used for this load. (Note that the clutch capacity could be tabulated instead of plotted, but the results would be the same.)

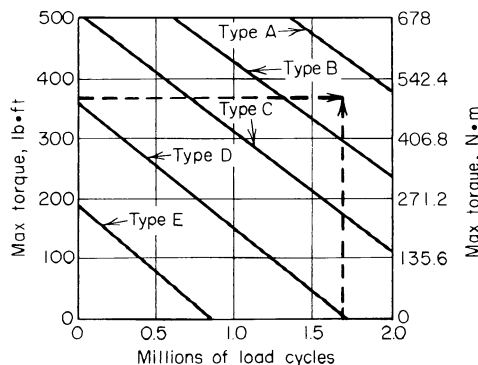


FIGURE 7 Cam-type-clutch selection chart.

**5. Check the clutch dimensions.** Determine whether the clutch bore will accommodate the shafts. If the clutch bore is too small, choose the next larger clutch size. Also check to see whether the clutch will fit into the available space.

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure to select cam-type clutches for business machines, compressors, conveyors, cranes, food processing, helicopters, fans, aircraft, printing machinery, pumps, punch presses, speed reducers, looms, grinders, etc. When choosing a specific clutch, use the manufacturer's engineering data to select the clutch size.

## TIMING-BELT DRIVE SELECTION AND ANALYSIS

Choose a toothed timing belt to transmit 20 hp (14.9 kW) from an electric motor to a rotary mixer for liquids. The motor shaft turns at 1750 r/min and the mixer shaft is to turn at  $600 \pm 20$  r/min. This drive will operate 12 h/day, 7 days/week. Determine the type of timing belt to use and the driving and driven pulley diameters if the shaft centerline distance is about 27 in (68.6 cm).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Choose the service factor for the drive.** Timing-belt manufacturers publish service factors in their engineering data based on the type of prime mover, the type of driven machine (compressor, mixer, pump, etc.), type of drive (speedup), and drive conditions (continuous operation, use of an idler, etc.).

Usual service factors for any type of driver range from 1.3 to 2.5 for various types of driven machines. Correction factors for speed-up drives range from 0 to 0.40; the specific value chosen is *added* to the machine-drive correction factor. Drive conditions, such as 24-h continuous operation or the use of an idler pulley on the drive, cause an additional 0.2 to be added to the correction factor. Seasonal or intermittent operation *reduces* the machine-drive factor by 0.2.

Look up the service factor in Table 31, if the manufacturer's engineering data are not readily available. Table 31 gives safe data for usual timing-belt applications and is suitable for preliminary selection of belts. Where a final choice is being made, use the manufacturer's engineering data.

For a liquid mixer shock-free load, use a service factor of 2.0 from Table 31, since there are no other features which would require a larger value.

**2. Compute the design horsepower for the belt.** The design horsepower  $hp_d = hp_l \times SF$ , where  $hp_l$  = load horsepower; SF = service factor. Thus, for this drive,  $hp_d = (20)(2) = 40$  hp (29.8 kW).

**3. Compute the drive speed ratio.** The drive speed ratio  $S_r = R_h/R_l$ , where  $R_h$  = rpm of high-speed shaft;  $R_l$  = rpm of low-speed shaft. For this drive  $S_r = 1750/600 = 2.92:1$ , the rated rpm. If the driven-pulley speed falls 10 r/min,  $S_r = 1750/580 = 3.02:1$ . Thus, the speed ratio may vary between 2.92 and 3.02.

**TABLE 31** Typical Timing-Belt Service Factors\*

Type of drive	Type of load	Service factor
Electric motors, hydraulic motors, internal-combustion engines, line shafts	Shock-free	2.0
	Shocks	2.5
	Continuous operation or idler use	2.7
	Speed-up	3.0

\*Use only for preliminary selection of belt. From Morse Chain Company data.

**TABLE 32** Typical Timing-Belt Pitch\*

Design power		Speed of high-speed shaft, r/min					
		3500		1750		1160	
hp	kW	in	cm	in	cm	in	cm
25	18.6	$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{7}{8}$	1.3, 2.2	$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{7}{8}$	1.3, 2.2	$\frac{7}{8}$	2.2
50	37.3	$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{7}{8}$	1.3, 2.2	$\frac{7}{8}$	2.2	$\frac{7}{8}, 1\frac{1}{4}$	2.2, 3.2
60 and up	44.7 and up	$\frac{7}{8}$	2.2	$\frac{7}{8}$	2.2	$\frac{7}{8}, 1\frac{1}{4}$	2.2, 3.2

\*Morse Chain Company.

**4. Choose the timing-belt pitch.** Enter Table 32, or the manufacturer's engineering data, at the design horsepower and project to the driver rpm. Where the exact value of the design horsepower is not tabulated, use the next higher tabulated value. Thus, for this 1750-r/min drive having a design horsepower of 40 (29.8 kW), Table 32 shows that a  $\frac{7}{8}$ -in (2.2-cm) pitch belt is required. This value is found by entering Table 32 at the next higher design horsepower, 50 (37.3 kW), and projecting to the 1750-r/min column. If 40 hp (29.8 kW) were tabulated, the table would be entered at this value.

**5. Choose the number of teeth for the high-speed sprocket.** Enter Table 33, or the manufacturer's engineering data, at the timing-belt pitch and project across to the rpm of the high-speed shaft. Opposite this value read the minimum number of sprocket teeth. Thus, for a 1750-r/min  $\frac{7}{8}$ -in (2.2-cm) pitch timing belt, Table 33 shows that the high-speed sprocket should have no less than 24 teeth nor a pitch diameter less than 6.685 in (17.0 cm). (If a smaller diameter sprocket were used, the belt service life would be reduced.)

**6. Select a suitable timing belt.** Enter Table 34, or the manufacturer's engineering data, at either the exact speed ratio, if tabulated, or the nearest value to the speed-ratio range. For this drive, having a ratio of 2.92:3.02, the nearest value in Table 34 is 3.00. This table shows that with a 24-tooth driver and a 72-tooth driven sprocket, a center distance of 27.17 in (69.0 cm) is obtainable. Since a center distance of about 27 in (68.6 cm) is desired, this belt is acceptable.

Where an exact center distance is specified, several different sprocket combinations may have to be tried before a belt having a suitable center distance is obtained.

**TABLE 33** Minimum Number of Sprocket Teeth\*

Belt pitch		High-speed shaft, r/min	Minimum sprocket pitch distance		No. of teeth
			in	cm	
$\frac{1}{2}$	1.3	3500	3.501	8.9	20
		1750	3.183	8.1	18
		1160	2.865	7.3	16
$\frac{7}{8}$	2.2	3500	7.241	18.4	26
		1750	6.685	17.0	24
		1160	6.127	15.6	22
$1\frac{1}{4}$	3.2	3500	10.345	26.3	26
		1750	9.549	24.3	24
		1160	8.753	22.2	22

\*Morse Chain Company.

**TABLE 34** Timing-Belt Center Distances\*

Speed ratio	No. of sprocket teeth		Center distance					
			XH		XH		XH	
	Driver	Driven	in	cm	in	cm	in	cm
2.80	30	84	22.81	57.94	30.11	76.48	37.30	94.74
3.00	24	72	27.17	69.01	34.34	87.22	41.46	105.3
3.20	30	96	19.19	48.74	26.84	68.17	34.19	86.84

\*Morse Chain Company.

**7. Determine the required belt width.** Each center distance listed in Table 34 corresponds to a specific pitch and type of belt construction. The belt construction is often termed XL, L, H, XH, and XXH. Thus, the belt chosen in step 6 is an XH construction.

Refer now to Table 35 or the manufacturer’s engineering data. Table 35 shows that a 2-in (5.1-cm) wide belt will transmit 38 hp (28.3 kW) at 1750 r/min. This is too low, because the design horsepower rating of the belt is 40 hp (29.8 kW). A 3-in (7.6-cm) wide belt will transmit 60 hp (44.7 kW). Therefore, a 3-in (7.6-cm) belt should be used because it can safely transmit the required horsepower.

If five, or less, teeth are in mesh when a timing belt is installed, the width of the belt must be increased to ensure sufficient load-carrying ability. To determine the required belt width to carry the load, divide the belt width by the appropriate factor given below.

Teeth in mesh	5	4	3	2
Factor	0.80	0.60	0.40	0.20

Thus, a 3-in (7.6-cm) belt with four teeth in mesh would have to be widened to  $3/0.60 = 5.0$  in (12.7 cm) to carry the desired load.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure to select timing belts for any of these drives: agitators, mixers, centrifuges, compressors, conveyors, fans, blowers, generators (electric), exciters, hammer mills, hoists, elevators, laundry machinery, line shafts, machine tools, paper-manufacturing machinery, printing machinery, pumps, sawmills, textile machinery, woodworking tools, etc. For exact selection of a specific make of belt, consult the manufacturer’s tabulated or plotted engineering data.

**TABLE 35** Belt Power Rating\*

[ $7/8$  in (2.2 cm) pitch XH]

No. of teeth in high-speed sprocket	Belt width		Sprocket rpm					
			1700		1750		2000	
	in	cm	hp	kW	hp	kW	hp	kW
24	2	5.1	37	27.6	38	28.3	43	32.1
	3	7.6	59	44.0	60	44.7	67	50.0
	4	10.2	83	61.9	85	63.4	95	70.8

\*Morse Chain Company.



## GEARED SPEED REDUCER SELECTION AND APPLICATION

Select a speed reducer to lift a sluice gate weighing 200 lb (889.6 N) through a distance of 6 ft (1.8 m) in 5 s or less. The door must be opened and closed 12 times per hour. The drive for the door lifter is a 1150-r/min electric motor that operates 10 h/day.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Choose the type of speed reducer to use.** There are many types of speed reducers available for industrial drives. Thus, a roller chain with different size sprockets, a V-belt drive, or a timing-belt drive might be considered for a speed-reduction application because all will reduce the speed of a driven shaft. Where a load is to be raised, often geared speed reducers are selected because they provide a positive drive without slippage. Also, modern geared drives are compact, efficient units that are easily connected to an electric motor. For these reasons, a right-angle worm-gear speed reducer will be tentatively chosen for this drive. If upon investigation this type of drive proves unsuitable, another type will be chosen.

**2. Determine the torque that the speed reducer must develop.** A convenient way to lift a sluice door is by means of a roller chain attached to a bracket on the door and driven by a sprocket keyed to the speed reducer output shaft. As a trial, assume that a 12-in (30.5-cm) diameter sprocket is used.

The torque  $T$  lb-in developed by sprocket =  $T = W_r$ , where  $W$  = weight lifted, lb;  $r$  = sprocket radius, in. For this sprocket, by assuming that the starting friction in the sluice-door guides produces an additional load of 50 lb (222.4 N),  $T = (200 + 50)(6) = 1500$  lb-in (169.5 N·m).

**3. Compute the required rpm of the output shaft.** The door must be lifted 6 ft (1.8 m) in 5 s. This is a speed of  $(6 \text{ ft} \times 60 \text{ s/min})/5 \text{ s} = 72 \text{ ft/min}$  (0.4 m/s). The circumference of the sprocket is  $\pi d = \pi(1.0) = 3.142 \text{ ft}$  (1.0 m). To lift the door at a speed of 72 ft/min (0.4 m/s), the output shaft must turn at a speed of  $(\text{ft/min})/(\text{ft/r}) = 72/3.142 = 22.9 \text{ r/min}$ . Since a slight increase in the speed of the door is not objectionable, assume that the output shaft turns at 23 r/min.

**4. Apply the drive service factor.** The AGMA *Standard Practice for Single and Double Reduction Cylindrical Worm and Helical Worm Speed Reducers* lists service factors for geared speed reducers driven by electric motors and internal-combustion engines. These factors range from a low of 0.80 for an electric motor driving a machine producing a uniform load for occasional 0.5-h service to a high of 2.25 for a single-cylinder internal-combustion engine driving a heavy shock load 24 h/day. The service factor for this drive, assuming a heavy shock load during opening and closing of the sluice gate, would be 1.50 for 10-h/day operation. Thus, the drive must develop a torque of at least  $(\text{load torque, lb-in})(\text{service factor}) = (1500)(1.5) = 2250$  lb-in (254.2 N·m).

**5. Choose the speed reducer.** Refer to Table 36 or the manufacturer's engineering data. Table 36 shows that a single-reduction worm-gear speed reducer having an input of 1.24 hp (924.7 W) will develop 2300 lb-in (254.2 N·m) of torque at 23 r/min. This is an acceptable speed reducer because the required output torque is 2250 lb-in (254.2 N·m) at 23 r/min. Also, the allowable overhung load, 1367 lb (6080.7 N), is adequate for the sluice-gate weight. A 1.5-hp (1118.5-W) motor would be chosen for this drive.

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure to select geared speed reducers (single- or double-reduction worm gears, single-reduction helical gears, gear motors, and miter boxes) for machinery drives of all types, including pumps, loaders, stokers, welding positioners, fans, blowers, and machine tools. The starting friction load, applied to the drive considered in this procedure, is typical for application where a heavy friction load is likely to occur. In rotating machinery of many types, the starting friction load is usually nil, except where the drive is connected to a

**TABLE 36** Speed Reducer Torque Ratings\*  
(Single-reduction worm gear)

Input power at 1150 r/min		Drive output				
		Torque			OHL <sup>†</sup>	
hp	kW	r/min	lb-in	N-m	lb	N
1.54	1.15	28.7	2416	273.0	1367	6080.7
1.24	0.92	23.0	2300	259.9	1367	6080.7
0.93	0.69	19.2	1970	222.6	1367	6080.7

\*Extracted from Morse Chain Company data.

†Allowable overhung load on drive.

loaded member, such as a conveyor belt. Where a clutch disconnects the driver from the load, there is negligible starting friction.

Well-designed geared speed reducers generally will not run at temperatures higher than 100°F (55.6°C) above the prevailing ambient temperature, measured in the lubricant sump. At higher operating temperatures the lubricant may break down, leading to excessive wear. Fan-cooled speed reducers can carry heavier loads than noncooled reducers without overheating.

## POWER TRANSMISSION FOR A VARIABLE-SPEED DRIVE

Choose the power-transmission system for a three-wheeled contractor's vehicle designed to carry a load of 1000 lb (4448.2 N) at a speed of 8 mi/h (3.6 m/s) over rough terrain. The vehicle tires will be 16 in (40.6 cm) in diameter, and the engine driving the vehicle will operate continuously. The empty vehicle weighs 600 lb (2668.9 N), and the engine being considered has a maximum speed of 4200 r/min.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the horsepower required to drive the vehicle.** Compute the required driving horsepower from  $hp = 1.25 W mph / 1750$ , where  $W$  = total weight of loaded vehicle, lb (N);  $mph$  = maximum loaded vehicle speed, mi/h (km/h). Thus, for this vehicle,  $hp = 1.25(1000 + 600)(8) / 1750 = 9.15$  hp (6.8 kW).

**2. Determine the maximum vehicle wheel speed.** Compute the maximum wheel rpm from  $rpm_w = (\text{maximum vehicle speed, mi/h}) \times (5280 \text{ ft/mi}) / 15.72$  (tire rolling diameter, in). Or,  $rpm_w = (8)(5280) / [(15.72)(16)] = 167.8$  r/min.

**3. Select the power transmission for the vehicle.** Refer to engineering data published by drive manufacturers. Choose a drive suitable for the anticipated load. The load on a typical contractor's vehicle is one of sudden starts and stops. Also, the drive must be capable of transmitting the required horsepower. A 10-hp (7.5-kW) drive would be chosen for this vehicle.

Small vehicles are often belt-driven by means of an infinitely variable transmission. Such a drive, having an overdrive or speed-increase ratio of 1:1.5 or 1:1, would be suitable for this vehicle. From the manufacturer's engineering data, a drive having an input rating of 10 hp (7.5 kW) will be suitable for momentary overloads of up to 25 percent. The operating temperature of any part of the drive should never exceed 250°F (121.1°C). For best results, the drive should be operated at temperatures well below this limit.

**4. Compute the required output-shaft speed reduction.** To obtain the maximum power output from the engine, the engine should operate at its maximum rpm when the vehicle is traveling at its highest speed. This prevents lugging of the engine at lower speeds.

The transmission transmits power from the engine to the driving axle. Usually, however, the transmission cannot provide the needed speed reduction between the engine and the axle. Therefore, a speed-reduction gear is needed between the transmission and the axle. The transmission chosen for this drive could provide a 1:1 or a 1:1.5 speed ratio. Assume that the 1:1.5 speed ratio is chosen to provide higher speeds at the maximum vehicle load. Then the speed reduction required = (maximum engine speed, r/min)(transmission ratio)/(maximum wheel rpm) =  $(4200)(1.5)/167.8 = 37.6$ .

Check the manufacturer's engineering data for the ratios of available geared speed reducers. Thus, a study of one manufacturer's data shows that a speed-reduction ratio of 38 is available by using a single-reduction worm-gear drive. This drive would be suitable if it were rated at 10 hp (7.5 kW) or higher. Check to see that the gear has a suitable horsepower rating before making the final selection.

**Related Calculations** Use the general procedure given here to choose power transmissions for small-vehicle compressors, hoists, lawn mowers, machine tools, conveyors, pumps, snow sleds, and similar equipment. For nonvehicle drives, substitute the maximum rpm of the driven machine for the maximum wheel velocity in steps 2, 3, and 4.

## BEARING-TYPE SELECTION FOR A KNOWN LOAD

Choose a suitable bearing for a 3-in (7.6-cm) diameter 100-r/min shaft carrying a total radial load of 12,000 lb (53,379 N). A reasonable degree of shaft misalignment must be allowed by the bearing. Quiet operation of the shaft is desired. Lubrication will be intermittent.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Analyze the desired characteristics of the bearing.** Two major types of bearings are available to the designer, *rolling* and *sliding*. Rolling bearings are of two types, *ball* and *roller*. Sliding bearings are also of two types, *journal* for radial loads and *thrust* for axial loads only or for combined axial and radial loads. Table 37 shows the principal characteristics of rolling and sliding bearings. Based on the data in Table 37, a sliding bearing would be suitable for this application because it has a *fair* misalignment tolerance and a *quiet* noise level. Both factors are key considerations in the bearing choice.

**2. Choose the bearing materials.** Table 38 shows that a porous-bronze bearing, suitable for intermittent lubrication, can carry a maximum pressure load of 4000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (27,580.0 kPa) at a maximum shaft speed of 1500 ft/min (7.62 m/s). By using the relation  $l = L/(Pd)$ , where  $l$  = bearing length, in,  $L$  = load, lb,  $d$  = shaft diameter, in, the required length of this sleeve bearing is  $l = L/(Pd) = 12,000/[(4000)(3)] = 1$  in (2.5 cm).

Compute the shaft surface speed  $V$  ft/min from  $V = \pi dR/12$ , where  $d$  = shaft diameter, in;  $R$  = shaft rpm. Thus,  $V = \pi(3)(100)/12 = 78.4$  ft/min (0.4 m/s).

With the shaft speed known, the PV, or pressure-velocity, value of the bearing can be computed. For this bearing, with an operating pressure of 4000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (27,580.0 kPa),  $PV = 4000 \times 78.4 = 313,600$  (lb/in<sup>2</sup>)(ft/min) (10,984.3 kPa-m/s). This is considerably in excess of the PV limit of 50,000 (lb/in<sup>2</sup>)(ft/min) (1751.3 kPa-m/s) listed in Table 38. To come within the recommended PV limit, the operating pressure of the bearing must be reduced.

Assume an operating pressure of 600 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (4137.0 kPa). Then  $l = L/(Pd) = 12,000/[(600)(3)] = 6.67$  in (16.9 cm), say 7 in (17.8 cm). The PV value of the bearing then is  $(600)(78.4) = 47,000$  (lb/in<sup>2</sup>)(ft/min) (1646.3 kPa-m/s). This is a satisfactory value for a porous-bronze bearing because the recommended limit is 50,000 (lb/in<sup>2</sup>)(ft/min) (1751.3 kPa-m/s).

**TABLE 37** Key Characteristics of Rolling and Sliding Bearings\*

	Rolling	Sliding
Life	Limited by fatigue properties of bearing metal	Unlimited, except for cyclic loading
Load:		
Unidirectional	Excellent	Good
Cyclic	Good	Good
Starting	Excellent	Poor
Unbalance	Excellent	Good
Shock	Good	Fair
Emergency	Fair	Fair
Speed limited by:	Centrifugal loading and material surface speeds	Turbulence and temperature rise
Starting friction	Good	Poor
Cost	Intermediate, but standardized, varying little with quantity	Very low in simple types or in mass production
Space requirements (radial bearing):		
Radial dimension	Large	Small
Axial dimension	$\frac{1}{5}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ shaft diameter	$\frac{1}{4}$ to 2 times shaft diameter
Misalignment tolerance	Poor in ball bearings except where designed for at sacrifice of load capacity; good in spherical roller bearings; poor in cylindrical roller bearings	Fair
Noise	May be noisy, depending on quality and resonance of mounting	Quiet
Damping	Poor	Good
Low-temperature starting	Good	Poor
High-temperature operation	Limited by lubricant	Limited by lubricant
Type of lubricant	Oil or grease	Oil, water, other liquids, grease, dry lubricants, air, or gas
Lubrication, quantity required	Very small, except where large amounts of heat must be removed	Large, except in low-speed boundary-lubrication types
Type of failure	Limited operation may continue after fatigue failure but not after lubricant failure	Often permits limited emergency operation after failure
Ease of replacement	Function of type of installation; usually shaft need not be replaced	Function of design and installation; split bearings used in large machines

\*Product Engineering.

**3. Check the selected bearing size.** The sliding bearing chosen will have a diameter somewhat in excess of 3 in (7.6 cm) and a length of 7 in (17.8 cm). If this length is too great to fit in the allowable space, another bearing material will have to be studied, by using the same procedure. Figure 8 shows the space occupied by rolling and sliding bearings of various types.

Table 39 shows the load-carrying capacity and maximum operating temperatures for oil-film journal sliding bearings that are regularly lubricated. These bearings are termed *full film* because they receive a supply of lubricant at regular intervals. Surface speeds of 20,000 to 25,000 ft/min (101.6 to 127.0 m/s) are common for industrial machines fitted with these bearings. This corresponds closely to the surface speed for ball and roller bearings.

**TABLE 38** Materials for Sleeve Bearings\*

[Cost figures are for a 1-in (2.54-cm) sleeve bearing ordered in quantity]

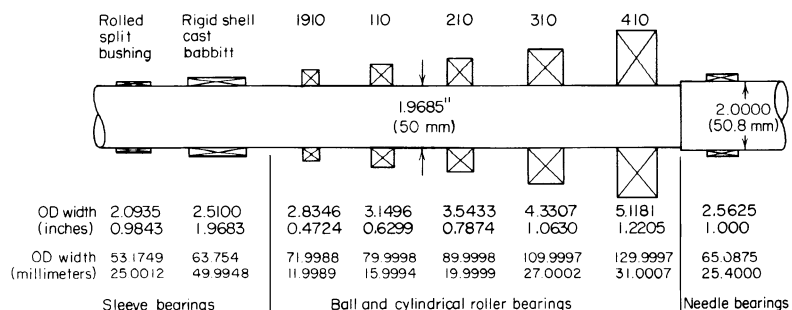
	Maximum load		Maximum speed		PV limit		Maximum operating temperature		Cost, \$
	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	kPa	ft/min	m/s	(lb/in <sup>2</sup> )(ft/min)	kPa-m/s	°F	°C	
Porous bronze	4,000	27,579.0	1,500	7.6	50,000	1,751.3	150	65.6	0.11
Porous iron	8,000	55,158.1	800	4.1	50,000	1,751.3	150	65.6	0.09
Teflon fabric	60,000	413,685.4	50	0.3	25,000	875.6	500	260.0	0.04
Phenolic	6,000	41,368.5	2,500	12.7	15,000	525.4	200	93.3	0.05
Wood	6,000	41,368.5	2,000	10.2	15,000	525.4	150	65.6	0.40
Carbon-graphite	600	4,136.9	2,500	12.7	10,000	350.3	750	398.9	0.39
Reinforced Teflon	2,500	17,236.9	2,500	12.7	10,000	350.3	500	260.0	0.45
Nylon	1,000	6,894.8	1,000	5.1	3,000	105.1	200	93.3	0.04
Delrin	1,000	6,894.8	1,000	5.1	3,000	105.1	180	82.2	0.03
Lexan	1,000	6,894.8	1,000	5.1	3,000	105.1	220	104.4	0.05
Teflon	500	3,447.4	100	0.5	1,000	35.0	500	260.0	1.00

\*Product Engineering.

**4. Evaluate oil-film bearings.** Oil-film sliding bearings are chosen by the method of the next calculation procedure. The bearing size is made large enough that the maximum operating temperature listed in Table 39 is not exceeded. Table 40 lists typical design load limits for oil-film bearings in various services. Figure 9 shows the typical temperature limits for rolling and sliding bearings made of various materials.

**5. Evaluate rolling bearings.** Rolling bearings have lower starting friction (coefficient of friction  $f = 0.002$  to  $0.005$ ) than sliding bearings ( $f = 0.15$  to  $0.30$ ). Thus, the rolling bearing is preferred for applications requiring low starting torque [integral-horsepower electric motors up to 500 hp (372.9 kW), jet engines, etc.]. By pumping oil into a sliding bearing, its starting coefficient of friction can be reduced to nearly zero. This arrangement is used in large electric generators and certain mill machines.

The running friction of rolling bearings is in the range of  $f = 0.001$  to  $0.002$ . For oil-film sliding bearings,  $f = 0.002$  to  $0.005$ .

**FIGURE 8** Relative space requirements of sleeve and rolling-element bearings to carry the same diameter shaft. (Product Engineering.)

**TABLE 39** Oil-Film Journal Bearing Characteristics\*

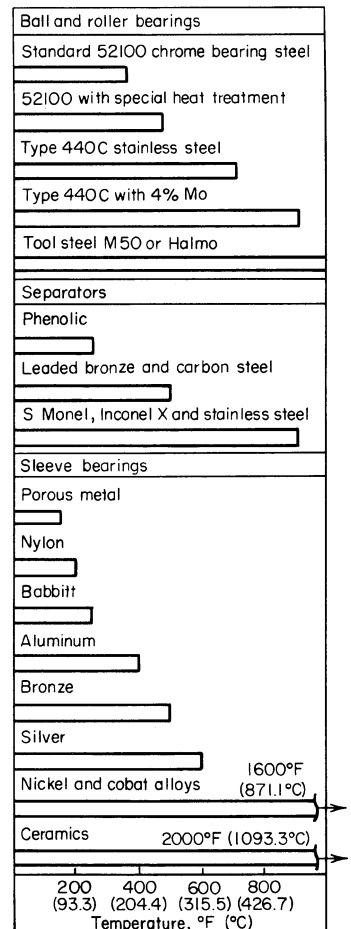
Bearing material	Load-carrying capacity		Maximum operating temperature	
	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	kPa	°F	°C
Tin-based babbitt	800–1,500	5,516.0–10,342.5	300	148.9
Lead-based babbitt	800–1,200	5,516.0–8,274.0	300	148.9
Alkali-hardened steel	1,200–1,500	8,274.0–10,342.5	500	260.0
Cadmium base	1,500–2,000	10,342.5–13,789.5	500	260.0
Copper-lead	1,500–2,500	10,342.5–17,236.9	350	176.7
Tin bronze	4,000	27,580.0	500+	260.0+
Lead bronze	3,000–4,000	20,685.0–27,580.0	450	232.2
Aluminum alloy	4,000	27,580.0	250	121.1
Silver (overplated)	4,000	27,580.0	500	260.0
Three-component bearings babbitt-surfaced	2,000–4,000	13,790.0–27,580.0	225–300	107.2–148.9

\*Product Engineering.

**TABLE 40** Typical Design Load Limits for Oil-Film Bearings\*

Bearing	Maximum load on projected area	
	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	kPa
Electric motors	200	1,379.0
Steam turbines	300	2,068.4
Automotive engines:		
Main bearings	3,500	24,131.6
Connecting rods	5,000	34,473.8
Diesel engines:		
Main bearings	3,000	20,684.7
Connecting rods	4,500	31,026.4
Railroad car axles	350	2,413.2
Steel mill roll necks:		
Steady	2,000	13,789.5
Peak	5,000	24,473.8

\*Product Engineering.



**FIGURE 9** Bearing temperature limits. (Product Engineering.)

**TABLE 41** Relative Load Capacity, Cost, and Size of Rolling Bearings\*

Bearing type (for 50-mm bore)	Radial capacity	Axial capacity	Cost	Outer diameter	Width
Ball bearings:					
Deep groove (Conrad)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Filling notch	1.2	Low	1.2	1.0	1.0
Double row	1.5	1.1	2.2	1.0	1.6
Angular contact	1.1	1.9	1.6	1.0	1.0
Duplex	1.8	1.9	2.0	1.0	2.0
Self-aligning	0.7	0.2	1.3	1.0	1.0
Ball thrust	0	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.8
Roller bearings:					
Cylindrical	1.6	...	1.9	1.0	1.0
Tapered	1.3	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0
Spherical	3.0	1.1	5.0	1.0	1.5
Needle	1.0	0	0.3	0.5	1.6
Flat thrust	0	4.0	3.8	0.8	0.9

\*Product Engineering.

Rolling bearings are more susceptible to dirt than are sliding bearings. Also, rolling bearings are inherently noisy. Oil-film bearings are relatively quiet, but they may allow higher amplitudes of shaft vibration.

Table 41 compares the size, load capacity, and cost of rolling bearings of various types. Briefly, ball bearings and roller bearings may be compared thus: ball bearings (*a*) run at higher speeds without undue heating, (*b*) cost less per pound of load-carrying capacity for light loads, (*c*) have friction torque at light loads, (*d*) are available in a wider variety of sizes, (*e*) can be made in smaller sizes, and (*f*) have seals and shields for easy lubrication. Roller bearings (*a*) can carry heavier loads, (*b*) are less expensive for larger sizes and heavier loads, (*c*) are more satisfactory under shock and impact loading, and (*d*) may have lower friction at heavy loads. Table 42 shows the speed limit, termed the *dR limit* (equals bearing shaft bore *d* in mm multiplied by the shaft rpm *R*), for ball and roller bearings. Speeds higher than those shown in Table 42 may lead to early bearing failures. Since the *dR limit* is proportional to the shaft surface speed, the *dR* value gives an approximate measure of the bearing power loss and temperature rise.

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure to select shaft bearings for any type of regular service conditions. For unusual service (i.e., excessively high or low operating temperatures, large loads, etc.) consult the specific selection procedures given elsewhere in this section.

**TABLE 42** Speed Limits for Ball and Roller Bearings\*

Lubrication	DN limit, mm × r/min
Oil:	
Conventional bearing designs	300,000–350,000
Special finishes and separators	1,000,000–1,500,000
Grease:	
Conventional bearing designs	250,000–300,000
Silicone grease	150,000–200,000
Special finishes and separators	500,000–600,000
high-speed greases	

\*Product Engineering.

Note that the PV value of a sliding bearing can also be expressed as  $PV = L/(dl) \times \pi dR/12 = \pi LR/(12l)$ . The bearing load and shaft speed are usually fixed by other requirements of a design. Where the PV equation is solved for the bearing length  $l$  and the bearing is too long to fit the available space, select a bearing material having a higher allowable PV value.

## SHAFT BEARING LENGTH AND HEAT GENERATION

How long should a sleeve-type bearing be if the combined weight of the shaft and gear tooth load acting on the bearing is 2000 lb (8896 N)? The shaft is 1 in (2.5 cm) in diameter and is oil-lubricated. What is the rate of heat generation in the bearing when the shaft turns at 60 r/min? How much above an ambient room temperature of 70°F (21.1°C) will the temperature of the bearing rise during operation in still air? In moving air?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the required length of the bearing.** The required length  $l$  of a sleeve bearing carrying a load of  $L$  lb is  $l = L/(Pd)$ , where  $l$  = bearing length, in;  $L$  = bearing load, lb = bearing reaction force, lb;  $P$  = allowable mean bearing pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup> [ranges from 25 to 2500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (172.4 to 17,237.5 kPa) for normal service and up to 8000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (55,160.0 kPa) for severe service], on the projected bearing area, in<sup>2</sup> =  $ld$ ;  $d$  = shaft diameter, in. Thus, for this bearing, assuming an allowable mean bearing pressure of 400 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (2758.0 kPa),  $l = L/(Pd) = 2000/[(400)(1)] = 5$  in (12.7 cm).

**2. Compute the rate of bearing heat generation.** The rate of heat generation in a plain sleeve bearing is given by  $h = fLdR/3000$ , where  $h$  = rate of heat generation in the bearing, Btu/min;  $f$  = bearing coefficient of friction for the lubricant used;  $R$  = shaft rpm; other symbols as in step 1.

The coefficient of friction for oil-lubricated bearings ranges from 0.005 to 0.030, depending on the lubricant viscosity, shaft rpm, and mean bearing pressure. Given a value of  $f = 0.020$ ,  $h = (0.020)(2000)(1)(60)/3000 = 0.8$  Btu/min, or  $H = 0.8(60 \text{ min/h}) = 48.0$  Btu/h (14.1 kW).

**3. Compute the bearing wall area.** The wall area  $A$  of a small sleeve-type bearing, such as a pillow block fitted with a bushing, is  $A = (10 \text{ to } 15)dl/144$ , where  $A$  = bearing wall area, ft<sup>2</sup>; other symbols as before. For larger bearing pedestals fitted with a cast-iron or steel bearing shell, the factor in this equation varies from 18 to 25.

Since this is a small bearing having a 1-in (2.5-cm) diameter shaft, the first equation with a factor of 15 to give a larger wall area can be used. The value of 15 was chosen to ensure adequate radiating surface. Where space or weight is a factor, the value of 10 might be chosen. Intermediate values might be chosen for other conditions. Substituting yields  $A = (15)(1)(5)/144 = 0.521$  ft<sup>2</sup> (0.048 m<sup>2</sup>).

**4. Determine the bearing temperature rise.** In *still air*, a bearing will dissipate  $H = 2.2A(t_w - t_a)$  Btu/h, where  $t_w$  = bearing wall temperature, °F;  $t_a$  = ambient air temperature, °F; other symbols as before. Since  $H$  and  $A$  are known, the temperature rise can be found by solving for  $t_w - t_a = H/(2.2A) = 48.0/[(2.2)(0.521)] = 41.9$ °F (23.3°C), and  $t_w = 41.9 + 70 = 111.9$ °F (44.4°C). This is a low enough temperature for safe operation of the bearing. The maximum allowable bearing operating temperature for sleeve bearings using normal lubricants is usually assumed to be 200°F (93.3°C). To reduce the operating temperature of a sleeve bearing, the bearing wall area must be increased, the shaft speed decreased, or the bearing load reduced.

In *moving air*, the heat dissipation from a sleeve-type bearing is  $H = 6.5A(t_w - t_a)$ . Solving for the temperature rise as before, we get  $t_w - t_a = H/(6.5A) = 48.0/[(6.5)(0.521)] = 14.2$ °F (7.9°C), and  $t_w = 14.2 + 70 = 84.2$ °F (29.0°C). This is a moderate operating temperature that could be safely tolerated by any of the popular bearing materials.



**Related Calculations** Use this procedure to analyze sleeve-type bearings used for industrial line shafts, marine propeller shafts, conveyor shafts, etc. Where the ambient temperature varies during bearing operation, use the highest ambient temperature expected, in computing the bearing operating temperature.

## ROLLER-BEARING OPERATING-LIFE ANALYSIS

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A machine must have a shaft of about 5.5 in (14.0 cm) in diameter. Choose a roller bearing for this 5.5-in (14.0-cm) diameter shaft that turns at 1000 r/min while carrying a radial load of 20,000 lb (88,964 N). What is the expected life of this bearing?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the bearing life in revolutions.** The operating life of rolling-type bearings is often stated in millions of revolutions. Find this life from  $R_L = (C/L)^{10/3}$ , where  $R_L$  = bearing operating life, millions of revolutions;  $C$  = dynamic capacity of the bearing, lb;  $L$  = applied radial load on bearing, lb.

Obtain the dynamic capacity of the bearing being considered by consulting the manufacturer's engineering data. Usual values of dynamic capacity range between 2500 lb (11,120.6 N) and 750,000 lb (3,338,165.5 N), depending on the bearing design, type, and bore. For a typical 5.5118-in (14.0-cm) bore roller bearing,  $C = 92,400$  lb (411,015.7 N).

With  $C$  known, compute  $R_L = (C/L)^{10/3} = (92,400/20,000)^{10/3} = 162 \times 10^6$ .

**2. Determine the bearing life.** The minimum life of a bearing in millions of revolutions,  $R_L$ , is related to its life in hours,  $h$ , by the expression  $R_L = 60Rh/10^6$ , where  $R$  = shaft speed, r/min. Solving gives  $h = 10^6 R_L / (60R) = (10^6)(162) / [(60)(1000)] = 2700$ -h minimum life.

**Related Calculations** This procedure is useful for those situations where a bearing must fit a previously determined shaft diameter or fit in a restricted space. In these circumstances, the bearing size cannot be varied appreciably, and the machine designer is interested in knowing the minimum probable life that a given size of bearing will have. Use this procedure whenever the bearing size is approximately predetermined by the installation conditions in motors, pumps, engines, portable tools, etc. Obtain the dynamic capacity of any bearing under consideration from the manufacturer's engineering data.

## ROLLER-BEARING CAPACITY REQUIREMENTS

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A machine must be fitted with a roller bearing that will operate at least 30,000 h without failure. Select a suitable bearing for this machine in which the shaft operates at 3600 r/min and carries a radial load of 5000 lb (22,241.1 N).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the bearing life in revolutions.** Use the relation  $R_L = 60Rh/10^6$ , where the symbols are the same as in the previous calculation procedure. Thus,  $R_L = 60(3600)(30,000)/10^6$ ;  $R_L = 6480$  million revolutions (Mr).

**2. Determine the required dynamic capacity of the bearing.** Use the relation  $R_L = (C/L)^{10/3}$ , where the symbols are the same as in the previous calculation procedure. So  $C = L(R_L)^{3/10} = (5000)(6480)^{3/10} = 69,200$  lb (307,187.0 N).

Choose a bearing of suitable bore having a dynamic capacity of 69,200 lb (307,187.0 N) or more. Thus, a typical 5.9055-in (15.0-cm) bore roller bearing has a dynamic capacity of 72,400 lb (322,051.3 N). It is common practice to undercut the shaft to suit the bearing bore, if such a reduction in the shaft does not weaken the shaft. Use the manufacturer's engineering data in choosing the actual bearing to be used.

**Related Calculations** This procedure shows a situation in which the life of the bearing is of greater importance than its size. Such a situation is common when the reliability of a machine is a key factor in its design. A dynamic rating of a given amount, say 72,400 lb (322,051.3 N), means that if in a large group of bearings of this size each bearing has a 72,400-lb (322,051.3-N) load applied to it, 90 percent of the bearings in the group will complete, or exceed,  $10^6$  r before the first evidence of fatigue occurs. This average life of the bearing is the number of revolutions that 50 percent of the bearings will complete, or exceed, before the first evidence of fatigue develops. The average life is about 3.5 times the minimum life.

Use this procedure to choose bearings for motors, engines, turbines, portable tools, etc. Where extreme reliability is required, some designers choose a bearing having a much larger dynamic capacity than calculations show is required.

## RADIAL LOAD RATING FOR ROLLING BEARINGS

A mounted rolling bearing is fitted to a shaft driven by a 4-in (10.2-cm) wide double-ply leather belt. The shaft is subjected to moderate shock loads about one-third of the time while operating at 300 r/min. An operating life of 40,000 h is required of the bearing. What is the required radial capacity of the bearing? The bearing has a normal rated life of 15,000 h at 500 r/min. The weight of the pulley and shaft is 145 lb (644.9 N).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the bearing operating factors.** To determine the required radial capacity of a rolling bearing, a series of operating factors must be applied to the radial load acting on the shaft: life factor  $f_L$ , operating factor  $f_o$ , belt tension factor  $f_B$ , and speed factor  $f_s$ . Obtain each of the four factors from the manufacturer's engineering data because there may be a slight variation in the factor value between different bearing makers. Where a given factor does not apply to the bearing being considered, omit it from the calculation.

**2. Determine the bearing life factor.** Rolling bearings are normally rated for a certain life, expressed in hours. If a different life for the bearing is required, a life factor must be applied. The bearing being considered here has a normal rated life of 15,000 h. The manufacturer's engineering data show that for a mounted bearing which must have a life of 40,000 h, a life factor  $f_L = 1.340$  should be used. For this particular make of bearing,  $f_L$  varies from 0.360 at a 500-h to 1.700 at a 100,000-h life for mounted units. At 15,000 h,  $f_L = 1.000$ .

**3. Determine the bearing operating factor.** A rolling-bearing operating factor is used to show the effect of peak and shock loads on the bearing. Usual operating factors vary from 1.00 for steady loads with any amount of overload to 2.00 for bearings with heavy shock loads throughout their operating period. For this bearing with moderate shock loads about one-third of the time,  $f_o = 1.32$ .

A combined operating factor, obtained by taking the product of two applicable factors, is used in some circumstances. Thus, when the load is an oscillating type, an additional factor of 1.25 must be applied. This type of load occurs in certain linkages and pumps. When the outer race of the bearing revolves, as in sheaves, truck wheels, or gyrating loads, an additional factor of 1.2 is used. To find the combined operating factor, first find the normal operating factor, as described earlier. Then take the product of the normal and the additional operating factors. The result is the combined operating factor.

**4. Determine the bearing belt-tension factor.** When the bearing is used on a belt-driven shaft, a belt-tension factor must be applied. Usual values of this factor range from 1.0 for a chain drive to 2.30 for a single-ply leather belt. For a double-ply leather belt,  $f_B = 2.0$ .

**5. Determine the bearing speed factor.** Rolling bearings are rated at various speeds. When the shaft operates at a speed different from the rated speed, a speed factor  $f_S$  must be applied. Since this shaft operates at 300 r/min while the rated speed of the bearing is 500 r/min,  $f_S = 0.860$ , from the manufacturer's engineering data. For a 500-r/min bearing,  $f_S$  varies from 0.245 at 5 r/min to 1.87 at 4000 r/min.

**6. Determine the radial load on the bearing.** The radial load produced by a leather belt can vary from 130 lb/in (227.7 N/cm) of width for normal-tension belts to 450 lb/in (788.1 N/cm) of width for very tight belts. Assuming normal tension, the radial load for a double-ply leather belt is, from engineering data, 180 lb/in (315.2 N/cm) of width. Since this belt is 4 in (10.2 cm) wide, the radial belt load =  $4(180) = 720$  lb (3202.7 N). The total radial  $R_T$  is the sum of the belt, shaft, and pulley loads, or  $R_T = 720 + 145 = 865$  lb (3847.7 N).

**7. Compute the required radial capacity of the bearing.** The required radial capacity of a bearing  $R_C = R_T f_L f_o f_B f_S = (865)(1.340)(1.32)(2.0)(0.86) = 2630$  lb (11,698.8 N).

**8. Select a suitable bearing.** Enter the manufacturer's engineering data at the shaft rpm (300 r/min for this shaft) and project to a bearing radial capacity equal to, or slightly greater than, the computed required radial capacity. Thus, one make of bearing, suitable for 2- and  $2\frac{3}{16}$ -in (5.1- and 5.6-cm) diameter shafts, has a radial capacity of 2710 at 300 r/min. This is close enough for general selection purposes.

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure for any type of rolling bearing. When comparing different makes of rolling bearings, be sure to convert them to the same life expectancies before making the comparison. Use the life-factor table presented in engineering handbooks or a manufacturer's engineering data for each bearing to convert the bearings being considered to equal lives.

## ROLLING-BEARING CAPACITY AND RELIABILITY

What is the required basic load rating of a ball bearing having an equivalent radial load of 3000 lb (13,344.7 N) if the bearing must have a life of  $400 \times 10^6$  r at a reliability of 0.92? The ratio of the average life to the rating life of the bearing is 5.0. Show how the required basic load rating is determined for a roller bearing.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the required basic load rating.** Use the Weibull two-parameter equation, which for a life ratio of 5 is  $L_e/L_B = (1.898/R_L^{0.333})(\ln 1/R_e)^{0.285}$ , where  $L_e$  = equivalent radial load on the bearing, lb;

$L_B$  = the required basic load rating of the bearing, lb, to give the desired reliability at the stated life;  $R_L$  = bearing operating life, Mr;  $\ln$  = natural or Napierian logarithm to the base  $e$ ;  $R_e$  = required reliability, expressed as a decimal.

Substituting gives  $3000/L_B = (1.898/400^{0.333})(\ln 1/0.92)^{0.285}$ ;  $L_B = 23,425$  lb (104,199.6 N). Thus, a bearing having a basic load rating of at least 23,425 lb (104,199.6 N) would provide the desired reliability. Select a bearing having a load rating equal to, or slightly in excess of, this value. Use the manufacturer's engineering data as the source of load-rating data.

**2. Compute the roller-bearing basic load rating.** Use the following form of the Weibull equation for roller bearings:  $L_e/L_B = (1.780/R_L^{0.30})(\ln 1/R_e)^{0.257}$ . Substitute values and solve for  $L_B$ , as in step 1.

**Related Calculations** Use the Weibull equation as given here when computing bearing life in the range of 0.9 and higher. The ratio of average life/rating life = 5 is usual for commercially available bearings.<sup>1</sup>

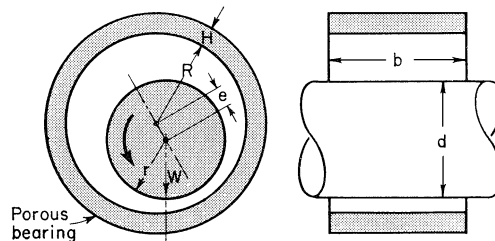
## POROUS-METAL BEARING CAPACITY AND FRICTION

Determine the load capacity  $\psi$  and coefficient of friction of a porous-metal bearing for a 1-in (2.5-cm) diameter shaft, 1-in (2.5-cm) bearing length, 0.2-in (0.5-cm) thick bearing, 0.001-in (0.003-cm) radial clearance, metal permeability  $\phi = 5 \times 10^{-10}$  in ( $1.3 \times 10^{-9}$  cm), shaft speed = 1500 r/min, eccentricity ratio  $\epsilon = 0.8$ , and an SAE-30 mineral-oil lubricant with a viscosity of  $6 \times 10^{-6}$  lb·s/in<sup>2</sup> ( $4.1 \times 10^{-6}$  N·s/cm<sup>2</sup>).

### Calculation Procedure

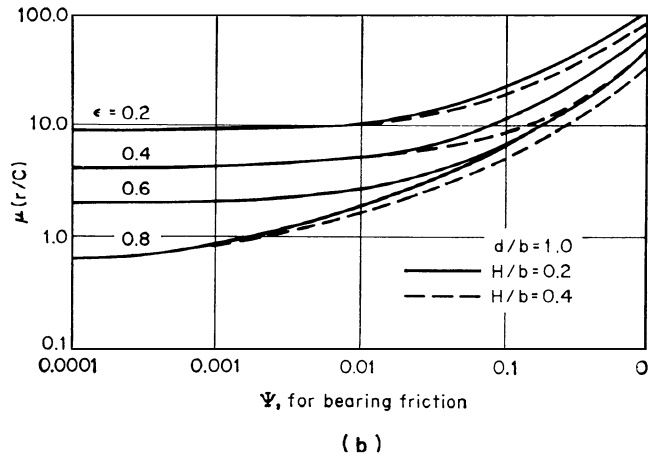
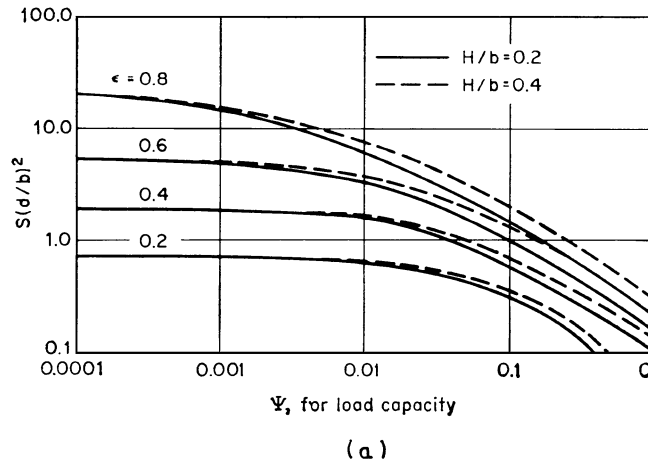
**1. Sketch the bearing and shaft.** Figure 10 shows the bearing and shaft with the various known dimensions indicated by the identifying symbols given above.

**2. Compute the load capacity factor.** The load capacity factor  $\psi = \phi H/C^3$ , where  $\phi$  = metal permeability, in;  $H$  = bearing thickness, in;  $C$  = radial clearance of bearing,  $R_b - r = 0.001$  in (0.003 cm) for this bearing. Hence,  $\psi = (5 \times 10^{-10})(0.2)/(0.001)^3 = 0.10$ .



**FIGURE 10** Typical porous-metal bearing. (*Product Engineering.*)

<sup>1</sup>C. Mischke, "Bearing Reliability and Capacity," *Machine Design*, Sept. 30, 1965.



**FIGURE 11** (a) Bearing load capacity factors; (b) bearing friction factors. (Product Engineering.)

**3. Compute the bearing thickness-length ratio.** The thickness-length ratio  $= H/b = 0.2/1.0 = 0.2$ .

**4. Determine the  $S(d/b)^2$  value for the bearing.** In the  $S(d/b)^2$  value for the bearing,  $S$  is the Sommerfeld number for the bearing; the other values are as shown in Fig. 10.

Using the  $\psi$ ,  $\epsilon$ , and  $H/b$  values, enter Fig. 11a, and read  $S(d/b)^2 = 1.4$  for an eccentricity ratio of  $\epsilon = e/C = 0.8$ . Substitute in this equation the known values for  $b$  and  $d$  and solve for  $S$ , or  $S(1.0/1.0)^2 = 1.4$ ;  $S = 1.4$ .

**5. Compute the bearing load capacity.** Find the bearing load capacity from  $S = (L/R_i \eta b)(C/r)^2$ , where  $\eta$  = lubricant viscosity, lb-s/in<sup>2</sup>;  $r$  = shaft radius, in;  $R_i$  = shaft velocity, in-s. Solving gives  $L = (SR_i \eta b)/(C/r)^2 = (1.4)(78.5)(6 \times 10^{-6})(1.0)/(0.001/0.5)^2 = 164.7$  lb (732.6 N). (The shaft rotational velocity must be expressed in in/s in this equation because the lubricant viscosity is given in lb-s/in<sup>2</sup>.)

**6. Determine the bearing coefficient of friction.** Enter Fig. 11b with the known values of  $\psi$ ,  $\epsilon$ , and  $H/b$  and read  $\mu(r/C) = 7.4$ . Substitute in this equation the known values for  $r$  and  $C$ , and solve for the bearing coefficient of friction  $\mu$ , or  $\mu = 7.4C/r = (7.4)(0.001)/0.5 = 0.0148$ .

**Related Calculations** Porous-metal bearings are similar to conventional sliding-journal bearings except that the pores contain an additional supply of lubricant to replace that which may be lost during operation. The porous-metal bearing is useful in assemblies where there is not enough room for a conventional lubrication system or where there is a need for improved lubrication during the starting and stopping of a machine. The permeability of the finished porous metal greatly influences the ability of a lubricant to work its way through the pores. Porous-metal bearings are used in railroad axle supports, water pumps, generators, machine tools, and other equipment. Use the procedure given here when choosing porous-metal bearings for any of these applications. The method given here was developed by Professor W. T. Rouleau, Carnegie Institute of Technology, and C. A. Rhodes, Senior Research Engineer, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology.

## HYDROSTATIC THRUST BEARING ANALYSIS

An oil-lubricated hydrostatic thrust bearing must support a load of 107,700 lb (479,073.5 N). This vertical bearing has an outside diameter of 16 in (40.6 cm) and a recess diameter of 10 in (25.4 cm). What oil pressure and flow rate are required to maintain a 0.006-in (0.15-mm) lubricant film thickness with an SAE-20 oil having an absolute viscosity of  $\eta = 42.4 \times 10^{-7}$  lb/(s-in<sup>2</sup>) [ $2.9 \times 10^{-6}$  N/(s-cm<sup>2</sup>)] if the shaft turns at 750 r/min? What are the pumping loss and the viscous friction loss? What is the optimum lubricant-film thickness?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the required lubricant-supply pressure.** The design equations and methods developed at Franklin Institute by Dudley Fuller, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Columbia University, are applicable to vertical hydrostatic bearings, Fig. 12, using oil, grease, or gas lubrication. By substituting the appropriate value for the lubricant viscosity, the same set of design equations can be used for any of the lubricants listed above. These equations are accurate, simple, and reliable; they are therefore used here.

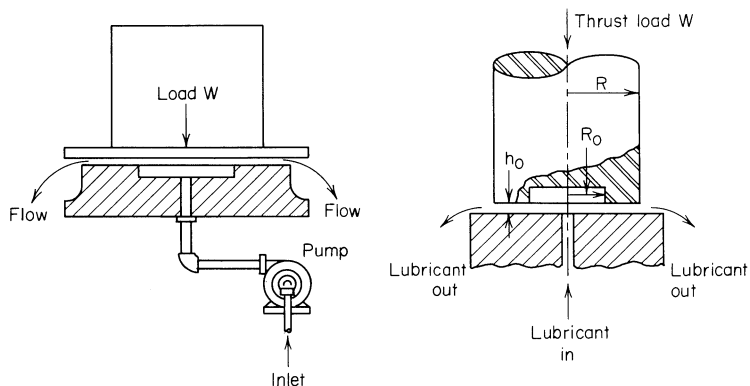


FIGURE 12 Hydrostatic thrust bearings. (*Product Engineering*.)

Solve Fuller's applied load equation,  $L = (p_i \pi / 2) \{ r^2 - r_i^2 / [\ln (r / r_i)] \}$ , for the lubricant-supply inlet pressure. In this equation,  $L$  = applied load on the bearing, lb;  $p_i$  = lubricant-supply inlet pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup>;  $r$  = shaft radius, in;  $r_i$  = recess or step radius, in;  $\ln$  = natural or Napierian logarithm to the base  $e$ . Solving gives  $p_i = 2L / \pi \{ r^2 - r_i^2 / [\ln (r / r_i)] \} = 2(107,700) / \pi [8^2 - 5^2 / (\ln 8/5)]$ , or  $p_i = 825$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (5688.4 kPa).

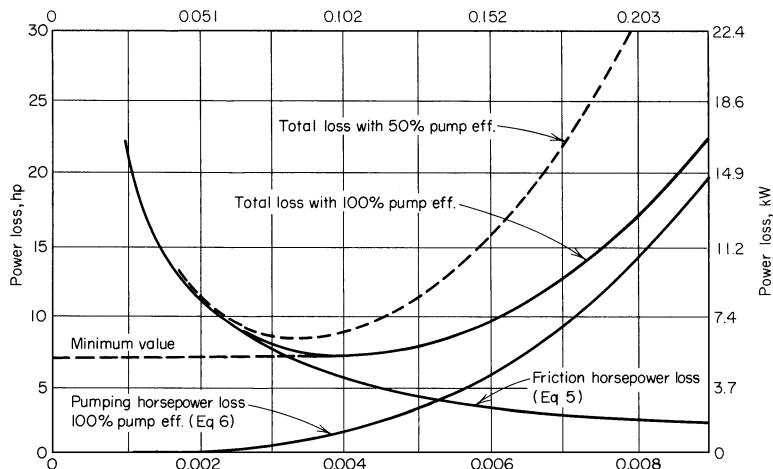
**2. Compute the required lubricant flow rate.** By Fuller's flow-rate equation,  $Q = p_i \pi h^3 / [6 \eta \ln (r / r_i)]$ , where  $Q$  = lubricant flow rate, in<sup>3</sup>/s;  $h$  = lubricant-film thickness, in;  $\eta$  = lubricant absolute viscosity, lb·s/in<sup>2</sup>; other symbols as in step 1. Thus, with  $h = 0.006$  in,  $Q = (825 \pi)(0.006)^3 / [6(42.4 \times 10^{-6})(0.470)] = 46.85$  in<sup>3</sup>/s (767.7 cm<sup>3</sup>/s).

**3. Compute the pumping loss.** The pumping loss results from the work necessary to force the lubricant radially outward through the film space, or  $H_p = Q(p_i - p_o)$ , where  $H_p$  = power required to pump the lubricant = pumping loss, in·lb/s;  $p_o$  = lubricant outlet pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup>; other symbols as in step 1. For circular thrust bearings it can be assumed that the lubricant outlet pressure  $p_o$  is negligible, or  $p_o = 0$ . Then  $H_p = 46.85(825 - 0) = 38,680$  in·lb/s (4370.3 N·m/s) = 38,680/[550 ft·lb/(min·hp)](12 in/ft) = 5.86 hp (4.4 kW).

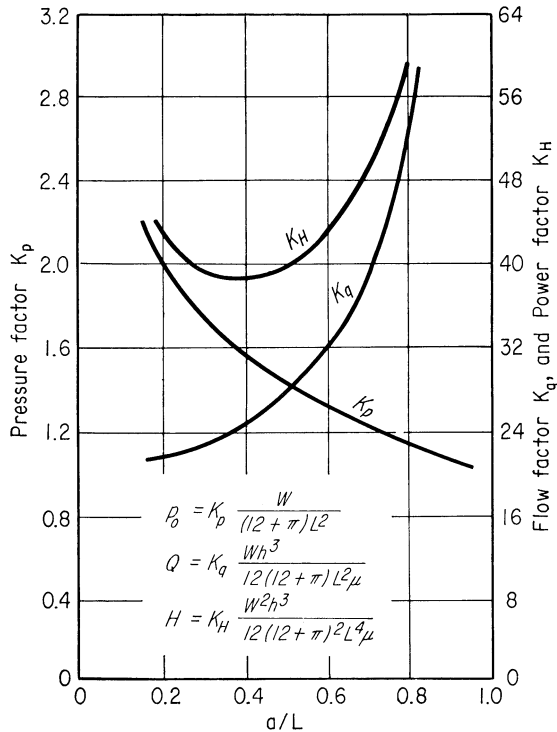
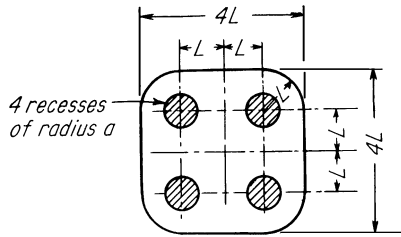
**4. Compute the viscous friction loss.** The viscous-friction-loss equation developed by Fuller is  $H_f = [(R^2 \eta / (58.05 h)) (r^4 - r_o^4)]$ , where  $H_f$  = viscous friction loss, in·lb/s;  $R$  = shaft rpm; other symbols as in step 1. Thus,  $H_f = \{ (750)^2 (42.4 \times 10^{-7}) / [(58.05)(0.006)] \} (8^4 - 5^4)$ , or  $H_f = 23,770$  in·lb/s (2685.6 N·m/s) = 23,770/[550(12)] = 3.60 hp (2.7 kW).

**5. Compute the optimum lubricant-film thickness.** The film thickness that will produce a minimum combination of pumping loss and friction loss can be evaluated by determining the minimum point of the curve representing the sum of the respective energy losses (pumping and viscous friction) when plotted against film thickness.

With the shaft speed, lubricant viscosity, and bearing dimensions constant at the values given in the problem statement, the viscous-friction loss becomes  $H_f = 0.0216/h$  for this bearing. Substitute various values for  $h$  ranging between 0.001 and 0.010 in (0.0254 and 0.254 mm) (the usual film thickness range), and solve for  $H_f$ . Plot the results as shown in Fig. 13.



**FIGURE 13** Oil-film thickness for minimum power loss in a hydrostatic thrust bearing. (*Product Engineering*.)

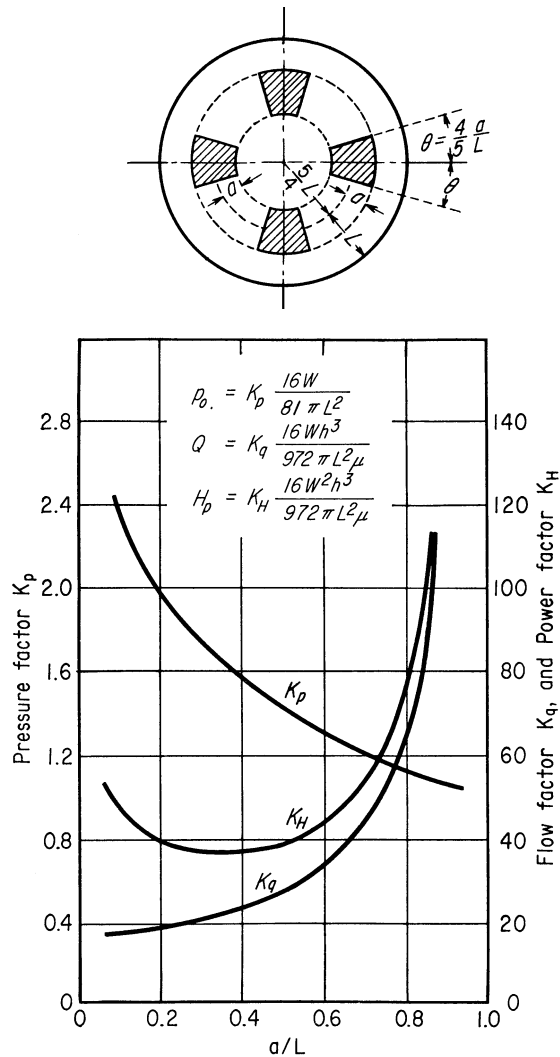


**FIGURE 14** Constants and equations for modified square hydrostatic bearings. (*Product Engineering.*)

Combine the lubricant-flow and pumping-loss equations to express  $H_p$  in terms of the lubricant-film thickness, or  $H_p = (1000h)^3/36.85$ , for this bearing with a pump having an efficiency of 100 percent. For a pump with a 50 percent efficiency, this equation becomes  $H_p = (1000h)^3/18.42$ . Substitute various values of  $h$  ranging between 0.001 and 0.010, and plot the results as in Fig. 13 for pumps with 100 and 50 percent efficiencies, respectively. Figure 13 shows that for a 100 percent efficient pump, the minimum total energy loss occurs at a film thickness of 0.004 in (0.102 mm). For 50 percent efficiency, the minimum total energy loss occurs at 0.0035-in (0.09-mm) film thickness, Fig. 13.

**Related Calculations** Similar equations developed by Fuller can be used to analyze hydrostatic thrust bearings of other configurations. Figures 14 and 15 show the equations for modified square bearings and circular-sector bearings. To apply these equations, use the same general procedures





**FIGURE 15** Constants and equations for circular-sector hydrostatic bearings. (*Product Engineering.*)

shown above. Note, however, that each equation uses a factor  $K$  obtained from the respective design chart.

Also note that a hydrostatic bearing uses an externally fed pressurized fluid to keep two bearing surfaces *completely* separated. Compared with hydrodynamic bearings, in which the pressure is self-induced by the rotation of the shaft, hydrostatic bearings have (1) lower friction, (2) higher load-carrying capacity, (3) a lubricant-film thickness insensitive to shaft speed, (4) a higher spring constant, which leads to a self-centering effect, and (5) a relatively thick lubricant film permitting cooler operation at high shaft speeds. Hydrostatic bearings are used in rolling mills, instruments, machine tools, radar, telescopes, and other applications.

## HYDROSTATIC JOURNAL BEARING ANALYSIS

A 4.000-in (10.160-cm) metal shaft rests in a journal bearing having an internal diameter of 4.012 in (10.190 cm). The lubricant is SAE-30 oil at 100°F (37.8°C) having a viscosity of  $152 \times 10^{-7}$  reyn. This lubricant is supplied under pressure through a groove at the lowest point in the bearing. The length of the bearing is 6 in (15.2 cm), the length of the groove is 3 in (7.6 cm), and the load on the bearing is 3600 lb (16,013.6 N). What lubricant-inlet pressure and flow rate are required to raise the shaft 0.002 in (0.051 mm) and 0.004 in (0.102 mm)?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the radial clearance and clearance modulus.** The design equations and methods developed at Franklin Institute by Dudley Fuller, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Columbia University, are applicable to hydrostatic journal bearings using oil, grease, or gas lubrication. These equations are accurate, simple, and reliable; therefore they are used here.

By Fuller's method, the radial clearance  $c$ , in  $= r_b - r_s$ , Fig. 16, where  $r_b$  = bearing internal radius, in;  $r_s$  = shaft radius, in. Or,  $c = (4.012/2) - (4.000/2) = 0.006$  in (0.152 mm).

Next, compute the clearance modulus  $m$  from  $m = c/r_s = 0.006/2 = 0.003$  in/in (0.003 cm/cm). Typical values of  $m$  range from 0.005 to 0.003 in/in (0.005 to 0.003 cm/cm) for hydrostatic journal bearings.

**2. Compute the shaft eccentricity in the clearance space.** The numerical parameter used to describe the eccentricity of the shaft in the bearing clearance space is the ratio  $\epsilon = 1 - h/(mr)$ , where  $h$  = shaft clearance, in, during operation. With a clearance of  $h = 0.002$  in (0.051 mm),  $\epsilon = 1 - [0.002/(0.003 \times 2)] = 0.667$ . With a clearance of  $h = 0.004$  in (0.102 mm),  $\epsilon = 1 - [0.004/(0.003 \times 2)] = 0.333$ .

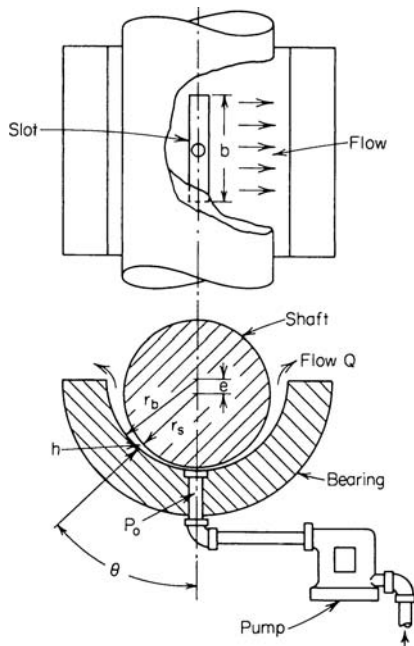


FIGURE 16 Hydrostatic journal bearing. (Product Engineering.)

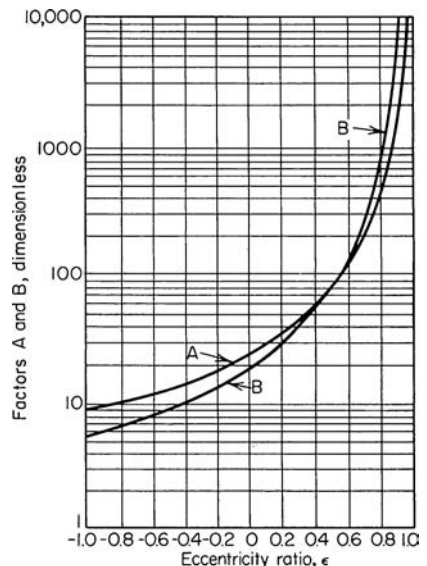


FIGURE 17 Constants for hydrostatic journal bearing oil flow and load capacity. (Product Engineering.)

**3. Compute the eccentricity constants.** The eccentricity constant  $A_k = 12[2 - \epsilon/(1 - \epsilon^2)] = 12[2 - 0.667/(1 - 0.667^2)] = 144.6$ . A second eccentricity constant  $B$  is given by  $B_k = 12\{\epsilon(4 - \epsilon^2)/[2(1 - \epsilon^2)^2] + 2 + \epsilon^2/(1 - \epsilon^2)^{2.5} \times \arctan [1 + \epsilon/(1 - \epsilon^2)^{0.5}]\}$ . Since this relation is awkward to handle, Fig. 17 was developed by Fuller. From Fig. 17,  $B_k = 183$ .

**4. Compute the required lubricant flow rate.** The lubricant flow rate is found from  $Q \text{ in}^3/\text{s} = 2Lm^3r_s/(\eta A_k)$ , where  $L$  = load acting on shaft, lb;  $\eta$  = lubricant viscosity, reyns. For the bearing with  $h = 0.002 \text{ in}$  (0.051 mm),  $Q = 2(3600)(0.003)^3(2)/[(152 \times 10^{-7})(144.6)] = 0.177 \text{ in}^3/\text{s}$  (2.9 cm<sup>3</sup>/s), or 0.0465 gal/min (2.9 mL/s).

**5. Compute the required lubricant-inlet pressure.** The lubricant-inlet pressure is found from  $p_i = \eta QB/(2bm^3r_s^2)$ , where  $p_i$  = lubricant inlet pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup>; other symbols as before. Thus,  $p_i = (152 \times 10^{-7})(0.177)(183)/[(2)(3)(0.003)^3(2)^2] = 759 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (5233.3 kPa).

**6. Analyze the larger-clearance bearing.** Use the same procedure as in steps 1 through 5. Then  $\epsilon = 0.333$ ;  $A = 45.0$ ;  $B = 42.0$ ;  $Q = 0.560 \text{ in}^3/\text{s}$  (9.2 cm<sup>3</sup>/s) = 0.1472 gal/min (9.2 mL/s);  $p_i = 551 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (3799.1 kPa).

**Related Calculations** Note that the closer the shaft is to the center of the bearing, the smaller the lubricant pressure required and the larger the oil flow. If the larger flow requirements can be met, the design with the thicker oil film is usually preferred, because it has a greater ability to absorb shock loads and tolerate thermal change.

Use the general design procedure given here for any applications where a hydrostatic journal bearing is applicable and there is no thrust load.

## HYDROSTATIC MULTIDIRECTION BEARING ANALYSIS

Determine the lubricant pressure and flow requirements for the multidirection hydrostatic bearing shown in Fig. 18 if the vertical coplanar forces acting on the plate are 164,000 lb (729,508.4 N) upward and downward, respectively. The lubricant viscosity  $\eta = 393 \times 10^{-7}$  reyn film thickness = 0.005 in (0.127 mm),  $L = 7$  in (17.8 cm),  $a = 3.5$  in (8.9 cm). What would be the effect of decreasing the film thickness  $h$  on one side of the plate by 0.001-in (0.025-mm) increments from 0.005 to 0.002 in (0.127 to 0.051 mm)? What is the bearing stiffness?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the required lubricant-inlet pressure.** By Fuller's method, Fig. 19 shows that the bearing has four pressure pads to support the plate loads. Figure 19 also shows the required pressure,

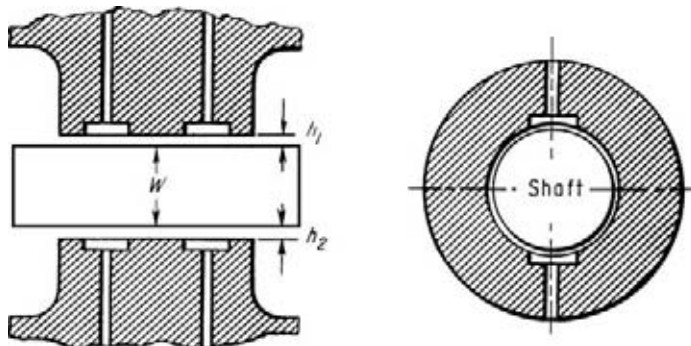


FIGURE 18 Double-acting hydrostatic thrust bearing. (Product Engineering.)

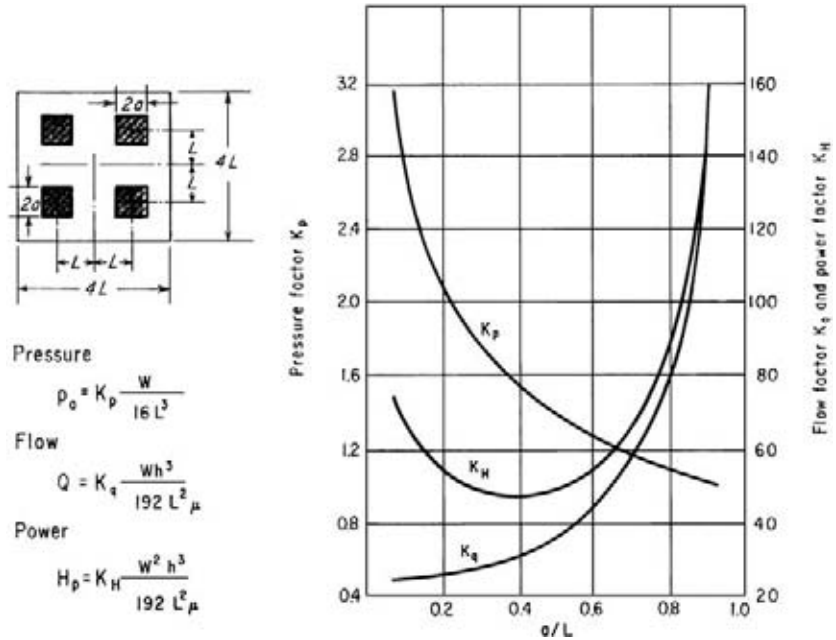


FIGURE 19 Dimensions and equations for thrust-bearing design. (*Product Engineering.*)

flow, and power equations, and the appropriate constants for these equations. The inlet-pressure equation is  $p_i = K_p L_s / (16L^2)$ , where  $p_i$  = required lubricant inlet pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup>;  $K_p$  = pressure constant from Fig. 19;  $L_s$  = plate load, lb;  $L$  = bearing length in.

Find  $K_p$  from Fig. 19 after setting up the ratio  $a/L = 3.5/7.0 = 0.5$ , where  $a$  = one-half the pad length, in. Then  $K_p = 1.4$ . Hence  $p_i = (1.4)(164,000)/(16)(7)^2 = 293 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (2020.2 kPa).

**2. Compute the required lubricant flow rate.** From Fig. 19, the required lubricant flow rate  $Q = K_q L_s h^3 / (192L^2 \eta)$ , where  $K_q$  = flow constant;  $h$  = lubricant-film thickness, in; other symbols as before. For  $a/L = 0.5$ ,  $K_q = 36$ . Then  $Q = (36)(164,000)(0.005)^3 / [(192)(7)^2(393 \times 10^{-7})] = 1.99 \text{ in}^3/\text{s}$  (32.6 cm<sup>3</sup>/s). This can be rounded off to 2.0 in<sup>3</sup>/s (32.8 cm<sup>3</sup>/s) for usual design calculations.

**3. Compute the pressure and load for other plate clearances.** The sum of the plate lubricant-film thicknesses,  $h_1 + h_2$ , Fig. 18, is a constant. For this bearing,  $h_1 + h_2 = 0.005 + 0.005 = 0.010$  in (0.254 mm). With no load on the plate, if oil is pumped into both bearing faces at the rate of 2.0 in<sup>3</sup>/s (32.8 cm<sup>3</sup>/s), the maximum recess pressure will be 293 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (2020.2 kPa). The force developed on each face will be 164,000 lb (729,508.4 N). Since the lower face is pushed up with this force and the top face is pushed down with the same force, the net result is zero.

With a downward external load imposed on the plate such that the lower film thickness  $h_2$  is reduced to 0.004 in (0.102 mm), the upper film thickness will become 0.006 in (0.152 mm), since  $h_1 + h_2 = 0.010$  in (0.254 mm) = a constant for this bearing. If the lubricant flow rate is held constant at 2.0 in<sup>3</sup>/s (32.8 cm<sup>3</sup>/s), then  $K_q = 36$  from Fig. 19, since  $a/L = 0.5$ . With these constants, the load equation becomes  $L_s = 0.0205/h^3$ , and the inlet-pressure equation becomes  $p_i = L_s/560$ .

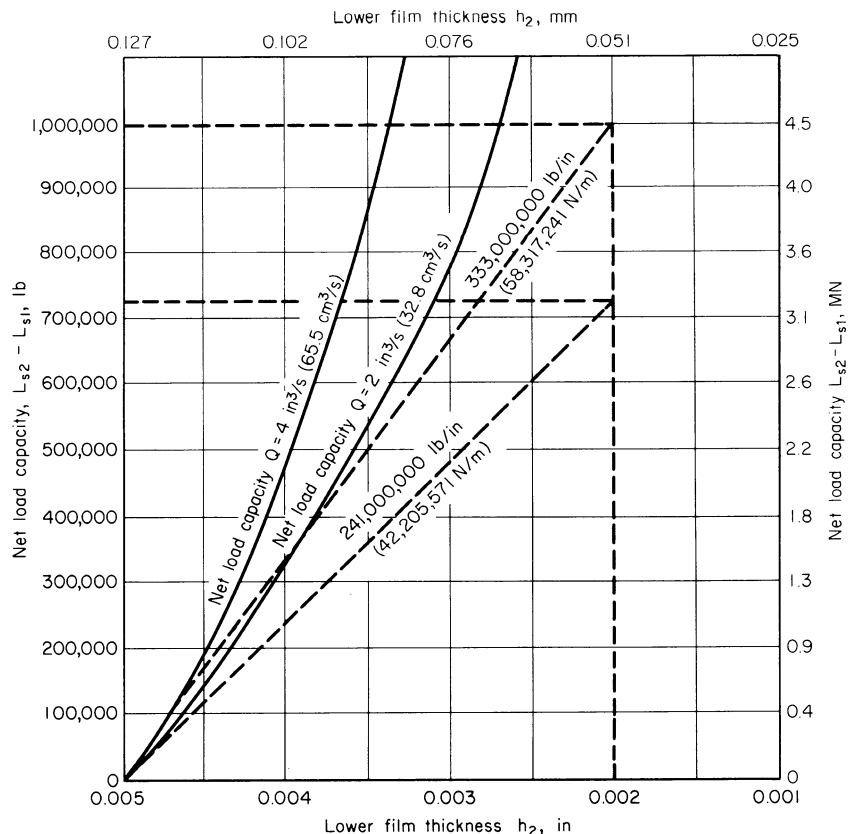
Using these equations, compute the upper and lower loads and inlet pressures for  $h_2$  and  $h_1$  ranging from 0.004 to 0.002 and 0.006 to 0.008 in (0.102 to 0.051 and 0.152 to 0.203 mm), respectively. Tabulate the results as shown in Table 43. Note that the allowable load is computed by using the

**TABLE 43** Load Capacity of Dual-Direction Bearing

Film thickness, in (cm)		Inlet pressure, lb/in <sup>2</sup> (kPa)		Load, lb (N)		Load capacity, lb (N)
$h_2$	$h_1$	$p_{i2}$	$p_{i1}$	$L_{s2}$	$L_{s1}$	$L_{s2} - L_{s1}$
0.005	0.005	293	293	164,000	164,000	0
(0.127)	(0.127)	(2,020.2)	(2,020.0)	(729,508.4)	(729,508.4)	(0.0)
0.004	0.006	571	170	320,000	95,000	225,000
(0.102)	(0.152)	(3,937.0)	(1,172.2)	(1,423,431.0)	(422,581.1)	(1,000,850.0)
0.003	0.007	1,360	106	760,000	59,700	700,300
(0.076)	(0.178)	(9,377.2)	(730.9)	(3,380,648.7)	(265,558.9)	(3,115,089.9)
0.002	0.008	4,570	71	2,560,000	40,000	2,520,000
(0.051)	(0.203)	(31,510.2)	(489.5)	(11,387,448.3)	(177,928.9)	(11,209,519.4)

respective film thickness for the lower and upper parts of the plate. The same is true of the lubricant-inlet pressure, except that the corresponding load is used instead.

Thus, for  $h_2 = 0.004$  in (0.102 mm),  $L_{s2} = 0.0205/(0.004)^3 = 320,000$  lb (1,423,431.0 N). Then  $p_{i2} = 320,000/560 = 571$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (3937.0 kPa). For  $h_k = 0.006$  in (0.152 mm),  $L_{s1} = 0.0205/(0.006)^3 = 95,000$  lb (422,581.1 N). Then  $p_{i1} = 95,000/560 = 169.6$ , say 170, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1172.2 kPa).


**FIGURE 20** Net load capacity for a double-direction thrust bearing. (*Product Engineering.*)

The load difference  $L_{s2} - L_{s1}$  = the bearing load capacity. For the film thicknesses considered above,  $L_{s2} - L_{s1} = 320,000 - 95,000 = 225,000$  lb (1,000,850.0 N). Load capacities for various other film thicknesses are also shown in Table 43.

**4. Determine the bearing stiffness.** Plot the net load capacity of this bearing vs. the lower film thickness, Fig. 20. A tangent to the curve at any point indicates the stiffness of this bearing. Draw a tangent through the origin where  $h_2 = h_1 = 0.005$  in (0.127 mm). The slope of this tangent = vertical value/horizontal value =  $(725,000 - 0)/(0.005 - 0.002) = 241,000,000$  lb/in (42,205,571 N/m) = the bearing stiffness. This means that a load of 241,000,000 lb (1,072,021,502 N) would be required to displace the plate 1.0 in (2.5 cm). Since the plate cannot move this far, a load of 241,000 lb (1,072,021.5 N) would move the plate 0.001 in (0.025 mm).

If the lubricant flow rate to each face of the bearing were doubled, to  $Q = 4.0$  in<sup>3</sup>/s (65.5 cm<sup>3</sup>/s), the stiffness of the bearing would increase to 333,000,000 lb/in (58,317,241 N/m), as shown in Fig. 20. This means that an additional load of 333,000 lb (1,481,257.9 N) would displace the plate 0.001 in (0.025 mm). The stiffness of a hydrostatic bearing can be controlled by suitable design, and a wide range of stiffness values can be designed into the bearing system.

**Related Calculations** Hydrostatic bearings of the design shown here are useful for a variety of applications. Journal bearings for multidirectional loads are analyzed in a manner similar to that described here.

## LOAD CAPACITY OF GAS BEARINGS

Determine the load capacity and bearing stiffness of a hydrostatic air bearing, using 70°F (21.1°C) air if the bearing orifice radius = 0.0087 in (0.0221 cm), the radial clearance  $h = 0.0015$  in (0.038 mm), the bearing diameter  $d = 3.00$  in (7.6 cm), the bearing length  $L = 3$  in (7.6 cm), the total number of air orifices  $N = 8$ , the ambient air pressure  $p_a = 14.7$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.4 kPa), the air supply pressure  $p_s = 15$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) = 29.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (204.8 kPa), the (gas constant)(total temperature) =  $RT = 1.322 \times 10^8$  in<sup>2</sup>/s<sup>2</sup> (8.5 × 10<sup>8</sup> cm<sup>2</sup>/s<sup>2</sup>),  $\epsilon$  = the eccentricity ratio = 0.30, air viscosity  $\eta = 2.82 \times 10^{-9}$  lb·s/in<sup>2</sup> (1.94 × 10<sup>-9</sup> N·s/cm<sup>2</sup>), the orifice coefficient  $\alpha = 0.63$ , and the shaft speed  $\omega = 2100$  rad/s = 20,000 r/min.

### Calculation Procedure

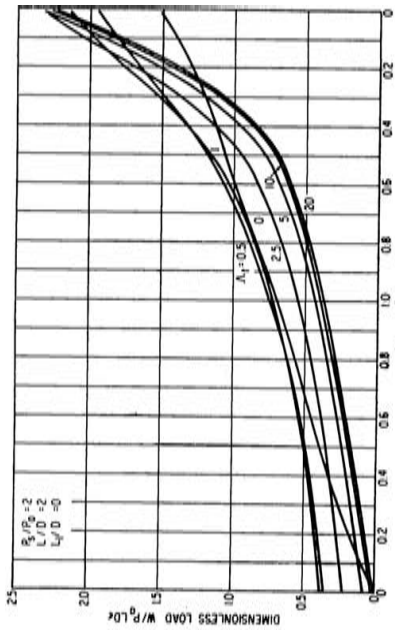
**1. Compute the bearing factors  $\Lambda$  and  $\Lambda_T$ .** For a hydrostatic gas bearing,  $\Lambda = (6\eta\omega/p_a)(dlzh)^2 = [(6)(2.82 \times 10^{-9})(2100)/14.7][3/(2 \times 0.0015)]^2 = 2.41$ .

Also,  $\Lambda_T = 6\eta Na^2 \alpha (RT)^{0.5} / p_a h^3 = (6)(2.82 \times 10^{-9})(8)(0.0087)^2(0.63)(1.322 \times 10^8)^2 / [(14.7)(0.0015)^3] = 1.5$ .

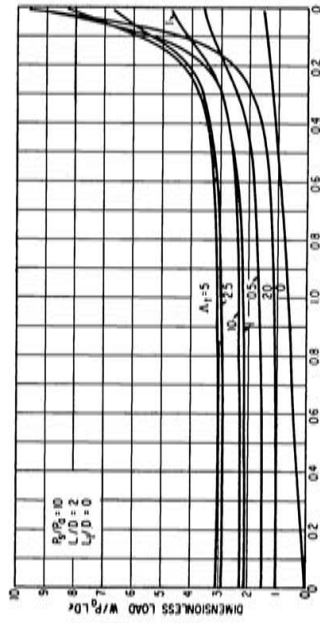
**2. Determine the dimensionless load.** Since  $L/d = 3/3 = 1$ , and  $p_s/p_a = 29.7/14.7 \approx 2$ , use the first chart<sup>1</sup> in Fig. 21. Before entering the chart, compute  $1/\Lambda = 1/2.41 = 0.415$ . Then, from the chart, the dimensionless load = 0.92 =  $L_d$ .

**3. Compute the bearing load capacity.** The bearing load capacity  $L_s = L_d p_a L D \epsilon = (0.92)(14.7)(3.00)(3.00)(0.3) = 36.5$  lb (162.4 N). If there were no shaft rotation,  $\Lambda = 0$ ,  $\Lambda_T = 1.5$ , and  $L_d = 0.65$ , from the same chart. Then  $L_s = L_d p_a L D \epsilon = (0.65)(14.7)(3.00)(3.00)(0.3) = 25.8$  lb (114.8 N).

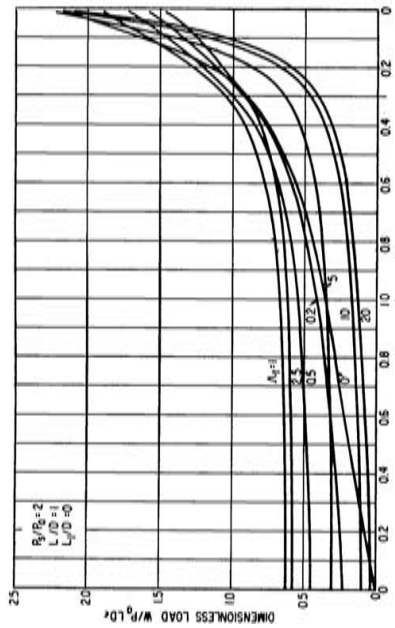
<sup>1</sup> "Gas Bearings," *Product Engineering*, July 8, 1963.



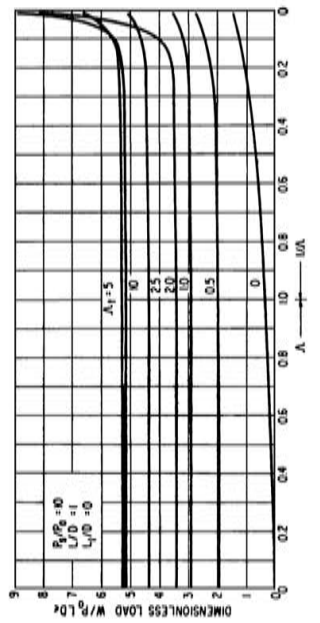
Load versus speed of rotation,  $P^*/P_e = 2$ ,  $L/D = 2$



Load versus speed of rotation,  $P^*/P_e = 10$ ,  $L/D = 2$



Load versus speed of rotation,  $P^*/P_e = 2$ ,  $L/D = 1$



Load versus speed of rotation,  $P^*/P_e = 10$ ,  $L/D = 1$

FIGURE 21 Gas-bearing constants. (Product Engineering.)

Thus, rotation of the shaft increases the load-carrying ability of the bearing by  $[(36.5 - 25.8)/25.8](100) = 41.5$  percent.

**4. Compute the bearing stiffness.** For a hydrostatic gas bearing, the bearing stiffness  $B_s = L_s/(h\epsilon) = 36.5/[(0.0015)(0.3)] = 81,200$  lb/in (142,203.0 N/cm).

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for the selection of gas bearings where the four charts presented here are applicable. The data summarized in these charts result from computer solutions of the complex equations for “hybrid” gas bearings. The work was done by Mechanical Technology Inc., headed by Beno Sternlicht.

## SPRING SELECTION FOR A KNOWN LOAD AND DEFLECTION

Give the steps in choosing a spring for a known load and an allowable deflection. Show how the type and size of spring are determined.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the load that must be handled.** A spring may be required to absorb the force produced by a falling load or the recoil of a mass, to mitigate a mechanical shock load, to apply a force or torque, to isolate vibration, to support moving masses, or to indicate or control a load or torque. Analyze the load to determine the magnitude of the force that is acting and the distance through which it acts.

Once the magnitude of the force is known, determine how it might be absorbed—by compression or extension (tension) of a spring. In some applications, either compression or extension of the spring is acceptable.

**2. Determine the distance through which the load acts.** The load member usually moves when it applies a force to the spring. This movement can be in a vertical, horizontal, or angular direction, or it may be a rotation. With the first type of movement, a *compression*, or *tension*, spring is generally chosen. With a torsional movement, a *torsion-type* spring is usually selected. Note that the movement in either case may be negligible (i.e., the spring applies a large restraining force), or the movement may be large, with the spring exerting only a nominal force compared with the load.

**3. Make a tentative choice of spring type.** Refer to Table 44, entering at the type of load. Based on the information known about the load, make a tentative choice of the type of spring to use.

**TABLE 44** Metal Spring Selection Guide

Type of load	Suitable spring type	Relative magnitude of load on spring	Deflection absorbed
Compression	Helical	Small to large	Small to large
	Leaf	Large	Moderate
	Flat	Small to large	Small to large
	Belleville	Small to large	Moderate
	Ring	Large	Small
Tension	Helical	Small to large	Small to large
	Leaf	Large	Moderate
	Flat	Small to large	Small to large
Torsion	Helical torsion	Small to large	Small to large
	Spiral	Moderate	Moderate
	Torsion bar	Large	Small



**4. Compute the spring and stress.** Use the methods given in the following calculation procedures to determine the spring dimensions, stress, and deflection.

**5. Check the suitability of the spring.** Determine (a) whether the spring will fit in the allowable space, (b) the probable spring life, (c) the spring cost, and (d) the spring reliability. Based on these findings, use the spring chosen, if it is satisfactory. If the spring is unsatisfactory, choose another type of spring from Table 44 and repeat the study.

## SPRING WIRE LENGTH AND WEIGHT

How long a wire is needed to make a helical spring having a mean coil diameter of 0.820 in (20.8 mm) if there are five coils in the spring? What will this spring weigh if it is made of oil-tempered spring steel 0.055 in (1.40 mm) in diameter?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the spring wire length.** Find the spring length from  $l = \pi n d_m$ , where  $l$  = wire length, in;  $n$  = number of coils in the spring, in. Thus, for this spring,  $l = \pi(5)(0.820) = 12.9$  in (32.8 cm).

**2. Compute the weight of the spring.** Find the spring weight from  $\omega = 0.224ld^2$ , where  $\omega$  = spring weight, lb;  $d$  = spring wire diameter, in. For this spring,  $\omega = 0.224(12.9)(0.055)^2 = 0.0087$  lb (0.0387 kg).

**Related Calculations** The weight equation in step 2 is valid for springs made of oil-tempered steel, chrome vanadium steel, silica-manganese steel, and silicon-chromium steel. For stainless steels, use a constant of 0.228, in place of 0.224, in the equation. The relation given in this procedure is valid for any spring having a continuous coil—helical, spiral, etc. Where a number of springs are to be made, simply multiply the length and weight of each by the number to be made to determine the total wire length required and the weight of the wire.

## HELICAL COMPRESSION AND TENSION SPRING ANALYSIS

Determine the dimensions of a helical compression spring to carry a 5000-lb (22,241.1-N) load if it is made of hard-drawn steel wire having an allowable shear stress of 65,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (448,175.0 kPa). The spring must fit in a 2-in (5.1-cm) diameter hole. What is the deflection of the spring? The spring operates at atmospheric temperature, and the shear modulus of elasticity is  $5 \times 10^6$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> ( $34.5 \times 10^9$  Pa).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Choose the tentative dimensions of the spring.** Since the spring must fit inside a 2-in (5.1-cm) diameter hole, the mean diameter of the coil should not exceed about 1.75 in (4.5 cm). Use this as a trial mean diameter, and compute the wire diameter from  $d = [8Ld_m k / (\pi s_s)]^{1/3}$ , where  $d$  = spring wire diameter, in;  $L$  = load on spring, lb;  $d_m$  = mean diameter of coil, in;  $k$  = spring curvature correction factor =  $(4c - 1)/(4c - 4) + 0.615/c$  for heavily coiled springs, where  $c = 2r_m/d = d_m/d$ ;  $s_s$  = allowable shear stress material, lb/in<sup>2</sup>. For lightly coiled springs,  $k = 1.0$ . Thus,  $d = [8 \times 5000 \times 1.75 \times 1.0 / (\pi \times 65,000)]^{1/3} = 0.70$  in (1.8 cm). So the outside diameter  $d_o$  of the spring will be  $d_o = d_m + 2(d/2) = d_m + d = 1.75 + 0.70 = 2.45$  in (6.2 cm). But the spring must fit a 2-in (5.1-cm) diameter hole. Hence, a smaller value of  $d_m$  must be tried.

Using  $d_m = 1.5$  in (3.8 cm) and following the same procedure, we find  $d = [8 \times 5000 \times 1.50 \times 1.0/(\pi \times 65,000)]^{1/3} = 0.665$  in (1.7 cm). Then  $d_o = 1.5 + 0.665 = 2.165$  in (5.5 cm), which is still too large.

Using  $d_m = 1.25$  in (3.2 cm), we get  $d = [8 \times 1.25 \times 1.0/(\pi \times 65,000)]^{1/3} = 0.625$  in (1.6 cm). Then  $d_o = 1.25 + 0.625 = 1.875$  in (4.8 cm). Since this is nearly 2 in (5.1 cm), the spring probably will be acceptable. However, the value of  $k$  should be checked.

Thus,  $c = 2r_m/d = 2(1.25/2)/0.625 = 2.0$ . Note that  $r_m = d_m/2 = 1.25/2$  in this calculation for the value of  $c$ . Then  $k = [(4 \times 2) - 1]/[(4 \times 2) - 4] + 0.615/2 = 2.0575$ . Hence, the assumed value of  $k = 1.0$  was inaccurate for this spring. Recalculating,  $d = [8 \times 5000 \times 1.25 \times 2.0575/(\pi \times 65,000)]^{1/3} = 0.796$  in (2.0 cm). Now,  $1.25 + 0.796 = 2.046$  in (5.2 cm), which is still too large.

Using  $d_m = 1.20$  in (3.1 cm) and assuming  $k = 2.0575$ , then  $d = [8 \times 5000 \times 1.20 \times 2.0575/(\pi \times 65,000)]^{1/3} = 0.785$  in (2.0 cm) and  $d_o = 1.20 + 0.785 = 1.985$  in (5.0 cm). Checking the value of  $k$  gives  $c = 1.20/0.785 = 1.529$  and  $k = [(4 \times 1.529) - 1]/[(4 \times 1.529) - 4] + 0.615/1.529 = 2.820$ . Recalculating again,  $d = [8 \times 5000 \times 1.20 \times 2.820/(\pi \times 65,000)]^{1/3} = 0.872$  in (2.2 cm). Then  $d_o = 1.20 + 0.872 = 2.072$  in (5.3 cm), which is worse than when  $d_m = 1.25$  in (3.2 cm) was used.

It is now obvious that a practical trade-off must be utilized so that a spring can be designed to carry a 5000-lb (22,241.1-N) load and fit in a 2-in (5.1-cm) diameter hole,  $d_h$ , with suitable clearance. Such a trade-off is to use hard-drawn steel wire of greater strength at higher cost. This trade-off would not be necessary if  $d_h$  could be increased to, say, 2.13 in (5.4 cm).

Using  $d_m = 1.25$  in (3.2 cm) and a clearance of, say, 0.08 in (0.20 cm), then  $d = d_h - d_m - 0.08 = 2.00 - 1.25 - 0.08 = 0.67$  in (1.7 cm). Also,  $c = d_m/d = 1.25/0.67 = 1.866$  and  $k = [(4 \times 1.866) - 1]/[(4 \times 1.866) - 4] + 0.615/1.866 = 2.196$ . The new allowable shear stress can now be found from  $s_s = 8Ld_m k/\pi d^3 = 8 \times 5000 \times 1.25 \times 2.196/(\pi \times 0.67^3) = 116,206$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (801,212.1 kPa). Hard-drawn spring wire (ASTM A-227-47) is available with  $s_s = 117,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (806,686.6 kPa) and  $G = 11.5 \times 10^6$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (79.29  $\times 10^9$  Pa).

Hence,  $d = [8 \times 5000 \times 1.25 \times 2.196/(\pi \times 117,000)]^{1/3} = 0.668$  in (1.7 cm). Thus,  $d_o = 1.25 + 0.668 = 1.918$  in (4.9 cm). Now, the spring is acceptable because further recalculations would show that  $d_o$  will remain less than 2 in (5.1 cm), regardless.

**2. Compute the spring deflection.** The deflection of a helical compression spring is given by  $f = 64nr_m^3 L/(d^4 G) = 4\pi nr_m^2 s_s/(dGk)$ , where  $f$  = spring deflection, in;  $n$  = number of coils in this spring;  $r_m$  = mean radius of spring coil, in;  $L$ ,  $d$ ,  $G$ ,  $s_s$ , and  $k$  are as determined for the acceptable spring.

Assuming  $n = 10$  coils, we find  $f = 64 \times 10 \times (1.25/2)^3 \times 5000/(0.668^4 \times 11.5 \times 10^6) = 0.341$  in (0.9 cm). Or,  $f = 4\pi \times 10 \times (1.25/2)^2 \times 117,000/(0.668 \times 11.5 \times 10^6 \times 2.196) = 0.340$  (0.9 cm), a close agreement.

The number of coils  $n$  assumed for this spring is based on past experience with similar springs. However, where past experience does not exist, several trial values of  $n$  can be used until a spring of suitable deflection and length is obtained.

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure to analyze helical coil compression or tension springs. As a general guide, the outside diameter of a spring of this type is taken as (0.96)(hole diameter). The active solid height of a compression-type spring, i.e., the height of the spring when fully closed by the load, usually is  $nd$ , or (0.9) (final height when compressed by the design load).

## SELECTION OF HELICAL COMPRESSION AND TENSION SPRINGS

Choose a helical compression spring to carry a 90-lb (400.3-N) load with a stress of 50,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (344,750.0 kPa) and a deflection of about 2.0 in (5.1 cm). The spring should fit in a 3.375-in (8.6-cm) diameter hole. The spring operates at about 70°F (21.1°C). How many coils will the spring have? What will the free length of the spring be?

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the spring outside diameter.** Using the usual relation between spring outside diameter and hole diameter, we get  $d_o = 0.96d_h$ , where  $d_h$  = hole diameter, in. Thus,  $d_o = 0.96(3.375) = 3.24$  in, say 3.25 in (8.3 cm).

**2. Determine the required wire diameter.** The equations in the previous calculation procedure can be used to determine the required wire diameter, if desired. However, the usual practice is to select the wire diameter by using precomputed tabulations of spring properties, charts of spring properties, or a special slide rule available from some spring manufacturers. The tabular solution will be used here because it is one of the most popular methods.

Table 45 shows typical loads and spring rates for springs of various outside diameters and wire diameters based on a corrected shear stress of 100,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (689,500.0 kPa) and a shear modulus of  $G = 11.5 \times 10^6$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> ( $79.3 \times 10^9$  Pa).

Before Table 45 can be used, the actual load must be corrected for the tabulated stress. Do this by taking the product of (actual load, lb)(table stress, lb/in<sup>2</sup>)/(allowable spring stress, lb/in<sup>2</sup>). For this spring, tabular load, lb = (90)(100,000/50,000) = 180 lb (800.7 N). This means that a 90-lb (400.3-N) load at a 50,000-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (344,750.0-kPa) stress corresponds to a 180-lb (800.7-N) load at 100,000-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (689,500-kPa) stress.

Enter Table 45 at the spring outside diameter, 3.25 in (8.3 cm), and project vertically downward in this column until a load of approximately 180 lb (800.7 N) is intersected. At the left read the wire diameter. Thus, with a 3.25-in (8.3-cm) outside diameter and 183-lb (814.0-N) load, the required wire diameter is 0.250 in (0.635 cm).

**3. Determine the number of coils required.** The allowable spring deflection is 2.0 in (5.1 cm), and the spring rate per single coil, Table 45, is 208 lb/in (364.3 N/cm) at a tabular stress of 100,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (689,500 kPa). We use the relation, deflection  $f$ , in = load, lb/desired spring rate, lb/in,  $S_R$ ; or,  $2.0 = 90/S_R$ ;  $S_R = 90/2.0 = 45$  lb/in (78.8 N/cm).

**4. Compute the number of coils in the spring.** The number of active coils in a spring is  $n$  = (tabular spring rate, lb/in)/(desired spring rate, lb/in). For this spring,  $n = 208/45 = 4.62$ , say 5 coils.

**5. Determine the spring free length.** Find the approximate length of the spring in its free, expanded condition from  $l$  in =  $(n + i)d + f$ , where  $l$  = approximate free length of spring, in;  $i$  = number of inactive coils in the spring; other symbols as before. Assuming two inactive coils for this spring, we get  $l = (5 + 2)(0.25) + 2 = 3.75$  in (9.5 cm).

**TABLE 45** Load and Spring Rates for Helical Compression and Tension Springs\*

Spring wire diameter		Outside diameter of spring coil					
		in	cm	in	cm	in	cm
in	cm	3	7.6	3.25	8.3	3.5	8.9
0.207	0.5258	113 <sup>†</sup>	502.6	104	462.6	97.2	432.4
		121	211.9	93.6	163.9	74.1	129.8
0.250	0.6350	198	880.7	183	814.0	170	756.2
		270	472.8	208	364.3	163	285.5
0.283	0.7188	285	1267.7	263	1169.9	247	1098.7
		460	805.6	352	616.4	276	483.4

\*After H. F. Ross, "Application of Tables for Helical Compression and Extension Spring Design," *Transactions ASME*, vol. 69, p. 727.

<sup>†</sup>First figure given is loads in lb at 100,000-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (in N at 689,500-kPa) stress. Second figure is spring rate in lb/in (N/cm) per coil,  $G = 11.5 \times 10^6$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> ( $79.3 \times 10^9$  Pa).

**Related Calculations** Similar design tables are available for torsion springs, spiral springs, coned-disk (Belleville) springs, ring springs, and rubber springs. These design tables can be found in engineering handbooks and in spring manufacturers' engineering data. Likewise, spring design charts are available from many of these same sources. Spring design slide rules are generally available free of charge to design engineers from spring manufacturers.

## -sizing Helical Springs for Optimum Dimensions and Weight

Determine the dimensions of a helical spring having the minimum material volume if the initial, suddenly applied, load on the spring is 15 lb (66.7 N), the mean coil diameter is 1.02 in (2.6 cm), the spring stroke is 1.16 in (2.9 cm), the final spring stress is 100,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (689,500 kPa), and the spring modulus of torsion is  $11.5 \times 10^6$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> ( $79.3 \times 10^9$  Pa).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the minimum spring volume.** Use the relation  $v_m = 8fLG/s_f^2$ , where  $v_m$  = minimum volume of spring, in<sup>3</sup>;  $f$  = spring stroke, in<sup>3</sup>;  $L$  = initial load on spring, lb;  $G$  = modulus of torsion of spring material, lb/in<sup>2</sup>;  $s_f$  = final stress in spring, lb/in<sup>2</sup>. For this spring,  $v_m = 8(1.16)(15)(11.5 \times 10^6)/(100,000)^2 = 0.16$  in<sup>3</sup> (2.6 cm<sup>3</sup>). Note:  $s_f = 2s_s$ , where  $s_s$  = shear stress due to a static, or gradually applied, load.

**2. Compute the required spring wire diameter.** Find the wire diameter from  $d = [16Ld_m/(\pi s_f)]^{1/3}$ , where  $d$  = wire diameter in;  $d_m$  = mean diameter of spring, in; other symbols as before. For this spring,  $d = [16 \times 15 \times 1.02/(\pi \times 100,000)]^{1/3} = 0.092$  in (2.3 mm).

**3. Find the number of active coils in the spring.** Use the relation  $n = 4v_m/(\pi^2 d^2 d_m)$ , where  $n$  = number of active coils, other symbols as before. Thus,  $n = 4(0.16)/[\pi^2(0.092)^2(1.02)] = 7.5$  coils.

**4. Determine the active solid height of the spring.** The solid height  $H_s = (n + 1)d$ , in, or  $H_s = (7.5 + 1)(0.092) = 0.782$  in (2.0 cm). For a practical design, allow 10 percent clearance between the solid height and the minimum compressed height  $H_c$ . Thus,  $H_c = 1.1H_s = 1.1(0.782) = 0.860$  in (2.2 cm). The assembled height  $H_a = H_c + f = 0.860 + 1.16 = 2.020$  in (5.13 cm).

**5. Compute the spring load-deflection rate.** The load-deflection rate  $R = Gd^4/(8d_m^3n)$ , where  $R$  = load-deflection rate, lb/in; other symbols as before. Thus,  $R = (11.5 \times 10^6)(0.092)^4/[8(1.02)^3(7.5)] = 12.9$  lb/in (2259.1 N/m).

The initial deflection of the spring is  $f_i = L/R$  in, or  $f_i = 15/12.9 = 1.163$  in (3.0 cm). Since the free height of a spring  $H_f = H_a + f_i$ , the free height of this spring is  $H_f = 2.020 + 1.163 = 3.183$  in (8.1 cm).

**Related Calculations** The above procedure for determining the minimum spring volume can be used to find the minimum spring weight by relating the spring weight  $W$  lb to the density of the spring material  $\rho$  lb/in<sup>3</sup> in the following manner: For the required initial load  $L_1$  lb,  $W_{\min} = \rho(8fL_1G/s_f^2)$ . For the required energy capacity  $E$  in-lb,  $W_{\min} = \rho(4ED/s_f^2)$ . For the required final load  $L_2$  lb,  $W_{\min} = \rho(2f_2L_2G/s_f^2)$ .

The above procedure assumes the spring ends are open and not ground. For other types of end conditions, the minimum spring volume will be greater by the following amount: For squared (closed) ends,  $v_m = 0.5\pi^2d^2d_m$ . For ground ends,  $v_m = 0.25\pi^2d^2d_m$ . The methods presented here were developed by Henry Swieskowski and reported in *Product Engineering*.

## SELECTION OF SQUARE- AND RECTANGULAR-WIRE HELICAL SPRINGS

Choose a square-wire spring to support a load of 500 lb (2224.1 N) with a deflection of not more than 1.0 in (2.5 cm). The spring must fit in a 4.25-in (10.8-cm) diameter hole. The modulus of rigidity for the spring material is  $G = 11.5 \times 10^6$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> ( $79.3 \times 10^9$  Pa). What is the shear stress in the spring? Determine the corrected shear stress for this spring.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the spring dimensions.** Assume that a 4-in (10.2-cm) diameter square-bar spring is used. Such a spring will fit the 4.25-in (10.8-cm) hole with a small amount of room to spare.

As a trial, assume that the width of the spring wire = 0.5 in (1.3 cm) =  $a$ . Since the spring is square, the height of the spring wire = 0.5 in (1.3 cm) =  $b$ .

With a 4-in (10.2-cm) outside diameter and a spring wire width of 0.5 in (1.3 cm), the mean radius of the spring coil  $r_m = 1.75$  in (4.4 cm). This is the radius from the center of the spring to the center of the spring wire coil.

**2. Compute the spring deflection.** The deflection of a square-wire tension spring is  $f = 45Lr_m^3n/(Ga^4)$ , where  $f$  = spring deflection, in;  $L$  = load on spring, lb;  $n$  = number of coils in spring; other symbols as before. To solve this equation, the number of coils must be known. Assume, as a trial value, five coils. Then  $f = 45(500)(1.75)^3(5)/[(11.5 \times 10^6)(0.5)^4] = 0.838$  in (2.1 cm). Since a deflection of not more than 1.0 in (2.5 cm) is permitted, this spring is probably acceptable.

**3. Compute the shear stress in the spring.** Find the shear stress in a square-bar spring from  $S_s = 4.8 Lr_m/a^3$ , where  $S_s$  = spring shear stress, lb/in<sup>2</sup>; other symbols as before. For this spring,  $S_s = (4.8)(500)(1.75)/(0.5)^3 = 33,600$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (231,663.8 kPa). This is within the allowable limits for usual spring steel.

**4. Determine the corrected shear stress.** Find the shear stress in a square-bar spring from  $S_s = 4.8Lr_m/a^3$ , where  $s_s$  = spring correction factor  $k = 1 + 1.2/c + 0.56/c^2 + 0.5/c^3$ , where  $c = 2r_m/a$ . For this spring,  $c = (2 \times 1.75)/0.5 = 7.0$ . Then  $k = 1 + 1.2/7 + 0.56/7^2 + 0.5/7^3 = 1.184$ . Hence, the corrected shear stress is  $S'_s = ks_s$ , or  $S'_s = (1.184)(33,600) = 39,800$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (274,411.3 kPa). This is still within the limits for usual spring steel.

**Related Calculations** Use a similar procedure to select rectangular-wire springs. Once the dimensions are selected, compute the spring deflection from  $f = 19.6Lr_m^3n/[Gb^3(a - 0.566)]$ , where all the symbols are as given earlier in this calculation procedure. Compute the uncorrected shear stress from  $S_s = Lr_m(3a + 1.8b)/(a^2b^2)$ . To correct the stress, use the Liesecke correction factor given in Wahl—*Mechanical Springs*. For most selection purposes, the uncorrected stress is satisfactory.

## CURVED SPRING DESIGN ANALYSIS

Find the maximum load  $P$ , maximum deflection  $F$ , and spring constant  $C$  for the curved rectangular wire spring shown in Fig. 22 if the spring variables expressed in metric units are  $E = 14,500$  kg/mm<sup>2</sup>,  $S_b = 55$  kg/mm<sup>2</sup>,  $b = 1.20$  mm,  $h = 0.30$  mm,  $r_1 = 0.65$  mm,  $r_2 = 1.75$  mm,  $L = 9.7$  mm,  $u_1 = 1.7$  mm, and  $u_2 = 5.6$  mm.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Divide the spring into analyzable components.** Using Fig. 23, developed by J. Palm and K. Thomas of West Germany, as a guide, divide the spring to be analyzed into two or more analyzable

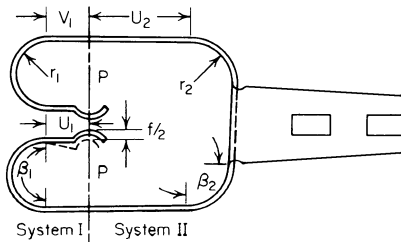


FIGURE 22 Typical curved spring. (Product Engineering.)

components, Fig. 22. Thus, the given spring can be divided into two springs—a type D (Fig. 23), called system I, and a type A (Fig. 23), called system II.

**2. Compute the spring force.** The spring force  $P = P_I = P_{II}$ . Since  $(u_2 + r_2) > (u_1 + r_1)$ , the spring in system II exerts a larger force. From Fig. 23 for  $\beta = 90^\circ$ ,  $P = S\sigma_{\max}/(u_2 + r_2)$ , where  $S$  = section modulus,  $\text{mm}^3$ , of the spring wire. Since  $S = bh^2/6$  for a rectangle,  $P = bh^2\sigma_{\max}/[6(u_2 + r_2)]$  where  $b$  = spring wire width, mm;  $h$  = spring wire height, mm;  $\sigma_{\max}$  = maximum bending stress in the spring,  $\text{kg/mm}^2$ ; other symbols as given in Fig. 22. Then  $P = (1.20)(0.30)^2 \times (55)/[6(5.6 + 1.75)] = 0.135 \text{ kg}$ .

**3. Compute the spring deflection.** The total deflection of the springs is  $F = 2F_I + F_{II}$ , where  $F$  = spring deflection, mm, and the subscripts refer to each spring system. Taking the sum of the deflections as given in Fig. 23, we get  $F = [2P/(3EI)][2K_1r_1^3(m_1 + \beta_1/2)^2 + (v_1 - u_1)^3 + K_2r_2^3(m_2 + \beta_2)^3]$ , where  $E$  = Young's modulus,  $\text{kg/mm}^2$ ;  $I$  = spring wire moment of inertia,  $\text{mm}^4$ ;  $K$  = correction factor for the spring from Fig. 24, where the subscripts refer to the radius being considered in the relation  $u/r$ ;  $m = u/r$ ;  $\beta$  = angle of spring curvature, rad. Where the subscripts 1 and 2 are used

Spring type	Spring deflection	Spring force and bending stresses																		
<p>A</p>	$F_1 = \frac{KPr^3}{3EI} (m + \beta)^3$ where $\alpha = \beta$ for finding K	When $\alpha = 0^\circ$ to $90^\circ$ When $\alpha = 90^\circ$ to $180^\circ$ $P = \frac{S\sigma}{u + \sin\beta}$ $P = \frac{S\sigma}{u + r}$ $\sigma = \frac{Pr(m + \sin\beta)}{S}$ $\sigma = \frac{Pr(m + 1)}{S}$																		
<p>B</p>	$F_2 = \frac{2KPr^3}{3EI} (m + \frac{\beta}{2})^3$ where $\alpha = \frac{\beta}{2}$ for finding K	$P = \frac{S\sigma}{L}$  $\sigma = \frac{PL}{S}$																		
<p>C</p>	$F_3 = 2F_2 = \frac{4KPr^3}{3EI} (m + \frac{\beta}{2})^3$ where $\alpha = \frac{\beta}{2}$ for finding K																			
<p>D</p>	$F_4 = F_5 = \frac{P}{3EI} [2Kr^3(m + \frac{\beta}{2})^3 + (v - u)^3]$ where $\alpha = \frac{\beta}{2}$ for finding K																			
<p>E</p>		$P = \frac{S\sigma}{\lambda} = \frac{P\lambda}{S}$ <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>First condition</th> <th>Second condition</th> <th><math>\lambda</math></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><math>u \geq v</math></td> <td>---</td> <td><math>u + r</math></td> </tr> <tr> <td><math>u &lt; v</math></td> <td><math>(u - v) &lt; (u + r)</math></td> <td><math>u + r</math></td> </tr> <tr> <td><math>u &lt; v</math></td> <td><math>(v - u) &gt; (u + r)</math></td> <td><math>v - u</math></td> </tr> <tr> <td><math>u = 0</math></td> <td><math>v \leq r</math></td> <td><math>r</math></td> </tr> <tr> <td><math>u = 0</math></td> <td><math>v &gt; r</math></td> <td><math>v</math></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	First condition	Second condition	$\lambda$	$u \geq v$	---	$u + r$	$u < v$	$(u - v) < (u + r)$	$u + r$	$u < v$	$(v - u) > (u + r)$	$v - u$	$u = 0$	$v \leq r$	$r$	$u = 0$	$v > r$	$v$
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FIGURE 23 Deflection, force, and stress relations for curved springs. (Product Engineering.)

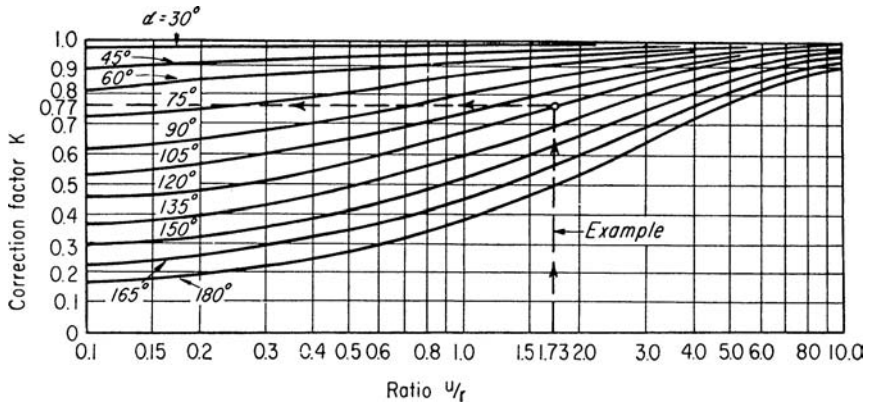


FIGURE 24 Correction factors for curved springs. (*Product Engineering*.)

in this equation, they refer to the respective radius identified by this subscript. Since  $I = bh^3/12$  for a rectangle, or  $I = (1.20)(0.30)^3/12 = 0.0027 \text{ mm}^4$ ,  $F = \{[2(0.135)/(3)(14,500)(0.0027)]\} [2(0.92)(0.65)(2.62 + 1.57)^3 + 0 + 0.94(1.75)^3(3.2 + 1.57)^3] = 1.34 \text{ mm}$ .

4. **Compute the spring constant.** The spring constant  $C = P/F = 0.135 = 0.135/1.34 = 0.101 \text{ kg/mm}$ .

**Related Calculations** The relations given here can also be used for round-wire springs. For accurate results,  $h/r$  for flat springs and  $d_o/r$  for round-wire springs should be less than 0.6. The various symbols used in this calculation procedure are defined in the text and illustrations. Since the equations given here analyze the springs and do not contain any empirical constants, the equations can be used, as presented, for both metric and English units. Where a round spring is analyzed,  $h = b = d_o$ , where  $d_o$  = spring outside diameter, mm or in.

## ROUND- AND SQUARE-WIRE HELICAL TORSION-SPRING SELECTION

Choose a round-music-wire torsion spring to handle a moment load of 15.0 lb-in (1.7 N-m) through a deflection angle of  $250^\circ$ . The mean diameter of the spring should be about 1.0 in (2.5 cm) to satisfy the space requirements of the design. Determine the required diameter of the spring wire, the stress in the wire, and the number of turns required in the spring. What is the maximum moment and angular deflection the spring can handle? What is the maximum moment and deflection without permanent set?

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Select a suitable wire diameter.** To reduce the manufacturing cost of a spring, a wire of standard diameter should be used, whenever possible, for the spring, Fig. 25. Usual torsion-spring wire diameters and the side of square-wire springs range from 0.02 to 0.60 in (0.05 to 1.52 cm), depending on the moment the spring must carry and the angular deflection.

Assume a wire diameter of 0.10 in (0.25 cm) and a bending stress of 150,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> ( $1.03 \times 10^9$  Pa) as trial values for this spring. [Typical round-wire and square-wire torsion-spring bending stresses range from 100,000 to 200,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> ( $689.5 \times 10^6$  to  $1.38 \times 10^9$  Pa), depending on the material used in the spring.]

Compute the twisting moment corresponding to the assumed stress from  $M_t = \pi d^3 S_b / 32$ , where  $M_t$  = twisting moment load, lb-in;  $d$  = spring wire diameter, in;  $S_b$  = bending stress in spring, lb/in<sup>2</sup>.

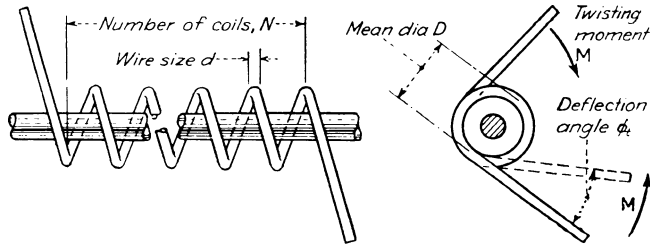


FIGURE 25 Typical torsion spring. (*Product Engineering*.)

Thus,  $M_i = \pi(0.10)^3(150,000)/32 = 14.7$  lb-in (1.66 N-m). This is very close to the actual moment load of 15.0 lb-in (1.7 N-m). Therefore, the assumed spring diameter and bending stress are acceptable, thus far.

**2. Compute the actual spring stress.** Use the following relation to find the actual bending stress  $S_b$ , lb/in<sup>2</sup> in the spring:  $S_b = (\text{actual spring moment lb-in}/\text{computed spring moment, lb-in})(\text{assumed stress, lb/in}^2)$ ;  $S_b = (15.0/14.7)(150,000) = 153,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> ( $1.05 \times 10^9$  Pa).

**3. Check the actual vs. recommended spring stress.** Enter Fig. 26 at the wire diameter of 0.10 in (0.25 cm), and project vertically upward to the music-wire curve to read the recommended bending stress for music wire as 159,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> ( $1.10 \times 10^9$  Pa). Since the actual stress, 153,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> ( $1.05 \times 10^9$  Pa), is less than but reasonably close to the recommended stress, the selected wire diameter is acceptable for the planned load on the spring. This chart and calculation procedure were developed by H. F. Ross and reported in *Product Engineering*.

**4. Determine the angular deflection per spring coil.** Compute the angular deflection per coil from  $\phi = 360S_b d_m^3 / (Ed)$ , where  $\phi$  = angular deflection per spring coil, degrees;  $d_m$  = mean diameter of spring, in;  $E$  = Young's modulus for spring material =  $30 \times 10^6$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> ( $206.9 \times 10^9$  Pa) for spring steel; other symbols as before. Thus, by using the *assumed* bending stress in the spring,  $\phi = 360(150,000)(1.0) / [(30 \times 10^6)(0.1)] = 18^\circ$ . This value is the maximum safe deflection per coil for the spring.

**5. Compute the number of coils required.** The number of coils  $n$  required in a helical torsion spring is  $n = \phi_i(\text{assumed stress, lb/in}^2) / \phi(\text{actual stress, lb/in}^2)$ , where  $\phi_i$  = total angular deflection of spring, degrees;  $\phi$  = maximum safe deflection per coil, degrees. Thus,  $n = 250(150,000) / [(18)(153,000)] = 13.6$  coils; use 14 coils.

**6. Determine the maximum moment the spring can handle.** On the basis of the maximum recommended stress, the moment can be increased to  $M_i = [(\text{maximum recommended stress, lb/in}^2) / (\text{assumed stress, lb/in}^2)](\text{actual moment, lb-in})$ . Read the maximum recommended stress from Fig. 26 as 159,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> ( $1.10 \times 10^9$  Pa) for 0.1-in (0.25-cm) diameter music wire, as in step 3. Thus,  $M_i = (159,000/150,000)(14.7) = 15.6$  lb-in (1.8 N-m).

**7. Compute the maximum angular deflection.** The maximum angular deflection per coil is  $\phi = [(\text{maximum recommended stress, lb/in}^2) / (\text{assumed stress, lb/in}^2)](\text{computed angular deflection per coil, degrees}) = 159,000/150,000 \times 18 = 19.1^\circ$  per coil.

**8. Determine the special-case moment and deflection.** The maximum moment  $M_{\max}$  and deflection  $\phi_{\max}$ , without permanent set, can be one-third greater than in steps 6 and 7, or  $M_{\max} = 15.6(1.33) = 20.8$  lb-in (2.4 N-m), and  $\phi_{\max} = 19.1(1.33) = 25.5^\circ$  per coil. These maximum values allow for overloads on the spring.

**Related Calculations** Use the same procedure for square-wire helical torsion springs, but substitute the length of the side of the square for  $d$  in each equation where  $d$  appears.



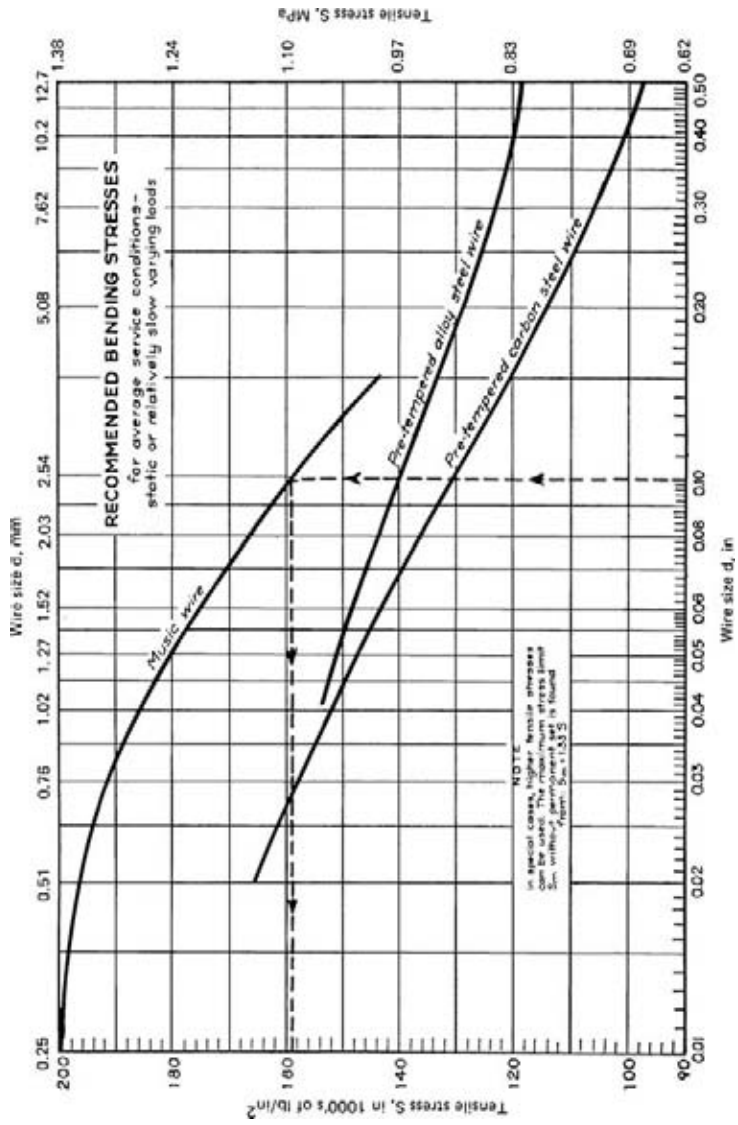


FIGURE 26 Recommended bending stresses for torsion springs. (Product Engineering.)

## TORSION-BAR SPRING ANALYSIS

What must the diameter of a torsion bar be if it is to have a spring rate of 2400 lb-in/rad (271.2 N·m/rad) and a total angle of twist of 0.20 rad? The bar is made of 302 stainless steel, which has a proportional limit in tension of 35,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (241.3 × 10<sup>6</sup> Pa), and  $G$  = torsional modulus of elasticity = 10<sup>7</sup> lb/in<sup>2</sup> (68.95 × 10<sup>9</sup> Pa). The length of the torsion bar is 26.0 in (66.0 cm), and it is solid throughout. What size square torsion bar would be required? What size equilateral triangular section would be required? What is the energy storage of each bar form?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the proportional limit in shear.** For stainless steel, the proportional limit  $S_s$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> in shear is 0.55 times that in tension, or  $S_s = 0.55(35,000) = 19,250$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (132.7 × 10<sup>6</sup> Pa).

**2. Compute the required diameter of the bar.** Use the relation  $d = 2S_s l / (G\theta)$ , where  $d$  = torsion-bar diameter, in;  $l$  = torsion-bar length, in;  $\theta$  = total angle of twist of torsion bar, rad; other symbols as before. Thus,  $d = 2(19,250)(26.0) / [10^7(0.20)] = 0.50$  in (1.3 cm).

**3. Compute the square-bar size.** Use the relation  $d = 1.482S_s l / (G\theta)$ , where  $d$  = side of the square bar, in. Thus  $d = 1.482(19,250)(26.0) / [10^7(0.2)] = 0.371$  in (0.9 cm).

**4. Compute the triangular-bar size.** Use the relation  $d = 2.31 S_s l / (G\theta)$ , where  $d$  = side of the triangular bar, in. Thus,  $d = 2.31(19,250)(26.0) / [10^7(0.2)] = 0.578$  in (1.5 cm).

**5. Compute the energy storage of each bar.** For a solid circular torsion spring, the energy storage  $e = S_s^2 (4G)$ , where  $e$  = energy storage in the bar, in-lb/in<sup>3</sup>. Thus,  $e = (19,250)^2 / [4(10^7)] = 9.25$  in-lb/in<sup>3</sup> (6.4 N·cm/cm<sup>3</sup>).

For a square bar,  $e = S_s^2 / (6.48G)$ , where the symbols are the same as before, or,  $e = (19,250)^2 / [6.48(10^7)] = 5.71$  in-lb/in<sup>3</sup> (3.9 N·cm/cm<sup>3</sup>).

For a triangular bar,  $e = S_s^2 / (7.5G)$ , where the symbols are the same as before, Or,  $e = (19,250)^2 / [7.5(10^7)] = 4.94$  in-lb/in<sup>3</sup> (3.4 N·cm/cm<sup>3</sup>).

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for torsion-bar springs made of any metal. The energy-storage capacity of various springs in terms of the spring weight is as follows:

Type of spring	Energy storage of spring	
	in-lb/lb	N·m/kg
Leaf	300–450	74.7–112.1
Helical round-wire coil	700–1100	174.4–274.0
Torsion-bar	1000–1500	249.1–373.6
Volute	500–1000	124.5–249.1
Rubber in shear	2000–4000	498.2–996.4

The analyses in this calculation procedure are based on the work of Donald Bastow and D. A. Derse and are reported in *Product Engineering*.

## MULTIRATE HELICAL SPRING ANALYSIS

Determine the required spring rates, number of coils, coil clearances, and free length of two helical coil springs if spring 1 has a preload of 1.2 lb (5.3 N) and spring 2 has a preload of 19.1 lb (85.0 N) in a double preload mechanism. The rod is to deflect 0.46 in (1.2 cm) before building up to the preload

of 19.1 lb (85.0 N). Total deflection is to be 3.0 in (7.6 cm) with a load of 78 lb (347.0 N). The mean spring diameter  $d_m = 1.29$  in (3.28 cm) for both springs; the wire diameter is  $d = 0.148$  in (3.76 mm) for spring 1;  $d = 0.156$  in (3.96 mm) for spring 2;  $G = 11.5 \times 10^6$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> ( $79.3 \times 10^9$  Pa) for both springs.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the spring rate for each spring.** The spring rate, lb/in, is  $R_s = (\text{preload spring 2, lb} - \text{preload spring 1, lb})/\text{deflection, in, before full preload}$ . Thus, for spring 1,  $R_{s1} = (19.1 - 1.2)/0.46 = 38.9$  lb/in (68.1 N/cm).

For the combination of the two springs  $R_{st} = (78 - 19.1)/(3.0 - 0.46) = 23.1$  lb/in (40.5 N/cm). For spring 2,  $R_{s2} = R_{s1}R_{st}/(R_{s1} - R_{st})$ , where the symbols are the same as before, Or,  $R_{s2} = (38.9)(23.1)/(38.0 - 23.1) = 56.9$  lb/in (99.6 N/cm).

**2. Check the spring rate against the spring deflection.** The deflection, in, is  $f = L/R$ , where  $L = \text{load on the spring, lb}$ ;  $R = \text{spring rate, lb/in}$ . Thus for spring 1,  $f_1 = (78 - 1.2)/38.9 = 1.97$  in (5.0 cm). For spring 2,  $f_2 = L_2/R_{s2} = (78 - 19.1)/56.9 = 1.03$  in (2.6 cm). For the two springs,  $F_t = f_1 + f_2 = 1.97 + 1.03 = 3.00$  in (7.6 cm). This agrees with the allowable deflection of 3 in (7.6 cm) at the full load of 78 lb (347.0 N). Therefore, the computed spring rates and preloads are acceptable.

**3. Compute the number of coils for each spring.** The number of coils  $n = Gd^4/(8d_m^3R)$ , where the symbols are as defined before. Thus,  $n_1 = (11.5 \times 10^6)(0.148)^4/[8(1.29)^3(38.9)] = 8.25$  coils. And  $n_2 = (11.5 \times 10^6)(0.156)^4/[8(1.29)^3(56.9)] = 7$  coils.

**4. Compute the solid height of each spring.** Allowing one inactive coil for each end of each spring, so that the ends may be squared and ground, we find the solid height  $h_s = d(\text{number of coils} + 2)$ . Or  $h_{s1} = (0.148)(8.25 + 2) = 1.517$  in (3.85 cm). And  $h_{s2} = (0.156)(7 + 2) + 1.404$  in (3.57 cm).

**5. Determine the coil clearances.** Assume a coil clearance of 3 times the spring wire diameter. Then the coil clearance  $c$ , in, for each spring is  $c_1 = (3)(0.148) = 0.444$  in (1.128 cm) and  $c_2 = (3)(0.156) = 0.468$  in (1.189 cm).

**6. Compute the free length of each spring.** The free length of a helical spring  $= l_f = \text{solid height} + \text{coil clearance} + \text{deflection} + [\text{preload, lb}/(\text{spring rate, lb/in})]$ . For spring 1,  $l_{f1} = 1.517 + 0.444 + 1.970 + (1.2/38.9) = 3.962$  in (10.06 cm). For spring 2,  $l_{f2} = 1.404 + 0.468 + 1.030 + (19.1/56.9) = 3.235$  in (8.22 cm).

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for springs made of any metal. This analysis is based on the work of K. A. Flesher, as reported in *Product Engineering*.

### BELLEVILLE SPRING ANALYSIS FOR SMALLEST DIAMETER

What are the minimum outside radius  $r_o$  and thickness  $t$  for a steel Belleville spring that carries a load of 1000 lb (4448.2 N) at a maximum compressive stress of 200,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> ( $1.38 \times 10^9$  Pa) when compressed flat?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the spring radius ratio and the height-thickness ratio.** The radius ratio  $r_r = r_o/r_i$  for a Belleville spring, where  $r_o = \text{outside radius of spring, in}$ ;  $r_i = \text{inside radius of spring, in} = \text{radius of hole in spring, in}$ . Table 46 summarizes recommended values for the radius ratio for various values of the height-thickness ratio to produce the smallest diameter spring. In general, an  $r_r$  value of 1.75 usually produces a spring of suitably small size. When  $r_r = 1.75$ , Table 46 shows that the height-thickness

**TABLE 46** Design Constants for Belleville Springs\*

$h/t$	$r_o/r_i$
1.00	1.25
1.25	1.50
1.50	1.75
1.75	2.00
2.00	2.50

\*Product Engineering.

**TABLE 47** Stress Constants for Belleville Springs\*

$h/t$	$r_o/r_i = 1.75$	
	$K$	$r_o s_c / L^{0.5}$
1.00	-3.2455	-13,460
1.25	-4.3734	-16,220
1.50	-5.6279	-19,050
1.75	-7.0090	-21,970

\*Product Engineering.

ratio  $h/t$  with both values expressed in inches is 1.5. Assume that these two values are valid, and proceed with the calculation.

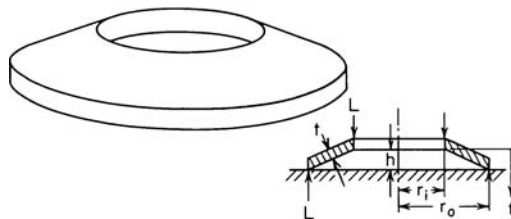
**2. Determine the spring outside radius.** Table 47 shows the stress constant  $r_o s_c / L^{0.5}$ , where  $s_c$  = maximum compressive stress on the top surface at the inner edge, lb/in<sup>2</sup>. Fig. 27;  $L$  = total axial load on spring, lb. For  $h/t = 1.5$  and  $r_r = 1.75$ , the stress constant  $r_o s_c / L^{0.5} = -19,050$ . Solving gives  $r_o = -19,050 L^{0.5} / s_c$ . By substituting the given values,  $r_o = 19,050(1000)^{0.5} / -200,000 = 3.01$  in (7.65 cm). The negative sign is used for the spring stress because it is a compressive stress.

**3. Determine the radius of the hole in the spring.** For this Belleville spring,  $r_i = r_o / r_r = 3.01 / 1.75 = 1.72$  in (4.37 cm).

**4. Compute the spring thickness.** The thickness of a Belleville spring is given by  $t = [s_c r_o^2 / (KE)]^{0.5}$ , where  $K$  = a stress constant from Table 47;  $E$  = modulus of elasticity of the spring material, lb/in<sup>2</sup>; other symbols as before. Thus, with  $E = 30 \times 10^6$  (206.9  $\times 10^9$  Pa),  $t = [-200,000 \times 3.01^2 / (-5.6279 \times 30 \times 10^6)]^{0.5} = 0.1037$  in (2.63 mm).

**5. Compute the spring height.** Since  $h/t = 1.5$  for this spring,  $h = 1.5(0.1037) = 0.156$  in (3.96 mm).

**Related Calculations** Professor M. F. Spotts developed the analytical procedure and data presented here. His studies show that space is usually the limiting factor in spring selection, and the designer generally must determine the minimum permissible outside diameter of the spring to carry a given load at a specified stress. Further, the ratio of the outside to the inside diameter for the smallest spring is about 1.75, assuming that the load spring is compressed nearly flat, which is the usual design assumption. A value of  $h/t$  of 1.5 is recommended for most spring applications. Belleville springs are used in disk brakes, the preloading of bolted assemblies, ball bearings, etc. The analysis presented here is useful for all usual applications of Belleville springs.



**FIGURE 27** Belleville spring: appearance and dimensions. (Product Engineering.)

## RING-SPRING DESIGN ANALYSIS

Determine the major dimensions of a ring spring made of material having an allowable stress of 175,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> ( $1.21 \times 10^9$  Pa),  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> ( $199.9 \times 10^9$  Pa), a coefficient of friction of 0.12, an inside diameter of 7.0 in (17.8 cm), an outside diameter of 9.0 in (22.9 cm) or less, a taper angle of 14°, an axial load of 56 tons (50.8 t), and a deflection of not more than 8.0 in (20.3 cm).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the inner-ring dimensions.** For the usual ring spring, the ring height  $h$  is 15 percent of the allowable outside diameter, or  $(0.15)(9.0) = 1.35$  in (3.4 cm), Fig. 28. The axial gap between the rings  $g$  is usually 25 percent of the ring height.

Compute the area of the internal ring from  $A_i = L/(\pi K_c s_i)$ , where  $A_i$  = area of internal ring, in<sup>2</sup>;  $L$  = axial load on spring, lb;  $K_c$  = spring constant from Fig. 29;  $s_i$  = allowable stress in the inner ring of the spring, lb/in<sup>2</sup>. With a coefficient of friction  $\mu = 0.12$  and a taper angle of 14°,  $K_c = 0.38$ . Then  $A_i = 56 \times 2000/[\pi(0.38)(175,000)] = 0.537$  in<sup>2</sup> (3.47 cm<sup>2</sup>).

The width  $w_i$  of the inner ring is  $w_i = [A_i - (h_i^2 \tan \theta)/4]/h_i$ , where  $\tan \theta$  = tangent of taper angle;  $h_i$  = height of inner ring, in. Thus,  $w_i = [0.537 - (1.35^2 \tan 14^\circ)/4]/1.35 = 0.314$  (7.98 mm).

Use a trial-and-error process to determine the dimensions of the outer ring. Do this by assuming a cross-sectional area for the outer ring; then compute whether the outside diameter and stress meet the specifications for the spring.

Assume that  $A_o = 0.609$  in<sup>2</sup> (3.93 cm<sup>2</sup>). Then  $s_o = L/(\pi A_o K_c)$ , where  $s_o$  = stress in outer ring, lb/in<sup>2</sup>; other symbols as before. So  $s_o = 56 \times 2000/[\pi(0.609)(0.38)] = 154,200$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> ( $1.06 \times 10^9$  Pa). This stress is within the allowable limits.

In the usual ring spring,  $h_o = h_i = 1.35$  in (3.4 cm) for this spring. Then, by using a relation similar to that for the inner ring,  $w_o = [A_o - (h_o^2 \tan \theta)/4]/h_o = [0.609 - (1.35^2 \tan 14^\circ)/4]/1.35 = 0.366$  in (9.3 mm).

Find the outside diameter of the ring from  $d_o = d_i + 2w_i + 2w_o + (h - g) \tan \theta$ , where  $d_o$  = outside diameter of outer ring, in;  $d_i$  = inside diameter of inner ring, in;  $g$  = axial gap of rings, in = 25 percent of ring height for this spring, or  $0.25(1.35) = 0.3375$  in (8.57 mm). Hence,  $d_o = 7.0 + 2(0.314) + 2(0.366) + (1.35 - 0.3375) \tan 14^\circ = 8.613$  in (21.9 cm). This is close enough to the maximum allowable outside diameter of 9 in (22.9 cm) to be acceptable. Were the value of  $d_o$  unacceptable, another value of  $A_o$  would be assumed and the calculation repeated until the stress and  $d_o$  values were acceptable.

**2. Compute the number of rings required.** Find the axial deflection per ring  $f$ , in, from  $f = d_a[(s_i + s_o)/(2E)] \cot \theta$ , where  $d_a$  = mean diameter of the spring, in;  $E$  = modulus of elasticity of the spring

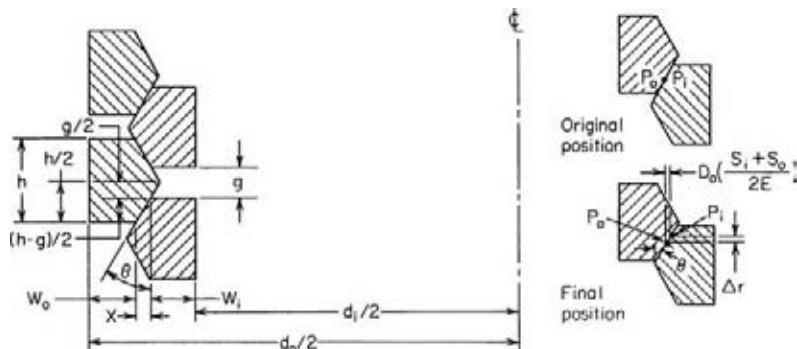
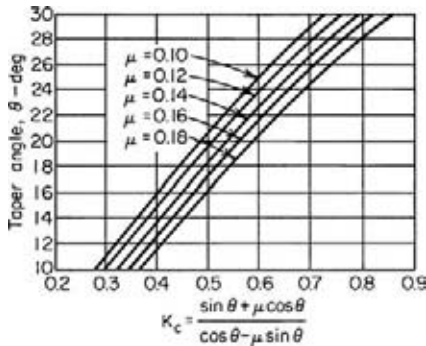
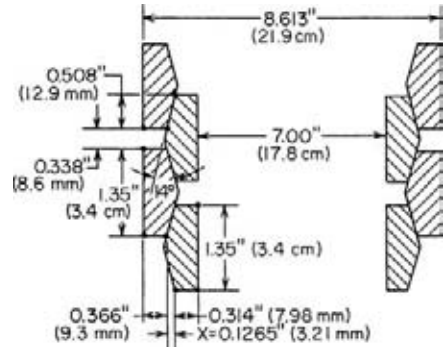


FIGURE 28 Ring-spring positions and dimensions. (Product Engineering.)



**FIGURE 29** Ring-spring compression constant in terms of the taper angle for various values of the coefficient of friction. (*Product Engineering*.)



**FIGURE 30** Dimensions of a typical ring spring. (*Product Engineering*.)

material, lb/in<sup>2</sup>. Compute  $d_a = [(d_o - 2w_o) + (d_i + 2w_i)]/2 = [(8.613 - 2 \times 0.366) + (7.0 + 2 \times 0.314)]/2 = 7.755$  in (19.7 cm). Then  $f = 7.755[(175,000 + 154,200)/(2 \times 29 \times 10^6)] \cot 14^\circ = 0.176$  in (4.47 mm). Since the axial deflection must not exceed 8 in (20.3 cm), the number of rings required = axial deflection, in/deflection per ring, in =  $8.0/0.176 = 45.5$ , or 46 rings. Figure 30 shows the spring dimensions.

**Related Calculations** Ring springs are suitable for pipe-vibration isolation, shock absorbers, plows, trench diggers, railroad couplers, etc. The recommended approximate proportions of ring springs are as follows: (1) Compressed height should be at least 4 times the deflection of the spring. (2) Ring height should be 15 to 20 percent of the ring outside diameter. (3) Spring outside diameter and height are usually as large as space permits. (4) Thin ring sections are preferred to thick ones. (5) Ring taper should be 1:4. (6) Coefficient of friction for ring springs varies from 0.10 to 0.18. (7) Allowable spring stresses are 160,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> ( $1.10 \times 10^9$  Pa) for nonmachined steel, 200,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> ( $1.38 \times 10^9$  Pa) for machined steel. For vibratory loads, the allowable stress is about one-half these values. (8) Load capacities of ring springs vary between 2 and 150 tons (1.8 and 136.1 t). (9) Spring deflections vary between 1 in (2.5 cm) and 1 ft (0.3 m). (10) The equations given above can be used for spring design or for analysis of an existing spring.

The design method given here was developed by Tyler G. Hicks and reported in *Product Engineering*.

## LIQUID-SPRING SELECTION

Select a liquid spring to absorb a 50,000-lb (222,411.1-N) load with a 5-in (12.7-cm) stroke. The rod diameter is 1 in (2.5 cm). What is the probable temperature rise per stroke? Compare this spring with metal-coil, Belleville, and ring springs.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the liquid volume required.** Assume that the final pressure of the compressed liquid is 50,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (344,750 kPa) and that the liquid is compressed 18 percent on application of full load on the spring. This means that 82 percent (100 - 18) of the original volume remains after application of the load.

Compute the liquid volume required from  $v = \pi Sd^2/(4c)$ , where  $v$  = liquid volume required, in<sup>3</sup>;  $S$  = stroke length, in;  $d$  = rod diameter, in;  $c$  = liquid compressibility, expressed as a decimal. Thus  $v = \pi(5)(1)^2/[4(0.18)] = 21.8 \text{ in}^3$  (357.2 cm<sup>3</sup>).

**2. Determine the cylinder length.** In a liquid spring, the cylinder inside diameter  $d_i$  is usually greater than that of the rod. Assuming an inside diameter of 1.8 in (4.6 cm) for the cylinder, we find length =  $4v/(\pi d_i^2)$ , where  $d_i$  = cylinder inside diameter, in; other symbols as before. For the cylinder, length =  $4(21.8)/[\pi(1.8)^2] = 8.56$ , say 8.6, in (21.8 cm).

**3. Determine the cylinder dimensions.** With a 1.8-in (4.6-cm) inside diameter, a 3-in (7.6-cm) outside diameter will be required, based on the usual cylinder proportions. Allowing 3.4 in (8.6 cm) for the cylinder ends and seals and 5 in (12.7 cm) for the stroke, we find that the total length of the cylinder will be  $8.6 + 3.4 + 5.0 = 17.0$  in (43.2 cm).

**4. Compute the cylinder temperature rise.** Assume that the average friction load is 10 percent of the load on the spring, or  $0.1 \times 50,000 = 5000 \text{ lb}$  (22,241.1 N). A friction load of 10 percent is typical for liquid springs.

The energy absorbed per stroke of the spring is  $e = Fl$ , where  $e$  = energy absorbed, ft-lb;  $F$  = friction force, lb;  $l$  = stroke length, ft. For this spring,  $e = 5000(5/12) = 2085 \text{ ft-lb}$  (2826.9 N-m). Since  $778.2 \text{ ft-lb} = 1 \text{ Btu} = 1.1 \text{ kJ}$ ,  $e = 2085/778.2 = 2.68 \text{ Btu}$  (2827.6 J).

An assembly of the dimensions computed in step 3 will weigh about 35 lb (15.9 kg) and will have an average overall specific heat of 0.15 Btu/(lb·°F) [628.0 J/(kg·°C)]. Hence, the temperature rise per stroke will be: Btu of heat generated per stroke/[(specific heat)(cylinder weight, lb)] =  $0.51^\circ\text{F}$  (0.28°C) per stroke. A temperature rise of this magnitude is easily dissipated by the external surfaces of the cylinder. But a smaller liquid spring under rapidly fluctuating loads may have an excessive temperature rise. Each spring must be analyzed separately.

**5. Compare the various types of springs.** By using previously presented calculation procedures, Table 48 can be constructed. This table and the spring analysis given above are based on the work of

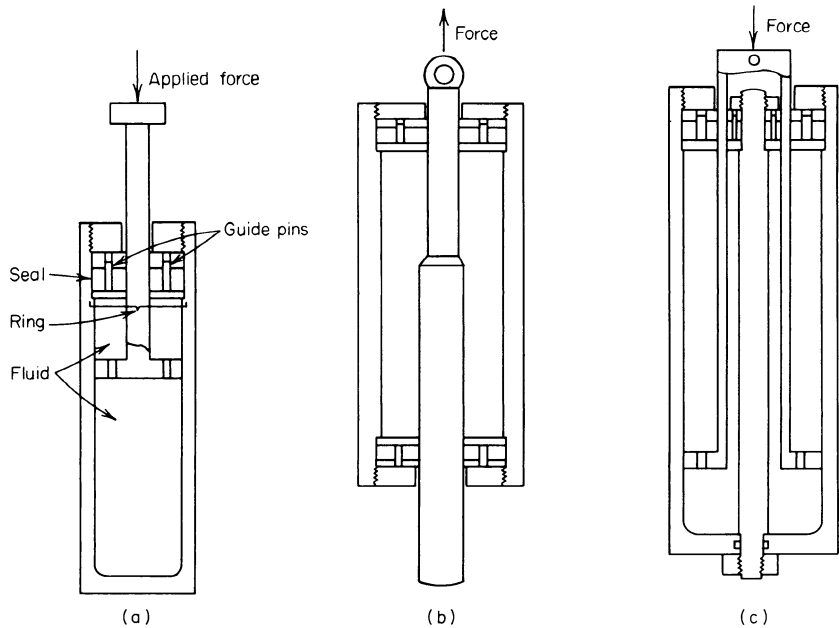
**TABLE 48** Performance of Four Typical Spring Types\*

	Coil	Nested		Liquid
		Belleville washers	Tapered rings	
Useful range:				
Low load	1 oz (28.3 g)	20 lb (9.1 kg)	2 tons (1.8 t)	100 lb (45.4 kg)
High load	10 ton (9.1 t)	100 ton (90.7 t)	150 ton (136.1 t)	200 ton (181.4 t)
Force vs. deflection	Low to high	High	High	Medium to high
Stroke	Short to long	Short	Short to medium	Short to long
Damping ability	Low	Low	Low	Low to high
Relative cost	Low	Low	Medium	High

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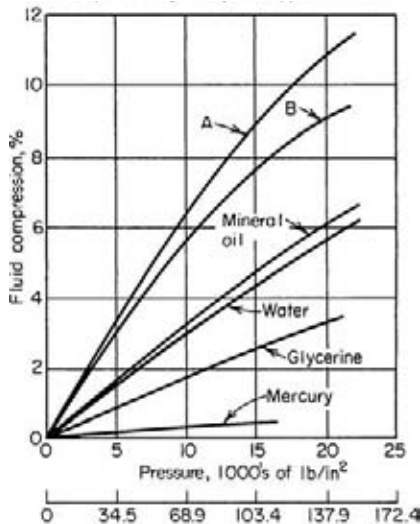
Note: An example: For 50,000-lb (222,411.1-N) load, 5-in (12.7-cm) stroke:

Size	Length, in (cm)	68 (172.7)	37 (94.0)	24 (61.0)	17 (43.2)
	Diameter, in (cm)	11.5 (29.5)	8 (20.3)	5 (12.7)	3 (7.6)



**FIGURE 31** Typical liquid springs. (a) General design; (b) tension type; (c) long-stroke type. (Product Engineering.)

Lloyd M. Polentz, Consulting Engineer. The tabulation shows that the liquid spring is the shortest and has the smallest diameter for the load in question. Figure 31 shows typical liquid springs; Fig. 32 shows the compressibility of liquids used in various liquid springs.



**FIGURE 32** Common fluids for liquid springs are Dow-Corning type F-4029, curve A, and type 200, curve B. (Product Engineering.)

**Related Calculations** Use the method given here to select liquid springs for applications in any of a variety of services where a large load must be absorbed. The seals at the cylinder ends must be absolutely tight. Liquid springs are best applied in atmospheres where the temperature variation is minimal.

### SELECTION OF AIR-SNUBBER DASHPOT DIMENSIONS

Determine the required orifice area, peak actuator pressure, peak negative acceleration, and the time required for the stroke of a 3-in<sup>3</sup> (49.2-cm<sup>3</sup>) capacity air snubber if the total load mass  $M = 0.1$  lbs-s<sup>2</sup>/in (17.9 g-s<sup>2</sup>/cm); the snubber pressure  $P_i = 100$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (689.5 kPa); piston area  $A_p = 3$  in<sup>2</sup> (19.4 cm<sup>2</sup>); initial snubber active length  $S = 1.0$  in (2.5 cm); initial piston velocity  $v_i = 100$  in/s (254 cm/s); piston velocity at the end of travel  $v = 29$  in/s (73.7 cm/s);



constant external force on snubber  $F = 150$  lb (667.2 N); initial gas temperature  $T_i = 530$  R (294.1 K); gas constant  $R = [639.6 \text{ in}\cdot\text{lb}/(\text{lb}\cdot^\circ\text{R})]$  (air);  $C_D =$  orifice discharge coefficient = 0.9 dimensionless.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the snubber dimensionless parameters.** The first dimensionless parameter  $K_E =$  stored energy/kinetic energy  $= P_i V_i / (M v_i^2) = (100)(3) / [(0.1)(100)^2] = 0.3$ . The next parameter  $K_F =$  constant external force/initial pressure force  $= F / (P_i A_p) = 150 / [(100)(3)] = 0.5$ . The third parameter  $K_v =$  piston velocity at end of stroke/initial piston velocity  $= v / v_i = 20 / 100 = 0.20$ .

**2. Determine the actual value of the orifice parameter.** The parameter  $K_w =$  initial orifice flow/initial displacement flow  $= w_i / (\rho A_p v_i)$ , where  $\rho =$  gas density,  $\text{lb}/\text{in}^3$ . Figure 33 gives values of  $K_w$  for  $K_F = 0$  and  $K_F = 1.0$ . However,  $K_F$  for this snubber = 0.5. Therefore, it is necessary to interpolate between the charts for  $K_F = 0$  and  $K_F = 1.0$ .

Interpolate by constructing a chart, Fig. 34, using values of  $K_w$  read from each chart in Fig. 33. Thus, when  $K_F = 1$ ,  $K_v = 0.2$ ,  $K_E = 0.3$ ,  $K_w = 0.295$ . After the curve is constructed, read  $K_w = 0.375$  for  $K_F = 0.5$ .

**3. Compute the true flow through the orifice.** The true initial flow rate  $w_i$ ,  $\text{lb}/\text{s} = K_w [P_i / (RT_i)] A_p v_i$ , where all the symbols are as defined earlier. Thus,  $w_i = (0.375) \{ 100 / [(639.6)(530)] \} (3)(100) = 0.0332$   $\text{lb}/\text{s}$  (15.1  $\text{g}/\text{s}$ ).

**4. Compute the required orifice area.** Use the equation  $A_o = w_i / P_i C_D \{ (kg/RT_i) [2 / (k + 1)] (k + 1) / (k - 1) \}^{0.5}$ , where  $k = 1.4$ ;  $g = 32.2 \text{ ft}/\text{s}^2$  (9.8  $\text{m}/\text{s}^2$ ); other symbols as before. Thus,  $A_o = 0.0332 / [100(0.9)] \{ (1.4 \times 32.2 / 639.6 \times 530) [(2 / (1.4 + 1)) (1.4 + 1) / (1.4 - 1)]^{0.5} \} = 0.016 \text{ in}^2$  (0.103  $\text{cm}^2$ ).

**5. Determine the maximum pressure at the end of the stroke.** Read, from Fig. 35,  $K_{p,\text{max}} = 10.2$  for  $K_F = 0.5$ ,  $K_w = 0.375$ . Then the true  $P_{\text{max}}$  at end of stroke  $= K_{p,\text{max}} P_i = 10.2(100) = 1020 \text{ lb}/\text{in}^2$  (7032.9  $\text{kPa}$ ).

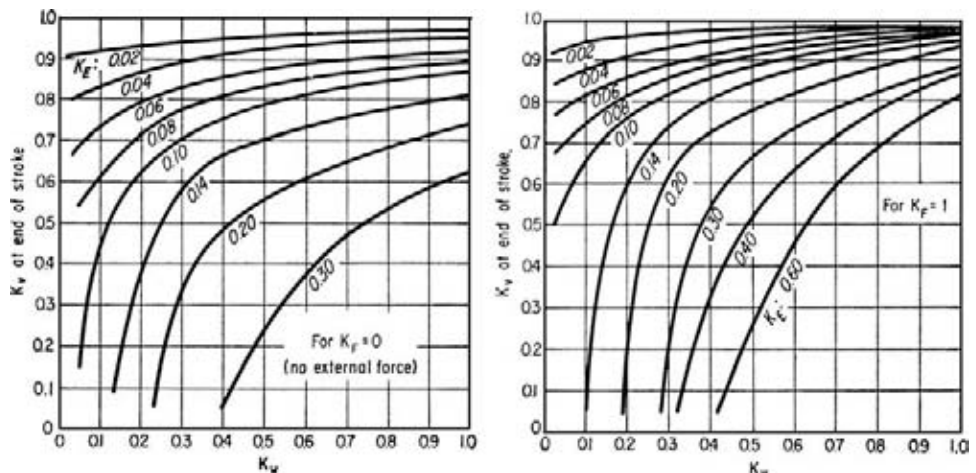


FIGURE 33 Impact velocity vs. orifice flow (dimensionless) for air snubber. (Product Engineering.)

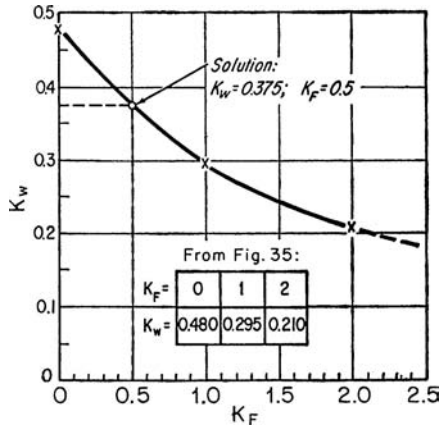


FIGURE 34 Cross plot for an air snubber. (Product Engineering.)

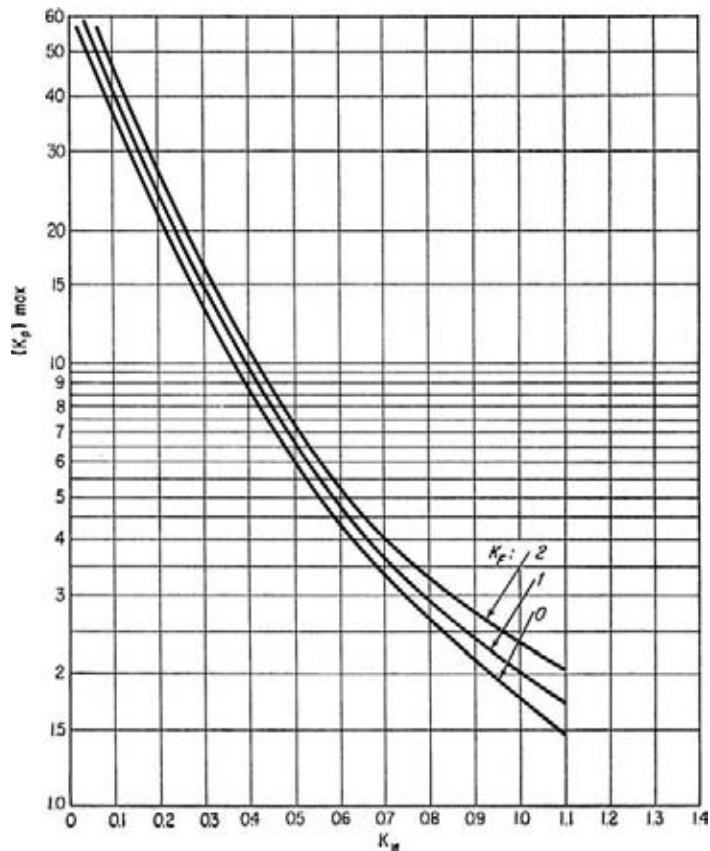


FIGURE 35 Maximum pressure at impact (dimensionless). (Product Engineering.)

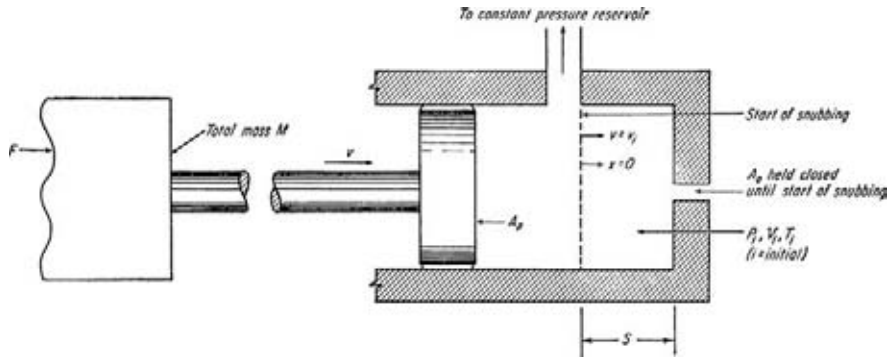


FIGURE 36 Simplified air-snubber design. (Product Engineering.)

6. **Determine the maximum acceleration of the piston.** For an air snubber,  $K_{a,\max} = K_F - K_p = 0.5 - 10.2 = -9.7$ . Also, the maximum acceleration  $a_{\max} = K_a P_i A_p / M = (-9.7)(100)(3.0)/0.1 = -29,100 \text{ in/s}^2$  ( $-739.1 \text{ m/s}^2$ ).

7. **Determine the approximate travel time of the piston.** The travel time for the piston is  $t = K_t S / v_i$ , where  $t$  = travel time, s. Or,  $t = 0.95 \times (1.0)/100 = 0.0095 \text{ s}$ , assuming  $K_t = 0.95$ .

**Related Calculations** The equations in this procedure were developed by Tom Carey and T. T. Hadel, and are based on these assumptions: (1) They apply only to a piston-orifice-type dashpot; (2) the piston is firmly stopped at the end of the stroke and does not rebound, oscillate, or bounce; (3) friction is zero; (4) the external force is constant; (5)  $k = 1.4$ , which means that the equations are valid for air, hydrogen, nitrogen, oxygen, and any other gas having a specific-heat ratio of about 1.4; (6) the contained air or gas is ideal; (7) compression is adiabatic; (8) flow through the bleed orifice is critical (a valid assumption except when the dashpot initial pressure is atmospheric, as in screendoor snubbers). When actual friction exists, there is a slight increase in the value of  $K_t$ . Figure 36 shows a simplified design of a typical air snubber.

## DESIGN ANALYSIS OF FLAT REINFORCED-PLASTIC SPRINGS

A large shaker unit in a vibrating screen system is supported on a series of six steel leaf springs, each a cantilever 6 in (15.2 cm) wide by 0.125 in (3.18 mm) thick. How thick should a single epoxy-glass leaf spring of the same width be if it is to replace the composite steel spring? The cantilever is 30 in (76.2 cm) long with a 24-in (60.9-cm) free length; maximum deflection = 0.375 in (9.53 mm); axial load per spring = 2500 lb (11,120.6 N); safety factor = 8;  $E = 4.5 \times 10^6 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $31.0 \times 10^9 \text{ Pa}$ ) for the plastic spring; ultimate flexure strength = 100,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (689,475.7 kPa).

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Compute the spring thickness for minimum bending stress.** The equation for the thickness giving the minimum bending stress is  $t = [4L^2/(wE)]^{1/3}$ , where  $t$  = spring thickness, in;  $L$  = axial load on spring, lb;  $l$  = spring free length, in;  $w$  = spring width, in;  $E$  = modulus of elasticity of spring material, lb/in<sup>2</sup>. For this spring,  $t = [4 \times 2500 \times 24^2 / (6 \times 4.5 \times 10^6)]^{1/3} = 0.598$ , say 0.6 in (1.5 cm).

**2. Determine the total combined stress in the beam.** The maximum combined stress  $s_B = (3Et/l^2 + 6L/wl^2)f$ , where  $f$  = spring deflection, in; other symbols as before. Thus,  $s_B = \{e \times 4.5 \times 10^6 \times 0.6/[24^2 + 6 \times 2500/(6 \times 0.6^2)]\} \times 0.375 = 7875 \text{ lb/in}^2 (54,290 \text{ kPa})$ .

The total stress in the spring  $s_T = s_B + L/A$ , where  $A$  = spring cross-sectional area. Thus,  $s_T = 7875 + 2500/(6 \times 0.6) = 8570 \text{ lb/in}^2 (59,082 \text{ kPa})$ . The allowable stress = ultimate flexure strength,  $\text{lb/in}^2/\text{factor of safety} = 100,000/8 = 12,500 \text{ lb/in}^2 (86,175.5 \text{ kPa})$ . Since  $s_T < 12,500 \text{ lb/in}^2 (86,175.5 \text{ kPa})$ , the dimensions of the spring are satisfactory.

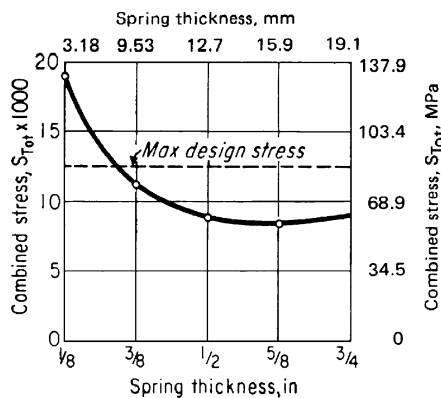
**3. Check the critical buckling stress of the spring.** To prevent buckling of the spring, the following must hold:  $L/A \leq \pi^2 E t^2 / 36^2 = s_{CR}$ , or  $2500/(6 \times 0.6) \leq \pi^2 \times 4.5 \times 10^6 \times 0.6^2 / (3 \times 24^2) = 694 \text{ lb/in}^2 (4784 \text{ kPa}) < 9240 \text{ lb/in}^2 (63,701 \text{ kPa})$ . Hence, the spring dimensions are satisfactory.

**4. Determine whether the computed thickness gives adequate stiffness.** For a plastic spring to have a stiffness equal to a steel spring having  $n$  leaves, the plastic spring should have a thickness of  $t = t_s (nE_s/E)^{1/3}$ , where  $t_s$  and  $E_s$  refer to the thickness, in, and modulus of elasticity,  $\text{lb/in}^2$ , respectively, of the steel spring; other symbols as before. Thus,  $t = 0.125[6 \times 30 \times 10^6 / (4.5 \times 10^6)]^{1/3} = 0.43 \text{ in (1.1 cm)}$ . Since  $t = 0.60 \text{ in (1.5 cm)}$ , as computed in step 1, the plastic spring is slightly too stiff.

**5. Check the thickness required for equivalent thickness.** Using the equations for  $s_B$  and  $s_T$  from step 2, and the equation for  $s_{CR}$  from step 3, compute the respective stresses for values of  $t$  less than, and greater than, 0.43. Thus

$t$		$s_B$		$Q/A$		$s_T$		$s_{CR}$	
in	cm	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	kPa	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	kPa	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	kPa	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	kPa
0.500	1.270	8,143	56,144.0	833	5,743.5	8,976	61,889.5	6,400	44,128.0
0.600	1.524	7,875	54,296.2	695	4,792.0	8,570	59,090.2	9,240	63,709.8
0.625	1.588	7,900	54,468.6	666	4,592.1	8,566	59,062.6	10,000	68,947.6

Plot the results as in Fig. 37. This plot clearly shows that  $t = 0.43 \text{ in (1.09 cm)}$  gives  $s_T < 12,500 \text{ lb/in}^2 (86,175 \text{ kPa})$ , and  $Q/A < s_{CR}$ . Hence, this thickness is satisfactory.



**FIGURE 37** Combined stress in a plastic spring. (Product Engineering.)

**6. Determine whether a thinner spring can be used.** A thinner spring will save money. From Fig. 37,  $t = 0.375 \text{ in (9.53 mm)}$  gives an  $s_T$  value well below the maximum design stress, and the actual spring stress is one-third the critical buckling stress. If tests on a 0.375-in (9.53-mm) thick spring show no serious disruption of harmonic operation, then specify the thinner material to lower the cost. Otherwise, use the thicker 0.43-in (1.09-cm) spring.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for unidirectional, cross-plyed, or isotropic-ply plastic springs. Obtain the allowable stress for the spring from the plastic manufacturer. The method given here is the work of L. A. Heggernes, reported in *Product Engineering*.

## LIFE OF CYCLICALLY LOADED MECHANICAL SPRINGS

What is the probable life in cycles of a Belleville spring under a bending load if it is made of carbon steel having a Rockwell hardness of C48?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the spring material tensile strength.** Enter Fig. 38 at the Rockwell hardness C48, and project vertically upward to read the tensile strength of the carbon-steel spring material as 235,00 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1620 MPa).

**2. Compute the actual stress in the spring.** Using the spring dimensions and the equations presented in the Belleville spring calculation procedure, compute the actual stress in the spring. For the spring in question, the actual stress is found to be 150,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1034 MPa). This is  $150,000(100)/235,000 = 63.8$ , say 64, percent of the spring material tensile strength.

**3. Estimate the spring cycle life.** Enter the upper part of Table 49 for springs in bending. This tabulation shows that at a stress of 65 percent of the tensile strength, the spring will have a life between 10,000 and 100,000 stress cycles. Actual test of the spring caused failure at about 100,000 cycles.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for helical torsion springs, cantilever springs, wave washers, flat springs, motor springs, helical compression and extension springs, torsion bars, and Belleville springs. Be sure to enter the proper portion of Table 49 when finding the approximate number of repetitive stress cycles. The method presented here is the work of George W. Kuasz and William R. Johnson and is reported in *Product Engineering*.

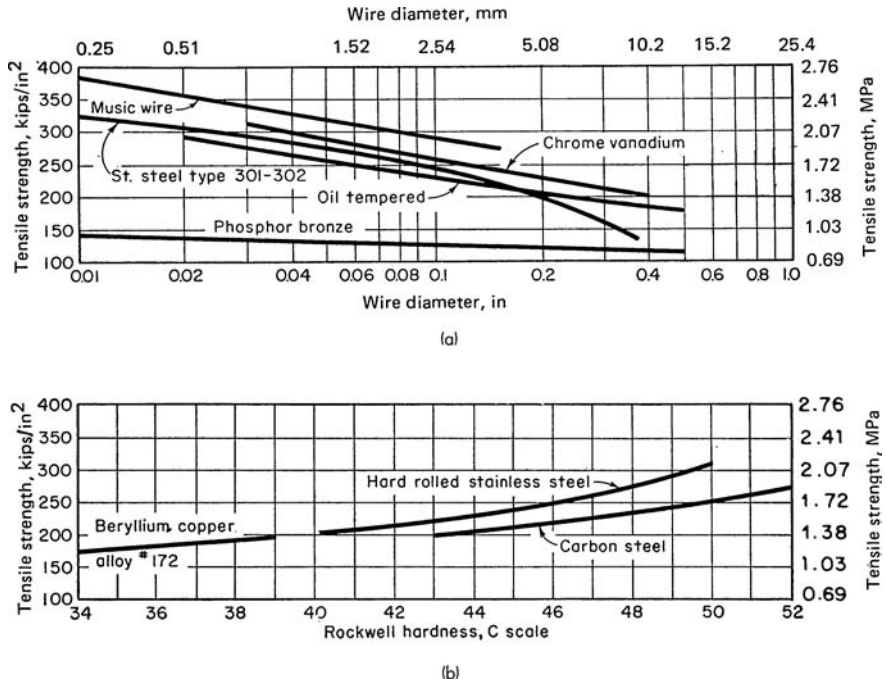


FIGURE 38 (a) Tensile strength of spring wire; (b) tensile strength of spring strip. (*Product Engineering*.)

**TABLE 49** Design Stresses for Springs\*

No. of repetitive stress cycles	Maximum design stress (percent of the tensile strength shown in charts)
Design stress for springs in bending <sup>†</sup>	
10,000	80
	65 <sup>‡</sup>
100,000	53
1,000,000	50
10,000,000	48
Design stress for springs in torsion <sup>§</sup>	
10,000	45
	35 <sup>‡</sup>
100,000	35
1,000,000	33
10,000,000	30

\*Product Engineering.

†For example, helical torsion springs, Bellevilles, cantilever springs, wave washers, flat springs, and motor springs.

‡For stainless-steel and phosphor-bronze materials. Tests show that such materials have low yield points.

§For example, helical compression springs, helical extension springs, and torsion bars.

## SHOCK-MOUNT DEFLECTION AND SPRING RATE

Determine the maximum probable acceleration, the shock isolator deflection, and the isolator spring rate for a 25-lb (11.3-kg) piece of electronic equipment which drops from a 24-in (61.0-cm) high tailgate of a truck onto a concrete road. The product lands on one corner point and should be considered as rigid steel for analysis purposes. In its carton, the load will be supported by 16 shock isolators.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the acceleration of the load.** Use the relation  $g = (72/t)(h)^{0.5}$ , where  $g$  = load acceleration in  $g$  [ $1 g = 32.2 \text{ ft/s}^2$  ( $9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ ) at sea level];  $t$  = shock-rise time, ms, from Table 50;  $h$  = drop height, in. From Table 50,  $t = 2$  ms for rigid steel making point contact with concrete. Then  $g = 72/2 \times (24)^{0.5} = 176.5 g$ .

**2. Compute the isolator deflection.** Use the relation  $d = 2h/(g - 1)$ , where  $d$  = isolator deflection, in; other symbols as before. For this load,  $d = 2 \times 24/(176.5 - 1) = 0.273$  in (6.93 mm).

**3. Compute the required specific spring rate for the isolator.** Use the relation  $K = g/d$ , where  $D$  = isolator specific spring rate, lb/(in·lb). Thus  $K = 176.5/0.273 = 646 \text{ lb/(in·lb)}$  [ $254.3 \text{ N/(N·cm)}$ ].

**4. Determine the required spring rate per isolator.** With  $n$  shock isolators, the required spring rate, lb/in per isolator is  $k = KW/n$ , where  $W$  = weight of part, lb;  $n$  = number of isolators used in the carton. Thus,  $k = (646)(25)/16 = 1020 \text{ lb/in}$  ( $182.2 \text{ kg/cm}$ ).

**Related Calculations** Some of the largest stock loads encountered by equipment occur during transportation. Thus, vertical accelerations on the body of a 2-ton (1.8-t) truck traveling at 30 mi/h (13.4 m/s) on good pavement range from 1 to 2  $g$ , with a rise time of 10 to 15 ms. Higher

**TABLE 50** Typical Value for Shock-Time Rise

Condition	Shock-time rise, ms	
	Flat face	Point
Rigid steel against concrete	1	2
Rigid steel against wood or mastic	2–3	5–6
Steel or aluminum against compact earth	2–4	6–8
Steel or aluminum against sand	5–6	15
Product case against mud	15	20
Product case against 1-in (2.5-cm) felt	20	30

Note: Mass of struck surface is assumed to be at least 10 times the striking mass. Point contact with spherical radius of 1 in (2.5 cm).

speeds, rougher roads, stiffer truck springs, and careless driving all decrease the rise time and thus double or triple the acceleration loads.

The highest acceleration forces in railroad freight cars occur during humping, when the impact loads on a product container may range from 4.5 to 28 *g*.

For most components that are sensitive to shock, suppliers include maximum safe acceleration loads in engineering data. Maximum allowable loads on vacuum tubes are 2 to 5 *g*; relays may withstand higher accelerations, depending on the type and direction of the acceleration. Transistors have low mass and good rigidity and are highly resistant to shock when properly supported. Ball-bearing races may be indented by the balls; sleeve bearings are usually much more resistant to shock.

The function of a shock mount is to provide enough protection to avoid damage under expected conditions. But overdesign can be costly, both in the design of the product and in the shock-mount components. Underdesign can lead to failures of the shock mount in service and possible damage to the product. Therefore, careful design of shock mounts is important. The method presented here is the work of Raymond T. Magner, reported in *Product Engineering*.

## CLUTCH SELECTION FOR SHAFT DRIVE

Choose a clutch to connect a 50-hp (37.3-kW) internal-combustion engine to a 300-r/min single-acting reciprocating pump. Determine the general dimensions of the clutch.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Choose the type of clutch for the load.** Table 51 shows typical applications for the major types of clutches. Where economy is the prime consideration, a positive-engagement or a cone-type friction clutch would be chosen. Since a reciprocating pump runs at a slightly varying speed, a

**TABLE 51** Clutch Characteristics

Type of clutch	Typical applications*
Friction:	
Cone	Varying loads; 0 to 200 hp (0 to 149.1 kW); losing popularity for many applications, particularly in the higher hp ranges
Disk or plate	Varying loads; 0 to 500 hp (0 to 372.9 kW); widely used; more popular than the cone clutch
Rim:	
Band	Varying loads; 0 to 100 hp (0 to 74.6 kW); not too widely used
Overrunning	Constant or moderately varying loads; 0 to 200 hp (0 to 149.1 kW); engages in one direction; freewheels in the opposite direction
Centrifugal	Constant loads; 0 to 50 hp (0 to 37.3 kW)
Inflatable	Varying loads; 0 to 5000 hp (0 to 3728.5 kW); compressed air inflates clutch; have 360° friction surface
Magnetic	Varying loads; 0 to 10,000 hp (0 to 7457.0 kW); high speeds; also used where disk clutch would be overloaded
Positive-engagement	Nonslip operation; low-speed (10 to 150 r/min) engagement; has sudden starting action
Fluid	Large, varying loads; 0 to 10,000 hp (0 to 7457.0 kW); variable-speed output; can produce a desired slip
Electromagnetic	Large, varying loads; 0 to 10,000 hp (0 to 7457.0 kW); variable-speed output; characteristics similar to fluid clutches

\*Clutch capacity depends on the design, materials of constructions, type of load, shaft speed, and operating conditions. The applications and capacity ranges given here are typical but should not be taken as the only uses for which the listed clutches are suitable.

centrifugal clutch is not suitable. For greater dependability, a disk or plate friction clutch is more desirable than a cone clutch. Assume that dependability is more important than economy, and choose a disk-type friction clutch.

**2. Determine the required clutch torque starting capacity.** A clutch must start its load from a stopped condition. Under these circumstances the instantaneous torque may be two, three, or four times the running torque. Therefore, the usual clutch is chosen so it has a torque capacity of at least twice the running torque. For internal-combustion engine drives, a starting torque of three to four times the running torque is generally used. Assume 3.5 times is used for this engine and pump combination. This is termed the *clutch starting factor*.

Since  $T = 63,000hp/R$ , where  $T$  = torque, lb-in;  $hp$  = horsepower transmitted;  $R$  = shaft rpm;  $T = 63,000(50)/300 = 10,500$  lb-in (1186.3 N·m). This is the required starting torque capacity of the clutch.

**3. Determine the total required clutch torque capacity.** In addition to the clutch starting factor, a service factor is also usually applied. Table 52 lists typical clutch service factors. This tabulation shows that the service factor for a single-reciprocating pump is 2.0. Hence, the total required clutch torque capacity = required starting torque capacity  $\times$  service factor =  $10,500 \times 2.0 = 21,000$ -lb-in (2372.7-N·m) torque capacity.

**4. Choose a suitable clutch for the load.** Consult a manufacturer's engineering data sheet listing clutch torque capacities for clutches of the type chosen in step 1 of this procedure. Choose a clutch

**TABLE 52** Clutch Service Factors

Type of service	Service factor
Driver:	
Electric motor:	
Steady load	1.0
Fluctuating load	1.5
Gas engine:	
Single cylinder	1.5
Multiple cylinder	1.0
Diesel engine:	
High-speed	1.5
Large, slow-speed	2.0
Driven machine:	
Generator:	
Steady load	1.0
Fluctuating load	1.5
Blower	1.0
Compressor, depending on number of cylinders	2.0–2.5
Pumps:	
Centrifugal	1.0
Reciprocating, single-acting	2.0
Reciprocating, double-acting	1.5
Lineshaft	1.5
Woodworking machinery	1.75
Hoists, elevators, cranes, and shovels	2.0
Hammer mills, ball mills, and crushers	2.0
Brick machinery	3.0
Rock crushers	3.0



having a rated torque equal to or greater than that computed in step 3. Table 53 shows a portion of a typical engineering data sheet. A size 6 clutch would be chosen for this drive.

**Related Calculations** Use the general method given here to select clutches for industrial, commercial, marine, automotive, tractor, and similar applications. Note that engineering data sheets often list the clutch rating in terms of torque, lb-in, and hp/(100 r/min).

Friction clutches depend, for their load-carrying ability, on the friction and pressure between two mating surfaces. Usual coefficients of friction for friction clutches range between 0.15 and 0.50 for dry surfaces, 0.05 and 0.30 for greasy surfaces, and 0.05 and 0.25 for lubricated surfaces. The allowable pressure between the surfaces ranges from a low of 8 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (55.2 kPa) to a high of 300 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (2068.5 kPa).

**TABLE 53** Clutch Ratings

Clutch number	Torque rating		Power (100 r/min)	
	lb-in	N-m	hp	kW
1	2,040	230.5	3	2.2
2	4,290	484.7	6	4.5
3	8,150	920.8	12	8.9
4	13,300	1,502.7	21	15.7
5	19,700	2,225.8	31	23.1
6	35,200	3,977.1	55	41.0
7	44,000	4,971.3	69	51.5

## BRAKE SELECTION FOR A KNOWN LOAD

Choose a suitable brake to stop a 50-hp (37.3-kW) motor automatically when power is cut off. The motor must be brought to rest within 40 s after power is shut off. The load inertia, including the brake rotating member, will be about 200 lb·ft<sup>2</sup> (82.7 N·m<sup>2</sup>); the shaft being braked turns at 1800 r/min. How many revolutions will the shaft turn before stopping? How much heat must the brake dissipate? The brake operates once per minute.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Choose the type of brake to use.** Table 54 shows that a shoe-type electric brake is probably the best choice for stopping a load when the braking force must be applied automatically. The only other

**TABLE 54** Mechanical and Electrical Brake Characteristics

Type of brake	Typical characteristics
Block	Wooden or cast-iron shoe bearing on iron or steel wheel; double blocks prevent bending of shaft; used where economy is prime consideration; leverage 5:1
Band	Asbestos fabric bearing on metal wheels; fabric may be reinforced with copper wire and impregnated with asphalt; bands are faced with wooden blocks; used where economy is a major consideration; leverage 10:1
Cone	Friction surface attached to metal cone; popular for cranes; coefficient of friction = 0.08 to 0.10; useful for intermittent braking applications
Disk	Have one or more flat braking surfaces; effective for large loads; continuous application
Internal-shoe	Popular for vehicles where shaft rotation occurs in both directions; self-energizing, i.e., friction makes shoe follow rotating brake drum; capable of large braking power
Eddy-current	Used for flywheels requiring quick braking and where large kinetic energy of rotating masses precludes use of block brakes because of excessive heating
Electric, shoe-type	Used where automatic application of brake is required as soon as power is turned off; spring-activated brake shoes apply the braking action
Electric, friction-disk type	Best for duty cycles requiring a number of stops and starts per minute; may have one or multiple disks

possible choice—the eddy-current brake—is generally used for larger loads than this brake will handle.

**2. Compute the average brake torque required to stop the load.** Use the relation  $T_a = Wk^2n/(308t)$ , where  $T_a$  = average torque required to stop the load, lb-ft;  $Wk^2$  = load inertia, including brake rotating member, lb-ft<sup>2</sup>;  $n$  = shaft speed prior to braking, r/min;  $t$  = required or desired stopping time, s. For this brake,  $T_a = (200)(1800)/[308(40)] = 29.2$  lb-ft, or 351 lb-in (39.7 N·m).

**3. Apply a service factor to the average torque.** A service factor varying from 1.0 to 4.0 is usually applied to the average torque to ensure that the brake is of sufficient size for the load. Applying a service factor of 1.5 for this brake yields the required capacity =  $1.5(351) = 526$  in-lb (59.4 N·m).

**4. Choose the brake size.** Use an engineering data sheet from the selected manufacturer to choose the brake size. Thus, one manufacturer's data show that a 16-in (40.6-cm) diameter brake will adequately handle the load.

**5. Compute the revolutions prior to stopping.** Use the relation  $R_s = tn/120$ , where  $R$  = number of revolutions prior to stopping; other symbols as before. Thus,  $R_s = (40)(1800)/120 = 600$  r.

**6. Compute the heat the brake must dissipate.** Use the relation  $H = 1.7 FWk^2(n/100)^2$ , where  $H$  = heat generated at friction surfaces, ft-lb/min;  $F$  = number of duty cycles per minute; other symbols as before. Thus,  $H = 1.7(1)(200)(1800/100)^2 = 110,200$  ft-lb/min (2490.2 N·m/s).

**7. Determine whether the brake temperature will rise.** From the manufacturer's data sheet, find the heat dissipation capacity of the brake while operating and while at rest. For a 16-in (40.6-cm) shoe-type brake, one manufacturer gives an operating heat dissipation  $H_o = 150,000$  ft-lb/min (3389.5 N·m/s) and an at-rest heat dissipation of  $H_v = 35,000$  ft-lb/min (790.9 N·m/s).

Apply the cycle time for the event; i.e., the brake operates for 40 s, or 40/60 of the time, and is at rest for 20 s, or 20/60 of the time. Hence, the heat dissipation of the brake is  $(150,000)(40/60) + (35,000)(20/60) = 111,680$  ft-lb/min (2523.6 N·m/s). Since the heat dissipation, 111,680 ft-lb/min (2523.6 N·m/s), exceeds the heat generated, 110,200 ft-lb/min (2490.2 N·m/s), the temperature of the brake will remain constant. If the heat generated exceeded the heat dissipated, the brake temperature would rise constantly during the operation.

Brake temperatures higher than 250°F (121.1°C) can reduce brake life. In the 250 to 300°F (121.1 to 148.9°C) range, periodic replacement of the brake friction surfaces may be necessary. Above 300°F (148.9°C), forced-air cooling of the brake is usually necessary.

**Related Calculations** Because electric brakes are finding wider industrial use, Tables 55 and 56, summarizing their performance characteristics and ratings, are presented here for easy reference.

The coefficient of friction for brakes must be carefully chosen; otherwise, the brake may “grab,” i.e., attempt to stop the load instantly instead of slowly. Usual values for the coefficient of friction range between 0.08 and 0.50.

The methods given above can be used to analyze brakes applied to hoists, elevators, vehicles, etc. Where  $Wk^2$  is not given, estimate it, using the moving parts of the brake and load as a guide to the relative magnitude of load inertia. The method presented is the work of Joseph F. Peck, reported in *Product Engineering*.

**TABLE 55** Performance Characteristics of Electric Brakes

Brake type	Operational mode		Design characteristics					Brake functions performed					
	On-off	Continuous	Torque adjustment	Torque control range	Wear adjustment	Residual drag	Heat dissipation	Instant stop	Cushioned stop	Retard (drag)	Hold	Failsafe brake	On-off duty-cycling capability
Magnetic particle	Yes	Yes	Electrical	Wide	Nonwearing	High	Limited	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Limited by heat-dissipation capability to low-inertia loads
Eddy-current, air-cooled	Yes	Yes	Electrical	Wide	Nonwearing	Moderate to low	Good	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Limited to long time cycles
Eddy-current, water-cooled	Yes	Yes	Electrical	Wide	Nonwearing	High to moderate	Excellent	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Limited to long time cycles
Single-disk friction, electrically actuated	Yes	Yes	Electrical	Wide	Self-compensating	None	Excellent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Excellent—up to several hundred stops per minute
Multidisk friction, electrically actuated, direct-acting	Yes	No	Electrical	Moderate		Low	Limited	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Same as comparable size electric motor: 12 stops per minute (maximum)
Multidisk friction, electrically actuated, indirect-acting	Yes	No	Mechanical	Limited	Mechanical			Yes	Semi-soft	No	Yes	No	Same as comparable size electric motor: 12 stops per minute (maximum)
Multidisk friction, spring-actuated	Yes	No	Mechanical	Limited	Mechanical	Low	Limited	Yes	Semi-soft	No	Yes	Yes	Same as comparable size electric motor: 12 stops per minute (maximum)
Shoe brake, spring-actuated	Yes	No	Mechanical	Limited	Mechanical	None	Good	Yes	Semi-soft	No	Yes	Yes	Generally not over 3 stops per minute without derating

**TABLE 56** Representative Range of Ratings and Dimensions for Electric Brakes

Brake type	hp (W)	Torque, maximum, lb. ft (N·m)	Shaft speed, maximum, r/min	Diameter, in (cm)	Length, in (cm)	Inertia of rotating member, lb-ft <sup>2</sup> (N·m <sup>2</sup> )
Magnetic particle brakes	1/50–25 (14.9–18,643)	0.6–150 (0.8–203.4)	1,000–2,000	2–10 (5.1–25.4)	2–6 (5.1–15.2)	1.5 × 10 <sup>-4</sup> –0.27 (6.2 × 10 <sup>-5</sup> –0.11)
Eddy-current brakes:						
Air-cooled	3/4–75 (559.3–55,928)	5–1,740 (6.8–2,359)	2,000–900	6 1/2–24 3/4 (16.5–62.9)	9 1/2–43 1/2 (24.1–110.5)	0.12–100 (0.05–41.3)
Water-cooled	40–800 (29,828–596,560)	130–4,600 (176.3–6,237)	1,800–1,200	14 3/4–36 1/2 (37.5–92.7)	18 1/2–43 (47.0–109.2)	8.5–725 (3.5–299.6)
Friction disk brakes:						
Single-disk, electrically actuated	1/50–200 (14.9–149,140)	0.17–700 (0.23–949.1)	10,000–1,800	1 1/2–15 1/4 (3.8–38.7)	1 1/2–4 1/2 (3.8–11.4)	0.000125–3 (0.000052–1.2)
Multiple-disk, electrically actuated	1/4–2,000 (186.4–1,491,400)	3–15,000 (4.1–20,337)	5,000–750	2 1/4–21 (5.7–53.3)	2–8 (5.1–20.3)	Up to 90 (Up to 37.2)
Multiple-disk, spring-actuated	1/4–2,000 (186.4–1,491,400)	4–7,500 (5.4–10,169)	5,000–1,200	4–29 (10.2–73.7)	2 1/2–16 1/2 (6.4–41.9)	
Shoe brakes, spring-actuated	1–2,500 (745.7–1,864,250)	3–10,000 (4.1–13,558)	10,000–1,200	2–28 (5.1–71.1)	4 1/2–12 (11.4–30.5)	0.023–485 (0.010–200.4)

## MECHANICAL BRAKE SURFACE AREA AND COOLING TIME

How much radiating surface must a brake drum have if it absorbs 20 hp (14.9 kW), operates for half the use cycle, and cannot have a temperature rise greater than 300°F (166.7°C)? How long will it take this brake to cool to a room temperature of 75°F (23.9°C) if the brake drum is made of cast iron and weighs 100 lb (45.4 kg)?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the required radiating area of the brake.** Use the relation  $A = 42.4 \text{ hp}F/K$ , where  $A$  = required brake radiating area, in<sup>2</sup>;  $hp$  = power absorbed by the brakes;  $F$  = brake load factor = operating portion of use cycle;  $K$  = constant =  $Ct_r$ , where  $C$  = radiating factor from Table 57,  $t_r$  = brake temperature rise, °F. For this brake, assuming a full 300°F (166.7°C) temperature rise and using data from Table 57, we get  $A = 42.4(20)(0.5)/[(0.00083)(300)] = 1702 \text{ in}^2$  (10,980.6 cm<sup>2</sup>).

**2. Compute the brake cooling time.** Use the relation  $t = (cW \ln t_r)/(K_c A)$ , where  $t$  = brake cooling time, min;  $c$  = specific heat of brake-drum material, Btu/(lb·°F);  $W$  = weight of brake drum, lb;  $t_r$  = drum temperature rise, °F;  $\ln$  = log to base  $e$  = 2.71828;  $K_c$  = a constant varying from 0.4 to 0.8; other symbols as before. Using  $K_c = 0.4$ ,  $c = 0.13$ ,  $t = (0.13 \times 100 \ln 300)/[(0.4)(1702)] = 0.1088 \text{ min}$ .

**TABLE 57** Brake Radiating Factors

Temperature rise of brake		Radiating factor $C$
°F	°C	
100	55.6	0.00060
200	111.1	0.00075
300	166.7	0.00083
400	222.2	0.00090

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for friction brakes used to stop loads that are lifted or lowered, as in cranes, moving vehicles, rotating cylinders, and similar loads.

## INVOLUTE SPLINE SIZE FOR KNOWN LOAD

Choose the type and size of involute spline to transmit a torque of 10,000 lb-in (1129.8 N·m) from an electric motor to a centrifugal pump. What are the required face width and number of teeth for this spline?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Select the type of spline to use.** Involute splines are usually chosen for industrial drives because this type transmits more torque for its size than a parallel-side spline does. The involute spline has almost no speed limitation, being used at speeds of 10,000 r/min and higher. Further, an involute spline can be cut and measured by the same machines that cut and measure gear teeth. A spline, however, differs from a gear in that the spline has no rolling action and all teeth are in contact at once.

Involute splines may be either *flexible* or *fixed*. Flexible splines allow some rocking motion; and under torque, the teeth slip axially to accommodate axial expansion or runout. Fixed splines allow no relative or rocking motion between the internal and external teeth. The fixed-type spline can be either shrink-fitted or loosely fitted together. For a centrifugal-pump drive, the flexible-type spline is generally preferred. Therefore, a flexible involute spline will be chosen for this drive. A standard commercial grade will be acceptable.

**2. Determine the pitch diameter of the spline.** Enter Fig. 39 at a torque of 10,000 lb-in (1129.8 N·m), and project vertically upward to the curve marked *Commercial flexible*. From the intersection

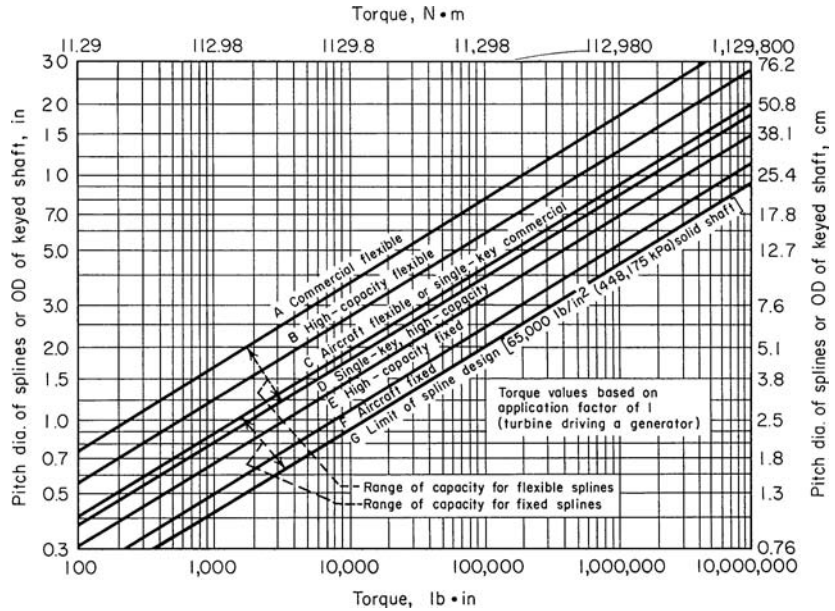


FIGURE 39 Spline size based on diameter-torque relationships. (Product Engineering.)

with this curve, project horizontally to the left to find the required spline pitch diameter as 3.75 in (9.5 cm). This is also the required outside diameter of a keyed shaft to transmit the same torque.

3. **Determine the maximum effective face width.** Enter Fig. 40 at the pitch diameter of 3.75 in (9.5 cm), and project horizontally to the curve marked *For flexible splines*. From the intersection, project vertically downward to read the maximum effective face width as 1.75 in (4.4 cm).

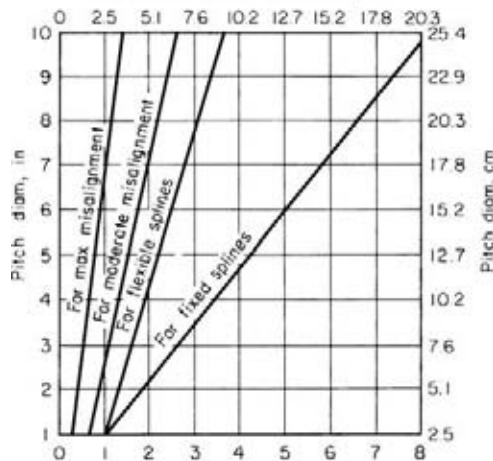


FIGURE 40 Face width of splines for various applications. (Product Engineering.)

**TABLE 58** Recommended Minimum Numbers of Spline Teeth\*

Pitch diameter		Broaching			Shaping				Shaving or grinding	
		Angle: 30° Depth: 50%	20° or 50%	14½° 30%	30° 50%	25° 70%	25° 75%	14½° 30%	25° 70%	20° 75%
0.5	1.3	6	10	10	12	18				
0.8	2.0	8	12	10	14	20	22	16		
1.0	2.5	8	12	10	16	20	24	16		
2.0	5.1	8	12	12	20	20	24	24		
4.0	10.2	10	16	16	24	24	32	24	48	48
8.0	20.3	20	20	24	32	32	40	32	56	56
12.0	30.5	30	30	36	36	36	48	36	60	60

\*Product Engineering.

**4. Choose the number of teeth for the spline.** Table 58 lists the recommended minimum number of teeth for an involute spline. Cost and manufacturing considerations determine the number of teeth to use, because the number of teeth chosen has no effect on tooth stress. An even number of teeth should be used whenever possible. When a large number of teeth are used on a spline, the root diameter of the external member is greater, tool design is easier, and lubrication is improved. Generally, however, the cost of the spline increases with a larger number of teeth.

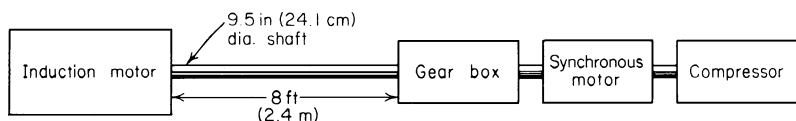
For industrial drives, where the spline cost is usually more important than the weight of the spline or the space it occupies, a tooth with a 20° pressure angle is generally chosen. The nominal tooth depth, compared with gear teeth, is 75 percent. Using these data and a pitch diameter of 3.75 in (9.5 cm), as determined in step 2, shows that 32 teeth should be used.

**Related Calculations** Involute splines for use in aircraft applications generally have a 30° pressure angle and 50 percent depth. In automotive service, shaved splines having the same proportions as the industrial splines mentioned above are often used. Rolled splines having 30 or 40° pressure angles and 50 and 40 percent depth, respectively, are also used. ANSA standards covering involute and straight-sided splines are available.

The method presented here is the work of Darle W. Dudley, reported in *Product Engineering*.

## FRICION DAMPING FOR SHAFT VIBRATION

Design a *dry-friction* (also termed *coulomb friction*) sleeve for a shaft transmitting power to an air compressor. The shaft has an outside diameter of 9.5 in (24.1 cm) and a length of 8 ft (2.4 m), and it drives the compressor as shown in Fig. 41. The angular value of torsional vibration should be limited to 10 percent of the steady displacement caused by the mean torque in the shaft. The compressor torque is 800,000 lb-in (90,387.8 N-m).

**FIGURE 41** Transmission system designed for friction damping. (*Product Engineering*.)

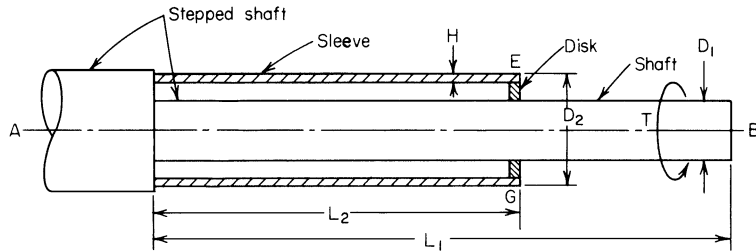


FIGURE 42 Thin sleeve added to rotating shaft reduces torsional vibrations. (*Product Engineering.*)

**Calculation Procedure**

**1. Compute the required damping ratio.** To apply the friction-damping technique to a shaft, a sleeve (Fig. 42) is added which is attached to the shaft at one end, A. The sleeve is extended along the shaft and makes contact with some point on the shaft through the disk. This disk may be welded to or tightly pressed on the shaft and snugly fits into the sleeve.

In most dry-friction damping, about 3 percent of the damping takes place per cycle. If the forcing torque were reduced for one cycle, the strain energy would drop to 97 percent of its maximum value and the angular displacement  $\theta$  of the shaft would drop to  $0.97\theta$ . Hence, the forcing torque must be such as to increase the angular displacement by an amount, or (in the absence of damping)  $\Delta\theta = 0.03\theta$  per cycle =  $0.015\theta$  for a half-cycle.

Compute the damping ratio for the system from  $R = 1 - \Delta\theta/\theta$ , where  $R$  = damping ratio. Thus,  $R = 1 - 0.015\theta/(0.1\theta) = 0.85$ . The value  $0.1\theta$  is used in the denominator because the design requires that  $\Delta\theta$  be limited to 10 percent of the steady displacement  $\theta$ , which results from the mean torque in the shaft.

**2. Determine the shaft damping/critical damping value.** With  $R = 0.85$ , enter Fig. 43, and find  $m = 5.2$ , where  $m = D_1/(8HC^3) =$  ratio of the torsional stiffness of the shaft to that of the sleeve, a dimensional constant;  $D_1$  = shaft diameter, in;  $H$  = thickness of the sleeve wall, in;  $C = D_2/D_1$ , where

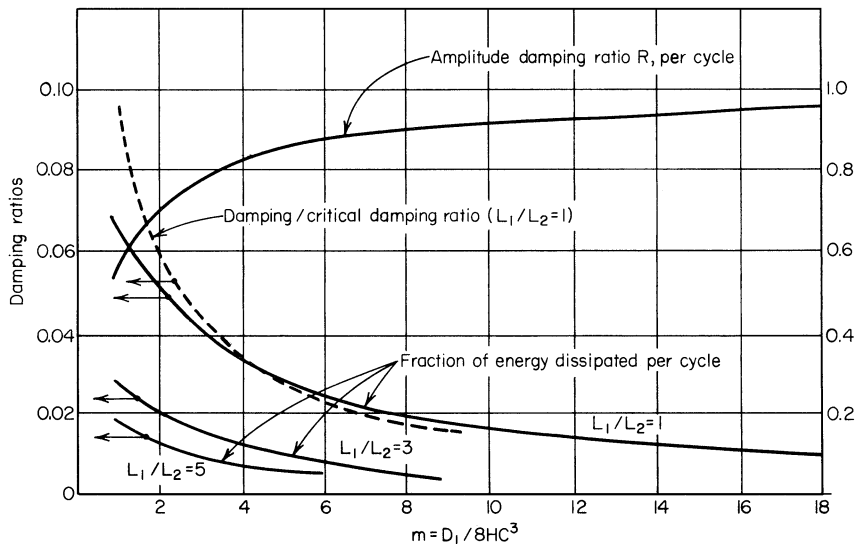


FIGURE 43 Design chart for friction damping. (*Product Engineering.*)



$D_2$  = outside diameter of sleeve, in. Thus, damping/critical damping value = 0.026, or 2.6 percent, from Fig. 43, assuming  $L_1/L_2 = 1.0$ .

**3. Select the sleeve outside diameter.** Since  $m = D_1/(8HC^3) = 5.2$ , and  $D_1 = 7.5$  in (19.1 cm),  $HC^3 = 0.1802$ , by substitution of the value of  $D_1$  and  $m$  in this relation.

Choose how  $HC^3$  is to be made up. Assuming  $D_2 = 2D_1$ ,  $C = D_2/D_1 = 2.0$ . Since  $HC^3 = 0.1802$ ,  $H = -0.1802/2^3 = 0.0225$  in (0.572 mm). This provides a sleeve thickness of about 24 gage. The sleeve will weigh only about 2.7 percent of the shaft weight. Thus, a 10:1 reduction in the vibration is obtained with very little extra weight.

**4. Compute the resisting torque of the system.** The ratio of resisting frictional torque applied by sleeve  $T_r$  lb-in to the applied torque on the shaft  $T$  lb-in is  $T_r/T = 1[1 - (1 - 1/ar)^{0.5}]$ , where  $a = L_1/L_2$ ;  $r = 1 + m$ . Or,  $T_r/T = 1\{1 - [1/(1 \times 6.2)]^{0.5}\} = 0.09$ . Since the compressor torque  $T = 800,000$  lb-in (90,387.8 N-m),  $T_r = 0.09(800,000) = 72,000$  lb-in (8134.9 N-m).

**5. Compute the friction force on the sleeve.** In step 4 the sleeve diameter  $D_2$  was chosen as  $2D_1$ . Since  $D_1 = 7.5$  in (19.1 cm),  $2D_1 = 15$  in (38.10 cm). The frictional torque acts, through the disk, over the circumference of the inner surface of the sleeve. The diameter of the inner surface of the sleeve is  $15.0 - 2(0.0225) = 14.955$  in (38.09 cm), using the sleeve thickness obtained in step 3. The circumference of the inner surface of the sleeve is  $14.955\pi = 47.0$  in (119.4 cm). Hence, the friction force acting on the sleeve  $F_f = T_r/\text{circumference}$ , in =  $72,000/47.0 = 1532$  lb (6814.7 N).

**6. Determine the disk normal force.** Assume that the disk has a coefficient of friction of 0.6. Then the normal force acting on the sleeve is  $F_n = F_f/f$ , where  $f$  = coefficient of friction, or  $F_n = 1532/0.6 = 2550$  lb (11,343.0 N).

**Related Calculations** Dry-friction damping can be applied to industrial machines of many types, military equipment (submarines, missiles, aircraft), internal-combustion engines, and similar machinery. Vibration amplitudes in a shaft become a problem when the shaft length-to-thickness ratio  $L_1/D_1$  becomes large. Although the shaft diameter can be increased to reduce the ratio, this adds to the weight and cost of the machine.

Here are several useful design pointers: (1) If weight is a primary objective, make the damping-sleeve diameter as large as possible. (2) If weight is not important, use a sleeve diameter only slightly larger than the shaft diameter. (3) Sleeve length can vary from 0.1 to 1.0 shaft length. With short sleeves, be sure the sleeve has sufficient rigidity and stiffness. (4) Reduce the sleeve wall thickness at the end of the sleeve in contact with the disk so that the contact pressure will not induce large stresses in the shaft. The method presented here was developed by Burt Zimmerman and reported in *Product Engineering*.

## DESIGNING PARTS FOR EXPECTED LIFE

A machined and ground rod has an ultimate strength of  $s_u = 90,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (620,350 kPa) and a yield strength  $s_y = 60,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (413,700 kPa). It is grooved by grinding and has a stress concentration factor of  $K_f = 1.5$ . The expected loading in bending is 10,000 to 60,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (68,950 to 413,700 kPa) for 0.5 percent of the time; 20,000 to 50,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (137,900 to 344,750 kPa) for 9.5 percent of the time; 20,000 to 45,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (137,900 to 310,275 kPa) for 20 percent of the time; 30,000 to 40,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (206,850 to 275,800 kPa) for 30 percent of the time; 30,000 to 35,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (206,850 to 241,325 kPa) for 40 percent of the time. What is the expected fatigue life of this part in cycles?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the material endurance limit.** For  $s_u = 90,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (620,550 kPa), the endurance limit of the material  $s_e = 40,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (275,800 kPa), closely, from Fig. 44.

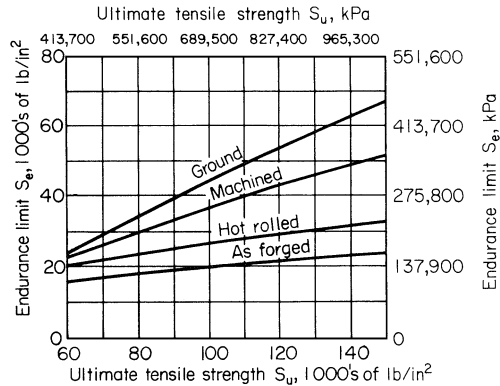


FIGURE 44 Relationship between endurance limit and ultimate tensile strength. (Product Engineering.)

2. **Compute the equivalent completely reversed stress.** The largest equivalent completely reversed stress for each load in bending is  $s_F = (s_e/s_y)s_a + K_f s_a$  lb/in<sup>2</sup>; where  $s_a$  = average or steady stress, lb/in<sup>2</sup>; other symbols as before. Since  $s_e/s_y = 40,000/60,000 = 2/3$  and  $K_f = 1.5$ ,  $s_v = 2/3s_a + 1.5s_a$ . Then

$$s_{v1} = (2/3)(35,000) + (1.5)(25,000) = 60,830 \text{ lb/in}^2 \text{ (419,422.9 kPa)}$$

$$s_{v2} = (2/3)(35,000) + (1.5)(15,000) = 45,830 \text{ lb/in}^2 \text{ (315,997.9 kPa)}$$

$$s_{v3} = (2/3)(32,500) + (1.5)(12,500) = 40,420 \text{ lb/in}^2 \text{ (278,695.9 kPa)}$$

$$s_{v4} = (2/3)(35,000) + (1.5)(5000) = 30,830 \text{ lb/in}^2 \text{ (212,572.9 kPa)}$$

$$s_{v5} = (2/3)(32,500) + (1.5)(2500) = 25,420 \text{ lb/in}^2 \text{ (175,270.9 kPa)}$$

3. **Compute the fatigue life for the initial stress.** The initial stress is  $s_{v1}$ ; the fatigue life at this stress is, in cycles,  $N_1 = 1000(s_u/s_{v1})^{3/\log(s_u/s_e)}$  where  $s_{v1}$  = equivalent completely reversed stress, lb/in<sup>2</sup>; other symbols as before. By taking the first value of  $s_{vi} = s_{v1} = 60,830$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (419,422.9 kPa),  $N_1 = 1000(90,000/60,830)^{3/\log 2.25} = 28,100$  cycles.

4. **Compute the exponent for the fatigue-life equation.** The exponent for the fatigue-life equation is  $2.55/\log(s_u/s_e) = 2.55/\log(90,000/40,000) = 7.2406$ .

5. **Compute the factors for the fatigue-life equation.** The factors needed for the fatigue-life equation are  $s_{vi}/s_{v1}$ ,  $(s_{vi}/s_{v1})^{2.55/\log(s_u/s_e)}$ , and  $\alpha_i(s_{vi}/s_{v1})^{2.55/\log(s_u/s_e)}$ . In these factors, the value of  $s_{vi} = s_{v2}, s_{v3}$ , and so forth, as summarized in Table 59. The value  $\alpha_i$  = percent-time duration of a stress, expressed as a decimal. The numerical values computed are summarized in Table 59.

TABLE 59 Values for Cycles-to-Failure Analysis

$s_{vi}$		$s_{vi}/s_{v1}$	$(s_{vi}/s_{v1})^{7.2406}$	$i$	$i(s_{vi}/s_{v1})^{7.2406}$
lb/in <sup>2</sup>	kPa				
60,830	419,422.9	1.00	1.00	0.005	0.00500
45,830	315,997.9	1.3273	0.12873	0.095	0.01223
40,420	278,695.9	1.5051	0.05179	0.200	0.01036
30,830	212,572.9	1.9730	0.007296	0.300	0.00219
25,420	175,270.9	2.3934	0.001802	0.400	0.00072
					0.03050

**6. Compute the part fatigue life in cycles.** The part fatigue life, in cycles, is  $N = N_1/\alpha_1 + \alpha_2[1/(s_{v1}/s_{v2})^{2.55/\log(s_{id}/s_e)} + 3[1/(s_{v1}/s_{v3})^{2.55/\log(s_{id}/s_e)} + \dots$  for each bending load. In this equation,  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots$  = percent-time duration of a stress, expressed as a decimal, the subscript referring to the stress mentioned in step 2, above.

Since Table 59 summarizes the denominator of the fatigue-life equation,  $N = N_1/0.03050 = 28,100/0.03050 = 922,000$  cycles.

**Related Calculations** Data on the endurance limit, yield point, and ultimate strength of ferrous materials are tabulated in Baumeister and Marks—*Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers*. The equations presented in this calculation procedure hold for both simple and complex loading. These equations can be used for analysis of an existing part or for design of a part to fail after a selected number of cycles. The latter procedure is sometimes used for components in an assembly in which the principal part has an accurately known life.

The method presented here is the work of Professor M. F. Spotts, reported in *Product Engineering*.

## WEAR LIFE OF ROLLING SURFACES

Determine the maximum allowable bearing load in various bearing materials to avoid pronounced wear before  $40 \times 10^6$  stress cycles if the roller bearing made of these materials has these dimensions: outside diameter = 4.3307 in (11.0 cm), bore = 2.3622 in (6.0 cm), width = 0.866 in (2.2 cm), inner-race radius  $r_2 = 1.439$  in (3.655 cm), roller diameter = 0.468 in (1.19 cm), roller width  $f = 0.468$  in (1.19 cm), number of rollers  $n = 16$ . Materials being considered are gray cast iron, Meehanite; and hardened-steel rollers on cast-iron races, on heat-treated cast-iron races, on heat-treated and medium-steel races, and on carburized low-carbon steel races.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the load-stress factor for each material.** Table 60 lists the load-stress factor  $K$  for various materials at varying load cycles. Thus for gray cast iron,  $K = 1300$  at  $40 \times 10^6$  cycles.

**2. Compute the maximum allowable bearing load.** Use the relation  $F = nfK/[5(1/r_1 + 1/r_2)]$  where all symbols are defined in the problem statement above. Thus,  $F = (16)(0.468)(1300)/[5(1/0.234 + 1/1.439)] = 391$  lb (1739.3 N) for gray cast iron.

For the other materials, by using the appropriate  $K$  value from Table 60 and the above procedure, the allowable load is as follows:

Bearing materials	Allowable load, lb (N)
Meehanite rollers and races	587 (2,611.1)
Hardened-steel rollers, cast-iron races	300 (1,334.5)
Hardened-steel rollers, heat-treated cast-iron races	933 (4,150.2)
Hardened-steel rollers, heat-treated medium-steel races	2,700 (12,010.2)
Hardened-steel rollers, carburized low-carbon steel races	3,912 (17,401.4)

**Related Calculations** The same, or similar, procedures can be used for computing the wear life of gears, cams, bearings, clutches, chains, and other devices having rolling surfaces. Thus, in a joint composed of a pin having radius  $r_1$  in a hole of radius  $r_2$ ,  $F = fK/(1/r_1 - 1/r_2)$ . This relation also applies to a roller chain. For a cam,  $F = fK \cos \infty / (1/\rho - 1/r)$ , where  $\infty$  = cam pressure angle;  $\rho$  = cam radius of contact, in;  $r$  = radius of contact, in.

The method presented here is the work of Professor Donald J. Myatt, reported in *Product Engineering*.

**TABLE 60** Load-Stress  $K$  Factors for Various Materials\*

Roller 1		Roller 2	$K$ of roller 1 at number of cycles			
Material	Hardness	Material	$10^6$	$10^7$	$4 \times 10^7$	$10^8$
Gray cast iron	130–180 BHN	Same as roller 1	4,000	2,000	1,300	
GM Meehanite	190–240 BHN		4,000	2,500	1,950	
Nodular cast iron	207–241 BHN		10,000	5,600	. . . .	3,400
Gray cast iron	270–290 BHN		7,500	5,300	4,200	
Gray cast iron, phosphate-coated	140–160 BHN	Carbon tool steel 60–62 Re	2,600	1,400	1,000	
	160–190 BHN		3,200	1,900	1,300	
	270–290 BHN		5,500	4,000	3,100	
SAE 1020 steel, phosphate-coated	130–150 BHN		4,500	2,700	1,700	
SAE 4150 steel, chromium-plated	270–300 BHN		13,500	11,000	. . . .	9,000
SAE 6150 steel	270–300 BHN		2,600	1,300		
SAE 1020 steel, induction-hardened	45–55 RC		21,000	14,500	. . . .	10,000
SAE 1340 steel case-hardened	50–58 RC		26,000	20,000	. . . .	15,000
Phosphor bronze	67–77 BHN		3,600	1,600	1,000	
Yellow brass	Drawn		5,600	3,000	2,000	
	Extruded		4,500	2,400	1,700	
Zinc diecasting	. . . . .		1,100	500	320	
Laminated-graphitized phenolic	. . . . .		1,700	1,300	1,000	
Cast aluminum SAE 39	60–65 BHN		Gray cast iron 340–360 BHN	1,200	500	300

\*Product Engineering. Based on data presented by W. C. Cram at a University of Michigan symposium on surface damage.

**FACTOR OF SAFETY AND ALLOWABLE STRESS IN DESIGN**

Determine the cross section dimension  $b$  of a uniform square bar of structural steel having a tensile yield strength  $s_y = 33,000 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (227,535.0 kPa), if the bar carries a center load of 1000 lb (4448.2 N) as a beam with a span of 24 in (61.0 cm) with simply supported ends. Use both the allowable-stress and ultimate-strength methods to determine the required dimension.

**Calculation Procedure**

- 1. Design first on the basis of allowable stress.** From Table 61, in the section on buildings, the working or allowable stress  $s_w = 0.6s_y = 0.6(33,000) = 19,800 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (136,521.0 kPa).
- 2. Compute the maximum bending moment.** For a central load and simple supports, the maximum bending moment is, from earlier sections of this handbook,  $M_m = (W/2)(L/2)$ , where  $W$  = load on beam, lb;  $L$  = length of beam, in. Thus,  $M_m = (1000/2)(24/2) = 6000 \text{ in-lb}$  (677.9 N·m).
- 3. Compute the required cross section dimension.** For a beam of square cross section,  $I/c = [b(b)^3/12]/(b/2) = b^3/6$ . Also,  $s_w = M_m/cI$ . Substituting and solving for  $b$  gives  $b^3 = (6000)(6)/19,800$ ;  $b = 1.22 \text{ in}$  (3.1 cm).

**TABLE 61** Illustrative Allowable Stresses and Factors of Safety\*

Application	Materials	Allowable stress $s_w$	Approximate factor of safety
Buildings and other structures	Structural steel	Direct tension $s_w = 0.6s_y$ ; $0.45s_y$ on net section at pin holes; bending $s_w = 0.6s_y$ ; shear $s_w = 0.45s_y$ on rivets, $0.40s_y$ on girder webs; bearing $s_w = 1.35s_y$ on rivets in double shear; $1s_y$ in single shear	1.70 for beams; 1.85 for continuous frames
	Structural aluminum 6061-T6, 6062-T6 $s_w = 38,000$ lb/in <sup>2</sup> (262.010 kPa), $s_w = 35,000$ lb/in <sup>2</sup> (241,325 kPa)	Direct tension $s_w = 17,000$ lb/in <sup>2</sup> (117,215 kPa); bending structural shapes, $s_w = 17,000$ lb/in <sup>2</sup> (117,215 kPa); rectangular sections $s_w = 23,000$ lb/in <sup>2</sup> (158,585 kPa); shear $s_w = 10,000$ lb/in <sup>2</sup> (68,950 kPa) on cold-driven rivets, 11,000 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (75,845 kPa) on girder webs; bearing $s_w = 30,000$ lb/in <sup>2</sup> (206,850 kPa) on rivets	1.8 for beams; 2 for columns
Bridges	Reinforced concrete	Bending, compression in concrete, $s_w = 0.45s'_c$ ; bending, tension in steel, $s_w = 0.40s_y$ ; bending, tension in plain concrete footings, $s_w = 0.03s'_c$ ; shear, on concrete in unreinforced web, $s_w = 0.03s'_c$ ; compression in concrete column, $s_w = 0.225s'_c$	6 in general
	Wood	Bending, $s_w = 1/6s'$ ; long compression, $s_w = 1/6s'_c$ ; transverse-compression, $s_w = 1/2$ elastic limit (400 for Douglas fir); shear parallel to grain $s_w = 120$ for Douglas fir	
Machinery	Structural metals and reinforced concrete	$s_w$ about $0.9s_w$ for buildings	2.05
	Wood	$s_w$ same as for buildings	6
Pressure vessels (unfired)	Steel (shafts, etc.)	Steady tension, compression or bending, $s_w = s_y/n$ ; pure shear, $s_w = s_y/2n$ ; tension $s_t$ plus shear $s_s$ ; $s_t^2 + 4s_s^2 \leq s_y^2/n$ ; alternating stress $s_a$ plus mean stress $s_m$ ; point representing an alternating stress $nk_t s_a$ and a mean stress $ns_m$ must lie below the Goodman diagram, Fig. 1	n usually between 1.5 and 2
	Steel (SAE 1095), leaf springs, thickness = $t$ in $t > 0 < 0.10$	Static loading $s_w = 230,000 - 1,000,000t$ lb/in <sup>2</sup> (1,585.850 - 6,895,000t kPa); variable loading, $10^7$ cycles, $s_w = 200,000 - 800,000t$ lb/in <sup>2</sup> (1,379,000 - 5,516,000t kPa); dynamic loading, $10^7$ cycles, $s_w = 155,000 - 600,000t$ lb/in <sup>2</sup> (1,068,725 - 4,137,000t kPa)	
Airplanes	Steel (wire, ASTM-A228, helical springs)	$s_w = 100,000$ lb/in <sup>2</sup> (689,500 kPa) [for $d = 0.2$ in (0.5 cm); $10^7$ cycles repeated stress]	5
	Carbon steel	Membrane stress, $s_w = 0.211s_y$ ; membrane plus discontinuity stresses, $s_w = 0.9s_y$ or $0.6s_y$	4
Airplanes	Alloy steels	Membrane stress, $s_w = 0.25s_y$ ; membrane plus discontinuity stresses, $s_w = 0.95s_y$ or $0.6s_y$	10,6.67 4
	Cast iron Nonferrous metals	Membrane stress, $s_w = 0.1s_y$ ; bending stress $s_w = 0.15s_y$ Same rule as alloy steels	
Airplanes	Aluminum alloy and steel	Ultimate strength design	1.5 against ultimate
	Wood	Ultimate strength design	1 against yield

\*From Roark—*Formulas for Stress and Strain*, 4th ed., McGraw-Hill.

Note:  $s_w$  = allowable or working stress;  $s_y$  = ultimate tensile strength;  $s_t$  = tensile yield strength;  $s'$  = modulus of rupture in cross-bending of rectangular bar;  $s'_c$  = ultimate shear strength;  $s'_c$  = ultimate compressive strength;  $s_c$  = endurance limit or endurance strength for specified life;  $n$  = dividing factor applied to  $s_y$ ,  $s_y$ , or  $s_c$  to obtain  $s_w$ .

**4. Design the beam on the basis of ultimate strength and a factor of safety.** The safety factor from Table 61 is 1.70 for beams. This safety factor is applied by designing the beam to fail just under a load of  $1.7(1000 \text{ lb}) = 1700 \text{ lb}$  (7562.0 N). Thus, to generalize, the design failure load = (factor of safety)(load on part, lb) =  $W_u$ .

For structural steel and other materials capable of fully plastic behavior, a simple beam or other member will collapse when the maximum moment equals the *plastic moment*  $M_p$ , which is developed when the stress throughout the section becomes equal to  $s_y$ . Hence,  $M_p = s_y Z$ , where  $Z$  = plastic modulus = arithmetical sum of the static moments of the upper and lower parts of the cross section about the horizontal axis that divides the area in half. For a square with its edges horizontal and vertical, as assumed here,  $Z = (1/2 b^2)(1/4 b) + (1/2 b^2)(1/4 b) = 1/4 b^3$ . Hence,  $M_p = 33,000(1/2 b^3)$ .

Set  $M_p$  = the ultimate bending moment, or  $(W_u/2)(L/2)$ , where  $W_u$  = design failure load = (factor of safety)(load on part, lb) =  $(1.70)(1000) = 1700 \text{ lb}$  (7562.0 N) for this beam. Thus,  $M_p = 33,000(1/4 b^3) = (1700/2)(24/2)$ ;  $b = 1.07 \text{ in}$  (2.7 cm).

By using the allowable stress,  $b = 1.22 \text{ in}$  (3.1 cm), as compared with 1.07 in (2.7 cm). The difference in results for the two methods (about 12 percent) can be traced to the ratio of  $Z$  to  $I/c$ , called the *shape factor*. For the case under consideration, this ratio is  $(1/4 b^3)/(1/6 d^3) = 1.5$ .

**5. Determine the beam size for a vertical diagonal.** Here  $Z = 0.2357 b^3$ ,  $I/c = 0.1178 b^3$ , and the shape factor =  $Z/(I/c) = 0.2357/0.1178 = 2.0$ .

Designing by allowable stress, using steps 1, 2, and 3, gives  $(0.1178 b^3)(19,800) = 6000$ ;  $b = 1.37 \text{ in}$  (3.5 cm). Designing by ultimate strength gives  $(0.2357 b^3)(33,000) = 10,200$ ;  $b = 1.095 \text{ in}$  (2.8 cm).

This computation shows that a more economical design is generally obtained by ultimate-strength design, with the advantage becoming greater as the shape factor becomes larger.

**Related Calculations** For conventional structural sections, such as I beams, the shape factor is not much greater than 1, and the two methods yield about the same result for statically determinate problems, such as this one. If the problem involves a statically indeterminate beam or a rigid frame, the advantage of the ultimate-strength method becomes more apparent because it takes account of the fact that collapse cannot occur, as a rule, until the plastic moment is developed at each of two or more sections.

The method given here is the work of Professor Raymond J. Roark, reported in *Product Engineering*.

## RUPTURE FACTOR AND ALLOWABLE STRESS IN DESIGN

Determine the proper thickness  $t$  of a circular plate 40 in (101.6 cm) in diameter if the edge of the plate is simply supported and the plate carries a uniformly distributed pressure of  $200 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (1379.0 kPa). The plate is made of cast iron having an ultimate strength of  $50,000 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (344,750.0 kPa).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Design on the basis of allowable stress.** From Table 61 of the previous calculation procedure, note in the section for pressure vessels that the value of the working or allowable stress  $s_w$ , lb/in<sup>2</sup> for tension due to bending is  $0.15 s_u$ , where  $s_u$  = ultimate tensile strength of the material, lb/in<sup>2</sup>. Thus,  $s_w = 0.15(50,000) = 7500 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (51,712.5 kPa).

**2. Compute the required plate thickness.** The maximum stress for a simply supported plate is, from Roark—*Formulas for Stress and Strain*,  $s_{\max} = (3W/8\pi t^2)(3 + \nu)$ , where  $W$  = total load on plate, lb;  $t$  = plate thickness, in;  $\nu$  = Poisson's ratio. For this plate,  $W = (200 \text{ lb/in}^2)(\pi)(20)^2 = 251,330 \text{ lb}$  (1,117,971.6 N). Assuming  $\nu = 0.3$  and solving for  $t$ , we find  $7500 = [(3)(251,330)/8\pi t^2](3 + 0.3)$ ;  $t = 3.63 \text{ in}$  (9.2 cm).

**3. Design on the basis of ultimate strength.** For ultimate-strength design, from Table 61 of the previous calculation procedure, use the value of 6.67 for the factor of safety. Design the plate to break, theoretically, under a load. Hence, the breaking load would be (factor of safety)  $W$ , or  $6.67(251,330) = 1,667,000$  lb (7,415,186.1 N).

**4. Apply the rupture factor to the design.** With a brittle material like cast iron, the concept of the plastic moment does not apply. Use instead the *rupture factor*, which is the ratio of the calculated maximum tensile stress at rupture to the ultimate tensile strength, both expressed in  $\text{lb}/\text{in}^2$ . Whereas the rupture factor must be determined experimentally, a number of typical values are given in Table 62 for a variety of cases.

For case 2, which corresponds to this problem, the rupture factor for cast iron is  $R_r = 1.9$ . Using this in the same equation for  $s_w$ , as in step 1,  $s_w = 1.9(50,000) = 95,000$   $\text{lb}/\text{in}^2$  (655,025.0 kPa). Then, by using the procedure and equation in step 2 but substituting the breaking load for the plate,  $95,000 = [(3)(1,677,000)/8\pi t^2] (3 + 0.3)$ ;  $t = 2.63$  in (6.7 cm).

**Related Calculations** The reliability of the solution using the ultimate-strength design technique depends on the accuracy of the rupture factor. When experimental or tabulated values of  $R_r$  are not available, the modulus of rupture may be used in place of  $R_r s_u$ . Typical values of Poisson's ratio  $\nu$  for various materials are given in Table 63.

The method presented here is the work of Professor Raymond J. Roark, reported in *Product Engineering*.

## FORCE AND SHRINK FIT STRESS, INTERFERENCE, AND TORQUE

A 0.5-in (1.3-cm) thick steel band having a modulus of elasticity of  $E = 30 \times 10^6$   $\text{lb}/\text{in}^2$  ( $206.8 \times 10^9$  Pa) is to be forced on a 4-in (10.2-cm) diameter steel shaft. The maximum allowable stress in the band is 24,000  $\text{lb}/\text{in}^2$  (165,480.0 kPa). What interference should be used between the band and the shaft? How much torque can the fit develop if the band is 3 in (7.6 cm) long and the coefficient of friction is 0.20?

### Calculation Procedure

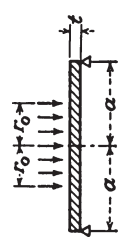
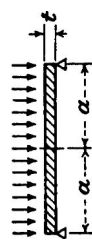
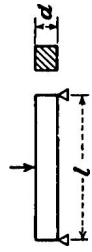
**1. Compute the required interference.** Use the relation  $i = sd/E$ , where  $i$  = the required interference to produce the maximum allowable stress in the band, in;  $s$  = stress in band or hub,  $\text{lb}/\text{in}^2$ ;  $d$  = shaft diameter, in;  $E$  = modulus of elasticity of band or hub,  $\text{lb}/\text{in}^2$ . For this fit,  $i = (24,000)(4.0)/(30 \times 10^6) = 0.0032$  in (0.081 mm).

**2. Compute the torque the fit will develop.** Use the relation  $T = Eitl\pi f$ , where  $T$  = fit torque,  $\text{lb}\cdot\text{in}$ ;  $t$  = band or hub thickness, in;  $l$  = band or hub length, in;  $f$  = coefficient of friction between the materials. For this joint,  $T = 30 \times 10^6 \times 0.0032 \times 0.5 \times 3.0 \times \pi \times 0.20 = 90,432$   $\text{lb}\cdot\text{in}$  (10,217.4 N·m).

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure for either shrink or press fits. The axial force required for a press fit of two members made of the same material is  $F_a$  = axial force for the press fit, lb;  $p_c$  = radial pressure between the two members,  $\text{lb}/\text{in}^2 = iE(d_c^2 - d_i^2)(d_o^2 - d_c^2)/zd_c^3(d_o^2 - d_i^2)$ , where  $d_o$  = outside diameter of the external member, in;  $d_c$  = nominal diameter of the contact surfaces, in;  $d_i$  = inside diameter of the inner member, in.

**TABLE 62** Values of the Rupture Factor for Brittle Materials \*

Form of member and manner of loading	Rupture factor; ratio of computed maximum stress at rupture to ultimate tensile strength			Ratio of computed maximum stress at rupture to modulus of rupture in bending or torsion		
	Cast iron	Plaster	Cast iron	Cast iron	Plaster	Plaster
1. Rectangular beam, end support, center loading, $l/d = 8$ or more	1.70	1.60	1	1	1	1
2. Solid circular plate, edge support, uniform loading, $a/t = 10$ or more	1.9	1.71	...	...	1.07	1.07
3. Solid circular plate edge support, uniform loading on concentric circular area	$2.4-0.5(r_o/a)^{1/6}$	$2.2-0.5(r_o/a)^{1/6}$	$1.40-0.3(r_o/a)^{1/6}$	$1.40-0.3(r_o/a)^{1/6}$	$1.4-0.3(r_o/a)^{1/6}$	$1.4-0.3(r_o/a)^{1/6}$



\*From Roark—*Formulas for Stress and Strain*, 4th ed., McGraw-Hill.



**TABLE 63** Poisson's Ratio for Various Materials

Material	Poisson's ratio
Aluminum:	
Cast	0.330
Wrought	0.330
Brass, cast, 66% Cu, 34% Zn	0.350
Bronze, cast, 85% Cu, 7.2% Zn, 6.4% Sn	0.358
Cast iron	0.260
Copper, pure	0.337
Phosphor bronze, cast, 92.5% Cu, 7.0% Sn, 0.5% Ph	0.380
Steel:	
Soft	0.300
1% C	0.287
Cast	0.280
Tin, cast, pure	0.330
Wrought iron	0.280
Nickel	0.310
Zinc	0.210

## HYDRAULIC SYSTEM PUMP AND DRIVER SELECTION

Choose the pump and the driver horsepower for a rubber-tired tractor bulldozer having four-wheel drive. The hydraulic system must propel the vehicle, operate the dozer, and drive the winch. Each main wheel will be driven by a hydraulic motor at a maximum wheel speed of 59.2 r/min and a maximum torque of 30,000 lb-in (3389.5 N·m). The wheel speed at maximum torque will be 29.6 r/min; maximum torque at low speed will be 74,500 lb-in (8417.4 N·m). The tractor speed must be adjustable in two ways: for overall forward and reverse motion and for turning, where the outside wheels turn at a faster rate than do the inside ones. Other operating details are given in the appropriate design steps below.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the propulsion requirements of the system.** Usual output requirements include speed, torque, force, and power for each function of the system, through the full capacity range.

First analyze the *propel* power requirements. For any propel condition,  $hp = Tn/63,000$ , where  $hp$  = horsepower required;  $T$  = torque, lb-in, at  $n$  r/min. Thus, at maximum speed,  $hp = (30,000)(59.2)/63,000 = 28.2$  hp (21.0 kW). At maximum torque,  $hp = 74,500 \times 29.6/63,000 = 35.0$  (26.1 kW); at maximum speed and maximum torque,  $hp = (74,500)(59.2)/63,000 = 70.0$  (52.2 kW).

The drive arrangement for a bulldozer generally uses hydraulic motors geared down to wheel speed. Choose a 3000-r/min step-variable type of motor for each wheel of the vehicle. Then each motor will operate at either of two displacements. At maximum vehicle loads, the higher displacement is used to provide maximum torque at low speed; at light loads, where a higher speed is desired, the lower displacement, producing reduced torque, is used.

Determine from a manufacturer's engineering data the motor specifications. For each of these motors the specifications might be: maximum displacement, 2.1 in<sup>3</sup>/r (34.4 cm<sup>3</sup>/r); rated pressure, 6000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (41,370.0 kPa); rated speed, 3000 r/min; power output at rated speed and pressure, 90.5 hp (67.5 kW); torque at rated pressure, 1900 lb-in (214.7 N·m).

The gear reduction ratio GR between each motor and wheel = (output torque required, lb-in)/(input torque, lb-in,  $\times$  gear reduction efficiency). Assuming a 92 percent gear reduction efficiency, a typical value, we find  $GR = 74,500/(1900 \times 0.92) = 42.6:1$ . Hence, the maximum motor speed = wheel speed  $\times$  GR =  $59.2 \times 42.6 + 2520$  r/min. At full torque the motor speed is, by the same relation,  $29.6 \times 42.6 = 1260$  r/min.

The required oil flow for the four motors is, at 1260 r/min,  $\text{in}^3/\text{r} \times 4 \text{ motors} \times (\text{r/min})/(231 \text{ in}^3/\text{gal}) = 2.1 \times 4 \times 1260/231 = 45.8$  gal/min (2.9 L/s). With a 10 percent leakage allowance, the required flow = 50 gal/min (3.2 L/s), closely, or  $50/4 = 12.5$  gal/min (0.8 L/s) per motor.

As computed above, the power output per motor is 35 hp (26.1 kW). Thus, the four motors will have a total output of  $4(35) = 140$  hp (104.4 kW).

**2. Determine the linear auxiliary power requirements.** The dozer uses a linear power output. Two hydraulic cylinders each furnish a maximum force of 10,000 lb (44,482.2 N) to the dozer at a maximum speed of 10 in/s (25.4 cm/s). Assuming that the maximum operating pressure of the system is 3500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (24,132.5 kPa), we see that the piston area required per cylinder is: force developed, lb/operating pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup> =  $10,000/3500 = 2.86 \text{ in}^2$  (18.5 cm<sup>2</sup>), or about a 2-in (5.1-cm) cylinder bore. With a 2-in (5.1-cm) bore, the operating pressure could be reduced in the inverse ratio of the piston areas. Or,  $2.86/(2^2\pi/4) = p/3500$ , where  $p$  = cylinder operating pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup>. Hence,  $p = 3180$  lb/in<sup>2</sup>, say 3200 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (22,064.0 kPa).

By using a 2-in (5.1-cm) bore cylinder, the required oil flow, gal, to each cylinder = (cylinder volume, in<sup>3</sup>)(stroke length, in)/(231 in<sup>3</sup>/gal) =  $(2^2\pi/4)(10)/231 = 0.1355$  gal/s, or  $0.1355 \times (60 \text{ s/min}) = 8.15$  gal/min (0.5 L/s), or 16.3 gal/min (1.0 L/s) for two cylinders. The power input to the two cylinders is  $hp = 16.3(3200)/1714 = 30.4$  hp (22.7 kW).

**3. Determine rotary auxiliary power requirements.** The winch will be turned by one hydraulic motor. This winch must exert a maximum line pull of 20,000 lb (88,964.4 N) at a maximum linear speed of 280 ft/min (1.4 m/s) with a maximum drum torque of 200,000 lb-in (22,597.0 N-m) at a drum speed of 53.5 r/min.

Compute the drum hp from  $hp = Tn/63,000$ , where the symbols are the same as in step 1. Or,  $hp = (200,000)(53.5)/63,000 = 170$  hp (126.8 kW).

Choose a hydraulic motor having these specifications: displacement =  $6 \text{ in}^3/\text{r}$  (98.3 cm<sup>3</sup>/r); rated pressure = 6000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (41,370.0 kPa); rated speed = 2500 r/min; output torque at rated pressure = 5500 lb-in (621.4 N-m); power output at rated speed and pressure = 218 hp (162.6 kW). This power output rating is somewhat greater than the computed rating, but it allows some overloading.

The gear reduction ratio GR between the hydraulic motor and winch drum, based on the maximum motor torque, is  $GR = (\text{output torque required, lb-in})/(\text{torque at rated pressure, lb-in,} \times \text{reduction gear efficiency}) = 20,000/(5500 \times 0.92) = 39.5:1$ . Hence, by using this ratio, the maximum motor speed =  $53.5 \times 39.5 = 2110$  r/min. Oil flow rate to the motor =  $\text{in}^3/\text{r} \times (\text{r/min})/231 = 6 \times 2110/231 = 54.8$  gal/min (3.5 L/s), without leakage. With 5 percent leakage, flow rate =  $1.05(54.8) = 57.2$  gal/min (3.6 L/s).

**4. Categorize the required power outputs.** List the required outputs and the type of motion required—rotary or linear. Thus: propel = rotary; dozer = linear; winch = rotary.

**5. Determine the total number of simultaneous functions.** There are two simultaneous functions: (a) propel motors and dozer cylinders; (b) propel motors at slow speed and drive winch.

For function *a*, maximum oil flow =  $50 + 16.3 = 66.3$  gal/min (4.2 L/s); maximum propel motor pressure = 6000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (41,370.0 kPa); maximum dozer cylinder pressure = 3200 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (22,064.0 kPa). Data for function *a* came from previous steps in this calculation procedure.

For function *b*, the maximum oil flow need not be computed because it will be less than for function *a*.

**6. Determine the number of series nonsimultaneous functions.** These are the dozer, propel, and winch functions.

**TABLE 64** Hydraulic-System Valving and Piping

Valving			
Function	Type of valve		
Step variable selector	Three-way, two-position		
Propel directional	Four-way, three-position, tandem-center		
Winch directional	Four-way, three-position, tandem-center		
Dozer directional	Four-way, four-position		
Piping			
Branch of circuit	Propel motor	Dozer cylinder	Winch motor
Maximum flow, gal/min (L/s)	12.5 (0.8)	16.3 (1.0)	57.2 (3.6)
Maximum pressure, lb/in <sup>2</sup> (kPa)	6000 (41,370)	3200 (22,064)	6000 (41,370)
Tube size, in (cm)	<sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> (1.9)	<sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> (1.9)	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> (3.8)
Tube material, ASTM	4130	4130	4130
Tube wall, in (mm)	0.120 (3.05)	0.109 (2.77)	0.250 (6.35)

**7. Determine the number of parallel simultaneous functions.** These are the propel and dozer functions.

**8. Establish function priority.** The propel and dozer functions have priority over the winch function.

**9. Size the piping and values.** Table 64 lists the normal functions required in this machine and the type of valve that would be chosen for each function. Each valve incorporates additional functions: The step variable selector valve has a built-in check valve; the propel directional valve and winch directional valve have built-in relief valves and motor overload valves; the dozer directional valve has a built-in relief valve and a fourth position called *float*. In the float position, all ports are interconnected, allowing the dozer blade to move up or down as the ground contour varies.

**10. Determine the simultaneous power requirements.** These are: Horsepower for propel and dozer = (gpm)(pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup>)/1714 for the propel and dozer functions, or (50)(6000)/1714 + (16.3)(3200)/1714 = 205.4 hp (153.2 kW). Winch horsepower, by the same relation, is (57.2)(6000)/1714 = 200 hp (149.1 kW). Since the propel-dozer functions do not operate at the same time as the winch, the prime mover power need be only 205.4 hp (153.2 kW).

**11. Plan the specific circuit layouts.** To provide independent simultaneous flow to each of the four propel motors, plus the dozer cylinders, choose two split-flow piston-type pumps having independent outlet ports. Split the discharge of each pump into three independent flows. Two pumps rated at  $66.3/2 = 33.15$  gal/min (2.1 L/s) each at 6000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (41,370.0 kPa) will provide the needed oil.

When the vehicle is steered, additional flow is required by the outside wheels. Design the circuit so oil will flow from three pump pistons to each wheel motor. Four pistons of one split-flow pump are connected through check valves to all four motors. With this arrangement, oil will flow to the motors with the least resistance.

To make use of all or part of the oil from the propel-dozer circuits for the winch circuit, the outlet series ports of the propel and dozer valves are connected into the winch circuit, since the winch circuit is inoperative only when both the propel *and* the dozer are operating. When only the propel function is in operation, the winch is able to operate slowly but at full torque.

**12. Investigate adjustment of the winch gear ratio.** As computed in step 3, the winch gear ratio is based on torque. Now, because a known gpm (gallons per minute) is available for the winch motor

from the propel and dozer circuits when these are not in use, the gear ratio can be based on the motor speed resulting from the available gpm.

Flow from the propel and dozer circuit = 66.3 gal/min (4.2 L/s); winch motor speed = 2450 r/min; required winch drum speed = 53.5 r/min. Thus,  $GR = 2450/53.5 = 45.8:1$ .

With the proposed circuit, the winch gear reduction should be increased from 39.5:1 to 45.8:1. The winch circuit pressure can be reduced to  $(39.5/45.8)(6000) = 5180 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (35,716.1 kPa). The required size of the winch oil tubing can be reduced to 0.219 in (5.6 mm).

**13. Select the prime mover hp.** Using a mechanical efficiency of 89 percent, we see that the prime mover for the pumps should be rated at  $205.4/0.89 = 230 \text{ hp}$  (171.5 kW). The prime mover chosen for vehicles of this type is usually a gasoline or diesel engine.

**Related Calculations** The method presented here is also valid for fixed equipment using a hydraulic system, such as presses, punches, and balers. Other applications for which the method can be used include aircraft, marine, and on-highway vehicles. Use the method presented in an earlier section of this handbook to determine the required size of the connecting tubing.

The procedure presented above is the work of Wes Master, reported in *Product Engineering*.

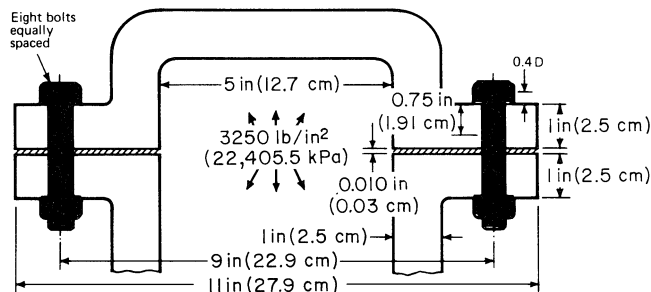
## SELECTING BOLT DIAMETER FOR BOLTED PRESSURIZED JOINT

Select a suitable bolt diameter for the typical bolted joint in Fig. 45 when the joint is used on a pressurized cylinder having a flanged head clamped to the body of the cylinder by eight equally spaced bolts. The vessel internal pressure, which may be produced by hydraulic fluid or steam, varies from 0 to 3250 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (0 to 22,405.5 kPa). What clamping force must be applied by each bolt to ensure that no leakage will occur? Check the selected bolt size to ensure long fatigue life under static and fluctuating loading.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the axially pressurized area of the cylinder.** The internal diameter of the cylinder is, as shown, 5 in (12.7 cm). The axially pressurized area of the cylinder head is  $A = \pi D^2/4 = 5^2/4 = 19.63 \text{ in}^2$  (126.62 cm<sup>2</sup>).

**2. Find the applied working load on each bolt.** Since eight bolts are specified for this flanged joint, each bolt will carry one-eighth of the total load found from  $F_A = PA/8$ , where  $F_A$  = axial applied working load, lb;  $P$  = maximum pressure in vessel, lb/in<sup>2</sup>;  $A$  = axially pressurized area, in<sup>2</sup>. Or,  $F_A = 3250(19.63)/8 = 7947.7 \text{ lb}$ , say 8000 lb (3633.4 kg) for calculation purposes.



**FIGURE 45** Typical bolted joint analyzed in the calculation procedure. (*Product Engineering*.)

**3. Compute the bolt load produced by torquing.** An air-stall power wrench will be used to tighten (torque) the nuts on these bolts. Such a wrench has a torque tightening factor  $C_T$  of 2.5 maximum, as shown in Table 65. Using  $C_T = 2.5$ , we find the load on each bolt  $P_Y$ , lb, causing a yield stress is  $P_Y = C_T F_A = 2.5(8000) = 20,000$  lb (9090.9 kg).

**4. Find the ultimate tensile strength  $P_U$  for the bolt.** With the yield strength typically equal to 80 percent of the ultimate tensile strength of the bolt,  $P_U = P_Y/0.80 = 20,000/0.80 = 25,000$  lb (11,363.6 kg).

**5. Determine the required bolt area and diameter.** Select a grade 8 bolt having an ultimate strength of 150,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1034.1 MPa). The nominal bolt area must then be  $A_b = P_U/U_s = 25,000/150,000 = 0.1667$  in<sup>2</sup> (1.08 cm<sup>2</sup>). Then the bolt diameter is  $D_b = (4A_b/\pi)^{0.5} = [4(0.1667)/\pi]^{0.5} = 0.4607$  in (1.17 cm).

The closest standard bolt size is 0.5 in (1.27 cm). Choose 0.5-13NC bolts, keeping in mind that coarse-thread bolts generally have stronger threads.

**6. Find the spring rate of the bolt chosen.** The general equation for the spring rate  $K$ , lb/in, for a part under tension loading is  $K = AE/L$ , where  $A$  = part cross-sectional area, in<sup>2</sup>;  $E$  = Young's modulus, lb/in<sup>2</sup>;  $L$  = length of section, in. To find the spring rate of a part with different cross-sectional areas, as a bolt has, add the reciprocal of the spring rate of each section, or  $1/K_{\text{total}} = 1/K_1 + 1/K_2 + \dots$ .

For a bolt, which consists of three parts (head, unthreaded portion, and nut), the spring rate determined by G. H. Junker, a consultant with Unbrako-SPS European Division, is given by  $1/K_B = (1/E)[(0.4D/A_1) + (L_1/A_1) + (L_T/A_M) + (0.4D_M/A_M)]$ , where  $D$  = nominal bolt diameter, in;  $A_1$  = cross-sectional area of unthreaded portion of bolt, in<sup>2</sup>;  $A_m$  = cross-sectional area, in<sup>2</sup>, of minor threaded diameter  $D_M$ ;  $L_1$  = length of unthreaded portion, 0.75 in (1.91 cm) for this bolt;  $L$  = length of threaded portion being clamped, in. Values of 0.4 $D$  and 0.4 $D_M$  pertain to the elastic deformation in the head and nut areas, respectively, and were derived in tests in Germany.

For a 0.5-in (1.27-cm) diameter bolt, the cross-sectional area  $A_1$  of the unthreaded portion of the body is  $A_1 = \pi(0.5)^2/4 = 0.1964$  in<sup>2</sup> (1.27 cm<sup>2</sup>).

The minor thread diameter of the 0.5-13NC thread bolt is, from a table of thread dimensions, 0.4056 in (1.03 cm). Thus,  $A_M = \pi(0.4056)^2/4 = 0.1292$  in<sup>2</sup> (0.83 cm<sup>2</sup>).

Substituting the appropriate values in the spring-rate equation for the bolt gives  $1/K_B = (1/30 \times 10^6)[0.4 \times 0.5/0.1964 + 0.75/0.1964 + (2.010 - 0.75)/0.1292 + 0.4 \times 0.4056/0.1292]$ ;  $K_B = 1.893 \times 10^6$  lb/in (338,752 kg/cm).

**7. Compute the spring rate of the joint.** Calculations of the spring rate of the joint can be simplified by assuming that the bolt head and nut, when compressing the joint as the bolt is tightened, will cause a stress distribution in the shape of a hollow cylinder, with most of the joint compression occurring in the vicinity under the bolt head and nut.

To calculate an equivalent area for the joint  $A_j$ , in<sup>2</sup> for use in the spring-rate equation for the joint, the designer has a choice of one of three equations:

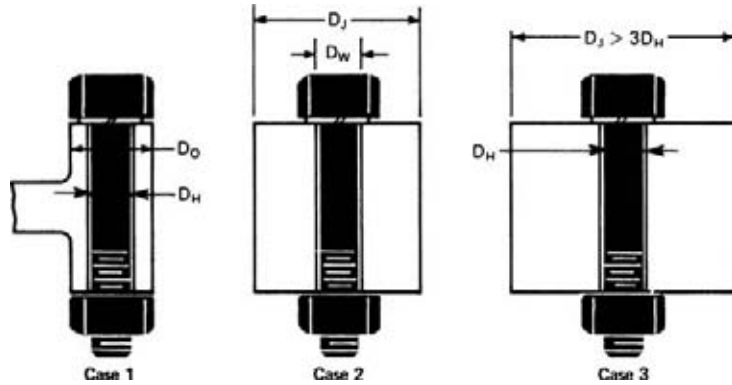
*Case 1*—When most of the outside diameter of the joint is equal to or smaller than the bolt-head diameter, as when parts of a bushing are clamped, Fig. 46, then  $A_j = (\pi/4)(D_0^2 - D_H^2)$ , where  $D_0$  = outside diameter of the joint or bushing, in;  $D_H$  = diameter of bolt hole, in.

*Case 2*—When the outer diameter of the joint  $D_j$  in is greater than the effective bolt-head diameter or washer  $D_W$  in, but less than  $3D_H$ , then  $A_j = (\pi/4)(D_W^2 - D_N^2) + (\pi/8)(D_j/D_W - 1)(D_W L_j/5 + L_j^2/100)$ .

**TABLE 65** Torque Tightening Factor\*

Method	$C_T$
Electronic bolt-torquing systems	1.0 to 1.5
Torque or power wrench with direct torque control	1.6 to 1.8
Power wrench by elongation measurement of calibrated bolts with the original clamped part	1.4 to 1.6
Power wrench using air-stall principle	1.7 to 2.5

\*Product Engineering.



**FIGURE 46** Joint size influences the general equations for spring rate of the assembly. (Product Engineering.)

*Case 3*—When the joint diameter  $D_J$  is equal to or greater than  $3D_H$ , then  $A_J = (\pi/4)(D_W + L_J/10 - D_H^2)$ .

For this bolted joint, case 2 applies. Assuming that the bearing diameter of the head or nut is 0.75 in (1.9 cm), then  $A_J = (\pi/4)(0.75^2 - 0.5^2) + (\pi/8)(2/0.75 - 1)[0.75(2.010)/5 + (2.010)^2/100] = 0.4692 \text{ in}^2 (3.03 \text{ cm}^2)$ . Inserting this value of  $A_J$  in the spring-rate equation of step 6 gives  $K_J = 0.4692(30 \times 10^6)/2.010 = 7.003 \times 10^6 \text{ lb/in } (1.253 \times 10^6 \text{ kg/cm})$ .

**8. Find the portion of the working load that unloads the clamped joint.** The loading constant  $C_L$  considers the bolt and joint elasticity and is given by  $C_L = K_B/(K_B + K_J)$ . For this joint,  $C_L = 1.893/(1.893 + 7.003) = 0.2128$ . Then  $F_p$ , the portion of the working load  $F_A$  that unloads the clamped joint, is  $F_p = F_A(1 - C_L) = 8000(1 - 0.2128) = 6298 \text{ lb } (2862.7 \text{ kg})$ .

**9. Determine the loss of clamping force due to embedding.** Some embedding occurs after a bolt is tightened at its assembly. A recommended value is 10 percent. Or specific values can be obtained from tests. Thus, the loss of clamping force  $F_z$ ,  $\text{lb} = 0.10F_A = 0.10(8000) = 800 \text{ lb } (363.6 \text{ kg})$ .

**10. Find the clamping force required for the joint.** Since the working load in the vessel fluctuates from 0 to 8000 lb (0 to 3636.4 kg), the minimum required clamping force  $F_K = 0$ . Now the maximum required clamping force  $F_M$ , lb, can be found from  $F_M = C_T(F_p + F_K + F_z)$ , since all the variables are known. Or,  $F_M = 2.5(6298 + 0 + 800) = 17,745 \text{ lb } (8065.9 \text{ kg})$ .

Since the bolt has a yield strength  $P_y$  of 20,000 lb (9090.9 kg), it has sufficient strength for static loading. For dynamic loading, however, the additional loading is  $F_S = F_A C_L$ , where  $F_S$  = portion of working load that additionally loads the bolt, lb. Or,  $F_S = 8000(0.2128) = 1702 \text{ lb } (773.6 \text{ kg})$ .

**11. Check the endurance limit of the selected bolt.** The endurance limit  $S_E$ , lb, should not be exceeded for long-life operation of the joint. Exact values of  $S_E$  can be obtained from the bolt manufacturer or computed from standard endurance-limit equations. For grade 8 bolts,  $S_E = 4600D^{1.59}$ , or  $S_E = 4600(0.5)^{1.59} = 1527 \text{ lb } (694.1 \text{ kg})$ .

The value for  $F_S$  that was computed for the 0.5-in (1.27-cm) bolt, 1702 lb (773.6 kg), should not have exceeded 1527 lb (694.1 kg). Since it did, a bolt with a larger diameter must now be selected. Checking a 0.625-in (1.59-cm) bolt (0.625-11), we find the endurance limit becomes  $S_E = 4600(0.625)^{1.59} = 2179 \text{ lb } (990.5 \text{ kg})$ .

Thus, although the 0.5-in (1.27-cm) bolt would have sufficed for static loading, it would not have provided the necessary endurance strength for long-life operation. So the 0.625-in (1.59-cm) bolt is

selected, and a new clamping force  $F_M = 16,970$  lb (7713.6 kg) is calculated, by using the same series of steps detailed above.

**Related Calculations** The procedure given here can be used to analyze bolted joints used in pressure vessels in many different applications—power plants, hydraulic systems, aircraft, marine equipment, structures, and piping systems. New thread forms permit longer fatigue life for bolted joints. For this reason, the bolted joint is becoming more popular than ever. Further, electronic bolt-tightening equipment allows a bolt to be tightened precisely up to its yield point safely. This gets the most out of a particular bolt, resulting in product and assembly cost savings.

The key to economical bolted joints is finding the minimum bolt size and clamping force to provide the needed seal. Further, the bolt size chosen and clamping force used must be correct. But some designers avoid the computations for these factors because they involve bolt loading, elasticity of the bolt and joint, reduction in preload resulting from embedding of the bolt, and the method used to tighten the bolt. The procedure given here, developed by G. H. Junker, a consultant with Unbrako-SPS European Division, simplifies the computations. Data given here were presented in *Product Engineering* magazine, edited by Frank Yeaple, M. E.

## DETERMINING REQUIRED TIGHTENING TORQUE FOR A BOLTED JOINT

Determine the bolt-tightening torque required for the 0.625-in 11NC (1.59-cm) bolt analyzed in the previous calculation procedure. The bolt must provide a 17,000-lb (7727.3-kg) preload. The coefficient of friction between threads  $f_T$  is assumed to be 0.12, while the coefficient of friction between the nut and the washer  $f_N$  is assumed to be 0.14.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the dimensions of the bolt.** From tables of thread dimensions, the minor thread diameter  $D_M = 0.5135$  in (1.3 cm), and the pitch diameter of the bolt threads  $D_p = 0.5660$  in (1.44 cm). The mean bearing diameter of the nut is  $D_N = 1.25D$ , where  $D$  = nominal bolt diameter, in. Or,  $D_N = 1.25(0.625) = 0.781$  in (1.98 cm).

For the thread coefficient of friction,  $\tan \phi = 0.12$ ;  $\phi = 6.84^\circ$ . The helix angle of the thread,  $\beta = 2.93^\circ$ , is found from  $\sin \beta = 1/\pi (11)(0.5660) = 0.05112$ .

**2. Find the dimensionless thread angle factor  $C_A$ .** The thread angle factor  $C_A = \tan(\beta + \phi)/\cos \alpha = \tan(2.36 + 6.84)/\cos 30^\circ = 0.2$ .

**3. Compute the tightening torque applied.** The tightening torque applied to the nut or bolt head, in-lb, is  $T = F_M(D_N f_N + C_A D_p)/2$ . Substituting gives  $T = 17,000[0.781(0.14) + 0.2(0.566)]/2 = 1886$  in-lb = 157 ft-lb (212.7 J).

**4. Find the combined stress induced in the bolt.** The combined stress  $S_C$  in a bolt in a bolted joint is  $S_C = T\{0.89 + 1.66[1 + (5.2C_A D_p/D_M)^2]^{0.5}\}/D_M^2(f_T D_N + C_A D_p)$ . Substituting, we find  $S_C = 1886\{0.89 + 1.66[1 + (5.2 \times 0.2 \times 0.566/0.5135)^2]^{0.5}\}/\{0.5135^2[0.14(0.781) + 0.2(0.566)]\} = 109,766$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (756,812.4 kPa).

Generally,  $S_C$  should be kept within 68 percent of the ultimate strength  $S_U$ . Thus,  $S_U = 1.47S_C$ . Substituting for the above bolt gives  $S_U = 1.47(109,766) = 161,356$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1.1 MPa).

**Related Calculations** This procedure can be used for determining the bolt-tightening torque for any application in which a bolted joint is used. Numerous applications are listed in the previous

calculation procedure. The equations and approach given here are those of Bernie J. Cobb, Mechanical Engineer, Missile Research and Development Command, Redstone Arsenal, as reported in *Product Engineering*, edited by Frank Yeaple.

## SELECTING SAFE STRESS AND MATERIALS FOR PLASTIC GEARS

Determine the safe stress, velocity, and material for a plastic spur gear to transmit 0.125 hp (0.09 W) at 350 r/min 8 h/day under a steady load. Number of teeth in the gear = 75; diametral pitch = 32; pressure angle = 20°; pitch diameter = 2.34375 in (5.95 cm); face width = 0.375 in (0.95 cm).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the velocity at the gear pitch circle.** Use the relation  $V = rpm(D_p)\pi/12$ , where  $V$  = velocity at pitch-circle diameter, ft/min;  $rpm$  = gear speed, r/min;  $D_p$  = pitch diameter, in. Solving yields  $V = 350(2.34375)\pi/12 = 215$  ft/min (2.15 m/s).

**2. Find the safe stress for the gear.** Use the relation  $S_S = 55(600 + V)PC_S H_p / (FYV)$ , where  $S_S$  = safe stress on the gear, lb/in<sup>2</sup>;  $P$  = diametral pitch, in;  $C_S$  = service factor from Table 66;  $H_p$  = horsepower transmitted by the gear;  $F$  = face width of the gear, in;  $Y$  = tooth form factor, Table 67. Substituting, we find  $S_S = 55(600 + 215)(32)(1.0)(0.125)/[0.375(0.434)(215)] = 5124$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (35,561 kPa).

**3. Select the gear material.** Enter Table 68 at the safe stress, 5124 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (35,561 kPa), and choose either nylon or polycarbonate gear material because the safe stress falls within the allowed range, 600 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (41,364 kPa), for these two materials. If a glass-reinforced gear is to be used, any of a number of materials listed in Table 68 would be suitable.

**Related Calculations** Two other equations are used in the analysis of plastic gears. For helical gears:  $H_p = S_S FYV / [423(78 + V^{0.5})P_N C_S]$ . For straight bevel gears,  $H_p = S_S FYV(C - F)^4 / [55(600 + V)PCC_S]$ , where all the symbols are as given earlier;  $C$  = pitch-cone diameter, in;  $P_N$  = normal diametral pitch.

In growing numbers of fractional-horsepower applications up to 1.5 hp (1.12 kW), gears molded of plastics are being chosen. Typical products are portable power tools, home appliances, instrumentation, and various automotive components.

The reasons for this trend are many. Besides offering the lowest initial cost, plastic gears can be molded as one piece to include other functional parts such as cams, ratchets, lugs, and other gears without need for additional assembly or finishing operations. Moreover, plastic gears are lighter and quieter than metal gears, and are self-lubricating, corrosion-resistant, and relatively

**TABLE 66** Service Factor  $C_S$  for Horsepower Equations\*

Type of load	8–10 h/day	24 h/day	Intermittent, 3 h/day	Occasional, 0.5 h/day
Steady	1.00	1.25	0.80	0.50
Light shock	1.25	1.50	1.00	0.80
Medium shock	1.50	1.75	1.25	1.00
Heavy shock	1.75	2.00	1.50	1.25

\**Product Engineering*.



**TABLE 67** Tooth-Form Factor  $Y$  for Horsepower Equations\*

Number of teeth	14½° Involute or cycloidal	20° Full-depth involute	20° Stub-tooth involute	20° Internal full depth	
				Pinion	Gear
50	0.352	0.408	0.474	0.437	0.613
75	0.364	0.434	0.496	0.452	0.581
100	0.371	0.446	0.506	0.462	0.581
150	0.377	0.459	0.518	0.468	0.565
300	0.383	0.471	0.534	0.478	0.534
Rack	0.390	0.484	0.550	....	....

\**Product Engineering.*

free from maintenance. Also, they can be molded inexpensively in colors for coding during assembly or just for looks.

Improved molding techniques achieve high accuracy. Also new special gear-tooth forms improve strength and wear. "We now can hold tooth-to-tooth composite error to within 0.0005 in (0.00127 cm)," says Samuel Pierson, president of ABA Tool & Die Co. It is made possible by electric-discharge machining of the metal molds and computerized analysis of the effects of moisture absorption and other factors on size change of the plastic gears.

"Furthermore, we now are recommending special tooth forms we developed to utilize full-fillet root radii for increased fatigue strength and tip relief for more uniform motion when teeth flex under load. Usually, it is too expensive for designers of machined metal gears to deviate from standard AGMA tooth forms. But with molded plastic gears, deviations add little to the cost," reports Mr. Pierson in *Product Engineering* magazine.

Plastic gears, however, are weaker than metal gears, have a relatively high rate of thermal expansion, and are temperature-limited.

If performance cannot be achieved solely with change in tooth form, try fillers that stabilize the molded part, boost load-carrying abilities, and improve self-lubricating and wear characteristics. Popular fillers include glass, polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE), molybdenum disulfide, and silicones.

In short hairlike fibers, miniscule beads, or fine-milled powder, glass can markedly increase the tensile strength of a gear and reduce thermal expansion to as little as one-third the original value. Molybdenum disulfide, PTFE, and silicones, as built-in lubricants, reduce wear. Plastic formulations containing both glass and lubricant are becoming increasingly popular to combine strength and lubricity.

Six common plastics for molded gears are nylon, acetal, ABS, polycarbonate, polyester, and polyurethane.

**TABLE 68** Safe Stress Values for Horsepower Equations\*

Plastic	Unfilled		Glass-reinforced	
	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	kPa	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	kPa
ABS	3,000	20,682	6,000	41,364
Acetal	5,000	34,470	7,000	48,258
Nylon	6,000	41,364	12,000	82,728
Polycarbonate	6,000	41,364	9,000	62,046
Polyester	3,500	24,129	8,000	55,152
Polyurethane	2,500	17,235	.....	.....

\**Product Engineering.*

The most popular gear plastic is still nylon. This workhorse has good strength, high abrasion resistance, and a low coefficient of friction. Furthermore, it is self-lubricating and unaffected by most industrial chemicals. Numerous manufacturers make nylon resins.

Nylon's main drawback is its tendency to absorb moisture. This is accompanied by an increase in the gear dimensions and toughness. The effects must be predicted accurately. Also, nylon is harder to mold than acetal—one of its main competitors.

All plastics have higher coefficients of thermal expansion than metals do. The coefficient for steel between 0 and 30°C is  $1.23 \times 10^5$  per degree, whereas for nylon it lies between 7 and  $10 \times 10^{-5}$ .

The grade usually preferred is nylon 6/6. Frequently it is filled with about 25 percent short glass fibers and a small amount of lubricant fillers. Do not hesitate to ask the injection molder to custom-blend resins and fillers.

The combination of a nylon gear running against an acetal gear results in a lower coefficient of friction than either a nylon against nylon or an acetal against acetal can. A good idea is to intersperse nylon with acetal in gear trains. Acetal is less expensive than nylon and is generally easier to mold. Strength is lower, however.

Two types of acetals are popular for gears: acetal homopolymer, which was the original acetal developed by DuPont, available under the tradename of Delrin; and acetal copolymer, manufactured by Celanese under the tradename Celcon. Other examples are glass-filled acetals (e.g., Fulton 404, from LNP Corp.).

All acetals are easily processed and have good natural lubricity, creep resistance, chemical resistance, and dimensional stability. But they have a high rate of mold shrinkage.

The main attraction of ABS plastic is its low cost, probably the lowest of the six classes of plastics used for gears. Some ABS is translucent and has a high gloss surface. It also offers ease of processibility, toughness, and rigidity. Two typical tradenames of ABS are Cynolac (Borg Warner), and Kralastic (Uniroyal).

The polycarbonates have high impact strength, high resistance to creep, a useful temperature range of  $-60$  to  $240^\circ\text{F}$  ( $-51$  to  $115.4^\circ\text{C}$ ), low water absorption and thermal expansion rates, and ease and accuracy in molding.

Because of a rather high coefficient of friction, polycarbonate formulations are available to boost flexible strength of the gear teeth.

Recently, thermoplastic polyesters have been available for high-performance injection-molded parts. Some polyesters are filled with reinforcing glass fibers for gear applications. The adhesion between the polyester matrix and the glass fibers results in a substantial increase in strength and produces a rigid material that is creep-resistant at an elevated temperature [ $330^\circ\text{F}$ ( $148.7^\circ\text{C}$ )].

The glossy surface of some polyesters seems to improve lubricity against other thermoplastics and metals. It withstands most organic solvents and chemicals at room temperature and has long-term resistance to gasoline, motor oil, and transmission fluids up to  $140^\circ\text{F}$  ( $60^\circ\text{C}$ ).

The polyurethanes are elastomeric resins sought for noise dampening or shock absorption, as in gears for bedroom clocks or sprockets for snowmobiles. Many proprietary polyurethane versions are available, including Cyanaprene (American Cyanamide), Estane (B. F. Goodrich), Texin (Mobay Chemical), and Voranol (Dow Chemical).

### **TOTAL DRIVING AND SLIP TORQUE FOR EXTERNAL-SPRING CLUTCHES**

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Determine the capacity of a light, steel, external-spring clutch in which the spring is made of 0.05-in (0.13-cm) diameter round wire. The spring rides on 1-in (2.54-cm) diameter shafts. The inner diameter of the spring at rest is 0.98 in (2.49 cm). There are 16 coils, 8 per shaft, in the spring. The coefficient of friction of the steel  $\mu = 0.10$ , and the modulus of elasticity  $E = 30 \times 10^6$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> ( $208.2 \times 10^6$  kPa). What are the transmitted and slip torques for this overrunning clutch?

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Find the transmitted torque for this clutch.** Use the relation  $T_t = [\pi(Ed^4i)/32D^4](e^{2\pi\mu N} - 1)$ , where  $T_t$  = transmitted torque, lb-in;  $d$  = diameter of spring wire, in;  $i$  = diametral interference (the difference between the spring helix diameter and shaft diameter), in;  $D$  = drive shaft diameter, in;  $\mu$  = coefficient of friction;  $N$  = number of spring coils per shaft; other symbols as before. Substituting gives  $T_t = [\pi(30 \times 10^6)(0.05)^4(0.02)/32(1)^4](e^{2\pi(0.1)(8)} - 1) = (0.368)(152.4 - 1) = 55.7$  lb-in (6.29 N·m).

**2. Compute the maximum slip torque for the clutch.** Use the relation  $T_s = [\pi(Ed^4i)/32D^4][1/(e^{2\pi\mu N} - 1)]$ , where the symbols are as defined earlier and  $T_s$  = slip torque, lb-in. Substituting, we find  $T_s = 0.368(1/52.4 - 1) = -0.366$  lb-in (-0.04 N·m). This shows that  $T_s \approx -M$ , where  $M$  = spring moment, lb-in. It also demonstrates that although the capacity of a spring clutch depends on the spring moment, such a clutch can be made relatively insensitive to changes in the coefficient of friction or number of coils. These are the factors appearing in the exponent of the above equations.

For many years, spring clutches have been almost ignored in the clutch clan, even in the relatively small and specialized family of overrunning clutches. A number of popular design texts omit the spring clutch entirely, so the key design formulas are hard to come by. Yet most spring or overrunning clutches function in two modes: either they are locked and driving the output (the usual mode), or they are overrunning, with the input stopped and the output continuing to rotate undriven.

The spring clutch may well be the simplest overrunning clutch. It has a helical spring, wound from rectangular steel stock and coiled inside the shaft bores, bridging the gap between them (Fig. 47a). The helix diameter at either end of the spring is slightly larger than that of the shaft in which it nestles, so the steel coils remain in continuous contact with the shaft. (This internal design differs from most other versions of the spring clutch, in which the spring is wrapped around the outside of two butting, coaxial shafts.)

When the drive shaft rotates in the same sense as the twist of the helix, that is, when the rotation tends to unwind the internal spring, then the coils try to expand, gripping both shaft bores tightly and pushing the output.

When the relative rotation of the input shaft reverses, however, when the motion tends to wind the internal spring tighter, as it would if the input stopped or slowed, leaving the output to spin under its own momentum, then the helix contracts, loosening its grip and slipping freely inside the bores—*freewheeling*.

The spring inevitably drags a bit in the overrunning mode; it could not tighten its grip again if it did not. But the residual friction is relatively small and well controlled. The consequent low wear rate and high reliability are the internal spring's principal advantage. And the internal-spring design is virtually immune to centrifugal effects, another critical consideration for high-speed use, unlike the external-spring version, which can loosen its grip at high speeds.

The wrapped-spring clutch, Fig. 47b, does lend itself to a number of sophisticated applications, despite this limitation. It can serve as an overrunning clutch, although its operation is the mirror image of that of the internal spring. The wrapped spring loosens and freewheels when driven by an unwinding torque; and when subjected to a winding torque, it squeezes down on the shafts like a child's "Chinese Handcuffs" toy, pulling the output along after the input.

By bending the spring's input end outward (Fig. 47b), clutch makers can fashion an on/off clutch. When this tang is released, the spring wraps down on the shafts for a positive drive; when the tang is engaged again, the spring unwinds and releases the output.

In a variation, the other end of the spring is permanently attached to the output shaft, giving single-revolution control. When the tang is engaged, the input clutches out and the spring stops the output (Fig. 47b).

The spring clutch also can be modified to work as a slip clutch or drag brake. Such a device is, in a sense, the opposite of an overrunning clutch: It works by beefing up residual drag so that the external spring can continue to transmit torque, even when it is being "unwound" in the overrunning direction.

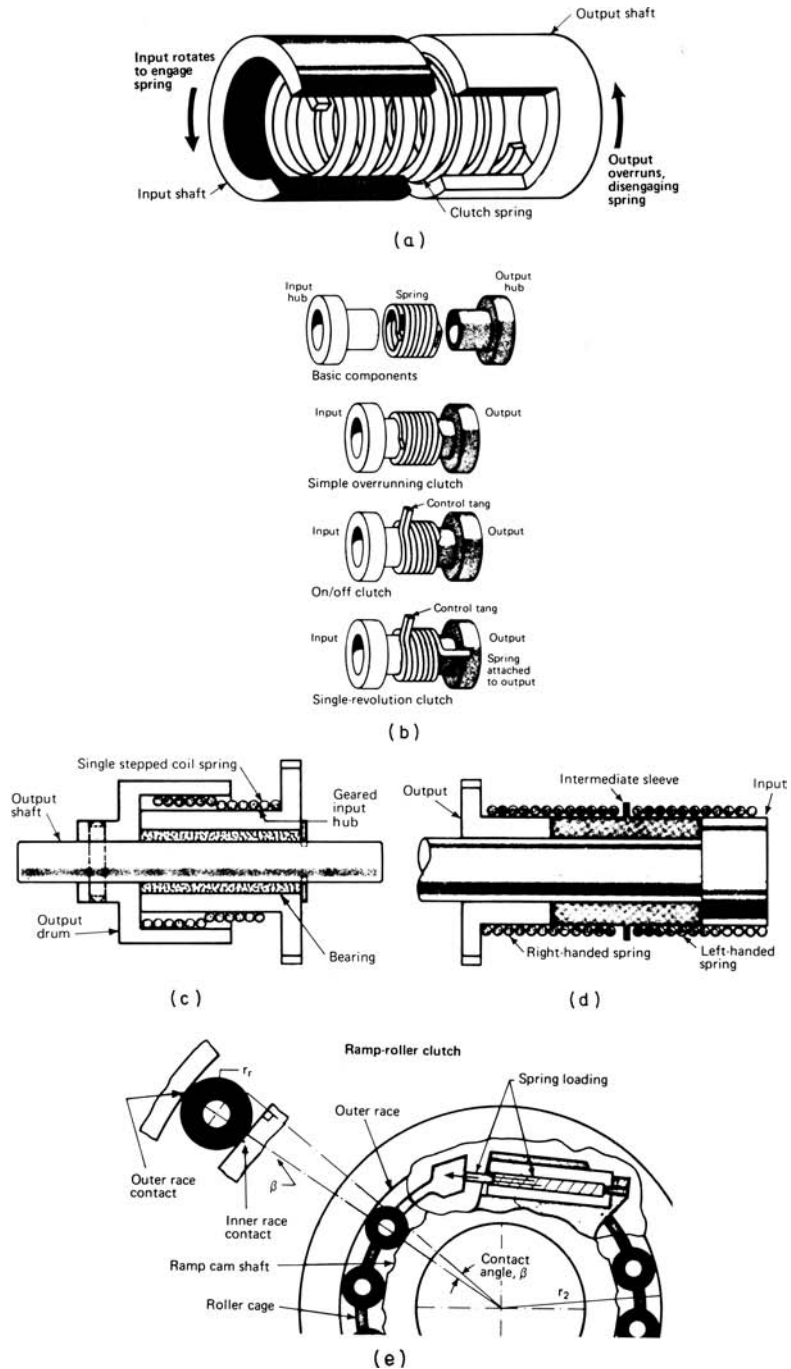


FIGURE 47 (a) Internal-spring overrunning clutch. (b) Wrapped-spring clutches. (c) Two-way slip clutch. (d) Mated right- and left-handed spring slip clutch. (e) Ramp-roller clutch. (*Design Engineering.*)

By varying the spring dimensions and material, this drag can be precisely controlled to produce an extremely useful slip clutch. Indeed, spring clutches have been modified to give a predetermined slip for either direction of rotation. In one version, Fig. 47c, a stepped helix creates a dual external/internal spring. Another version, Fig. 47d, attaches a right-handed spring to a left-handed spring through an intermediate sleeve. In each case, one spring component slips with a controlled drag on one shaft while its partner clamps down, Chinese-handcuff-like, on the other shaft. If the input rotation is reversed, the two springs shift roles. Spring clutches are available from many sources.

Two factors control any application of wrapped spring clutches, whether overrunning or slip: the torque capacity in the driving or locked mode (where the spring grips the shaft) and the frictional drag torque capacity in the overrunning or slip direction. For overrunning applications, one would obviously want high driving torque and low drag torque. In a slip clutch, one would want to adjust the drag torque to the specific job. Happily, each factor can be calculated, by using equations derived by Joseph Kaplan of Machine Components.

The total driving torque  $T_d$  is the product of two factors: an exponential function of the coefficient of friction and number of coils wrapping each shaft; and the spring's moment  $M$ , a function of shaft diameter and the spring's dimensions and modulus of elasticity.

The drag or slip torque capacity  $T_s$  is the product of the same spring moment  $M$  and an inverse exponential function of the number of coils and the coefficient of friction. Since this exponential factor generally approaches  $-1$ , the approximation of  $T_s = -M$  is good enough for most applications.

These clutch-analysis equations, using the symbols given earlier, are useful: *For spring clutches:* The maximum torque in the locked or drive direction is  $T_d = M(e^{2\mu\pi N} - 1)$  lb-in. The overrunning slip or friction torque is  $T_s = M(e^{-2\mu\pi N} - 1)$ . Where  $M$  is the spring moment for circular cross-sectional wire,  $M = \pi E d^4 \delta / (32 D^2)$ . For rectangular cross-sectional wire,  $M = E b t^3 \delta / (6 D^2)$ . Large drums or high speeds may add a centrifugal correction  $\Delta\delta$  to the diametral interference  $\delta$ ;  $\Delta\delta = 2\rho D^5 \omega^2 / e d^2$ ;  $\Delta\delta = 1.5\rho D^5 \omega^2 / e t^2$ . *For sprag clutches:*  $T_d = (r_1 n L K \tan \alpha) / (1/r_1) + 1/r_s$ . *For ramp-roller clutches:*  $T_d = n r_2 L K \tan(\beta/2)$ . Table 69 shows the results of a study by Sikorsky Aircraft of 10 types of overrunning clutches. Figures of merit were developed for each.

Additional symbols in these equations are  $e =$  Euler's number  $\approx 2.7183$ ;  $K =$  hertzian stress constant factor from Table 70;  $L =$  length of roller or sprag, in;  $M =$  spring moment, lb-in;  $N =$  number of spring coils per shaft;  $n =$  number of sprags or rollers;  $r_1 =$  radius of inner race, in;  $r_2 =$  radius of outer race, in;  $r_r =$  radius of roller, in;  $r_s =$  radius of sprag at contact of inner race, in;  $T_d =$  transmitted torque, lb-in;  $t =$  thickness of rectangular wire, in;  $\alpha =$  sprag gripping angle, degrees;  $\beta =$  ramp-race contact angle;  $\delta =$  diametral interference (difference between spring helix diameter and shaft diameter), in;  $\rho =$  coil material density, lb/in<sup>3</sup>;  $\omega =$  shaft angular velocity, rad/s.

This procedure, containing information from a study conducted by Sikorsky Aircraft, was reported in *Design Engineering* magazine in an article by Doug McCormick, Associate Editor, and uses equations derived by Joseph Kaplan of Machine Components.

## DESIGN METHODS FOR NONCIRCULAR SHAFTS

Find the maximum shear stress and the angular twist per unit length produced by a torque of 20,000 lb-in (2258.0 N-m) imposed on a double-milled steel shaft with a four-splined hollow core, Fig. 48. The shaft outer diameter is 2 in (5.1 cm); the inner diameter is 1 in (2.5 cm). Modulus of rigidity of the shaft is  $G = 12 \times 10^6$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> ( $83.3 \times 10^6$  kPa). The flat surfaces of the outer, milled shaft are cut down 0.1 in (0.25 cm), while the inner contour has a radius  $r_i = 0.5$  in (1.27 cm) with four splines of half-width  $A = 0.1$  in (0.25 cm) and height  $B = 0.1$  in (0.25 cm).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Find the torsional-stiffness and shear-stress factors for the outer shaft.** The proportionate mill height  $H/R$  for the outer shaft is, from Fig. 49 and the given data,  $H/R = 0.1/1 = 0.1$ . Entering Fig. 49

**TABLE 69** Sikorsky's Ratings of 10 Clutches\*

	Weight	Cost	Reliability	Maintainability	Centrifugal effects	Vibration	Transient torque	Thermal effects	Startup control	Failure modes	Operation limits	Unusual testing	Multi-engine	Bearing brinelling	Figure of merit
Spring clutch	11.1	9.4	22.7	8.2	7.0	3.5	3.0	2.0	2.3	2.6	3.9	3.0	1.6	1.0	81.3
Sprag, type A	12.3	10.9	18.4	7.4	6.8	4.7	2.8	1.3	3.2	1.5	3.3	3.0	1.5	0.3	77.4
Sprag, type B	12.2	11.0	20.5	7.7	2.5	4.5	3.0	1.3	3.2	2.5	3.3	3.0	1.5	0.3	76.5
Ramp roller (RR)	10.8	8.9	21.3	7.6	6.5	4.5	2.8	1.3	3.2	2.4	3.3	3.0	1.4	0.7	77.7
Actuated RR	9.2	7.7	17.1	8.1	7.0	4.5	2.8	0.7	3.1	3.0	3.7	3.0	2.0	0.7	72.6
Ball bearing RR	11.9	10.9	13.9	5.3	1.0	5.2	2.8	1.1	1.6	2.4	3.3	3.0	1.4	0.3	64.1
Roller gear RR	10.4	9.9	14.5	6.7	1.0	5.0	2.8	1.1	3.2	2.3	3.3	3.0	1.3	0.7	65.2
Positive ratchet	10.4	8.2	18.1	8.7	6.8	5.2	2.8	2.0	3.6	1.8	3.9	2.0	1.8	0.7	76.0
Face ratchet	10.8	8.8	16.4	8.4	1.8	4.9	2.8	0.7	3.8	1.8	3.7	2.0	1.8	0.7	68.4
Link ratchet	11.3	12.3	19.0	8.8	4.5	5.9	2.8	2.0	3.8	2.8	3.3	2.0	1.8	0.3	80.6
Of a possible	13	13	30	9	7	6	3	2	4	3	4	3	2	1	100

\*Design Engineering.

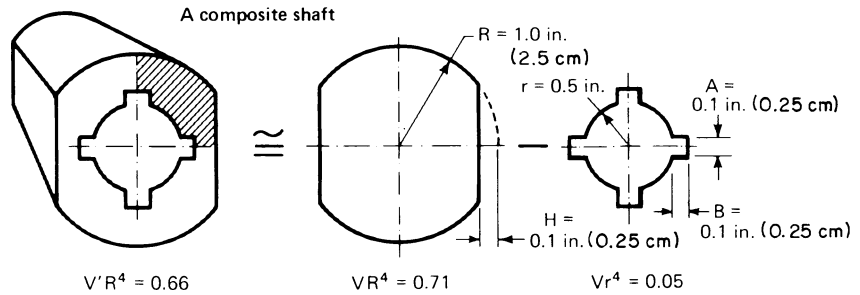
**TABLE 70** *K* Factors for Various Materials

Material*	<i>K</i> at number of cycles		
	10 <sup>6</sup>	10 <sup>7</sup>	10 <sup>8</sup>
Gray cast-iron rolls (130–180 BHN)	4,000	2,000	1,300 <sup>†</sup>
GM Meehanite cast-iron rolls (190–240 BHN)	4,000	2,500	1,950 <sup>†</sup>
Gray cast-iron rolls with hardened-steel rolls:			
Cast iron, 140–160 BHN	2,600	1,400	1,000 <sup>†</sup>
Cast iron, 160–190 BHN	3,200	1,900	1,300 <sup>†</sup>
Cast iron, 270–290 BHN	5,500	4,000	3,100 <sup>†</sup>
Medium-carbon-steel rolls with hardened-steel rolls (medium-carbon steel, 270–300 BHN)	14,000	11,000	9,000
Carburized-carbon-steel rolls with hardened-steel rolls (carburized-carbon steel, 55–58 <i>R<sub>c</sub></i> )	24,000	18,000	15,000 <sup>‡</sup>

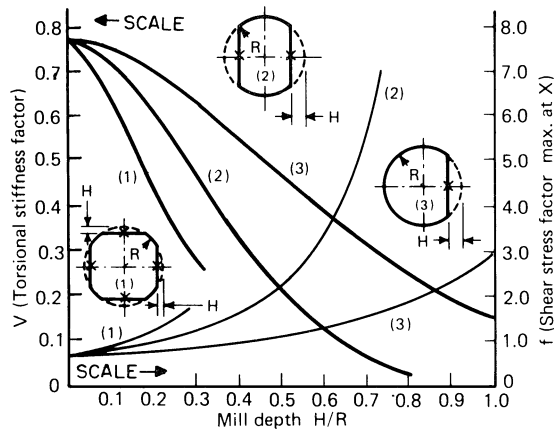
\*Lubricated with straight mineral oil.

<sup>†</sup>At 4 × 10<sup>7</sup> cycles.

<sup>‡</sup>At 5 × 10<sup>8</sup> cycles.



**FIGURE 48** Typical composite shaft. (*Design Engineering.*)



**FIGURE 49** Milled shafts. (*Design Engineering.*)

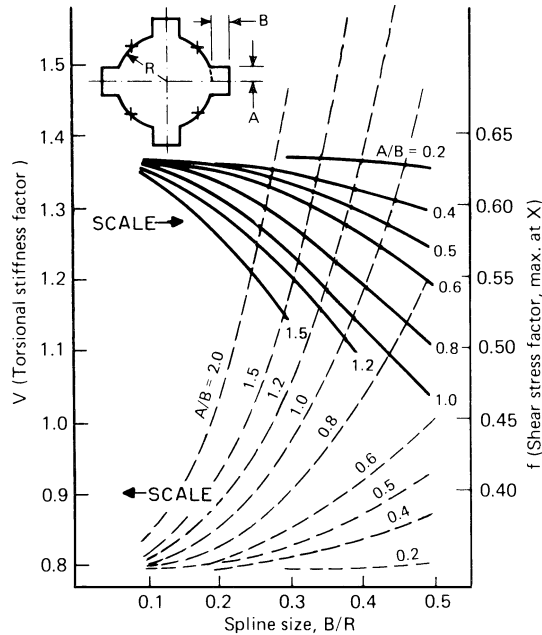


FIGURE 50 Four-spline shaft. (Design Engineering.)

at  $H/R = 0.1$ , project to the torsional-stiffness factor ( $V$ ) curve for shaft type 1, and read  $V = 0.71$ . Likewise, from Fig. 49,  $f =$  shear-stress factor  $= 0.82$ .

**2. Find the torsional-stiffness factor for the inner contour.** The spline dimensions, from Fig. 50, are  $A/B = 0.1/0.1 = 1.0$ , and  $B/R = 0.1/0.5 = 0.2$ . Entering Fig. 50 at  $B/R = 0.2$ , project upward to the  $A/B = 1.0$  curve, and read the torsional-stiffness factor  $V = 0.85$ .

**3. Compute the angular twist of the shaft.** The composite torsional stiffness is defined as  $V_i R^4$ , where  $V_i =$  composite-shaft stiffness factor and  $R =$  the internal diameter. For a composite shaft,  $V_i R^4 = \sum V_i r_i^4 = (0.71)(1^4) - (0.85)(0.5)^4 = 0.66$  for this shaft. (The first term in this summation is the outer shaft; the second is the inner cross section.)

To find the angular twist  $\theta$  of this composite shaft, substitute in the relation  $T = 2G\theta V_i R^4$ , where  $T =$  torque acting on the shaft, lb-in; other symbols as defined earlier. Substituting, we find  $20,000 = 2(12 \times 10^6)\theta(0.66)$ ;  $\theta = 0.0012$  rad/in (0.000472 rad/cm).

**4. Find the maximum shear stress in the shaft.** For a solid double-milled shaft, the maximum shear stress,  $S_s$ , lb/in<sup>2</sup>  $= T/f/R^3$ , where the symbols are as given earlier. Substituting for this shaft, assuming for now that the shaft is solid, we get  $S_s = T/fR^2 = (20,000)(0.82)/(1^2) = 16,400$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (113,816 kPa), where the value of  $f$  is from step 1.

Because the shaft is hollow, however, the solid-shaft maximum shear stress must be multiplied by the ratio  $V/V_i = 0.71/0.66 = 1.076$ , where the value of  $V$  is from step 1 and the value of  $V_i$  is from step 3.

The hollow-shaft maximum shear stress is  $S'_s = S_s(V/V_i) = 16,400(1.076) = 17,646$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (122,993 kPa).

**Related Calculations** By using the charts (Figs. 49 through 58) and equations presented here, quantitative and performance factors can be calculated to well within 5 percent for a variety



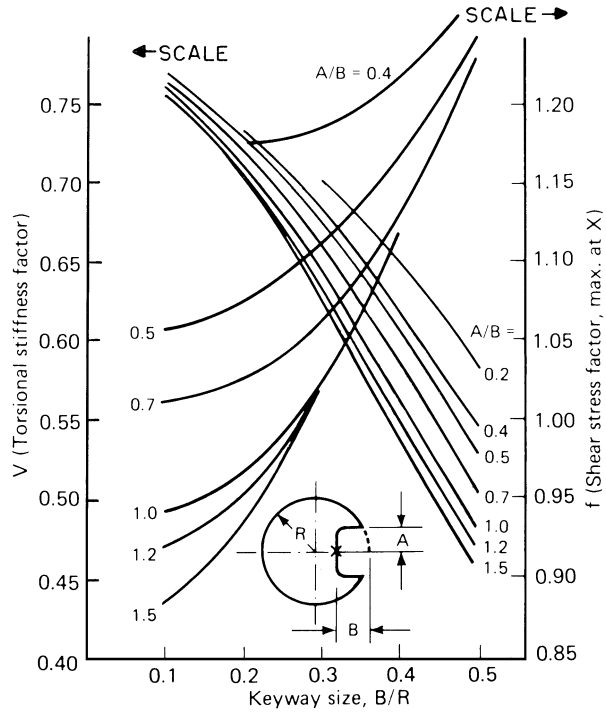


FIGURE 51 Single-keyway shaft. (Design Engineering.)

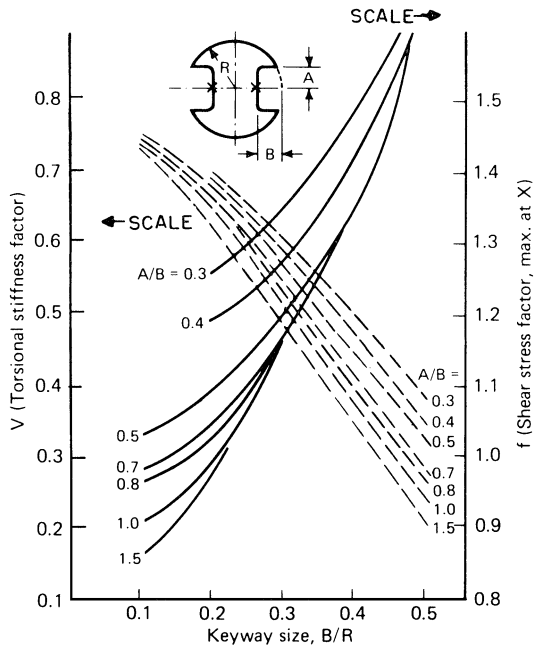


FIGURE 52 Two-keyway shaft. (Design Engineering.)

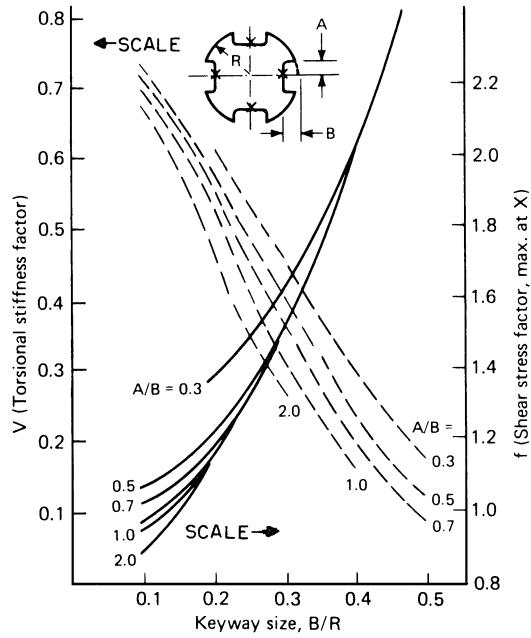


FIGURE 53 Four-keyway shaft. (Design Engineering.)

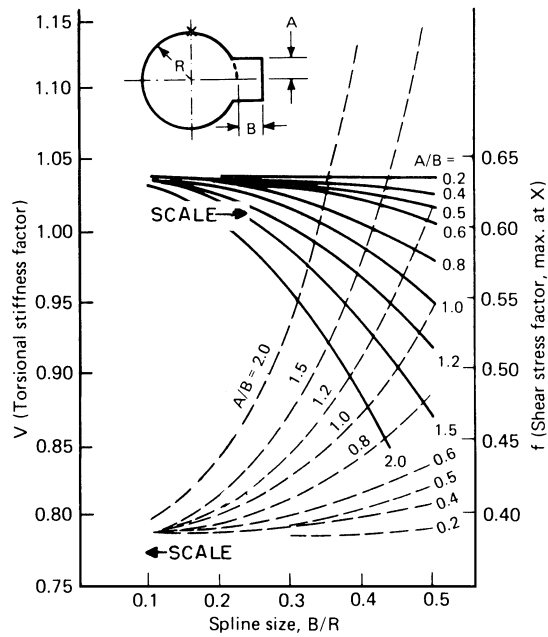


FIGURE 54 Single-spline shaft. (Design Engineering.)

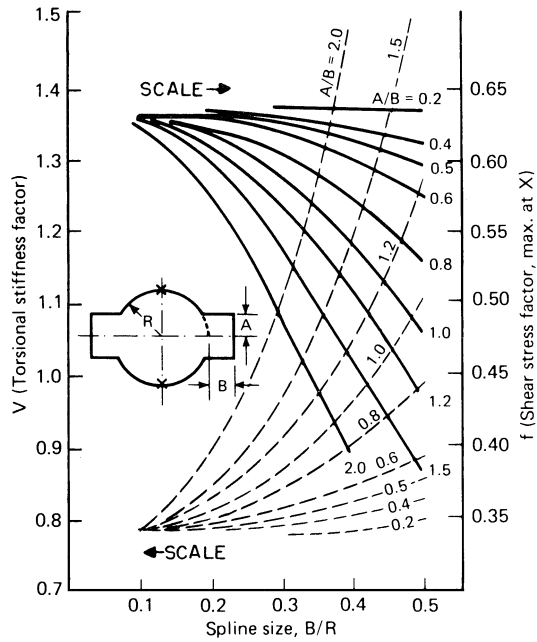


FIGURE 55 Two-spline shaft. (Design Engineering.)

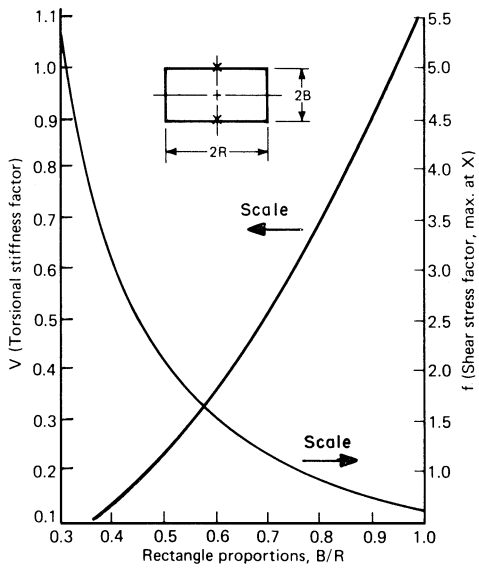


FIGURE 56 Rectangular shafts. (Design Engineering.)

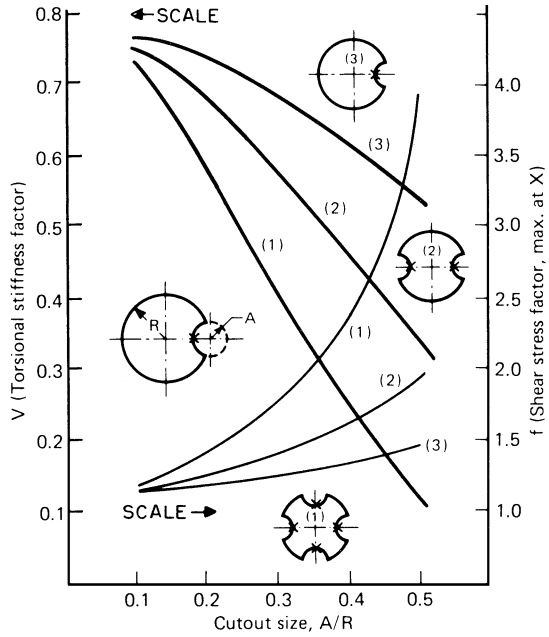


FIGURE 57 Pinned shaft. (Design Engineering.)

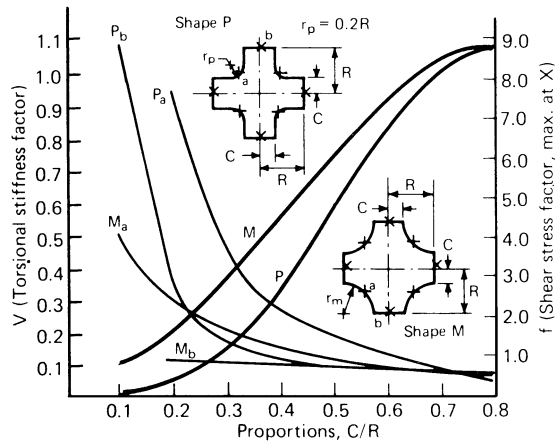


FIGURE 58 Cross-shaped shaft. (Design Engineering.)

of widely used shafts. Thus, designers and engineers now have a solid analytical basis for choosing shafts, instead of having to rely on rules of thumb, which can lead to application problems.

Although design engineers are familiar with torsion and shear stress analyses of uniform circular shafts, usable solutions for even the most common noncircular shafts are often not only unfamiliar, but also unavailable. As a circular bar is twisted, each infinitesimal cross section rotates about the bar's longitudinal axis: plane cross sections remain plane, and the radii within each cross section remain straight. If the shaft cross section deviates even slightly from a circle, however, the situation changes radically and calculations bog down in complicated mathematics.

The solution for the circular cross section is straightforward: The shear stress at any point is proportional to the point's distance from the bar's axis; at each point, there are two equal stress vectors perpendicular to the radius through the point, one stress vector lying in the plane of the cross section and the other parallel to the bar's axis. The maximum stress is tangent to the shaft's outer surface. At the same time, the shaft's torsional stiffness is a function of its material, angle of twist, and the polar moment of inertia of the cross section.

The stress and torque relations can be summarized as  $\theta = T/(JG)$ , or  $T = G\theta J$ , and  $S_s = TR/J$  or  $S_s = G\theta R$ , where  $J =$  polar moment of inertia of a circular cross section ( $=\pi R^4/2$ ); other symbols are as defined earlier.

If the shaft is splined, keyed, milled, or pinned, then its cross sections do not remain plane in torsion, but warp into three-dimensional surfaces. Radii do not remain straight, the distribution of shear stress is no longer linear, and the directions of shear stress are no longer perpendicular to the radius.

These changes are described by partial differential equations drawn from Saint-Venant's theory. The equations are unwieldy, so unwieldy that most common shaft problems cannot be solved in closed form, but demand numerical approximations and educated intuition.

Of the methods of solving for Saint-Venant's torsion stress functions  $\Phi$ , one of the most effective is the technique of finite differences. A finite-difference computer program (called SHAFT) was developed for this purpose by the Scientific and Engineering Computer Applications Division of U.S. Army ARRADCOM (Dover, New Jersey).

SHAFT analyzed 10 fairly common transmission-shaft cross sections and (in the course of some 50 computer runs for each cross section) generated dimensionless torsional-stiffness and shear-stress factors for shafts with a wide range of proportions. Since the factors were calculated for unit-radius and unit-side cross sections, they may be applied to cross sections of any dimensions. These computer-generated factors, labeled  $V$ ,  $f$ , and  $d\phi/ds$ , are derived from Prandtl's "membrane analogy" of the  $\Phi$  function.

Because the torsional-stiffness factor  $V$  may be summed for parallel shafts,  $V$  values for various shaft cross sections may be adjusted for differing radii and then added or subtracted to give valid results for composite shaft shapes. Thus, the torsional stiffness of a 2-in (5.1-cm) diameter eight-splined shaft may be calculated (to within 1 percent accuracy) by adding the  $V$  factors of two four-splined shafts and then subtracting the value for one 2-in (5.1-cm) diameter circle (to compensate for the overlapping of the central portion of the two splined shafts).

Or, a hollow shaft (like that analyzed above) can be approximated by taking the value of  $VR^4$  for the cross section of the hollow and subtracting it from the  $VR^4$  value of the outer contour.

In general, any composite shaft will have its own characteristic torsional-stiffness factor  $V$ , such that  $V_i R^4 = \Sigma V_i r_i^4$ , or  $V_i = \Sigma V_i (r_i/R)^4$ , where  $R$  is the radius of the outermost cross section and  $V_i$  and  $r_i$  are the torsional-stiffness factors and radii for each of the cross sections combined to form the composite shaft.

By the method given here, a total of 10 different shaft configurations can be analyzed: single, two, and four keyways; single, two, and four splines; milled; rectangular; pinned; and cross-shaped. It is probably the most versatile method of shaft analysis to be developed in recent years. It was published by Robert I. Isakower, Chief, Scientific and Engineering Computer Applications Division, U.S. Army ARRADCOM, in *Design Engineering*.

## HYDRAULIC PISTON ACCELERATION, DECELERATION, FORCE, FLOW, AND SIZE DETERMINATION

What net acceleration force is needed by a horizontal cylinder having a 10,000-lb (4500-kg) load and 500-lb (2.2-kN) friction force, if 1500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (10,341 kPa) is available at the cylinder port, there is zero initial piston velocity, and a 100-ft/min (30.5-m/min) terminal velocity is reached after 3-in (76.2-mm) travel at constant acceleration with the rod extending? Determine the required piston diameter and maximum fluid flow needed.

What pressure will stop a piston and load within 2 in (50.8 mm) at constant deceleration if the cylinder is horizontal, the rod is extending, the load is 5000 lb (2250 kg), there is a 500-lb (2224-N) friction force, the driving pressure at the head end is 800 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (5515.2 kPa), and the initial velocity is 80 ft/min (24.4 m/min)? The rod diameter is 1 in (25.4 mm), and the piston diameter is 1.5 in (38.1 mm).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Find the needed accelerating force.** Use the relation  $F_A = Ma = M \Delta V / \Delta t$ , where  $F_A$  = net accelerating force, lb (N);  $M$  = mass, slugs or lb·s<sup>2</sup>/ft (N·s<sup>2</sup>/m);  $a$  = linear acceleration, ft/s<sup>2</sup>(m/s<sup>2</sup>), assumed constant;  $\Delta V$  = velocity change during acceleration, ft/s (m/s);  $\Delta t$  = time to reach terminal velocity, s. Substituting for this cylinder, we find  $M = 10,000/32.17 = 310.85$  slugs.

Next  $\Delta S = 3 \text{ in}/(12 \text{ in}/\text{ft}) = 0.25 \text{ ft}$  (76.2 mm). Also  $\Delta V = (100 \text{ ft}/\text{min})/(60 \text{ s}/\text{min}) = 1.667 \text{ ft}/\text{s}$  (0.51 m/s). Then  $F_A = 0.5(310.85)(1.667)^2/0.25 = 1727.6 \text{ lb}$  (7684.4 N).

**2. Determine the piston area and diameter.** Add the friction force and compute the piston area and diameter thus;  $\Sigma F = F_A + F_F$ , where  $\Sigma F$  = sum of forces acting on piston, i.e., pressure, friction, inertia, load, lb;  $F_F$  = friction force, lb. Substituting gives  $\Sigma F = 1727.6 + 500 = 2227.6 \text{ lb}$  (9908.4 N).

Find the piston area from  $A = \Sigma F/P$ , where  $P$  = fluid gage pressure available at the cylinder port, lb/in<sup>2</sup>. Or,  $A = 2227.6/1500 = 1.485 \text{ in}^2$  (9.58 cm<sup>2</sup>). The piston diameter  $D$ , then, is  $D = (4A/\pi)^{0.5} = 1.375 \text{ in}$  (34.93 mm).

**3. Compute the maximum fluid flow required.** The maximum fluid flow  $Q$  required is  $Q = VA/231$ , where  $Q$  = maximum flow, gal/min;  $V$  = terminal velocity of the piston, in/s;  $A$  = piston area, in<sup>2</sup>. Substituting, we find  $Q = (100 \times 12)(1.485)/231 = 7.7 \text{ gal}/\text{min}$  (0.49 L/s).

**4. Determine the effective driving force for the piston with constant deceleration.** The driving force from pressure at the head end is  $F_D = [\text{fluid pressure, lb}/\text{in}^2 \text{ (gage)}](\text{piston area, in}^2)$ . Or,  $F_D = 800(1.5)^2\pi/4 = 1413.6 \text{ lb}$  (6287.7 N). However, there is a friction force of 500 lb (2224 N) resisting this driving force. Therefore, the effective driving force is  $F_{ED} = 1413.6 - 500 = 913.6 \text{ lb}$  (4063.7 N).

**5. Compute the decelerating forces acting.** The mass, in slugs, is  $M = F_A/32.17$ , from the equation in step 1. By substituting,  $M = 5000/32.17 = 155.4$  slugs.

Next, the linear piston travel during deceleration is  $\Delta S = 2 \text{ in}/(12 \text{ in}/\text{ft}) = 0.1667 \text{ ft}$  (50.8 mm). The velocity change is  $\Delta V = 80/60 = 1.333 \text{ ft}/\text{s}$  (0.41 m/s) during deceleration.

The decelerating force  $F_A = 0.5M(\Delta V^2)/\Delta S$  for the special case when the velocity is zero at the start of acceleration or the end of deceleration. Thus  $F_A = 0.5(155.4)(1.333)^2/0.1667 = 828.2 \text{ lb}$  (3684 N).

The total decelerating force is  $\Sigma F = F_A + F_{ED} = 827.2 + 913.6 = 1741.8 \text{ lb}$  (7748 N).

**6. Find the cushioning pressure in the annulus.** The cushioning pressure is  $P_c = \Sigma F/A$ , where  $A$  = differential area = piston area – rod area, both expressed in in<sup>2</sup>. For this piston,  $A = \pi(1.5)^2/4 - \pi(1.0)^2/4 = 0.982 \text{ in}^2$  (6.34 cm<sup>2</sup>). Then  $P = \Sigma F/A = 1741.8/0.982 = 1773.7 \text{ lb}/\text{in}^2$  (gage) (12,227.9 kPa).

**Related Calculations** Most errors in applying hydraulic cylinders to accelerate or decelerate loads are traceable to poor design or installation. In the design area, miscalculation of acceleration and/or deceleration is a common cause of problems in the field. The above procedure for determining acceleration and deceleration should eliminate one source of design errors.

Rod buckling can also result from poor design. A basic design rule is to allow a compressive stress in the rod of 10,000 to 20,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (68,940 to 137,880 kPa) as long as the effective rod length-to-diameter ratio does not exceed about 6:1 at full extension. A firmly guided rod can help prevent buckling and allow at least four times as much extension.

With rotating hydraulic actuators, the net accelerating, or decelerating torque in lb·ft (N·m) is given by  $T_A = J\alpha = MK^2 \text{ rad/s}^2 = 0.1047MK \Delta N/\Delta T = WK^2 \Delta N/(307) \Delta t$ , where  $J$  = mass moment of inertia, slugs·ft<sup>2</sup>, or lb·s<sup>2</sup>·ft;  $\alpha$  = angular acceleration (or deceleration), rad/s<sup>2</sup>;  $K$  = radius of gyration, ft;  $\Delta N$  = rpm change during acceleration or deceleration; other symbols as given earlier.

For the special case where the rpm is zero at the start of acceleration or end of deceleration,  $T_A = 0.0008725MK^2 (\Delta N)^2/\Delta revs$ ; in this case,  $\Delta revs$  = total revolutions = average rpm  $\times \Delta t/60 = 0.5 \Delta N\Delta T/60$ ;  $\Delta t = 120(\Delta revs/\Delta t)$ . For the linear piston and cylinder where the piston velocity at the start of acceleration is zero, or at the end of deceleration is zero,  $\Delta t = \Delta S/\text{average velocity} = \Delta S/(0.5 \Delta V)$ .

High water base fluids (HWBF) are gaining popularity in industrial fluid power cylinder applications because of lower cost, greater safety, and biodegradability. Cylinders function well on HWBF if the cylinder specifications are properly prepared for the specific application. Some builders of cylinders and pumps offer designs that will operate at pressures up to several thousand pounds per square inch, gage. Most builders, however, recommend a 1000-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (6894-kPa) limit for cylinders and pumps today.

Robotics is another relatively recent major application for hydraulic cylinders. There is nothing quite like hydrostatics for delivering high torque or force in cramped spaces.

This procedure is the work of Frank Yeaple, Editor, *Design Engineering*, as reported in that publication.

## COMPUTATION OF REVOLUTE ROBOT PROPORTIONS AND LIMIT STOPS

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Determine the equations for a two-link revolute robot's maximum and minimum paths, the shape and area of the robot's workspace, and the maximum necessary reach. Give the design steps to follow for a three-link robot.

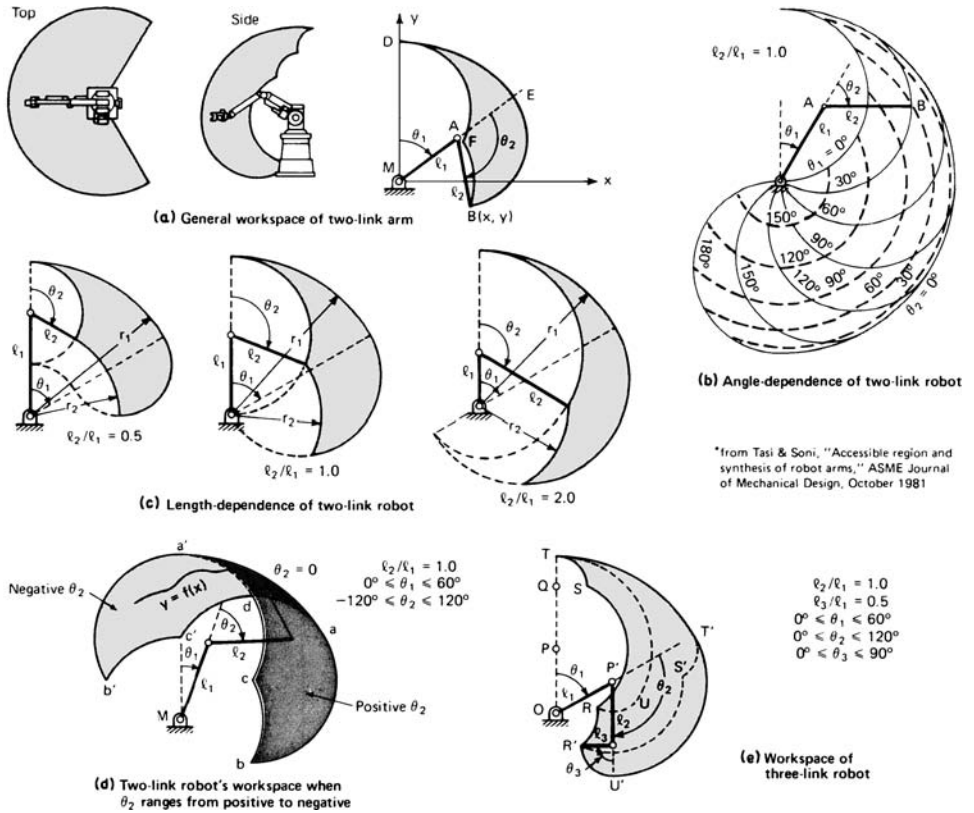
### Calculation Procedure

**1. Give the equations for the four arcs of the robot.** Use the procedure developed by Y. C. Tsai and A. H. Soni of Oklahoma State University which gives a design strategy for setting the proportions and limit stops of revolute robot arms, as reported in the *ASME Journal of Mechanical Design*. Start by sketching the general workspace of the two-link robot arm, Fig. 59a.

Seen from the side, a 3R mechanism like that in Fig. 59a resolves itself into a 2R projection. This allows simple calculation of the robot's maximum and minimum paths.

In the vertical plane, the revolute robot's workspace is bounded by a set of four circular arcs. The precise positions and dimensions of the arcs are determined by the lengths of the robot's limbs and by the angular motion permitted in each joint. In the  $xy$  plot in Fig. 59a, the coordinates are determined by these equations:

$$x = l_1 \sin \theta_1 + l_2 \sin (\theta_1 + \theta_2) \quad y = l_1 \cos \theta_1 + l_2 \cos (\theta_1 + \theta_2)$$



**FIGURE 59** Revolute robots are common in industrial applications. The robot's angular limits and the relative length of its limbs determine the size and shape of the workspace of the robot. (Tasi and Soni, *ASME Journal of Mechanical Design and Design Engineering*.)

These resolve into:

$$f_1: (x - l_1 \sin \theta_1)^2 + (y - l_1 \cos \theta_1)^2 = l_2^2$$

$$f_2: x^2 + y^2 = l_1^2 + l_2^2 + 2l_1l_2 \cos \theta_2$$

In these relations,  $f_2$  is the equation of a circle with a radius equal to the robot's forearm,  $l_2$ ; the center of the circle varies with the inclination of the robot's upper arm from the vertical,  $\theta_1$ .

The second function,  $f_2$ , also describes a circle. This circle has a fixed center at (0,0), but the radius varies with the angle between the upper arm and the forearm. In effect, crooking the elbow shortens the robot's reach.

From the above relations, in turn, we get the equations for the four arcs:  $DF = f_1(\theta_{1,\min})$ ;  $EB = f_1(\theta_{1,\max})$ ;  $DE = f_2(\theta_{2,\max})$ ;  $FB = f_2(\theta_{2,\min})$ .

**2. Define the shape and area of the robot's workspace.** Angular travel limitations are particularly important on robots whose major joints are powered by linear actuators, generally hydraulic cylinders. Figure 59b shows how maximum and minimum values for  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  affect the workspace envelope of planar projection of a common 3R robot.



Other robots—notably those powered by rotary actuators or motor-reducer sets—may be double-jointed at the elbow;  $\theta$  may be either negative or positive. These robots produce the reflected workspace cross sections shown in Fig. 59d.

The relative lengths of the upper arm and forearm also strongly influence the shape of the two-link robot's workspace, Fig. 59c. Tsai and Soni's calculations show that, for a given total reach  $L = l_1 + l_2$ , the area bounded by the four arcs—the workspace—is greatest when  $l_1/l_2 = 1.0$ .

Last, the shape and area of the workspace depend on the ratio  $l_2/l_1$ , on  $\theta_{2,\max}$ , and on the difference  $(\theta_{1,\max} - \theta_{1,\min})$ . And given a constant rate of change for  $\theta_2$ , Tsai and Soni found that the arm can cover the most ground when the elbow is bent  $90^\circ$ .

**3. Specify parameters for a two-link robot able to reach any collection of points.** To reach any collection of points  $(x_i, y_i)$  in the cross-sectional plane, Tsai and Soni transform the equations for  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  into a convenient procedure by turning  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  around to give equations for the angles  $\theta_{1i}$  and  $\theta_{2i}$  needed to reach each of the points  $(x_i, y_i)$ . These equations are:

$$\theta_{1i} = \cos^{-1} \left[ \frac{y_i - y_0}{\sqrt{(x_i - x_0)^2 + (y_i - y_0)^2}} \right] - \cos^{-1} \left[ \frac{(x_i - x_0)^2 + (y_i - y_0)^2 + l_1^2 - l_2^2}{2l_1 \sqrt{(x_i - x_0)^2 + (y_i - y_0)^2}} \right]$$

$$\theta_{2i} = \cos^{-1} \left[ \frac{(x_i - x_0)^2 + (y_i - y_0)^2 - l_1^2 - l_2^2}{2l_1 l_2} \right]$$

Whereas the original equations assumed that the robot's shoulder is located at  $(0,0)$ , these equations allow for a center of rotation  $(x_0, y_0)$  anywhere in the plane.

Using the above equations, the designer then does the following: (a) She or he finds  $x_{\min}$ ,  $y_{\min}$ ,  $x_{\max}$ , and  $y_{\max}$  among all the values  $(x_i, y_i)$ . (b) If the location of the shoulder of the robot is constrained, the designer assigns the proper values  $(x_0, y_0)$  to the center of rotation. If there are no constraints, the designer assumes arbitrary values; the optimum position for the shoulder may be determined later.

(c) The designer finds the maximum necessary reach  $L$  from among all  $L_i = [(x_i - x_0)^2 + (y_i - y_0)^2]^{0.5}$ . Then set  $l_1 = l_2 = L/2$ . (d) Compute  $\theta_{1i}$  and  $\theta_{2i}$  from the equations above for every point  $(x_i, y_i)$ . Then find the maximum and minimum values for both angles.

(e) Compute the area  $A_2$  of the accessible region from  $A = F(\theta_{1,\max} - \theta_{1,\min})(l_1 + l_2)^2$ , where  $F = (l_2/l_1)(\cos \theta_{2,\min} - \cos \theta_{2,\max})/[1 + (l_2/l_1)^2]$ . (f) Use a grid method, repeating steps b through e to find the optimum values for  $(x_0, y_0)$ , the point at which  $A$  is at a minimum.

As Tsai and Soni note, this procedure can be computerized. The end result by either manual or computer computation is a set of optimum values for  $x_0$ ,  $y_0$ ,  $l_1$ ,  $l_2$ ,  $\theta_{1,\max}$ ,  $\theta_{1,\min}$ ,  $\theta_{2,\max}$ , and  $\theta_{2,\min}$ .

**4. List the steps for three-link robot design.** In practice, the pitch link of a robot's wrist extends the mechanism to produce a three-link 4R robot—equivalent to a 3R robot in the cross-sectional plane, Fig. 59. This additional link changes the shape and size of the workspace; it is generally short, and the additions are often minor.

Find the shape of the workspace thus: (a) Fix the first link at  $\theta_{1,\min}$  and treat the links  $l_2$  and  $l_3$  (that is,  $PQ$  and  $QT$ ) as a two-link robot to determine their accessible region  $RSTU$ . (b) Rotate the workspace  $RSTU$  through the whole permissible angle  $\theta_{1,\max} - \theta_{1,\min}$ . The region swept out is the workspace.

The third link increases the workspace and permits the designer to specify the attitude of the last link and the "precision points" through which the arm's endpoint must pass.

Besides specifying a set of points  $(x_i, y_i)$ , the designer may specify for each point a unit vector  $e_i$ . In operation, the end link  $QT$  will point along  $e_i$ . Thus, the designer specifies the location of two points: the endpoint  $T$  and the base of the third link  $Q$ , Fig. 59e.

Designing such a three-link device is quite similar to designing a two-link version. The designer must add three steps at the start of the design sequence: (a) Select an appropriate length  $l_3$  for the third link. (b) Specify a unit vector  $\mathbf{e}_i = e_{xi}\mathbf{i} + e_{yi}\mathbf{j}$ , for each prescribed accessible point  $(x_i, y_i)$ . (c) From these, specify a series of precision points  $(x'_i, y'_i)$  for the endpoint  $Q$  of the two-link arm  $l_1 + l_2$ ;  $x'_i = x_i - e_{xi}l_3$ ,  $y'_i = y_i - e_{yi}l_3$ .

The designer then creates a linkage that is able to reach all precision points  $(x'_i, y'_i)$ , using the steps outlined for a two-link robot. Tsai and Soni also synthesize five-bar mechanisms to generate prescribed coupler curves. They also show how to design equivalent single- and dual-cam mechanisms for producing the same motion.

**Related Calculations** The robot is becoming more popular every year for a variety of industrial activities such as machining, welding, assembly, painting, stamping, soldering, cutting, grinding, etc. Kenichi Ohmae, a director of McKinsey and Company, refers to robots as “steel-collar workers.” Outside of the industrial field robots are finding other widespread applications. Thus, on the space shuttle *Columbia* a 45-ft (13.7-m) robot arm hauled a 65,000-lb (29,545-kg) satellite out of earth orbit. Weighing only 905 lb (362 kg), the arm has a payload capacity 70 times its own weight. In the medical field, robots are helping disabled people and others who are incapacitated to lead more normal lives. Newer robots are being fitted with vision devices enabling them to distinguish between large and small parts. Designers look forward to the day when vision can be added to medical robots to further expand the life of people having physical disabilities.

Joseph Engelberger, pioneer roboticist, classifies robots into several different categories. Chief among these are as follows: (1) A cartesian robot must move its entire mass linearly during any  $x$  axis translation; this robot is well adapted for dealing with wide flat sheets as in painting and welding. The cartesian robot might be an inefficient choice for jobs needing many fast left-and-right moves. (2) Spherical-body robots might be best suited for loading machine tools. (3) Likewise, cylindrical robots are adapted to loading machine tools. (4) Revolute robots find a wide variety of applications in industry. Figure 60 shows a number of different robot bodies.

In the human body we get 7 degrees of freedom from just three joints. Most robots get only 6 degrees of freedom from six joints. This comparison gives one an appreciation of the construction of the human body compared to that of a robot. Nevertheless, robots are replacing humans in a variety of activities, saving labor and money for the organization using them.

This calculation procedure provides the designer with a number of equations for designing industrial, medical, and other robots. In designing a robot the designer must be careful not to use a robot which is too complex for the activity performed. Where simple operations are performed, such as painting, loading, and unloading, usually a simple one-directional robot will be satisfactory. Using more expensive multidirectional robots will only increase the cost of performing the operation and reduce the savings which might otherwise be possible.

Ohmae cites four ways in which robots are important in industry: (1) They reduce labor costs in industries which have a large labor component as part of their total costs. (2) Robots are easier to schedule in times of recession than are human beings. In many plants robots will reduce the breakeven point and are easier to “lay off” than human beings. (3) Robots make it easier for a small firm to enter precision manufacturing businesses. (4) Robots allow location of a plant to be made independent of the skilled-labor supply. For these reasons, there is a growing interest in the use of robots in a variety of industries.

A valuable reference for designers is Joseph Engelberger’s book *Robotics in Practice*, published by Amacon, New York. This pioneer roboticist covers many topics important to the modern designer.

At the time of this writing, the robot population of the United States was increasing at the rate of 150 robots per month. The overhead cost of a robot in the automotive industry is currently under \$5 per hour, compared to about \$14 per hour for hourly employees. Robot maintenance cost is about 50 cents per hour of operation, while the operating labor cost of a robot is about 40 cents per hour. Downtime for robots is less than 2 percent, according to *Mechanical Engineering* magazine of the ASME. Mean time between failures for robots is about 500 h.

The principal robot bodies – 3 degrees of freedom (with maximum workspaces)

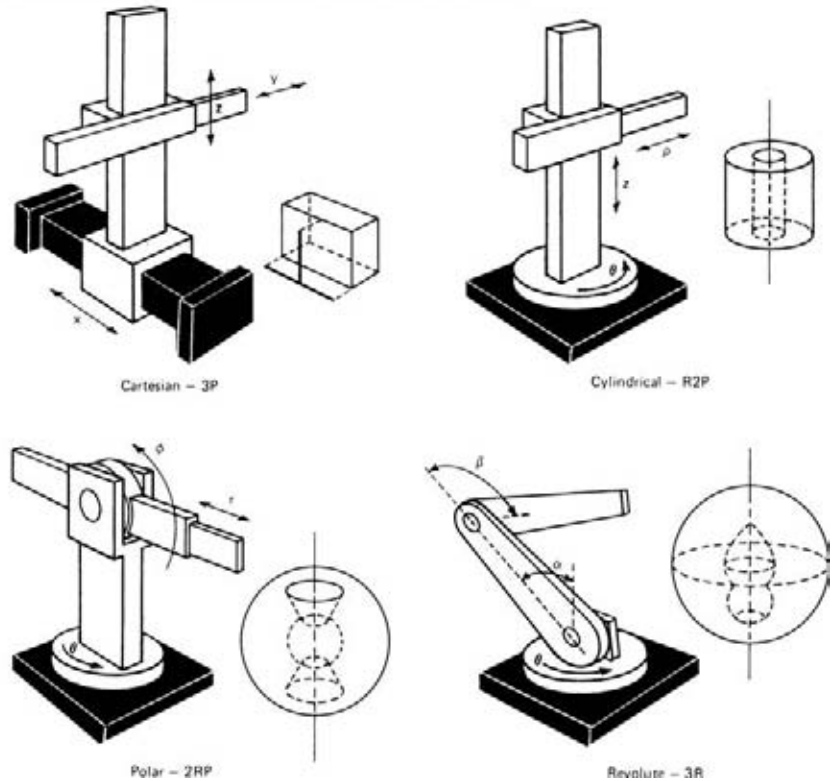


FIGURE 60 Types of robot bodies. (Design Engineering, after Engelberger.)

The procedure given here is the work of Y. C. Tsai and A. H. Soni of Oklahoma State University, as reported in *Design Engineering* magazine in an article by Doug McCormick, Associate Editor.

## HYDROPNEUMATIC ACCUMULATOR DESIGN FOR HIGH FORCE LEVELS

Design a hydropneumatic spring to absorb the mechanical shock created by a 300-lb (136.4-kg) load traveling at a velocity of 20 ft/s (6.1 m/s). Space available to stop the load is limited to 4 in (10.2 cm).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the kinetic energy which the spring must absorb.** Figure 61 shows a typical hydropneumatic accumulator which functions as a spring. The spring is a closed system made up of a single-acting cylinder (or sometimes a rotary actuator) and a gas-filled accumulator. As the load drives the piston, fluid (usually oil) compresses the gas in the flexible rubber bladder. Once the load is removed, either partially or completely, the gas pressure drives the piston back for the return cycle.

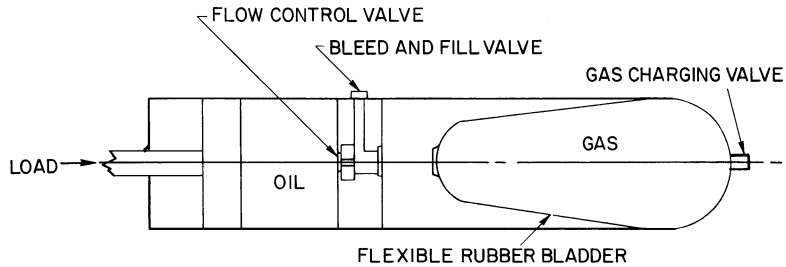


FIGURE 61 Typical hydropneumatic accumulator. (*Machine Design.*)

The flow-control valve limits the speed of the compression and return strokes. In custom-designed springs, flow-control valves are often combinations of check valves and fixed or variable orifices. Depending on the orientation of the check valve, the compression speed can be high with low return speed, or vice versa. Within the pressure limits of the components, speed and stroke length can be varied by changing the accumulator precharge. Higher precharge pressure gives shorter strokes, slower compression speed, and faster return speed.

The kinetic energy that must be absorbed by the spring is given by  $E_k = 12WV^2/2g$ , where  $E_k$  = kinetic energy that must be absorbed, in-lb/W = weight of load, lb;  $V$  = load velocity, ft/s;  $g$  = acceleration due to gravity, 32.2 ft/s<sup>2</sup>. From the given data,  $E_k = 12(300)(20)^2/2(32.2) = 22,360$  in-lb (2526.3 N·m).

**2. Find the final pressure of the gas in the accumulator.** To find the final pressure of the gas in the accumulator, first we must assume an accumulator size and pressure rating. Then we check the pressure developed and the piston stroke. If they are within the allowable limits for the application, the assumptions were correct. If the limits are exceeded, we must make new assumptions and check the values again until a suitable design is obtained.

For this application, based on the machine layout, assume that a 2.5-in (6.35-cm) cylinder with a 60-in<sup>3</sup> (983.2-cm<sup>3</sup>) accumulator is chosen and that both are rated at 2000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (13,788 kPa) with a 1000-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (6894-kPa) precharge. Check that the final loaded pressure and volume are suitable for the load.

The final load pressure  $p_2$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (kPa) is found from  $p_2^{(n-1)/n} = p_1^{(n-1)/n} \{ [E_k(n-1)/(p_1 v_1)] + 1 \}$ , where  $p_1$  = precharge pressure of the accumulator, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (kPa);  $n$  = the polytropic gas constant = 1.4 for nitrogen, a popular charging gas;  $v_1$  = accumulator capacity, in<sup>3</sup> (cm<sup>3</sup>). Substituting gives  $p_2^{(1.4-1)/1.4} = 1000^{(1.4-1)/1.4} \{ [22,360(1.4-1)/(1000 \times 60)] + 1 \}$ . Thus,  $p_2 = 1626$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (11,213.1 kPa). Since this is within the 2000-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) limit selected, the accumulator is acceptable from a pressure standpoint.

**3. Determine the final volume of the accumulator.** Use the relation  $v_2 = v_1(p_1/p_2)^{1/n}$ , where  $v_2$  = final volume of the accumulator, in<sup>3</sup>;  $v_1$  = initial volume of the accumulator, in<sup>3</sup>; other symbols as before. Substituting, we get  $v_2 = 60(1000/1626)^{1/1.4} = 42.40$  in<sup>3</sup> (694.8 cm<sup>3</sup>).

**4. Compute the piston stroke under load.** Use the relation  $L = 4(v_1 - v_2)/\pi D^2$ , where  $L$  = length of stroke under load, in;  $D$  = piston diameter, in. Substituting yields  $L = 4(60 - 42.40)/(\pi \times 2.5^2) = 3.58$  in (9.1 cm). Since this is within the allowable travel of 4 in (10 cm), the system is acceptable.

**Related Calculations** Hydropneumatic accumulators have long been used as shock dampers and pulsation attenuators in hydraulic lines. But only recently have they been used as mechanical shock absorbers, or springs.

Current applications include shock absorption and seat-suspension systems for earth-moving and agricultural machinery, resetting mechanisms for plows, mill-roll loading, and rock-crusher loading. Potential applications include hydraulic hammers and shake tables.

In these relatively high-force applications, hydropneumatic springs have several advantages over mechanical springs. First, they are smaller and lighter, which can help reduce system costs. Second, they are not limited by metal fatigue, as mechanical springs are. Of course, their life is not infinite, for it is limited by wear of rod and piston seals.

Finally, hydropneumatic springs offer the inherent ability to control load speeds. With an orifice check valve or flow-control valve between actuator and accumulator, cam speed can be varied as needed.

One reason why these springs are not more widely used is that they are not packaged as off-the-shelf items. In the few cases where packages exist, they are often intended for other uses. Thus, package dimensions may not be those needed for spring applications, and off-the-shelf springs may not have all the special system parameters needed. But it is not hard to select individual off-the-shelf accumulators and actuators for a custom-designed system. The procedure given here is an easy method for calculating needed accumulator pressures and volumes. It is the work of Zeke Zahid, Vice President and General Manager, Greer Olaer Products Division, Greer Hydraulics, Inc., as reported in *Machine Design*.

## MEMBRANE VIBRATION

A pressure-measuring device is to be constructed of a 0.005-in (0.0127-cm) thick alloy steel circular membrane stretched over a chamber opening, as shown in Fig. 62. The membrane is subjected to a uniform tension of 2000 lb (8900 N) and then secured in position over a 6-in (15.24-cm) diameter opening. The steel has a modulus of elasticity of 30,000,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (210.3 GPa) and weighs 0.3 lb/in<sup>3</sup> (1.1 N/cm<sup>3</sup>). Vibration of the membrane due to pressure in the chamber is to be picked up by a strain gage mechanism; in order to calibrate the device, it is required to determine the fundamental mode of vibration of the membrane.

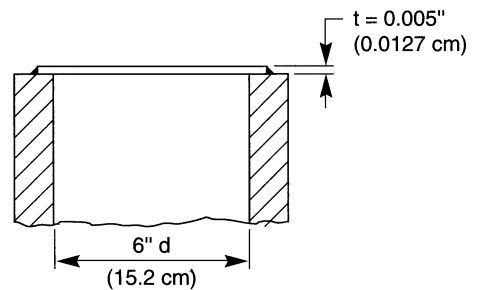


FIGURE 62 Membrane for pressure-measuring device.

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Compute the weight of the membrane per unit area.** Weight of the membrane per unit area,  $w = w_u \times t$ , where the weight per unit volume,  $w_u = 0.3 \text{ lb/in}^3$  (1.1 N/cm<sup>3</sup>); membrane thickness,  $t = 0.005 \text{ in}$  (0.0127 cm). Hence,  $w = 0.3 \times 0.005 = 0.0015 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (0.014 N/cm<sup>2</sup>).
2. **Compute the uniform tension per unit length of the membrane boundary.** Uniform tension per unit length of the membrane boundary,  $S = F/L$ , where the uniformly applied tensile force,  $F = 2000 \text{ lb}$  (8900 N); length of the membrane boundary,  $L = d = 6 \text{ in}$  (15.24 cm). Thus,  $S = 2000/6 = 333 \text{ lb/in}$  (584 N/cm).
3. **Compute the area of the membrane.** The area of the membrane,  $A = \pi d^2/4 = \pi(6)^2/4 = 28.27 \text{ in}^2$  (182.4 cm<sup>2</sup>).
4. **Compute the frequency of the fundamental mode of vibration in the membrane.** From Marks' *Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers*, 9th edition, McGraw-Hill, Inc., the frequency of the

fundamental mode of vibration of the membrane,  $f = (\alpha/2\pi)[(gS)/(wA)]^{1/2}$ , where the membrane shape constant for a circle,  $\alpha = 4.261$ ; gravitational acceleration,  $g = 32.17 \times 12 = 386 \text{ in/s}^2$  ( $980 \text{ cm/s}^2$ ); other values as before. Then,  $f = (4.261/2\pi) [(386 \times 333)/(0.0015 \times 28.27)]^{1/2} = 1181 \text{ Hz}$ .

**Related Calculations** To determine the value for  $S$  in step 2 involves a philosophy similar to that for the hoop stress formula for thin-wall cylinders, i.e., the uniform tension per unit length of the membrane boundary depends on tensile forces created by uniformly stretching the membrane in all directions. Therefore, for symmetrical shapes other than a circle, such as those presented in *Marks' M. E. Handbook*, the value for  $L$  in the equation for  $S$  as given in this procedure is the length of the longest line of symmetry of the geometric shape of the membrane. The shape constant and other variable values change accordingly.

## POWER SAVINGS ACHIEVABLE IN INDUSTRIAL HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS

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An industrial hydraulic system can be designed with three different types of controls. At a flow rate of 100 gal/min (6.31 L/s), the pressure drop across the controls is as follows: Control A, 500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (3447 kPa); control B, 1000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (6894 kPa); control C, 2000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (13,788 kPa). Determine the power loss and the cost of this loss for each control if the cost of electricity is 15 cents per kilowatt-hour. How much more can be spent on a control if it operates 3000 h/year?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the horsepower lost in each control.** The horsepower lost during pressure drop through a hydraulic control is given by  $hp = 5.82(10^{-4})Q \Delta P$ , where  $Q$  = flow rate through the control, gal/min;  $\Delta P$  = pressure loss through the control. Substituting for each control and using the letter subscript to identify it, we find  $hp_A = 5.82(10^{-4})(100)(500) = 29.1 \text{ hp}$  (21.7 kW);  $hp_B = 5.82(10^{-4})(100)(1000) = 5.82 \text{ hp}$  (43.4 kW);  $hp_C = 5.82(10^{-4})(100)(2000) = 116.4 \text{ hp}$  (86.8 kW).

**2. Find the cost of the pressure loss in each control.** The cost in dollars per hour wasted  $w = \text{kW}(\$/\text{kWh}) = hp(0.746)(\$/\text{kWh})$ . Substituting and using a subscript to identify each control, we get  $w_A = 21.7(\$0.15) = \$3.26$ ;  $w_B = 43.4(\$0.15) = \$6.51$ ;  $w_C = 86.8(\$0.15) = \$13.02$ .

The annual loss for each control with 3000-h operation is  $w_{A,\text{an}} = 3000(\$3.26) = \$9780$ ;  $w_{B,\text{an}} = 3000(\$6.51) = \$19,530$ ;  $w_{C,\text{an}} = 3000(\$13.02) = \$39,060$ .

**3. Determine the additional amount that can be spent on a control.** Take one of the controls as the base or governing control, and use it as the guide to the allowable extra cost. Using control C as the base, we can see that it causes an annual loss of \$39,060. Hence, we could spend up to \$39,060 for a more expensive control which would provide the desired function with a smaller pressure (and hence, money) loss.

The time required to recover the extra money spent for a more efficient control can be computed easily from  $(\$39,060 - \text{loss with new control, } \$)$ , where the losses are expressed in dollars per year.

Thus, if a new control costs \$2500 and control C costs \$1000, while the new control reduced the annual loss to \$20,060, the time to recover the extra cost of the new control would be  $(\$2500 - \$1000)/(\$39,060 - \$20,060) = 0.08 \text{ year}$ , or less than 1 month. This simple application shows the importance of careful selection of energy control devices.

And once the new control is installed, it will save  $\$39,060 - \$20,060 = \$19,000$  per year, assuming its maintenance cost equals that of the control it replaces.

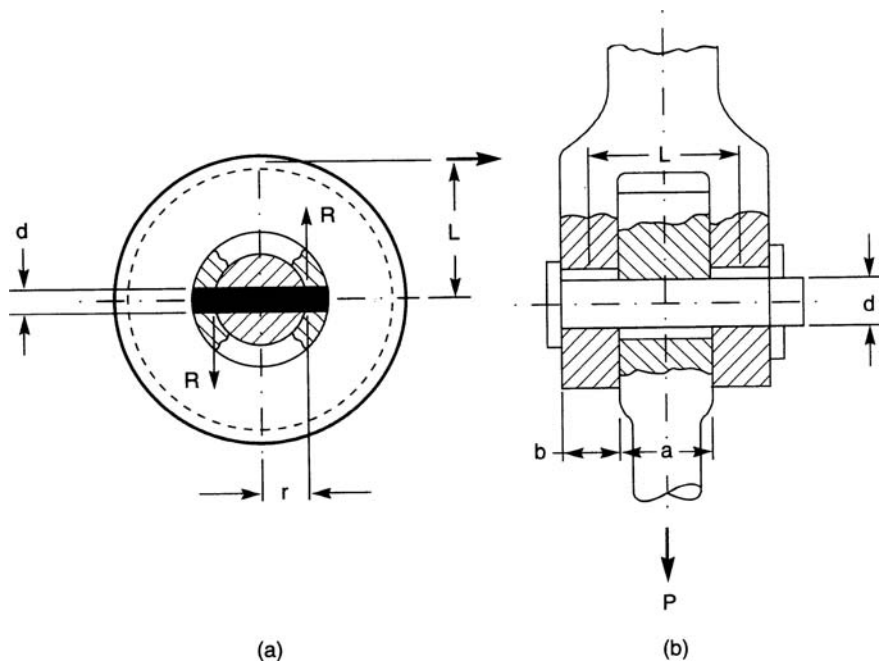
**Related Calculations** This approach to hydraulic system savings can be applied to systems serving industrial plants, aircraft, ships, mobile equipment, power plants, and commercial installations. Further, the approach is valid for any type of hydraulic system using oil, water, air, or synthetic materials as the fluid.

With greater emphasis in all industries on energy conservation, more attention is being paid to reducing unnecessary pressure losses in hydraulic systems. Dual-pressure pumps are finding wider use today because they offer an economical way to provide needed pressures at lower cost. Thus, the alternative control considered above might be a dual-pressure pump, instead of a throttling valve.

Other ways that pressure (and energy) losses are reduced is by using accumulators, shutting off the pump between cycles, modular hydraulic valve assemblies, variable-displacement pumps, electronic controls, and shock absorbers. Data in this procedure are from *Product Engineering* magazine, edited by Frank Yeaple.

## SIZING DOWEL PINS

A dowel pin shown in Fig. 63a is used to resist a moment created by a force of 110 lb (489 N) acting through a distance of 6 in (15.24 cm) on an outer mating part, the hub, that is tightly fitted on a cylindrical internal part, the shaft, which has a radius of 0.7 in (1.78 cm). Another dowel pin, the loose-fitting clevis pin shown in Fig. 63b, is intended to support a force of 550 lb (2450 N). The pin length subjected to compressive loading is 0.625 in (1.59 cm) and the distance between points of support for bending is 0.9375 in (2.38 cm). The joint is expected to oscillate. Allowable stresses are: 11,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (75.84 MPa) shear; 7000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (48.26 MPa) bending; 2000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (13.79 MPa) compression. Find the required dowel pin diameters.



**FIGURE 63** (a) Dowel pin shear example. (b) Dowel pin bending example. (*Machine Design*).

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the pin diameter for the shear example.** Since the mating parts are tightly fitted, check only for shear. Thus, use the relation  $d_s = [2PL/(\pi r s_s)]^{1/2}$ , where  $d_s$  = minimum pin diameter, in (m);  $P$  = applied force, lb (N);  $L$  = lever arm, in (m);  $r$  = shaft radius, in (m);  $s_s$  = allowable shear stress, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (Pa). Hence,  $d_s = [2 \times 110 \times 6/(\pi \times 0.7 \times 11,000)]^{1/2} = 0.234$  in (0.59 cm). The dowel pin diameter should be no larger than  $0.3D$ , where  $D = 2r$ , the diameter of the smallest part, the shaft in this case, mating with the dowel pin. If the pin must be larger than  $0.3D$ , two dowel pins should be used, one on either side of the load. The dowel pin should be located no closer than  $1.5D$  from the end of the hub.

**2. Calculate the pin diameter for the bending example.** The oscillating clevis pin is loosely fitted, hence, it is necessary to check for stresses in shear,  $s_s$ ; bending,  $s_b$ ; compression,  $s_c$ . The minimum pin diameters required are: to resist shear,  $d_s = [2P/(\pi \times s_s)]^{1/2} = [2 \times 550/(\pi \times 11,000)]^{1/2} = 0.178$  in (0.45 cm); to resist bending,  $d_b = [(P/2)(L/2)(0.1 \times s_b)]^{1/2} = [(550/2)(0.9375/2)(0.1 \times 7,100)]^{1/2} = 0.566$  in (1.44 cm); to resist compressive loads  $d_c = P/(a \times s_c) = 550/(0.625 \times 2,000) = 0.440$  in (1.12 cm). The largest of these pin diameters  $d_b = 0.566$  in (1.44 cm) is the pin diameter selected.

**Related Calculations** Where the pin is stronger than the mating parts, or where its primary function is alignment or centering, dowel pins can be sized by these rules of thumb: for a pin stressed in shear, pin diameter should be  $0.2D$  to  $0.3D$ . If the pin is stressed longitudinally, as in bending, its diameter should be  $0.5D$  when  $D \leq 0.3125$  in (0.79 cm), or  $0.4D$  if  $D$  is larger.

To locate nests of small parts such as gage plates, pin diameters from 0.125 in (0.32 cm) to 0.1875 in (0.48 cm) are acceptable. For locating dies, pin diameter should never be less than 0.25 in (0.64 cm). In general, pin diameter should be the same as that of the screws used to fasten the work. Within each plate or part to be doweled, the length of the dowel pin should be  $1.5D$  to  $2D$ .

This procedure is based on an article by Federico Strasser, *Machine Design* magazine, November 14, 1983.

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## TOTAL ELEMENT TIME AND TOTAL OPERATION TIME

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The observed times for a turret-lathe operation are as follows: (1) material to bar stop, 0.0012 h; (2) index turret, 0.0010 h; (3) point material, 0.0005 h; (4) index turret 0.0012 h; (5) turn 0.300-in (0.8-cm) diameter part, 0.0075 h; (6) clear hexagonal turret, 0.0009 h; (7) advance cross-slide tool, 0.0008 h; (8) cutoff part, 0.0030 h; (9) aside with part, 0.0005 h. What is the total element time? What is the total operation time if 450 parts are processed? Pointing of the material was later found unnecessary. What effect does this have on the element and operation total time?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the total element time.** Compute the total element time by finding the sum of each of the observed times in the operation, or sum steps 1 through 9:  $0.0012 + 0.0010 + 0.0005 + 0.0012 + 0.0075 + 0.0009 + 0.0008 + 0.0030 + 0.0005 = 0.0166 \text{ h} = 0.0166 (60 \text{ min/h}) = 0.996 \text{ minute per element}$ .

**2. Compute the total operation time.** The total operation time = (element time, h)(number of parts processed). Or,  $(0.0166)(450) = 7.47 \text{ h}$ .

**3. Compute the time savings on deletion of one step.** When one step is deleted, two or more times are usually saved. These times are the machine preparation and machine working times. In this process, they are steps 2 and 3. Subtract the sum of these times from the total element time, or  $0.0166 - (0.0010 + 0.0005) = 0.0151 \text{ h}$ . Thus, the total element time decreases by 0.0015 h. The total operation time will now be  $(0.0151)(450) = 6.795 \text{ h}$ , or a reduction of  $(0.0015)(450) = 0.6750 \text{ h}$ . Checking shows  $7.470 - 0.675 = 6.795 \text{ h}$ .

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for any multiple-step metalworking operation in which one or more parts are processed. These processes may be turning, boring, facing, threading, tapping, drilling, milling, profiling, shaping, grinding, broaching, hobbing, cutting, etc. The time elements used may be from observed or historical data.

Recent introduction of international quality-control specifications by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) will require greater accuracy in all manufacturing calculations. The best-known set of specifications at this time is ISO 9000 covering quality standards and management procedures. All engineers and designers everywhere should familiarize themselves with ISO 9000 and related requirements so that their products have the highest quality standards. Only then will their designs survive in the competitive world of international commerce and trading.

## CUTTING SPEEDS FOR VARIOUS MATERIALS

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What spindle rpm is needed to produce a cutting speed of 150 ft/min (0.8 m/s) on a 2-in (5.1-cm) diameter bar? What is the cutting speed of a tool passing through 2.5-in (6.4-cm) diameter material at 200 r/min? Compare the required rpm of a turret-lathe cutter with the available spindle speeds.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the required spindle rpm.** In a rotating tool, the spindle rpm  $R = 12C/\pi d$ , where  $C =$  cutting speed, ft/min;  $d =$  work diameter, in. For this machine,  $R = 12(150)/\pi(2) = 286 \text{ r/min}$ .

**2. Compute the tool cutting speed.** For a rotating tool,  $C = R\pi d/12$ . Thus, for this tool,  $C = (200)(\pi)(2.5)/12 = 131$  ft/min (0.7 m/s).

The cutting-speed equation is sometimes simplified to  $C = Rd/4$ . Using this equation for the above machine, we see  $C = 200(2.5)/4 = 125$  ft/min (0.6 m/s). In general, it is wiser to use the exact equation.

**3. Compare the required rpm with the available rpm.** Consult the machine nameplate, *American Machinist's Handbook*, or a manufacturer's catalog to determine the available spindle rpm for a given machine. Thus, one Warner and Swasey turret lathe has a spindle speed of 282 compared with the 286 r/min required in step 1. The part could be cut at this lower spindle speed, but the time required would be slightly greater because the available spindle speed is  $286 - 282 = 4$  r/min less than the computed spindle speed.

When preparing job-time estimates, be certain to use the available spindle speed, because this is frequently less than the computed spindle speed. As a result, the actual cutting time will be longer when the available spindle speed is lower.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for a cutting tool having a rotating cutter, such as a lathe, boring mill, automatic screw machine, etc. Tables of cutting speeds for various materials (metals, plastics, etc.) are available in the *American Machinist's Handbook*, as are tables of spindle rpm and cutting speed.

## DEPTH OF CUT AND CUTTING TIME FOR A KEYWAY

What depth of cut is needed for a  $3/4$ -in (1.9-cm) wide keyway in a 3-in (7.6-cm) diameter shaft? The keyway length is 2 in (5.1 cm). How long will it take to mill this keyway with a 24-tooth cutter turning at 130 r/min if the feed is 0.005 per tooth?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Sketch the shaft and keyway.** Figure 1 shows the shaft and keyway. Note that the depth of cut  $D$  in  $= W/2 + A$ , where  $W$  = keyway width, in;  $A$  = distance from the key horizontal centerline to the top of the shaft, in.

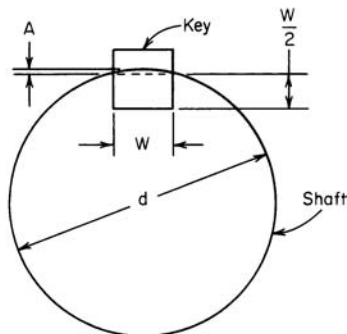


FIGURE 1 Keyway dimensions.

**2. Compute the distance from the centerline to the shaft top.** For a machined keyway,  $A = [d - (d^2 - W^2)^{0.5}]/2$ , where  $d$  = shaft diameter, in. With the given dimensions,  $A = [3 - (3^2 - 0.75^2)^{0.5}]/2 = 0.045$  in (1.1 mm).

**3. Compute the depth of cut for the keyway.** The depth of cut  $D = W/2 + A = 0.75/2 + 0.045 = 0.420$  in (1.1 cm).

**4. Compute the keyway cutting time.** For a single milling cutter, cutting time, min = length of cut, in/[feed per tooth]  $\times$  (number of teeth on cutter)(cutter rpm)]. Thus, for this keyway, cutting time =  $2.0/[0.005(24)(130)] = 0.128$  min.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for square or rectangular keyways. For Woodruff key-seat milling, use the same cutting-time equation as in step 4. A Woodruff key seat is almost a semicircle, being one-half the width of the key less than a semicircle. Thus, a  $9/16$ -in (1.4-cm) deep Woodruff key seat containing a  $3/8$ -in (1.0-cm) wide key will be  $(3/8)/2 = 3/16$  in (0.5 cm) less than a semicircle. The key seat would be cut with a cutter having a radius of  $9/16 + 3/16 = 12/16$ , or  $3/4$  in (1.9 cm).

## MILLING-MACHINE TABLE FEED AND CUTTER APPROACH

A 12-tooth milling cutter turns at 400 r/min and has a feed of 0.006 per tooth per revolution. What table feed is needed? If this cutter is 8 in (20.3 cm) in diameter and is facing a 2-in (5.1-cm) wide part, determine the cutter approach.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the required table feed.** For a milling machine, the table feed  $F_T$  in/min =  $f_i n R$ , where  $f_i$  = feed per tooth per revolution;  $n$  = number of teeth in cutter;  $R$  = cutter rpm. For this cutter,  $F_T = (0.006) \times (12)(400) = 28.8$  in/min (1.2 cm/s).

**2. Compute the cutter approach.** The approach of a milling cutter  $A_c$  in =  $0.5D_c - 0.5(D_c^2 - w^2)^{0.5}$ , where  $D_c$  = cutter diameter, in;  $w$  = width of face of cut, in. For this cutter,  $A_c = 0.5(8) - 0.5(8^2 - 2^2)^{0.5} = 0.53$  in (1.3 cm).

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for any milling cutter whose dimensions and speed are known. These cutters can be used for metals, plastics, and other nonmetallic materials.

## DIMENSIONS OF TAPERS AND DOVETAILES

What are the taper per foot (TPF) and taper per inch (TPI) of an 18-in (45.7-cm) long part having a large diameter  $d_1$  of 3 in (7.6 cm) and a small diameter  $d_2$  of 1.5 in (3.8 cm)? What is the length of a part with the same large and small diameters as the above part if the TPF is 3 in/ft (25 cm/m)? Determine the dimensions of the dovetail in Fig. 2 if  $B = 2.15$  in (5.15 cm),  $C = 0.60$  in (1.5 cm), and  $a = 30^\circ$ . A  $3/8$ -in (1.0-cm) diameter plug is used to measure the dovetail.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the taper of the part.** For a round part TPF in/ft =  $12(d_1 - d_2)/L$ , where  $L$  = length of part, in; other symbols as defined above. Thus for this part, TPF =  $12(3.0 - 1.5)/18 = 1$  in/ft (8.3 cm/m). And TPI in/in =  $(d_1 - d_2)/L_2$ , or  $(3.0 - 1.5)/18 = 0.0833$  in/in (0.0833 cm/cm).

The taper of round parts may also be expressed as the angle measured from the shaft centerline, that is, one-half the included angle between the tapered surfaces of the shaft.

**2. Compute the length of the tapered part.** Converting the first equation of step 1 gives  $L = 12(d_1 - d_2)/\text{TPF}$ . Or,  $L = 12(3.0 - 1.5)/3.0 = 6$  in (15.2 cm).

**3. Compute the dimensions of the dovetail.** For external and internal dovetails, Fig. 2, with all dimensions except the angles in inches,  $A = B + CF = I + HF$ ;  $B = A - CF = G - HF$ ;  $E = P \cot(90 + a/2) + P$ ;  $D = P \cot(90 - a/2) + P$ ;  $F = 2 \tan a$ ;  $Z = A - D$ . Note that  $P$  = diameter of plug used to measure the dovetail, in.

With the given dimensions,  $A = B + CF$ , or  $A = 2.15 + (0.60)(2 \times 0.577) = 2.84$  in (7.2 cm). Since the plug  $P$  is  $3/8$  in (1.0 cm) in diameter,  $D = P \cot(90 - a/2) + P = 0.375 \cot(90 - 30/2) + 0.375 = 1.025$  in (2.6 cm). Then  $Z = A - D = 2.840 - 1.025 = 1.815$  in (4.6 cm).

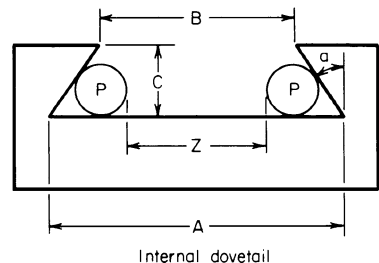
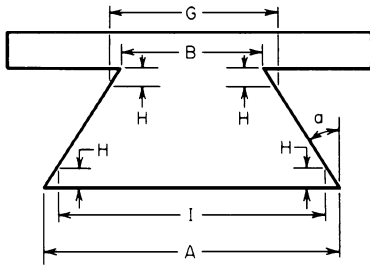


FIGURE 2 Dovetail dimensions.



External dovetail

FIGURE 2 (Continued)

Also  $E = P \cot (90 + a/2) + P = 0.375 \cot (90 + 30/2) + 0.375 = 0.591$  in (1.5 cm).

With flat-cornered dovetails, as at  $I$  and  $G$ , and  $H = 1/8$  in (0.3 cm),  $A = I + HF$ . Solving for  $I$ , we get  $I = A - HF = 2.84 - (0.125)(2 \times 0.577) = 2.696$  in (6.8 cm). Then  $G = B + HF = 2.15 + (0.125)(2 \times 0.577) = 2.294$  in (5.8 cm).

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for tapers and dovetails in any metallic and nonmetallic material. When a large number of tapers and dovetails must be computed, use the appropriate tables in the *American Machinist's Handbook*.

### ANGLE AND LENGTH OF CUT FROM GIVEN DIMENSIONS

At what angle must a cutting tool be set to cut the part in Fig. 3? How long is the cut in this part?

#### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the angle of the cut.** Use trigonometry to compute the angle of the cut. Thus,  $\tan a = \text{opposite side/adjacent side} = (8 - 5)/6 = 0.5$ . From a table of trigonometric functions,  $a = \text{cutting angle} = 26^\circ 34'$ , closely.

**2. Compute the length of the cut.** Use trigonometry to compute the length of cut. Thus,  $\sin a = \text{opposite side/hypotenuse}$ , or  $0.4472 = (8 - 5)/\text{hypotenuse}$ ; length of cut = length of hypotenuse =  $3/0.4472 = 6.7$  in (17.0 cm).

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure to compute the angle and length of cut for any metallic or nonmetallic part.

### TOOL FEED RATE AND CUTTING TIME

A part 3.0 in (7.6 cm) long is turned at 100 r/min. What is the feed rate if the cutting time is 1.5 min? How long will it take to cut a 7.0-in (17.8-cm) long part turning at 350 r/min if the feed is 0.020 in/r (0.51 mm/r)? How long will it take to drill a 5-in (12.7-cm) deep hole with a drill speed of 1000 r/min and a feed of 0.0025 in/r (0.06 mm/r)?

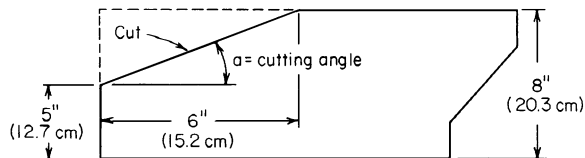


FIGURE 3 Length of cut of a part.

## Calculation Procedure

- 1. Compute the tool feed rate.** For a tool cutting a rotating part,  $f = L/(Rt)$ , where  $t$  = cutting time, min. For this part,  $f = 3.0/[(100)(1.5)] = 0.02$  in/r (0.51 mm/r).
- 2. Compute the cutting time for the part.** Transpose the equation in step 1 to yield  $t = L/(Rf)$ , or  $t = 7.0/[(350)(0.020)] = 1.0$  min.
- 3. Compute the drilling time for the part.** Drilling time is computed using the equation of step 2, or  $t = 5.0/[(1000)(0.0025)] = 2.0$  min.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure to compute the tool feed, cutting time, and drilling time in any metallic or nonmetallic material. Where many computations must be made, use the feed-rate and cutting-time tables in the *American Machinist's Handbook*.

## TRUE UNIT TIME, MINIMUM LOT SIZE, AND TOOL-CHANGE TIME

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What is the machine unit time to work 25 parts if the setup time is 75 min and the unit standard time is 5.0 min? If one machine tool has a setup standard time of 9 min and a unit standard time of 5.0 min, how many pieces must be handled if a machine with a setup standard of 60 min and a unit standard time of 2.0 min is to be more economical? Determine the minimum lot size for an operation requiring 3 h to set up if the unit standard time is 2.0 min and the maximum increase in the unit standard may not exceed 15 percent. Find the unit time to change a lathe cutting tool if the operator takes 5 min to change the tool and the tool cuts 1.0 min/cycle and has a life of 3 h.

## Calculation Procedure

- 1. Compute the true unit time.** The true unit time for a machine  $T_u = S_u/N + U_s$ , where  $S_u$  = setup time, min;  $N$  = number of pieces in lot;  $U_s$  = unit standard time, min. For this machine,  $T_u = 75/75 + 5.0 = 6.0$  min.
- 2. Determine the most economical machine.** Call one machine  $X$ , the other  $Y$ . Then (unit standard time of  $X$ , min)(number of pieces) + (setup time of  $X$ , min) = (unit standard time of  $Y$ , min)(number of pieces) + (setup time of  $Y$ , min). For these two machines, since the number of pieces  $Z$  is unknown,  $5.0Z + 9 = 2.0Z + 60$ . So  $Z = 17$  pieces. Thus, machine  $Y$  will be more economical when 17 or more pieces are made.
- 3. Compute the minimum lot size.** The minimum lot size  $M = S_u/(U_s K)$ , where  $K$  = allowable increase in unit-standard time, percent. For this run,  $M = (3 \times 60)/[(2.0)(0.15)] = 600$  pieces.
- 4. Compute the unit tool-changing time.** The unit tool-changing time  $U_t$  to change from dull to sharp tools is  $U_t = T_c C_t / l$ , where  $T_c$  = total time to change tool, min;  $C_t$  = time tool is in use during cutting cycle, min;  $l$  = life of tool, min. For this lathe,  $U_t = (5)(1)/[(3)(60)] = 0.0278$  min.

**Related Calculations** Use these general procedures to find true unit time, the most economical machine, minimum lot size, and unit tool-changing time for any type of machine tool—drill, lathe, milling machine, hobs, shapers, thread chasers, etc.

## TIME REQUIRED FOR TURNING OPERATIONS

Determine the time to turn a 3-in (7.6-cm) diameter brass bar down to a 2½-in (6.4-cm) diameter with a spindle speed of 200 r/min and a feed of 0.020 in (0.51 mm) per revolution if the length of cut is 4 in (10.2 cm). Show how the turning-time relation can be used for relief turning, pointing of bars, internal and external chamfering, hollow mill work, knurling, and forming operations.

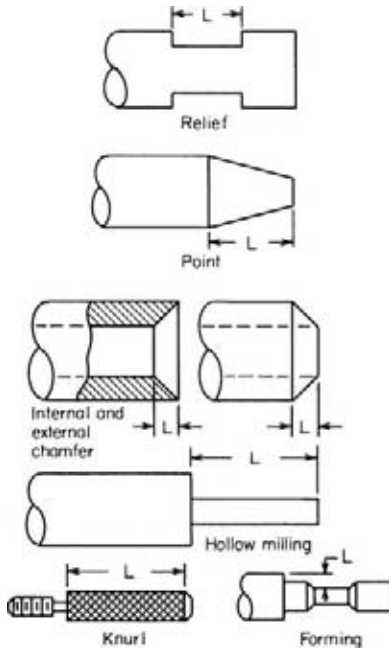


FIGURE 4 Turning operations.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the turning time.** For a turning operation, the time to turn  $T_t$  min =  $L/(fR)$ , where  $L$  = length of cut, in;  $f$  = feed, in/r;  $R$  = work rpm. For this part,  $T_t = 4/[(0.02)(200)] = 1.00$  min.

**2. Develop the turning relation for other operations.** For relief turning use the same relation as in step 1. Length of cut is the length of the relief, Fig. 4. A small amount of time is also required to hand-feed the tool to the minor diameter of the relief. This time is best obtained by observation of the operation.

The time required to point a bar, called pointing, is computed by using the relation in step 1. The length of cut is the distance from the end of the bar to the end of the tapered point, measured parallel to the axis of the bar, Fig. 4.

Use the relation in step 1 to compute the time to cut an internal or external chamfer. The length of cut of a chamfer is the horizontal distance  $L$ , Fig. 4.

A hollow mill reduces the external diameter of a part. The cutting time is computed by using the relation in step 1. The length of cut is shown in Fig. 4.

Compute the time to knurl, using the relation in step 1. The length of cut is shown in Fig. 4.

Compute the time for forming, using the relation in step 1. Length of cut is shown in Fig. 4.

## TIME AND POWER TO DRILL, BORE, COUNTERSINK, AND REAM

Determine the time and power required to drill a 3-in (7.6-cm) deep hole in an aluminum casting if a ¾-in (1.9-cm) diameter drill turning at 1000 r/min is used and the feed is 0.030 in (0.8 mm) per revolution. Show how the drilling relations can be used for boring, countersinking, and reaming. How long will it take to drill a hole through a 6-in (15.2-cm) thick piece of steel if the cone height of the drill is 0.5 in (1.3 cm), the feed is 0.002 in/r (0.05 mm/r), and the drill speed is 100 r/min?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the time required for drilling.** The time required to drill  $T_d$  min =  $L/fR$ , where  $L$  = depth of hole = length of cut, in. In most drilling calculations, the height of the drill cone (point) is ignored. (Where the cone height is used, follow the procedure in step 4.) For this hole,  $T_d = 3/[(0.030) \times (1000)] = 0.10$  min.

**TABLE 1** Power Constants for Machining

Material	Power constant
Carbon steel C1010 to C1025	6
Manganese steel T1330 to T1350	9
Nickel steel 2015 to 2320	7
Molybdenum	9
Chromium	10
Stainless steels	11
Cast iron:	
Soft	3
Medium	3
Hard	4
Aluminum alloys:	
Castings	3
Bar	4
Copper	4
Brass (except manganese)	4
Monel metal	10
Magnesium alloys	3
Malleable iron:	
Soft	3
Medium	4
Hard	5

**2. Compute the power required to drill the hole.** The power required to drill, in hp, is  $hp = 1.3L_f/CK$ , where  $C$  = cutting speed, ft/min, sometimes termed surface feet per minute  $sfp_m = \pi DR/12$ ;  $K$  = power constant from Table 1. For an aluminum casting,  $K = 3$ . Then  $hp = (1.3)(3)(0.030)(\pi \times 0.75 \times 1000/12)(3) = 66.0$  hp (49.2 kW). The factor 1.3 is used to account for dull tools and for over-coming friction in the machine.

**3. Adapt the drill relations to other operations.** The time and power required for boring are found from the two relations given above. The length of the cut = length of the bore. Also use these relations for undercutting, sometimes called *internal relieving* and for counterboring. These same relations are also valid for countersinking, center drilling, start or spot drilling, and reaming. In reaming, the length of cut is the total depth of the hole reamed.

**4. Compute the time for drilling a deep hole.** With parts having a depth of 6 in (15.2 cm) or more, compute the drilling time from  $T_d = (L + h)/(fR)$ , where  $h$  = cone height, in. For this hole,  $T_d = (6 + 0.5)/[(0.002)(100)] = 32.25$  min. This compares with  $T_d = L/fR = 6/[(0.002)(100)] = 30$  min when the height of the drill cone is ignored.

## TIME REQUIRED FOR FACING OPERATIONS

How long will it take to face a part on a lathe if the length of cut is 4 in (10.2 cm), the feed is 0.020 in/r (0.51 mm/r) and the spindle speed is 50 r/min? Determine the facing time if the same part is faced by an eight-tooth milling cutter turning at 1000 r/min and having a feed of 0.005 in (0.13 mm) per tooth per revolution. What table feed is required if the cutter is turning at 50 r/min? What is the feed per tooth with a table feed of 4.0 in/min (1.7 mm/s)? What added table travel is needed when a 4-in (10.2-cm) diameter cutter is cutting a 4-in (10.2-cm) wide piece of work?

### Calculation Procedure

- 1. Compute the lathe facing time.** For lathe facing, the time to face  $T_f \text{ min} = L/(fR)$ , where the symbols are the same as given for previous calculation procedures in this section. For this part,  $T_f = 4/[(0.02)(50)] = 4.0 \text{ min}$ .
- 2. Compute the facing time using a milling cutter.** With a milling cutter,  $T_f = L/(f_n R)$ , where  $f_i$  = feed per tooth, in/r;  $n$  = number of teeth on cutter; other symbols as before. For this part,  $T_f = 4/[(0.005)(8) \times (1000)] = 0.10 \text{ min}$ .
- 3. Compute the required table feed.** In a milling machine, the table feed  $F_t \text{ in/min} = f_i n R$ . For this machine,  $F_t = (0.005) \times (8)(50) = 2.0 \text{ in/min}$  (0.85 mm/s).
- 4. Compute the feed per tooth.** For a milling machine, the feed per tooth, in/r,  $f_i = F_t/Rn$ . In this machine,  $f_i = 4.0/[(50)(8)] = 0.01 \text{ in/r}$  (0.25 mm/r).
- 5. Compute the added table travel.** In face milling, the added table travel  $A_t \text{ in} = 0.5[D_c - (D_c^2 - W^2)^{0.5}]$ , where the symbols are the same as given earlier. For this cutter and work,  $A_t = 0.5[4 - (4^2 - 4^2)^{0.5}] = 2.0 \text{ in}$  (5.1 cm).

## THREADING AND TAPPING TIME

How long will it take to cut a 4-in (10.2-cm) long thread at 100 r/min if the rod will have 12 threads per inch and a button die is used? The die is backed off at 200 r/min. What would the threading time be if a self-opening die were used instead of a button die? What will the threading time be for a single-pointed threading tool if the part being threaded is aluminum and the back-off speed is twice the threading speed? The rod is 1 in (2.5 cm) in diameter. How long will it take to tap a 2-in (5.1-cm) deep hole with a 1-14 solid tap turning at 100 r/min? How long will it take to mill-thread a 1-in (2.5-cm) diameter bolt having 15 threads per inch 3 in (7.6 cm) long if a 4-in (10.2-cm) diameter 20-flute thread-milling hob turning at 80 r/min with a 0.003 in (0.08-mm) feed is used?

### Calculation Procedure

- 1. Compute the button-die threading time.** For a multiple-pointed tool, the time to thread  $T_t = Ln_t/R$ , where  $L$  = length of cut = length of thread measured parallel to thread longitudinal axis, in;  $n_t$  = number of threads per inch. For this button die,  $T_t = (4)(12)/100 = 0.48 \text{ min}$ . This is the time required to cut the thread.  
Compute the back-off time  $B \text{ min}$  from  $B = Ln_t/R_B$ , where  $R_B$  = back-off rpm, or  $B = (4)(12)/200 = 0.24 \text{ min}$ . Hence, the total time to cut and back off =  $T_t + B = 0.48 + 0.24 = 0.72 \text{ min}$ .
- 2. Compute the self-opening die threading time.** With a self-opening die, the die opens automatically when it reaches the end of the cut thread and is withdrawn instantly. Therefore, the back-off time is negligible. Hence the time to thread =  $T_t = Ln_t/R = (4)(12)/100 = 0.48 \text{ min}$ . One cut is usually sufficient to make a suitable thread.
- 3. Compute the single-pointed tool cutting time.** With a single-pointed tool more than one cut is usually necessary. Table 2 lists the number of cuts needed with a single-pointed tool working on various materials. The maximum cutting speed for threading and tapping is also listed.  
Table 2 shows that four cuts are needed for an aluminum rod when a single-pointed tool is used. Before computing the cutting time, compute the cutting speed to determine whether it is within the recommended range given in Table 2. From a previous calculation procedure,  $C = R\pi d/12$ , or  $C = (100)(\pi)(1.0)/12 = 26.2 \text{ ft/min}$  (13.3 cm/s). Since this is less than the maximum recommended speed of 30 r/min, Table 2, the work speed is acceptable.



**TABLE 2** Number of Cuts and Cutting Speed for Dies and Taps

	No. of cuts*	Cutting speed <sup>†</sup>	
		ft/min	m/s
Aluminum	4	30	0.15
Brass (commercial)	3	30	0.15
Brass (naval)	4	30	0.15
Bronze (ordinary)	5	30	0.15
Bronze (hard)	7	20	0.10
Copper	5	20	0.10
Drill rod	8	10	0.05
Magnesium	4	30	0.15
Monel (bar)	8	10	0.05
Steel (mild)	5	20	0.10
Steel (medium)	7	10	0.05
Steel (hard)	8	10	0.05
Steel (stainless)	8	10	0.05

\*Single-pointed threading tool; maximum spindle speed, 250 r/min.

†Maximum recommended speed for single- and multiple-pointed tools; maximum spindle speed for multiple-pointed tools = 150 r/min for dies and taps.

Compute the time to thread from  $T_t = Ln_t c/R$ , where  $c$  = number of cuts to thread, from Table 2. For this part,  $T_t = (4)(12)(4)/100 = 1.92$  min.

If the tool is backed off at twice the threading speed, and the back-off time  $B = Ln_t c/R_B$ ,  $B = (4)(12)(4)/200 = 0.96$  min. Hence, the total time to thread and back off =  $T_t + B = 1.92 + 0.96 = 2.88$  min. In some shapes, a single-pointed tool may not be backed off; the tool may instead be repositioned. The time required for this approximates the back-off time.

**4. Compute the tapping time.** The time to tap  $T_t$  min =  $Ln_t/R$ . With a solid tap, the tool is backed out at twice the tapping speed. With a collapsing tap, the tap is withdrawn almost instantly without reversing the machine or tap.

For this hole,  $T_t = (2)(14)/100 = 0.28$  min. The back-off time  $B = Ln_t/R_B = (2)(14)/200 = 0.14$  min. Hence, the total time to tap and back off =  $T_t + B = 0.28 + 0.14 = 0.42$  min.

The maximum spindle speed for tapping should not exceed 250 r/min. Use the cutting-speed values given in Table 2 in computing the desirable speed for various materials.

**5. Compute the thread-milling time.** The time for thread milling is  $T_t = L/(fnR)$ , where  $L$  = length of cut, in = circumference of work, in;  $f$  = feed per flute, in;  $n$  = number of flutes on hob;  $R$  = hob rpm. For this bolt,  $T_t = 3.1416/[(0.003)(20)(80)] = 0.655$  min.

Note that neither the length of the threaded portion nor the number of threads per inch enters into the calculation. The thread hob covers the entire length of the threaded portion and completes the threading in one revolution of the work head.

## TURRET-LATHE POWER INPUT

How much power is required to drive a turret lathe making a  $1/2$ -in (1.3-cm) deep cut in cast iron if the feed is 0.015 in/r (0.38 mm/r), the part is 2.0 in (5.1 cm) in diameter, and its speed is 382 r/min? How many 1.5-in (3.8-cm) long parts can be cut from a 10-ft (3.0-m) long bar if a  $1/4$ -in (6.4-mm) cutoff tool is used? Allow for end squaring.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the surface speed of the part.** The cutting, or surface, speed, as given in a previous calculation procedure, is  $C = R\pi d/12$ , or  $C = (382)(\pi)(2.0)/12 = 200$  ft/min (1.0 m/s).

**TABLE 3** Turret-Lathe Power Constant

Material	Constant $K$
Bronze	3
Cast iron	3
SAE steels:	
1020	6
1045	8
3250	9
4150	9
4615	6
X1315	6
Straight tubing	6
Steel castings and forgings	9
Heat-treated steels:	
4150	10
52100	10

**2. Compute the power input required.** For a turret lathe, the hp input  $hp = 1.33DfCK$ , where  $D =$  cut depth, in;  $f =$  feed, in/r;  $K =$  material constant from Table 3. For cast iron,  $K = 3.0$ . Then  $hp = (1.33)(0.5)(0.015)(200)(3.0) = 5.98$ , say 6.0 hp (4.5 kW).

**3. Compute the number of parts that can be cut.** Allow 2 in (5.1 cm) on the bar end for checking and  $1/2$  in (1.3 cm) on the opposite end for squaring. With an original length of 10 ft = 120 in (304.8 cm), this leaves  $120 - 2.5 = 117.5$  in (298.5 cm) for cutting.

Each part cut will be 1.5 in (3.8 cm) long + 0.25 in (6.4 mm) for the cutoff, or 1.75 in (4.4 cm) of stock. Hence, the number of pieces which can be cut =  $117.5/1.75 = 67.1$ , or 67 pieces.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure to find the turret-lathe power input for any of the materials, and similar materials, listed in Table 3. The parts cutoff computation can be used for any material—metallic or nonmetallic. Be sure to allow for the width of the cutoff tool.

## TIME TO CUT A THREAD ON AN ENGINE LATHE

How long will it take an engine lathe to cut an acme thread having a length of 5 in (12.7 cm), a major diameter of 2 in (5.1 cm), four threads per inch (1.575 threads per centimeter), a depth of 0.1350 in (3.4 mm), a cutting speed of 70 ft/min (0.4 m/s), and a depth of cut of 0.005 in (0.1 mm) per pass if the material cut is medium steel? How many passes of the tool are required?

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the cutting time.** For an acme, square, or worm thread cut on an engine lathe, the total cutting time  $T_t$ , min, excluding the tool positioning time, is found from  $T_t = Ld_t D n_t / (4C d_c)$ , where  $L =$  thread length, in, measured parallel to the thread longitudinal axis;  $d_t =$  thread major diameter, in;  $D =$  depth of thread, in;  $n_t =$  number of threads per inch;  $C =$  cutting speed, ft/min;  $d_c =$  depth of cut per pass, in.

For this acme thread,  $T_t = (5)(2)(0.1350)(4)/[4(70)(0.005)] = 3.85$  min. To this must be added the time required to position the tool for each pass. This equation is also valid for SI units.

**2. Compute the number of tool passes required.** The depth of cut per pass is 0.005 in (0.1 mm). A total depth of 0.1350 in (3.4 mm) must be cut. Therefore, the number of passes required = total depth cut, in/depth of cut per pass, in =  $0.1350/0.005 = 27$  passes.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for threads cut in ferrous and nonferrous metals. Table 4 shows typical cutting speeds.

## TIME TO TAP WITH A DRILLING MACHINE

How long will it take to tap a 4-in (10.2-cm) deep hole with a 1½-in (3.8-cm) diameter tap having six threads per inch (2.36 threads per centimeter) if the tap turns at 75 r/min?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the tap surface speed.** By the method of a previous calculation procedure,  $C = R\pi d/12 = (75)(\pi)(1.5)/12 = 29.5$  ft/min (0.15 m/s).

**2. Compute the time to tap the hole and withdraw the tool.** For tapping with a drilling machine,  $T_t = Dn_t D_c \pi / (8C)$ , where  $D$  = depth of cut = depth of hole tapped, in;  $n_t$  = number of threads per inch;  $D_c$  = cutter diameter, in = tap diameter, in. For this hole,  $T_t = (4)(6)(1.5)\pi / [8(29.5)] = 0.48$  min, which is the time required to tap and withdraw the tool.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for tapping ferrous and nonferrous metals on a drill press. The recommended tap surface speed for various metals is: aluminum, soft brass, ordinary bronze, soft cast iron, and magnesium: 30 ft/min (0.15 m/s); naval brass, hard bronze, medium cast iron, copper and mild steel: 20 ft/min (0.10 m/s); hard cast iron, medium steels, and hard stainless steel: 10 ft/min (0.05 m/s).

## MILLING CUTTING SPEED, TIME, FEED, TEETH NUMBER, AND HORSEPOWER

What is the cutting speed of a 12-in (30.5-cm) diameter milling cutter turning at 190 r/min? How many teeth are needed in the cutter at this speed if the feed is 0.010 in (0.3 mm) per tooth, the depth of cut is 0.075 in (1.9 mm), the length of cut is 5 in (12.7 cm), the power available at the cutter is 14 hp (10.4 kW), and the mill is cutting hard malleable iron? How long will it take the mill to make this cut? What is the maximum feed rate that can be used? What is the power input to the cutter if a 20-hp (14.9-kW) machine is used?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the cutter cutting speed.** For a milling cutter, use the simplified relation  $C = Rd/4$ , where the symbols are as given earlier in this section. Or,  $C = (190)(12)/4 = 570$  ft/min (2.9 m/s).

**2. Compute the number of cutter teeth required.** For a carbide cutter,  $n = K_m hp_c / (Df_i LR)$ , where  $n$  = number of teeth on cutter;  $K_m$  = machinability constant or  $K$  factor from Table 5;  $hp_c$  = horsepower available at the milling cutter;  $D$  = depth of cut, in;  $f_i$  = cutter feed, inches per tooth;  $L$  = length of cut, in;  $R$  = cutter rpm.

Table 5 shows that  $K_m = 0.90$  for malleable iron. Then  $n = (0.90)(14)(0.075)(0.01) \times (5)(190) = 17.68$ , say 18 teeth. For general-purpose use, the Metal Cutting Institute recommends that  $n = 1.5$ (cutter diameter, in) for cutters having a diameter of more than 3 in (7.6 cm). For this cutter,  $n = 1.5(12) = 18$  teeth. This agrees with the number of teeth computed with the cutter equation.

**3. Compute the milling time.** For a milling machine, the time to cut  $T_t$  min =  $L/(f_i n R)$ , where  $L$  = length of cut, in;  $f_i$  = feed per tooth, inches per tooth per revolution;  $n$  = number of teeth on the cutter;  $R$  = cutter rpm. Thus, the time to cut is  $T_t = 5/(0.01)(18)(190) = 0.146$  min.

**TABLE 4** Thread Cutting Speeds

Material	Cutting speed	
	ft/min	m/s
Soft nonferrous metals	250	1.25
Mild steel	100	0.50
Medium steel	75	0.38
Hard steel	50	0.25

**TABLE 5** Machinability Constant  $K_m$ 

Aluminum	2.28
Brass, soft	2.00
Bronze, hard	1.40
Bronze, very hard	0.65
Cast iron, soft	1.35
Cast iron, hard	0.85
Cast iron, chilled	0.65
Cast magnesium	2.50
Malleable iron	0.90
Steel, soft	0.85
Steel, medium	0.65
Steel, hard	0.48
Steel:	
100 Brinell	0.80
150 Brinell	0.70
200 Brinell	0.65
250 Brinell	0.60
300 Brinell	0.55
400 Brinell	0.50

**TABLE 6** Typical Milling-Machine Efficiencies

Rated power of machine		Overall efficiency, percent
hp	kW	
3	2.2	40
5	3.7	48
7.5	5.6	52
10	7.5	52
15	11.2	52
20	14.9	60
25	18.6	65
30	22.4	70
40	29.8	75
50	27.3	80

**4. Compute the maximum feed rate.** For a milling machine, the maximum feed rate  $f_m$  in/min =  $K_m hp_c J / (DL)$ , where  $L$  = length of cut; other symbols are the same as in step 2. Thus,  $f_m = (0.90)(14) / [(0.075)(5)] = (33.6)$  in/min (1.4 cm/s).

**5. Compute the power input to the machine.** The power available at the cutter is 14 hp (10.4 kW). The power required  $hp_c = DLnRf / K_m$ , where all symbols are as given above. Thus,  $hp_c = (0.075)(5)(18)(190)(0.01) / 0.90 = 14.25$  hp (10.6 kW). This is slightly more than the available horsepower.

Milling machines have overall efficiencies ranging from a low of 40 percent to a high of 80 percent, Table 6. Assume a machine efficiency of 65 percent. Then the required power input is  $14.25 / 0.65 = 21.9$  hp (16.3 kW). Therefore, a 20- or 25-hp (14.9- or 18.6-kW) machine will be satisfactory, depending on its actual operating efficiency.

**Related Calculations** After selecting a feed rate, check it against the suggested feed per tooth for milling various materials given in the *American Machinist's Handbook*. Use the method of a previous calculation procedure in this section to determine the cutter approach. With the approach known, the maximum chip thickness, in = (cutter approach, in)(table advance per tooth, in)/(cutter radius, in). Also, the feed per tooth, in = (feed rate, in/min)/[(cutter rpm)(number of teeth on cutter)].

## **GANG-, MULTIPLE-, AND FORM-MILLING CUTTING TIME**

How long will it take to gang mill a part if three cutters are used with a spindle speed of 70 r/min and there are 12 teeth on the smallest cutter, a feed of 0.015 in/r (0.4 mm/r) and a length of cut of 8 in (20.3 cm)? What will be the unit time to multiple mill four keyways if each of the four cutters has 20 teeth, the feed is 0.008 in (0.2 mm) per tooth, spindle speed is 150 r/min, and the keyway length is 3 in (7.6 cm)? Show how the cutting time for form milling is computed, and how the cutter diameter for straddle milling is computed.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the gang-milling cutting time.** For any gang-milling operation, from the dimensions of the smallest cutter, the time to cut  $T_t = L/f_t nR$ , where  $L$  = length of cut, in;  $f_t$  = feed per tooth, in/r;  $n$  = number of teeth on cutter;  $R$  = spindle rpm. For this part,  $T_t = 8/[(0.015)(12)(70)] = 0.635$  min.

Note that in all gang-milling cutting-time calculations, the number of teeth and feed of the *smallest* cutter are used.

**2. Compute the multiple-milling cutting time.** In multiple milling, the cutting time  $T_t = L/(f_t n R_m)$ , where  $n$  = number of milling cutter used. In multiple milling, the cutting time is termed the unit time. For this machine,  $T_t = 3/[(0.008)(20)(150)(4)] = 0.0303$  min.

**3. Show how form milling time is computed.** Form-milling cutters are used on surfaces that are neither flat nor square. The cutters used for form milling resemble other milling cutters. The cutting time is therefore computed from  $T_t = L/(f_t n R)$ , where all symbols are the same in step 1.

**4. Show how the cutter diameter is computed for straddle milling.** In straddle milling, the cutter diameter must be large enough to permit the work to pass under the cutter arbor. The minimum-diameter cutter to straddle mill a part = (diameter of arbor, in) + 2 (face of cut, in + 0.25). The 0.25 in (6.4 mm) is the allowance for clearance of the arbor.

**Related Calculations** Use the equation of step 1 to compute the cutting time for metal slitting, screw slotting, angle milling, T-slot milling, Woodruff key-seat milling, and profiling and routing of parts. In T-slot milling, two steps are required—milling of the vertical member and milling of the horizontal member. Compute the milling time of each; the sum of two is the total milling time.

## SHAPER AND PLANER CUTTING SPEED, STROKES, CYCLE TIME, AND POWER

What is the cutting speed of a shaper making 54-strokes/min if the stroke length is 6 in (15.2 cm)? How many strokes per minute should the ram of a shaper make if it is shaping a 12-in (30.5-cm) long aluminum bar at a cutting speed of 200 ft/min? How long will it take to make a cut across a 12-in (30.5-cm) face of a cast-iron plate if the feed is 0.050 in (1.3 mm) per stroke and the ram makes 50 strokes/min? What is the cycle time of a planer if its return speed is 200 ft/min (1.0 m/s), the acceleration-deceleration constant is 0.05, and the cutting speed is 100 ft/min (0.5 m/s)? What is the planer power input if the depth of cut is  $1/8$  in (3.2 mm) and the feed is  $1/16$  in (1.6 mm) per stroke?

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the shaper cutting speed.** For a shaper, the cutting speed, ft/min, is  $C = SL/6$ , where  $S$  = strokes/min;  $L$  = length of stroke, in; where the cutting-stroke time = return-stroke time. Thus, for this shaper,  $C = (54)(6)/6 = 54$  ft/min (0.3 m/s).

**2. Compute the shaper stroke rate.** Transpose the equation of step 1 to  $S = 6C/L$ . Then  $S = 6(200)/12 = 100$  strokes/min.

**3. Compute the shaper cutting time.** For a shaper the cutting time, min, is  $T_t = L/(fS)$ , where  $L$  = length of cut, in;  $f$  = feed, in/stroke;  $S$  = strokes/min. Thus, for this shaper,  $T_t = 12/[(0.05)(50)] = 4.8$  min. Multiply  $T_t$  by the number of strokes needed; the result is the total cutting time, min.

**TABLE 7** Power Factors for Planers\*

Depth of cut		Feed		
		$1/32$ in (0.8 mm) per stroke	$1/16$ in (1.6 mm) per stroke	$1/8$ in (3.2 mm) per stroke
$1/8$	0.3	0.0115	0.0235	0.047
$1/4$	0.6	0.023	0.047	0.094
$3/8$	1.0	0.035	0.070	0.141
$1/2$	1.3	0.047	0.094	0.189
$5/8$	1.6	0.063	0.118	0.236
$3/4$	1.9	0.080	0.142	0.284
$7/8$	2.2	0.087	0.165	0.331
1	2.5	0.094	0.189	0.378

\*Excerpted from the Cincinnati Planer Company and *American Machinist's Handbook*.

**4. Compute the planer cycle time.** The cycle time for a planer,  $\text{min} = (L/C) + (L/R_c) + k$ , where  $R_c$  = cutter return speed, ft/min;  $k$  = acceleration-deceleration constant. Since the cutting speed is 100 ft/min (0.5 m/s) and the return speed is 200 ft/min (1.0 m/s), the cycle time =  $(12/100) + (12/200) + 0.05 = 0.23$  min.

**5. Compute the power input to the planer.** Table 7 lists typical power factors for planers planing cast iron and steel. To find the power required, multiply the power factor by the cutter speed, ft/min. For the planer in step 3 with a cutting speed of 100 ft/min (0.5 m/s) and a power factor of 0.0235 for a  $1/8$ -in (3.2-mm) deep cut and a  $1/16$ -in (1.6-mm) feed,  $hp_{\text{input}} = (0.0235)(100) = 2.35$  hp (1.8 kW).

For steel up to 40 points carbon, multiply the above result by 2; for steel above 40 points carbon, multiply by 2.25.

**Related Calculations** Where a shaper has a cutting stroke time that does not equal the return-stroke time, compute its cutting speed from  $C = SL / (12)(\text{cutting-stroke time, min} / \text{sum of cutting- and return-stroke time, min})$ . Thus, if the shaper in step 1 has a cutting-stroke time of 0.8 min and a return-stroke time of 0.4 min,  $C = (54)(6) / [(12) \times (0.8/1.2)] = 40.5$  ft/min (0.2 m/s).

## GRINDING FEED AND WORK TIME

What is the feed of a centerless grinding operation if the regulating wheel is 8 in (20.3 cm) in diameter and turns at 100 r/min at an angle of inclination of  $5^\circ$ ? How long will it take to rough grind on an external cylindrical grinder a brass shaft that is 3.0 in (7.6 cm) in diameter and 12 in (30.5 cm) long, if the feed is 0.003 in (0.076 mm), the spindle speed is 20 r/min, the grinding-wheel width is 3 in (7.6 cm) and the diameter is 8 in (20.3 cm), and the total stock on the part is 0.015 in (0.38 mm)? How long would it take to make a finishing cut on this grinder with a feed of 0.001 in (0.025 mm), stock of 0.010 in (0.25 mm), and a cutting speed of 100 ft/min (0.5 m/s)?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the feed rate for centerless grinding.** In centerless grinding, the feed, in/min,  $f = \pi d R \sin \infty$ , where  $\pi = 3.1416$ ;  $d$  = diameter of the regulating wheel, in;  $R$  = regulating wheel rpm;  $\infty$  = angle of inclination of the regulating wheel. For this grinder,  $f = \pi(8)(100)(\sin 5^\circ) = 219$  in/min (9.3 cm/s). Centerless grinders will grind as many as 50,000 1-in (2.5-cm) parts per hour.

**2. Compute the rough-grinding time.** The rough-grinding time  $T_r$ , min =  $L_t d / (2WfC)$ , where  $L$  = length of ground part, in;  $t_s$  = total stock on part, in;  $W$  = width of grinding-wheel face, in;  $C$  = cutting speed, ft/min.

Compute the cutting speed first because it is not known. By the method of previous calculation procedures,  $C = \pi dR/12 = \pi(8)(20)/12 = 42$  ft/min (0.2 m/s). Then  $T_r = (12)(0.015)(3)/[2(3)(0.003)(42)] = 0.714$  min.

**3. Compute the finish-grinding time.** For finish grinding, use the same equation as in step 2, except that the factor 2 is omitted from the denominator. Thus,  $T_f = L_t d / (WfC)$ , or  $T_f = (12)(0.010)(3)/[(3)(0.001)(100)] = 1.2$  min.

**Related Calculations** Use the same equations as in steps 1 and 4 for internal cylindrical grinding. In surface grinding, about 250 in<sup>2</sup>/min (26.9 cm<sup>2</sup>/s) can be ground 0.001 in (0.03 mm) deep if the material is hard. For soft materials, about 1000 in<sup>2</sup> (107.5 cm<sup>2</sup>) and 0.001 in (0.03 mm) deep can be ground per minute.

In honing cast iron, the average stock removal is 0.006 to 0.008 in/(ft-min) [0.008 to 0.011 mm/(m·s)]. With hard steel or chrome plate, the rate of honing averages 0.003 to 0.004 in/ft-min [0.004 to 0.006 mm/(m·s)].

## BROACHING TIME AND PRODUCTION RATE

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How long will it take to broach a medium-steel part if the cutting speed is 20 ft/min (0.1 m/s), the return speed is 100 ft/min (0.5 m/s), and the stroke length is 36 in (91.4 cm)? What will the production rate be if starting and stopping occupy 2 s and loading 5 s with an efficiency of 85 percent?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the broaching time.** The broaching time  $T_t$ , min =  $(L/C) + (L/R_c)$ , where  $L$  = length of stroke, ft;  $C$  = cutting speed, ft/min;  $R_c$  = return speed, ft/min; for this work,  $T_t = (3/20) + (3/100) = 0.18$  min.

**2. Compute the production rate.** In a complete cycle of the broaching machine there are three steps: broaching; starting and stopping; and loading. The cycle time, at 100 percent efficiency, is the sum of these three steps, or  $0.18 \times 60 + 2 + 5 = 17.8$  s, where the factor 60 converts 0.18 min to seconds. At 85 percent efficiency, the cycle time is greater, or  $17.8/0.85 = 20.9$  s. Since there are 3600 s in 1 h, production rate =  $3600/20.9 = 172$  pieces per hour.

## HOBGING, SPLINING, AND SERRATING TIME

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How long will it take to hob a 36-tooth 12-pitch brass spur gear having a tooth length of 1.5 in (3.8 cm) by using a 2.75-in (7.0-cm) hob? The whole depth of the gear tooth is 0.1789 in (4.5 mm). How many teeth should the hob have? Hob feed is 0.084 in/r (2.1 mm/r). What would be the cutting time for a 47° helical gear? How long will it take to spline-hob a brass shaft which is 2.0 in (5.1 cm) in diameter, has 12 splines, each 10 in (25.4 cm) long, if the hob diameter is 3.0 in (7.6 cm), cutter feed is 0.050 in (1.3 mm), cutter speed is 120 r/min, and spline depth is 0.15 in (3.8 mm)? How long will it take to hob 48 serrations on a 2-in (5.1-cm) diameter brass shaft if each serration is 2 in (5.1 cm)

**TABLE 8** Gear-Hobbing Cutting Speeds

Gear material	Spur gears		Helical gears*	
	Cutting speed		Angle,*	Percentage of feed to use
	ft/min	m/s		
Brass	150	0.8	0–36	100
Fiber	150	0.8	36–48	80
Cast iron (soft)	100	0.5	48–60	67
Steel (mild)	100	0.5	60–70	50
Steel (medium)	75	0.4	70–90	33
Steel (hard)	50	0.3		

\*Reduce feed by percentage shown when helical gears are cut.

long, the 18-flute hob is 2.5 in (6.4 cm) in diameter, the approach is 0.3 in (7.6 mm), the feed per flute is 0.008 in (0.2 mm), and the hob speed is 250 r/min?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the hob approach.** The hob approach  $A_c = \sqrt{d_g(D_c - d_g)}$ , where  $d_g$  = whole depth of gear tooth, in;  $D_c$  = hob diameter, in. For this hob,  $A_c = \sqrt{0.1798(2.7500 - 0.798)} = 0.68$  in (1.7 cm).

**2. Determine the cutting speed of the hob.** Table 8 shows that a cutting speed of  $C = 150$  ft/min (0.8 m/s) is generally used for brass gears. With a 2.75-in (7.0-cm) diameter hob, this corresponds to a hob rpm of  $R = 12C/(\pi D_c) = (12)(150)/[\pi(2.75)] = 208$  r/min.

**3. Compute the hobbing time.** The time to hob a spur gear  $T_t$  min =  $N(L + A_c)/fR$ , where  $N$  = number of teeth in gear to be cut;  $L$  = length of a tooth in the gear, in;  $A_c$  = hob approach, in;  $f$  = hob feed, in/r;  $R$  = hob rpm. For this spur gear,  $T_t = (36)(1.5 + 0.68)/[(0.084)(208)] = 4.49$  min.

**4. Compute the cutting time for a helical gear.** Table 8 shows that the feed for a 47° helical gear should be 80 percent of that for a spur gear. By the relation in step 3,  $T_t = (36)(1.5 + 0.68)/[(0.80)(0.084)(208)] = 5.61$  min.

**5. Compute the time to spline hob.** Use the same procedure as for hobbing. Thus,  $A_c = \sqrt{d_g(D_c - d_g)} = \sqrt{0.15(3.0 - 0.15)} = 0.654$  in (1.7 cm). Then  $T_t = N(L + A)/fR$ , where  $N$  = number of splines;  $L$  = length of spline, in; other symbols as before. For this shaft,  $T_t = (12)(10 + 0.654)/[(0.05)(120)] = 21.3$  min.

**6. Compute the time to serrate.** The time to hob serrations  $T_t$  min =  $N(L + A)/(fnR)$ , where  $N$  = number of serrations;  $L$  = length of serration, in;  $n$  = number of flutes on hob; other symbols as before. For this shaft,  $T_t = (48)(2 + 0.30)/[(0.008)(18)(250)] = 3.07$  min.

### TIME TO SAW METAL WITH POWER AND BAND SAWS

How long will it take to saw a rectangular piece of alloy-plate aluminum 6 in (15.2 cm) wide and 2 in (5.1 cm) thick if the length of cut is 6 in (15.2 cm), the power hacksaw makes 120 strokes/min, and the average feed per stroke is 0.0040 in (0.1 mm)? What would the sawing time be if a band saw with a 200-ft/min (1.0-m/s) cutting speed, 16 teeth per inch (6.3 teeth per centimeter), and a 0.0003-in (0.008-mm) feed per tooth is used?



## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the sawing time for a power saw.** For a power saw with positive feed, the time to saw  $T_t$  min =  $L/(Sf)$ , where  $L$  = length of cut, in;  $S$  = strokes/min of saw blade;  $f$  = feed per stroke, in. In this saw,  $T_t = (6)/[(120)(0.0040)] = 12.5$  min.

**2. Compute the band-saw cutting time.** For a band saw, the sawing time  $T_t$  min =  $L/(12Cnf)$ , where  $L$  = length of cut, in;  $C$  = cutting speed, ft/min;  $n$  = number of saw teeth per inch;  $f$  = feed, inches per tooth. With this band saw,  $T_t = (6)/[(12)(200)(16)(0.0003)] = 0.521$  min.

**Related Calculations** When nested round, square, or rectangular bars are to be cut, use the greatest width of the nested bars as the length of cut in either of the above equations.

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## OXYACETYLENE CUTTING TIME AND GAS CONSUMPTION

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How long will it take to make a 96-in (243.8-cm) long cut in a 1-in (2.5-cm) thick steel plate by hand and by machine? What will the oxygen and acetylene consumption be for each cutting method?

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the cutting time.** For any flame cutting, the cutting time  $T_t$  min =  $L/C$ , where  $L$  = length of cut, in;  $C$  = cutting speed, in/min, from Table 9. With manual cutting,  $T_t = 96/8 = 12$  min, using the lower manual cutting speed given in Table 9. At the higher manual cutting speed,  $T_t = 96/12 = 8$  min. With machine cutting,  $T_t = 96/14 = 6.86$  min, by using the lower machine cutting speed in Table 9. At the higher machine cutting speed,  $T_t = 96/18 = 5.34$  min.

**2. Compute the gas consumption.** From Table 9 the oxygen consumption is 130 to 200 ft<sup>3</sup>/h (1023 to 1573 cm<sup>3</sup>/s). Thus, actual consumption, ft<sup>3</sup> = (cutting time, min/60) (consumption, ft<sup>3</sup>/h) = (12/60)(130) = 26 ft<sup>3</sup> (0.7 m<sup>3</sup>) at the minimum cutting speed and minimum oxygen consumption. For this same speed with maximum oxygen consumption, actual ft<sup>3</sup> used = (12/60)(200) = 40 ft<sup>3</sup> (1.1 m<sup>3</sup>).

Compute the acetylene consumption in the same manner, or (12/60)(13) = 2.6 ft<sup>3</sup> (0.07 m<sup>3</sup>), and (12/60)(16) = 3.2 ft<sup>3</sup> (0.09 m<sup>3</sup>). Use the same procedure to compute the acetylene and oxygen consumption at the higher cutting speeds.

**Related Calculations** Use the procedure given here for computing the cutting time and gas consumption when steel, wrought iron, or cast iron is cut. Thicknesses ranging up to 5 ft (1.5 m) are economically cut by an oxyacetylene torch. Alloying elements in steel may require preheating of the metal to permit cutting. To compute the gas required per lineal foot, divide the actual consumption for the length cut, in inches, by 12.

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## COMPARISON OF OXYACETYLENE AND ELECTRIC-ARC WELDING

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Determine the time required to weld a 4-ft (1.2-m) long seam in a <sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>-in (9.5-mm) plate by the oxy-acetylene and electric-arc methods. How much oxygen and acetylene are required? What weight of electrode will be used? What is the electric-power consumption? Assume that one weld bead is run in the joint.

**TABLE 9** Oxyacetylene Cutting Speed and Gas Consumption

Metal thickness		Speed				Gas consumption			
		Manual		Machine		Oxygen		Acetylene	
in	cm	in/min	mm/s	in/min	mm/s	ft <sup>3</sup> /h	cm <sup>3</sup> /s	ft <sup>3</sup> /h	cm <sup>3</sup> /s
0.25	0.6	16–18	6.8–7.6	20–26	8.5–11.0	50–90	393.3–707.9	8–11	62.9–86.5
0.50	1.3	12–15	5.1–6.4	17–22	7.2–9.3	90–125	707.9–983.2	10–13	78.7–102.3
1	2.5	8–12	3.4–5.1	14–18	5.9–7.6	130–200	1023–1573	13–16	102.3–125.9
2	5.1	5–7	2.1–3.0	10–13	4.2–5.5	200–300	1573–2360	16–20	125.9–157.3
4	10.2	4–5	1.7–2.1	7–9	3.0–3.8	300–400	2360–3146	21–26	165.2–204.5
6	15.2	3–4	1.3–1.7	5–7	2.1–3.0	400–500	3146–3933	26–32	204.5–251.7
8	20.3	3–6	1.3–2.5	4–6	1.7–2.5	500–650	3933–5113	28–35	220.2–275.3
10	25.4	2–3	0.8–1.3	3–4	1.3–1.7	700–1000	5506–7860	30–38	236.0–298.9
12	30.5	2.5–3.5	1.1–1.5	3–4	1.3–1.7	720–880	5663–6922	42–52	330.4–409.0

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the welding time.** For any welding operation, the time required to weld  $T_i$  min =  $L/C$ , where  $L$  = length of weld, in;  $C$  = welding speed, in/min. When oxyacetylene welding is used,  $T_i$  =  $48/1.0$  = 48 min, when a welding speed of 1.0 in/min (0.4 mm/s) is used. With electric-arc welding,  $T_i$  =  $48/18$  = 2.66 min when the welding speed = 18 in/min (7.6 mm/s) per bead. For plate thicknesses under 1 in (2.5 cm), typical welding speeds are in the range of 1 to 2 in/min (0.4 to 0.8 mm/s) for oxyacetylene and 18 in/min (7.6 mm/s) for electric-arc welding. For thicker plates, consult *The Welding Handbook*, American Welding Society.

**2. Compute the gas consumption.** Gas consumption for oxyacetylene welding is given in cubic feet per foot of weld. Using values from *The Welding Handbook*, or a similar reference, we see that oxygen consumption = (ft<sup>3</sup> O<sub>2</sub> per ft of weld) (length of weld, ft); acetylene consumption = (ft<sup>3</sup> acetylene per ft of weld) (length of weld, ft). For this weld, with only one bead, oxygen consumption = (10.0)(4) = 40 ft<sup>3</sup> (1.1 m<sup>3</sup>); acetylene consumption = (9.0)(4) = 36 ft<sup>3</sup> (1.0 m<sup>3</sup>).

**3. Compute the weight of electrode required.** *The Welding Handbook* tabulates the weight of electrode for various types of welds—square grooves, 90° grooves, etc., per foot of weld. Then the electrode weight required, lb = (rod consumption, lb/ft) (weld length, ft).

For oxyacetylene welding, the electrode weight required, from data in *The Welding Handbook*, is (0.597)(4) = 2.388 lb (1.1 kg). For electric-arc welding, weight = (0.18)(4) = 0.72 lb (0.3 kg).

**4. Compute the electric-power consumption.** In electric-arc welding the power consumption is  $kW = (V)(A)/(1000)$  (efficiency). *The Welding Handbook* shows that for a  $3/8$ -in (9.5-mm) thick plate,  $V = 40$ ,  $A = 450$  A, efficiency = 60 percent. Then power consumption =  $(40)(450)/[(1000)(0.60)] = 30$  kW. For this press,  $F = (8)(0.5)(16.0) = 64$  tons (58.1 t).

**Related Calculations** Where more than one pass or bead is required, multiply the time for one bead by the number of beads deposited. If only 50 percent penetration is required for the bead, the welding speed will be twice that where full penetration is required.

### PRESSWORK FORCE FOR SHEARING AND BENDING

What is the press force to shear an 8-in (20.3-cm) long 0.5-in (1.3-cm) thick piece of annealed bronze having a shear strength of 16.0 tons/in<sup>2</sup> (2.24 t/cm<sup>2</sup>)? What is the stripping load? Determine the force required to produce a U bend in this piece of bronze if the unsupported length is 4 in (10.2 cm), the bend length is 6 in (15.2 cm), and the ultimate tensile strength is 32.0 tons/in<sup>2</sup> (4.50 t/cm<sup>2</sup>).

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the required shearing force.** For any metal in which a straight cut is made, the required shearing force, tons =  $F = Lts$ , where  $L$  = length of cut, in;  $t$  = metal thickness, in;  $s$  = shear strength of metal being cut, tons/in<sup>2</sup>. Where round, elliptical, or other shaped holes are being cut, substitute the sum of the circumferences of all the holes for  $L$  in this equation.

**2. Compute the stripping load.** For the typical press, the stripping load is 3.5 percent of the required shearing force, or  $(0.035)(64) = 2.24$  tons (2.0 t).

**3. Compute the required bending force.** When U bends or channels are pressed in a metal,  $F = 2Lt^2s/W$ , where  $s_t$  = ultimate tensile strength of the metal, tons/in<sup>2</sup>;  $W$  = width of unsupported metal, in = distance between the vertical members of a channel or U bend, measured to the *outside* surfaces, in. For this U bend,  $F = 2(6)(0.5)^2(32)/4 = 24$  tons (21.8 t).

**Related Calculations** Right-angle edge bends require a bending force of  $F = Lt^2s_t/(2W)$ , while free V bends with a centrally located load require a bending force of  $F = Lt^2s_t/W$ . All symbols are as given in steps 1 and 2.

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## MECHANICAL-PRESS MIDSTROKE CAPACITY

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Determine the maximum permissible midstroke capacity of single- and twin-driven 2-in (5.1-cm) diameter crankshaft presses if the stroke of the slide is 12 in (30.5 cm) for each.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the single-driven press capacity.** For a single-driven crankshaft press with a heat-treated 0.35 to 0.45 percent carbon-steel crankshaft having a shear strength of 6 tons/in<sup>2</sup> (0.84 t/cm<sup>2</sup>), the maximum permissible midstroke capacity  $F$  tons =  $2.4d^3/S$ , where  $d$  = shaft diameter at main bearing, in;  $S$  = stroke length, in; or  $F = (2.4)(2)^3/12 = 1.6$  tons (1.5 t).

**2. Compute the twin-driven press capacity.** Twin-driven presses with main (bull) gears on each end of the crankshaft have a maximum permissible midstroke capacity of  $F = 3.6d^3/S$ , when the shaft shearing strength is 9 tons/in<sup>2</sup>. For this press,  $F = 3.6(2)^3/12 = 2.4$  tons (2.2 t).

**Related Calculations** Use the equation in step 2 to compute the maximum permissible midstroke capacity of all wide (right-to-left) double-crank presses. Since gear eccentric presses are built in competition with crankshaft presses, their midstroke pressure capacity is within the same limits as in crankshaft presses. The diameters of the fixed pins on which the gear eccentrics revolve are usually made the same as the crankshaft in crankshaft presses of the same rated capacity.

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## STRIPPING SPRINGS FOR PRESSWORKING METALS

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Determine the force required to strip the work from a punch if the length of cut is 5.85 in (14.9 cm) and the stock is 0.25 in (0.6 cm) thick. How many springs are needed for the punch if the force per inch deflection of the spring is 100 lb (175.1 N/cm)?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the required stripping force.** The required stripping force  $F_p$ , lb needed to strip the work from a punch is  $F_p = Lt/0.00117$ , where  $L$  = length of cut, in;  $t$  = thickness of stock cut, in. For this punch,  $F_p = (5.85)(0.25)/0.00117 = 1250$  lb (5560.3 N).

**2. Compute the number of springs required.** Only the first  $1/8$ -in (0.3-cm) deflection of the spring can be used in the computation of the stripping force produced by the spring. Thus, for this punch, number of springs required = stripping force, lb/force, lb, to produce  $1/8$ -in (0.3-cm) deflection of the spring, or  $1250/100 = 12.5$  springs. Since a fractional number of springs cannot be used, 13 springs would be selected.

**Related Calculations** In high-speed presses, the springs should not be deflected more than 25 percent of their free length. For heavy, slow-speed presses, the total deflection should not exceed 37.5 percent of the free length of the spring. The stripping force for aluminum alloys is generally taken as one-eighth the maximum blanking pressure.

## BLANKING, DRAWING, AND NECKING METALS

What is the maximum blanking force for an aluminum part if the length of the cut is 30 in (76.2 cm), the metal is 0.125 in (0.3 cm) thick, and the yield strength is 2.5 tons/in<sup>2</sup> (0.35 t/cm<sup>2</sup>)? How much force is required to draw a 12-in (30.5-cm) diameter, 0.25-in (0.6-cm) thick stainless steel shell if the yield strength is 15 tons/in<sup>2</sup> (2.1 t/cm<sup>2</sup>)? What force is required to neck a 0.125-in (0.3-cm) thick aluminum shell from a 3- to a 2-in (7.6- to 5.1-cm) diameter if the necking angle is 30° and the ultimate compressive strength of the material is 14 tons/in<sup>2</sup> (1.97 t/cm<sup>2</sup>)?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the maximum blanking force.** The maximum blanking force for any metal is given by  $F = Lts$ , where  $F$  = blanking force, tons;  $L$  = length of cut, in (= circumference of part, in);  $t$  = metal thickness, in;  $s$  = yield strength of metal, tons/in<sup>2</sup>. For this part,  $F = (30)(0.125)(2.5) = 0.375$  tons (0.34 t).

**2. Compute the maximum drawing force.** Use the same equation as in step 1, substituting the drawing-edge length or perimeter (circumference of part) for  $L$ . Thus,  $F = (12\pi)(0.25)(15) = 141.5$  tons (128.4 t).

**3. Compute the required necking force.** The force required to neck a shell is  $F = ts_c(d_1 - d_2)/\cos$  (necking angle), where  $F$  = necking force, tons;  $t$  = shell thickness, in;  $s_c$  = ultimate compressive strength of the material, tons/in<sup>2</sup>;  $d_1$  = large diameter of shell, i.e., the diameter *before* necking, in;

**TABLE 10** Metal Yield Strength

Metal	Yield strength	
	tons/in <sup>2</sup>	t/cm <sup>2</sup>
Aluminum, 2S annealed	2.5	0.35
Aluminum, 24S heat-treated	23.0	2.23
Low brass, 1/4 hard	24.5	3.46
Yellow brass, annealed	10.0	1.41
Cold-rolled steel, 1/4 hard	16.0	2.25
Stainless steel, 18-8	15.0	2.11

*Note:* As a general rule, the necking angle should not exceed 35°.

$d_s$  = small diameter of shell, i.e., the diameter *after* necking, in. For this shell,  $F = (0.125)(14)(3.0 - 2.0)/\cos 30^\circ = 2.02$  tons (1.8 t).

**Related Calculations** Table 10 presents typical yield strengths of various metals which are blanked or drawn in metalworking operations. Use the given strength as shown above.

## METAL PLATING TIME AND WEIGHT

How long will it take to electroplate a 0.004-in (0.1-mm) thick zinc coating on a metal plate if a current density of 25 A/ft<sup>2</sup> (269.1 A/m<sup>2</sup>) is used at an 80 percent plating efficiency? How much zinc is required to produce a 0.001-in (0.03-mm) thick coating on an area of 60 ft<sup>2</sup> (5.6 m<sup>2</sup>)?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the metal plating time.** The plating time  $T_p$  min =  $60 An/(A_a e)$ , where  $A = A/\text{ft}^2$  required to deposit 0.001 in (0.03 mm) of metal at 100 percent cathode efficiency;  $n$  = number of thousandths of inch actually deposited;  $A_a$  = current actually supplied, A/ft<sup>2</sup>;  $e$  = plating efficiency, expressed as a decimal. Table 11 gives typical values of  $A$  for various metals used in electroplating. For plating zinc, from the value in Table 11,  $T_p = 60(14.3)(4)/[(25)(0.80)] = 171.5$  min, or 171.5/60 = 2.86 h.

**2. Compute the weight of metal required.** The plating metal weight = (area plated, in<sup>2</sup>) (plating thickness, in) (plating metal density, lb/in<sup>3</sup>). For this plating job, given the density of zinc from Table 11, the plating metal weight =  $(60 \times 144)(0.004)(0.258) = 8.91$  lb (4.0 kg) of zinc. In this calculation the value 144 is used to convert 60 ft<sup>2</sup> to square inches.

**Related Calculations** The efficiency of finishing cathodes is high, ranging from 80 to nearly 100 percent. Where the actual efficiency is unknown, assume a value of 80 percent and the results obtained will be safe for most situations.

**TABLE 11** Electroplating Current and Metal Weight

Metal	Time to deposit, Ah		Metal density	
	0.001 in/ft <sup>2</sup> at 100% efficiency	0.01 mm/m <sup>2</sup> at 100% efficiency	lb/in <sup>3</sup>	g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Antimony, Sb	10.40	0.038	0.241	6.671
Cadmium, Cd	9.73	0.036	0.312	8.636
Chromium, Cr	51.80	0.189	0.256	7.086
Cobalt(ous), Co	19.00	0.069	0.322	8.913
Copper(ous), Cu	8.89	0.033	0.322	8.913
Copper(ic), Cu	17.80	0.065	0.322	8.913
Gold(ous), Au	6.20	0.023	0.697	19.29
Gold(ic), Au	18.60	0.068	0.697	19.29
Nickel, Ni	19.00	0.069	0.322	8.913
Platinum	27.80	0.102	0.775	21.45
Silver, Ag	6.20	0.023	0.380	10.52
Tin(ous), Sn	7.80	0.029	0.264	7.307
Tin(ic), Sn	15.60	0.057	0.264	7.307
Zinc, Zn	14.30	0.052	0.258	7.141

## SHRINK- AND EXPANSION-FIT ANALYSES

To what temperature must an SAE 1010 steel ring 24 in (61.0 cm) in inside diameter be raised above a 68°F (20°C) room temperature to expand it 0.004 in (0.10 mm) if the linear coefficient of expansion of the steel is 0.0000068 in/(in·°F)[0.000012 cm/(cm·°C)]? To what temperature must a 2-in (5.08-cm) diameter SAE steel shaft be reduced to fit it into a 1.997-in (5.07-cm) diameter hole for an expansion fit? What cooling medium should be used?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the required shrink-fit temperature rise.** The temperature needed to expand a metal ring a given amount before making a shrink fit is given by  $T = E/(Kd)$ , where  $T$  = temperature rise above room temperature, °F;  $K$  = linear coefficient of expansion of the metal ring, in/(in·°F);  $d$  = ring internal diameter, in. For this ring,  $T = 0.004/[(0.0000068)(24)] = 21.5^\circ\text{F}$  (11.9°C). With a room temperature of 68°F (20.0°C), the final temperature of the ring must be 68 + 21.5 = 89.5°F (31.9°C) or higher.

**2. Compute the temperature for an expansion fit.** Nitrogen, air, and oxygen in liquid form have a low boiling point, as does dry ice (solid carbon dioxide). Nitrogen and dry ice are considered the safest cooling media for expansion fits because both are relatively inert. Liquid nitrogen boils at -320.4°F (-195.8°C) and dry ice at -109.3°F (-78.5°C). At -320°F (-195.6°C) liquid nitrogen will reduce the diameter of metal parts by the amount shown in Table 12. Dry ice will reduce the diameter by about one-third the values listed in Table 12.

With liquid nitrogen, the diameter of a 2-in (5.1-cm) round shaft will be reduced by (2.0)(0.0022) = 0.0044 in (0.11 mm), given the value for SAE steels from Table 12. Thus, the diameter of the shaft at -320.4°F (-195.8°C) will be 2.000 - 0.0044 = 1.9956 in (5.069 cm). Since the hole is 1.997 in (5.072 cm) in diameter, the liquid nitrogen will reduce the shaft size sufficiently.

If dry ice were used, the shaft diameter would be reduced 0.0044/3 = 0.00146 in (0.037 mm), giving a final shaft diameter of 2.00000 - 0.00146 = 1.99854 in (5.076 cm). This is too large to fit into a 1.997-in (5.072-cm) hole. Thus, dry ice is unsuitable as a cooling medium.

## PRESS-FIT FORCE, STRESS, AND SLIPPAGE TORQUE

What force is required to press a 4-in (10.2-cm) outside-diameter cast-iron hub on a 2-in (5.1-cm) outside-diameter steel shaft if the allowance is 0.001-in interference per inch (0.001 cm/cm) of shaft

**TABLE 12** Metal Shrinkage with Nitrogen Cooling

Metal	Shrinkage, in/in (cm/cm) of shaft diameter
Magnesium alloys	0.0046
Aluminum alloys	0.0042
Copper alloys	0.0033
Cr-Ni alloys (18-8 to 18-12)	0.0029
Monel metals	0.0023
SAE steels	0.0022
Cr steels (5 to 27% Cr)	0.0019
Cast iron (not alloyed)	0.0017

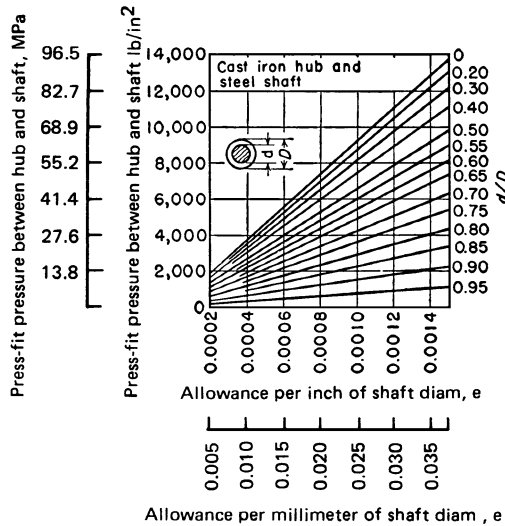


FIGURE 5 Press-fit pressures between steel hub and shaft.

diameter, the length of fit is 6 in (15.2 cm), and the coefficient of friction is 0.15? What is the maximum tensile stress at the hub bore? What torque is required to produce complete slippage of the hub on the shaft?

### Calculation Procedure

- Determine the unit press-fit pressure.** Figure 5 shows that with an allowance of 0.001 in interference per inch (0.001 cm/cm) of shaft diameter and a shaft-to-hub diameter ratio of  $2/4 = 0.5$ , the unit press-fit pressure between the hub and the shaft is  $p = 6800 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (46,886.0 kPa).
- Compute the press-fit force.** The press-fit force  $F$  tons  $= \pi f p d L / 2000$ , where  $f$  = coefficient of friction between hub and shaft;  $p$  = unit press-fit pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup>;  $d$  = shaft diameter, in;  $L$  = length of fit, in. For this press fit,  $F = (\pi)(0.15)(6800)(2.0)(6) / 2000 = 19.25$  tons (17.4 t).
- Determine the hub bore stress.** Use Fig. 6 to determine the hub bore stress. Enter the bottom of Fig. 6 at 0.0010 in (0.0010 cm) interference allowance per in of shaft diameter and project vertically to  $d/D = 0.5$ . At the left read the hub stress as 11,600 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (79,982 kPa).
- Compute the slippage torque.** The torque, in-lb, required to produce complete slippage of a press fit is  $T = 0.5 \pi f p L d^2$ , or  $T = 0.5(3.1416)(0.15)(6800)(6)(2)^2 = 38,450$  in-lb (4344.1 N·m).

**Related Calculations** Figure 7 shows the press-fit pressures existing with a steel hub on a steel shaft. The three charts presented in this calculation procedure are useful for many different press fits, including those using a hollow shaft having an internal diameter less than 25 percent of the external diameter and for all solid steel shafts.

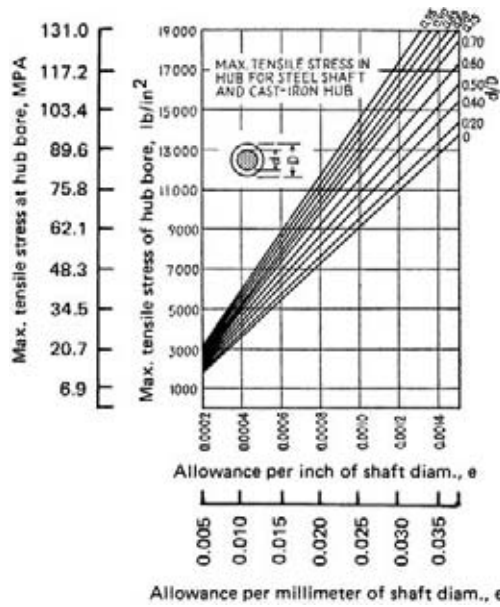


FIGURE 6 Variation in tensile stress in cast-iron hub in press-fit allowance.

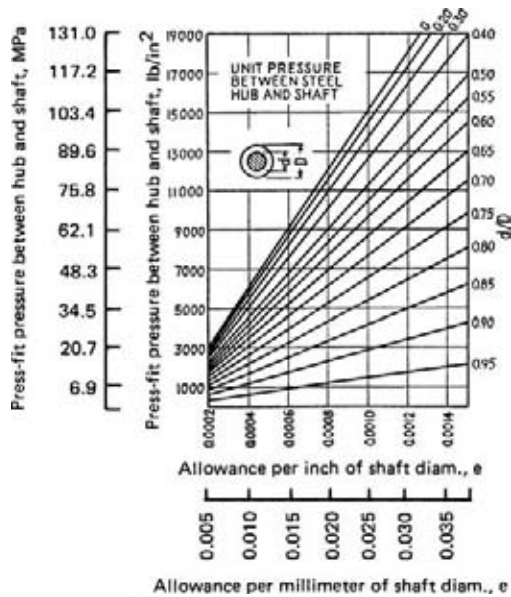


FIGURE 7 Press-fit pressures between cast-iron hub and shaft.

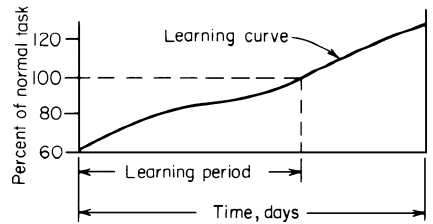


## LEARNING-CURVE ANALYSIS AND CONSTRUCTION

A short-run metalworking job requires five operators. The longest individual learning time for the new task is 3 days; 2 days are allowed for group familiarization with the task. If the normal output is 1000 units per 8-hr day, determine the daily allowance per operator when the standard for 100 percent performance is 0.8 worker-hour per 100 units produced.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Plot the learning curve.** A learning curve shows the improvement that occurs with repetition of a task. Figure 8 is a typical learning curve with the learning period, days, plotted against the percent of methods time measurement (MTM) determined normal task. The shape of the curve, once determined for a given operation, does not change. The horizontal scale division is, however, changed to suit the minimum learning period for 100 percent performance. Thus, for a 3-day learning period the horizontal scale becomes 3 days. The coordinate at each of these three points (i.e., days) becomes the minimum expected task for each day. Performance above these tasks rates a bonus. The base of 60 percent of normal performance for the first day of learning for all jobs is attainable and meets management's minimum requirements.



**FIGURE 8** Typical learning curve for a metalworking task.

**2. Determine the learning period to allow.** (a) Find the learning time, by test, for each work station in the group. (b) Select the longest individual learning time—in this instance, 3 days. (c) Add a group familiarization allowance when the group exceeds three operators—2 days here. (d) Find the sum of  $b + \bar{c}$ , or  $3 + 2 = 5$  days. This is the learning period to allow.

**3. Find the task for each day.** Divide the horizontal learning-period axis into five parts, one part for each of the 5 learning-period days allowed. Draw an ordinate for each day, and read the percentage task for that day at the intersection with the learning curve, or: 60.0; 70.5; 75.5; 80.0; 87 percent for days 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively.

**4. Compute the daily task and daily allowance.** With a normal (100 percent) task of 1000 units for an 8-hr day, set up a table (like Table 13) of daily tasks and time allowance during the learning period. Begin with a column listing the number of learning days. In the next column, list the percentage learning performance read from Fig. 8. Find the daily task in units, column 3 of Table 13, by taking the product of 1000 units and the percentage learning performance, column 2, expressed as a decimal. Last, compute the daily allowance per operator by finding the product of 8 h and the difference between 1.00 and the percentage of learning performance; i.e., for day 1:  $(1.00 - 0.60)(8) = 3.2$  h. Tabulate the results in the fourth column of Table 13.

**TABLE 13** Learning-Curve Analysis

Learning days	Percentage of learning performance	Daily task, units	Daily allowance per operator, in units
1	60.0	600	$40\% \times 8 = 3.20$
2	70.5	705	$29.5\% \times 8 = 2.36$
3	75.5	755	$24.5\% \times 8 = 1.96$
4	80.0	800	$20.0\% \times 8 = 1.60$
5	87.0	870	$13.0\% \times 8 = 1.04$
6	100.0	1000	$0\% \times 8 = 0$

**5. Compute the incentive pay for the group.** In this plant the incentive pay is found by taking the product of the production in units and the standard set for 100 percent performance, or 0.80 worker-hour per 100 units produced. Thus, production of 600 units on day 1 will earn  $(600/100)(0.80) = 4.8$ -h pay for each group. Add to this the learning allowance of 3.2 h for day 1, and each group has earned  $4.8 + 3.2 = 8$ -h pay for 8-h work.

If the group produced 700 units during day 1, it would earn  $(700/100)(0.80) = 5.6$ -h pay at this standard. With the learning allowance of 3.2 h, the daily earnings would be  $5.6 + 3.2 = 8.8$ -h pay for 8-h work. This is exactly what is desired. The operator is rewarded for learning quickly.

**Related Calculations** Select the length of the learning period for any new short-run task by conferring with representatives of the manufacturing, industrial engineering, and industrial relations departments. A simple operation that will be performed 1000 to 2000 times in an 8-h period would require a 3-day learning period. This is considered the minimum time for bringing such an operation up to normal speed. This is also true if a small group (three or less operators) perform equally simple operations. With larger groups (four or more operators), both simple and complex operations require an additional allowance for operators to adjust themselves to each other. Two days is a justified allowance for up to 15 operators learning to cooperate with one another under incentive conditions.

To prepare a plant-wide learning curve, keep records of the learning rates for a number of short-run tasks. Combine these data to prepare a typical learning curve for a particular plant. The method developed here was first described in *Factory*, now *Modern Manufacturing*, magazine.

## LEARNING-CURVE EVALUATION OF MANUFACTURING TIME

A metalworking process requires 1.00 h for manufacture of the first unit of a production run. If the operator has an improvement or learning rate of 90 percent, determine the time required to manufacture the 2d, 4th, 8th, and 16th units. What is the cumulative average unit time for the 16th unit? If 100 units are manufactured, what is the cumulative average time for the 100th unit? What is the unit manufacturing time for the 100th item?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the unit time for the production cycle.** The learning curve relates the production time to the number of units produced. When the number of units produced doubles, the time required to produce the unit representing the doubled quantity is: (Learning rate, percent)(time, h or min, to produce the unit representing one-half the doubled quantity). Or, for the production line being considered here:

Unit number	Production time, h
1	1.00
2	$0.90(1.00) = 0.900$
4	$0.90(0.90) = 0.810$
8	$0.90(0.81) = 0.729$
16	$0.90(0.729) = 0.656$

**2. Compute the cumulative average unit time.** The cumulative average unit time for any unit in a production run =  $(\Sigma \text{ unit time for each item in the run})/(\text{number of items in the run})$ . Thus, computing the time for items 1 through 16 as shown in step 1, and taking the sum, we get the cumulative average unit time =  $12.044 \text{ h}/16 \text{ units} = 0.752 \text{ h}$ .

**TABLE 14** Learning-Curve Factors

No. of units	Learning rate, percent		
	85	90	95
	Time or cost, percent of unit 1	Time or cost, percent of unit 1	Time or cost, percent of unit 1
1	1.000	1.000	1.000
2	0.850	0.900	0.950
4	0.723	0.810	0.903
8	0.614	0.729	0.857
16	0.522	0.656	0.815
32	0.444	0.591	0.774
64	0.377	0.531	0.735
100	0.340	0.497	0.711

Learning-curve slopes	
Learning rate, percent	Curve slope
70	-0.514
75	-0.415
80	-0.322
85	-0.234
90	-0.152
95	-0.074

**3. Compute the cumulative average time for the 100th unit.** Set up a ratio of the learning factor for the 100th unit/learning factor for the 16th unit, and multiply the ratio by the cumulative average 16th unit time. Or, from the factors in Table 14,  $(0.497/0.656)(0.752 \text{ h}) = 0.570 \text{ h}$ .

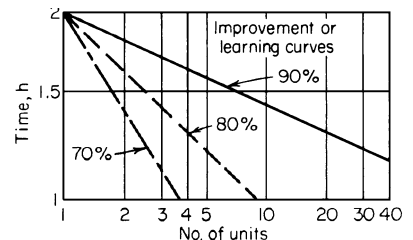
**4. Compute the unit time for the 100th unit.** Using the factor for the 90 percent learning curve in Table 14, the unit time for the 100th unit made  $= (1.00 \text{ h})(0.497) = 0.497 \text{ h}$ .

**Related Calculations** When using learning curves, be extremely careful to distinguish between *unit time* and *cumulative average unit time*. The unit time is the time required to make a particular unit in a production run, say the 10th, 16th, etc. Thus, a unit time of 0.5 h for the 16th unit in a production run means that the time required to make the 16th unit is 0.5 h. The 15th unit will require *more* time to make it; the 17th unit will require *less* time.

The cumulative average unit time is the *average* time to manufacture a given number of identical items. To obtain the cumulative average unit time for any given number of items, take the sum of the time required for each item up to and including that item and divide the sum by the number of items.

Either the *unit time* or *cumulative average unit time* can be used in manufacturing time or cost estimates, as long as the estimator knows which time value is being used. Failure to recognize the respective time values can result in serious errors.

A learning curve plotted on log-log coordinates is a straight line, Fig. 9. The slope of typical learning curves is listed in Table 14. Since a learning curve slopes downward—i.e., the unit manufacturing time decreases as more units are produced—the slope is expressed as a negative value.

**FIGURE 9** Learning curves plotted on log-log scale.

Typical improvement or learning rates are: machining, drilling, etc., 90 to 95 percent; short-cycle bench assembly, 85 to 90 percent; equipment maintenance, 75 to 80 percent; electronics assembly and welding, 80 to 90 percent; general assembly, 70 to 80 percent. When an operation consists of several tasks having different learning rates, compute the overall learning rate for the task by taking the sum of the product of each learning rate (LR) and the percentage of the total task it represents. Thus, with  $LR_1 = 0.90$  for 60 percent of the total task;  $LR_2 = 0.80$  for 20 percent of the total task;  $LR_3 = 0.70$  for 10 percent of the total task, the overall learning rate  $LR = 0.90(0.60) + 0.80(0.20) + 0.70(0.10) = 0.77$ .

Note that in machine-paced operations—i.e., those in which the speed of the machine controls the operator's activities—there is less chance for the operator to learn. Hence, the learning rate will be higher—90 to 95 percent—than in worker-paced operations that have learning rates of 70 to 80 percent. When learning or improvement ceases, the operator has reached the level-off point, and the task cannot be performed any more rapidly. The ratio set up in step 3 can use any two items in a production run, provided that the cumulative average time for the smaller item is multiplied by the ratio.

## DETERMINING BRINELL HARDNESS

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A 3000-kg load is put on a 10-mm diameter ball to determine the Brinell hardness of a steel. The ball produces a 4-mm-diameter indentation in 30 s. What is the Brinell hardness of the steel?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the Brinell hardness by using an exact equation.** The standard equation for determining the Brinell hardness is  $BHN = F/(\pi d_1/2)(d_1 - \sqrt{d_1^2 - d_s^2})$ , where  $F$  = force on ball, kg;  $d_1$  = ball diameter, mm;  $d_s$  = indentation diameter, mm. For this test,  $BHN = 3000/(\pi \times 10/2)(10 - \sqrt{10^2 - 4^2}) = 229$ .

**2. Compute the Brinell hardness by using an approximate equation.** One useful approximate equation for Brinell hardness is  $BHN = (4F/\pi d_1^2) - 10$ . For this test,  $BHN = (4 \times 3000/\pi \times 10^2) - 10 = 228.5$ . This compares favorably with the exact formula. For Brinell hardness exceeding 200, the approximate equation gives results that are less than 0.1 percent in error.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for iron, steel, brass, bronze, and other hard or soft metals. A 500-kg test load is used for soft metals (brass, bronze, etc.). For Brinell hardness above 500, use a tungsten-carbide ball. The metal tested should be at least 10 times as thick as the indentation depth and wide enough so that no metal flows toward the edges of the specimen. The metal surface must be clean and free of defects.

## ECONOMICAL CUTTING SPEEDS AND PRODUCTION RATES

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A cutting tool used to cut beryllium costs \$6 with its shank and can be reground for reuse five times. The average tool-changing time is 5 min. What is the most economical cutting speed if the machine labor rate is \$3 per hour and the overhead is 200 percent? What is the cutting speed for the maximum production rate? The cost of regrinding the tool is 35 cents per edge.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the tool cost factor.** The cost factor  $T_c + Y/X$  for a tool is composed of  $T_c$  = time to change tool, min;  $Y$  = tool cost per cutting edge, including prorated initial cost plus reconditioning costs, cents;  $X$  = machining rate, including labor and overhead, cents/min.

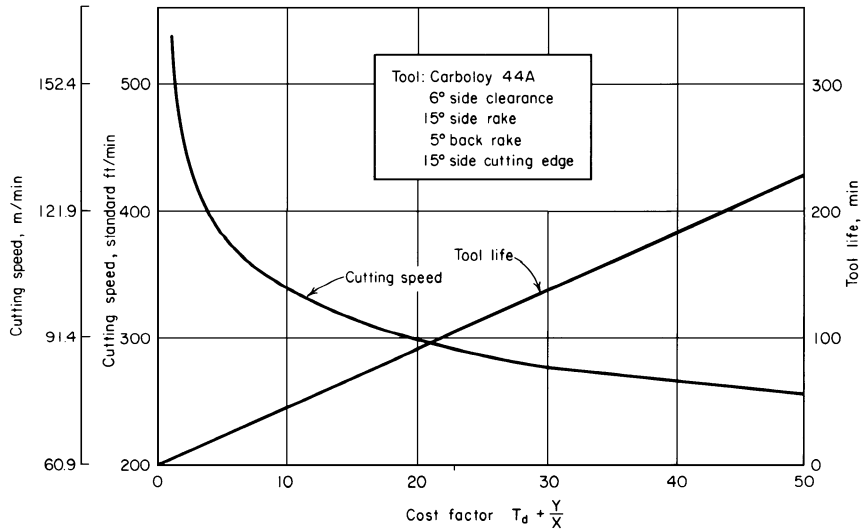


FIGURE 10 Optimum cutting-speed chart. (*American Machinist*.)

For this tool,  $T_c = 5$  min. The tool can be reground five times after its original use, giving a total of  $5 + 1 = 6$  cutting edges (five regrindings + the original edge) during its life. Since the tool costs \$6 new, the prorated cost per edge =  $\$6/6$  edges = \$1, or 100 cents. The regrinding cost = 35 cents per edge; thus  $Y = 100 + 35 = 135$  cents per edge.

With a machine labor rate of \$3 per hour and an overhead factor of 200 percent, or  $2.00(\$3) = \$6$ , the value of  $X =$  machining rate =  $\$3 + \$6 = \$9$ , or 900 cents per hour, or  $900/60 = 15$  cents per minute. Then, the cost factor  $T_c + Y/X = 5 + 135/15 = 14$ .

**2. Determine the cutting speed for minimum cost.** Enter Fig. 10 at a cost factor of 14 and project vertically upward until the cutting-speed curve is intersected. At the left, read the cutting speed for minimum tool cost as 320 surface ft/min.

**3. Determine the probable tool life.** Project upward from the cost factor of 14 in Fig. 10 to the tool-life curve. At the right, read the tool life as 66 min.

**4. Determine the speed and life for the maximum production rate.** Substitute the value of  $T_c$  for the cost factor  $T_c + Y/X$  on the horizontal scale of Fig. 10. As before, read the cutting speed and tool life at the intersection with the respective curves. The plotted values apply when the chip-removal suction devices will operate efficiently at the cutting speeds indicated by the curves. Thus, with  $T_c = 5$ , the cutting speed is 370 surface ft/min, and the tool life is 30 min.

**Related Calculations** Figure 10, and similar optimum cutting-speed charts, is plotted for a specific land wear—in this case 0.010 in (0.03 cm). For a land wear of 0.015 in (0.04 cm), multiply the cutting speeds obtained from Fig. 10 by 1.13. However, a land wear of 0.015 in (0.04 cm) is not recommended because the wear rates are accelerated. If Carboly 883 tools are used in place of the 44A grade plotted in Fig. 10, multiply the cutting speeds obtained from this chart by 1.12 for a 0.010-in (0.03-cm) wear land or 1.26 for a 0.015-in (0.04-cm) wear land.

Charts similar to Fig. 10 for other tool materials can be obtained from tool manufacturers. Do not use Fig. 10 for any tool material other than Carboly 44A. The method presented here is the work of D. R. Walker and J. Gubas, as reported in *American Machinist*.

## OPTIMUM LOT SIZE IN MANUFACTURING

A manufacturing plant has a demand for 900 of its products per month on which the setup cost is \$10. The cost of each unit is \$5; the annual inventory charge is 12 percent/year of the average dollar value held in stock; the period for which the demand has occurred is 1/12 year. What is the optimum manufacturing lot size? Plot a cost chart for this plant.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the optimum manufacturing lot size.** Optimum manufacturing lot size can be found from:  $\{2(\text{demand, units, per period})(\text{cost per setup, } \$)/[(\text{demand period, fraction of a year})(\$ \text{ cost per unit})(\text{annual inventory charge, percent of average } \$ \text{ value held in stock})]\}^{0.5}$ . For this run, optimum lot size =  $\{2(900)(\$10)/(1/12)(\$5)(0.12)\}^{0.5} = 600$  units.

**2. Plot a cost chart for this plant.** Figure 11 shows a typical cost chart. Plot each curve using production runs of 100, 200, 300, 400, ..., 1600 units. The values for each curve are determined from: inventory carrying charges = (number of units in run)(\\$ cost per unit)(annual inventory charge, percent)(demand period)/2; setup and startup costs = (demand during period, units)(\\$ cost of setup)/(number of units in run); total changing costs = inventory carrying charges + setup and startup costs.

The units for these equations are the same as given in step 1. Note that the total-changing-costs curve is a minimum at the point where the inventory-carrying-charges curve and setup-and-startup-costs curve intersect. Also, the two latter curves intersect at the optimum manufacturing lot size—600 units, as computed in step 1.

**Related Calculations** Economical lot-size relations are readily adaptable to machine-shop computations. With only slight changes, the same principles can be applied to determination of optimum-quantity purchases. The procedure described here is the work of I. Heitner, as reported in *American Machinist*.

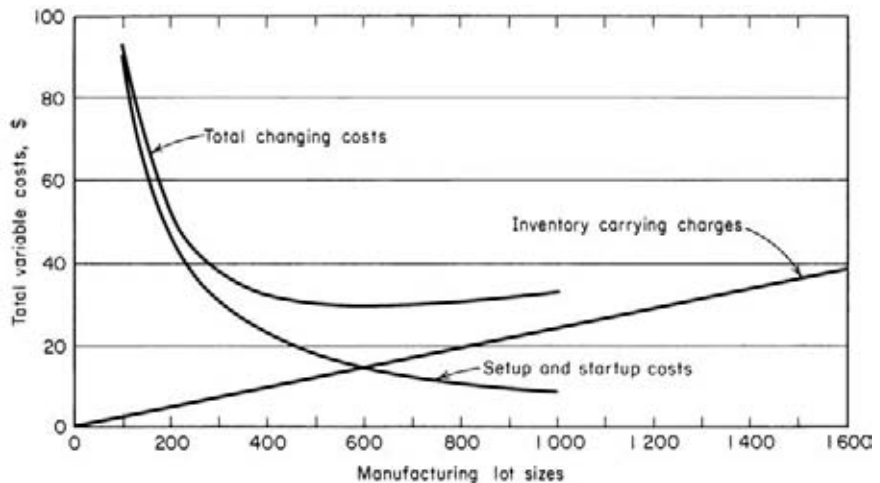


FIGURE 11 Changing costs associated with manufacturing lot sizes. (*American Machinist*.)

## PRECISION DIMENSIONS AT VARIOUS TEMPERATURES

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A magnesium workpiece with a dimension of 12.5000 to 12.4996 in (31.750 to 31.749 cm) is at a temperature of 85°F (29.4°C) after machining. The steel gage with which the dimensions of the workpiece will be checked is at 75°F (23.9°C). The workpiece must be gaged immediately to determine whether further grinding is necessary. Tolerance on the work is  $\pm 0.0002$  in (0.005 mm). What should the dimensions of the workpiece be if there is not enough time available to allow the gage and workpiece temperatures to equalize? The standard reference temperature is 68°F (20.0°C).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the actual work dimensions.** The temperature of the workpiece is 85°F (29.4°C), or  $85 - 68 = 17^\circ\text{F}$  ( $9.4^\circ\text{C}$ ) above the standard reference of 68°F (20.0°C). Since the actual temperature of the workpiece is greater than the standard temperature, the dimensions of the workpiece will be larger than at the standard temperature because the part expands as its temperature increases.

To find the amount by which the workpiece will be oversize at the actual temperature, multiply the nominal dimension of the workpiece, 12.5 in (31.75 cm), by the coefficient of linear expansion of the material and by the difference between the actual and standard temperatures. For this magnesium workpiece, the average oversize amount at the actual temperature, 85°F (29.4°C), is  $(12.5)(14.4 \times 10^{-6})(85 - 68) = 0.003060$  in (0.078 mm).

**2. Compute the actual gage dimension.** Compute the actual gage dimension in a similar way, using the same dimension, 12.5 in (31.75 cm), but the coefficient of linear expansion of the gage material, steel, and the gage temperature, 75°F (23.9°C). Or,  $(12.5)(6.4 \times 10^{-6})(75 - 68) = 0.000560$  in (0.014 mm).

**3. Compute the workpiece dimension as a check.** The workpiece dimension, corrected for tolerance, plus the difference between the oversize amounts computed in steps 1 and 2 is the dimension to which the part should be checked at the existing shop and gage temperature.

Applying the tolerance,  $\pm 0.0002$  in ( $\pm 0.005$  mm), to the drawing dimension, 12.5000 – 12.4996, gives a drawing dimension of  $12.4998 \pm 0.0002$  in ( $31.7495 \pm 0.0005$  cm). Adding the difference between oversize dimensions,  $0.003060 - 0.000560 = 0.002500$  in (0.0635 mm), to  $12.4998 \pm 0.0002$  in ( $31.7495 \pm 0.0005$  cm) gives a checking dimension of  $12.5023 \pm 0.0002$  in ( $31.7558 \pm 0.0005$  cm). If personnel check the workpiece at this dimension, they will have full confidence that it will be the right size.

**Related Calculations** This procedure can be used for any metal—bronze, aluminum, cast iron, etc.—for which the coefficient of linear expansion is known. Obtain the coefficient from Baumeister and Marks—*Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers*, or a similar reference. When a workpiece is at a temperature less than the National Bureau of Standards standard of 68°F (20.0°C), the part contracts instead of expanding. The dimension change computed in step 1 is then negative. This is also true of the gage, if it is at a temperature of less than 68°F (20.0°C). Note that the tolerance is constant regardless of the actual temperature of the part.

The procedure given here is the work of H. K. Eitelman, as reported in *American Machinist*.

## HORSEPOWER REQUIRED FOR METALWORKING

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What is the input horsepower required for machining, on a geared-head lathe, a 4-in (10.2-cm) diameter piece of AISI 4140 steel having a hardness of 260 BHN if the depth of cut is 0.25 in (0.6 cm), the cutting speed is 300 ft/min (1.5 m/s), and the feed per revolution is 0.025 in (0.6 mm)?

**TABLE 15** Average Unit hp (kW) Factors for Ferrous Metals and Alloys\*

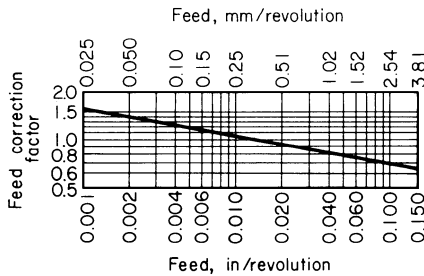
Material classification	Brinell hardness number		
	201–250	251–300	301–350
AISI 3160–3450	0.62 (7.52)	0.75 (9.1)	0.87 (10.6)
AISI 4130–4345	0.58 (7.04)	0.70 (8.5)	0.83 (10.1)
AISI 4615–4820	0.58 (7.04)	0.70 (8.5)	0.83 (10.1)

\*General Electric Company.

**Calculation Procedure**

**1. Determine the metal removal rate.** Compute the metal removal rate (MRR) in<sup>3</sup>/min from  $MRR = 12fDC$ , where  $f$  = tool feed rate, in/r;  $D$  = depth of cut, in;  $C$  = cutting speed, ft/min. For this workpiece,  $MRR = 12(0.025)(0.25)(300) = 22.5$  in<sup>3</sup>/min (6.1 cm<sup>3</sup>/s).

**2. Determine the unit horsepower required.** Table 15 lists the average unit horsepower required for cutting various metals. The unit horsepower  $hp_u$  is the power required to remove 1 in<sup>3</sup> (1 cm<sup>3</sup>) of metal per minute at 100 percent efficiency of the machine. Table 15 shows that AISI 4130 to 4345 of 250 to 300 BHN, the range into which AISI 4140 260 BHN falls, has a unit hp of 0.70 (8.5 unit kW).



**FIGURE 12** Feed correction factors based on normal tool geometries. (General Electric Co.)

The unit horsepower must be corrected for feed. From Fig. 12 and a feed of 0.025 in/r (0.6 mm/r), the correction factor is found to be 0.90. Thus, the true unit horsepower =  $(0.70)(0.90) = 0.63$  hp/(in<sup>3</sup>·min) [28.7 W/(cm<sup>3</sup>·min)].

**3. Compute the horsepower required at the cutter.** The horsepower required at the cutter  $hp_c = (hp_u)(MRR)$ , or  $hp_c = (0.63)(22.5) = 14.18$  hp (10.6 kW).

**4. Compute the motor horsepower required.** The power required at the cutter is the input necessary after allowing for losses in gears, bearings, and other parts of the drive. Table 16 lists typical overall machine-tool efficiencies. A gear-head lathe has an efficiency of 70 percent. Thus,  $hp_m = hp_c/e$ , where  $e$  = machine-tool efficiency, expressed as a decimal. Or,  $hp_m = 14.18/0.70 = 20.25$  hp (15.1 kW). A 20-hp (14.9-kW) motor would be satisfactory for this machine.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for single or multiple tools. When more than one tool is working at the same time, compute  $hp_c$  for each tool and add the individual values to find the total  $hp_c$ . Divide the total  $hp_c$  by the machine efficiency to determine the required motor horsepower  $hp_m$ . This procedure makes ample allowance for dulling of the tools.

Compute metal removal rates for other operations as follows. *Face milling*:  $MRR = WDF_T$ , where  $W$  = width of cut, in;  $D$  = depth of cut, in;  $F_T$  = table feed, in/min. *Slot milling*:  $MRR = WDF_T$ , where all symbols are as before. *Planing or shaping*:  $MRR = DfLS$ , where  $D$  = depth of cut, in;  $f$  = feed, in per stroke or revolution;  $L$  = length of workpiece, in;  $S$  = strokes/min. *Multiple tools*:  $MRR = (d_1^2 - d_s^2)\pi fR/4$ , where  $d_1$  = original diameter of workpiece, in, before cutting;  $d_s$  = workpiece diameter after cutting, in;  $R$  = rpm of workpiece; other symbols as before.



**TABLE 16** Efficiencies of Metalworking Machines\*

Typical overall machine-tool efficiency values (except milling machines), percent	Typical overall efficiencies for milling machines		
	Rated power of machine		Overall efficiency, percent
	hp	kW	
Direct spindle drive, 90	3	2.2	40
	5	3.7	48
One-belt drive, 85	7.5	5.6	52
	10	7.5	52
Two-belt drive, 70	15	11.2	52
	20	14.9	60
Geared head, 70	25	18.6	65
	30	22.4	70
	40	29.8	75
	50	37.3	80

\*General Electric Company.

The procedure given here is the work of Robert G. Brierley and H. J. Siekmann as reported in *Machining Principles and Cost Control*.

## CUTTING SPEED FOR LOWEST-COST MACHINING

What is the optimal cutting speed for a part if the maximum feed for which an acceptable finish is obtained at 169 r/min of the workpiece is 0.011 in/r (0.3 mm/r) when the cost of labor and overhead is \$0.24 per hour, the number of pieces produced per tool change is 15, the cost per tool change is \$0.62, and the length of cut is 8 in (20.3 cm)?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the optimization factor.** When the lowest-cost machining speed for an operation is determined, one popular procedure is to choose any speed and feed at which the operation meets the finish requirements. If desired, the speed and feed at which the operation is now running might be chosen. By keeping the speed constant, the feed is increased to the maximum value for which the finish is acceptable. This is the optimal value for the feed and is called the *optimal feed*. The number of pieces produced under these conditions is measured between tool changes. Then the optimal cutting speed is computed from: optimal cutting speed, r/min = (chosen speed, r/min)(optimization factor).

For any operation, the optimization factor =  $\{(\text{labor and overhead cost, } \$/\text{min})(\text{number of pieces per tool change})(\text{length of cut, in}) / [3(\text{cost per tool change, } \$)(\text{chosen speed, r/min})(\text{optimal feed, in/r})]\}^{-4}$ . Substitute the given values. Thus, the optimization factor =  $\{(0.24)(15)(8) / [3(0.62)(169)(0.011)]\}^{-4} = 1.7$ .

**2. Compute the optimal cutting speed.** From the relation given in step 1, optimal cutting speed = (chosen speed, r/min)(optimization factor) =  $(169)(1.7) = 287$  r/min.

**Related Calculations** The relation given in step 1 for the optimization factor is valid for carbide tools. It can be modified to apply to high-speed tools by changing the fourth root to an eight root and changing the 3 in the denominator to 7.

## REORDER QUANTITY FOR OUT-OF-STOCK PARTS

A metalworking process uses 10 parts during the lead time. How many parts should be reordered if an out-of-stock situation can be accepted for 10 percent of the time? For 35 percent of time?

**TABLE 17** Out-of-Stock Factors\*

Acceptable percentage of stock-outs	Out-of-stock factor
50	0.00
45	0.13
40	0.26
35	0.39
25	0.68
15	1.04
10	1.29
5	1.65
4	1.76
3.5	1.82
3	1.89
2	2.06
1	2.33
0	4.0

\*Nyles V. Reinfield in *American Machinist*.

In general, reducing the allowable stock-out time will increase the time during which a process using the parts can operate.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the out-of-stock factor.** Table 17 lists out-of-stock factors for various times during which a part might be out of stock. Thus, the acceptable out-of-stock factor for 10 percent is 1.29, and for 35 percent it is 0.39.

**2. Compute the reorder quantity.** For any manufacturing process, reorder quantity = (out-of-stock factor)(usage during lead time)<sup>0.5</sup> + (usage during lead time). Thus, the reorder point for this process with an acceptable out-of-stock factor for 10 percent is (1.29)(10)<sup>0.5</sup> + (10) = 14.08 parts, say 15 parts. With 35 percent, reorder point = (0.39)(10)<sup>0.5</sup> + 10 = 11.23, or 12 parts.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for any types of parts ordered from either an internal or external

## SAVINGS WITH MORE MACHINABLE MATERIALS

What are the gross and net savings made with a more machinable material that reduces the production time by 36 s per part when 800 lb (362.9 kg) of steel is required for 1000 parts and the total machine operating cost is \$6 per hour? The more machinable material costs 4 cents per pound (8.8 cents per kilogram) more than the less machinable material, and 5000 parts are produced per day.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the gross savings possible.** The gross saving possible in a machining operation when a more machinable material is used is: gross saving, cents/lb = (machining time saved with new material, s per piece)(total cost of operating machine, cents/h)/[(3.6)(weight of material to make 1000 pieces, lb)]. For this operation, the gross saving = (36)(600)/[(3.6)(800)] = 7.5 cents per pound (16.5 cents per kilogram). With a production rate of 5000 parts per day, the gross saving is (5000 parts)(800 lb/1000 parts)(7.5 cents/lb) = 30,000 cents, or \$300.

**2. Compute the net savings possible.** The more machinable materials cost 4 cents more per pound than the less machinable material. Hence, the net saving is (7.5 - 4.0) = 3.5 cents per pound (7.7 cents per kilogram), or (5000 parts)(800 lb/1000 parts)(3.5 cents/lb) = 14,000 cents, or \$140.

**TABLE 18** Thread-Milling Speeds and Feeds

Material threaded	Speed		Feed per flute	
	ft/min	m/s	in	mm
Aluminum	500	2.5	0.0015	0.038
Brass	250	1.3	0.0015	0.038
Mild steel	100	0.5	0.0020	0.051
Medium steel	75	0.4	0.0020	0.051
Hard steel	50	0.3	0.0020	0.051

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure for parts made of any material—steel, brass, bronze, aluminum, plastic, etc.

### TIME REQUIRED FOR THREAD MILLING

How long will it take to thread-mill a  $2\frac{7}{8}$ -in (7.3-cm) diameter hard steel bolt with a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -in (6.4-cm) diameter 18-flute hob?

#### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the cutting speed and feed of the hob.** Table 18 lists typical cutting speeds and feeds for various materials. For hard steel, the usual cutting speed in thread milling is 50 ft/min (0.3 m/s), and the feed per flute is 0.002 in (0.05 mm).

**2. Compute the time required for thread milling.** The time required for thread milling,  $T_t$  min =  $\pi d / (fnR)$ , where  $d$  = work diameter, in;  $f$  = feed, in per flute;  $n$  = number of flutes on hob;  $R$  = hob rpm.

From a previous calculation procedure,  $R = 12C / (\pi d)$ , where  $C$  = hob cutting speed, ft/min;  $d$  = hob diameter, in. For this hob,  $R = (12)(50) / [\pi(2.5)] = 76.4$  r/min. Then  $T_t = \pi(2\frac{7}{8}) / [(0.002)(18)(76.4)] = 3.29$  min.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for any metallic or nonmetallic material—aluminum, brass, mild steel, medium steel, hard steel, plastics, etc.

### DRILL PENETRATION RATE AND CENTERLESS GRINDER FEED RATE

What is the drill penetration rate when a drill turns at 1000 r/min and has a feed of 0.006 in/r (0.15 mm/r)? What is the feed rate of a centerless grinder having a 12-in (30.5-cm) diameter regulating wheel running at 60 r/min if the angle of inclination between the regulating and grinding wheel is  $5^\circ$ ?

#### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the rate of drill penetration.** The rate of drill penetration  $P$  in/min =  $fR$ , where  $f$  = drill feed, in/r;  $R$  = drill rpm. For this drill,  $P = (0.006)(1000) = 6.0$  in/min (2.5 mm/s).

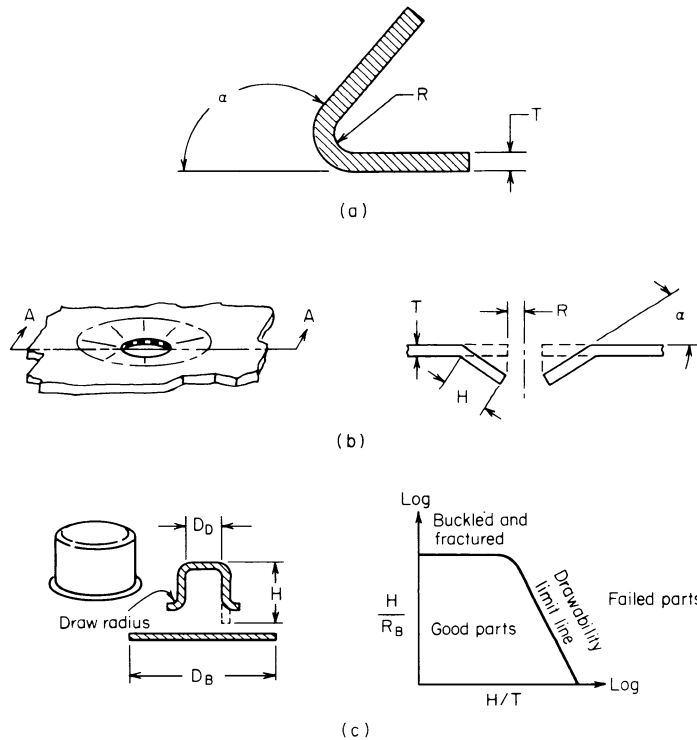
2. **Compute the grinder feed rate.** The work feed  $f$  in/min in a centerless grinder is  $f = \pi dR \sin a$ , where  $d$  = regulating-wheel diameter, in;  $R$  = regulating-wheel rpm;  $a$  = angle of inclination between the regulating and grinding wheel. For this grinder,  $f = \pi(12)(60)(\sin 5^\circ) = 197.6$  in/min (8.4 cm/s).

**BENDING, DIMPLING, AND DRAWING METAL PARTS**

What is the minimum bend radius  $R$  in for 0.02-gage Vascojet 1000 metal if it is bent transversely to an angle of  $130^\circ$ ? What is the minimum radius  $R$  in of a bend in 0.040-gage Rene 41 metal bent longitudinally at an angle of  $52^\circ$  at room temperature? Determine the maximum length of dimple flange  $H$  in for AM-350 metal at  $500^\circ\text{F}$  ( $260^\circ\text{C}$ ) when the bend angle is  $42^\circ$  and the edge radius  $R$  is 0.250 in (6.4 mm). Find the maximum blank diameter and maximum cup depth for drawing Rene 41 metal at  $400^\circ\text{F}$  ( $204^\circ\text{C}$ ) when using a die diameter of 10 in (25.4 cm) and 0.063-gage material. Figure 13a, b, and c shows the anticipated manufacturing conditions.

**Calculation Procedure**

1. **Compute the minimum bend radius.** Table 19 shows that the critical bend angle (i.e., maximum bend angle  $\alpha$  without breakage) for Vascojet 1000 metal is  $118^\circ$ . Hence, the required bend angle is greater than the critical bend angle. Therefore, the required bend limit equals the critical bend limit, and  $R/T = 1.30$ , from Table 19. Hence, the minimum radius  $R_m = (R/T)(T) = (1.30)(0.02) = 0.026$  in (0.66 mm).



**FIGURE 13** (a) Brake-bent part shape and parameters; (b) ram-coin dimpling setup; (c) drawing setup. (American Machinist.)

**TABLE 19** Brake-Bend Parts Parameters\*

Material	<i>L/T</i>	<i>F</i>	$\infty$	<i>R/T</i>	<i>R/T</i> for angles $\infty$ below critical						
					30	45	60	75	90	105	120
Titanium (13V-11Cr-3Al)	<i>L/T</i>	<i>RT</i>	105	2.40	0.34	0.68	1.16	1.80	2.25	2.40	
Vascojet 1000	<i>L/T</i>	<i>RT</i>	118	1.30	0.18	0.38	0.64	0.92	1.13	1.26	1.30
USS 12 MoV	<i>L/T</i>	<i>RT</i>	119	1.20	0.16	0.34	0.60	0.84	1.04	1.16	1.20
17-7PH	<i>L/T</i>	<i>RT</i>	122	0.80	0.10	0.22	0.37	0.54	0.66	0.75	0.79
AM-350	<i>L/T</i>	<i>RT</i>	122	0.80	0.10	0.22	0.37	0.54	0.66	0.75	0.79
PH 15-7 Mo	<i>L/T</i>	<i>RT</i>	121	0.86	0.11	0.23	0.42	0.60	0.72	0.80	0.84
A-286	<i>L/T</i>	<i>RT</i>	124	0.66	0.07	0.15	0.29	0.43	0.54	0.62	0.65
Hastelloy X	<i>L/T</i>	<i>RT</i>	120	1.00	0.12	0.26	0.47	0.67	0.84	0.95	1.00
Inconel X	<i>L/T</i>	<i>RT</i>	124	0.64	0.06	0.14	0.28	0.41	0.52	0.60	0.63
Rene 41	<i>L</i>	<i>RT</i>	122	0.80	0.10	0.22	0.37	0.54	0.66	0.75	0.79
Rene 41	<i>T</i>	<i>RT</i>	113	1.64	0.28	0.53	0.84	1.16	1.44	1.58	1.64
J-1570	<i>L</i>	<i>RT</i>	124	0.68	0.08	0.16	0.30	0.45	0.56	0.64	0.67

\*American Machinist, LTV, Inc.; USAF.

Note: *L/T* = grain direction, where *L* = longitudinal and *T* = transverse; *F* = bending temperature;  $\infty$  = critical bend; *R/T* = critical bend limits.

With Rene 41 metal, bent longitudinally at room temperature, the critical bend angle is 122°, from Table 19. Since the required bend angle of 52° is less than critical, find the *R/T* value in the right-hand portion of Table 19. When the actual bend angle is between two tabulated angles, interpolate thus:

Angle, °	<i>R/T</i> value
60	0.37
52	
45	0.22

$[(52 - 45)/(60 - 45)](0.37 - 0.22) = 0.07$ . Then *R/T* for 52° = 0.22 + 0.07 = 0.29. With *R/T* known for 52°, compute the minimum radius  $R_m = (R/T)(T) = (0.29)(0.040) = 0.0116$  in (0.2946 mm).

**2. Determine the dimple-flange length.** Table 20 shows typical dimpling limits to avoid radial splitting at the edge of the hole of various modern materials. With a bend angle between the tabulated angles, interpolate thus:

Angle, °	<i>H/R</i> value
45	1.10
42	
40	1.43

$[(42 - 40)/(45 - 40)](1.10 - 1.43) = -0.132$ , and *H/R* = 1.43 + (-0.132) = 1.298 at 42°. Then the maximum dimple-flange length  $H_m = (H/R)(R) = (1.298)(0.250) = 0.325$  in (8.255 mm).

**3. Determine the maximum blank diameter.** Table 21 lists the drawing limits for flat-bottom cups made of various modern materials. For this cup,  $D_p/T = 10/0.063 = 158.6$ , say 159. The

**TABLE 20** Dimpling Limits to Avoid Radial Splitting at Hole Edge\*

Material	Temperature, °F (°C)	Dimpling limit $H/R$				
		Standard, for various bend angles $\alpha$ ; above and below standard bend angle				
		30°	35°	40°	45°	50°
2024-T3	70 (21.1)	2.15	1.60	1.20	0.93	0.80
Ti-8-1-1	70 (21.1)	1.88	1.42	1.08	0.82	0.70
TZM Moly	70 (21.1)	1.98	1.50	1.12	0.87	0.73
Cb-752	70 (21.1)	2.28	1.70	1.30	0.98	0.83
PH 15-7 Mo	500 (260.0)	2.43	1.84	1.40	1.07	0.90
AM-350	500 (260.0)	2.46	1.87	1.43	1.10	0.93
Ti-8-1-1	1200 (648.9)	2.30	1.72	1.30	1.00	0.85
Ti-13-11-3	1200 (648.9)	2.58	1.95	1.48	1.15	0.95

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corresponding  $D_B/T$  and  $H/D_D$  ratios are not tabulated. Therefore, interpolate between  $D_D/T$  values of 150 and 200. Thus, for Rene 41:

$D_D/T$	$D_B/D_D$
200	1.52
159	
150	1.73

$[(159 - 150)/(200 - 150)](1.52 - 1.73) = -0.0378$ , and  $D_B/D_D = 1.73 + (-0.0378) = 1.692$ , when  $D_D/T = 159$ . Then, the maximum value of  $D_{Bm} = (D_B/D_D)(D_D) = (1.692)(10) = 16.92$  in (43.0 cm).

**TABLE 21** Drawing Limits for Flat-Bottom Cups\*

Material	Temperature ratio, °F (°C)	Die to blank diameter ratios $D_B/D_D$ ; cup-depth ratios $H/D_D$								
		For various $D_D/T$ ratios								
		25	50	100	150	200	250	300	400	
Am-350	500 (260.0)	$D_B/D_D$	2.22	2.18	2.00	1.71	1.54	1.42	1.40	1.30
		$H/D_D$	0.97	0.95	0.75	0.50	0.37	0.30	0.26	0.20
A-286	1000 (537.8)	$D_B/D_D$	2.22	2.46	2.16	1.85	1.64	1.49	1.41	1.36
		$H/D_D$	1.00	1.21	0.87	0.57	0.42	0.34	0.28	0.22
Rene 41	400 (204.4)	$D_B/D_D$	2.22	2.22	1.92	1.73	1.52	1.48	1.42	1.33
		$H/D_D$	0.97	0.97	0.73	0.51	0.37	0.31	0.27	0.21
L-605	500 (260.0)	$D_B/D_D$	2.22	2.29	2.00	1.68	1.54	1.45	1.44	1.38
		$H/D_D$	0.97	1.05	0.74	0.47	0.35	0.30	0.26	0.21
Ti-13-11-3	1200 (648.9)	$D_B/D_D$	2.38	2.53	2.28	1.92	1.67	1.58	1.45	1.44
		$H/D_D$	1.15	1.34	0.94	0.60	0.44	0.35	0.30	0.24
Tungsten	600 (315.6)	$D_B/D_D$	2.08	2.11	1.98	1.66	1.53	1.46	1.38	1.34
		$H/D_D$	0.83	0.87	0.69	0.45	0.35	0.29	0.24	0.20

\*American Machinist, LTV, Inc.; USAF.

Interpolating as above yields  $H/D_D = 0.48$  when  $D_D/T = 159$ . Then the maximum height  $H_m = (H/D_D)(D) = (0.48)(10) = 4.8$  in (12.2 cm).

**Related Calculations** The procedures given here are typical of those used for the newer “exotic” metals developed for use in aerospace, cryogenic, and similar advanced technologies. The three tables presented here were developed by LTV, Inc., for the U.S. Air Force, and reported in *American Machinist*.

### BLANK DIAMETERS FOR ROUND SHELLS

What blank diameter  $D$  in is required for the round shells in Fig. 14a and b if  $d = 12$  in (30.5 cm),  $d_1 = 12$  in (30.5 cm),  $d_2 = 14$  in (35.6 cm), and  $h = 14$  in (35.6 cm)?

#### Calculation Procedure

1. **Compute the plain-cup blank diameter.** Figure 14a shows the plain cup. Compute the required blank diameter from  $D = (d^2 + 4dh)^{0.5} = (12^2 + 4 \times 12 \times 4)^{0.5} = 18.33$  in (46.6 cm).

2. **Compute the flanged-cup blank diameter.** Figure 14b shows the flanged cup. Compute the required blank diameter from  $D = (d_2^2 + fd_1h)^{0.5} = (14^2 + 4 \times 12 \times 4)^{0.5} = 19.7$  in (49.3 cm).

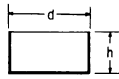
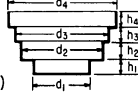
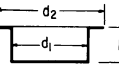
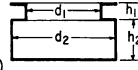
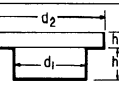
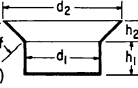
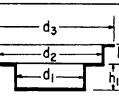
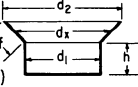
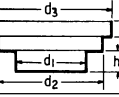
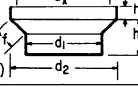
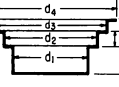
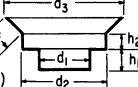
Workpiece	Blank diameter D	Workpiece	Blank diameter D
(a) 	$\sqrt{d^2 + 4dh}$	(g) 	$\sqrt{d_4^2 + 4(d_1h_1 + d_2h_2 + d_3h_3 + d_4h_4)}$
(b) 	$\sqrt{d_2^2 + 4d_1h}$	(h) 	$\sqrt{3d_2^2 - 2d_1^2 + 4d_1h_1 + 4d_2h_2}$
(c) 	$\sqrt{d_2^2 + 4(d_1h_1 + d_2h_2)}$	(i) 	$\sqrt{d_1^2 + 4d_1h_1 + 2f(d_1 + d_2)}$
(d) 	$\sqrt{d_3^2 + 4(d_1h_1 + d_2h_2)}$	(j) 	$\sqrt{d_1^2 + 4(d_1f + d_1h)}$ $d_x = \frac{d_1 + d_2}{2}$
(e) 	$\sqrt{d_3^2 + 4(d_1h_1 + d_2h_2 + d_3h_3)}$	(k) 	$\sqrt{d_1^2 + 4(d_1f + d_1h_1 + d_2h_2)}$ $d_x = \frac{d_1 + d_2}{2}$
(f) 	$\sqrt{d_4^2 + 4(d_1h_1 + d_2h_2 + d_3h_3)}$	(l) 	$\sqrt{d_2^2 + 4(d_1h_2 + d_2h_1) + 2f(d_2 + d_3)}$

FIGURE 14 Blank diameters for round shells. (*American Machinist*.)

**Related Calculations** Figure 14 gives the equations for computing 12 different round-shell blank diameters. Use the same general procedures as in steps 1 and 2 above. These equations were derived by Ferene Kuchta, Mechanical Engineer, J. Wiss & Sons Co., and reported in *American Machinist*.

**BREAKEVEN CONSIDERATIONS IN MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS**

A manufacturing plant has the net sales and fixed and variable expenses shown in Table 22. What is the breakeven point for this plant in units and sales? Plot a conventional and an alternative breakeven chart for this plant.

**Calculation Procedure**

**1. Compute the breakeven units.** Use the relation  $BE_u = \text{fixed expenses, } \$ / [(\text{sales income per unit, } \$ - \text{variable costs per unit, } \$)]$ , where  $BE_u = \text{breakeven in units}$ . By substituting,  $BE_u = \$400,000 / (\$20 - \$12) = 50,000$  units.

**2. Compute the breakeven sales.** Two methods can be used to compute the breakeven sales. With the breakeven units known from step 1,  $BE_s = BE_u(\text{unit sales price, } \$)$ , where  $BE_s = \text{breakeven sales, } \$$ . By substituting,  $BE_s = (50,000)(\$20) = \$1,000,000$ .

Alternatively, compute the profit-volume (PV) ratio:  $PV = (\text{sales, } \$ - \text{variable costs, } \$) / \text{sales, } \$ = (\$1,200,000 - \$720,000) / \$1,200,000 = 0.40$ . Then  $BE_s = \text{fixed costs, } \$ / PV = \$400,000 / 0.40 = \$1,000,000$ . This is identical to the breakeven sales computed in the previous paragraph.

**3. Draw the conventional and alternative breakeven charts.** Figure 15a shows the conventional breakeven chart for this plant. Construct this chart by drawing the horizontal line *F* for the fixed expenses, the solid sloping line *I* for the income or sales, and the dotted sloping line *C* for the total costs. Note that the vertical axis is for the expenses and income and the horizontal axis is for the sales, all measured in monetary units.

The breakeven point is at the intersection of the income and total-cost curves, point *B*, Fig. 15a. Projecting vertically downward shows that point *B* corresponds to a sales volume of \$1,000,000, as computed in step 2.

**TABLE 22** Manufacturing Business Income and Expenses

Condensed Income Statement For year ending Dec. 31, 19—			
Net sales (60,000 units @ \$20 per unit)	.....		\$1,200,000
Less costs and expenses:		<i>Variable</i>	<i>Fixed</i>
Direct material	\$195,000	...	
Direct labor	215,000	...	
Manufacturing expenses	100,000	\$200,000	
Selling expenses	50,000	150,000	
General and administrative expenses	160,000	50,000	
Total	720,000	400,000	1,120,000
Net profit before federal income taxes	.....		80,000



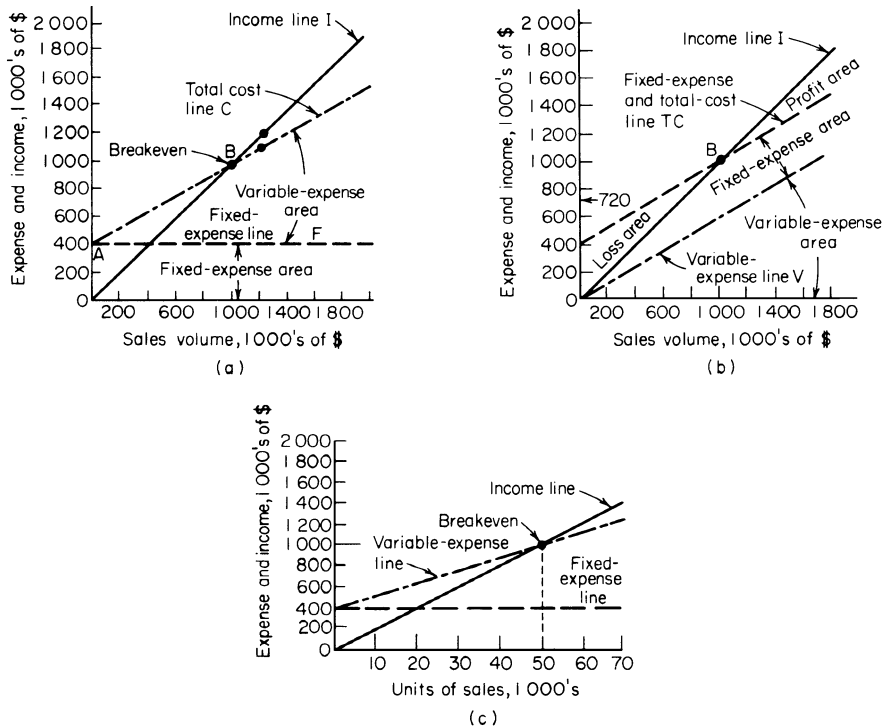


FIGURE 15 Three forms of the breakeven chart as used in metalworking activities.

Alternative breakeven charts are shown in Fig. 15*b* and *c*. Both charts are constructed in a manner similar to Fig. 15*a*.

**Related Calculations** Breakeven computations are valuable tools for analyzing any manufacturing operation. The concepts are also applicable to other business activities. Thus, typical PV values for various types of businesses are:

Business	Typical activity	Typical PV
Consumer appliances	Fully automated; high-volume output	0.15–0.25
Standard centrifugal pumps	Batch output in large volume	0.20–0.30
Acid-handling centrifugal pumps	Batch output in small volume	0.25–0.35
Standard prototype, one-of-a-kind	Ships, machine tools	0.30–0.40
Special-design one-of-a-kind prototype	Buildings, factories	0.35–0.50

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### COMBUSTION OF COAL FUEL IN A FURNACE

A coal has the following ultimate analysis (or percent by weight): C = 0.8339; H<sub>2</sub> = 0.0456; O<sub>2</sub> = 0.0505; N<sub>2</sub> = 0.0103; S = 0.0064; ash = 0.0533; total = 1.000 lb (0.45 kg). This coal is burned in a steam-boiler furnace. Determine the weight of air required for theoretically perfect combustion, the weight of gas formed per pound (kilogram) of coal burned, and the volume of flue gas, at the boiler exit temperature of 600°F (316°C) per pound (kilogram) of coal burned; air required with 20 percent excess air, and the volume of gas formed with this excess; the CO<sub>2</sub> percentage in the flue gas on a dry and wet basis.

#### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the weight of oxygen required per pound of coal.** To find the weight of oxygen required for theoretically perfect combustion of coal, set up the following tabulation, based on the ultimate analysis of the coal:

Element	×	Molecular-weight ratio	=	lb (kg) O <sub>2</sub> required
C; 0.8339	×	32/12	=	2.2237 (1.009)
H <sub>2</sub> ; 0.0456	×	16/2	=	0.3648 (0.165)
O <sub>2</sub> ; 0.0505; decreases external O <sub>2</sub> required			=	-0.0505 (0.023)
N <sub>2</sub> ; 0.0103 is inert in combustion and is ignored				
S; 0.0064	×	32/32	=	0.0064 (0.003)
Ash; 0.0533 is inert in combustion and is ignored				
Total 1.0000				
lb (kg) external O <sub>2</sub> per lb (kg) fuel			=	2.5444 (1.154)

Note that of the total oxygen needed for combustion, 0.0505 lb (0.023 kg), is furnished by the fuel itself and is assumed to reduce the total external oxygen required by the amount of oxygen present in the fuel. The molecular-weight ratio is obtained from the equation for the chemical reaction of the element with oxygen in combustion. Thus, for carbon C + O<sub>2</sub> → CO<sub>2</sub>, or 12 + 32 = 44, where 12 and 32 are the molecular weights of C and O<sub>2</sub>, respectively.

**2. Compute the weight of air required for perfect combustion.** Air at sea level is a mechanical mixture of various gases, principally 23.2 percent oxygen and 76.8 percent nitrogen by weight. The nitrogen associated with the 2.5444 lb (1.154 kg) of oxygen required per pound (kilogram) of coal burned in this furnace is the product of the ratio of the nitrogen and oxygen weights in the air and 2.5444, or  $(2.5444)(0.768/0.232) = 8.4228$  lb (3.820 kg). Then the weight of air required for perfect combustion of 1 lb (0.45 kg) of coal = sum of nitrogen and oxygen required =  $8.4228 + 2.5444 = 10.9672$  lb (4.975 kg) of air per pound (kilogram) of coal burned.

**3. Compute the weight of the products of combustion.** Find the products of combustion by addition:

Fuel constituents	+ Oxygen	→	Products of combustion	
			lb	kg
C; 0.8339	+ 2.2237	→ CO <sub>2</sub>	= 3.0576	1.387
H; 0.0456	+ 0.3648	→ H <sub>2</sub> O	= 0.4104	0.186
O <sub>2</sub> ; 0.0505; this is <i>not</i> a product of combustion				
N <sub>2</sub> ; 0.0103; inert but passes through furnace			= 0.0103	0.005
S; 0.0064	+ 0.0064	→ SO <sub>2</sub>	= 0.0128	0.006
Outside nitrogen from step 2		= N <sub>2</sub>	= 8.4228	3.820
lb (kg) of flue gas per lb (kg) of coal burned			= 11.9139	5.404

**4. Convert the flue-gas weight to volume.** Use Avogadro's law, which states that under the same conditions of pressure and temperature, 1 mol (the molecular weight of a gas expressed in lb) of any gas will occupy the same volume.

At 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.3 kPa) and 32°F (0°C), 1 mol of any gas occupies 359 ft<sup>3</sup> (10.2 m<sup>3</sup>). The volume per pound of any gas at these conditions can be found by dividing 359 by the molecular weight of the gas and correcting for the gas temperature by multiplying the volume by the ratio of the absolute flue-gas temperature and the atmospheric temperature. To change the weight analysis (step 3) of the products of combustion to volumetric analysis, set up the calculation thus:

Products	Weight		Molecular weight	Temperature correction	Volume at	
	lb	kg			600°F, ft <sup>3</sup>	316°C, m <sup>3</sup>
CO <sub>2</sub>	3.0576	1.3869	44	$(359/44)(3.0576)(2.15) =$	53.6	1.518
H <sub>2</sub> O	0.4104	0.1862	18	$(359/18)(0.4104)(2.15) =$	17.6	0.498
Total N <sub>2</sub>	8.4331	3.8252	28	$(359/28)(8.4331)(2.15) =$	232.5	6.584
SO <sub>2</sub>	0.0128	0.0058	64	$(359/64)(0.0128)(2.15) =$	0.15	0.004
ft <sup>3</sup> (m <sup>3</sup> ) of flue gas per lb (kg) of coal burned				=	303.85	8.604

In this calculation, the temperature correction factor  $2.15 = \text{absolute flue-gas temperature, } ^\circ\text{R}/\text{absolute atmospheric temperature, } ^\circ\text{R} = (600 + 460)/(32 + 460)$ . The total weight of N<sub>2</sub> in the flue gas is the sum of the N<sub>2</sub> in the combustion air and the fuel, or  $8.4228 + 0.0103 = 8.4331$  lb (3.8252 kg). The value is used in computing the flue-gas volume.

**5. Compute the CO<sub>2</sub> content of the flue gas.** The volume of CO<sub>2</sub> in the products of combustion at 600°F (316°C) is 53.6 ft<sup>3</sup> (1.518 m<sup>3</sup>), as computed in step 4; and the total volume of the combustion products is 303.85 ft<sup>3</sup> (8.604 m<sup>3</sup>). Therefore, the percent CO<sub>2</sub> on a wet basis (i.e., including the moisture in the combustion products) =  $\text{ft}^3 \text{ CO}_2 / \text{total ft}^3 = 53.6/303.85 = 0.1764$ , or 17.64 percent.

The percent CO<sub>2</sub> on a dry, or Orsat, basis is found in the same manner except that the weight of H<sub>2</sub>O in the products of combustion, 17.6 lb (7.83 kg) from step 4, is subtracted from the total gas weight. Or, percent CO<sub>2</sub>, dry, or Orsat basis =  $(53.6)/(303.85 - 17.6) = 0.1872$ , or 18.72 percent.

**6. Compute the air required with the stated excess flow.** With 20 percent excess air, the air flow required =  $(0.20 + 1.00)(\text{air flow with no excess}) = 1.20(10.9672) = 13.1606$  lb (5.970 kg) of air per pound (kilogram) of coal burned. The air flow with no excess is obtained from step 2.

**7. Compute the weight of the products of combustion.** The excess air passes through the furnace without taking part in the combustion and increases the weight of the products of combustion per pound (kilogram) of coal burned. Therefore, the weight of the products of combustion is the sum of the weight of the combustion products without the excess air and the product of (percent excess air)(air for perfect combustion, lb); or, given the weights from steps 3 and 2, respectively, =  $11.9139 + (0.20)(10.9672) = 14.1073$  lb (6.399 kg) of gas per pound (kilogram) of coal burned with 20 percent excess air.

**8. Compute the volume of the combustion products and the percent  $\text{CO}_2$ .** The volume of the excess air in the products of combustion is obtained by converting from the weight analysis to the volumetric analysis and correcting for temperature as in step 4, using the air weight from step 2 for perfect combustion and the excess-air percentage, or  $(10.9672)(0.20)(359/28.95)(2.15) = 58.5$  ft<sup>3</sup> (1.656 m<sup>3</sup>). In this calculation the value 28.95 is the molecular weight of air. The total volume of the products of combustion is the sum of the volume for perfect combustion, step 4, and the excess-air volume, above, or  $303.85 + 58.5 = 362.35$  ft<sup>3</sup> (10.261 m<sup>3</sup>).

By using the procedure in step 5, the percent  $\text{CO}_2$ , wet basis =  $53.6/362.35 = 14.8$  percent. The percent  $\text{CO}_2$ , dry basis =  $53.8/(362.35 - 17.6) = 15.6$  percent.

**Related Calculations** Use the method given here when making combustion calculations for any type of coal—bituminous, semibituminous, lignite, anthracite, cannel, or coking—from any coal field in the world used in any type of furnace—boiler, heater, process, or waste-heat. When the air used for combustion contains moisture, as is usually true, this moisture is added to the combustion-formed moisture appearing in the products of combustion. Thus, for 80°F (26.7°C) air of 60 percent relative humidity, the moisture content is 0.013 lb/lb (0.006 kg/kg) of dry air. This amount appears in the products of combustion for each pound of air used and is a commonly assumed standard in combustion calculations.

Fossil-fuel-fired power plants release sulfur emissions to the atmosphere. In turn, this produces sulfates, which are the key ingredient in acid rain. The federal Clean Air Act regulates sulfur dioxide emissions from power plants. Electric utilities which burn high-sulfur coal are thought to produce some 35 percent of atmospheric emissions of sulfur dioxide in the United States.

Sulfur dioxide emissions by power plants have declined some 30 percent since passage of the Clean Air Act in 1970, and a notable decline in acid rain has been noted at a number of test sites. In 1990 the Acid Rain Control Program was created by amendments to the Clean Air Act. This program further reduces the allowable sulfur dioxide emissions from power plants, steel mills, and other industrial facilities.

The same act requires reduction in nitrogen oxide emissions from power plants and industrial facilities, so designers must keep this requirement in mind when designing new and replacement facilities of all types which use fossil fuels.

## **PERCENT EXCESS AIR WHILE BURNING COAL**

A certain coal has the following composition by weight percentages: carbon 75.09, nitrogen 1.56, ash 3.38, hydrogen 5.72, oxygen 13.82, sulfur 0.43. When burned in an actual furnace, measurements showed that there was 8.93 percent combustible in the ash pit refuse and the following Orsat analysis in percentages was obtained: carbon dioxide 14.2, oxygen 4.7, carbon monoxide 0.3. If it

can be assumed that there was no combustible in the flue gas other than the carbon monoxide reported, calculate the percentage of excess air used.

**1. Compute the amount of theoretical air required per lb<sub>m</sub> (kg) of coal.** Theoretical air required per pound (kilogram) of coal,  $w_{ta} = 11.5 C' + 34.5[H_2' - (O_2'/8)] + 4.32S'$ , where  $C'$ ,  $H_2'$ ,  $O_2'$ , and  $S'$  represent the percentages by weight, expressed as decimal fractions, of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, and sulfur, respectively. Thus,  $w_{ta} = 11.5(0.7509) + 34.5[0.0572 - (0.1382/8)] + 4.32(0.0043) = 10.03$  lb (4.55 kg) of air per lb (kg) of coal. The ash and nitrogen are inert and do not burn.

**2. Compute the correction factor for combustible in the ash.** The correction factor for combustible in the ash,  $C_1 = (w_f C_f - w_r C_r)/(w_f \times 100)$ , where the amount of fuel,  $w_f = 1$  lb (0.45 kg) of coal; percent by weight, expressed as a decimal fraction, of carbon in the coal,  $C_f = 75.09$ ; percent by weight of the ash and refuse in the coal,  $w_r = 0.0338$ ; percent by weight of combustible in the ash,  $C_r = 8.93$ . Hence,  $C_1 = [(1 \times 75.09) - (0.0338 \times 8.93)]/(1 \times 100) = 0.748$ .

**3. Compute the amount of dry flue gas produced per lb (kg) of coal.** The lb (kg) of dry flue gas per lb (kg) of coal,  $w_{dg} = C_1(4CO_2 + O_2 + 704)/[3(CO_2 + CO)]$ , where the Orsat analysis percentages are for carbon dioxide,  $CO_2 = 14.2$ ; oxygen,  $O_2 = 4.7$ ; carbon monoxide,  $CO = 0.3$ . Hence,  $w_{dg} = 0.748 \times [(4 \times 14.2) + 4.7 + 704]/[3(14.2 + 0.3)] = 13.16$  lb/lb (5.97 kg/kg).

**4. Compute the amount of dry air supplied per lb (kg) of coal.** The lb (kg) of dry air supplied per lb (kg) of coal,  $w_{da} = w_{dg} - C_1 + 8[H_2' - (O_2'/8)] - (N_2'/N)$ , where the percentage by weight of nitrogen in the fuel,  $N_2' = 1.56$ , and "atmospheric nitrogen" in the supply air,  $N_2 = 0.768$ ; other values are as given or calculated. Then,  $w_{da} = 13.16 - 0.748 + 8[0.0572 - (0.1382/8)] - (0.0156/0.768) = 12.65$  lb/lb (5.74 kg/kg).

**5. Compute the percent of excess air used.** Percent excess air =  $(w_{da} - w_{ta})/w_{ta} = (12.65 - 10.03)/10.03 = 0.261$ , or 26.1 percent.

**Related Calculations** The percentage by weight of nitrogen in "atmospheric air" in step 4 appears in *Principles of Engineering Thermodynamics*, 2nd edition, by Kiefer et al., John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

## COMBUSTION OF FUEL OIL IN A FURNACE

A fuel oil has the following ultimate analysis: C = 0.8543; H<sub>2</sub> = 0.1131; O<sub>2</sub> = 0.0270; N<sub>2</sub> = 0.0022; S = 0.0034; total = 1.0000. This fuel oil is burned in a steam-boiler furnace. Determine the weight of air required for theoretically perfect combustion, the weight of gas formed per pound (kilogram) of oil burned, and the volume of flue gas, at the boiler exit temperature of 600°F (316°C), per pound (kilogram) of oil burned; the air required with 20 percent excess air, and the volume of gas formed with this excess; the CO<sub>2</sub> percentage in the flue gas on a dry and wet basis.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the weight of oxygen required per pound (kilogram) of oil.** The same general steps as given in the previous calculation procedure will be followed. Consult that procedure for a complete explanation of each step.

Using the molecular weight of each element, we find

Element	×	Molecular-weight ratio	=	lb (kg) O <sub>2</sub> required
C; 0.8543	×	32/12	=	2.2781 (1.025)
H <sub>2</sub> ; 0.1131	×	16/2	=	0.9048 (0.407)
O <sub>2</sub> ; 0.0270; decreases external O <sub>2</sub> required			=	-0.0270 (-0.012)
N <sub>2</sub> ; 0.0022; is inert in combustion and is ignored				
S; 0.0034	×	32/32	=	0.0034 (0.002)
Total 1.0000				
lb (kg) external O <sub>2</sub> per lb (kg) fuel			=	3.1593 (1.422)

**2. Compute the weight of air required for perfect combustion.** The weight of nitrogen associated with the required oxygen =  $(3.1593)(0.768/0.232) = 10.458$  lb (4.706 kg). The weight of air required =  $10.4583 + 3.1593 = 13.6176$  lb/lb (6.128 kg/kg) of oil burned.

**3. Compute the weight of the products of combustion.** As before,

Fuel constituents	+	Oxygen	=	Products of combustion
C; 0.8543 + 2.2781	=	3.1324	=	CO <sub>2</sub>
H <sub>2</sub> ; 0.1131 + 0.9148	=	1.0179	=	H <sub>2</sub> O
O <sub>2</sub> ; 0.270; not a product of combustion				
N <sub>2</sub> ; 0.0022; inert but passes through furnace	=	0.0022	=	N <sub>2</sub>
S; 0.0034 + 0.0034	=	0.0068	=	SO <sub>2</sub>
Outside N <sub>2</sub> from Step 2	=	10.458	=	N <sub>2</sub>
lb (kg) of flue gas per lb (kg) of oil burned	=	14.6173 (6.578)		

**4. Convert the flue-gas weight to volume.** As before,

Products	Weight		Molecular weight	Temperature correction	=	Volume at	
	lb	kg				600°F, ft <sup>3</sup>	316°C, m <sup>3</sup>
CO <sub>2</sub>	3.1324	1.4238	44	(359/44)(3.1324)(2.15)	=	55.0	1.557
H <sub>2</sub> O	1.0179	0.4626	18	(359/18)(1.0179)(2.15)	=	43.5	1.231
N <sub>2</sub> (total)	10.460	4.7545	28	(359/28)(10.460)(2.15)	=	288.5	8.167
SO <sub>2</sub>	0.0068	0.0031	64	(359/64)(0.0068)(2.15)	=	0.82	0.023
ft <sup>3</sup> (m <sup>3</sup> ) of flue gas per lb (kg) of coal burned					=	387.82	10.978

In this calculation, the temperature correction factor  $2.15 = \text{absolute flue-gas temperature, } ^\circ\text{R}/\text{absolute atmospheric temperature, } ^\circ\text{R} = (600 + 460)/(32 + 460)$ . The total weight of N<sub>2</sub> in the flue gas is the sum of the N<sub>2</sub> in the combustion air and the fuel, or  $10.4580 + 0.0022 = 10.4602$  lb (4.707 kg).

5. **Compute the  $CO_2$  content of the flue gas.**  $CO_2$ , wet basis, =  $55.0/387.82 = 0.142$ , or 14.2 percent.  $CO_2$ , dry basis,  $55.0/(387.2 - 43.5) = 0.160$ , or 16.0 percent.

6. **Compute the air required with stated excess flow.** The pounds (kilograms) of air per pound (kilogram) of oil with 20 percent excess air =  $(1.20)(13.6176) = 16.3411$  lb (7.353 kg) of air per pound (kilogram) of oil burned.

7. **Compute the weight of the products of combustion.** The weight of the products of combustion = product weight for perfect combustion, lb + (percent excess air)(air for perfect combustion, lb) =  $14.6173 + (0.20)(13.6176) = 17.3408$  lb (7.803 kilogram) of flue gas per pound (kilogram) of oil burned with 20 percent excess air.

8. **Compute the volume of the combustion products and the percent  $CO_2$ .** The volume of excess air in the products of combustion is found by converting from the weight to the volumetric analysis and correcting for temperature as in step 4, using the air weight from step 2 for perfect combustion and the excess-air percentage, or  $(13.6176)(0.20)(359/28.95)(2.15) = 72.7$  ft<sup>3</sup> (2.058 m<sup>3</sup>). Add this to the volume of the products of combustion found in step 4, or  $387.82 + 72.70 = 460.52$  ft<sup>3</sup> (13.037 m<sup>3</sup>).

By using the procedure in step 5, the percent  $CO_2$ , wet basis =  $55.0/460.52 = 0.1192$ , or 11.92 percent. The percent  $CO_2$ , dry basis =  $55.0/(460.52 - 43.5) = 0.1318$ , or 13.18 percent.

**Related Calculations** Use the method given here when making combustion calculations for any type of fuel oil—paraffin-base, asphalt-base, Bunker C, no. 2, 3, 4, or 5—from any source, domestic or foreign, in any type of furnace—boiler, heated, process, or waste-heat. When the air used for combustion contains moisture, as is usually true, this moisture is added to the combustion-formed moisture appearing in the products of combustion. Thus, for 80°F (26.7°C) air of 60 percent relative humidity, the moisture content is 0.013 lb/lb (0.006 kg/kg) of dry air. This amount appears in the products of combustion for each pound (kilogram) of air used and is a commonly assumed standard in combustion calculations.

## COMBUSTION OF NATURAL GAS IN A FURNACE

A natural gas has the following volumetric analysis at 60°F (15.5°C):  $CO_2 = 0.004$ ;  $CH_4 = 0.921$ ;  $C_2H_6 = 0.041$ ;  $N_2 = 0.034$ ; total = 1.000. This natural gas is burned in a steam-boiler furnace. Determine the weight of air required for theoretically perfect combustion, the weight of gas formed per pound of natural gas burned, and the volume of the flue gas, at the boiler exit temperature of 650°F (343°C), per pound (kilogram) of natural gas burned; air required with 20 percent excess air, and the volume of gas formed with this excess;  $CO_2$  percentage in the flue gas on a dry and wet basis.

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Compute the weight of oxygen required per pound of gas.** The same general steps as given in the previous calculation procedures will be followed, except that they will be altered to make allowances for the differences between natural gas and coal.

The composition of the gas is given on a volumetric basis, which is the usual way of expressing a fuel-gas analysis. To use the volumetric-analysis data in combustion calculations, they must be converted to a weight basis. This is done by dividing the weight of each component by the total weight of the gas. A volume of 1 ft<sup>3</sup> (1 m<sup>3</sup>) of the gas is used for this computation. Find the weight of each component and the total weight of 1 ft<sup>3</sup> (1 m<sup>3</sup>) as follows, using the properties of the combustion elements and compounds given in Table 1:

TABLE 1 Properties of Combustion Elements\*

Element or compound	Formula	Molecular weight	At 14.7 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.3 kPa), 60°F (15.6°C)		Nature		Heat value, Btu (kJ)	
			Weight, lb/ft <sup>3</sup> (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Volume, ft <sup>3</sup> /lb (m <sup>3</sup> /kg)	Gas or solid	Combustible	Per 14.7 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.3 kPa), 60°F (15.6°C)	
							Per lb (kg)	Per mole
Carbon	C	12	...	...	S	Yes	14,540 (33,820)	...
Hydrogen	H <sub>2</sub>	2.02 <sup>†</sup>	0.0053 (0.0849)	188 (11.74)	G	Yes	61,000 (141,886)	325 (12,109)
Sulfur	S	32	...	...	S	Yes	4,050 (9,420)	...
Carbon monoxide	CO	28	0.0739 (1.183)	13.54 (0.85)	G	Yes	4,380 (10,187)	323 (12,035)
Methane	CH <sub>4</sub>	16	0.0423 (0.677)	23.69 (1.48)	G	Yes	24,000 (55,824)	1,012 (37,706)
Acetylene	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	26	0.0686 (1.098)	14.58 (0.91)	G	Yes	21,500 (50,009)	1,483 (55,255)
Ethylene	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	28	0.0739 (1.183)	13.54 (0.85)	G	Yes	22,200 (51,637)	1,641 (61,141)
Ethane	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	30	0.0792 (1.268)	12.63 (0.79)	G	Yes	22,300 (51,870)	1,762 (65,650)
Oxygen	O <sub>2</sub>	32	0.0844 (1.351)	11.84 (0.74)	G			
Nitrogen	N <sub>2</sub>	28	0.0739 (1.183)	13.52 (0.84)	G			
Air <sup>‡</sup>	...	29	0.0765 (1.225)	13.07 (0.82)	G			
Carbon dioxide	CO <sub>2</sub>	44	0.1161 (1.859)	8.61 (0.54)	G			
Water	H <sub>2</sub> O	18	0.0475 (0.760)	21.06 (1.31)	G			

\*F. W. Swain and L. N. Rowley, "Library of Practical Power Engineering" (collection of articles published in *Power*).<sup>†</sup>For most practical purposes, the value of 2 is sufficient.<sup>‡</sup>The molecular weight of 29 is merely the weighted average of the molecular weight of the constituents.



Component	Percent by volume	Density		Component weight = column 1 × column 2	
		lb/ft <sup>3</sup>	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	lb/ft <sup>3</sup>	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
CO <sub>2</sub>	0.004	0.1161	1.859	0.0004644	0.007
CH <sub>4</sub>	0.921	0.0423	0.677	0.0389583	0.624
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	0.041	0.0792	1.268	0.0032472	0.052
N <sub>2</sub>	0.034	0.0739	0.094	0.0025026	0.040
Total	1.000			0.0451725	0.723

Percent CO<sub>2</sub> = 0.0004644/0.0451725 = 0.01026, or 1.03 percent

Percent CH<sub>4</sub> by weight = 0.0389583/0.0451725 = 0.8625, or 86.25 percent

Percent C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> by weight = 0.0032472/0.0451725 = 0.0718, or 7.18 percent

Percent N<sub>2</sub> by weight = 0.0025026/0.0451725 = 0.0554, or 5.54 percent

The sum of the weight percentages = 1.03 + 86.25 + 7.18 + 5.54 = 100.00. This sum checks the accuracy of the weight calculation, because the sum of the weights of the component parts should equal 100 percent.

Next, find the oxygen required for combustion. Since both the CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> are inert, they do not take part in the combustion; they pass through the furnace unchanged. Using the molecular weights of the remaining components in the gas and the weight percentages, we have

Compound	×	Molecular-weight ratio	=	lb (kg) O <sub>2</sub> required
CH <sub>4</sub> ; 0.8625	×	64/16	=	3.4500 (1.553)
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> ; 0.0718	×	112/30	=	0.2920 (0.131)
lb (kg) external O <sub>2</sub> required per lb (kg) fuel			=	3.7420 (1.684)

In this calculation, the molecular-weight ratio is obtained from the equation for the combustion chemical reaction, or CH<sub>4</sub> + 2O<sub>2</sub> = CO<sub>2</sub> + 2H<sub>2</sub>O, that is, 16 + 64 = 44 + 36, and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> + 7/2O<sub>2</sub> = 2CO<sub>2</sub> + 3H<sub>2</sub>O, that is, 30 + 112 = 88 + 54. See Table 2 from these and other useful chemical reactions in combustion.

**2. Compute the weight of air required for perfect combustion.** The weight of nitrogen associated with the required oxygen = (3.742)(0.768/0.232) = 12.39 lb (5.576 kg). The weight of air required = 12.39 + 3.742 = 16.132 lb/lb (7.259 kg/kg) of gas burned.

**3. Compute the weight of the products of combustion**

Fuel constituents	+	Oxygen	=	Products of combustion	
				lb	kg
CO <sub>2</sub> ; 0.0103; inert but passes through the furnace			=	0.010300	0.005
CH <sub>4</sub> ; 0.8625	+	3.45	=	4.312500	1.941
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> ; 0.003247	+	0.2920	=	0.032447	0.015
N <sub>2</sub> ; 0.0554; inert but passes through the furnace			=	0.055400	0.025
Outside N <sub>2</sub> from step 2			=	12.390000	5.576
lb (kg) of flue gas per lb (kg) of natural gas burned			=	16.800347	7.562

**TABLE 2** Chemical Reactions

Combustible substance	Reaction	Mols	lb (kg)*
Carbon to carbon monoxide	$C + 1/2O_2 = CO$	$1 + 1/2 = 1$	$12 + 16 = 28$
Carbon to carbon dioxide	$C + O_2 = CO_2$	$1 + 1 = 1$	$12 + 16 = 28$
Carbon monoxide to carbon dioxide	$CO + 1/2O_2 = CO_2$	$1 + 1/2 = 1$	$28 + 16 = 44$
Hydrogen	$H_2 + 1/2O_2 = H_2O$	$1 + 1/2 = 1$	$2 + 16 = 18$
Sulfur to sulfur dioxide	$S + O_2 = SO_2$	$1 + 1 = 1$	$32 + 32 = 64$
Sulfur to sulfur trioxide	$S + 3/2O_2 = SO_3$	$1 + 3/2 = 1$	$32 + 48 = 80$
Methane	$CH_4 + 2O_2 = CO_2 + 2H_2O$	$1 + 2 = 1 + 2$	$16 + 64 = 44 + 36$
Ethane	$C_2H_6 + 7/2O_2 = 2CO_2 + 3H_2O$	$1 + 7/2 = 2 + 3$	$30 + 112 = 88 + 54$
Propane	$C_3H_8 + 5O_2 = 3CO_2 + 4H_2O$	$1 + 5 = 3 + 4$	$44 + 160 = 132 + 72$
Butane	$C_4H_{10} + 13/2O_2 = 4CO_2 + 5H_2O$	$1 + 13/2 = 4 + 5$	$58 + 208 = 176 + 90$
Acetylene	$C_2H_2 + 5/2O_2 = 2CO_2 + H_2O$	$1 + 5/2 = 2 + 2$	$26 + 80 = 88 + 18$
Ethylene	$C_2H_4 + 3O_2 = 2CO_2 + 2H_2O$	$1 + 3 = 2 + 2$	$28 + 96 = 88 + 36$

\*Substitute the molecular weights in the reaction equation to secure lb (kg). The lb (kg) on each side of the equation must balance.

**4. Convert the flue-gas weight to volume.** The products of complete combustion of any fuel that does not contain sulfur are  $CO_2$ ,  $H_2O$ , and  $N_2$ . Using the combustion equation in step 1, compute the products of combustion thus:  $CH_4 + 2O_2 = CO_2 + 2H_2O$ ;  $16 + 64 = 44 + 36$ ; or the  $CH_4$  burns to  $CO_2$  in the ratio of 1 part  $CH_4$  to 44/16 parts  $CO_2$ . Since, from step 1, there is 0.03896 lb  $CH_4$  per  $ft^3$  (0.624 kg/ $m^3$ ) of natural gas, this forms (0.03896) (44/16) = 0.1069 lb (0.048 kg) of  $CO_2$ . Likewise, for  $C_2H_6$ , (0.003247)(88/30) = 0.00952 lb (0.004 kg). The total  $CO_2$  in the combustion products = 0.00464 + 0.1069 + 0.00952 = 0.11688 lb (0.053 kg), where the first quantity is the  $CO_2$  in the fuel.

Using a similar procedure for the  $H_2O$  formed in the products of combustion by  $CH_4$ , we find (0.03896)(36/16) = 0.0875 lb (0.039 kg). For  $C_2H_6$ , (0.003247)(54/30) = 0.005816 lb (0.003 kg). The total  $H_2O$  in the combustion products = 0.0875 + 0.005816 = 0.093316 lb (0.042 kg).

Step 2 shows that 12.39 lb (5.58 kg) of  $N_2$  is required per lb (kg) of fuel. Since 1  $ft^3$  (0.028  $m^3$ ) of the fuel weighs 0.04517 lb (0.02 kg), the volume of gas which weighs 1 lb (2.2 kg) is 1/0.04517 = 22.1  $ft^3$  (0.626  $m^3$ ). Therefore, the weight of  $N_2$  per  $ft^3$  of fuel burned = 12.39/22.1 = 0.560 lb (0.252 kg). This, plus the weight of  $N_2$  in the fuel, step 1, is 0.560 + 0.0025 = 0.5625 lb (0.253 kg) of  $N_2$  in the products of combustion.

Next, find the total weight of the products of combustion by taking the sum of the  $CO_2$ ,  $H_2O$ , and  $N_2$  weights, or 0.11688 + 0.09332 + 0.5625 = 0.7727 lb (0.35 kg). Now convert each weight to  $ft^3$  at 650°F (343°C), the temperature of the combustion products, or:

Products	Weight		Molecular weight	Temperature correction	Volume at		
	lb	kg			650°F, $ft^3$	343°C, $m^3$	
$CO_2$	0.11688	0.05302	44	(379/44)(0.11688)(2.255) =	2.265	0.0641	
$H_2O$	0.09332	0.04233	18	(379/18)(0.09332)(2.255) =	4.425	0.1252	
$N_2$ (total)	0.5625	0.25515	28	(379/28)(0.5625)(2.255) =	17.190	0.4866	
$ft^3$ ( $m^3$ ) of flue gas per $ft^3$ ( $m^3$ ) of natural-gas fuel					=	23.880	0.6759

In this calculation, the value of 379 is used in the molecular-weight ratio because at 60°F (15.6°C) and 14.7 lb/ $in^2$  (abs) (101.3 kPa), the volume of 1 lb (0.45 kg) of any gas = 379/gas molecular weight. The fuel gas used is initially at 60°F (15.6°C) and 14.7 lb/ $in^2$  (abs) (101.3 kPa). The ratio 2.255 = (650 + 460)/(32 + 460).

5. **Compute the  $CO_2$  content of the flue gas.**  $CO_2$ , wet basis =  $2.265/23.88 = 0.947$ , or 9.47 percent.  $CO_2$ , dry basis =  $2.265/(23.88 - 4.425) = 0.1164$ , or 11.64 percent.

6. **Compute the air required with the stated excess flow.** With 20 percent excess air,  $(1.20)(16.132) = 19.3584$  lb of air per lb (8.71 kg/kg) of natural gas, or  $19.3584/22.1 = 0.875$  lb of air per  $ft^3$  (13.9 kg/ $m^3$ ) of natural gas. See step 4 for an explanation of the value 22.1.

7. **Compute the weight of the products of combustion.** Weight of the products of combustion = product weight for perfect combustion, lb + (percent excess air) (air for perfect combustion, lb) =  $16.80 + (0.20)(16.132) = 20.03$  lb (9.01 kg).

8. **Compute the volume of the combustion products and the percent  $CO_2$ .** The volume of excess air in the products of combustion is found by converting from the weight to the volumetric analysis and correcting for temperature as in step 4, using the air weight from step 2 for perfect combustion and the excess-air percentage, or  $(16.132/22.1) (0.20)(379/28.95)(2.255) = 4.31$   $ft^3$  (0.122  $m^3$ ). Add this to the volume of the products of combustion found in step 4, or  $23.88 + 4.31 = 28.19$   $ft^3$  (0.798  $m^3$ ).

By the procedure in step 5, the percent  $CO_2$ , wet basis =  $2.265/28.19 = 0.0804$ , or 8.04 percent. The percent  $CO_2$ , dry basis =  $2.265/(28.19 - 4.425) = 0.0953$ , or 9.53 percent.

**Related Calculations** Use the method given here when making combustion calculations for any type of gas used as a fuel—natural gas, blast-furnace gas, coke-oven gas, producer gas, water gas, sewer gas—from any source, domestic or foreign, in any type of furnace—boiler, heater, process, or waste-heat. When the air used for combustion contains moisture, as is usually true, this moisture is added to the combustion-formed moisture appearing in the products of combustion. Thus, for 80°F (26.7°C) air of 60 percent relative humidity, the moisture content is 0.013 lb/lb (0.006 kg/kg) of dry air. This amount appears in the products of combustion for each pound of air used and is a commonly assumed standard in combustion calculations.

## COMBUSTION OF WOOD FUEL IN A FURNACE

The weight analysis of a yellow-pine wood fuel is: C = 0.490;  $H_2$  = 0.074;  $O_2$  = 0.406;  $N_2$  = 0.030. Determine the weight of oxygen and air required with perfect combustion and with 20 percent excess air. Find the weight and volume of the products of combustion under the same conditions, and the wet and dry  $CO_2$ . The flue-gas temperature is 600°F (316°C). The air supplied for combustion has a moisture content of 0.013 lb/lb (0.006 kg/kg) of dry air.

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Compute the weight of oxygen required per pound of wood.** The same general steps as given in earlier calculation procedures will be followed; consult them for a complete explanation of each step. Using the molecular weight of each element, we have

Element	×	Molecular-weight ratio	=	lb (kg) $O_2$ required
C; 0.490	×	32/12	=	1.307 (0.588)
$H_2$ ; 0.074	×	16/2	=	0.592 (0.266)
$O_2$ ; 0.406; decreases external $O_2$ required			=	-0.406 (-0.183)
$N_2$ ; 0.030 inert in combustion				
Total 1.000				
lb (kg) external $O_2$ per lb (kg) fuel			=	1.493 (0.671)

**2. Compute the weight of air required for complete combustion.** The weight of nitrogen associated with the required oxygen =  $(1.493)(0.768/0.232) = 4.95$  lb (2.228 kg). The weight of air required =  $4.95 + 1.493 = 6.443$  lb/lb (2.899 kg/kg) of wood burned, if the air is dry. But the air contains 0.013 lb of moisture per lb (0.006 kg/kg) of air. Hence, the total weight of the air =  $6.443 + (0.013)(6.443) = 6.527$  lb (2.937 kg).

**3. Compute the weight of the products of combustion.** Use the following relation:

Fuel constituents	+	Oxygen	=	Products of combustion, lb (kg)
C; 0.490	+	1.307	=	1.797 (0.809) = CO <sub>2</sub>
H <sub>2</sub> ; 0.074	+	0.592	=	0.666 (0.300) = H <sub>2</sub> O
O <sub>2</sub> ; not a product of combustion				
N <sub>2</sub> ; inert but passes through the furnace			=	0.030 (0.014) = N <sub>2</sub>
Outside N <sub>2</sub> from step 2			=	4.950 (2.228) = N <sub>2</sub>
Outside moisture from step 2			=	0.237 (0.107)
lb (kg) of flue gas per lb (kg) of wood burned			=	7.680 (3.458)

**4. Convert the flue-gas weight to volume.** Use, as before, the following tabulation:

Products	Weight		Molecular weight	Temperature correction	Volume at	
	lb	kg			600°F, ft <sup>3</sup>	316°C, m <sup>3</sup>
CO <sub>2</sub>	1.797	0.809	44	$(359/44)(1.797)(2.15) =$	31.5	0.892
H <sub>2</sub> O (fuel)	0.666	0.300	18	$(359/18)(0.666)(2.15) =$	28.6	0.810
N <sub>2</sub> (total)	4.980	2.241	28	$(359/28)(4.980)(2.15) =$	137.2	3.884
H <sub>2</sub> O (outside air)	0.837	0.377	18	$(359/18)(0.837)(2.15) =$	35.9	10.16
Cu ft (m <sup>3</sup> ) of flue gas per lb (kg) of oil					233.2	6.602

In this calculation the temperature correction factor  $2.15 = (\text{absolute flue-gas temperature, } ^\circ\text{R})/(\text{absolute atmospheric temperature, } ^\circ\text{R}) = (600 + 460)/(32 + 460)$ . The total weight of N<sub>2</sub> is the sum of the N<sub>2</sub> in the combustion air and the fuel.

**5. Compute the CO<sub>2</sub> content of the flue gas.** The CO<sub>2</sub>, wet basis =  $31.5/233.2 = 0.135$ , or 13.5 percent. The CO<sub>2</sub>, dry basis =  $31.5/(233.2 - 28.6 - 35.9) = 0.187$ , or 18.7 percent.

**6. Compute the air required with the stated excess flow.** With 20 percent excess air,  $(1.20)(6.527) = 7.832$  lb (3.524 kg) of air per lb (kg) of wood burned.

**7. Compute the weight of the products of combustion.** The weight of the products of combustion = product weight for perfect combustion, lb + (percent excess air)(air for perfect combustion, lb) =  $8.280 + (0.20)(6.527) = 9.585$  lb (4.313 kg) of flue gas per lb (kg) of wood burned with 20 percent excess air.

**8. Compute the volume of the combustion products and the percent CO<sub>2</sub>.** The volume of the excess air in the products of combustion is found by converting from the weight to the volumetric analysis and correcting for temperature as in step 4, using the air weight from step 2 for perfect combustion and the excess-air percentage, or  $(6.527)(0.20)(359/28.95)(2.15) = 34.8$  ft<sup>3</sup> (0.985 m<sup>3</sup>). Add

this to the volume of the products of combustion found in step 4, or  $233.2 + 34.8 = 268.0 \text{ ft}^3$  ( $7.587 \text{ m}^3$ ).

By using the procedure in step 5, the percent  $\text{CO}_2$ , wet basis =  $31.5/268 = 0.1174$ , or 11.74 percent. The percent  $\text{CO}_2$ , dry basis =  $31.5/(268 - 28.6 - 35.9 - 0.20 \times 0.837) = 0.155$ , or 15.5 percent. In the dry-basis calculation, the factor  $(0.20)(0.837)$  is the outside moisture in the excess air.

**Related Calculations** Use the method given here when making combustion calculations for any type of wood or woodlike fuel—spruce, cypress, maple, oak, sawdust, wood shavings, tanbark, bagasse, peat, charcoal, redwood, hemlock, fir, ash, birch, cottonwood, elm, hickory, walnut, chopped trimmings, hogged fuel, straw, corn, cottonseed hulls, city refuse—in any type of furnace—boiler, heating, process, or waste-heat. Most of these fuels contain a small amount of ash—usually less than 1 percent. This was ignored in this calculation procedure because it does not take part in the combustion.

## MOLAL METHOD OF COMBUSTION ANALYSIS

A coal fuel has this ultimate analysis: C = 0.8339;  $\text{H}_2$  = 0.0456;  $\text{O}_2$  = 0.0505;  $\text{N}_2$  = 0.0103; S = 0.0064; ash = 0.0533; total = 1.000. This coal is completely burned in a boiler furnace. Using the molal method, determine the weight of air required per lb (kg) of coal with complete combustion. How much air is needed with 25 percent excess air? What is the weight of the combustion products with 25 percent excess air? The combustion air contains 0.013 lb of moisture per lb (0.006 kg/kg) of air.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Convert the ultimate analysis to moles.** A mole of any substance is an amount of the substance having a weight equal to the molecular weight of the substance. Thus, 1 mol of carbon is 12 lb (5.4 kg) of carbon, because the molecular weight of carbon is 12. To convert an ultimate analysis of a fuel to moles, assume that 100 lb (45 kg) of the fuel is being considered. Set up a tabulation thus:

Ultimate analysis, %	Weight		Molecular weight	Moles per 100-lb (45-kg) fuel
	lb	kg		
C = 0.8339	83.39	37.526	12	6.940
$\text{H}_2$ = 0.0456	4.56	2.052	2	2.280
$\text{O}_2$ = 0.0505	5.05	2.678	32	0.158
$\text{N}_2$ = 0.0103	1.03	0.464	28	0.037
S = 0.0064	0.64	0.288	32	
Ash = 0.0533	5.33	2.399	Inert	
Total	100.00	45.407	...	9.435

**2. Compute the mols of oxygen for complete combustion.** From Table 2, the burning of carbon to carbon dioxide requires 1 mol of carbon and 1 mol of oxygen, yielding 1 mol of  $\text{CO}_2$ . Using the molal equations in Table 2 for the other elements in the fuel, set up a tabulation thus, entering the product of columns 2 and 3 in column 4:

(1) Element	(2) Moles per 100-lb (45-kg) fuel	(3) Moles O <sub>2</sub> per 100-lb (45-kg) fuel	(4) Total moles O <sub>2</sub>
C	6.940	1.00	6.940
H <sub>2</sub>	2.280	0.5	1.140
O <sub>2</sub>	0.158	Reduces O <sub>2</sub> required	-0.158
N <sub>2</sub>	0.037	Inert in combustion	
S	0.020	1.00	0.020
Total moles of O <sub>2</sub> required	...	...	7.942

3. Compute the moles of air for complete combustion. Set up a similar tabulation for air, thus:

(1) Element	(2) Moles per 100-lb (45-kg) fuel	(3) Moles air per 100-lb (45-kg) fuel	(4) Total moles air
C	6.940	4.76	33.050
H <sub>2</sub>	2.280	2.38	5.430
O <sub>2</sub>	0.158	Reduces O <sub>2</sub> required	-0.752
N <sub>2</sub>	0.037	Inert in combustion	
S	0.020	4.76	0.095
Total moles of air required		...	37.823

In this tabulation, the factors in column 3 are constants used for computing the total moles of air required for complete combustion of each of the fuel elements listed. These factors are given in the Babcock & Wilcox Company—*Steam: Its Generation and Use* and similar treatises on fuels and their combustion. A tabulation of these factors is given in Table 3.

**TABLE 3** Molal Conversion Factors

Element or compound	Mol/mol of combustible for complete combustion; no excess air					
	For combustion			Combustion products		
	O <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub>	Air	CO <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	N <sub>2</sub>
Carbon,* C	1.0	3.76	4.76	1.0	...	3.76
Hydrogen, H <sub>2</sub>	0.5	0.188	2.38	...	1.0	1.88
Oxygen, O <sub>2</sub>						
Nitrogen, N <sub>2</sub>						
Carbon monoxide, CO	0.5	1.88	2.38	1.0	...	1.88
Carbon dioxide, CO <sub>2</sub>						
Sulfur,* S	1.0	3.76	4.76	1.0	...	3.76
Methane, CH <sub>4</sub>	2.0	7.53	0.53	1.0	2.0	7.53
Ethane, C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	3.5	13.18	16.68	2.0	3.0	13.18

\*In molal calculations, carbon and sulfur are considered as gases.

An alternative, and simpler, way of computing the moles of air required is to convert the required  $O_2$  to the corresponding  $N_2$  and find the sum of the  $O_2$  and  $N_2$ . Or,  $3.76O_2 = N_2$ ;  $N_2 + O_2 =$  moles of air required. The factor 3.76 converts the required  $O_2$  to be corresponding  $N_2$ . These two relations were used to convert the 0.158 mol of  $O_2$  in the above tabulation to moles of air.

Using the same relations and the moles of  $O_2$  required from step 2, we get  $(3.76)(7.942) = 29.861$  mol of  $N_2$ . Then  $29.861 + 7.942 = 37.803$  mol of air, which agrees closely with the 37.823 mol computed in the tabulation. The difference of 0.02 mol is traceable to roundings.

**4. Compute the air required with the stated excess air.** With 25 percent excess, the air required for combustion =  $(125/100)(37.823) = 47.24$  mol.

**5. Compute the mols of combustion products.** Using data from Table 3, and recalling that the products of combustion of a sulfur-containing fuel are  $CO_2$ ,  $H_2O$ , and  $SO_2$ , and that  $N_2$  and excess  $O_2$  pass through the furnace, set up a tabulation thus:

(1) Moles per 100-lb (45-kg) fuel	(2) Mol/mol of combustible	(3) Moles of combustion products per 100-lb (45-kg) of fuel
$CO_2$ ; 6.940	1	6.940
$H_2O$ ; $2.280 + (47.24)(0.021 + 0.158)$	...	3.430
$SO_2$ ; 0.020	1	0.202
$N_2$ ; $(47.24)(0.79)$	...	37.320
Excess $O_2$ ; $(1.25)(7.942) - 7.942$	...	1.986
Total moles, wet combustion products = 49.878		
Total moles, dry combustion products = $49.878 - 3.232$ = 46.646		

In this calculation, the total moles of  $CO_2$  is obtained from step 2. The moles of  $H_2$  in 100 lb (45 kg) of the fuel, 2.280, is assumed to form  $H_2O$ . In addition, the air from step 4, 47.24 mol, contains 0.013 lb of moisture per lb (0.006 kg/kg) of air. This moisture is converted to moles by dividing the molecular weight of air, 28.95, by the molecular weight of water, 18, and multiplying the result by the moisture content of the air, or  $(28.95/18)(0.013) = 0.0209$ , say 0.021 mol of water per mol of air. The product of this and the moles of air gives the total moles of moisture (water) in the combustion products per 100 lb (45 kg) of fuel fired. To this is added the moles of  $O_2$ , 0.158, per 100 lb (45 kg) of fuel, because this oxygen is assumed to unite with hydrogen in the air to form water. The nitrogen in the products of combustion is that portion of the moles of air required, 47.24 mol from step 4, times the proportion of  $N_2$  in the air, or 0.79. The excess  $O_2$  passes through the furnace and adds to the combustion products and is computed as shown in the tabulation. Subtracting the total moisture, 3430 mol, from the total (or wet) combustion products gives the moles of dry combustion products.

**Related Calculations** Use this method for molal combustion calculations for all types of fuels—solid, liquid, and gaseous—burned in any type of furnace—boiler, heater, process, or waste-heat. Select the correct factors from Table 3.

## FINAL COMBUSTION PRODUCTS TEMPERATURE ESTIMATE

Pure carbon is burned to carbon dioxide at constant pressure in an insulated chamber. An excess air quantity of 20 percent is used and the carbon and the air are both initially at 77°F (25°C). Assume that the reaction goes to completion and that there is no dissociation. Calculate the final product's temperature using the following constants: Heating value of carbon, 14,087 Btu/lb ( $32.74 \times 10^3$  kJ/kg); constant-pressure specific heat of oxygen, nitrogen, and carbon dioxide are 0.240 Btu/lb<sub>m</sub> (0.558 kJ/kg), 0.285 Btu/lb<sub>m</sub> (0.662 kJ/kg), and 0.300 Btu/lb (0.697 kJ/kg), respectively.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Establish the chemical equation for complete combustion with 100 percent air.** With 100 percent air:  $C + O_2 + 3.78N_2 \rightarrow CO_2 + 3.78N_2$ , where approximate molecular weights are: for carbon,  $MC = 12$ ; oxygen,  $MO_2 = 32$ ; nitrogen,  $MN_2 = 28$ ; carbon dioxide,  $MCO_2 = 44$ . See the Related Calculations of this procedure for a general description of the 3.78 coefficient for  $N_2$ .

**2. Establish the chemical equation for complete combustion with 20 percent excess air.** With 20 percent excess air:  $C + 1.2 O_2 + (1.2 \times 3.78)N_2 \rightarrow CO_2 + 0.2 O_2 + (1.2 \times 3.78)N_2$ .

**3. Compute the relative weights of the reactants and products of the combustion process.** Relative weight = moles  $\times$  molecular weight. Coefficients of the chemical equation in step 2 represent the number of moles of each component. Hence, for the reactants, the relative weights are: for C =  $1 \times MC = 1 \times 12 = 12$ ;  $O_2 = 1.2 \times MO_2 = 1.2 \times 32 = 38.4$ ;  $N_2 = (1.2 \times 3.78)MN_2 = (1.2 \times 3.78 \times 28) = 127$ . For the products, relative weights are: for  $CO_2 = 1 \times MCO_2 = 1 \times 44 = 44$ ;  $O_2 = 0.2 \times MO_2 = 0.2 \times 32 = 6.4$ ;  $N_2 = 127$ , unchanged. It should be noted that the total relative weight of the reactants equal that of the products at 177.4.

**4. Compute the relative weights of the products of combustion on the basis of a per unit relative weight of carbon.** Since the relative weight of carbon, C = 12 in step 3; hence, on the basis of a per unit relative weight of carbon, the corresponding relative weights of the products are: for carbon dioxide,  $w_{CO_2} = MCO_2/12 = 44/12 = 3.667$ ; oxygen,  $w_{O_2} = MO_2/12 = 6.4/12 = 0.533$ ; nitrogen,  $w_{N_2} = MN_2/12 = 127/12 = 10.58$ .

**5. Compute the final product's temperature.** Since the combustion chamber is insulated, the combustion process is considered adiabatic. Hence, on the basis of a per unit mass of carbon, the heating value (HV) of the carbon = the corresponding heat content of the products. Thus, relative to a temperature base of 77°F (25°C),  $1 \times HVC = [(w_{CO_2} \times c_p CO_2) + (w_{O_2} \times c_p O_2) + (w_{N_2} \times c_p N_2)](t_2 - 77)$ , where the heating value of carbon,  $HVC = 14,087 \text{ Btu/lb}_m$  ( $32.74 \times 10^3 \text{ kJ/kg}$ ); the constant-pressure specific heat of carbon dioxide, oxygen, and nitrogen are  $c_p CO_2 = 0.300 \text{ Btu/lb}$  (0.697 kJ/kg),  $c_p O_2 = 0.240 \text{ Btu/lb}$  (0.558 kJ/kg), and  $c_p N_2 = 0.285 \text{ Btu/lb}$  (0.662 kJ/kg), respectively; final product temperature is  $t_2$ ; other values as before. Then,  $1 \times 14,087 = [(3.667 \times 0.30) + (0.533 \times 0.24) + (10.58 \times 0.285)](t_2 - 77)$ . Solving,  $t_2 = 3320 + 77 = 3397^\circ\text{F}$  (1869°C).

**Related Calculations** In the above procedure it is assumed that the carbon is burned in dry air. Also, the nitrogen coefficient of 3.78 used in the chemical equation in step 1 is based on a theoretical composition of dry air as 79.1 percent nitrogen and 20.9 percent oxygen by volume, so that  $79.1/20.9 = 3.78$ . For a more detailed description of this coefficient see the Related Calculations under the procedure for "Gas Turbine Combustion Chamber Inlet Air Temperature" in this subsection.

## STEAM BOILER HEAT BALANCE DETERMINATION

A steam generator having a maximum rated capacity of 60,000 lb/h (27,000 kg/h) is operating at 45,340 lb/h (20,403 kg/h), delivering 125-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) 400°F (862-kPa, 204°C) steam with a feed-water temperature of 181°F (82.8°C). At this generating rate, the boiler requires 4370 lb/h (1967 kg/h) of West Virginia bituminous coal having a heating value of 13,850 Btu/lb (32,215 kJ/kg) on a dry basis. The ultimate fuel analysis is: C = 0.7757; H<sub>2</sub> = 0.0507; O<sub>2</sub> = 0.0519; N<sub>2</sub> = 0.0120; S = 0.0270; ash = 0.0827; total = 1.0000. The coal contains 1.61 percent moisture. The boiler-room intake air and the fuel temperature = 79°F (26.1°C) dry bulb, 71°F (21.7°C) wet bulb. The flue-gas temperature is 500°F (260°C), and the analysis of the flue gas shows these percentages: CO<sub>2</sub> = 12.8; CO = 0.4; O<sub>2</sub> = 6.1; N<sub>2</sub> = 80.7; total = 100.0. Measured ash and refuse = 9.42 percent of dry coal; combustible in ash and refuse = 32.3 percent. Compute a heat balance for this boiler based on these test data. The boiler has four water-cooled furnace walls.



## Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the heat input to the boiler.** In a boiler heat balance the input is usually stated in Btu per pound of fuel as fired. Therefore, input = heating value of fuel = 13,850 Btu/lb (32,215 kJ/kg).

**2. Compute the output of the boiler.** The output of any boiler = Btu/lb (kJ/kg) of fuel + the losses. In this step the first portion of the output, Btu/lb (kJ/kg) of fuel will be computed. The losses will be computed in step 3.

First find  $W_s$  lb of steam produced per lb of fuel fired. Since 45,340 lb/h (20,403 kg/h) of steam is produced when 4370 lb/h (1967 kg/h) of fuel is fired,  $W_s = 45,340/4370 = 10.34$  lb of steam per lb (4.65 kg/kg) of fuel.

Once  $W_s$  is known, the output  $h_1$  Btu/lb of fuel can be found from  $h_1 = W_s(h_s - h_w)$ , where  $h_s$  = enthalpy of steam leaving the superheater, or boiler if a superheater is not used;  $h_w$  = enthalpy of feedwater, Btu/lb. For this boiler with steam at 125 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) = 139.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) and 400°F (930 kPa, 204°C),  $h_s = 1221.2$  Btu/lb (2841 kJ/kg), and  $h_w = 180.92$  Btu/lb (420.8 kJ/kg), from the steam tables. Then  $h_1 = 10.34 (1221.2 - 180.92) = 10,766.5$  Btu/lb (25,043 kJ/kg) of coal.

**3. Compute the dry flue-gas loss.** For any boiler, the dry flue-gas loss  $h_2$  Btu/lb (kJ/kg) of fuel is given by  $h_2 = 0.24W_g \times (T_g - T_a)$ , where  $W_g$  = lb of dry flue gas per lb of fuel;  $T_g$  = flue-gas exit temperature, °F;  $T_a$  = intake-air temperature, °F.

Before  $W_g$  can be found, however, it must be determined whether any excess air is passing through the boiler. Compute the excess air, if any, from excess air, percent =  $100 (O_2 - 1/2CO) / [0.264N_2 - (O_2 - 1/2CO)]$ , where the symbols refer to the elements in the flue-gas analysis. Substituting values from the flue-gas analysis gives excess air =  $100(6.1 - 0.2) / [0.264 \times 80.7 - (6.1 - 0.2)] = 38.4$  percent.

Using the method given in earlier calculation procedures, find the air required for complete combustion as 10.557 lb/lb (4.751 kg/kg) of coal. With 38.4 percent excess air, the additional air required =  $(10.557)(0.384) = 4.053$  lb/lb (1.82 kg/kg) of fuel.

From the same computation in which the air required for complete combustion was determined, the lb of dry flue gas per lb of fuel = 11.018 (4.958 kg/kg). Then, the total flue gas at 38.4 percent excess air =  $11.018 + 4.053 = 15.071$  lb/lb (6.782 kg/kg) of fuel.

With a flue-gas temperature of 500°F (260°C), and an intake-air temperature of 79°F (26.1°C),  $h_2 = 0.24 (15.071)(500 - 79) = 1524$  Btu/lb (3545 kJ/kg) of fuel.

**4. Compute the loss due to evaporation of hydrogen-formed water.** Hydrogen in the fuel is burned in forming H<sub>2</sub>O. This water is evaporated by heat in the fuel, and less heat is available for producing steam. This loss is  $h_3$  Btu/lb of fuel =  $9H(1089 - T_f + 0.46T_g)$ , where  $H$  = percent H<sub>2</sub> in the fuel ÷ 100;  $T_f$  = temperature of fuel before combustion, °F; other symbols as before. For this fuel with 5.07 percent H<sub>2</sub>,  $h_3 = 9(5.07/100)(1089 - 79 + 0.46 \times 500) = 565.8$  Btu/lb (1316 kJ/kg) of fuel.

**5. Compute the loss from evaporation of fuel moisture.** This loss is  $h_4$  Btu/lb of fuel =  $W_{mf}(1089 - T_f + 0.46T_g)$ , where  $W_{mf}$  = lb moisture per lb of fuel; other symbols as before. Since the fuel contains 1.61 percent moisture, in terms of dry coal this is  $(1.61)/(100 - 1.61) = 0.0164$ , or 1.64 percent. Then  $h_4 = (1.64/100)(1089 - 79 + 0.46 \times 500) = 20.34$  Btu/lb (47.3 kJ/kg) of fuel.

**6. Compute the loss from moisture in the air.** This loss is  $h_5$  Btu/lb of fuel =  $0.46W_{ma}(T_g - T_a)$ ,  $W_{ma}$  = (lb of water per lb of dry air)(lb air supplied per lb fuel). From a psychrometric chart, the weight of moisture per lb of air at a 79°F (26.1°C) dry-bulb and 71°F (21.7°C) wet-bulb temperature is 0.014 (0.006 kg). The combustion calculation, step 3, shows that the total air required with 38.4 percent excess air =  $10.557 + 4.053 = 14.61$  lb of air per lb (6.575 kg/kg) of fuel. Then,  $W_{ma} = (0.014)(14.61) = 0.2045$  lb of moisture per lb (0.092 kg/kg) of air. And  $h_5 = (0.46)(0.2045)(500 - 79) = 39.6$  Btu/lb (92.1 kJ/kg) of fuel.

**7. Compute the loss from incomplete combustion of C to CO<sub>2</sub> in the stack.** This loss is  $h_6$  Btu/lb of fuel =  $[CO/(CO + CO_2)](C)(10,190)$ , where CO and CO<sub>2</sub> are the percent by volume of these

compounds in the flue gas by Orsat analysis;  $C = \text{lb carbon per lb of coal}$ . With the given flue-gas analysis and the coal ultimate analysis,  $h_6 = 0.4/(0.4 + 12.8)[(77.57)/(100)](10,190) = 239.5 \text{ Btu/lb}$  ( $557 \text{ kJ/kg}$ ) of fuel.

**8. Compute the loss due to unconsumed carbon in the refuse.** This loss is  $h_7 \text{ Btu/lb of fuel} = W_c(14,150)$ , where  $W_c = \text{lb of unconsumed carbon in refuse per lb of fuel fired}$ . With an ash and refuse of 9.42 percent of the dry coal and combustible in the ash and refuse of 32.3 percent,  $h_7 = (9.42/100)(32.3/100)(14,150) = 430.2 \text{ Btu/lb}$  ( $1006 \text{ kJ/kg}$ ) of fuel.

**9. Find the radiation loss in the boiler furnace.** Use the American Boiler and Affiliated Industries (ABAI) chart, or the manufacturer's engineering data to approximate the radiation loss in the boiler. Either source will show that the radiation loss is 1.09 percent of the gross heat input. Since the gross heat input is  $13,850 \text{ Btu/lb}$  ( $32,215 \text{ kJ/kg}$ ) of fuel, the radiation loss  $= (13,850)(1.09/100) = 151.0 \text{ Btu/lb}$  ( $351.2 \text{ kJ/kg}$ ) of fuel.

**10. Summarize the losses; find the unaccounted-for loss.** Set up a tabulation thus, entering the various losses computed earlier:

Item	Btu/lb fuel	kJ/kg fuel	Percent
1. Input	13,850.0	32,215.4	100.0
2. Output	10,770.0	25,051	77.75
Losses:			
3. Flue gas	1,524.0	3,545	11.00
4. Hydrogen	565.8	1,315	4.09
5. Water-fuel	20.3	47.2	0.15
6. Water-air	39.6	92.1	0.29
7. CO	239.5	557	1.73
8. Carbon-ash	430.2	1,001	3.11
9. Radiation	151.0	351.2	1.09
10. Unaccounted	109.6	254.9	0.79
Total	13,850.0	32,214.4	100.00

The unaccounted-for loss is found by summing all the other losses, 3 through 9, and subtracting from 100.00.

**Related Calculations** Use this method to compute the heat balance for any type of boiler—watertube or firetube—in any kind of service—power, process, or heating—using any kind of fuel—coal, oil, gas, wood, or refuse. Note that step 3 shows how to compute excess air from an Orsat flue-gas analysis.

More stringent environmental laws are requiring larger investments in steam-boiler pollution-control equipment throughout the world. To control sulfur emissions, expensive scrubbers are required on large boilers. Without such scrubbers the sulfur emissions can lead to acid rain, smog, and reduced visibility in the area of the plant and downwind from it.

With the increased number of free-trade agreements between adjacent countries, cross-border pollution is receiving greater attention. The reason for this increased attention is because not all countries have the same environmental control requirements. When a country with less stringent requirements pollutes an adjacent country having more stringent pollution regulations, both political and regulatory problems can arise.

For example, two adjacent countries are currently discussing pollution problems of a cross-border type. One country's standard for particulate emissions is 10 times weaker than the adjacent country's, while its sulfur dioxide limit is 8 times weaker. With such a wide divergence in pollution requirements, cross-border flows of pollutants can be especially vexing.

All boiler-plant designers must keep up to date on the latest pollution regulations. Today there are some 90,000 environmental regulations at the federal, state, and local levels, and more than 40 percent of these regulations will change during the next 12 months. To stay in compliance with such a large number of regulations requires constant attention to those regulations applicable to boiler plants.

## ***GAS TURBINE COMBUSTION CHAMBER INLET AIR TEMPERATURE***

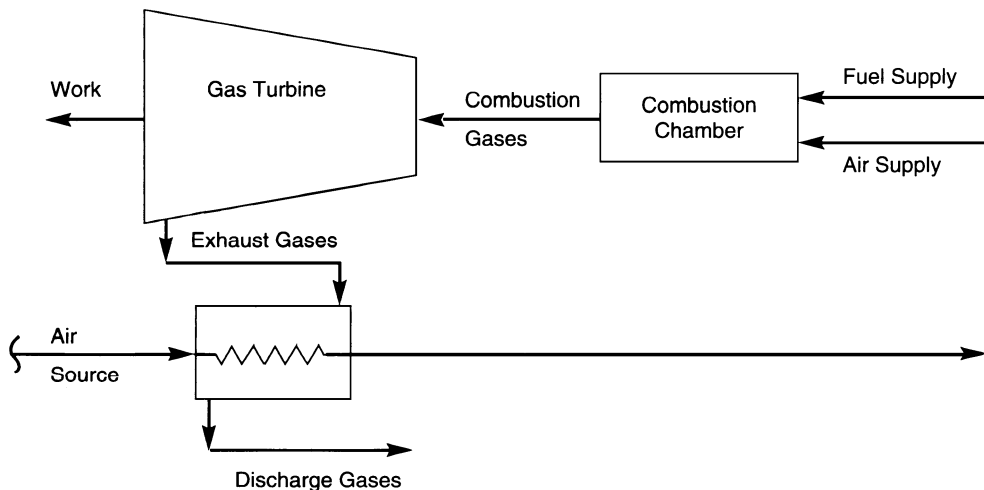
A gas turbine combustion chamber is well insulated so that heat losses to the atmosphere are negligible. Octane,  $C_8H_{18}$ , is to be used as the fuel and 400 percent of the stoichiometric air quantity is to be supplied. The air first passes through a regenerative heater and the air supply temperature at the combustion chamber inlet is to be set so that the exit temperature of the combustion gases is  $1600^\circ F$  ( $871^\circ C$ ). (See Fig. 16.) Fuel supply temperature is  $77^\circ F$  ( $25^\circ C$ ) and its heating value is to be taken as  $19,000 \text{ Btu/lb}_m$  ( $44,190 \text{ kJ/kg}$ ) relative to a base of  $77^\circ F$  ( $15^\circ C$ ).

The air may be treated in calculations as a perfect gas with a constant-pressure specific heat of  $0.24 \text{ Btu/(lb}\cdot^\circ F)$  [ $1.005 \text{ kJ/(kg}\cdot^\circ C)$ ]. The products of combustion have an enthalpy of  $15,400 \text{ Btu/lb-mol}$  [ $33,950 \text{ Btu/(kg}\cdot\text{mol)}$ ] at  $1600^\circ F$  ( $871^\circ C$ ) and an enthalpy of  $3750 \text{ Btu/(lb-mol)}$  [ $8270 \text{ Btu/(kg}\cdot\text{mol)}$ ] at  $77^\circ F$  ( $24^\circ C$ ). Determine, assuming complete combustion and neglecting dissociation, the required air temperature at the inlet of the combustion chamber.

### **Calculation Procedure**

**1. Find the amount of oxygen required for complete combustion of the fuel.** Eight atoms of carbon in  $C_8$  combine with 8 molecules of oxygen,  $O_2$ , and produce 8 molecules of carbon dioxide,  $8CO_2$ . Similarly, 9 molecules of hydrogen,  $H_2$ , in  $H_{18}$  combine with 9 atoms of oxygen,  $O$ , or 4.5 molecules of oxygen, to form 9 molecules of water,  $9H_2O$ . Thus, 100 percent, or the stoichiometric, air quantity required for complete combustion of a mole of fuel,  $C_8H_{18}$ , is proportional to  $8 + 12.5$  moles of oxygen,  $O_2$ .

**2. Establish the chemical equation for complete combustion with 100 percent air.** With 100 percent air:  $C_8H_{18} + 12.5 O_2 + (3.784 \times 12.5)N_2 \rightarrow 8CO_2 + 9H_2O + 47.3N_2$ , where 3.784 is a derived volumetric ratio of atmospheric nitrogen, ( $N_2$ ), to oxygen,  $O_2$ , in dry air. The ( $N_2$ ) includes small amounts of inert and inactive gases. See Related Calculations of this procedure.



**FIGURE 16** Gas turbine flow diagram.

3. *Establish the chemical equation for complete combustion with 400 percent of the stoichiometric air quantity, or 300 percent excess air.* With 400 percent air:  $C_8H_{18} + 50 O_2 + (4 \times 47.3)N_2 \rightarrow 8CO_2 + 9H_2O + 189.2N_2 + (3 \times 12.5)O_2$ .

4. *Compute the molecular weights of the components in the combustion process.* Molecular weight of  $C_8H_{18} = [(12 \times 8) + (1 \times 18)] = 114$ ;  $O_2 = 16 \times 2 = 32$ ;  $N_2 = 14 \times 2 = 28$ ;  $CO_2 = [(12 \times 1) + (16 \times 2)] = 44$ ;  $H_2O = [(1 \times 2) + (16 \times 1)] = 18$ .

5. *Compute the relative weights of the reactants and products of the combustion process.* Relative weight = moles  $\times$  molecular weight. Coefficients of the chemical equation in step 3 represent the number of moles of each component. Hence, for the reactants, the relative weights are:  $C_8H_{18} = 1 \times 114 = 114$ ;  $O_2 = 50 \times 32 = 1600$ ;  $N_2 = 189.2 \times 28 = 5298$ . Total relative weight of the reactants is 7012. For the products, the relative weights are:  $CO_2 = 8 \times 44 = 352$ ;  $H_2O = 9 \times 18 = 162$ ;  $N_2 = 189.2 \times 28 = 5298$ ;  $O_2 = 37.5 \times 32 = 1200$ . Total relative weight of the products is 7012, also.

6. *Compute the enthalpy of the products of the combustion process.* Enthalpy of the products of combustion,  $h_p = m_p(h_{1600} - h_{77})$ , where  $m_p$  = number of moles of the products;  $h_{1600}$  = enthalpy of the products at 1600°F (871°C);  $h_{77}$  = enthalpy of the products at 77°F (25°C). Thus,  $h_p = (8 + 9 + 189.2 + 37.5)(15,400 - 3750) = 2,839,100$  Btu [6,259,100 Btu (SI)].

7. *Compute the air supply temperature at the combustion chamber inlet.* Since the combustion process is adiabatic, the enthalpy of the reactants  $h_r = h_p$ , where  $h_r$  = (relative weight of the fuel  $\times$  its heating value) + [relative weight of the air  $\times$  its specific heat  $\times$  (air supply temperature – air source temperature)]. Therefore,  $h_r = (114 \times 19,100) + [(1600 + 5298) \times 0.24 \times (t_a - 77)] + 2,839,100$  Btu [6,259,100 Btu (SI)]. Solving for the air supply temperature,  $t_a = [(2,839,100 - 2,177,400/1655.5) + 77 = 477^\circ\text{F}$  (247°C).

**Related Calculations** This procedure, appropriately modified, may be used to deal with similar questions involving such things as other fuels, different amounts of excess air, and variations in the condition(s) being sought under certain given circumstances.

The coefficient, (?) = 3.784 in step 2, is used to indicate that for each unit of volume of oxygen,  $O_2$ , 12.5 in this case, there will be 3.784 units of nitrogen,  $N_2$ . This equates to an approximate composition of air as 20.9 percent oxygen and 79.1 percent “atmospheric nitrogen,” ( $N_2$ ). In turn, this creates a paradox, because page 200 of *Principles of Engineering Thermodynamics*, by Kiefer, et al., John Wiley & Sons, Inc., states air to be 20.99 percent oxygen and 79.01 percent atmospheric nitrogen, where the ratio  $(N_2)/O_2 = (?) = 79.01/20.99 = 3.764$ .

Also, page 35 of *Applied Energy Conversion*, by Skrotski and Vopat, McGraw-Hill, Inc., indicates an assumed air analysis of 79 percent nitrogen and 21 percent oxygen, where (?) = 3.762. On that basis, a formula is presented for the amount of dry air chemically necessary for complete combustion of a fuel consisting of atoms of carbon, hydrogen, and sulfur, or C, H, and S, respectively. That formula is:  $W_a = 11.5C + 34.5[H - (O/8)] + 4.32S$ , lb air/lb fuel (kg air/kg fuel).

The following derivation for the value of (?) should clear up the paradox and show that either 3.784 or 3.78 is a sound assumption which seems to be wrong, but in reality is not. In the above equation for  $W_a$ , the carbon, hydrogen, or sulfur coefficient,  $C_x = (MO_2/DO_2)M_x$ , where  $MO_2$  is the molecular weight of oxygen,  $O_2$ ;  $DO_2$  is the decimal fraction for the percent, by weight, of oxygen,  $O_2$ , in dry air containing “atmospheric nitrogen,” ( $N_2$ ), and small amounts of inert and inactive gases;  $M_x$  is the formula weight of the combustible element in the fuel, as indicated by its relative amount as a reactant in the combustion equation. The alternate evaluation of  $C_x$  is obtained from stoichiometric chemical equations for burning the combustible elements of the fuel, i.e.,  $C + O_2 + (?)N_2 \rightarrow CO_2 + (?)N_2$ ;  $2H_2 + O_2 + (?)N_2 \rightarrow 2H_2O + (?)N_2$ ;  $S + O_2 + (?)N_2 \rightarrow SO_2 + (?)N_2$ . Evidently,  $C_x = [MO_2 + (? \times MN_2)]/M_x$ , where  $MN_2$  is the molecular weight of nitrogen,  $N_2$ , and the other items are as before.

Equating the two expressions,  $C_x = [MO_2 + (? \times MN_2)]/M_x = (MO_2/DO_2)M_x$ , reveals that the  $M_x$  terms cancel out, indicating that the formula weight(s) of combustible components are irrelevant in solving for (?). Then,  $(?) = (1 - DO_2)[MO_2/(MN_2 \times DO_2)]$ . From the above-mentioned book by Kiefer, et al.,  $DO_2 = 0.23188$ . From *Marks' Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers*,

McGraw-Hill, Inc.,  $MO_2 = 31.9988$  and  $MN_2 = 28.0134$ . Thus,  $(?) = (1 - 0.23188) [31.9988/(28.0134 \times 0.23188)] = 3.7838$ . This demonstrates that the use of  $(?) = 3.784$ , or 3.78, is justified for combustion equations.

By using either of the two evaluation equations for  $C_x$ , and with accurate values for  $M_x$ , i.e.,  $M_c = 12.0111$ ;  $M_H = 2 \times 2 \times 1.00797 = 4.0319$ ;  $M_S = 32.064$ , from Marks' *M. E. Handbook*, the more precise values for  $C_C$ ,  $C_H$ , and  $C_S$  are found out to be 11.489, 34.227, and 4.304, respectively. However, the actual  $C_x$  values, 11.5, 34.5, and 4.32, used in the formula for  $W_a$  are both brief for simplicity and rounded up to be on the safe side.

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### STEAM MOLLIER DIAGRAM AND STEAM TABLE USE

(1) Determine from the Mollier diagram for steam (a) the enthalpy of 100 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (689.5-kPa) saturated steam; (b) the enthalpy of 10-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (68.9-kPa) steam containing 40 percent moisture; (c) the enthalpy of 100-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (689.5-kPa) steam at 600°F (315.6°C). (2) Determine from the steam tables (a) the enthalpy, specific volume, and entropy of steam at 145.3 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (1001.8 kPa); (b) the enthalpy and specific volume of superheated steam at 1100 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (7584.2 kPa) and 600°F (315.6°C); (c) the enthalpy and specific volume of high-pressure steam at 7500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (51,710.7 kPa) and 1200°F (648.9°C); (d) the enthalpy, specific volume, and entropy of 10-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (68.9-kPa) steam containing 40 percent moisture.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Use the pressure and saturation (or moisture) lines to find enthalpy.** (a) Enter the Mollier diagram by finding the 100-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (689.5-kPa) pressure line, Fig. 1. In the Mollier diagram for



**2. Find the steam properties from the steam tables.** (a) Steam tables normally list absolute pressures or temperature in degrees Fahrenheit as one of their arguments. Therefore, when the steam pressure is given in terms of a gage reading, it must be converted to an absolute pressure before the table can be entered. To convert gage pressure to absolute pressure, add 14.7 to the gage pressure, or  $p_a = p_g + 14.7$ . In this instance,  $p_a = 145.3 + 14.7 = 160.0 \text{ lb/in}^2 \text{ (abs)}$  (1103.2 kPa). Once the absolute pressure is known, enter the saturation pressure table of the steam table at this value, and project horizontally to the desired values. For 160-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1103.2-kPa) steam, using the ASME or Keenan and Keyes—*Thermodynamic Properties of Steam*, we see that the enthalpy of evaporation  $h_{fg} = 859.2 \text{ Btu/lb}$  (1998.5 kJ/kg), and the enthalpy of saturated vapor  $h_g = 1195.1 \text{ Btu/lb}$  (2779.8 kJ/kg), read from the respective columns of the steam tables. The specific volume  $v_g$  of the saturated vapor of 160-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1103.2-kPa) steam is, from the tables,  $2.834 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb}$  ( $0.18 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}$ ), and the entropy  $s_g$  is  $1.5640 \text{ Btu}/(\text{lb}\cdot^\circ\text{F})$  [ $6.55 \text{ kJ}/(\text{kg}\cdot^\circ\text{C})$ ].

(b) Every steam table contains a separate tabulation of properties of superheated steam. To enter the superheated steam table, two arguments are needed—the absolute pressure and the temperature of the steam. To determine the properties of 1100-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (7584.5-kPa) 600°F (315.6°C) steam, enter the superheated steam table at the given absolute pressure and project horizontally from this absolute pressure [1100 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) or 7584.5 kPa] to the column corresponding to the superheated temperature (600°F or 315.6°C) to read the enthalpy of the superheated vapor as  $h = 1236.7 \text{ Btu/lb}$  (2876.6 kJ/kg) and the specific volume of the superheated vapor  $v = 0.4532 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb}$  ( $0.03 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}$ ).

(c) For high-pressure steam use the ASME—*Steam Table*, entering it in the same manner as the superheated steam table. Thus, for 7500-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (51,712.5 kPa) 1200°F (648.9°C) steam, the enthalpy of the superheated vapor is  $1474.9 \text{ Btu/lb}$  (3430.6 kJ/kg), and the specific volume of the superheated vapor is  $0.1060 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb}$  ( $0.0066 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}$ ).

(d) To determine the enthalpy, specific volume, and the entropy of wet steam having  $y$  percent moisture by using steam tables instead of the Mollier diagram, apply these relations:  $h = h_g - yh_{fg}/100$ ;  $v = v_g - yv_{fg}/100$ ;  $s = s_g - ys_{fg}/100$ , where  $y$  = percentage of moisture expressed as a whole number. For 10-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (68.9-kPa) steam containing 40 percent moisture, obtain the needed values— $h_g$ ,  $h_{fg}$ ,  $v_g$ ,  $v_{fg}$ ,  $s_g$ , and  $s_{fg}$ —from the saturation-pressure steam table and substitute in the above relations. Thus,

$$h = 1143.3 - \frac{40(982.1)}{100} = 750.5 \text{ Btu/lb} \text{ (1745.7 kJ/kg)}$$

$$v = 38.42 - \frac{40(38.40)}{100} = 23.06 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb} \text{ (1.44 m}^3/\text{kg)}$$

$$s = 1.7876 - \frac{40(1.5041)}{100} = 1.1860 \text{ Btu}/(\text{lb}\cdot^\circ\text{F}) \text{ [4.97 kJ}/(\text{kg}\cdot^\circ\text{C})]$$

Note that Keenan and Keyes, in *Thermodynamic Properties of Steam*, do not tabulate  $v_{fg}$ . Therefore, this value must be obtained by subtraction of the tabulated values, or  $v_{fg} = v_g - v_f$ . The value  $v_{fg}$  thus obtained is used in the relation for the volume of the wet steam. For 10-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (68.9-kPa) steam containing 40 percent moisture,  $v_g = 38.42 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb}$  ( $2.398 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}$ ) and  $v_f = 0.017 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb}$  ( $0.0011 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}$ ). Then  $v_{fg} = 38.42 - 0.017 = 28.403 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb}$  ( $1.773 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}$ ).

In some instances, the quality of steam may be given instead of its moisture content in percentage. The quality of steam is the percentage of vapor in the mixture. In the above calculation, the quality of the steam is 60 percent because 40 percent is moisture. Thus, quality =  $1 - m$ , where  $m$  = percentage of moisture, expressed as a decimal.

## INTERPOLATION OF STEAM TABLE VALUES

(1) Determine the enthalpy, specific volume, entropy, and temperature of saturated steam at 151 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1041.1 kPa). (2) Determine the enthalpy, specific volume, entropy, and pressure of saturated steam at 261°F (127.2°C). (3) Find the pressure of steam at 1000°F (537.8°C) if its specific

volume is 2.6150 ft<sup>3</sup>/lb (0.16 m<sup>3</sup>/kg). (4) Calculate the enthalpy, specific volume, and entropy of 300-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2068.5-kPa) steam at 567.22°F (297.3°C).

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Use the saturation-pressure table.** Study of the saturation-pressure table shows that there is no pressure value for 151 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1041.1 kPa) listed. So it will be necessary to interpolate between the next higher and next lower tabulated pressure values. In this instance, these values are 152 and 150 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1048.0 and 1034.3 kPa), respectively. The pressure for which properties are being found [151 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) or 1041.1 kPa] is called the *intermediate pressure*. At 152 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1048.0 kPa),  $h_g = 1194.3$  Btu/lb (2777.5 kJ/kg);  $v_g = 2.977$  ft<sup>3</sup>/lb (0.19 m<sup>3</sup>/kg);  $s_g = 1.5683$  Btu/(lb·°F) [6.67 kJ/(kg·°C)];  $t = 359.46$ °F (181.9°C). At 150 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1034.3 kPa),  $h_g = 1194.1$  Btu/lb (2777.5 kJ/kg);  $v_g = 3.015$  ft<sup>3</sup>/lb (0.19 m<sup>3</sup>/kg);  $s_g = 1.5694$  Btu/(lb·°F) [6.57 kJ/(kg·°C)];  $t = 358.42$ °F (181.3°C).

For the enthalpy, note that as the pressure increases, so does  $h_g$ . Therefore, the enthalpy at 151 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1041.1 kPa), the intermediate pressure, will equal the enthalpy at 150 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1034.3 kPa) (the lower pressure used in the interpolation) plus the proportional change (difference between the intermediate pressure and the lower pressure) for a 1-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (6.9-kPa) pressure increase. Or, at any higher pressure,  $h_{gi} = h_{gl} + [(p_i - p_l)/(p_h - p_l)](h_h - h_l)$ , where  $h_{gi}$  = enthalpy at the intermediate pressure;  $h_{gl}$  = enthalpy at the lower pressure used in the interpolation;  $h_h$  = enthalpy at the higher pressure used in the interpolation;  $p_i$  = intermediate pressure;  $p_h$  and  $p_l$  = higher and lower pressures, respectively, used in the interpolation. Thus, from the enthalpy values obtained from the steam table for 150 and 152 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1034.3 and 1048.0 kPa),  $h_{gi} = 1194.1 + [(151 - 150)/(152 - 150)](1194.3 - 1194.1) = 1194.2$  Btu/lb (2777.7 kJ/kg) at 151 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1041.1 kPa) saturated.

Next study the steam table to determine the direction of change of specific volume between the lower and higher pressures. This study shows that the specific volume decreases as the pressure increases. Therefore, the specific volume at 151 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1041.1 kPa) (the intermediate pressure) will equal the specific volume at 150 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1034.3 kPa) (the lower pressure used in the interpolation) minus the proportional change (difference between the intermediate pressure and the lower interpolating pressure) for a 1-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) pressure increase. Or, at any pressure,  $v_{gi} = v_{gl} - [(p_i - p_l)/(p_h - p_l)](v_h - v_l)$ , where the subscripts are the same as above and  $v$  = specific volume at the respective pressure. With the volume values obtained from steam tables for 150 and 152 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1034.3 and 1048.0 kPa),  $v_{gi} = 3.015 - [(151 - 150)/(152 - 150)](3.015 - 2.977) = 2.996$  ft<sup>3</sup>/lb (0.19 m<sup>3</sup>/kg) and 151 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1041.1 kPa) saturated.

Study of the steam table for the direction of entropy change shows that entropy, like specific volume, decreases as the pressure increases. Therefore, the entropy at 151 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1041.1 kPa) (the intermediate pressure) will equal the entropy at 150 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1034.3 kPa) (the lower pressure used in the interpolation) minus the proportional change (difference between the intermediate pressure and the lower interpolating pressure) for a 1-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (6.9-kPa) pressure increase. Or, at any higher pressure,  $s_{gi} = s_{gl} - [(p_i - p_l)/(p_h - p_l)](s_h - s_l) = 1.5164 - [(151 - 150)/(152 - 150)](1.5694 - 1.5683) = 1.56885$  Btu/(lb·°F) [6.6 kJ/(kg·°C)] at 151 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1041.1 kPa) saturated.

Study of the steam table for the direction of temperature change shows that the saturation temperature, like enthalpy, increases as the pressure increases. Therefore, the temperature at 151 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1041.1 kPa) (the intermediate pressure) will equal the temperature at 150 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1034.3 kPa) (the lower pressure used in the interpolation) plus the proportional change (difference between the intermediate pressure and the lower interpolating pressure) for a 1-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (6.9-kPa) increase. Or, at any higher pressure,  $t_{gi} = t_{gl} + [(p_i - p_l)/(p_h - p_l)](t_h - t_l) = 358.42 + [(151 - 150)/(152 - 150)](359.46 - 358.42) = 358.94$ °F (181.6°C) at 151 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1041.1 kPa) saturated.

**2. Use the saturation-temperature steam table.** Study of the saturation-temperature table shows that there is no temperature value of 261°F (127.2°C) listed. Therefore, it will be necessary to interpolate



between the next higher and next lower tabulated values. In this instance these values are 262 and 260°F (127.8 and 126.7°C), respectively. The temperature for which properties are being found (261°F or 127.2°C) is called the intermediate temperature.

Temperature		$h_g$		$v_g$		$s_g$		$P_g$	
°F	°C	Btu/lb	kJ/kg	ft <sup>3</sup> /lb	m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Btu/(lb·°F)	kJ/(kg·°C)	lb/in <sup>2</sup> (abs)	kPa
262	127.8	1168.0	2716.8	11.396	0.71	1.6833	7.05	36.646	252.7
260	126.7	1167.3	2715.1	11.763	0.73	1.6860	7.06	35.429	244.3

For enthalpy, note that as the temperature increases, so does  $h_g$ . Therefore, the enthalpy at 261°F (127.2°C) (the intermediate temperature) will equal the enthalpy at 260°F (126.7°C) (the lower temperature used in the interpolation) plus the proportional change (difference between the intermediate temperature and the lower temperature) for a 1°F (0.6°C) temperature increase. Or, at any higher temperature,  $h_{gi} = h_{gl} + [(t_i - t_l)/(t_h - t_l)](h_h - h_l)$ , where  $h_{gl}$  = enthalpy at the lower temperature used in the interpolation;  $h_h$  = enthalpy at the higher temperature used in the interpolation;  $t_i$  = intermediate temperature;  $t_h$  and  $t_l$  = higher and lower temperatures, respectively, used in the interpolation. Thus, from the enthalpy values obtained from the steam table for 260 and 262°F (126.7 and 127.8°C),  $h_{gi} = 1167.3 + [(261 - 260)/(262 - 260)](1168.0 - 1167.3) = 1167.65$  Btu/lb (2716.0 kJ/kg) at 261°F (127.2°C) saturated.

Next, study the steam table to determine the direction of change of specific volume between the lower and higher temperatures. This study shows that the specific volume decreases as the pressure increases. Therefore, the specific volume at 261°F (127.2°C) (the intermediate temperature) will equal the specific volume at 260°F (126.7°C) (the lower temperature used in the interpolation) minus the proportional change (difference between the intermediate temperature and the lower interpolating temperature) for a 1°F (0.6°C) temperature increase. Or, at any higher temperature,  $v_{gi} = v_{gl} - [(t_i - t_l)/(t_h - t_l)](v_l - v_h) = 11.763 - [(261 - 260)/(262 - 260)](11.763 - 11.396) = 11.5795$  ft<sup>3</sup>/lb (0.7 m<sup>3</sup>/kg) at 261°F (127.2°C) saturated.

Study of the steam table for the direction of entropy change shows that entropy, like specific volume, decreases as the temperature increases. Therefore, the entropy at 261°F (127.2°C) (the intermediate temperature) will equal the entropy at 260°F (126.7°C) (the lower temperature used in the interpolation) minus the proportional change (difference between the intermediate temperature and the lower temperature) for a 1°F (0.6°C) temperature increase. Or, at any higher temperature,  $s_{gi} = s_{gl} - [(t_i - t_l)/(t_h - t_l)](s_l - s_h) = 1.6860 - [(261 - 260)/(262 - 260)](1.6860 - 1.6833) = 1.68465$  Btu/(lb·°F) [7.1 kJ/(kg·°C)] at 261°F (127.2°C).

Study of the steam table for the direction of pressure change shows that the saturation pressure, like enthalpy, increases as the temperature increases. Therefore, the pressure at 261°F (127.2°C) (the intermediate temperature) will equal the pressure at 260°F (126.7°C) (the lower temperature used in the interpolation) plus the proportional change (difference between the intermediate temperature and the lower interpolating temperature) for a 1°F (0.6°C) temperature increase. Or, at any higher temperature,  $p_{gi} = p_{gl} + [(t_i - t_l)/(t_h - t_l)](p_h - p_l) = 35.429 + [(261 - 260)/(262 - 260)](36.646 - 35.429) = 36.0375$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (248.5 kPa) at 261°F (127.2°C) saturated.

**3. Use the superheated steam table.** Choose the superheated steam table for steam at 1000°F (537.9°C) and 2.6150 ft<sup>3</sup>/lb (0.16 m<sup>3</sup>/kg) because the highest temperature at which saturated steam can exist is 705.4°F (374.1°C). This is also the highest temperature tabulated in some saturated-temperature tables. Therefore, the steam is superheated when at a temperature of 1000°F (537.9°C).

Look down the 1000°F (537.9°C) columns in the superheated steam table until a specific volume value of 2.6150 (0.16) is found. This occurs between 325 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2240.9 kPa,  $v = 2.636$  or 0.16) and 330 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2275.4 kPa,  $v = 2.596$  or 0.16). Since there is no volume value exactly equal to 2.6150 tabulated, it will be necessary to interpolate. List the values from the steam table thus:

$p$		$t$		$v$	
lb/in <sup>2</sup> (abs)	kPa	°F	°C	ft <sup>3</sup> /lb	m <sup>3</sup> /kg
325	2240.9	1000	537.9	2.636	0.16
330	2275.4	1000	537.9	2.596	0.16

Note that as the pressure rises, at constant temperature, the volume decreases. Therefore, the intermediate (or unknown) pressure is found by subtracting from the higher interpolating pressure [330 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) or 2275.4 kPa in this instance] the product of the proportional change in the specific volume and the difference in the pressures used for the interpolation. Or,  $p_{gi} = p_h - [(v_i - v_h)/(v_l - v_h)](p_h - p_l)$ , where the subscripts  $h$ ,  $l$ , and  $i$  refer to the high, low, and intermediate (or unknown) pressures, respectively. In this instance,  $p_{gi} = 330 - [(2.615 - 2.596)/(2.636 - 2.596)](330 - 325) = 327.62$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2,258.9 kPa) at 1000°F (537.9°C) and a specific volume of 2.6150 ft<sup>3</sup>/lb (0.16 m<sup>3</sup>/kg).

**4. Use the superheated steam table.** When a steam pressure and temperature are given, determine, before performing any interpolation, the state of the steam. Do this by entering the saturation-pressure table at the given pressure and noting the saturation temperature. If the given temperature exceeds the saturation temperature, the steam is superheated. In this instance, the saturation-pressure table shows that at 300 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2068.5 kPa) the saturation temperature is 417.33°F (214.1°C). Since the given temperature of the steam is 567.22°F (297.3°C), the steam is superheated because its actual temperature is greater than the saturation temperature.

Enter the superheated steam table at 300 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2068.5 kPa), and find the next temperature lower than 567.22°F (297.3°C); this is 560°F (293.3°C). Also find the next higher temperature; this is 580°F (304.4°C). Tabulate the enthalpy, specific volume, and entropy for each temperature thus:

$t$		$h$		$v$		$s$	
°F	°C	Btu/lb	kJ/kg	ft <sup>3</sup> /lb	m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Btu/(lb·°F)	kJ/(kg·°C)
560	293.3	1292.5	3006.4	1.9218	0.12	1.6054	6.72
580	304.4	1303.7	3032.4	1.9594	0.12	1.6163	6.77

Use the same procedures for each property—enthalpy, specific volume, and entropy—as given in step 2 above; but change the sign between the lower volume and entropy and the proportional factor (temperature in this instance), because for superheated steam the volume and entropy increase as the steam temperature increases. Thus

$$h_{gi} = 1292.5 + \frac{567.22 - 560}{580 - 560} (1303.7 - 1292.5) = 1269.6 \text{ Btu/lb (3015.9 kJ/kg)}$$

$$v_{gi} = 1.9218 + \frac{567.22 - 560}{580 - 560} (1.9594 - 1.9218) = 1.9296 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb (0.12 m}^3/\text{kg)}$$

$$s_{gi} = 1.6054 + \frac{567.22 - 560}{580 - 560} (1.6163 - 1.6054) = 1.6093 \text{ Btu/(lb·°F) [6.7 kJ/(kg·°C)]}$$

*Note:* Also observe the direction of change of a property *before* interpolating. Use a *plus* or *minus* sign between the higher interpolating value and the proportional change depending on whether the tabulated value increases (+) or decreases (−).

## CONSTANT-PRESSURE STEAM PROCESS

Three pounds of wet steam, containing 15 percent moisture and initially at a pressure of 400 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2758.0 kPa), expands at constant pressure ( $P = C$ ) to 600°F (315.6°C). Determine the initial temperature  $T_1$ , enthalpy  $H_1$ , internal energy  $E_1$ , volume  $V_1$ , entropy  $S_1$ , final entropy  $H_2$ , internal energy  $E_2$ , volume  $V_2$ , entropy  $S_2$ , heat added to the steam  $Q_1$ , work output  $W_2$ , change in initial energy  $\Delta E$ , change in specific volume  $\Delta V$ , change in entropy  $\Delta S$ .

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the initial steam temperature from the steam tables.** Enter the saturation-pressure table at 400 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2758.0 kPa), and read the saturation temperature as 444.59°F (229.2°C).

**2. Correct the saturation values for the moisture of the steam in the initial state.** Sketch the process on a pressure-volume ( $P$ - $V$ ), Mollier ( $H$ - $S$ ), or temperature-entropy ( $T$ - $S$ ) diagram, Fig. 2. In state 1,  $y$  = moisture content = 15 percent. Using the appropriate values from the saturation-pressure steam table for 400 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2758.0 kPa), correct them for a moisture content of 15 percent:

$$H_1 = h_g - yh_{fg} = 1204.5 - 0.15(780.5) = 1087.4 \text{ Btu/lb (2529.3 kJ/kg)}$$

$$E_1 = u_g - yu_{fg} = 1118.5 - 0.15(695.9) = 1015.1 \text{ Btu/lb (2361.1 kJ/kg)}$$

$$V_1 = v_g - yv_{fg} = 1.1613 - 0.15(1.1420) = 0.990 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb (0.06 m}^3/\text{kg)}$$

$$S_1 = s_g - ys_{fg} = 1.4844 - 0.15(0.8630) = 1.2945 \text{ Btu/(lb}\cdot\text{°F) [5.4 kJ/(kg}\cdot\text{°C)]}$$

**3. Determine the steam properties in the final state.** Since this is a constant-pressure process, the pressure in state 2 is 400 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2758.0 kPa), the same as state 1. The final temperature is given as 600°F (315.6°C). This is greater than the saturation temperature of 444.59°F (229.2°C). Hence, the steam is superheated when in state 2. Use the superheated steam tables, entering at 400 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2758.8 kPa) and 600°F (315.6°C). At this condition,  $H_2 = 1306.9$  Btu/lb (3039.8 kJ/kg);  $V_2 = 1.477$  ft<sup>3</sup>/lb (0.09 m<sup>3</sup>/kg). Then  $E_2 = h_{2g} - P_2V_2/J = 1306.9 - 400(144)(1.477)/778 = 1197.5$  Btu/lb (2785.4 kJ/kg). In this equation, the constant 144 converts pounds per square inch to pounds per square foot, absolute, and  $J$  = mechanical equivalent of heat = 778 ft-lb/Btu (1 N-m/J). From the steam tables,  $S_2 = 1.5894$  Btu/(lb·°F) [6.7 kJ/(kg·°C)].

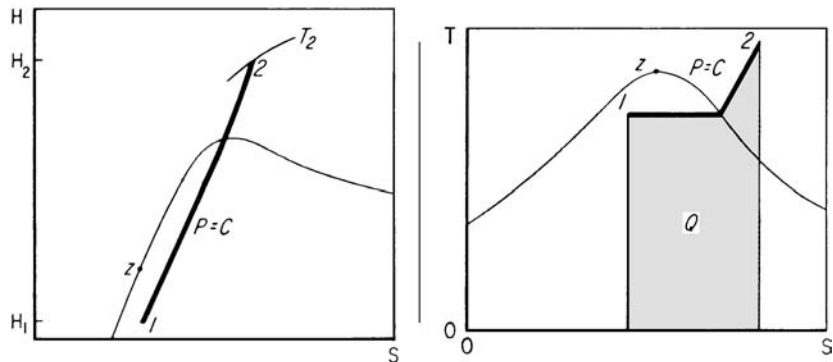


FIGURE 2 Constant-pressure process.

**4. Compute the process inputs, outputs, and changes.**  $W_2 = (P_1/J)(V_2 - V_1)m = [400(144)/778](1.4770 - 0.9900)(3) = 108.1 \text{ Btu (114.1 kJ)}$ . In this equation,  $m =$  weight of steam used in the process = 3 lb (1.4 kg). Then

$$Q_1 = (H_2 - H_1)m = (1306.9 - 1087.4)(3) = 658.5 \text{ Btu (694.4 kJ)}$$

$$\Delta E = (E_2 - E_1)m = (1197.5 - 1014.1)(3) = 550.2 \text{ Btu (580.2 kJ)}$$

$$\Delta V = (V_2 - V_1)m = (1.4770 - 0.9900)(3) = 1.461 \text{ ft}^3 (0.041 \text{ m}^3)$$

$$\Delta S = (S_2 - S_1)m = (1.5894 - 1.2945)(3) = 0.8847 \text{ Btu/}^\circ\text{F (1.680 kJ/}^\circ\text{C)}$$

**5. Check the computations.** The work output  $W_2$  should equal the change in internal energy plus the heat input, or  $W_2 = E_1 - E_2 + Q_1 = -550.2 + 658.5 = 108.3 \text{ Btu (114.3 kJ)}$ . This value very nearly equals the computed value of  $W_2 = 108.1 \text{ Btu (114.1 kJ)}$  and is close enough for all normal engineering computations. The difference can be traced to calculator input errors. In computing the work output, the internal-energy change has a negative sign because there is a decrease in  $E$  during the process.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for all constant-pressure steam processes.

## CONSTANT-VOLUME STEAM PROCESS

Five pounds (2.3 kg) of wet steam initially at 120 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (827.4 kPa) with 30 percent moisture is heated at constant volume ( $V = C$ ) to a final temperature of 1000°F (537.8°C). Determine the initial temperature  $T_1$ , enthalpy  $H_1$ , internal energy  $E_1$ , volume  $V_1$ , final pressure  $P_2$ , enthalpy  $H_2$ , internal energy  $E_2$ , volume  $V_2$ , heat added  $Q_1$ , work output  $W$ , change in internal energy  $\Delta E$ , volume  $\Delta V$ , and entropy  $\Delta S$ .

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the initial steam temperature from the steam tables.** Enter the saturation-pressure table at 120 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (827.4 kPa), the initial pressure, and read the saturation temperature  $T_1 = 341.25^\circ\text{F (171.8}^\circ\text{C)}$ .

**2. Correct the saturation values for the moisture in the steam in the initial state.** Sketch the process on  $P$ - $V$ ,  $H$ - $S$ , or  $T$ - $S$  diagrams, Fig. 3. Using the appropriate values from the saturation-pressure table for 120 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (827.4 kPa), correct them for a moisture content of 30 percent:

$$H_1 = h_g - yh_{fg} = 1190.4 - 0.3(877.9) = 927.0 \text{ Btu/lb (2156.2 kJ/kg)}$$

$$E_1 = u_g - yu_{fg} = 1107.6 - 0.3(795.6) = 868.9 \text{ Btu/lb (2021.1 kJ/kg)}$$

$$V_1 = v_g - yv_{fg} = 3.7280 - 0.3(3.7101) = 2.6150 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb (0.16 m}^3/\text{kg)}$$

$$S_1 = s_g - ys_{fg} = 1.5878 - 0.3(1.0962) = 1.2589 \text{ Btu/(lb}\cdot^\circ\text{F) [5.3 kJ/(kg}\cdot^\circ\text{C)]}$$

**3. Determine the steam volume in the final state.** We are given  $T_2 = 1000^\circ\text{F (537.8}^\circ\text{C)}$ . Since this is a constant-volume process,  $V_2 = V_1 = 2.6150 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb (0.16 m}^3/\text{kg)}$ . The total volume of the vapor equals the product of the specific volume and the number of pounds of vapor used in the process, or total volume =  $2.6150(5) = 13.075 \text{ ft}^3 (0.37 \text{ m}^3)$ .

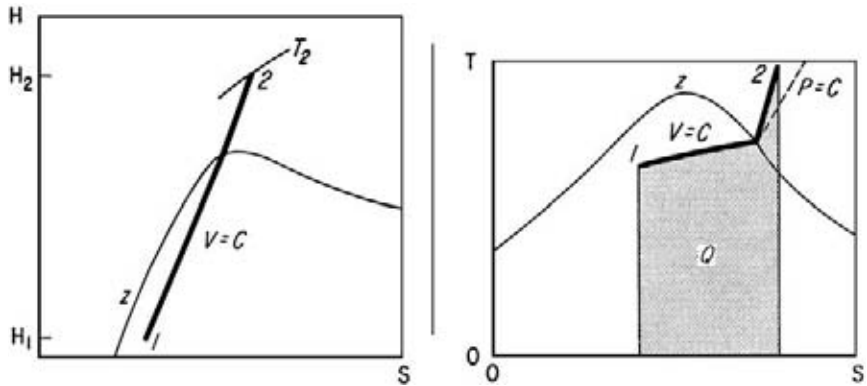


FIGURE 3 Constant-volume process.

**4. Determine the final steam pressure.** The final steam temperature (1000°F or 537.8°C) and the final steam volume (2.6150 ft<sup>3</sup>/lb or 0.16 m<sup>3</sup>/kg) are known. To determine the final steam pressure, find in the steam tables the state corresponding to the above temperature and specific volume. Since a temperature of 1000°F (537.8°C) is higher than any saturation temperature (705.4°F or 374.1°C is the highest saturation temperature for saturated steam), the steam in state 2 must be superheated. Therefore, the superheated steam tables must be used to determine  $P_2$ .

Enter the 1000°F (537.8°C) column in the steam table, and look for a superheated-vapor specific volume of 2.6150 ft<sup>3</sup>/lb (0.16 m<sup>3</sup>/kg). At a pressure of 325 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2240.9 kPa),

$$v = 2.636 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb} \text{ (0.16 m}^3/\text{kg)}$$

$$h = 1542.5 \text{ Btu/lb (3587.9 kJ/kg)}$$

$$s = 1.7863 \text{ Btu}/(\text{lb}\cdot^\circ\text{F}) [7.48 \text{ kJ}/(\text{kg}\cdot^\circ\text{C})]$$

and at a pressure of 330 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2275.4 kPa)

$$v = 2.596 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb} \text{ (0.16 m}^3/\text{kg)}$$

$$h = 1524.4 \text{ Btu/lb (3545.8 kJ/kg)}$$

$$s = 1.7845 \text{ Btu}/(\text{lb}\cdot^\circ\text{F}) [7.47 \text{ kJ}/(\text{kg}\cdot^\circ\text{C})]$$

Thus, 2.6150 lies between 325 and 330 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2240.9 and 2275.4 kPa). To determine the pressure corresponding to the final volume, it is necessary to interpolate between the specific-volume values, or  $P_2 = 330 - [(2.615 - 2.596)/(2.636 - 2.596)](330 - 325) = 327.62 \text{ lb/in}^2 \text{ (abs) (2258.9 kPa)}$ . In this equation, the volume values correspond to the upper [330 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) or 2275.4 kPa], lower [325 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) or 2240.9 kPa], and unknown pressures.

**5. Determine the final enthalpy, entropy, and internal energy.** The final enthalpy can be interpolated in the same manner, using the enthalpy at each volume instead of the pressure. Thus  $H_2 = 1524.5 - [(2.615 - 2.596)/(2.636 - 2.596)](1524.5 - 1524.4) = 1524.45 \text{ Btu/lb (3545.8 kJ/kg)}$ . Since the difference in enthalpy between the two pressures is only 0.1 Btu/lb (0.23 kJ/kg) ( $= 1524.5 - 1524.4$ ), the enthalpy at 327.62 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) could have been assumed equal to the enthalpy at the lower pressure [325 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) or 2240.9 kPa], or 1524.4 Btu/lb (3545.8 kJ/kg), and the error would have been only 0.05 Btu/lb (0.12 kJ/kg), which is negligible. However, where the enthalpy values vary by more than 1.0 Btu/lb (2.3 kJ/kg), interpolate as shown, if accurate results are desired.

Find  $S_2$  by interpolating between pressures, or

$$S = 1.7863 - \frac{327.62 - 325}{330 - 325} (1.7863 - 1.7845) = 1.7854 \text{ Btu/(lb}\cdot\text{°F)} [7.5 \text{ kJ/(kg}\cdot\text{°C)}]$$

$$E_2 = H_2 - \frac{P_2 V_2}{J} = 1524.4 - \frac{327.62(144)(2.615)}{778} = 1365.9 \text{ Btu/lb} (3177.1 \text{ kJ/kg})$$

**6. Compute the changes resulting from the process.** Here  $Q_1 = (E_2 - E_1)m = (1365.9 - 868.9)(5) = 2485 \text{ Btu} (2621.8 \text{ kJ})$ ;  $\Delta S = (S_2 - S_1)m = (1.7854 - 1.2589)(5) = 2.6325 \text{ Btu/°F} (5.0 \text{ kJ/°C})$ .

By definition,  $W = 0$ ;  $\Delta V = 0$ ;  $\Delta E = Q_1$ . Note that the curvatures of the constant-volume line on the  $T$ - $S$  chart, Fig. 3, are different from the constant-pressure line, Fig. 2. Adding heat  $Q_1$  to a constant-volume process affects only the internal energy. The total entropy change must take into account the total steam mass  $m = 5 \text{ lb} (2.3 \text{ kg})$ .

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure for all constant-volume steam processes.

## CONSTANT-TEMPERATURE STEAM PROCESS

Six pounds (2.7 kg) of wet steam initially at  $1200 \text{ lb/in}^2 \text{ (abs)} (8274.0 \text{ kPa})$  and 50 percent moisture expands at constant temperature ( $T = C$ ) to  $300 \text{ lb/in}^2 \text{ (abs)} (2068.5 \text{ kPa})$ . Determine the initial temperature  $T_1$ , enthalpy  $H_1$ , internal energy  $E_1$ , specific volume  $V_1$ , entropy  $S_1$ , final temperature  $T_2$ , enthalpy  $H_2$ , internal energy  $E_2$ , volume  $V_2$ , entropy  $S_2$ , heat added  $Q_1$ , work output  $W_2$ , change in internal energy  $\Delta E$ , volume  $\Delta V$ , and entropy  $\Delta S$ .

### Calculation Procedure

- Determine the initial steam temperature from the steam tables.** Enter the saturation-pressure table at  $1200 \text{ lb/in}^2 \text{ (abs)} (8274.0 \text{ kPa})$ , and read the saturation temperature  $T_1 = 567.22^\circ\text{F} (297.3^\circ\text{C})$ .
- Correct the saturation values for the moisture in the steam in the initial state.** Sketch the process on  $P$ - $V$ ,  $H$ - $S$ , or  $T$ - $S$  diagrams, Fig. 4. Using the appropriate values from the saturation-pressure

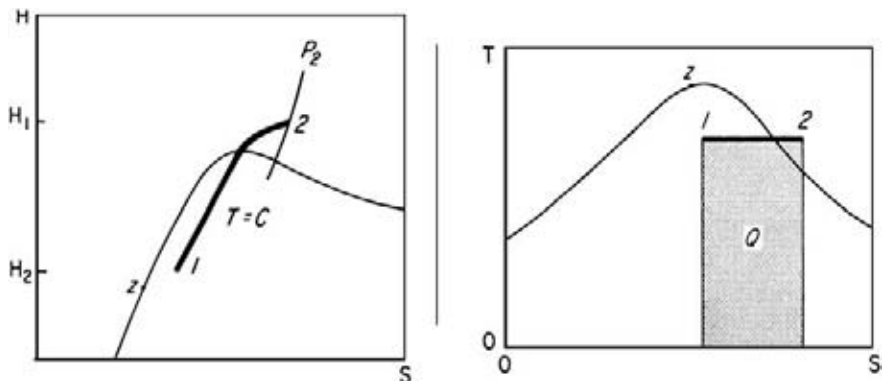


FIGURE 4 Constant-temperature process.

table for 1200 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (8274.0 kPa), correct them for the moisture content of 50 percent:

$$H_1 = h_g - y_1 h_{fg} = 1183.4 - 0.5(611.7) = 877.5 \text{ Btu/lb (2041.1 kJ/kg)}$$

$$E_1 = u_g - y_1 u_{fg} = 1103.0 - 0.5(536.3) = 834.8 \text{ Btu/lb (1941.7 kJ/kg)}$$

$$V_1 = v_g - y_1 v_{fg} = 0.3619 - 0.5(0.3396) = 0.19 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb (0.012 m}^3/\text{kg)}$$

$$S_1 = s_g - y_1 s_{fg} = 1.3667 - 0.5(0.5956) = 1.0689 \text{ Btu/(lb}\cdot\text{°F) [4.5 kJ/(kg}\cdot\text{°C)]}$$

**3. Determine the steam properties in the final state.** Since this is a constant-temperature process,  $T_2 = T_1 = 567.22^\circ\text{F}$  ( $297.3^\circ\text{C}$ );  $P_2 = 300 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (abs) (2068.5 kPa), given. The saturation temperature of 300 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2068.5 kPa) is  $417.33^\circ\text{F}$  ( $214.1^\circ\text{C}$ ). Therefore, the steam is superheated in the final state because  $567.22^\circ\text{F}$  ( $297.3^\circ\text{C}$ )  $>$   $417.33^\circ\text{F}$  ( $214.1^\circ\text{C}$ ), the saturation temperature.

To determine the final enthalpy, entropy, and specific volume, it is necessary to interpolate between the known final temperature and the nearest tabulated temperatures greater and less than the final temperature.

	<i>v</i>		<i>h</i>		<i>s</i>	
	ft <sup>3</sup> /lb	m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Btu/lb	kJ/kg	Btu/(lb·°F)	kJ/(kg·°C)
At $T = 560^\circ\text{F}$ ( $293.3^\circ\text{C}$ )	1.9128	0.12	1292.5	3006.4	1.6054	6.72
At $T = 580^\circ\text{F}$ ( $304.4^\circ\text{C}$ )	1.9594	0.12	1303.7	3032.4	1.6163	6.76

Then

$$H_2 = 1292.5 + \frac{567.22 - 560}{580 - 560} (1303.7 - 1292.5) = 1296.5 \text{ Btu/lb (3015.7 kJ/kg)}$$

$$S_2 = 1.6054 + \frac{567.22 - 560}{580 - 560} (1.6163 - 1.6054) = 1.6093 \text{ Btu/(lb}\cdot\text{°F) [6.7 kJ/(kg}\cdot\text{°C)]}$$

$$V_2 = 1.9128 + \frac{567.22 - 560}{580 - 560} (1.9594 - 1.9128) = 1.9296 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb (0.12 m}^3/\text{kg)}$$

$$E_2 = H_2 - \frac{P_2 V_2}{J} = 1296.5 - \frac{300(144)(1.9296)}{778} = 1109.3 \text{ Btu/lb (2580.2 kJ/kg)}$$

**4. Compute the process changes.** Here  $Q_1 = T(S_2 - S_1)m$ , where  $T_1$  = absolute initial temperature, °R. So  $Q_1 = (567.22 + 460)(1.6093 - 1.0689)(6) = 3330 \text{ Btu (3513.3 kJ)}$ . Then

$$\Delta E = E_2 - E_1 = 1109.3 - 834.8 = 274.5 \text{ Btu/lb (638.5 kJ/kg)}$$

$$\Delta H = H_2 - H_1 = 1296.5 - 877.5 = 419.0 \text{ Btu/lb (974.6 kJ/kg)}$$

$$W_2 = (Q_1 - \Delta E)m = (555 - 274.5)(6) = 1.683 \text{ Btu (1.8 kJ)}$$

$$\Delta S = S_2 - S_1 = 1.6093 - 1.0689 = 0.5404 \text{ Btu/(lb}\cdot\text{°F) [2.3 kJ/(kg}\cdot\text{°C)]}$$

$$\Delta V = V_2 - V_1 = 1.9296 - 0.1921 = 1.7375 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb (0.11 m}^3/\text{kg)}$$

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for any constant-temperature steam process.

## CONSTANT-ENTROPY STEAM PROCESS

The pounds (4.5 kg) of steam expands under two conditions—nonflow and steady flow—at constant entropy ( $S = C$ ) from an initial pressure of 2000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (13,790.0 kPa) and a temperature of 800°F (426.7°C) to a final pressure of 2 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (13.8 kPa). In the steady-flow process, assume that the initial kinetic energy  $E_{k1}$  = the final kinetic energy  $E_{k2}$ . Determine the initial enthalpy  $H_1$ , internal energy  $E_1$ , volume  $V_1$ , entropy  $S_1$ , final temperature  $T_2$ , percentage of moisture  $y$ , enthalpy  $H_2$ , internal energy  $E_2$ , volume  $V_2$ , entropy  $S_2$ , change in internal energy  $\Delta E$ , enthalpy  $\Delta H$ , entropy  $\Delta S$ , volume  $\Delta V$ , heat added  $Q_1$ , and work output  $W_2$ .

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the initial enthalpy, volume, and entropy from the steam tables.** Enter the superheated-vapor table at 2000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (13,790.0 kPa) and 800°F (426.6°C), and read  $H_1 = 1335.5$  Btu/lb (3106.4 kJ/kg);  $V_1 = 0.3074$  ft<sup>3</sup>/lb (0.019 m<sup>3</sup>/kg);  $S_1 = 1.4576$  Btu/(lb·°F) [6.1 kJ/(kg·°C)].

**2. Compute the initial energy.**

$$E_1 = H_1 - \frac{PV_1}{J} = 1335.5 - \frac{2000(144)(0.3074)}{778} = 1221.6 \text{ Btu/lb (2841.1 kJ/kg)}$$

**3. Determine the vapor properties on the final state.** Sketch the process of  $P$ - $V$ ,  $H$ - $S$ , or  $T$ - $S$  diagrams, Fig. 5. Note that the expanded steam is wet in the final state because the 2-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (13.8-kPa) pressure line is under the saturation curve on the  $H$ - $S$  and  $T$ - $S$  diagrams. Therefore, the vapor properties in the final state must be corrected for the moisture content. Read, from the saturation-pressure steam table, the liquid and vapor properties at 2 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (13.8 kPa). Tabulate these properties thus:

$$s_f = 0.1749 \text{ Btu/(lb·°F) [0.73 kJ/(kg·°C)]}$$

$$s_{fg} = 1.7451 \text{ Btu/(lb·°F) [7.31 kJ/(kg·°C)]}$$

$$h_f = 93.99 \text{ Btu/lb (218.6 kJ/kg)}$$

$$h_{fg} = 1022.2 \text{ Btu/lb (2377.6 kJ/kg)}$$

$$u_f = 93.98 \text{ Btu/lb (218.6 kJ/kg)}$$

$$u_{fg} = 957.9 \text{ Btu/lb (2228.1 kJ/kg)}$$

$$v_f = 0.016 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb (0.0010 m}^3/\text{kg)}$$

$$v_{fg} = 173.71 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb (10.8 m}^3/\text{kg)}$$

$$s_g = 1.9200 \text{ Btu/(lb·°F) [8.04 kJ/(kg·°C)]}$$

$$h_g = 1116.3 \text{ Btu/lb (2596.5 kJ/kg)}$$

$$u_g = 1051.9 \text{ Btu/lb (2446.7 kJ/kg)}$$

$$v_g = 173.73 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb (10.8 m}^3/\text{kg)}$$

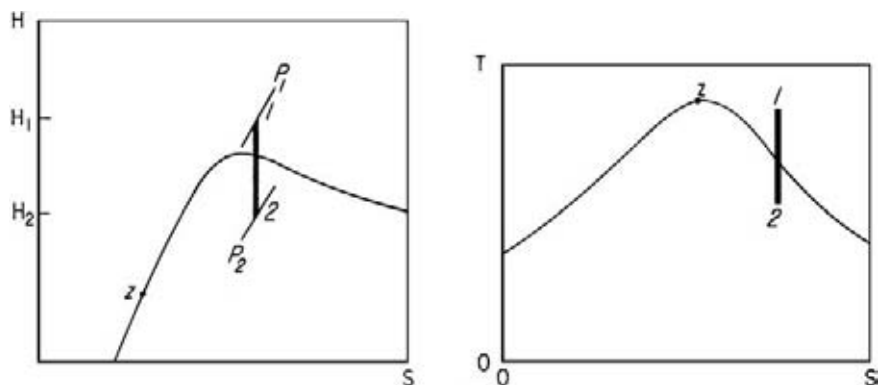


FIGURE 5 Constant-entropy process.



Since this is a constant-entropy process,  $S_2 = S_1 = s_g - y_2 s_{fg}$ . Solve for  $y_2$ , the percentage of moisture in the final state. Or,  $y_2 = (s_g - S_1)/s_{fg} = (1.9200 - 1.4576)/1.7451 = 0.265$ , or, 26.5 percent. Then

$$H_2 = h_g - y_2 h_{fg} = 1116.2 - 0.265(1022.2) = 845.3 \text{ Btu/lb (1966.2 kJ/kg)}$$

$$E_2 = u_g - y_2 u_{fg} = 1051.9 - 0.265(957.9) = 798.0 \text{ Btu/lb (1856.1 kJ/kg)}$$

$$V_2 = v_g - y_2 v_{fg} = 173.73 - 0.265(173.71) = 127.7 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb (8.0 m}^3/\text{kg)}$$

**4. Compute the changes resulting from the process.** The total change in properties is for 10 lb (4.5 kg) of steam, the quantity used in this process. Thus,

$$\Delta E = (E_1 - E_2)m = (1221.6 - 798.0)(10) = 4236 \text{ Btu (4469.2 kJ)}$$

$$\Delta H = (H_1 - H_2)m = (1335.5 - 845.3)(10) = 4902 \text{ Btu (5171.9 kJ)}$$

$$\Delta S = (S_1 - S_2)m = (1.4576 - 1.4576)(10) = 0 \text{ Btu/}^\circ\text{F (0 kJ/}^\circ\text{C)}$$

$$\Delta V = (V_1 - V_2)m = (0.3074 - 127.7)(10) = -1274 \text{ ft}^3 (-36.1 \text{ m}^3)$$

So  $Q_1 = 0$  Btu. (By definition, there is no transfer of heat in a constant-entropy process.) Nonflow  $W_2 = \Delta E = 4236$  Btu (4469.2 kJ). Steady flow  $W_2 = \Delta H = 4902$  Btu (5171.9 kJ).

*Note:* In a constant-entropy process, the nonflow work depends on the change in internal energy. The steady-flow work depends on the change in enthalpy and is larger than the nonflow work by the amount of the change in the flow work.

## IRREVERSIBLE ADIABATIC EXPANSION OF STEAM

Ten pounds (4.5 kg) of steam undergoes a steady-flow expansion from an initial pressure of 2000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (13,790.0 kPa) and a temperature 800°F (426.7°C) to a final pressure of 2 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (13.9 kPa) at an expansion efficiency of 75 percent. In this steady flow, assume  $E_{k1} = E_{k2}$ . Determine  $\Delta E$ ,  $\Delta H$ ,  $\Delta S$ ,  $\Delta V$ ,  $Q$ , and  $W_2$ .

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the initial vapor properties from the steam tables.** Enter the superheated-vapor tables at 2000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (13,790.0 kPa) and 800°F (426.7°C), and read  $H_1 = 1335.5$  Btu/lb (3106.4 kJ/kg);  $V_1 = 0.3074$  ft<sup>3</sup>/lb (0.019m<sup>3</sup>/kg);  $E_1 = 1221.6$  Btu/lb (2840.7 kJ/kg);  $S_1 = 1.4576$  Btu/(lb·°F) [6.1 kJ/(kg·°C)].

**2. Determine the vapor properties in the final state.** Sketch the process on  $P$ - $V$ ,  $H$ - $S$ , or  $T$ - $S$  diagram, Fig. 6. Note that the expanded steam is wet in the final state because the 2-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (13.9-kPa) pressure line is under the saturation curve on the  $H$ - $S$  and  $T$ - $S$  diagrams. Therefore, the vapor properties in the final state must be corrected for the moisture content. However, the actual final enthalpy cannot be determined until after the expansion efficiency [ $H_1 - H_2(H_1 - H_{2s})$ ] is evaluated.

To determine the final enthalpy  $H_2$ , another enthalpy  $H_{2s}$  must be computed by assuming a constant-entropy expansion to 2 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (13.8 kPa) and a temperature of 126.08°F (52.3°C). Enthalpy  $H_{2s}$  will then correspond to a constant-entropy expansion into the wet region, and the percentage of moisture will correspond to the final state. This percentage is determined by finding the ratio of  $s_g - S_1$  to  $s_{fg}$ ,  $y_{2s} = (s_g - S_1)/s_{fg} = 1.9200 - 1.4576/1.7451 = 0.265$ , where  $s_g$  and  $s_{fg}$  are entropies at 2 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (13.8 kPa). Then  $H_{2s} = h_g - y_{2s} h_{fg} = 1116.2 - 0.265(1022.2) = 845.3$  Btu/lb (1966.2 kJ/kg). In this relation,  $h_g$  and  $h_{fg}$  are enthalpies at 2 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (13.8 kPa).

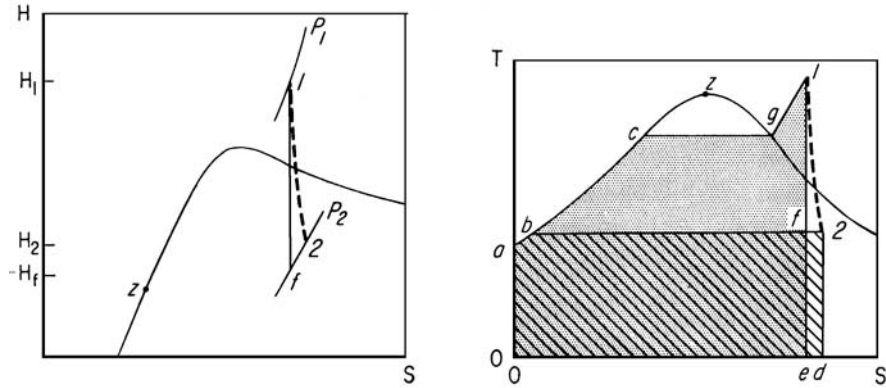


FIGURE 6 Irreversible adiabatic process.

The expansion efficiency, given as 0.75, is  $H_1 - H_2 / (H_1 - H_{2s}) = \text{actual work/ideal work} = 0.75 = 1335.5 - H_2 / (1335.5 - 845.3)$ . Solve for  $H_2 = 967.9$  Btu/lb (2251.3 kJ/kg).

Next, read from the saturation-pressure steam table the liquid and vapor properties at 2 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (13.8 kPa). Tabulate these properties thus:

$$h_f = 93.99 \text{ Btu/lb (218.6 kJ/kg)}$$

$$h_{fg} = 1022.2 \text{ Btu/lb (2377.6 kJ/kg)}$$

$$h_g = 1116.2 \text{ Btu/lb (2596.3 kJ/kg)}$$

$$s_f = 0.1749 \text{ Btu/(lb}\cdot\text{°F)} [0.73 \text{ kJ/(kg}\cdot\text{°C)}]$$

$$s_{fg} = 1.7451 \text{ Btu/(lb}\cdot\text{°F)} [7.31 \text{ kJ/(kg}\cdot\text{°C)}]$$

$$s_g = 1.9200 \text{ Btu/(lb}\cdot\text{°F)} [8.04 \text{ kJ/(kg}\cdot\text{°C)}]$$

$$u_f = 93.98 \text{ Btu/lb (218.60 kJ/kg)}$$

$$u_{fg} = 957.9 \text{ Btu/lb (2228.1 kJ/kg)}$$

$$u_g = 1051.9 \text{ Btu/lb (2446.7 kJ/kg)}$$

$$v_f = 0.016 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb (0.0010 m}^3/\text{kg)}$$

$$v_{fg} = 173.71 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb (10.84 m}^3/\text{kg)}$$

$$v_g = 173.73 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb (10.85 m}^3/\text{kg)}$$

Since the actual final enthalpy  $H_2$  is different from  $H_{2s}$ , the final actual moisture  $y_2$  must be computed by using  $H_2$ . Or,  $y_2 = h_g - H_2/h_{fg} = 1116.1 - 967.9/1022.2 = 0.1451$ . Then

$$E_2 = u_g - y_2 u_{fg} = 1051.9 - 0.1451(957.9) = 912.9 \text{ Btu/lb (2123.4 kJ/kg)}$$

$$V_2 = v_g - y_2 v_{fg} = 173.73 - 0.1451(173.71) = 148.5 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb (9.3 m}^3/\text{kg)}$$

$$S_2 = s_g - y_2 s_{fg} = 1.9200 - 0.1451(1.7451) = 1.6668 \text{ Btu/(lb}\cdot\text{°F)} [7.0 \text{ kJ/(kg}\cdot\text{°C)}]$$

**3. Compute the changes resulting from the process.** The total change in properties is for 10 lb (4.5 kg) of steam, the quantity used in this process. Thus

$$\Delta E = (E_1 - E_2)m = (1221.6 - 912.9)(10) = 3087 \text{ Btu} \text{ (3257.0 kJ)}$$

$$\Delta H = (H_1 - H_2)m = (1335.5 - 967.9)(10) = 3676 \text{ Btu} \text{ (3878.4 kJ)}$$

$$\Delta S = (S_2 - S_1)m = (1.6668 - 1.4576)(10) = 2.092 \text{ Btu/}^\circ\text{F} \text{ (4.0 kJ/}^\circ\text{C)}$$

$$\Delta V = (V_2 - V_1)m = (148.5 - 0.3074)(10) = 1482 \text{ ft}^3 \text{ (42.0 m}^3\text{)}$$

So  $Q = 0$ ; by definition,  $W_2 = \Delta H = 3676 \text{ Btu} \text{ (3878.4 kJ)}$  for the steady-flow process.

## IRREVERSIBLE ADIABATIC STEAM COMPRESSION

Two pounds (0.9 kg) of saturated steam at  $120 \text{ lb/in}^2 \text{ (abs)}$  ( $827.4 \text{ kPa}$ ) with 80 percent quality undergoes nonflow adiabatic compression to a final pressure of  $1700 \text{ lb/in}^2 \text{ (abs)}$  ( $11,721.5 \text{ kPa}$ ) at 75 percent compression efficiency. Determine the final steam temperature  $T_2$ , change in internal energy  $\Delta E$ , change in entropy  $\Delta S$ , work input  $W$ , and heat input  $Q$ .

### Calculation Procedure

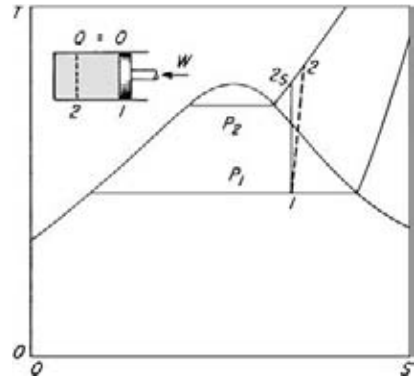
**1. Determine the vapor properties in the initial state.** From the saturation-pressure steam tables,  $T_1 = 341.25^\circ\text{F}$  ( $171.8^\circ\text{C}$ ) at a pressure of  $120 \text{ lb/in}^2 \text{ (abs)}$  ( $827.4 \text{ kPa}$ ) saturated. With  $x_1 = 0.8$ ,  $E_1 = u_f + x_1 u_{fg} = 312.05 + 0.8(795.6) = 948.5 \text{ Btu/lb}$  ( $2206.5 \text{ kJ/kg}$ ), from internal-energy values from the steam tables. The initial entropy is  $S_1 = s_f + x_1 s_{fg} = 0.4916 + 0.8(1.0962) = 1.3686 \text{ Btu/(lb}\cdot^\circ\text{F)}$  [ $5.73 \text{ kJ/(kg}\cdot^\circ\text{C)}$ ].

**2. Determine the vapor properties in the final state.** Sketch a  $T$ - $S$  diagram of the process, Fig. 7. Assume a constant-entropy compression from the initial to the final state. Then  $S_{2s} = S_1 = 1.3686 \text{ Btu/(lb}\cdot^\circ\text{F)}$  [ $5.7 \text{ kJ/(kg}\cdot^\circ\text{C)}$ ].

The final pressure,  $1700 \text{ lb/in}^2 \text{ (abs)}$  ( $11,721.5 \text{ kPa}$ ), is known, as is the final entropy,  $1.3686 \text{ Btu/(lb}\cdot^\circ\text{F)}$  [ $5.7 \text{ kJ/(kg}\cdot^\circ\text{C)}$ ] with constant-entropy expansion. The  $T$ - $S$  diagram (Fig. 7) shows that the steam is superheated in the final state. Enter the superheated steam table at  $1700 \text{ lb/in}^2 \text{ (abs)}$  ( $11,721.5 \text{ kPa}$ ), project across to an entropy of  $1.3686$ , and read the final steam temperature as  $650^\circ\text{F}$  ( $343.3^\circ\text{C}$ ). (In most cases, the final entropy would not exactly equal a tabulated value, and it would be necessary to interpolate between tabulated entropy values to determine the intermediate pressure value.)

From the same table, at  $1700 \text{ lb/in}^2 \text{ (abs)}$  ( $11,721.5 \text{ kPa}$ ) and  $650^\circ\text{F}$  ( $343.3^\circ\text{C}$ ),  $H_{2s} = 1214.4 \text{ Btu/lb}$  ( $2827.4 \text{ kJ/kg}$ );  $V_{2s} = 0.2755 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb}$  ( $0.017 \text{ m}^3/\text{lb}$ ). Then  $E_{2s} = H_{2s} - P_2 V_{2s}/J = 1214.4 - 1700(144)(0.2755)/788 = 1127.8 \text{ Btu/lb}$  ( $2623.3 \text{ kJ/kg}$ ). Since  $E_1$  and  $E_{2s}$  are known, the ideal work  $W$  can be computed. Or,  $W = E_{2s} - E_1 = 1127.8 - 948.5 = 179.3 \text{ Btu/lb}$  ( $417.1 \text{ kJ/kg}$ ).

**3. Compute the vapor properties of the actual compression.** Since the compression efficiency is known, the actual final internal energy can be found from compression efficiency = ideal  $W$ /actual



**FIGURE 7** Irreversible adiabatic compression process.

$W = E_{2s} - E_1/(E_2 - E_1)$ , or  $0.75 = 1127.8 - 948.5/(E_2 - 948.5)$ ;  $E_2 = 1187.6$  Btu/lb (2762.4 kJ/kg). Then  $E = (E_2 - E_1)m = (1187.6 - 948.5)(2) = 478.2$  Btu (504.5 kJ) for 2 lb (0.9 kg) of steam. The actual work input  $W = \Delta E = 478.2$  Btu (504.5 kJ). By definition,  $Q = 0$ .

Last, the actual final temperature and entropy must be computed. The final actual internal energy  $E_2 = (1187.6$  Btu/lb (2762.4 kJ/kg) is known. Also, the  $T$ - $S$  diagram shows that the steam is superheated. However, the superheated steam tables do not list the internal energy of the steam. Therefore, it is necessary to assume a final temperature for the steam and then compute its internal energy. The computed value is compared with the known internal energy, and the next assumption is adjusted as necessary. Thus, assume a final temperature of 720°F (382.2°C). This assumption is higher than the ideal final temperature of 650°F (343.3°C) because the  $T$ - $S$  diagram shows that the actual final temperature is higher than the ideal final temperature. Using values from the superheated steam table for 1700 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (11,721.5 kPa) and 720°F (382.2°C), we find

$$E = H - \frac{PV}{J} = 1288.4 - \frac{1700(144)(0.3283)}{778} = 1185.1 \text{ Btu/lb (2756.5 kJ/kg)}$$

This value is less than the actual internal energy of 1187.6 Btu/lb (2762.4 kJ/kg). Therefore, the actual temperature must be higher than 720°F (382.2°C), since the internal energy increases with temperature. To obtain a higher value for the internal energy to permit interpolation between the lower, actual, and higher values, assume a higher final temperature—in this case, the next temperature listed in the steam table, or 740°F (393.3°C). Then, for 1700 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (11,721.5 kPa) and 740°F (393.3°C),

$$E = 1305.8 - \frac{1700(144)(0.3410)}{778} = 1198.5 \text{ Btu/lb (2757.7 kJ/kg)}$$

This value is greater than the actual internal energy of 1187.6 Btu/lb (2762.4 kJ/kg). Therefore, the actual final temperature of the steam lies somewhere between 720 and 740°F (382.2 and 393.3°C). Interpolate between the known internal energies to determine the final steam temperature and final entropy. Or,

$$T_2 = 720 + \frac{1178.6 - 1185.1}{1198.5 - 1185.1} (740 - 720) = 723.7^\circ\text{F (384.3}^\circ\text{C)}$$

$$S_2 = 1.4333 + \frac{1187.6 - 1185.1}{1198.5 - 1185.1} (1.4480 - 1.4333) = 1.4360 \text{ Btu/(lb} \cdot ^\circ\text{F) [6.0 kJ/(kg} \cdot ^\circ\text{C)]}$$

$$\Delta S = (S_2 - S_1)m = (1.4360 - 1.3686)(2) = 0.1348 \text{ Btu}^\circ\text{F (0.26 kJ}^\circ\text{C)}$$

Note that the final actual steam temperature is 73.7°F (40.9°C) higher than that (650°F or 343.3°C) for the ideal compression.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for any irreversible adiabatic steam process.

## THROTTLING PROCESSES FOR STEAM AND WATER

A throttling process begins at 500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (3447.5 kPa) and ends at 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.4 kPa) with (1) steam at 500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (3447.5 kPa) and 500°F (260.0°C); (2) steam at 500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (3447.5 kPa) and 4 percent moisture; (3) steam at 500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (3447.5 kPa) with 50 percent moisture; and (4) saturated water at 500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (3447.5 kPa). Determine the final enthalpy  $H_2$ , temperature  $T_2$ , and moisture content  $y_2$  for each process.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the final-state conditions of the superheated steam.** From the superheated steam table for 500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (3447.5 kPa) and 500°F (260.0°C),  $H_1 = 1231.3$  Btu/lb (2864.0 kJ/kg). By definition of a throttling process,  $H_1 = H_2 = 1231.3$  Btu/lb (2864.0 kJ/kg). Sketch the  $T$ - $S$  diagram for a throttling process, Fig 8a.

To determine the final temperature, enter the superheated steam table at 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.4 kPa), the final pressure, and project across to an enthalpy value equal to or less than the known enthalpy, 1231.3 Btu/lb (2864.0 kJ/kg). (The superheated steam table is used because the  $T$ - $S$  diagram, Fig. 8, shows that the steam is superheated in the final state.) At 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.4 kPa) there is no tabulated enthalpy value that exactly equals 1231.3 Btu/lb (2864.0 kJ/kg). The next lower value is 1230 Btu/lb (2861.0 kJ/kg) at  $T = 380^\circ\text{F}$  (193.3°C). The next higher value at 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.4 kPa) is 1239.9 Btu/lb (2884.0 kJ/kg) at  $T = 400^\circ\text{F}$  (204.4°C). Interpolate between these enthalpy values to find the final steam temperature:

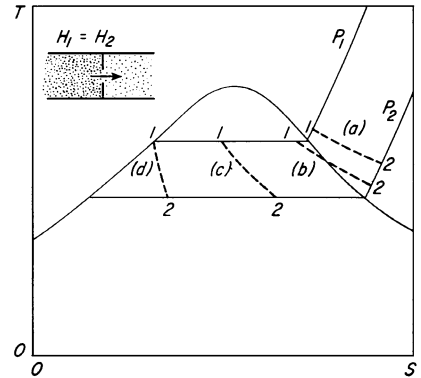


FIGURE 8 Throttling process for steam.

$$T_2 = 380 + \frac{1231.3 - 1230.5}{1239.9 - 1230.5} (400 - 380) = 381.7^\circ\text{F} (194.3^\circ\text{C})$$

The steam does not contain any moisture in the final state because it is superheated.

**2. Compute the final-state conditions of the slightly wet steam.** Determine the enthalpy of 500-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (3447.5-kPa) saturated steam from the saturation-pressure steam table:

$$h_g = 1204.4 \text{ Btu/lb} (2801.4 \text{ kJ/kg}) \quad h_{fg} = 755.0 \text{ Btu/lb} (1756.1 \text{ kJ/kg})$$

Correct the enthalpy for moisture:

$$H_1 = h_g - y_1 h_{fg} = 1204.4 - 0.04(755.0) = 1174.2 \text{ Btu/lb} (2731.2 \text{ kJ/kg})$$

Then, by definition,  $H_2 = H_1 = 1174.2$  Btu/lb (2731.2 kJ/kg).

Determine the final condition of the throttled steam (wet, saturated, or superheated) by studying the  $T$ - $S$  diagram. If a diagram were not drawn, you would enter the saturation-pressure steam table at 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.4 kPa), the final pressure, and check the tabulated  $h_g$ . If the tabulated  $h_g$  were greater than  $H_1$ , the throttled steam would be superheated. If the tabulated  $h_g$  were less than  $H_1$ , the throttled steam would be saturated. Examination of the saturation-pressure steam table shows that the throttled steam is superheated because  $H_1 > h_g$ .

Next, enter the superheated steam table to find an enthalpy value of  $H_1$  at 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.4 kPa). There is no value equal to 1174.2 Btu/lb (2731.2 kJ/kg). The next lower value is 1173.8 Btu/lb (2730.3 kJ/kg) at  $T = 260^\circ\text{F}$  (126.7°C). The next higher value at 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.4 kPa) is 1183.3 Btu/lb (2752.4 kJ/kg) at  $T = 280^\circ\text{F}$  (137.8°C). Interpolate between these enthalpy values to find the final steam temperature:

$$T_2 = 260 + \frac{1174.2 - 1173.8}{1183.3 - 1173.8} (280 - 260) = 260.8^\circ\text{F} (127.1^\circ\text{C})$$

This is higher than the temperature of saturated steam at 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.4 kPa)—212°F (100°C)—giving further proof that the throttled steam is superheated. The throttled steam, therefore, does not contain any moisture.

**3. Compute the final-state conditions of the very wet steam.** Determine the enthalpy of 500-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (3447.5-kPa) saturated steam from the saturation-pressure steam table. Or,  $h_g = 1204.4$  Btu/lb (2801.4 kJ/kg);  $h_{fg} = 755.0$  Btu/lb (1756.1 kJ/kg). Correct the enthalpy for moisture:

$$H_1 = H_2 = h_g - y_1 h_{fg} = 1204.4 - 0.5(755.0) = 826.9 \text{ Btu/lb (1923.4 kJ/kg)}$$

Then, by definition,  $H_2 = H_1 = 826.9$  Btu/lb (1923.4 kJ/kg).

Compare the final enthalpy,  $H_2 = 826.9$  Btu/lb (1923.4 kJ/kg), with the enthalpy of saturated steam at 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.4 kPa), or 1150.4 Btu/lb (2675.8 kJ/kg). Since the final enthalpy is less than the enthalpy of saturated steam at the same pressure, the throttled steam is wet. Since  $H_1 = h_g - y_2 h_{fg}$ ,  $y_2 = (h_g - H_1)/h_{fg}$ . With a final pressure of 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.4 kPa), use  $h_g$  and  $h_{fg}$  values at this pressure. Or,

$$y_2 = \frac{1150.4 - 826.9}{970.3} = 0.3335, \text{ or } 33.35\%$$

The final temperature of the steam  $T_2$  is the same as the saturation temperature at the final pressure of 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.4 kPa), or  $T_2 = 212^\circ\text{F}$  ( $100^\circ\text{C}$ ).

**4. Compute the final-state conditions of saturated water.** Determine the enthalpy of 500-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (3447.5-kPa) saturated water from the saturation-pressure steam table at 500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (3447.5 kPa);  $H_1 = h_f = 449.4$  Btu/lb (1045.3 kJ/kg) =  $H_2$ , by definition. The  $T$ - $S$  diagram, Fig. 8, shows that the throttled water contains some steam vapor. Or, comparing the final enthalpy of 449.4 Btu/lb (1045.3 kJ/kg) with the enthalpy of saturated liquid at the final pressure, 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.4 kPa), 180.07 Btu/lb (418.8 kJ/kg), shows that the liquid contains some vapor in the final state because its enthalpy is greater.

Since  $H_1 = H_2 = h_g - y_2 h_{fg}$ ,  $y_2 = (h_g - H_1)/h_{fg}$ . Using enthalpies at 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.4 kPa) of  $h_g = 1150.4$  Btu/lb (2675.8 kJ/kg) and  $h_{fg} = 970.3$  Btu/lb (2256.9 kJ/kg) from the saturation-pressure steam table, we get  $y_2 = 1150.4 - 449.4/970.3 = 0.723$ . The final temperature of the steam is the same as the saturation temperature at the final pressure of 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.4 kPa), or  $T_2 = 212^\circ\text{F}$  ( $100^\circ\text{C}$ ).

*Note:* Calculation 2 shows that when you start with slightly wet steam, it can be throttled (expanded) through a large enough pressure range to produce superheated steam. This procedure is often used in a throttling calorimeter to determine the initial quality of the steam in a pipe. When very wet steam is throttled, calculation 3, the net effect may be to produce drier steam at a lower pressure. Throttling saturated water, calculation 4, can produce partial or complete flashing of the water to steam. All these processes find many applications in power-generation and process-steam plants.

## REVERSIBLE HEATING PROCESS FOR STEAM

Subcooled water at 1500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (10,342.5 kPa) and 140°F (60.0°C), state 1, Fig. 9, is heated at constant pressure to state 4, superheated steam at 1500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (10,342.5 kPa) and 1000°F (537.8°C). Find the heat added (1) to raise the compressed liquid to saturation temperature, (2) to vaporize the saturated liquid to saturated steam, (3) to superheat the steam to 1000°F (537.8°C), and (4)  $Q_1$ ,  $\Delta V$ , and  $\Delta S$  from state 1 to state 4.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Sketch the  $T$ - $S$  diagram for this process.** Figure 9 is typical of a steam boiler and superheater. Feedwater fed to a boiler is usually subcooled liquid. If the feedwater pressure is relatively high, subcooling must be taken into account, if accurate results are desired. Some authorities recommend that

at pressures below 400 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2758.0 kPa) sub-cooling be ignored and values from the saturated-steam table be used. This means that the enthalpies and other properties listed in the steam table corresponding to the actual water temperature are sufficiently accurate. But above 400 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2758.0 kPa), the compressed-liquid table should be used.

**2. Determine the initial properties of the liquid.** In the saturation-temperature steam table read, at 140°F (60.0°C),  $h_f = 107.89$  Btu/lb (251.0 kJ/kg);  $p_f = 2.889$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (19.9 kPa);  $v_f = 0.01629$  ft<sup>3</sup>/lb (0.0010 m<sup>3</sup>/kg);  $s_f = 0.1984$  Btu/(lb·°F) [0.83 kJ/(kg·°C)].

Next, the enthalpy, volume, and entropy of the water at 1500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (10,342.5 kPa) and 140°F (60.0°C) must be found. Since the water is at a much higher pressure than that corresponding to its temperature [1500 versus 2.889 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs)], the compressed-liquid portion of the steam table must be used. This table shows that three desired properties are plotted for 32, 100, and 200°F (0.0, 37.8, and 93.3°C) and higher temperatures. However, 140°F (60.0°C) is not included. Therefore, it is necessary to interpolate between 100 and 200°F (37.8 and 93.3°C). Thus, at 1500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (10,342.5 kPa) in the compressed-liquid table:

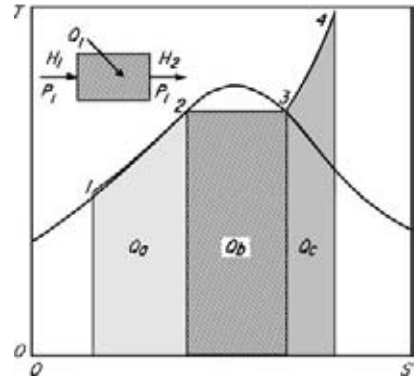


FIGURE 9 Reversible heating process.

Property	Temperature		Interpolation
	100°F (37.8°C)	200°F (93.3°C)	
$h - h_f$ , Btu/lb (kJ/kg)	+3.99 (+9.28)	+3.36 (+7.82)	+3.74 (+ 8.70)
$(v - v_f)10^5$ , ft <sup>3</sup> /lb (m <sup>3</sup> /kg)	-7.5 (-0.47)	-8.1 (-0.51)	-7.7 (-0.48)
$(s - s_f)10^3$ , Btu/(lb·°F) [kJ/(kg·°C)]	-0.86 (-3.60)	-1.79 (-7.49)	-1.23 (-5.15)

Each property is interpolated in the following way:

$$\begin{aligned}
 h - h_f &= 3.99 - \frac{3.99 - 3.36}{200 - 100} (140 - 100) = 3.99 - 0.25 \\
 &= 3.74 \text{ Btu/lb (8.70 kJ/kg)} \\
 (v - v_f)10^5 &= -7.5 - \frac{8.1 - 7.5}{200 - 100} (140 - 100) = -7.5 - 0.24 \\
 &= -7.74 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb (-0.48 m}^3/\text{kg)} \\
 (s - s_f)10^3 &= -0.86 - \frac{1.79 - 0.86}{200 - 100} (140 - 100) = -0.86 - 0.37 \\
 &= -1.23 \text{ Btu/(lb}\cdot\text{°F) [-5.15 kJ/(kg}\cdot\text{°C)}]
 \end{aligned}$$

These interpolated values must now be used to correct the saturation data at 140°F (60.0°C) to the actual subcooled state 1 properties. Thus, at 1500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (10,342.5 kPa) and 140°F (60.0°C),

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_1 &= h_f + \text{interpolated } h = 107.89 + 3.74 = 111.63 \text{ Btu/lb (259.7 kJ/kg)} \\
 V_1 &= v_f - \frac{\text{interpolated } v}{10^5} = 0.01629 - \frac{7.74}{10^5} = 0.01621 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb (0.0010 m}^3/\text{kg)} \\
 S_1 &= s_f - \frac{\text{interpolated } s}{10^3} = 0.1984 - \frac{1.23}{10^3} = 0.1972 \text{ Btu/(lb}\cdot\text{°F) [0.83 kJ/(kg}\cdot\text{°C)}]
 \end{aligned}$$

3. **Compute the heat added to raise the compressed liquid to the saturation temperature.** From the saturation-pressure steam table for 1500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (10,342.5 kPa), the enthalpy of the saturated liquid  $H_2 = 611.6$  Btu/lb (1422.6 kJ/kg). The heat added  $Q_a$  to raise the compressed liquid to the saturation temperature is  $Q_a = H_2 - H_1 = 611.6 - 111.6 = 500$  Btu/lb (1163.0 kJ/kg).

4. **Compute the heat added to vaporize the saturated liquid.** Read from the saturation-pressure steam table the enthalpy of saturated vapor at 1500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (10,342.5 kPa),  $H_3 = 1167.9$  Btu/lb (2716.5 kJ/kg). Then the heat added to vaporize the saturated water  $Q_b = H_3 - H_2 = 1167.9 - 611.6 = 556.3$  Btu/lb (1294.0 kJ/kg).

5. **Compute the heat added to superheat the steam.** Find in the superheated steam table for 1500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (10,342.5 kPa) and 1000°F (537.8°C) the properties of the superheated steam:  $H_4 = 1490.1$  Btu/lb (3466.0 kJ/kg);  $V_4 = 0.5390$  ft<sup>3</sup>/lb (0.034 m<sup>3</sup>/kg);  $S_4 = 1.6001$  Btu/(lb·°F) [6.7 kJ/(kg·°C)]. Then the heat added to superheat the saturated steam  $Q_c = H_4 - H_3 = 1490.1 - 1167.9 = 322.2$  Btu/lb (749.4 kJ/kg).

6. **Determine the property changes during the process.**

$$Q_1 = Q_a + Q_b + Q_c = H_4 - H_1 = 1490.1 - 111.6 = 1378.5 \text{ Btu/lb (3206.4 kJ/kg)}$$

$$\Delta V = V_4 - V_1 = 0.5390 - 0.01621 = 0.5228 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb (0.033 m}^3/\text{kg)}$$

$$\Delta S = S_4 - S_1 = 1.6001 - 0.1972 = 1.4029 \text{ Btu/(lb}\cdot\text{°F) [5.9 kJ/(kg}\cdot\text{°C)]}$$

## BLEED-STEAM REGENERATIVE CYCLE LAYOUT AND T-S PLOT

Sketch the cycle layout,  $T$ - $S$  diagram, and energy-flow chart for a regenerative bleed-steam turbine plant having three feedwater heaters and four feed pumps. Write the equations for the work-output available energy and the energy rejected to the condenser.

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Sketch the cycle layout.** Figure 10 shows a typical practical regenerative cycle having three feedwater heaters and four feedwater pumps. Number each point where steam enters and leaves the

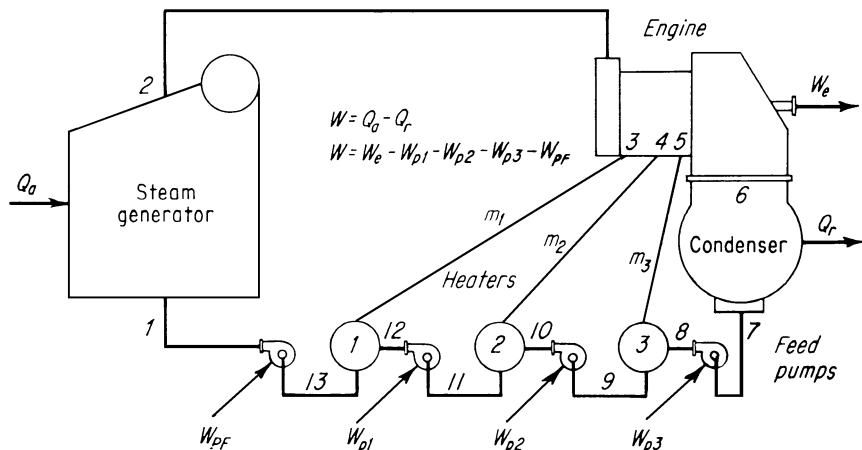


FIGURE 10 Regenerative steam cycle uses bleed steam.



turbine and where steam enters or leaves the condenser and boiler. Also number the points in the feedwater cycle where feedwater enters and leaves a heater. Indicate the heater steam flow by  $m$  with a subscript corresponding to the heater number. Use  $W_p$  and a suitable subscript to indicate the pump work for each feed pump, except the last, which is labeled  $W_{pF}$ . The heat input to the steam generator is  $Q_a$ ; the work output of the steam turbine is  $W_e$ ; the heat rejected by the condenser is  $Q_r$ .

**2. Sketch the  $T$ - $S$  diagram for the cycle.** To analyze any steam cycle, trace the flow of 1 lb (0.5 kg) of steam through the system. Thus, in this cycle, 1 lb (0.5 kg) of steam leaves the steam generator at point 2 and flows to the turbine. From state 2 to 3, 1 lb (0.5 kg) of steam expands at constant entropy (assumed) through the turbine, producing work output  $W_1 = H_2 - H_3$ , represented by area 1- $a$ -2-3 on the  $T$ - $S$  diagram, Fig. 11a. At point 3, some steam is bled from the turbine to heat the feedwater passing through heater 1. The quantity of steam bled,  $m_1$  lb is less than the 1 lb (0.5 kg) flowing between points 2 and 3. Plot states 2 and 3 on the  $T$ - $S$  diagram, Fig. 11a.

From point 3 to 4, the quantity of steam flowing through the turbine is  $1 - m_1$  lb. This steam produces work output  $W_2 = H_3 - H_4$ . Plot point 4 on the  $T$ - $S$  diagram. Then, area 1-3-4-12 represents the work output  $W_2$ , Fig. 11a.

At point 4, steam is bled to heater 2. The weight of this steam is  $m_2$  lb. From point 4, the steam continues to flow through the turbine to point 5, Fig. 11a. The weight of the steam flowing between points 4 and 5 is  $1 - m_1 - m_2$  lb. Plot point 5 on the  $T$ - $S$  diagram, Fig. 11a. The work output between points 4 and 5,  $W_3 = H_4 - H_5$ , is represented by area 4-5-10-11 on the  $T$ - $S$  diagram.

At point 5, steam is bled to heater 3. The weight of this bleed steam is  $m_3$  lb. From point 5, steam continues to flow through the turbine to exhaust at point 6, Fig. 11a. The weight of steam flowing between points 5 and 6 is  $1 - m_1 - m_2 - m_3$  lb. Plot point 6 on the  $T$ - $S$  diagram, Fig. 11a.

The work output between points 5 and 6 is  $W_4 = H_5 - H_6$ , represented by area 5-6-7-9 on the  $T$ - $S$  diagram, Fig. 11a. Area  $Q_r$  represents the heat given up by 1 lb (0.5 kg) of exhaust steam. Similarly, the area marked  $Q_a$  represents the heat absorbed by 1 lb (0.5 kg) of water in the steam generator.

**3. Alter the  $T$ - $S$  diagram to show actual cycle conditions.** As plotted in Fig. 11a,  $Q_a$  is true for this cycle since 1 lb (0.5 kg) of water flows through the steam generator and the first section of the turbine. But  $Q_r$  is much too large; only  $1 - m_1 - m_2 - m_3$  lb of steam flows through the condenser. Likewise, the net areas for  $W_2$ ,  $W_3$ , and  $W_4$ , Fig. 11a, are all too large, because less than 1 lb (0.5 kg) of steam flows through the respective turbine sections. The area for  $W_1$ , however, is true.

A true *proportionate-area* diagram can be plotted by applying the factors for actual flow, as in Fig. 11b. Here  $W_2$ , outlined by the heavy lines, equals the similarly labeled area in Fig. 11a, multiplied by  $1 - m_1$ . The states marked 11' and 12', Fig. 11b, are not true state points because of the ratioing factor applied to the area of  $W_2$ . The true state points 11 and 12 of the liquid before and after heater pump 3 stay as shown in Fig. 11a.

Apply  $1 - m_1 - m_2$  to  $W_3$  of Fig. 11a to obtain the proportionate area of Fig. 11b; to obtain  $W_4$ , multiply by  $1 - m_1 - m_2 - m_3$ . Multiplying by this factor also gives  $Q_r$ . Then all the areas in Fig. 11b will be in proper proportion for 1 lb (0.5 kg) of steam entering the turbine throttle but less in other parts of the cycle.

In Fig. 11b, the work can be measured by the difference of the area  $Q_a$  and the area  $Q_r$ . There is no simple net area left, because the areas coincide on only two sides. But the area enclosed by the heavy lines is the total net work  $W$  for the cycle, equal to the sum of the work produced in the various sections of the turbine, Fig. 11b. Then  $Q_a$  is the alternate area  $Q_r + W_1 + W_2 + W_3 + W_4$ , as shaded in Fig. 11c.

The sawtooth appearance of the liquid-heating line shows that as the number of heaters in the cycle increases, the heating line approaches a line of constant entropy. The best number of heaters for a given cycle depends on the steam state of the turbine inlet. Many medium-pressure and medium-temperature cycles use five to six heaters. High-pressure and high-temperature cycles use as many as nine heaters.

**4. Draw the energy-flow chart.** Choose a suitable scale for the heat content of 1 lb (0.5 kg) of steam leaving the steam generator. A typical scale is 0.375 in per 1000 Btu/lb (0.41 cm per 1000 kJ/kg). Plot

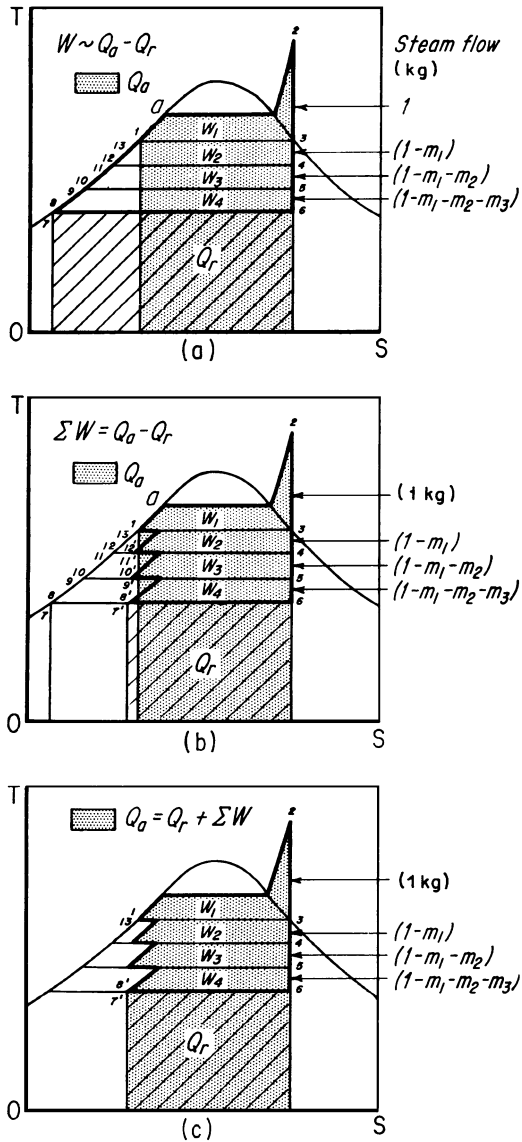


FIGURE 11 (a) T-S chart for the bleed-steam regenerative cycle in Fig. 10; (b) actual fluid flow in the cycle; (c) alternative plot of (b).

the heat content of 1 lb (0.5 kg) of stream vertically on line 2-2, Fig. 12. Using the same scale, plot the heat content in energy streams  $m_1, m_2, m_3, W_e, W, W_p, W_{pF}$ , and so forth. In some cases, as  $W_{p1}, W_{p2}$ , and so forth, the energy stream may be so small that it is impossible to plot it to scale. In these instances, a single thin line is used. The completed diagram, Fig. 12, provides a useful concept of the distribution of the energy in the cycle.

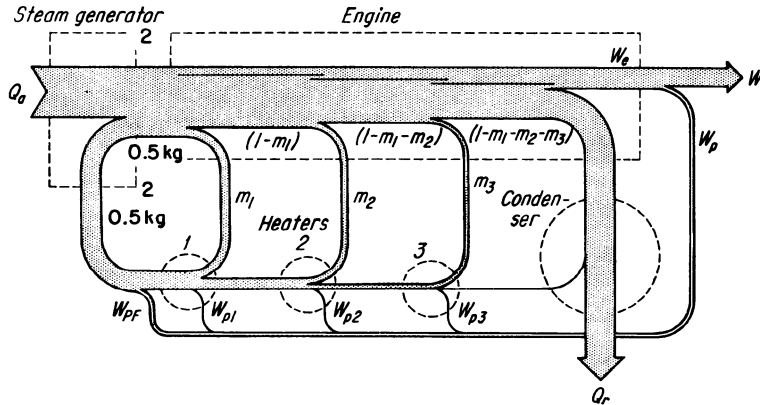


FIGURE 12 Energy-flow chart of cycle in Fig. 10.

**Related Calculations** The procedure given here can be used for all regenerative cycles, provided that the equations are altered to allow for more, or fewer, heaters and pumps. The following calculation procedure shows the application of this method to an actual regenerative cycle.

### BLEED REGENERATIVE STEAM CYCLE ANALYSIS

Analyze the bleed regenerative cycle shown in Fig. 13, determining the heat balance for each heater, plant thermal efficiency, turbine or engine thermal efficiency, plant heat rate, turbine or engine heat rate, and turbine or engine steam rate. Throttle steam pressure is 2000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (13,790.0 kPa) at 1000°F (537.8°C); steam-generator efficiency = 0.88; station auxiliary steam consumption (excluding pump work) = 6 percent of the turbine or engine output; engine efficiency of each turbine or engine section = 0.80; turbine or engine cycle has three feedwater heaters and bleed-steam pressures as shown in Fig. 13; exhaust pressure to condenser is 1 inHg (3.4 kPa) absolute.

#### Calculation Procedure

1. **Determine the enthalpy of the steam at the inlet of each heater and the condenser.** From a superheated-steam table, find the throttle enthalpy  $H_2 = 1474.5$  Btu/lb (3429.7 kJ/kg) at 2000 lb/in<sup>2</sup>

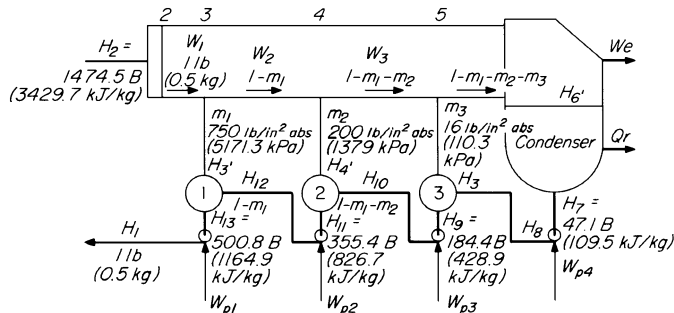


FIGURE 13 Bleed-regenerative steam cycle.

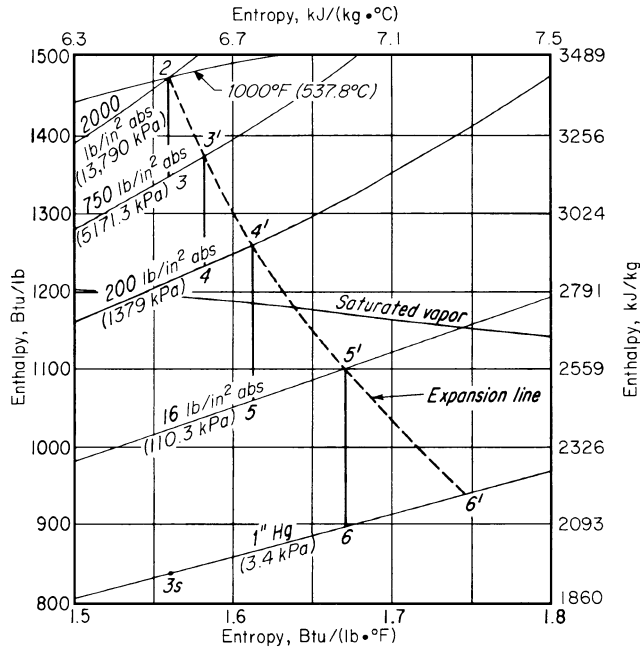


FIGURE 14 Mollier-chart plot of the cycle in Fig. 13.

(abs) (13,790.0 kPa) and 1000°F (537.8°C). Next find the throttle entropy  $S_2 = 1.5603$  Btu/(lb·°F) [6.5 kJ/(kg·°C)], at the same conditions in the superheated-steam table.

Plot the throttle steam conditions on a Mollier chart, Fig. 14. Assume that the steam expands from the throttle conditions at constant entropy = constant  $S$  to the inlet of the first feedwater heater, 1, Fig. 13. Plot this constant  $S$  expansion by drawing the straight vertical line 2-3 on the Mollier chart, Fig. 14, between the throttle condition and the heater inlet pressure of 750 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (5171.3 kPa).

Read on the Mollier chart  $H_3 = 1346.7$  Btu/lb (3132.4 kJ/kg). Since the engine or turbine efficiency  $e_e = H_2 - H_3 / (H_2 - H_3) = 0.8 = 1474.5 - H_3 / (1474.5 - 1346.7)$ ;  $H_3 =$  actual enthalpy of the steam at the inlet to heater 1 =  $1474.5 - 0.8(1474.5 - 1346.7) = 1372.2$  Btu/lb (3191.7 kJ/kg). Plot this enthalpy point on the 750-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (5171.3-kPa) pressure line of the Mollier chart, Fig. 14. Read the entropy at the heater inlet from the Mollier chart as  $S_3 = 1.5819$  Btu/(lb·°F) [6.6 kJ/(kg·°C)] at 750 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (5171.3 kPa) and 1372.2 Btu/lb (3191.7 kJ/kg).

Assume constant- $S$  expansion from  $H_3$  to  $H_4$  at 200 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1379.0 kPa), the inlet pressure for feedwater heater 2. Draw the vertical straight line 3'-4 on the Mollier chart, Fig. 14. By using a procedure similar to that for heater 1,  $H_4 = H_3 - e_e(H_3 - H_4) = 1372.2 - 0.8(1372.2 - 1230.0) = 1258.4$  Btu/lb (2927.0 kJ/kg). This is the actual enthalpy of the steam at the inlet to heater 2. Plot this enthalpy on the 200-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1379.0-kPa) pressure line of the Mollier chart, and find  $S_4 = 1.613$  Btu/(lb·°F) [6.8 kJ/(kg·°C)], Fig. 14.

Using the same procedure with constant- $S$  expansion from  $H_4$ , we find  $H_5 = 1059.5$  Btu/lb (2464.4 kJ/kg) at 16 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (110.3 kPa), the inlet pressure to heater 3. Next find  $H_5 = H_4 - e_e(H_4 - H_5) = 1258.4 - 0.8(1258.4 - 1059.5) = 1099.2$  Btu/lb (2556.7 kJ/kg). From the Mollier chart find  $S_5 = 1.671$  Btu/(lb·°F) [7.0 kJ/(kg·°C)], Fig. 14.

Using the same procedure with constant- $S$  expansion from  $H_5$  to  $H_6$ , find  $H_6 = 898.2$  Btu/lb (2089.2 kJ/kg) at 1 inHg absolute (3.4 kPa), the condenser inlet pressure. Then  $H_6 = H_5 - e_e(H_5 - H_6) = 1099.2 - 0.8(1099.2 - 898.2) = 938.4$  Btu/lb (2182.7 kJ/kg), the actual enthalpy of the steam at the condenser inlet. Find, on the Mollier chart, the moisture in the turbine exhaust = 15.1 percent.

**2. Determine the overall engine efficiency.** Overall engine efficiency  $e_e$  is higher than the engine-section efficiency because there is partial available-energy recovery between sections. Constant- $S$  expansion from the throttle to the 1-in-Hg absolute (3.4-kPa) exhaust gives  $H_{3s}$ , Fig. 14, as 838.3 Btu/lb (1949.4 kJ/kg), assuming that all the steam flows to the condenser. Then, overall  $e_e = H_2 - H_6 / (H_2 - H_{3s}) = 1474.5 - 938.4 / (1474.5 - 838.3) = 0.8425$ , or 84.25 percent, compared with 0.8 or 80 percent, for individual engine sections.

**3. Compute the bleed-steam flow to each feedwater heater.** For each heater, energy in = energy out. Also, the heated condensate leaving each heater is a saturated liquid at the heater bleed-steam pressure. To simplify this calculation, assume negligible steam pressure drop between the turbine bleed point and the heater inlet. This assumption is permissible when the distance between the heater and bleed point is small. Determine the pump work by using the chart accompanying the compressed-liquid table in Keenan and Keyes—*Thermodynamic Properties of Steam*, or the ASME—*Steam Tables*.

For heater 1, energy in = energy out, or  $H_3 m_1 + H_{12}(1 - m_1) = H_{13}$ , where  $m$  = bleed-stream flow to the feedwater heater, lb/lb of throttle steam flow. (The subscript refers to the heater under consideration.) Then,  $H_3 m_1 + (H_{11} + W_{p2})(1 - m_1) = H_{13}$ , where  $W_{p2}$  = work done by pump 2, Fig. 13, in Btu/lb per pound of throttle flow. Then  $1372.2 m_1 + (355.4 + 1.7)(1 - m_1) = 500.8$ ;  $m_1 = 0.1416$  lb/lb (0.064 kg/kg) throttle flow;  $H_1 = H_{13} + W_{p1} = 500.8 + 4.7 = 505.5$  Btu/lb (1175.8 kJ/kg), where  $W_{p1}$  = work done by pump 1, Fig. 13. For each pump, find the work from the chart accompanying the compressed-liquid table in Keenan and Keyes—*Steam Tables* by entering the chart at the heater inlet pressure and projecting vertically at constant entropy to the heater outlet pressure, which equals the next heater inlet pressure. Read the enthalpy values at the respective pressures, and subtract the smaller from the larger to obtain the pump work during passage of the feedwater through the pump from the lower to the higher pressure. Thus,  $W_{p2} = 1.7 - 0.0 = 1.7$  Btu/lb (4.0 kJ/kg), from enthalpy values for 200 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1379.0 kPa) and 750 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (5171.3 kPa), the heater inlet and discharge pressures, respectively.

For heater 2, energy in = energy out, or  $H_4 m_2 + H_{10}(1 - m_1 - m_2) = H_{11}(1 - m_1)H_4 m_2 + (H_9 + W_{p3})(1 - m_1 - m_2) = H_{11}(1 - m_1)1258.4 m_2 + (184.4 + 0.5)(0.8584 - m_2) = 355.4(0.8584)m_2 = 0.1365$  lb/lb (0.0619 kg/kg) throttle flow.

For heater 3, energy in = energy out, or  $H_5 m_3 + H_8(1 - m_1 - m_2 - m_3) = H_9(1 - m_1 - m_2)H_5 m_3 + (H_7 + W_{p4})(1 - m_1 - m_2 - m_3) = H_9(1 - m_1 - m_2)1099.2 m_3 + (47.1 + 0.1)(0.7210 - m_3) = 184.4(0.7219)m_3 = 0.0942$  lb/lb (0.0427 kg/kg) throttle flow.

**4. Compute the turbine work output.** The work output per section  $W$  Btu is  $W_1 = H_2 - H_3 = 1474.5 - 1372.1 = 102.3$  Btu (107.9 kJ), from the previously computed enthalpy values. Also  $W_2 = (H_3 - H_4)(1 - m_1) = (1372.2 - 1258.4)(1 - 0.1416) = 97.7$  Btu (103.1 kJ);  $W_3 = (H_4 - H_5)(1 - m_1 - m_2) = (1258.4 - 1099.2)(1 - 0.1416 - 0.1365) = 115.0$  Btu (121.3 kJ);  $W_4 = (H_5 - H_6)(1 - m_1 - m_2 - m_3) = (1099.2 - 938.4)(1 - 0.1416 - 0.1365 - 0.0942) = 100.9$  Btu (106.5 kJ). The total work output of the turbine =  $W_e = \Sigma W = 102.3 + 97.7 + 115.0 + 100.9 = 415.9$  Btu (438.8 kJ). The total  $W_p = \Sigma W_p = W_{p1} + W_{p2} + W_{p3} + W_{p4} = 4.7 + 1.7 + 0.5 + 0.1 = 7.0$  Btu (7.4 kJ).

Since the station auxiliaries consume 6 percent of  $W_e$ , the auxiliary consumption =  $0.6(415.9) = 25.0$  Btu (26.4 kJ). Then, net station work  $w = 415.9 - 7.0 - 25.0 = 383.9$  Btu (405.0 kJ).

**5. Check the turbine work output.** The heat added to the cycle  $Q_a$  Btu/lb =  $H_2 - H_1 = 1474.5 - 505.5 = 969.0$  Btu (1022.3 kJ). The heat rejected from the cycle  $Q_r$  Btu/lb =  $(H_6 - H_7)(1 - m_1 - m_2 - m_3) = (938.4 - 47.1)(0.6277) = 559.5$  Btu (590.3 kJ). Then  $W_e - W_p = Q_a - Q_r = 969.0 - 559.5 = 409.5$  Btu (432.0 kJ).

Compare this with  $W_e - W_p$  computed earlier, or  $415.9 - 7.0 = 408.9$  Btu (431.4 kJ), or a difference of  $409.5 - 408.9 = 0.6$  Btu (0.63 kJ). This is an accurate check; the difference of 0.6 Btu (0.63 kJ) comes from errors in Mollier chart and calculator readings. Assume 408.9 Btu (431.4 kJ) is correct because it is the lower of the two values.

**6. Compute the plant and turbine efficiencies.** Plant energy input =  $Q_a/e_b$ , where  $e_b$  = boiler efficiency. Then plant energy input =  $969.0/0.88 = 1101.0$  Btu (1161.6 kJ). Plant thermal efficiency =  $W/(Q_a/e_b)$

$= 383.9 = 1101.0 = 0.3486$ . Turbine thermal efficiency  $= W_e/Q_a = 415.9/969.0 = 0.4292$ . Plant heat rate  $= 3413/0.3486 = 9970$  Btu/kWh (10,329.0 kJ/kWh), where 3413 = Btu/kWh. Turbine heat rate  $= 3413/0.4292 = 7950$  Btu/kWh (8387.7 kJ/kWh). Turbine throttle steam rate  $= (\text{turbine heat rate})/(H_2 - H_1) = 7950/(1474.5 - 505.5) = 8.21$  lb/kWh (3.7 kg/kWh).

**Related Calculations** By using the procedures given, the following values can be computed for any actual steam cycle: engine or turbine efficiency  $e_e$ ; steam enthalpy at the main-condenser inlet; bleed-steam flow to a feedwater heater; turbine or engine work output per section; total turbine or engine work output; station auxiliary power consumption; net station work output; plant energy input; plant thermal efficiency; turbine or engine thermal efficiency; plant heat rate; turbine or engine heat rate; turbine throttle heat rate. To compute any of these values, use the equations given and insert the applicable variables.

## REHEAT-STEAM CYCLE PERFORMANCE

A reheat-steam cycle has a 2000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (13,790-kPa) throttle pressure at the turbine inlet and a 400-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2758-kPa) reheat pressure. The throttle and reheat temperature of the steam is 1000°F (537.8°C); condenser pressure is 1 inHg absolute (3.4 kPa); engine efficiency of the high-pressure and low-pressure turbines is 80 percent. Find the cycle thermal efficiency.

### Calculation Procedure

- 1. Sketch the cycle layout and cycle T-S diagram.** Figures 15 and 16 show the cycle layout and T-S diagram with each important point numbered. Use a cycle layout and T-S diagram for every calculation of this type because it reduces the possibility of errors.
- 2. Determine the throttle-steam properties from the steam tables.** Use the superheated-steam tables, entering at 2000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (13,790 kPa) and 1000°F (537.8°C) to find throttle-steam properties. Applying the symbols of the T-S diagram in Fig. 16, we get  $H_2 = 1474.5$  Btu/lb (3429.7 kJ/kg);  $S_2 = 1.5603$  Btu/(lb·°F) [6.5 kJ/(kg·°C)].

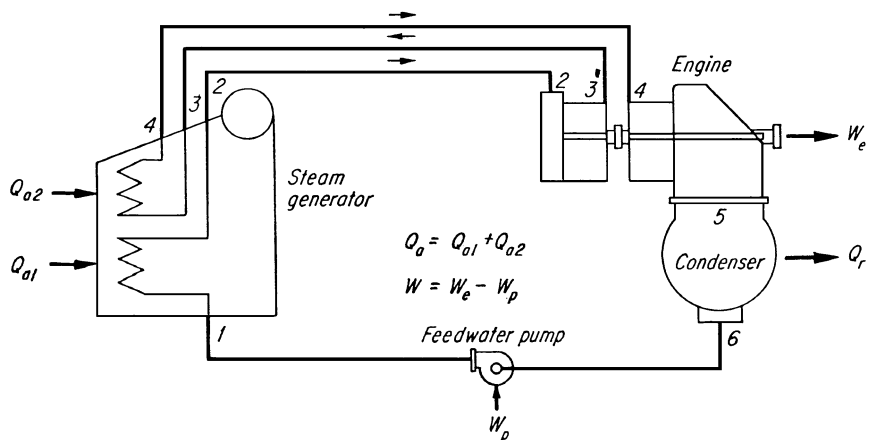


FIGURE 15 Typical steam reheat cycle.

**3. Find the reheat-steam enthalpy.** Assume a constant-entropy expansion of the steam from 2000 to 400 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (13,790 to 2758 kPa). Trace this expansion on a Mollier ( $H$ - $S$ ) chart, Fig. 1, where a constant-entropy process is a vertical line between the initial [2000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) or 13,790 kPa] and reheat [400 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) or 2758 kPa] pressures. Read on the Mollier chart  $H_3 = 1276.8$  Btu/lb (2969.8 kJ/kg) at 400 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2758 kPa).

**4. Compute the actual reheat properties.** The ideal enthalpy drop, throttle to reheat  $= H_2 - H_3 = 1474.5 - 1276.8 = 197.7$  Btu/lb (459.9 kJ/kg). The actual enthalpy drop = (ideal drop)(turbine efficiency)  $= H_2 - H_{3'} = 197.5(0.8) = 158.2$  Btu/lb (368.0 kJ/kg)  $= W_{e1}$  = work output in the high-pressure section of the turbine.

Once  $W_{e1}$  is known,  $H_{3'}$  can be computed from  $H_{3'} = H_2 - W_{e1} = 1474.5 - 158.2 = 1316.3$  Btu/lb (3061.7 kJ/kg).

The steam now returns to the boiler and leaves at condition 4, where  $P_4 = 400$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2758 kPa);  $T_4 = 1000^\circ\text{F}$  (537.8°C);  $S_4 = 1.7623$  Btu/(lb·°F) [7.4 kJ/(kg·°C)];  $H_4 = 1522.4$  Btu/lb (3541.1 kJ/kg) from the superheated-steam table.

**5. Compute the exhaust-steam properties.** Use the Mollier chart and an assumed constant-entropy expansion to 1 inHg (3.4 kPa) absolute to determine the ideal exhaust enthalpy, or  $H_5 = 947.4$  Btu/lb (2203.7 kJ/kg). The ideal work of the low-pressure section of the turbine is then  $H_4 - H_5 = 1522.4 - 947.4 = 575.0$  Btu/lb (1338 kJ/kg). The actual work output of the low-pressure section of the turbine is  $W_{e2} = H_4 - H_{5'} = 575.0(0.8) = 460.8$  Btu/lb (1071.1 kJ/kg).

Once  $W_{e2}$  is known,  $H_{5'}$  can be computed from  $H_{5'} = H_4 - W_{e2} = 1522.4 - 460.0 = 1062.4$  Btu/lb (247.1 kJ/kg).

The enthalpy of the saturated liquid at the condenser pressure is found in the saturation-pressure steam table at 1 inHg absolute (3.4 kPa)  $= H_6 = 47.1$  Btu/lb (109.5 kJ/kg).

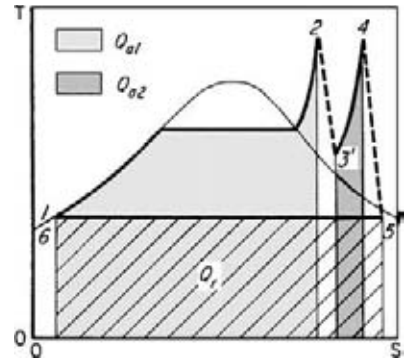
The pump work  $W_p$  from the compressed-liquid table diagram in the steam tables is  $W_p = 5.5$  Btu/lb (12.8 kJ/kg). Then the enthalpy of the water entering the boiler  $H_1 = H_6 + W_p = 47.1 + 5.5 = 52.6$  Btu/lb (122.3 kJ/kg).

**6. Compute the cycle thermal efficiency.** For any reheat cycle,

$$\begin{aligned}
 e &= \text{cycle thermal efficiency} \\
 &= \frac{(H_2 - H_{3'}) + (H_4 - H_{5'}) - W_p}{(H_2 - H_1) + (H_4 - H_{3'})} = \frac{(1474.5 - 1316.3) + (1522.4 - 1062.4) - 5.5}{(1474.5 - 52.6) + (1522.4 - 1316.3)} \\
 &= 0.3766, \text{ or } 37.66 \text{ percent}
 \end{aligned}$$

Figure 17 is an energy-flow diagram for the reheat cycle analyzed here. This diagram shows that the fuel burned in the steam generator to produce energy flow  $Q_{a1}$  is the largest part of the total energy input. The cold-reheat line carries the major share of energy leaving the high-pressure turbine.

**Related Calculations** Reheat-regenerative cycles are used in some large power plants. Figure 18 shows a typical layout for such a cycle having three stages of feedwater heating and one stage of reheating. The heat balance for this cycle is computed as shown above, with the bleed-flow terms  $m$  computed by setting up an energy balance around each heater, as in earlier calculation procedures.



**FIGURE 16** Irreversible expansion in reheat cycle.

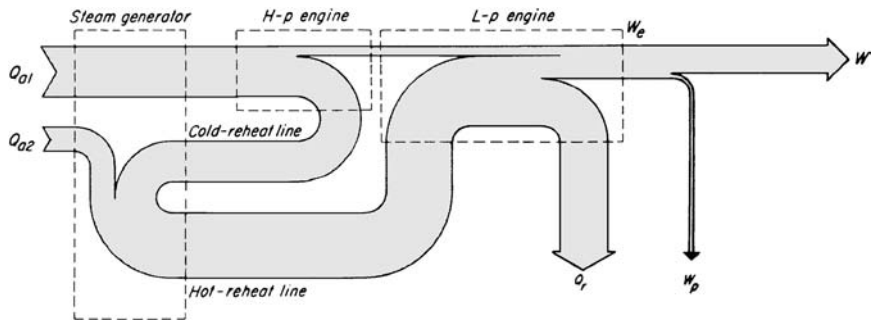


FIGURE 17 Energy-flow diagram for reheat cycle in Fig. 15.

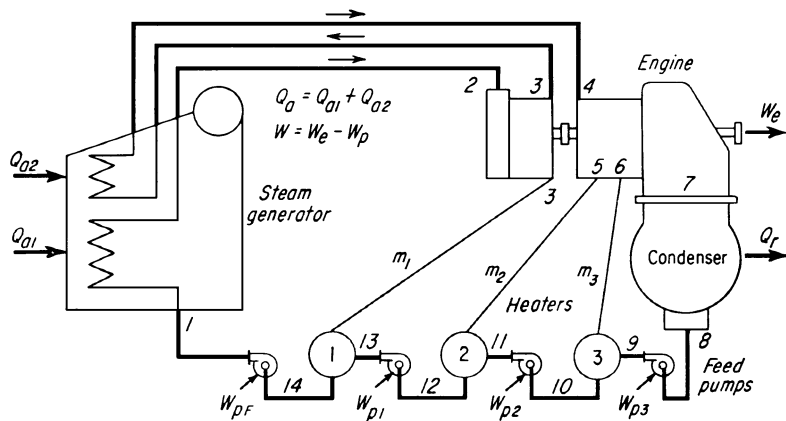


FIGURE 18 Combined reheat and bleed-regenerative cycle.

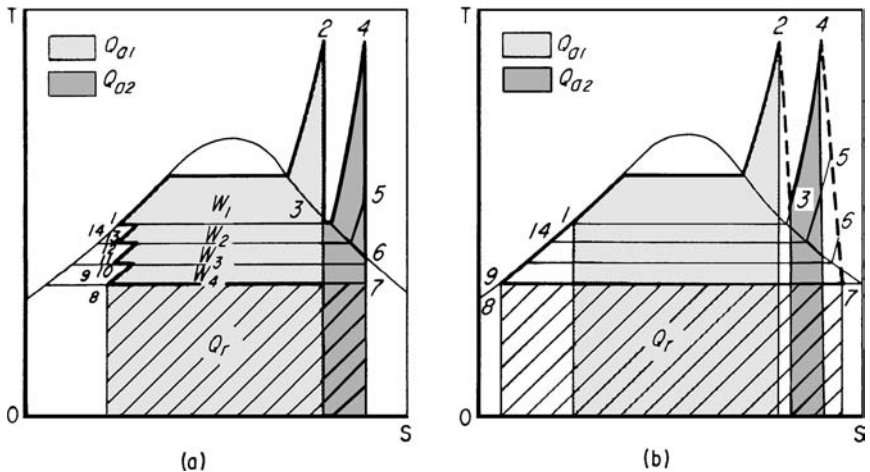


FIGURE 19 (a)  $T$ - $S$  diagram for ideal reheat-regenerative-bleed cycle; (b)  $T$ - $S$  diagram for actual cycle.



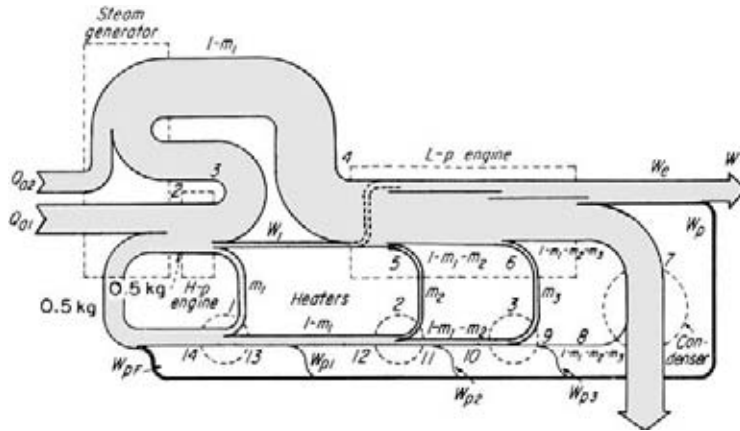


FIGURE 20 Energy flow of cycle in Fig. 18.

By using a  $T$ - $S$  diagram, Fig. 19, the cycle thermal efficiency is

$$e = \frac{W}{Q_a} = \frac{Q_a - Q_r}{Q_a} = 1 - \frac{Q_r}{Q_{a1} + Q_{a2}}$$

Based on 1 lb (0.5 kg) of working fluid entering the steam generator and turbine throttle,

$$Q_r = (1 - m_1 - m_2 - m_3)(H_7 - H_8)$$

$$Q_{a1} = (H_2 - H_1)$$

$$Q_{a2} = (1 - m_1)(H_4 - H_3)$$

Figure 20 shows the energy-flow chart for this cycle.

Some high-pressure plants use two stages of reheating, Fig. 21, to raise the cycle efficiency. With two stages of reheating, the maximum number generally used, and values from Fig. 21,

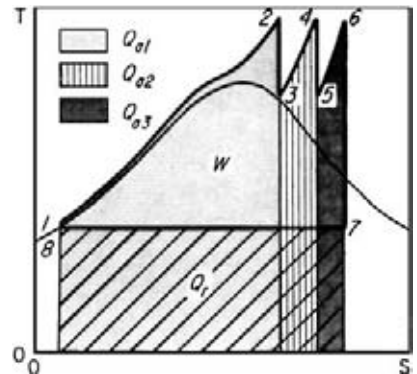


FIGURE 21  $T$ - $S$  diagram for multiple reheat stages.

$$e = \frac{(H_2 - H_3) + (H_4 - H_5) + (H_6 - H_7) - W_p}{(H_2 - H_1) + (H_4 - H_3) + (H_6 - H_5)}$$

### MECHANICAL-DRIVE STEAM-TURBINE POWER-OUTPUT ANALYSIS

Show the effect of turbine engine efficiency on the condition lines of a turbine having engine efficiencies of 100 (isentropic expansion), 75, 50, 25, and 0 percent. How much of the available energy is converted to useful work for each engine efficiency? Sketch the effect of different steam inlet

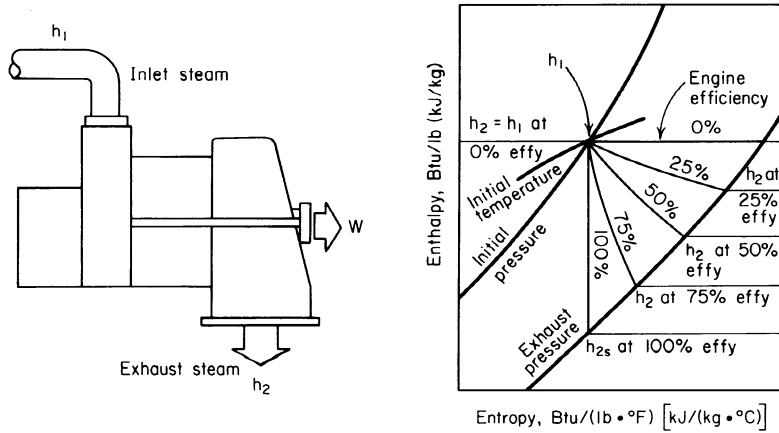


FIGURE 22 Mollier chart of turbine condition lines.

pressures on the condition line of a single-nozzle turbine at various loads. What is the available energy, Btu/lb of steam, in a noncondensing steam turbine having an inlet pressure of 1000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (6895 kPa) and an exhaust pressure of 100 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (689.5 kPa)? How much work will this turbine perform if the steam flow rate to it is 1000 lb/s (453.6 kg/s) and the engine efficiency is 40 percent?

**Calculation Procedure**

**1. Sketch the condition lines on the Mollier chart.** Draw on the Mollier chart for steam initial- and exhaust-pressure lines, Fig. 22, and the initial-temperature line. For an isentropic expansion, the entropy is constant during the expansion, and the engine efficiency = 100 percent. The expansion or condition line is a vertical trace from  $h_1$  on the initial-pressure line to  $h_{2s}$  on the exhaust-pressure line. Draw this line as shown in Fig. 22.

For zero percent engine efficiency, the other extreme in the efficiency range,  $h_1 = h_2$  and the condition line is a horizontal line. Draw this line as shown in Fig. 22.

Between 0 and 100 percent engine efficiency, the condition lines become more nearly vertical as the engine efficiency approaches 100 percent, or an isentropic expansion. Draw the condition lines for 25, 50, and 75 percent efficiency, as shown in Fig. 22.

For the isentropic expansion, the available energy =  $h_1 - h_{2s}$ , Btu/lb of steam. This is the energy that an ideal turbine would make available.

For actual turbines, the enthalpy at the exhaust pressure  $h_2 = h_1 - (\text{available energy})(\text{engine efficiency})/100$ , where available energy =  $h_1 - h_{2s}$  for an ideal turbine working between the same initial and exhaust pressures. Thus, the available energy converted to useful work for any engine efficiency = (ideal available energy, Btu/lb)(engine efficiency, percent)/100. Using this relation, the available energy at each of the given engine efficiencies is found by substituting the ideal available energy and the actual engine efficiency.

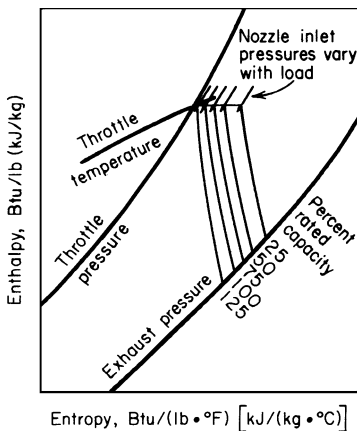
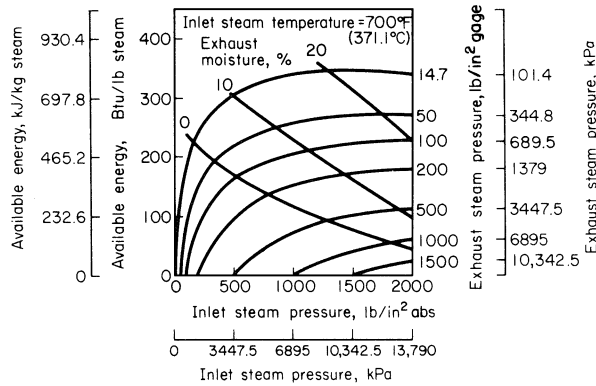


FIGURE 23 Turbine condition line shifts as the inlet steam pressure varies.

**2. Sketch the condition lines for various throttle pressures.** Draw the throttle- and exhaust-pressure lines on the Mollier chart, Fig. 23. Since the inlet control valve



**FIGURE 24** Available energy in turbine depends on the initial steam state and the exhaust pressure.

throttles the steam flow as the load on the turbine decreases, the pressure of the steam entering the turbine nozzle is lower at reduced loads. Show this throttling effect by indicating the lower inlet pressure lines, Fig. 23, for the reduced loads. Note that the lowest inlet pressure occurs at the minimum plotted load—25 percent of full load—and the maximum inlet pressure at 125 percent of full load. As the turbine inlet steam pressure decreases, so does the available energy, because the exhaust enthalpy rises with decreasing load.

**3. Compute the turbine available energy and power output.** Use a noncondensing-turbine performance chart, Fig. 24, to determine the available energy. Enter the bottom of the chart at 1000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (6895 kPa) and project vertically upward until the 100-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (689.5-kPa) exhaust-pressure curve is intersected. At the left, read the available energy as 205 Btu/lb (476.8 kJ/kg) of steam.

With the available energy, flow rate, and engine efficiency known, the work output = (available energy, Btu/lb)(flow rate, lb/s)(engine efficiency/100)/[550 ft·lb/(s·hp)]. [Note: 550 ft·lb/(s·hp) = 1 N·m/(W·s).] For this turbine, work output = (205 Btu/lb)(1000 lb/s)(40/100)/ 550 = 149 hp (111.1 kW).

**Related Calculations** Use the steps given here to analyze single-stage noncondensing mechanical-drive turbines for stationary, portable, or marine applications. Performance curves such as Fig. 24 are available from turbine manufacturers. Single-stage noncondensing turbines are used for feed-pump, draft-fan, and auxiliary-generator drive.

## CONDENSING STEAM-TURBINE POWER-OUTPUT ANALYSIS

What is the available energy in steam supplied to a 5000-kW turbine if the inlet steam conditions are 1000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (6895 kPa) and 800°F (426.7°C) and the turbine exhausts at 1 inHg absolute (3.4 kPa)? Determine the theoretical and actual heat rate of this turbine if its engine efficiency is 74 percent. What are the full-load output and steam rate of the turbine?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the available energy in the steam.** Enter Fig. 25 at the bottom at 1000-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (6895.0-kPa) inlet pressure, and project vertically upward to the 800°F (426.7°C) 1-in (3.4-kPa) exhaust-pressure curve. At the left, read the available energy as 545 Btu/lb (1267.7 kJ/kg) of steam.

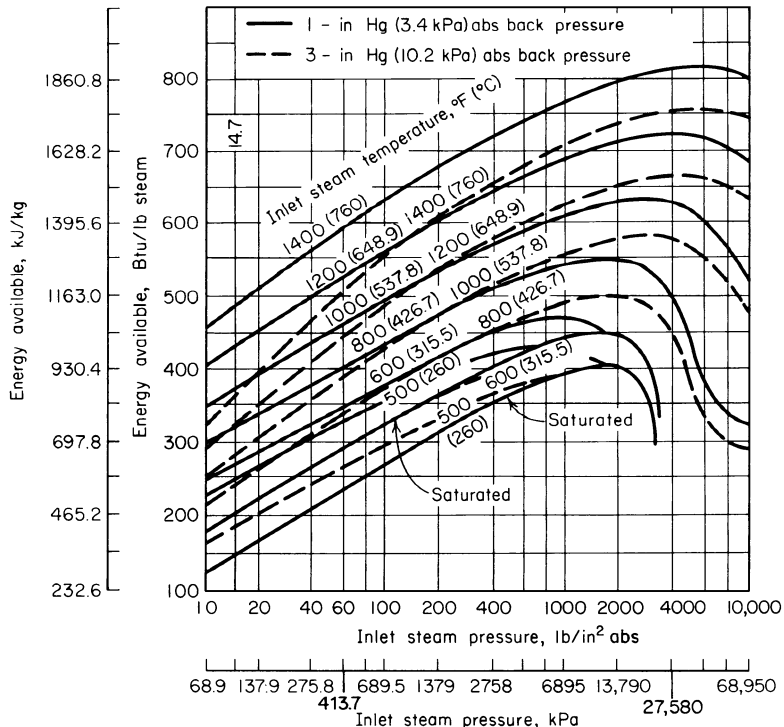


FIGURE 25 Available energy for typical condensing turbines.

**2. Determine the heat rate of the turbine.** Enter Fig. 26 at an initial steam temperature of 800°F (426.7°C), and project vertically upward to the 1000-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (6895.0-kPa) 1-in (3.4-kPa) curve. At the left, read the theoretical heat rate as 8400 Btu/kWh (8862.5 kJ/kWh).

When the theoretical heat rate is known, the actual heat rate is found from: actual heat rate HR, Btu/kWh = (theoretical heat rate, Btu/kWh)/(engine efficiency). Or, actual HR = 8400/0.74 = 11,350 Btu/kWh (11,974.9 kJ/kWh).

**3. Compute the full-load output and steam rate.** The energy converted to work, Btu/lb of steam = (available energy, Btu/lb of steam)(engine efficiency) = (545)(0.74) = 403 Btu/lb of steam (937.4 kJ/kg).

For any prime mover driving a generator, the full-load output, Btu = (generator kW rating) (3413 Btu/kWh) = (5000)(3413) = 17,060,000 Btu/h (4999.8 kJ/s).

The steam flow = (full-load output, Btu/h)/(work output, Btu/lb) = 17,060,000/403 = 42,300 lb/h (19,035 kg/h) of steam. Then the full-load steam rate of the turbine, lb/kWh = (steam flow, lb/h)/(kW output at full load) = 42,300/5000 = 8.46 lb/kWh (3.8 kg/kWh).

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure to determine the available energy, theoretical and actual heat rates, and full-load output and steam rate for any stationary, marine, or portable condensing steam turbine operating within the ranges of Figs. 25 and 26. If the actual performance curves are available, use them instead of Figs. 25 and 26. The curves given here are suitable for all preliminary estimates for condensing turbines operating with exhaust pressures of 1 or 3 inHg absolute (3.4 or 10.2 kPa). Many modern turbines operate under these conditions.

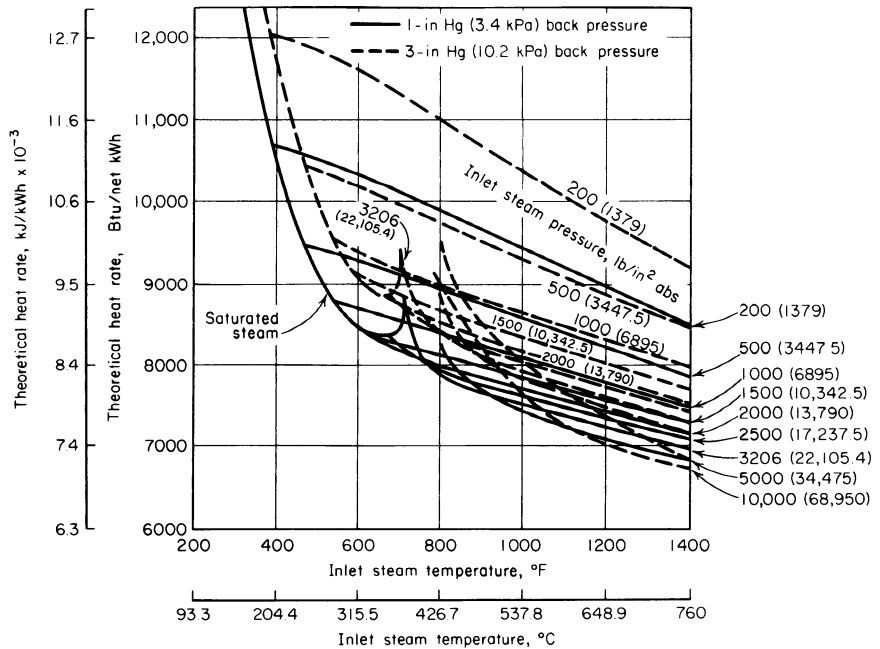


FIGURE 26 Theoretical heat rate for condensing turbines.

## STEAM-TURBINE REGENERATIVE-CYCLE PERFORMANCE

When throttle steam is at 1000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (6895 kPa) and 800°F (426.7°C) and the exhaust pressure is 1 inHg (3.4 kPa) absolute, a 5000-kW condensing turbine has an actual heat rate of 11,350 Btu/kWh (11,974.9 kJ/kWh). Three feedwater heaters are added to the cycle, Fig. 27, to heat the feedwater to 70 percent of the maximum possible enthalpy rise. What is the actual heat rate of the turbine? If 10 heaters instead of 3 were used and the water enthalpy were raised to 90 percent of the maximum possible rise in these 10 heaters, would the reduction in the actual heat rate be appreciable?

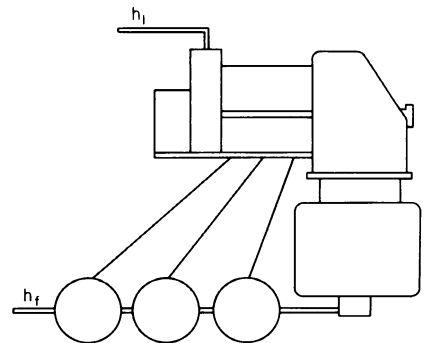


FIGURE 27 Regenerative feedwater heating.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the actual enthalpy rise of the feedwater.** Enter Fig. 28 at the throttle pressure of 1000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (6895 kPa), and project vertically upward to the 1-inHg (3.4-kPa) absolute back-pressure curve. At the left, read the maximum possible feedwater enthalpy rise as 495 Btu/lb (1151.4 kJ/kg). Since the actual rise is limited to 70 percent of the maximum possible rise by the conditions of the design, the actual enthalpy rise = (495)(0.70) = 346.5 Btu/lb (805.9 kJ/kg).

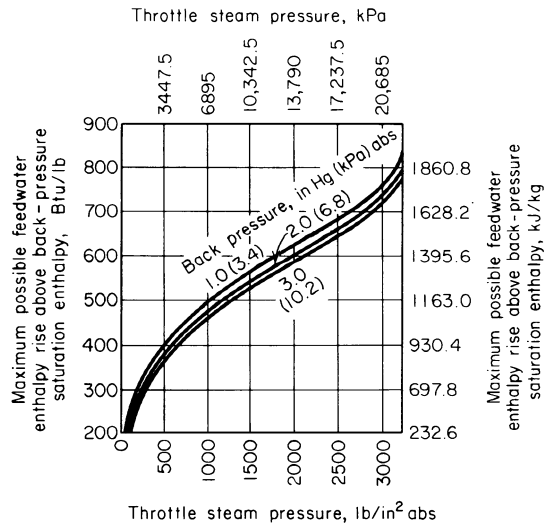


FIGURE 28 Feedwater enthalpy rise.

**2. Determine the heat-rate and heater-number correction factors.** Find the theoretical reduction in straight-condensing (no regenerative heaters) heat rates from Fig. 29. Enter the bottom of Fig. 29 at the inlet steam temperature, 800°F (426.7°C), and project vertically upward to the 1000-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (6895-kPa) 1-inHg (3.4-kPa) back-pressure curve. At the left, read the reduction in straight-condensing heat rate as 14.8 percent.

Next, enter Fig. 30 at the bottom at 70 percent of maximum possible rise in feedwater enthalpy, and project vertically to the three-heater curve. At the left, read the reduction in straight-condensing heat rate for the number of heaters and actual enthalpy rise as 0.71.

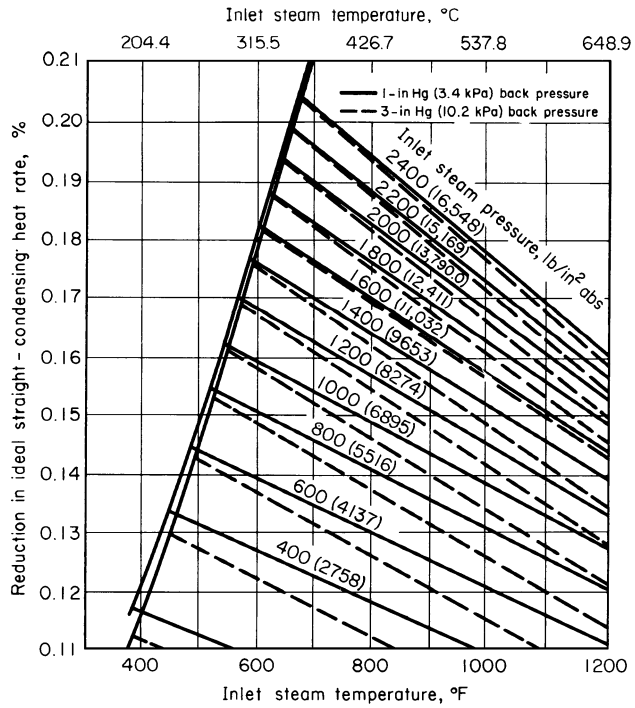
**3. Apply the heat-rate and heater-number correction factors.** Full-load regenerative-cycle heat rate, Btu/kWh = (straight-condensing heat rate, Btu/kWh) [1 - (heat-rate correction factor)(heater-number correction factor)] = (13,350)[1 - (0.148)(0.71)] = 10,160 Btu/kWh (10,719.4 kJ/kWh).

**4. Find and apply the correction factors for the larger number of heaters.** Enter Fig. 30 at 90 percent of the maximum possible enthalpy rise, and project vertically to the 10-heater curve. At the left, read the heat-rate reduction for the number of heaters and actual enthalpy rise as 0.89.

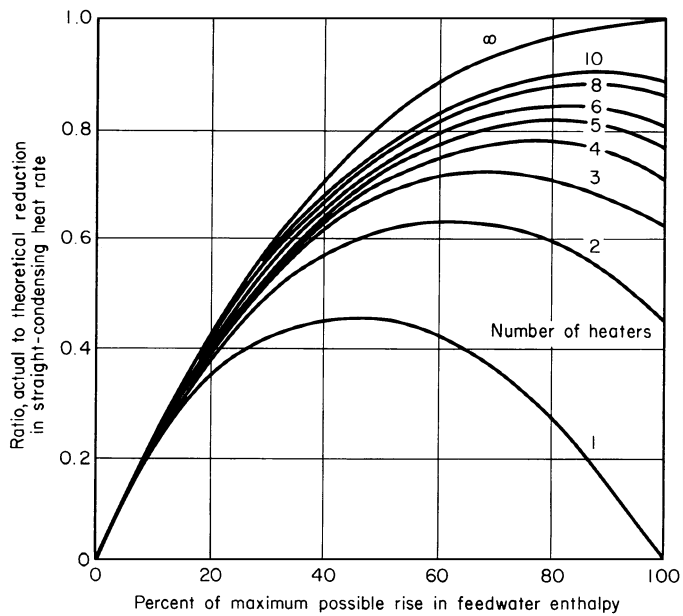
Using the heat-rate correction factor from step 2 and 0.89, found above, we see that the full-load 10-heater regenerative-cycle heat rate = (11,350)[1 - (0.148)(0.89)] = 9850 Btu/kWh (10,392.3 kJ/kWh), by using the same procedure as in step 3. Thus, adding 10 - 3 = 7 heaters reduces the heat rate by 10,160 - 9850 = 310 Btu/kWh (327.1 kJ/kWh). This is a reduction of 3.05 percent.

To determine whether this reduction in heat rate is appreciable, the carrying charges on the extra heaters, piping, and pumps must be compared with the reduction in annual fuel costs resulting from the lower heat rate. If the fuel saving is greater than the carrying charges, the larger number of heaters can usually be justified. In this case, tripling the number of heaters would probably increase the carrying charges to a level exceeding the fuel savings. Therefore, the reduction in heat rate is probably not appreciable.

**Related Calculations** Use the procedure given here to compute the actual heat rate of steam-turbine regenerative cycles for stationary, marine, and portable installations. Where necessary, use the steps of the previous procedure to compute the actual heat rate of a straight-condensing



**FIGURE 29** Reduction in straight-condensing heat rate obtained by regenerative heating.



**FIGURE 30** Maximum possible rise in feedwater enthalpy varies with the number of heaters used.

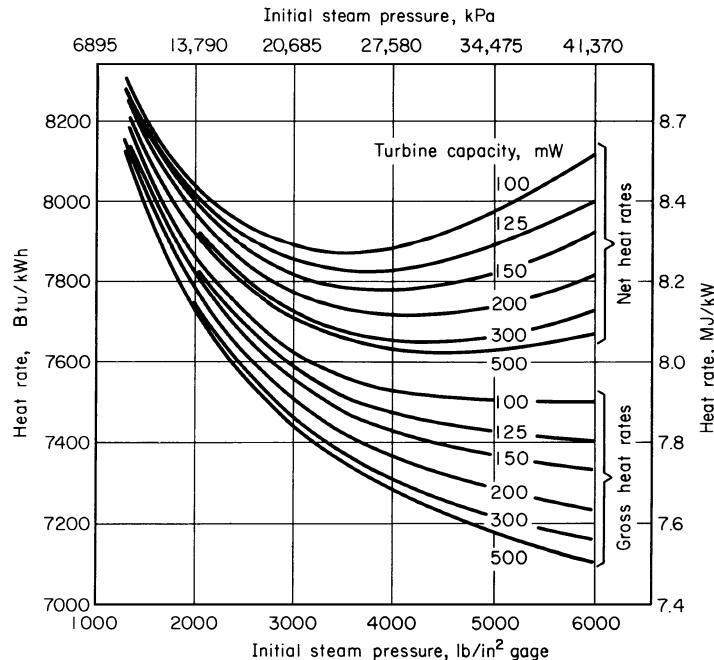
cycle before applying the present procedure. The performance curves given here are suitable for first approximations in situations where actual performance curves are unavailable.

## REHEAT-REGENERATIVE STEAM-TURBINE HEAT RATES

What are the net and gross heat rates of a 300-kW reheat turbine having an initial steam pressure of 3500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (24,132.5 kPa) with initial and reheat steam temperatures of 1000°F (537.8°C) with 1.5 inHg (5.1 kPa) absolute back pressure and six stages of regenerative feedwater heating? Compare this heat rate with that of 3500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (24,132.5 kPa) 600-mW cross-compound four-flow turbine with 3600/1800 r/min shafts at a 300-mW load.

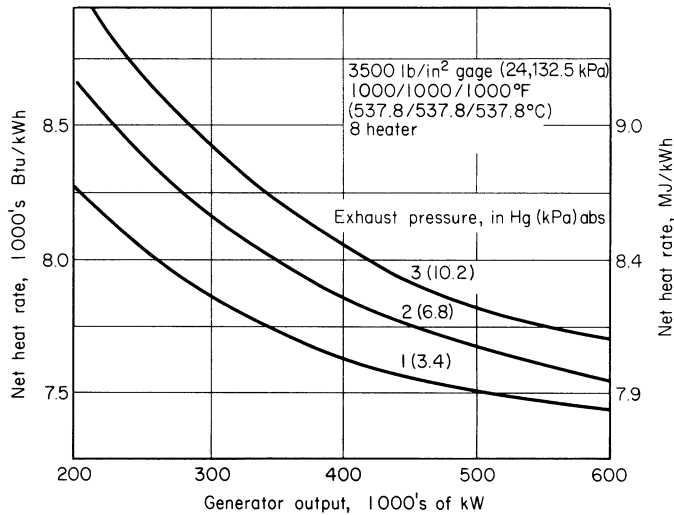
### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the reheat-regenerative heat rate.** Enter Fig. 31 at 3500-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (24,132.5-kPa) initial steam pressure, and project vertically to the 300-mW capacity net-heat-rate curve. At the left, read the net heat rate as 7680 Btu/kWh (8102.6 kJ/kWh). On the same vertical line, read the gross heat rate as 7350 Btu/kWh (7754.7 kJ/kWh). The gross heat rate is computed by using the generator-terminal output; the net heat rate is computed after the feedwater-pump energy input is deducted from the generator output.



**FIGURE 31** Full-load heat rates for steam turbines with six feedwater heaters, 1000°F/1000°F (538°C/538°C) steam, 1.5-in (38.1-mm) Hg (abs) exhaust pressure.





**FIGURE 32** Heat rate of a cross-compound four-flow steam turbine with 3600/1800-r/min shafts.

**2. Determine the cross-compound turbine heat rate.** Enter Fig. 32 at 350 mW at the bottom, and project vertically upward to 1.5-inHg (5.1-kPa) exhaust pressure midway between the 1- and 2-inHg (3.4- and 6.8-kPa) curves. At the left, read the net heat rate as 7880 Btu/kWh (8313.8 kJ/kWh). Thus, the reheat-regenerative unit has a lower net heat rate. Even at full rated load of the cross-compound turbine, its heat rate is higher than the reheat unit.

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure for comparing stationary and marine high-pressure steam turbines. The curves given here are typical of those supplied by turbine manufacturers for their turbines.

## STEAM TURBINE-GAS TURBINE CYCLE ANALYSIS

Sketch the cycle layout,  $T$ - $S$  diagram, and energy-flow chart for a combined steam turbine-gas turbine cycle having one stage of regenerative feedwater heating and one stage of economizer feedwater heating. Compute the thermal efficiency and heat rate of the combined cycle.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Sketch the cycle layout.** Figure 33 shows the cycle. Since the gas-turbine exhaust-gas temperature is usually higher than the bleed-steam temperature, the economizer is placed after the regenerative feedwater heater. The feedwater will be progressively heated to a higher temperature during passage through the regenerative heater and the gas turbine economizer. The cycle shown here is only one of many possible combinations of a steam plant and gas turbine.



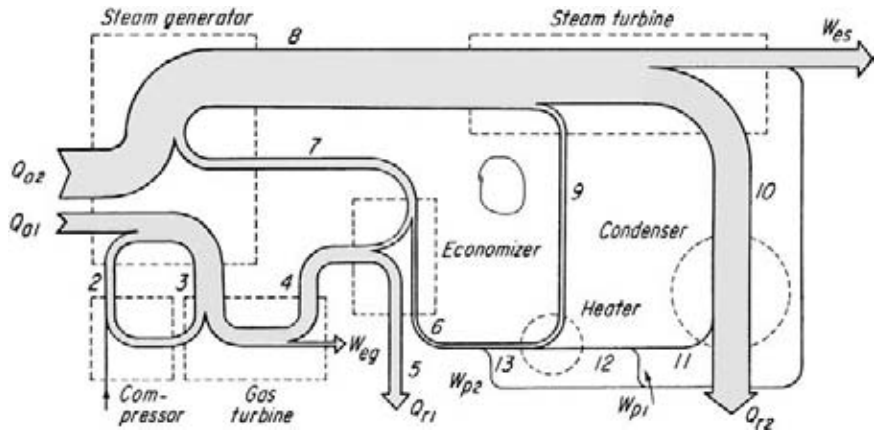


FIGURE 35 Energy-flow chart of the gas turbine-steam turbine cycle in Fig. 33.

## STEAM-CONDENSER PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

(a) Find the required tube surface area for a shell-and-tube type of condenser serving a steam turbine when the quantity of steam condensed  $S$  is 25,000 lb/h (3.1 kg/s); condenser back pressure = 2 inHg absolute (6.8 kPa); steam temperature  $t_s = 101.1^\circ\text{F}$  ( $38.4^\circ\text{C}$ ); inlet water temperature  $t_1 = 80^\circ\text{F}$  ( $26.7^\circ\text{C}$ ); tube length per pass  $L = 14$  ft (4.3 m); water velocity  $V = 6.5$  ft/s (2.0 m/s); number of passes = 2; tube size and gage:  $3/4$  in (1.9 cm), no. 18 BWG; cleanliness factor = 0.80. (b) Compute the required area and cooling-water flow rate for the same conditions as (a) except that cooling water enters at  $85^\circ\text{F}$  ( $29.4^\circ\text{C}$ ). (c) If the steam flow through the condenser in (a) decreases to 15,000 lb/h (1.9 kg/s), what will be the absolute steam pressure in the condenser shell?

### Calculation Procedure

#### 1. Sketch the condenser, showing flow conditions.

(a) Figure 36 shows the condenser and the flow conditions prevailing.

#### 2. Determine the condenser heat-transfer coefficient.

Use standard condenser-tube engineering data available from the manufacturer or Heat Exchange Institute. Table 1 and Fig. 37 show typical condenser-tube data used in condenser selection. These data are based on a minimum water velocity of 3 ft/s (0.9 m/s) through the condenser tubes, a minimum absolute pressure of 0.7 inHg (2.4 kPa) in the condenser shell, and a minimum  $\Delta t$  terminal temperature difference  $t_s - t_2$  of  $5^\circ\text{F}$  ( $2.8^\circ\text{C}$ ). These conditions are typical for power-plant surface condensers.

Enter Fig. 37 at the bottom at the given water velocity, 6.5 ft/s (2.0 m/s), and project vertically upward until the  $3/4$ -in (1.9-cm) OD tube curve is intersected. From this point, project horizontally to the left to read the heat-transfer coefficient  $U = 690$  Btu/(ft $^2$ ·°F) [ $14,104.8$  kJ/(m $^2$ ·°C)] LMTD (long mean temperature difference). Also read from Fig. 37 the temperature correction factor for an

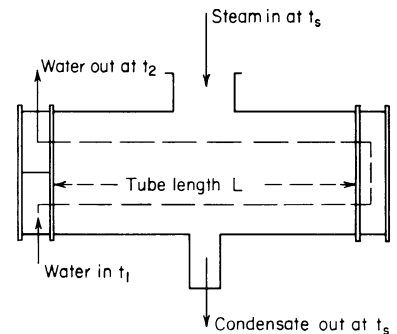


FIGURE 36 Temperatures governing condenser performance.

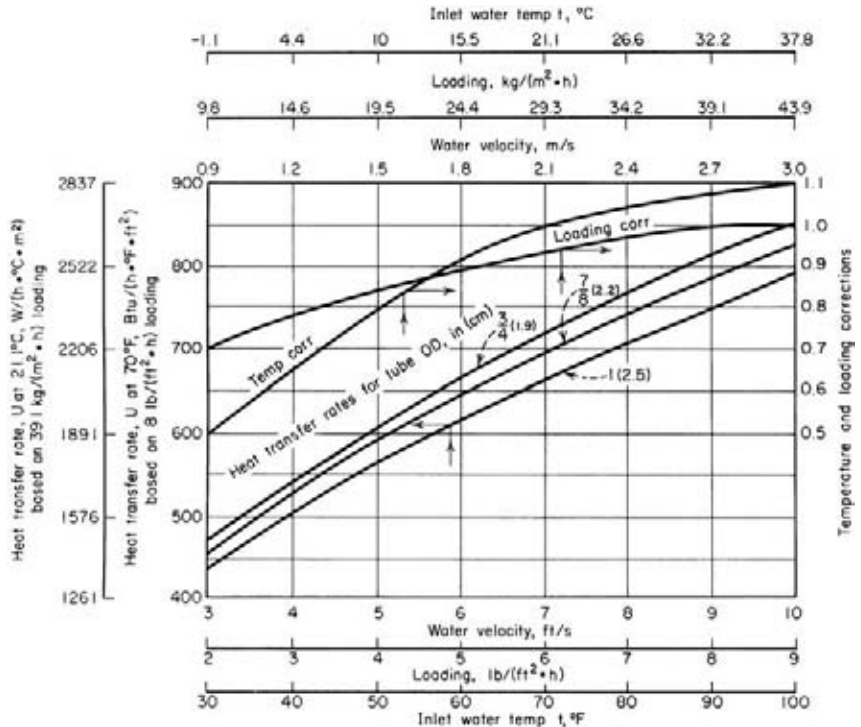
**TABLE 1** Standard Condenser Tube Data

Tube OD, in (cm)	Tube gage BWG	Tube ID, in (cm)	Surface area, ft <sup>2</sup> /ft (m <sup>2</sup> /m)		Velocity, ft/s for 1 gal/min (m/s for 1 L/min)	Value of <i>k</i> for number of tube passes		
			Outside	Inside		One	Two	Three
<sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> (1.9)	18	0.652 (1.656)	0.1963 (0.0598)	0.1706 (0.0520)	0.9611 (0.0774)	0.188	0.377	0.565
	16	0.620 (1.575)	0.1963 (0.0598)	0.1613 (0.0492)	1.063 (0.0856)	0.208	0.417	0.625
	14	0.584 (1.483)	0.1963 (0.0598)	0.1528 (0.0466)	1.198 (0.0965)	0.235	0.470	0.705

inlet-water temperature of 80°F (26.7°C) by entering at the bottom at 80°F (26.7°C) and projecting vertically upward to the temperature-correction curve. From the intersection with this curve, project to the right to read the correction as 1.04. Correct *U* for temperature and cleanliness by multiplying the value obtained from the chart by the correction factors, or  $U = 690(1.04)(0.80) = 574$  Btu/(ft<sup>2</sup>·h·°F) [11,733.6 kJ/(m<sup>2</sup>·h·°C)] LMTD.

**3. Compute the tube constant.** Read from Table 1, for two passes through <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-in (1.9-cm) OD 18 BWG tubes, *k* = a constant = 0.377. Then  $kL/V = 0.377(14)/6.5 = 0.812$ .

**4. Compute the outlet-water temperature.** The equation for outlet-water temperature is  $t_2 = t_s - (t_s - t_1/e^x)$ , where  $x = (kL/V)(U/500)$ , or  $x = 0.812(574/500) = 0.932$ . Then  $e^x = 2.7183^{0.932} = 2.54$ . With



**FIGURE 37** Heat-transfer and correction curves for calculating surface-condenser performances.

this value known,  $t_2 = 101.1 - (101.1 - 80/2.54) = 92.8^\circ\text{F}$  ( $33.8^\circ\text{C}$ ). Check to see that  $\Delta t(t_s - t_2)$  is less than the minimum  $5^\circ\text{F}$  ( $2.8^\circ\text{C}$ ) terminal difference. Or,  $101.1 - 92.8 = 8.3^\circ\text{F}$  ( $4.6^\circ\text{C}$ ), which is greater than  $5^\circ\text{F}$  ( $2.8^\circ\text{C}$ ).

**5. Compute the required tube surface area.** The required cooling-water flow, gal/min =  $950S/[500(t_2 - t_1)] = 950(25,000)/[500(92.8 - 80)] = 3700$  gal/min (233.4 L/s). This equation assumes that 950 Btu is to be removed from each pound (2209.7 kJ/kg) of steam condensed. When a different quantity of heat must be removed, use the actual quantity in place of the 950 in this equation.

With the tube constant  $kL/V$  and cooling-water flow rate known, the required area is computed from  $A = (kL/V)(gpm) = (0.812)(3700) = 3000$  ft<sup>2</sup> (278.7 m<sup>2</sup>).

Since the value of  $U$  was not corrected for condenser loading, it is necessary to check whether such a correction is needed. Condenser loading =  $S/A = 25,000/3000 = 8.33$  lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (40.7 kg/m<sup>2</sup>). Figure 37 shows that no correction (correction factor = 1.0) is necessary for loadings greater than 8.0 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (39.1 kg/m<sup>2</sup>). Therefore, the loading for this condenser is satisfactory without correction.

This step concludes the general calculation procedure for a surface condenser serving any steam turbine. The next procedure shows the method to follow when a higher cooling-water inlet temperature prevails.

**6. Compute the cooling-water outlet temperature.** (b) Higher cooling water temperature. From Fig. 37 for  $85^\circ\text{F}$  ( $29.4^\circ\text{C}$ ) cooling-water inlet temperature and a 0.80 cleanliness factor,  $U = 690(1.06)(0.80) = 585$  Btu/(ft<sup>2</sup>·h·°F) [ 3.3 kJ/(m<sup>2</sup>·°C·s)] LMTD.

Given data from Table 1, the tube constant  $kL/V = 0.377(14)/6.5 = 0.812$ . Then  $x = (kL/V)(U/500) = 0.812(585/500) = 0.950$ . Using the exponent, we get  $e^x = 2.8183^{0.950} = 2.586$ . The cooling-water outlet temperature is then  $t_2 = t_s - (t_s - t_1/e^x) = 101.1 - (101.1 - 85)/2.586 = 94.9^\circ\text{F}$  ( $34.9^\circ\text{C}$ ). Check to see that  $\Delta t(t_s - t_2)$  is greater than the minimum  $5^\circ\text{F}$  ( $2.8^\circ\text{C}$ ) terminal temperature difference. Or,  $101.1 - 94.9 = 6.5^\circ\text{F}$  ( $3.6^\circ\text{C}$ ), which is greater than  $5^\circ\text{F}$  ( $2.8^\circ\text{C}$ ).

**7. Compute the water flow rate, required area, and loading.** The required cooling-water flow, gal/min =  $950S/[500(t_2 - t_1)] = 950(25,000)/[500(94.9 - 85)] = 4800$  gal/min (302.8 L/s).

With the tube constant  $kL/V$  and cooling-water flow rate known, the required area is computed from  $A = (kL/V)(gpm) = 0.812(4800) = 3900$  ft<sup>2</sup> (362.3 m<sup>2</sup>). Then loading =  $S/A = 25,000/3900 = 6.4$  lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (31.2 kg/m<sup>2</sup>).

Since the loading is less than 8 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (39.1 kg/m<sup>2</sup>), refer to Fig. 37 to obtain the loading correction factor. Enter at the bottom at 6.4 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (31.2 kg/m<sup>2</sup>), and project vertically to the loading curve. At the right, read the loading correction factor as 0.95. Now the value of  $U$  already computed must be corrected, and all dependent quantities recalculated.

**8. Recalculate the condenser proportions.** First, correct  $U$  for loading. Or,  $U = 585(0.95) = 555$ . Then  $x = 0.812(555/500) = 0.90$ ;  $e^x = 2.7183^{0.90} = 2.46$ ;  $t_2 = 101.1 - (101.1 - 85/2.46) = 94.6^\circ\text{F}$  ( $34.8^\circ\text{C}$ ). Check  $\Delta t = t_s - t_2 = 101.1 - 94.6 = 6.5^\circ\text{F}$  ( $3.6^\circ\text{C}$ ), which is greater than  $5^\circ\text{F}$  ( $2.8^\circ\text{C}$ ). The cooling-water flow rate, gal/min =  $950(25,000)/[500(94.6 - 85)] = 4950$  gal/min (312.3 L/s). Then  $A = 0.812(4950) = 4020$  ft<sup>2</sup> (373.5 m<sup>2</sup>), and loading =  $25,000/4020 = 6.23$  lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (30.4 kg/m<sup>2</sup>).

Check the correction factor for this loading in Fig. 37. The correction factor is 0.94, compared with 0.95 for the first calculation. Since the value of  $U$  would be changed only about 1 percent by using the lower factor, the calculations need not be revised further. Where  $U$  would change by a larger amount—say 5 percent or more—it would be necessary to repeat the procedure just detailed, applying the new correction factor.

Note that the  $5^\circ\text{F}$  ( $2.8^\circ\text{C}$ ) increase in cooling-water temperature (from 80 to  $85^\circ\text{F}$  or  $26.7$  to  $29.4^\circ\text{C}$ ) requires an additional 1020 ft<sup>2</sup> (94.8 m<sup>2</sup>) of condenser surface and 125 gal/min (7.9 L/s) of cooling-water flow to maintain the same back pressure. These increments will vary, depending on the temperature level at which the increase occurs. The effect of reduced steam flow on the steam pressure in the condenser shell will not be computed because the recalculation above is the last step in part (b) of this procedure.

(c) Reduced steam flow to condenser.

**9. Determine the condenser loading.** From procedure (a) above, the cooling-water flow = 3700 gal/min (233.4 L/s); condenser surface  $A = 3000 \text{ ft}^2$  (278.7  $\text{m}^2$ ). Then, with a 15,000-lb/h (1.9-kg/s) steam flow, loading =  $S/A = 15,000/3000 = 5 \text{ lb/ft}^2$  (24.4  $\text{kg/m}^2$ ).

**10. Compute the heat-transfer coefficient.** Correct the previous heat-transfer rate  $U = 690 \text{ Btu}/(\text{ft}^2 \cdot \text{h} \cdot ^\circ\text{F})$  [3.9  $\text{kJ}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C} \cdot \text{s})$ ] LMTD for temperature, cleanliness, and loading. Or,  $U = 690(1.04)(0.80)(0.89) = 511 \text{ Btu}/(\text{ft}^2 \cdot \text{h} \cdot ^\circ\text{F})$  [2.9  $\text{kJ}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C} \cdot \text{s})$ ] LMTD, given the correction factors from Fig. 37.

**11. Compute the final steam temperature.** As before,  $x = (kL/V)(U/500) = (0.377)(14/6.5)(511/500) = 0.830$ . Then  $\Delta t = t_2 - t_1 = 950S/(500 \text{ gpm}) = 950(15,000)/[500(3700)] = 7.7^\circ\text{F}$  (4.3 $^\circ\text{C}$ ). With  $t_1 = 80^\circ\text{F}$  (26.7 $^\circ\text{C}$ ),  $t_2 = \Delta t + t_1 = 7.7 + 80 = 87.7^\circ\text{F}$  (30.9 $^\circ\text{C}$ ). Since  $t_2 = t_s - (t_s - t_1)e^x$ ,  $e^x = t_s - t_1/(t_s - t_2)$ , or  $2.7183^{0.830} = t_s - 80/(t_s - 87.7)$ . Solve for  $t_s$ ; or,  $t_s = 201.1 - 80/1.294 = 93.6^\circ\text{F}$  (34.2 $^\circ\text{C}$ ).

At a saturation temperature of 93.6 $^\circ\text{F}$  (34.2 $^\circ\text{C}$ ), the steam table (saturation temperature) shows that the steam pressure in the condenser shell is 1.59 inHg (5.4 kPa).

Check the  $\Delta t$  terminal temperature difference. Or,  $\Delta t = t_s - t_2 = 93.6 - 87.7 = 5.9^\circ\text{F}$  (3.3 $^\circ\text{C}$ ). Since the terminal temperature difference is greater than 5 $^\circ\text{F}$  (2.8 $^\circ\text{C}$ ), the calculated performance can be realized.

**Related Calculations** The procedures and data given here can be used to compute the required cooling-water flow, cooling-water temperature rise, quantity of steam condensed by a given cooling-water flow rate and temperature rise, required condenser surface area, tube length per pass, water velocity, steam temperature in condenser, cleanliness factor, and heat-transfer rate. Whereas Fig. 37 is suitable for all usual condenser calculations for the ranges given, check the Heat Exchange Institute for any new curves that might have been made available before you make the final selection of very large condensers (more than 100,000 lb/h or 12.6 kg/s of steam flow).

*Note:* The design water temperature used for condensers is either the average summer water temperature or the average annual water temperature, depending on which is higher. The design steam load is the maximum steam flow expected at the full-load rating of the turbine or engine. Usual shell-and-tube condensers have tubes that vary in length from about 8 ft (2.4 m) in the smallest sizes to about 40 ft (12.2 m) or more in the largest sizes. Each square foot of tube surface will condense 7 to 20 lb/h (0.88 to 2.5 g/s) of steam with a cooling-water circulating rate of 0.1 to 0.25 gal/(lb·min) [0.014 to 0.035 L/(kg·s)] of steam condensed. The method presented here is the work of Glenn C. Boyer.

## STEAM-CONDENSER AIR LEAKAGE

The air leakage into a condenser is estimated to be 12  $\text{ft}^3/\text{min}$  (0.34  $\text{m}^3/\text{min}$ ) of 70 $^\circ\text{F}$  (21 $^\circ\text{C}$ ) air at 14.7  $\text{lb}/\text{in}^2$  (101 kPa). At the air outlet connection on the condenser, the temperature is 84 $^\circ\text{F}$  (29 $^\circ\text{C}$ ) and the total (mixture) pressure is 1.80 inHg absolute (6.1 kPa). Determine the quantity of steam,  $\text{lb}_m/\text{h}$  (kg/h), lost from the condenser.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the mass rate of flow per hour of the air leakage.** The mass rate of flow per hour of the estimated dry air leakage into the condenser,  $w_a = pV/R_a T$ , where the air pressure,  $p = 14.7 \times 144 \text{ lb}_f/\text{ft}^2$  (101 kPa); volumetric flow rate,  $V = 12 \times 60 = 720 \text{ ft}^3/\text{h}$  (20.4  $\text{m}^3/\text{h}$ ); gas constant for air,  $R_a = 53.34 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lb}/(\text{lb} \cdot ^\circ\text{R})$  [287 (m·N/kg·K)]; air temperature,  $T = 70 + 460 = 530^\circ\text{R}$  (294 K). Then,  $w_a = (14.7 \times 144)(720)/(53.34 \times 530) = 53.9 \text{ lb}/\text{h}$  (24.4  $\text{kg}/\text{h}$ ).

**2. Determine the partial pressure of the air in the mixture.** The partial pressure of the air in the mixture of air and steam,  $p_a = p_m - p_v$ , where the mixture pressure,  $p_m = 1.80 \times 0.491 = 0.884 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (6.09 kPa); partial vapor pressure,  $p_v = 0.577 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (3.98 kPa), as found in the Steam Tables mentioned under Related Calculations of this procedure. Then,  $p_a = 0.884 - 0.577 = 0.307 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (2.1 kPa).

**3. Compute the humidity ratio of the mixture.** The humidity ratio of the mixture,  $w_c = R_a p_v / (R_v p_a)$ , where the gas constant for steam vapor,  $R_v = 85.8 \text{ ft}\cdot\text{lb}/(\text{lb}_m \cdot ^\circ\text{R})$  [462(J/kg·K)], as found in a reference mentioned under Related Calculations of this procedure. Then,  $w_v = 53.34 \times 0.577 / (85.8 \times 0.307) = 1.17 \text{ lb vapor/lb dry air}$  (0.53 kg/kg).

**4. Compute the rate of steam lost from the condenser.** Steam is lost from the condenser at the rate of  $w_h = w_v \times w_a = 1.17 \times 53.9 = 63.1 \text{ lb/h}$  (28.6 kg/h).

**Related Calculations** The partial vapor pressure in step 2 was found at 84°F (29°C) under Table 1, Saturation: Temperatures of *Thermodynamic Properties of Water Including Vapor, Liquid, and Solid Phases*, 1969, Keenan, et al., John Wiley & Sons, Inc. Use later versions of such tables whenever available, as necessary. The gas constant for water vapor in step 3 was obtained from *Principles of Engineering Thermodynamics*, 2d edition, by Kiefer, et al., John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

## STEAM-CONDENSER SELECTION

Select a condenser for a steam turbine exhausting 150,000 lb/h (18.9 kg/s) of steam at 2 inHg absolute (6.8 kPa) with a cooling-water inlet temperature of 75°F (23.9°C). Assume a 0.85 condition factor, 7/8-in (2.2-cm) no. 18 BWG tubes, and an 8-ft/s (2.4-m/s) water velocity. The water supply is restricted. Obtain condenser constants from the Heat Exchange Institute, *Steam Surface Condenser Standards*.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Select the  $t_s - t_1$  temperature difference.** Table 2 shows customary design conditions for steam condensers. With an inlet-water temperature of 75°F (23.9°C) and an exhaust steam pressure of 2.0 inHg absolute (6.8 kPa), the customary temperature difference  $t_s - t_1 = 26.1^\circ\text{F}$  (14.5°C). With a sufficient water supply and a siphonic circuitry,  $(t_2 - t_1)/(t_s - t_1)$  is usually between 0.5 and 0.55. For a restricted water supply or high frictional resistance and static head, the value of this factor ranges from 0.55 to 0.75.

**2. Compute the LMTD across the condenser.** With 75°F (23.9°C) inlet water,  $t_s - t_1 = 101.14 - 75 = 26.14^\circ\text{F}$  (14.5°C), given the steam temperature in the saturation-pressure table. Once  $t_s - t_1$  is known, it is necessary to assume a value for the ratio  $(t_2 - t_1)/(t_s - t_1)$ . As a trial, assume 0.60, since the water supply is restricted. Then  $(t_2 - t_1)/(t_s - t_1) = 0.60 = (t_2 - t_1)/26.14$ . Solving, we get  $t_2 - t_1 =$

**TABLE 2** Typical Design Conditions for Steam Condensers

Cooling water temperature		Steam pressure		Temperature difference	
				$t_s - t_1$	
°F	°C	inHg	kPa	°F	°C
70	21.1	1.5–2.0	5.1–6.8	21.7–31.1	12.1–17.3
75	23.9	2.0–2.5	6.8–8.5	26.1–33.7	14.5–18.7
80	26.7	2.0–4.0	6.8–13.5	21.1–45.4	11.7–25.2

15.68°F (8.7°C). The difference between the steam temperature  $t_s$  and the outlet temperature  $t_2$  is then  $t_s - t_2 = 26.14 - 15.68 = 10.46^\circ\text{F}$  (5.8°C). Checking, we find  $t_2 = t_1 + (t_2 - t_1) = 75 + 15.68 = 90.68^\circ\text{F}$  (50.38°C);  $t_s - t_2 = 101.14 - 90.68 = 10.46^\circ\text{F}$  (5.8°C). This value is greater than the required minimum value of 5°F (2.8°C) for  $t_s - t_2$ . The assumed ratio 0.60 is therefore satisfactory.

Were  $t_s - t_2$  less than 5°F (2.8°C), another ratio value would be assumed and the difference computed again. You would continue doing this until a value of  $t_s - t_2$  greater than 5°F (2.8°C) were obtained. Then  $\text{LMTD} = (t_2 - t_1)/\ln[(t_s - t_1)/(t_s - t_2)]$ ;  $\text{LMTD} = 15.68/\ln(26.14/10.46) = 17.18^\circ\text{F}$  (9.5°C).

**3. Determine the heat-transfer coefficient.** From the Heat Exchange Institute or manufacturer's data  $U$  is 740 Btu/(ft<sup>2</sup>·h·°F) [4.2 kJ/(m<sup>2</sup>·°C·s)] LMTD for a water velocity of 8 ft/s (2.4 m/s). If these data are not available, Fig. 37 can be used with complete safety for all preliminary selections.

Now  $U$  must be corrected for the inlet-water temperature, 75°F (23.9°C), and the condition factor, 0.85, which is a term used in place of the correction factor by some authorities. From Fig. 37, the correction for 75°F (23.9°C) inlet water = 1.04. Then actual  $U = 740(1.04)(0.85) = 655$  Btu/(ft<sup>2</sup>·h·°F) [3.7 kJ/(m<sup>2</sup>·°C·s)] LMTD.

**4. Compute the steam condensation rate.** The heat-transfer rate per square foot of condenser surface with a 17.18°F (9.5°C) LMTD is  $U(\text{LMTD}) = 655(17.18) = 11,252.9$  Btu/(ft<sup>2</sup>·h) [35.5 kJ/(m<sup>2</sup>·s)].

Condensers serving steam turbines are assumed, for design purposes, to remove 950 Btu/lb (2209.7 kJ/kg) of steam condensed. Therefore, the steam condensation rate for any condenser is [Btu/(ft<sup>2</sup>·h)]/950, or 1252.9/950 = 11.25 lb/(ft<sup>2</sup>·h) [15.3 g/(m<sup>2</sup>·s)].

**5. Compute the required surface area and water flow.** The required surface area = steam flow (lb/h)/[condensation rate, lb/(ft<sup>2</sup>·h)], or with a 150,000-lb/h (18.9-kg/s) flow, 150,000/11.25 = 13,320 ft<sup>2</sup> (1237.4 m<sup>2</sup>).

The water flow rate, gal/min = 950S/[500( $t_2 - t_1$ )] = 950(150,000)/[500(15.68)] = 18,200 gal/min (1148.1 L/s).

**Related Calculations** See the previous calculation procedure for steps in determining the water-pressure loss through a surface condenser.

To choose a surface condenser for a steam engine, use the same procedures as given above, except that the heat removed from the exhaust steam is 1000 Btu/lb (2326.9 kJ/kg). Use a condition (cleanliness) factor 0.65 for steam engines because the oil in the exhaust steam fouls the condenser tubes, reducing the rate of heat transfer. The condition (cleanliness) factor for steam turbines is usually assumed to be 0.8 to 0.9 for relatively clean, oil-free cooling water.

At loads greater than 50 percent of the design load,  $t_s - t_1$  follows a straight-line relationship. Thus, in the above condenser,  $t_s - t_1 = 26.14^\circ\text{F}$  (14.5°C) at the full load of 150,000 lb/h (18.9 kg/s). If the load falls to 60 percent (90,000 lb/h or 11.3 kg/s), then  $t_s - t_1 = 26.14(0.60) = 15.7^\circ\text{F}$  (8.7°C). At 120 percent load (180,000 lb/h or 22.7 kg/s),  $t_s - t_1 = 26.14(1.20) = 31.4^\circ\text{F}$  (17.4°C). This straight-line law is valid with constant inlet-water temperature and cooling-water flow rate. It is useful in analyzing condenser operating conditions at other than full load.

Single- or multiple-pass surface condensers may be used in power services. When a liberal supply of water is available, the single-pass condenser is often chosen. With a limited water supply, a two-pass condenser is often chosen.

## AIR-EJECTOR ANALYSIS AND SELECTION

Choose a steam-jet air ejector for a condenser serving a 250,000-lb/h (31.5-kg/s) steam turbine exhausting at 2 inHg absolute (6.8 kPa). Determine the number of stages to use, the approximate steam consumption, and the quantity of air and vapor mixture the ejector will handle.



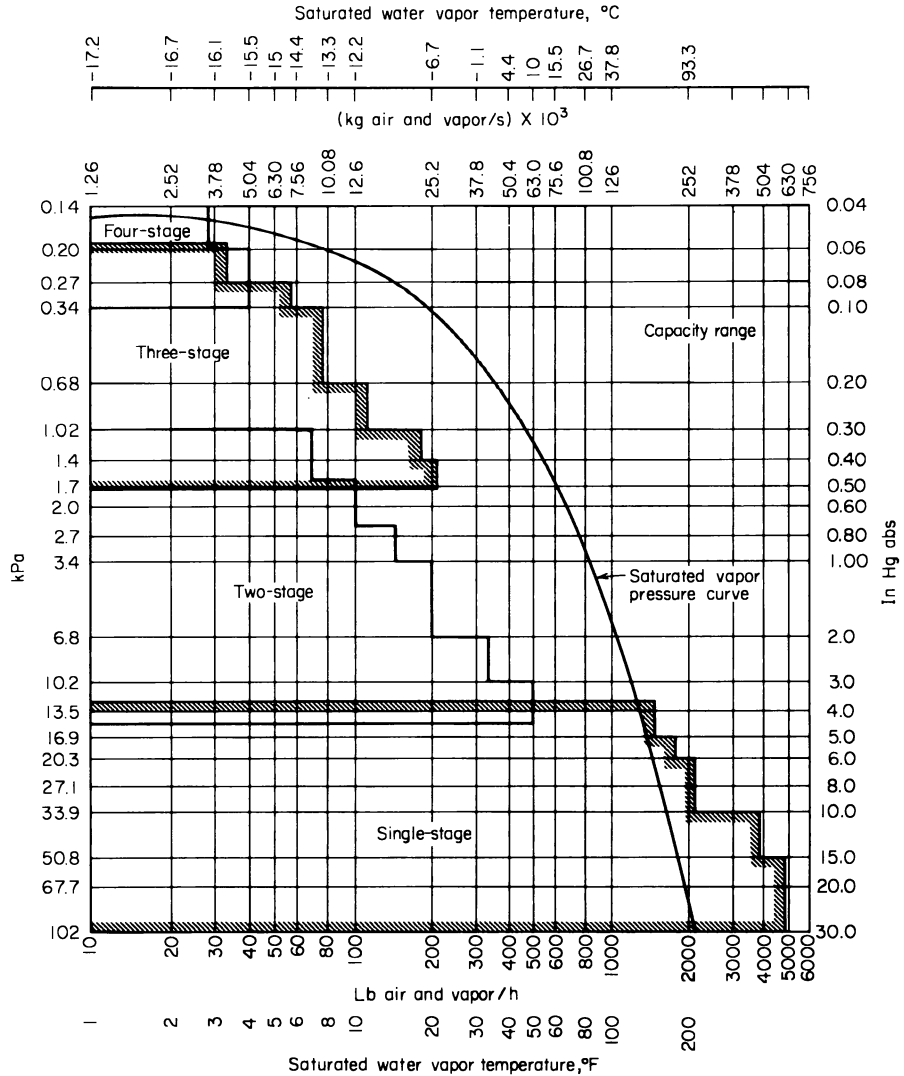


FIGURE 38 Steam-ejector capacity-range chart.

**Calculation Procedure**

**1. Select the number of stages for the ejector.** Use Fig. 38 as a preliminary guide to the number of stages required in the ejector. Enter at 2-inHg absolute (6.8-kPa) condenser pressure, and project horizontally to the stage area. This shows that a two-stage ejector will probably be satisfactory.

Check the number of stages above against the probable overload range of the prime mover by using Fig. 39. Enter at 2-inHg absolute (6.8-kPa) condenser pressure, and project to the two-stage curve. This curve shows that a two-stage ejector can readily handle a 25-percent overload of the prime mover. Also, the two-stage curve shows that this ejector could handle up to 50 percent overload with an increase in the condenser absolute pressure of only 0.4 inHg (1.4 kPa). This is shown

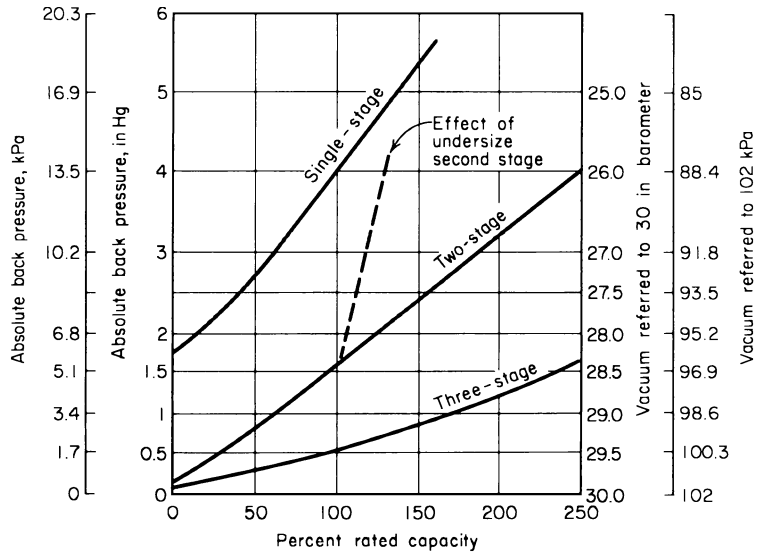


FIGURE 39 Steam-jet ejector characteristics.

by the pressure, 2.4 inHg absolute (8.1 kPa), at which the two-stage curve crosses the 150 percent overload ordinate (Fig 39).

**2. Determine the ejector operating conditions.** Use the Heat Exchange Institute or manufacturer’s data. Table 3 excerpts data from the Heat Exchange Institute for condensers in the range considered in this procedure.

Study of Table 3 shows that a two-stage condensing ejector unit serving a 250,000-lb/h (31.5-kg/s) steam turbine will require 450 lb/h (56.7 g/s) of 300-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (2068.5-kPa) steam. Also, the ejector will handle 7.5 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.2 m<sup>3</sup>/min) of free, dry air, or 33.75 lb/h (4.5 g/s) of air. It will remove up to 112.5 lb/h (14.2 g/s) of an air-vapor mixture.

The actual air leakage into a condenser varies with the absolute pressure in the condenser, the tightness of the joints, and the conditions of the tubes. Some authorities cite a maximum leakage of about 250-lb/h (31.5-g/s) steam flow. At 400,000 lb/h (50.4 kg/s), the leakage is 160 lb/h (20.2 g/s); at 250,000 lb/h (31.5 kg/s), it is 130 lb/h (16.4 g/s) of air-vapor mixture. A condenser in good condition will usually have less leakage.

For an installation in which the manufacturer supplies data on the probable air leakage, use a psychrometric chart to determine the weight of water vapor contained in the air. Thus, at 2 inHg absolute

TABLE 3 Air-Ejector Capacities for Surface Condensers for Steam Turbines\*

Steam load, lb/h (kg/s)	Free, dry air at 70°F (21.1°C), ft <sup>3</sup> /min (cm <sup>3</sup> /s)	Air, lb/h (g/s)	Air-vapor mixture at 30 percent dry air, lb/h (g/s)	Steam consumption at 300 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage) (2068.5 kPa), lb/h (g/s)
100,001–250,000 (12.6–31.5)	7.5 (3539.6)	33.75 (4.3)	112.5 (14.2)	450 (56.7)

\*Two-stage condensing ejector unit.

(6.8 kPa) and 80°F (26.7°C), each pound of air will carry with it 0.68 lb (0.68 kg/kg) of water vapor. In a surface condenser into which 20 lb (9.1 kg) of air leaks, the ejector must handle  $20 + 20(0.68) = 33.6$  lb/h (4.2 g/s) of air-vapor mixture. Table 3 shows that this ejector can readily handle this quantity of air-vapor mixture.

**Related Calculations** When you choose an air ejector for steam-engine service, double the Heat Exchange Institute steam-consumption estimates. For most low-pressure power-plant service, a two-stage ejector with inter- and aftercondensers is satisfactory, although some steam engines operating at higher absolute exhaust pressures require only a single-stage ejector. Twin-element ejectors have two sets of stages; one set serves as a spare and may also be used for capacity regulation in stationary and marine service. The capacity of an ejector is constant for a given steam pressure and suction pressure. Raising the steam pressure will not increase the ejector capacity.

## ***SURFACE-CONDENSER CIRCULATING-WATER PRESSURE LOSS***

Determine the circulating-water pressure loss in a two-pass condenser having 12,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (1114.8 m<sup>2</sup>) of condensing surface, a circulating-water flow rate of 10,000 gal/min (630.8 L/s), <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-in (1.9-cm) no. 16 BWG tubes, a water flow rate of 7 ft/s (2.1 m/s), external friction of 20 ft of water (59.8 kPa), and a 10-ft-of-water (29.9-kPa) siphonic effect on the circulating-water discharge.

### **Calculation Procedure**

**1. Determine the water flow rate per tube.** Use a tabulation of condenser-tube engineering data available from the manufacturer or the Heat Exchange Institute, or complete the water flow rate from the physical dimensions of the tube thus: <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in (1.9 cm) no. 16 BWG tube ID = 0.620 in (1.6 cm) from a tabulation of condenser-tube data, such as Table 1. Assume a water velocity of 1 ft/s (0.3 m/s). Then a 1-ft (0.3-m) length of the tube will contain  $(12)(0.620)^2\pi/4 = 3.62$  in<sup>3</sup> (59.3 cm<sup>3</sup>) of water. This quantity of water will flow through the tube for each foot of length per second of water velocity [194.6 cm<sup>3</sup>/(m·s)]. The flow per minute will be 3.62 (60 s/min) = 217.2 in<sup>3</sup>/min (3559.3 cm<sup>3</sup>/min). Since 1 U.S. gal = 231 in<sup>3</sup> (3.8 L), the gal/min flow at a 1 ft/s (0.3 m/s) velocity =  $217.2/231 = 0.94$  gal/min (0.059 L/s).

With an actual velocity of 7 ft/s (2.1 m/s), the water flow rate per tube is  $7(0.94) = 6.58$  gal/min (0.42 L/s).

**2. Determine the number of tubes and length of water travel.** Since the water flow rate through the condenser is 10,000 gal/min (630.8 L/s) and each tube conveys 6.58 gal/min (0.42 L/s), the number of tubes =  $10,000/6.58 = 1520$  tubes per pass.

Next, the total length of water travel for a condenser having  $A$  ft<sup>2</sup> of condensing surface is computed from  $A(\text{number of tubes})(\text{outside area per linear foot, ft}^2)$ . The outside area of each tube can be obtained from a table of tube properties, such as Table 1, or computed from (OD, in)( $\pi$ )(12)/144, or  $(0.75)(\pi)(12)/144 = 0.196$  ft<sup>2</sup>/lin ft (0.06 m<sup>2</sup>/m). Then, total length of travel =  $12,000/[(1520)(0.196)] = 40.2$  ft (12.3 m). Since the condenser has two passes, the length of tube per pass =  $40.2/2 = 20.1$  ft (6.1 m). Since each pass has an equal number of tubes and there are two passes, the total number of tubes in the condenser = 2 passes (1520 tubes per pass) = 3040 tubes.

**3. Compute the friction loss in the system.** Use the Heat Exchange Institute or manufacturer's curves to find the friction loss per foot of condenser tube. At 7 ft/s (2.1 m/s), the Heat Exchange Institute curve shows the head loss is 0.4 ft of head per foot (3.9 kPa/m) of travel for <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-in (1.9-cm) no. 16 BWG tubes. With a total length of 40.2 ft (12.3 m), the tube head loss is  $0.4(40.2) = 16.1$  ft (48.1 kPa).

Use the Heat Exchange Institute or manufacturer's curves to find the head loss through the condenser water boxes. From the first reference, for a velocity of 7 ft/s (2.1 m/s), head loss = 1.4 ft

(4.2 kPa) of water for a single-pass condenser. Since this is a two-pass condenser, the total water-box head loss =  $2(1.4) = 2.8$  ft (8.4 kPa).

The total condenser friction loss is then the sum of the tube and water-box losses, or  $16.1 + 2.8 = 18.9$  ft (56.5 kPa) of water. With an external friction loss of 20 ft (59.8 kPa) in the circulating-water piping, the total loss in the system, without siphonic assistance, is  $18.9 + 20 = 38.9$  ft (116.3 kPa). Since there is 10 ft (29.9 kPa) of siphonic assistance, the total friction loss in the system with siphonic assistance is  $38.9 - 10 = 28.9$  ft (86.3 kPa). In choosing a pump to serve this system, the frictional resistance of 28.9 ft (86.3 kPa) would be rounded to 30 ft (89.7 kPa), and any factor of safety added to this value of head loss.

*Note:* The most economical cooling-water velocity in condenser tubes is 6 to 7 ft/s (1.8 to 2.1 m/s); a velocity greater than 8 ft/s (2.4 m/s) should not be used, unless warranted by special conditions.

## ***SURFACE-CONDENSER WEIGHT ANALYSIS***

A turbine exhaust nozzle can support a weight of 100,000 lb (444,822.2 N). Determine what portion of the total weight of a surface condenser must be supported by the foundation if the weight of the condenser is 275,000 lb (1,223,261.1 N), the tubes and water boxes have a capacity of 8000 gal (30,280.0 L), and the steam space has a capacity of 30,000 gal (113,550.0 L) of water.

### **Calculation Procedure**

**1. Compute the maximum weight of the condenser.** The maximum weight on a condenser foundation occurs when the shell, tubes, and water boxes are full of water. This condition could prevail during accidental flooding of the steam space or during tests for tube leaks when the steam space is purposefully flooded. In either circumstance, the condenser foundation and spring supports, if used, must be able to carry the load imposed on them. To compute this load, find the sum of the individual weights:

Condenser weight, dry	275,000 lb (1,223,261.1 N)
Water in tubes and boxes = (8.33 lb/gal)(8000 gal)	66,640 lb (296,429.5 N)
Water in steam space = (8.33)(30,000)	249,900 lb (1,111,610.7 N)
Maximum weight when full of water	592,540 lb (2,631,301.2 N)

**2. Compute the foundation load.** The turbine nozzle can support 100,000 lb (444,822.2 N). Therefore, the foundation must support  $591,540 - 100,000 = 491,540$  lb (2,186,479.0 N). For foundation design purposes this would be rounded to 495,000 lb (2,201,869.9 N).

**Related Calculations** When you design a condenser foundation, do the following: (1) Leave enough room at one end to permit withdrawal of faulty tubes and insertion of new tubes. Since some tubes may exceed 40 ft (12.3 m) in length, careful planning is needed to provide sufficient installation space. During the design of a power plant, a template representing the tube length is useful for checking the tube clearance on a scale plan and side view of the condenser installation. When there is insufficient room for tube removal with one shape of condenser, try another shape with shorter tubes.

(2) Provide enough headroom under the condenser to produce the required submergence on the condensate-pump impeller. Most condensate pumps require at least 3-ft (0.9-m) submergence. If necessary, the condensate pump can be installed in a pit under the condenser, but this should be avoided if possible.

## BAROMETRIC-CONDENSER ANALYSIS AND SELECTION

Select a countercurrent barometric condenser to serve a steam turbine exhausting 25,000 lb/h (3.1 kg/s) of steam at 5 inHg absolute (16.9 kPa). Determine the quantity of cooling water required if the water inlet temperature is 50°F (10.0°C). What is the required dry-air capacity of the ejector? What is the required pump head if the static head is 40 ft (119.6 kPa) and the pipe friction is 15 ft of water (44.8 kPa)?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Find the steam properties from the steam tables.** At 5 inHg absolute (16.9 kPa),  $h_g = 1119.4$  Btu/lb (2603.7 kJ/kg), from the saturation-pressure table. If the condensing water were to condense the steam without subcooling the condensate, the final temperature of the condensate, from the steam tables, would be 133.76°F (56.5°C), corresponding to the saturation temperature. However, subcooling almost always occurs, and the usual practice in selecting a countercurrent barometric condenser is to assume the final condensate temperature  $t_c$  will be 5°F (2.8°C) below the saturation temperature corresponding to the absolute pressure in the condenser. Given a 5°F (2.8°C) difference,  $t_c = 133.76 - 5 = 128.76$ °F (53.7°C). Interpolating in the saturation-temperature steam table, we find the enthalpy of the condensate  $h_f$  at 128.76°F (53.7°C) is 96.6 Btu/lb (224.8 kJ/kg).

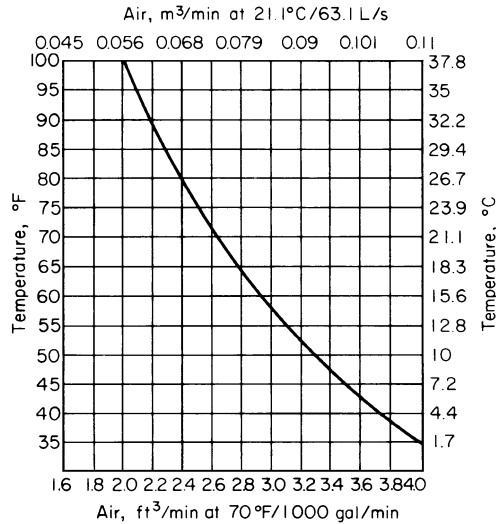
**2. Compute the quantity of condensing water required.** In any countercurrent barometric condenser, the quantity of cooling water  $Q$  lb/h required is  $Q = W(h_g - h_f)/(t_c - t_1)$ , where  $W$  = weight of steam condensed, lb/h;  $t_1$  = cooling-water inlet temperature, °F. Then  $Q = 25,000(1119.4 - 96.66)/(128.76 - 50) = 325,000$  lb/h (40.9 kg/s). By converting to gallons per minute,  $Q = 325,000/500 = 650$  gal/min (41.0 L/s).

**3. Determine the required ejector dry-air capacity.** Use the Heat Exchanger Institute or a manufacturer's tabulation of free, dry-air leakage and the allowance for air in the cooling water to determine the required dry-air capacity. Thus, from Table 4, the free, dry-air leakage for a barometric condenser serving a turbine is 3.0 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.08 m<sup>3</sup>/min) of air and vapor. The allowance for air in the 50°F (10.0°C) cooling water is 3.3 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.09 m<sup>3</sup>/min) of air at 70°F (21.1°C) per 1000 gal/min (63.1 L/s) of cooling water, Fig. 40. The total dry-air leakage is the sum, or 3.0 + 3.3 = 6.3 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.18 m<sup>3</sup>/min). Thus, the ejector must be capable of handling at least 6.3 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.18 m<sup>3</sup>/min) of dry air to serve this barometric condenser at its rated load of 25,000 lb/h (3.1 kg/s) of steam.

Where the condenser will operate at a lower vacuum (i.e., a higher absolute pressure), overloads up to 50 percent may be met. To provide adequate dry-air handling capacity at this overload with the same cooling-water inlet temperature, find the free, dry-air leakage at the higher condensing rate from Table 4 and add this to the previously found allowance for air in the cooling water. Or, 4.5 + 3.3 = 7.8 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.22 m<sup>3</sup>/min). An ejector capable of handling up to 10 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.32 m<sup>3</sup>/min) would be a wise choice for this countercurrent barometric condenser.

**TABLE 4** Free, Dry-Air Leakage  
[ft<sup>3</sup>/min (m<sup>3</sup>/s) at 70°F or 21.1°C air and vapor mixture, 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>° below vacuum temperature or 4.2° for Celsius]

Barometric and low-level jet condensers									
Maximum steam condensation		Serving turbines				Serving engines			
lb/h	kg/s	ft <sup>3</sup> /min	m <sup>3</sup> /s	lb/h	g/s	ft <sup>3</sup> /min	m <sup>3</sup> /s	lb/h	g/s
75,000–150,000	9.4–18.9	6.5	0.0031	97.5	12.3	13.0	0.0061	195.0	24.6
150,001–250,000	18.9–31.5	8.5	0.0040	127.5	16.1				
250,001–350,000	31.5–44.1	10.0	0.0047	150.0	18.9				



**FIGURE 40** Allowance for air in condenser injection water.

**4. Determine the pump head required.** Since a countercurrent barometric condenser operates at pressures below atmospheric, it assists the cooling-water pump by “sucking” the water into the condenser. The maximum assist that can be assumed is  $0.75V$ , where  $V$  = design vacuum, inHg.

In this condenser with a 26-in (88.0-kPa) vacuum, the maximum assist is  $0.75(26) = 19.5$  inHg (66.0 kPa). Converting to feet of water, using  $1.0$  inHg =  $1.134$  ft (3.4 kPa) of water, we find  $19.5(1.134) = 22.1$  ft (66.1 kPa) of water. The total head on the pump is then the sum of the static and friction heads less  $0.75V$ , expressed in feet of water. Or, the total head on the pump =  $40 + 15 - 22.1 = 32.9$  ft (98.4 kPa). A pump with a total head of at least 35 ft (104.6 kPa) of water would be chosen for this condenser. Where corrosion or partial clogging of the piping is expected, a pump with a total head of 50 ft (149.4 kPa) would probably be chosen to ensure sufficient head even though the piping is partially clogged.

**Related Calculations** (1) When a condenser serving a steam engine is being chosen, use the appropriate dry-air leakage value from Table 4. (2) For ejector-jet barometric condensers, assume the final condensate temperature  $t_c$  as 10 to 20°F (5.6 to 11.1°C) below the saturation temperature corresponding to the absolute pressure in the condenser. This type of condenser does not use an ejector, but it requires 25 to 50 percent more cooling water than the countercurrent barometric condenser for the same vacuum. (3) The total pump head for an ejector-jet barometric condenser is the sum of the static and friction heads plus 10 ft (29.9 kPa). The additional positive head is required to overcome the pressure loss in spray nozzles.

## COOLING-POND SIZE FOR A KNOWN HEAT LOAD

How many spray nozzles and what surface area are needed to cool 10,000 gal/min (630.8 L/s) of water from 120 to 90°F (48.9 to 32.2°C) in a spray-type cooling pond if the average wet-bulb temperature is 65°F (156°C)? What would the approximate dimensions of the cooling pond be?

Determine the total pumping head if the static head is 10 ft (29.9 kPa), the pipe friction is 35 ft of water (104.6 kPa), and the nozzle pressure is 8 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (55.2 kPa).

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the number of nozzles required.** Assume a water flow of 50 gal/min (3.2 L/s) per nozzle; this is a typical flow rate for usual cooling-pond nozzles. Then the number of nozzles required = (10,000 gal/min)/(50 gal/min per nozzle) = 200 nozzles. If 6 nozzles are used in each spray group, a series of crossed arms, with each arm containing one or more nozzles, then 200 nozzles/6 nozzles per spray group = 33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> spray groups will be needed. Since a partial spray group is seldom used, 34 spray groups would be chosen.

**2. Determine the surface area required.** Usual design practice is to provide 1 ft<sup>2</sup> (0.09 m<sup>2</sup>) of pond area per 250 lb (113.4 kg) of water cooled for water quantities exceeding 1000 gal/min (63.1 L/s). Thus, in this pond, the weight of water cooled = (10,000 gal/min)(8.33 lb/gal)(60 min/h) = 4,998,000, say 5,000,000 lb/h (630.0 kg/s). Then, the area required, given 1 ft<sup>2</sup> of pond area per 250 lb of water (0.82 m<sup>2</sup> per 1000 kg) cooled = 5,000,000/250 = 20,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (1858.0 m<sup>2</sup>).

As a cross-check, use another commonly accepted area value: 125 Btu/(ft<sup>2</sup>·°F) [2555.2 kJ/(m<sup>2</sup>·°C)] is the difference between the air wet-bulb temperature and the warm entering-water temperature. This is the equivalent of (120 – 60)(125) = 7500 Btu/ft<sup>2</sup> (85,174 kJ/m<sup>2</sup>) in this spray pond, because the air wet-bulb temperature is 60°F (15.6°C) and the warm-water temperature is 120°F (48.9°C). The heat removed from the water is (lb/h of water)(temperature decrease, °F)(specific heat of water) = (5,000,000)(120 – 90)(1.0) = 150,000,000 Btu/h (43,960.7 kW). Then, area required = (heat removed, Btu/h)/(heat removal, Btu/ft<sup>2</sup>) = 150,000,000/7500 = 20,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (1858.0 m<sup>2</sup>). This checks the previously obtained area value.

**3. Determine the spray-pond dimensions.** Spray groups on the same header or pipe main are usually arranged on about 12-ft (3.7-m) centers with the headers or pipe mains spaced on about 25-ft (7.6-m) centers, Fig. 41. Assume that 34 spray groups are used, instead of the required 33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>, to provide an equal number of groups in two headers and a small extra capacity.

Sketch the spray pond and headers, Fig. 41. This shows that the length of each header will be about 204 ft (62.2 m) because there are seventeen 12-ft (3.7-m) spaces between spray groups in each header. Allowing 3 ft (0.9 m) at each end of a header for fittings and clean-outs gives an overall header length of 210 ft (64.0 m). The distance between headers is 25 ft (7.6 m). Allow 25 ft (7.6 m)

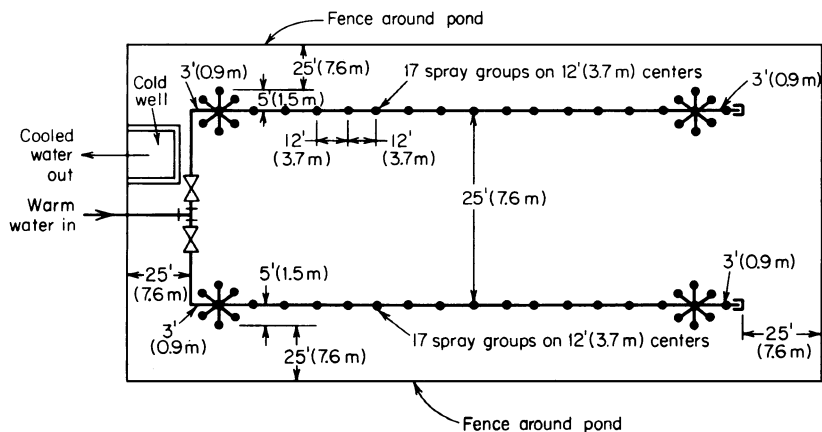


FIGURE 41 Spray-pond nozzle and piping layout.

between the outer sprays and the edge of the pond. This gives an overall width of 85 ft (25.9 m) for the pond, if we assume the width of each arm in a spray group is 10 ft (3.0 m). The overall length will then be  $210 + 25 + 25 = 260$  ft (79.2 m). A cold well for the pump suction and suitable valving for control of the incoming water must be provided, as shown in Fig 41. The water depth in the pond should be 2 to 3 ft (0.6 to 0.9 m).

**4. Compute the total pumping head.** The total head, ft of water = static head + friction head + required nozzle head =  $10 + 35 + 80(0.434) = 48.5$  ft (145.0 kPa) of water. A pump having a total head of at least 50 ft (15.2 m) of water would be chosen for this spray pond. If future expansion of the pond is anticipated, compute the probable total head required at a future date, and choose a pump to deliver that head. Until the pond is expanded, the pump would operate with a throttled discharge. Normal nozzle inlet pressures range from about 6 to 10 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (41.4 to 69.0 kPa). Higher pressures should not be used, because there will be excessive spray loss and rapid wear of the nozzles.

**Related Calculations** Unsprayed cooling ponds cool 4 to 6 lb (1.8 to 2.7 kg) of water from 100 to 70°F/ft<sup>2</sup> (598.0 to 418.6°C/m<sup>2</sup>) of water surface. An alternative design rule is to assume that the pond will dissipate 3.5 Btu/(ft<sup>2</sup>·h) (11.0 W/m<sup>2</sup>) water surface per degree difference between the wet-bulb temperature of the air and the entering warm water.

## DIRECT-CONTACT FEEDWATER HEATER ANALYSIS

Determine the outlet temperature of water leaving a direct-contact open-type feedwater heater if 250,000 lb/h (31.5 kg/s) of water enters the heater at 100°F (37.8°C). Exhaust steam at 10.3 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (71.0 kPa) saturated flows to the heater at the rate of 25,000 lb/h (31.5 kg/s). What saving is obtained by using this heater if the boiler pressure is 250 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1723.8 kPa)? Determine the approximate volume of the heater if a 2-min storage capacity is provided in it.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the water outlet temperature.** Assume the heater is 90 percent efficient. Then  $t_o = t_i w_w + 0.9 w_s h_g / (w_w + 0.9 w_s)$ , where  $t_o$  = outlet water temperature, °F;  $t_i$  = inlet water temperature, °F;  $w_w$  = weight of water flowing through heater, lb/h; 0.9 = heater efficiency, expressed as a decimal;  $w_s$  = weight of steam flowing to the heater, lb/h;  $h_g$  = enthalpy of the steam flowing to the heater, Btu/lb.

For saturated steam at 10.3 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (71.0 kPa), or 10.3 + 14.7 = 25 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (172.4 kPa),  $h_g = 1160.6$  Btu/lb (2599.6 kJ/kg), from the saturation-pressure steam tables. Then

$$t_o = \frac{100(250,000) + 0.9(25,000)(1160.6)}{250,000 + 0.9(25,000)} = 187.5^\circ\text{F} \quad (86.4^\circ\text{C})$$

**2. Compute the savings obtained by feed heating.** The percentage of saving, expressed as a decimal, obtained by heating feedwater is  $(h_o - h_i)/(h_b - h_i)$  where  $h_o$  and  $h_i$  = enthalpy of the water leaving and entering the heater, respectively, Btu/lb;  $h_b$  = enthalpy of the steam at the boiler operating pressure, Btu/lb. For this plant, from the steam tables,  $h_o - h_i/(h_b - h_i) = 155.44 - 67.97/(1201.1 - 67.97) = 0.077$ , or 7.7 percent.

A popular rule of thumb states that for every 11°F (6.1°C) rise in feedwater temperature in a heater, there is approximately a 1 percent saving in the fuel that would otherwise be used to heat the feedwater. Checking the above calculation with this rule of thumb shows reasonably good agreement.

**3. Determine the heater volume.** With a capacity of  $W$  lb/h of water, the volume of a direct-contact or open-type heater can be approximated from  $v = W/10,000$ , where  $v$  = heater internal volume, ft<sup>3</sup>. For this heater,  $v = 250,000/10,000 = 25$  ft<sup>3</sup> (0.71 m<sup>3</sup>).



**Related Calculations** Most direct-contact or open feedwater heaters store in 2-min supply of feedwater when the boiler load is constant, and the feedwater supply is all makeup. With little or no makeup, the heater volume is chosen so that there is enough capacity to store 5 to 30 min feedwater for the boiler.

## CLOSED FEEDWATER HEATER ANALYSIS AND SELECTION

Analyze and select a closed feedwater heater for the third stage of a regenerative steam-turbine cycle in which the feedwater flow rate is 37,640 lb/h (4.7 kg/s), the desired temperature rise of the water during flow through the heater is 80°F (44.4°C) (from 238 to 318°F or, 114.4 to 158.9°C), bleed heating steam is at 100 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (689.5 kPa) and 460°F (237.8°C), drains leave the heater at the saturation temperature corresponding to the heating steam pressure [100 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) or 689.5 kPa], and <sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>-in (1.6-cm) OD admiralty metal tubes with a maximum length of 6 ft (1.8 m) are used. Use the *Standards of the Bleeder Heater Manufacturers Association, Inc.*, when analyzing the heater.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the LMTD across heater.** When heat-transfer rates in feedwater heaters are computed, the average film temperature of the feedwater is used. In computing this, the *Standards of the Bleeder Heater Manufacturers Association* specify that the *saturation temperature* of the heating steam be used. At 100 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (689.5 kPa),  $t_s = 327.81^\circ\text{F}$  (164.3°C). Then

$$\text{LMTD} = t_m = \frac{(t_s - t_i) - (t_s - t_o)}{\ln [t_s - t_i / (t_s - t_o)]}$$

where the symbols are as defined in the previous calculation procedure. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} t_m &= \frac{(327.81 - 238) - (327.81 - 318)}{\ln [327.81 - 238 / (327.81 - 318)]} \\ &= 36.5^\circ\text{F} \quad (20.3^\circ\text{C}) \end{aligned}$$

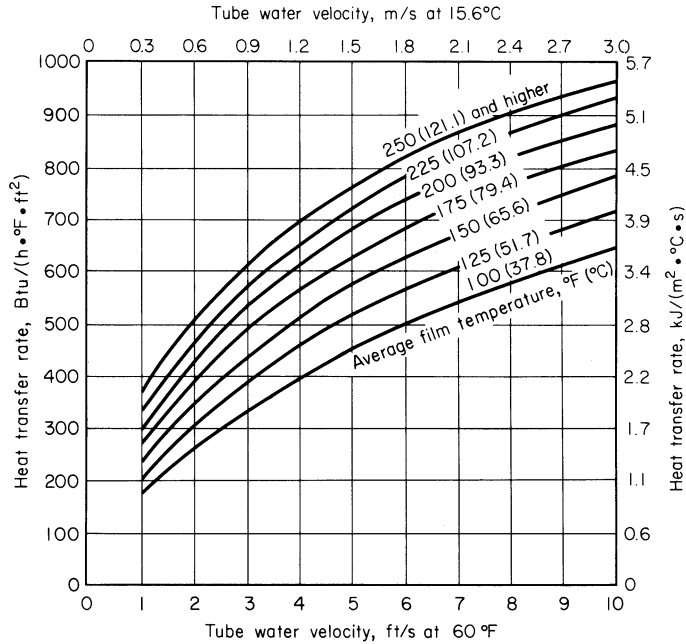
The average film temperature  $t_f$  for any closed heater is then

$$\begin{aligned} t_f &= t_s - 0.8t_m \\ &= 327.81 - 29.2 = 298.6^\circ\text{F} \quad (148.1^\circ\text{C}) \end{aligned}$$

**2. Determine the overall heat-transfer rate.** Assume a feedwater velocity of 8 ft/s (2.4 m/s) for this heater. This velocity value is typical for smaller heaters handling less than 100,000-lb/h (12.6-kg/s) feedwater flow. Enter Fig. 42 at 8 ft/s (2.4 m/s) on the lower horizontal scale, and project vertically upward to the 250°F (121.1°C) average film temperature curve. This curve is used even though  $t_f = 298.6^\circ\text{F}$  (148.1°C), because the standards recommend that heat-transfer rates higher than those for a 250°F (121.1°C) film temperature not be used. So, from the 8-ft/s (2.4-m/s) intersection with the 250°F (121.1°C) curve in Fig. 42, project to the left to read  $U =$  the overall heat-transfer rate = 910 Btu/(ft<sup>2</sup>·°F·h) [5.2 kJ/(m<sup>2</sup>·°C·s)].

Next, check Table 5 for the correction factor for  $U$ . Assume that no. 18 BWG <sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>-in (1.6-cm) OD arsenical copper tubes are used in this exchanger. Then the correction factor from Table 5 is 1.00, and  $U_{\text{corr}} = 910(1.00) = 910$ . If no. 9 BWG tubes are chosen,  $U_{\text{corr}} = 910(0.85) = 773.5$  Btu/(ft<sup>2</sup>·°F·h) [4.4 kJ/(m<sup>2</sup>·°C·s)], given the correction factor from Table 5 for arsenical copper tubes.

**3. Compute the amount of heat transferred by the heater.** The enthalpy of the entering feedwater at 238°F (114.4°C) is, from the saturation-temperature steam table,  $h_{fi} = 206.32$  Btu/lb (479.9 kJ/kg).



**FIGURE 42** Heat-transfer rates for closed feedwater heaters. (Standards of Bleeder Heater Manufacturers Association, Inc.)

The enthalpy of the leaving feedwater at 318°F (158.9°C) is, from the same table,  $h_{fo} = 288.20$  Btu/lb (670.4 kJ/kg). Then the heater transferred  $H_t$  Btu/h is  $H_t = w_w(h_{fo} - h_{fi})$ , where  $w_w$  = feedwater flow rate, lb/h. Or,  $H_t = 37,640(288.20 - 206.32) = 3,080,000$  Btu/h (902.7 kW).

**4. Compute the surface area required in the exchanger.** The surface area required  $A \text{ ft}^2 = H_t/U_t m$ . Then  $A = 3,080,000/[(910)(36.5)] = 92.7 \text{ ft}^2$  (8.6 m<sup>2</sup>).

**TABLE 5** Multipliers for Base Heat-Transfer Rates  
[For tube OD <sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> to 1 in (1.6 to 2.5 cm) inclusive]

BWG	Tube material					
	As-Cu	Adm	90/10 Cu-Ni	80/20 Cu-Ni	70/30 Cu-Ni	Monel
18	1.00	1.00	0.97	0.95	0.92	0.89
17	1.00	1.00	0.94	0.91	0.87	0.85
16	1.00	1.00	0.91	0.88	0.84	0.82
15	1.00	0.99	0.89	0.86	0.82	0.79
14	1.00	0.96	0.85	0.82	0.77	0.75
13	0.98	0.93	0.81	0.78	0.73	0.70
12	0.95	0.90	0.77	0.73	0.68	0.65
11	0.92	0.87	0.74	0.70	0.65	0.62
10	0.89	0.83	0.69	0.66	0.60	0.58
9	0.85	0.80	0.65	0.62	0.56	0.54

**5. Determine the number of tubes per pass.** Assume the heater has only one pass, and compute the number of tubes required. Once the number of tubes is known, a decision can be made about the number of passes required. In a closed heater, number of tubes =  $w_w$  (passes) (ft<sup>3</sup>/s per tube)/[ $v$ (ft<sup>2</sup> per tube open area)], where  $w_w$  = lb/h of feedwater passing through heater;  $v$  = feedwater velocity in tubes, ft/s.

Since the feedwater enters the heater at 238°F (114.4°C) and leaves at 318°F (158.9°C), its specific volume at 278°F (136.7°C), midway between  $t_i$  and  $t_o$ , can be considered the average specific volume of the feedwater in the heater. From the saturation-pressure steam table,  $v_f = 0.01691$  ft<sup>3</sup>/lb (0.0011 m<sup>3</sup>/kg) at 278°F (136.7°C). Convert this to cubic feet per second per tube by dividing this specific volume by 3600 (number of seconds in 1 h) and multiplying by the pounds per hour of feedwater per tube. Or, ft<sup>3</sup>/s per tube = (0.01691/3600)(lb/h per tube).

Since no. 18 BWG <sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>-in (1.6-cm) OD tubes are being used, ID = 0.625 – 2(thickness) = 0.625 – 2(0.049) = 0.527 in (1.3 cm). Then, open area per tube, ft<sup>2</sup> = ( $\pi d^2/4$ )/144 = 0.7854(0.527)<sup>2</sup>/144 = 0.001525 ft<sup>2</sup> (0.00014 m<sup>2</sup>) per tube. Alternatively, this area could be obtained from a table of tube properties.

With these data, compute the total number of tubes from number of tubes = [(37,640)(1)(0.01681/3600)]/[(8)(0.001525)] = 14.49 tubes.

**6. Compute the required tube length.** Assume that 14 tubes are used, since the number required is less than 14.5. Then, tube length  $l$ , ft =  $A$ /(number of tubes per pass)(passes)(area per ft of tube). Or, tube length for 1 pass = 92.7/[(14)(1)(0.1636)] = 40.6 ft (12.4 m). The area per ft of tube length is obtained from a table of tube properties or computed from  $12\pi(\text{OD})/144 = 12\pi(0.625)/155 = 0.1636$  ft<sup>2</sup> (0.015 m<sup>2</sup>).

**7. Compute the actual number of passes and the actual tube length.** Since the tubes in this heater cannot exceed 6 ft (1.8 m) in length, the number of passes required = (length for one pass, ft)/(maximum allowable tube length, ft) = 40.6/6 = 6.77 passes. Since a fractional number of passes cannot be used and an even number of passes permit a more convenient layout of the heater, choose eight passes.

From the same equation for tube length as in step 6,  $l$  = tube length = 92.7/[(14)(8)(0.1636)] = 5.06 ft (1.5 m).

**8. Determine the feedwater pressure drop through heater.** In any closed feedwater heater, the pressure loss  $\Delta p$  = lb/in<sup>2</sup> is  $\Delta p = F_1 F_2 (L + 5.5D)N/D^{1.24}$ , where  $\Delta p$  = pressure drop in the feedwater passing through the heater, lb/in<sup>2</sup>;  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  = correction factors from Fig. 43;  $L$  = total lin ft of tubing divided by the number of tube holes in one tube sheet;  $D$  = tube ID;  $N$  = number of passes. In finding  $F_2$ , the average water temperature is taken as  $t_s - t_m$ .

For this heater, using correction factors from Fig. 43,

$$\Delta p = (0.136)(0.761) \left[ \frac{5.06(8)(14)}{(8)(14)} + 5.5(0.527) \right] \frac{8}{0.527^{1.24}}$$

$$= 14.6 \text{ lb/in}^2 \text{ (100.7 kPa)}$$

**9. Find the heater shell outside diameter.** The total number of tubes in the heater = (number of passes)(tubes per pass) = 8(14) = 112 tubes. Assume that there is <sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>-in (1.0-cm) clearance between each tube and the tube alongside, above, or below it. Then the pitch or center-to-center distance between tubes = pitch + tube OD = <sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> + <sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> = 1 in (2.5 cm).

The number of tubes per ft<sup>2</sup> of tube sheet = 166/(pitch)<sup>2</sup>, or 166/1<sup>2</sup> = 166 tubes per ft<sup>2</sup> (1786.8 per m<sup>2</sup>). Since the heater has 112 tubes, the area of the tube sheet = 112/166 = 0.675 ft<sup>2</sup>, or 97 in<sup>2</sup> (625.8 cm<sup>2</sup>).

The inside diameter of the heater shell = (tube sheet area, in<sup>2</sup>/0.7854)<sup>0.5</sup> = (97/0.7854)<sup>0.5</sup> = 11.1 in (28.2 cm). With a 0.25-in (0.6-cm) thick shell, the heater shell OD = 11.1 + 2(0.25) = 11.6 in (29.5 cm).

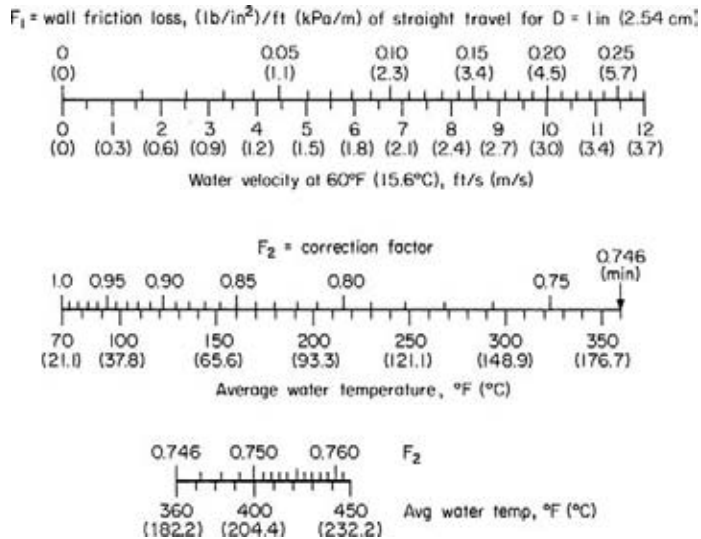


FIGURE 43 Correction factors for closed feedwater heaters. (Standards of Bleeder Heater Manufacturers Association, Inc.)

**10. Compute the quantity of heating steam required.** Steam enters the heater at 100 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (689.5 kPa) and 460°F (237.8°C). The enthalpy at this pressure and temperature is, from the superheated steam table,  $h_g = 1258.8$  Btu/lb (2928.0 kJ/kg). The steam condenses in the heater, leaving as condensate at the saturation temperature corresponding to 100 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (689.5 kPa), or 327.81°F (164.3°C). The enthalpy of the saturated liquid at this temperature is, from the steam tables,  $h_f = 298.4$  Btu/lb (694.1 kJ/kg).

The heater steam consumption for any closed-type feedwater heater is  $W$ , lb/h =  $w_w(\Delta t)(h_g - h_f)$ , where  $\Delta t$  = temperature rise of feedwater in heater, °F;  $c$  = specific heat of feedwater, Btu/(lb·°F). Assume  $c = 1.00$  for the temperature range in this heater, and  $W = (37,640)(318 - 238)(1.00)/(1258.8 - 298.4) = 3140$  lb/h (0.40 kg/s).

**Related Calculations** The procedure used here can be applied to closed feedwater heaters in stationary and marine service. A similar procedure is used for selecting hot-water heaters for buildings, marine, and portable service. Various authorities recommend the following terminal difference (heater condensate temperature minus the outlet feedwater temperature) for closed feedwater heaters:

Feedwater outlet temperature		Terminal difference	
°F	°C	°F	°C
86 to 230	30.0 to 110.0	5	2.8
230 to 300	110.0 to 148.9	10	5.6
300 to 400	148.9 to 204.4	15	8.3
400 to 525	204.4 to 273.9	20	11.1

## POWER-PLANT HEATER EXTRACTION-CYCLE ANALYSIS

A steam power plant operates at a boiler-drum pressure of 460 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (3171.7 kPa), a turbine throttle pressure of 415 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2861.4 kPa) and 725°F (385.0°C), and a turbine capacity of 10,000 kW (or 13,410 hp). The Rankine-cycle efficiency ratio (including generator losses) is: full load, 75.3 percent; three-quarters load, 74.75 percent; half load, 71.75 percent. The turbine exhaust pressure is 1 inHg absolute (3.4 kPa); steam flow to the steam-jet air ejector is 1000 lb/h (0.13 kg/s). Analyze this cycle to determine the possible gains from two stages of extraction for feedwater heating, with the first stage a closed heater and the second stage a direct-contact or mixing heater. Use engineering-office methods in analyzing the cycle.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Sketch the power-plant cycle.** Figure 44a shows the plant with one closed heater and one direct-contact heater. Values marked on Fig. 44a will be computed as part of this calculation procedure. Enter each value on the diagram as soon as it is computed.

**2. Compute the throttle flow without feedwater heating extraction.** Use the superheated steam tables to find the throttle enthalpy  $h_f = 1375.5$  Btu/lb (3199.4 kJ/kg) at 415 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2861.4 kPa) and 725°F (385.0°C).

Assume an irreversible adiabatic expansion between throttle conditions and the exhaust pressure of 1 inHg (3.4 kPa). Compute the final enthalpy  $H_{2s}$  by the same method used in earlier calculation procedures by finding  $y_{2s}$ , the percentage of moisture at the exhaust conditions with 1-inHg absolute (3.4-kPa) exhaust pressure. Do this by setting up the ratio  $y_{2s} = (s_y - S_1)/s_{fg}$ , where  $s_g$  and  $s_{fg}$  are entropies at the exhaust pressure;  $S_1$  is entropy at throttle conditions. From the steam tables,  $y_{2s} = 2.0387 - 1.6468/1.9473 = 0.201$ . Then  $H_{2s} = h_g - y_{2s}h_{fg}$ , where  $h_g$  and  $h_{fg}$  are enthalpies at 1 inHg absolute (3.4 kPa). Substitute values from the steam table for 1 inHg absolute (3.4 kPa); or,  $H_{2s} = 1096.3 - 0.201(1049.2) = 885.3$  Btu/lb (2059.2 kJ/kg).

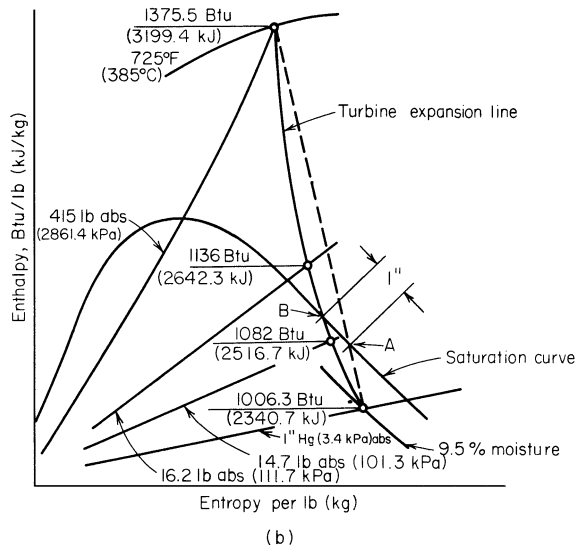
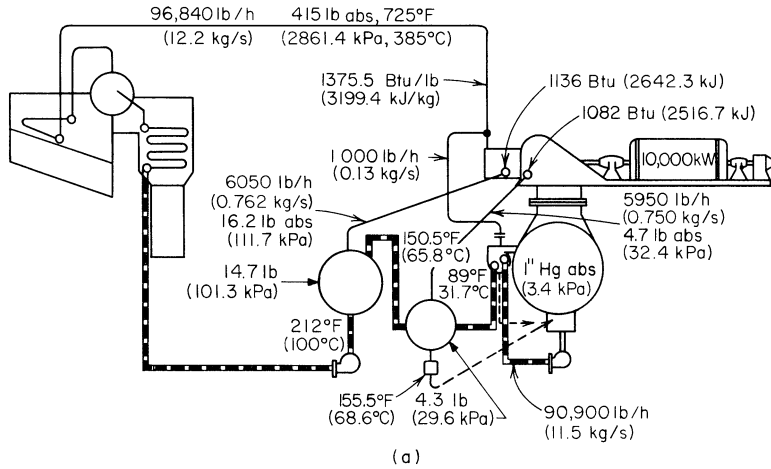
The available energy in this irreversible adiabatic expansion is the difference between the throttle and exhaust conditions, or  $1375.5 - 885.3 = 490.2$  Btu/lb (1140.2 kJ/kg). The work at full load on the turbine is: (Rankine-cycle efficiency)(adiabatic available energy) =  $(0.753)(490.2) = 369.1$  Btu/lb (858.5 kJ/kg). Enthalpy at the exhaust of the actual turbine = throttle enthalpy minus full-load actual work, or  $1375.5 - 369.1 = 1006.4$  Btu/lb (2340.9 kJ/kg). Use the Mollier chart to find, at 1.0 inHg absolute (3.4 kPa) and 1006.4 Btu/lb (2340.9 kJ/kg), that the exhaust steam contains 9.5 percent moisture.

Now the turbine steam rate  $SR = 3413$ (actual work output, Btu). Or,  $SR = 3413/369.1 = 9.25$  lb/kWh (4.2 kg/kWh). With the steam rate known, the nonextraction throttle flow is  $(SR)(\text{kW output}) = 9.25(10,000) = 92,500$  lb/h (11.7 kg/s).

**3. Determine the heater extraction pressures.** With steam extraction from the turbine for feedwater heating, the steam flow to the main condenser will be reduced, even with added throttle flow to compensate for extraction.

Assume that the final feedwater temperature will be 212°F (100.0°C) and that the heating range for each heater is equal. Both assumptions represent typical practice for a moderate-pressure cycle of the type being considered.

Feedwater leaving the condenser hotwell at 1 inHg absolute (3.4 kPa) is at 79.03°F (26.1°C). This feedwater is pumped through the air-ejector intercondensers and aftercondensers, where the condensate temperature will usually rise 5 to 15°F (2.8 to 8.3°C), depending on the turbine load. Assume that there is a 10°F (5.6°C) rise in condensate temperature from 79 to 89°F (26.1 to 31.7°C). Then the temperature range for the two heaters is  $212 - 89 = 123^\circ\text{F}$  (68.3°C). The temperature rise per heater is  $123/2 = 61.5^\circ\text{F}$  (34.2°C), since there are two heaters and each will have the same temperature rise. Since water enters the first-stage closed heater at 89°F (31.7°C), the exit temperature from this heater is  $89 + 61.5 = 150.5^\circ\text{F}$  (65.8°C).



**FIGURE 44** (a) Two stages of feedwater heating in a steam plant; (b) Mollier chart of the cycle in (a).

The second-stage heater is a direct-contact unit operating at 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.4 kPa), because this is the saturation pressure at an outlet temperature of 212°F (100.0°C). Assume a 10 percent pressure drop between the turbine and heater steam inlet. This is a typical pressure loss for an extraction heater. Extraction pressure for the second-stage heater is then 1.1(14.7) = 16.2 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (111.7 kPa).

Assume a 5°F (2.8°C) terminal difference for the first-stage heater. This is a typical terminal difference, as explained in an earlier calculation procedure. The saturated steam temperature in the heater equals the condensate temperature = 150.5°F (65.8°C) exit temperature + 5°F (2.8°C) terminal difference = 155.5°F (68.6°C). From the saturation-temperature steam table, the pressure at 155.5°F (68.6°C) is 4.3 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (29.6 kPa). With a 10 percent pressure loss, the extraction pressure = 1.1(4.3) = 4.73 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (32.6 kPa).

**4. Determine the extraction enthalpies.** To establish the enthalpy of the extracted steam at each stage, the actual turbine-expansion line must be plotted. Two points—the throttle inlet conditions and the exhaust conditions—are known. Plot these on a Mollier chart, Fig. 44*b*. Connect these two points by a dashed straight line, Fig. 44*b*.

Next, measure along the saturation curve 1 in (2.5 cm) from the intersection point *A* back toward the enthalpy coordinate, and locate point *B*. Now draw a gradually sloping line from the throttle conditions to point *B*; from *B* increase the slope to the exhaust conditions. The enthalpy of the steam at each extraction point is read where the lines of constant pressure cross the expansion line. Thus, for the second-stage direct-contact heater where  $p = 16.2 \text{ lb/in}^2 \text{ (abs)}$  (111.7 kPa),  $h_g = 1136 \text{ Btu/lb}$  (2642.3 kJ/kg). For the first-stage closed heater where  $p = 4.7 \text{ lb/in}^2 \text{ (abs)}$  (32.4 kPa),  $h_g = 1082 \text{ Btu/lb}$  (2516.7 kJ/kg).

When the actual expansion curve is plotted, a steeper slope is used between the throttle superheat conditions and the saturation curve of the Mollier chart, because the turbine stages using superheated steam (stages above the saturation curve) are more efficient than stages using wet steam (stages below the saturation curve).

**5. Compute the extraction steam flow.** To determine the extraction flow rates, two assumptions must be made—condenser steam flow rate and first-stage closed-heater extraction flow rate. The complete cycle will be analyzed, and the assumption checked. If the assumptions are incorrect, new values will be assumed, and the cycle analyzed again.

Assume that the condenser steam flow from the turbine is 84,000 lb/h (10.6 kg/s) when it is operating with extraction. Note that this value is less than the nonextraction flow of 92,500 lb/h (11.7 kg/s). The reason is that extraction of steam will reduce flow to the condenser because the steam is bled from the turbine after passage through the throttle but before the condenser inlet.

Then, for the first-stage closed heater, condensate flow is as follows:

From condenser	84,000 lb/h (10.6 kg/s) assumed
From steam-jet ejector	1,000 lb/h (0.13 kg/s)
From first-stage heater	5,900 lb/h (0.74 kg/s) assumed
Total	90,900 lb/h (11.5 kg/s)

The value of 5900 lb/h (0.74 kg/s) of condensate from the first-stage heater is the second assumption made. Since it will be checked later, an error in the assumption can be detected.

Assume a 2 percent heat radiation loss between the turbine and heater. This is a typical loss. Then

Steam enthalpy at heater = 1082(0.98)	= 1060.4 Btu/lb (2465.5 kJ/kg)
Enthalpy of condensate at 155.5°F (68.6°C)	= -123.4 Btu/lb (-287.0 kJ/kg)
Heat given up per lb (kg) of steam condensed	= 937.0 Btu/lb (2179.5 kJ/kg)
Enthalpy of feedwater at 150.5°F (65.8°C)	= 118.3 Btu/lb (275.2 kJ/kg)
Enthalpy of feedwater to heater at 89°F (31.7°C)	= -57.0 Btu/lb (-132.6 kJ/kg)
Heat absorbed by feedwater	= 61.3 Btu/lb (142.6 kJ/kg)
Required extraction = (total condensate flow, lb/h) [(heat absorbed by feedwater, Btu/lb)/ (heat given up per lb of steam condensed, Btu/lb)], or required extraction = (90,900) (61.3/937) = 5950 lb/h (0.75 kg/s)	

Compare the required extraction, 5950 lb/h (0.75 kg/s), with the assumed extraction, 5900 lb/h (0.74 kg/s). The difference is only 50 lb/h (0.006 kg/s), which is less than 1 percent. Therefore, the assumed flow rate is satisfactory, because estimates within 1 percent are considered sufficiently accurate for all routine analyses.

For the second-stage direct-contact heater, condensate flow, lb/h, is as follows:

From the first-stage heater	90,900 lb/h (11.5 kg/s)
Steam enthalpy at heater = 1135(0.98)	= 1112.3 Btu/lb (2587.2 kJ/kg)
Enthalpy of condensate at 212°F (100.0°C)	= -180.0 Btu/lb (-418.7 kJ/kg)
Heat given up per lb of steam condensed	= 932.3 Btu/lb (2168.5 kJ/kg)
Enthalpy of feedwater at 212°F (100.0°C)	= 180.0 Btu/lb (418.7 kJ/kg)
Enthalpy of feedwater at 150.5°F (65.8°C)	= 118.3 Btu/lb (275.2 kJ/kg)
Heat absorbed by feedwater	= 61.7 Btu/lb (143.5 kJ/kg)

The required extraction, calculated in the same way as for the first-stage heater, is  $(90,900)(61.7/932.2) = 6050$  lb/h (0.8 kg/s).

The computed extraction flow for the second-stage heater is not compared with an assumed value because an assumption was not necessary.

**6. Compute the actual condenser steam flow.** Sketch a vertical line diagram, Fig. 45, showing the enthalpies at the throttle, heaters, and exhaust. From this diagram, the work lost by the extracted steam can be computed. As Fig. 45 shows, the total enthalpy drop from the throttle to the exhaust is 369 Btu/lb (389.3 kJ/kg). Each pound of extracted steam from the first- and second-stage bleed points causes a work loss of 75.7 Btu/lb (176.1 kJ/kg) and 129.7 Btu/lb (301.7 KJ/kg), respectively. To carry the same load, 10,000 kW, with extraction, it will be necessary to supply the following additional compensation steam to the turbine throttle: (heater flow, lb/h)/(work loss, Btu/h)/(total work, Btu/h). Then

	lb/h	kg/s
First-stage closed heater: (5950)(75.7/369)	1220	0.15
Second-stage direct-contact heater: (6050)(129.7/369)	2120	0.27
Total additional throttle flow to compensate for extraction	3340	0.42

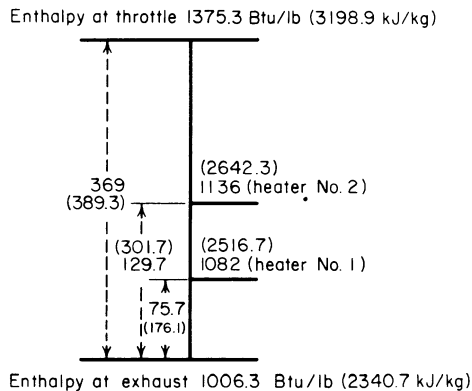


FIGURE 45 Diagram of turbine-expansion line.



Check the assumed condenser flow using nonextraction throttle flow + additional throttle flow – heater extraction = condenser flow. Set up a tabulation of the flows as follows:

Flow	lb/h	kg/s
Throttle; nonextraction	92,500	11.65
Added flow (compensation)	3,340	0.42
Throttle; extraction	95,840	12.07
Extraction (5950 + 6050)	-12,000	-1.51
Condenser flow	83,840	10.56

Compare this actual flow, 83,840 lb/h (10.6 kg/s), with the assumed flow, 84,000 lb/h (10.6 kg/s). The difference, 160 lb/h (0.02 kg/s), is less than 1 percent. Since an accuracy within 1 percent is sufficient for all normal power-plant calculations, it is not necessary to recompute the cycle. Had the difference been greater than 1 percent, a new condenser flow would be assumed and cycle recomputed. Follow this procedure until a difference of less than 1 percent is obtained.

**7. Determine the economy of the extraction cycle.** For a nonextraction cycle operating in the same pressure range,

	Btu/lb	kJ/kg
Enthalpy of throttle steam	1375.3	3198.9
Enthalpy of condensate at 79°F (26.1°C)	-47.0	-109.3
Heat supplied by boiler	1328.3	3089.6

Heat chargeable to turbine = (throttle flow + air-ejector flow)(heat supplied by boiler)/(kW output of turbine) = (92,500 + 1000)(1328.3)/10,000 = 12,410 Btu/kWh (13,093.2 kJ/kWh), which is the actual heat rate HR of the nonextraction cycle.

For the extraction cycle using two heaters,

	Btu/lb	kJ/kg
Enthalpy of throttle steam	1375.3	3198.9
Enthalpy of feedwater leaving second heater	-180.0	-418.7
Heat supplied by boiler	1195.3	2780.3

As before, heat chargeable to turbine = (95,840 + 1000)(1195.3)/10,000 = 11,580 Btu/kWh (12,217.5 kJ/kWh). Therefore, the improvement = (nonextraction HR – extraction HR)/ nonextraction HR = (12,410 – 11,580)/12,410 = 0.0662, or 6.62 percent.

**Related Calculations** (1) To determine the percent improvement in a steam cycle resulting from additional feedwater heaters in the cycle, use the same procedure as given above for three, four, five, six, or more heaters. Plot the percent improvement vs. number of stages of extraction, Fig. 46, to observe the effect of additional heaters. A plot of this type shows the decreasing gains made by additional heaters. Eventually the gains become so small that the added expenditure for an additional heater cannot be justified.

(2) Many simple marine steam plants use only two stages of feedwater heating. To analyze such a cycle, use the procedure given, substituting the hp output for the kW output of the turbine.

(3) Where a marine plant has more than two stages of feedwater heating, follow the procedure given in (1) above.

### STEAM BOILER, ECONOMIZER, AND AIR-HEATER EFFICIENCY

Determine the overall efficiency of a steam boiler generating 56,000 lb/h (7.1 kg/s) of 600 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (4137.0 kPa) 800°F (426.7°C) steam. The boiler is continuously blown down at the rate of 2500 lb/h (0.31 kg/s). Feedwater enters the economizer at 300°F (148.9°C). The furnace burns 5958 lb/h (0.75 kg/s) of 13,100-Btu/lb (30,470.6-kJ/kg) HHV (higher heating value) coal having an ultimate analysis of 68.5 percent C, 5 percent H<sub>2</sub>, 8.9 percent O<sub>2</sub>, 1.2 percent N<sub>2</sub>, 3.2 percent S, 8.7 percent ash, and 4.5 percent moisture. Air enters the boiler at 63°F (17.2°C) dry-bulb and 56°F (13.3°C) wet-bulb temperature, with 56 gr of vapor per lb (123.5 gr/kg) of dry air. Carbon in the fuel refuse is 7 percent, refuse is 0.093 lb/lb (0.2 kg/kg) of fuel. Feedwater leaves the economizer at 370°F (187.8°C). Flue gas enters the economizer at 850°F (454.4°C) and has an analysis of 15.8 percent CO<sub>2</sub>, 2.8 percent O<sub>2</sub>, and 81.4 percent N<sub>2</sub>. Air enters the air heater at 63°F (17.2°C) with 56 gr/lb (123.5 gr/kg) of dry air; air leaves the heater at 480°F (248.9°C). Gas enters the air heater at 570°F (298.9°C), and 14 percent of the air to the furnace comes from the mill fan. Determine the steam generator overall efficiency, economizer efficiency, and air-heater efficiency. Figure 47 shows the steam generator and the flow factors that must be considered.

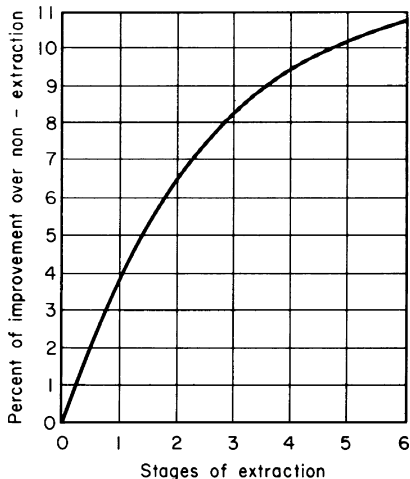


FIGURE 46 Percentage of improvement in turbine heat rate vs. stages of extraction.

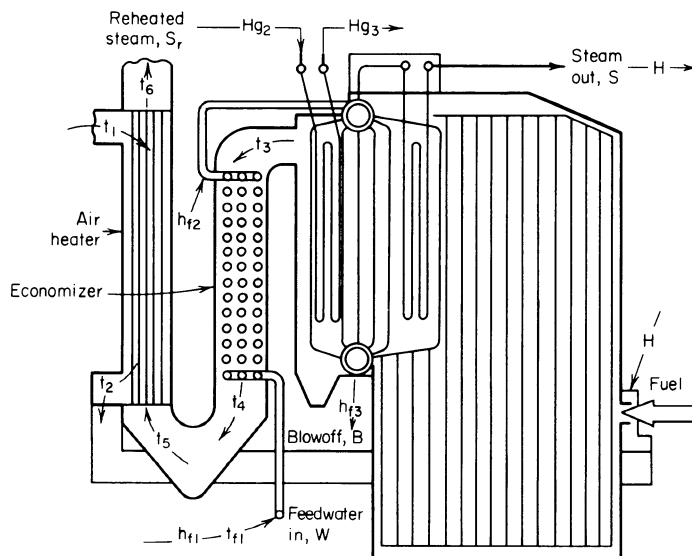


FIGURE 47 Points in a steam generator where temperatures and enthalpies are measured in determining the boiler efficiency.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the boiler output.** The boiler output =  $S(h_g - h_{f1}) + S_r(h_{g3} - h_{g2}) + B(h_{f3} - h_{f1})$ , where  $S$  = steam generated, lb/h;  $h_g$  = enthalpy of the generated steam, Btu/lb;  $h_{f1}$  = enthalpy of inlet feedwater;  $S_r$  = reheated steam flow, lb/h (if any);  $h_{g3}$  = outlet enthalpy of reheated steam;  $h_{g2}$  = inlet enthalpy of reheated steam;  $B$  = blowoff, lb/h;  $h_{f3}$  = blowoff enthalpy, where all enthalpies are in Btu/lb. Using the appropriate steam table and deleting the reheat factor because there is no reheat, we get boiler output =  $56,000(1407.7 - 269.6) + 2500(471.6 - 269.6) = 64,238,600$  Btu/h (18,826.5 kW)

**2. Compute the heat input to the boiler.** The boiler input =  $FH$ , where  $F$  = fuel input, lb/h (as fired);  $H$  = higher heating value, Btu/lb (as fired). Or, boiler input =  $5958(13,100) = 78,049,800$  Btu/h (22,874.1 kW).

**3. Compute the boiler efficiency.** The boiler efficiency = (output, Btu/h)/(input, Btu/h) =  $64,238,600/78,049,800 = 0.822$ , or 82.2 percent.

**4. Determine the heat absorbed by the economizer.** The heat absorbed by the economizer, Btu/h =  $w_w(h_{f2} - h_{f1})$ , where  $w_w$  = feedwater flow, lb/h;  $h_{f2}$  and  $h_{f1}$  = enthalpies of feedwater leaving and entering the economizer, respectively, Btu/lb. For this economizer, with the feedwater leaving the economizer at 370°F (187.8°C) and entering at 300°F (148.9°C), heat absorbed =  $(56,000 + 2500)(342.79 - 269.59) = 4,283,000$  Btu/h (1255.2 kW). Note that the total feedwater flow  $w_w$  is the sum of the steam generated and the continuous blowdown rate.

**5. Compute the heat available to the economizer.** The heat available to the economizer, Btu/h =  $H_g F$ , where  $H_g$  = heat available in flue gas, Btu/lb of fuel = heat available in dry gas + heat available in flue-gas vapor, Btu/lb of fuel =  $(t_3 - t_{f1})(0.24G) + (t_3 - t_{f1})(0.46)\{M_f + 8.94H_2 + M_a[G - C_b - N_2 - 7.94(H_2 - O_2/8)]\}$ , where  $G$  =  $\{[11CO_2 + 8O_2 + 7(N_2 + CO)]/[3(CO_2 + CO)]\}(C_b + S/2.67) + S/1.60$ ;  $M_f$  = lb of moisture per lb fuel burned;  $M_a$  = lb of moisture per lb of dry air to furnace;  $C_b$  = lb of carbon burned per lb of fuel burned =  $C - RC_r$ ;  $C_r$  = lb of combustible per lb of refuse;  $R$  = lb of refuse per lb of fuel;  $H_2$ ,  $N_2$ ,  $C$ ,  $O_2$ ,  $S$  = lb of each element per lb of fuel, as fired;  $CO_2$ ,  $CO$ ,  $O_2$ ,  $N_2$  = percentage parts of volumetric analysis of dry combustion gas entering the economizer. Substituting gives  $C_b = 0.685 - (0.093)(0.07) = 0.678$  lb/lb (0.678 kg/kg) fuel;  $G = [11(0.158) + 8(0.028) + 7(0.814)]/[3(0.158)] \times (0.678 + 0.032/2.67) + 0.032/1.60$ ;  $G = 11.18$  lb/lb (11.18 kg/kg) fuel.  $H_g = (800 - 300)(0.24) \times (11.18) + (800 - 300)(0.46)\{0.045 + (8.9)(0.05) + 56/7000[11.18 - 0.678 - 0.012 - 7.94 \times (0.05 - 0.089/8)]\}$ ;  $H_g = 1473$  Btu/lb (3426.2 kJ/kg) fuel. Heat available =  $H_g F = (1473)(5958) = 8,770,000$  Btu/h (2570.2 kW).

**6. Compute the economizer efficiency.** The economizer efficiency = (heat absorbed, Btu/h)/(heat available, Btu/h) =  $4,283,000/8,770,000 = 0.488$ , or 48.8 percent.

**7. Compute the heat absorbed by air heater.** The heat absorbed by the air heater, Btu/lb of fuel, =  $A_h(t_2 - t_1)(0.24 + 0.46M_a)$ , where  $A_h$  = air flow through heater, lb/lb fuel =  $A - A_m$ ;  $A$  = total air to furnace, lb/lb fuel =  $G - C_b - N_2 - 7.94(H_2 - O_2/8)$ ;  $G$  = similar to economizer but based on gas at the furnace exit;  $A_m$  = external air supplied by the mill fan or other source, lb/lb of fuel. Substituting shows  $G = [11(0.16) + 8(0.26) + 7(0.184)]/[3(0.16)](0.678 + 0.032/2.67) + 0.032/1.60$ ;  $G = 11.03$  lb/lb (11.03 kg/kg) fuel;  $A = 11.03 - 0.69 - 0.012 - 7.94(0.05 - 0.089/8)$ ;  $A = 10.02$  lb/lb (10.02 kg/kg) fuel. Heat absorbed =  $(1 - 0.15)(10.02)(480 - 63)(0.24 + 56/7000) = 865.5$  Btu/lb (2013.2 kJ/kg) fuel.

**8. Compute the heat available to the air heater.** The heat available to the air heater, Btu/h =  $(t_5 - t_1)0.24G + (t_5 - t_1)0.46(M_f + 8.94H_2 + M_a A)$ . In this relation, all symbols are the same as for the economizer except that  $G$  and  $A$  are based on the gas entering the heater. Substituting gives

$G = [11(0.15) + 8(0.036) + 7(0.814)]/[3(0.15)](0.678 + 0.032/2.67) + 0.032/1.60$ ;  $G = 11.72$  lb/lb (11.72 kg/kg) fuel. And  $A = 11.72 - 0.69 - 0.012 - 7.94(0.05 - 0.089/8) = 10.71$  lb/lb (10.71 kg/kg) fuel. Heat available =  $(570 - 3)(0.24)(11.72) + (570 - 63)(0.46)[0.045 + 8.94(0.05) + 56/7000(10.71)] = 1561$  Btu/lb (3630.9 kJ/kg).

**9. Compute the air-heater efficiency.** The air-heater efficiency = (heat absorbed, Btu/lb fuel)/(heat available, Btu/lb fuel) =  $865.5/1561 = 0.554$ , or 55.4 percent.

**Related Calculations** The above procedure is valid for all types of steam generators, regardless of the kind of fuel used. Where oil or gas is the fuel, alter the combustion calculations to reflect the differences between the fuels. Further, this procedure is also valid for marine and portable boilers.

## FIRE-TUBE BOILER ANALYSIS AND SELECTION

Determine the heating surface in an 84-in (213.4-cm) diameter fire-tube boiler 18 ft (5.5 m) long having 84 tubes of 4-in (10.2-cm) ID if 25 percent of the upper shell ends are heat-insulated. How much steam is generated if the boiler evaporates 34.5 lb/h of water per 12 ft<sup>2</sup> [3.9 g/(m<sup>2</sup>·s)] of heating surface? How much heat is added by the boiler if it operates at 200 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1379.0 kPa) with 200°F (93.3°C) feedwater? What is the factor of evaporation for this boiler? How much hp is developed by the boiler if 7,000,000 Btu/h (2051.4 kW) is delivered to the water?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the shell area exposed to furnace gas.** Shell area =  $\pi DL(1 - 0.25)$ , where  $D$  = boiler diameter, ft;  $L$  = shell length, ft;  $1 - 0.25$  is the portion of the shell in contact with the furnace gas. Then shell area =  $\pi(84/12)(18)(0.75) = 297$  ft<sup>2</sup> (27.0 m<sup>2</sup>).

**2. Compute the tube area exposed to furnace gas.** Tube area =  $\pi dLN$ , where  $d$  = tube ID, ft;  $L$  = tube length, ft;  $N$  = number of tubes in boiler. Substituting gives tube area =  $\pi(4/12)(18)(84) = 1583$  ft<sup>2</sup> (147.1 m<sup>2</sup>).

**3. Compute the head area exposed to furnace gas.** The area exposed to furnace gas is twice (since there are two heads) the exposed head area minus twice the area occupied by the tubes. The exposed head area is (total area)(1 - portion covered by insulation, expressed as a decimal). Substituting, we get  $2\pi D^2/4 - (2)(84)\pi d^2/4 = 2\pi/4(84/12)^2(0.75) - (2)(84)\pi(4/12)^2/4 =$  head area = 43.1 ft<sup>2</sup> (4.0 m<sup>2</sup>).

**4. Find the total heating surface.** The total heating surface of any fire-tube boiler is the sum of the shell, tube, and head areas, or  $297.0 + 1583 + 43.1 = 1923$  ft<sup>2</sup> (178.7 m<sup>2</sup>), total heating surface.

**5. Compute the quantity of steam generated.** Since the boiler evaporates 34.5 lb/h of water per 12 ft<sup>2</sup> [3.9 g/(m<sup>2</sup>·s)] of heating surface, the quantity of steam generated =  $34.5$  (total heating surface, ft<sup>2</sup>)/12 =  $34.5(1923.1)/12 = 5200$  lb/h (0.66 kg/s).

*Note:* Evaporation of 34.5 lb/h (0.0043 kg/s) from and at 212°F (100.0°C) is the definition of the now-discarded term *boiler horsepower*. However, this term is still met in some engineering examinations and is used by some manufacturers when comparing the performance of boilers. A term used in lieu of boiler horsepower, with the same definition, is *equivalent evaporation*. Both terms are falling into disuse, but they are included here because they still find some use today.

**6. Determine the heat added by the boiler.** Heat added, Btu/lb of steam =  $h_g - h_{f1}$ ; from steam table values  $1198.4 - 167.99 = 1030.41$  Btu/lb (2396.7 kJ/kg). An alternative way of computing heat

added is  $h_g -$  (feedwater temperature, °F,  $-32$ ), where 32 is the freezing temperature of water on the Fahrenheit scale. By this method, heat added =  $1198.4 - (200 - 32) = 1030.4$  Btu/lb (2396.7 kJ/kg). Thus, both methods give the same results in this case. In general, however, use of steam table values is preferred.

**7. Compute the factor of evaporation.** The factor of evaporation is used to convert from the actual to the equivalent evaporation, defined earlier. Or, factor of evaporation = (heat added by boiler, Btu/lb)/970.3, where 970.3 Btu/lb (2256.9 kJ/kg) is the heat added to develop 1 boiler hp (bhp) (0.75 kW). Thus, the factor of evaporation for this boiler =  $1030.4/970.3 = 1.066$ .

**8. Compute the boiler hp output.** Boiler hp = (actual evaporation, lb/h) (factor of evaporation)/34.5. In this relation, the actual evaporation must be computed first. Since the furnace delivers 7,000,000 Btu/h (2051.5 kW) to the boiler water and the water absorbs 1030.4 Btu/lb (2396.7 kJ/kg) to produce 200-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1379.0-kPa) steam with 200°F (93.3°C) feedwater, the steam generated, lb/h = (total heat delivered, Btu/h)/(heat absorbed, Btu/lb) =  $7,000,000/1030.4 = 6670$  lb/h (0.85 kg/s). Then boiler hp =  $(6760)(1.066)/34.5 = 209$  hp (155.9 kW).

The rated hp output of horizontal fire-tube boilers with separate supporting walls is based on 12 ft<sup>2</sup> (1.1 m<sup>2</sup>) of heating surface per boiler hp. Thus, the rated hp of this boiler =  $1923.1/12 = 160$  hp (119.3 kW). When producing 209 hp (155.9 kW), the boiler is operating at 209/160, or 1.305 times its normal rating, or (100)(1.305) = 130.5 percent of normal rating.

*Note:* Today most boiler manufacturers rate their boilers in terms of pounds per hour of steam generated at a stated pressure. Use this measure of boiler output whenever possible. Inclusion of the term *boiler hp* in this handbook does not indicate that the editor favors or recommends its use. Instead, the term was included to make the handbook as helpful as possible to users who might encounter the term in their work.

## SAFETY-VALVE STEAM-FLOW CAPACITY

How much saturated steam at 150 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1034.3 kPa) can a 2.5-in (6.4-cm) diameter safety valve having a 0.25-in (0.6-cm) lift pass if the discharge coefficient of the valve  $c_d$  is 0.75? What is the capacity of the same valve if the steam is superheated 100°F (55.6°C) above its saturation temperature?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the area of the valve annulus.** Annulus area, in<sup>2</sup> =  $A = \pi DL$ , where  $D$  = valve diameter, in;  $L$  = valve lift, in. Annulus area =  $\pi(2.5)(0.25) = 1.966$  in<sup>2</sup> (12.7 cm<sup>2</sup>).

**2. Compute the ideal flow for this safety valve.** Ideal flow  $F_i$  lb/s for any safety valve handling saturated steam is  $F_i = p_s^{0.97} A/60$ , where  $p_s$  = saturated-steam pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs). For this valve,  $F_i = (150)^{0.97} (1.966)/60 = 4.24$  lb/s (1.9 kg/s).

**3. Compute the actual flow through the valve.** Actual flow  $F_a = F_i c_d = (4.24)(0.75) = 3.18$  lb/s (1.4 kg/s) =  $(3.18)(3600 \text{ s/h}) = 11,448$  lb/h (1.44 kg/s).

**4. Determine the superheated-steam flow rate.** The ideal superheated-steam flow  $F_{is}$  lb/s is  $F_{is} = p_s^{0.97} A/[60(1 + 0.0065t_s)]$ , where  $t_s$  = superheated temperature, above saturation temperature, °F. Then  $F_{is} = (150)^{0.97} (1.966)/[60(1 + 0.0065 \times 100)] = 3.96$  lb/s (1.8 kg/s). The actual flow is  $F_{as} = F_{is} c_d = (3.96)(0.75) = 2.97$  lb/s (1.4 kg/s) =  $(2.97)(3600) = 10,700$  lb/h (1.4 kg/s).

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for safety valves serving any type of stationary or marine boiler.

## SAFETY-VALVE SELECTION FOR A WATERTUBE STEAM BOILER

Select a safety valve for a watertube steam boiler having a maximum rating of 100,000 lb/h (12.6 kg/s) at 800 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (5516.0 kPa) and 900°F (482.2°C). Determine the valve diameter, size of boiler connection for the valve, opening pressure, closing pressure, type of connection, and valve material. The boiler is oil-fired and has a total heating surface of 9200 ft<sup>2</sup> (854.7 m<sup>2</sup>) of which 1000 ft<sup>2</sup> (92.9 m<sup>2</sup>) is in waterwall surface. Use the ASME *Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code* rules when selecting the valve. Sketch the escape-pipe arrangement for the safety valve.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the minimum valve relieving capacity.** Refer to the latest edition of the *Code* for the relieving-capacity rules. Recent editions of the *Code* require that the safety valve have a *minimum* relieving capacity based on the pounds of steam generated per hour per square foot of boiler heating surface and waterwall heating surface. In the edition of the *Code* used in preparing this handbook, the relieving requirement for oil-fired boilers was 10 lb/(ft<sup>2</sup>·h) of steam [13.6 g/(m<sup>2</sup>·s)] of boiler heating surface, and 16 lb/(ft<sup>2</sup>·h) of steam [21.9 g/(m<sup>2</sup>·s)] of waterwall surface. Thus, the minimum safety-valve relieving capacity for this boiler, based on total heating surface, would be (8200)(10) + (1000)(16) = 92,000 lb/h (11.6 kg/s). In this equation, 1000 ft<sup>2</sup> (92.9 m<sup>2</sup>) of waterwall surface is deducted from the total heating surface of 9200 ft<sup>2</sup> (854.7 m<sup>2</sup>) to obtain the boiler heating surface of 8200 ft<sup>2</sup> (761.8 m<sup>2</sup>).

The minimum relieving capacity based on total heating surface is 92,000 lb/h (11.6 kg/s); the maximum rated capacity of the boiler is 100,000 lb/h (12.6 kg/s). Since the *Code* also requires that “the safety valve or valves will discharge all the steam that can be generated by the boiler,” the minimum relieving capacity must be 100,000 lb/h (12.6 kg/s), because this is the maximum capacity of the boiler and it exceeds the valve capacity based on the heating-surface calculation. If the valve capacity based on the heating-surface steam generation were larger than the stated maximum capacity of the boiler, the *Code* heating-surface valve capacity would be used in safety-valve selection.

**2. Determine the number of safety valves needed.** Study the latest edition of the *Code* to determine the requirements for the number of safety valves. The edition of the *Code* used here requires that “each boiler shall have at least one safety valve and if it [the boiler] has more than 500 ft<sup>2</sup> (46.5 m<sup>2</sup>) of water heating surface, it shall have two or more safety valves.” Thus, at least two safety valves are needed for this boiler. The *Code* further specifies, in the edition used, that “when two or more safety valves are used on a boiler, they may be mounted either separately or as twin valves made by placing individual valves on Y bases, or duplex valves having two valves in the same body casing. Twin valves made by placing individual valves on Y bases, or duplex valves having two valves in the same body, shall be of equal sizes.” Also, “when not more than two valves of different sizes are mounted singly, the relieving capacity of the smaller valve shall not be less than 50 percent of that of the larger valve.”

Assume that two equal-size valves mounted on a Y base will be used on the steam drum of this boiler. Two or more equal-size valves are usually chosen for the steam drum of a watertube boiler.

Since this boiler handles superheated steam, check the *Code* requirements regarding superheaters. The *Code* states that “every attached superheater shall have one or more safety valves near the outlet.” Also, “the discharge capacity of the safety valve, or valves, on an attached superheater may be included in determining the number and size of the safety valves for the boiler, provided there are no intervening valves between the superheater safety valve and the boiler, and provided the discharge capacity of the safety valve, or valves, on the boiler, as distinct from the superheater, is at least 75 percent of the aggregate valve capacity required.”

Since the safety valves used must handle 100,000 lb/h (12.6 kg/s), and one or more superheater safety valves are required by the *Code*, assume that the two steam-drum valves will handle, in accordance with the above requirement, 80,000 lb/h (10.1 kg/s). Assume that one superheater safety valve will be used. Its capacity must then be at least 100,000 – 80,000 = 20,000 lb/h (2.5 kg/s). (Use as

few superheater safety valves as possible, because this simplifies the installation and reduces cost.) With this arrangement, each steam-drum valve must handle  $80,000/2 = 40,000$  lb/h (5.0 kg/s) of steam, since there are two safety valves on the steam drum.

**3. Determine the valve pressure settings.** Consult the *Code*. It requires that “one or more safety valves on the boiler proper shall be set at or below the maximum allowable working pressure.” For modern boilers, the maximum allowable working pressure is usually 1.5, or more, times the rated operating pressure in the lower [under 1000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) or 6895.0 kPa] pressure ranges. To prevent unnecessary operation of the safety valve and to reduce steam losses, the lowest safety-valve setting is usually about 5 percent higher than the boiler operating pressure. For this boiler, the lowest pressure setting would be  $800 + 800(0.05) = 840$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (5791.8 kPa). Round this to 850 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (5860.8 kPa, or 6.25 percent) for ease of selection from the usual safety-valve rating tables. The usual safety-valve pressure setting is between 5 and 10 percent higher than the rated operating pressure of the boiler.

Boilers fitted with superheaters usually have the superheater safety valve set at a lower pressure than the steam-drum safety valve. This arrangement ensures that the superheater safety valve opens first when overpressure occurs. This provides steam flow through the superheater tubes at all times, preventing tube burnout. Therefore, the superheater safety valve in this boiler will be set to open at 850 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (5860.8 kPa), the lowest opening pressure for the safety valves chosen. The steam-drum safety valves will be set to open at a higher pressure. As decided earlier, the superheater safety valve will have a capacity of 20,000 lb/h (2.5 kg/s).

Between the steam drum and the superheater safety valve, there is a pressure loss that varies from one boiler to another. The boiler manufacturer supplies a performance chart showing the drum outlet pressure for various percentages of the maximum continuous steaming capacity of the boiler. This chart also shows the superheater outlet pressure for the same capacities. The difference between the drum and superheater outlet pressure for any given load is the superheater pressure loss. Obtain this pressure loss from the performance chart.

Assume, for this boiler, that the superheater pressure loss, plus any pressure losses in the nonreturn valve and dry pipe, at maximum rating, is 60 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (413.7 kPa). The steam-drum operating pressure will then be superheater outlet pressure + superheater pressure loss =  $800 + 60 = 860$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (5929.7 kPa). As with the superheater safety valve, the steam-drum safety valve is usually set to open at about 5 percent above the drum operating pressure at maximum steam output. For this boiler then, the drum safety-valve set pressure =  $860 + 860(0.05) = 903$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (6226.2 kPa). Round this to 900 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (6205.5 kPa) to simplify valve selection.

Some designers add the drum safety-valve blowdown or blowback pressure (difference between the valve opening and closing pressures, lb/in<sup>2</sup>) to the total obtained above to find the drum operating pressure. However, the 5 percent allowance used above is sufficient to allow for the blowdown in boilers operating at less than 1000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (6895.0 kPa). At pressures of 1000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (6895.0 kPa) and higher, add the drum safety-valve blowdown *and* the 5 percent allowance to the superheater outlet pressure and pressure loss to find the drum pressure.

**4. Determine the required valve orifice discharge area.** Refer to a safety-valve manufacturer’s engineering data listing valve capacities at various working pressures. For the two steam-drum valves, enter the table at 900 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (6205.5 kPa), and project horizontally until a capacity of 40,000 lb/h (5.0 kg/s), or more, is intersected. Here is an excerpt from a typical manufacturer’s capacity table for safety valves handling *saturated steam*:

Set pressure		Orifice area					
lb/in <sup>2</sup> (abs)	kPa	0.994 in <sup>2</sup>	6.41 cm <sup>2</sup>	1.431 in <sup>2</sup>	9.23 cm <sup>2</sup>	2.545 in <sup>2</sup>	16.42 cm <sup>2</sup>
890	6,136.6	41,750	5.26	60,000	7.56	107,200	13.5
900	6,205.5	42,200	5.32	60,900	7.67	108,000	13.6
910	6,274.5	42,700	5.38	61,600	7.76	109,300	13.8

Thus, at 900 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (6205.5 kPa) a valve with an orifice area of 0.994 in<sup>2</sup> (6.4 cm<sup>2</sup>) will have a capacity of 42,200 lb/h (5.3 kg/s) of saturated steam. This is 5.5 percent greater than the required capacity of 40,000 lb/h (5.0 kg/s) for each steam-drum valve. However, the usual selection cannot be made at exactly the desired capacity. Provided that the valve chosen has a greater steam relieving capacity than required, there is no danger of overpressure in the steam drum. Be careful to note that safety valves for saturated steam are chosen for the steam drum because superheating of the steam does not occur in the steam drum.

The superheater safety valve must handle 20,000 lb/h (2.5 kg/s) of 850 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (5860.8-kPa) steam at 900°F (482.2°C). Safety valves handling superheated steam have a smaller capacity than when handling saturated steam. To obtain the capacity of a safety valve handling superheated steam, the saturated steam capacity is multiplied by a correction factor that is less than 1.00. An alternative procedure is to divide the required superheated-steam capacity by the same correction factor to obtain the saturated-steam capacity of the valve. The latter procedure will be used here because it is more direct.

Obtain the correction factor from the safety-valve manufacturer's engineering data by entering at the steam pressure and projecting to the steam temperature, as shown below.

Set pressure		Steam temperature	
lb/in <sup>2</sup> (abs)	kPa	880°F (471.1°C)	900°F (482.2°C)
800	5516.0	0.80	0.80
850	6205.5	0.81	0.80
900	5860.8	0.81	0.80

Thus, at 850 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (5860.8 kPa) and 900°F (482.2°C), the correction factor is 0.80. The required saturated-steam capacity then is 20,000/0.80 = 25,000 lb/h (3.1 kg/s).

Refer to the manufacturer's saturated-steam capacity table as before, and at 850 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (5860.8 kPa) find the closest capacity as 31,500 lb/h (4.0 kg/s) for a 0.785-in<sup>2</sup> (5.1-cm<sup>2</sup>) orifice. As with the steam-drum valves, the actual capacity of the safety valve is somewhat greater than the required capacity. In general, it is difficult to find a valve with exactly the required steam relieving capacity.

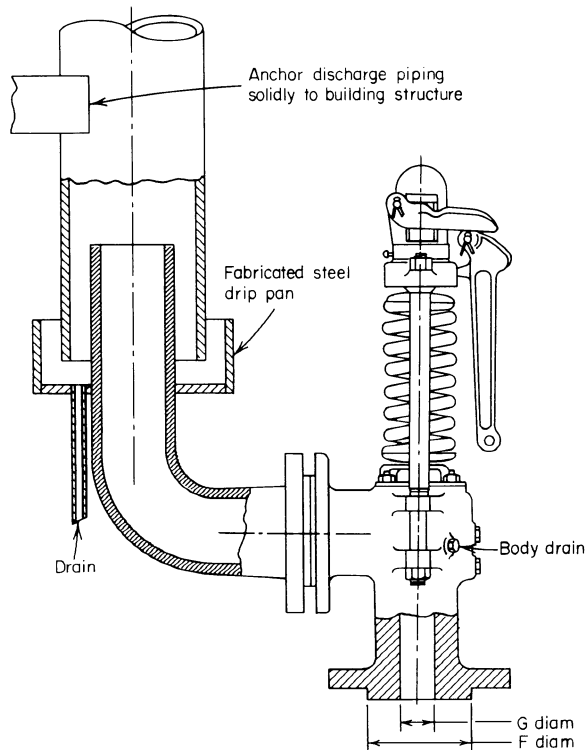
**5. Determine the valve nominal size and construction details.** Turn to the data section of the safety-valve engineering manual to find the value construction features. For the steam-drum valves having 0.994-in<sup>2</sup> (6.4-cm<sup>2</sup>) orifice areas, the engineering data show, for 900-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (6205.5-kPa) service, each valve is 1½-in (3.8-cm) unit rated for temperatures up to 1050°F (565.6°C). The inlet is a 900-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (6205.5-kPa) 1½-in (3.8-cm) flanged connection, and the outlet is a 150-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1034.3-kPa) 3-in (7.6-cm) flanged connection. Materials used in the valve include: body, cast carbon steel; disk seat, stainless steel AISI 321. The overall height is 27<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> in (70.8 cm); dismantled height is 32<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in (83.2 cm).

Similar data for the superheated steam valve show, for a maximum pressure of 900 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (6205.5 kPa), that it is a 1½-in (3.8-cm) unit rated for temperatures up to 1000°F (537.8°C). The inlet is a 900-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (6205.5-kPa) 1½-in (3.8-cm) flanged connection, and the outlet is a 150-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1034.3-kPa) 3-in (7.6-cm) flanged connection. Materials used in the valve include: body, cast alloy steel, ASTM 217-WC6; spindle, stainless steel; spring, alloy steel; disk seat, stainless steel. Overall height is 21<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> in (54.3 cm); dismantled height is 25<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in (64.1 cm). Checking the *Code* shows that "every safety valve used on a superheater discharging superheated steam at a temperature over 450°F (232.2°C) shall have a casing, including the base, body, bonnet and spindle, of steel, steel alloy, or equivalent heat-resisting material. The valve shall have a flanged inlet connection."

Thus, the superheater valve selected is satisfactory.

**6. Compute the steam-drum connection size.** The *Code* requires that "when a boiler is fitted with two or more safety valves on one connection, this connection to the boiler shall have a cross-sectional area not less than the combined areas of inlet connections of all safety valves with which it connects."





**FIGURE 48** Typical boiler safety-valve discharge elbow and drip-pan connection. (*Industrial Valve and Instrument Division of Dresser Industries Inc.*)

The inlet area for each valve  $= \pi D^2/4 = \pi(1.5)^2/4 = 1.77 \text{ in}^2$  ( $11.4 \text{ cm}^2$ ). For two valves, the total inlet area  $= 2(1.77) = 3.54 \text{ in}^2$  ( $22.8 \text{ cm}^2$ ). The required minimum diameter of the boiler connection is  $d = 2(A/\pi)^{0.5}$ , where  $A$  = inlet area. Or,  $d = 2(3.54/\pi)^{0.5} = 2.12 \text{ in}$  ( $5.4 \text{ cm}$ ). Select a  $2\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2} \text{ in}$  ( $6.4 \times 3.8 \times 3.8 \text{ cm}$ ) Y for the two steam-drum valves and a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -in ( $6.4\text{-cm}$ ) steam-drum outlet connection.

**7. Compute the safety-valve closing pressure.** The Code requires safety valves “to close after blowing down not more than 4 percent of the set pressure.” For the steam-drum valves the closing pressure will be  $900 - (900)(0.04) = 865 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (abs) ( $5964.2 \text{ kPa}$ ). The superheater safety valve will close at  $850 - (850)(0.04) = 816 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (abs) ( $5626.3 \text{ kPa}$ ).

**8. Sketch the discharge elbow and drip pan.** Figure 48 shows a typical discharge elbow and drip-pan connection. Fit all boiler safety valves with escape pipes to carry the steam out of the building and away from personnel. Extend the escape pipe to at least 6 ft (1.8 m) above the roof of the building. Use an escape having a diameter equal to the valve outlet size. When the escape pipe is more than 12 ft (3.7 m) long, some authorities recommend increasing the escape-pipe diameter by  $\frac{1}{2}$  in (1.3 cm) for each additional 12-ft (3.7-m) length. Excessive escape-pipe length without an increase in diameter can cause a backpressure on the safety valve because of flow friction. The safety valve may then chatter excessively.

Support the escape pipe independently of the safety valve. Fit a drain to the valve body and drip pan as shown in Fig. 48. This prevents freezing of the condensate and also eliminates the possibility

of condensate in the escape pipe raising the valve opening pressure. When a muffler is fitted to the escape pipe, the inlet diameter of the muffler should be the same as, or larger than, the escape-pipe diameter. The outlet area should be greater than the inlet area of the muffler.

**Related Calculations** Compute the safety-valve size for fire-tube boilers in the same way as described above, except that the *Code* gives a tabulation of the required area for safety-valve boiler connections based on boiler operating pressure and heating surface. Thus, with an operating pressure of 200 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (1379.0 kPa) and 1800 ft<sup>2</sup> (167.2 m<sup>2</sup>) of heating surface, the *Code* table shows that the safety-valve connection should have an area of at least 9.148 in<sup>2</sup> (59.0 cm<sup>2</sup>). A 3½-in (8.9-cm) connection would provide this area; or two smaller connections could be used provided that the sum of their areas exceeded 9.148 in<sup>2</sup> (59.0 cm<sup>2</sup>).

*Note:* Be sure to select safety valves approved for use under the *Code* or local law governing boilers in the area in which the boiler will be used. Choice of an unapproved valve can lead to its rejection by the bureau or other agency controlling boiler installation and operation.

## STEAM-QUALITY DETERMINATION WITH A THROTTLING CALORIMETER

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Steam leaves an industrial boiler at 120 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (827.4 kPa) and 341.25°F (171.8°C). A portion of the steam is passed through a throttling calorimeter and is exhausted to the atmosphere when the barometric pressure is 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.4 kPa). How much moisture does the steam leaving the boiler contain if the temperature of the steam at the calorimeter is 240°F (115.6°C)?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Plot the throttling process on the Mollier diagram.** Begin with the endpoint, 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.4 kPa) and 240°F (115.6°C). Plot this point on the Mollier diagram as point A, Fig. 49. Note that this point is in the superheat region of the Mollier diagram, because steam at 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.4 kPa) has a temperature of 212°F (100.0°C), whereas the steam in this calorimeter has a temperature of 240°F (115.6°C). The enthalpy of the calorimeter steam is, from the Mollier diagram, 1164 Btu/lb (2707.5 kJ/kg).

**2. Trace the throttling process on the Mollier diagram.** In a throttling process, the steam expands at constant enthalpy. Draw a straight, horizontal line from point A to the left on the Mollier diagram until the 120-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (827.4-kPa) pressure curve is intersected, point B, Fig. 49. Read the moisture content of the steam as 3 percent where the 1164-Btu/lb (2707.5-kJ/kg) horizontal trace AB, the 120-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (827.4-kPa) pressure line, and the 3 percent moisture line intersect.

**Related Calculations** A throttling calorimeter *must* produce superheated steam at the existing atmospheric pressure if the moisture content of the supply steam is to be found. Where the throttling calorimeter cannot produce superheated steam at atmospheric pressure, connect the calorimeter outlet to an area at a pressure less than atmospheric. Expand the steam from the source, and read the temperature at the calorimeter. If the steam temperature is greater than that corresponding to the absolute pressure of the vacuum area—for example, a temperature greater than 133.76°F (56.5°C) in an area of 5 inHg (16.9 kPa) absolute pressure—follow the same procedure as given above. Point A would then be in the below-atmospheric area of the Mollier diagram. Trace to the left to the origin pressure, and read the moisture content as before.

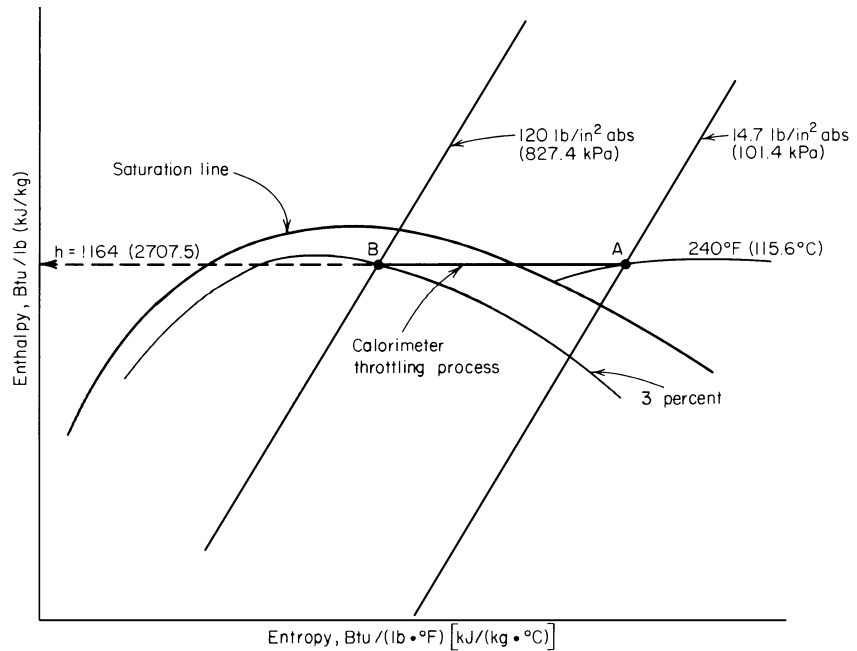


FIGURE 49 Mollier-diagram plot of a throttling-calorimeter process.

## STEAM PRESSURE DROP IN A BOILER SUPERHEATER

What is the pressure loss in a boiler superheater handling  $w_s = 200,000$  lb/h (25.2 kg/s) of saturated steam at  $500$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (3447.5 kPa) if the desired outlet temperature is  $750^\circ\text{F}$  ( $398.9^\circ\text{C}$ )? The steam free-flow area through the superheater tubes  $A_s$  ft<sup>2</sup> is  $0.500$ , friction factor  $f$  is  $0.025$ , tube ID is  $2.125$  in ( $5.4$  cm), developed length  $l$  of a tube in one circuit is  $150$  in ( $381.0$  cm), and the tube bend factor  $B_f$  is  $12.0$ .

### Calculation Procedure

- Determine the initial conditions of the steam.** To compute the pressure loss in a superheater, the initial specific volume of the steam  $v_g$  and the mass-flow ratio  $w_s/A_s$  must be known. From the steam table,  $v_g = 0.9278$  ft<sup>3</sup>/lb ( $0.058$  m<sup>3</sup>/kg) at  $500$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) ( $3447.5$  kPa) saturated. The mass-flow ratio  $w_s/A_s = 200,000/0.500 = 400,000$ .
- Compute the superheater entrance and exit pressure loss.** Entrance and exit pressure loss  $p_E$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> =  $v_f/8(0.00001w_s/A_s)^2 = 0.9278/8[(0.00001) \times (400,000)]^2 = 1.856$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> ( $12.8$  kPa).
- Compute the pressure loss in the straight tubes.** Straight-tube pressure loss  $p_s$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> =  $v_f l f / \text{ID} (0.00001w_s/A_s)^2 = 0.9278(150)(0.025)/2.125[(0.00001)(400,000)]^2 = 26.2$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) ( $180.6$  kPa).
- Compute the pressure loss in the superheater bends.** Bend pressure loss  $p_b = 0.0833B_f(0.00001w_s/A_s)^2 = 0.0833(12.0)[(0.00001)(400,000)]^2 = 16.0$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> ( $110.3$  kPa).

**5. Compute the total pressure loss.** The total pressure loss in any superheater is the sum of the entrance, straight-tube, bend, and exit-pressure losses. These losses were computed in steps 2, 3, and 4 above. Therefore, total pressure loss  $p_t = 1.856 + 26.2 + 16.0 = 44.056 \text{ lb/in}^2 \text{ (303.8 kPa)}$ .

*Note:* Data for superheater pressure-loss calculations are best obtained from the boiler manufacturer. Several manufacturers have useful publications discussing superheater pressure losses. These are listed in the references at the beginning of this section.

## SELECTION OF A STEAM BOILER FOR A GIVEN LOAD

Choose a steam boiler, or boilers, to deliver up to 250,000 lb/h (31.5 kg/s) of superheated steam at 800 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (5516 kPa) and 900°F (482.2°C). Determine the type or types of boilers to use, the capacity, type of firing, feedwater-quality requirements, and best fuel if coal, oil, and gas are all available. The normal continuous steam requirement is 200,000 lb/h (25.2 kg/s).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Select type of steam generator.** Use Fig. 50 as a guide to the usual types of steam generators chosen for various capacities and different pressure and temperature conditions. Enter Fig. 50 at the left at 800 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (5516 kPa), and project horizontally to the right, along AB, until the 250,000-lb/h (31.5-kg/s) capacity ordinate BC is intersected. At B, the operating point of this boiler, Fig. 50 shows that a watertube boiler should be used.

Boiler units presently available can deliver steam at the desired temperature of 900°F (482.2°C). The required capacity of 250,000 lb/h (31.5 kg/s) is beyond the range of packaged

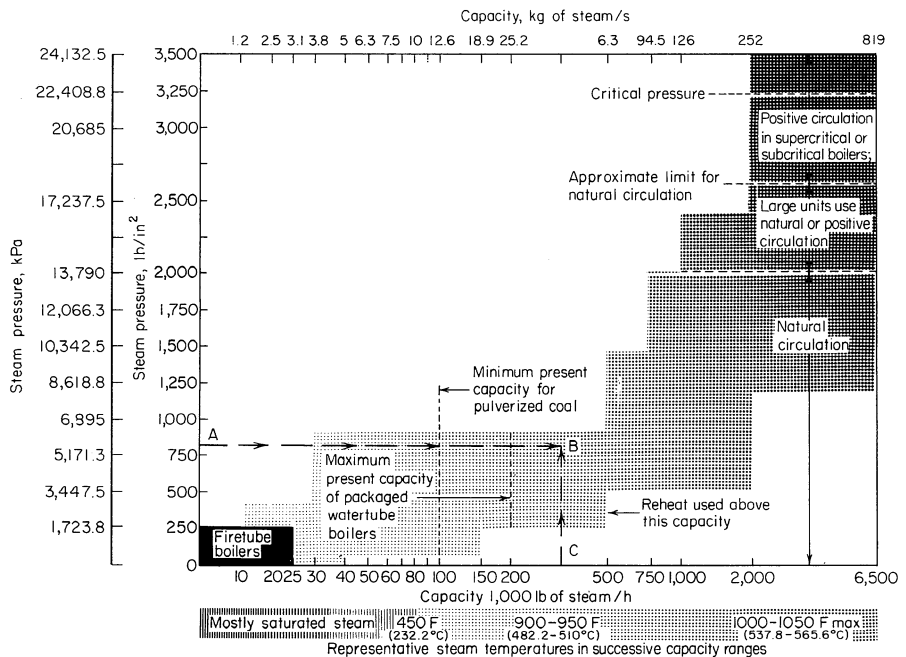


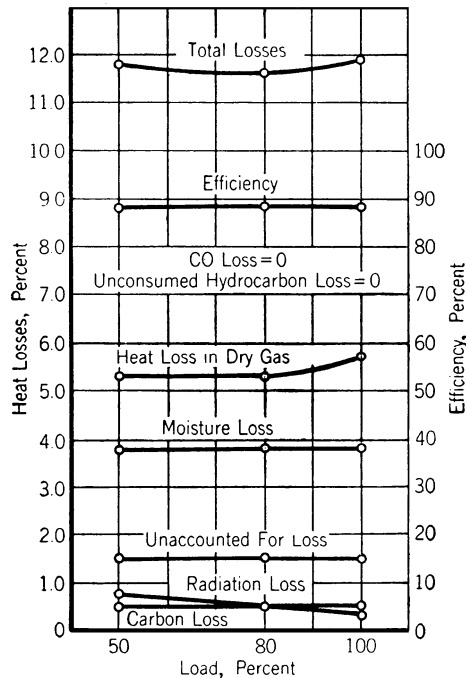
FIGURE 50 Typical pressure and capacity relationships for steam generators. (Power)

*watertube boilers*—defined by the American Boiler Manufacturer Association as “a boiler equipped and shipped complete with fuel-burning equipment, mechanical-draft equipment, automatic controls, and accessories.”

*Shop-assembled boilers* are larger units, where all assembly is handled in the builder’s plant but with some leeway in the selection of controls and auxiliaries. The current maximum capacity of shop-assembled boilers is about 100,000 lb/h (12.6 kg/s). Thus, a standard-design, larger-capacity boiler is required.

Study manufacturers’ engineering data to determine which types of watertube boilers are available for the required capacity, pressure, and temperature. This study reveals that, for this installation, a standard, field-assembled, welded-steel-cased, bent-tube, single-steam-drum boiler with a completely water-cooled furnace would be suitable. This type of boiler is usually fitted with an air heater, and an economizer might also be used. The induced- and forced-draft fans are not integral with the boiler. Capacities of this type of boiler usually available range from 50,000 to 350,000 lb/h (6.3 to 44.1 kg/s); pressure from 160 to 1050 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1103.2 to 7239.8 kPa); steam temperature from saturation to 950°F (510.0°C); fuels—pulverized coal, oil, gas, or a combination; controls—manual to completely automatic; efficiency—to 90 percent.

**2. Determine the number of boilers required.** The normal continuous steam requirement is 200,000 lb/h (25.2 kg/s). If a 250,000-lb/h (31.5-kg/s) boiler were chosen to meet the maximum required output, the boiler would normally operate at 200,000/250,000, or 80 percent capacity. Obtain the performance chart, Fig. 51, from the manufacturer and study it. This chart shows that at 80 percent load, the boiler efficiency is about equal to that at 100 percent load. Thus, there will not be any significant efficiency loss when the unit is operated at its normal continuous output. The total losses in the boiler are lower at 80 percent load than at full (100 percent) load.



**FIGURE 51** Typical watertube steam-generator losses and efficiency.

Since there is not a large efficiency decrease at the normal continuous load, and since there are not other factors that require or make more than one boiler desirable, a single boiler unit would be most suitable for this installation. One boiler is more desirable than two or more because installation of a single unit is simpler and maintenance costs are lower. However, where the load fluctuates widely and two or more boilers could best serve the steam demand, the savings in installation and maintenance costs would be insignificant compared with the extra cost of operating a relatively larger boiler installed in place of two or more smaller boilers. Therefore, each installation must be carefully analyzed and a decision made on the basis of the existing conditions.

**3. Determine the required boiler capacity.** The stated steam load is 250,000 lb/h (31.5 kg/s) at maximum demand. Study the installation to determine whether the steam demand will increase in the future. Try to determine the rate of increase in the steam demand; for example, installation of several steam-using process units each year during the next few years will increase the steam demand by a predictable amount every year. By using these data, the rate of growth and total steam demand can be estimated for each year. Where the growth will exceed the allowable overload capacity of the boiler—which can vary from 0 to 50 percent of the full-load rating, depending on the type of unit chosen—consider installing a larger-capacity boiler now to meet future load growth. Where the future load is unpredictable, or where no load growth is anticipated, a unit sized to meet today's load would be satisfactory. If this situation existed in this plant, a 250,000-lb/h unit (31.5-kg/s) would be chosen for the load. Any small temporary overloads could be handled by operating the boiler at a higher output for short periods.

Alternatively, assume that a load of 25,000 lb/h (3.1 kg/s) will be added to the maximum demand on this boiler each year for the next 5 years. This means that in 5 years the maximum demand will be  $250,000 + 25,000(5) = 375,000$  lb/h (47.2 kg/s). This is an overload of  $(375,000 - 250,000)/250,000 = 0.50$ , or 50 percent. It is unlikely that the boiler could carry a continuous overload of 50 percent. Therefore it might be wise to install a 375,000-lb/h (47.2-kg/s) boiler to meet present and future demands. Base this decision on the accuracy of the future-demand prediction and the economic advantages or disadvantages of investing more money now for a demand that will not occur until some future date. Refer to the section on engineering economics for procedures to follow in economics calculations of this type.

Thus, with no increase in the future load, a 250,000-lb/h (31.5-kg/s) unit would be chosen. With the load increase specified, a 375,000-lb/h (47.2-kg/s) unit would be the choice, if there were no major economic disadvantages.

**4. Choose the type of fuel to use.** Watertube boilers of the type being considered will economically burn the three fuels available—coal, oil, or gas—either singly or in combination. In the design considered here, the furnace water-cooled surfaces and boiler surfaces are integral parts of each other. For this reason the boiler is well suited for pulverized-coal firing in the 50,000- to 300,000-lb/h (6.3- to 37.8-kg/s) capacity range. Thus, if a 250,000-lb/h (31.5-kg/s) unit were chosen, it could be fired by pulverized coal. With a larger unit of 375,000 lb/h (47.2 kg/s), pulverized-coal, oil, or gas firing might be used. Use an economic comparison to determine which fuel would give the lowest overall operating cost for the life of the boiler.

**5. Determine the feedwater-quality requirements.** Watertube boilers of all types require careful control of feedwater quality to prevent scale and sludge deposits in tubes and drums. Corrosion of the interior boiler surfaces must be controlled. Where all condensate is returned to the boiler, the makeup water must be treated to prevent the conditions just cited. Therefore, a comprehensive water-treating system must be planned for, particularly if the raw-water supply is poor.

**6. Estimate the boiler space requirements.** The space occupied by steam-generating units is an important consideration in plants in municipal areas and where power-plant buildings are presently crowded by existing equipment. The manufacturer's engineering data for this boiler show that for pulverized-coal firing, the hopper-type furnace bottom is best. The data also show that the smallest boiler with a hopper bottom occupies a space 21 ft (6.4 m) wide, 31 ft (9.4 m) high, and 14 ft (4.3 m)

front to rear. The largest boiler occupies a space 21 ft (6.4 m) wide, 55 ft (16.8 m) high, and 36 ft (11.0 m) front to rear. Check these dimensions against the available space to determine whether the chosen boiler can be installed without major structural changes. The steel walls permit outdoor or indoor installation with top or bottom support of the boiler optional in either method of installation.

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure to select boilers for industrial, central-station, process, and marine applications.

Where a boiler is to burn hazardous industrial waste as a fuel, the designer must carefully observe two waste laws: the 1980 Superfund law and the 1976 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. These laws regulate the firing of hazardous wastes in boilers to control air pollution and explosion dangers.

Since hazardous wastes from industrial operations can vary in composition, it is important that the designer know what variables might be met during actual firing. Without correct analysis of the wastes, air pollution can become a severe problem in the plant locale.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state regulatory agencies should be carefully consulted before any final design decisions are made for new and expanded boiler plants. While the firing of hazardous wastes can be a convenient way to dispose of them, the potential impact on the environment must be considered before any design is finalized.

## SELECTING BOILER FORCED- AND INDUCED-DRAFT FANS

Combustion calculations show that an oil-fired watertube boiler requires 200,000 lb/h (25.2 kg/s) of air for combustion at maximum load. Select forced- and induced-draft fans for this boiler if the average temperature of the inlet air is 75°F (23.9°C) and the average temperature of the combustion gas leaving the air heater is 350°F (176.7°C) with an ambient barometric pressure of 29.9 inHg (101.0 kPa). Pressure losses on the air-inlet side are as follows, in inH<sub>2</sub>O: air heater, 1.5 (0.37 kPa); air-supply ducts, 0.75 (0.19 kPa); boiler windbox, 1.75 (0.44 kPa); burners, 1.25 (0.31 kPa). Draft losses in the boiler and related equipment are as follows, in inH<sub>2</sub>O: furnace pressure, 0.20 (0.05 kPa); boiler, 3.0 (0.75 kPa); superheater, 1.0 (0.25 kPa); economizer, 1.50 (0.37 kPa); air heater, 2.00 (0.50 kPa); uptake ducts and dampers, 1.25 (0.31 kPa). Determine the fan discharge pressure and horsepower input. The boiler burns 18,000 lb/h (2.3 kg/s) of oil at full load.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the quantity of air required for combustion.** The combustion calculations show that 200,000 lb/h (25.2 kg/s) of air is theoretically required for combustion in this boiler. To this theoretical requirement must be added allowances for excess air at the burner and leakage out of the air heater and furnace. Allow 25 percent excess air for this boiler. The exact allowance for a given installation depends on the type of fuel burned. However, a 25 percent excess-air allowance is an average used by power-plant designers for coal, oil, and gas firing. With this allowance, the required excess air =  $200,000(0.25) = 50,000$  lb/h (6.3 kg/s).

Air-heater air leakage varies from about 1 to 2 percent of the theoretically required airflow. Using 2 percent, we see the air-heater leakage allowance =  $200,000(0.02) = 4000$  lb/h (0.5 kg/s).

Furnace air leakage ranges from 5 to 10 percent of the theoretically required airflow. With 7.5 percent, the furnace leakage allowance =  $200,000(0.075) = 15,000$  lb/h (1.9 kg/s).

The total airflow required is the sum of the theoretical requirement, excess air, and leakage. Or,  $200,000 + 50,000 + 4000 + 15,000 = 269,000$  lb/h (33.9 kg/s). The forced-draft fan must supply at least this quantity of air to the boiler. Usual practice is to allow a 10 to 20 percent safety factor for fan capacity to ensure an adequate air supply at all operating conditions. This factor of safety is applied to the total airflow required. Using a 10 percent factor of safety, we see that fan capacity =  $269,000 + 269,000(0.1) = 295,900$  lb/h (37.3 kg/s). Round this to 296,000-lb/h (37.3-kg/s) fan capacity.

**2. Express the required airflow in cubic feet per minute.** Convert the required flow in pounds per hour to cubic feet per minute. To do this, apply a factor of safety to the ambient air temperature to ensure an adequate air supply during times of high ambient temperature. At such times, the density of the air is lower, and the fan discharges less air to the boiler. The usual practice is to apply a factor of safety of 20 to 25 percent to the known ambient air temperature. Using 20 percent, we see the ambient temperature for fan selection =  $75 + 75(0.20) = 90^\circ\text{F}$  ( $32.2^\circ\text{C}$ ). The density of air at  $90^\circ\text{F}$  ( $32.2^\circ\text{C}$ ) is  $0.0717 \text{ lb/ft}^3$  ( $1.15 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ), found in Baumeister and Marks—*Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers*. Converting gives  $\text{ft}^3/\text{min} = (\text{lb/h})/(60 \text{ lb/ft}^3) = 296,000/60(0.0717) = 69,400 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $32.8 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ). This is the minimum capacity the forced-draft fan may have.

**3. Determine the forced-draft discharge pressure.** The total resistance between the forced-draft fan outlet and furnace is the sum of the losses in the air heater, air-supply ducts, boiler windbox, and burners. For this boiler, the total resistance,  $\text{inH}_2\text{O} = 1.5 + 0.75 + 1.75 + 1.25 = 5.25 \text{ inH}_2\text{O}$  ( $1.3 \text{ kPa}$ ). Apply a 15 to 30 percent factor of safety to the required discharge pressure to ensure adequate airflow at all times. Or, fan discharge pressure, with a 20 percent factor of safety =  $5.25 + 5.25(0.20) = 6.30 \text{ inH}_2\text{O}$  ( $1.6 \text{ kPa}$ ). The fan must therefore deliver at least  $69,400 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $32.8 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ) at  $6.30 \text{ inH}_2\text{O}$  ( $1.6 \text{ kPa}$ ).

**4. Compute the power required to drive the forced-draft fan.** The air horsepower for any fan =  $0.0001753H_fC$ , where  $H_f$  = total head developed by fan,  $\text{inH}_2\text{O}$ ;  $C$  = airflow,  $\text{ft}^3/\text{min}$ . For this fan, air hp =  $0.0001753(6.3)(69,400) = 76.5 \text{ hp}$  ( $57.0 \text{ kW}$ ). Assume or obtain the fan and fan-driver efficiencies at the rated capacity ( $69,400 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$ , or  $32.8 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ) and pressure ( $6.30 \text{ inH}_2\text{O}$ , or  $1.6 \text{ kPa}$ ). With a fan efficiency of 75 percent and assuming the fan is driven by an electric motor having an efficiency of 90 percent, we find the overall efficiency of the fan-motor combination is  $(0.75)(0.90) = 0.675$ , or 67.5 percent. Then the motor horsepower required = air horsepower/overall efficiency =  $76.5/0.675 = 113.2 \text{ hp}$  ( $84.4 \text{ kW}$ ). A 125-hp ( $93.2\text{-kW}$ ) motor would be chosen because it is the nearest, next larger unit readily available. Usual practice is to choose a *larger* driver capacity when the computed capacity is lower than a standard capacity. The next larger standard capacity is generally chosen, except for extremely large fans where a special motor may be ordered.

**5. Compute the quantity of flue gas handled.** The quantity of gas reaching the induced-draft fan is the sum of the actual air required for combustion from step 1, air leakage in the boiler and furnace, and the weight of fuel burned. With an air leakage of 10 percent in the boiler and furnace (this is a typical leakage factor applied in practice), the gas flow is as follows:

	lb/h	kg/s
Actual airflow required	296,000	37.3
Air leakage in boiler and furnace	29,600	3.7
Weight of oil burned	18,000	2.3
Total	343,600	43.3

Determine from combustion calculations for the boiler the density of the flue gas. Assume that the combustion calculations for this boiler show that the flue-gas density is  $0.045 \text{ lb/ft}^3$  ( $0.72 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ) at the exit-gas temperature. To determine the exit-gas temperature, apply a 10 percent factor of safety to the given exit temperature,  $350^\circ\text{F}$  ( $176.6^\circ\text{C}$ ). Hence, exit-gas temperature =  $350 + 350(0.10) = 385^\circ\text{F}$  ( $196.1^\circ\text{C}$ ). Then flue-gas flow,  $\text{ft}^3/\text{min} = (\text{flue-gas flow, lb/h})/[(60)(\text{flue-gas density, lb/ft}^3)] = 343,600/[(60)(0.045)] = 127,000 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $59.9 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ). Apply a 10 to 25 percent factor of safety to the flue-gas quantity to allow for increased gas flow. With a 20 percent factor of safety, the actual flue-gas flow the fan must handle =  $127,000 + 127,000(0.20) = 152,400 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $71.8 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ), say  $152,500 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $71.9 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ) for fan-selection purposes.



6. **Compute the induced-draft fan discharge pressure.** Find the sum of the draft losses from the burner outlet to the induced-draft fan inlet. These losses are as follows for this boiler:

	inH <sub>2</sub> O	kPa
Furnace draft loss	0.20	0.05
Boiler draft loss	3.00	0.75
Superheater draft loss	1.00	0.25
Economizer draft loss	1.50	0.37
Air heater draft loss	2.00	0.50
Uptake ducts and damper draft loss	1.25	0.31
Total draft loss	8.95	2.23

Allow a 10 to 25 percent factor of safety to ensure adequate pressure during all boiler loads and furnace conditions. With a 20 percent factor of safety for this fan, the total actual pressure loss =  $8.95 + 8.95(0.20) = 10.74$  inH<sub>2</sub>O (2.7 kPa). Round this to 11.0 inH<sub>2</sub>O (2.7 kPa) for fan-selection purposes.

7. **Compute the power required to drive the induced-draft fan.** As with the forced-draft fan, air horsepower =  $0.0001753H_pC = 0.0001753(11.0) \times (127,000) = 245$  hp (182.7 kW). If the combined efficiency of the fan and its driver, assumed to be an electric motor, is 68 percent, the motor horsepower required =  $245/0.68 = 360.5$  hp (268.8 kW). A 375-hp (279.6-kW) motor would be chosen for the fan driver.

8. **Choose the fans from a manufacturer's engineering data.** Use the next calculation procedure to select the fans from the engineering data of an acceptable manufacturer. For larger boiler units, the forced-draft fan is usually a backward-curved blade centrifugal-type unit. Where two fans are chosen to operate in parallel, the pressure curve of each fan should decrease at the same rate near shutoff so that the fans divide the load equally. Be certain that forced-draft fans are heavy-duty units designed for continuous operation with well-balanced rotors. Choose high-efficiency units with self-limiting power characteristics to prevent overloading the driving motor. Airflow is usually controlled by dampers on the fan discharge.

Induced-draft fans handle hot, dusty combustion products. For this reason, extreme care must be taken to choose units specifically designed for induced-draft service. The usual choice for large boilers is a centrifugal-type unit with forward- or backward-curved, or flat blades, depending on the type of gas handled. Flat blades are popular when the flue gas contains large quantities of dust. Fan bearings are generally water-cooled.

**Related Calculations** Use the procedure given above for the selection of draft fans for all types of boilers—fire-tube, packaged, portable, marine, and stationary. Obtain draft losses from the boiler manufacturer. Compute duct pressure losses by using the methods given in later procedures in this handbook.

## POWER-PLANT FAN SELECTION FROM CAPACITY TABLES

Choose a forced-draft fan to handle 69,400 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (32.8 m<sup>3</sup>/s) of 90°F (32.2°C) air at 6.30-inH<sub>2</sub>O (1.6-kPa) static pressure and an induced-draft fan to handle 152,500 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (72.0 m<sup>3</sup>/s) of 385°F (196.1°C) gas at 11.0-inH<sub>2</sub>O (2.7-kPa) static pressure. The boiler that these fans serve is installed at an elevation of 5000 ft (1524 m) above sea level. Use commercially available capacity tables for making the fan choice. The flue-gas density is 0.045 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (0.72 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) at 385°F (196.1°C).

**TABLE 6** Fan Correction Factors

Temperature		Correction factor	Altitude		Correction factor
°F	°C		ft	m	
80	26.7	1.009	4500	1371.6	1.086
90	32.2	1.018	5000	1524.0	1.095
100	37.8	1.028	5500	1676.4	1.106
375	190.6	1.255			
400	204.4	1.273			
450	232.2	1.310			

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the correction factors for the forced-draft fan.** Commercial fan-capacity tables are based on fans handling standard air at 70°F (21.1°C) at a barometric pressure of 29.92 inHg (101.0 kPa) and having a density of 0.075 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (1.2 kg/m<sup>3</sup>). Where different conditions exist, the fan flow rate must be corrected for temperature and altitude.

Obtain the engineering data for commercially available forced-draft fans, and turn to the temperature and altitude correction-factor tables. Pick the appropriate correction factors from these tables for the prevailing temperature and altitude of the installation. Thus, in Table 6, select the correction factors for 90°F (32.2°C) air and 5000-ft (1524.0-m) altitude. These correction factors are  $C_T = 1.018$  for 90°F (32.2°C) air and  $C_A = 1.095$  for 5000-ft (1524.0-m) altitude.

Find the composite correction factor (CCF) by taking the product of the temperature and altitude correction factors. Or,  $CCF = (1.018)(1.095) = 1.1147$ . Now divide the given cubic feet per minute (cfm) by the correction factor to find the capacity-table cfm. Or, capacity-table cfm =  $69,400/1.147 = 62,250$  ft<sup>3</sup>/min (29.4 m<sup>3</sup>/s).

**2. Choose the fan size from the capacity table.** Turn to the fan-capacity table in the engineering data, and look for a fan delivering 62,250 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (29.4 m<sup>3</sup>/s) at 6.3-inH<sub>2</sub>O (1.6-kPa) static pressure. Inspection of the table shows that the capacities are tabulated for 6.0- and 6.5-inH<sub>2</sub>O (1.5- and 1.6-kPa) static pressure. There is no tabulation for 6.3-inH<sub>2</sub>O (1.57-kPa) static pressure.

Enter the table at the nearest capacity to that required, 62,250 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (29.4 m<sup>3</sup>/s), as shown in Table 7. This table, excerpted with permission from the American Standard Inc. engineering data, shows that the nearest capacity of this particular type of fan is 62,595 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (29.5 m<sup>3</sup>/s). The difference, or  $62,595 - 62,250 = 345$  ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.16 m<sup>3</sup>/s), is only  $345/62,250 = 0.0055$ , or 0.55 percent. This is a negligible difference, and the 62,595-ft<sup>3</sup>/min (29.5-m<sup>3</sup>/s) fan is well suited for its intended use. The extra static pressure of  $6.5 - 6.3 = 0.2$  inH<sub>2</sub>O (0.05 kPa) is desirable in a forced-draft fan because furnace or duct resistance may increase during the life of the boiler. Also, the extra static pressure is so small that it will not markedly increase the fan power consumption.

**3. Compute the fan speed and power input.** Multiply the capacity-table rpm and brake horsepower (bhp) by the composite factor to determine the actual rpm and bhp. Thus, with data from Table 7, the

**TABLE 7** Typical Fan Capacities

Capacity		Outlet velocity		Outlet velocity pressure		Ratings at 6.5-inH <sub>2</sub> O (1.6-kPa) static pressure		
ft <sup>3</sup> /min	m <sup>3</sup> /s	ft/min	m/s	inH <sub>2</sub> O	kPa	r/min	bhp	kW
61,204	28.9	4400	22.4	1.210	0.3011	1083	95.45	71.2
62,595	29.5	4500	22.9	1.266	0.3150	1096	99.08	73.9
63,975	30.2	4600	23.4	1.323	0.3212	1109	103.0	76.8

actual rpm =  $(1096)(1.1147) = 1221.7$  r/min. Actual bhp =  $(99.08)(1.1147) = 110.5$  bhp (82.4 kW). This is the horsepower input required to drive the fan and is close to the 113.2 hp (84.4 kW) computed in the previous calculation procedure. The actual motor horsepower would be the same in each case because a standard-size motor would be chosen. The difference of  $113.2 - 110.5 = 2.7$  hp (2.0 kW) results from the assumed efficiencies that depart from the actual values. Also, a sea-level altitude was assumed in the previous calculation procedure. However, the two methods used show how accurately fan capacity and horsepower input can be estimated by judicious evaluation of variables.

**4. Compute the correction factors for the induced-draft fan.** The flue-gas density is  $0.045$  lb/ft<sup>3</sup> ( $0.72$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>) at  $385^\circ\text{F}$  ( $196.1^\circ\text{C}$ ). Interpolate in the temperature correction-factor table because a value of  $385^\circ\text{F}$  ( $196.1^\circ\text{C}$ ) is not tabulated. Find the correction factor for  $385^\circ\text{F}$  ( $196.1^\circ\text{C}$ ) thus:  $[(\text{Actual temperature} - \text{lower temperature})/(\text{higher temperature} - \text{lower temperature})] \times (\text{higher temperature correction factor} - \text{lower temperature correction factor}) + \text{lower temperature correction factor}$ . Or,  $[(385 - 375)/(400 - 375)](1.273 - 1.255) + 1.255 = 1.262$ .

The altitude correction factor is 1.095 for an elevation of 5000 ft (1524.0 m), as shown in Table 6.

As for the forced-draft fan,  $\text{CCF} = C_T C_A = (1.262)(1.095) = 1.3819$ . Use the CCF to find the capacity-table cfm in the same manner as for the forced-draft fan. Or, capacity-table cfm = (given cfm)/CCF =  $152,500/1.3819 = 110,355$  ft<sup>3</sup>/min ( $52.1$  m<sup>3</sup>/s).

**5. Choose the fan size from the capacity table.** Check the capacity table to be sure that it lists fans suitable for induced-draft (elevated-temperature) service. Turn to the 11-in-H<sub>2</sub>O (2.7-kPa) static-pressure capacity table, and find a capacity equal to  $110,355$  ft<sup>3</sup>/min ( $52.1$  m<sup>3</sup>/s). In the engineering data used for this fan, the nearest capacity at 11-in-H<sub>2</sub>O (2.7-kPa) static pressure is  $110,467$  ft<sup>3</sup>/min ( $52.1$  m<sup>3</sup>/s), with an outlet velocity of  $4400$  ft/min ( $22.4$  m/s), an outlet velocity pressure of  $1.210$  inH<sub>2</sub>O ( $0.30$  kPa), a speed of  $1222$  r/min, and an input horsepower of  $255.5$  bhp ( $190.5$  kW). The tabulation of these quantities is of the same form as that given for the forced-draft fan, step 2. The selected capacity of  $110,467$  ft<sup>3</sup>/min ( $52.1$  m<sup>3</sup>/s) is entirely satisfactory because it is only  $110,467 - 110,355/110,355 = 0.00101$ , or 0.1 percent, higher than the desired capacity.

**6. Compute the fan speed and power input.** Multiply the capacity-table rpm and brake horsepower by the CCF to determine the actual rpm and brake horsepower. Thus, the actual rpm =  $(1222)(1.3819) = 1690$  r/min. Actual brake horsepower =  $(255.5)(1.3819) = 353.5$  bhp ( $263.6$  kW). This is the horsepower input required to drive the fan and is close to the  $360.5$  hp ( $268.8$  kW) computed in the previous calculation procedure. The actual motor horsepower would be the same in each case because a standard-size motor would be chosen. The difference in horsepower of  $360.5 - 353.5 = 7.0$  hp ( $5.2$  kW) results from the same factors discussed in step 3.

*Note:* The static pressure is normally used in most fan-selection procedures because this pressure value is used in computing pressure and draft losses in boilers, economizers, air heaters, and ducts. In any fan system, the total air pressure = static pressure + velocity pressure. However, the velocity pressure at the fan discharge is not considered in draft calculations unless there are factors requiring its evaluation. These requirements are generally related to pressure losses in the fan-control devices.

**Related Calculations** Use the fan-capacity table to obtain these additional details of the fan: outlet inside dimensions (length and width), fan-wheel diameter and circumference, fan maximum bhp, inlet area, fan-wheel peripheral velocity, NAFM fan class, and fan arrangement. Use the engineering data containing the fan-capacity table to find the fan dimensions, rotation and discharge designations, shipping weight, and, for some manufactures, prices.

## ANALYSIS OF BOILER AIR DUCTS AND GAS UPTAKES

Three oil-fired boilers are supplied air through the breeching shown in Fig. 52a. Each boiler will burn  $13,600$  lb/h ( $1.71$  kg/s) of fuel oil at full load. The draft loss through each boiler is  $8$  inH<sub>2</sub>O ( $2.0$  kPa). Uptakes from the three boilers are connected as shown in Fig. 52b. Determine the draft

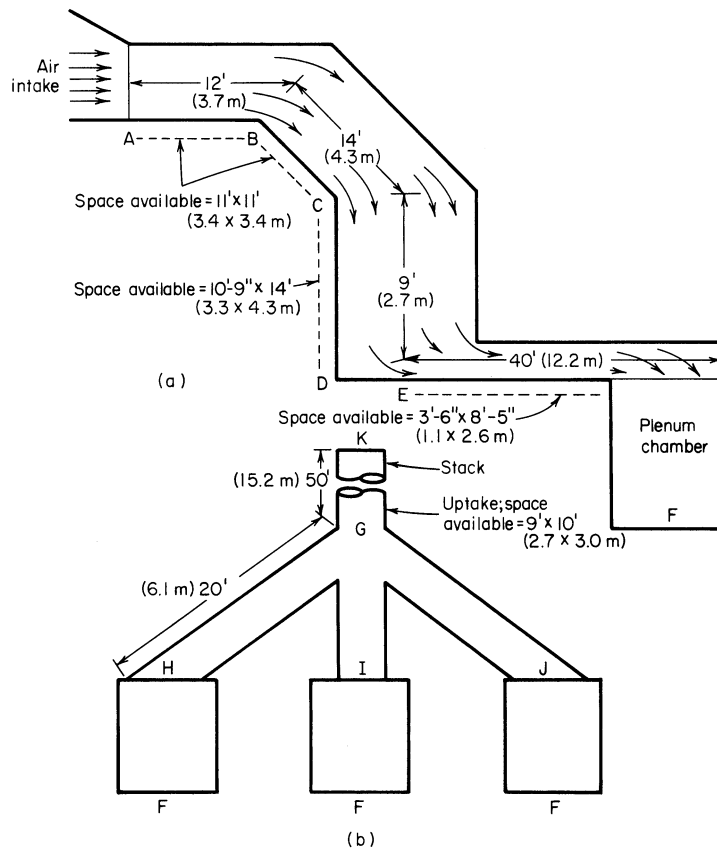


FIGURE 52 (a) Boiler intake-air duct; (b) boiler uptake ducts.

loss through the entire system if a 50-ft (15.2-m) high metal stack is used and the gas temperature at the stack inlet is 400°F (204.4°C).

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the airflow through the breeching.** Compute the airflow required, cubic feet per pound of oil burned, using the methods given in earlier calculation procedures. For this installation, assume that the combustion calculation shows that 250 ft<sup>3</sup>/lb (15.6 m<sup>3</sup>/kg) of oil burned is required. Then the total airflow required = (number of boilers)(lb/h oil burned per boiler)(ft<sup>3</sup>/lb oil)/(60 min/h) = (3)(13,600)(250)/60 = 170,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (80.2 m<sup>3</sup>/s).

**2. Select the dimensions for each length of breeching duct.** With the airflow rate of 170,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (80.2 m<sup>3</sup>/s) known, the duct area can be determined by assuming an air velocity and computing the duct area  $A_d$  ft<sup>2</sup> from  $A_d = (\text{airflow rate, ft}^3/\text{min})/(\text{air velocity, ft/min})$ . Once the area is known, the duct can be sized to give this area. Thus, if 9 ft<sup>2</sup> (0.8 m<sup>2</sup>) is the required duct area, a duct 3 × 3 ft (0.9 × 0.9 m) or 2 × 4.5 ft (0.6 × 1.4 m) would provide the required area.

In the usual power plant, the room available for ducts limits the maximum allowable duct size. So the designer must try to fit a duct of the required area into the available space. This is done by

changing the duct height and width until a duct of suitable area fitting the available space is found. If the duct area is reduced below that required, compute the actual air velocity to determine whether it exceeds recommended limits.

In this power plant, the space available in the open area between *A* and *C*, Fig. 52, is a square  $11 \times 11$  ft ( $3.4 \times 3.4$  m). By allowing a 3-in (7.6-cm) clearance around the outside of the duct and using a square duct, its dimensions would be  $10.5 \times 10.5$  ft ( $3.2 \times 3.2$  m), or a cross-sectional area of  $(10.5)(10.5) = 110$  ft<sup>2</sup> ( $10.2$  m<sup>2</sup>), closely. With  $170,000$  ft<sup>3</sup>/min ( $80.2$  m<sup>3</sup>/s) flowing through the duct, the air velocity  $v$  ft/min = ft<sup>3</sup>/min/ $A_d$  =  $170,000/110 = 1545$  ft/min ( $7.8$  m/s). This is a satisfactory air velocity because the usual plant air system velocity is  $1200$  to  $3600$  ft/min ( $6.1$  to  $18.3$  m/s).

Between *C* and *D* the open area in this power plant is  $10$  ft  $9$  in ( $3.3$  m) by  $14$  ft ( $4.3$  m). Using the same 3-in (7.6-cm) clearance all around the duct, we find the dimensions of the vertical duct *CD* are  $10.25 \times 13$  ft ( $3.1 \times 4.0$  m), or a cross-sectional area of  $10.25 \times 13 = 133$  ft<sup>2</sup> ( $12.5$  m<sup>2</sup>), closely. The air velocity in this section of the duct is  $v = 170,000/133 = 1275$  ft/min ( $6.5$  m/s). Since it is desirable to maintain, if possible, a constant velocity in all sections of the duct where space permits, the size of this duct might be changed so it equals that of *AB*,  $10.5 \times 10.5$  ft ( $3.2 \times 3.2$  m). However, the installation costs would probably be high because the limited space available would require alteration of the power-plant structure. Also, the velocity in section *CD* is above the usual minimum value of  $1200$  ft/min ( $6.1$  m/s). For these reasons, the duct will be installed in the  $10.25 \times 13$  ft ( $3.1 \times 4.0$  m) size.

Between *E* and *F* and the vertical distance available for installation of the duct is  $3.5$  ft ( $1.1$  m), and the horizontal distance is  $8.5$  ft ( $2.6$  m). Using the same 3-in (7.6-cm) clearance as before gives a  $3 \times 8$  ft ( $0.9 \times 2.4$  m) duct size, or a cross-sectional area of  $(3)(8) = 24$  ft<sup>2</sup> ( $2.2$  m<sup>2</sup>). At *E* the duct divides into three equal-size branches, one for each boiler, and the same area,  $24$  ft<sup>2</sup> ( $2.2$  m<sup>2</sup>), is available for each branch duct. The flow in any branch duct is then  $170,000/3 = 56,700$  ft<sup>3</sup>/min ( $26.8$  m<sup>3</sup>/s). The velocity in any of the three equal branches is  $v = 56,700/24 = 2360$  ft/min ( $12.0$  m/s). When a duct system has two or more equal-size branches, compute the pressure loss in one branch only because the losses in the other branches will be the same. The velocity in branch *EF* is acceptable because it is within the limits normally used in power-plant practice. At *F* the air enters a large plenum chamber, and its velocity becomes negligible because of the large flow area. The boiler forced-draft fan intakes are connected to the plenum chamber. Each of the three ducts feeds into the plenum chamber.

**3. Compute the pressure loss in each duct section.** Begin the pressure-loss calculations at the system inlet, point *A*, and work through each section to the stack outlet. This procedure reduces the possibility of error and permits easy review of the calculations for detection of errors. Assign letters to each point of the duct where a change in section dimensions or directions, or both, occurs. Use these letters:

Point *A*: Assume the  $70^\circ\text{F}$  ( $21.1^\circ\text{C}$ ) air having a density of  $0.075$  lb/ft<sup>3</sup> ( $1.2$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>) enters the system when the ambient barometric pressure is  $29.92$  inHg ( $101.3$  kPa). Compute the velocity pressure at point *A*, in inH<sub>2</sub>O, from  $p_v = v^2/[3.06(10^4)(460 + t)]$ , where  $t$  = air temperature, °F. Since the velocity of the air at *A* is  $1545$  ft/min ( $11.7$  m/s),  $p_v = (1545)^2/[3.06(10^4)(530)] = 0.147$  inH<sub>2</sub>O ( $0.037$  kPa) at  $70^\circ\text{F}$  ( $21.1^\circ\text{C}$ ).

The entrance loss at *A*, where there is a sharp-edged duct, is  $0.5 p_v$ , or  $0.5(0.147) = 0.0735$  inH<sub>2</sub>O ( $0.018$  kPa). With a rounded inlet, the loss in velocity pressure would be negligible.

Section *AB*: There is a pressure loss due to duct friction between *A* and *B*, and *B* and *C*. Also, there is a bend loss at points *B* and *C*. Compute the duct friction first.

For any circular duct, the static pressure loss due to friction  $p_s$  inH<sub>2</sub>O =  $(0.03L/d^{1.24})(v/1000)^{1.84}$ , where  $L$  = duct length, ft;  $d$  = duct diameter, in. To convert any rectangular or square duct with sides  $a$  and  $b$  ft high and wide, respectively, to an equivalent round duct of  $D$ -ft diameter, use the relation  $D = 2ab/(a + b)$ . For this duct,  $d = 2(10.5)(10.5)/(10.5 + 10.5) = 10.5$  ft ( $3.2$  m) =  $126$  in ( $320$  cm) =  $d$ . Since this duct is  $12$  ft ( $3.7$  m) long between *A* and *B*,  $p_s = [0.03(12)/126^{1.24}](1.545/1000)^{1.84} = 0.002$  inH<sub>2</sub>O ( $0.50$  Pa).

Point *B*: The  $45^\circ$  bend at *B* has, from Baumeister and Marks—*Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers*, a pressure drop of 60 percent of the velocity head in the duct, or  $(0.60)(0.147) = 0.088$  inH<sub>2</sub>O ( $20.5$  Pa) loss.

Section *BC*: Duct friction in the 14-ft (4.3-m) long downcomer *BC* is  $p_s = [0.03(14)/126^{1.24}](1545/1000)^{1.84} = 0.0023$  inH<sub>2</sub>O (0.56 Pa). Point *C*: The 45° bend at *C* has a velocity head loss of 60 percent of the velocity pressure. Determine the velocity pressure in this duct in the same manner as for point *A*, or  $p_v = (1545)^2/[3.06(10^4)(530)] = 0.147$  inH<sub>2</sub>O (36.1 Pa), since the velocity at points *B* and *C* is the same. Then the velocity head loss =  $(0.60)(0.147) = 0.088$  inH<sub>2</sub>O (21.9 Pa).

Section *CD*: The equivalent round-duct diameter is  $D = (2)(10.25)(13)/(10.25 + 13) = 11.45$  ft (3.5 m) = 137.3 in (348.7 cm). Duct friction is then  $p_s = [0.03(9)/137.3^{1.24}](1275/1000)^{1.84} = 0.000934$  inH<sub>2</sub>O (0.23 Pa). Velocity pressure in the duct is  $p_v = (1275)^2/[3.06(10^4)(530)] = 0.100$  inH<sub>2</sub>O (24.9 Pa). Since there is no room for a transition piece—that is, a duct providing a gradual change in flow area between points *C* and *D*—the decrease in velocity pressure from 0.147 to 0.100 in (36.6 to 24.9 Pa), or  $0.147 - 0.10 = 0.047$  inH<sub>2</sub>O (11.7 Pa), is not converted to static pressure and is lost.

Point *E*: The pressure loss in the right-angle bend at *E* is, from Baumeister and Marks—*Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers*, 1.2 times the velocity head, or  $(1.2)(0.1) = 0.12$  inH<sub>2</sub>O (29.9 Pa). Also, since this is a sharp-edged elbow, there is an additional loss of 50 percent of the velocity head, or  $(0.5)(0.10) = 0.05$  inH<sub>2</sub>O (12.4 Pa).

The velocity pressure at point *E* is  $p_v = (2360)^2/[3.06(10^4)(530)] = 0.343$  inH<sub>2</sub>O (85.4 Pa).

Section *EF*: The equivalent round-duct diameter is  $D = (2)(3)(8)/(3 + 8) = 4.36$  ft (1.3 m) = 52.4 in (133.1 cm). Duct friction  $p_s = [0.03(40)/52.4^{1.24}](2360/1000)^{1.84} = 0.0247$  inH<sub>2</sub>O (6.2 Pa).

Air entering the large plenum chamber at *F* loses all its velocity. There is no static-pressure regain; therefore, the velocity-head loss =  $0.348 - 0.0 = 0.348$  inH<sub>2</sub>O (86.6 Pa).

**4. Compute the losses in the uptake and stack.** Convert the airflow of 250 ft<sup>3</sup>/lb (15.6 m<sup>3</sup>/kg) of fuel oil to pounds of air per pound of fuel oil by multiplying by the density, or 250(0.075) = 18.75 lb of air per pound of oil. The flue gas will contain 18.75 lb of air + 1 lb of oil per pound of fuel burned, or  $(18.75 + 1)/18.75 = 1.052$  times as much gas leaves the boiler as air enters; this can be termed the *flue-gas factor*.

Point *G*: The quantity of flue gas entering the stack from each boiler (corrected to a 400°F or 204.4°C outlet temperature) is, in °R, (*cfm* air to furnace)(stack, °R/air, °R)(flue-gas factor). Or stack flue-gas flow =  $(56,700)[(400 + 460)/(70 + 460)](1.052) = 97,000$  ft<sup>3</sup>/min (45.8 m<sup>3</sup>/s) per boiler.

The total duct area available for the uptake leading to the stack is  $9 \times 10$  ft ( $2.7 \times 3.0$  m) = 90 ft<sup>2</sup> (8.4 m<sup>2</sup>), based on the clearance above the boilers. The flue-gas velocity for three boilers is  $v = (3)(97,000)/90 = 3235$  ft/min (16.4 m/s). The velocity pressure in the uptake is  $p = (3235)^2/[3.06(10^4)(460 + 400)] = 0.397$  inH<sub>2</sub>O (98.8 Pa).

Point *H*: The flue-gas flow from all the boilers is divided equally between three ducts, *HG*, *IG*, *JG*, Fig. 52. It is desirable to maintain the same gas velocity in each duct and have this velocity equal to that in the uptake. The same velocity can be obtained in each duct by making each duct one-third the area of the uptake, or  $90/3 = 30$  ft<sup>2</sup> (2.8 m<sup>2</sup>). Then  $v = 97,000/30 = 3235$  ft/min (16.4 m/s) in each duct. Since the velocity in each duct equals the velocity in the uptake, the velocity pressure in each duct equals that in the uptake, or 0.397 inH<sub>2</sub>O (98.8 Pa).

Ducts *HG* and *JG* have two 45° bends in them, or the equivalent of one 90° bend. The velocity-pressure loss in a 90° bend is 1.20 times the velocity head in the duct; or, for either *HG* or *JG*,  $(1.20)(0.397) = 0.476$  inH<sub>2</sub>O (118.5 Pa).

Section *HG*: The equivalent duct diameter for a 30-ft<sup>2</sup> (2.8-m<sup>2</sup>) duct is  $D = 2(30/\pi)^{0.5} = 6.19$  ft (1.9 m) = 74.2 in (188.4 cm). The duct friction in *HG*, which equals that in *JG*, is  $p_s = [0.03(20)/74.2^{1.24}](530/860)(3235/1000)^{1.84} = 0.01536$  inH<sub>2</sub>O (3.8 Pa), if we correct for the flue-gas temperature with the ratio  $(70 + 460)/(400 + 460) = 530/860$ .

Section *GK*: The stack joins the uptake at point *G*. Assume that this installation is designed for a stack-gas area of 500 lb of oil per square foot (2441.2 kg/m<sup>2</sup>) of stack; or, for three boilers, stack area =  $(3)(13,600 \text{ lb/h oil})/500 = 81.5$  ft<sup>2</sup> (7.6 m<sup>2</sup>). The stack diameter will then be  $D = 2(8.15/\pi)^{0.5} = 10.18$  ft (3.1 m) = 122 in (309.9 cm).

The gas velocity in the stack is  $v = (3)(97,000)/81.5 = 3570$  ft/min (18.1 m/s). The friction in the stack is  $p_s = [0.03(50)/122^{1.24}](3570/1000)^{1.84} (503/860) = 0.0194$  inH<sub>2</sub>O (4.8 Pa).

5. *Compute the total losses in the system.* Tabulate the individual losses and find the sum as follows:

	inH <sub>2</sub> O	kPa
Point A; entrance loss	0.0735	0.0183
Section AB; duct friction	0.0020	0.0005
Point B; bend loss	0.0880	0.0219
Section BC; duct friction	0.0023	0.0006
Point C; bend loss	0.0880	0.0219
Section CD; duct friction	0.0009	0.0002
Section CD; velocity-pressure loss	0.0470	0.0117
Point E; bend loss	0.1200	0.0299
Point E; sharp-edge loss	0.0500	0.0124
Section EF; duct friction	0.0247	0.0061
Section EF; plenum velocity-head loss	0.3480	0.0866
Boiler friction loss	8.0000	1.9907
Section HG; duct friction	0.0154	0.0038
Points H and G total bend loss	0.4760	0.1184
Section GK; stack friction	0.0194	0.0048
Total loss	9.3552	2.3279

The total loss computed here is the minimum static pressure that must be developed by the draft fans or blowers. This total static pressure can be divided between the forced- and induced-draft fans or confined solely to the forced-draft fans in plants not equipped with an induced-draft fan. If only a forced-draft fan is used, its static discharge pressure should be at least 20 percent greater than the losses, or  $(1.2)(9.3552) = 11.21$  inH<sub>2</sub>O (2.8 kPa) at a total airflow of 97,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (45.8 m<sup>3</sup>/s). If more than one forced-draft fan were used for each boiler, each fan would have a total static pressure of at least 11.21 inH<sub>2</sub>O (2.8 kPa) and a capacity of less than 97,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (45.8 m<sup>3</sup>/s). In making the final selection of the fan, the static pressure would be rounded to 12 inH<sub>2</sub>O (3.0 kPa).

Where dampers are used for combustion-air control, include the wide-open resistance of the dampers in computing the total losses in the system at full load on the boilers. Damper resistance values can be obtained from the damper manufacturer. Note that as the damper is closed to reduce the airflow at lower boiler loads, the resistance through the damper is increased. Check the fan head-capacity curve to determine whether the head developed by the fan at lower capacities is sufficient to overcome the greater damper resistance. Since the other losses in the system will decrease with smaller airflow, the fan static pressure is usually adequate.

*Note:* (1) Follow the notational system used here to avoid errors from plus and minus signs applied to atmospheric pressures and draft. Use of the plus and minus signs does not simplify the calculation and can be confusing.

(2) A few designers, reasoning that the pressure developed by a fan varies as the square of the air velocity, square the percentage safety-factor increase before multiplying by the static pressure. Thus, in the above forced-draft fan, the static discharge pressure with a 20 percent increase in pressure would be  $(1.2)^2(9.3552) = 13.5$  inH<sub>2</sub>O (3.4 kPa). This procedure provides a wider margin of safety but is not widely used.

(3) Large steam-generating units, some ship propulsion plants, and some packaged boilers use only forced-draft fans. Induced-draft fans are eliminated because there is a saving in the total fan hp required, there is no air infiltration into the boiler setting, and a slightly higher boiler efficiency can be obtained.

(4) The duct system analyzed here is typical of a study-type design where no refinements are used in bends, downcomers, and other parts of the system. This type of system was chosen for the analysis because it shows more clearly the various losses met in a typical duct installation. The system could be improved by using a bellmouthed intake at A, dividing vanes or splitters in the elbows, a transition in the downcomer, and a transition at F. None of these improvements would be expensive, and they would all reduce the static pressure required at the fan discharge.

(5) Do not subtract the stack draft from the static pressure the forced- or induced-draft fan must produce. Stack draft can vary considerably, depending on ambient temperature, wind velocity, and wind direction. Therefore, the usual procedure is to ignore any stack draft in fan-selection calculations because this is the safest procedure.

**Related Calculations** The procedure given here can be used for all types of boilers fitted with air-supply ducts and uptake breechings—heating, power, process, marine, portable, and packaged.

## ***DETERMINATION OF THE MOST ECONOMICAL FAN CONTROL***

Determine the most economical fan control for a forced- or induced-draft fan designed to deliver 140,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (66.1 m<sup>3</sup>/s) at 14 inH<sub>2</sub>O (3.5 kPa) at full load. Plot the power-consumption curve for each type of control device considered.

### **Calculation Procedure**

**1. Determine the types of controls to consider.** There are five types of controls used for forced- and induced-draft fans: (a) a damper in the duct with constant-speed fan drive; (b) two-speed fan driver; (c) inlet vanes or inlet louvers with a constant-speed fan drive; (d) multiple-step variable-speed fan drive; and (e) hydraulic or electric coupling with constant-speed driver giving wide control over fan speed.

**2. Evaluate each type of fan control.** Tabulate the selection factors influencing the control decisions as follows, using the control letters in step 1:

Control type	Control cost	Required power input	Advantages (A), and disadvantages (D)
<i>a</i>	Low	High	(A) Simplicity; (D) high power input
<i>b</i>	Moderate	Moderate	(A) Lower input power; (D) higher cost
<i>c</i>	Low	Moderate	(A) Simplicity; (D) ID fan erosion
<i>d</i>	Moderate	Moderate	(D) Complex; also needs dampers
<i>e</i>	High	Low	(A) Simple; no dampers needed

**3. Plot the control characteristics for the fans.** Draw the fan head-capacity curve for the airflow or gasflow range considered, Fig. 53. This plot shows the maximum capacity of 140,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (66.1 m<sup>3</sup>/s) and required static head of 14 inH<sub>2</sub>O (3.5 kPa), point *P*.

Plot the power-input curve *ABCD* for a constant-speed motor or turbine drive with damper control—type *a*, listed above—after obtaining from the fan manufacturer, or damper builder, the input power required at various static pressures and capacities. Plotting these values gives curve *ABCD*. Fan speed is 1200 r/min.

Plot the power-input curve *GHK* for a two-speed drive, type *b*. This drive might be a motor with an additional winding, or it might be a second motor for use at reduced boiler capacities. With either arrangement, the fan speed at lower boiler capacities is 900 r/min.

Plot the power-input curve *AFED* for inlet-vane control on the forced-draft fan or inlet-louvre control on induced-draft fans. The data for plotting this curve can be obtained from the fan manufacturer.

Multiple-step variable-speed fan control, type *d*, is best applied with steam-turbine drives. In a plant with ac auxiliary motor drives, slip-ring motors with damper integration must be used between steps, making the installation expensive. Although dc motor drives would be less costly, few power plants other than marine propulsion plants have direct current available. And since marine units normally operate at full load 90 percent of the time or more, part-load operating economics are unimportant. If steam-turbine drive will be used for the fans, plot the power-input curve *LMD*, using data from the fan manufacturer.



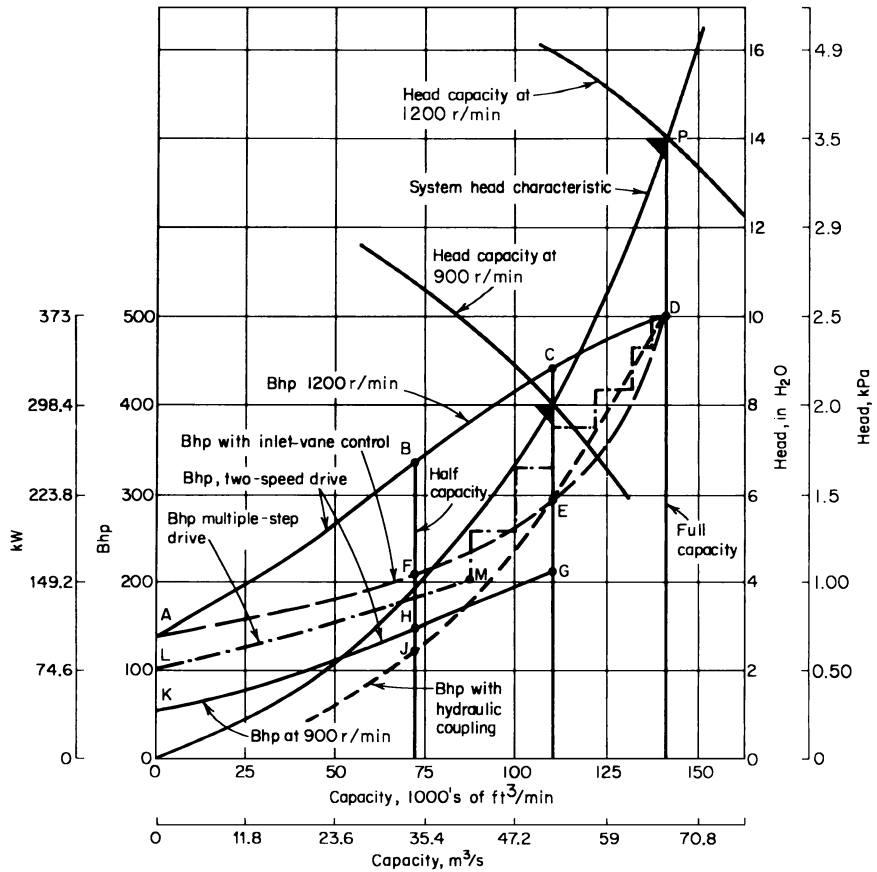


FIGURE 53 Power requirements for a fan fitted with different types of controls. (American Standard Inc.)

A hydraulic coupling or electric magnetic coupling, type *e*, with a constant-speed motor drive would have the power-input curve *DEJ*.

Study of the power-input curves shows that the hydraulic and electric couplings have the smallest power input. Their first cost, however, is usually greater than any other types of power-saving devices. To determine the return on any extra investment in power-saving devices, an economic study, including a load-duration analysis of the boiler load, must be made.

**4. Compare the return on the extra investment.** Compute and tabulate the total cost of each type of control system. Then determine the extra investment for each of the more costly control systems by subtracting the cost of type *a* from the cost of each of the other types. With the extra investment known, compute the lifetime savings in power input for each of the more efficient control methods. With the extra investment and savings resulting from it known, compute the percentage return on the extra investment. Tabulate the findings as in Table 8.

In Table 8, considering control type *c*, the extra cost of type *c* over type *b* = \$75,000 – 50,000 = \$25,000. The total power saving of \$6500 is computed on the basis of the cost of energy in the plant for the life of the control. The return on the extra investment then = \$6500/\$25,000 = 0.26, or 26 percent. Type *e* control provides the highest percentage return on the extra investment. It would probably be chosen if the only measure of investment desirability is the return on the extra investment.

**TABLE 8** Fan Control Comparison

	Type of control used				
	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>
Total cost, \$	30,000	50,000	75,000	89,500	98,000
Extra cost, \$	.....	20,000	25,000	14,500	8,500
Total power saving, \$	.....	8,000	6,500	3,000	6,300
Return on extra investment, %	.....	40	26	20.7	74.2

However, if other criteria are used, such as a minimum rate of return on the extra investment, one of the other control types might be chosen. This is easily determined by studying the tabulation in conjunction with the investment requirement.

**Related Calculations** The procedure used here can be applied to heating, power, marine, and portable boilers of all types. Follow the same steps given above, changing the values to suit the existing conditions. Work closely with the fan and drive manufacturer when analyzing drive power input and costs.

## SMOKESTACK HEIGHT AND DIAMETER DETERMINATION

Determine the required height and diameter of a smokestack to produce 1.0-inH<sub>2</sub>O (0.25-kPa) draft at sea level if the average air temperature is 60°F (15.6°C); barometric pressure is 29.92 inHg (101.3 kPa); the boiler flue gas enters the stack at 500°F (260.0°C); the flue-gas flow rate is 100 lb/s (45.4 kg/s); the flue-gas density is 0.045 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (0.72 kg/m<sup>3</sup>); and the flue-gas velocity is 30 ft/s (9.1 m/s). What diameter and height would be required for this stack if it were located 5000 ft (1524.0 m) above sea level?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the required stack height.** The required stack height  $S_h$  ft =  $d_s/0.256pK$ , where  $d_s$  = stack draft, inH<sub>2</sub>O;  $p$  = barometric pressure, inHg;  $K = 1/T_a - 1/T_g$ , where  $T_a$  = air temperature, °R;  $T_g$  = average temperature of stack gas, °R. In applying this equation, the temperature of the gas at the stack outlet must be known to determine the average temperature of the gas in the stack. Since the outlet temperature cannot be measured until after the stack is in use, an assumed outlet temperature must be used for design calculations. The outlet temperature depends on the inlet temperature, ambient air temperature, and materials used in the stack construction. For usual smokestacks, the gas temperature will decrease 100 to 200°F (55.6 to 111.1°C) between the stack inlet and outlet. Using a 100°F (55.6°C) gas-temperature decrease for this stack, we get  $S_h = (1.0) + 0.256(29.92)/(1/520 - 1/910) = 159$  ft (48.5 m). Apply a 10 percent factor of safety. Then the stack height = (159)(1.10) = 175 ft (53.3 m).

**2. Compute the required stack diameter.** Stack diameter  $d_s$  ft is found from  $d_s = 0.278(W_g T_g / V d_g p)^{0.5}$ , where  $W_g$  = flue-gas flow rate in stack, lb/s;  $V$  = flue-gas velocity in stack, ft/s;  $d_g$  = flue-gas density, lb/ft<sup>3</sup>. For this stack,  $d_s = 0.278\{(100)(910)/[(30)(0.045)(29.92)]\}^{0.5} = 13.2$  ft (4.0 m), or 13 ft 3 in (4 m 4 cm), rounding to the nearest inch diameter.

*Note:* Use this calculation procedure for any stack material—masonry, steel, brick, or plastic. Most boiler and stack manufacturers use charts based on the equations above to determine the economical height and diameter of a stack. Thus, the Babcock & Wilcox Company, New York, presents four charts for stack sizing, in *Steam: Its Generation and Use*. Combustion Engineering, Inc., also presents four charts for stack sizing, in *Combustion Engineering*. The equations used in the present calculation procedure are adequate for a quick, first approximation of stack height and diameter.

**3. Compute the required stack height and diameter at 5000-ft (1524.0-m) elevation.** Fuels required the same amount of oxygen for combustion regardless of the altitude at which they are burned. Therefore, this stack must provide the same draft as at sea level. But as the altitude above sea level increases, more air must be supplied to the fuel to sustain the same combustion rate, because air above sea level contains less oxygen per cubic foot than at sea level. To accommodate the larger air and flue-gas flow rate without an increase in the stack friction loss, the stack diameter must be increased.

To determine the required stack height  $S_e$  ft at an elevation above sea level, multiply the sea-level height  $S_h$  by the ratio of the sea-level and elevated-height barometric pressures, inHg. Since the barometric pressure at 5000 ft (1524.0 m) is 24.89 inHg (84.3 kPa) and the sea-level barometric pressure is 29.92 inHg (101.3 kPa),  $S_e = (175)(29.92/24.89) = 210.2$  ft (64.1 m).

The stack diameter  $d_e$  ft at an elevation above sea level will vary as the 0.40 power of the ratio of the sea-level and altitude barometric pressures, or  $d_e = d_s(p_s/p)^{0.4}$ , where  $p_e$  = barometric pressure of altitude, inHg. For this stack,  $d_e = (13.2)(29.92/24.89)^{0.4} = 14.2$  ft (4.3 m), or 14 ft 3 in (4 m 34 cm).

**Related Calculations** The procedure given here can be used for heating, power, marine, industrial, and residential smokestacks or chimneys, regardless of the materials used for construction. When designing smokestacks for use at altitudes above sea level, use step 3, or substitute the actual barometric pressure at the elevated location in the height and diameter equations of steps 1 and 2.

## POWER-PLANT COAL-DRYER ANALYSIS

A power-plant coal dryer receives 180 tons/h (163.3 t/h) of wet coal containing 15 percent free moisture. The dryer is arranged to drain 6 percent of the moisture from the coal, and a moisture content of 1 percent is acceptable in the coal delivered to the power plant. Determine the volume and temperature of the drying gas required for the dryer, the total heat, grate area, and combustion-space volume needed. Ambient air temperature during drying is 70°F (21.1°C).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the quantity of moisture to be removed.** The total moisture in the coal = 15 percent. Of this, 6 percent is drained and 1 percent can remain in the coal. The amount of moisture to be removed is therefore  $15 - 6 - 1 = 8$  percent. Since 180 tons (163.3 t) of coal are received per hour, the quantity of moisture to be removed per minute is  $[180/(60 \text{ min/h})](2000 \text{ lb/ton})(0.08) = 480 \text{ lb/min}$  (3.6 kg/s).

**2. Compute the airflow required through the dryer.** Air enters the dryer at 70°F (21.1°C). Assume that evaporation of the moisture on the coal takes place at 125°F (51.7°C)—this is about midway in the usual evaporation temperature range of 110 to 145°F (43.3 to 62.8°C). Determine the moisture content of saturated air at each temperature, using the psychrometric chart for air. Thus, for saturated air at 70°F (21.1°C) dry-bulb temperature, the weight of the moisture it contains is  $w_m$  lb (kg) of water per pound (kilogram) of dry air = 0.0159 (0.00721), whereas at 125°F (51.7°C),  $w_m = 0.09537$  lb of water per pound (0.04326 kg/kg) of dry air. The weight of water removed per pound of air passing through the dryer is the difference between the moisture content at the leaving temperature, 125°F (51.7°C), and the entering temperature, 70°F (21.1°C), or  $0.09537 - 0.01590 = 0.07947$  lb of water per pound (0.03605 kg/kg) of dry air.

Since air at 70°F (21.1°C) has a density of 0.075 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (1.2 kg/m<sup>3</sup>),  $1/0.075 = 13.3 \text{ ft}^3$  (0.4 m<sup>3</sup>) of air at 70°F (21.1°C) must be supplied to absorb 0.07947 lb of water per pound (0.03605 kg/kg) of dry air. With 480 lb/min (3.6 kg/s) of water to be evaporated in the dryer, each cubic foot of air will absorb  $0.07947/13.3 = 0.005945$  lb (0.095 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) of moisture, and the total airflow must be  $(480 \text{ lb/min})/(0.005945) = 80,800 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  (38.1 m<sup>3</sup>/s), given a dryer efficiency of 100 percent. However, the usual dryer efficiency is about 75 percent, not 100 percent. Therefore, the total actual airflow through the dryer should be  $80,800/0.75 = 107,700 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  (50.8 m<sup>3</sup>/s).

*Note:* If desired, a table of moist air properties can be used instead of a psychrometric chart to determine the moisture content of the air at the dryer inlet and outlet conditions. The moisture content is read in the humidity ratio  $W_s$  column. See the ASHRAE—*Guide and Data Book* for such a tabulation of moist-air properties.

**3. Compute the required air temperature.** Assume that the heating air enters at a temperature  $t$  greater than 125°F (51.7°C). Set up a heat balance such that the heat given up by the air in cooling from  $t$  to 125°F (51.7°C) = the heat required to evaporate the water on the coal + the heat required to raise the temperature of the coal and water from ambient to the evaporation temperature + radiation losses.

The heat given up by the air, Btu =  $(cfm)(\text{density of air, lb/ft}^3)[\text{specific heat of air, Btu/(lb}\cdot\text{°F)}](t - \text{evaporation temperature, °F})$ . The heat required to evaporate the water, Btu =  $(\text{weight of water, lb/min})(h_{fg} \text{ at evaporation temperature})$ . The heat required to raise the temperature of the coal and water from ambient to the evaporation temperature, Btu =  $(\text{weight of coal, lb/min})(\text{evaporation temperature} - \text{ambient temperature})[\text{specific heat of coal, Btu/(lb}\cdot\text{°F)}] + (\text{weight of water, lb/min})(\text{evaporation temperature} - \text{ambient temperature})[\text{specific heat of water, Btu/(lb}\cdot\text{°F)}]$ . The heat required to make up for radiation losses, Btu =  $\{(\text{area of dryer insulated surfaces, ft}^2)[\text{heat-transfer coefficient, Btu/(ft}^2\cdot\text{°F}\cdot\text{h)}](t - \text{ambient temperature}) + (\text{area of dryer uninsulated surfaces, ft}^2)[\text{heat-transfer coefficient, Btu/(ft}^2\cdot\text{°F}\cdot\text{h)}](t - \text{ambient temperature})\}/60$ .

Compute the heat given up by the air, Btu, as  $(107,700)(0.075)(0.24)(t - 70)$ , where 0.075 is the air density and 0.24 is the specific heat of air.

Compute the heat required to evaporate the water, Btu, as  $(480)(1022.9)$ , where 1022.9 =  $h_{fg}$  at 125°F (51.7°C) from the steam tables.

Compute the heat required to raise the temperature of the coal and water from ambient to the evaporation temperature, Btu, as  $(6000)(t - 70)(0.30) + (480)(t - 70)(1.0)$ , where 0.30 is the specific heat of the coal and 1.0 is the specific heat of water.

Compute the heat required to make up the radiation losses, assuming 3000 ft<sup>2</sup> (278.7 m<sup>2</sup>) of insulated and 1500 ft<sup>2</sup> (139.4 m<sup>2</sup>) of uninsulated surface in the dryer, with coefficients of heat transfer of 0.35 and 3.0 for the insulated and uninsulated surfaces, respectively. The radiation heat loss, Btu =  $(3000)(0.35)(t - 70) + (1500)(3.0)(t - 70)$ .

Set up the heat balance thus and solve for  $t$ :  $(107,700)(0.075)(0.24)(t - 70) = (480)(1022.9) + (6000)(125 - 70)(0.30) + (480)(125 - 70)(1.0) + [(3000)(0.35)(t - 70) + (1500)(3.0)(t - 70)]/60$ ; so  $t = 406^\circ\text{F}$  (207.8°C). In this heat balance, the factor 60 is divided into the radiation heat loss to convert flow in Btu/h to Btu/min because all the other expressions are in Btu/min.

**4. Determine the total heat required by the dryer.** Using the equation of step 3 with  $t = 406^\circ\text{F}$  (207.8°C), we find the total heat =  $(107,700)(0.075)(0.24)(406 - 70) = 651,000$  Btu/min, or  $60(651,000) = 39,060,000$  Btu/h (11,439.7 kW).

**5. Compute the dryer-furnace grate area.** Assume that heat for the dryer is produced from coal having a lower heating value of 13,000 Btu/lb (30,238 kJ/kg) and that 40 lb/h of coal is burned per square foot [0.05 kg/(m<sup>2</sup>·s)] of grate area with a combustion efficiency of 70 percent.

The rate of coal firing =  $(\text{Btu/min to dryer})/(\text{coal heating value, Btu/lb})(\text{combustion efficiency}) = 651,000/(13,000)(0.70) = 71.5$  lb/min, or  $60(71.5) = 4990$  lb/h (0.63 kg/s). Grate area =  $4990/40 = 124.75$  ft<sup>2</sup>, say 125 ft<sup>2</sup> (11.6m<sup>2</sup>).

**6. Compute the dryer-furnace volume.** The usual heat-release rates for dryer furnaces are about 50,000 Btu/(h·ft<sup>3</sup>) (517.5 kW/m<sup>3</sup>) of furnace volume. For this furnace, which burns 4900 lb/h (0.63 kg/s) of 13,000-Btu/lb (30,238-kJ/kg) coal, the total heat released is  $4990(13,000) = 64,870,000$  Btu/h (18,998.8 kW). With an allowable heat release of 50,000 Btu/(h·ft<sup>3</sup>) (517.1 kW/m<sup>3</sup>), the required furnace volume =  $64,870,000/50,000 = 1297.4$  ft<sup>3</sup>, say 1300 ft<sup>3</sup> (36.8 m<sup>3</sup>).

**Related Calculations** The general procedure given here can be used for any air-heated dryer used to dry moist materials. Thus, the procedure is applicable to chemical, soil, and fertilizer drying, as well as coal drying. In each case, the specific heat of the material dried must be used in place of the specific heat of coal given above.

## COAL STORAGE CAPACITY OF PILES AND BUNKERS

Bituminous coal is stored in a 25-ft (7.5-m) high, 68.8-ft (21.0-m) diameter, circular-base conical pile. How many tons of coal does the pile contain if its base angle is  $36^\circ$ ? How much bituminous coal is contained in a 25-ft (7.5-m) high rectangular pile 100 ft (30.5 m) long if the pile cross section is a triangle having a  $36^\circ$  base angle?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Sketch the coal pile.** Figure 54*a* and *b* shows the two coal piles. Indicate the pertinent dimensions—height, the diameter, length, and base angle—on each sketch.

**2. Compute the volume of the coal pile.** Volume of a right circular cone,  $\text{ft}^3 = \pi r^2 h/3$ , where  $r$  = radius, ft;  $h$  = cone height, ft. Volume of a triangular pile =  $ball/2$ , where  $b$  = base length, ft;  $a$  = altitude, ft;  $l$  = length of pile, ft.

For this conical pile, volume =  $\pi(3.4)^2(25)/3 = 31,000 \text{ ft}^3$  (877.8  $\text{m}^3$ ). Since 50 lb of bituminous coal occupies about 1  $\text{ft}^3$  of volume (800.9  $\text{kg}/\text{m}^3$ ), the weight of coal in the conical pile =  $(31,000 \text{ ft}^3)(50 \text{ lb}/\text{ft}^3) = 1,550,000 \text{ lb}$ , or  $(1,550,000 \text{ lb})/(2000 \text{ lb}/\text{ton}) = 775 \text{ tons}$  (703.1 t).

For the triangular pile, base length =  $2h/\tan 36^\circ = (2)(25)/0.727 = 68.8 \text{ ft}$  (21.0 m). Then volume =  $(68.8)(25)(100)/2 = 86,000 \text{ ft}^3$  (2435.2  $\text{m}^3$ ). The weight of bituminous coal in the pile is, as for the conical pile,  $(86,000)(50) = 4,300,000 \text{ lb}$ , or  $(4,300,000 \text{ lb})/(2000 \text{ lb}/\text{ton}) = 2150 \text{ tons}$  (1950.4 t).

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure to compute the weight of coal in piles of all shapes, and in bunkers, silos, bins, and similar storage compartments. The procedure can be used for other materials also—grain, sand, gravel, coke, etc. Be sure to use the correct density when converting the total storage volume to total weight. Refer to Baumeister and Marks—*Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers* for a comprehensive tabulation of the densities of various materials.

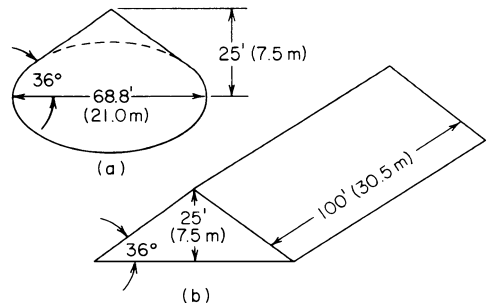


FIGURE 54 (a) Conical coal pile; (b) triangular coal pile.

## PROPERTIES OF A MIXTURE OF GASES

A 10- $\text{ft}^3$  (0.3- $\text{m}^3$ ) tank holds 1 lb (0.5 kg) of hydrogen ( $\text{H}_2$ ), 2 lb (0.9 kg) of nitrogen ( $\text{N}_2$ ), and 3 lb (1.4 kg) of carbon dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$ ) at  $70^\circ\text{F}$  ( $21.1^\circ\text{C}$ ). Find the specific volume, pressure, specific enthalpy, internal energy, and specific entropy of the individual gases and of the mixture and the mixture density. Use Avogadro's and Dalton's laws and Keenan and Kaye—*Thermodynamic Properties of Air, Products of Combustion and Component Gases*, Krieger, commonly termed the *Gas Tables*.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the specific volume of each gas.** Using H, N, and C as subscripts for the respective gases, we see that the specific volume of any gas  $v \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb} = \text{total volume of tank, ft}^3/\text{weight of gas in tank, lb}$ . Thus,  $v_{\text{H}} = 10/1 = 10 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb}$  (0.6  $\text{m}^3/\text{kg}$ );  $v_{\text{N}} = 10/2 = 5 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb}$  (0.3  $\text{m}^3/\text{kg}$ );  $v_{\text{C}} = 10/3 = 3.33 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb}$  (0.2  $\text{m}^3/\text{kg}$ ). Then the specific volume of the mixture of gases is  $v_i \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb} = \text{total volume of gas in tank, ft}^3/\text{sum of weight of individual gases, lb} = 10/(1 + 2 + 3) = 1.667 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb}$  (0.1  $\text{m}^3/\text{kg}$ ).

**2. Determine the absolute pressure of each gas.** Using  $P = RTw/v_iM$ , where  $P$  = absolute pressure of the gas, lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (abs);  $R$  = universal gas constant = 1545;  $T$  = absolute temperature of the gas, °R = °F + 459.9, usually taken as 460;  $w$  = weight of gas in the tank, lb;  $v_i$  = total volume of the gas in the tank, ft<sup>3</sup>;  $M$  = molecular weight of the gas. Thus,  $P_H = (1545)(70 + 460)(1.0)/[(10)(2.0)] = 40,530$  lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1940.6 kPa);  $P_N = (1545)(70 + 460)(2.0)/[(10)(28)] = 5850$  lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (abs) (280.1 kPa);  $P_C = (1545)(70 + 460)(3.0)/[(10)(44)] = 5583$  lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (abs) (267.3 kPa);  $P_t = \Sigma P_H, P_N, P_C = 40,530 + 5850 + 5583 = 51,963$  lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2488.0 kPa).

**3. Determine the specific enthalpy of each gas.** Refer to the *Gas Tables*, entering the left-hand column of the table at the absolute temperature, 530°R (294 K), for the gas being considered. Opposite the temperature, read the specific enthalpy in the  $h$  column. Thus,  $h_H = 1796.1$  Btu/lb (4177.7 kJ/kg);  $h_N = 131.4$  Btu/lb (305.6 kJ/kg);  $h_C = 90.17$  Btu/lb (209.7 kJ/kg). The total enthalpy of the mixture of the gases is the sum of the products of the weight of each gas and its specific enthalpy, or (1)(1796.1) + (2)(131.4) + (3)(90.17) = 2329.4 Btu (2457.6 kJ) for the 6 lb (2.7 kg) or 10 ft<sup>3</sup> (0.28 m<sup>3</sup>) of gas. The specific enthalpy of the mixture is the total enthalpy/gas weight, lb, or 2329.4/(1 + 2 + 3) = 388.2 Btu/lb (903.0 kJ/kg) of gas mixture.

**4. Determine the internal energy of each gas.** Using the *Gas Tables* as in step 3, we find  $E_H = 1260.0$  Btu/lb (2930.8 kJ/kg);  $E_N = 93.8$  Btu/lb (218.2 kJ/kg);  $E_C = 66.3$  Btu/lb (154.2 kJ/kg). The total energy = (1) (1260.0) + (2)(93.8) + (3)(66.3) = 1646.5 Btu (1737.2 kJ). The specific enthalpy of the mixture = 1646.5/(1 + 2 + 3) = 274.4 Btu/lb (638.3 kJ/kg) of gas mixture.

**5. Determine the specific entropy of each gas.** Using the *Gas Tables* as in step 3, we get  $S_H = 15.52$  Btu/(lb·°F) [65.0 kJ/(kg·°C)];  $S_N = 1.558$  Btu/(lb·°F) [4.7 kJ/(kg·°C)]. The entropy of the mixture = (1)(15.52) + (2)(1.558) + (3)(1.114) = 18.978 Btu/°F (34.2 kJ/°C). The specific entropy of the mixture = 18.978/(1 + 2 + 3) = 3.163 Btu/(lb·°F) [13.2 kJ/(kg·°C)] of the gas mixture.

**6. Compute the density of the mixture.** For any gas, the total density  $d_t$  = sum of the densities of the individual gases. And since density of a gas = 1/specific volume,  $d_t = 1/v_t = 1/v_H + 1/v_N + 1/v_C = 1/10 + 1/5 + 1/3.33 = 0.6$  lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (9.6 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) of mixture. This checks with step 1, where  $v_t = 1.667$  ft<sup>3</sup>/lb (0.1 m<sup>3</sup>/kg), and is based on the principle that all gases occupy the same volume.

**Related Calculations** Use this method for any gases stored in any type of container—steel, plastic, rubber, canvas, etc.—under any pressure from less than atmospheric to greater than atmospheric at any temperature.

## STEAM INJECTION IN AIR SUPPLY

In a certain manufacturing process, a mixture of air and steam at a total mixture pressure of 300 lb/in<sup>2</sup> absolute (2068 kPa) and 400°F (204°C) is desired. The relative humidity of the mixture is to be 60 percent. For a required mixture flow rate of 500 lb/h (3.78 kg/s) determine (a) the volume flow rate of dry air in ft<sup>3</sup>/min (m<sup>3</sup>/s) of free air, where air is understood to be air at 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (101 kPa) and 70°F (21°C); and (b) the required rate of steam injection in lb/h (kg/s).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the partial pressure of the vapor and that of the air.** From Table 1, Saturation: Temperatures of the Steam Tables mentioned under Related Calculations of this procedure, at 400°F (204°C) the steam saturation pressure,  $P_{vs} = 247.31$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1705 kPa), by interpolation. Since the vapor pressure is approximately proportional to the grains of moisture in the mixture, the partial

pressure of vapor in the mixture,  $P_{vp} = \phi P_{vs} = 0.6 \times 247.31 = 148.4 \text{ lb/in}^2$  absolute (1023 kPa), where  $\phi$  is the relative humidity as a decimal. Then, the partial pressure of the air in the mixture,  $P_a = P_m - P_{vs} = 300 - 148.4 = 151.6 \text{ lb/in}^2$  absolute (1045 kPa), where  $P_m$  is the total mixture pressure.

**2. Compute the density of air in the mixture.** The air density,  $\rho_a = P_a/(R_a T_a)$ , where  $P_a = 151.6 \times 144 = 21.83 \times 10^3 \text{ lb/ft}^2$  (1045 kPa); the gas constant for air,  $R_a = 53.3 \text{ ft}\cdot\text{lb}/(\text{lb}\cdot\text{R})$  [287 J/(kg·K)]; absolute temperature of the air,  $T_a = 400 + 460 = 860^\circ\text{R}$  (478 K). Then,  $\rho_a = 21.83 \times 10^3/(53.3 \times 860) = 0.4762 \text{ lb/ft}^3$  (7.63 kg/m<sup>3</sup>).

**3. Find the specific volume of the vapor in the mixture.** From Table 3, Vapor of the Steam Tables, at 148.4 lb/in<sup>2</sup> absolute (1023 kPa) and 400°F (204°C), the specific volume of the vapor,  $v_v = 3.261 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb}$  (0.2036 m<sup>3</sup>/kg), by interpolation.

**4. Compute the density of the vapor and that of the mixture.** The density of the vapor,  $P_v = 1/v_v = 1/3.261 = 0.3066 \text{ lb/ft}^3$  (4.91 kg/m<sup>3</sup>). The density of the mixture,  $\rho_m = \rho_a + \rho_v = 0.4762 + 0.3066 = 0.7828 \text{ lb/ft}^3$  (12.54 kg/m<sup>3</sup>).

**5. Compute the amount of air in 500 lb/h (3.78 kg/s) of mixture.** In 500 lb/h (3.78 kg/s) of mixture,  $w_m$ , the amount of air,  $w_a = \rho_a \times w_m / \rho_m = 0.4762 \times 500 / 0.7828 = 304 \text{ lb/h}$  (2.30 kg/s).

**6. Compute the flow rate of dry air.** (a) The flow rate of dry air at 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (101 kPa) and 70°F (21°C),  $V_a = w_a \times R_a \times T/P$ , where the free air temperature,  $T = 70 + 460 = 530^\circ\text{R}$  (294 K); free air pressure,  $P = 14.7 \times 144 = 2.117 \times 10^3 \text{ lb/ft}^2$  (101 kPa); other values as before. Hence,  $V_a = 304 \times 53.3 \times 530 / (2.117 \times 10^3) = 4060 \text{ ft}^3/\text{h} = 67.67 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $1.92 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ).

**7. Compute the rate of steam injection.** (b) The rate of steam injection,  $w_s = w_m - w_a = 500 - 304 = 196 \text{ lb/h}$  (1.48 kg/s).

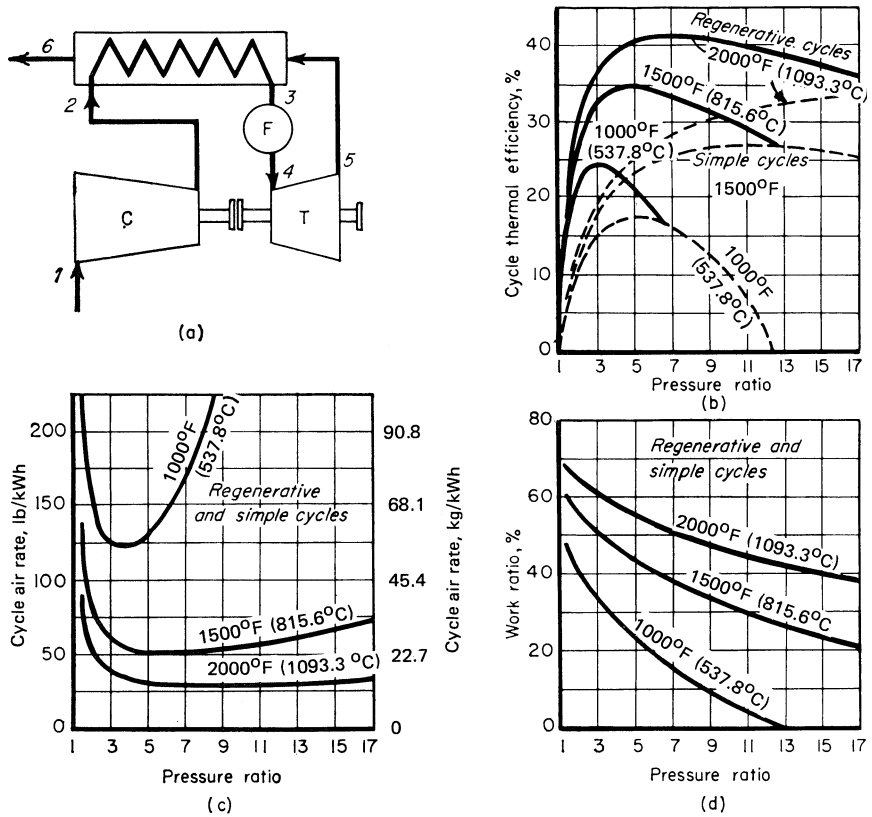
**Related Calculations** The Steam Tables appear in *Thermodynamic Properties of Water Including Vapor, Liquid, and Solid Phases*, 1969, Keenan, et al., John Wiley & Sons, Inc. This procedure considers the air and steam as ideal gases which behave in accordance with the Gibbs-Dalton law of gas mixtures having complete homogeneous molecular dispersion and additive pressures. Also, calculations in steps 2 and 6 are based on Boyle's law and Charles' law, which relate pressure, volume, and temperature of a gas, or gas mixture. Clear and concise presentations of these and other significant definitions appear in *Thermodynamics and Heat Power*, 4th edition, by Irving Granet, Regents/Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632.

## REGENERATIVE-CYCLE GAS-TURBINE ANALYSIS

What is the cycle air rate, lb/kWh, for a regenerative gas turbine having a pressure ratio of 5, an air inlet temperature of 60°F (15.6°C), a compressor discharge temperature of 1500°F (815.6°C), and performance in accordance with Fig. 55? Determine the cycle thermal efficiency and work ratio. What is the power output of a regenerative gas turbine if the work input to the compressor is 4400 hp (3281.1 kW)?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the cycle rate.** Using Fig. 55, entering at the pressure ratio of 5 in Fig. 55c and projecting to the 1500°F (815.6°C) curve. At the left, read the cycle air rate as 52 lb/kWh (23.6 kg/kWh).



**FIGURE 55** (a) Schematic of regenerative gas turbine; (b), (c), and (d) gas-turbine performance based on a regenerator effectiveness of 70 percent, compressor and turbine efficiency of 85 percent; air inlet = 60°F (15.6°C); no pressure losses.

2. **Find the cycle thermal efficiency.** Enter Fig. 55b at the pressure ratio of 5 and project vertically to the 1500°F (815.6°C) curve. At left, read the cycle thermal efficiency as 35 percent. Note that this point corresponds to the maximum efficiency obtainable from this cycle.

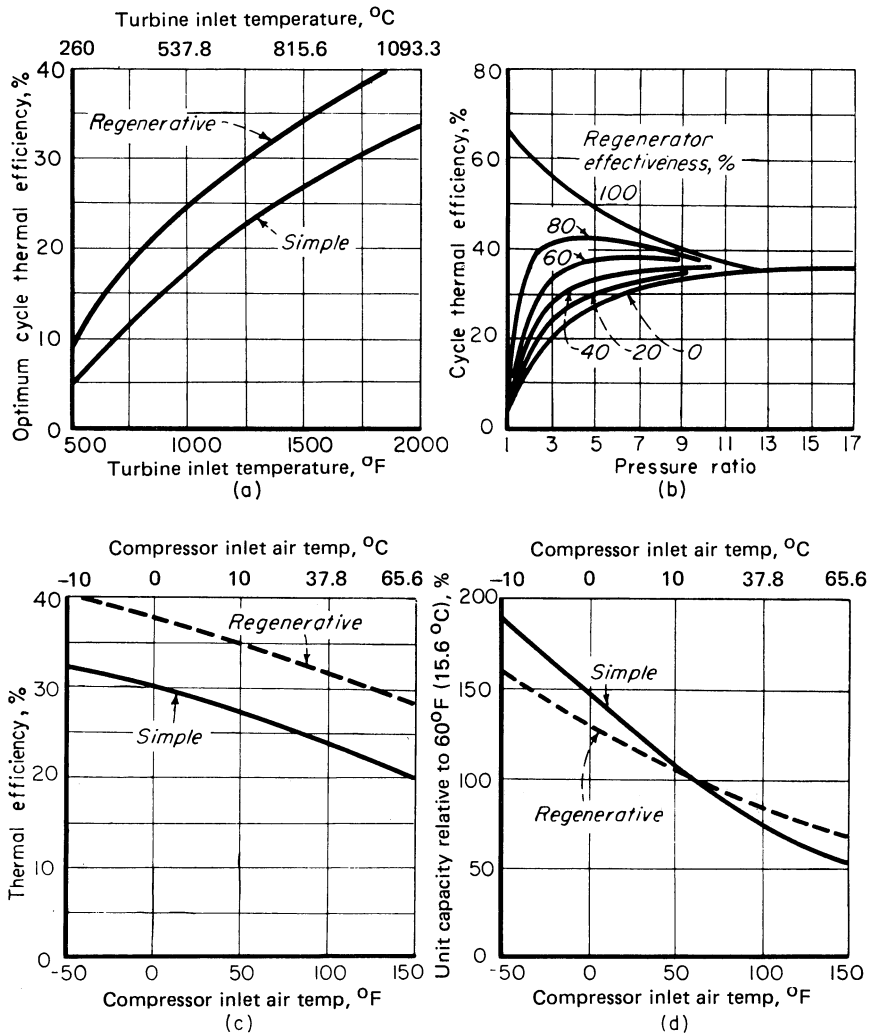
3. **Find the cycle work ratio.** Enter Fig. 55d at the pressure ratio of 5 and project vertically to the 1500°F (815.6°C) curve. At the left, read the work ratio as 44 percent.

4. **Compute the turbine power output.** For any gas turbine, the work ratio, percent =  $100w_c/w_t$ , where  $w_c$  = work input to the turbine, hp;  $w_t$  = work output of the turbine, hp. Substituting gives  $44 = 100(4400)/w_t$ ;  $w_t = 100(4400)/44 = 10,000$  hp (7457.0 kW).

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure to analyze gas turbines for power-plant, marine, and portable applications. Where the operating conditions are different from those given here, use the manufacturer's engineering data for the turbine under consideration.

Figure 56 shows the effect of turbine-inlet temperature, regenerator effectiveness, and compressor-inlet-air temperature on the performance of a modern gas turbine. Use these curves to analyze the cycles of gas turbines being considered for a particular application if the operating conditions are close to those plotted.





**FIGURE 56** (a) Effect of turbine-inlet on cycle performance; (b) effect of regenerator effectiveness; (c) effect of compressor inlet-air temperature; (d) effect of inlet-air temperature on turbine-cycle capacity. These curves are based on a turbine and compressor efficiency of 85 percent, a regenerator effectiveness of 70 percent, and a 1500°F (815.6°C) inlet-gas temperature.

## EXTRACTION TURBINE kW OUTPUT

An automatic extraction turbine operates with steam at 400 lb/in<sup>2</sup> absolute (2760 kPa), 700°F (371°C) at the throttle, its extraction pressure is 200 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1380 kPa) and it exhausts at 110 lb/in<sup>2</sup> absolute (760 kPa). At full load 80,000 lb/h (600 kg/s) is supplied to the throttle and 20,000 lb/h (150 kg/s) is extracted at the bleed point. What is the kW output?

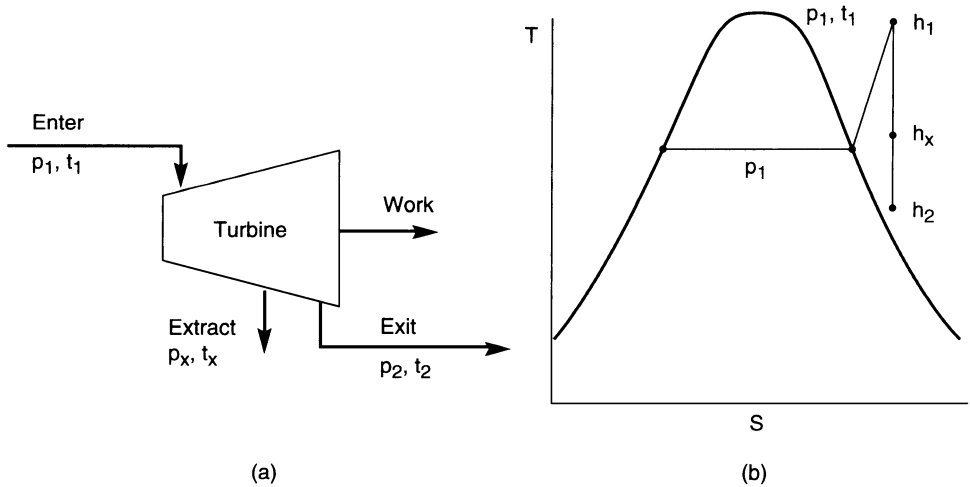


FIGURE 57 (a) Turbine steam flow diagram. (b) Temperature-entropy schematic for steam flow.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine steam conditions at the throttle, bleed point, and exhaust.** Steam flow through the turbine is indicated by “enter” at the throttle, “extract” at the bleed point, and “exit” at the exhaust, as shown in Fig. 57a. The steam process is considered to be at constant entropy, as shown by the vertical isentropic line in Fig. 57b. At the throttle, where the steam enters at the given pressure,  $p_1 = 400 \text{ lb/in}^2$  absolute (2760 kPa) and temperature,  $t_1 = 700^\circ\text{F}$  ( $371^\circ\text{C}$ ), steam enthalpy,  $h_1 = 1362.7 \text{ Btu/lb}$  (3167.6 kJ/kg) and its entropy,  $s_1 = 1.6398$ , as indicated by Table 3, Vapor of the Steam Tables mentioned under Related Calculations of this procedure. From the Mollier chart, a supplement to the Steam Tables, the following conditions are found along the vertical isentropic line where  $s_1 = s_x = s_2 = 1.6398 \text{ Btu/(lb}\cdot^\circ\text{F)}$  (6.8655 kJ/kg $\cdot^\circ\text{C}$ ):

At the bleed point, where the given extraction pressure,  $p_x = 200 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (1380 kPa) and the entropy,  $s_x$ , is as mentioned above, the enthalpy,  $h_x = 1284 \text{ Btu/lb}$  (2986 kJ/kg) and the temperature  $t_x = 528^\circ\text{F}$  ( $276^\circ\text{C}$ ). At the exit, where the given exhaust pressure,  $p_2 = 110 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (760 kPa) and the entropy,  $s_2$ , is as mentioned above, the enthalpy,  $h_2 = 1225 \text{ Btu/lb}$  (2849 kJ/kg) and the temperature,  $t_2 = 400^\circ\text{F}$  ( $204^\circ\text{C}$ )

**2. Compute the total available energy to the turbine.** Between the throttle and the bleed point the available energy to the turbine,  $AE_1 = Q_1(h_1 - h_x)$ , where the full load rate of steam flow,  $Q_1 = 80,000 \text{ lb/h}$  (600 kg/s); other values are as before. Hence,  $AE_1 = 80,000 \times (1362.7 - 1284) = 6.296 \times 10^6 \text{ Btu/h}$  (1845 kJ/s). Between the bleed point and the exhaust the available energy to the turbine,  $AE_2 = (Q_1 - Q_2)(h_x - h_2)$ , where the extraction flow rate,  $Q_x = 20,000 \text{ lb}_m/\text{h}$  (150 kg/s); other values as before. Then,  $AE_2 = (80,000 - 20,000)(1284 - 1225) = 3.54 \times 10^6 \text{ Btu/h}$  (1037 kJ/s). Total available energy to the turbine,  $AE = AE_1 + AE_2 = 6.296 \times 10^6 + (3.54 \times 10^6) = 9.836 \times 10^6 \text{ Btu/h}$  ( $172.8 + 10^3 \text{ kJ/s}$ ).

**3. Compute the turbine's kW output.** The power available to the turbine to develop power at the shaft, in kilowatts,  $kW = AE/(\text{Btu/kW}\cdot\text{h}) = 9.836 \times 10^6/3412.7 = 2880 \text{ kW}$ . However, the actual power developed at the shaft,  $kW_a = kW \times e$ , where  $e$  is the mechanical efficiency of the turbine. Thus, for an efficiency,  $e = 0.90$ , then  $kW_a = 2880 \times 0.90 = 2590 \text{ kW}$  (2590 kJ/s).

**Related Calculations** The Steam Tables appear in *Thermodynamic Properties of Water Including Vapor, Liquid, and Solid Phases*, 1969, Keenan, et al., John Wiley & Sons, Inc. Use later versions of such tables whenever available, as necessary.

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### DIESEL GENERATING UNIT EFFICIENCY

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A 3000-kW diesel generating unit performs thus: fuel rate, 1.5 bbl (238.5 L) of 25° API fuel for a 900-kWh output; mechanical efficiency, 82.0 percent; generator efficiency, 92.0 percent. Compute engine fuel rate, engine-generator fuel rate, indicated thermal efficiency, overall thermal efficiency, brake thermal efficiency.

#### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the engine fuel rate.** The fuel rate of an engine driving a generator is the weight of fuel, lb, used to generate 1 kWh at the generator input shaft. Since this engine burns 1.5 bbl (238.5 L) of fuel for 900 kW at the generator terminals, the total fuel consumption is  $(1.5 \text{ bbl})(42 \text{ gal/bbl}) = 63 \text{ gal}$  (238.5 L), at a generator efficiency of 92.0 percent.

To determine the weight of this oil, compute its specific gravity  $s$  from  $s = 141.5/(131.5 + \text{°API})$ , where  $\text{°API} = \text{API gravity of the fuel}$ . Hence,  $s = 141.5/(131.5 + 25) = 0.904$ . Since 1 gal (3.8 L) of water weighs 8.33 lb (3.8 kg) at 60°F (15.6°C), 1 gal (3.8 L) of this oil weighs  $(0.904)(8.33) = 7.529 \text{ lb}$  (3.39 kg). The total weight of fuel used when burning 63 gal is  $(63 \text{ gal})(7.529 \text{ lb/gal}) = 474.5 \text{ lb}$  (213.5 kg).

The generator is 92 percent efficient. Hence, the engine actually delivers enough power to generate  $900/0.92 = 977 \text{ kWh}$  at the generator terminals. Thus, the engine fuel rate =  $474.5 \text{ lb fuel}/977 \text{ kWh} = 0.485 \text{ lb/kWh}$  (0.218 kg/kWh).

**2. Compute the engine-generator fuel rate.** The engine-generator fuel rate takes these two units into consideration and is the weight of fuel required to generate 1 kWh at the generator terminals. Using the fuel-consumption data from step 1 and the given output of 900 kW, we see that engine-generator fuel rate =  $474.5 \text{ lb fuel}/900 \text{ kWh output} = 0.527 \text{ lb/kWh}$  (0.237 kg/kWh).

**3. Compute the indicated thermal efficiency.** Indicated thermal efficiency is the thermal efficiency based on the *indicated* horsepower of the engine. This is the horsepower developed in the engine cylinder. The engine fuel rate, computed in step 1, is the fuel consumed to produce the brake or shaft horsepower output, after friction losses are deducted. Since the mechanical efficiency of the engine is 82 percent, the fuel required to produce the indicated horsepower is 82 percent of that required for the brake horsepower, or  $(0.82)(0.485) = 0.398 \text{ lb/kWh}$  (0.179 kg/kWh).

The indicated thermal efficiency of an internal-combustion engine driving a generator is  $e_i = 3413/f_i(\text{HHV})$ , where  $e_i$  = indicated thermal efficiency, expressed as a decimal;  $f_i$  = indicated fuel consumption, lb/kWh; HHV = higher heating value of the fuel, Btu/lb.

Compute the HHV for a diesel fuel from  $\text{HHV} = 17,680 + 60 \times \text{°API}$ . For this fuel,  $\text{HHV} = 17,680 + 60(25) = 19,180$  Btu/lb (44,612.7 kJ/kg).

With the HHV known, compute the indicated thermal efficiency from  $e_i = 3,413/[(0.398)(19,180)] = 0.447$ , or 44.7 percent.

**4. Compute the overall thermal efficiency.** The overall thermal efficiency  $e_o$  is computed from  $e_o = 3413/f_o(\text{HHV})$ , where  $f_o$  = overall fuel consumption, Btu/kWh; other symbols as before. Using the engine-generator fuel rate from step 2, which represents the overall fuel consumption  $e_o = 3413/[(0.527)(19,180)] = 0.347$ , or 34.7 percent.

**5. Compute the brake thermal efficiency.** The engine fuel rate, step 1, corresponds to the brake fuel rate  $f_b$ . Compute the brake thermal efficiency from  $e_b = 3413/f_b(\text{HHV})$ , where  $f_b$  = brake fuel rate, Btu/kWh; other symbols as before. For this engine-generator set,  $e_b = 3413/[(0.485)(19,180)] = 0.367$ , or 36.7 percent.

**Related Calculations** Where the fuel consumption is given or computed in terms of lb/(hp·h), substitute the value of 2545 Btu/(hp·h) (1.0 kW/kWh) in place of the value 3413 Btu/kWh (3600.7 kJ/kWh) in the numerator of the  $e_i$ ,  $e_o$ , and  $e_b$  equations. Compute the indicated, overall, and brake thermal efficiencies as before. Use the same procedure for gas and gasoline engines, except that the higher heating value of the gas or gasoline should be obtained from the supplier or by test.

## ENGINE DISPLACEMENT, MEAN EFFECTIVE PRESSURE, AND EFFICIENCY

A 12 × 18 in (30.5 × 44.8 cm) four-cylinder four-stroke single-acting diesel engine is rated at 200 bhp (149.2 kW) at 260 r/min. Fuel consumption at rated load is 0.42 lb/(bhp·h) (0.25 kg/kWh). The higher heating value of the fuel is 18,920 Btu/lb (44,008 kJ/kg). What are the brake mean effective pressure, engine displacement in ft<sup>3</sup>/(min·bhp), and brake thermal efficiency?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the brake mean effective pressure.** Compute the brake mean effective pressure (bmep) for an internal-combustion engine from  $\text{bmep} = 33,000 \text{ bhp}_n / LAn$ , where  $\text{bmep}$  = brake mean effective pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup>;  $\text{bhp}_n$  = brake horsepower output delivered per cylinder, hp;  $L$  = piston stroke length, ft;  $a$  = piston area, in<sup>2</sup>;  $n$  = cycles per minute per cylinder = crankshaft rpm for a two-stroke cycle engine, and 0.5 the crankshaft rpm for a four-stroke cycle engine.

For this engine at its rated bhp, the output per cylinder is 200 bhp/4 cylinders = 50 bhp (37.3 kW). Then  $\text{bmep} = 33,000(50)/[(18/12)(12/12)^2(\pi/4)(260/2)] = 74.8 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (516.1 kPa). (The factor 12 in the denominator converts the stroke length from inches to feet.)

**2. Compute the engine displacement.** The total engine displacement  $V_d$  ft<sup>3</sup> is given by  $V_d = LAnN$ , where  $A$  = piston area, ft<sup>2</sup>;  $N$  = number of cylinders in the engine; other symbols as before. For this engine,  $V_d = (18/12)(12/12)^2(\pi/4)(260/2)(4) = 614 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  (17.4 m<sup>3</sup>/min). The displacement is in cubic feet per minute because the crankshaft speed is in r/min. The factor of 12 in the denominators converts the stroke and area to ft and ft<sup>2</sup>, respectively. The displacement

per bhp = (total displacement,  $\text{ft}^3/\text{min}$ )/bhp output of engine =  $614/200 = 3.07 \text{ ft}^3/(\text{min}\cdot\text{bhp})$  ( $0.12 \text{ m}^3/\text{kW}$ ).

**3. Compute the brake thermal efficiency.** The brake thermal efficiency  $e_b$  of an internal-combustion engine is given by  $e_b = 2545/(sfc)(\text{HHV})$ , where  $sfc$  = specific fuel consumption,  $\text{lb}/(\text{bhp}\cdot\text{h})$ ; HHV = higher heating value of fuel,  $\text{Btu}/\text{lb}$ . For this engine,  $e_b = 2545/[(0.42)(18,920)] = 0.32$ , or 32.0 percent.

**Related Calculations** Use the same procedure for gas and gasoline engines. Obtain the higher heating value of the fuel from the supplier, a tabulation of fuel properties, or by test.

## ENGINE MEAN EFFECTIVE PRESSURE AND HORSEPOWER

A 500-hp (373-kW) internal-combustion engine has a brake mean effective pressure of  $80 \text{ lb}/\text{in}^2$  ( $551.5 \text{ kPa}$ ) at full load. What are the indicated mean effective pressure and friction mean effective pressure if the mechanical efficiency of the engine is 85 percent? What are the indicated horsepower and friction horsepower of the engine?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the indicated mean effective pressure.** Indicated mean effective pressure  $imep$   $\text{lb}/\text{in}^2$  for an internal-combustion engine is found from  $imep = bmep/e_m$ , where  $bmep$  = brake mean effective pressure,  $\text{lb}/\text{in}^2$ ;  $e_m$  = mechanical efficiency, percent, expressed as a decimal. For this engine,  $imep = 80/0.85 = 94.1 \text{ lb}/\text{in}^2$  ( $659.3 \text{ kPa}$ ).

**2. Compute the friction mean effective pressure.** For an internal-combustion engine, the friction mean effective pressure  $fmp$   $\text{lb}/\text{in}^2$  is found from  $fmp = imep - bmep$ , or  $fmp = 94.1 - 80 = 14.1 \text{ lb}/\text{in}^2$  ( $97.3 \text{ kPa}$ ).

**3. Compute the indicated horsepower of the engine.** For an internal-combustion engine, the mechanical efficiency  $e_m = bhp/ihp$ , where  $ihp$  = indicated horsepower. Thus,  $ihp = bhp/e_m$ , or  $ihp = 500/0.85 = 588 \text{ ihp}$  ( $438.6 \text{ kW}$ ).

**4. Compute the friction hp of the engine.** For an internal-combustion engine, the friction horsepower is  $fhp = ihp - bhp$ . In this engine,  $fhp = 588 - 500 = 88 \text{ fhp}$  ( $65.6 \text{ kW}$ ).

**Related Calculations** Use a similar procedure to determine the indicated engine efficiency  $e_{ei} = e_i/e$ , where  $e$  = ideal cycle efficiency; brake engine efficiency,  $e_{eb} = e_b e$ ; combined engine efficiency or overall engine thermal efficiency  $e_{eo} = e_o/e$ . Note that each of these three efficiencies is an engine efficiency and corresponds to an actual thermal efficiency,  $e_i$ ,  $e_b$ , and  $e_o$ .

Engine efficiency  $e_e = e_i/e$ , where  $e_i$  = actual engine thermal efficiency. Where desired, the respective actual indicated brake, or overall, output can be substituted for  $e_i$ ,  $e_b$ , and  $e_o$  in the numerator of the above equations if the ideal output is substituted in the denominator. The result will be the respective engine efficiency. Output can be expressed in Btu per unit time, or horsepower. Also  $e_e = \text{actual } mep/\text{ideal } mep$ , and  $e_{ei} = imep/\text{ideal } mep$ ;  $e_{eb} = bmep/\text{ideal } mep$ ;  $e_{eo} = \text{overall } mep/\text{ideal } mep$ . Further,  $e_b = e_m e_i$ , and  $bmep = e_m(imep)$ . Where the actual heat supplied by the fuel, HHV  $\text{Btu}/\text{lb}$ , is known, compute  $e_i e_b$  and  $e_o$  by the method given in the previous calculation procedure. The above relations apply to any reciprocating internal-combustion engine using any fuel.

**TABLE 1** Internal-Combustion Engine Rating Table

Diesel engines						
Continuous bhp (kW) at given rpm				Rated bhp	No. of cylinders	Cooling*
1400	1600	1750	1800			
187 (139.5)	214 (159.6)	227 (169.3)	230 (171.6)	300 (223.8)	6	<i>E</i>
230 (171.6)	256 (190.0)	275 (205.2)	280 (208.9)	438 (326.7)	12	<i>R</i>
240 (179.0)	273 (203.7)	295 (220.0)	305 (227.5)	438 (326.7)	12	<i>E</i>
Gasoline engines <sup>†</sup>						
405 (302.1)	430 (320.8)	450 (335.7)	475 (354.4)	595 (438.9)	12	<i>R</i>

\**E* = heat-exchanger-cooled; *R* = radiator-cooled.

†Use 80 percent of tabulated power if engine is to run at continuous full load.

## SELECTION OF AN INDUSTRIAL INTERNAL-COMBUSTION ENGINE

Select an internal-combustion engine to drive a centrifugal pump handling 2000 gal/min (126.2 L/s) of water at a total head of 350 ft (106.7 m). The pump speed will be 1750 r/min, and it will run continuously. The engine and pump are located at sea level.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the power input to the pump.** The power required to pump water is  $hp = 8.33GH/33,000e$ , where  $G$  = water flow, gal/min;  $H$  = total head on the pump, ft of water;  $e$  = pump efficiency, expressed as a decimal. Typical centrifugal pumps have operating efficiencies ranging from 50 to 80 percent, depending on the pump design and condition and liquid handled. Assume that this pump has an efficiency of 70 percent. Then  $hp = 8.33(2000)/(350)/[(33,000)(0.70)] = 252$  hp (187.9 kW). Thus, the internal-combustion engine must develop at least 252 hp (187.9 kW) to drive this pump.

**2. Select the internal-combustion engine.** Since the engine will run continuously, extreme care must be used in its selection. Refer to a tabulation of engine ratings, such as Table 1. This table shows that a diesel engine that delivers 275 continuous brake horsepower (205.2 kW) (the nearest tabulated rating equal to or greater than the required input) will be rated at 483 bhp (360.3 kW) at 1750 r/min.

The gasoline-engine rating data in Table 1 show that for continuous full load at a given speed, 80 percent of the tabulated power can be used. Thus, at 1750 r/min, the engine must be rated at  $252/0.80 = 315$  bhp (234.9 kW). A 450-hp (335.7-kW) unit is the only one shown in Table 1 that would meet the needs. This is too large; refer to another builder's rating table to find an engine rated at 315 to 325 bhp (234.9 to 242.5 kW) at 1750 r/min.

The unsuitable capacity range in the gasoline-engine section of Table 1 is a typical situation met in selecting equipment. More time is often spent in finding a suitable unit at an acceptable price than is spent computing the required power output.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure to select any type of reciprocating internal-combustion engine using oil, gasoline, liquefied-petroleum gas, or natural gas for fuel.

## ENGINE OUTPUT AT HIGH TEMPERATURES AND HIGH ALTITUDES

An 800-hp (596.8-kW) diesel engine is operated 10,000 ft (3048 m) above sea level. What is its output at this elevation if the intake air is at 80°F (26.7°C)? What will the output at 10,000-ft (3048-m) altitude

be if the intake air is at 110°F (43.4°C)? What would the output be if this engine were equipped with an exhaust turbine-driven blower?

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the engine output at altitude.** Diesel engines are rated at sea level at atmospheric temperatures of not more than 90°F (32.3°C). The sea-level rating applies at altitudes up to 1500 ft (457.2 m). At higher altitudes, a correction factor for elevation must be applied. If the atmospheric temperature is higher than 90°F (32.2°C), a temperature correction must be applied.

Table 2 lists both altitude and temperature correction factors. For an 800-hp (596.8-kW) engine at 10,000 ft (3048 m) above sea level and 80°F (26.7°C) intake air, hp output = (sea-level hp)(altitude correction factor), or output = (800)(0.68) = 544 hp (405.8 kW).

**2. Compute the engine output at the elevated temperature.** When the intake air is at a temperature greater than 90°F (32.3°C), a temperature correction factor must be applied. Then output = (sea-level hp)(altitude correction factor)(intake-air-temperature correction factor), or output = (800)(0.68)(0.95) = 516 hp (384.9 kW), with 110°F (43.3°C) intake air.

**3. Compute the output of a supercharged engine.** A different altitude correction factor is used for a supercharged engine, but the same temperature correction factor is applied. Table 2 lists the altitude correction factors for supercharged diesel engines. Thus, for this supercharged engine at 10,000-ft (3048-m) altitude with 80°F (26.7°C) intake air, output = (sea-level hp)(altitude correction factor) = (800)(0.74) = 592 hp (441.6 kW).

At 10,000-ft (3048-m) altitude with 110°F (43.3°C) inlet air, output = (sea-level hp)(altitude correction factor)(temperature correction factor) = (800)(0.74)(0.95) = 563 hp (420.1 kW).

**Related Calculations** Use the same procedure for gasoline, gas, oil, and liquefied-petroleum gas engines. Where altitude correction factors are not available for the type of engine being used, other than a diesel, multiply the engine sea-level brake horsepower by the ratio of the altitude-level atmospheric pressure to the atmospheric pressure at sea level. Table 3 lists the atmospheric pressure at various altitudes.

An engine located below sea level can theoretically develop more power than at sea level because the intake air is denser. However, the greater potential output is generally ignored in engine-selection calculations.

**TABLE 2** Correction Factors for Altitude and Temperature

Engine altitude		Engine type		Intake temperature		Correction factor
ft	m	Nonsuper-charged	Super-charged	°F	°C	
7,000	2,134	0.780	0.820	90 or less	32.3 or less	1.000
8,000	2,438	0.745	0.790	95	35	0.986
9,000	2,743	0.712	0.765	100	37.8	0.974
10,000	3,048	0.680	0.740	105	40.6	0.962
12,000	3,658	0.612	0.685	110	43.3	0.950
				115	46.1	0.937
				120	48.9	0.925
				125	51.7	0.913
				130	54.4	0.900

**TABLE 3** Atmospheric Pressure at Various Altitudes

Altitude		Pressure	
ft	m	inHg	mm
Sea Level		29.92	759.97
4,000	1,219	25.84	656.3
5,000	1,524	24.89	632.2
6,000	1,829	23.98	609.1
8,000	2,438	22.22	564.4
10,000	3,048	20.58	522.7
12,000	3,658	19.03	483.4

Note: A 500- to 1500-ft altitude is considered equivalent to sea level by the Diesel Engine Manufacturers Association if the atmospheric pressure is not less than 28.25 inHg (717.6 mmHg).

## INDICATOR USE ON INTERNAL-COMBUSTION ENGINES

An indicator card taken on an internal-combustion engine cylinder has an area of 5.3 in<sup>2</sup> (34.2 cm<sup>2</sup>) and a length of 4.95 in (12.7 cm). What is the indicated mean effective pressure in this cylinder? What is the indicated horsepower of this four-cycle engine if it has eight 6-in (15.6-cm) diameter cylinders, an 18-in (45.7-cm) stroke, and operates at 300 r/min? The indicator spring scale is 100 lb/in (1.77 kg/mm).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the indicated mean effective pressure.** For any indicator card,  $imep = (\text{card area, in}^2) / (\text{indicator spring scale, lb}) / (\text{length of indicator card, in})$ , where  $imep$  = indicated mean effective pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup>. Thus, for this engine,  $imep = (5.3)(100)/4.95 = 107 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (737.7 kPa).

**2. Compute the indicated horsepower.** For any reciprocating internal-combustion engine,  $ihp = (imep)LA n / 33,000$ , where  $ihp$  = indicated horsepower per cylinder;  $L$  = piston stroke length, ft;  $A$  = piston area, in<sup>2</sup>;  $n$  = number of cycles/min. Thus, for this four-cycle engine where  $n = 0.5$  r/min,  $ihp = (107)(18/12)(6)^2(\pi/4)(300/2)/33,000 = 20.6 \text{ ihp}$  (15.4 kW) per cylinder. Since the engine has eight cylinders, total  $ihp = (8 \text{ cylinders})(20.6 \text{ ihp per cylinder}) = 164.8 \text{ ihp}$  (122.9 kW).

**Related Calculations** Use the procedure for any reciprocating internal-combustion engine using diesel oil, gasoline, kerosene, natural gas, liquefied-petroleum gas, or similar fuel.

## ENGINE PISTON SPEED, TORQUE, DISPLACEMENT, AND COMPRESSION RATIO

What is the piston speed of an 18-in (45.7-cm) stroke 300 = r/min engine? How much torque will this engine deliver when its output is 800 hp (596.8 kW)? What are the displacement per cylinder and the total displacement if the engine has eight 12-in (30.5-cm) diameter cylinders? Determine the engine compression ratio if the volume of the combustion chamber is 9 percent of the piston displacement.



## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the engine piston speed.** For any reciprocating internal-combustion engine, piston speed =  $fpm = 2L(rpm)$ , where  $L$  = piston stroke length, ft; rpm = crankshaft rotative speed, r/min. Thus, for this engine, piston speed =  $2(18/12)(300) = 9000$  ft/min (2743.2 m/min).

**2. Determine the engine torque.** For any reciprocating internal-combustion engine,  $T = 63,000(bhp)/rpm$ , where  $T$  = torque developed, in·lb;  $bhp$  = engine brake horsepower output;  $rpm$  = crankshaft rotative speed, r/min. Or  $T = 63,000(800)/300 = 168,000$  in·lb (18,981 N·m).

Where a prony brake is used to measure engine torque, apply this relation:  $T = (F_b - F_o)r$ , where  $F_b$  = brake scale force, lb, with engine operating;  $F_o$  = brake scale force with engine stopped and brake loose on flywheel;  $r$  = brake arm, in = distance from flywheel center to brake knife edge.

**3. Compute the displacement.** The displacement per cylinder  $d_c$  in<sup>3</sup> of any reciprocating internal-combustion engine is  $d_c = L_i A_i$ , where  $L_i$  = piston stroke, in;  $A_i$  = piston head area, in<sup>2</sup>. For this engine,  $d_c = (18)(12)^2(\pi/4) = 2035$  in<sup>3</sup> (33,348 cm<sup>3</sup>) per cylinder.

The total displacement of this eight-cylinder engine is therefore (8 cylinders)(2035 in<sup>3</sup> per cylinder) = 16,280 in<sup>3</sup> (266,781 cm<sup>3</sup>).

**4. Compute the compression ratio.** For a reciprocating internal-combustion engine, the compression ratio  $r_c = V_b/V_a$ , where  $V_b$  = cylinder volume at the start of the compression stroke, in<sup>3</sup> or ft<sup>3</sup>;  $V_a$  = combustion-space volume at the end of the compression stroke, in<sup>3</sup> or ft<sup>3</sup>. When this relation is used, both volumes must be expressed in the same units.

In this engine,  $V_b = 2035$  in<sup>3</sup> (33,348 cm<sup>3</sup>);  $V_a = (0.09)(2035) = 183.15$  in<sup>3</sup>. Then  $r_c = 2035/183.15 = 11.1:1$ .

**Related Calculations** Use these procedures for any reciprocating internal-combustion engine, regardless of the fuel burned.

## INTERNAL-COMBUSTION ENGINE COOLING-WATER REQUIREMENTS

A 1000-bhp (746-kW) diesel engine has a specific fuel consumption of 0.360 lb/(bhp·h) (0.22 kg/kWh). Determine the cooling-water flow required if the higher heating value of the fuel is 10,350 Btu/lb (24,074 kJ/kg). The net heat rejection rates of various parts of the engine are, in percent: jacket water, 11.5; turbocharger, 2.0; lube oil, 3.8; aftercooling, 4.0; exhaust, 34.7; radiation, 7.5. How much 30 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (206.8 kPa) steam can be generated by the exhaust gas if this is a four-cycle engine? The engine operates at sea level.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the engine heat balance.** Determine the amount of heat used to generate 1 bhp·h (0.75 kWh) from: heat rate,  $\text{Btu}/(\text{bhp}\cdot\text{h}) = (sfc)(\text{HHV})$ , where  $sfc$  = specific fuel consumption, lb/(bhp·h); HHV = higher heating value of fuel, Btu/lb. Or, heat rate =  $(0.36)(19,350) = 6967$  Btu/(bhp·h) (2737.3 W/kWh).

Compute the heat balance of the engine by taking the product of the respective heat rejection percentages and the heat rate as follows:

			Btu/(bhp-h)	W/kWh
Jacket water	(0.115)(6967)	=	800	314.3
Turbocharger	(0.020)(6967)	=	139	54.6
Lube oil	(0.038)(6967)	=	264	103.7
Aftercooling	(0.040)(6967)	=	278	109.2
Exhaust	(0.347)(6967)	=	2420	880.1
Radiation	(0.075)(6967)	=	521	204.7
Total heat loss		=	4422	1666.6

Then the power output =  $6967 - 4422 = 2545$  Btu/(bhp-h) (999.9 W/kWh), or  $2545/6967 = 0.365$ , or 36.5 percent. Note that the sum of the heat losses and power generated, expressed in percent, is 100.0.

**2. Compute the jacket cooling-water flow rate.** The jacket water cools the jackets and the turbocharger. Hence, the heat that must be absorbed by the jacket water is  $800 + 139 = 939$  Btu/(bhp-h) (369 W/kWh), using the heat rejection quantities computed in step 1. When the engine is developing its full rated output of 1000 bhp (746 kW), the jacket water must absorb  $[939 \text{ Btu/(bhp-h)}](1000 \text{ bhp}) = 939,000$  Btu/h (275,221 W).

Apply a safety factor to allow for scaling of the heat-transfer surfaces and other unforeseen difficulties. Most designers use a 10 percent safety factor. Applying this value of the safety factor for this engine, we see the total jacket-water heat load =  $939,000 + (0.10)(939,000) = 1,032,900$  Btu/h (302.5 kW).

Find the required jacket-water flow from  $G = H/500\Delta t$ , where  $G$  = jacket-water flow, gal/min;  $H$  = heat absorbed by jacket water, Btu/h;  $\Delta t$  = temperature rise of the water during passage through the jackets, °F. The usual temperature rise of the jacket water during passage through a diesel engine is 10 to 20°F (5.6 to 11.1°C). Using 10°F for this engine, we find  $G = 1,032,900/[(500)(10)] = 206.58$  gal/min (13.03 L/s), say 207 gal/min (13.06 L/s).

**3. Determine the water quantity for radiator cooling.** In the usual radiator cooling system for large engines, a portion of the cooling water is passed through a horizontal or vertical radiator. The remaining water is recirculated, after being tempered by the cooled water. Thus, the radiator must dissipate the jacket, turbocharger, and lube-oil cooler heat.

The lube oil gives off 264 Btu/(bhp-h) (103.8 W/kWh). With a 10 percent safety factor, the total heat flow is  $264 + (0.10)(264) = 290.4$  Btu/(bhp-h) (114.1 W/kWh). At the rated output of 1000 bhp (746 kW), the lube-oil heat load =  $[290.4 \text{ Btu/(bhp-h)}](1000 \text{ bhp}) = 290,400$  Btu/h (85.1 kW). Hence, the total heat load on the radiator = jacket + lube-oil heat load =  $1,032,900 + 290,400 = 1,323,300$  Btu/h (387.8 kW).

Radiators (also called fan coolers) serving large internal-combustion engines are usually rated for a 35°F (19.4°C) temperature reduction of the water. To remove 1,323,300 Btu/h (387.8 kW) with a 35°F (19.4°C) temperature decrease will require a flow of  $G = H/(500\Delta t) = 1,323,300/[(500)(35)] = 76.1$  gal/min (4.8 L/s).

**4. Determine the aftercooler cooling-water quantity.** The aftercooler must dissipate 278 Btu/(bhp-h) (109.2 W/kWh). At an output of 1000 bhp (746 kW), the heat load =  $[278 \text{ Btu/(bhp-h)}](1000 \text{ bhp}) = 278,000$  Btu/h (81.5 kW). In general, designers do not use a factor of safety for the aftercooler because there is less chance of fouling or other difficulties.

With a 5°F (2.8°C) temperature rise of the cooling water during passage through the after-cooler, the quantity of water required  $G = H/(500\Delta t) = 278,000/[(500)(5)] = 111$  gal/min (7.0 L/s).

**5. Compute the quantity of steam generated by the exhaust.** Find the heat available in the exhaust by using  $H_e = Wc\Delta t_e$ , where  $H_e$  = heat available in the exhaust, Btu/h;  $W$  = exhaust-gas flow, lb/h;

$c$  = specific heat of the exhaust gas = 0.252 Btu/(lb·°F) (2.5 kJ/kg);  $\Delta t_e$  = exhaust-gas temperature at the boiler inlet, °F – exhaust-gas temperature at the boiler outlet, °F.

The exhaust-gas flow from a four-cycle turbocharged diesel is about 12.5 lb/(bhp·h) (7.5 kg/kWh). At full load this engine will exhaust [12.5 lb/(bhp·h)](1000 bhp) = 12,500 lb/h (5625 kg/h).

The temperature of the exhaust gas will be about 750°F (399°C) at the boiler inlet, whereas the temperature at the boiler outlet is generally held at 75°F (41.7°C) higher than the steam temperature to prevent condensation of the exhaust gas. Steam at 30 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (206.8 kPa) has a temperature of 250.33°F (121.3°C). Thus, the exhaust-gas outlet temperature from the boiler will be 250.33 + 75 = 325.33°F (162.9°C), say 325°F (162.8°C). Then  $H_e = (12,500)(0.252)(750 - 325) = 1,375,000$  Btu/h (403.0 kW).

At 30 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (206.8 kPa), the enthalpy of vaporization of steam is 945.3 Btu/lb (2198.9 kJ/kg), found in the steam tables. Thus, the exhaust heat can generate  $1,375,000/945.3 = 1415$  lb/h (636.8 kg/h) if the boiler is 100 percent efficient. With a boiler efficiency of 85 percent, the steam generated = (1415 lb/h)(0.85) = 1220 lb/h (549.0 kg/h), or (1220 lb/h)/1000 bhp = 1.22 lb/(bhp·h) (0.74 kg/kWh).

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for any reciprocating internal-combustion engine burning gasoline, kerosene, natural gas, liquified-petroleum gas, or similar fuel. Figure 1 shows typical arrangements for a number of internal-combustion engine cooling systems.

When ethylene glycol or another antifreeze solution is used in the cooling system, alter the denominator of the flow equation to reflect the change in specific gravity and specific heat of the antifreeze solution, as compared with water. Thus, with a mixture of 50 percent glycol and 50 percent water, the flow equation in step 2 becomes  $G = H/(436\Delta t)$ . With other solutions, the numerical factor in the denominator will change. This factor = (weight of liquid, lb/gal)(60 min/h), and the factor converts a flow rate of lb/h to gal/min when divided into the lb/h flow rate. Slant diagrams, Fig. 2, are often useful for heat-exchanger analysis.

Two-cycle engines may have a larger exhaust-gas flow than four-cycle engines because of the scavenging air. However, the exhaust temperature will usually be 50 to 100°F (27.7 to 55.6°C) lower, reducing the quantity of steam generated.

Where a dry exhaust manifold is used on an engine, the heat rejection to the cooling system is reduced by about 7.5 percent. Heat rejected to the aftercooler cooling water is about 3.5 percent of the total heat input to the engine. About 2.5 percent of the total heat input to the engine is rejected by the turbocharger jacket.

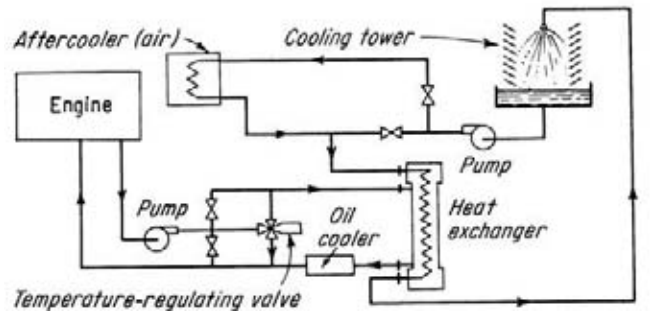
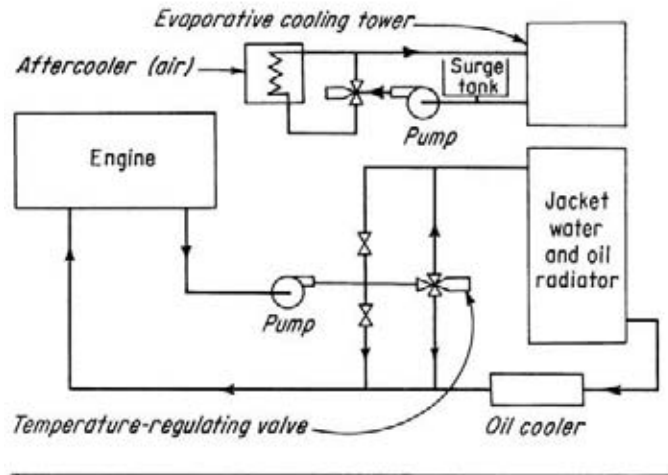
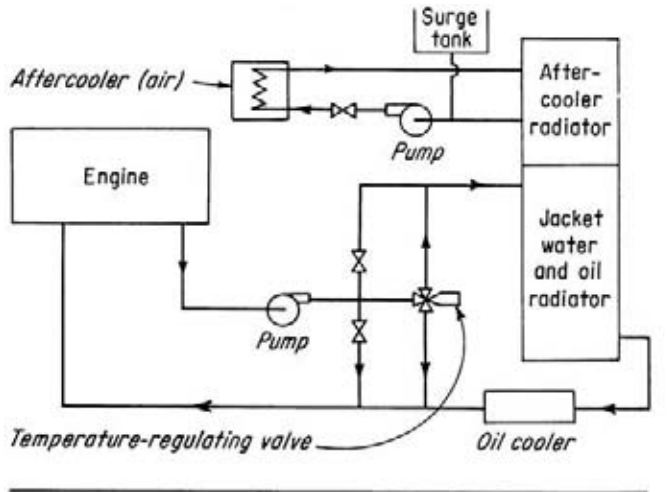
The jacket cooling water absorbs 11 to 14 percent of the total heat supplied. From 3 to 6 percent of the total heat supplied to the engine is rejected in the oil cooler.

The total heat supplied to an engine = (engine output, bhp)[heat rate, Btu/(bhp·h)]. A jacket-water flow rate of 0.25 to 0.60 gal/(min·bhp) (0.02 to 0.05 kg/kW) is usually recommended. The normal jacket-water temperature rise is 10°F (5.6°C); with a jacket-water outlet temperature of 180°F (85.2°C) or higher, the temperature rise of the jacket water is usually held to 7°F (3.9°C) or less.

To keep the cooling-water system pressure loss within reasonable limits, some designers recommend a pipe velocity equal to the nominal pipe size used in the system, or 2 ft/s for 2-in pipe (0.6 m/s for 50.8-mm); 3 ft/s for 3-in pipe (0.9 m/s for 76.2-mm); etc. The maximum recommended velocity is 10 ft/s for 10 in (3.0 m/s for 254 mm) and larger pipes. Compute the actual pipe diameter from  $d = (G/2.5v)^{0.5}$ , where  $G$  = cooling-water flow, gal/min;  $v$  = water velocity, ft/s.

Air needed for a four-cycle high-output turbocharged diesel engine is about 3.5 ft<sup>3</sup>/(min·bhp) (0.13 m<sup>3</sup>/kW); 4.5 ft<sup>3</sup>/(min·bhp) (0.17 m<sup>3</sup>/kW) for two-cycle engines. Exhaust-gas flow is about 8.4 ft<sup>3</sup>/(min·bhp) (0.32 m<sup>3</sup>/kW) for a four-cycle diesel engine; 13 ft<sup>3</sup>/(min·bhp) (0.49 m<sup>3</sup>/kW) for two-cycle engines. Air velocity in the turbocharger blower piping should not exceed 3300 ft/min (1006 m/min); gas velocity in the exhaust system should not exceed 6000 ft/min (1828 m/min). The exhaust-gas temperature should not be reduced below 275°F (135°C), to prevent condensation.

The method presented here is the work of W. M. Kauffman, reported in *Power*.



**FIGURE 1** Internal-combustion engine cooling systems: (a) radiator type; (b) evaporating cooling tower; (c) cooling tower. (Power.)

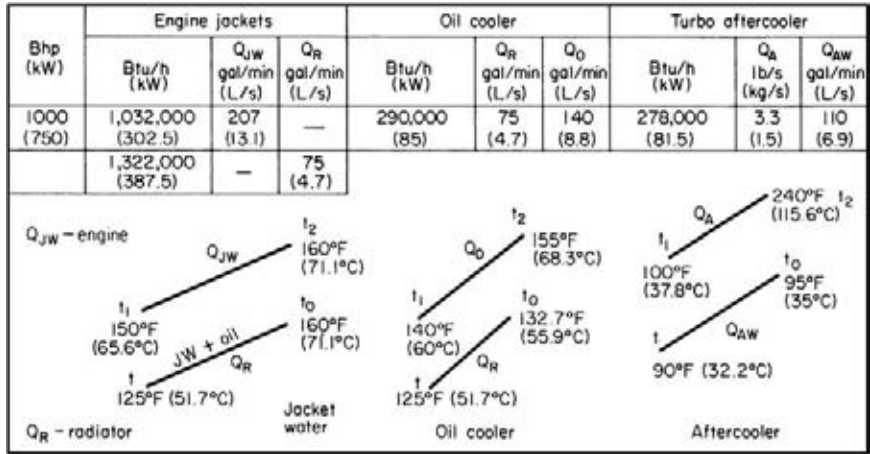


FIGURE 2 Slant diagrams for internal-combustion engine heat exchangers. (Power.)

## DESIGN OF A VENT SYSTEM FOR AN ENGINE ROOM

A radiator-cooled 60-kW internal-combustion engine generating set operates in an area where the maximum summer ambient temperature of the inlet air is 100°F (37.8°C). How much air does this engine need for combustion and for the radiator? What is the maximum permissible temperature rise of the room air? How much heat is radiated by the engine-alternator set if the exhaust pipe is 25 ft (7.6 m) long? What capacity exhaust fan is needed for this engine room if the engine room has two windows with an area of 30 ft<sup>2</sup> (2.8 m<sup>2</sup>) each, and the average height between the air inlet and outlet is 5 ft (1.5 m)? Determine the rate of heat dissipation by the windows. The engine is located at sea level.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine engine air-volume needs.** Table 4 shows typical air-volume needs for internal-combustion engines installed indoors. Thus, a 60-kW set requires 390 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (11.0 m<sup>3</sup>/min) for combustion and 6000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (169.9 m<sup>3</sup>/min) for the radiator. Note that in the smaller ratings, the combustion air needed is 6.5 ft<sup>3</sup>/(min·kW)(0.18 m<sup>3</sup>/kW), and the radiator air requirement is 150 ft<sup>3</sup>/(min·kW)(4.2 m<sup>3</sup>/kW).

TABLE 4 Total Air Volume Needs\*

Set kW	ft <sup>3</sup> /min (m <sup>3</sup> /min) for combustion	ft <sup>3</sup> /min (m <sup>3</sup> /min) for radiator	Maximum room temperature rise	
			Maximum ambient temperature of inlet air, °F (°C)	Room air rise, °F (°C)
20	130 (3.7)	3000 (84.9)	90 (32.2)	20 (11.1)
30	195 (5.5)	5000 (141.6)	95–105 (35–40.6)	15 (8.3)
40	260 (7.4)	5500 (155.7)	110–120 (43.3–48.9)	10 (5.6)
60	390 (1.0)	6000 (169.9)		

\*Power.

**TABLE 5** Heat Radiated from Typical Internal-Combustion Units, Btu/min (W)\*

Alternator, kW	Cooling by radiator and fan		Cooling by radiator, fan, and city water	
	40	60	40	60
Engine-alternator set, silencer, and 25 ft (7.6 m) of exhaust pipe, Btu/min (W)	1830 (8.94)	2625 (12.8)	1701 (8.3)	2500 (12.2)
Exhaust pipe beyond silencer:				
Length 5 ft (1.5 m)	24 (0.12)	35 (0.17)	20 (0.10)	22 (0.11)
Length 10 ft (3.0 m)	45 (0.22)	65 (0.32)	39 (0.19)	40 (0.20)
Length 15 ft (4.6 m)	65 (0.32)	89 (0.44)	57 (0.38)	55 (0.27)

\*Power.

**2. Determine maximum permissible air temperature rise.** Table 4 also shows that with an ambient temperature of 95 to 105°F (35 to 40.6°C), the maximum permissible room temperature rise is 15°F (8.3°C). When you determine this value, be certain to use the highest inlet air temperature expected in the engine locality.

**3. Determine the heat radiated by the engine.** Table 5 shows the heat radiated by typical internal-combustion engine generating sets. Thus, a 60-kW radiator-and fan-cooled set radiates 2625 Btu/min (12.8 W) when the engine is fitted with a 25-ft (7.6-m) long exhaust pipe and a silencer.

**4. Compute the airflow produced by the windows.** The two windows can be used to ventilate the engine room. One window will serve as the air inlet; the other, as the air outlet. The area of the air outlet must at least equal the air-inlet area. Airflow will be produced by the stack effect resulting from the temperature difference between the inlet and outlet air.

The airflow  $C$  ft<sup>3</sup>/min resulting from the stack effect is  $C = 9.4A(h\Delta t_a)^{0.5}$ , where  $A$  = free area of the air inlet, ft<sup>2</sup>;  $h$  = height from the middle of the air-inlet opening to the middle of the air-outlet opening, ft;  $\Delta t_a$  = difference between the average indoor air temperature at point  $H$  and the temperature of the incoming air, °F. In this plant, the maximum permissible air temperature rise is 15°F (8.3°C), from step 2. With a 100°F (37.8°C) outdoor temperature, the maximum indoor temperature would be 100 + 15 = 115°F (46.1°C). Assume that the difference between the temperature of the incoming and outgoing air is 15°F (8.3°C). Then  $C = 9.4(30)(5 \times 15)^{0.5} = 2445$  ft<sup>3</sup>/min (69.2 m<sup>3</sup>/min).

**5. Compute the cooling airflow required.** This 60-kW internal-combustion engine generating set radiates 2625 Btu/min (12.8 W), step 3. Compute the cooling airflow required from  $C = HK/\Delta t_a$ , where  $C$  = cooling airflow required, ft<sup>3</sup>/min;  $H$  = heat radiated by the engine, Btu/min;  $K$  = constant from Table 6; other symbols as before. Thus, for this engine with a fan discharge temperature of 111 to 120°F

**TABLE 6** Range of Discharge Temperature\*

Room fan discharge temperature range			Wind to water gage			
			Wind velocity		Inlet pressure water gage	
°F	°C	$K$	mph	km/h	in	mm
80–89	26.7–31.7	57	60	96.5	1.75	44.5
90–99	32.3–37.2	58	30	48.3	0.43	10.9
100–110	37.8–43.3	59				
111–120	43.9–48.9	60				
121–130	49.4–54.4	61				

\*Power.

**TABLE 7** Air Density at Various Elevations\*

Elevation above sea level		Multiplying factor, <i>A</i>	Approximate air density percent compared with sea level for same temperature
ft	m		
4,000	1,219	1.158	86.4
5,000	1,524	1.202	83.2
6,000	1,829	1.247	80.2
7,000	2,134	1.296	77.2
10,000	3,048	1.454	68.8

\*Power.

(43.9 to 48.9°C), Table 6,  $K = 60$ ;  $\Delta t_a = 15^\circ\text{F}$  (8.3°C) from step 4. Then  $C = (2625)(60)/15 = 10,500$  ft<sup>3</sup>/min (297.3 m<sup>3</sup>/min).

The windows provide 2445 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (69.2 m<sup>3</sup>/min), step 4, and the engine radiator gives 6000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (169.9 m<sup>3</sup>/min), step 1, or a total of 2445 + 6000 = 8445 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (239.1 m<sup>3</sup>/min). Thus, 10,500 – 8445 = 2055 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (58.2 m<sup>3</sup>/min) must be removed from the room. The usual method employed to remove the air is an exhaust fan. An exhaust fan with a capacity of 2100 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (59.5 m<sup>3</sup>/min) would be suitable for this engine room.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for engines burning any type of fuel—diesel, gasoline, kerosene, or gas—in any type of enclosed room at sea level or elevations up to 1000 ft (304.8 m). Where windows or the fan outlet are fitted with louvers, screens, or intake filters, be certain to compute the net free area of the opening. When the radiator fan requires more air than is needed for cooling the room, an exhaust fan is unnecessary.

Be certain to select an exhaust fan with a sufficient discharge pressure to overcome the resistance of exhaust ducts and outlet louvers, if used. A propeller fan is usually chosen for exhaust service. In areas having high wind velocity, an axial-flow fan may be needed to overcome the pressure produced by the wind on the fan outlet.

Table 6 shows the pressure developed by various wind velocities. When the engine is located above sea level, use the multiplying factor in Table 7 to correct the computed air quantities for the lower air density.

An engine radiates 2 to 5 percent of its total heat input. The total heat input = (engine output, bhp) [heat rate, Btu/(bhp-h)]. Provide 12 to 20 air changes per hour for the engine room. The most effective ventilators are power-driven exhaust fans or roof ventilators. Where the heat load is high, 100 air changes per hour may be provided. Auxiliary-equipment rooms require 10 air changes per hour. Windows, louvers, or power-driven fans are used. A four-cycle engine requires 3 to 3.5 ft<sup>3</sup>/min of air per bhp (0.11 to 0.13 m<sup>3</sup>/kW); a two-cycle engine, 4 to 5 ft<sup>3</sup>/(min-bhp) (0.15 to 0.19 m<sup>3</sup>/kW).

The method presented here is the work of John P. Callaghan, reported in *Power*.

## DESIGN OF A BYPASS COOLING SYSTEM FOR AN ENGINE

The internal-combustion engine in Fig. 3 is rated at 402 hp (300 kW) at 514 r/min and dissipates 3500 Btu/(bhp-h) (1375 W/kW) at full load to the cooling water from the power cylinders and water-cooled exhaust manifold. Determine the required cooling-water flow rate if there is a 10°F (5.6°C) temperature rise during passage of the water through the engine. Size the piping for the cooling system, using the head-loss data in Fig. 4, and the pump characteristic curve, Fig. 5. Choose a surge tank of suitable capacity. Determine the net positive suction head requirements for this engine.

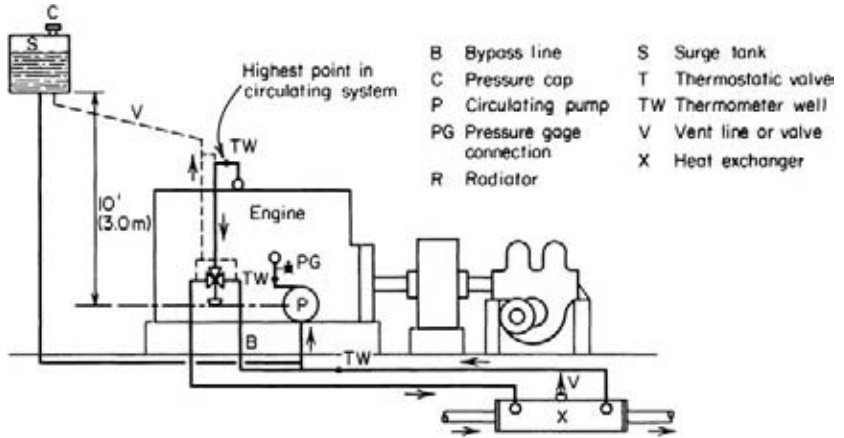


FIGURE 3 Engine cooling-system hookup. (Mechanical Engineering.)

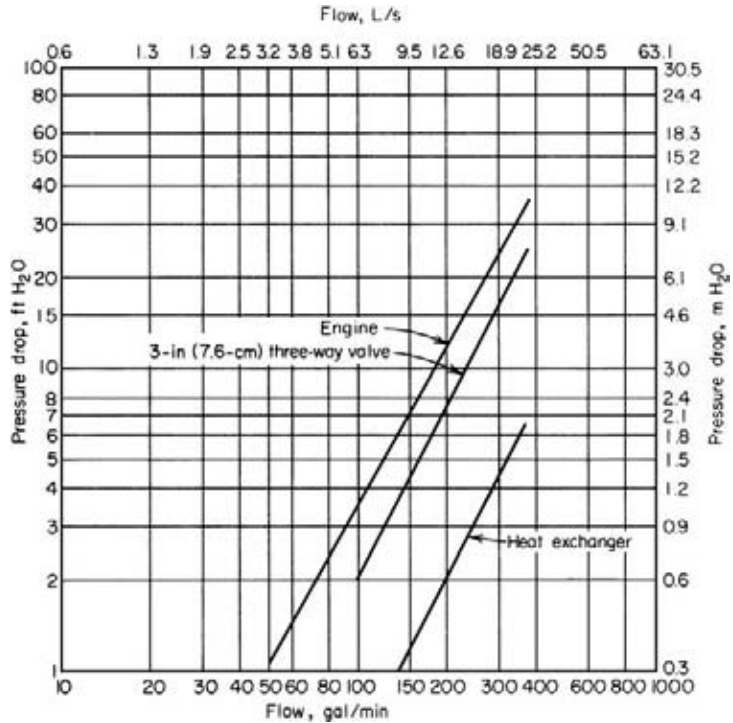


FIGURE 4 Head-loss data for engine cooling-system components. (Mechanical Engineering.)



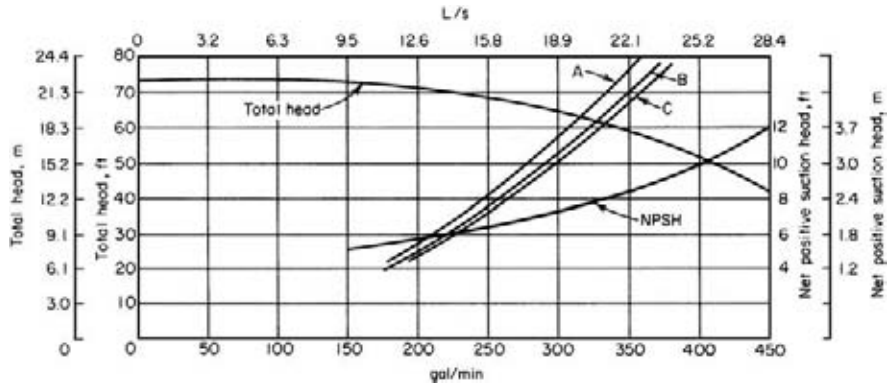


FIGURE 5 Pump and system characteristics for engine cooling system. (Mechanical Engineering.)

The total length of straight piping in the cooling system is 45 ft (13.7 m). The engine is located 500 ft (152.4 m) above sea level.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the cooling-water quantity required.** The cooling-water quantity required is  $G = H / (500\Delta t)$ , where  $G$  = cooling-water flow, gal/min;  $H$  = heat absorbed by the jacket water, Btu/h = (maximum engine hp) [heat dissipated, Btu/(bhp·h)];  $\Delta t$  = temperature rise of the water during passage through the engine, °F. Thus, for this engine,  $G = (402)(3500) / [500(10)] = 281$  gal/min (17.7 L/s).

**2. Choose the cooling-system valve and pipe size.** Obtain the friction head-loss data for the engine, the heat exchanger, and the three-way valve from the manufacturers of the respective items. Most manufacturers have curves or tables available for easy use. Plot the head losses, as shown in Fig. 4, for the engine and heat exchanger.

Before the three-way valve head loss can be plotted, a valve size must be chosen. Refer to a three-way valve capacity tabulation to determine a suitable valve size to handle a flow of 281 gal/min (17.7 L/s). One such tabulation recommends a 3-in (76.2-mm) valve for a flow of 281 gal/min (17.7 L/s). Obtain the head-loss data for the valve, and plot it as shown in Fig. 4.

Next, assume a size for the cooling-water piping. Experience shows that a water velocity of 300 to 600 ft/min (91.4 to 182.9 m/min) is satisfactory for internal-combustion engine cooling systems. Using the Hydraulic Institute's *Pipe Friction Manual* or Cameron's *Hydraulic Data*, enter at 280 gal/min (17.6 L/s), the approximate flow, and choose a pipe size to give a velocity of 400 to 500 ft/min (121.9 to 152.4 m/min), i.e., midway in the recommended range.

Alternatively, compute the approximate pipe diameter from  $d = 4.95 [gpm/velocity, ft/min]^{0.5}$ . With a velocity of 450 ft/min (137.2 m/min),  $d = 4.95(281/450)^{0.5} = 3.92$ , say 4 in (101.6 mm). The *Pipe Friction Manual* shows that the water velocity will be 7.06 ft/s (2.2 m/s), or 423.6 ft/min (129.1 m/min), in a 4-in (101.6-mm) schedule 40 pipe. This is acceptable. Using a 3½-in (88.9-mm) pipe would increase the cost because the size is not readily available from pipe suppliers. A 3-in (76.2-mm) pipe would give a velocity of 720 ft/min (219.5 m/min), which is too high.

**3. Compute the piping-system head loss.** Examine Fig. 3, which shows the cooling system piping layout. Three flow conditions are possible: (a) all the jacket water passes through the heat exchanger, (b) a portion of the jacket water passes through the heat exchanger, and (c) none of the jacket water

**TABLE 8** Sample Calculation for Full Flow through Cooling Circuit\*  
(Fittings and Piping in Circuit)

Fitting or pipe	Number in circuit	Equivalent length of straight pipe	
		ft	m
3-in (76.2-mm) elbow	1	5.5	1.7
3 × 4 (76.2 × 101.6-mm) reducer	4	7.2	2.2
4-in (101.6-mm) elbow	7	50.4	15.4
4-in (101.6-mm) tee	1	23.0	7.0
3-in (76.2-mm) pipe	...	0.67	0.2
4-in (101.6-mm) pipe	...	45.0	13.7
Total equivalent length of pipe:			
3-in (76.2-mm) pipe, standard weight	...	13.37	4.1
4-in (101.6-mm) pipe, standard weight	...	118.4	36.1

**Head loss calculation:** Calculation for a flow rate of 300 gal/min (18.9 L/s) through circuit:

Using the Hazen-Williams friction-loss equation with a *C* factor of 130 (surface roughness constant), with 300 gal/min (18.9 L/s) flowing through the pipe, the head loss per 100 ft (30.5 m) of pipe is 21.1 ft (6.4 m) and 5.64 ft (1.1 m) for the 3-in (76.2-mm) and 4-in (101.6-mm) pipes, respectively. Thus head loss in piping is †

$$3 \text{ in } \frac{21.1}{100} \times 13.37 = 2.83 \text{ ft (0.86 m)}$$

$$4 \text{ in } \frac{5.64}{100} \times 118.4 = 6.68 \text{ ft (2.0 m)}$$

From Fig. 5 the head loss is:

Through engine	26.00	7.9
Through 3-in (76.2-mm) three-way valve	17.50	5.3
Through heat exchanger	4.6	1.4
<b>Total circuit head loss</b>	<b>57.61</b>	<b>14.6</b>

\*Mechanical Engineering.

†Shaw and Loomis, *Cameron Hydraulic Data Book*, 12th ed., Ingersoll-Rand Company, 1951, p. 27.

passes through the heat exchanger—instead, all the water passes through the bypass circuit. The greatest head loss usually occurs when the largest amount of water passes through the longest circuit (or flow condition *a*). Compute the head loss for this situation first.

Using the method given in the piping section of this handbook, compute the equivalent length of the cooling-system fitting and piping, as shown in Table 8. Once the equivalent length of the pipe and fittings is known, compute the head loss in the piping system, using the method given in the piping section of this handbook with a Hazen-Williams constant of *C* = 130 and a rounded-off flow rate of 300 gal/min (18.9 L/s). Summarize the results as shown in Table 8.

The total head loss is produced by the water flow through the piping, fittings, engine, three-way valve, and heat exchanger. Find the head loss for the last components in Fig. 4 for a flow of 300 gal/min (18.9 L/s). List the losses in Table 8, and find the sum of all the losses. Thus, the total circuit head loss is 57.61 ft (17.6 m) of water.

Compute the head loss for 0, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, and 0.8 load on the engine, using the same procedure as in steps 1, 2, and 3 above. Plot on the pump characteristic curve, Fig. 5, the system head loss for each load. Draw a curve *A* through the points obtained, Fig. 5.

Compute the system head loss for condition *b* with half the jacket water [150 gal/min (9.5 L/s)] passing through the heat exchanger and half [150 gal/min (9.5 L/s)] through the bypass circuit. Make the same calculation for 0, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, and 0.8 load on the engine. Plot the result as curve *B*, Fig. 5.

Perform a similar calculation for condition *c*—full flow through the bypass circuit. Plot the results as curve *C*, Fig. 5.

**4. Compute the actual cooling-water flow rate.** Find the points of intersection of the pump total-head curve and the three system head-loss curves A, B, and C, Fig. 5. These intersections occur at 314, 325, and 330 gal/min (19.8, 20.5, and 20.8 L/s), respectively.

The initial design assumed a 10°F (5.6°C) temperature rise through the engine with a water flow rate of 281 gal/min (17.7 L/s). Rearranging the equation in step 1 gives  $\Delta t = H/(400G)$ . Substituting the flow rate for condition *a* gives an actual temperature rise of  $\Delta t = (402)(3500)/[(500)(314)] = 8.97^\circ\text{F}$  (4.98°C). If a 180°F (82.2°C) rated thermostatic element is used in the three-way valve, holding the outlet temperature  $t_o$  to 180°F (82.2°C), the inlet temperature  $t_i$  will be  $\Delta t = t_o - t_i = 8.97$ ;  $180 - t_i = 8.97$ ;  $t_i = 171.03^\circ\text{F}$  (77.2°C).

**5. Determine the required surge-tank capacity.** The surge tank in a cooling system provides storage space for the increase in volume of the coolant caused by thermal expansion. Compute this expansion from  $E = 62.4g\Delta V$ , where  $E$  = expansion, gal (L);  $g$  = number of gallons required to fill the cooling system;  $\Delta V$  = specific volume, ft<sup>3</sup>/lb (m<sup>3</sup>/kg) of the coolant at the operating temperature—specific volume of the coolant, ft<sup>3</sup>/lb (m<sup>3</sup>/kg) at the filling temperature.

The cooling system for this engine must have a total capacity of 281 gal (1064 L), step 1. Round this to 300 gal (1136 L) for design purposes. The system operating temperature is 180°F (82.2°C), and the filling temperature is usually 60°F (15.6°C). Using the steam tables to find the specific volume of the water at these temperatures, we get  $E = 62.4(300)(0.01651 - 0.01604) = 8.8$  gal (33.3 L).

Usual design practice is to provide two to three times the required expansion volume. Thus, a 25-gal (94.6-L) tank (nearly three times the required capacity) would be chosen. The extra volume provides for excess cooling water that might be needed to make up water lost through minor leaks in the system.

Locate the surge tank so that it is the highest point in the cooling system. Some engineers recommend that the bottom of the surge tank be at least 10 ft (3 m) above the pump centerline and connected as close as possible to the pump intake. A 1½- or 2-in (38.1- or 50.8-mm) pipe is usually large enough for connecting the surge tank to the system. The line should be sized so that the head loss of the vented fluid flowing back to the pump suction will be negligible.

**6. Determine the pump net positive suction head.** The pump characteristic curve, Fig. 5, shows the net positive suction head (NPSH) required by this pump. As the pump discharge rate increases, so does the NPSH. This is typical of a centrifugal pump.

The greatest flow, 330 gal/min (20.8 L/s), occurs in this system when all the coolant is diverted through the bypass circuit, Figs. 4 and 5. At a 330-gal/min (20.8-L/s) flow rate through the system, the required NPSH for this pump is 8 ft (2.4 m), Fig. 5. This value is found at the intersection of the 330-gal/min (20.8-L/s) ordinate and the NPSH curve.

Compute the existing NPSH, ft (m), from  $\text{NPSH} = H_s - H_f + 2.31 (P_s - P_v)/s$ , where  $H_s$  = height of minimum surge-tank liquid level above the pump centerline, ft (m);  $H_f$  = friction loss in the suction line from the surge-tank connection to the pump inlet flange, ft (m) of liquid;  $P_s$  = pressure in surge tank, or atmospheric pressure at the elevation of the installation, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (kPa);  $P_v$  = vapor pressure of the coolant at the pumping temperature, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (kPa);  $s$  = specific gravity of the coolant at the pumping temperature.

**7. Determine the operating temperature with a closed surge tank.** A pressure cap on the surge tank, or a radiator, will permit operation at temperatures above the atmospheric boiling point of the coolant. At a 500-ft (152.4-m) elevation, water boils at 210°F (98.9°C). Thus, without a closed surge tank fitted with a pressure cap, the maximum operating temperature of a water-cooled system would be about 200°F (93.3°C).

If a 7-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (48.3-kPa) pressure cap were used at the 500-ft (152.4-m) elevation, then the pressure in the vapor space of the surge tank could rise to  $P_s = 14.4 + 7.0 = 21.4$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (147.5 kPa). The steam tables show that water at this pressure boils at 232°F (111.1°C). Checking the NPSH at this pressure shows that  $\text{NPSH} = (10 - 1.02) + 2.31 (21.4 - 21.4)/0.0954 = 8.98$  ft (2.7 m). This

is close to the required 8-ft (2.4-m) head. However, the engine could be safely operated at a slightly lower temperature, say 225°F (107.2°C).

**8. Compute the pressure at the pump suction flange.** The pressure at the pump suction flange  $P$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) =  $0.433s(H_s - H_p) = (0.433)(0.974)(10.00 - 1.02) = 3.79$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (26.1 kPa).

A positive pressure at the pump suction is needed to prevent the entry of air along the shaft. To further ensure against air entry, a mechanical seal can be used on the pump shaft in place of packing.

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure in designing the cooling system for any type of reciprocating internal-combustion engine—gasoline, diesel, gas, etc. Where a coolant other than water is used, follow the same procedure but change the value of the constant in the denominator of the equation of step 1. Thus, for a mixture of 50 percent glycol and 50 percent water, the constant = 436, instead of 500.

The method presented here is the work of Duane E. Marquis, reported in *Mechanical Engineering*.

## HOT-WATER HEAT-RECOVERY SYSTEM ANALYSIS

An internal-combustion engine fitted with a heat-recovery silencer and a jacket-water cooler is rated at 1000 bhp (746 kW). It exhausts 13.0 lb/(bhp-h) [5.9 kg/(bhp-h)] of exhaust gas at 700°F (371.1°C). To what temperature can hot water be heated when 500 gal/min (31.5 L/s) of jacket water is circulated through the hookup in Fig. 6 and 100 gal/min (6.3 L/s) of 60°F (15.6°C) water is heated? The jacket water enters the engine at 170°F (76.7°C) and leaves at 180°F (82.2°C).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the exhaust heat recovered.** Find the exhaust-heat recovered from  $H_e = Wc\Delta t_e$ , where the symbols are the same as in the previous calculation procedures. Since the final temperature of the exhaust gas is not given, a value must be assumed. Temperatures below 275°F (135°C) are undesirable because condensation of corrosive vapors in the silencer may occur. Assume that the exhaust-gas outlet temperature from the heat-recovery silencer is 300°F (148.9°C). Then  $H_e = (1000)(13)(0.252)(700 - 300) = 1,310,000$  Btu/h (383.9 kW).

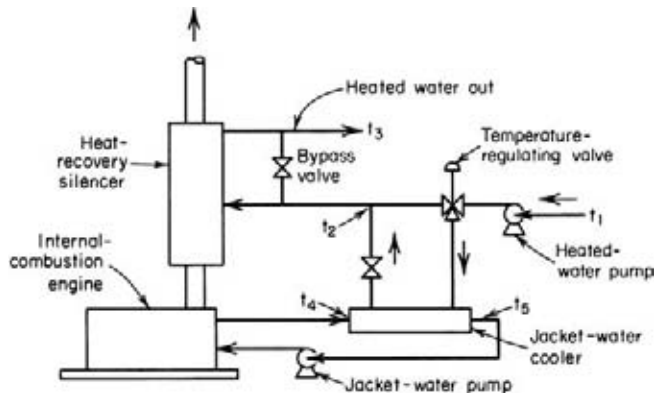


FIGURE 6 Internal-combustion engine cooling system.

**2. Compute the heated-water outlet temperature from the cooler.** Using the temperature notation in Fig. 6, we see that the heated-water outlet temperature from the jacket-water cooler is  $t_z = (w_z/w_1)(t_4 - t_3) + t_1$ , where  $w_1$  = heated-water flow, lb/h;  $w_z$  = jacket-water flow, lb/h; the other symbols are indicated in Fig. 6. To convert gal/min of water flow to lb/h, multiply by 500. Thus,  $w_1 = (100 \text{ gal/min})(500) = 50,000 \text{ lb/h}$  (22,500 kg/h), and  $w_z = (500 \text{ gal/min})(500) = 250,000 \text{ lb/h}$  (112,500 kg/h). Then  $t_z = (250,000/50,000)(180 - 170) + 60 = 110^\circ\text{F}$  (43.3°C).

**3. Compute the heated-water outlet temperature from the silencer.** The silencer outlet temperature  $t_3 = H_e/w_1 + t_z$ , or  $t_3 = 1,310,000/50,000 + 110 = 136.2^\circ\text{F}$  (57.9°C).

**Related Calculations** Use this method for any type of engine—diesel, gasoline, or gas—burning any type of fuel. Where desired, a simple heat balance can be set up between the heat-releasing and heat-absorbing sides of the system instead of using the equations given here. However, the equations are faster and more direct.

## DIESEL FUEL STORAGE CAPACITY AND COST

A diesel power plant will have six 1000-hp (746-kW) engines and three 600-hp (448-kW) engines. The annual load factor is 85 percent and is nearly uniform throughout the year. What capacity day tanks should be used for these engines? If fuel is delivered every 7 days, what storage capacity is required? Two fuel supplies are available; a 24° API fuel at \$0.0825 per gallon (\$0.022 per liter) and a 28° API fuel at \$0.0910 per gallon (\$0.024 per liter). Which is the better buy?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the engine fuel consumption.** Assume, or obtain from the engine manufacturer, the specific fuel consumption of the engine. Typical modern diesel engines have a full-load heat rate of 6900 to 7500 Btu/(bhp-h) (2711 to 3375 W/kWh), or about 0.35 lb/(bhp-h) of fuel (0.21 kg/kWh). Using this value of fuel consumption for the nine engines in this plant, we see the hourly fuel consumption at 85 percent load factor will be (6 engines)(1000 hp)(0.35)(0.85) + (3 engines)(600 hp)(0.35)(0.85) = 2320 lb/h (1044 kg/h).

Convert this consumption rate to gal/h by finding the specific gravity of the diesel oil. The specific gravity  $s = 141.5/(131.5 + \text{°API})$ . For the 24° API oil,  $s = 141.5/(131.5 + 24) = 0.910$ . Since water at 60°F (15.6°C) weighs 8.33 lb/gal (3.75 kg/L), the weight of this oil is (0.910)(8.33) = 7.578 lb/gal (3.41 kg/L). For the 28° API oil,  $s = 141.5/(131.5 + 28) = 0.887$ , and the weight of this oil is (0.887)(8.33) = 7.387 lb/gal (3.32 kg/L). Using the lighter oil, since this will give a larger gal/h consumption, we get the fuel rate = (2320 lb/h)/(7.387 lb/gal) = 315 gal/h (1192 L/h).

The daily fuel consumption is then (24 h/day)(315 gal/h) = 7550 gal/day (28,577 L/day). In 7 days the engines will use (7 days)(7550 gal/day) = 52,900, say 53,000 gal (200,605 L).

**2. Select the tank capacity.** The actual fuel consumption is 53,000 gal (200,605 L) in 7 days. If fuel is delivered exactly on time every 7 days, a fuel-tank capacity of 53,000 gal (200,605 L) would be adequate. However, bad weather, transit failures, strikes, or other unpredictable incidents may delay delivery. Therefore, added capacity must be provided to prevent engine stoppage because of an inadequate fuel supply.

Where sufficient space is available, and local regulations do not restrict the storage capacity installed, use double the required capacity. The reason is that the additional storage capacity is relatively cheap compared with the advantages gained. Where space or storage capacity is restricted, use 1½ times the required capacity.

Assuming double capacity is used in this plant, the total storage capacity will be  $(2)(53,000) = 106,000$  gal (401,210 L). At least two tanks should be used, to permit cleaning of one without interrupting engine operation.

Consult the National Board of Fire Underwriters bulletin *Storage Tanks for Flammable Liquids* for rules governing tank materials, location, spacing, and fire-protection devices. Refer to a tank capacity table to determine the required tank diameter and length or height depending on whether the tank is horizontal or vertical. Thus, the Buffalo Tank Corporation *Handbook* shows that a 16.5-ft (5.0-m) diameter 33.5-ft (10.2-m) long horizontal tank will hold 53,600 gal (202,876 L) when full. Two tanks of this size would provide the desired capacity. Alternatively, a 35-ft (10.7-m) diameter 7.5-ft (2.3-m) high vertical tank will hold 54,000 gal (204,390 L) when full. Two tanks of this size would provide the desired capacity.

Where a tank capacity table is not available, compute the capacity of a cylindrical tank from capacity =  $5.87D^2L$ , where  $D$  = tank diameter, ft;  $L$  = tank length or height, ft. Consult the NBFU or the tank manufacturer for the required tank wall thickness and vent size.

**3. Select the day-tank capacity.** Day tanks supply filtered fuel to an engine. The day tank is usually located in the engine room and holds enough fuel for a 4- to 8-h operation of an engine at full load. Local laws, insurance requirements, or the NBFU may limit the quantity of oil that can be stored in the engine room or a day tank. One day tank is usually used for each engine.

Assume that a 4-h supply will be suitable for each engine. Then the day tank capacity for a 1000-hp (746-kW) engine = (1000 hp) [0.35 lb/(bhp-h) fuel] (4 h) = 1400 lb (630 kg), or  $1400/7.387 = 189.6$  gal (717.6 L), given the lighter-weight fuel, step 1. Thus, one 200-gal (757-L) day tank would be suitable for each of the 1000-hp (746-kW) engines.

For the 600-hp (448-kW) engines, the day-tank capacity should be. (600 hp)[0.35 lb/(bhp-h) fuel] (4 h) = 840 lb (378 kg), or  $840/7.387 = 113.8$  gal (430.7 L). Thus, one 125-gal (473-L) day tank would be suitable for each of the 600-hp (448-kW) engines.

**4. Determine which is the better fuel buy.** Compute the higher heating value HHV of each fuel from  $\text{HHV} = 17,645 + 54(^{\circ}\text{API})$ , or for  $24^{\circ}$  fuel,  $\text{HHV} = 17,645 + 54(24) = 18,941$  Btu/lb (44,057 kJ/kg). For the  $28^{\circ}$  fuel,  $\text{HHV} = 17,645 + 54(28) = 19,157$  Btu/lb (44,559 kJ/kg).

Compare the two oils on the basis of cost per 10,000 Btu (10,550 kJ), because this is the usual way of stating the cost of a fuel. The weight of each oil was computed in step 1. Thus the  $24^{\circ}$  API oil weighs 7.578 lb/gal (0.90 kg/L), while the  $28^{\circ}$  API oil weighs 7.387 lb/gal (0.878 kg/L).

Then the cost per 10,000 Btu (10,550 kJ) = (cost, \$/gal)/[(HHV, Btu/lb)/10,000](oil weight, lb/gal). For the  $24^{\circ}$  API oil, cost per 10,000 Btu (10,550 kJ) =  $\$0.0825/[(18,941/10,000)(7.578)] = \$0.00574$ , or 0.574 cent per 10,000 Btu (10,550 kJ). For the  $28^{\circ}$  API oil, cost per 10,000 Btu =  $\$0.0910/[(19,157/10,000)(7.387)] = \$0.00634$ , or 0.634 cent per 10,000 Btu (10,550 kJ). Thus, the  $24^{\circ}$  API is the better buy because it costs less per 10,000 Btu (10,550 kJ).

**Related Calculations** Use this method for engines burning any liquid fuel. Be certain to check local laws and the latest NBFU recommendations before ordering fuel storage or day tanks.

Low-sulfur diesel amendments were added to the federal Clean Air Act in 1991. These amendments require diesel engines to use low-sulfur fuel to reduce atmospheric pollution. Reduction of fuel sulfur content will not require any change in engine operating procedures. If anything, the lower sulfur content will reduce engine maintenance requirements and costs.

The usual distillate fuel specification recommends a sulfur content of not more than 1.5 percent by weight, with 2 percent by weight considered satisfactory. Refineries are currently producing diesel fuel that meets federal low-sulfur requirements. While there is a slight additional cost for such fuel at the time of this writing, when the regulations went into effect, predictions are that the price of low-sulfur fuel will decline as more is manufactured.

Automobiles produce 50 percent of the air pollution throughout the developed world. The Ozone Transport Commission, set up by Congress as part of the 1990 Clear Air Act, is enforcing emission standards for new automobiles and trucks. To date, the cost of meeting such standards

has been lower than anticipated. By the year 2003, all new automobiles will be pollution-free—if they comply with the requirements of the act. Stationary diesel plants using low-sulfur fuel will emit extremely little pollution.

## POWER INPUT TO COOLING-WATER AND LUBE-OIL PUMPS

What is the required power input to a 200-gal/min (12.6-L/s) jacket-water pump if the total head on the pump is 75 ft (22.9 m) of water and the pump has an efficiency of 70 percent when it handles freshwater and saltwater? What capacity lube-oil pump is needed for a four-cycle 500-hp (373-kW) turbocharged diesel engine having oil-cooled pistons? What is the required power input to this pump if the discharge pressure is 80 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (551.5 kPa) and the efficiency of the pump is 68 percent?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the power input to the jacket-water pump.** The power input to jacket-water and raw-water pumps serving internal-combustion engines is often computed from the relation  $hp = Gh/Ce$ , where  $hp$  = hp input;  $G$  = water discharged by pump, gal/min;  $h$  = total head on pump, ft of water;  $C$  = constant = 3960 for freshwater having a density of 62.4 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (999.0 kg/m<sup>3</sup>); 3855 for saltwater having a density of 64 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (1024.6 kg/m<sup>3</sup>).

For this pump handling freshwater,  $hp = (200)(75)/(3960)(0.70) = 5.42$  hp (4.0 kW). A 7.5-hp (5.6-kW) motor would probably be selected to handle the rated capacity plus any overloads.

For this pump handling saltwater,  $hp = (200)(75)/[(3855)(0.70)] = 5.56$  hp (4.1 kW). A 7.5-hp (5.6-kW) motor would probably be selected to handle the rated capacity plus any overloads. Thus, the same motor could drive this pump whether it handles freshwater or saltwater.

**2. Compute the lube-oil pump capacity.** The lube-oil pump capacity required for a diesel engine is found from  $G = H/200\Delta t$ , where  $G$  = pump capacity, gal/min;  $H$  = heat rejected to the lube oil, Btu/(bhp-h);  $\Delta t$  = lube-oil temperature rise during passage through the engine, °F. Usual practice is to limit the temperature rise of the oil to a range of 20 to 25°F (11.1 to 13.9°C), with a maximum operating temperature of 160°F (71.1°C). The heat rejection to the lube oil can be obtained from the engine heat balance, the engine manufacturer, or *Standard Practices for Stationary Diesel Engines*, published by the Diesel Engine Manufacturers Association. With a maximum heat rejection rate of 500 Btu/(bhp-h) (196.4 W/kWh) from *Standard Practices* and an oil-temperature rise of 20°F (11.1°C),  $G = [500 \text{ Btu}/(\text{bhp-h})](1000 \text{ hp})/[(200)(20)] = 125$  gal/min (7.9 L/s).

By using the *lowest* temperature rise and the *highest* heat rejection rate, a safe pump capacity is obtained. Where the pump cost is a critical factor, use a higher temperature rise and a lower heat rejection rate. Thus, with a heat rejection rate of 300 Btu/(bhp-h) (117.9 W/kWh) from *Standard Practices*, the above pump would have a capacity of  $G = (300)(1000)/[(200)(25)] = 60$  gal/min (3.8 L/s).

**3. Compute the lube-oil pump power input.** The power input to a separate oil pump serving a diesel engine is given by  $hp = Gp/1720e$ , where  $G$  = pump discharge rate, gal/min;  $p$  = pump discharge pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup>;  $e$  = pump efficiency. For this pump,  $hp = (125)(80)/[(1720)(0.68)] = 8.56$  hp (6.4 kW). A 10-hp (7.5-kW) motor would be chosen to drive this pump.

With a capacity of 60 gal/min (3.8 L/s), the input is  $hp = (60)(80)/[(1720)(0.68)] = 4.1$  hp (3.1 kW). A 5-hp (3.7-kW) motor would be chosen to drive this pump.

**Related Calculations** Use this method for any reciprocating diesel engine, two- or four-cycle. Lube-oil pump capacity is generally selected 10 to 15 percent oversize to allow for bearing wear in the engine and wear of the pump moving parts. Always check the selected capacity with the

engine builder. Where a bypass-type lube-oil system is used, be sure to have a pump of sufficient capacity to handle *both* the engine and cooler oil flow.

Raw-water pumps are generally duplicates of the jacket-water pump, having the same capacity and head ratings. Then the raw-water pump can serve as a standby jacket-water pump, if necessary.

## **LUBE-OIL COOLER SELECTION AND OIL CONSUMPTION**

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A 500-hp (373-kW) internal-combustion engine rejects 300 to 600 Btu/(bhp-h) (118 to 236 W/kWh) to the lubricating oil. What capacity and type of lube-oil cooler should be used for this engine if 10 percent of the oil is bypassed? If this engine consumes 2 gal (7.6 L) of lube oil per 24 h at full load, determine its lube-oil consumption rate.

### **Calculation Procedure**

**1. Determine the required lube-oil cooler capacity.** Base the cooler capacity on the maximum heat rejection rate plus an allowance for overloads. The usual overload allowance is 10 percent of the full-load rating for periods of not more than 2 h in any 24 h period.

For this engine, the maximum output with a 10 percent overload is  $500 + (0.10)(500) = 550$  hp (410 kW). Thus, the maximum heat rejection to the lube oil would be  $(550 \text{ hp}) [600 \text{ Btu}/(\text{bhp}\cdot\text{h})] = 330,000$  Btu/h (96.7 kW).

**2. Choose the type and capacity of lube-oil cooler.** Choose a shell-and-tube type heat exchanger to serve this engine. Long experience with many types of internal-combustion engines shows that the shell-and-tube heat exchanger is well suited for lube-oil cooling.

Select a lube-oil cooler suitable for a heat-transfer load of 330,000 Btu/h (96.7 kW) at the prevailing cooling-water temperature difference, which is usually assumed to be 10°F (5.6°C). See previous calculation procedures for the steps in selecting a liquid cooler.

**3. Determine the lube-oil consumption rate.** The lube-oil consumption rate is normally expressed in terms of bhp-h/gal. Thus, if this engine operates for 24 h and consumes 2 gal (7.6 L) of oil, its lube-oil consumption rate =  $(24 \text{ h})(500 \text{ bhp})/2 \text{ gal} = 6000$  bhp-h/gal (1183 kWh/L).

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for any type of internal-combustion engine using any fuel.

## **QUANTITY OF SOLIDS ENTERING AN INTERNAL-COMBUSTION ENGINE**

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What weight of solids annually enters the cylinders of a 1000-hp (746-kW) internal-combustion engine if the engine operates 24 h/day, 300 days/year in an area having an average dust concentration of 1.6 gr per 1000 ft<sup>3</sup> of air (28.3 m<sup>3</sup>)? The engine air rate (displacement) is 3.5 ft<sup>3</sup>/(min-bhp) (0.13 m<sup>3</sup>/kW). What would the dust load be reduced to if an air filter fitted to the engine removed 80 percent of the dust from the air?

### **Calculation Procedure**

**1. Compute the quantity of air entering the engine.** Since the engine is rated at 1000 hp (746 kW) and uses 3.5 ft<sup>3</sup>/(min-bhp) [0.133 m<sup>3</sup>/(min-kW)], the quantity of air used by the engine each minute is  $(1000 \text{ hp})[3.5 \text{ ft}^3/(\text{min}\cdot\text{hp})] = 3500$  ft<sup>3</sup>/min (99.1 m<sup>3</sup>/min).



**2. Compute the quantity of dust entering the engine.** Each 1000 ft<sup>3</sup> (28.3 m<sup>3</sup>) of air entering the engine contains 1.6 gr (103.7 mg) of dust. Thus, during every minute of engine operation, the quantity of dust entering the engine is  $(3500/1000)(1.6) = 5.6$  gr (362.8 mg). The hourly dust intake =  $(60 \text{ min/h})(5.6 \text{ gr/min}) = 336 \text{ gr/h}$  (21,772 mg/h).

During the year the engine operates 24 h/day for 300 days. Hence, the annual intake of dust is  $(24 \text{ h/day})(300 \text{ days/year})(336 \text{ gr/h}) = 2,419,200 \text{ gr}$  (156.8 kg). Since there is 7000 gr/lb, the weight of dust entering the engine per year =  $2,419,200 \text{ gr}/(7000 \text{ gr/lb}) = 345.6 \text{ lb/year}$  (155.5 kg/year).

**3. Compute the filtered dust load.** With the air filter removing 80 percent of the dust, the quantity of dust reaching the engine is  $(1.00 - 0.80)(345.6 \text{ lb/year}) = 69.12 \text{ lb/year}$  (31.1 kg/year). This shows the effectiveness of an air filter in reducing the dust and dirt load on an engine.

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure to compute the dirt load on an engine from any external source.

## INTERNAL-COMBUSTION ENGINE PERFORMANCE FACTORS

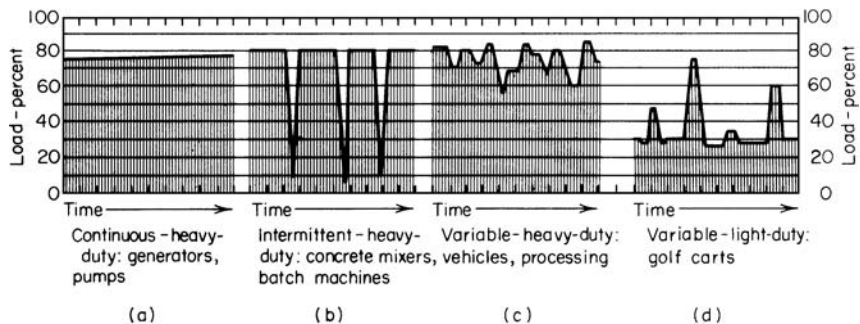
Discuss and illustrate the important factors in internal-combustion engine selection and performance. In this discussion, consider both large and small engines for a full range of usual applications.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Plot typical engine load characteristics.** Figure 7 shows four typical load patterns for internal-combustion engines. A continuous load, Fig. 7a, is generally considered to be heavy-duty and is often met in engines driving pumps or electric generators.

Intermittent heavy-duty loads, Fig. 7b, are often met in engines driving concrete mixers, batch machines, and similar loads. Variable heavy-duty loads, Fig. 7c, are encountered in large vehicles, process machinery, and similar applications. Variable light-duty loads, Fig. 7d, are met in small vehicles like golf carts, lawn mowers, chain saws, etc.

**2. Compute the engine output torque.** Use the relation  $T = 5250 \text{ bhp}/(r/\text{min})$  to compute the output torque of an internal-combustion engine. In this relation, bhp = engine bhp being developed at a crankshaft speed having rotating speed of *rpm*.



**FIGURE 7** Typical internal-combustion engine load cycles: (a) continuous, heavy-duty; (b) intermittent, heavy-duty; (c) variable, heavy-duty; (d) variable, light-duty. (*Product Engineering*.)

**3. Compute the hp output required.** Knowing the type of load on the engine (generator, pump, mixer, saw blade, etc.), compute the power output required to drive the load at a constant speed. Where a speed variation is expected, as in variable-speed drives, compute the average power needed to accelerate the load between two desired speeds in a given time.

**4. Choose the engine output speed.** Internal-combustion engines are classified in three speed categories: high (1500 r/min or more), medium (750 to 1500 r/min), and low (less than 750 r/min).

Base the speed chosen on the application of the engine. A high-speed engine can be lighter and smaller for the same hp rating, and may cost less than a medium-speed or slow-speed engine serving the same load. But medium-speed and slow-speed engines, although larger, offer a higher torque output for the equivalent hp rating. Other advantages of these two speed ranges include longer service life and, in some instances, lower maintenance costs.

Usually an application will have its own requirements, such as allowable engine weight, available space, output torque, load speed, and type of service. These requirements will often indicate that a particular speed classification must be used. Where an application has no special speed requirements, the speed selection can be made on the basis of cost (initial, installation, maintenance, and operating cost), type of parts service available, and other local conditions.

**5. Analyze the engine output torque required.** In some installations, an engine with good lugging power is necessary, especially in tractors, harvesters, and hoists, where the load frequently increases above normal. For good lugging power, the engine should have the inherent characteristic of increasing torque with drooping speed. The engine can then resist the tendency for increased load to reduce the output speed, giving the engine good lugging qualities.

One way to increase the torque delivered to the load is to use a variable-ratio hydraulic transmission. The transmission will amplify the torque so that the engine will not be forced into the lugging range.

Other types of loads, such as generators, centrifugal pumps, air conditioners, and marine drives, may not require this lugging ability. So be certain to consult the engine power curves and torque characteristic curve to determine the speed at which the maximum torque is available.

**6. Evaluate the environmental conditions.** Internal-combustion engines are required to operate under a variety of environmental conditions. The usual environmental conditions critical in engine selection are altitude, ambient temperature, dust or dirt, and special or abnormal service. Each of these, except the last, is considered in previous calculation procedures.

Special or abnormal service includes such applications as fire fighting, emergency flood pumps and generators, and hospital standby service. In these applications, an engine must start and pick up a full load without warmup.

**7. Compare engine fuels.** Table 9 compares four types of fuels and the internal-combustion engines using them. Note that where the cost of the fuel is high, the cost of the engine is low; where the cost of the fuel is low, the cost of the engine is high. This condition prevails for both large and small engines in any service.

**8. Compare the performance of small engines.** Table 10 compares the principal characteristics of small gasoline and diesel engines rated at 7 hp (5 kW) or less. Note that engine life expectancy can vary from 500 to 25,000 h. With modern, mass-produced small engines it is often just as cheap to use short-life replaceable two-stroke gasoline engines instead of a single long-life diesel engine. Thus, the choice of a small engine is often based on other considerations, such as ease and convenience of replacement, instead of just hours of life. Chances are, however, that most long-life applications of small engines will still require a long-life engine. But the alternatives must be considered in each case.

**Related Calculations** Use the general data presented here for selecting internal-combustion engines having ratings up to 200 hp (150 kW). For larger engines, other factors such as weight, specific fuel consumption, lube-oil consumption, etc., become important considerations. The method given here is the work of Paul F. Jacobi, as reported in *Product Engineering*.

**TABLE 9** Comparison of Fuels for Internal-Combustion Engines\*

	Storage life (quantities)		Consistency, Btu/ft <sup>3</sup>	Initial cost of engine, relative	Cost of fuel	Residue	Antiknock rating	Filtering necessary	Weight		Heat content			
	Small	Large							lb/gal	kg/L	Btu/gal	m <sup>3</sup> /vol	Btu/lb	mJ/kg
Gasoline	Good	Poor (6 months)	Good	Low	High	High	Best is costly	Medium	6.000	0.714	123,039 Btu/gal	34,291 kJ/L	20,627	47.9
Diesel:														
No. 1	Good	Fair (1 year)	Good	High	Low	Low if properly filtered	...	High	6.850	0.815	135,800 Btu/gal	37,847 kJ/L	19,750	45.9
No. 2	Good	Fair (1 year)	Good	High	Low	Low if properly filtered	...	High	7.020	0.835	139,000 Btu/gal	38,739 kJ/L	19,786	46.0
Natural gas LPG:	Not necessary	Not necessary	Poor	Medium	Medium	Low	High	Very little	...	...	1,000 Btu/ft <sup>3</sup>	37,250 kJ/m <sup>3</sup>		
Propane	Good	Good	Poor	Medium	Medium	Low	Good	Very little	4.235	0.504	91,740 Btu/gal	25,568 kJ/L	21,308	49.6
Butane	Good	Good	Poor	Medium	Medium	Low	Good	Very little	4.873	0.580	103,830 Btu/gal	28,937 kJ/L	20,627	47.9

\*Product Engineering.

**TABLE 10** Performance Table for Small Internal-Combustion Engines [Less than 7 hp (5 kW)]\*

	Variety of models available	Typical weight lb/hp (kg/kW)	Operating speeds				Relative life expectancy, h	Relative cost	Fuel required	Shaft direction	Noise level	Starters	Integral optional pto's	Ignition	Cost of operation	Variety of options and accessories
			Typical maximum	Typical minimum	Typical efficient	Lugging ability										
Light weight: 2-stroke	Narrow	2:1 (1.2:1)	3,600 (governed) to 7,500	2,000 to 3,000	Poor to fair	Fair	500	Lowest	Gasoline oil mixed	Vertical, horizontal, or universal	High	Rope, recoil, impulse	No	Magneto	High	Standard—extremely low custom—wide
4-stroke	Wide	6:1; 10:1 (3.6:1; 6.1:1)	4,000	2,000 to 2,400	Fair to good	Good	500	1 to 2	Gasoline (LPG)	Vertical or horizontal	Moderate	Rope, recoil, impulse, electric	Several	Magneto	Moderate	Standard—wide
Heavy weight: 4-stroke	Wide	11:1; 20:1 (6.6:1; 12.1:1)	4,000	1,600 to 1,800	Good to excellent	Good	7,500	2 to 4	Gasoline (LPG)	Vertical or horizontal	Moderate	Rope, recoil, impulse, crank, electric	No	Magneto, distributor	Moderate	Standard—moderately wide
Diesel	Narrow	35:1 (21.1:1)	2,400	1,500	Excellent	Good	25,000	4	Diesel	Horizontal	Moderate to high	Electric	No	Battery, distributor, glow plugs	Low	Narrow

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## Air and Gas Compressors and Vacuum Systems

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### COMPRESSOR SELECTION FOR COMPRESSED-AIR SYSTEMS

Determine the required capacity, discharge pressure, and type of compressor for an industrial-plant compressed-air system fitted with the tools listed in Table 1. The plant is located at sea level and operates 16 h/day.

#### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the required airflow rate.** List all the tools and devices in the compressed-air system that will consume air, Table 1. Then obtain from Table 2 the probable air consumption, ft<sup>3</sup>/min, of

**TABLE 1** Typical Computation of Compressed-Air Requirements

Tool	(1) Air consumption		(2) Number of tools	(3) Air required, (1) × (2)		(4) Load factor	(5) Probable air demand, (3) × (4)	
	ft <sup>3</sup> /min	m <sup>3</sup> /min		ft <sup>3</sup> /min	m <sup>3</sup> /min		ft <sup>3</sup> /min	m <sup>3</sup> /min
Grinding wheel, 6 in (15.2 cm)	50	1.4	5	250	7.1	0.3	75	2.1
Rotary sander, 9-in (22.9-cm) pad	55	1.6	2	110	3.1	0.5	55	1.6
Chipping hammers, 13 lb (5.9 kg)	30	0.85	8	240	6.8	0.4	96	2.7
Nut setters, 5/16 in (0.79 cm)	20	0.57	10	200	5.7	0.6	120	3.4
Paint spray	10	0.28	1	10	0.28	0.1	1	0.03
Plug drills	40	1.1	3	120	3.4	0.2	24	0.68
Riveters, 18 lb (8.1 kg)	35	0.99	5	175	4.9	0.4	70	1.9
Steel drill, 7/8 in (2.2 cm), 25 lb (11.3 kg)	80	2.3	5	400	11.3	0.4	160	4.5
Total							601*	16.9*

\*To this sum must be added allowance for future needs and expected leakage loss, if any.

**TABLE 2** Approximate Air Needs of Pneumatic Tools

	ft <sup>3</sup> /min	m <sup>3</sup> /min
Grinders:		
6- and 8-in (15.2- and 20.3-cm) diameter wheels	50	1.4
2- and 2½-in (5.1- and 6.4-cm) diameter wheels	14–20	0.40–0.57
File and burr machines	18	0.51
Rotary sanders, 9-in (22.9-cm) diameter pads	55	1.56
Sand rammers and tampers:		
1 × 4 in (2.5 × 10.2 cm) cylinder	25	0.71
1¼ × 5 in (3.2 × 12.7 cm) cylinder	28	0.79
1½ × 6 in (3.8 × 15.2 cm) cylinder	39	1.1
Chipping hammers:		
10 to 13 lb (4.5 to 5.9 kg)	28–30	0.79–0.85
2 to 4 lb (0.9 to 1.8 kg)	12	0.34
Nut setters:		
To ⅝ in, 8 lb (0.79 cm, 3.6 kg)	20	0.57
½ to ¾ in, 18 lb (1.3 to 1.9 cm, 8.1 kg)	30	0.85
Paint spray	2–20	0.06–0.57
Plug drills	40–50	1.1–1.4
Riveters:		
⅜- to ½-in (0.24- to 0.32-cm) rivets	12	0.34
Larger, weighing 18 to 22 lb (8.1 to 9.9 kg)	35	0.99
Rivet busters	35–39	0.51–0.75
Steel drills, rotary motors:		
To ¼ in (0.64 cm) weighing 1¼ to 4 lb (0.56 to 1.8 kg)	18–20	0.57–1.1
¼ to ⅜ in (0.69 to 0.95 cm) weighing 6 to 8 lb (2.7 to 3.6 kg)	20–40	1.98
½ to ¾ in (1.27 to 1.91 cm) weighing 9 to 14 lb (4.1 to 6.3 kg)	70	2.27
⅞ to 1 in (2.2 to 2.5 cm) weighing 25 lb (11.25 kg)	80	1.1
Wood borers to 1-in (2.5 cm) diameter, weighing 14 lb (6.3 kg)	40	

each tool. Enter this value in column 1, Table 1. Next list the number of each type of tool that will be used in the system in column 2. Find the maximum probable air consumption of each tool by taking the product, line by line, of columns 1 and 2. Enter the result in column 3, Table 1, for each tool.

The air consumption values shown in column 3 represent the airflow rate required for continuous operation of each type and number of tools listed. However, few air tools operate continually. To provide for this situation, a load factor is generally used when an air compressor is selected.

**2. Select the equipment load factor.** The equipment load factor = (actual air consumption of the tool or device, ft<sup>3</sup>/min)/(full-load continuous air consumption of the tool or device, ft<sup>3</sup>/min). Load factors for compressed-air operated devices are usually less than 1.0.

Two variables are involved in the equipment load factor. The first is the *time factor*, or the percentage of the total time the tool or device actually uses compressed air. The second is the *work factor*, or percentage of maximum possible work output done by the tool. The load factor is the product of these two variables.

Determine the load factor for a given tool or device by consulting the manufacturer's engineering data, or by estimating the factor value by using previous experience as a guide. Enter the load factor in column 4, Table 1. The values shown represent typical load factors encountered in industrial plants.

**3. Compute the actual air consumption.** Take the product, line by line, of columns 3 and 4, Table 1. Enter the result, i.e., the probable air demand, in column 5, Table 1. Find the sum of the values in column 5, or 601 ft<sup>3</sup>/min. This is the probable air demand of the system.

**4. Apply allowances for leakage and future needs.** Most compressed-air system designs allow for 10 percent of the required air to be lost through leaks in the piping, tools, hoses, etc. Whereas some designers claim that allowing for leakage is a poor design procedure, observation of many installations indicates that air leakage is a fact of life and must be considered when an actual system is designed.

With a 10 percent leakage factor, the required air capacity =  $1.1(601) = 661 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $18.7 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$ ).

Future requirements are best estimated by predicting what types of tools and devices will probably be used. Once this is known, prepare a tabulation similar to Table 1, listing the predicted future tools and devices and their air needs. Assume that the future air needs, column 5, are  $240 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $6.8 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$ ). Then the total required air capacity =  $661 + 240 = 901 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $25.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$ ), say  $900 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $25.47 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$ ) = present requirements + leakage allowance + predicted future needs, all expressed in  $\text{ft}^3/\text{min}$ .

**5. Choose the compressor discharge pressure and capacity.** In selecting the type of compressor to use, two factors are of key importance: discharge pressure required and capacity required.

Most air tools and devices are designed to operate at a pressure of  $90 \text{ lb}/\text{in}^2$  ( $620 \text{ kPa}$ ) at the tool inlet. Hence, usual industrial compressors are rated for a discharge pressure of  $100 \text{ lb}/\text{in}^2$  ( $689 \text{ kPa}$ ), the extra  $\text{lb}/\text{in}^2$  providing for pressure loss in the piping between the compressor and the tools. Since none of the tools used in this plant are specialty items requiring higher than the normal pressure, a  $100\text{-lb}/\text{in}^2$  ( $689\text{-kPa}$ ) discharge pressure will be chosen.

Where the future air demands are expected to occur fairly soon—within 2 to 3 years—the general practice is to choose a compressor having the capacity to satisfy present and future needs. Hence, in this case, a  $900\text{-ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $25.5\text{-m}^3/\text{min}$ ) compressor would be chosen.

**6. Compute the power required to compress the air.** Table 3 shows the power required to compress air to various discharge pressures at different altitudes above sea level. Study of this table shows that at sea level a single-stage compressor requires  $22.1 \text{ bhp}/(100 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min})$  ( $5.8 \text{ kW}/\text{m}^3$ ) when the discharge pressure is  $100 \text{ lb}/\text{in}^2$  ( $689 \text{ kPa}$ ). A two-stage compressor requires  $19.1 \text{ bhp}$  ( $14.2 \text{ kW}$ ) under the same conditions. This is a saving of  $3.0 \text{ bhp}/(100 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min})$  ( $0.79 \text{ kW}/\text{m}^3$ ). Hence, a two-stage compressor would probably be a better investment because this hp will be saved for the life of the compressor. The usual life of an air compressor is 20 years. Hence, by using a two-stage compressor, the approximate required  $\text{bhp} = (900/100)(19.1) = 171.9 \text{ bhp}$  ( $128 \text{ kW}$ ), say  $175 \text{ bhp}$  ( $13.1 \text{ kW}$ ).

**7. Choose the type of compressor to use.** Reciprocating compressors find the widest use for stationary plant air supply. They may be single- or two-stage, air- or water-cooled. Here is a general guide to the types of reciprocating compressors that are satisfactory for various loads and service:

Single-stage air-cooled compressor up to 3 hp ( $2.2 \text{ kW}$ ), pressures to  $150 \text{ lb}/\text{in}^2$  ( $1034 \text{ kPa}$ ), for light and intermittent running up to 1 h/day.

**TABLE 3** Air Compressor Brake Horsepower (kW) Input\*

Altitude, ft (m)	Single-stage discharge pressure, $\text{lb}/\text{in}^2$ (gage) (kPa)			Two-stage discharge pressure, $\text{lb}/\text{in}^2$ (gage) (kPa)		
	60 (414)	80 (552)	100 (689)	60 (414)	80 (552)	100 (689)
0 (0)	16.3 (12.2)	19.5 (14.6)	22.1 (16.5)	14.7 (10.9)	17.1 (12.8)	19.1 (14.3)
2000 (610)	15.9 (11.9)	18.9 (14.1)	21.3 (15.9)	14.3 (10.7)	16.5 (12.3)	18.4 (13.7)
4000 (1212)	15.4 (11.5)	18.2 (13.6)	20.6 (15.4)	13.8 (10.3)	15.8 (11.8)	17.7 (13.2)
6000 (1820)	15.0 (11.2)	17.6 (13.1)	20.0 (14.9)	13.3 (9.9)	15.2 (11.3)	17.0 (12.7)

\*Courtesy Ingersoll-Rand. Values shown are the approximate bhp input required per  $100 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $2.8 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$ ) of free air actually delivered. The bhp input can vary considerably with the type and size of compressor.

Two-stage air-cooled compressor up to 3 hp (2.2 kW), pressures to 150 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1034 kPa), for 4 to 8 h/day running time.

Single-stage air-cooled compressor up to 15 hp (11.2 kW) for pressures to 80 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (552 kPa); above 80 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (552 kPa), use two-stage air-cooled compressor.

Single-stage horizontal double-acting water-cooled compressor for pressures to 100 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (689 kPa) horsepowers of 10 to 100 (7.5 to 75 kW), for 24 h/day or less operating time.

Two-stage, single-acting air-cooled compressor for 10 to 100 hp (7.5 to 75 kW), 5 to 10 h/day operation.

Two-stage double-acting water-cooled compressor for 100 hp (75 kW), or more, 24 h/day, or less operating time.

Using this general guide, choose a two-stage double-acting water-cooled reciprocating compressor, because more than 100-hp (75-kW) input is required and the compressor will operate 16 h/day.

Rotary compressors are not as widely used for industrial compressed-air systems as reciprocating compressors. The reason is that usual rotary compressors discharge at pressures under 100 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (68.9 kPa), unless they are multistage units.

Centrifugal compressors are generally used for large airflows—several thousand ft<sup>3</sup>/min or more. Hence, they usually find use for services requiring large air quantities, such as steel-mill blowing, copper conversion, etc. As a general rule, machines discharging at pressures of 35 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (241 kPa) or less are termed *blowers*; machines discharging at pressures greater than 35 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (241 kPa) are termed *compressors*.

Using these facts as a guide enables the designer to choose, as before, a two-stage double-acting water-cooled compressor for this application. Refer to the manufacturer's engineering data for the compressor dimensions and weight.

**8. Select the compressor drive.** Air compressors can be driven by electric motors, gasoline engines, diesel engines, gas turbines, or steam turbines. The most popular drive for reciprocating air compressors is the electric motor—either direct-connected or belt-connected. Where either dc or ac power supply is available, the usual choice is an electric-motor drive. However, special circumstances, such as the availability of low-cost fuel, may dictate another choice of drive for economic reasons. Assuming that there are no special economic reasons for choosing another type of drive, an electric motor would be chosen for this installation.

With an ac power supply, the squirrel-cage induction motor is generally chosen for belt-driven compressors. Synchronous motors are also used, particularly when power-factor correction is desired. Motor-driven air compressors generally operate at constant speed and are fitted with cylinder unloaders to vary the quantity of air delivered to the air receiver. A typical power input to a large reciprocating compressor is 22 hp (16.4 kW) per 100 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (2.8 m<sup>3</sup>/min) of free air compressed.

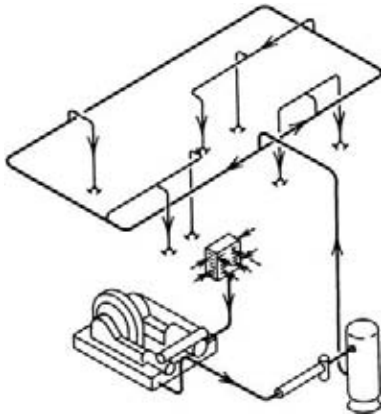
Air compressors are almost always rated in terms of *free air* capacity, i.e., air at the compressor intake location. Since the altitude, barometric pressure, and air temperature may vary at any locality, the term *free air* does not mean air under standard or uniform conditions. The displacement of an air compressor is the volume of air displaced per unit of time, usually stated in ft<sup>3</sup>/min. In a multistage compressor, the displacement is that of the low-pressure cylinder only.

**9. Choose the type of air distribution system.** Two types of air distribution systems are in use in industrial plants: *central* and *unit*. In a central system, Fig. 1, one or more large compressors centrally located in the plant supply compressed air to the areas needing it. The supply piping often runs in the form of a loop around the areas needing air.

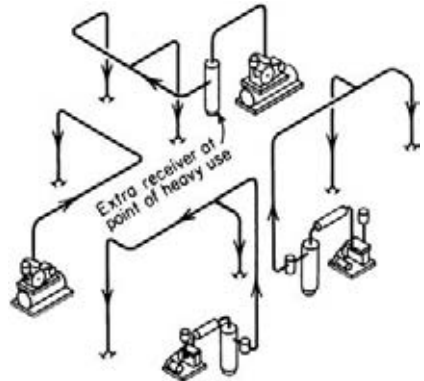
A unit system, Fig. 2, has smaller compressors located in the areas where air is used. In the usual plant, each compressor serves only the area in which it is located. Emergency connections between the various areas may or may not be installed.

Central systems have been used for many years in large industrial plants and give excellent service. Unit systems are used in both small and large plants but probably find more use in smaller plants today. With the large quantity of air required by this plant, a central system would probably





**FIGURE 1** Central system for compressed-air supply.



**FIGURE 2** Unit system for compressed-air supply.

be chosen, unless the air was needed at widely scattered locations in the plant, leading to excessive pressure losses in the distribution piping of a central system. In such a situation, a unit system with the capacity divided between compressors as necessary would be chosen.

**Related Calculations** Where possible, choose a larger compressor than the calculations indicate is needed, because air use in industrial plants tends to increase. Avoid choosing a compressor having a free-air capacity less than one-third the required free-air capacity.

When choosing a water-cooled compressor instead of an air-cooled unit, remember that water cooling is more expensive than air cooling. However, the power input to water-cooled compressors is usually less than to air-cooled compressors of the same capacity. For either type of cooling, a two-stage compressor, with intercooling, is more economical when the compressor must operate 4 h or more in a 24-h period. Table 4 shows the typical cooling-water requirements of various types of water-cooled compressors.

When the inlet air temperature is above or below 60°F (15.6°C), the compressor delivery will vary. Table 5 shows the relative delivery of compressors handling air at various inlet temperatures.

**TABLE 4** Cooling Water Recommended for Intercoolers, Cylinder Jackets, Aftercoolers

	Actual free air, gal/min per 100 ft <sup>3</sup> /min (L/s per 100 m <sup>3</sup> /s)
Intercooler separate	2.5–2.8 (334.2–374.3)
Intercooler and jackets in series	2.5–2.8 (334.2–374.3)
Aftercoolers:	
80 to 100 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (551.6 to 689.5 kPa), two-stage	1.25 (167.1)
80 to 100 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (551.6 to 689.5 kPa), single-stage	1.8 (240.6)
Two-stage jackets alone (both)	0.8 (106.9)
Single-stage jackets:	
40 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (275.8 kPa)	0.6 (80.2)
60 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (413.7 kPa)	0.8 (106.9)
80 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (551.6 kPa)	1.1 (147.0)
100 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (689.5 kPa)	1.3 (173.8)

**TABLE 5** Effect of Initial Temperature on Delivery of Air Compressors

[Based on a nominal intake temperature of 60°F (15.6°C)]

Initial temperature				Relative delivery
°F	°R	°C	K	
40	500	4.4	277.4	1.040
50	510	10.0	283.0	1.020
60	520	15.6	288.6	1.000
70	530	21.1	294.1	0.980
80	540	26.7	299.7	0.961

## SIZING COMPRESSED-AIR-SYSTEM COMPONENTS

What is the minimum capacity air receiver that should be used in a compressed-air system having a compressor displacing 800 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.38 m<sup>3</sup>/s) when the intake pressure is 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.4 kPa) and the discharge pressure is 120 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (827.4 kPa)? How long will it take for this compressor to pump up a 300-ft<sup>3</sup> (8.5-m<sup>3</sup>) receiver from 80 to 120-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (551.6 to 827.4 kPa) if the average volumetric efficiency of the compressor is 68 percent? For how long can an 80-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (551.6-kPa) tool be operated from a 120-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (827.4-kPa), 300-ft<sup>3</sup> (8.5-m<sup>3</sup>) receiver if the tool uses 10 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.005 m<sup>3</sup>/s) of free air and the receiver pressure is allowed to fall to 85 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) 586.1 kPa when the atmospheric pressure is 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.4 kPa)? What diameter air piston is required to produce a 1000-lb (4448.2-N) force if the pressure of the air is 150 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1034.3 kPa)?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the required volume of the air receiver.** Use the relation  $V_m = dp_1/p_2$ , where  $V_m$  = minimum receiver volume needed, ft<sup>3</sup>;  $d$  = compressor displacement, ft<sup>3</sup>/min (use only the first-stage displacement for two-stage compressors);  $p_1$  = compressor intake pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs);  $p_2$  = compressor discharge pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs). Thus, for this compressor,  $V_m = 800(14.7/120) = 97$  ft<sup>3</sup> (2.7 m<sup>3</sup>). To provide a reserve capacity, a receiver having a volume of 150 or 200 ft<sup>3</sup> (4.2 or 5.7 m<sup>3</sup>) would probably be chosen.

**2. Compute the receiver pump-up time.** Use the relation  $t = V(p_f - p_i)/(14.7de)$ , where  $t$  = receiver pump-up time, min;  $p_f$  = final pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs);  $p_i$  = initial receiver pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs);  $d$  = compressor piston displacement, ft<sup>3</sup>/min;  $e$  = compressor volumetric efficiency, percent. Thus,  $t = 300(120 - 80)/[14.7(800)(0.68)] = 1.5$  min. When the compressor discharge capacity is given in ft<sup>3</sup>/min of free air instead of in terms of piston displacement, drop the volumetric efficiency term from the above relation before computing the pump-up time.

**3. Compute the air supply time.** Use the relation  $t_s = V(p_{\max} - p_{\min})/(cp_a m)$ , where  $t_s$  = time in minutes during which the receiver of volume  $V$  ft<sup>3</sup> will supply air from the receiver maximum pressure  $p_{\max}$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) to the minimum pressure  $p_{\min}$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs);  $c$  = ft<sup>3</sup>/min of free air required to operate the tool;  $p_a$  = atmospheric pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs). Or,  $t_s = 300(120 - 85)/[(10)(14.7)] = 7.15$  min.

Note that in this relation  $p_{\min}$  is the minimum air pressure to operate the air tool. A higher minimum tank pressure was chosen here because this provides a safer estimate of the time duration for the supply of air. Had the tool operating pressure been chosen instead, the time available, by the same relation, would be  $t_s = 81.5$  min.

This calculation shows that it is often wise to install an auxiliary receiver at a distance from the compressor but near the tools drawing large amounts of air. Use of such an auxiliary receiver, particularly near the end of a long distribution line, can often eliminate the need for purchasing another air compressor.

**4. Compute the required piston diameter.** Use the relation  $A_p = F/p_m$ , where  $A_p$  = required piston area to produce the desired force, in<sup>2</sup>;  $F$  = force produced, lb;  $p_m$  = maximum air pressure available for the piston, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs). Or,  $A_p = 1000/150 = 6.66$  in<sup>2</sup> (43.0 cm<sup>2</sup>). The piston diameter  $d$  is  $d = 2(A_p/\pi)^{0.5} = 2.91$  in (7.4 cm).

**Related Calculations** The air consumption of power tools is normally expressed in ft<sup>3</sup>/min of free air at sea level; the actual capacity of any type of air compressor is expressed in the same units. At locations above sea level, the quantity of free air required to operate an air tool increases because the atmospheric pressure is lower. To find the air consumption of an air tool at an altitude above sea level in terms of ft<sup>3</sup>/min of free air at the elevation location, multiply the sea-level consumption by the appropriate factor from Table 6. Thus, a tool that consumes 10 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.005 m<sup>3</sup>/s) of free air at sea level will use 10 (1.310) = 13.1 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.006 m<sup>3</sup>/s) of 100 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (689.5-kPa) free air at an 8000-ft (2438.4-m) altitude.

**TABLE 6** Air-Consumption Altitude Factors

(100-lb/in<sup>2</sup> or 689.5-kPa air supply)

Altitude		
ft	m	Factor
6,000	1,828.8	1.224
8,000	2,438.3	1.310
10,000	3,048.0	1.404

*Note:* For pressure losses in compressed-air piping systems, see the index.

## COMPRESSED-AIR RECEIVER SIZE AND PUMP-UP TIME

What is the minimum size receiver that can be used in a compressed-air system having a compressor rated at 800 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.4 m<sup>3</sup>/s) of free air if the intake pressure is 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.4 kPa) and the discharge pressure is 120 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (827.4 kPa)? How long will it take the compressor to pump up the receiver from 60 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (413.7 kPa) to 120 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (827.4 kPa)? The compressor is a two-stage water-cooled unit. How much cooling water is required for the intercooler and jacket if they are piped in series and for the aftercooler?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the required minimum receiver volume.** For any air compressor, the minimum receiver volume  $v_m$  ft<sup>3</sup> =  $Dp_i/p_d$ , where  $D$  = compressor displacement, ft<sup>3</sup>/min free air (use only the first-stage displacement for multistage compressors);  $p_i$  = compressor inlet pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs);  $p_d$  = compressor discharge pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs). For this compressor,  $v_m = (800)(14.7)/(120) = 98$  ft<sup>3</sup> (2.8 m<sup>3</sup>). To provide a reserve supply of air, a receiver having a volume of 150 or 200 ft<sup>3</sup> (4.2 or 5.7 m<sup>3</sup>) would probably be chosen. Be certain that the receiver chosen is a standard unit; otherwise, its cost may be excessive.

**2. Compute the pump-up time required.** Assume that a 150-ft<sup>3</sup> (4.2-m<sup>3</sup>) receiver is chosen. Then, for any receiver, the pump-up time  $t$  min =  $v_r(p_e - p_s)/De$ , where  $v_r$  = receiver volume, ft<sup>3</sup>;  $p_e$  = pressure at end of pump-up, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs);  $p_s$  = pressure at start of pump-up, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs);  $e$  = compressor volumetric efficiency, expressed as a decimal (0.50 to 0.75 for single-stage and 0.80 to 0.90 for

multistage compressors). For this compressor, with a volumetric efficiency of 0.85,  $t = (150)(120 - 60)/[(800)(0.85)] = 13.22$  min.

**3. Determine the quantity of cooling water required.** Use the Compressed Air and Gas Institute (CAGI) cooling-water recommendations given in the *Compressed Air and Gas Handbook*, or Baumeister and Marks—*Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers*. For 80 to 125 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (551.6 to 861.9 kPa) discharge pressure with the intercooler and jacket in series, CAGI recommends a flow of 2.5 to 2.8 gal/min per 100 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (334.2 to 374.3 L/s per 100 m<sup>3</sup>/s) of free air. Using 2.5 gal/min (334.2 L/s), we see that the cooling water required for the intercooler and jackets is  $(2.5)(800/100) = 20.0$  gal/min (2673.9 L/s). CAGI recommends 1.25 gal/min per 100 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (167.1 L/s per 100 m<sup>3</sup>/s) of free air for an aftercooler serving a two-stage 80 to 125 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (551.6- to 861.9-kPa) compressor, or  $(1.25)(800/100) = 10.0$  gal/min (1377.3 L/s) for this compressor. Thus, the total quantity of cooling water required for this compressor is  $20 + 10 = 30$  gal/min (4010.9 L/s).

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for any type of air compressor serving an industrial, commercial, utility, or residential load of any capacity. Follow CAGI or the manufacturer's recommendations for cooling-water flow rate. When a compressor is located above or below sea level, multiply its rated free-air capacity by the appropriate altitude correction factor obtained from the CAGI—*Compressed Air and Gas Handbook* or Baumeister and Marks—*Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers*.

## VACUUM-SYSTEM PUMP-DOWN TIME

An industrial vacuum system with a 200-ft<sup>3</sup> (5.7-m<sup>3</sup>) receiver serving cleaning outlets is to operate to within 2.5 inHg (9.7 kPa) absolute of the barometer when the barometer is 29.8 inHg (115.1 kPa). How long will it take to evacuate the receiver to this pressure when a single-stage vacuum pump with a displacement of 60 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.03 m<sup>3</sup>/s) is used? The pump is rated to dead end at a 29.0-inHg (112.1-kPa) vacuum when the barometer is 30.0 inHg (115.9 kPa). The pump volumetric efficiency is shown in Fig. 3.

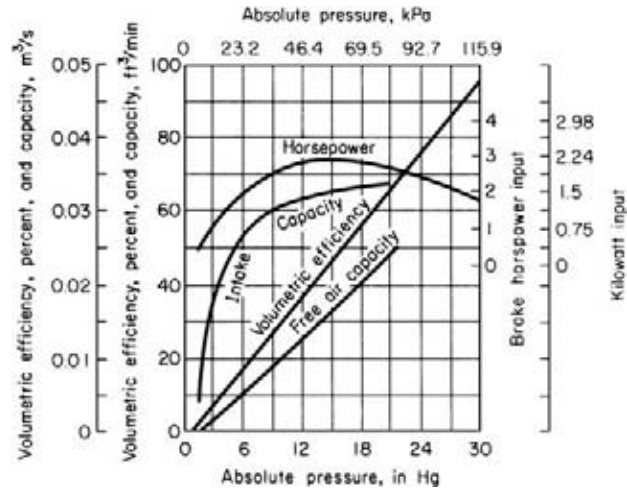
### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the pump operating vacuum.** The pump must operate to within 2.5 inHg (9.7 kPa) of the barometer, or a vacuum of  $29.8 - 2.5 = 27.3$  inHg (105.5 kPa).

**2. Compute the quantity of free air removed from the receiver.** Select a number of absolute pressures between 29.8 inHg (115.1 kPa), the actual barometric pressure, and the final receiver pressure, 2.5 inHg (9.7 kPa); and list them in the first column of a table such as Table 7. Assume equal pressure reductions—say 3 inHg (11.6 kPa)—for each step except the last few, where smaller reductions have been assumed to ensure greater accuracy.

Enter in the second column of Table 7 the ratio of the absolute pressure in the receiver to the atmospheric pressure, or  $P_r/P_a$ , both expressed in inHg. Thus, for the second step,  $P_r/P_a = 26.8/29.8 = 0.899$ .

The amount of air remaining in the receiver, measured at atmospheric conditions, is then the product of the receiver volume, 200 ft<sup>3</sup> (5.7 m<sup>3</sup>), and the ratio of the pressures. Or, for the second pressure reduction,  $200(0.899) = 179.8$  ft<sup>3</sup> (5.1 m<sup>3</sup>). Enter the result in the third column of Table 7. This computation is a simple application of the gas laws with the receiver temperature assumed constant. Assumption of a constant air temperature is valid because, although the air temperature varies during pumping down, the overall effect is that of a constant temperature.



**FIGURE 3** Capacity, power-input, and efficiency curves for a typical reciprocating vacuum pump.

Find the quantity of air removed from the receiver by successive subtraction of the values in the third column. Thus, for the second pressure step, the air removed from the receiver =  $200.0 - 179.8 = 20.2 \text{ ft}^3$  ( $0.6 \text{ m}^3$ ) and so on for the remaining steps. Enter the result of each subtraction in the fourth column of Table 7.

**3. Compute the actual quantity of air handled by the pump.** The volumetric efficiency of a vacuum pump varies during each pressure reduction. To simplify the pump-down time calculation, an average value for the volumetric efficiency can be used for each step in the receiver pressure reduction. Find the average volumetric efficiency for this vacuum pump from Fig. 3. Thus, for the pressure reduction from 29.8 to 26.38 inHg (115.1 to 103.5 kPa), the volumetric efficiency is found at  $(29.8 + 26.8)/2 = 28.3 \text{ inHg}$  (109.3 kPa) to be 91 percent. Enter this value in the fifth column of Table 7. Follow the same procedure to find the remaining values, and enter them as shown.

The actual quantity of free air this vacuum pump can handle is numerically equal to the product of the volumetric efficiency, column 5, Table 7, and the pump piston displacement. Or, for the above

**TABLE 7** Evacuation Time Calculations

Absolute pressure in receiver, inHg (kPa)	$P/P_a$	Quantity of free air, $\text{ft}^3$ ( $\text{m}^3$ )		Average volumetric efficiency, Fig. 2	Free-air capacity, $\text{ft}^3/\text{min}$ ( $\text{m}^3/\text{s}$ )	Evacuation time, min
		In receiver	Removed			
29.8 (115.1)	1.000	200.0 (61.0)	0.0 (0.0)			
26.8 (103.5)	0.899	179.8 (54.8)	20.2 (6.2)	0.91	54.6 (0.026)	0.370
23.8 (92.0)	0.798	159.6 (48.6)	20.2 (6.2)	0.81	48.6 (0.023)	0.415
20.8 (80.4)	0.698	139.6 (42.6)	20.0 (6.1)	0.72	43.2 (0.020)	0.464
17.8 (68.8)	0.597	119.4 (36.4)	20.2 (6.2)	0.62	37.2 (0.018)	0.544
Total time required						9.019

pressure reduction, free-air capacity =  $0.91(60) = 54.6 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $0.026 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ). Enter this result in column 6, Table 7.

**4. Compute the pump-down time for each pressure reduction.** The second line of Table 7 shows, in column 4, that at an absolute pressure of 26.8 inHg (103.5 kPa),  $20.2 \text{ ft}^3$  ( $0.6 \text{ m}^3$ ) of free air is removed from the receiver. However, the vacuum pump can handle  $54.6 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $0.03 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ), column 6. Since the time required to remove air from the receiver is  $(\text{ft}^3 \text{ removed})/(\text{cylinder capacity, ft}^3/\text{min})$ , the time required to remove  $20.2 \text{ ft}^3$  ( $0.6 \text{ m}^3$ ) is  $20.2/54.6 \text{ ft}^3 = 0.370 \text{ min}$ .

Compute the required time for each pressure step in the same manner. The total pump-down time is then the sum of the individual times, or 9.019 min, column 7, Table 7. This result is suitable for all usual design purposes because it closely approximates the actual time required, and the errors involved are so slight as to be negligible. Leakage into industrial-plant vacuum systems often equals the volume handled by the vacuum pump.

**5. Use the pump-down time for compressor selection.** To choose an industrial vacuum pump using the pump-down procedure described in steps 1 to 4, (a) obtain the characteristics curves for several makes and capacities of vacuum pumps; (b) compute the pump-down time for each pump, using the procedure in steps 1 to 4; (c) compute the air inflow to the system, based on the free-air capacity of each outlet and the number of outlets in the system; (d) compute how long the pump must run to handle the air inflow; and (e) choose the pump having the shortest running time and smallest required power input.

Thus, with 10 vacuum outlets each having a free-air flow of  $50 \text{ ft}^3/\text{h}$  ( $1.4 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ), the total air inflow is  $10(50) = 500 \text{ ft}^3/\text{h}$  ( $14.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ). This means that a  $200\text{-ft}^3$  ( $5.7\text{-m}^3$ ) receiver would be filled  $500/200 = 2.5$  times per hour. Since the pump discussed in steps 1 to 4 requires approximately 9 min to reduce the receiver pressure from atmospheric to 2.5 inHg absolute (9.7 kPa), its running time to serve these outlets would be  $9(2.5) = 22.5 \text{ min}$ , approximately. The power input to this vacuum pump, Fig. 3, ranges from a minimum of about 1 hp (0.7 kW) to a maximum of about 3 hp (2.2 kW).

If another pump could evacuate this receiver in 6 min and needed only 2.5 hp (1.9 kW) as the maximum power input, it might be a better choice, provided that its first cost were not several times that of the other pump. Use the methods of engineering economics to compare the economic merits of the two pumps.

**Related Calculations** Note carefully that the procedure given here applies to industrial vacuum systems used for cleaning, maintenance, and similar purposes. The procedure should not be used for high-vacuum systems applied to production processes, experimental laboratories, etc. Use instead the method given in the next calculation procedure in this section.

To be certain that the correct pump-down time is obtained, many engineers include the volume of the system piping in the computation. This is done by computing the volume of all pipes in the system and adding the result to the receiver volume. This, in effect, increases the receiver volume that must be pumped down and gives a more accurate estimate of the probable pump-down time. Some engineers also add a leakage allowance of up to 100 percent of the sum of the receiver and piping volume. Thus, if the piping volume in the above system were  $50 \text{ ft}^3$  ( $1.4 \text{ m}^3$ ), the total volume to be evacuated would be  $2(200 + 50) = 500 \text{ ft}^3$  ( $14.2 \text{ m}^3$ ). The factor 2 in this expression was inserted to reflect the 100 percent leakage; i.e., the pump must handle the receiver and piping volume plus the leakage, or twice the sum of the receiver and piping volume.

Some industrial vacuum pumps are standard reciprocating air compressors run in the reverse of their normal direction after slight modification. The vacuum lines are connected to the receiver, from which the compressor takes its suction. After removing air from the receiver, the compressor discharges to the atmosphere.

## VACUUM-PUMP SELECTION FOR HIGH-VACUUM SYSTEMS

Choose a mechanical vacuum pump for use in a laboratory fitted with a vacuum system having a total volume, including the piping, of 12,000 ft<sup>3</sup> (339.8 m<sup>3</sup>). The operating pressure of the system is 0.10 torr (0.02 kPa), and the optimum pump-down time is 150 min. (*Note:* 1 torr = 1 mmHg = 0.2 kPa.)

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Make a tentative choice of pump type.** Mechanical vacuum pumps of the reciprocating type are well suited for system pressures in the 0.0001- to 760-torr ( $2 \times 10^{-5}$  to 115.6-kPa) range. Hence, this type of pump will be considered first to see whether it meets the desired pump-down time.

**2. Obtain the pump characteristic curves.** Many manufacturers publish pump-down factor curves such as those in Fig. 4a and b. These curves are usually published as part of the engineering data for a given line of pumps. Obtain the curves from the manufacturers whose pumps are being considered.

**3. Compute the pump-down time for the pumps being considered.** Three reciprocating pumps can serve this system: a single-stage pump, a compound or two-stage pump, or a combination of a mechanical booster and a single-stage backing or roughing-down pump. Figure 4 gives the pump-down factor for each type of pump.

To use the pump-down factor, apply this relation:  $t = VF/d$ , where  $t$  = pump-down time, min;  $V$  = system volume, ft<sup>3</sup>;  $F$  = pump-down factor for the pump;  $d$  = pump displacement, ft<sup>3</sup>/min.

Thus, for a single-stage pump, Fig. 4a shows that  $F = 10.8$  for a pressure of 0.10 torr (1.5 kPa). Assuming a pump displacement of 1000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.5 m<sup>3</sup>/s),  $t = 12,000(10.8)/1000 = 129.6$  min, say 130 min.

For a compound pump,  $F = 9.5$  from Fig. 4a. Hence, a compound pump having the same displacement, or 1000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.5 m<sup>3</sup>/s), will require  $t = 12,000(9.5)/1000 = 114.0$  min.

With a combination arrangement, the backing or roughing pump, a 130-ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.06-m<sup>3</sup>/s) unit, reduces the system pressure from atmospheric, 760 torr (115.6 kPa), to the economical transition pressure, 15 torr (2.3 kPa), Fig. 4b. Then the single-stage mechanical booster pump, a 1200-ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.6-m<sup>3</sup>/s) unit, takes over and in combination with the backing pump reduces the pressure to the desired level, or 0.10 torr (1.5 Pa). During this part of the cycle, the unit operates as a two-stage pump. Hence, the total pump-down time consists of the sum of the backing-pump and booster-pump times. The pump-down factors are, respectively, 4.2 for the backing pump at 15 torr (2.3 kPa) and 6.9 for the booster pump at 0.10 torr (1.5 Pa). Hence, the respective pump-down times are  $t_1 = 12,000(4.2)/130 = 388$  min;  $t_2 = 12,000(6.9)/1200 = 69$  min. The total time is thus  $388 + 69 = 457$  min.

The pump-down time with the combination arrangement is greater than the optimum 150 min. Where a future lower operating pressure is anticipated, making the combination arrangement desirable, an additional large-capacity single-stage roughing pump can be used to assist the 130-ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.06-m<sup>3</sup>/s) unit. This large-capacity unit is operated until the transition pressure is reached and roughing down is finished. The pump is then shut off, and the balance of the pumping down is carried on by the combination unit. This keeps the power consumption at a minimum.

Thus, if a 1200-ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.06-m<sup>3</sup>/s) single-stage roughing pump were used to reduce the pressure to 15 torr (2.3 kPa), its pump-down time would be  $t = 12,000(4.0)/1200 = 40$  min. The total pump-down time for the combination would then be  $40 + 69 = 109$  min, using the time computed above for the two pumps in combination.

**4. Apply the respective system factors.** Studies and experience show that the calculated pump-down time for a vacuum system must be corrected by an appropriate system factor. This factor makes allowance for the normal outgassing of surfaces exposed to atmospheric air. It also provides a basis for judging whether a system is pumping down normally or whether some problem exists

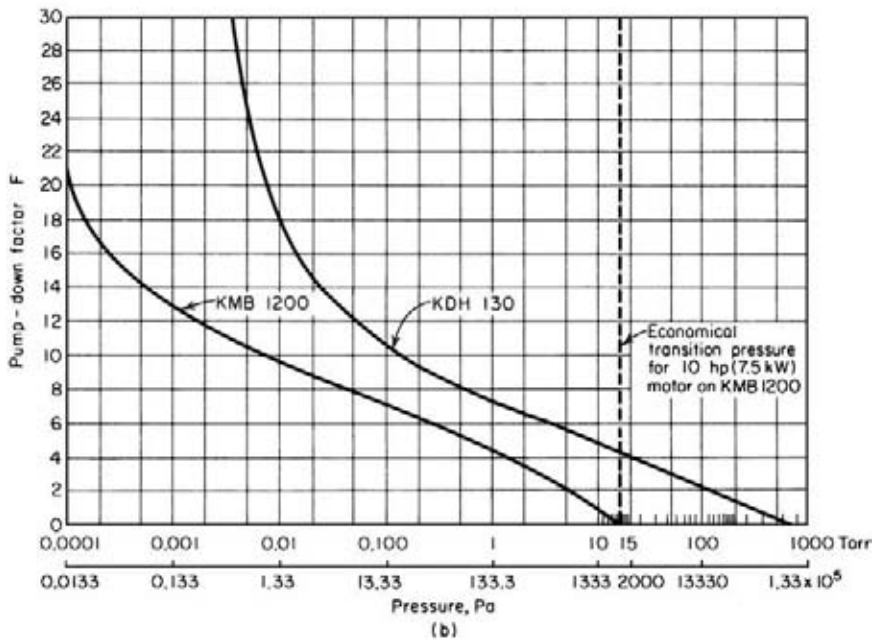
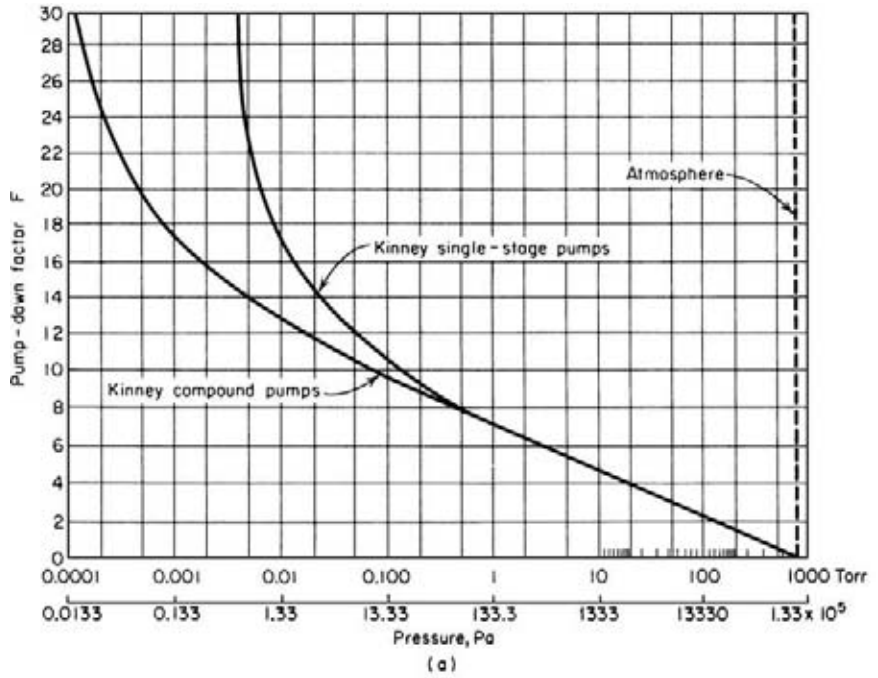


FIGURE 4 (a) Pump-down factor for single-stage and compound vacuum pumps; (b) pump-down factor for mechanical booster and backing pump. (After Kinney Vacuum Division, The New York Air Brake Company, and Van Atta.)



**TABLE 8** Recommended System Factors\*

Pressure range		System factors		
		Single-stage mechanical pump	Compound mechanical pump	Mechanical booster pump <sup>o</sup>
760–20	115.6 kPa–3000	1.0	1.0	...
20–1	3000–150	1.1	1.1	1.15
1–0.5	150–76	1.25	1.25	1.15
0.5–0.1	76–15	1.5	1.25	1.35
0.1–0.02	15–3	...	1.25	1.35
0.02–0.001	3–0.15	...	...	2.0

\*Based on bypass operation until the booster pump is put into operation. Larger system factors apply if rough pumping flow must pass through the idling mechanical booster. Any time needed for operating valves and getting the mechanical booster pump up to speed must also be added.

Source: From Van Atta—*Vacuum Science and Engineering*, McGraw-Hill.

that must be corrected. Table 8 lists typical system factors that have proved reliable in many tests. To use the system factor for any pump, apply it this way:  $t_a = tS$ , where  $t_a$  = actual pump-down time, min;  $t$  = computed pump-down time from step 3, min;  $S$  = system factor for the type of pump being considered.

Thus, by using the appropriate system factor for each pump, the actual pump-down time for the single-stage mechanical pump is  $t_a = 130(1.5) = 195$  min. For the compound mechanical pump,  $t_a = 114(1.25) = 142.5$  min. For the combination mechanical booster pump,  $t_a = 190(1.35) = 147$  min.

**5. Choose the pump to use.** Based on the actual pump-down time, either the compound mechanical pump or the combination mechanical booster pump can be used. In the final choice of the pump, other factors should be taken into consideration—first cost, operating cost, maintenance cost, reliability, and probable future pressure requirements in the system. Where future lower pressure requirements are not expected, the compound mechanical pump would be a good choice. However, if lower operating pressures are anticipated in the future, the combination mechanical booster pump would probably be a better choice.

Van Atta<sup>1</sup> gives the following typical examples of pumps chosen for vacuum systems:

Pressure range, torr	Typical pump choice
Down to 50 (7.6 kPa)	Single-stage oil-sealed rotary; large water or vapor load may require use of refrigerated traps
0.05 to 0.01 (7.6 to 1.5 Pa)	Single-stage or compound oil-sealed pump plus refrigerated traps, particularly at the lower pressure limit
0.01 to 0.005 (1.5 to 0.76 Pa)	Compound oil-sealed plus refrigerated traps, or single-stage pumps backing diffusion pumps if a continuous large evolution of gas is expected
1 to 0.0001 (152.1 to 0.015 Pa)	Mechanical booster and backing pump combination with interstage refrigerated condenser and cooled vapor trap at the high-vacuum inlet for extreme freedom from vapor contamination
0.0005 and lower (0.076 Pa and lower)	Single-stage pumps backing diffusion pumps, with refrigerated traps on the high-vacuum side of the diffusion pumps and possibly between the single-stage and diffusion pumps if evolution of condensable vapor is expected

<sup>1</sup>C. M. Van Atta—*Vacuum Science and Engineering*, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1965.

## VACUUM-SYSTEM PUMPING SPEED AND PIPE SIZE

A laboratory vacuum system has a volume of 500 ft<sup>3</sup> (14.2 m<sup>3</sup>). Leakage into the system is expected at the rate of 0.00035 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.00001 m<sup>3</sup>/min). What backing pump speed, i.e., displacement, should an oil-sealed vacuum pump serving this system have if the pump blocking pressure is 0.150 mmHg and the desired operating pressure is 0.0002 mmHg? What should the speed of the diffusion pump be? What pipe size is needed for the connecting pipe of the backing pump if it has a displacement or pumping speed of 380 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (10.8 m<sup>3</sup>/min) at 0.150 mmHg and a length of 15 ft (4.6 m)?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the required backing pump speed.** Use the relation  $d_b = G/P_b$ , where  $d_b$  = backing pump speed or pump displacement, ft<sup>3</sup>/min;  $G$  = gas leakage or flow rate, mm-min/ft<sup>3</sup>. To convert the gas or leakage flow rate to mm-min/ft<sup>3</sup>, multiply the ft<sup>3</sup>/min by 760 mm, the standard atmospheric pressure, mmHg. Thus,  $d_b = 760(0.00035)/0.150 = 1.775$  ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.05 m<sup>3</sup>/min).

**2. Select the actual backing pump speed.** For practical purposes, since gas leakage and outgassing are impossible to calculate accurately, a backing pump speed or displacement of at least twice the computed value, or  $2(1.775) = 3.550$  ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.1 m<sup>3</sup>/min), say 4 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.11 m<sup>3</sup>/min), would probably be used.

If this backing pump is to be used for pumping down the system, compute the pump-down time as shown in the previous calculation procedure. Should the pump-down time be excessive, increase the pump displacement until a suitable pump-down time is obtained.

**3. Compute the diffusion pump speed.** The diffusion pump reduces the system pressure from the blocking point, 0.150 mmHg, to the system operating pressure of 0.0002 mmHg. (*Note:* 1 torr = 1 mmHg.) Compute the diffusion pump speed from  $d_d = G/P_d$ , where  $d_d$  = diffusion pump speed, ft<sup>3</sup>/min;  $P_d$  = diffusion-pump operating pressure, mmHg. Or,  $d_d = 760(0.00035)/0.0002 = 1330$  ft<sup>3</sup>/min (37.7 m<sup>3</sup>/min). To allow for excessive leaks, outgassing, and manifold pressure loss, a 3000- or 4000-ft<sup>3</sup>/min (84.9- or 113.2-m<sup>3</sup>/min) diffusion pump would be chosen. To ensure reliability of service, two diffusion pumps would be chosen so that one could operate while the other was being overhauled.

**4. Compute the size of the connecting pipe.** In usual vacuum-pump practice, the pressure drop in pipes serving mechanical pumps is not allowed to exceed 20 percent of the inlet pressure prevailing under steady operating conditions. A correctly designed vacuum system, where this pressure loss is not exceeded, will have a pump-down time which closely approximates that obtained under ideal conditions.

Compute the pressure drop in the high-pressure region of vacuum pumps from  $p_d = 1.9d_b L/d^4$ , where  $p_d$  = pipe pressure drop,  $\mu\text{m}$ ;  $d_b$  = backing pump displacement or speed, ft<sup>3</sup>/min;  $L$  = pipe length, ft;  $d$  = inside diameter of pipe, in. Since the pressure drop should not exceed 20 percent of the inlet or system operating pressure, the drop for a backing pump is based on its blocking pressure, or 0.150 mmHg, or 150  $\mu\text{m}$ . Hence  $p_d = 0.20(150) = 30$   $\mu\text{m}$ . Then  $30 = 1.9(380)(15)d^4$ , and  $d = 4.35$  in (110.5 mm). Use a 5-in (127.0-mm) diameter pipe.

In the low-pressure region, the diameter of the converting pipe should equal, or be larger than, the pump inlet connection. Whenever the size of a pump is increased, the diameter of the pipe should also be increased to conform with the above guide.

**Related Calculations** Use the general procedures given here for laboratory- and production-type high-vacuum systems.

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## BULK MATERIAL ELEVATOR AND CONVEYOR SELECTION

Choose a bucket elevator to handle 150 tons/h (136.1 t/h) of abrasive material weighing 50 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (800.5 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) through a vertical distance of 75 ft (22.9 m) at a speed of 100 ft/min (30.5 m/min). What hp input is required to drive the elevator? The bucket elevator discharges onto a horizontal conveyor which must transport the material 1400 ft (426.7 m). Choose the type of conveyor to use, and determine the required power input needed to drive it.

### Calculation Procedure

1. *Select the type of elevator to use.* Table 1 summarizes the various characteristics of bucket elevators used to transport bulk materials vertically. This table shows that a continuous bucket elevator

**TABLE 1** Bucket Elevators

	Centrifugal discharge	Perfect discharge	Continuous bucket	Gravity discharge	Pivoted bucket
Carrying paths	Vertical	Vertical to inclination 15° from vertical	Vertical to inclination 15° from vertical	Vertical and horizontal	Vertical and horizontal
Capacity range, tons/h (t/h), material weighing 50 lb/ft <sup>3</sup> (800.5 kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	78 (70.8)	34 (30.8)	345 (312.9)	191 (173.3)	255 (231.3)
Speed range, ft/min (m/min)	306 (93.3)	120 (36.6)	100 (30.5)	100 (30.5)	80 (24.4)
Location of loading point	Boot	Boot	Boot	On lower horizontal run	On lower horizontal run
Location of discharge point	Over head wheel	Over head wheel	Over head wheel	On horizontal run	On horizontal run
Handling abrasive materials	Not preferred	Not preferred	Recommended	Not recommended	Recommended

Source: Link-Belt Div. of FMC Corp.

would be a good choice, because it is a recommended type for abrasive materials. The second choice would be a pivoted bucket elevator. However, the continuous bucket type is popular and will be chosen for this application.

**2. Compute the elevator height.** To allow for satisfactory loading of the bulk material, the elevator length is usually increased by about 5 ft (1.5 m) more than the vertical lift. Hence, the elevator height = 75 + 5 = 80 ft (24.4 m).

**3. Compute the required power input to the elevator.** Use the relation  $hp = 2CH/1000$ , where  $C$  = elevator capacity, tons/h;  $H$  = elevator height, ft. Thus, for this elevator,  $hp = 2(150)(80)/1000 = 24.0$  hp (17.9 kW).

The power input relation given above is valid for continuous-bucket, centrifugal-discharge, perfect-discharge, and super-capacity elevators. A 25-hp (18.7-kW) motor would probably be chosen for this elevator.

**4. Select the type of conveyor to use.** Since the elevator discharges onto the conveyor, the capacity of the conveyor should be the same, per unit time, as the elevator. Table 2 lists the characteristics of various types of conveyors. Study of the tabulation shows that a belt conveyor would probably be best for this application, based on the speed, capacity, and type of material it can handle. Hence, it will be chosen for this installation.

**5. Compute the required power input to the conveyor.** The power input to a conveyor is composed of two portions: the power required to move the empty belt conveyor and the power required to move the load horizontally.

Determine from Fig. 1 the power required to move the empty belt conveyor, after choosing the required belt width. Determine the belt width from Table 3.

Thus, for this conveyor, Table 3 shows that a belt width of 42 in (106.7 cm) is required to transport up to 150 tons/h (136.1 t/h) at a belt speed of 100 ft/min (30.5 m/min). [Note that the next larger capacity, 162 tons/h (146.9 t/h), is used when the exact capacity required is not tabulated.] Find the horsepower required to drive the empty belt by entering Fig. 1 at the belt distance between centers,

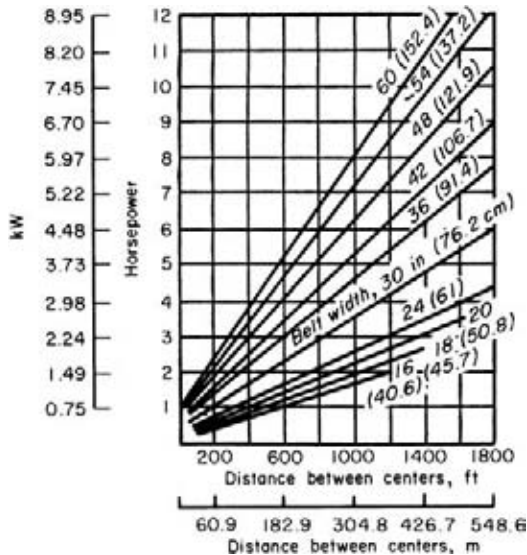


FIGURE 1 Horsepower (kilowatts) required to move an empty conveyor belt at 100 ft/min (30.5 m/min).

**TABLE 2** Conveyor Characteristics

	Belt conveyor	Apron conveyor	Flight conveyor	Drag chain	En masse conveyor	Screw conveyor	Vibratory conveyor
Carrying paths	Horizontal to 18°	Horizontal to 25°	Horizontal to 45°	Horizontal or slight incline, 10°	Horizontal to 90°	Horizontal to 15°; may be used up to 90° but capacity falls off rapidly	Horizontal or slight incline, 5° above or below horizontal
Capacity range, tons/h (t/h)	2160 (1959.5)	100 (90.7)	360 (326.6)	20 (18.1)	100 (90.7)	150 (136.1)	100 (90.7)
material weighing							
50 lb/ft <sup>3</sup> (800.5 kg/m <sup>3</sup> )							
Speed range, ft/min (m/min)	600 (182.9)	100 (30.5)	150 (45.7)	20 (6.1)	80 (24.4)	100 (30.5)	40 (12.2)
Location of loading point	Any point	Any point	Any point	Any point	On horizontal runs	Any point	Any point
Location of discharge point	Over end wheel and intermediate points by tripper or plow	Over end wheel	At end of trough and intermediate points by gates	At end of trough	Any point on horizontal runs by gate	At end of trough and intermediate points by gates	At end of trough
Handling abrasive materials	Recommended	Recommended	Not recommended	Recommended with special steels	Not recommended	Not preferred	Recommended

Source: Link-Belt Div. of FMC Corp.

**TABLE 3** Capacities of Troughed Rest [tons/h (t/h) with Belt Speed of 100 ft/min (30.5 m/min)]

Belt width, in (cm)	Weight of material, lb/ft <sup>3</sup> (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )			
	30 (480.3)	50 (800.5)	100 (1601)	150 (2402)
30 (76.2)	47 (42.6)	79 (71.7)	158 (143.3)	237 (214.9)
36 (91.4)	69 (62.6)	114 (103.4)	228 (206.8)	342 (310.2)
42 (106.7)	97 (87.9)	162 (146.9)	324 (293.9)	486 (440.9)
48 (121.9)	130 (117.9)	215 (195.0)	430 (390.1)	645 (585.1)
60 (152.4)	207 (187.8)	345 (312.9)	690 (625.9)	1035 (938.9)

Source: United States Rubber Co.

1400 ft (426.7 m), and projecting vertically upward to the belt width, 42 in (106.7 cm). At the left, read the required power input as 7.2 hp (5.4 kW).

Compute the power required to move the load horizontally from  $hp = (C/100)(0.4 + 0.00345L)$ , where  $L$  = distance between conveyor centers, ft; other symbols as before. For this conveyor,  $hp = (150/100)(0.4 + 0.00325 \times 1400) = 6.83$  hp (5.1 kW). Hence, the total horse-power to drive this horizontal conveyor is  $7.2 + 6.83 = 14.03$  hp (10.5 kW).

The total horsepower input to this conveyor installation is the sum of the elevator and conveyor belt horsepowers, or  $14.03 + 24.0 = 38.03$  hp (28.4 kW).

**Related Calculations** The procedure given here is valid for conveyors using rubber belts reinforced with cotton duck, open-mesh fabric, cords, or steel wires. It is also valid for stitched-canvas belts, balata belts, and flat-steel belts. The required horsepower input includes any power absorbed by idler pulleys.

Table 4 shows the minimum recommended belt widths for lumpy materials of various sizes. Maximum recommended belt speeds for various materials are shown in Table 5.

When a conveyor belt is equipped with a tripper, the belt must rise about 5 ft (1.5 m) above its horizontal plane of travel.

This rise must be included in the vertical-lift power input computation. When the tripper is driven by the belt, allow 1 hp (0.75 kW) for a 16-in (406.4-mm) belt, 3 hp (2.2 kW) for a 36-in (914.4-mm) belt, and 7 hp (5.2 kW) for a 60-in (1524-mm) belt. Where a rotary cleaning brush is driven by the conveyor shaft, allow about the same power input to the brush for belts of various widths.

## SCREW CONVEYOR POWER INPUT AND CAPACITY

What is the required power input for a 100-ft (30.5-m) long screw conveyor handling dry coal ashes having a maximum density of 40 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (640.4 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) if the conveyor capacity is 30 tons/h (27.2 t/h)?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Select the conveyor diameter and speed.** Refer to a manufacturer's engineering data or Table 6 for a listing of recommended screw conveyor diameters and speeds for various types of materials.

**TABLE 4** Minimum Belt Width for Lumps

Belt width, in (mm)	24 (609.6)	36 (914.4)	42 (1066.8)	48 (1219.2)
Sized materials, in (mm)	4½ (114.3)	8 (203.2)	10 (254)	12 (304.9)
Unsized material, in (mm)	8 (203.2)	14 (355.6)	20 (508)	35 (889)

**TABLE 5** Maximum Belt Speeds for Various Materials

Width of belt		Light or free-flowing materials, grains dry sand, etc.		Moderately free-flowing sand, gravel, fine stone, etc.		Lump coal, coarse stone, crushed ore		Heavy sharp lumpy materials, heavy ores, lump coke	
		ft/min	m/min	ft/min	m/min	ft/min	m/min	ft/min	m/min
in	mm								
12–14	305–356	400	122	250	76	—	—	—	—
16–18	406–457	500	152	300	91	250	76	—	—
20–24	508–610	600	183	400	122	350	107	250	76
30–36	762–914	750	229	500	152	400	122	300	91

Dry coal ashes are commonly rated as group 3 materials, Table 7, i.e., materials with small mixed lumps with fines.

To determine a suitable screw diameter, assume two typical values and obtain the recommended rpm from the sources listed above or Table 6. Thus, the maximum rpm recommended for a 6-in (152.4-mm) screw when handling group 3 material is 90, as shown in Table 6; for a 20-in (508.0-mm) screw, 60 r/min. Assume a 6-in (152.4-mm) screw as a trial diameter.

**2. Determine the material factor for the conveyor.** A material factor is used in the screw conveyor power input computation to allow for the character of the substance handled. Table 7 lists the material factor for dry ashes as  $F = 4.0$ . Standard references show that the average weight of dry coal ashes is 35 to 40 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (640.4 kg/m<sup>3</sup>).

**3. Determine the conveyor size factor.** A size factor that is a function of the conveyor diameter is also used in the power input computation. Table 8 shows that for a 6-in (152.4-mm) diameter conveyor the size factor  $A = 54$ .

**4. Compute the required power input to the conveyor.** Use the relation  $hp = 10^{-6} (ALN + CWLF)$ , where  $hp$  = hp input to the screw conveyor head shaft;  $A$  = size factor from step 3;  $L$  = conveyor length, ft;  $N$  = conveyor rpm;  $C$  = quantity of material handled, ft<sup>3</sup>/h;  $W$  = density of material, lb/ft<sup>3</sup>;  $F$  = material factor from step 2. For this conveyor, given the data listed above,  $hp = 10^{-6} (54 \times 100 \times 60 + 1500 \times 40 \times 100 \times 4.0) = 24.3$  hp (18.1 kW). With a 90 percent motor efficiency, the required motor rating would be  $24.3/0.90 = 27$  hp (20.1 kW). A 30-hp (22.4-kW) motor would be chosen to drive this conveyor. Since this is not an excessive power input, the 6-in (152.4-mm) conveyor is suitable for this application.

**TABLE 6** Screw Conveyor Capacities and Speeds

Material group	Maximum material density		Maximum r/min for diameters of:	
	lb/ft <sup>3</sup>	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	6 in (152 mm)	20 in (508 mm)
1	50	801	170	110
2	50	801	120	75
3	75	1201	90	60
4	100	1601	70	50
5	125	2001	30	25

**TABLE 7** Material Factors for Screw Conveyors

Material group	Material type	Material factor
1	Lightweight: Barley, beans, flour, oats, pulverized coal, etc.	0.5
2	Fines and granular: Coal—slack or fines Sawdust, soda ash Flyash	0.9 0.7 0.4
3	Small lumps and fines: Ashes, dry alum Salt	4.0 1.4
4	Semiabrasives; small lumps: Phosphate, cement Clay, limestone Sugar, white lead	1.4 2.0 1.0
5	Abrasive lumps: Wet ashes Sewage sludge Flue dust	5.0 6.0 4.0

If the calculation indicates that an excessively large power input, say 50 hp (37.3 kW) or more, is required, then the larger-diameter conveyor should be analyzed. In general, a higher initial investment in conveyor size that reduces the power input will be more than recovered by the savings in power costs.

**Related Calculations** Use the procedure given here for screw or spiral conveyors and feeders handling any material that will flow. The usual screw or spiral conveyor is suitable for conveying materials for distances up to about 200 ft (60.9 m), although special designs can be built for greater distances. Conveyors of this type can be sloped upward to angles of 35° with the horizontal. However, the capacity of the conveyor decreases as the angle of inclination is increased. Thus the reduction in capacity at a 10° inclination is 10 percent over the horizontal capacity; at 35° the reduction is 78 percent.

The capacities of screw and spiral conveyors are generally stated in ft<sup>3</sup>/h (m<sup>3</sup>/h) of various classes of materials at the maximum recommended shaft rpm. As the size of the lumps in the material conveyed increases, the recommended shaft rpm decreases. The capacity of a screw or spiral conveyor at a lower speed is found from (capacity at given speed, ft<sup>3</sup>/h) [(lower speed, r/min)/(higher speed, r/min)]. Table 6 shows typical screw conveyor capacities at usual operating speeds.

Various types of screws are used for modern conveyors. These include short-pitch, variable-pitch, cut flights, ribbon, and paddle screws. The procedure given above also applies to these screws.

**TABLE 8** Screw Conveyor Size Factors

Conveyor diameter, in (mm)	6 (152.4)	9 (228.6)	10 (254)	12 (304.8)	16 (406.4)	18 (457.2)	20 (508)	24 (609.6)
Size factor	54	96	114	171	336	414	510	690



## DESIGN AND LAYOUT OF PNEUMATIC CONVEYING SYSTEMS

A pneumatic conveying system for handling solids in an industrial exhaust installation contains two grinding-wheel booths and one lead each for a planer, sander, and circular saw. Determine the required duct sizes, resistance, and fan capacity for this pneumatic conveying system.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Sketch the proposed exhaust system.** Make a freehand sketch, Fig. 2, of the proposed system. Show the main and branch ducts and the booths and hoods. Indicate all major structural interferences, such as building columns, deep girders, beams, overhead conveyors, piping, etc. Draw the layout approximately to scale.

Mark on the sketch the length of each duct run. Avoid, if possible, vertical drops or rises in the main exhaust duct between the hoods and the fan. Do this by locating the main duct centerline 10 ft (3 m) or so above the finished floor.

Number each hood or booth, and give each duct run an identifying letter. Although it is not absolutely necessary, it is more convenient during the design process to have the hoods in numerical order and the duct runs in alphabetical order.

**2. Determine the required air quantities and velocities.** Prepare a listing, columns 1 and 2, Table 9, of the booths, hoods, and duct runs. Enter the required air quantities and velocities for each booth or hood and duct in Table 9, columns 3 and 4. Select the air quantities and velocities from the local code covering industrial exhaust systems, if such a code is available. If a code does not exist, use the ASHRAE *Guide* or Table 10.

Use extreme care in selecting the air quantities and velocities, because insufficient flow may cause dangerous atmospheric conditions. Harmful process wastes in the form of dust, gas, or moisture may injure plant personnel.

**3. Size the main and branch ducts.** Determine the required duct area by dividing the air quantity,  $\text{ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $\text{m}^3/\text{min}$ ), by the air velocity in the duct, or column 3/column 4, Table 9. Enter the result in column 5, Table 9.

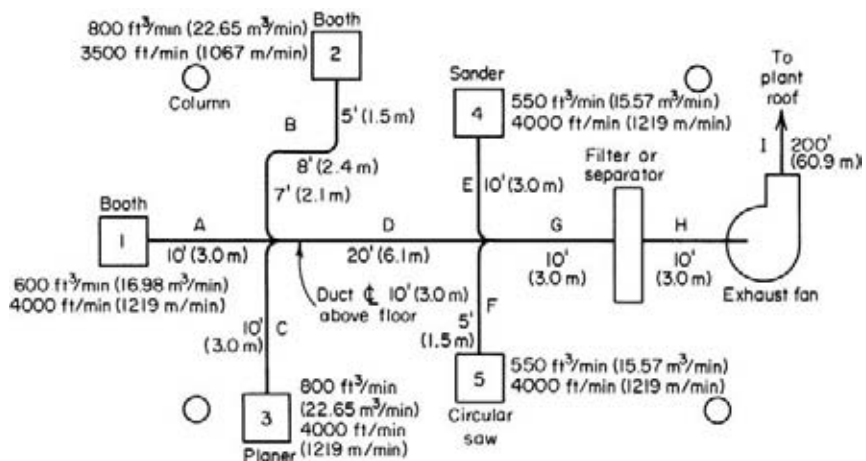


FIGURE 2 Exhaust system layout.

TABLE 9 Exhaust System Design Calculations

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
Booth or hood	Duct run	$\text{ft}^3/\text{min}$ ( $\text{m}^3/\text{min}$ ) in duct	Design velocity, $\text{ft}/\text{min}$ ( $\text{m}/\text{min}$ )	Duct area = column 3/column 4, $\text{ft}^2$ ( $\text{m}^2$ )	Duct diameter, in (mm)	Actual velocity, $\text{ft}/\text{min}$ ( $\text{m}/\text{min}$ )	Actual velocity pressure, $\text{inH}_2\text{O}$ ( $\text{mmH}_2\text{O}$ )	Length of straight duct, ft (m)	Equivalent length of elbows, ft (m)	Total duct length = column 9 + column 10, ft (m)	Friction per 100 ft (30 m) of duct, $\text{inH}_2\text{O}$ ( $\text{mmH}_2\text{O}$ )	Actual friction, $\text{inH}_2\text{O}$ ( $\text{mmH}_2\text{O}$ )	
1	A	600 (16.98)	4000 (1219)	0.150 (0.014)	5 (127)	4300 (1311)	1.15 (29.2)	10 (3.0)	0 (0)	10 (3.0)	5.4 (137.2)	0.54 (13.7)	
2	B	800 (22.65)	3500 (1067)	0.228 (0.021)	6 (152)	4200 (1280)	1.0 (25.4)	20 (6.1)	18 (5.5)	38 (11.6)	4.0 (101.6)	1.57 (39.9)	
3	C	800 (22.65)	4000 (1219)	0.200 (0.019)	6 (152)	4200 (1280)	1.0 (25.4)	10 (3.0)	6 (1.8)	16 (4.8)	4.0 (101.6)	0.64 (16.3)	
4	D	2200 (62.28)	4000 (1219)	0.550 (0.051)	10 (254)	4000 (1219)	1.0 (25.4)	20 (6.1)	0 (0)	20 (6.1)	2.1 (53.3)	0.42 (10.7)	
5	E	550 (15.57)	4000 (1219)	0.137 (0.013)	5 (127)	4000 (1219)	1.0 (25.4)	10 (3.0)	5 (1.5)	15 (4.5)	4.6 (116.8)	0.69 (17.5)	
	F	550 (15.57)	4000 (1219)	0.137 (0.013)	5 (127)	4000 (1219)	1.0 (25.4)	5 (1.5)	5 (1.5)	10 (3.0)	4.6 (116.8)	0.46 (11.7)	
	G	3300 (93.42)	4000 (1219)	0.825 (0.077)	12 (305)	4200 (1280)	1.0 (25.4)	10 (3.0)	0 (0)	10 (3.0)	1.9 (48.3)	0.19 (4.8)	
	H	3300 (93.42)	3000 (914)	1.10 (0.102)	14 (356)	3000 (914)	0.55 (13.9)	10 (3.0)	14 (4.3)	24 (7.3)	0.84 (21.3)	0.20 (5.1)	
	I	3300 (93.42)	2000 (610)	1.65 (0.153)	18 (457)	2000 (610)	0.25 (6.4)	200 (60.9)	0 (0)	200 (60.9)	0.25 (6.4)	0.50 (12.7)	

**TABLE 9** Exhaust System Design Calculations (*Continued*)

	System resistance				
	Hood number				
	1	2	3	4	5
Velocity pressure in hood branch, in (mm) H <sub>2</sub> O	1.15 (29.2) 50	1.0 (25.4) 11	1.0 (25.4) 50	1.0 (25.4) 60	1.0 (25.4) 60
Entrance loss (% of velocity pressure)	(50)	(11)	(50)	(60)	(60)
Entrance loss, in (mm) H <sub>2</sub> O	0.58 (14.6)	0.11 (2.8)	0.50 (12.7)	0.60 (15.2)	0.60 (15.2)
Branch and main duct resistances	A				
	0.54 (13.7)				
	B	1.57 (39.9)			
	C	.....	0.64 (16.3)		
	D	0.42 (10.7)	0.42 (10.7)		
	E	.....	.....	0.69 (17.5)	
	F	.....	.....	.....	0.46 (11.7)
	G	0.19 (4.8)	0.19 (4.8)	0.19 (4.8)	0.19 (4.8)
	H	0.20 (5.1)	0.20 (5.1)	0.20 (5.1)	0.20 (5.1)
	I	0.50 (12.7)	0.50 (12.7)	0.50 (12.7)	0.50 (12.7)
Collector or filter resistance, in (mm) H <sub>2</sub> O	2.00 (50.8)	2.00 (50.8)	2.00 (50.8)	2.00 (50.8)	2.00 (50.8)
Total resistance in each branch, in (mm) H <sub>2</sub> O	4.43 (112.4)	4.99 (126.8)	4.45 (113.1)	4.18 (106.1)	3.95 (100.3)

**TABLE 10** Recommended Exhaust Air Quantities

Operation	ft <sup>3</sup> /min (m <sup>3</sup> /min)	Branch duct velocity, ft/ min (m/min)	Branch duct diameter, in (mm)
<b>Sanding:</b>			
Single drum, [10-in (25.4-cm) diameter]	400 (11.32)	4000 (1219)	4 (101.6)
Disk	550 (15.57)	4000 (1219)	5 (127)
Circular saws [16- to 24-in (40.6- to 60.9-cm) diameter]	450 (12.74)	4000 (1219)	4.5 (114.3)
Shoe machinery	550 (15.57)	4000 (1219)	5 (127)
Buffing and polishing wheels [16- to 24-in (40.6- to 60.9-cm) diameter]	600 (16.98)	4500 (1372)	5 (127)
Grinding wheels [16- to 20-in (40.6- to 50.8-cm) diameter]	600 (16.98)	4500 (1372)	5 (127)
Abrasive blast rooms	...	3500 (1067)	
Pharmaceuticals	...	3000 (1067)	
<b>Conveying velocities</b>			
Material conveyed	Conveying velocity, ft/min (m/min)		
Vapors, gases, fumes, fine dusts	1500 to 2000 (457 to 610)		
Fine dry dusts	3000 (914)		
Average industrial dusts	3500 (1067)		
Coarse particles	3500 to 4500 (1067 to 1372)		
Large particles, heavy loads, moist materials, pneumatic conveying	4500 and higher (1372 and higher)		

**TABLE 11** Duct Diameters and Areas

Diameter		Area	
in	mm	ft <sup>2</sup>	m <sup>2</sup>
4.0	102	0.0873	0.008
5.0	127	0.1364	0.013
6.0	152.4	0.1964	0.018
7.0	178	0.2673	0.025
8.0	203.2	0.3491	0.032
10.0	254	0.5454	0.051
12	305	0.7854	0.073
14	356	1.069	0.099
16	406.4	1.396	0.130
18	457.2	1.767	0.164
20	508	2.182	0.203
22	559	2.640	0.245
24	610	3.142	0.292

Once the required duct area is known, find from Table 11 the nearest whole-number duct diameter corresponding to the required area. Avoid fractional diameters at this stage of the calculation, because ducts of these sizes are usually more expensive to fabricate. Later, if necessary, two or three duct sizes may be changed to fractional values. By selecting only whole-number diameters in the beginning, the cost of duct fabrication may be reduced somewhat. Enter the duct whole-number diameter in column 6, Table 9.

**4. Compute the actual air velocity in the duct.**

Use Fig. 3 to determine the actual velocity in each duct. Enter the chart at the air quantity corresponding to that in the duct, and project vertically to the diameter curve representing the duct size. Read the actual velocity in the duct on the velocity scale, and enter the value in column 7 of Table 9.

The actual velocity in the duct should, in all cases, be equal to or greater than the design velocity shown in column 4, Table 9. If the actual velocity is less than the design velocity, decrease the duct diameter until the actual velocity is equal to or greater than the design velocity.

**5. Compute the duct velocity pressure.** With the actual velocity known, compute the corresponding velocity pressure in the duct from  $h_v = (v/4005)^2$ , where  $h_v$  = velocity pressure in the duct, inH<sub>2</sub>O;  $v$  = air velocity in the duct, ft/min. Thus, for the duct run A in which the actual air velocity is 4300 ft/min

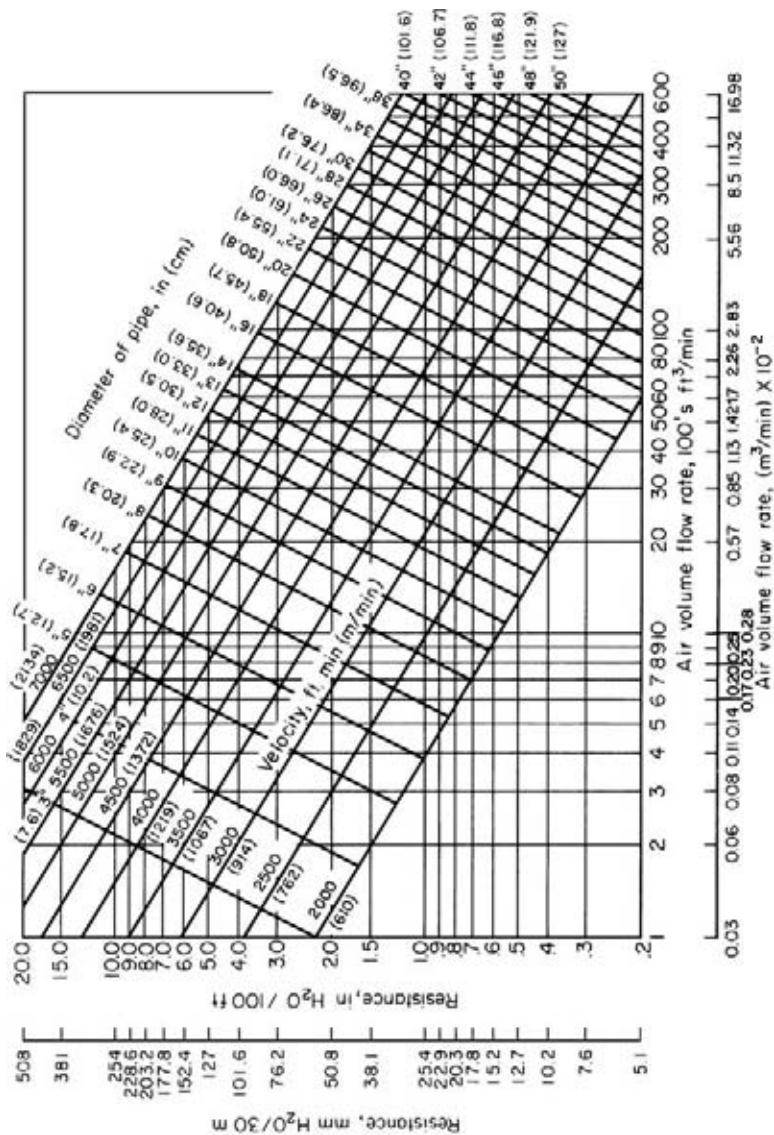


FIGURE 3 Duct resistance chart. (American Air Filter Co.)

(1310.6 m/min),  $h_v = (4300/4005)^2 = 1.15$  in (29.2 mm) H<sub>2</sub>O. Compute the actual velocity pressure in each duct run, and enter the result in column 8, Table 9.

**6. Compute the equivalent length of each duct.** Enter the total straight length of each duct, including any vertical drops, in column 9, Table 9. Use accurate lengths, because the system resistance is affected by the duct length.

Next list the equivalent length of each elbow in the duct runs in column 10, Table 9. For convenience, assume that the equivalent length of an elbow is 12 times the duct diameter in ft. Thus, an elbow in a 6-in (152.4-mm) diameter duct has an equivalent resistance of (6-in diameter/[12 in/ft (12)]) = 6 ft (1.83 m) of straight duct. When making this calculation, assume that all elbows have a radius equal to twice the diameter of the duct. Consider 45° bends as having the same resistance as 90° elbows. Note that branch ducts are usually arranged to enter the main duct at an angle of 45° or less. These assumptions are valid for all typical industrial exhaust systems and pneumatic conveying systems.

Find the total equivalent length of each duct by taking the sum of columns 9 and 10, Table 9, horizontally, for each duct run. Enter the result in column 11, Table 9.

**7. Determine the actual friction in each duct.** Using Fig. 3, determine the resistance, in H<sub>2</sub>O (mm H<sub>2</sub>O) per 100 ft (30.5 m) of each duct by entering with the air quantity and diameter of that duct. Enter the frictional resistance thus found in column 12, Table 9.

Compute actual friction in each duct by multiplying the friction per 100 ft (30.5 m) of duct, column 12, Table 9, by the total duct length, column 11 ÷ 100. Thus for duct run A, actual friction = 5.4(10/100) = 0.54 in (13.7 mm) H<sub>2</sub>O. Compute the actual friction for the other duct runs in the same manner. Tabulate the results in column 13, Table 9.

**8. Compute the hood entrance losses.** Hoods are used in industrial exhaust systems to remove vapors, dust, fumes, and other undesirable airborne contaminants from the work area. The hood entrance loss, which depends upon the hood configuration, is usually expressed as a certain percentage of the velocity pressure in the branch duct connected to the hood, Fig. 4. Since the hood entrance loss usually accounts for a large portion of the branch resistance, the entrance loss chosen should always be on the safe side.

List the hood designation number under the “System Resistance” heading, as shown in Table 9. Under each hood designation number, list the velocity pressure in the branch connected to that hood. Obtain this value from column 8, Table 9. List under the velocity pressure, the hood entrance loss from Fig. 4 for the particular type of hood used in that duct run. Take the product of these two values, and enter the result under the hood number on the “entrance loss, in H<sub>2</sub>O” line. Thus, for hood 1, entrance loss = 1.15(0.50) = 0.58 in (14.7 mm) H<sub>2</sub>O. Follow the same procedure for the other hoods listed.

**9. Find the resistance of each branch run.** List the main and branch runs, A through F, Table 9. Trace out each main and branch run in Fig. 2, and enter the actual friction listed in column 3 of Table 9. Thus for booth 1, the main and branch runs consist of A, D, G, H, and I. Insert the actual friction, in (mm) H<sub>2</sub>O, as shown in Table 9, or A = 9.54(242.3), D = 0.42(10.7), G = 0.19(4.8), H = 0.20(5.1), I = 0.50(12.7).

Determine the filter friction loss from the manufacturer’s engineering data. It is common practice to design industrial exhaust systems on the basis of dirty filters or separators; i.e., the frictional resistance used in the design calculations is the resistance of a filter or separator containing the maximum amount of dust allowable under normal operating conditions. The frictional resistance of dirty filters can vary from 0.5 to 6 in (12.7 to 152.4 mm) H<sub>2</sub>O or more. Assume that the frictional resistance of the filter used in this industrial exhaust system is 2.0 in (50.8 mm) H<sub>2</sub>O.

Add the filter resistance to the main and branch duct resistance as shown in Table 9. Find the sum of each column in the table, as shown. This is the total resistance in each branch, in H<sub>2</sub>O, Table 9.

**10. Balance the exhaust system.** Inspection of the lower part of Table 9 shows that the computed branch resistances are unequal. This condition is usually encountered during system design.

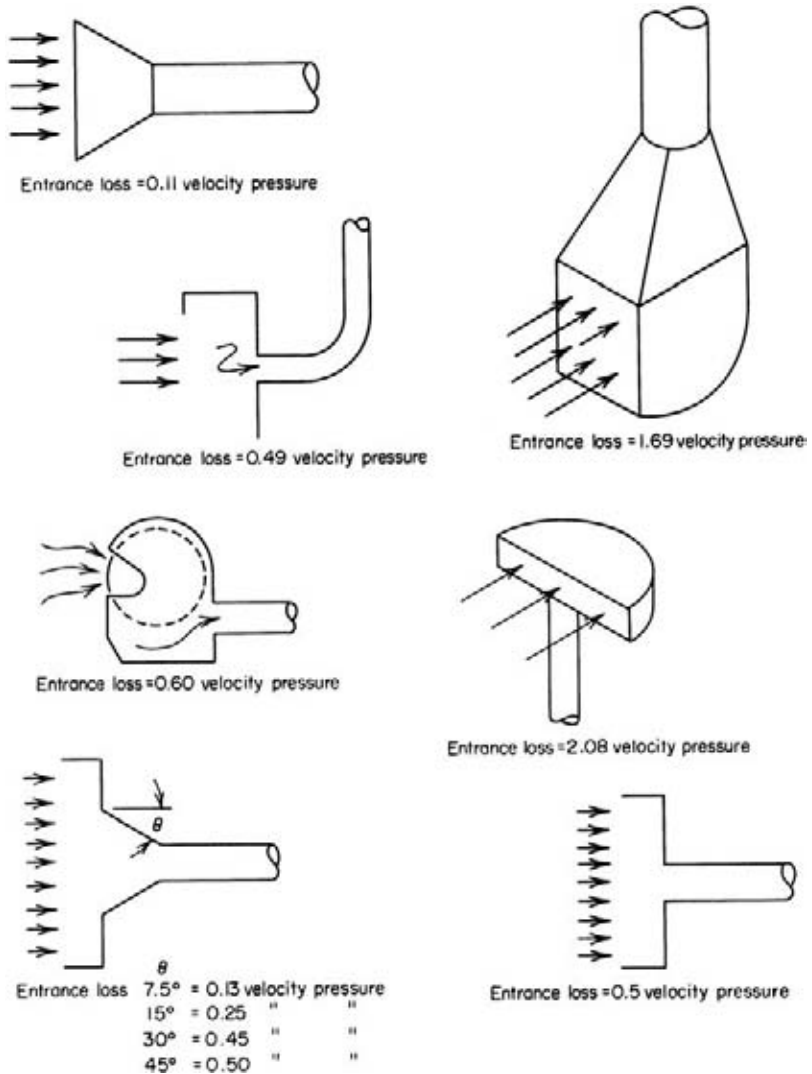


FIGURE 4 Entrance losses for various types of exhaust-system intakes.

To balance the system, certain duct sizes must be changed to produce equal resistance in all ducts. Or, if possible, certain ducts can be shortened. If duct shortening is not possible, as is often the case, an exhaust fan capable of operating against the largest resistance in a branch can be chosen. If this alternative is selected, special dampers must be fitted to the air inlets of the booths or ducts. For economical system operation, choose the balancing method that permits the exhaust fan to operate against the minimum resistance.

In the system being considered here, a fairly accurate balance can be obtained by decreasing the size of ducts *E* and *F* to 4.75 in (120.7 mm) and 4.375 in (111.1 mm), respectively. Duct *B* would be increased to 6.5 in (165.1 mm) in diameter.

**11. Choose the exhaust fan capacity and static pressure.** Find the required exhaust fan capacity in  $\text{ft}^3/\text{min}$  from the sum of the airflows in the ducts, A through H, column 3, Table 9, or  $3300 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $93.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$ ). Choose a static pressure equal to or greater than the total resistance in the branch duct having the greatest resistance. Since this is slightly less than 4.5 in (114.3 mm)  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , a fan developing 4.5 in (114.3 mm)  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  static pressure will be chosen. A 10 percent safety factor is usually applied to these values, giving a capacity of  $3600 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $101.9 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$ ) and a static pressure of 5.0 in (127 mm)  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  for this system.

**12. Select the duct material and thickness.** Galvanized sheet steel is popular for industrial exhaust systems, except where corrosive fumes and gases rule out galvanized material. Under these conditions, plastic, tile, stainless steel, or composition ducts may be substituted for galvanized ducts. Table 12 shows the recommended metal gage for galvanized ducts of various diameters. Do not use galvanized-steel ducts for gas temperatures higher than  $400^\circ\text{F}$  ( $204^\circ\text{C}$ ).

**TABLE 12** Exhaust-System Duct Gages

Duct diameter, in (mm)	Metal gage
Up to 8 (203.2)	22
9 to 18 (228.6 to 457.2)	20
19 to 30 (482.6 to 762)	18
31 and larger (787.4 and larger)	16

Hoods should be two gages heavier than the connected branch duct. Use supports not more than 12 ft (3.7 m) apart for horizontal ducts up to 8-in (203.2-mm) diameter. Supports can be spaced up to 20 ft (6.1 m) apart for larger ducts. Fit a duct cleanout opening every 10 ft (3 m).

Where changes of diameter are made in the main duct, fit an eccentric taper with a length of at least 5 in (127 mm) for every 1-in (25.4-mm) change in diameter. The end of the main duct is usually extended 6 in (152.4 mm) beyond the last branch and closed with a removable cap. For additional data on industrial exhaust system design, see the newest issue of the *ASHRAE Guide*.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for any type of industrial exhaust system, such as those serving metalworking, woodworking, plating, welding, paint spraying, barrel filling, foundry, crushing, tumbling, and similar operations. Consult the local code or *ASHRAE Guide* for specific airflow requirements for these and other industrial operations.

This design procedure is also valid, in general, for industrial pneumatic conveying systems. For several comprehensive, worked-out designs of pneumatic conveying systems, see Hudson—*Conveyors*, Wiley.

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## SIMILARITY OR AFFINITY LAWS FOR CENTRIFUGAL PUMPS

A centrifugal pump designed for a 1800-r/min operation and a head of 200 ft (60.9 m) has a capacity of 3000 gal/min (189.3 L/s) with a power input of 175 hp (130.6 kW). What effect will a speed reduction to 1200 r/min have on the head, capacity, and power input of the pump? What will be the change in these variables if the impeller diameter is reduced from 12 to 10 in (304.8 to 254 mm) while the speed is held constant at 1800 r/min?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the effect of a change in pump speed.** For any centrifugal pump in which the effects of fluid viscosity are negligible, or are neglected, the similarity or affinity laws can be used to determine the effect of a speed, power, or head change. For a *constant impeller diameter*, the laws are  $Q_1/Q_2 = N_1/N_2$ ;  $H_1/H_2 = (N_1/N_2)^2$ ;  $P_1/P_2 = (N_1/N_2)^3$ . For a *constant speed*,  $Q_1/Q_2 = D_1/D_2$ ;  $H_1/H_2 = (D_1/D_2)^2$ ;  $P_1/P_2 = (D_1/D_2)^3$ . In both sets of laws,  $Q$  = capacity, gal/min;  $N$  = impeller rpm;  $D$  = impeller diameter, in;  $H$  = total head, ft of liquid;  $P$  = bhp input. The subscripts 1 and 2 refer to the initial and changed conditions, respectively.

For this pump, with a constant impeller diameter,  $Q_1/Q_2 = N_1/N_2$ ;  $3000/Q_2 = 1800/1200$ ;  $Q_2 = 2000$  gal/min (126.2 L/s). And,  $H_1/H_2 = (N_1/N_2)^2 = 200/H_2 = (1800/1200)^2$ ;  $H_2 = 88.9$  ft (27.1 m). Also,  $P_1/P_2 = (N_1/N_2)^3 = 175/P_2 = (1800/1200)^3$ ;  $P_2 = 51.8$  bhp (38.6 kW).

**2. Compute the effect of a change in impeller diameter.** With the speed constant, use the second set of laws. Or, for this pump,  $Q_1/Q_2 = D_1/D_2$ ;  $3000/Q_2 = 12/10$ ;  $Q_2 = 2500$  gal/min (157.7 L/s). And  $H_1/H_2 = (D_1/D_2)^2$ ;  $200/H_2 = (12/10)^2$ ;  $H_2 = 138.8$  ft (42.3 m). Also,  $P_1/P_2 = (D_1/D_2)^3$ ;  $175/P_2 = (12/10)^3$ ;  $P_2 = 101.2$  bhp (75.5 kW).

**Related Calculations** Use the similarity laws to extend or change the data obtained from centrifugal pump characteristic curves. These laws are also useful in field calculations when the pump head, capacity, speed, or impeller diameter is changed.

The similarity laws are most accurate when the efficiency of the pump remains nearly constant. Results obtained when the laws are applied to a pump having a constant impeller diameter are somewhat more accurate than for a pump at constant speed with a changed impeller diameter. The latter laws are more accurate when applied to pumps having a low specific speed.

If the similarity laws are applied to a pump whose impeller diameter is increased, be certain to consider the effect of the higher velocity in the pump suction line. Use the similarity laws for any liquid whose viscosity remains constant during passage through the pump. However, the accuracy of the similarity laws decreases as the liquid viscosity increases.

## SIMILARITY OR AFFINITY LAWS IN CENTRIFUGAL PUMP SELECTION

A test-model pump delivers, at its best efficiency point, 500 gal/min (31.6 L/s) at a 350-ft (106.7-m) head with a required net positive suction head (NPSH) of 10 ft (3 m) a power input of 55 hp (41 kW) at 3500 r/min, when a 10.5-in (266.7-mm) diameter impeller is used. Determine the performance of

the model at 1750 r/min. What is the performance of a full-scale prototype pump with a 20-in (50.4-cm) impeller operating at 1170 r/min? What are the specific speeds and the suction specific speeds of the test-model and prototype pumps?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the pump performance at the new speed.** The similarity or affinity laws can be stated in general terms, with subscripts  $p$  and  $m$  for prototype and model, respectively, as  $Q_p = K_d^3 K_n Q_m$ ;  $H_p = K_d^2 K_n^2 H_m$ ;  $\text{NPSH}_p = K_d^2 K_n^2 \text{NPSH}_m$ ;  $P_p = K_d^5 K_n^5 P_m$ , where  $K_d$  = size factor = prototype diameter/model dimension. The usual dimension used for the size factor is the impeller diameter. Both dimensions should be in the same units of measure. Also,  $K_n$  = (prototype speed, r/min)/(model speed, r/min). Other symbols are the same as in the previous calculation procedure.

When the model speed is reduced from 3500 to 1750 r/min, the pump dimensions remain the same and  $K_d = 1.0$ ;  $K_n = 1750/3500 = 0.5$ . Then  $Q = (1.0)(0.5)(500) = 250$  r/min;  $H = (1.0)^2(0.5)^2(350) = 87.5$  ft (26.7 m);  $\text{NPSH} = (1.0)^2(0.5)^2(10) = 2.5$  ft (0.76 m);  $P = (1.0)^5(0.5)^3(55) = 6.9$  hp (5.2 kW). In this computation, the subscripts were omitted from the equations because the same pump, the test model, was being considered.

**2. Compute performance of the prototype pump.** First,  $K_d$  and  $K_n$  must be found:  $K_d = 20/10.5 = 1.905$ ;  $K_n = 1170/3500 = 0.335$ . Then  $Q_p = (1.905)^3(0.335)(500) = 1158$  gal/min (73.1 L/s);  $H_p = (1.905)^2(0.335)^2(350) = 142.5$  ft (43.4 m);  $\text{NPSH}_p = (1.905)^2(0.335)^2(10) = 4.06$  ft (1.24 m);  $P_p = (1.905)^5(0.335)^3(55) = 51.8$  hp (38.6 kW).

**3. Compute the specific speed and suction specific speed.** The specific speed or, as Horwitz<sup>1</sup> says, "more correctly, discharge specific speed," is  $N_s = N(Q)^{0.5}/(H)^{0.75}$ , while the suction specific speed  $S = N(Q)^{0.5}/(\text{NPSH})^{0.75}$ , where all values are taken at the best efficiency point of the pump.

For the model,  $N_s = 3500(500)^{0.5}/(350)^{0.75} = 965$ ;  $S = 3500(500)^{0.5}/(10)^{0.75} = 13,900$ . For the prototype,  $N_s = 1170(1158)^{0.5}/(142.5)^{0.75} = 965$ ;  $S = 1170(1156)^{0.5}/(4.06)^{0.75} = 13,900$ . The specific speed and suction specific speed of the model and prototype are equal because these units are geometrically similar or homologous pumps and both speeds are mathematically derived from the similarity laws.

**Related Calculations** Use the procedure given here for any type of centrifugal pump where the similarity laws apply. When the term *model* is used, it can apply to a production test pump or to a standard unit ready for installation. The procedure presented here is the work of R. P. Horwitz, as reported in *Power* magazine.<sup>1</sup>

## SPECIFIC-SPEED CONSIDERATIONS IN CENTRIFUGAL PUMP SELECTION

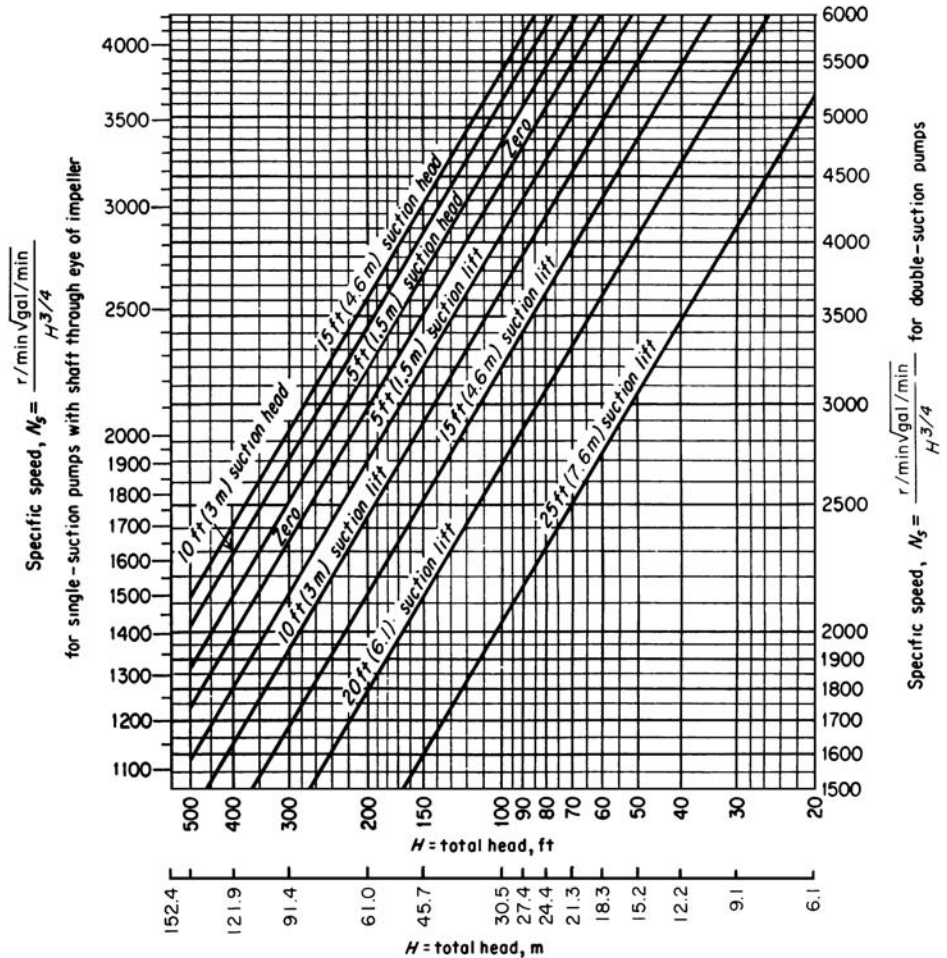
What is the upper limit of specific speed and capacity of a 1750-r/min single-stage double-suction centrifugal pump having a shaft that passes through the impeller eye if it handles clear water at 85°F (29.4°C) at sea level at a total head of 280 ft (85.3 m) with a 10-ft (3-m) suction lift? What is the efficiency of the pump and its approximate impeller shape?

<sup>1</sup>R. P. Horwitz, "Affinity Laws and Specific Speed Can Simplify Centrifugal Pump Selection," *Power*, November 1964.

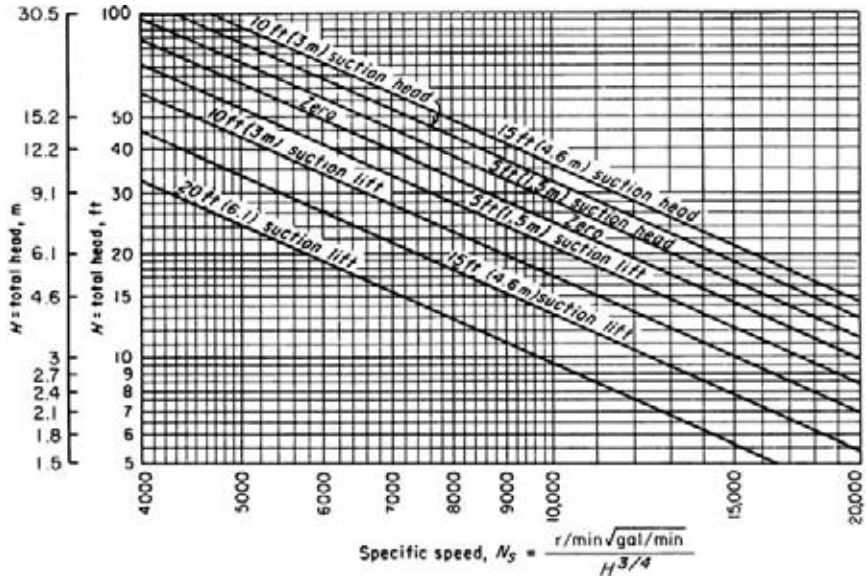
**Calculation Procedure**

**1. Determine the upper limit of specific speed.** Use the Hydraulic Institute upper specific-speed curve, Fig. 1, for centrifugal pumps or a similar curve, Fig. 2, for mixed- and axial-flow pumps. Enter Fig. 1 at the bottom at 280-ft (85.3-m) total head, and project vertically upward until the 10-ft (3-m) suction-lift curve is intersected. From here, project horizontally to the right to read the specific speed  $N_s = 2000$ . Figure 2 is used in a similar manner.

**2. Compute the maximum pump capacity.** For any centrifugal, mixed- or axial-flow pump,  $N_s = (gpm)^{0.5}(rpm)/H_t^{0.75}$ , where  $H_t$  = total head on the pump, ft of liquid. Solving for the maximum capacity, we get  $gpm = (N_s H_t^{0.75}/rpm)^2 = (2000 \times 280^{0.75}/1750)^2 = 6040$  gal/min (381.1 L/s).



**FIGURE 1** Upper limits of specific speeds of single-stage, single- and double-suction centrifugal pumps handling clear water at 85°F (29.4°C) at sea level. (Hydraulic Institute.)



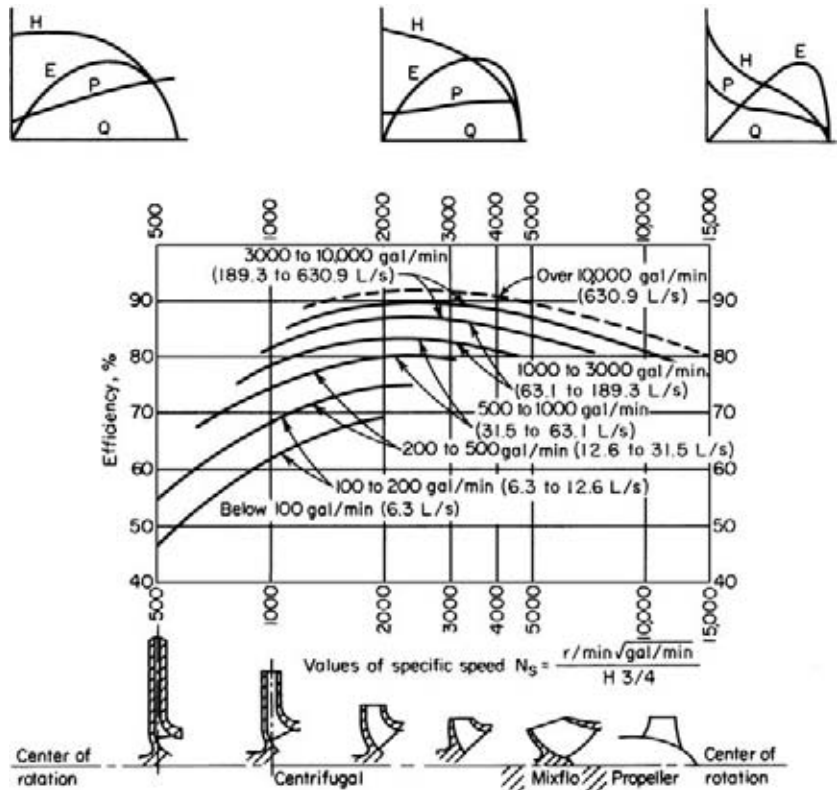
**FIGURE 2** Upper limits of specific speeds of single-suction mixed-flow and axial-flow pumps. (*Hydraulic Institute.*)

**3. Determine the pump efficiency and impeller shape.** Figure 3 shows the general relation between impeller shape, specific speed, pump capacity, efficiency, and characteristic curves. At  $N_s = 2000$ , efficiency = 87 percent. The impeller, as shown in Fig. 3, is moderately short and has a relatively large discharge area. A cross section of the impeller appears directly under the  $N_s = 2000$  ordinate.

**Related Calculations** Use the method given here for any type of pump whose variables are included in the Hydraulic Institute curves, Figs. 1 and 2, and in similar curves available from the same source. *Operating specific speed*, computed as above, is sometimes plotted on the performance curve of a centrifugal pump so that the characteristics of the unit can be better understood. *Type specific speed* is the operating specific speed giving maximum efficiency for a given pump and is a number used to identify a pump. Specific speed is important in cavitation and suction-lift studies. The Hydraulic Institute curves, Figs. 1 and 2, give upper limits of speed, head, capacity and suction lift for cavitation-free operation. When making actual pump analyses, be certain to use the curves (Figs. 1 and 2) in the latest edition of the *Standards of the Hydraulic Institute*.

## SELECTING THE BEST OPERATING SPEED FOR A CENTRIFUGAL PUMP

A single-suction centrifugal pump is driven by a 60-Hz ac motor. The pump delivers 10,000 gal/min (630.9 L/s) of water at a 100-ft (30.5-m) head. The available net positive suction head = 32 ft (9.7 m) of water. What is the best operating speed for this pump if the pump operates at its best efficiency point?



**FIGURE 3** Approximate relative impeller shapes and efficiency variations for various specific speeds of centrifugal pumps. (Worthington Corporation.)

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the specific speed and suction specific speed.** Ac motors can operate at a variety of speeds, depending on the number of poles. Assume that the motor driving this pump might operate at 870, 1160, 1750, or 3500 r/min. Compute the specific speed  $N_s = N(Q)^{0.5}/(H)^{0.75} = N(10,000)^{0.5}/(100)^{0.75} = 3.14N$  and the suction specific speed  $S = N(Q)^{0.5}/(NPSH)^{0.75} = N(10,000)^{0.5}/(32)^{0.75} = 7.43N$  for each of the assumed speeds. Tabulate the results as follows:

Operating speed, r/min	Required specific speed	Required suction specific speed
870	2,740	6,460
1,160	3,640	8,620
1,750	5,500	13,000
3,500	11,000	26,000

**2. Choose the best speed for the pump.** Analyze the specific speed and suction specific speed at each of the various operating speeds, using the data in Tables 1 and 2. These tables show that at 870 and 1160 r/min, the suction specific-speed rating is poor. At 1750 r/min, the suction specific-speed

**TABLE 1** Pump Types Listed by Specific Speed\*

Specific speed range	Type of pump
Below 2,000	Volute, diffuser
2,000–5,000	Turbine
4,000–10,000	Mixed-flow
9,000–15,000	Axial-flow

\*Peerless Pump Division, FMC Corporation.

**TABLE 2** Suction Specific-Speed Ratings\*

Single-suction pump	Double-suction pump	Rating
Above 11,000	Above 14,000	Excellent
9,000–11,000	11,000–14,000	Good
7,000–9,000	9,000–11,000	Average
5,000–7,000	7,000–9,000	Poor
Below 5,000	Below 7,000	Very poor

\*Peerless Pump Division, FMC Corporation.

rating is excellent, and a turbine or mixed-flow type pump will be suitable. Operation at 3500 r/min is unfeasible because a suction specific speed of 26,000 is beyond the range of conventional pumps.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for any type of centrifugal pump handling water for plant services, cooling, process, fire protection, and similar requirements. This procedure is the work of R. P. Horwitz, Hydrodynamics Division, Peerless Pump, FMC Corporation, as reported in *Power* magazine.

## TOTAL HEAD ON A PUMP HANDLING VAPOR-FREE LIQUID

Sketch three typical pump piping arrangements with static suction lift and submerged, free, and varying discharge head. Prepare similar sketches for the same pump with static suction head. Label the various heads. Compute the total head on each pump if the elevations are as shown in Fig. 4 and the pump discharges a maximum of 2000 gal/min (126.2 L/s) of water through 8-in (203.2-mm) schedule 40 pipe. What hp is required to drive the pump? A swing check valve is used on the pump suction line and a gate valve on the discharge line.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Sketch the possible piping arrangements.** Figure 4 shows the six possible piping arrangements for the stated conditions of the installation. Label the total static head, i.e., the vertical distance from the surface of the source of the liquid supply to the free surface of the liquid in the discharge receiver, or to the point of free discharge from the discharge pipe. When both the suction and discharge surfaces are open to the atmosphere, the total static head equals the vertical difference in elevation. Use the free-surface elevations that cause the maximum suction lift and discharge head, i.e., the lowest possible level in the supply tank and the highest possible level in the discharge tank or pipe. When the supply source is below the pump centerline, the vertical distance is called the *static suction lift*; with the supply above the pump centerline, the vertical distance is called *static suction head*. With variable static suction head, use the lowest liquid level in the supply tank when computing total static head. Label the diagrams as shown in Fig. 4.

**2. Compute the total static head on the pump.** The total static head  $H_{ts}$  ft = static suction lift,  $h_{sl}$  ft + static discharge head  $h_{sd}$  ft, where the pump has a suction lift,  $s$  in Fig. 4a, b, and c. In these installations,  $H_{ts} = 10 + 100 = 110$  ft (33.5 m). Note that the static discharge head is computed between the pump centerline and the water level with an underwater discharge, Fig. 4a; to the pipe outlet with a free discharge, Fig. 4b; and to the maximum water level in the discharge tank, Fig. 4c. When a pump is discharging into a closed compression tank, the total discharge head equals the static discharge head plus the head equivalent, ft of liquid, of the internal pressure in the tank, or  $2.31 \times$  tank pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup>.

Where the pump has a static suction head, as in Fig. 4d, e, and f, the total static head  $H_{ts}$  ft =  $h_{sd} -$  static suction head  $h_{sh}$  ft. In these installations,  $H_t = 100 - 15 = 85$  ft (25.9 m).

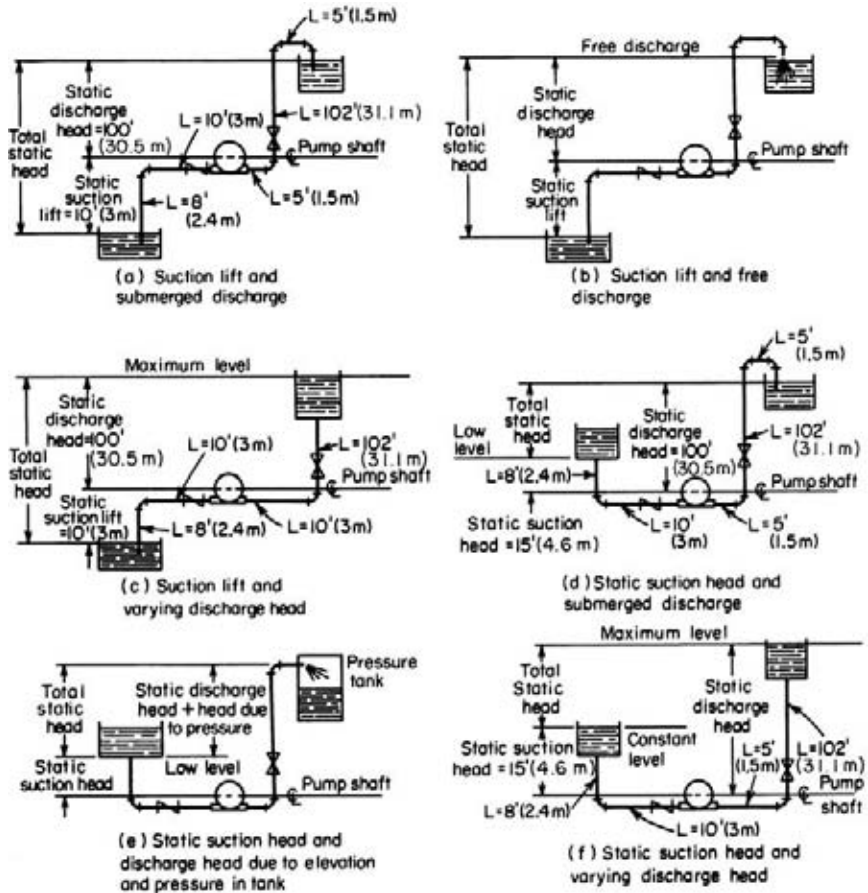


FIGURE 4 Typical pump suction and discharge piping arrangements.

The total static head, as computed above, refers to the head on the pump without liquid flow. To determine the total head on the pump, the friction losses in the piping system during liquid flow must be also determined.

**3. Compute the piping friction losses.** Mark the length of each piece of straight pipe on the piping drawing. Thus, in Fig. 4a, the total length of straight pipe  $L$ , ft = 8 + 10 + 5 + 102 + 5 = 130 ft (39.6 m), if we start at the suction tank and add each length until the discharge tank is reached. To the total length of straight pipe must be added the *equivalent* length of the pipe fittings. In Fig. 4a there are four long-radius elbows, one swing check valve, and one globe valve. In addition, there is a minor head loss at the pipe inlet and at the pipe outlet.

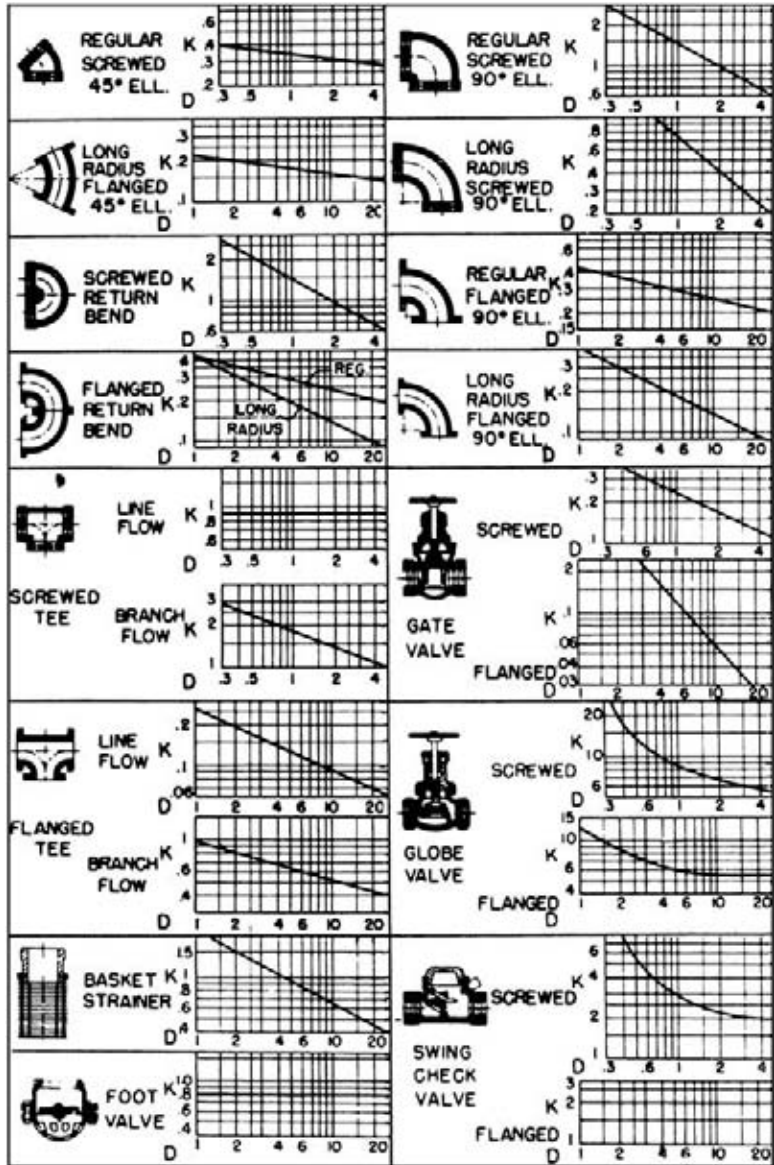
The equivalent length of one 8-in (203.2-mm) long-radius elbow is 14 ft (4.3 m) of pipe, from Table 3. Since the pipe contains four elbows, the total equivalent length = 4(14) = 56 ft (17.1 m) of straight pipe. The open gate valve has an equivalent resistance of 4.5 ft (1.4 m); and the open swing check valve has an equivalent resistance of 53 ft (16.2 m).

The entrance loss  $h_e$ , assuming a basket-type strainer is used at the suction-pipe inlet, is  $h_e$ , ft =  $Kv^2/2g$ , where  $K$  = a constant from Fig. 5;  $v$  = liquid velocity, ft/s;  $g$  = 32.2 ft/s<sup>2</sup> (980.67 cm/s<sup>2</sup>).

**TABLE 3** Resistance of Fittings and Valves (length of straight pipe giving equivalent resistance)

Pipe size	Standard ell		Medium-radius ell		Long-radius ell		45° Ell		Tee		Gate valve, open		Globe valve, open		Swing check, open	
	in	mm	ft	m	ft	m	ft	m	ft	m	ft	m	ft	m	ft	m
6	152.4	16	4.9	14	4.3	11	3.4	10.1	3.5	1.1	160	48.8	40	12.2		
8	203.2	21	6.4	18	5.5	14	4.3	13.1	4.5	1.4	220	67.0	53	16.2		
10	254.0	26	7.9	22	6.7	17	5.2	17.1	5.7	1.7	290	88.4	67	20.4		
12	304.8	32	9.8	26	7.9	20	6.1	20.1	6.7	2.0	340	103.6	80	24.4		





$$h = k \frac{v^2}{2g} \text{ feet of fluid}$$

FIGURE 5 Resistance coefficients of pipe fittings. To convert to SI in the equation for  $h$ ,  $v^2$  would be measured in m/s and feet would be changed to meters. The following values would also be changed from inches to millimeters: 0.3 to 7.6, 0.5 to 12.7, 1 to 25.4, 2 to 50.8, 4 to 101.6, 6 to 152.4, 10 to 254, and 20 to 508. (Hydraulic Institute.)

**TABLE 4** Pipe Friction Loss for Water (wrought-iron or steel schedule 40 pipe in good condition)

Diameter		Flow		Velocity		Velocity head		Friction loss per 100 ft (30.5 m) of pipe	
in	mm	gal/min	L/s	ft/s	m/s	ft water	m water	ft water	m water
6	152.4	1000	63.1	11.1	3.4	1.92	0.59	6.17	1.88
6	152.4	2000	126.2	22.2	6.8	7.67	2.3	23.8	7.25
6	152.4	4000	252.4	44.4	13.5	30.7	9.4	93.1	28.4
8	203.2	1000	63.1	6.41	1.9	0.639	0.195	1.56	0.475
8	203.2	2000	126.2	12.8	3.9	2.56	0.78	5.86	1.786
8	203.2	4000	252.4	25.7	7.8	10.2	3.1	22.6	6.888
10	254.0	1000	63.1	3.93	1.2	0.240	0.07	0.497	0.151
10	254.0	3000	189.3	11.8	3.6	2.16	0.658	4.00	1.219
10	254.0	5000	315.5	19.6	5.9	5.99	1.82	10.8	3.292

The exit loss occurs when the liquid passes through a sudden enlargement, as from a pipe to a tank. Where the area of the tank is large, causing a final velocity that is zero,  $h_{ex} = v^2/2g$ .

The velocity  $v$  ft/s in a pipe =  $gpm/2.448d^2$ . For this pipe,  $v = 2000/[(2.448)(7.98)^2] = 12.82$  ft/s (3.91 m/s). Then  $h_e = 0.74(12.82)^2/[2(32.2)] = 1.89$  ft (0.58 m), and  $h_{ex} = (12.82)^2/[2(32.2)] = 2.56$  ft (0.78 m). Hence, the total length of the piping system in Fig. 4a is  $130 + 56 + 4.5 + 53 + 1.89 + 2.56 = 247.95$  ft (75.6 m), say 248 ft (75.6 m).

Use a suitable head-loss equation, or Table 4, to compute the head loss for the pipe and fittings. Enter Table 4 at an 8-in (203.2-mm) pipe size, and project horizontally across to 2000 gal/min (126.2 L/s) and read the head loss as 5.86 ft of water per 100 ft (1.8 m/30.5 m) of pipe.

The total length of pipe and fittings computed above is 248 ft (75.6 m). Then total friction-head loss with a 2000 gal/min (126.2-L/s) flow is  $H_f$  ft =  $(5.86)(248/100) = 14.53$  ft (4.5 m).

**4. Compute the total head on the pump.** The total head on the pump  $H_t = H_{ts} + H_f$ . For the pump in Fig. 4a,  $H_t = 110 + 14.53 = 124.53$  ft (37.95 m), say 125 ft (38.1 m). The total head on the pump in Fig. 4b and c would be the same. Some engineers term the total head on a pump the *total dynamic head* to distinguish between static head (no-flow vertical head) and operating head (rated flow through the pump).

The total head on the pumps in Fig. 4d, c, and f is computed in the same way as described above, except that the total static head is less because the pump has a static suction head. That is, the elevation of the liquid on the suction side reduces the total distance through which the pump must discharge liquid; thus the total static head is less. The static suction head is *subtracted* from the static discharge head to determine the total static head on the pump.

**5. Compute the horsepower required to drive the pump.** The brake horsepower input to a pump  $bhp_i = (gpm)(H_t)(s)/3960e$ , where  $s$  = specific gravity of the liquid handled;  $e$  = hydraulic efficiency of the pump, expressed as a decimal. The usual hydraulic efficiency of a centrifugal pump is 60 to 80 percent; reciprocating pumps, 55 to 90 percent; rotary pumps, 50 to 90 percent. For each class of pump, the hydraulic efficiency decreases as the liquid viscosity increases.

Assume that the hydraulic efficiency of the pump in this system is 70 percent and the specific gravity of the liquid handled is 1.0. Then  $bhp_i = (2000)(127)(1.0)/(3960)(0.70) = 91.6$  hp (68.4 kW).

The theoretical or *hydraulic horsepower*  $hp_h = (gpm)(H_t)(s)/3960$ , or  $hp_h = (2000) \times (127)(1.0)/3960 = 64.1$  hp (47.8 kW).

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for any liquid—water, oil, chemical, sludge, etc.—whose specific gravity is known. When liquids other than water are being pumped, the specific gravity and viscosity of the liquid, as discussed in later calculation procedures, must be taken into consideration. The procedure given here can be used for any class of pump—centrifugal, rotary, or reciprocating.

Note that Fig. 5 can be used to determine the equivalent length of a variety of pipe fittings. To use Fig. 5, simply substitute the appropriate  $K$  value in the relation  $h = Kv^2/2g$ , where  $h$  = equivalent length of straight pipe; other symbols as before.

## PUMP SELECTION FOR ANY PUMPING SYSTEM

Give a step-by-step procedure for choosing the class, type, capacity, drive, and materials for a pump that will be used in an industrial pumping system.

### Calculation Procedure

1. *Sketch the proposed piping layout.* Use a single-line diagram, Fig. 6, of the piping system. Base the sketch on the actual job conditions. Show all the piping, fittings, valves, equipment, and other units in the system. Mark the *actual* and *equivalent* pipe length (see the previous calculation

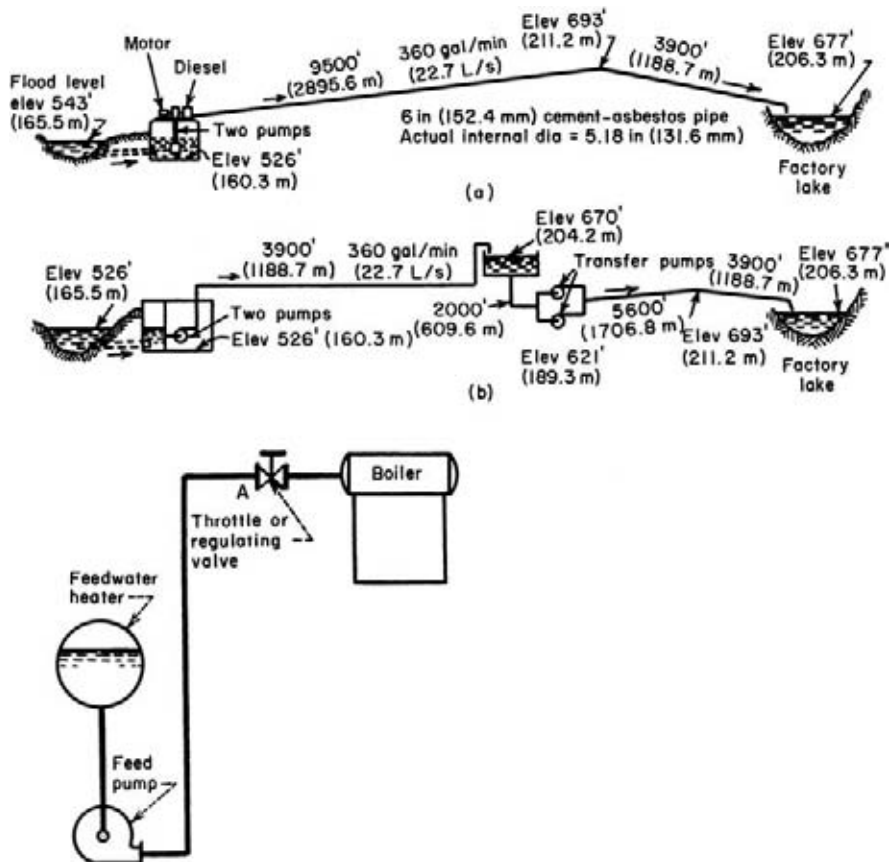


FIGURE 6 (a) Single-line diagrams for an industrial pipeline; (b) single-line diagram of a boiler-feed system. (Worthington Corporation.)

procedure) on the sketch. Be certain to include all vertical lifts, sharp bends, sudden enlargements, storage tanks, and similar equipment in the proposed system.

**2. Determine the required capacity of the pump.** The required capacity is the flow rate that must be handled in gal/min, million gal/day, ft<sup>3</sup>/s, gal/h, bbl/day, lb/h, acre-ft/day, mil/h, or some similar measure. Obtain the required flow rate from the process conditions, for example, boiler feed rate, cooling-water flow rate, chemical feed rate, etc. The required flow rate for any process unit is usually given by the manufacturer or can be computed by using the calculation procedures given throughout this handbook.

Once the required flow rate is determined, apply a suitable factor of safety. The value of this factor of safety can vary from a low of 5 percent of the required flow to a high of 50 percent or more, depending on the application. Typical safety factors are in the 10 percent range. With flow rates up to 1000 gal/min (63.1 L/s), and in the selection of process pumps, it is common practice to round a computed required flow rate to the next highest round-number capacity. Thus, with a required flow rate of 450 gal/min (28.4 L/s) and a 10 percent safety factor, the flow of  $450 + 0.10(450) = 495$  gal/min (31.2 L/s) would be rounded to 500 gal/min (31.6 L/s) *before* the pump was selected. A pump of 500-gal/min (31.6-L/s), or larger, capacity would be selected.

**3. Compute the total head on the pump.** Use the steps given in the previous calculation procedure to compute the total head on the pump. Express the result in ft (m) of water—this is the most common way of expressing the head on a pump. Be certain to use the exact specific gravity of the liquid handled when expressing the head in ft (m) of water. A specific gravity less than 1.00 *reduces* the total head when expressed in ft (m) of water; whereas a specific gravity greater than 1.00 *increases* the total head when expressed in ft (m) of water. Note that variations in the suction and discharge conditions can affect the total head on the pump.

**4. Analyze the liquid conditions.** Obtain complete data on the liquid pumped. These data should include the name and chemical formula of the liquid, maximum and minimum pumping temperature, corresponding vapor pressure at these temperatures, specific gravity, viscosity at the pumping temperature, pH, flash point, ignition temperature, unusual characteristics (such as tendency to foam, curd, crystallize, become gelatinous or tacky), solids content, type of solids and their size, and variation in the chemical analysis of the liquid.

Enter the liquid conditions on a pump selection form like that in Fig. 7. Such forms are available from many pump manufacturers or can be prepared to meet special job conditions.

**5. Select the class and type of pump.** Three *classes* of pumps are used today—centrifugal, rotary, and reciprocating, Fig. 8. Note that these terms apply only to the mechanics of moving the liquid—not to the service for which the pump was designed. Each class of pump is further subdivided into a number of *types*, Fig. 8.

Use Table 5 as a general guide to the class and type of pump to be used. For example, when a large capacity at moderate pressure is required, Table 5 shows that a centrifugal pump would probably be best. Table 5 also shows the typical characteristics of various classes and types of pumps used in industrial process work.

Consider the liquid properties when choosing the class and type of pump, because exceptionally severe conditions may rule out one or another class of pump at the start. Thus, screw- and gear-type rotary pumps are suitable for handling viscous, nonabrasive liquid, Table 5. When an abrasive liquid must be handled, either another class of pump or another type of rotary pump must be used.

Also consider all the operating factors related to the particular pump. These factors include the type of service (continuous or intermittent), operating-speed preferences, future load expected and its effect on pump head and capacity, maintenance facilities available, possibility of parallel or series hookup, and other conditions peculiar to a given job.

Once the class and type of pump are selected, consult a rating table (Table 6) or rating chart, Fig. 9, to determine whether a suitable pump is available from the manufacturer whose unit will be used. When the hydraulic requirements fall between two standard pump models, it is usual practice to choose the next larger size of pump, unless there is some reason why an exact head and capacity are

**Summary of Essential Data Required in Selection of Centrifugal Pumps**

1. **Number of Units Required**
2. **Nature of the Liquid to Be Pumped**  
Is the liquid:
  - a. Fresh or salt water, acid or alkali, oil, gasoline, slurry, or paper stock?
  - b. Cold or hot and if hot, at what temperature? What is the vapor pressure of the liquid at the pumping temperature?
  - c. What is its specific gravity?
  - d. Is it viscous or nonviscous?
  - e. Clear and free from suspended foreign matter or dirty and gritty? If the latter, what is the size and nature of the solids, and are they abrasive? If the liquid is of a pulpy nature, what is the consistency expressed either in percentage or in lb per cu ft of liquid? What is the suspended material?
  - f. What is the chemical analysis, pH value, etc.? What are the expected variations of this analysis? If corrosive, what has been the past experience, both with successful materials and with unsatisfactory materials?
3. **Capacity**  
What is the required capacity as well as the minimum and maximum amount of liquid the pump will ever be called upon to deliver?
4. **Suction Conditions**  
Is there:
  - a. A suction lift?
  - b. Or a suction head?
  - c. What are the length and diameter of the suction pipe?
5. **Discharge Conditions**
  - a. What is the static head? Is it constant or variable?
  - b. What is the friction head?
  - c. What is the maximum discharge pressure against which the pump must deliver the liquid?
6. **Total Head**  
Variations in items 4 and 5 will cause variations in the total head.
7. Is the service continuous or intermittent?
8. Is the pump to be installed in a horizontal or vertical position? If the latter,
  - a. In a wet pit?
  - b. In a dry pit?
9. What type of power is available to drive the pump and what are the characteristics of this power?
10. What space, weight, or transportation limitations are involved?
11. **Location of installation**
  - a. Geographical location
  - b. Elevation above sea level
  - c. Indoor or outdoor installation
  - d. Range of ambient temperatures
12. Are there any special requirements or marked preferences with respect to the design, construction, or performance of the pump?

**FIGURE 7** Typical selection chart for centrifugal pumps. (Worthington Corporation.)

required for the unit. When one manufacturer does not have the desired unit, refer to the engineering data of other manufacturers. Also keep in mind that some pumps are custom-built for a given job when precise head and capacity requirements must be met.

Other pump data included in manufacturer's engineering information include characteristic curves for various diameter impellers in the same casing, Fig. 10, and variable-speed head-capacity curves for an impeller of given diameter, Fig. 11. Note that the required power input is given in Figs. 9 and 10 and may also be given in Fig. 11. Use of Table 6 is explained in the table.

Performance data for rotary pumps are given in several forms. Figure 12 shows a typical plot of the head and capacity ranges of different types of rotary pumps. Reciprocating-pump capacity data are often tabulated, as in Table 7.

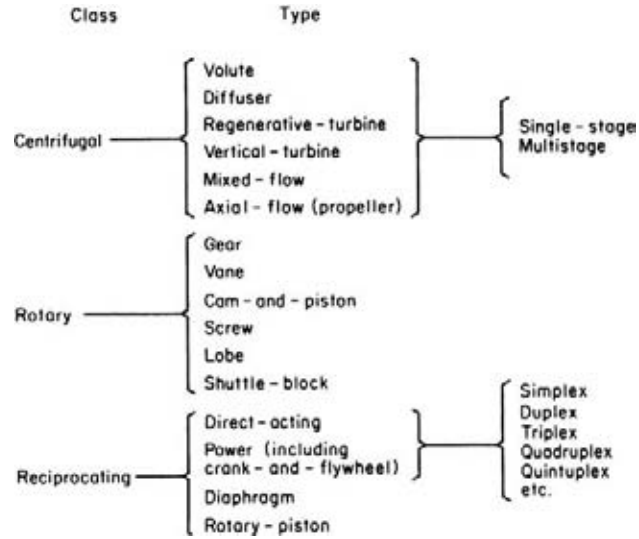


FIGURE 8 Modern pump classes and types.

TABLE 5 Characteristics of Modern Pumps

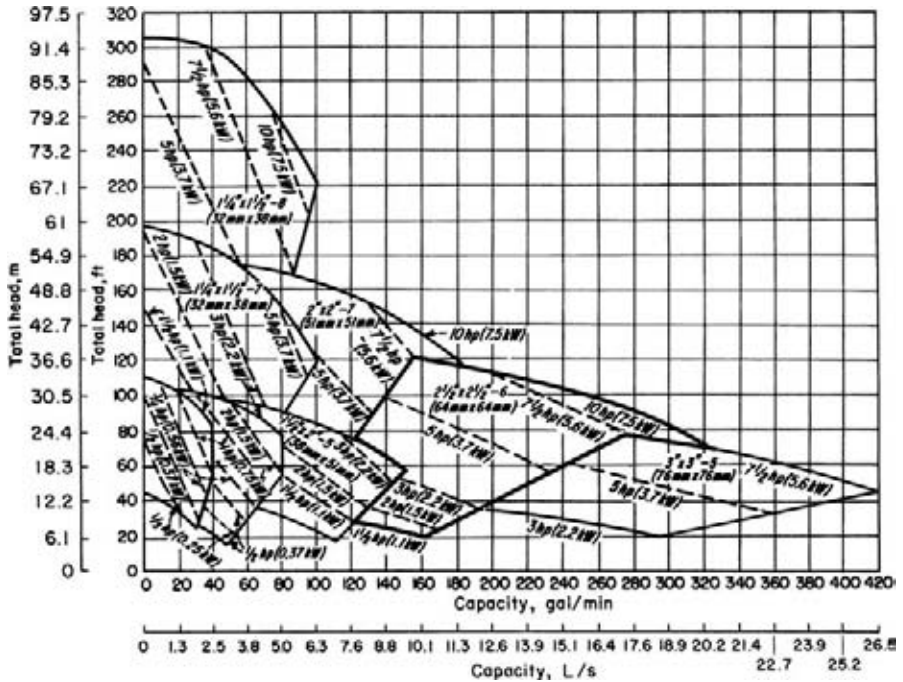
	Centrifugal		Rotary	Reciprocating		
	Volute and diffuser	Axial flow	Screw and gear	Direct acting steam	Double acting power	Triplex
Discharge flow	Steady	Steady	Steady	Pulsating	Pulsating	Pulsating
Usual maximum suction lift, ft (m)	15 (4.6)	15 (4.6)	22 (6.7)	22 (6.7)	22 (6.7)	22 (6.7)
Liquids handled	Clean, clear; dirty, abrasive; liquids with high solids content		Viscous; non-abrasive	Clean and clear		
Discharge pressure range	Low to high		Medium	Low to highest produced		
Usual capacity range	Small to largest available		Small to medium	Relatively small		
How increased head affects:						
Capacity	Decrease		None	Decrease	None	None
Power input	Depends on specific speed		Increase	Increase	Increase	Increase
How decreased head affects:						
Capacity	Increase		None	Small increase	None	None
Power input	Depends on specific speed		Decrease	Decrease	Decrease	Decrease

**TABLE 6** Typical Centrifugal-Pump Rating Table

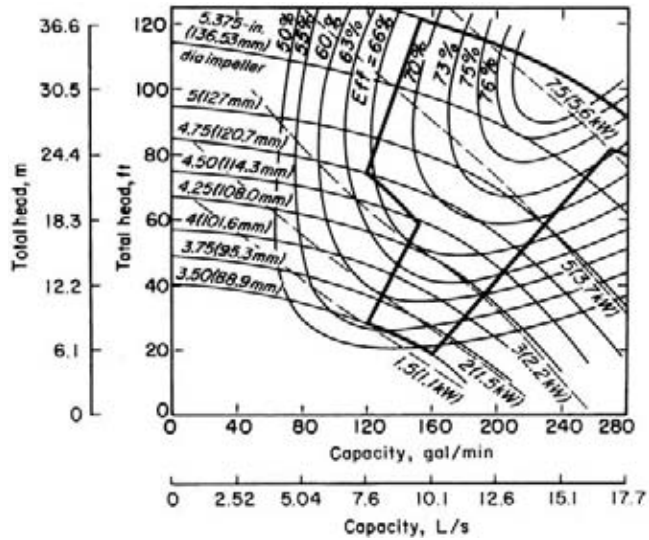
Size		Total head			
		20 ft, r/min—hp	6.1 m, r/min—kW	25 ft, r/min—hp	7.6 m, r/min—kW
gal/min	L/s				
3 CL:					
200	12.6	910—1.3	910—0.97	1010—1.6	1010—1.19
300	18.9	1000—1.9	1000—1.41	1100—2.4	1100—1.79
400	25.2	1200—3.1	1200—2.31	1230—3.7	1230—2.76
500	31.5	—	—	—	—
4 C:					
400	25.2	940—2.4	940—1.79	1040—3	1040—2.24
600	37.9	1080—4	1080—2.98	1170—4.6	1170—3.43
800	50.5	—	—	—	—

Example: 1080—4 indicates pump speed is 1080 r/min; actual input required to operate the pump is 4 hp (2.98 kW).

Source: Condensed from data of Goulds Pumps, Inc.; SI values added by handbook editor.



**FIGURE 9** Composite rating chart for a typical centrifugal pump. (Goulds Pumps, Inc.)



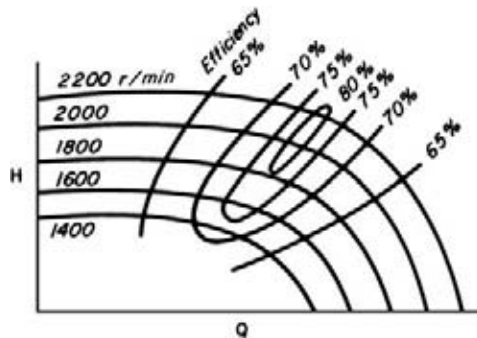
**FIGURE 10** Pump characteristics when impeller diameter is varied within the same casing.

**6. Evaluate the pump chosen for the installation.** Check the specific speed of a centrifugal pump, using the method given in an earlier calculation procedure. Once the specific speed is known, the impeller type and approximate operating efficiency can be found from Fig. 3.

Check the piping system, using the method of an earlier calculation procedure, to see whether the available net positive suction head equals, or is greater than, the required net positive suction head of the pump.

Determine whether a vertical or horizontal pump is more desirable. From the standpoint of floor space occupied, required NPSH, priming, and flexibility in changing the pump use, vertical pumps may be preferable to horizontal designs in some installations. But where headroom, corrosion, abrasion, and ease of maintenance are important factors, horizontal pumps may be preferable.

As a general guide, single-suction centrifugal pumps handle up to 50 gal/min (3.2 L/s) at total heads up to 50 ft (15.2 m); either single- or double-suction pumps are used for the flow rates to 1000 gal/min (63.1 L/s) and total heads to 300 ft (91.4 m); beyond these capacities and heads, double-suction or multistage pumps are generally used.



**FIGURE 11** Variable-speed head-capacity curves for a centrifugal pump.



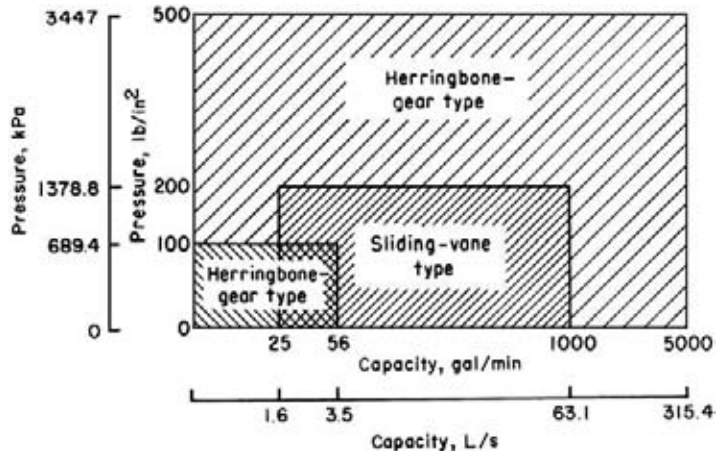


FIGURE 12 Capacity ranges of some rotary pumps. (Worthington Corporation.)

Mechanical seals are becoming more popular for all types of centrifugal pumps in a variety of services. Although they are more costly than packing, the mechanical seal reduces pump maintenance costs.

**Related Calculations** Use the procedure given here to select any class of pump—centrifugal, rotary, or reciprocating—for any type of service—power plant, atomic energy, petroleum processing, chemical manufacture, paper mills, textile mills, rubber factories, food processing, water supply, sewage and sump service, air conditioning and heating, irrigation and flood control, mining and construction, marine services, industrial hydraulics, iron and steel manufacture.

TABLE 7 Capacities of Typical Horizontal Duplex Plunger Pumps

Size		Cold-water pressure service					
		Boiler		Piston speed			
in	cm	gal/min	L/s	hp	kW	ft/min	m/min
6 × 3½ × 6	15.2 × 8.9 × 15.2	60	3.8	475	354.4	60	18.3
7½ × 4½ × 10	19.1 × 11.4 × 25.4	124	7.8	975	727.4	75	22.9
9 × 5 × 10	22.9 × 12.7 × 25.4	153	9.7	1210	902.7	75	22.9
10 × 6 × 12	25.4 × 15.2 × 30.5	235	14.8	1860	1387.6	80	24.4
12 × 7 × 12	30.5 × 17.8 × 30.5	320	20.2	2530	1887.4	80	24.4

Size		Boiler-feed service					
		Boiler		Piston speed			
in	cm	gal/min	L/s	hp	kW	ft/min	m/min
6 × 3½ × 6	15.2 × 8.9 × 15.2	36	2.3	475	354.4	36	10.9
7½ × 4½ × 10	19.1 × 11.4 × 25.4	74	4.7	975	727.4	45	13.7
9 × 5 × 10	22.9 × 12.7 × 25.4	92	5.8	1210	902.7	45	13.7
10 × 6 × 12	25.4 × 15.2 × 30.5	141	8.9	1860	1387.6	48	14.6
12 × 7 × 12	30.5 × 17.8 × 30.5	192	12.1	2530	1887.4	48	14.6

Source: Courtesy of Worthington Corporation.

## ANALYSIS OF PUMP AND SYSTEM CHARACTERISTIC CURVES

Analyze a set of pump and system characteristic curves for the following conditions: friction losses without static head; friction losses with static head; pump without lift; system with little friction, much static head; system with gravity head; system with different pipe sizes; system with two discharge heads; system with diverted flow; and effect of pump wear on characteristic curve.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Plot the system-friction curve.** Without static head, the system-friction curve passes through the origin (0,0), Fig. 13, because when no head is developed by the pump, flow through the piping is zero.

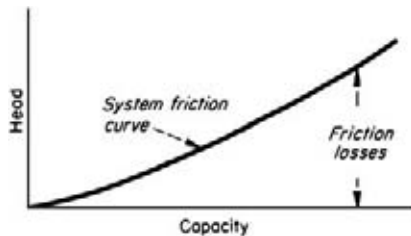


FIGURE 13 Typical system-friction curve.

For most piping systems, the friction-head loss varies as the square of the liquid flow rate in the system. Hence, a system-friction curve, also called a friction-head curve, is parabolic—the friction head increases as the flow rate or capacity of the system increases. Draw the curve as shown in Fig. 13.

**2. Plot the piping system and system-head curve.** Figure 14a shows a typical piping system with a pump operating against a static discharge head. Indicate the total static head, Fig. 14b, by a dashed line—in this installation  $H_{ts} = 110$  ft. Since static head is a physical dimension, it does not vary with

flow rate and is a constant for all flow rates. Draw the dashed line parallel to the abscissa, Fig. 14b.

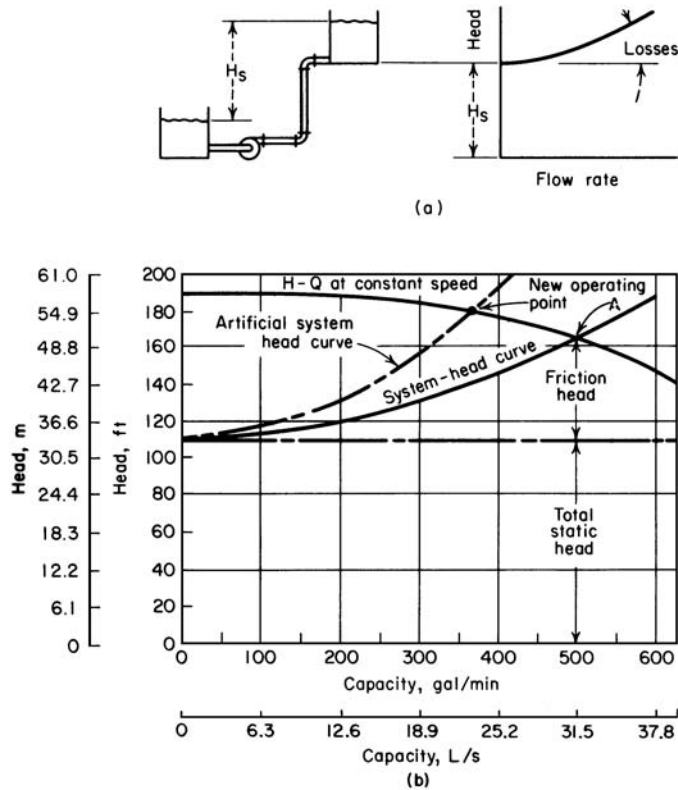
From the point of no flow—zero capacity—plot the friction-head loss at various flow rates—100, 200, 300 gal/min (6.3, 12.6, 18.9 L/s), etc. Determine the friction-head loss by computing it as shown in an earlier calculation procedure. Draw a curve through the points obtained. This is called the *system-head curve*.

Plot the pump head-capacity ( $H-Q$ ) curve of the pump on Fig. 14b. The  $H-Q$  curve can be obtained from the pump manufacturer or from a tabulation of  $H$  and  $Q$  values for the pump being considered. The point of intersection  $A$  between the  $H-Q$  and system-head curves is the operating point of the pump.

Changing the resistance of a given piping system by partially closing a valve or making some other change in the friction alters the position of the system-head curve and pump operating point. Compute the frictional resistance as before, and plot the artificial system-head curve as shown. Where this curve intersects the  $H-Q$  curve is the new operating point of the pump. System-head curves are valuable for analyzing the suitability of a given pump for a particular application.

**3. Plot the no-lift system-head curve and compute the losses.** With no static head or lift, the system-head curve passes through the origin (0,0), Fig. 15. For a flow of 900 gal/min (56.8 L/s) in this system, compute the friction loss as follows, using the Hydraulic Institute *Pipe Friction Manual* tables or the method of earlier calculation procedures:

	ft	m
Entrance loss from tank into 10-in (254-mm) suction pipe, $0.5v^2/2g$	0.10	0.03
Friction loss in 2 ft (0.61 m) of suction pipe	0.02	0.01
Loss in 10-in (254-mm) 90° elbow at pump	0.20	0.06
Friction loss in 3000 ft (914.4 m) of 8-in (203.2-mm) discharge pipe	74.50	22.71
Loss in fully open 8-in (203.2-mm) gate valve	0.12	0.04
Exit loss from 8-in (203.2-mm) pipe into tank, $v^2/2g$	0.52	0.16
Total friction loss	75.46	23.01



**FIGURE 14** (a) Significant friction loss and lift; (b) system-head curve superimposed on pump head-capacity curve. (*Peerless Pumps*.)

Compute the friction loss at other flow rates in a similar manner, and plot the system-head curve, Fig. 15. Note that if all losses in this system except the friction in the discharge pipe were ignored, the total head would not change appreciably. However, for the purposes of accuracy, all losses should always be computed.

**4. Plot the low-friction, high-head system-head curve.** The system-head curve for the vertical pump installation in Fig. 16 starts at the total static head, 15 ft (4.6 m), and zero flow. Compute the friction head for 15,000 gal/min as follows:

	ft	m
Friction in 20 ft (6.1 m) of 24-in (609.6-mm) pipe	0.40	0.12
Exit loss from 24-in (609.6-mm) pipe into tank, $v^2/2g$	1.60	0.49
Total friction loss	2.00	0.61

Hence, almost 90 percent of the total head of  $15 + 2 = 17$  ft (5.2 m) at 15,000-gal/min (946.4-L/s) flow is static head. But neglect of the pipe friction and exit losses could cause appreciable error during selection of a pump for the job.

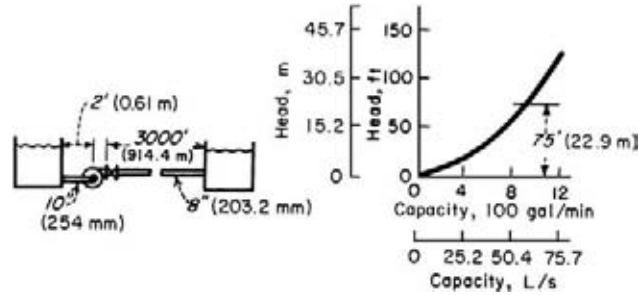


FIGURE 15 No lift; all friction head. (Peerless Pumps.)

5. **Plot the gravity-head system-head curve.** In a system with gravity head (also called negative lift), fluid flow will continue until the system friction loss equals the available gravity head. In Fig. 17 the available gravity head is 50 ft (15.2 m). Flows up to 7200 gal/min (454.3 L/s) are obtained by gravity head alone. To obtain larger flow rates, a pump is needed to overcome the friction in the piping between the tanks. Compute the friction loss for several flow rates as follows:

	ft	m
At 5000 gal/min (315.5 L/s) friction loss in 1000 ft (305 m) of 16-in (406.4-mm) pipe	25	7.6
At 7200 gal/min (454.3 L/s), friction loss = available gravity head	50	15.2
At 13,000 gal/min (820.2 L/s), friction loss	150	45.7

Using these three flow rates, plot the system-head curve, Fig. 17.

6. **Plot the system-head curves for different pipe sizes.** When different diameter pipes are used, the friction loss vs. flow rate is plotted independently for the two pipe sizes. At a given flow rate, the

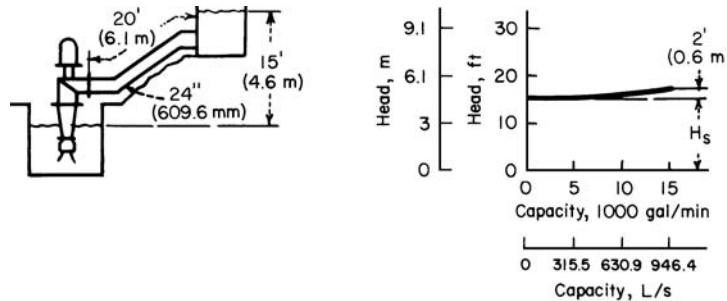


FIGURE 16 Mostly lift; little friction head. (Peerless Pumps.)

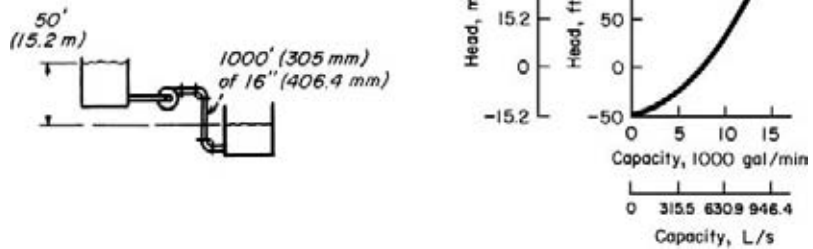


FIGURE 17 Negative lift (gravity head). (Peerless Pumps.)

total friction loss for the system is the sum of the loss for the two pipes. Thus, the combined system-head curve represents the sum of the static head and the friction losses for all portions of the pipe.

Figure 18 shows a system with two different pipe sizes. Compute the friction losses as follows:

	ft	m
At 150 gal/min (9.5 L/s), friction loss in 200 ft (60.9 m) of 4-in (102-mm) pipe	5	1.52
At 150 gal/min (9.5 L/s), friction loss in 200 ft (60.9 m) of 3-in (76.2-mm) pipe	19	5.79
Total static head for 3- (76.2-) and 4-in (102-mm) pipes	10	3.05
Total head at 150-gal/min (9.5-L/s) flow	34	10.36

Compute the total head at other flow rates, and then plot the system-head curve as shown in Fig. 18.

7. Plot the system-head curve for two discharge heads. Figure 19 shows a typical pumping system having two different discharge heads. Plot separate system-head curves when the discharge heads are different. Add the flow rates for the two pipes at the same head to find points on the combined system-head curve, Fig. 19. Thus,

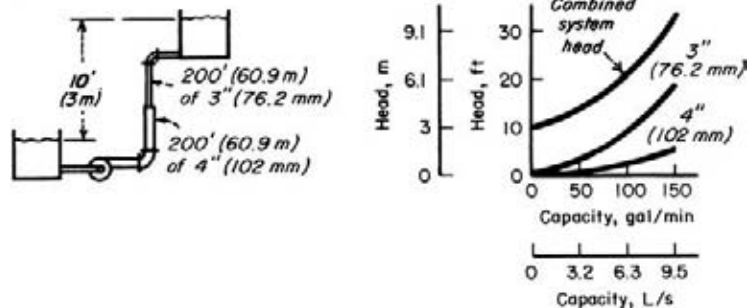


FIGURE 18 System with two different pipe sizes. (Peerless Pumps.)

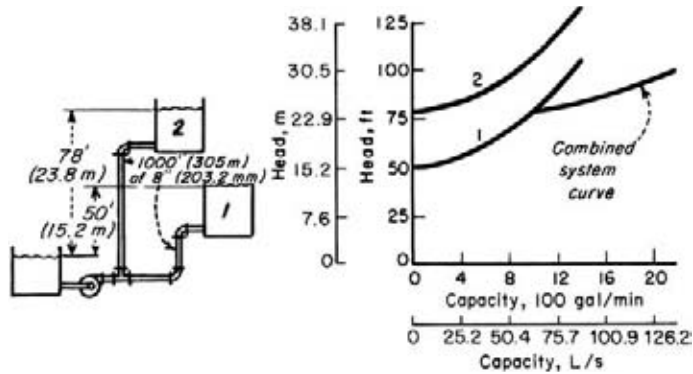


FIGURE 19 System with two different discharge heads. (Peerless Pumps.)

	ft	m
At 550 gal/min (34.7 L/s), friction loss in 1000 ft (305 m) of 8-in (203.2-mm) pipe	10	3.05
At 1150 gal/min (72.6 L/s), friction	38	11.6
At 1150 gal/min (72.6 L/s), friction + lift in pipe 1	88	26.8
At 550 gal/min (34.7 L/s), friction + lift in pipe 2	88	26.8

The flow rate for the combined system at a head of 88 ft (26.8 m) is 1150 + 550 = 1700 gal/min (107.3 L/s). To produce a flow of 1700 gal/min (107.3 L/s) through this system, a pump capable of developing an 88-ft (26.8-m) head is required.

**8. Plot the system-head curve for diverted flow.** To analyze a system with diverted flow, assume that a constant quantity of liquid is tapped off at the intermediate point. Plot the friction loss vs. flow rate in the normal manner for pipe 1, Fig. 20. Move the curve for pipe 3 to zero head by an amount equal to  $Q_2$ , since this represents the quantity passing through pipes 1 and 2 but not through pipe 3. Plot the combined system-head curve by adding, at a given flow rate, the head losses for pipes 1 and 3. With  $Q = 300$  gal/min (18.9 L/s), pipe 1 = 500 ft (152.4 m) of 10-in (254-mm) pipe, and pipe 3 = 50 ft (15.2 mm) of 6-in (152.4-mm) pipe.

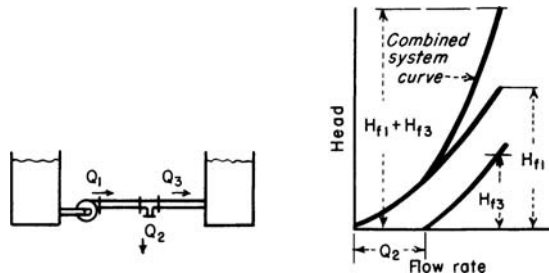


FIGURE 20 Part of the fluid flow is diverted from the main pipe. (Peerless Pumps.)

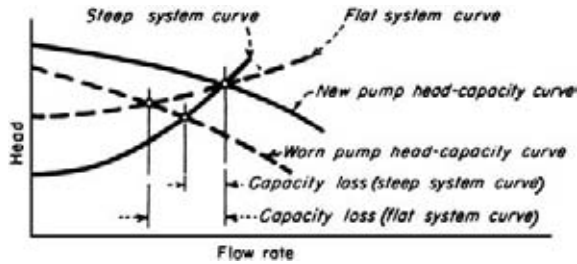


FIGURE 21 Effect of pump wear on pump capacity. (Peerless Pumps.)

	ft	m
At 1500 gal/min (94.6 L/s) through pipe 1, friction loss	11	3.35
Friction loss for pipe 3 (1500 – 300 = 1200 gal/min) (75.7 L/s)	8	2.44
Total friction loss at 1500-gal/min (94.6-L/s) delivery	19	5.79

**9. Plot the effect of pump wear.** When a pump wears, there is a loss in capacity and efficiency. The amount of loss depends, however, on the shape of the system-head curve. For a centrifugal pump, Fig. 21, the capacity loss is greater for a given amount of wear if the system-head curve is flat, as compared with a steep system-head curve.

Determine the capacity loss for a worn pump by plotting its  $H-Q$  curve. Find this curve by testing the pump at different capacities and plotting the corresponding head. On the same chart, plot the  $H-Q$  curve for a new pump of the same size, Fig. 21. Plot the system-head curve, and determine the capacity loss as shown in Fig. 21.

**Related Calculations** Use the techniques given here for any type of pump—centrifugal, reciprocating, or rotary—handling any type of liquid—oil, water, chemicals, etc. The methods given here are the work of Melvin Mann, as reported in *Chemical Engineering*, and Peerless Pump Division of FMC Corp.

## NET POSITIVE SUCTION HEAD FOR HOT-LIQUID PUMPS

What is the maximum capacity of a double-suction condensate pump operating at 1750 r/min if it handles 100°F (37.8°C) water from a hot well in a condenser having an absolute pressure of 2.0 in (50.8 mm) Hg if the pump centerline is 10 ft (30.5 m) below the hot-well liquid level and the friction-head loss in the suction piping and fitting is 5 ft (1.52 m) of water?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the net positive suction head on the pump.** The net positive suction head  $h_n$  on a pump when the liquid supply is above the pump inlet = pressure on liquid surface + static suction head – friction-head loss in suction piping and pump inlet – vapor pressure of the liquid, all expressed in ft absolute of liquid handled. When the liquid supply is below the pump centerline—i.e., there is a static suction lift—the vertical distance of the lift is subtracted from the pressure on the liquid surface instead of added as in the above relation.

The density of 100°F (37.8°C) water is 62.0 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (992.6 kg/m<sup>3</sup>), computed as shown in earlier calculation procedures in this handbook. The pressure on the liquid surface, in absolute ft of liquid = (2.0 inHg)(1.133)(62.4/62.0) = 2.24 ft (0.68 m). In this calculation, 1.133 = ft of 39.2°F (4°C) water = 1 inHg; 62.4 = lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (999.0 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) of 39.2°F (4°C) water. The temperature of 39.2°F (4°C) is used because at this temperature water has its maximum density. Thus, to convert inHg to ft absolute of water, find the product of (inHg)(1.133)(water density at 39.2°F)/(water density at operating temperature). Express both density values in the same unit, usually lb/ft<sup>3</sup>.

The static suction head is a physical dimension that is measured in ft (m) of liquid at the operating temperature. In this installation,  $h_{sh} = 10$  ft (3 m) absolute.

The friction-head loss is 5 ft (1.52 m) of water. When it is computed by using the methods of earlier calculation procedures, this head loss is in ft (m) of water at maximum density. To convert to ft absolute, multiply by the ratio of water densities at 39.2°F (4°C) and the operating temperature, or (5)(62.4/62.0) = 5.03 ft (1.53 m).

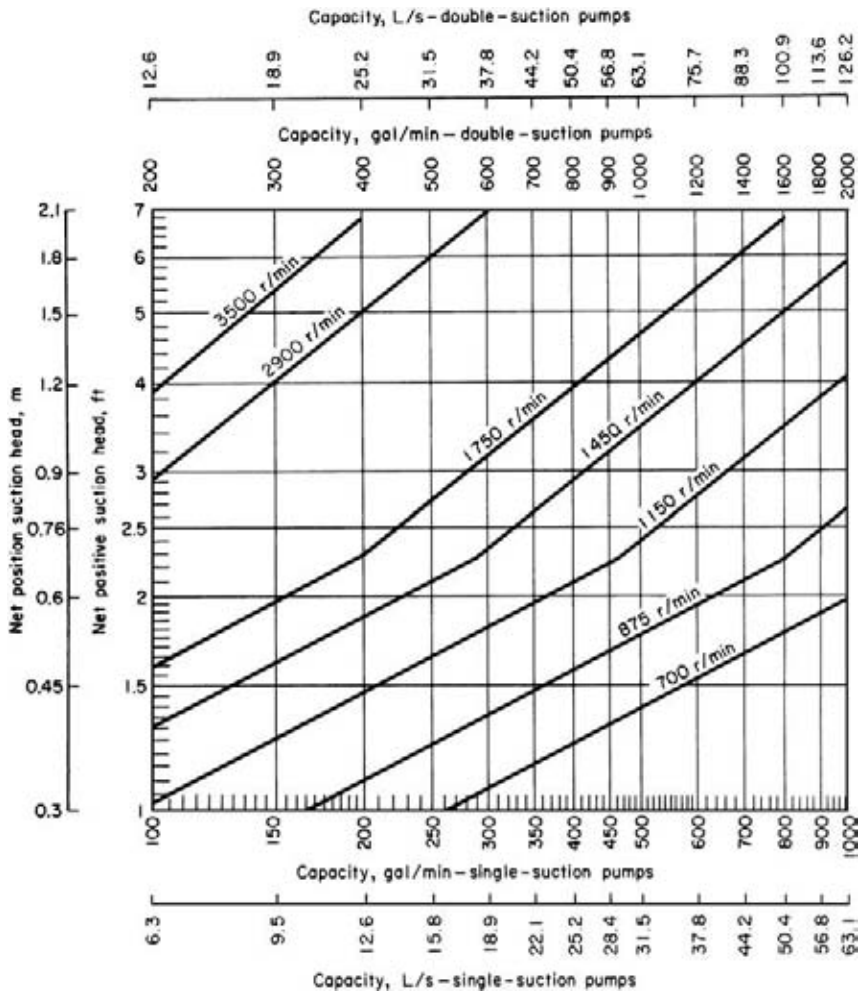


FIGURE 22 Capacity and speed limitations of condensate pumps with the shaft through the impeller eye. (Hydraulic Institute.)



The vapor pressure of water at 100°F (37.8°C) is 0.949 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (6.5 kPa) from the steam tables. Convert any vapor pressure to ft absolute by finding the result of [vapor pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs)] (144 in<sup>2</sup>/ft<sup>2</sup>)/liquid density at operating temperature, or (0.949)(144)/62.0 = 2.204 ft (0.67 m) absolute.

With all the heads known, the net positive suction head is  $h_n = 2.24 + 10 - 5.03 - 2.204 = 5.01$  ft (1.53 m) absolute.

**2. Determine the capacity of the condensate pump.** Use the Hydraulic Institute curve, Fig. 22, to determine the maximum capacity of the pump. Enter at the left of Fig. 22 at a net positive suction head of 5.01 ft (1.53 m), and project horizontally to the right until the 3500-r/min curve is intersected. At the top, read the capacity as 278 gal/min (17.5 L/s).

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for any condensate or boiler-feed pump handling water at an elevated temperature. Consult the *Standards of the Hydraulic Institute* for capacity curves of pumps having different types of construction. In general, pump manufacturers who are members of the Hydraulic Institute rate their pumps in accordance with the *Standards*, and a pump chosen from a catalog capacity table or curve will deliver the stated capacity. A similar procedure is used for computing the capacity of pumps handling volatile petroleum liquids. When you use this procedure, be certain to refer to the latest edition of the *Standards*.

## CONDENSATE PUMP SELECTION FOR A STEAM POWER PLANT

Select the capacity for a condensate pump serving a steam power plant having a 140,000 lb/h (63,000 kg/h) exhaust flow to a condenser that operates at an absolute pressure of 1.0 in (25.4 mm) Hg. The condensate pump discharges through 4-in (101.6-mm) schedule 40 pipe to an air-ejector condenser that has a frictional resistance of 8 ft (2.4 m) of water. From here, the condensate flows to and through a low-pressure heater that has a frictional resistance of 12 ft (3.7 m) of water and is vented to the atmosphere. The total equivalent length of the discharge piping, including all fittings and bends, is 400 ft (121.9 m), and the suction piping total equivalent length is 50 ft (15.2 m). The inlet of the low pressure heater is 75 ft (22.9 m) above the pump centerline, and the condenser hot-well water level is 10 ft (3 m) above the pump centerline. How much power is required to drive the pump if its efficiency is 70 percent?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the static head on the pump.** Sketch the piping system as shown in Fig. 23. Mark the static elevations and equivalent lengths as indicated.

The total head on the pump  $H_t = H_{ts} + H_f$ , where the symbols are the same as in earlier calculation procedures. The total static head  $H_{ts} = h_{sd} - h_{sh}$ . In this installation,  $h_{sd} = 75$  ft (22.9 m). To make the calculation simpler, convert all the heads to absolute values. Since the heater is vented to the atmosphere, the pressure acting on the surface of the water in it = 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.3 kPa), or 34 ft (10.4 m) of water. The pressure acting on the condensate in the hot well is 1 in (25.4 mm) Hg = 1.133 ft (0.35 m) of water. [An absolute pressure of 1 in (25.4 mm) Hg = 1.133 ft (0.35 m) of water.] Thus, the absolute discharge static head = 75 + 34 = 109 ft (33.2 m), whereas the absolute suction head = 10 + 1.13 = 11.13 ft (3.39 m). Then  $H_{ts} = h_{hd} - h_{sh} = 109.00 - 11.13 = 97.87$  ft (29.8 m), say 98 ft (29.9 m) of water.

**2. Compute the friction head in the piping system.** The total friction head  $H_f =$  pipe friction + heater friction. The pipe friction loss is found first, as shown below. The heater friction loss, obtained from the manufacturer or engineering data, is then added to the pipe-friction loss. Both must be expressed in ft (m) of water.

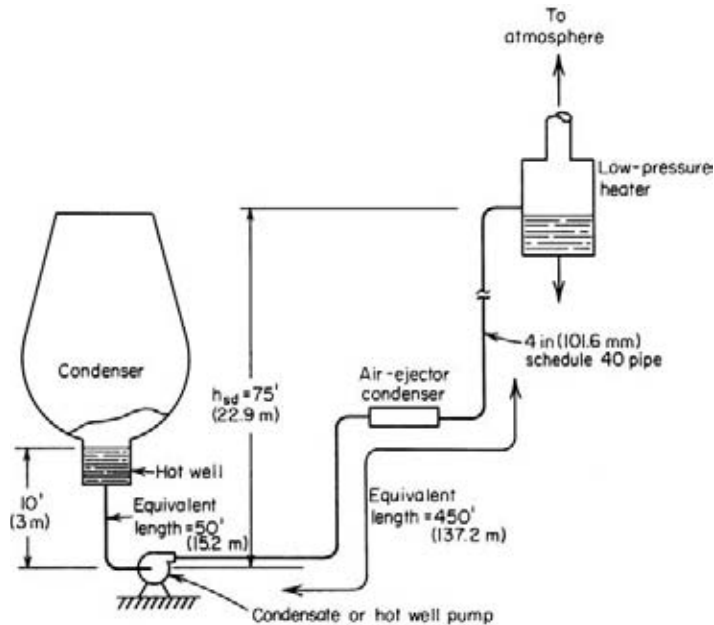


FIGURE 23 Condensate pump serving a steam power plant.

To determine the pipe friction, use Fig. 24 of this section and Table 22 and Fig. 13 of the *Piping* section of this handbook in the following manner. Find the product of the liquid velocity, ft/s, and the pipe internal diameter, in, or  $vd$ . With an exhaust flow of 140,000 lb/h (63,636 kg/h) to the condenser, the condensate flow is the same, or 140,000 lb/h (63,636 kg/h) at a temperature of 79.03°F (21.6°C), corresponding to an absolute pressure in the condenser of 1 in (25.4 mm) Hg, obtained from the steam tables. The specific volume of the saturated liquid at this temperature and pressure is 0.01608 ft<sup>3</sup>/lb (0.001 m<sup>3</sup>/kg). Since 1 gal (0.26 L) of liquid occupies 0.13368 ft<sup>3</sup> (0.004 m<sup>3</sup>), specific volume, gal/lb, is (0.01608/0.13368) = 0.1202 (1.01 L/kg). Therefore, a flow of 140,000 lb/h (63,636 kg/h) = a flow of (140,000)(0.1202) = 16,840 gal/h (63,739.4 L/h), or 16,840/60 = 281 gal/min (17.7 L/s). Then the liquid velocity  $v = gpm/2.448d^2 = 281/2.448(4.026)^2 = 7.1$  ft/s (2.1 m/s), and the product  $vd = (7.1)(4.026) = 28.55$ .

Enter Fig. 24 at a temperature of 79°F (26.1°C), and project vertically upward to the water curve. From the intersection, project horizontally to the right to  $vd = 28.55$  and then vertically upward to read  $R = 250,000$ . Using Table 22 and Fig. 13 of the *Piping* section and  $R = 250,000$ , find the friction factor  $f = 0.0185$ . Then the head loss due to pipe friction  $H_f = (L/D)(v^2/2g) = 0.0185 (450/4.026/12)/[(7.1)^2/2(32.2)] = 19.18$  ft (5.9 m). In this computation,  $L$  = total equivalent length of the pipe, pipe fittings, and system valves, or 450 ft (137.2 m).

**3. Compute the other head losses in the system.** There are two other head losses in this piping system: the entrance loss at the square-edged hot-well pipe leading to the pump and the sudden enlargement in the low-pressure heater. The velocity head  $v^2/2g = (7.1)^2/2(32.2) = 0.784$  ft (0.24 m). Using  $k$  values from Fig. 5 in this section,  $h_e = kv^2/2g = (0.5)(0.784) = 0.392$  ft (0.12 m);  $h_{ex} = v^2/2g = 0.784$  ft (0.24 m).

**4. Find the total head on the pump.** The total head on the pump  $H_t = H_{ts} + H_f = 97.87 + 19.18 + 8 + 12 + 0.392 + 0.784 = 138.226$  ft (42.1 m), say 140 ft (42.7 m) of water. In this calculation, the 8- (2.4-m) and 12-ft (3.7-m) head losses are those occurring in the heaters. With a 25 percent safety factor, total head = (1.25)(140) = 175 ft (53.3 m).

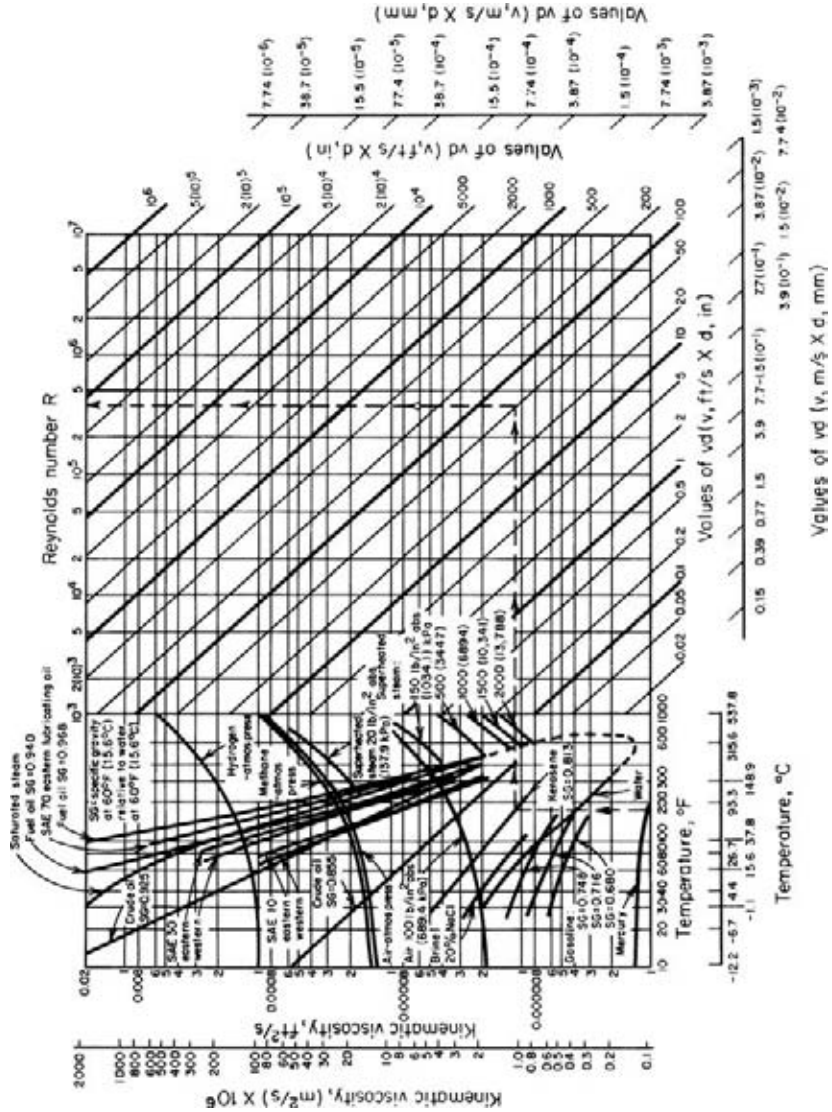


FIGURE 24 Kinematic viscosity and Reynolds number chart. (Hydraulic Institute.)

**5. Compute the horsepower required to drive the pump.** The brake horsepower input  $bhp_i = (gpm)(H_i)(s)/3960e$ , where the symbols are the same as in earlier calculation procedures. At 1 in (25.4 mm) Hg, 1 lb (0.45 kg) of the condensate has a volume of 0.01608 ft<sup>3</sup> (0.000455 m<sup>3</sup>). Since density = 1/specific volume, the density of the condensate = 1/0.01608 = 62.25 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (3.89 m<sup>3</sup>/kg). Water having a specific gravity of unity weighs 62.4 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (999 kg/m<sup>3</sup>). Hence, the specific gravity of the condensate is 62.25/62.4 = 0.997. Then, assuming that the pump has an operating efficiency of 70 percent, we get  $bhp_i = (281)(175) \times (0.997)/[3960(0.70)] = 17.7$  bhp (13.2 kW).

**6. Select the condensate pump.** Condensate or hot-well pumps are usually centrifugal units having two or more stages, with the stage inlets opposed to give better axial balance and to subject the sealing glands to positive internal pressure, thereby preventing air leakage into the pump. In the head range developed by this pump, 175 ft (53.3 m), two stages are satisfactory. Refer to a pump manufacturer's engineering data for specific stage head ranges. Either a turbine or motor drive can be used.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure to choose condensate pumps for steam plants of any type—utility, industrial, marine, portable, heating, or process—and for combined steam-diesel plants.

## MINIMUM SAFE FLOW FOR A CENTRIFUGAL PUMP

A centrifugal pump handles 220°F (104.4°C) water and has a shutoff head (with closed discharge valve) of 3200 ft (975.4 m). At shutoff, the pump efficiency is 17 percent and the input brake horsepower is 210 (156.7 kW). What is the minimum safe flow through this pump to prevent overheating at shutoff? Determine the minimum safe flow if the NPSH is 18.8 ft (5.7 m) of water and the liquid specific gravity is 0.995. If the pump contains 500 lb (225 kg) of water, determine the rate of the temperature rise at shutoff.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the temperature rise in the pump.** With the discharge valve closed, the power input to the pump is converted to heat in the casing and causes the liquid temperature to rise. The temperature rise  $t = (1 - e) \times H_s/778e$ , where  $t$  = temperature rise during shutoff, °F;  $e$  = pump efficiency, expressed as a decimal;  $H_s$  = shutoff head, ft. For this pump,  $t = (1 - 0.17)(3200)/[778(0.17)] = 20.4^\circ\text{F}$  (36.7°C).

**2. Compute the minimum safe liquid flow.** For general-service pumps, the minimum safe flow  $M$  gal/min = 6.0(bhp input at shutoff)/ $t$ . Or,  $M = 6.0(210)/20.4 = 62.7$  gal/min (3.96 L/s). This equation includes a 20 percent safety factor.

Centrifugal boiler-feed pumps usually have a maximum allowable temperature rise of 15°F (27°C). The minimum allowable flow through the pump to prevent the water temperature from rising more than 15°F (27°C) is 30 gal/min (1.89 L/s) for each 100-bhp (74.6-kW) input at shutoff.

**3. Compute the temperature rise for the operating NPSH.** An NPSH of 18.8 ft (5.73 m) is equivalent to a pressure of  $18.8(0.433)(0.995) = 7.78$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (53.6 kPa) at 220°F (104.4°C), where the factor 0.433 converts ft of water to lb/in<sup>2</sup>. At 220°F (104.4°C), the vapor pressure of the water is 17.19 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (118.5 kPa), from the steam tables. Thus, the total vapor pressure the water can develop before flashing occurs = NPSH pressure + vapor pressure at operating temperature = 7.78 + 17.19 = 24.97 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (172.1 kPa). Enter the steam tables at this pressure, and read the corresponding temperature as 240°F (115.6°C). The allowable temperature rise of the water is then 240 – 220 = 20°F (36.0°C). Using the safe-flow relation of step 2, we find the minimum safe flow is 62.9 gal/min (3.97 L/s).

**4. Compute the rate of temperature rise.** In any centrifugal pump, the rate of temperature rise  $t_r$ , °F/min =  $42.4(\text{bhp input at shutoff})/wc$ , where  $w$  = weight of liquid in the pump, lb;  $c$  = specific heat of the liquid in the pump, Btu/(lb·°F). For this pump containing 500 lb (225 kg) of water with a specific heat,  $c = 1.0$ ,  $t_r = 42.4(210)/[500(1.0)] = 17.8^\circ\text{F}/\text{min}$  ( $32^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$ ). This is a very rapid temperature rise and could lead to overheating in a few minutes.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for any centrifugal pump handling any liquid in any service—power, process, marine, industrial, or commercial. Pump manufacturers can supply a temperature-rise curve for a given model pump if it is requested. This curve is superimposed on the pump characteristic curve and shows the temperature rise accompanying a specific flow through the pump.

## SELECTING A CENTRIFUGAL PUMP TO HANDLE A VISCOUS LIQUID

Select a centrifugal pump to deliver 750 gal/min (47.3 L/s) of 1000-SSU oil at a total head of 100 ft (30.5 m). The oil has a specific gravity of 0.90 at the pumping temperature. Show how to plot the characteristic curves when the pump is handling the viscous liquid.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the required correction factors.** A centrifugal pump handling a viscous liquid usually must develop a greater capacity and head, and it requires a larger power input than the same pump handling water. With the water performance of the pump known—from either the pump characteristic curves or a tabulation of pump performance parameters—Fig. 25, prepared by the Hydraulic Institute, can be used to find suitable correction factors. Use this chart only within its scale limits; do not extrapolate. Do not use the chart for mixed-flow or axial-flow pumps or for pumps of special design. Use the chart only for pumps handling uniform liquids; slurries, gels, paper stock, etc., may cause incorrect results. In using the chart, the available net positive suction head is assumed adequate for the pump.

To use Fig. 25, enter at the bottom at the required capacity, 750 gal/min (47.3 L/s), and project vertically to intersect the 100-ft (30.5-m) head curve, the required head. From here project horizontally to the 1000-SSU viscosity curve, and then vertically upward to the correction-factor curves. Read  $C_E = 0.635$ ;  $C_Q = 0.95$ ;  $C_H = 0.92$  for  $1.0Q_{NW}$ . The subscripts  $E$ ,  $Q$ , and  $H$  refer to correction factors for efficiency, capacity, and head, respectively; and  $NW$  refers to the water capacity at a particular efficiency. At maximum efficiency, the water capacity is given as  $1.0Q_{NW}$ ; other efficiencies, expressed by numbers equal to or less than unity, give different capacities.

**2. Compute the water characteristics required.** The water capacity required for the pump  $Q_w = Q_v/C_Q$  where  $Q_v$  = viscous capacity, gal/min. For this pump,  $Q_w = 750/0.95 = 790$  gal/min (49.8 L/s). Likewise, water head  $H_w = H_v/C_H$ , where  $H_v$  = viscous head. Or,  $H_w = 100/0.92 = 108.8$  (33.2 m), say 109 ft (33.2 m) of water.

Choose a pump to deliver 790 gal/min (49.8 L/s) of water at 109-ft (33.2-m) head of water, and the required viscous head and capacity will be obtained. Pick the pump so that it is operating at or near its maximum efficiency on water. If the water efficiency  $E_w = 81$  percent at 790 gal/min (49.8 L/s) for this pump, the efficiency when handling the viscous liquid  $E_v = E_w C_E$ . Or,  $E_v = 0.81(0.635) = 0.515$ , or 51.5 percent.

The power input to the pump when handling viscous liquids is given by  $P_v = Q_v H_v s / 3960 E_v$ , where  $s$  = specific gravity of the viscous liquid. For this pump,  $P_v = (750) \times (100)(0.90) / [3960(0.515)] = 33.1$  hp (24.7 kW).

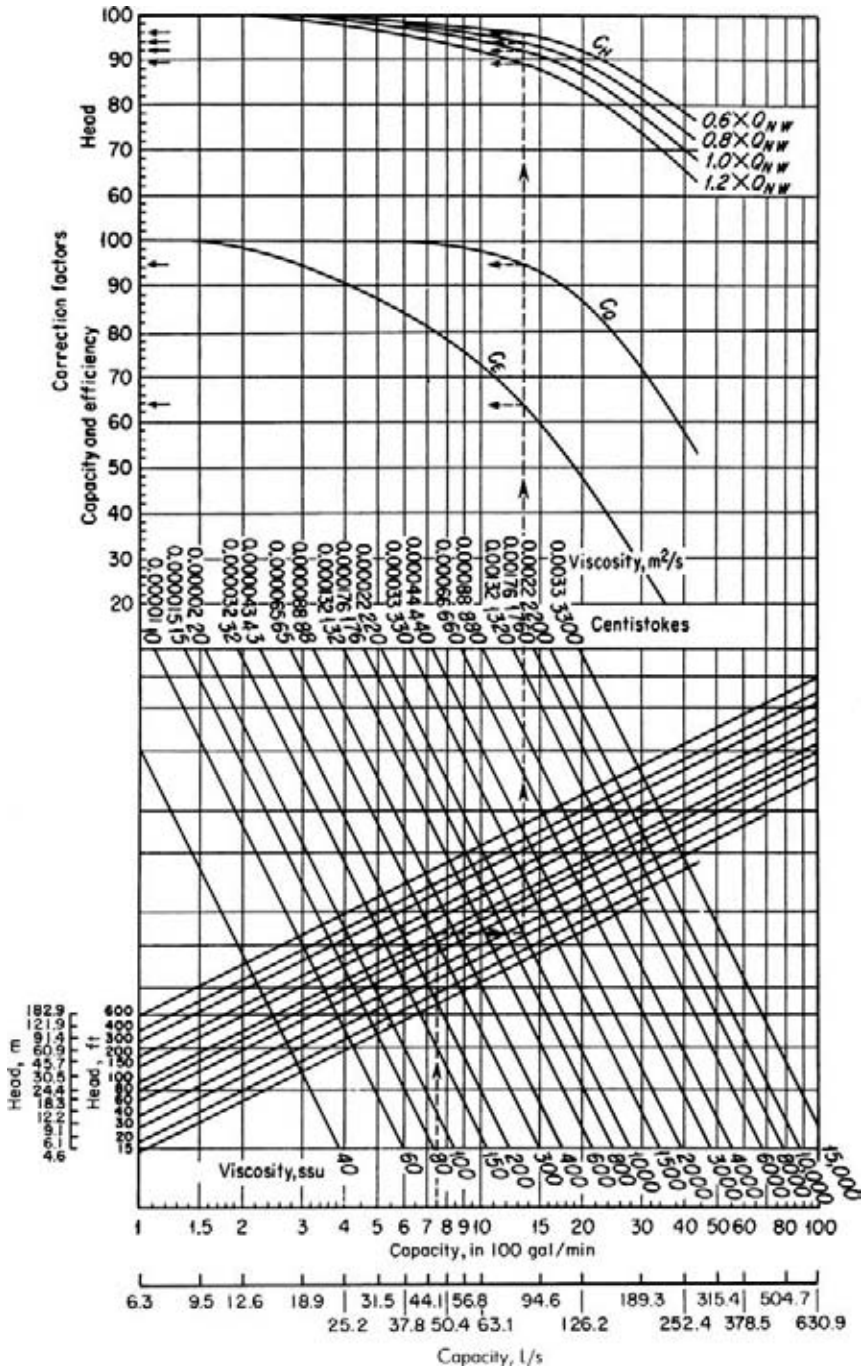


FIGURE 25 Correction factors for viscous liquids handled by centrifugal pumps. (Hydraulic Institute.)

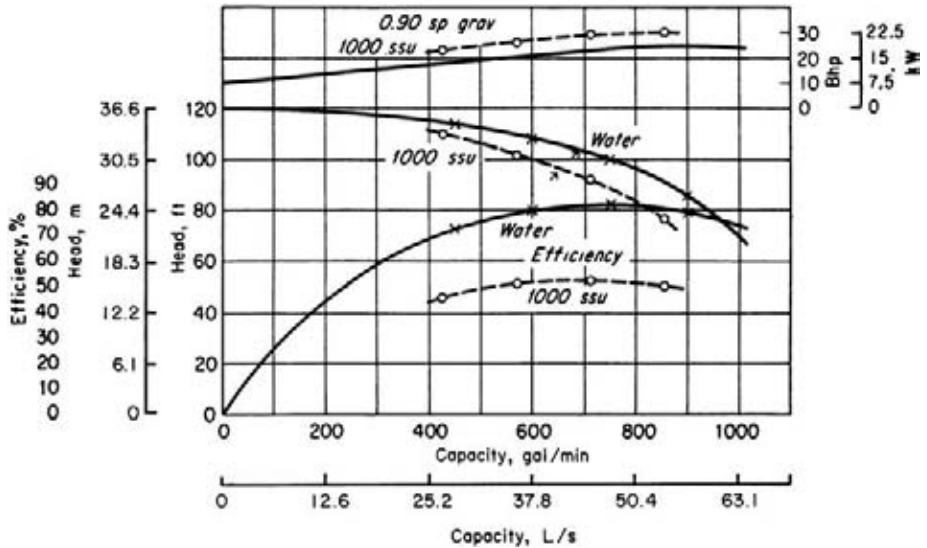


FIGURE 26 Characteristics curves for water (solid line) and oil (dashed line). (Hydraulic Institute.)

**3. Plot the characteristic curves for viscous-liquid pumping.** Follow these eight steps to plot the complete characteristic curves of a centrifugal pump handling a viscous liquid when the water characteristics are known: (a) Secure a complete set of characteristic curves ( $H$ ,  $Q$ ,  $P$ ,  $E$ ) for the pump to be used. (b) Locate the point of maximum efficiency for the pump when handling water. (c) Read the pump capacity,  $Q$  gal/min, at this point. (d) Compute the values of  $0.6Q$ ,  $0.8Q$ , and  $1.2Q$ , at the maximum efficiency. (e) Using Fig. 25, determine the correction factors at the capacities in steps c and d. Where a multistage pump is being considered, use the head per stage (= total pump head, ft/number of stages), when entering Fig. 25. (f) Correct the head, capacity, and efficiency for each of the flow rates in c and d, using the correction factors from Fig. 25. (g) Plot the corrected head and efficiency against the corrected capacity, as in Fig. 26. (h) Compute the power input at each flow rate and plot. Draw smooth curves through the points obtained, Fig. 26.

**Related Calculations** Use the method given here for any uniform viscous liquid—oil, gasoline, kerosene, mercury, etc—handled by a centrifugal pump. Be careful to use Fig. 25 only within its scale limits; *do not extrapolate*. The method presented here is that developed by the Hydraulic Institute. For new developments in the method, be certain to consult the latest edition of the Hydraulic Institute *Standards*.

## PUMP SHAFT DEFLECTION AND CRITICAL SPEED

What are the shaft deflection and approximate first critical speed of a centrifugal pump if the total combined weight of the pump impellers is 23 lb (10.4 kg) and the pump manufacturer supplies the engineering data in Fig. 27?

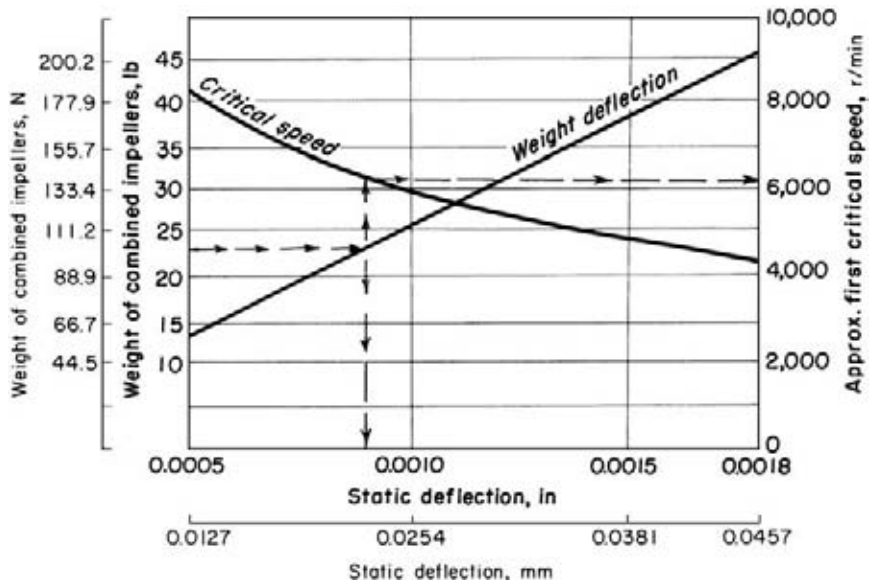


FIGURE 27 Pump shaft deflection and critical speed. (Goulds Pumps, Inc.)

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the deflection of the pump shaft.** Use Fig. 27 to determine the shaft deflection. Note that this chart is valid for only one pump or series of pumps and must be obtained from the pump builder. Such a chart is difficult to prepare from test data without extensive test facilities.

Enter Fig. 27 at the left at the total combined weight of the impellers, 23 lb (10.4 kg), and project horizontally to the right until the weight-deflection curve is intersected. From the intersection, project vertically downward to read the shaft deflection as 0.009 in (0.23 mm) at full speed.

**2. Determine the critical speed of the pump.** From the intersection of the weight-deflection curve in Fig. 27 project vertically upward to the critical-speed curve. Project horizontally right from this intersection and read the first critical speed as 6200 r/min.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for any class of pump—centrifugal, rotary, or reciprocating—for which the shaft-deflection and critical-speed curves are available. These pumps can be used for any purpose—process, power, marine, industrial, or commercial.

### EFFECT OF LIQUID VISCOSITY ON REGENERATIVE-PUMP PERFORMANCE

A regenerative (turbine) pump has the water head-capacity and power-input characteristics shown in Fig. 28. Determine the head-capacity and power-input characteristics for four different viscosity oils to be handled by the pump—400, 600, 900, and 1000 SSU. What effect does increased viscosity have on the performance of the pump?



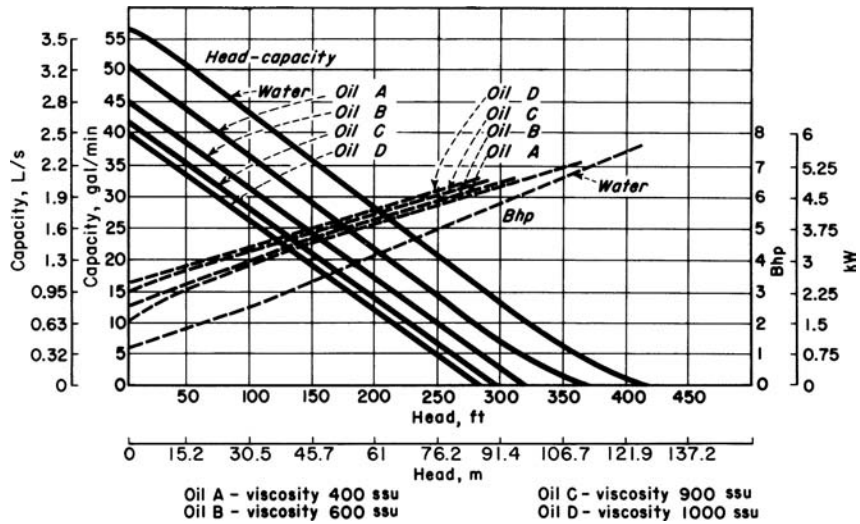


FIGURE 28 Regenerative pump performance when handling water and oil. (Aurora Pump Division, The New York Air Brake Company.)

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Plot the water characteristics of the pump.** Obtain a tabulation or plot of the water characteristics of the pump from the manufacturer or from their engineering data. With a tabulation of the characteristics, enter the various capacity and power points given, and draw a smooth curve through them, Fig. 28.

**2. Plot the viscous-liquid characteristics of the pump.** The viscous-liquid characteristics of regenerative-type pumps are obtained by test of the actual unit. Hence, the only source of this information is the pump manufacturer. Obtain these characteristics from the pump manufacturer or their test data, and plot them on Fig. 28, as shown, for each oil or other liquid handled.

**3. Evaluate the effect of viscosity on pump performance.** Study Fig. 28 to determine the effect of increased liquid viscosity on the performance of the pump. Thus at a given head, say 100 ft (30.5 m), the capacity of the pump decreases as the liquid viscosity increases. At 100-ft (30.5-m) head, this pump has a water capacity of 43.5 gal/min (2.74 L/s), Fig. 28. The pump capacity for the various oils at 100-ft (30.5-m) head is 36 gal/min (2.27 L/s) for 400 SSU; 32 gal/min (2.02 L/s) for 600 SSU; 28 gal/min (1.77 L/s) for 900 SSU; and 26 gal/min (1.64 L/s) for 1000 SSU, respectively. There is a similar reduction in capacity of the pump at the other heads plotted in Fig. 28. Thus, as a general rule, the capacity of a regenerative pump decreases with an increase in liquid viscosity at constant head. Or conversely, at constant capacity, the head developed decreases as the liquid viscosity increases.

Plots of the power input to this pump show that the input power increases as the liquid viscosity increases.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for a regenerative-type pump handling any liquid—water, oil, kerosene, gasoline, etc. A decrease in the viscosity of a liquid, as compared with the viscosity of water, will produce the opposite effect from that of increased viscosity.

**TABLE 8** Speed-Correction Factors

Liquid viscosity, SSU	Speed reduction, %	Water temperature		Speed reduction, %
		°F	°C	
250	0	70	21.1	0
500	4	80	26.7	9
1000	11	100	37.8	18
2000	20	125	51.7	25
3000	26	150	65.6	29
4000	30	200	93.3	34
5000	35	250	121.1	38

### **EFFECT OF LIQUID VISCOSITY ON RECIPROCATING-PUMP PERFORMANCE**

A direct-acting steam-driven reciprocating pump delivers 100 gal/min (6.31 L/s) of 70°F (21.1°C) water when operating at 50 strokes per minute. How much 2000-SSU crude oil will this pump deliver? How much 125°F (51.7°C) water will this pump deliver?

#### **Calculation Procedure**

**1. Determine the recommended change in pump performance.** Reciprocating pumps of any type—direct-acting or power—having any number of liquid-handling cylinders—one to five or more—are usually rated for maximum delivery when handling 250-SSU liquids or 70°F (21.1°C) water. At higher liquid viscosities or water temperatures, the speed—strokes or rpm—is reduced. Table 8 shows typical recommended speed-correction factors for reciprocating pumps for various liquid viscosities and water temperatures. This table shows that with a liquid viscosity of 2000 SSU the pump speed should be reduced 20 percent. When 125°F (51.7°C) water is handled, the pump speed should be reduced 25 percent, as shown in Table 8.

**2. Compute the delivery of the pump.** The delivery capacity of any reciprocating pump is directly proportional to the number of strokes per minute it makes or to its rpm.

When 2000-SSU oil is used, the pump strokes per minute must be reduced 20 percent, or (50)(0.20) = 10 strokes/min. Hence, the pump speed will be 50 – 10 = 40 strokes/min. Since the delivery is directly proportional to speed, the delivery of 2000-SSU oil = (40/50)(100) = 80 gal/min (5.1 L/s).

When handling 125°F (51.7°C) water, the pump strokes/min must be reduced 25 percent, or (50)(0.25) = 12.5 strokes/min. Hence, the pump speed will be 50.0 – 12.5 = 37.5 strokes/min. Since the delivery is directly proportional to speed, the delivery of 125°F (51.7°C) water = (37.5/50)(100) = 75 gal/min (4.7 L/s).

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for any type of reciprocating pump handling liquids falling within the range of Table 8. Such liquids include oil, kerosene, gasoline, brine, water, etc.

### **EFFECT OF VISCOSITY AND DISSOLVED GAS ON ROTARY PUMPS**

A rotary pump handles 8000-SSU liquid containing 5 percent entrained gas and 10 percent dissolved gas at a 20-in (508-mm) Hg pump inlet vacuum. The pump is rated at 1000 gal/min (63.1 L/s) when

handling gas-free liquids at viscosities less than 600 SSU. What is the output of this pump without slip? With 10 percent slip?

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the required speed reduction of the pump.** When the liquid viscosity exceeds 600 SSU, many pump manufacturers recommend that the speed of a rotary pump be reduced to permit operation without excessive noise or vibration. The speed reduction usually recommended is shown in Table 9.

With this pump handling 8000-SSU liquid, a speed reduction of 40 percent is necessary, as shown in Table 9. Since the capacity of a rotary pump varies directly with its speed, the output of this pump when handling 8000-SSU liquid =  $(1000 \text{ gal/min}) \times (1.0 - 0.40) = 600 \text{ gal/min}$  (37.9 L/s)

**2. Compute the effect of gas on the pump output.** Entrained or dissolved gas reduces the output of a rotary pump, as shown in Table 10. The gas in the liquid expands when the inlet pressure of the pump is below atmospheric and the gas occupies part of the pump chamber, reducing the liquid capacity.

With a 20-in (508-mm) Hg inlet vacuum, 5 percent entrained gas, and 10 percent dissolved gas, Table 10 shows that the liquid displacement is 74 percent of the rated displacement. Thus, the output of the pump when handling this viscous, gas-containing liquid will be  $(600 \text{ gal/min}) (0.74) = 444 \text{ gal/min}$  (28.0 L/s) without slip.

**3. Compute the effect of slip on the pump output.** Slip reduces rotary-pump output in direct proportion to the slip. Thus, with 10 percent slip, the output of this pump =  $(444 \text{ gal/min})(1.0 - 0.10) = 399.6 \text{ gal/min}$  (25.3 L/s).

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for any type of rotary pump—gear, lobe, screw, swinging-vane, sliding-vane, or shuttle-block, handling any clear, viscous liquid. Where the liquid is gas-free, apply only the viscosity correction. Where the liquid viscosity is less than 600 SSU but the liquid contains gas or air, apply the entrained or dissolved gas correction, or both corrections.

**TABLE 9** Rotary Pump Speed Reduction for Various Liquid Viscosities

Liquid viscosity, SSU	Speed reduction, percent of rated pump speed
600	2
800	6
1,000	10
1,500	12
2,000	14
4,000	20
6,000	30
8,000	40
10,000	50
20,000	55
30,000	57
40,000	60

## SELECTION OF MATERIALS FOR PUMP PARTS

Select suitable materials for the principal parts of a pump handling cold ethylene chloride. Use the Hydraulic Institute recommendations for materials of construction.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine which materials are suitable for this pump.** Refer to the data section of the Hydraulic Institute *Standards*. This section contains a tabulation of hundreds of liquids and the pump construction materials that have been successfully used to handle each liquid.

**TABLE 10** Effect of Entrained or Dissolved Gas on the Liquid Displacement of Rotary Pumps (liquid displacement: percent of displacement)

Vacuum at pump inlet, inHg (mmHg)	Gas entrainment					Gas solubility					Gas entrainment and gas solubility combined				
	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%
5 (127)	99	97 1/2	96 1/2	95	93 1/2	99 1/2	99	98 1/2	97	97 1/2	98 1/2	96 1/2	96	92	91
10 (254)	98 1/2	97 1/4	95 1/2	94	92	99	97 1/2	97	95	95	97 1/2	95	90	90	88 1/4
15 (381)	98	96 1/2	94 1/2	92 1/2	90 1/2	97	96	94	92	90 1/2	96	93	89 1/2	86 1/2	83 1/4
20 (508)	97 1/2	94 1/2	92	89	86 1/2	96	92	89	86	83	94	88	83	78	74
25 (635)	94	89	84	79	75 1/2	90	83	76 1/2	71	66	85 1/2	75 1/2	68	61	55

For example, with 5 percent gas entrainment at 15 inHg (381 mmHg) vacuum, the liquid displacement will be 90 1/2 percent of the pump displacement, neglecting slip, or with 10 percent dissolved gas liquid displacement will be 90 1/2 percent of the pump displacement; and with 5 percent entrained gas combined with 10 percent dissolved gas, the liquid displacement will be 83 1/4 percent of pump replacement.

Source: Courtesy of Kinney Mfg. Div., The New York Air Brake Co.

The table shows that for cold ethylene chloride having a specific gravity of 1.28, an all-bronze pump is satisfactory. In lieu of an all-bronze pump, the principal parts of the pump—casing, impeller, cylinder, and shaft—can be made of one of the following materials: austenitic steels (low-carbon 18-8; 18-8/Mo; highly alloyed stainless); nickel-base alloys containing chromium, molybdenum, and other elements, and usually less than 20 percent iron; or nickel-copper alloy (Monel metal). The order of listing in the *Standards* does not necessarily indicate relative superiority, since certain factors predominating in one instance may be sufficiently overshadowed in others to reverse the arrangement.

**2. Choose the most economical pump.** Use the methods of earlier calculation procedures to select the most economical pump for the installation. Where the corrosion resistance of two or more pumps is equal, the standard pump, in this instance an all-bronze unit, will be the most economical.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure to select the materials of construction for any class of pump—centrifugal, rotary, or reciprocating—in any type of service—power, process, marine, or commercial. Be certain to use the latest edition of the Hydraulic Institute *Standards*, because the recommended materials may change from one edition to the next.

## -sizing a hydropneumatic storage tank

A 200-gal/min (12.6-L/s) water pump serves a pumping system. Determine the capacity required for a hydropneumatic tank to serve this system if the allowable high pressure in the tank and system is 60 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (413.6 kPa) and the allowable low pressure is 30 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (206.8 kPa). How many starts per hour will the pump make if the system draws 3000 gal/min (189.3 L/s) from the tank?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the required tank capacity.** In the usual hydropneumatic system, a storage-tank capacity in gal of 10 times the pump capacity in gal/min is used, if this capacity produces a moderate running time for the pump. Thus, this system would have a tank capacity of (10)(200) = 2000 gal (7570.8 L).

**2. Compute the quantity of liquid withdrawn per cycle.** For any hydropneumatic tank the withdrawal, expressed as the number of gallons (liters) withdrawn per cycle, is given by  $W = (v_L - v_H)/C$ , where  $v_L$  = air volume in tank at the lower pressure, ft<sup>3</sup> (m<sup>3</sup>);  $v_H$  = volume of air in tank at higher pressure, ft<sup>3</sup> (m<sup>3</sup>);  $C$  = conversion factor to convert ft<sup>3</sup> (m<sup>3</sup>) to gallons (liters), as given below.

Compute  $V_L$  and  $V_H$  using the gas law for  $v_H$  and either the gas law or the reserve percentage for  $v_L$ . Thus, for  $v_H$ , the gas law gives  $v_H = p_L v_L / p_H$ , where  $p_L$  = lower air pressure in tank, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (kPa);  $p_H$  = higher air pressure in tank lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (kPa); other symbols as before.

In most hydropneumatic tanks a liquid reserve of 10 to 20 percent of the total tank volume is kept in the tank to prevent the tank from running dry and damaging the pump. Assuming a 10 percent reserve for this tank,  $v_L = 0.1 V$ , where  $V$  = tank volume in ft<sup>3</sup> (m<sup>3</sup>). Since a 2000-gal (7570-L) tank is being used, the volume of the tank is 2000/7.481 ft<sup>3</sup>/gal = 267.3 ft<sup>3</sup> (7.6 m<sup>3</sup>). With the 10 percent reserve at the 44.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (308.2-kPa) lower pressure,  $v_L = 0.9 (267.3) = 240.6$  ft<sup>3</sup> (6.3 m<sup>3</sup>), where  $0.9 = V - 0.1 V$ .

At the higher pressure in the tank, 74.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (514.9 kPa), the volume of the air will be, from the gas law,  $v_H = p_L v_L / p_H = 44.7 (240.6) / 74.7 = 143.9$  ft<sup>3</sup> (4.1 m<sup>3</sup>). Hence, during withdrawal, the volume of liquid removed from the tank will be  $W_g = (240.6 - 143.9) / 0.1337 = 723.3$  gal (2738 L). In this relation the constant converts from cubic feet to gallons and is 0.1337. To convert from cubic meters to liters, use the constant 1000 in the denominator.

**3. Compute the pump running time.** The pump has a capacity of 200 gal/min (12.6 L/s). Therefore, it will take  $723/200 = 3.6$  min to replace the withdrawn liquid. To supply 3000 gal/h (11,355 L/h) to the system, the pump must start  $3000/723 = 4.1$ , or 5 times per hour. This is acceptable because a system in which the pump starts six or fewer times per hour is generally thought satisfactory.

Where the pump capacity is insufficient to supply the system demand for short periods, use a smaller reserve. Compute the running time using the equations in steps 2 and 3. Where a larger reserve is used—say 20 percent—use the value 0.8 in the equations in step 2. For a 30 percent reserve, the value would be 0.70, and so on.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for any liquid system having a hydropneumatic tank—well drinking water, marine, industrial, or process.

## USING CENTRIFUGAL PUMPS AS HYDRAULIC TURBINES

Select a centrifugal pump to serve as a hydraulic turbine power source for a 1500-gal/min (5677.5-L/min) flow rate with 1290 ft (393.1 m) of head. The power application requires a 3600-r/min speed, the specific gravity of the liquid is 0.52, and the total available exhaust head is 20 ft (6.1 m). Analyze the cavitation potential and operating characteristics at an 80 percent flow rate.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Choose the number of stages for the pump.** Search of typical centrifugal-pump data shows that a head of 1290 ft (393.1 m) is too large for a single-stage pump of conventional design. Hence, a two-stage pump will be the preliminary choice for this application. The two-stage pump chosen will have a design head of 645 ft (196.6 m) per stage.

**2. Compute the specific speed of the pump chosen.** Use the relation  $N_s = \text{pump rpm}(Q)^{0.5}/H^{0.75}$ , where  $N_s$  = specific speed of the pump; rpm = r/min of pump shaft;  $Q$  = pump capacity or flow rate, gal/min;  $H$  = pump head per stage, ft. Substituting, we get  $N_s = 3600(1500)^{0.5}/(645)^{0.75} = 1090$ . Note that the specific speed value is the same regardless of the system of units used—USCS or SI.

**3. Convert turbine design conditions to pump design conditions.** To convert from turbine design conditions to pump design conditions, use the pump manufacturer's conversion factors that relate turbine best efficiency point (bep) performance with pump bep performance. Typically, as specific speed  $N_s$  varies from 500 to 2800, these bep factors generally vary as follows: the conversion factor for capacity (gal/min or L/min)  $C_Q$ , from 2.2 to 1.1; the conversion factor for head (ft or m)  $C_H$ , from 2.2 to 1.1; the conversion factor for efficiency  $C_E$ , from 0.92 to 0.99. Applying these conversion factors to the turbine design conditions yields the pump design conditions sought.

At the specific speed for this pump, the values of these conversion factors are determined from the manufacturer to be  $C_Q = 1.24$ ;  $C_H = 1.42$ ;  $C_E = 0.967$ .

Given these conversion factors, the turbine design conditions can be converted to the pump design conditions thus:  $Q_p = Q_t/C_Q$ , where  $Q_p$  = pump capacity or flow rate, gal/min or L/min;  $Q_t$  = turbine capacity or flow rate in the same units; other symbols are as given earlier. Substituting gives  $Q_p = 1500/1.24 = 1210$  gal/min (4580 L/min).

Likewise, the pump discharge head, in feet of liquid handled, is  $H_p = H_t/C_H$ . So  $H_p = 645/1.42 = 454$  ft (138.4 m).

**4. Select a suitable pump for the operating conditions.** Once the pump capacity, head, and rpm are known, a pump having its best bep at these conditions can be selected. Searching a set of pump characteristic curves and capacity tables shows that a two-stage 4-in (10-cm) unit with an efficiency of 77 percent would be suitable.

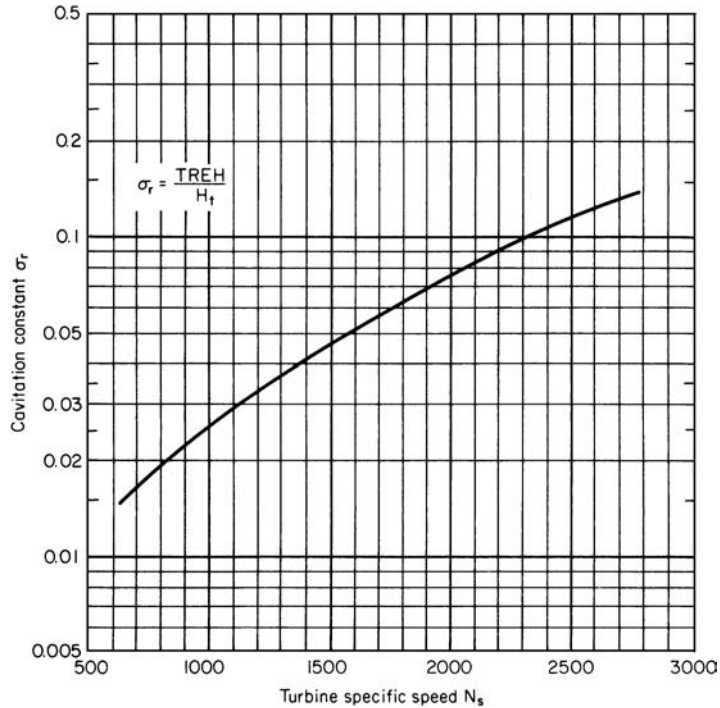


FIGURE 29 Cavitation constant for hydraulic turbines. (*Chemical Engineering.*)

**5. Estimate the turbine horsepower developed.** To predict the developed horsepower, convert the pump efficiency to turbine efficiency. Use the conversion factor developed above. Or, the turbine efficiency  $E_t = E_p C_E = (0.77)(0.967) = 0.745$ , or 74.5 percent.

With the turbine efficiency known, the output brake horsepower can be found from  $\text{bhp} = Q_t H_t E_t s / 3960$ , where  $s$  = fluid specific gravity; other symbols as before. Substituting, we get  $\text{bhp} = 1500(1290)(0.745)(0.52)/3960 = 198 \text{ hp}$  (141 kW).

**6. Determine the cavitation potential of this pump.** Just as pumping requires a minimum net positive suction head, turbine duty requires a net positive exhaust head. The relation between the total required exhaust head (TREH) and turbine head per stage is the cavitation constant  $\sigma_r = \text{TREH}/H_t$ . Figure 29 shows  $\sigma_r$  vs.  $N_s$  for hydraulic turbines. Although a pump used as a turbine will not have exactly the same relationship, this curve provides a good estimate of  $\sigma_r$  for turbine duty.

To prevent cavitation, the total available exhaust head (TAEH) must be greater than the TREH. In this installation,  $N_s = 1090$  and TAEH = 20 ft (6.1 m). From Fig. 29,  $\sigma_r = 0.028$  and TREH =  $0.028(645) = 18.1 \text{ ft}$  (5.5 m). Because TAEH > TREH, there is enough exhaust head to prevent cavitation.

**7. Determine the turbine performance at 80 percent flow rate.** In many cases, pump manufacturers treat conversion factors as proprietary information. When this occurs, the performance of the turbine under different operating conditions can be predicted from the general curves in Figs. 30 and 31.

At the 80 percent flow rate for the turbine, or 1200 gal/min (4542 L/min), the operating point is 80 percent of bep capacity. For a specific speed of 1090, as before, the percentages of bep head and efficiency are shown in Figs. 30 and 31: 79.5 percent of bep head and 91 percent of bep efficiency.

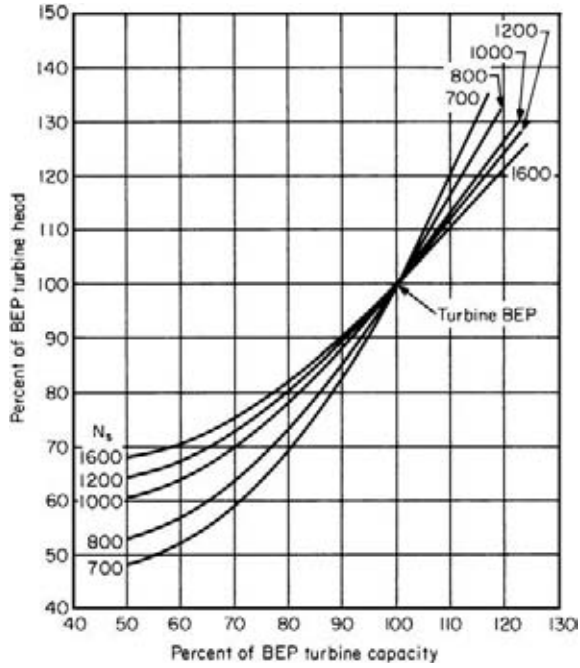


FIGURE 30 Constant-speed curves for turbine duty. (Chemical Engineering.)

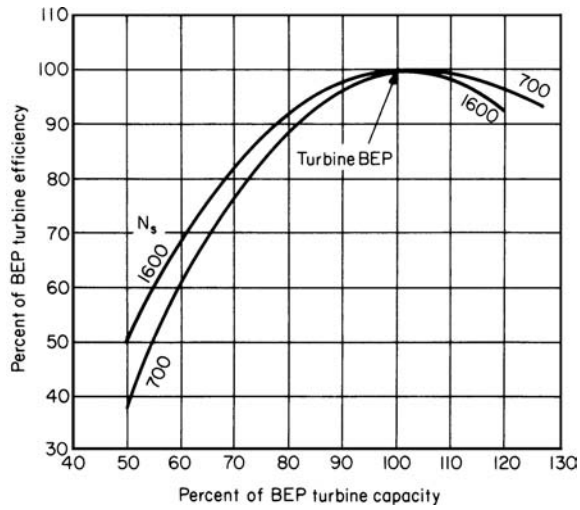
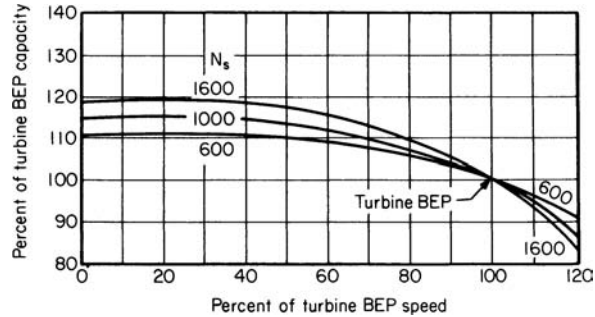


FIGURE 31 Constant-speed curves for turbine duty. (Chemical Engineering.)





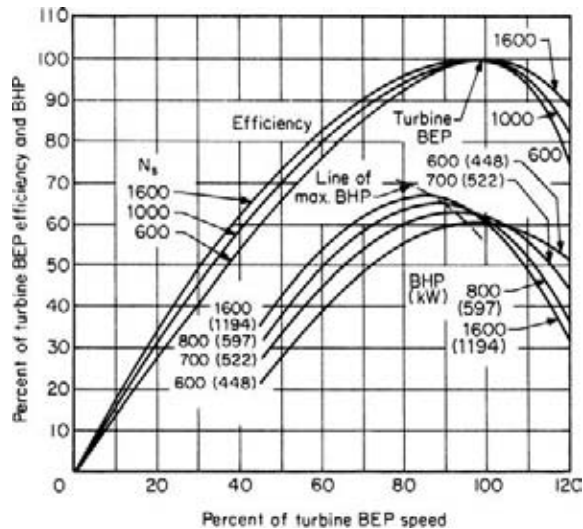
**FIGURE 32** Constant-head curves for turbine duty. (*Chemical Engineering.*)

To find the actual performance, multiply by the bep values. Or,  $H_t = 0.795(1290) = 1025$  ft (393.1 m);  $E_t = 0.91(74.5) = 67.8$  percent.

The bhp at the new operating condition is then  $bhp = 1200(1025)(0.678)(0.52)/3960 = 110$  hp (82.1 kW).

In a similar way, the constant-head curves in Figs. 32 and 33 predict turbine performance at different speeds. For example, speed is 80 percent of bep speed at 2880 r/min. For a specific speed of 1090, the percentages of bep capacity, efficiency, and power are 107 percent of the capacity, 94 percent of the efficiency, and 108 percent of the bhp. To get the actual performance, convert as before;  $Q_t = 107(1500) = 1610$  gal/min (6094 L/min);  $E_t = 0.94(74.5) = 70.0$  percent;  $bhp = 1.08(189) = 206$  hp (153.7 kW).

Note that the bhp in this last instance is higher than the bhp at the best efficiency point. Thus more horsepower can be obtained from a given unit by reducing the speed and increasing the flow rate.



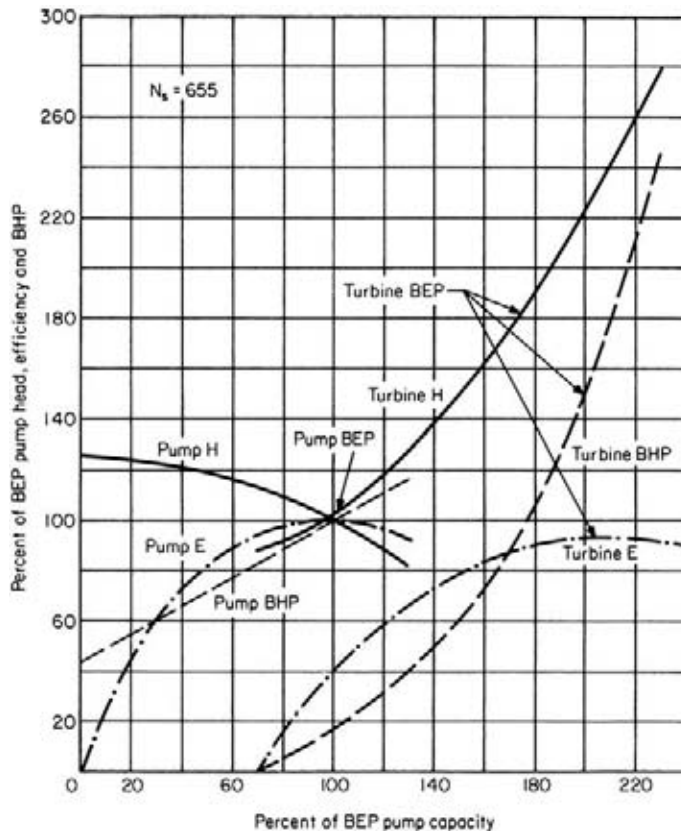
**FIGURE 33** Constant-head curves for turbine only. (*Chemical Engineering.*)

When the speed is fixed, more bhp cannot be obtained from the unit, but it may be possible to select a smaller pump for the same application.

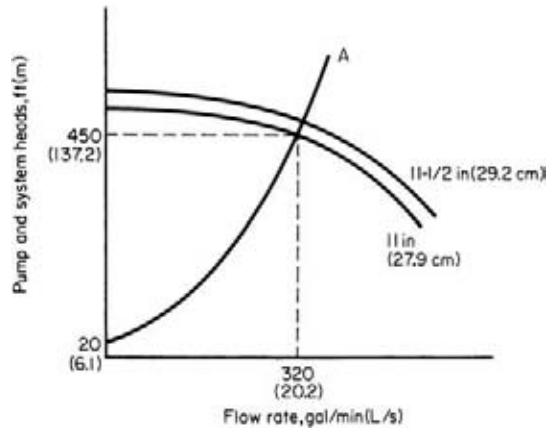
**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure for choosing a centrifugal pump to drive—as a hydraulic turbine—another pump, a fan, a generator, or a compressor, where high-pressure liquid is available as a source of power. Because pumps are designed as fluid movers, they may be less efficient as hydraulic turbines than equipment designed for that purpose. Steam turbines and electric motors are more economical where steam or electricity is available.

But using a pump as a turbine can pay off in remote locations where steam or electric power would require additional wiring or piping, in hazardous locations that require nonsparking equipment, where energy may be recovered from a stream that otherwise would be throttled, and when a radial-flow centrifugal pump is immediately available but a hydraulic turbine is not.

In the most common situation, there is a liquid stream with fixed head and flow rate and an application requiring a fixed rpm; these are the turbine design conditions. The objective is to pick a pump with a turbine bep at these conditions. With performance curves such as Fig. 34, turbine design conditions can be converted to pump design conditions. Then you select from a manufacturer's catalog a model that has its pump bep at those values.



**FIGURE 34** Performance of a pump at constant speed in pump duty and turbine duty. (Chemical Engineering.)



**FIGURE 35** System-head curves without recirculation flow. (Chemical Engineering.)

The most common error in pump selection is using the turbine design conditions in choosing a pump from a catalog. Because catalog performance curves describe pump duty, not turbine duty, the result is an oversized unit that fails to work properly.

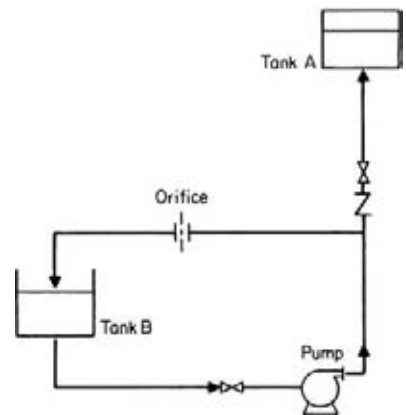
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## -sizing centrifugal-pump impellers for safety service

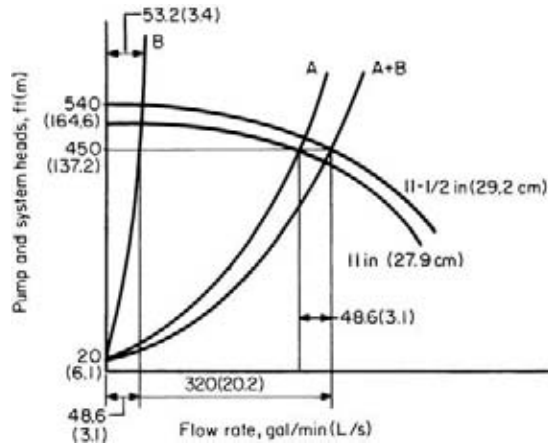
Determine the impeller size of a centrifugal pump that will provide a safe continuous-recirculation flow to prevent the pump from overheating at shutoff. The pump delivers 320 gal/min (20.2 L/s) at an operating head of 450 ft (137.2 m). The inlet water temperature is 220°F (104.4°C), and the system has an NPSH of 5 ft (1.5 m). Pump performance curves and the system-head characteristic curve for the discharge flow (without recirculation) are shown in Fig. 35, and the piping layout is shown in Fig. 36. The brake horsepower (bhp) for an 11-in (27.9-cm) and an 11.5-in (29.2-cm) impeller at shutoff is 53 and 60, respectively. Determine the permissible water temperature rise for this pump.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the actual temperature rise of the water in the pump.** Use the relation  $P_0 = P_v + P_{\text{NPSH}}$ , where  $P_0$  = pressure corresponding to the actual liquid temperature in the pump during operation, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (kPa);  $P_v$  = vapor pressure in the pump at the inlet water temperature, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (kPa);  $P_{\text{NPSH}}$  = pressure created by the net positive suction head on the pumps, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (kPa). The head in feet (meters) must be converted to lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (kPa) by the relation lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) = (NPSH, ft) (liquid density at the pumping temperature, lb/ft<sup>3</sup>)/(144 in<sup>2</sup>/ft<sup>2</sup>). Substituting yields  $P_0 = 17.2$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) + 5(59.6)/144 = 19.3 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (133.1 kPa).



**FIGURE 36** Pumping system with a continuous-recirculation line. (Chemical Engineering.)



**FIGURE 37** System-head curves with recirculation flow. (*Chemical Engineering*.)

Using the steam tables, find the saturation temperature  $T_s$  corresponding to this absolute pressure as  $T_s = 226.1^\circ\text{F}$  ( $107.8^\circ\text{C}$ ). Then the permissible temperature rise is  $T_p = T_s - T_{op}$ , where  $T_{op}$  = water temperature in the pump inlet. Or,  $T_p = 226.1 - 220 = 6.1^\circ\text{F}$  ( $3.4^\circ\text{C}$ ).

**2. Compute the recirculation flow rate at the shutoff head.** From the pump characteristic curve with recirculation, Fig. 37, the continuous-recirculation flow  $Q_B$  for an 11.5-in (29.2-cm) impeller at an operating head of 450 ft (137.2 m) is 48.6 gal/min (177.1 L/min). Find the continuous-recirculation flow at shutoff head  $H_s$  ft (m) of 540 ft (164.6 m) from  $Q_s = Q_B(H_s/H_{op})^{0.5}$ , where  $H_{op}$  = operating head, ft (m). Or,  $Q_s = 48.6(540/450) = 53.2$  gal/min (201.4 L/min).

**3. Find the minimum safe flow for this pump.** The minimum safe flow, lb/h, is given by  $w_{\min} = 2545 \text{ bhp} / [C_p T_p + (1.285 \times 10^{-3}) H_s]$ , where  $C_p$  = specific head of the water; other symbols as before. Substituting, we find  $w_{\min} = 2545(60) / [1.0(6.1) + (1.285 \times 10^{-3})(540)] = 22,476$  lb/h (2.83 kg/s). Converting to gal/min yields  $Q_{\min} = w_{\min} / [(ft^3/h)(\text{gal/min})(\text{lb}/ft^3)]$  for the water flowing through the pump. Or,  $Q_{\min} = 22,476 / [(8.021)(59.6)] = 47.1$  gal/min (178.3 L/min).

**4. Compare the shutoff recirculation flow with the safe recirculation flow.** Since the shutoff recirculation flow  $Q_s = 53.2$  gal/min (201.4 L/min) is greater than  $Q_{\min} = 47.1$  gal/min (178.3 L/min), the 11.5-in (29.2-cm) impeller is adequate to provide safe continuous recirculation. An 11.25-in (28.6-cm) impeller would not be adequate because  $Q_{\min} = 45$  gal/min (170.3 L/min) and  $Q_s = 25.6$  gal/min (96.9 L/min).

**Related Calculations** Safety-service pumps are those used for standby service in a variety of industrial plants serving the chemical, petroleum, plastics, aircraft, auto, marine, manufacturing, and similar businesses. Such pumps may be used for fire protection, boiler feed, condenser cooling, and related tasks. In such systems the pump is usually oversized and has a recirculation loop piped in to prevent overheating by maintaining a minimum safe flow. Figure 35 shows a schematic of such a system. Recirculation is controlled by a properly sized orifice rather than by valves because an orifice is less expensive and highly reliable.

The general procedure for sizing centrifugal pumps for safety service, using the symbols given earlier, is this: (1) Select a pump that will deliver the desired flow  $Q_A$ , using the head-capacity characteristic curves of the pump and system. (2) Choose the next larger diameter pump impeller to maintain a discharge flow of  $Q_A$  to tank A, Fig. 35, and a recirculation flow  $Q_B$

to tank *B*, Fig. 35. (3) Compute the recirculation flow  $Q_s$  at the pump shutoff point from  $Q_s = Q_B(H_s/H_{op})^{0.5}$ . (4) Calculate the minimum safe flow  $Q_{min}$  for the pump with the larger impeller diameter. (5) Compare the recirculation flow  $Q_s$  at the pump shutoff point with the minimum safe flow  $Q_{min}$ . If  $Q_s \geq Q_{min}$ , the selection process has been completed. If  $Q_s < Q_{min}$ , choose the next larger size impeller and repeat steps 3, 4, and 5 above until the impeller size that will provide the minimum safe recirculation flow is determined.

This procedure is the work of Mileta Mikasinovic and Patrick C. Tung, design engineers, Ontario Hydro, as reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine.

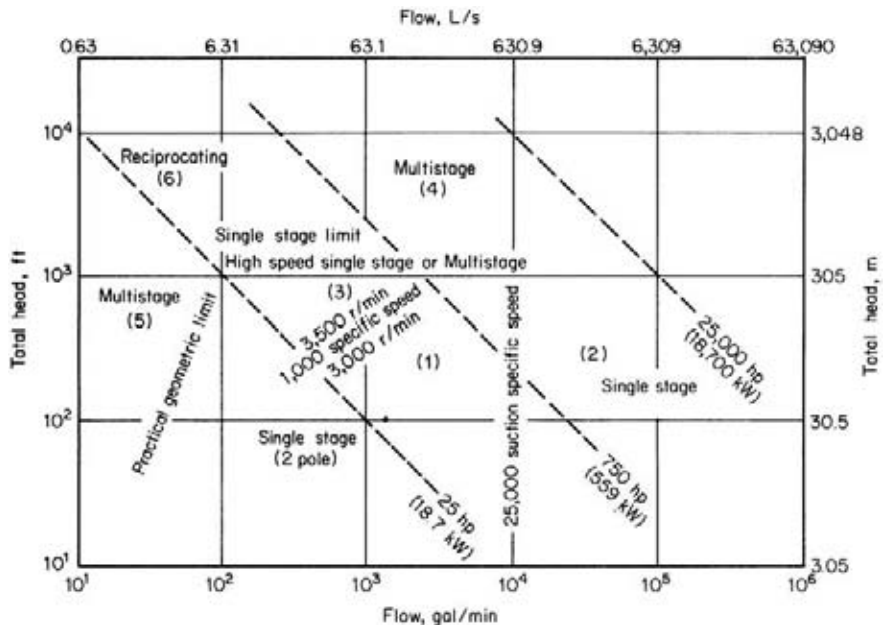
## PUMP CHOICE TO REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND LOSS

Choose an energy-efficient pump to handle 1000 gal/min (3800 L/min) of water at 60°F (15.6°C) at a total head of 150 ft (45.5 m). A readily commercially available pump is preferred for this application.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the pump horsepower required.** For any pump,  $bhp_i = (gpm)(H_t)(s)/3960e$ , where  $bhp_i$  = input brake (motor) horsepower to the pump;  $H_t$  = total head on the pump, ft;  $s$  = specific gravity of the liquid handled;  $e$  = hydraulic efficiency of the pump. For this application where  $s = 1.0$  and a hydraulic efficiency of 70 percent can be safely assumed,  $bhp_i = (1000)(150)(1)/(3960)(0.70) = 54.1$  bhp (40.3 kW).

**2. Choose the most energy-efficient pump.** Use Fig. 38, entering at the bottom at 1000 gal/min (3800 L/min) and projecting vertically upward to a total head of 150 ft (45.5 m). The resulting



**FIGURE 38** Selection guide is based mainly on specific speed, which indicates impeller geometry. (*Chemical Engineering*.)

**TABLE 11** Type of Pump for Highest Energy Efficiency\*

Area 1: Single-stage, 3500 r/min
Area 2: Single-stage, 1750 r/min or lower
Area 3: Single-stage, above 3500 r/min, or multistage, 3500 r/min
Area 4: Multistage
Area 5: Multistage
Area 6: Reciprocating

\*Includes ANSI B73.1 standards; see area number in Fig. 38.

intersection is within area 1, showing from Table 11 that a single-stage 3500-r/min electric-motor-driven pump would be the most energy-efficient.

**Related Calculations** The procedure given here can be used for pumps in a variety of applications—chemical, petroleum, commercial, industrial, marine, aeronautical, air-conditioning, cooling-water, etc., where the capacity varies from 10 to 1,000,000 gal/min (38 to 3,800,000 L/min) and the head varies from 10 to 10,000 ft (3 to 3300 m). Figure 38 is based primarily on the characteristic of pump specific speed  $N_s = NQ^2/H^{3/4}$ , where  $N$  = pump rotating speed, r/min;  $Q$  = capacity, gal/min (L/min);  $H$  = total head, ft (m).

When  $N_s$  is less than 1000, the operating efficiency of single-stage centrifugal pumps falls off dramatically; then either multistage or higher-speed pumps offer the best efficiency.

Area 1 of Fig. 38 is the densest, crowded both with pumps operating at 1750 and 3500 r/min, because years ago 3500-r/min pumps were not thought to be as durable as 1750-r/min ones. Since the adoption of the AVS standard in 1960 (superseded by ANSI B73.1), pumps with stiffer shafts have been proved reliable.

Also responsible for many 1750-r/min pumps in area 1 has been the impression that the higher (3500-r/min) speed causes pumps to wear out faster. However, because impeller tip speed is the same at both 3500 and 1750 r/min [as, for example, a 6-in (15-cm) impeller at 3500 r/min and a 12-in (30-cm) one at 1750 r/min], so is the fluid velocity, and so should be the erosion of metal surface. Another reason for not limiting operating speed is that improved impeller inlet design allows operation at 3500 r/min to capacities of 5000 gal/min (19,000 L/min) and higher.

Choice of operating speed also may be indirectly limited by specifications pertaining to suction performance, such as that fixing the top suction specific speed  $S$  directly or indirectly by choice of the sigma constant or by reliance on Hydraulic Institute charts.

Values of  $S$  below 8000 to 10,000 have long been accepted for avoiding cavitation. However, since the development of the inducer,  $S$  values in the range of 20,000 to 25,000 have become commonplace, and values as high as 50,000 have become practical.

The sigma constant, which relates NPSH to total head, is little used today, and Hydraulic Institute charts (which are being revised) are conservative.

In light of today's designs and materials, past restrictions resulting from suction performance limitations should be reevaluated or eliminated entirely.

Even if the most efficient pump has been selected, there are a number of circumstances in which it may not operate at peak efficiency. Today's cost of energy has made these considerations more important.

A centrifugal pump, being a hydrodynamic machine, is designed for a single peak operating-point capacity and total head. Operation at other than this best efficiency point (bep) reduces efficiency. Specifications now should account for such factors as these:

1. A need for a larger number of smaller pumps. When a process operates over a wide range of capacities, as many do, pumps will often work at less than full capacity, hence at lower efficiency. This can be avoided by installing two or three pumps in parallel, in place of a single large one, so that one of the smaller pumps can handle the flow when operations are at a low rate.

2. Allowance for present capacity. Pump systems are frequently designed for full flow at some time in the future. Before this time arrives, the pumps will operate far from their best efficiency points. Even if this interim period lasts only 2 or 3 years, it may be more economical to install a smaller pump initially and to replace it later with a full-capacity one.
3. Inefficient impeller size. Some specifications call for pump impeller diameter to be no larger than 90 or 95 percent of the size that a pump could take, so as to provide reserve head. If this reserve is used only 5 percent of the time, all such pumps will be operating at less than full efficiency most of the time.
4. Advantages of allowing operation to the right of the best efficiency point. Some specifications, the result of such thinking as that which provides reserve head, prohibit the selection of pumps that would operate to the right of the best efficiency point. This eliminates half of the pumps that might be selected and results in oversized pumps operating at lower efficiency.

This procedure is the work of John H. Doolin, Director of Product Development, Worthington Pumps, Inc., as reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine.

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### PIPE-WALL THICKNESS AND SCHEDULE NUMBER

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Determine the minimum wall thickness  $t_m$  in (mm) and schedule number SN for a branch steam pipe operating at 900°F (482.2°C) if the internal steam pressure is 1000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (6894 kPa). Use ANSA B31.1 *Code for Pressure Piping* and the ASME *Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code* valves and equations where they apply. Steam flow rate is 72,000 lb/h (32,400 kg/h).

#### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the required pipe diameter.** When the length of pipe is not given or is as yet unknown, make a first approximation of the pipe diameter, using a suitable velocity for the fluid.

**TABLE 1** Recommended Fluid Velocities in Piping

Service	Velocity of fluid	
	ft/min	m/s
Boiler and turbine leads	6,000–12,000	30.5–60.9
Steam headers	6,000–8,000	30.5–40.6
Branch steam lines	6,000–15,000	30.5–76.2
Feedwater lines	250–850	1.3–4.3
Exhaust and low-pressure steam lines	6,000–15,000	30.5–76.2
Pump suction lines	100–300	0.51–1.52
Bleed steam lines	4,000–6,000	20.3–30.5
Service water mains	120–300	0.61–1.52
Vacuum steam lines	20,000–40,000	101.6–203.2
Steam superheater tubes	2,000–5,000	10.2–25.4
Compressed-air lines	1,500–2,000	7.6–10.2
Natural-gas lines (large cross-country)	100–150	0.51–0.76
Economizer tubes (water)	150–300	0.76–1.52
Crude-oil lines [6 to 30 in (152.4 to 762.0 mm)]	50–350	0.25–1.78

Once the length of the pipe is known, the pressure loss can be determined. If the pressure loss exceeds a desirable value, the pipe diameter can be increased until the loss is within an acceptable range.

Compute the pipe cross-sectional area  $a$  in<sup>2</sup> (cm<sup>2</sup>) from  $a = 2.4Wv/V$ , where  $W$  = steam flow rate, lb/h (kg/h);  $v$  = specific volume of the steam, ft<sup>3</sup>/lb (m<sup>3</sup>/kg);  $V$  = steam velocity, ft/min (m/min). The only unknown in this equation, other than the pipe area, is the steam velocity  $V$ . Use Table 1 to find a suitable steam velocity for this branch line.

Table 1 shows that the recommended steam velocities for branch steam pipes range from 6000 to 15,000 ft/min (1828 to 4572 m/min). Assume that a velocity of 12,000 ft/min (3657.6 m/min) is used in this branch steam line. Then, by using the steam table to find the specific volume of steam at 900°F (482.2°C) and 1000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (6894 kPa),  $a = 2.4(72,000)(0.7604)/12,000 = 10.98$  in<sup>2</sup> (70.8 cm<sup>2</sup>). The inside diameter of the pipe is then  $d = 2(a/\pi)^{0.5} = 2(10.98/\pi)^{0.5} = 3.74$  in (95.0 mm). Since pipe is not ordinarily made in this fractional internal diameter, round it to the next larger size, or 4-in (101.6-mm) inside diameter.

**2. Determine the pipe schedule number.** The ANSA Code for Pressure Piping, commonly called the *Piping Code*, defines schedule number as  $SN = 1000 P_i/S$ , where  $P_i$  = internal pipe pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage);  $S$  = allowable stress in the pipe, lb/in<sup>2</sup>, from *Piping Code*. Table 2 shows typical allowable stress values for pipe in power piping systems. For this pipe, assuming that seamless ferritic alloy steel (1% Cr, 0.55% Mo) pipe is used with the steam at 900°F (482°C),  $SN = (1000)(1014.7)/13,100 = 77.5$ . Since pipe is not ordinarily made in this schedule number, use the next *highest* readily available schedule number, or  $SN = 80$ . [Where large quantities of pipe are required, it is sometimes economically wise to order pipe of the exact SN required. This is not usually done for orders of less than 1000 ft (304.8 m) of pipe.]

**3. Determine the pipe-wall thickness.** Enter a tabulation of pipe properties, such as in Crocker and King—*Piping Handbook*, and find the wall thickness for 4-in (101.6-mm) SN 80 pipe as 0.337 in (8.56 mm).

**Related Calculations** Use the method given here for any type of pipe—steam, water, oil, gas, or air—in any service—power, refinery, process, commercial, etc. Refer to the proper section of B31.1 *Code for Pressure Piping* when computing the schedule number, because the allowable stress  $S$  varies for different types of service.

The *Piping Code* contains an equation for determining the minimum required pipe-wall thickness based on the pipe internal pressure, outside diameter, allowable stress, a temperature



**TABLE 2** Allowable Stresses ( $S$  Values) for Alloy-Steel Pipe in Power Piping Systems\*  
(Abstracted from ASME Power Boiler Code and Code for Pressure Piping, ASA B31.1)

Material	ASTM specification	Grade or symbol	Minimum tensile strength		$S$ values for metal temperatures not to exceed <sup>†</sup>					
			lb/in <sup>2</sup>	MPa	850°F	454°C	900°F	482°C	950°F	510°C
Seamless ferritic steels:										
Carbon-molybdenum	A335	P1	55,000	379.2	13,150	90.7	12,500	86.2	...	...
0.65 Cr, 0.55 Mo	A335	P2	55,000	379.2	13,150	90.7	12,500	86.2	10,000	68.9
1.00 Cr, 0.55 Mo	A335	P12	60,000	413.6	14,200	97.9	13,100	90.3	11,000	75.8

\*Crocker and King—*Piping Handbook*.

<sup>†</sup>Where welded construction is used, consideration should be given to the possibility of graphite formation in carbon-molybdenum steel above 875°F (468°C) or in chromium-molybdenum steel containing less than 0.60 percent chromium above 975°F (523.9°C).

coefficient, and an allowance for threading, mechanical strength, and corrosion. This equation is seldom used in routine piping-system design. Instead, the schedule number as given here is preferred by most designers.

## PIPE-WALL THICKNESS DETERMINATION BY PIPING CODE FORMULA

Use the ANSA B31.1 *Code for Pressure Piping* wall-thickness equation to determine the required wall thickness for an 8.625-in (219.1-mm) OD ferritic steel plain-end pipe if the pipe is used in 900°F (482°C) 900-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (6205-kPa) steam service.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the constants for the thickness equation.** Pipe-wall thickness to meet ANSA *Code* requirements for power service is computed from  $t_m = \{DP/[2(S + YP)]\} + C$ , where  $t_m$  = minimum wall thickness, in;  $D$  = outside diameter of pipe, in;  $P$  = internal pressure in pipe, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage);  $S$  = allowable stress in pipe material, lb/in<sup>2</sup>;  $Y$  = temperature coefficient;  $C$  = end-condition factor, in.

Values of  $S$ ,  $Y$ , and  $C$  are given in tables in the *Code for Pressure Piping* in the section on Power Piping. Using values from the latest edition of the *Code*, we get  $S = 12,500$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (86.2 MPa) for ferritic-steel pipe operating at 900°F (482°C);  $Y = 0.40$  at the same temperature;  $C = 0.065$  in (1.65 mm) for plain-end steel pipe.

**2. Compute the minimum wall thickness.** Substitute the given and *Code* values in the equation in step 1, or  $t_m = [(8.625)(900)]/[2(12,500 + 0.4 \times 900)] + 0.065 = 0.367$  in (9.32 mm).

Since pipe mills do not fabricate to precise wall thicknesses, a tolerance above or below the computed wall thickness is required. An allowance must be made in specifying the wall thickness found with this equation by *increasing* the thickness by 12½ percent. Thus, for this pipe, wall thickness =  $0.367 + 0.125(0.367) = 0.413$  in (10.5 mm).

Refer to the *Code* to find the schedule number of the pipe. Schedule 60 8-in (203-mm) pipe has a wall thickness of 0.406 in (10.31 mm), and schedule 80 pipe has a wall thickness of 0.500 in (12.7 mm). Since the required thickness of 0.413 in (10.5 mm) is greater than schedule 60 but less than schedule 80, the higher schedule number, 80, should be used.

**3. Check the selected schedule number.** From the previous calculation procedure,  $SN = 1000P_i/S$ . For this pipe,  $SN = 1000(900)/12,500 = 72$ . Since piping is normally fabricated for schedule numbers 10, 20, 30, 40, 60, 80, 100, 120, 140, and 160, the next larger schedule number higher than 72, that is 80, will be used. This agrees with the schedule number found in step 2.

**Related Calculations** Use this method in conjunction with the appropriate *Code* equation to determine the wall thickness of pipe conveying air, gas, steam, oil, water, alcohol, or any other similar fluids in any type of service. Be certain to use the correct equation, which in some cases is simpler than that used here. Thus, for lead pipe,  $t_m = Pd/2S$ , where  $P$  = safe working pressure of the pipe, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage);  $d$  = inside diameter of pipe, in; other symbols as before.

When a pipe will operate at a temperature between two tabulated *Code* values, find the allowable stress by interpolating between the tabulated temperature and stress values. Thus, for a pipe operating at 680°F (360°C), find the allowable stress at 650°F (343°C) [= 9500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (65.5 MPa)] and 700°F (371°C) [= 9000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (62.0 MPa)]. Interpolate thus: allowable stress at 680°F (360°C) = [(700°F – 680°F)/(700°F – 650°F)](9500 – 9000) + 9000 = 200 + 9000 = 9200 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (63.4 MPa). The same result can be obtained by interpolating downward from 9500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (65.5 MPa), or allowable stress at 680°F (360°C) = 9500 – [(680 – 650)/(700 – 650)](9500 – 9000) = 9200 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (63.4 MPa).

## DETERMINING THE PRESSURE LOSS IN STEAM PIPING

Use a suitable pressure-loss chart to determine the pressure loss in 510 ft (155.5 m) of 4-in (101.6-mm) flanged steel pipe containing two 90° elbows and four 45° bends. The schedule 40 piping conveys 13,000 lb/h (5850 kg/h) of 40-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (275.8-kPa) 350°F (177°C) superheated steam. List other methods of determining the pressure loss in steam piping.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the equivalent length of the piping.** The equivalent length of a pipe  $L_e$  ft = length of straight pipe, ft + equivalent length of fittings, ft. Using data from the Hydraulic Institute, Crocker and King—*Piping Handbook*, earlier sections of this handbook, or Fig. 1, find the equivalent length of a 90° 4-in (101.6-mm) elbow as 10 ft (3 m) of straight pipe. Likewise, the equivalent length of a 45° bend is 5 ft (1.5 m) of straight pipe. Substituting in the above relation and using the straight lengths and the number of fittings of each type, we get  $L_e = 510 + (2)(10) + 4(5) = 550$  ft (167.6 m) of straight pipe.

**2. Compute the pressure loss, using a suitable chart.** Figure 2 presents a typical pressure-loss chart for steam piping. Enter the chart at the top left at the superheated steam temperature of 350°F (177°C), and project vertically downward until the 40-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (275.8-kPa) superheated steam pressure curve is intersected. From here, project horizontally to the right until the outer border of the chart is intersected. Next, project through the steam flow rate, 13,000 lb/h (5900 kg/h) on scale *B*, Fig. 2, to the pivot scale *C*. From this point, project through 4-in (101.6-mm) schedule 40 pipe on scale *D*, Fig. 2. Extend this line to intersect the pressure-drop scale, and read the pressure loss as 7.25 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (50 kPa) per 100 ft (30.4 m) of pipe.

Since the equivalent length of this pipe is 550 ft (167.6 m), the total pressure loss in the pipe is (550/100)(7.25) = 39.875 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (274.9 kPa), say 40 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (275.8 kPa).

**3. List the other methods of computing pressure loss.** Numerous pressure-loss equations have been developed to compute the pressure drop in steam piping. Among the better known are those of Unwin, Fritzsche, Spitzglass, Babcock, Gutermuth, and others. These equations are discussed in some detail in Crocker and King—*Piping Handbook* and in the engineering data published by valve and piping manufacturers.

Most piping designers use a chart to determine the pressure loss in steam piping because a chart saves time and reduces the effort involved. Further, the accuracy obtained is sufficient for all usual design practice.

Figure 3 is a popular flowchart for determining steam flow rate, pipe size, steam pressure, or steam velocity in a given pipe. Using this chart, the designer can determine any one of the four variables listed above when the other three are known. In solving a problem on the chart in Fig. 3, use

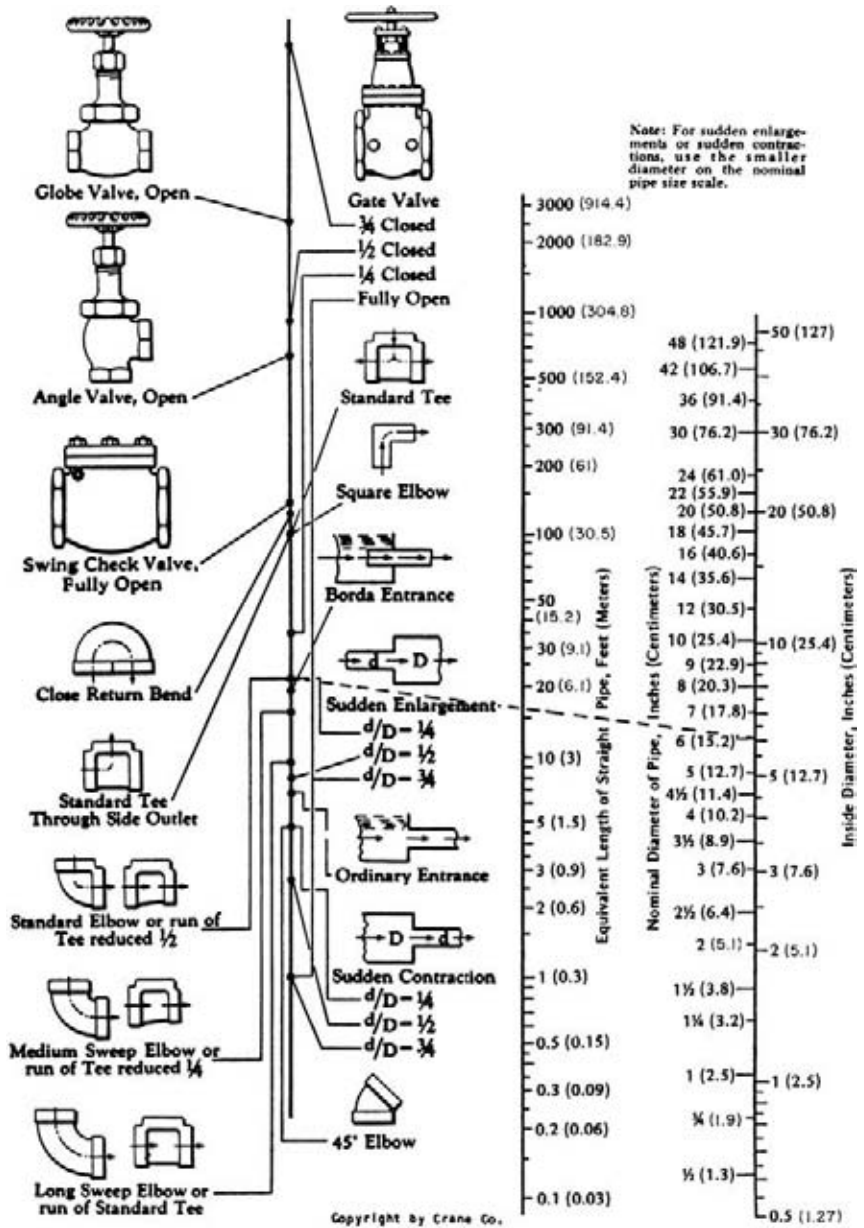
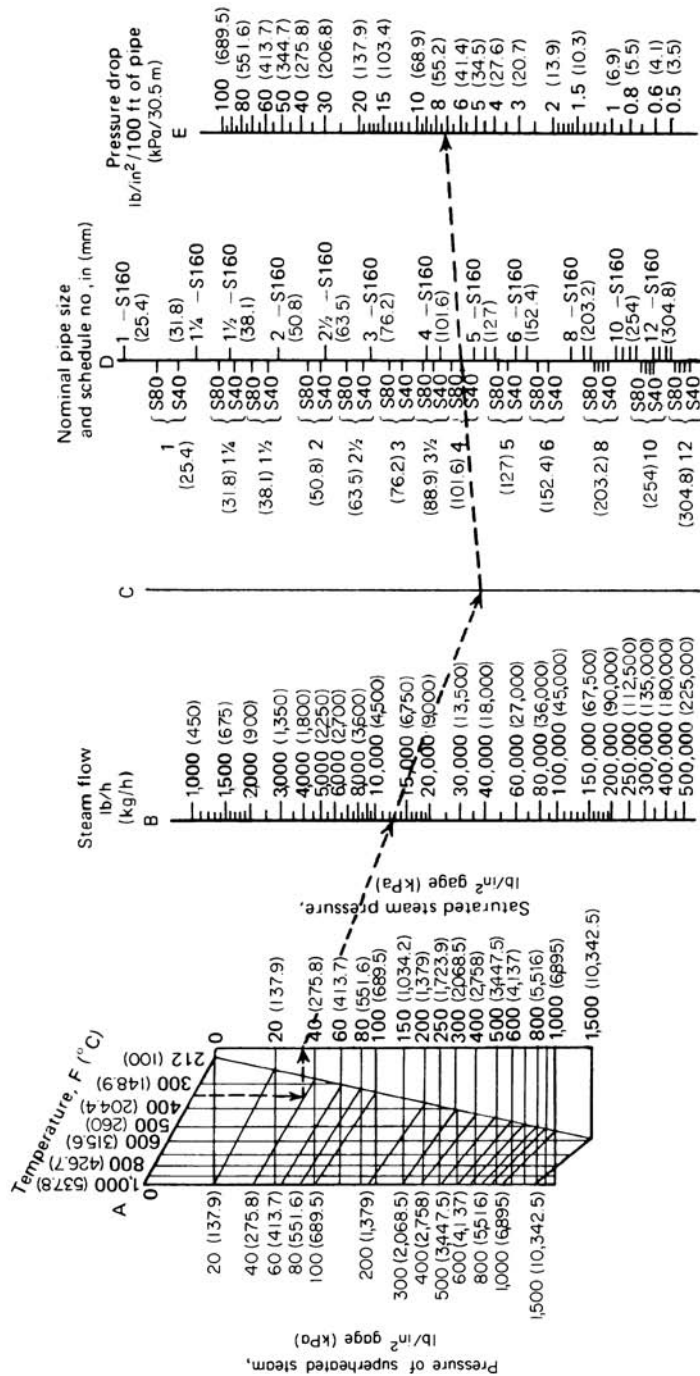


FIGURE 1 Equivalent length of pipe fittings and valves. (Crane Company.)



**FIGURE 2** Pressure loss in steam pipes based on the Fritzsche formula. (Power.)

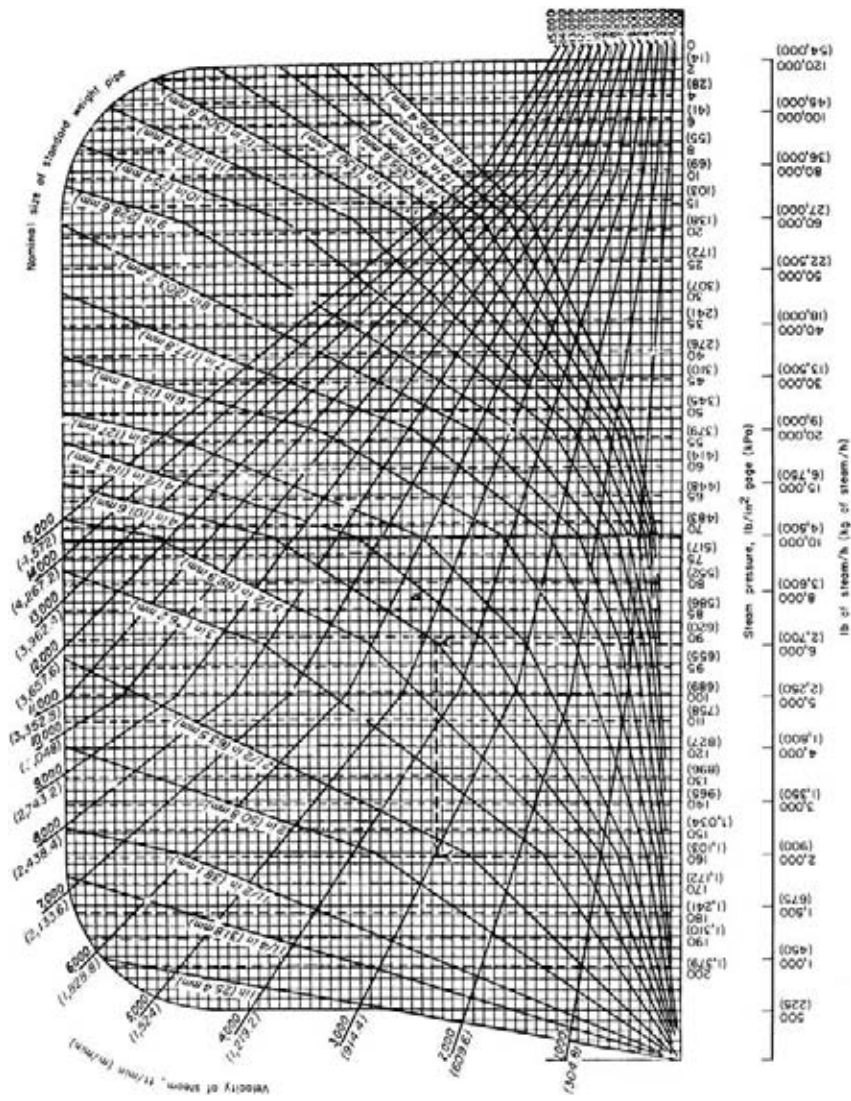


FIGURE 3 Spitzglass chart for saturated steam flowing in schedule 40 pipe.

**TABLE 3** Steam Velocities Used in Pipe Design

Steam condition	Steam pressure		Steam use	Steam velocity	
	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	kPa		ft/min	m/min
Saturated	0–15	0–103.4	Heating	4,000–6,000	1,219.2–1,828.8
Saturated	50–150	344.7–1,034.1	Process	6,000–10,000	1,828.8–3,048.0
Superheated	200 and higher	1,378.8 and higher	Boiler leads	10,000–15,000	3,048.0–4,572.0

the steam-quantity lines to intersect pipe sizes and the steam-pressure lines to intersect steam velocities. Here are two typical applications of this chart.

*Example:* What size schedule 40 pipe is needed to deliver 8000 lb/h (3600 kg/h) of 120-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (827.3-kPa) steam at a velocity of 5000 ft/min (1524 m/min)?

*Solution:* Enter Fig. 3 at the upper left at a velocity of 5000 ft/min (1524 m/min), and project along this velocity line until the 120-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (827.3-kPa) pressure line is intersected. From this intersection, project horizontally until the 8000-lb/h (3600-kg/h) vertical line is intersected. Read the nearest pipe size as 4 in (101.6 mm) on the nearest pipe-diameter curve.

*Example:* What is the steam velocity in a 6-in (152.4-mm) pipe delivering 20,000 lb/h (9000 kg/h) of steam at 85 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (586 kPa)?

*Solution:* Enter the bottom of the chart, Fig. 3, at the flow rate of 20,000 lb/h (9000 kg/h), and project vertically upward until the 6-in (152.4-mm) pipe curve is intersected. From this point, project horizontally to the 85-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (586-kPa) curve. At the intersection, read the velocity as 7350 ft/min (2240.3 m/min).

Table 3 shows typical steam velocities for various industrial and commercial applications. Use the given values as guides when sizing steam piping.

## PIPING WARM-UP CONDENSATE LOAD

How much condensate is formed in 5 min during warm-up of 500 ft (152.4 m) of 6-in (152.4-mm) schedule 40 steel pipe conveying 215-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1482.2-kPa) saturated steam if the pipe is insulated with 2 in (50.8 mm) of 85 percent magnesia and the minimum external temperature is 35°F (1.7°C)?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the amount of condensate formed during pipe warm-up.** For any pipe, the condensate formed during warm-up  $C_h$  lb/h =  $60(W_p)(\Delta t)(s)/h_{fg}N$ , where  $W_p$  = total weight of pipe, lb;  $\Delta t$  = difference between final and initial temperature of the pipe, °F;  $s$  = specific heat of pipe material, Btu/(lb·°F);  $h_{fg}$  = enthalpy of vaporization of the steam, Btu/lb;  $N$  = warm-up time, min.

A table of pipe properties shows that this pipe weighs 18.974 lb/ft (28.1 kg/m). The steam table shows that the temperature of 215-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1482.2-kPa) saturated steam is 387.89°F (197.7°C), say 388°F (197.8°C); the enthalpy  $h_{fg}$  = 837.4 Btu/lb (1947.8 kJ/kg). The specific heat of steel pipe  $s$  = 0.144 Btu/(lb·°F) [0.6 kJ/(kg·°C)]. Then  $C_h$  =  $60(500 \times 18.974)(388 - 35)(0.144)/[(837.4)(5)]$  = 5470 lb/h (2461.5 kg/h).

**2. Compute the radiation-loss condensate load.** Condensate is also formed by radiation of heat from the pipe during warm-up and while the pipe is operating. The warm-up condensate load decreases as the radiation load increases, the peak occurring midway (2<sup>1/2</sup> min in this case) through the warm-up period. For this reason, one-half the normal radiation load is added to the warm-up load.

Where the radiation load is small, it is often disregarded. However, the load must be computed before its magnitude can be determined.

For any pipe,  $C_r = (L)(A)(\Delta t)(H)/h_{fg}$ , where  $L$  = length of pipe, ft;  $A$  = external area of pipe, ft<sup>2</sup> per ft of length;  $H$  = heat loss through bare pipe or pipe insulation, Btu/(ft<sup>2</sup>·h·°F), from the piping or insulation tables. This 6-in (152.4-mm) schedule 40 pipe has an external area  $A = 1.73$  ft<sup>2</sup>/ft (0.53 m<sup>2</sup>/m) of length. The heat loss through 2 in (50.8 mm) of 85 percent magnesia, from insulation tables, is  $H = 0.286$  Btu/(ft<sup>2</sup>·h·°F) [1.62 W/(m<sup>2</sup>·°C)]. Then  $C_r = (500) \times (1.73)(388 - 35)(0.286)/837.4 = 104.2$  lb/h (46.9 kg/h). Adding half the radiation load to the warm-up load gives  $5470 + 52.1 = 5522.1$  lb/h (2484.9 kg/h).

**3. Apply a suitable safety factor to the condensate load.** Trap manufacturers recommend a safety factor of 2 for traps installed between a boiler and the end of a steam main; traps at the end of a long steam main or ahead of pressure-regulating or shutoff valves usually have a safety factor of 3. With a safety factor of 3 for this pipe, the steam trap should have a capacity of at least  $3(5522.1) = 16,566.3$  lb/h (7454.8 kg/h), say 17,000 lb/h (7650.0 kg/h).

**Related Calculations** Use this method to find the warm-up condensate load for any type of steam pipe—main or auxiliary—in power, process, heating, or vacuum service. The same method is applicable to other vapors that form condensate—Dowtherm, refinery vapors, process vapors, and others.

## STEAM TRAP SELECTION FOR INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS

Select steam traps for the following four types of equipment: (1) the steam directly heats solid materials as in autoclaves, retorts, and sterilizers; (2) the steam indirectly heats a liquid through a metallic surface, as in heat exchangers and kettles, where the quantity of liquid heated is known and unknown; (3) the steam indirectly heats a solid through a metallic surface, as in dryers using cylinders or chambers and platen presses; and (4) the steam indirectly heats air through metallic surfaces, as in unit heaters, pipe coils, and radiators.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the condensate load.** The first step in selecting a steam trap for any type of equipment is determination of the condensate load. Use the following general procedure.

*a. Solid materials in autoclaves, retorts, and sterilizers.* How much condensate is formed when 2000 lb (900.0 kg) of solid material with a specific heat of 1.0 is processed in 15 min at 240°F (115.6°C) by 25-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (172.4-kPa) steam from an initial temperature of 60°F in an insulated steel retort?

For this type of equipment, use  $C = WSP$ , where  $C$  = condensate formed, lb/h;  $W$  = weight of material heated, lb;  $s$  = specific heat, Btu/(lb·°F);  $P$  = factor from Table 4. Thus, for this application,  $C = (2000)(1.0)(0.193) = 386$  lb (173.7 kg) of condensate. Note that  $P$  is based on a temperature rise

**TABLE 4** Factors  $P = (T - t)/L$  to Find Condensate Load

Pressure		Temperature		
lb/in <sup>2</sup> (abs)	kPa	160°F (71.1°C)	180°F (82.2°C)	200°F (93.3°C)
20	137.8	0.170	0.192	0.213
25	172.4	0.172	0.193	0.214
30	206.8	0.172	0.194	0.215

**TABLE 5** Use These Specific Heats to Calculate Condensate Load

Solids	Btu/(lb·°F)	kJ/(kg·°C)	Liquids	Btu/(lb·°F)	kJ/(kg·°C)
Aluminum	0.23	0.96	Alcohol	0.65	2.7
Brass	0.10	0.42	Carbon tetrachloride	0.20	0.84
Copper	0.10	0.42	Gasoline	0.53	2.22
Glass	0.20	0.84	Glycerin	0.58	2.43
Iron	0.13	0.54	Kerosene	0.47	1.97
Steel	0.12	0.50	Oils	0.40–0.50	1.67–2.09

of  $240 - 60 = 180^\circ\text{F}$  ( $100^\circ\text{C}$ ) and a steam pressure of  $25 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (gage) ( $172.4 \text{ kPa}$ ). For the retort, using the specific heat of steel from Table 5,  $C = (4000)(0.12)(0.193) = 92.6 \text{ lb}$  of condensate, say  $93 \text{ lb}$  ( $41.9 \text{ kg}$ ). The total weight of condensate formed in 15 min is  $386 + 93 = 479 \text{ lb}$  ( $215.6 \text{ kg}$ ). In 1 h,  $479(60/15) = 1916 \text{ lb}$  ( $862.2 \text{ kg}$ ) of condensate is formed.

A safety factor must be applied to compensate for radiation and other losses. Typical safety factors used in selecting steam traps are as follows:

Steam mains and headers	2–3
Steam heating pipes	2–6
Purifiers and separators	2–3
Retorts for process	2–4
Unit heaters	3
Submerged pipe coils	2–4
Cylinder dryers	4–10

With a safety factor of 4 for this process retort, the trap capacity =  $(4)(1916) = 7664 \text{ lb/h}$  ( $3449 \text{ kg/h}$ ), say  $7700 \text{ lb/h}$  ( $3465 \text{ kg/h}$ ).

*b(1). Submerged heating surface and a known quantity of liquid.* How much condensate forms in the jacket of a kettle when 500 gal ( $1892.5 \text{ L}$ ) of water is heated in 30 min from  $72$  to  $212^\circ\text{F}$  ( $22.2$  to  $100^\circ\text{C}$ ) with  $50\text{-lb/in}^2$  (gage) ( $344.7\text{-kPa}$ ) steam?

For this type of equipment,  $C = GwsP$ , where  $G$  = gal of liquid heated;  $w$  = weight of liquid, lb/gal. Substitute the appropriate values as follows:  $C = (500)(8.33)(1.0) \times (0.154) = 641 \text{ lb}$  ( $288.5 \text{ kg}$ ), or  $(641)(60/30) = 1282 \text{ lb/h}$  ( $621.9 \text{ kg/h}$ ). With a safety factor of 3, the trap capacity =  $(3)(1282) = 3846 \text{ lb/h}$  ( $1731 \text{ kg/h}$ ), say  $3900 \text{ lb/h}$  ( $1755 \text{ kg/h}$ ).

*b(2). Submerged heating surface and an unknown quantity of liquid.* How much condensate is formed in a coil submerged in oil when the oil is heated as quickly as possible from  $50$  to  $250^\circ\text{F}$  ( $10$  to  $121^\circ\text{C}$ ) by  $25\text{-lb/in}^2$  (gage) ( $172.4\text{-kPa}$ ) steam if the coil has an area of  $50 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $4.66 \text{ m}^2$ ) and the oil is free to circulate around the coil?

For this condition,  $C = UAP$ , where  $U$  = overall coefficient of heat transfer,  $\text{Btu}/(\text{h}\cdot\text{ft}^2\cdot^\circ\text{F})$ , from Table 6;  $A$  = area of heating surface,  $\text{ft}^2$ . With free convection and a condensing-vapor-to-liquid type of heat exchanger,  $U = 10$  to  $30$ . With an average value of  $U = 20$ ,  $C = (20)(50)(0.214) = 214 \text{ lb/h}$  ( $96.3 \text{ kg/h}$ ) of condensate. Choosing a safety factor 3 gives trap capacity =  $(3)(214) = 642 \text{ lb/h}$  ( $289 \text{ kg/h}$ ), say  $650 \text{ lb/h}$  ( $292.5 \text{ kg/h}$ ).

*b(3). Submerged surfaces having more area than needed to heat a specified quantity of liquid in a given time with condensate withdrawn as rapidly as formed.* Use Table 7 instead of step *b(1)* or *b(2)*. Find the condensation rate by multiplying the submerged area by the appropriate factor from Table 7. Use this method for heating water, chemical solutions, oils, and other liquids. Thus, with steam at  $100 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (gage) ( $689.4 \text{ kPa}$ ) and a temperature of  $338^\circ\text{F}$  ( $170^\circ\text{C}$ ) and heating oil from  $50$  to  $226^\circ\text{F}$  ( $10$  to  $108^\circ\text{C}$ ) with a submerged surface having an area of  $500 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $46.5 \text{ m}^2$ ), the mean temperature difference = steam temperature minus the average liquid temperature =  $Mtd = 338 - (50 + 226/2) = 200^\circ\text{F}$  ( $93.3^\circ\text{C}$ ). The factor from Table 7 for  $100 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (gage) ( $689.4 \text{ kPa}$ ) steam and a  $200^\circ\text{F}$  ( $93.3^\circ\text{C}$ )  $Mtd$



**TABLE 6** Ordinary Ranges of Overall Coefficients of Heat Transfer

Type of heat exchanger	State of controlling resistance			Typical fluid	Typical apparatus
	Free convection, $U$	Forced convection, $U$			
Liquid to liquid	25–60	[141.9–340.7]	150–300	Water	Liquid-to-liquid heat exchangers
Liquid to liquid	5–10	[28.4–56.8]	20–50	Oil	
Liquid to gas*	1–3	[5.7–17.0]	2–10	—	Hot-water radiators
Liquid to boiling liquid	20–60	[113.6–340.7]	50–150	Water	Brine coolers
Liquid to boiling liquid	5–20	[28.4–113.6]	25–60	Oil	
Gas <sup>o</sup> to liquid	1–3	[5.7–17.0]	2–10	—	Air coolers, economizers
Gas <sup>o</sup> to gas	0.6–2	[3.4–11.4]	2–6	—	Steam superheaters
Gas <sup>o</sup> to boiling liquid	1–3	[5.7–17.0]	2–10	—	Steam boilers
Condensing vapor to liquid	50–200	[283.9–1136]	150–800	Steam to water	Liquid heaters and condensers
Condensing vapor to liquid	10–30	[56.8–170.3]	20–60	Steam to oil	
Condensing vapor to liquid	40–80	[227.1–454.2]	60–150	Organic vapor to water	
Condensing vapor to liquid	—	—	15–300	Steam-gas mixture	
Condensing vapor to gas <sup>o</sup>	1–2	[5.7–11.4]	2–10	—	Steam pipes in air, air heaters
Condensing vapor to boiling liquid	40–100	[227.1–567.8]	—	—	Scale-forming evaporators
Condensing vapor to boiling liquid	300–800	[1703.4–4542.4]	—	Steam to water	
Condensing vapor to boiling liquid	50–150	[283.9–851.7]	—	Steam to oil	

\* At atmospheric pressure.

Note:  $U = \text{Btu}/(\text{h}\cdot\text{ft}^2\cdot^\circ\text{F})$  [ $\text{W}/(\text{m}^2\cdot^\circ\text{C})$ ]. Under many conditions, either higher or lower values may be realized.

**TABLE 7** Condensate Formed in Submerged Steel\* Heating Elements, lb/(ft<sup>2</sup>·h) [kg/(m<sup>2</sup>·min)]

MTD <sup>†</sup>		Steam pressure			Btu/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·h)	kW/m <sup>2</sup>
		75 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (abs) (517.1 kPa)	100 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (abs) (689.4 kPa)	150 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (abs) (1034.1 kPa)		
°F	°C					
175	97.2	44.3 (3.6)	45.4 (3.7)	46.7 (3.8)	40,000	126.2
200	111.1	54.8 (4.5)	56.8 (4.6)	58.3 (4.7)	50,000	157.7
250	138.9	90.0 (7.3)	93.1 (7.6)	95.7 (7.8)	82,000	258.6

\*For copper, multiply table data by 2.0; for brass, by 1.6.

†Mean temperature difference, °F or °C, equals temperature of steam minus average liquid temperature. Heat-transfer data for calculating this table obtained from and used by permission of the American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corp.

is 56.75. Thus, the condensation rate = (56.75)(500) = 28,375 lb/h (12,769 kg/h). With a safety factor of 2, the trap capacity = (2)(28,375) = 56,750 lb/h (25,538 kg/h).

*c. Solids indirectly heated through a metallic surface.* How much condensate is formed in a chamber dryer when 1000 lb (454 kg) of cereal is dried to 750 lb (338 kg) by 10-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (68.9-kPa) steam? The initial temperature of the cereal is 60°F (15.6°C), and the final temperature equals that of the steam.

For this condition,  $C = 970(W - D)/h_{fg} + WP$ , where  $D$  = dry weight of the material, lb;  $h_{fg}$  = enthalpy of vaporization of the steam at the trap pressure, Btu/lb. From the steam tables and Table 4,  $C = 970(1000 - 750)/952 + (1000)(0.189) = 443.5$  lb/h (199.6 kg/h) of condensate. With a safety factor of 4, the trap capacity = (4)(443.5) = 1774 lb/h (798.3 kg/h).

*d. Indirect heating of air through a metallic surface.* How much condensate is formed in a unit heater using 10-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (68.9-kPa) steam if the entering-air temperature is 30°F (-1.1°C) and the leaving-air temperature is 130°F (54.4°C)? Airflow is 10,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (281.1 m<sup>3</sup>/min).

Use Table 8, entering at a temperature difference of 100°F (37.8°C) and projecting to a steam pressure of 10 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (68.9 kPa). Read the condensate formed as 122 lb/h (54.9 kg/h) per 1000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (28.3 m<sup>3</sup>/min). Since 10,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (283.1 m<sup>3</sup>/min) of air is being heated, the condensation rate = (10,000/1000)(122) = 1220 lb/h (549 kg/h). With a safety factor of 3, the trap capacity = (3)(1220) = 3660 lb/h (1647 kg/h), say 3700 lb/h (1665 kg/h).

Table 9 shows the condensate formed by radiation from bare iron and steel pipes in still air and with forced-air circulation. Thus, with a steam pressure of 100 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (689.4 kPa) and an initial air temperature of 75°F (23.9°C), 1.05 lb/h (0.47 kg/h) of condensate will be formed per ft<sup>2</sup> (0.09 m<sup>2</sup>) of heating surface in still air. With forced-air circulation, the condensate rate is (5)(1.05) = 5.25 lb/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>) [25.4 kg/(h·m<sup>2</sup>)] of heating surface.

Unit heaters have a *standard rating* based on 2-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (13.8-kPa) steam with entering air at 60°F (15.6°C). If the steam pressure or air temperature is different from these standard conditions, multiply the heater Btu/h capacity rating by the appropriate correction factor form, Table 10. Thus, a heater rated at 10,000 Btu/h (2931 W) with 2-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (13.8-kPa) steam

**TABLE 8** Steam Condensed by Air, lb/h at 1000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (kg/h at 28.3 m<sup>3</sup>/min)\*

Temperature difference		Pressure		
		5 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage) (34.5 kPa)	10 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage) (68.9 kPa)	50 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage) (344.7 kPa)
°F	°C			
50	27.8	61 (27.5)	61 (27.5)	63 (28.4)
100	55.6	120 (54.0)	122 (54.9)	126 (56.7)
150	83.3	180 (81.0)	183 (82.4)	189 (85.1)

\*Based on 0.0192 Btu (0.02 kJ) absorbed per ft<sup>3</sup> (0.028 m<sup>3</sup>) of saturated air per °F (0.556°C) at 32°F (0°C). For 0°F (-17.8°C), multiply by 1.1.

**TABLE 9** Condensate Formed by Radiation from Bare Iron and Steel, lb/(ft<sup>2</sup>·h) [kg/(m<sup>2</sup>·h)]\*

Air temperature		Steam pressure			
		50 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage) (344.7 kPa)	75 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage) (517.1 kPa)	100 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage) (689.5 kPa)	150 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage) (1034 kPa)
°F	°C				
65	18.3	0.82 (3.97)	1.00 (5.84)	1.08 (5.23)	1.32 (6.39)
70	21.2	0.80 (3.87)	0.98 (4.74)	1.06 (5.13)	1.21 (5.86)
75	23.9	0.77 (3.73)	0.88 (4.26)	1.05 (5.08)	1.19 (5.76)

\*Based on still air; for forced-air circulation, multiply by 5.

and 60°F (15.6°C) air would have an output of (1.290)(10,000) = 12,900 Btu/h (3781 W) with 40°F (4.4°C) inlet air and 10-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (68.9-kPa) steam. Trap manufacturers usually list heater Btu ratings and recommend trap model numbers and sizes in their trap engineering data. This allows easier selection of the correct trap.

**2. Select the trap size based on the load and steam pressure.** Obtain a chart or tabulation of trap capacities published by the manufacturer whose trap will be used. Figure 4 is a capacity chart for one type of bucket trap manufactured by Armstrong Machine Works. Table 11 shows typical capacities of impulse traps manufactured by the Yarway Company.

To select a trap from Fig. 4, when the condensation rate is uniform and the pressure across the trap is constant, enter at the left at the condensation rate, say 8000 lb/h (3600 kg/h) (as obtained from step 1). Project horizontally to the right to the vertical ordinate representing the pressure across the trap [=  $\Delta p$  = steam-line pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) – return-line pressure with trap valve closed, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage)]. Assume  $\Delta p$  = 20 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (138 kPa) for this trap. The intersection of the horizontal 8000-lb/h (3600-kg/h) projection and the vertical 20-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (137.9-kPa) projection is on the sawtooth capacity curve for a trap having a <sup>9</sup>/<sub>16</sub>-in (14.3-mm) diameter orifice. If these projections intersected beneath this curve, a <sup>9</sup>/<sub>16</sub>-in (14.3-mm) orifice would still be used if the point were between the verticals for this size orifice.

The dashed lines extending downward from the sawtooth curves show the capacity of a trap at reduced  $\Delta p$ . Thus, the capacity of a trap with a <sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>-in (9.53-mm) orifice at  $\Delta p$  = 30 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (207 kPa) is 6200 lb/h (2790 kg/h), read at the intersection of the 30-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (207-kPa) ordinate and the dashed curve extended from the <sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>-in (9.53-mm) solid curve.

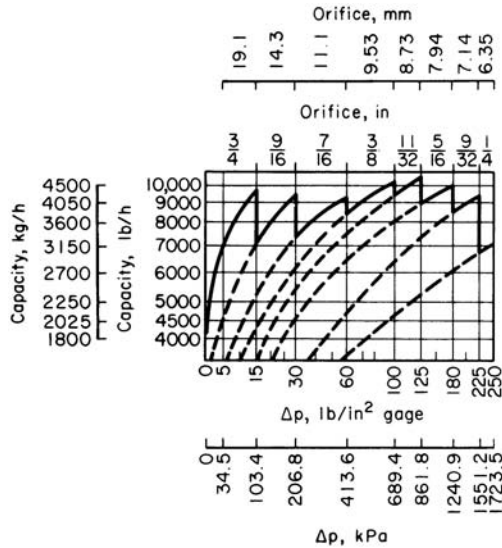
To select an impulse trap from Table 11, enter the table at the trap inlet pressure, say 125 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (862 kPa), and project to the desired capacity, say 8000 lb/h (3600 kg/h), determined from step 1. Table 11 shows that a 2-in (50.8-mm) trap having an 8530-lb/h (3839-kg/h) capacity must be used because the next smallest size has a capacity of 5165 lb/h (2324 kg/h). This capacity is less than that required.

Some trap manufacturers publish capacity tables relating various trap models to specific types of equipment. Such tables simplify trap selection, but the condensation rate must still be computed as given here.

**TABLE 10** Unit-Heater Correction Factors

Steam pressure		Temperature of entering air		
lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage)	kPa	20°F (–6.7°C)	40°F (4.4°C)	60°F (15.6°C)
5	34.5	1.370	1.206	1.050
10	68.9	1.460	1.290	1.131
15	103.4	1.525	1.335	1.194

Source: Yarway Corporation; SI values added by handbook editor.



**FIGURE 4** Capacities of one type of bucket steam trap. (*Armstrong Machine Works.*)

**Related Calculations** Use the procedure given here to determine the trap capacity required for any industrial, commercial, or domestic application including acid vats, air dryers, asphalt tanks, autoclaves, baths (dyeing), belt presses, bleach tanks, blenders, bottle washers, brewing kettles, cabinet dryers, calendars, can washers, candy kettles, chamber dryers, chambers (reaction), cheese kettles, coils (cooking, kettle, pipe, tank, tank-car), confectioners' kettles, continuous dryers, conveyor dryers, cookers (nonpressure and pressure), cooking coils, cooking kettles, cooking tanks, cooking vats, cylinder dryers, cylinders (jacketed), double-drum dryers, drum dryers, drums (dyeing), dry cans, dry kilns, dryers (cabinet, chamber, continuous, conveyor, cylinder, drum, festoon, jacketed, linoleum, milk, paper, pulp, rotary, shelf, stretch, sugar, tray, tunnel), drying rolls, drying rooms, drying tables, dye vats, dyeing baths and drums, dryers (package), embossing-press platens, evaporators, feedwater heaters, festoon dryers, fin-type heaters, fourdriniers, fuel-oil pre-heaters, greenhouse coils, heaters (steam), heat exchangers, heating coils and kettles, hot-break tanks, hot plates, kettle coils, kettles (brewing, candy, cheese, confectioners', cooking, heating, process), kiers, kilns (dry), liquid heaters, mains (steam), milk-bottle washers, milk-can washers, milk dryers, mixers, molding-press platens, package dryers, paper dryers, percolators, phonograph-record press platens, pipe coils (still- and circulating-air), platens, plating tanks, plywood press platens, preheaters (fuel-oil), preheating tanks, press

**TABLE 11** Capacities of Impulse Traps, lb/h (kg/h)

[Maximum continuous discharge of condensate, based on condensate at 30°F (16.7°C) below steam temperature.]

Pressure at trap inlet		Trap nominal size	
lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage)	kPa	1.25 in (38.1 mm)	2.0 in (50.8 mm)
125	861.8	6165 (2774)	8530 (3839)
150	1034.1	6630 (2984)	9075 (4084)
200	1378.8	7410 (3335)	9950 (4478)

Source: Yarway Corporation.

platens, pressure cookers, process kettles, pulp dryers, purifiers, reaction chambers, retorts, rotary dryers, steam mains (risers, separators), stocking boarders, storage-tank coils, storage water heaters, stretch dryers, sugar dryers, tank-car coils, tire-mold presses, tray dryers, tunnel dryers, unit heaters, vats, veneer press platens, vulcanizers, and water stills. Hospital equipment—such as autoclaves and sterilizers—can be analyzed in the same way, as can kitchen equipment—bain marie, compartment cooker, egg boiler, kettles, steam table, and urns; and laundry equipment—blanket dryers, curtain dryers, flatwork ironers, presses (dry-cleaning, laundry), sock forms, starch cookers, tumblers, etc.

When using a trap capacity diagram or table, be sure to determine the basis on which it was prepared. Apply any necessary correction factors. Thus, *cold-water capacity ratings* must be corrected for traps operating at higher condensate temperatures. Correction factors are published in trap engineering data. The capacity of a trap is greater at condensate temperatures less than 212°F (100°C) because at or above this temperature condensate forms flash steam when it flows into a pipe or vessel at atmospheric [14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.3 kPa)] pressure. At altitudes above sea level, condensate flashes into steam at a lower temperature, depending on the altitude.

The method presented here is the work of L. C. Campbell, Yarway Corporation, as reported in *Chemical Engineering*.

## SELECTING HEAT INSULATION FOR HIGH-TEMPERATURE PIPING

Select the heat insulation for a 300-ft (91.4-m) long 10-in (254-mm) turbine lead operating at 570°F (299°C) for 8000 h/year in a 70°F (21.1°C) turbine room. How much heat is saved per year by this insulation? The boiler supplying the turbine has an efficiency of 80 percent when burning fuel having a heating value of 14,000 Btu/lb (32.6 MJ/kg). Fuel costs \$6 per ton (\$5.44 per metric ton). How much money is saved by the insulation each year? What is the efficiency of the insulation?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Choose the type of insulation to use.** Refer to an insulation manufacturer's engineering data or Crocker and King—*Piping Handbook* for recommendations about a suitable insulation for a pipe operating in the 500 to 600°F (260 to 316°C) range. These references will show that calcium silicate is a popular insulation for this temperature range. Table 12 shows that a thickness of 3 in (76.2 mm) is usually recommended for 10-in (254-mm) pipe operating at 500 to 599°F (260 to 315°C).

**2. Determine heat loss through the insulation.** Refer to an insulation manufacturer's engineering data to find the heat loss through 3-in (76.2-mm) thick calcium silicate as 0.200 Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F) [1.14 W/(m<sup>2</sup>·°C)]. Since 10-in (254-mm) pipe has an area of 2.817 ft<sup>2</sup>/ft (0.86 m<sup>2</sup>/m) of length and since

TABLE 12 Recommended Insulation Thickness

Nominal pipe size		Pipe temperature			
		400– 499°F	204– 259°C	500– 599°F	260– 315°C
in	mm	in	mm	in	mm
6	152.4	2½*	63.5	2½	63.5
8	203.2	2½	63.5	3	76.2
10	254.0	2½	63.5	3	76.2
12	304.8	3	76.2	3	76.2
14 and over	355.6 and over	3	76.2	3½	88.9

\*Available in single- or double-layer insulation.

the temperature difference across the pipe is  $570 - 70 = 500^\circ\text{F}$  ( $260^\circ\text{C}$ ), the heat loss per hour =  $(0.200)(2.817)(500) = 281.7 \text{ Btu}/(\text{h}\cdot\text{ft})$  ( $887.9 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$ ). The heat loss from bare 10-in (254-mm) pipe with a  $500^\circ\text{F}$  ( $260^\circ\text{C}$ ) temperature difference is, from an insulation manufacturer's engineering data,  $4.640 \text{ Btu}/(\text{h}\cdot\text{ft}^2\cdot^\circ\text{F})$  [ $26.4 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2\cdot^\circ\text{C})$ ], or  $(4.64)(2.817)(500) = 6510 \text{ Btu}/(\text{h}\cdot\text{ft})$  ( $6.3 \text{ kW}/\text{m}$ ).

**3. Determine annual heat saving.** The heat saved = bare-pipe loss, Btu/h – insulated-pipe loss, Btu/h =  $6510 - 281.7 = 6228.3 \text{ Btu}/(\text{h}\cdot\text{ft})$  ( $5989 \text{ W}/\text{m}$ ) of pipe. Since the pipe is 300 ft (91.4 m) long and operates 8000 h per year, the annual heat saving =  $(300)(8000)(6228.3) = 14,940,000,000 \text{ Btu}/\text{year}$  ( $547.4 \text{ kW}$ ).

**4. Compute the money saved by the heat insulation.** The heat saved in fuel as fired = (annual heat saving, Btu/year)/(boiler efficiency) =  $14,940,000,000/0.80 = 18,680,000,000 \text{ Btu}/\text{year}$  ( $5473 \text{ MW}$ ). Weight of fuel saved = (annual heat saving, Btu/year)/(heating value of fuel, Btu/lb)(2000 lb/ton) =  $18,680,000,000/[(14,000)(2000)] = 667 \text{ tons}$  (605 t). At \$6 per ton (\$5.44 per metric ton), the monetary saving is  $(\$6)(667) = \$4002$  per year.

**5. Determine the insulation efficiency.** Insulation efficiency = (bare-pipe loss – insulated-pipe loss)/bare pipe loss, all expressed in Btu/h, or bare-pipe loss =  $(6510.0 - 281.7)/6510.0 = 0.957$ , or 95.7 percent.

**Related Calculations** Use this method for any type of insulation—magnesia, fiber-glass, asbestos, felt, diatomaceous, mineral wool, etc.—used for piping at elevated temperatures conveying steam, water, oil, gas, or other fluids or vapors. To coordinate and simplify calculations, become familiar with the insulation tables in a reliable engineering handbook or comprehensive insulation catalog. Such familiarity will simplify routine calculations.

## ORIFICE METER SELECTION FOR A STEAM PIPE

Steam is metered with an orifice meter in a 10-in (254-mm) boiler lead having an internal diameter of  $d_p = 9.760 \text{ in}$  (247.9 mm). Determine the maximum rate of steam flow that can be measured with a steel orifice plate having a diameter of  $d_o = 5.855 \text{ in}$  (148.7 mm) at  $70^\circ\text{F}$  ( $21.1^\circ\text{C}$ ). The upstream pressure tap is  $1D$  ahead of the orifice, and the downstream tap is  $0.5D$  past the orifice. Steam pressure at the orifice inlet  $p_p = 250 \text{ lb}/\text{in}^2$  (gage) ( $1724 \text{ kPa}$ ), temperature is  $640^\circ\text{F}$  ( $338^\circ\text{C}$ ). A differential gage fitted across the orifice has a maximum range of 120 in (304.8 cm) of water. What is the steam flow rate when the observed differential pressure is 40 in (101.6 cm) of water? Use the ASME Research Committee on Fluid Meters method in analyzing the meter. Atmospheric pressure is  $14.696 \text{ lb}/\text{in}^2$  (abs) ( $101.3 \text{ kPa}$ ).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the diameter ratio and steam density.** For any orifice meter, diameter ratio =  $\beta =$  meter orifice diameter, in/pipeline internal diameter, in =  $5.855/9.760 = 0.5999$ .

Determine the density of the steam by entering the superheated steam table at  $250 + 14.696 = 264.696 \text{ lb}/\text{in}^2$  (abs) ( $1824.8 \text{ kPa}$ ) and  $640^\circ\text{F}$  ( $338^\circ\text{C}$ ) and reading the specific volume as  $2.387 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb}$  ( $0.15 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}$ ). For steam, the density =  $1/\text{specific volume} = d_s = 1/2.387 = 0.4193 \text{ lb}/\text{ft}^3$  ( $6.7 \text{ kg}/\text{m}^3$ ).

**2. Determine the steam viscosity and meter flow coefficient.** From the ASME publication, *Fluid Meters—Their Theory and Application*, the steam viscosity  $gu_1$  for a steam system operating at  $640^\circ\text{F}$  ( $338^\circ\text{C}$ ) is  $gu_1 = 0.0000141 \text{ in}\cdot\text{lb}/(\text{F}\cdot\text{s}\cdot\text{ft}^2)$  [ $0.000031 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}/(\text{C}\cdot\text{s}\cdot\text{m}^2)$ ].

Find the flow coefficient  $K$  from the same ASME source by entering the 10-in (254-mm) nominal pipe diameter table at  $\beta = 0.5999$  and projecting to the appropriate Reynolds number column. Assume

that the Reynolds number =  $10^7$ , approximately, for the flow conditions in this pipe. Then  $K = 0.6486$ . Since the Reynolds number for steam pressures above  $100 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $689.4 \text{ kPa}$ ) ranges from  $10^6$  to  $10^7$ , this assumption is safe because the value of  $K$  does not vary appreciably in this Reynolds number range. Also, the Reynolds number cannot be computed yet because the flow rate is unknown. Therefore, assumption of the Reynolds number is necessary. The assumption will be checked later.

**3. Determine the expansion factor and the meter area factor.** Since steam is a compressible fluid, the expansion factor  $Y_1$  must be determined. For superheated steam, the ratio of the specific heat at constant pressure  $c_p$  to the specific heat at constant volume  $c_v$  is  $k = c_p/c_v = 1.3$ . Also, the ratio of the differential maximum pressure reading  $h_w$ , in of water, to the maximum pressure in the pipe,  $\text{lb/in}^2$  (abs) =  $120/246.7 = 0.454$ . From the expansion-factor curve in the ASME *Fluid Meters*,  $Y_1 = 0.994$  for  $\beta = 0.5999$  and the pressure ratio =  $0.454$ . And, from the same reference, the meter area factor  $F_a = 1.0084$  for a steel meter operating at  $640^\circ\text{F}$  ( $338^\circ\text{C}$ ).

**4. Compute the rate of steam flow.** For square-edged orifices, the flow rate,  $\text{lb/s} = w = 0.0997F_a K d^2 Y_1 (h_w d_s)^{0.5} = (0.0997)(1.0084)(0.6486)(5.855)^2(0.994)(120 \times 0.4188)^{0.5} = 15.75 \text{ lb/s}$  ( $7.1 \text{ kg/s}$ ).

**5. Compute the Reynolds number for the actual flow rate.** For any steam pipe, the Reynolds number  $R = 48w/(d_p g u_1) = 48(15.75)/[(3.1416)(0.760)(0.0000141)] = 1,750,000$ .

**6. Adjust the flow coefficient for the actual Reynolds number.** In step 2,  $R = 10^7$  was assumed and  $K = 0.6486$ . For  $R = 1,750,000$ ,  $K = 0.6489$ , from ASME *Fluid Meters*, by interpolation. Then the actual flow rate  $w_h = (\text{computed flow rate})(\text{ratio of flow coefficients based on assumed and actual Reynolds numbers}) = (15.75)(0.6489/0.6486)(3.600) = 56,700 \text{ lb/h}$  ( $25,515 \text{ kg/h}$ ), closely, where the value 3600 is a conversion factor for changing  $\text{lb/s}$  to  $\text{lb/h}$ .

**7. Compute the flow rate for a specific differential gage deflection.** For a 40-in (101.6-cm)  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  deflection,  $F_a$  is unchanged and equals 1.0084. The expansion factor changes because  $h_w/p_p = 40/264.7 = 0.151$ . From the ASME *Fluid Meters*,  $Y_1 = 0.998$ . By assuming again that  $R = 10^7$ ,  $K = 0.6486$ , as before,  $w = (0.0997)(1.0084)(0.6486)(5.855)^2(0.998)(40 \times 0.4188)^{0.5} = 9.132 \text{ lb/s}$  ( $4.1 \text{ kg/s}$ ). Computing the Reynolds number as before, gives  $R = (40)(0.132)/[(3.1416)(0.76)(0.0000141)] = 1,014,000$ . The value of  $K$  corresponding to this value, as before, is from ASME—*Fluid Meters*:  $K = 0.6497$ . Therefore, the flow rate for a 40 in (101.6 cm)  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  reading, in  $\text{lb/h} = w_h = (0.132)(0.6497/0.6486)(3600) = 32,940 \text{ lb/h}$  ( $14,823 \text{ kg/h}$ ).

**Related Calculations** Use these steps and the ASME *Fluid Meters* or comprehensive meter engineering tables giving similar data to select or check an orifice meter used in any type of steam pipe—main, auxiliary, process, industrial, marine, heating, or commercial, conveying wet, saturated, or superheated steam.

## SELECTION OF A PRESSURE-REGULATING VALVE FOR STEAM SERVICE

Select a single-seat spring-loading diaphragm-actuated pressure-reducing valve to deliver  $350 \text{ lb/h}$  ( $158 \text{ kg/h}$ ) of steam at  $50 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (gage) ( $344.7 \text{ kPa}$ ) when the initial pressure is  $225 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (gage) ( $1551 \text{ kPa}$ ). Also select an integral pilot-controlled piston-operated single-seat pressure-regulating valve to deliver  $30,000 \text{ lb/h}$  ( $13,500 \text{ kg/h}$ ) of steam at  $40 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (gage) ( $275.8 \text{ kPa}$ ) with an initial pressure of  $225 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (gage) ( $1551 \text{ kPa}$ ) saturated. What size pipe must be used on the downstream side of the valve to produce a velocity of  $10,000 \text{ ft/min}$  ( $3048 \text{ m/min}$ )? How large should

**TABLE 13** Pressure-Reducing-Valve Capacity, lb/h (kg/h)

Inlet pressure		Valve size		
lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage)	kPa	1/2 in (12.7 mm)	3/4 in (19.1 mm)	1 in (25.4 mm)
200	1379	420 (189)	460 (207)	560 (252)
225	1551	450 (203)	500 (225)	600 (270)
250	1724	485 (218)	560 (252)	650 (293)

Source: Clark-Reliance Corporation.

the pressure-regulating valve be if the steam entering the valve is at 225 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (1551 kPa) and 600°F (316°C)?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the maximum flow for the diaphragm-actuated valve.** For best results in service, pressure-reducing valves are selected so that they operate 60 to 70 percent open at normal load. To obtain a valve sized for this opening, divide the desired delivery, lb/h, by 0.7 to obtain the maximum flow expected. For this valve then, the maximum flow = 350/0.7 = 500 lb/h (225 kg/h).

**2. Select the diaphragm-actuated valve size.** Using a manufacturer's engineering data for an acceptable valve, enter the appropriate valve capacity table at the valve inlet steam pressure, 225 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (1551 kPa), and project to a capacity of 500 lb/h (225 kg/h), as in Table 13. Read the valve size as 3/4 in (19.1 mm) at the top of the capacity column.

**3. Select the size of the pilot-controlled pressure-regulating valve.** Enter the capacity table in the engineering data of an acceptable pilot-controlled pressure-regulating valve, similar to Table 14, at the required capacity, 30,000 lb/h (13,500 kg/h). Project across until the correct inlet steam pressure column, 225 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (1551 kPa), is intercepted, and read the required valve size as 4 in (101.6 mm).

Note that it is not necessary to compute the maximum capacity before entering the table, as in step 1, for the pressure-reducing valve. Also note that a capacity table such as Table 14 can be used only for valves conveying saturated steam, unless the table notes state that the values listed are valid for other steam conditions.

**4. Determine the size of the downstream pipe.** Enter Table 14 at the required capacity, 30,000 lb/h (13,500 kg/h); project across to the valve *outlet pressure*, 40 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (275.8 kPa); and read the required pipe size as 8 in (203.2 mm) for a velocity of 10,000 ft/min (3048 m/min). Thus, the pipe immediately downstream from the valve must be enlarged from the valve size, 4 in (101.6 mm), to the required pipe size, 8 in (203.2 mm), to obtain the desired steam velocity.

**TABLE 14** Pressure-Regulating-Valve Capacity

Steam capacity		Initial steam pressure, saturated			
		40 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage) (276 kPa)	175 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage) (1206 kPa)	225 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage) (1551 kPa)	300 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage) (2068 kPa)
lb/h	kg/h				
20,000	9,000	6* (152.4)	4 (101.6)	4 (101.6)	3 (76.2)
30,000	13,500	8 (203.2)	5 (127.0)	4 (101.6)	4 (101.6)
40,000	18,000	—	5 (127.0)	5 (127.0)	4 (101.6)

\*Valve diameter measured in inches (millimeters).

Source: Clark-Reliance Corporation.



**TABLE 15** Equivalent Saturated Steam Values for Superheated Steam at Various Pressures and Temperatures

Steam pressure		Steam temperature		Total temperature					
				500°F	600°F	700°F	260.0°C	315.6°C	371.1°C
lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage)	kPa	°F	°C	Steam values lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage)			Steam values, kPa		
205	1413.3	389	198	171	149	133	1178.9	1027.2	916.9
225	1551.2	397	203	190	165	147	1309.9	1137.5	1013.4
265	1826.9	411	211	227	200	177	1564.9	1378.8	1220.2

Source: Clark-Reliance Corporation.

**5. Determine the size of the valve handling superheated steam.** To determine the correct size of a pilot-controlled pressure-regulating valve handling superheated steam, a correction must be applied. Either a factor, or a tabulation of corrected pressures, Table 15, may be used. To use Table 15, enter at the valve inlet pressure, 225 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (1551.2 kPa), and project across to the total temperature, 600°F (316°C), to read the corrected pressure, 165 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (1137.5 kPa). Enter Table 14 at the *next highest* saturated steam pressure, 175 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (1206.6 kPa); project down to the required capacity, 30,000 lb/h (13,500 kg/h); and read the required valve size as 5 in (127 mm).

**Related Calculations** To simplify pressure-reducing and pressure-regulating valve selection, become familiar with two or three acceptable valve manufacturers' engineering data. Use the procedures given in the engineering data or those given here to select valves for industrial, marine, utility, heating, process, laundry, kitchen, or hospital service with a saturated or superheated steam supply.

*Do not oversize* reducing or regulating valves. Oversizing causes chatter and excessive wear.

When an anticipated load on the downstream side will not develop for several months after installation of a valve, fit to the valve a reduced-area disk sized to handle the present load. When the load increases, install a full-size disk. Size the valve for the ultimate load, not the reduced load.

Where there is a wide variation in demand for steam at the reduced pressure, consider installing two regulators piped in parallel. Size the smaller regulator to handle light loads and the larger regulator to handle the difference between 60 percent of the light load and the maximum heavy load. Set the larger regulator to open when the minimum allowable reduced pressure is reached. Then both regulators will be open to handle the heavy load. Be certain to use the actual regulator inlet pressure and not the boiler pressure when sizing the valve if this is different from the inlet pressure. Data in this calculation procedure are based on valves built by the Clark-Reliance Corporation, Cleveland, Ohio.

Some valve manufacturers use the valve flow coefficient  $C_v$  for valve sizing. This coefficient is defined as the flow rate, lb/h, through a valve of given size when the pressure loss across the valve is 1 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (6.89 kPa). Tabulations like Tables 13 and 14 incorporate this flow coefficient and are somewhat easier to use. These tables make the necessary allowances for downstream pressures less than the critical pressure ( $=0.55 \times$  absolute upstream pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup>, for superheated steam and hydrocarbon vapors; and  $0.58 \times$  absolute upstream pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup>, for saturated steam). The accuracy of these tabulations equals that of valve sizes determined by using the flow coefficient.

## HYDRAULIC RADIUS AND LIQUID VELOCITY IN WATER PIPES

What is the velocity of 1000 gal/min (63.1 L/s) of water flowing through a 10-in (254-mm) inside-diameter cast-iron water main? What is the hydraulic radius of this pipe when it is full of water? When the water depth is 8 in (203.2 mm)?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the water velocity in the pipe.** For any pipe conveying water, the liquid velocity is  $v$  ft/s = gal/min/(2.448 $d^2$ ), where  $d$  = internal pipe diameter, in. For this pipe,  $v = 1000/[2.448(100)] = 4.08$  ft/s (1.24 m/s), or (60)/(4.08) = 244.8 ft/min (74.6 m/min).

**2. Compute the hydraulic radius for a full pipe.** For any pipe, the hydraulic radius is the ratio of the cross-sectional area of the pipe to the wetted perimeter, or  $d/4$ . For this pipe, when full of water, the hydraulic radius =  $10/4 = 2.5$ .

**3. Compute the hydraulic radius for a partially full pipe.** Use the hydraulic radius tables in King and Brater—*Handbook of Hydraulics*, or compute the wetted perimeter by using the geometric properties of the pipe, as in step 2. From the King and Brater table, the hydraulic radius =  $Fd$ , where  $F$  = table factor for the ratio of the depth of water, in/diameter of channel, in =  $8/10 = 0.8$ . For this ratio,  $F = 0.304$ . Then, hydraulic radius =  $(0.304)(10) = 3.04$  in (77.2 mm).

**Related Calculations** Use this method to determine the water velocity and hydraulic radius in any pipe conveying cold water—water supply, plumbing, process, drain, or sewer.

### FRICION-HEAD LOSS IN WATER PIPING OF VARIOUS MATERIALS

Determine the friction-head loss in 2500 ft (762 m) of clean 10-in (254-mm) new tar-dipped cast-iron pipe when 2000 gal/min (126.2 L/s) of cold water is flowing. What is the friction-head loss 20 years later? Use the Hazen-Williams and Manning formulas, and compare the results.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the friction-head loss by the Hazen-Williams formula.** The Hazen-Williams formula is  $h_f = [v/(1.318 CR_h^{0.63})]^{1.85}$ , where  $h_f$  = friction-head loss per ft of pipe, ft of water;  $v$  = water velocity, ft/s;  $C$  = a constant depending on the condition and kind of pipe;  $R_h$  = hydraulic radius of pipe, ft.

For a water pipe,  $v = \text{gal/min}/(2.44d^2)$ ; for this pipe,  $v = 2000/[2.448(10)^2] = 8.18$  ft/s (2.49 m/s). From Table 16 or Crocker and King—*Piping Handbook*,  $C$  for new pipe = 120; for 20-year-old pipe,  $C = 90$ ;  $R_h = d/4$  for a full-flow pipe =  $10/4 = 2.5$  in, or  $2.5/12 = 0.208$  ft (63.4 mm). Then  $h_f = [8.18/(1.318 \times 120 \times 0.208^{0.63})]^{1.85} = 0.0263$  ft (8.0 mm) of water per ft (m) of pipe. For 2500 ft (762 m) of pipe, the total friction-head loss =  $2500(0.0263) = 65.9$  ft (20.1 m) of water for the new pipe.

For 20-year-old pipe and the same formula, except with  $C = 90$ ,  $h_f = 0.0451$  ft (13.8 mm) of water per ft (m) of pipe. For 2500 ft (762 m) of pipe, the total friction-head loss =  $2500(0.0451) = 112.9$  ft (34.4 m) of water. Thus, the friction-head loss nearly doubles [from 65.9 to 112.9 ft (20.1 to 34.4 m)]

**TABLE 16** Values of  $C$  in Hazen-Williams Formula

Type of pipe	C*	Type of pipe	C*
Cement-asbestos	140	Cast iron or wrought iron	100
Asphalt-lined iron or steel	140	Welded or seamless steel	100
Copper or brass	130	Concrete	100
Lead, tin, or glass	130	Corrugated steel	60
Wood stave	110		

\*Values of  $C$  commonly used for design. The value of  $C$  for pipes made of corrosive materials decreases as the age of the pipe increases; the values given are those that apply at an age of 15 to 20 years. For example, the value of  $C$  for cast-iron pipes 30 in (762 mm) in diameter or greater at various ages is approximately as follows: new, 130; 5 years old, 120; 10 years old, 115; 20 years old, 100; 30 years old, 90; 40 years old, 80; and 50 years old, 75. The value of  $C$  for smaller-size pipes decreases at a more rapid rate.

**TABLE 17** Roughness Coefficients (Manning's  $n$ ) for Closed Conduits

Type of conduit	Manning's $n$	
	Good construction*	Fair construction*
Concrete pipe	0.013	0.015
Corrugated metal pipe or pipe arch, $2\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{2}$ in (67.8 $\times$ 12.7 mm) corrugation, riveted:		
Plain	0.024	
Paved invert:		
Percent of circumference paved	25	50
Depth of flow:		
Full	0.021	0.018
$0.8D$	0.021	0.016
$0.6D$	0.019	0.013
Vitrified clay pipe	0.012	0.014
Cast-iron pipe, uncoated	0.013	
Steel pipe	0.011	
Brick	0.014	0.017
Monolithic concrete:		
Wood forms, rough	0.015	0.017
Wood forms, smooth	0.012	0.014
Steel forms	0.012	0.013
Cemented-rubble masonry walls:		
Concrete floor and top	0.017	0.022
Natural floor	0.019	0.025
Laminated treated wood	0.015	0.017
Vitrified-clay liner plates	0.015	

\*For poor-quality construction, use larger values of  $n$ .

in 20 years. This shows that it is wise to design for future friction losses; otherwise, pumping equipment may become overloaded.

**2. Compute the friction-head loss from the Manning formula.** The Manning formula is  $h_f = n^2 v^2 / 2.208 R_h^{4/3}$ , where  $n$  = a constant depending on the condition and kind of pipe; other symbols as before.

Using  $n = 0.011$  for new coated cast-iron pipe from Table 17 or Crocker and King—*Piping Handbook*, we find  $h_f = (0.011)^2 (8.18)^2 / [2.208 (0.208)^{4/3}] = 0.0295$  ft (8.9 mm) of water per ft (m) of pipe. For 2500 ft (762 m) of pipe, the total friction-head loss =  $2500(0.0295) = 73.8$  ft (22.5 m) of water, as compared with 65.9 ft (20.1 m) of water computed with the Hazen-Williams formula.

For coated cast-iron pipe in fair condition,  $n = 0.013$ , and  $h_f = 0.0411$  ft (12.5 mm) of water. For 2500 ft (762 m) of pipe, the total friction-head loss =  $2500(0.0411) = 102.8$  ft (31.3 m) of water, as compared with 112.9 ft (34.4 m) of water computed with the Hazen-Williams formula. Thus, the Manning formula gives results higher than the Hazen-Williams in one case and lower in another. However, the differences in each case are not excessive;  $(73.8 - 65.9)/65.9 = 0.12$ , or 12 percent higher, and  $(112.9 - 102.8)/102.8 = 0.0983$ , or 9.83 percent lower. Both these differences are within the normal range of accuracy expected in pipe friction-head calculations.

**Related Calculations** The Hazen-Williams and Manning formulas are popular with many piping designers for computing pressure losses in cold-water piping. To simplify calculations, most designers use the precomputed tabulated solutions available in Crocker and King—*Piping Handbook*, King and Brater—*Handbook of Hydraulics*, and similar publications. In the rush of daily work these precomputed solutions are also preferred over the more complex Darcy-Weisbach equation used in conjunction with the friction factor  $f$ , the Reynolds number  $R$ , and the roughness-diameter ratio.

Use the method given here for sewer lines, water-supply pipes for commercial, industrial, or process plants, and all similar applications where cold water at temperatures of 33 to 90°F (0.6 to 32.2°C) flows through a pipe made of cast iron, riveted steel, welded steel, galvanized iron, brass, glass, wood-stove, concrete, vitrified, common clay, corrugated metal, unlined rock, or enameled steel. Thus, either of these formulas, used in conjunction with a suitable constant, gives the friction-head loss for a variety of piping materials. Suitable constants are given in Tables 16 and 17 and in the above references. For the Hazen-Williams formula, the constant  $C$  varies from about 70 to 140, while  $n$  in the Manning formula varies from about 0.017 for  $C = 70$  to 0.010 for  $C = 140$ . Values obtained with these formulas have been used for years with satisfactory results. At present, the Manning formula appears the more popular.

## CHART AND TABULAR DETERMINATION OF FRICTION HEAD

Figure 5 shows a process piping system supplying 1000 gal/min (63.1 L/s) of 70°F (21.1°C) water. Determine the total friction head, using published charts and pipe-friction tables. All the valves and fittings are flanged, and the piping is 10-in (254-mm) steel, schedule 40.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the total length of the piping.** Mark the length of each piping run on the drawing after scaling it or measuring it in the field. Determine the total length by adding the individual lengths, starting at the supply source of the liquid. In Fig. 5, beginning at the storage sump, the total length of piping = 10 + 20 + 40 + 50 + 75 + 105 = 300 ft (91.4 m). Note that the physical length of the fittings is included in the length of each run.

**2. Compute the equivalent length of each fitting.** The frictional resistance of pipe fittings (elbows, tees, etc.) and valves is greater than the actual length of each fitting. Therefore, the

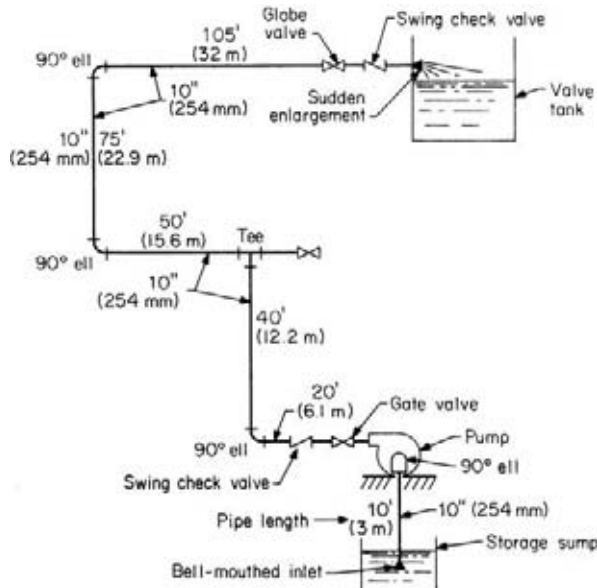


FIGURE 5 Typical industrial piping system.

equivalent length of straight piping having a resistance equal to that of the fittings must be determined. This is done by finding the equivalent length of each fitting and taking the sum for all the fittings.

Use the equivalent length table in the pump section of this handbook or in Crocker and King—*Piping Handbook*, Baumeister and Marks—*Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers*, or *Standards of the Hydraulic Institute*. Equivalent length values will vary slightly from one reference to another.

Starting at the supply source, as in step 1, for 10-in (254-mm) flanged fittings throughout, we see the equivalent fitting lengths are: bell-mouth inlet, 2.9 ft (0.88 m); 90° ell at pump, 14 ft (4.3 m); gate valve, 3.2 ft (0.98 m); swing check valve, 120 ft (36.6 m); 90° ell, 14 ft (4.3 m); tee, 30 ft (9.1 m); 90° ell, 14 ft (4.3 m); 90° ell, 14 ft (4.3 m); globe valve, 310 ft (94.5 m); swing check valve, 120 ft (36.6 m); sudden enlargement = (liquid velocity, ft/s)<sup>2</sup>/2g = (4.07)<sup>2</sup>/2(32.2) = 0.257 ft (0.08 m), where the terminal velocity is zero, as in the tank. Find the liquid velocity as shown in a previous calculation procedure in this section. The sum of the fitting equivalent lengths is 2.9 + 14 + 3.2 + 120 + 14 + 30 + 14 + 14 + 310 + 120 + 0.257 = 642.4 ft (159.8 m). Adding this to the straight length gives a total length of 642.4 + 300 = 942.4 ft (287.2 m).

**3. Compute the friction-head loss by using a chart.** Figure 6 is a popular friction-loss chart for fairly rough pipe, which is any ordinary pipe after a few years' use. Enter at the left at a flow of 1000 gal/min (63.1 L/s), and project to the right until the 10-in (254-mm) diameter curve is intersected. Read the friction-head loss at the top or bottom of the chart as 0.4 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (2.8 kPa), closely, per 100 ft (30.5 m) of pipe. Therefore, total friction-head loss = (0.4)(942.4/100) = 3.77 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (26 kPa). Converting gives (3.77)(2.31) = 8.71 ft (2.7 m) of water.

**4. Compute the friction-head loss from tabulated data.** Using the *Standards of the Hydraulic Institute* pipe-friction table, we find that the friction head  $h_f$  of water per 100 ft (30.5 m) of pipe = 0.500 ft (0.15 m). Hence, the total friction head = (0.500)(942.4/100) = 4.71 ft (1.4 m) of water. The Institute recommends that 15 percent be added to the tabulated friction head, or (1.15)(4.71) = 5.42 ft (1.66 m) of water.

Using the friction-head tables in Crocker and King—*Piping Handbook*, the friction head = 6.27 ft (1.9 m) per 1000 ft (304.8 m) of pipe with  $C = 130$  for new, very smooth pipe. For this piping system, the friction-head loss = (942.4/1000)(6.27) = 5.91 ft (1.8 m) of water.

**5. Use the Reynolds number method to determine the friction head.** In this method, the friction factor is determined by using the Reynolds number  $R$  and the relative roughness of the pipe  $\epsilon/D$ , where  $\epsilon$  = pipe roughness, ft, and  $D$  = pipe diameter, ft.

For any pipe,  $R = Dv/\nu$ , where  $\nu$  = liquid velocity, ft/s, and  $\nu$  = kinematic viscosity, ft<sup>2</sup>/s. Using King and Brater—*Handbook of Hydraulics*,  $\nu = 4.07$  ft/s (1.24 m/s), and  $\nu = 0.00001059$  ft<sup>2</sup>/s (0.00000098 m<sup>2</sup>/s) for water at 70°F (21.1°C). Then  $R = (10/12)(4.07)/0.00001059 = 320,500$ .

From Table 18 or the above reference,  $\epsilon = 0.00015$ , and  $\epsilon/D = 0.00015/(10/12) = 0.00018$ .

From the Reynolds-number, relative-roughness, friction-factor curve in Fig. 7 or in Baumeister—*Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers*, the friction factor  $f = 0.016$ .

Apply the Darcy-Weisbach equation  $h_f = f(l/D)(v^2/2g)$ , where  $l$  = total pipe length, including the fittings' equivalent length, ft. Then  $h_f = (0.016)(942.4/10/12)(4.07)^2/(2 \times 32.2) = 4.651$  ft (1.43 m) of water.

**TABLE 18** Absolute Roughness Classification of Pipe Surfaces for Selection of Friction Factor  $f$  in Fig. 7

Commercial pipe surface (new)	Absolute roughness $\epsilon$		Commercial pipe surface (new)	Absolute roughness $\epsilon$	
	ft	mm		ft	mm
Glass, drawn brass, copper, lead	Smooth	Smooth	Cast iron	0.00085	0.26
Wrought iron, steel	0.00015	0.05	Wood stave	0.0006–0.003	0.18–0.91
Asphalted cast iron	0.0004	0.12	Concrete	0.001–0.01	0.30–3.05
Galvanized iron	0.0005	0.15	Riveted steel	0.003–0.03	0.91–9.14

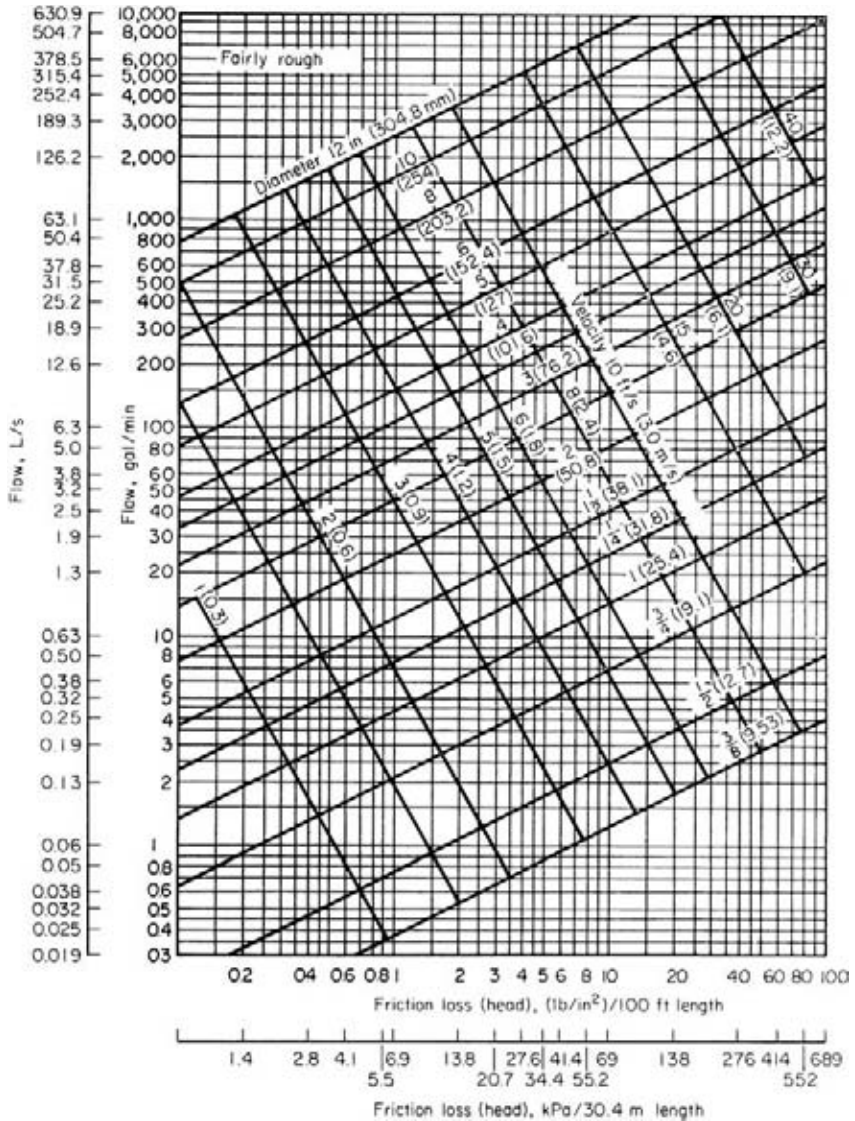


FIGURE 6 Friction loss in water piping.

**6. Compare the results obtained.** Three different friction-head values were obtained: 8.71, 5.91, and 4.651 ft (2.7, 1.8, and 1.4 m) of water. The results show the variations that can be expected with the different methods. Actually, the Reynolds number method is probably the most accurate. As can be seen, the other two methods give safe results—i.e., the computed friction head is higher. The *Pipe Friction Manual*, published by the Hydraulic Institute, presents excellent simplified charts for use with the Reynolds number method.

**Related Calculations** Use any of these methods to compute the friction-head loss for any type of pipe. The Reynolds number method is useful for a variety of liquids other than water—mercury,

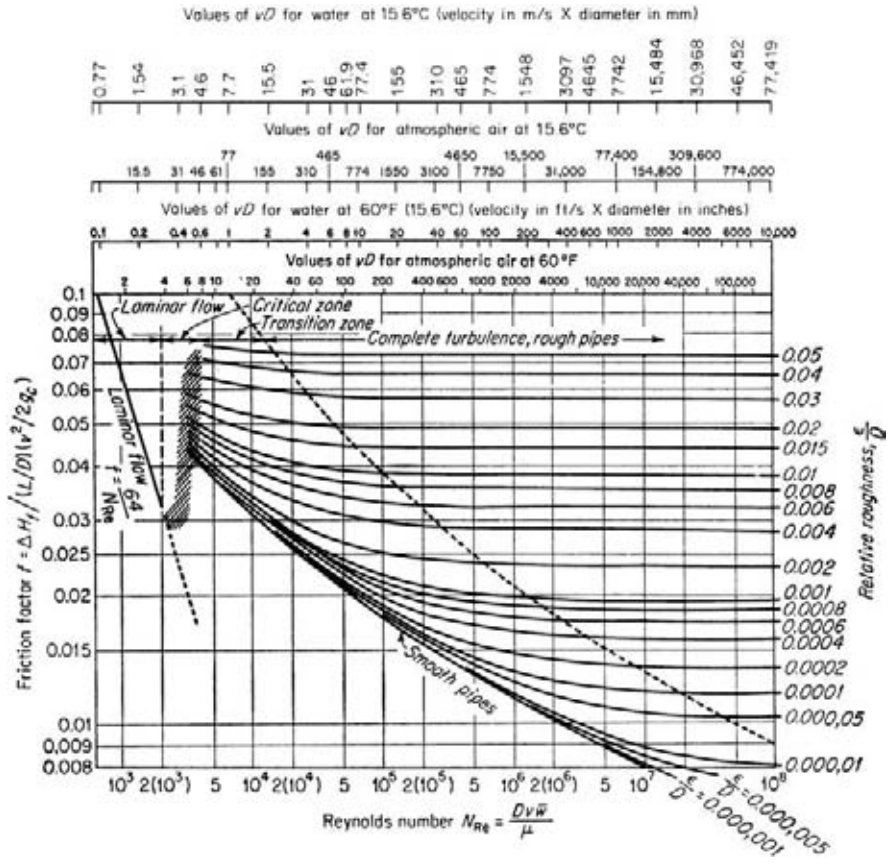


FIGURE 7 Friction factors for laminar and turbulent flow.

gasoline, brine, kerosene, crude oil, fuel, oil, and lube oil. It can also be used for saturated and superheated steam, air, methane, and hydrogen.

**RELATIVE CARRYING CAPACITY OF PIPES**

What is the equivalent steam-carrying capacity of a 24-in (609.6-mm) inside-diameter pipe in terms of a 10-in (254-mm) inside-diameter pipe? What is the equivalent water-carrying capacity of a 23-in (584.2-mm) inside-diameter pipe in terms of a 13.25-in (336.6-mm) inside-diameter pipe?

**Calculation Procedure**

**1. Compute the relative carrying capacity of the steam pipes.** For steam, air, or gas pipes, the number  $N$  of small pipes of inside diameter  $d_2$  in equal to one pipe of larger inside diameter  $d_1$  is  $N = (d_1^3 \sqrt{d_2 + 3.6}) / (d_2^3 + \sqrt{d_1 + 3.6})$ . For this piping system,  $N = (24^3 + \sqrt{10 + 3.6}) / (10^3 + \sqrt{24 + 3.6}) = 9.69$ , say 9.7. Thus, a 24-in (609.6-mm) inside-diameter steam pipe has a carrying capacity equivalent to 9.7 pipes having a 10-in (254-mm) inside diameter.

**2. Compute the relative carrying capacity of the water pipes.** For water,  $N = (d_2/d_1)^{2.5} = (23/13.25)^{2.5} = 3.97$ . Thus, one 23-in (584-cm) inside-diameter pipe can carry as much water as 3.97 pipes of 13.25-in (336.6-mm) inside diameter.

**TABLE 19** Maximum Capacities of Water Pressure-Reducing Valves, gal/h (L/s)

Inlet pressure		Valve size		
lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage)	kPa	<sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> in (19.1 mm)	1 in (25.4 mm)	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> in (31.8 mm)
120	827.3	1550 (1.6)	2000 (2.1)	4500 (4.7)
140	965.2	1700 (1.8)	2200 (2.3)	5000 (5.3)
160	1103.0	1850 (1.9)	2400 (2.5)	5500 (5.8)

Source: Clark-Reliance Corporation.

**Related Calculations** Crocker and King—*Piping Handbook* and certain piping catalogs (Crane, Walworth, National Valve and Manufacturing Company) contain tabulations of relative carrying capacities of pipes of various sizes. Most piping designers use these tables. However, the equations given here are useful for ranges not covered by the tables and when the tables are unavailable.

## PRESSURE-REDUCING VALVE SELECTION FOR WATER PIPING

What size pressure-reducing valve should be used to deliver 1200 gal/h (1.26 L/s) of water at 40 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (275.8 kPa) if the inlet pressure is 140 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (965.2 kPa)?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the valve capacity required.** Pressure-reducing valves in water systems operate best when the nominal load is 60 to 70 percent of the maximum load. Using 60 percent, we see that the maximum load for this valve =  $1200/0.6 = 2000$  gal/h (2.1 L/s).

**2. Determine the valve size required.** Enter a valve capacity table in suitable valve engineering data at the valve inlet pressure, and project to the exact, or next higher, valve capacity. Thus, enter Table 19 at 140 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (965.2 kPa) and project to the next higher capacity, 2200 gal/h (2.3 L/s), since a capacity of 2000 gal/h (2.1 L/s) is not tabulated. Read at the top of the column the required valve size as 1 in (25.4 mm).

Some valve manufacturers present the capacity of their valves in graphical instead of tabular form. One popular chart, Fig. 8, is entered at the difference between the inlet and outlet pressures on the abscissa, or  $140 - 40 = 100$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (689.4 kPa). Project vertically to the flow rate of  $2000/60 = 33.3$  gal/min (2.1 L/s). Read the valve size on the intersecting valve capacity curve, or on the next curve if there is no intersection with the curve. Figure 8 shows that a 1-in (25.4-mm) valve should be used. This agrees with the tabulated capacity.

**Related Calculations** Use this method for pressure-reducing valves in any type of water piping—process, domestic, commercial—where the water temperature is 100°F (37.8°C) or less. Table 19 is from data prepared by the Clark-Reliance Corporation; Fig. 8 is from Foster Engineering Company data.

Some valve manufacturers use the valve flow coefficient  $C_v$  for valve sizing. This coefficient is defined as the flow rate, gal/min, through a valve of given size when the pressure loss across the valve is 1 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (6.9 kPa). Tabulations like Table 19 and flowcharts like Fig. 8 incorporate this flow coefficient and are somewhat easier to use. Their accuracy equals that of the flow coefficient method.

## SIZING A WATER METER

A 6 × 4 in (152.4 × 101.6 mm) Venturi tube is used to measure water flow rate in a piping system. The dimensions of the meter are: inside pipe diameter  $d_p = 6.094$  in (154.8 mm); throat diameter  $d = 4.023$  in (102.2 mm). The differential pressure is measured with a mercury manometer having



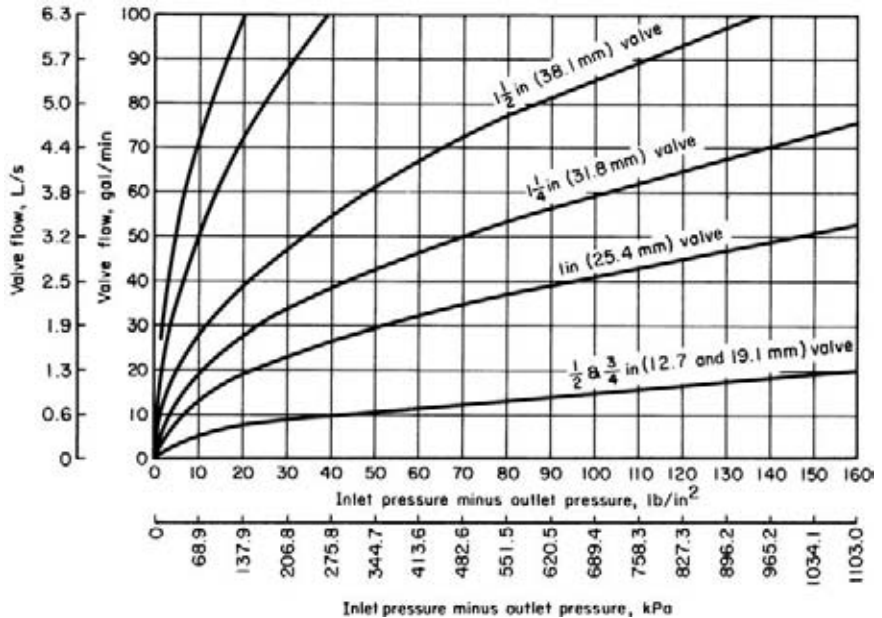


FIGURE 8 Pressure-reducing valve flow capacity. (Foster Engineering Company.)

water on top of the mercury. The average manometer reading for 1 h is 10.1 in (256.5 mm) of mercury. The temperature of the water in the pipe is 41°F (5.0°C), and that of the room is 77°F (25°C). Determine the water flow rate in lb/h, gal/h, and gal/min. Use the ASME Research Committee on Fluid Meters method in analyzing the meter.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Convert the pressure reading to standard conditions.** The ASME meter equation constant is based on a manometer liquid temperature of 68°F (20.0°C). Therefore, the water and mercury density at room temperature, 77°F (25°C), and the water density at 68°F (20.0°C), must be used to convert the manometer reading to standard conditions by the equation  $h_w = h_m(m_d - w_d)/w_s$ , where  $h_w$  = equivalent manometer reading, in (mm) H<sub>2</sub>O at 68°F (20.0°C);  $h_m$  = manometer reading at room temperature, in mercury;  $m_d$  = mercury density at room temperature, lb/ft<sup>3</sup>;  $w_d$  = water density at room temperature, lb/ft<sup>3</sup>;  $w_s$  = water density at standard conditions, 68°F (20.0°C), lb/ft<sup>3</sup>. From density values from the ASME publication *Fluid Meters: Their Theory and Application*,  $h_w = 10.1(844.88 - 62.244)/62.316 = 126.8$  in (322.1 cm) of water at 68°F (20.0°C).

**2. Determine the throat-to-pipe diameter ratio.** The throat-to-pipe diameter ratio  $\beta = 4.023/6.094 = 0.6602$ . Then  $1/(1 - \beta^4)^{0.5} = 1/(1 - 0.6602^4)^{0.5} = 1.1111$ .

**3. Assume a Reynolds number value, and compute the flow rate.** The flow equation for a Venturi tube is  $w$  lb/h =  $359.0(Cd^2/\sqrt{1 - \beta^4})(w_{dp}h_w)^{0.5}$ , where  $C$  = meter discharge coefficient, expressed as a function of the Reynolds number;  $w_{dp}$  = density of the water at the pipe temperature, lb/ft<sup>3</sup>. With a Reynolds number greater than 250,000,  $C$  is a constant. As a first trial, assume  $R > 250,000$  and  $C = 0.984$  from *Fluid Meters*. Then  $w = 359.0(0.984)(4.023)^2(1.1111)(62.426 \times 126.8)^{0.5} = 565,020$  lb/h (254,259 kg/h), or  $565,020/8.33$  lb/gal = 67,800 gal/h (71.3 L/s), or  $67,800/60$  min/h = 1129 gal/min (71.23 L/s).

**4. Check the discharge coefficient by computing the Reynolds numbers.** For a water pipe,  $R = 48w_s/(\pi d_p \mu)$ , where  $w_s$  = flow rate, lb/s =  $w/3600$ ;  $\mu$  = coefficient of absolute viscosity. Using *Fluid Meters* data for water at 41°F (5°C), we find  $R = 48(156.95)/[(\pi \times 6.094)(0.001004)] = 391,900$ . Since  $C$  is constant for  $R > 250,000$ , use of  $C = 0.984$  is correct, and no adjustment in the computations is necessary. Had the value of  $C$  been incorrect, another value would be chosen and the Reynolds number recomputed. Continue this procedure until a satisfactory value for  $C$  is obtained.

**5. Use an alternative solution to check the results.** *Fluid Meters* gives another equation for Venturi meter flow rate, that is,  $w$  lb/s =  $0.525 (Cd^2/\sqrt{1-\beta^4})[w_{dp}(p_1 - p_2)]^{0.5}$ , where  $p_1 - p_2$  is the manometer differential pressure in lb/in<sup>2</sup>. Using the conversion factor in *Fluid Meters* for converting in of mercury under water at 77°F (25°C) to lb/in<sup>2</sup> (kPa), we get  $p_1 - p_2 = (10.1)(0.4528) = 4.573$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (31.5 kPa). Then  $w = (0.525)(0.984)(4.023)^2(1.1111)(62.426 \times 4.573)^{0.5} = 156.9$  lb/s (70.6 kg/s), or (156.9)(3600 s/h) = 564,900 lb/h (254,205 kg/h), or 564,900/8.33 lb/gal = 67,800 gal/h (71.3 L/s), or 67,800/60 min/h = 1129 gal/min (71.2 L/s). This result agrees with that computed in step 3 within 1 part in 5600. This is much less than the probable uncertainties in the values of the discharge coefficient and the differential pressure.

**Related Calculations** Use this method for any Venturi tube serving cold-water piping in process, industrial, water-supply, domestic, or commercial service.

## EQUIVALENT LENGTH OF A COMPLEX SERIES PIPELINE

Figure 9 shows a complex series pipeline made up of four lengths of different size pipe. Determine the equivalent length of this pipe if each size of pipe has the same friction factor.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Select the pipe size for expressing the equivalent length.** The usual procedure in analyzing complex pipelines is to express the equivalent length in terms of the smallest, or next to smallest, diameter pipe. Choose the 8-in (203.2-mm) size as being suitable for expressing the equivalent length.

**2. Find the equivalent length of each pipe.** For any complex series pipeline having equal friction factors in all the pipes,  $L_e$  = equivalent length, ft, of a section of constant diameter = (actual length of section, ft) (inside diameter, in, of pipe used to express the equivalent length/inside diameter, in, of section under consideration)<sup>5</sup>.

For the 16-in (406.4-mm) pipe,  $L_e = (1000)(7.981/15.000)^5 = 42.6$  ft (12.9 m). The 12-in (304.8-mm) pipe is next; for it  $L_e = (3000)(7.981/12.00)^5 = 390$  ft (118.9 m). For the 8-in (203.2-mm) pipe, the equivalent length = actual length = 2000 ft (609.6 m). For the 4-in (101.6-mm) pipe,  $L_e = (10)(7.981/4.026)^5 = 306$  ft (93.3 m). Then the total equivalent length of 8-in (203.2-mm) pipe = sum of the equivalent lengths = 42.6 + 390 + 2000 + 306 = 2738.6 ft (834.7 m); or, by rounding off, 2740 ft (835.2 m) of 8-in (203.2-mm) pipe will have a frictional resistance equal to the complex series pipeline shown in Fig. 9. To compute the actual frictional resistance, use the methods given in previous calculation procedures.

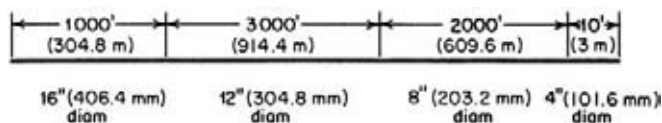


FIGURE 9 Complex series pipeline.

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure for any complex series pipeline conveying water, oil, gas, steam, etc. See Crocker and King—*Piping Handbook* for derivation of the flow equations. Use the tables in Crocker and King to simplify finding the fifth power of the inside diameter of a pipe. The method of the next calculation procedure can also be used if a given flow rate is assumed.

Choosing a flow rate of 1000 gal/min (63.1 L/s) and using the tables in the Hydraulic Institute *Pipe Friction Manual* give an equivalent length of 2770 ft (844.3 m) for the 8-in (203.2-mm) pipe. This compares favorably with the 2740 ft (835.2 m) computed above. The difference of 30 ft (9.1 m) is negligible and can be accounted for by calculator variations.

The equivalent length is found by summing the friction-head loss for 1000-gal/min (63.1-L/s) flow for each length of the four pipes—16, 12, 8, and 4 in (406, 305, 203, and 102 mm)—and dividing this by the friction-head loss for 1000 gal/min (63.1 L/s) flowing through an 8-in (203.2-mm) pipe. Be careful to observe the units in which the friction-head loss is stated, because errors are easy to make if the units are ignored.

## EQUIVALENT LENGTH OF A PARALLEL PIPING SYSTEM

Figure 10 shows a parallel piping system used to supply water for industrial needs. Determine the equivalent length of a single pipe for this system. All pipes in the system are approximately horizontal.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Assume a total head loss for the system.** To determine the equivalent length of a parallel piping system, assume a total head loss for the system. Since this head loss is assumed for computation purposes only, its value need not be exact or even approximate. Assume a total head loss of 50 ft of water for each pipe in this system.

**2. Compute the flow rate in each pipe in the system.** Assume that the roughness coefficient  $C$  in the Hazen-Williams formula is equal for each of the pipes in the system. This is a valid assumption. Using the assumed value of  $C$ , compute the flow rate in each pipe. To allow for possible tuberculation of the pipe, assume that  $C = 100$ .

The Hazen-Williams formula is given in a previous calculation procedure and can be used to solve for the flow rate in each pipe. A more rapid way to make the computation is to use the friction-loss tabulations for the Hazen-Williams formula in Crocker and King—*Piping Handbook*, the Hydraulic Institute—*Pipe Friction Manual*, or a similar set of tables.

Using such a set of tables, enter at the friction-head loss equal to 50 ft (15.2 m) per 5000 ft (1524 m) of pipe for the 6-in (152.4-mm) line. Find the corresponding flow rate  $Q$  gal/min. Using the Hydraulic Institute tables,  $Q_a = 270$  gal/min (17.0 L/s);  $Q_b = 580$  gal/min (36.6 L/s);  $Q_c = 1000$  gal/min (63.1 L/s). Hence, the total flow =  $270 + 580 + 1000 = 1850$  gal/min (116.7 L/s).

**3. Find the equivalent size and length of the pipe.** Using the Hydraulic Institute tables again, look for a pipe having a 50-ft (15.2 m) head loss with a flow of 1850 gal/min (116.7 L/s). Any pipe having a discharge equal to the sum of the discharge rates for all the pipes, at the assumed friction head, is an equivalent pipe.

Interpolating friction-head values in the 14-in (355.6-mm) outside-diameter [13.126-in (333.4-mm) inside-diameter] table shows that 5970 ft (1820 m) of this pipe is equivalent to the system in Fig. 10. This equivalent size can be used in any calculations related to this system—selection of a pump, determination of head loss with longer or shorter mains, etc. If desired, another equivalent-size pipe could be found by entering a different pipe-size table. Thus, 5310 ft (1621.5 m) of 14-in (355.6-mm) pipe [12.814-in (326.5-mm) inside diameter] is also equivalent to this system.

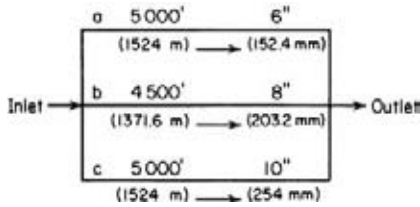


FIGURE 10 Parallel piping system.

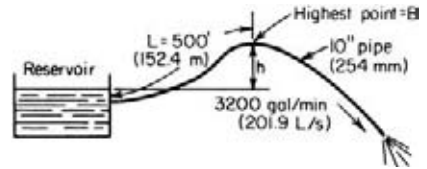


FIGURE 11 Liquid siphon piping system.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for any liquid—water, oil, gasoline, brine—flowing through a parallel piping system. The pipes are assumed to be full at all times.

### MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE HEIGHT FOR A LIQUID SIPHON

What is the maximum height  $h$  ft (m), Fig. 11, that can be used for a siphon in a water system if the length of the pipe from the water source to its highest point is 500 ft (152.4 m), the water velocity is 13.0 ft/s (3.96 m/s), the pipe diameter is 10 in (254 mm), and the water temperature is 70°F (21.1°C) if 3200 gal/min (201.9 L/s) is flowing?

#### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the velocity of the water in the pipe.** From an earlier calculation procedure,  $v = gpm/(2.448d^2)$ . With an internal diameter of 10.020 in (254.5 mm),  $v = 3200/[(2.448)(10.02)^2] = 13.0$  ft/s (3.96 m/s).

**2. Determine the vapor pressure of the water.** Using a steam table, we see that the vapor pressure of water at 70°F (21.1°C) is  $p_v = 0.3631$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2.5 kPa), or (0.3631) (144 in<sup>2</sup>/ft<sup>2</sup>) = 52.3 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (2.5 kPa). The specific volume of water at 70°F (21.1°C) is, from a steam table, 0.01606 ft<sup>3</sup>/lb (0.001 m<sup>3</sup>/kg). Converting this to density at 70°F (21.1°C), density = 1/0.01606 = 62.2 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (995.8 kg/m<sup>3</sup>). The vapor pressure in ft of 70°F (21.1°C) water is then  $f_v = (52.3 \text{ lb/ft}^2)/(62.2 \text{ lb/ft}^3) = 0.84$  ft (0.26 m) of water.

**3. Compute or determine the friction-head loss and velocity head.** From the reservoir to the highest point of the siphon, B, Fig. 11, the friction head in the pipe must be overcome. Use the Hazen-Williams or a similar formula to determine the friction head, as given in earlier calculation procedures or a pipe-friction table. From the Hydraulic Institute *Pipe Friction Manual*,  $h_f = 4.59$  ft per 100 ft (1.4 m per 30.5 m), or  $(500/100)(4.59) = 22.95$  ft (7.0 m). From the same table, velocity head = 2.63 ft/s (0.8 m/s).

**4. Determine the maximum height for the siphon.** For a siphon handling water, the maximum allowable height  $h$  at sea level with an atmospheric pressure of 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.3 kPa) =  $[14.7 \times (144 \text{ in}^2/\text{ft}^2)/(\text{density of water at operating temperature, lb/ft}^3) - (\text{vapor pressure of water at operating temperature, ft} + 1.5 \times \text{velocity head, ft} + \text{friction head, ft})]$ . For this pipe,  $h = 14.7 \times 144/62.2 - (0.84 + 1.5 \times 2.63 + 22.95) = 11.32$  ft (3.45 m). In actual practice, the value of  $h$  is taken as 0.75 to 0.8 the computed value. Using 0.75 gives  $h = (0.75)(11.32) = 8.5$  ft (2.6 m).

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for any type of siphon conveying a liquid—water, oil, gasoline, brine, etc. Where the liquid has a specific gravity different from that of water, i.e., less than or greater than 1.0, proceed as above, expressing all heads in ft of liquid handled. Divide the resulting siphon height by the specific gravity of the liquid. At elevations above atmospheric, use the actual atmospheric pressure instead of 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.3 kPa).

## WATER-HAMMER EFFECTS IN LIQUID PIPELINES

What is the maximum pressure developed in a 200-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1378.8-kPa) water pipeline if a valve is closed nearly instantly or pumps discharging into the line are all stopped at the same instant? The pipe is 8-in (203.2-mm) schedule 40 steel, and the water flow rate is 2800 gal/min (176.7 L/s). What maximum pressure is developed if the valve closes in 5 s and the line is 5000 ft (1524 m) long?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the velocity of the pressure wave.** For any pipe, the velocity of the pressure wave during water hammer is found from  $v_w = 4720/(1 + Kd/Et)^{0.5}$ , where  $v_w$  = velocity of the pressure wave in the pipeline, ft/s;  $K$  = bulk modulus of the liquid in the pipeline = 300,000 for water;  $d$  = internal diameter of pipe, in;  $E$  = modulus of elasticity of pipe material, lb/in<sup>2</sup> =  $30 \times 10^6$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (206.8 GPa) for steel;  $t$  = pipe-wall thickness, in. For 8-in (203.2-mm) schedule 40 steel pipe and data from a table of pipe properties,  $v_w = 4720/[1 + 300,000 \times 7.981/(30 \times 10^6 \times 0.322)]^{0.5} = 4225.6$  ft/s (1287.9 m/s).

**2. Compute the pressure increase caused by water hammer.** The pressure increase  $p_1$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> due to water hammer =  $v_w v/[32.2(2.31)]$ , where  $v$  = liquid velocity in the pipeline, ft/s; 32.2 = acceleration due to gravity, ft/s<sup>2</sup>; 2.31 ft of water = 1-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (6.9-kPa) pressure.

For this pipe,  $v = 0.4085 \text{ gpm}/d^2 = 0.4085(2800)/(7.981)^2 = 18.0$  ft/s (5.5 m/s). Then  $p_i = (4225.6)(18)/[32.2(2.31)] = 1022.56$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (7049.5 kPa). The maximum pressure developed in the pipe is then  $p_i$  + pipe operating pressure =  $1022.56 + 200 = 1222.56$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (8428.3 kPa).

**3. Compute the hammer pressure rise caused by valve closure.** The hammer pressure rise caused by valve closure  $p_v$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> =  $2p_i L/v_w T$ , where  $L$  = pipeline length, ft;  $T$  = valve closing time, s. For this pipeline,  $p_v = 2(1022.56)(5000)/[(4225.6)(5)] = 484$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (3336.7 kPa). Thus, the maximum pressure in the pipe will be  $484 + 200 = 684$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (4467.3 kPa).

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for any type of liquid—water, oil, etc.—in a pipeline subject to sudden closure of a valve or stoppage of a pump or pumps. The effects of water hammer can be reduced by relief valves, slow-closing check valves on pump discharge pipes, air chambers, air spill valves, and air injection into the pipeline.

## SPECIFIC GRAVITY AND VISCOSITY OF LIQUIDS

An oil has a specific gravity of 0.8000 and a viscosity of 200 SSU (Saybolt Seconds Universal) at 60°F (15.6°C). Determine the API gravity and Bé gravity of this oil and its weight in lb/gal (kg/L). What is the kinematic viscosity in cSt? What is the absolute viscosity in cP?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the API gravity of the liquid.** For any oil at 60°F (15.6°C), its specific gravity  $S$ , in relation to water at 60°F (15.6°C), is  $S = 141.5/(131.5 + \text{°API})$ ; or  $\text{°API} = (141.5 - 131.5S)/S$ . For this oil,  $\text{°API} = [141.5 - 131.5(0.80)]/0.80 = 45.4$  °API.

**2. Determine the Bé gravity of the liquid.** For any liquid lighter than water,  $S = 140/(130 + \text{Bé})$ ; or  $\text{Bé} = (140 - 130S)/S$ . For this oil,  $\text{Bé} = [140 - 130(0.80)]/0.80 = 45$  Bé.

**3. Compute the weight per gal of liquid.** With a specific gravity of  $S$ , the weight of 1 ft<sup>3</sup> of oil =  $(S)[\text{weight of 1 ft}^3 (1 \text{ m}^3) \text{ of fresh water at } 60^\circ\text{F } (15.6^\circ\text{C})] = (0.80)(62.4) = 49.92$  lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (799.2 kg/m<sup>3</sup>). Since 1 gal (3.8 L) of liquid occupies 0.13368 ft<sup>3</sup> the weight of this oil is  $(49.92)(0.13368) = 6.66$  lb/gal (0.79 kg/L).

**4. Compute the kinematic viscosity of the liquid.** For any liquid having an SSU viscosity greater than 100 s, the kinematic viscosity  $k = 0.220$  (SSU)  $- 135/\text{SSU}$  cSt. For this oil,  $k = 0.220(200) - 135/200 = 43.325$  cSt.

**5. Convert the kinematic viscosity to absolute viscosity.** For any liquid, the absolute viscosity,  $\text{cP} = (\text{kinematic viscosity, cSt})(\text{density})$ . Thus, for this oil, the absolute viscosity  $= (43.325)(49.92) = 2163$  cP.

**Related Calculations** For liquids *heavier* than water,  $S = 145/(145 - \text{Bé})$ . When the SSU viscosity is between 32 and 99 SSU,  $k = 0.226$  (SSU)  $- 195/\text{SSU}$  cSt. Modern terminology for absolute viscosity is dynamic viscosity. Use these relations for any liquid—brine, gasoline, crude oil, kerosene, Bunker C, diesel oil, etc. Consult the *Pipe Friction Manual* and Crocker and King—*Piping Handbook* for tabulations of typical viscosities and specific gravities of various liquids.

## PRESSURE LOSS IN PIPING HAVING LAMINAR FLOW

Fuel oil at 300°F (148.9°C) and having a specific gravity of 0.850 is pumped through a 30,000-ft (9144-m) long 24-in (609.6-mm) pipe at the rate of 500 gal/min (31.6 L/s). What is the pressure loss if the viscosity of the oil is 75 cP (0.075 Pa·s)?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the type of flow that exists.** Flow is laminar (also termed *viscous*) if the Reynolds number  $R$  for the liquid in the pipe is less than 1200. Turbulent flow exists if the Reynolds number is greater than 2500. Between these values is a zone in which either condition may exist, depending on the roughness of the pipe wall, entrance conditions, and other factors. Avoid sizing a pipe for flow in this critical zone because excessive pressure drops result without a corresponding increase in the pipe discharge.

Compute the Reynolds number from  $R = 3.162G/kd$ , where  $G$  = flow rate gal/min (L/s);  $k$  = kinematic viscosity of liquid, cSt = viscosity  $z$ , cP/specific gravity of the liquid  $S$ ;  $d$  = inside diameter of pipe, in (cm). From a table of pipe properties,  $d = 22.626$  in (574.7 mm). Also,  $k = z/S = 75/0.85 = 88.2$  cSt. Then  $R = 3162(500)/[88.2(22.626)] = 792$ . Since  $R < 1200$ , laminar flow exists in this pipe.

**2. Compute the pressure loss by using the Poiseuille formula.** The Poiseuille formula gives the pressure drop  $p_d$   $\text{lb/in}^2$  (kPa)  $= 2.73(10^{-4})luG/d^4$ , where  $l$  = total length of pipe, including equivalent length of fittings, ft;  $u$  = absolute viscosity of liquid, cP (Pa·s);  $G$  = flow rate, gal/min (L/s);  $d$  = inside diameter of pipe, in (cm). For this pipe,  $p_d = 2.73(10^{-4})(10,000)(75)(500)/262,078 = 1.17$   $\text{lb/in}^2$  (8.1 kPa).

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for any pipe in which there is laminar flow of the liquid. Other liquids for which this method can be used include water, molasses, gasoline, brine, kerosene, and mercury. Table 20 gives a quick summary of various ways in which the Reynolds number can be expressed. The symbols in Table 20, in the order of their appearance, are  $D$  = inside diameter of pipe, ft (m);  $v$  = liquid velocity, ft/s (m/s);  $\rho$  = liquid density,  $\text{lb/ft}^3$  ( $\text{kg/m}^3$ );  $\mu$  = absolute viscosity of liquid,  $\text{lb mass}/(\text{ft}\cdot\text{s})$  [ $\text{kg}/(\text{m}\cdot\text{s})$ ];  $d$  = inside diameter of pipe, in (cm). From a table of pipe properties,  $d = 22.626$  in (574.7 mm). Also,  $k = z/S$  liquid flow rate,  $\text{lb/h}$  ( $\text{kg/h}$ );  $B$  = liquid flow rate,  $\text{bbl/h}$  (L/s);  $k$  = kinematic viscosity of the liquid, cSt;  $q$  = liquid flow rate,  $\text{ft}^3/\text{s}$  ( $\text{m}^3/\text{s}$ );  $Q$  = liquid flow rate,  $\text{ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $\text{m}^3/\text{min}$ ). Use Table 20 to find the Reynolds number for any liquid flowing through a pipe.

**TABLE 20** Reynolds Number

Reynolds number $R$	Numerator			Denominator		
	Coefficient	First symbol	Second symbol	Third symbol	Fourth symbol	Fifth symbol
$Dv\rho/\mu$	...	ft	ft/s	lb/ft <sup>3</sup>	lb mass/(ft·s)	
$124dv\rho/z$	124	in	ft/s	lb/ft <sup>3</sup>	cP	
$50.7G\rho/dz$	50.7	gal/min	lb/ft <sup>3</sup>	...	in	cP
$6.32W/dz$	6.32	lb/h	...	...	in	cP
$35.5B\rho/dz$	35.5	bbl/h	lb/ft <sup>3</sup>	...	in	cP
$7742dv/k$	7,742	in	ft/s	...	...	cP
$3162G/dk$	3,162	gal/min	...	...	in	cP
$2214B/dk$	2,214	bbl/h	...	...	in	cP
$22,735q\rho/dz$	22,735	ft <sup>3</sup> /s	lb/ft <sup>3</sup>	...	in	cP
$378.9Q\rho/dz$	378.9	ft <sup>3</sup> /min	lb/ft <sup>3</sup>	...	in	cP

## DETERMINING THE PRESSURE LOSS IN OIL PIPES

What is the pressure drop in a 5000-ft (1524-m) long 6-in (152.4-mm) oil pipe conveying 500 bbl/h (22.1 L/s) of kerosene having a specific gravity of 0.813 at 65°F (18.3°C), which is the temperature of the liquid in the pipe? The pipe is schedule 40 steel.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the kinematic viscosity of the oil.** Use Fig. 12 and Table 21 or the Hydraulic Institute—*Pipe Friction Manual* kinematic viscosity and Reynolds number chart to determine the kinematic viscosity of the liquid. Enter Table 12 at kerosene, and find the coordinates as  $X = 10.2$ ,  $Y = 16.9$ . Using these coordinates, enter Fig. 12 and find the absolute viscosity of kerosene at 65°F (18.3°C) as 2.4 cP. By the method of a previous calculation procedure, the kinematic viscosity = absolute viscosity, cP/specific gravity of the liquid =  $2.4/0.813 = 2.95$  cSt. This value agrees closely with that given in the *Pipe Friction Manual*.

**2. Determine the Reynolds number of the liquid.** The Reynolds number can be found from the *Pipe Friction Manual* chart mentioned in step 1 or computed from  $R = 2214B/(dk) = 2214(500)/[(6.065)(2.95)] = 61,900$ .

To use the *Pipe Friction Manual* chart, compute the velocity of the liquid in the pipe by converting the flow rate to ft<sup>3</sup>/s. Since there is 42 gal/bbl (0.16 L) and 1 gal (0.00379 L) = 0.13368 ft<sup>3</sup> (0.00378 m<sup>3</sup>), 1 bbl =  $(42)(0.13368) = 5.6$  ft<sup>3</sup> (0.16 m<sup>3</sup>). With a flow rate of 500 bbl/h (79.5 m<sup>3</sup>/h) the equivalent flow =  $(500)(5.6) = 2800$  ft<sup>3</sup>/h (79.3 m<sup>3</sup>/h), or  $2800/3600$  s/h = 0.778 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (0.02 m<sup>3</sup>/s). Since 6-in (152.4-mm), schedule 40 pipe has a cross-sectional area of 0.2006 ft<sup>2</sup> (0.02 m<sup>2</sup>) internally, the liquid velocity =  $0.778/0.2006 = 3.88$  ft/s (1.2 m/s). Then, the product (velocity, ft/s)(internal diameter, in) =  $(3.88)(6.065) = 23.75$  ft/s. In the *Pipe Friction Manual*, project horizontally from the kerosene specific-gravity curve to the  $vd$  product of 23.75, and read the Reynolds number as 61,900, as before. In general, the Reynolds number can be found more quickly by computing it using the appropriate relation given in an earlier calculation procedure, unless the flow velocity is already known.

**3. Determine the friction factor of this pipe.** Enter Fig. 13 at the Reynolds number value of 61,900, and project to the curve 4 as indicated by Table 22. Read the friction factor as 0.0212 at the left. Alternatively, the *Pipe Friction Manual* friction-factor chart could be used, if desired.

**4. Compute the pressure loss in the pipe.** Use the Fanning formula  $p_d = 1.06(10^{-4})f\rho lB^2/d^5$ . In this formula,  $\rho$  = density of the liquid, lb/ft<sup>3</sup>. For kerosene,  $\rho$  = (density of water, lb/ft<sup>3</sup>)(specific gravity

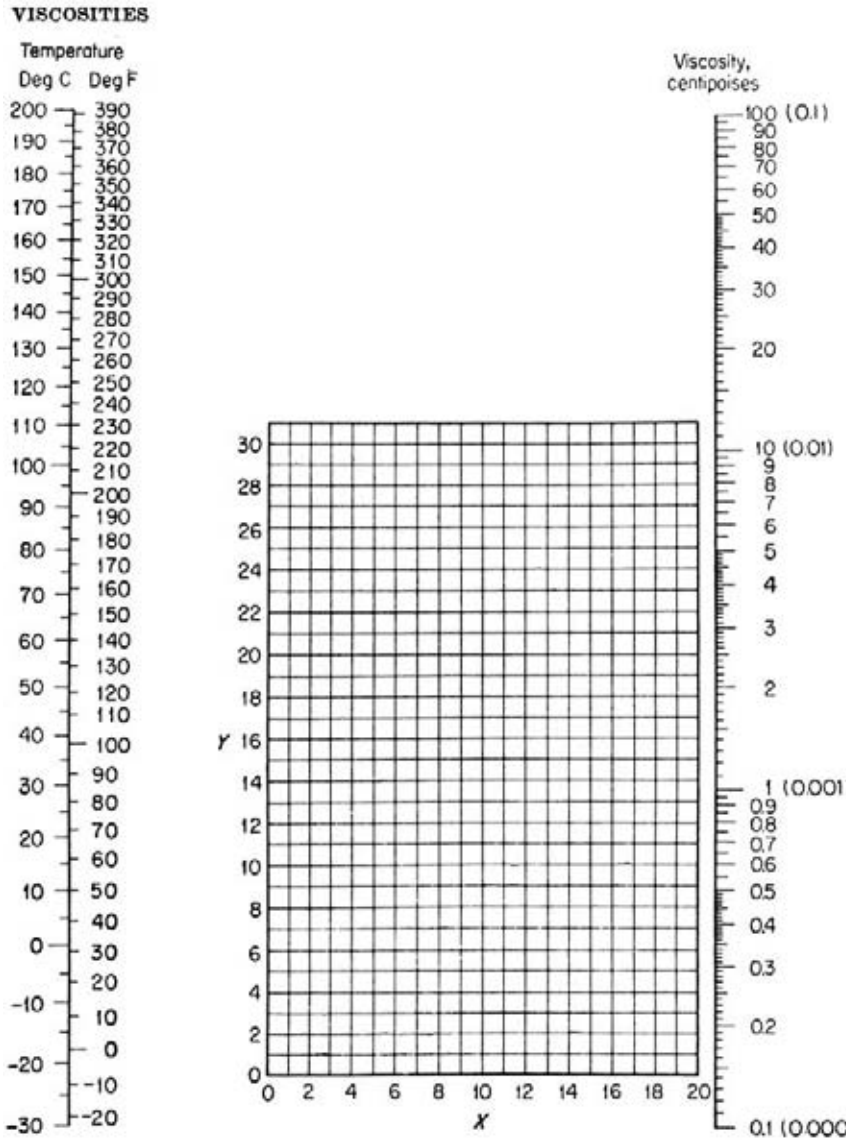


FIGURE 12 Viscosities of liquids at 1 atm. For coordinates, see Table 21.

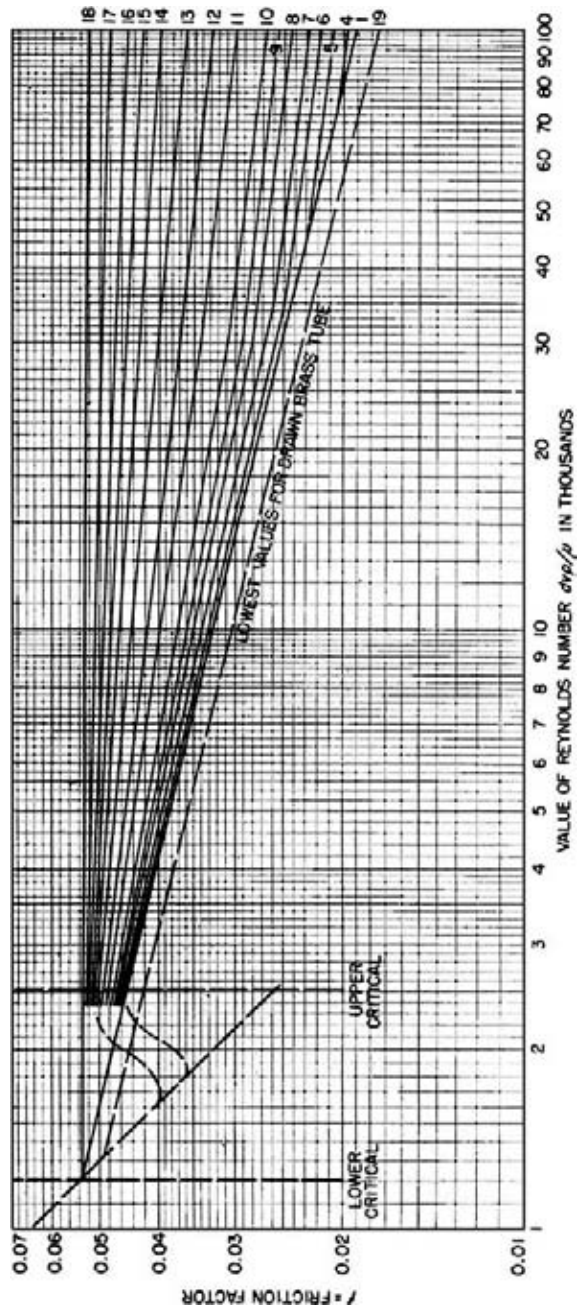
of the kerosene) = (62.4)(0.813) = 50.6 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (810.1 kg/m<sup>3</sup>). Then  $p_d = 1.06(10^{-4})(0.0212)(50.6)(5000)(500)^2/8206 = 17.3 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (119.3 kPa).

**Related Calculations** The Fanning formula is popular with oil-pipe designers and can be stated in various ways: (1) with velocity  $v$  ft/s,  $p_d = 1.29(10^{-3})f\rho v^2 l/d$ ; (2) with velocity  $V$  ft/min,  $p_d = 3.6(10^{-7})f\rho V^2 l/d$ ; (3) with flow rate in  $G$  gal/min,  $p_d = 2.15(10^{-4})f\rho l G^2/d^5$ ; (4) with the flow rate in  $W$  lb/h,  $p_d = 3.36(10^{-6})fW^2/d^5\rho$ .



**TABLE 21** Viscosities of Liquids  
Coordinates for use with Fig. 12

No.	Liquid	X	Y	No.	Liquid	X	Y
1	Acetaldehydr	15.2	4.8	56	Freon-22	17.2	4.7
	Acetic acid:			57	Freon-13	12.5	11.4
2	100%	12.1	14.2		Glycerol:		
3	70%	9.5	17.0	58	100%	2.0	30.0
4	Acetic anhydride	12.7	12.8	59	50%	6.9	19.6
	Acetone:			60	Heptene	14.1	8.4
5	100%	14.5	7.2	61	Hexane	14.7	7.0
6	35%	7.9	15.0	62	Hydrochloric acid, 31.5%	13.0	16.6
7	Allyl alcohol	10.2	14.3	63	Isobutyl alcohol	7.1	18.0
	Ammonia:			64	Isobutyric acid	12.2	14.4
8	100%	12.6	2.0	65	Isopropyl alcohol	8.2	16.0
9	26%	10.1	13.9	66	Kerosene	10.2	16.9
10	Amyl acetate	11.8	12.5	67	Linseed oil, raw	7.5	27.2
11	Amyl alcohol	7.5	18.4	68	Mercury	18.4	16.4
12	Aniline	8.1	18.7		Methanol:		
13	Anisole	12.3	13.5	69	100%	12.4	10.5
14	Arsenic trichloride	13.9	14.5	70	90%	12.3	11.8
15	Benzene	12.5	10.9	71	40%	7.8	15.5
	Brine:			72	Methyl acetate	14.2	8.2
16	CaCl <sub>2</sub> , 25%	6.6	15.9	73	Methyl chloride	15.0	3.8
17	NaCl, 25%	10.2	16.6	74	Methyl ethyl ketone	13.9	8.6
18	Bromine	14.2	13.2	75	Naphthalene	7.9	18.1
19	Bromotoluene	20.0	15.9		Nitric acid:		
20	Butyl acetate	12.3	11.0	76	95%	12.8	13.8
21	Butyl alcohol	8.6	17.2	77	60%	10.8	17.0
22	Butyric acid	12.1	15.3	78	Nitrobenzene	10.6	16.2
23	Carbon dioxide	11.6	0.3	79	Nitrotoluene	11.0	17.0
24	Carbon disulfide	16.1	7.5	80	Octane	13.7	10.0
25	Carbon tetrachloride	12.7	13.1	81	Octyl alcohol	6.6	21.1
26	Chlorobenzene	12.3	12.4	82	Pentachloroethane	10.9	17.3
27	Chloroform	14.4	10.2	83	Pentane	14.9	5.2
28	Chlorosulfonic acid	11.2	18.1	84	Phenol	6.9	20.8
	Chlorotoluene:			85	Phosphorus tribromide	13.8	16.7
29	Ortho	13.0	13.3	86	Phosphorus trichloride	16.2	10.9
30	Meta	13.3	12.5	87	Propionic acid	12.8	13.8
31	Para	13.3	12.5	88	Propyl alcohol	9.1	16.5
32	Cresol, meta	2.5	20.8	89	Propyl bromide	14.5	9.6
33	Cyclohexanol	2.9	24.3	90	Propyl chloride	14.4	7.5
34	Dibromoethane	12.7	15.8	91	Propyl iodide	14.1	11.6
35	Dichloroethane	13.2	12.2	92	Sodium	16.4	13.9
36	Dichloromethane	14.6	8.9	93	Sodium hydroxide, 50%	3.2	25.8
37	Diethyl oxalate	11.0	16.4	94	Stannic chloride	13.5	12.8
38	Dimethyl oxalate	12.3	15.8	95	Sulfur dioxide	15.2	7.1
39	Diphenyl	12.0	18.3		Sulfuric acid:		
40	Dipropyl oxalate	10.3	17.7	96	110%	7.2	27.4
41	Ethyl acetate	13.7	9.1	97	98%	7.0	24.8
	Ethyl alcohol:			98	60%	10.2	21.3
42	100%	10.5	13.8	99	Sulfuryl chloride	15.2	12.4
43	95%	9.8	14.3	100	Tetrachloroethane	11.9	15.7
44	40%	6.5	16.6	101	Tetrachloroethylene	14.2	12.7
45	Ethyl benzene	13.2	11.5	102	Titanium tetrachloride	14.4	12.3
46	Ethyl bromide	14.5	8.1	103	Toluene	13.7	10.4
47	Ethyl chloride	14.8	6.0	104	Trichloroethylene	14.8	10.5
48	Ethyl ether	14.5	5.3	105	Turpentine	11.5	14.9
49	Ethyl formate			106	Vinyl acetate		
50	Ethyl iodide	14.7	10.3	107	Water	10.2	13.0
51	Ethylene glycol	6.0	23.6		Xylene:		
52	Formic acid	10.7	15.8	108	Ortho	13.5	12.1
53	Freon-11	14.4	9.0	109	Meta	13.9	10.6
54	Freon-12	16.8	5.6	110	Para	13.9	10.9
55	Freon-21	15.7	7.5				



**FIGURE 13** Friction-factor curves. (*Mechanical Engineering.*)

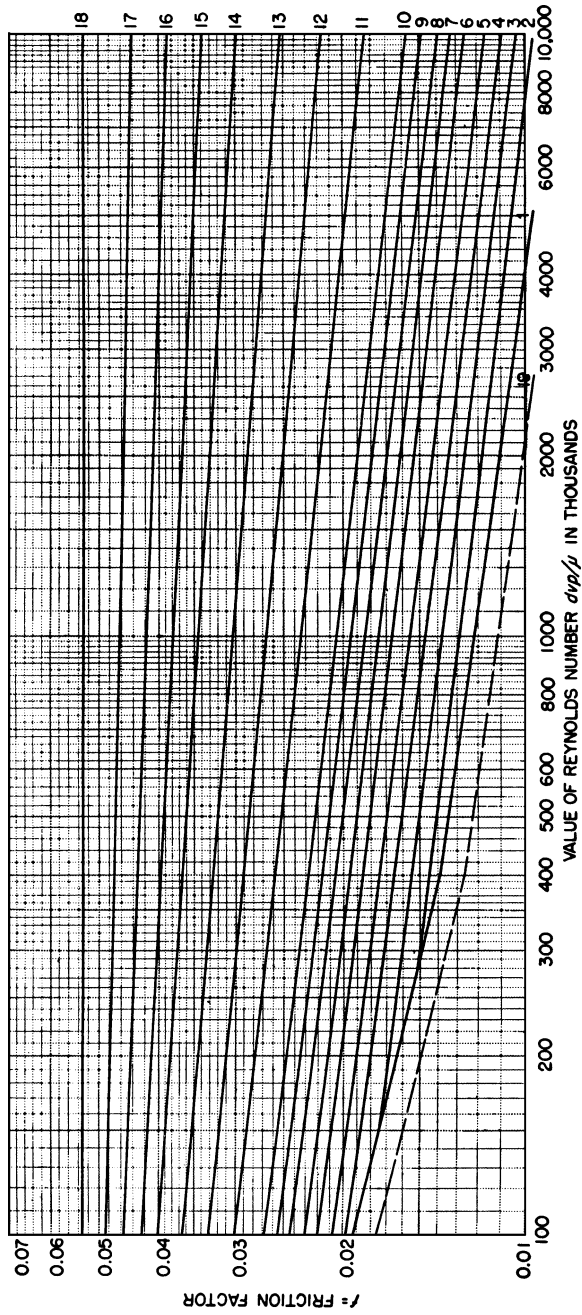


FIGURE 13 (Continued)

TABLE 22 Data for Fig. 13

Percentage of roughness	For value of $f$ sec curve	Diameter (actual of drawn tubing, nominal of standard-weight pipe)														
		Drawn tubing, brass, tin, lead, glass		Clean steel, wrought iron		Clean, galvanized		Best cast iron		Average cast iron		Heavy riveted, spiral riveted				
		in	mm	in	mm	in	mm	in	mm	in	mm	in	mm			
0.2	1	0.35 up	8.89 up	72	1829	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1.35	4	—	—	6-12	152-305	10-24	254-610	20-48	508-1219	42-96	1067-2438	84-204	2134-5182			
2.1	5	—	—	4-5	102-127	6-8	152-203	12-16	305-406	24-36	610-914	48-72	1219-1829			
3.0	6	—	—	2-3	51-76	3-5	76-127	5-10	127-254	10-20	254-508	20-42	508-1067			
3.8	7	—	—	1-1/2	38	2-1/2	64	3-4	76-102	6-8	152-203	16-18	406-457			
4.8	8	—	—	1-1/4	25-32	1-1/2-2	38-51	2-2-1/2	51-64	4-5	102-127	10-14	254-356			
6.0	9	—	—	3/4	19	1-1/4	32	1-1/2	38	3	76	8	203			
7.2	10	—	—	1/2	13	1	25	1-1/4	32	—	—	5	127			
10.5	11	—	—	3/8	9.5	3/4	19	1	35	—	—	4	102			
14.5	12	—	—	1/4	6.4	1/2	13	—	—	—	—	3	76			
24.0	14	0.125	3.18	—	—	3/8	9.5	—	—	—	—	—	—			
31.5	16	—	—	—	—	1/4	6.4	—	—	—	—	—	—			
37.5	18	0.0625	1.588	—	—	1/8	3.2	—	—	—	—	—	—			

Use this procedure for any petroleum product—crude oil, kerosene, benzene, gasoline, naphtha, fuel oil, Bunker C, diesel oil toluene, etc. The tables and charts presented here and in the *Pipe Friction Manual* save computation time.

## FLOW RATE AND PRESSURE LOSS IN COMPRESSED-AIR AND GAS PIPING

Dry air at 80°F (26.7°C) and 150 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1034 kPa) flows at the rate of 500 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (14.2 m<sup>3</sup>/min) through a 4-in (101.6-mm) schedule 40 pipe from the discharge of an air compressor. What are the flow rate in lb/h and the air velocity in ft/s? Using the Fanning formula, determine the pressure loss if the total equivalent length of the pipe is 500 ft (152.4 m).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the density of the air or gas in the pipe.** For air or a gas,  $pV = MRT$ , where  $p$  = absolute pressure of the gas, lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (abs);  $V$  = volume of  $M$  lb of gas, ft<sup>3</sup>;  $M$  = weight of gas, lb;  $R$  = gas constant, ft·lb/(lb·°F);  $T$  = absolute temperature of the gas, °R. For this installation, using 1 ft<sup>3</sup> of air,  $M = pV/(RT)$ ,  $M = (150)(144)/[(53.33)(80 + 459.7)] = 0.750$  lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (12.0 kg/m<sup>3</sup>). The value of  $R$  in this equation was obtained from Table 23.

**2. Compute the flow rate of the air or gas.** For air or a gas, the flow rate  $W_h$  lb/h = (60) (density, lb/ft<sup>3</sup>)(flow rate, ft<sup>3</sup>/min); or  $W_h = (60)(0.750)(500) = 22,500$  lb/h (10,206 kg/h).

**3. Compute the velocity of the air or gas in the pipe.** For any air or gas pipe, velocity of the moving fluid  $v$  ft/s =  $183.4 W_h / 3600 d^2 \rho$ , where  $d$  = internal diameter of pipe, in;  $\rho$  = density of fluid, lb/ft<sup>3</sup>. For this system,  $v = (183.4)(22,500)/[(3600)(4.026)^2(0.750)] = 94.3$  ft/s (28.7 m/s).

**4. Compute the Reynolds number of the air or gas.** The viscosity of air at 80°F (26.7°C) is 0.0186 cP, obtained from Crocker and King—*Piping Handbook*, Perry et al.—*Chemical Engineers' Handbook*, or a similar reference. Then, by using the Reynolds number relation given in Table 20,  $R = 6.32W/(dz) = (6.32)(22,500)/[(4.026)(0.0186)] = 1,899,000$ .

TABLE 23 Gas Constants

Gas	R		C for critical-velocity equation
	ft·lb/(lb·°F)	J/(kg·K)	
Air	53.33	286.9	2870
Ammonia	89.42	481.1	2080
Carbon dioxide	34.87	187.6	3330
Carbon monoxide	55.14	296.7	2820
Ethane	50.82	273.4	
Ethylene	54.70	294.3	2480
Hydrogen	767.04	4126.9	750
Hydrogen sulfide	44.79	240.9	
Isobutane	25.79	138.8	
Methane	96.18	517.5	2030
Natural gas	—	—	2070–2670
Nitrogen	55.13	296.6	2800
n-butane	25.57	137.6	
Oxygen	48.24	259.5	2990
Propane	34.13	183.6	
Propylene	36.01	193.7	
Sulfur dioxide	23.53	126.6	3870

**5. Compute the pressure loss in the pipe.** Using Fig. 13 or the Hydraulic Institute *Pipe Friction Manual*, we get  $f = 0.0142$  to  $0.0162$  for a 4-in (101.6-mm) schedule 40 pipe when the Reynolds number = 3,560,000. From the Fanning formula from an earlier calculation procedure and the higher value of  $f$ ,  $p_d = 3.36(10^{-6})fIW^2/d^5\rho$ , or  $p_d = 3.36(10^{-6})(0.0162)(500)(22,500)^2/[(4.026)^5(0.750)] = 17.37 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (119.8 kPa).

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure to compute the pressure loss, velocity, and flow rate in compressed-air and gas lines of any length. Gases for which this procedure can be used include ammonia, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, ethane, ethylene, hydrogen, hydrogen sulfide, isobutane, methane, nitrogen, *n*-butane, oxygen, propane, propylene, and sulfur dioxide.

Alternate relations for computing the velocity of air or gas in a pipe are  $v = 144W_s/a\rho$ ;  $v = 183.4W_s/d^2\rho$ ;  $v = 0.0509W_s v_g/d^2$ , where  $W_s$  = flow rate, lb/s;  $a$  = cross-sectional area of pipe, in<sup>2</sup>;  $v_g$  = specific volume of the air or gas at the operating pressure and temperature, ft<sup>3</sup>/lb.

## FLOW RATE AND PRESSURE LOSS IN GAS PIPELINES

Using the Weymouth formula, determine the flow rate in a 10-mi (16.1-km) long 4-in (101.6-mm) schedule 40 gas pipeline when the inlet pressure is 200 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (1378.8 kPa), the outlet pressure is 20 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (137.9 kPa), the gas has a specific gravity of 0.80, a temperature of 60°F (15.6°C), and the atmospheric pressure is 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.34 kPa).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the flow rate from the Weymouth formula.** The Weymouth formula for flow rate is  $Q = 28.05[(p_i^2 - p_0^2)d^{5.33}/sL]^{0.5}$ , where  $p_i$  = inlet pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs);  $p_0$  = outlet pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs);  $d$  = inside diameter of pipe, in;  $s$  = specific gravity of gas;  $L$  = length of pipeline, mi. For this pipe,  $Q = 28.05 \times [(214.7^2 - 34.7^2)4.026^{5.33}/0.8 \times 10]^{0.5} = 86,500 \text{ lb/h}$  (38,925 kg/h).

**2. Determine if the acoustic velocity limits flow.** If the outlet pressure of a pipe is less than the critical pressure  $p_c$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs), the flow rate in the pipe cannot exceed that obtained with a velocity equal to the critical or acoustic velocity, i.e., the velocity of sound in the gas. For any gas,  $p_c = Q(T_i)^{0.5}/d^2C$ , where  $T_i$  = inlet temperature, °R;  $C$  = a constant for the gas being considered.

Using  $C = 2070$  from Table 23, or Crocker and King—*Piping Handbook*,  $p_c = (86,500)(60 + 460)^{0.5}/[(4.026)^2(2070)] = 58.8 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (abs) (405.4 kPa). Since the outlet pressure  $p_0 = 34.7 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (abs) (239.2 kPa), the critical or acoustic velocity limits the flow in this pipe because  $p_c > p_0$ . When  $p_c < p_0$ , critical velocity does not limit the flow.

**Related Calculations** Where a number of gas pipeline calculations must be made, use the tabulations in Crocker and King—*Piping Handbook* and Bell—*Petroleum Transportation Handbook*. These tabulations will save much time. Other useful formulas for gas flow include the Panhandle, Unwin, Fritsche, and rational. Results obtained with these formulas agree within satisfactory limits for normal engineering practice.

Where the outlet pressure is unknown, assume a value for it and compute the flow rate that will be obtained. If the computed flow is less than desired, check to see that the outlet pressure is less than the critical. If it is, increase the diameter of the pipe. Use this procedure for natural gas from any gas field, manufactured gas, or any other similar gas.

To find the volume of gas that can be stored per mile of pipe, solve  $V_m = 1.955p_m d^2 K$ , where  $p_m$  = mean pressure in pipe, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs)  $\approx (p_i + p_0)/2$ ;  $K = (1/Z)^{0.5}$ , where  $Z$  = supercompressibility factor of the gas, as given in Baumeister and Marks—*Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers* and Perry—*Chemical Engineer's Handbook*. For exact computation of  $p_m$ , use  $p_m = (2/3)(p_i + p_0 - p_i p_0 / p_i + p_0)$ .

## SELECTING HANGERS FOR PIPES AT ELEVATED TEMPERATURES

Select the number, capacity, and types of pipe hanger needed to support the 6-in (152.5-mm) schedule 80 pipe in Fig. 14 when the installation temperature is 60°F (15.6°C) and the operating temperature is 700°F (371.1°C). The pipe is insulated with 85 percent magnesia weighing 11.4 lb/ft (16.63 N/m). The pipe and unit served by the pipe have a coefficient of thermal expansion of 0.0575 in/ft (0.48 cm/m) between the 60°F (15.6°C) installation temperature and the 700°F (371.1°C) operating temperature.

### Calculation Procedure

1. Draw a freehand sketch of the pipe expansion. Use Fig. 15 as a guide and sketch the expanded pipe, using a dashed line. The sketch need not be exactly to scale; if the proportions are accurate, satisfactory results will be obtained. The shapes shown in Fig. 15 cover the 11 most common situations met in practice.

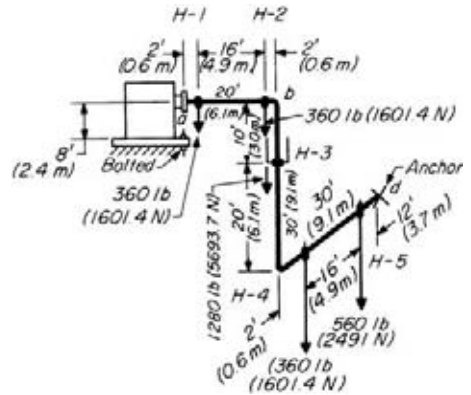


FIGURE 14 Typical complex pipe operating at high temperature.

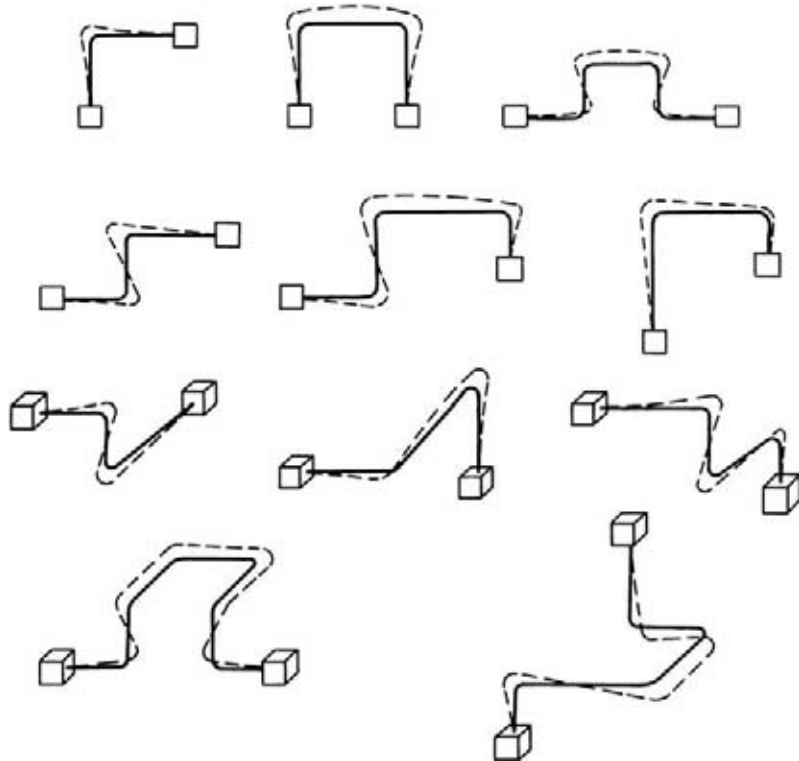


FIGURE 15 Pipe shapes commonly used in power and process plants assume the approximate forms shown by the dotted lines when the pipe temperature rises. (Power.)

**TABLE 24** Maximum Recommended Spacing between Pipe Hangers

Nominal pipe size, in (mm)	4 (101.6)	5 (127)	6 (152.4)	8 (203.2)	10 (254)	12 (304.8)
Maximum span, ft (m)	14 (4.3)	16 (4.9)	17 (5.2)	19 (5.8)	22 (6.7)	23 (7.0)

**2. Tentatively locate the required hangers.** Begin by locating hangers *H-1* and *H-5* close to the supply and using units, Fig. 14. Keeping a hanger close to each unit (boiler, turbine, pump, engine, etc.) prevents overloading the connection on the unit.

Space intermediate hangers *H-2*, *H-3*, and *H-4* so that the recommended distances in Table 24 or hanger engineering data (e.g., Grinnell Corporation *Pipe Hanger Design and Engineering*) are not exceeded. Indicate the hangers on the piping drawing as shown in Fig. 14.

**3. Adjust the hanger locations to suit structural conditions.** Study the building structural steel in the vicinity of the hanger locations, and adjust these locations so that each hanger can be attached to a support having adequate strength.

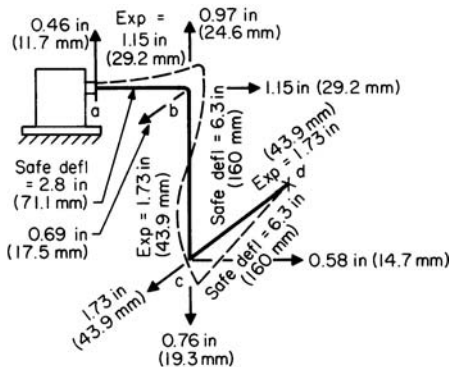
**4. Compute the load each hanger must support.** From a table of pipe properties, such as in Crocker and King—*Piping Handbook*, find the weight of 6-in (152.4-mm) schedule 80 pipe as 28.6 lb/ft (41.7 N/m). The insulation weighs 11.4 lb/ft (16.6 N/m), giving a total weight of insulated pipe of 28.6 + 11.4 = 40.0 lb/ft (58.4 N/m).

Compute the load on the hangers supporting horizontal pipes by taking half the length of the pipe on each side of the hanger. Thus, for hanger *H-1*, there is (2 ft)<sup>(1/2)</sup> + (16 ft) × (1/2) = 9 ft (2.7 m) of horizontal pipe, Fig. 14, which it supports. Since this pipe weighs 40 lb/ft (58.4 N/m), the total load on hanger *H-1* = (9 ft)(40 lb/ft) = 360 lb (1601.4 N). A similar analysis for hanger *H-2* shows that it supports (8 + 1)(40) = 360 lb (1601.4 N).

Hanger *H-3* supports the entire weight of the vertical pipe, 30 ft (9.14 m), plus 1 ft (0.3 m) at the top bend and 1 ft (0.3 m) at the bottom bend, or a total of 1 + 30 + 1 = 32 ft (9.75 m). The total load on hanger *H-3* is therefore (32)(40) = 1280 lb (5693. N).

Hanger *H-4* supports (1 + 8)(40) = 360 lb (1601.4 N), and hanger *H-5* supports (8 + 6)(40) = 560 lb (2491 N).

As a check, compute the total weight of the pipe and compare it with the sum of the endpoint and hanger loads. Thus, there is 100 ft (30.5 m) of pipe weighing (80)(40) = 3200 lb (14.2 kN). The total load the hangers will support is 360 + 360 + 1280 + 360 + 560 = 2920 lb (12.9 kN). The first endpoint will support (1)(40) = 40 lb (177.9 N), and the anchor will support (6)(40) = 240 lb (1067 N). The total hanger and endpoint support = 2920 + 40 + 240 = 3200 lb (14.2 kN); therefore, the pipe weight = the hanger load.



**FIGURE 16** Expansion of the various parts of the pipe shown in Fig. 14. (*Power.*)

**5. Sketch the shape of the hot pipe.** Use Fig. 15 as a guide, and draw a dotted outline of the approximate shape the pipe will take when hot. Start with the first corner point nearest the unit on the left, Fig. 16. This point will move away from the unit, as in Fig. 16. Do the same for the first corner point near the other unit served by the pipe and for intermediate corner points. Use arrows to indicate the probable direction of pipe movement at each corner. When sketching the shape of the hot pipe, remember that a straight pipe expanding



**TABLE 25** Deflection, in (mm), that Produces 14,000-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (96,530-kPa) Tensile Stress in Pipe Legs Acting as a Cantilever Beam, Load at Free End

Cantilever length, ft (m)	Nominal pipe size, in (mm)		
	4 (101.6)	6 (152.4)	8 (203.2)
5 (1.5)	0.26 (6.6)	0.17 (4.3)	0.13 (3.3)
10 (3.0)	1.03 (26.2)	0.70 (17.8)	0.54 (13.7)
15 (4.6)	2.32 (58.9)	1.58 (40.1)	1.21 (30.7)
20 (6.1)	4.12 (104.6)	2.80 (71.1)	2.15 (54.6)
25 (7.6)	6.44 (163.6)	4.38 (111.3)	3.35 (85.1)
30 (9.1)	9.26 (235.2)	6.30 (160.0)	4.83 (122.7)

against a piece of pipe at right angles to itself will bend the latter. The distance that various lengths of pipe will bend while producing a tensile stress of 14,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (96.5 MPa) is given in Table 25. This stress is a typical allowable value for pipes in industrial systems.

**6. Determine the thermal movement of units served by the pipe.**

If either or both fixed units (boiler, turbine, etc.) operate at a temperature above or below atmospheric, determine the amount of movement at the flange of the unit to which the piping connects, using the thermal data in Table 26. Do this by applying the thermal expansion coefficient for the metal of which the unit is made. Determine the vertical and horizontal distance of the flange face from the point of no movement of the unit. The point of no movement is the point or surface where the unit is fastened to *cold* structural steel or concrete.

The flange, point *a*, Fig. 16, is 8 ft (2.4 m) above the bolted end of the unit and directly in line with the bolt, Fig. 14. Since the bolt and flange are on a common vertical line, there will not be any *horizontal* movement of the flange because the bolt is the no-movement point of the unit.

Since the flange is 8 ft (2.4 m) away from the point of no movement, the amount that the flange will move = (distance away from the point of no movement, ft)(coefficient of thermal expansion, in/ft) = (8)(0.0575) = 0.46 in (11.7 mm) *away* (up) from the point of no movement. If the unit were operating at a temperature *less than* atmospheric, it would contract and the flange would move *toward* (down) the point of no movement. Mark the flange movement on the piping sketch, Fig. 16.

Anchor *d*, Fig. 16, does not move because it is attached to either cold structural steel or concrete.

**7. Compute the amount of expansion in each pipe leg.** Expansion of the pipe, in = (pipe length, ft)(coefficient of linear expansion, in/ft). For length *ab*, Fig. 14, the expansion = (20)(0.0575) = 1.15 in (29.2 mm); for *bc*, (30)(0.0575) = 1.73 in (43.9 mm); for *cd*, (30)(0.0575) = 1.73 in (43.9 mm). Mark the amount and direction of expansion on Fig. 16.

**8. Determine the allowable deflection for each pipe leg.** Enter Table 25 at the nominal pipe size and find the allowable deflection for a 14,000-lb/in<sup>2</sup>(96.5-MPa) tensile stress for each pipe leg. Thus, for *ab*, the allowable deflection = 2.80 in (71.1 mm) for a 20-ft (6.1-m) long leg; for *bc*, 6.30 in

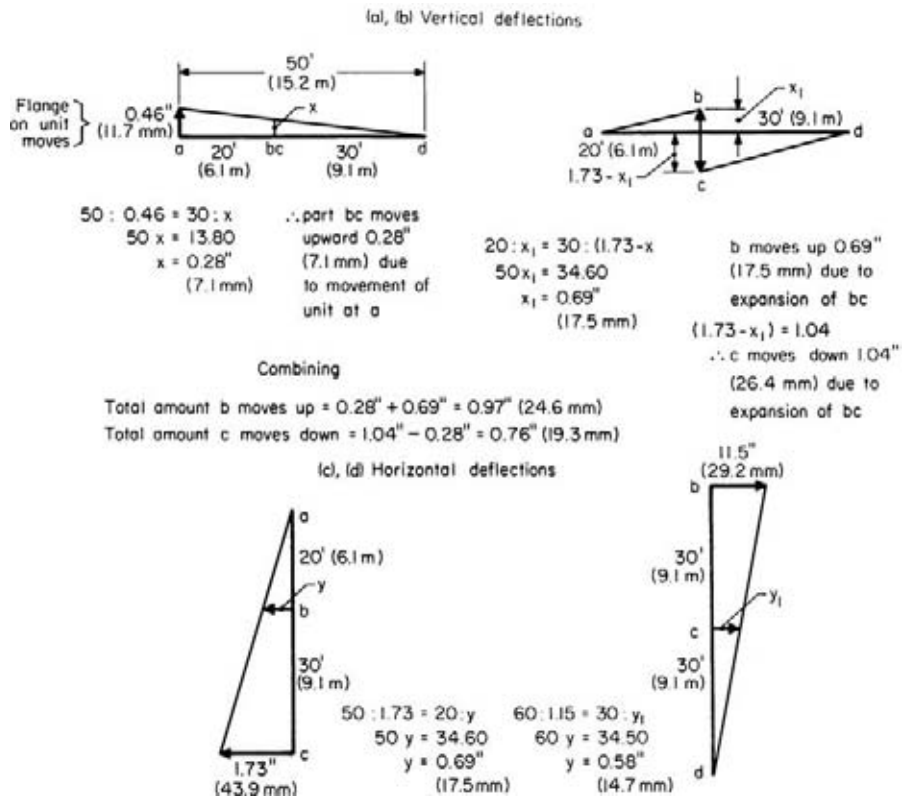
**TABLE 26** Thermal Expansion of Pipe, in/ft (mm/m) (Carbon and Carbon-Moly Steel and WI)

Operating temperature, °F (°C)	Installation temperature	
	32°F (0°C)	60°F (15.6°C)
600 (316)	0.050 (4.17)	0.0475 (3.96)
650 (343)	0.055 (4.58)	0.0525 (4.38)
700 (371)	0.060 (5.0)	0.0575 (4.79)
750 (399)	0.065 (5.42)	0.0624 (5.2)
800 (427)	0.070 (5.83)	0.0674 (5.62)

(160 mm) for a 30-ft (9.1-m) long leg; for *cd*, 6.30 in (160 mm) for a 30-ft (9.1-m) long leg. Mark these allowable deflections on Fig. 16, using dashed arrows.

**9. Compute the actual vertical and horizontal deflections.** Sketch the vertical deflection diagram, Fig. 17*a*, by drawing a triangle showing the total expansion in each direction in proportion to the length of the parts at right angles to the expansion. Thus, the 0.46-in (11.7-mm) upward expansion at the flange, *a*, is at right angles to leg *ab* and is drawn as the altitude of the right triangle. Lay off 20 ft (6.1 m), *ab*, on the base of the triangle. Since *bc* is parallel to the direction of the flange movement, it is shown as a point, *bc*, on the base of this triangle. From point *bc*, lay off *cd* on the base of the triangle, Fig. 17*a*, since it is at right angles to the expansion of point *a*. Then, by similar triangles,  $50:46 = 30:x$ ;  $x = 0.28$  in (7.1 mm). Therefore, leg *bc* moves upward 0.28 in (7.1 mm) because of the flange movement at *a*.

Now draw the deflection diagram, Fig. 17*b*, showing the upward movement of leg *ab* and the downward movement of leg *cd* along the length of each leg, or 20 and 30 ft (6.1 and 9.1 m), respectively. Solve the similar triangles, or  $20:x_1 = 30:(1.73 - x_1)$ ;  $x_1 = 0.69$  in (17.5 mm). Therefore, point *b* moves up 0.69 in (17.5 mm) as a result of the expansion of leg *bc*. Then  $1.73 - x_1 = 1.73 - 0.69 = 1.04$  in (26.4 mm). Thus, point *c* moves down 1.04 in (26.4 mm) as a result of the expansion of *bc*. The total distance *b* moves up =  $0.28 + 0.69 = 0.97$  in (24.6 mm), whereas the total distance *c* moves down =  $1.04 - 0.28 = 0.76$  in (19.3 mm). Mark these actual deflections on Fig. 16.



**FIGURE 17** (a), (b) Vertical deflection diagrams for the pipe in Fig. 14; (c), (d) horizontal deflection diagrams for the pipe in Fig. 14. (Power.)

Find the actual horizontal deflections in a similar fashion by constructing the triangle, Fig. 17c, formed by the vertical pipe  $bc$  and the horizontal pipe  $ab$ . Since point  $a$  does not move horizontally but point  $b$  does, lay off leg  $ab$  at right angles to the direction of movement, as shown. From point  $b$  lay off leg  $bc$ . Then, since leg  $bc$  expands 1.73 in (43.9 mm), lay this distance off perpendicular to  $ac$ , Fig. 17c. By similar triangles,  $20 + 30:1.73 = 20:y$ ;  $y = 0.69$  in (17.5 mm). Hence, point  $b$  deflects 0.69 in (17.5 mm) in the direction shown in Fig. 16.

Follow the same procedure for leg  $cd$ , constructing the triangle in Fig. 17d. Beginning with point  $b$ , lay off legs  $bc$  and  $cd$ . The altitude of this right triangle is then the distance point  $c$  moves when leg  $ab$  expands, or 1.15 in (29.2 mm). By similar triangles,  $30 + 30:1.15 = 30:y_1$ ;  $y_1 =$  deflection of point  $c = 0.58$  in (14.7 mm).

**10. Select the type of pipe hanger to use.** Figure 18 shows several popular types of pipe hangers, together with the movements that they are designed to absorb. For hangers  $H-1$  and  $H-2$ , use type  $E$ , Fig. 18, because the pipe moves both vertically and horizontally at these points, as Fig. 17 shows. Use type  $F$ , Fig. 18, for hanger  $H-3$ , because riser  $bc$  moves both vertically and horizontally. Hangers  $H-4$  and  $H-5$  should be type  $E$ , because they must absorb both horizontal and vertical movements.

Once the hangers are selected from Fig. 18, refer to hanger engineering data for the exact design details of the hangers that will be selected. During the study of the data, look for other hangers that absorb the same movement or movements but may be more adaptable to the existing structural steel conditions.

**11. Select the hanger-rod diameter for each hanger.** Use Table 27 to find the required hanger-rod diameter. Since the pipe operates at 700°F (371°C), select the maximum safe load from the 750°F (399°C) column. Tabulate the loads and diameters as follows:

Hanger	Load, lb (kN)	Rod diameter, in (mm)
$H-1$	360 (1.6)	$3/8$ (9.5)
$H-2$	360 (1.6)	$3/8$ (9.5)
$H-3$	1280 (5.7)	$2-1/2$ each (2–12.7)
$H-4$	360 (1.6)	$3/8$ (9.5)
$H-5$	560 (2.5)	$1/2$ (12.7)

Select standard springs for spring-loaded hangers from pipe-hanger engineering data. Springs are listed in the data on the basis of loading per inch of travel. For small movements [less than 1 in (25.4 mm)], it is generally desirable to select a lighter spring and precompress it at installation so that it has a light loading. Hanger movement will then load the spring to the desired value. This approach is desirable from another standpoint: any error in estimating hanger movement will not cause as large an unbalanced load on the pipe as would a heavier spring with a greater loading per inch of travel.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for any type of pipe operating at elevated temperature—steam, oil, water, gas, etc.—serving a load in a power plant, process plant, ship, barge, aircraft, or other type of installation. In piping systems having very little or no increase in temperature during operation, the steps for computing the expansion can be eliminated. In this type of installation, the weight of the piping is the primary consideration in the choice of the hangers.

If desired, hanger loads can also be determined by taking moments about an arbitrarily selected axis on either side of the hanger. This method gives the same results as the procedure used above. The weight of bends is assumed to be concentrated at the center of gravity of each bend, whereas the weight of valves is assumed to be concentrated at the vertical centerline of the valve. Figure 19 shows typical moment arms,  $a$  and  $c$ , for valves and other fittings. The moment for  $W_1$  about the hanger to the left of it is  $W_1a$ , and the moment for  $W_2$  is  $W_2c$  about the hanger to the right of it. The weight of the pipe is assumed to be concentrated at a point midway between the hangers, and the moment is (weight of pipe, lb)(distance between hangers, ft/2).



**FIGURE 18** Pipe hangers chosen depend on the movement expected. Hangers *A* and *B* are suitable for pipe movement in one horizontal direction. Hangers *C* and *D* permit pipe movement in two horizontal directions. Vertical and horizontal movement requires use of hangers such as *E* for horizontal pipes and *F* for vertical pipes. (*G*) Cantilever support; (*H*) sliding movement in two horizontal directions; (*I*) base elbow support.

**TABLE 27** Hanger-Rod Load-Carrying Capacity (Hot-Rolled Steel Rod)

Nominal diameter of rod, in (mm)	Thread root area, in <sup>2</sup> (mm <sup>2</sup> )	Maximum safe load on rod, lb (kN), at rod temperature of:	
		450°F (232°C)	750°F (399°C)
3/8 (9.5)	0.068 (43.9)	610 (2.7)	510 (2.3)
1/2 (12.7)	0.126 (81.3)	1130 (5.0)	940 (4.2)
5/8 (15.9)	0.202 (130.3)	1810 (8.1)	1510 (6.7)
3/4 (19.1)	0.302 (194.8)	2710 (12.1)	2260 (10.1)
7/8 (22.2)	0.419 (270.3)	3770 (16.8)	3150 (14.0)
1 (25.4)	0.552 (356.1)	4960 (22.1)	4150 (18.5)

The method given here was developed by Frank Kamarck, Mechanical Engineer, and reported in *Power* magazine.

**HANGER SPACING AND PIPE SLOPE FOR AN ALLOWABLE STRESS**

An 8-in (203.2-mm) schedule 40 water pipe has an allowable bending stress of 10,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (68,950 kPa). What is the maximum allowable distance between hangers for this pipe? What slope will the allowable hanger span require to prevent pocketing of water in the pipe? Describe the method for computing hanger span and pipe slope for empty pipe? How are hanger distances computed when the pipe contains concentrated loads?

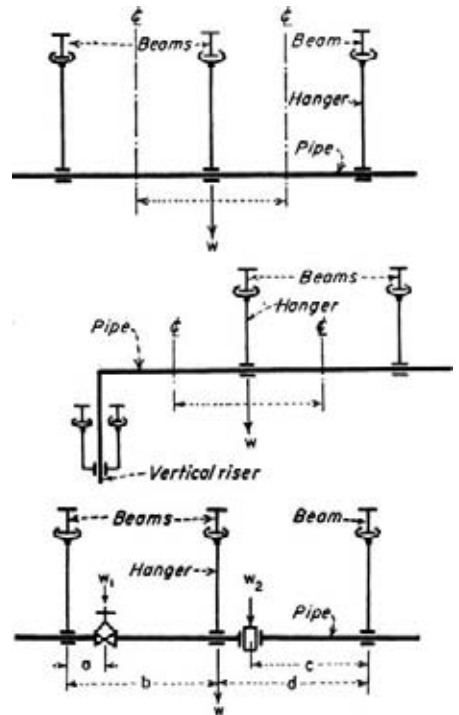
**Calculation Procedure**

**1. Compute the allowable span between hangers.**

For a pipe filled with water,  $S = WL^2/8m$ , where  $S$  = bending stress in pipe, lb/in<sup>2</sup>;  $W$  = weight of pipe and water lb/lin in;  $L$  = maximum allowable distance between hangers, in;  $m$  = section modulus of pipe, in<sup>3</sup>. By using a table of pipe properties, as in Crocker and King—*Piping Handbook*,  $L = (8mS/W)^{0.5} = (8 \times 16.81 \times 10,000/4.18)^{0.5} = 568$  in, or  $568/12 = 47.4$  ft (14.5 m).

**2. Compute the pipe slope required by the span.**

To prevent pocketing of water or condensate at the low point in the pipe, the pipe must be pitched so that the outlet is lower than the lowest point in the span. When the pipe has no concentrated loads—such as valves, cross connections, or meters—the deflection of the pipe is  $y$  in  $= 22.5wl^4/(EI)$ , where  $w$  = weight of the pipe and its contents, lb/ft;  $l$  = distance between hangers; ft;  $E$  = modulus of elasticity of pipe, lb/in<sup>2</sup> =  $30 \times 10^6$  for steel;  $I$  = moment of inertia of the pipe, in<sup>4</sup>. Substituting values gives  $y = (22.5)(50.24)(47.4^4)/[(30 \times 10^6)(72.5)] = 2.61$  in (66.3 mm).



**FIGURE 19** Compute hanger loads of uniformly loaded pipes as shown. Use beam relations for concentrated loads. (*Power*)

With the deflection  $y$  known, the pipe slope, expressed as 1 in (25.4 mm) per  $G$  ft of pipe length, is 1 in (25.4 mm) per  $G$  ft =  $1/4y$ , or  $G = (47.4)/[(4)(2.61)] = 4.53$ . Thus, a pipe slope of 1 in (25.4 mm) in 4.53 ft (1.38 m) is necessary to prevent pocketing of the water when the hanger span is 47.4 ft (14.5 m). With the slope, the outlet of the pipe would be  $47.4/4.53 = 10.45$  in (265.4 mm) below the inlet.

**3. Compute the empty-pipe hanger span and pipe slope.** Use the same procedure as in steps 1 and 2, except that the empty weight of the pipe is substituted in the equations instead of the weight of the pipe when full of water. For pipes containing steam, gas, or vapor, compute the flowing-fluid weight and add it to the pipe weight. Follow the same procedure for insulated pipes, adding the insulation weight to the pipe weight.

**4. Determine the hanger span and slope with concentrated loads.** Hanger span and pipe slope can be computed from standard beam relations. However, most piping designers use the deflection chart and deflection factors for concentrated loads in Crocker and King—*Piping Handbook*. The chart and correction factors simplify the calculations considerably. The computation involves only simple multiplication and division.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for piping in any type of installation—power, process, marine, industrial, or utility—for any type of liquid, vapor, or gas.

## EFFECT OF COLD SPRING ON PIPE ANCHOR FORCES AND STRESSES

A carbon molybdenum pipe operates at 800°F (427°C) and has an anchor force of 5000 lb (22.2 kN) and a maximum bending stress  $s_b$  of 15,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (103.4 MPa) without cold spring. Compute the anchor force and bending stress in the hot and cold condition when the pipe is cold-sprung an amount equal to the expansion  $e$  and  $0.5e$ . The total expansion of the pipe is 24 in (609.6 mm).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the hot-condition force and stress.** The allowable cold-spring adjustment is expressed as a ratio  $(e - 2S/3)/e$ , where  $e$  = the total expansion of the pipe, in;  $S$  = cold-spring distance, in. This ratio is multiplied by the original anchor force and bending stress at the maximum operating temperature *without* cold spring to find the anchor force and bending stress *with* cold spring in the hot condition. If the ratio is less than 2/3, the value of 2/3 is used where maximum credit for cold spring is desired.

For this pipe, with maximum cold spring, the ratio =  $(24 - 2 \times 24/3)/24 = 1/3$ . Since this is less than 2/3, use 2/3. Then, the anchor force  $F = (2/3)(5000) = 3333$  lb (14.8 kN), and the bending stress  $s_b = (2/3)(15,000) = 10,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (68.9 MPa).

With  $S = 0.5e = (0.5)(24) = 12$  in (304.8 mm), the ratio =  $(24 - 2 \times 12/3)/24 = 2/3$ . Hence,  $F = (2/3)(5000) = 3333$  lb (14.8 kN);  $s_b = (2/3)(15,000) = 10,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (68.9 MPa).

**2. Compute the cold-condition force and stress.** For the cold condition, the adjustment ratio =  $-S/eM_R$ , where  $M_R$  = modulus ratio for the pipe material = modulus of elasticity, lb/in<sup>2</sup>, of the pipe material at the operating temperature, °F/modulus of elasticity of the pipe material, lb/in<sup>2</sup>, at 70°F (21.1°C). For this pipe,  $M_R = 0.865$ , from a table of pipe properties. The minus sign in the ratio indicates that the anchor force and stress are reversed in the cold condition as compared with the hot condition.

For this pipe, with maximum cold spring, the ratio =  $-24/[(24)(0.865)] = -1.156$ . Then the anchor force in the cold condition =  $(-1.156)(15,000) = -5790$  lb (25.7 kN), and the bending stress =  $(-1.156)(15,000) = -17,350$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (119.6 MPa).

With  $S = 0.5e = (0.5)(24) = 12$  in (304.8 mm), the ratio  $= -12/[(24)(0.865)] = -0.578$ . Then the anchor force in the cold condition  $(-0.578)(5000) = -2895$  lb (12.9 kN), and the bending stress  $= (-0.578)(15,000) = -8670$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (59,771 kPa).

These calculations show that cold spring reduces the anchor force and bending stress when the pipe is in the hot condition, step 1. With a cold spring of one-half the pipe expansion, the anchor force and bending stress are reduced and reversed when in the cold condition, step 2. When the cold spring equals the expansion, the anchor force and bending stress increase in the cold condition, step 2.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for a pipe conveying steam, oil, gas, water, and similar vapors, liquids, and gases.

## REACTING FORCES AND BENDING STRESS IN SINGLE-PLANE PIPE BEND

Determine the horizontal and vertical reacting forces in the single-plane pipe bend of Fig. 20 if the pipe is 6-in (152.4-mm) schedule 40 carbon steel A106 seamless operating at 500°F (260°C). What is the maximum bending stress in the pipe and the resultant reacting or anchor force? Determine the maximum bending stress if a long-radius welded elbow is used at point C, Fig. 20. Use the tabular method of solution.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the horizontal reacting or anchor force.** Several methods are available for determining the reacting or anchor forces and maximum bending stress in a single-plane pipe bend. Crocker and King—*Piping Handbook* presents simplified, analytical, and graphical methods for computing forces and stresses in single- and multiplane piping systems. Another useful reference, *Design of Piping Systems*, written by members of the engineering departments of the M. W. Kellogg Company, presents both simplified and analytical methods and an excellent history and discussion of piping flexibility analysis. Probably the simplest method for routine piping flexibility analyses is that developed by the Grinnell Company, Inc., and S. W. Spielvogel. This method uses tabulated constants for specific pipe shapes in one, two, and three planes. It is satisfactory for the majority of piping problems met in normal engineering practice. To assist the practicing engineer, a number of Grinnell-Spielvogel tabulations for common pipe shapes are included here. For uncommon pipe shapes, refer

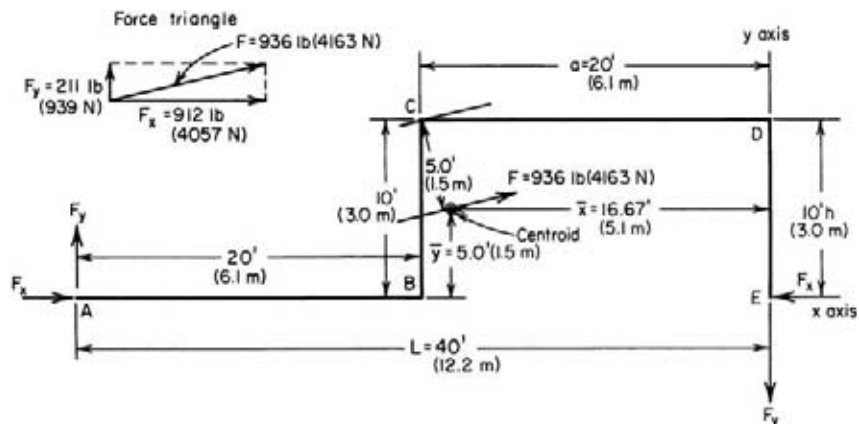


FIGURE 20 U-shaped pipe with single tangent.

to Grinnell Company—*Piping Design and Engineering* or to Spielvogel—*Piping Stress Calculations Simplified*. Both these references contain complete tabulations for a variety of pipe shapes.

To apply the Grinnell-Spielvogel solution procedure, compute the horizontal reaction force  $F_x$  lb from  $F_x = k_x cI_p/L^2$ , where  $k_x$  = a constant from Table 28 for the bend shape shown in Fig. 20;  $c$  = expansion factor = (pipe expansion, in/100 ft)( $EM_R/172,800$ ), where  $E$  = modulus of elasticity of the pipe material being used, lb/in<sup>2</sup>;  $M_R$  = modulus ratio =  $E$  at the operating temperature,  $F/E$  at 70°F (21.1°C) = 0.932;  $I_p$  = moment of inertia of pipe cross section, in<sup>4</sup>;  $L$  = length of bend, ft, as shown in Fig. 20.

To enter Table 28 for the shape in Fig. 20, the values of  $L/a$  and  $L/h$  must be known, or  $L/a = 40/20 = 2$ ;  $L/h = 40/10 = 4$ . Entering Table 28 at these values, read  $k_x = 91$ ;  $k_y = 21$ ;  $k_b = 120$ . From the Spielvogel  $c$  table or by computation,  $c = 570$  for carbon-steel pipe operating at 500°F (260°C). From a table of pipe properties,  $I_p = 28.14$  in<sup>4</sup> (1171.3 cm<sup>4</sup>) for 6-in (152.4-mm) schedule 40 pipe. Then  $F_x = (91)(570)(28.14)/(40)^2 = 912$  lb (4057 N).

**2. Compute the vertical reacting or anchor force.** Use the same procedure as in step 1, except that the vertical reacting force  $F_y$  lb =  $k_y cI_p/L^2$ , or  $F_y = (21)(570)(28.14)/(40)^2 = 211$  lb (939 N), by using the appropriate value from Table 28.

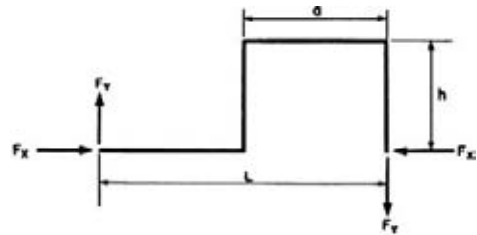
**3. Compute the resultant reacting or anchor force.** The resultant reacting or anchor force  $F$  lb is found by drawing and solving the force triangle in Fig. 20. From the pythagorean theorem  $F = (912^2 + 211^2)^{0.5} = 936$  lb (4163 N). Draw the force triangle to scale, as shown in Fig. 20.

TABLE 28 U Shape with Single Tangent

Reacting Force  $F_x = k_x \cdot c \cdot \frac{I_p}{L^2}$  lb (N)

Reacting Force  $F_y = k_y \cdot c \cdot \frac{I_p}{L^2}$  lb (N)

Maximum Bending Stress  $s_B = k_b \cdot c \cdot \frac{D}{L}$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (Pa)



$I_p$  in in<sup>4</sup> (cm<sup>4</sup>)  $L$  in ft (m)  $D$  in in (cm)

$L/h$	$L/a$								
	1.5			2			3		
	$k_x$	$k_y$	$k_b$	$k_x$	$k_y$	$k_b$	$k_x$	$k_y$	$k_b$
1.0	2.63 (0.0261)	0.75 (0.0074)	10.5 (8,690)	2.8 (0.0278)	1.41 (0.0140)	11.3 (9,350)	3.3 (0.0327)	2.3 (0.0228)	12.5 (10,300)
2.0	14.5 (0.1439)	3.4 (0.0337)	33.6 (27,800)	16 (0.1588)	5.8 (0.0575)	38 (31,400)	20 (0.1984)	8.4 (0.0833)	42 (34,700)
3.0	39 (0.3870)	7.7 (0.0764)	67 (55,400)	45 (0.4465)	12.4 (0.1230)	75 (62,100)	53 (0.5259)	16 (0.1588)	77 (63,700)
4.0	79 (0.7838)	13.5 (0.1339)	108 (89,400)	91 (0.9029)	21 (0.2084)	120 (99,300)	108 (1.072)	26 (0.2580)	124 (103,000)
5.0	139 (1.3792)	21.8 (0.2163)	159 (131,600)	156 (1.548)	31 (0.3076)	173 (143,000)	185 (1.836)	37 (0.3671)	174 (144,000)



**4. Compute the maximum bending stress in the pipe.** The pipe bending stress  $s_b$ , lb/in<sup>2</sup> is found in a similar manner from  $s_b = k_b cD/L$ , where  $k_b$  = bending-stress factor from Table 28;  $D$  = outside diameter of pipe, in. For 6-in (152.4-mm) schedule 40 pipe having an outside diameter of 6.625 in (168.3 mm),  $s_b = (120)(570)(6.625)/40 = 11,330$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (78.1 MPa).

**5. Determine the bending stress in the welded elbow.** The tables presented here are accurate when all the turns in the piping system analyzed are miters or rigid fittings. When all the turns are welded elbows or bends, the anchor forces derived from Table 28 are accurate for practical systems. The actual forces will be somewhat smaller than the values obtained from Table 28. Stresses in the elbows or bends may, however, exceed the values computed from Table 28 if the stress intensification factor  $\beta$  for these curved sections is  $>1$ . If the proportion of the straight to curved pipe is large, use the following procedure to obtain a close approximation of the stress in the curved section:

Determine the value of  $\beta$  from a table of pipe properties. For a 6-in (152.4-mm) schedule 40 long-radius welded elbow,  $\beta = 2.22$ . Therefore, the actual stress may exceed the table-computed stress, because  $\beta > 1$ .

Lay out the pipe bend to scale and compute the centroid of the bend by taking line moments about the  $x$  and  $y$  axes, Fig. 20.

	x axis		y axis	
<i>AB</i>	(20')(0') =	0	<i>AB</i>	(20')(30') = 600
<i>BC</i>	(10')(5') =	50	<i>BC</i>	(10')(20') = 200
<i>CD</i>	(20')(10') =	200	<i>CD</i>	(20')(10') = 200
<i>DE</i>	(10')(5') =	50	<i>DE</i>	(10')(0') = 0
	60	300	60	1000
$\bar{y} = 300/60 = 5$ ft (1.5 m)			$\bar{x} = 1000/60 = 16.67$ ft (5.1 m)	

In this calculation, the first value is the length of the pipe segment, and the second value is the distance of the center of gravity of the segment from the axis. For a straight section of pipe, the center of gravity is taken as the midpoint of the pipe section. The welded elbows are ignored in stress calculations based on table values.

Lay off  $\bar{x}$  and  $\bar{y}$  to scale, Fig. 20. Scale the distance to the tangent to the centerline of the long-radius elbow at  $C$ . This distance  $d = 5.0$  ft (1.52 m). The moment at point  $C$ ,  $M_c = Fd$  lb-ft; or  $m_c = 12Fd$  lb-in (1.36 N-m), and  $m_c = 12(936)(5) = 56,160$  lb-in (6.34 kN-m), after force  $F$  is transposed from the force triangle to the centroid, Fig. 20.

This bending stress at any point in a pipe is  $s_b = m\beta/S_m$ , where  $S_m$  = section modulus of the pipe cross section, in<sup>3</sup>. For 6-in (152.4-mm) schedule 40 pipe,  $S_m = 8.50$  in<sup>3</sup> (139.3 cm<sup>3</sup>), from a table of pipe properties. Then  $s_b = (56,160)(2.22)/8.50 = 14,700$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (101.3 MPa). This is somewhat greater than the 11,330 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (78.1 MPa) computed in step 4 but within the allowable stress of 15,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (103.4 MPa) for seamless carbon steel A106 pipe at 500°F (260°C).

By inspection of the scale drawing, Fig. 20, the stress in the long-radius elbows at  $B$  and  $D$  is less than at  $C$  because the moment arm at each of these points is less than at  $C$ .

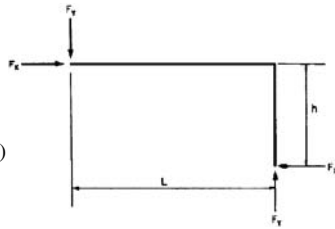
**Related Calculations** Tables 29, 30, and 31 present Grinnell-Spielvogel reaction and stress factors for three other single-plane bends—90° turn, U shape with equal tangents, and U shape with unequal legs. Use these tables and the factors in them in the same way as described above. Correct for curved elbows in the same manner. The tables can be used for piping conveying steam, water, gas, oil, and similar liquids, vapors, or gases. For bends of different shape, the analytical method must be used.

**TABLE 29** 90° Turn

Reacting Force  $F_x = k_x \cdot c \cdot \frac{I_p}{L^2} \text{ lb (N)}$

Reacting Force  $F_y = k_y \cdot c \cdot \frac{I_p}{L^2} \text{ lb (N)}$

Maximum Bending Stress  $s_B = k_b \cdot c \cdot \frac{D}{L} \text{ lb/in}^2 \text{ (Pa)}$



$I_p$  in  $\text{in}^4$  ( $\text{cm}^4$ )     $L$  in ft (m)     $D$  in in (cm)

$L/h$	$k_x$	$k_y$	$k_b$
1.0	12.0 (0.1191)	12.0 (0.1191)	36 (29,800)
2.0	54.0 (0.5358)	16.6 (0.1647)	102 (84,400)
3.0	150 (1.488)	23.5 (0.2332)	209 (173,000)
4.0	315 (3.125)	31.5 (0.3125)	349 (289,000)
5.0	570 (5.656)	39.5 (0.3919)	528 (437,000)

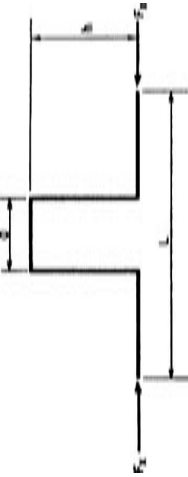
### REACTING FORCES AND BENDING STRESS IN A TWO-PLANE PIPE BEND

Determine the horizontal reacting forces and bending and torsional stresses in the two-plane pipe bend shown in Table 32 if the dimensions of the bend are  $L = 20$  ft (6.1 m);  $h = 5$  ft (1.5 m);  $a = 5$  ft (1.5 m);  $b = 5$  ft (1.5 m). Use the tabular method of solution. The pipe is a 10-in (254-mm) carbon steel schedule 80 line operating at 750  $\text{lb/in}^2$  (gage) (5170.5 kPa) and 750°F (398.9°C). Determine the combined stress in the pipe.

#### Calculation Procedure

- 1. Compute the tabular factors for the pipe bend.** To apply the Grinnell-Spielvogel method to two-plane pipe bends, three tabular factors are required:  $L/a$ ,  $a/b$ , and  $L/h$ . From the given values,  $L/a = 20/5 = 4$ ;  $a/b = 5/5 = 1$ ;  $L/h = 20/5 = 4$ .
- 2. Determine the force and stress factors for the pipe.** From Table 32, for the factors in step 1,  $k_x = 21.3$ ;  $k_b = 24.5$ ;  $k_t = 7.40$ .
- 3. Compute the horizontal reacting force of the bend.** The horizontal reacting force  $F_x = k_x c I_p / L^2$ , where the symbols are the same as in the preceding calculation procedure, except for  $L$ . Substituting the values for 10-in (254-mm) carbon-steel schedule 80 pipe operating at 750°F (399°C), we get  $F_x = (21.3)(874)(244.9)/(20)^2 = 11,380$  lb (52.6 kN).
- 4. Compute the bending stress in the pipe.** The bending stress in the pipe is found from  $s_b = k c D / L$ , where the symbols are the same as in the previous calculation procedure. Substituting values

**TABLE 30** U Shape with Equal Tangents



Reacting Force  $F_x = k_x \cdot c \cdot \frac{L}{L^2}$  lb (N)

Maximum Bending Stress  $s_B = k_b \cdot c \cdot \frac{D}{L}$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (Pa)

$I_p$  in in<sup>4</sup> (cm<sup>4</sup>)  $L$  in ft (m)  $D$  in in (cm)

$L/h$	2		3		4		5		6	
	$k_x$	$k_b$	$k_x$	$k_b$	$k_x$	$k_b$	$k_x$	$k_b$	$k_x$	$k_b$
1.0	2.40 (0.0238)	7.20 (5,960)	2.46 (0.0244)	8.2 (6,780)	2.52 (0.0250)	8.82 (7,300)	2.58 (0.0256)	9.29 (7,690)	2.64 (0.0262)	9.69 (8,020)
2.0	12.00 (0.1191)	18.00 (14,900)	12.5 (0.1240)	21.8 (18,000)	13.24 (0.1314)	24.8 (20,500)	13.87 (0.1376)	27.1 (22,400)	14.4 (0.1429)	28.8 (23,800)
3.0	29.45 (0.2922)	29.45 (24,400)	31.2 (0.3096)	37.4 (30,900)	33.6 (0.3334)	43.7 (36,200)	35.8 (0.3552)	48.7 (40,300)	37.7 (0.3741)	52.7 (43,600)
4.0	54.9 (0.5447)	41.1 (34,000)	58.5 (0.5804)	53.6 (44,300)	64.0 (0.6350)	64.0 (53,000)	69.1 (0.6856)	72.5 (60,000)	73.6 (0.7303)	79.7 (65,900)
5.0	88.2 (0.8751)	52.9 (43,800)	95.3 (0.9456)	70.8 (58,600)	104.6 (1.0378)	85.2 (70,500)	114.7 (1.1380)	97.8 (80,900)	122.5 (1.2154)	107.5 (88,900)

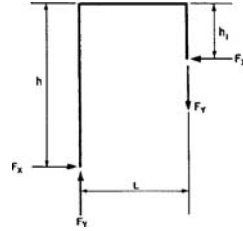
**TABLE 31** U Shape with Unequal Legs

Reacting Force  $F_x = k_x \cdot c \cdot \frac{I_p}{L^2}$  lb (N)

Reacting Force  $F_y = k_y \cdot c \cdot \frac{I_p}{L^2}$  lb (N)

Maximum Bending Stress  $s_B = k_b \cdot c \cdot \frac{D}{L}$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (Pa)

$I_p$  in in<sup>4</sup> (cm<sup>4</sup>)  $L$  in ft (m)  $D$  in in (cm)



L/h	h/h <sub>1</sub>								
	4/3			2			3		
	k <sub>x</sub>	k <sub>y</sub>	k <sub>b</sub>	k <sub>x</sub>	k <sub>y</sub>	k <sub>b</sub>	k <sub>x</sub>	k <sub>y</sub>	k <sub>b</sub>
0.2	0.07 (0.0007)	0.6 (0.0059)	1.5 (1,240)	0.29 (0.0029)	1.8 (0.0179)	7 (5,790)	0.53 (0.0053)	3.4 (0.0337)	11 (9,100)
0.8	2.4 (0.0238)	0.9 (0.0089)	9.5 (7,860)	3.6 (0.0357)	2.5 (0.0248)	15 (12,400)	4.8 (0.0476)	4.4 (0.0436)	20 (16,500)
1.0	4.3 (0.0127)	1.2 (0.0119)	16 (13,200)	6.2 (0.0615)	3.0 (0.0298)	21 (17,400)	8 (0.0794)	4.9 (0.0486)	26 (21,500)
2.0	27 (0.2679)	2.3 (0.0228)	58 (48,000)	37 (0.3671)	6.0 (0.0595)	75 (62,100)	44 (0.4366)	8.0 (0.0883)	88 (72,800)
3.0	81 (0.8037)	3.8 (0.0377)	124 (102,600)	110 (1.0914)	10.0 (0.0992)	162 (134,000)	128 (1.2700)	15 (0.1488)	185 (153,000)

gives  $s_b = (24.5)(874) (10.75)/(20) = 11,510 \text{ lb/in}^2 (79.4 \text{ MPa})$ . Table 32 shows that the maximum combined stress in the pipe occurs at the two upper bends,  $D$ .

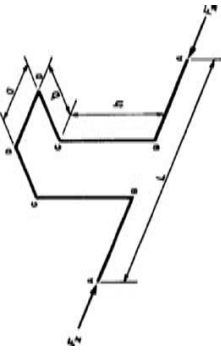
**5. Compute the torsional stress in the pipe.** The torsional stress in the pipe is found from  $s_t = k_t cD/L$ , where the symbols are the same as in the previous calculation procedure. Substituting values yields  $s_t = (7.40)(874)(10.75)/20 = 3475 \text{ lb/in}^2 (24 \text{ MPa})$ . Table 32 shows that the maximum combined stress in the pipe occurs at the two upper bends,  $D$ .

**6. Determine the combined stress in the pipe.** For any multiple piping system, the combined stress  $s_{co} \text{ lb/in}^2 = 0.5\{s_1 + s_c + [4s_1^2 + (s_1 - s_c)^2]^{0.5}\}$ . In this equation,  $s_1 = s_b + s_p$ , where  $s_p$  = pressure due to internal pressure,  $\text{lb/in}^2$  (kPa);  $s_c$  = circumferential or hoop stress,  $\text{lb/in}^2$  (kPa); other symbols are as given earlier. Also,  $s_p = pA_i/A_m$ , where  $p$  = operating pressure,  $\text{lb/in}^2$  (gage) (kPa);  $A_i$  = inside area of pipe cross section,  $\text{in}^2$  ( $\text{cm}^2$ );  $A_m$  = metal area of pipe cross section,  $\text{in}^2$  ( $\text{cm}^2$ ). Likewise,  $s_c = p(D - t)/2t$ , where  $D$  = outside diameter of pipe, in;  $t$  = pipe-wall thickness, in (cm).

Computing stress values for this 10-in (254-mm) schedule 80 carbon-steel pipe operating at  $750 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (gage) (5.2 MPa) and  $750^\circ\text{F}$  ( $399^\circ\text{C}$ ), and using values from a table of pipe properties, we get  $s_p = (750)(71.8/18.92) = 2845 \text{ lb/in}^2 (19.6 \text{ MPa})$ ;  $s_c = (750)(10.75 - 0.593)/2(0.593) = 6420 \text{ lb/in}^2 (44.3 \text{ MPa})$ . Then  $s_1 = s_b + s_p = 11,510 + 2845 = 14,355 \text{ lb/in}^2 (99 \text{ MPa})$ , where  $s_b$  is from step 4. By substituting in the combined-stress equation,  $s_{co} = 0.5\{14,355 + 6420 + [4 \times 3475^2 + (14,355 - 6420)^2]^{0.5}\} = 16,648 \text{ lb/in}^2 (114.8 \text{ Mpa})$ . This is higher than the stress allowed in carbon-steel pipe by the ANSA *Piping Code*, unless the pipe conforms to the special conditions of certain paragraphs of the *Code*.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for piping conveying steam, water, gas, oil, and similar liquids, vapors, or gases. For bends of different shape, the analytical method is generally used.

**TABLE 32** Two-Plane U with Tangents



Reacting Force  $F_x = k_x \cdot c \cdot \frac{D}{L^2} \cdot \text{lb (N)}$

Bending Stress  $s_B = k_B \cdot c \cdot \frac{D}{L} \text{ lb/in}^2 \text{ (Pa)}$

Torsional Stress  $s_T = k_T \cdot c \cdot \frac{D}{L} \text{ lb/in}^2 \text{ (Pa)}$

$I_p$  in  $\text{in}^4$  ( $\text{cm}^4$ )  $L$  in ft (m)  $D$  in in (cm)

$L/h$	$a/b$						$L/a = 4$						
	0.25		0.5		1		2		2		2		
	$k_x$	$k_b$	$k_x$	$k_b$	$k_x$	$k_b$	$k_x$	$k_b$	$k_x$	$k_b$	$k_x$	$k_b$	
1	0.67 (0.0066)	$D$ 3.20 (2,650)	1.22 (0.0121)	4.35 (3,600)	$A$ 0.30 (250)	$A$ 1.67 (0.0166)	$A$ 5.2 (4,300)	$A$ 2.0 (0.0198)	$A$ 6.3 (5,200)	$A$ 2.0 (0.0198)	$A$ 6.3 (5,200)	$C$ 15.0 (12,400)	$C$
2	1.35 (0.0134)	$D$ 5.80 (6,800)	4.30 (0.0427)	9.96 (8,240)	$D$ 2.45 (2,030)	6.96 (0.0691)	$A$ 11.0 (9,100)	9.3 (0.0923)	$C$ 15.0 (12,400)	9.3 (0.0923)	15.0 (12,400)	$C$	$C$
3	1.70 (0.0169)	$D$ 7.00 (5,790)	6.23 (0.0618)	13.8 (11,400)	$D$ 2.28 (1,890)	14.0 (0.1389)	$D$ 16.5 (13,700)	21.2 (0.2103)	$C$ 24.0 (19,900)	21.2 (0.2103)	24.0 (19,900)	$C$	$C$
4	1.88 (0.0187)	$D$ 7.44 (6,150)	7.84 (0.0778)	16.9 (14,000)	$D$ 2.09 (1,730)	21.3 (0.2113)	$D$ 24.5 (20,300)	36.2 (0.3592)	$C$ 30.0 (24,800)	36.2 (0.3592)	30.0 (24,800)	$C$	$C$
5	2.01 (0.0199)	$D$ 7.75 (6,410)	8.94 (0.0887)	18.8 (15,600)	$D$ 1.89 (1,560)	27.8 (0.2758)	$D$ 31.4 (26,000)	52.6 (0.5219)	$D$ 31.0 (25,600)	52.6 (0.5219)	31.0 (25,600)	$D$ 17.3 (14,300)	$D$

## REACTING FORCES AND BENDING STRESS IN A THREE-PLANE PIPE BEND

Determine the three reacting forces and moments and bending and torsional stresses in the three-plane pipe bend shown in Table 33 if the dimensions of the bend are  $L_1 = 20$  ft (6.1 m),  $L_2 = 10$  ft (3.0 m),  $L_3 = 5$  ft (1.5 m). The pipe is 10-in (254-mm) carbon-steel schedule 80 operating at 750 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (5.2 MPa) and 750°F (399°C).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the tabular factors for the pipe bend.** From the Grinnell-Spielvogel method, the two tabular factors required are  $m = L_1/L_3$  and  $n = L_2/L_3$ ; or  $m = 20/5 = 4$  and  $n = 10/5 = 2$ .

**2. Determine the force and stress factors for the pipe.** From Table 33, for the factors in step 1,  $k_b = 8.0$ ;  $k_t = 3.6$ ;  $k_x = 1.48$ ;  $k_y = 0.13$ ;  $k_z = 0.80$ ;  $k_{xy} = 1.3$ ;  $k_{xz} = 1.2$ ;  $k_{yz} = 0.51$ .

**3. Compute the longitudinal reaction force of the bend.** The horizontal reacting force  $F_x = k_x c I_p / L_3^2$ , where the symbols are the same as in the preceding calculation procedure, except for  $L_3$ . By substituting values for 10-in (254-mm) carbon-steel schedule 80 pipe operating at 750°F (398.9°C),  $F_x = (1.48)(874)(244.9)/(5)^2 = 12,680$  lb (56.4 kN).

**4. Compute the vertical reacting force of the bend.** The vertical reacting force  $F_y = k_y c I_p / L_3^2$ , where the symbols are the same as in the preceding calculation procedure, except for  $L_3$ . Substituting values for this pipe, we find  $F_y = (0.13)(874)(244.9)/(5)^2 = 1115$  lb (4.96 kN).

**5. Compute the horizontal reacting force of the bend.** The horizontal reacting force  $F_z = k_z c I_p / L_3^2$ , where the symbols are the same as in the preceding calculation procedure, except for  $L_3$ . Substituting values for this pipe gives  $F_z = (0.80)(874)(244.9)/(5)^2 = 6850$  lb (30.5 kN).

**6. Compute the bending and torsional stresses in the pipe.** The bending stress  $s_b = k_b c D / L_3$ , where the symbols are the same as in the preceding calculation procedure, except for  $L_3$ . Substituting values for this pipe gives  $s_b = (8.0)(874)(10.75)/5 = 15,020$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (103.6 MPa).

The torsional stress  $s_t = k_t c D / L_3$ , where the symbols are the same as in the preceding calculation procedure, except for  $L_3$ . By substituting values for this pipe,  $s_t = (3.6)(874)(10.75)/5 = 6760$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (46.6 MPa).

**7. Compute the three reacting moments at the pipe end.** For each bending moment  $M$  ft·lb =  $k c I_p / L_3$ , where the symbols are the same as given in the previous steps in this calculation procedure, except that  $k$  is the appropriate bending-moment factor.

For the  $xy$  moment  $M_{xy} = (1.3)(874)(244.9)/5 = 55,700$  ft·lb (75.5 kN·m). For the  $xz$  moment  $M_{xz} = (1.2)(874)(244.9)/5 = 51,400$  ft·lb (69.7 kN·m). For the  $yz$  moment  $M_{yz} = (0.51)(874)(244.9)/5 = 22,250$  ft·lb (30.2 kN·m).

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for piping conveying steam, water, gas, oil, and similar liquids, vapors, or gases. For bends of different shape, the analytical method must be used. Compute the combined stress in the same way as in step 6 of the previous calculation procedure. Table 33 shows that the maximum combined stress occurs at point A in this piping system.

**TABLE 33** Three-Dimensional 90° Turns

$$L_1 \geq L_3 \quad L_1 = m \frac{L_2}{L_3}$$

Bending Stress  $s_B = k_B \cdot c \cdot \frac{D}{L} \text{ lb/in}^2 \text{ (Pa)}$

Torsional Stress  $s_T = k_T \cdot c \cdot \frac{D}{L_3} \text{ lb/in}^2 \text{ (Pa)}$

Reacting Force  $F_x = k_x \cdot c \cdot \frac{I_p}{L_3} \text{ lb (N)}$

Reacting Force  $F_y = k_y \cdot c \cdot \frac{I_p}{L_3} \text{ lb (N)}$

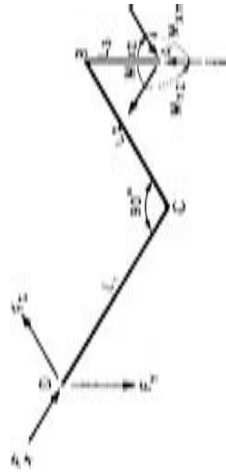
Reacting Force  $F_z = k_z \cdot c \cdot \frac{I_p}{L_3} \text{ lb (N)}$

Reacting Moment  $M_{xy} = k_{xy} \cdot x \cdot \frac{I_p}{L_3} \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lb (N} \cdot \text{m)}$

Reacting Moment  $M_{xz} = k_{xz} \cdot c \cdot \frac{I_p}{L_3} \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lb (N} \cdot \text{m)}$

Reacting Moment  $M_{yz} = k_{yz} \cdot c \cdot \frac{I_p}{L_3} \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lb (N} \cdot \text{m)}$

$I_p$  in in<sup>4</sup> (cm<sup>4</sup>)  $L$  in ft (m)  $D$  in in (cm)



$m = 3$

$m = 4$

$n$	$k_b$	$k_t$	$k_x$	$k_y$	$k_z$	$k_{xy}$	$k_{xz}$	$k_{yz}$	$k_b$	$k_t$	$k_x$	$k_y$	$k_z$	$k_{xy}$	$k_{xz}$	$k_{yz}$	$n$
1	A 22.3 (18,500)	A 4.86 (4,020)	4.5 (0.045)	0.54 (0.0054)	1.50 (0.0148)	3.6 (0.0357)	1.62 (0.0161)	0.74 (0.0073)	A 24.0 (19,900)	A 6.0 (4,960)	4.80 (0.0476)	0.37 (0.0037)	1.10 (0.0110)	3.9 (0.0387)	2.0 (0.0199)	0.61 (0.0061)	1
2	D 9.3 (7,690)	D 0.15 (120)	1.4 (0.014)	0.22 (0.0022)	1.10 (0.0109)	1.1 (0.0109)	1.00 (0.0099)	0.71 (0.0070)	A 8.0 (6,620)	A 3.6 (2,980)	1.48 (0.0147)	0.13 (0.0013)	0.80 (0.0079)	1.3 (0.0129)	1.2 (0.0119)	0.51 (0.0051)	2
3	D 10.0 (8,270)	D 0.24 (199)	0.76 (0.007)	0.13 (0.0013)	1.08 (0.0107)	0.60 (0.0059)	0.74 (0.0073)	0.70 (0.0069)	D 7.26 (6,000)	D 0.10 (83)	0.76 (0.0075)	0.09 (0.0009)	0.65 (0.0064)	0.6 (0.0059)	0.88 (0.0088)	0.42 (0.0042)	3

## ANCHOR FORCE, STRESS, AND DEFLECTION OF EXPANSION BENDS

Determine the deflection and anchor force in an 8-in (203.2-mm) schedule 40 double-offset expansion U bend having a radius of 64 in (1626 mm) if the bending stress is 10,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (68.9 MPa). What would the deflection and anchor force be with a bending stress of 15,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (103.4 MPa) if the bend tangents are guided and the pipe is carbon steel operating at 500°F (260°C)? with a bending stress of 8000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (55.2 MPa)? Tabulate the deflection and anchor-force equations for the popular types of expansion bends when the expanding pipe is guided axially.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the deflection of the pipe bend.** For a double-offset expansion U bend, the deflection  $d$  in  $= 0.728R^2K/D\beta$ , where  $R$  = bend radius, ft;  $K$  = flexibility factor for curved pipe, from a table of pipe properties or from  $K = (12\lambda^2 + 10)/(12\lambda^2 + 1)$ , where  $\lambda = 12tR/r^2$ , where  $t$  = pipe thickness, in,  $r = (D - t)/2$ ;  $D$  = outside diameter of pipe, in;  $\beta$  = stress coefficient for curved pipe from a table of pipe properties or from  $\beta = (2K/3)[(6\lambda^2 + 5)/18]^{0.5}$  when  $\lambda \leq 1.47$ ;  $\beta = (12\lambda^2 - 2)/(12\lambda^2 + 1)$  when  $\lambda > 1.47$ .

For this bend,  $R = 64/12 = 5.33$  ft (1.62 m);  $K = 1.49$  from a table of pipe properties or by computation;  $D = 8.625$  in (219.1 mm) from a table of pipe properties;  $\beta = 0.86$  from a table of pipe properties, or by computation. Then  $d = (0.728)(5.33)^3(1.49)/[(8.625)(0.86)] = 4.15$  in (105.4 mm).

**2. Compute the anchor force of the pipe bend.** For a double-offset expansion U bend, the anchor force  $F_x$  lb  $= 976 I_p/(RD\beta)$ , where  $I_p$  = moment of inertia of pipe cross section, in<sup>4</sup>. For this pipe, use values from a table of pipe properties; or computing the values,  $F_x = (976)(72.5)/[(5.33)(8.625)(0.86)] = 1790$  lb (7.96 kN).

**3. Compute the deflection and anchor force for a larger bending stress.** With a larger bending stress—15,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (103.4 MPa) in this instance—and a greater deflection at the higher stress  $d_h$ , solve  $d_h = (d)(\text{allowable stress, lb/in}^2)/(10,000M_R)$ , or  $d_h = (4.15)(15,000)/[10,000(0.932)] = 6.68$  in (169.7 mm). As in a preceding calculation,  $M_R$  = modulus ratio = 0.932.

The anchor force at the larger bending stress is  $F_h = F_x d_h M_R/d$ , or  $F_x = (1790)(6.68)(0.932)/4.15 = 2680$  lb (11,921 N).

**4. Compute the deflection and anchor force for a smaller bending stress.** Use the same equation as in step 3, except that the lower bending stress is substituted for the higher one. Or,  $d_1 = (4.15)(8000)/[10,000(0.932)] = 3.56$  in (90.4 mm), and  $F_1 = (1790)(3.56)(0.932)/4.15 = 1432$  lb (6370 N).

**5. Tabulate the deflection and anchor-force equations.** Do this as shown in the table on page 3.463.

**Related Calculations** Use the procedures given here for piping conveying steam, water, oil, gas, air, similar vapors, liquids, and gases. The value of  $E$  in step 5,  $29 \times 10^6$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (199.9 MPa), is satisfactory for pipes made of carbon steel, carbon moly steel, chromium moly steel, nickel steel, and chromium nickel steel. These materials are commonly used in piping systems requiring expansion bends.

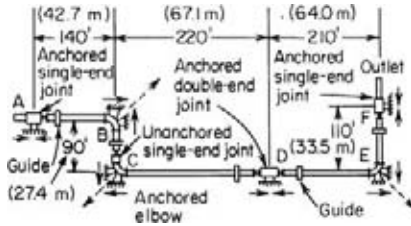
Note that the equations in step 5 apply to pipe bends having guides to direct the axial expansion of the pipe. This is the usual arrangement used today because unguided bends require too much space. For design of unrestrained bends, multiply  $d$  by 1.5 to find the deflection at the higher stress, as in step 3. This factor, 1.5, is an approximation, but it is on the safe side in almost every case. The equations given in step 5 are presented in great detail in Grinnell—*Piping Design and Engineering* and Crocker and King—*Piping Handbook*.



Bend type	Deflection for 10,000 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (68.9-MPa) $s_b$		Anchor force for 10,000 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (68.9-MPa) $s_b$	
	$E = 29 \times 10^6$ lb/in <sup>2</sup>	$E = 199.9$ MPa	$E = 29 \times 10^6$ lb/in <sup>2</sup>	$E = 199.9$ MPa
Double-offset U	$d = 0.728R^2 K/D\beta$	$d = 5.056 \times 10^{-3} R^2 K/D\beta$	$F_x = 976 I_p / RD\beta$	$F_x = 8070 \times I_p / RD\beta$
Expansion U bend (no tangents)	$d = 0.312R^2 K/D\beta$	$d = 2.167 \times 10^{-3} R^2 K/D\beta$	$F_x = 1667I_p / RD\beta$	$F_x = 13,780 \times I_p / RD\beta$
Expansion U bend [tangents = 2 ft (0.6 m)]	$d = [(0.312R^2 + 0.795R^2 + 0.624R) / (K + 0.132)] / (R + 1)D\beta$	$d = [(2.167R^3 + 165R^2 + 3895R) \times 10^{-3} K + 24.7] / (R + 30)D\beta$	$F_x = 1667I_p / (R + 1)D\beta$	$F_x = 13,780I_p / (R + 30)D\beta$
Expansion U bend (tangents = R)	$d = (0.577 + 0.011)R^2/D\beta$	$d = (4.007K + 0.076)R^2/D\beta$	$F_x = 1111I_p / RD\beta$	$F_x = 9190I_p / RD\beta$
Expansion U bend (tangents = 2R)	$d = (0.865K + 0.0662)R^2/D\beta$	$d = (6.00 \times 10^{-3} K + 0.459 \times 10^{-3})R^2/D\beta$	$F_x = 833I_p / RD\beta$	$F_x = 6890I_p / RD\beta$
Expansion U bend (tangents = 4R)	$d = (1.465K + 0.353)R^2/D\beta$	$d = (10.17K + 2.45) \times 10^{-3} \times R^2/D\beta$	$F_x = 556I_p / RD\beta$	$F_x = 4600I_p / RD\beta$
Double-offset U bend	$d = 0.260R^2 K/D\beta$	$d = 1.806 \times 10^{-3} R^2 K/D\beta$	$F_x = 1209I_p / RD\beta$	$F_x = 9997I_p / RD\beta$
Single-offset quarter bend	$d = 0.0366R^2 K/D\beta$	$d = 2.5 \times 10^{-4} R^2 K/D\beta$	$F_x = 2763I_p / RD\beta$	$F_x = 22,850I_p / RD\beta$
Circle bend	$d = 0.312R^2 K/D\beta$	$d = 2.167 \times 10^{-3} R^2 K/D\beta$	$\begin{cases} F_y = 0.066F_x \\ F_x = 1667I_p / RD\beta \end{cases}$	$\begin{cases} F_y = 0.066F_x \\ F_x = 13,780 \times I_p / RD\beta \end{cases}$

**SLIP-TYPE EXPANSION JOINT SELECTION AND APPLICATION**

Select and size slip-type expansion joints for the 20-in (508-mm) carbon-steel schedule 40 pipe-line in Fig. 21 if the pipe conveys 125-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (861.6-kPa) steam having a temperature of 380°F (193°C). The minimum temperature expected in the area where the pipe is installed is 0°F (-17.8°C). Determine the anchor loads that can be expected. The steam inlet to the pipe is at A; the outlet is at F.



**FIGURE 21** Slip-type expansion joints in a piping system. (Yarway Corporation.)

**Calculation Procedure**

**1. Determine the expansion of each section of pipe.** From Fig. 22, the expansion of steel pipe at 380°F (193°C) with a 0°F (-17.8°C) minimum temperature is 3.4 in (88.9 mm) per 100 ft (30.5 m) of pipe. Expansion of each section of pipe is then  $e = (3.4)(\text{pipe length, ft}/100)$ . For AB,  $e = (3.4)(140/100) = 4.76$  in (120.9 mm); for BC,  $e = (3.4)(90/100) = 3.06$  in (77.7 mm); for CD,  $e = (3.4)(220/100) = 7.48$  in (190 mm); for DE,  $e = (3.4)(210/100) = 7.14$  in (181.4 mm); for EF,  $e = (3.4)(110/100) = 3.74$  in (95 mm).

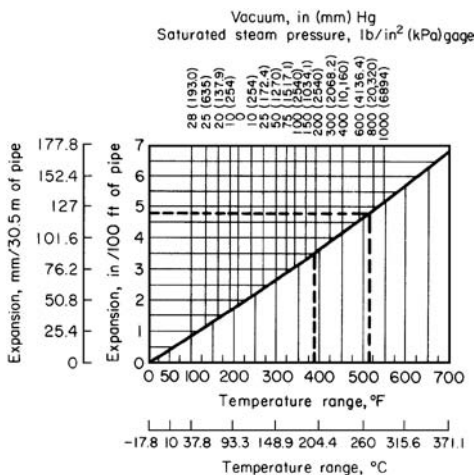
**2. Select the type and the traverse of each expansion joint.** The slip-type expansion joint at A will absorb expansion from only one direction—the right-hand side. This expansion will occur in pipe section AB and is 4.76 in (120.9 mm) from step 1. Therefore, a single-end slip-type expansion joint (one that absorbs expansion on only one side) can be used. The traverse—the amount of expansion a slip joint will absorb—is usually given in multiples of 4 in (101.6 mm), that is, 4, 8, and 12 in (101.6, 203.2, and 304.8 mm). Hence, an 8-in (203.2-mm) traverse slip-type single-end joint will be suitable at A because the expansion is 4.76 in (120.9 mm). A 4-in (101.6-mm) traverse joint would be unsatisfactory because it could not absorb at 4.76-in (120.9-mm) expansion.

The next joint, at C, must absorb the expansion in the vertical pipe BC. Since the elbow beneath the joint is anchored, an unanchored joint can be used. With pipe expansion in only one direction—from B to C—a single-end joint can be used. Since the expansion of section BC is 3.06 in (77.7 mm), use a single-end 4-in (101.6-mm) traverse slip-type expansion joint, unanchored at C.

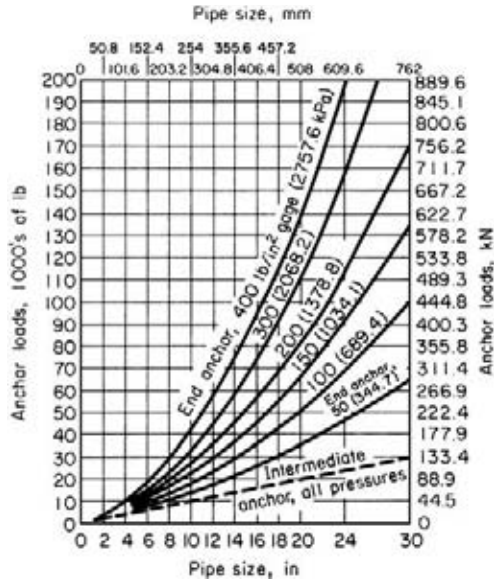
The expansion joint at D must absorb expansion from two directions—from C to D and from E to D. Therefore, a double-end joint (one that can absorb expansion on each end) must be used. The double-end joint must be anchored because the pipe expands away from the anchored elbow C in section CD and away from the anchored elbow E in section DE. In both instances the pipe expands toward the expansion joint at D.

The expansion in section CD is, from step 1, 7.48 in (190 mm), whereas the expansion in DE is 7.14 in (181.4 mm). Therefore, a double-end anchored joint with an 8-in (203.2-mm) traverse at each end will be suitable.

Since the pipe outlet is at F and there is no anchor in the pipe at F, the expansion joint at this point must be anchored. The pipe section between E and F will expand vertically



**FIGURE 22** Expansion of steel pipe. (Yarway Corporation.)



**FIGURE 23** End- and intermediate-anchor loads in piping systems. (Yarway Corporation.)

upward into the joint for a distance of 3.74 in (95 mm), as computed in step 1. Therefore, a single-end anchored joint with a 4-in (101.6-mm) traverse will be suitable.

**3. Compute the anchor loads in the pipeline.** Use Fig. 23 to determine the anchor loads on intermediate and end anchors (those where the pipe makes a sharp change in direction). Enter Fig. 23 at the bottom at a pipe size of 20-in (508-mm) diameter, and project vertically upward to the dashed curve labeled *intermediate anchor—all pressures*. At the left read the anchor load at each intermediate anchor, A, D, and F, as 20,000 lb (88.9 kN). Note that the joint expansion load = joint contraction load = 20,000 lb (88.9 kN).

Then end anchors, B, C, and E have, from Fig. 23, a possible maximum load of 58,000 lb (258 kN), found by projecting vertically upward from the 20-in (508-mm) pipe size to 125-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (862-kPa) steam pressure, which lies midway between the 100- and 150-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (689.5- and 1034-kPa) curves. Indicate the possible maximum end-anchor loads by the solid arrows at each elbow, as shown in Fig. 21. The resultant  $R$  of the loads at any end anchor is found by the pythagorean theorem to be  $R = (58,000^2 + 58,000^2)^{0.5} = 82,200$  lb (365.6 kN). Indicate the resultant by a dotted arrow, as shown in Fig. 21.

Contraction loads on the end anchors are in the reverse direction and consist only of friction. This friction load equals the joint expansion load, or 20,000 lb (88.9-kN). The resultant of the joint expansion loads is  $(20,000^2 + 20,000^2)^{0.5} = 28,350$  lb (126.1 kN).

Locate guides within 25 or 12 ft (7.62 or 3.66 m) of the expansion joint, depending on the type of packing used, Table 34. These guides should allow free axial movement of the pipe into and out of the joint with minimum friction.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure to choose slip-type expansion joints for pipes conveying steam, water, air, oil, gas, and similar vapors, liquids, and gases. In some instances, the gland friction and pressure thrust is used instead of Fig. 23 to determine anchor loads. With either method, the results are about the same.

**TABLE 34** Guide and Support Spacing

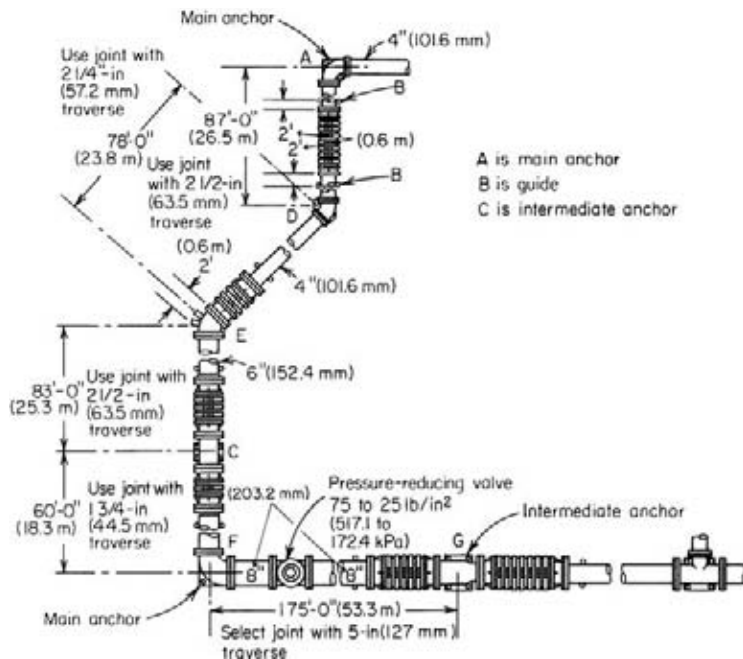
Nominal pipe size, in (mm)	Distance between guide and joint, ft (m)		Distance between guides, ft (m)
	Packing type		
	Gun	Gland	
18 (457)	24 (7.3)	11 (3.4)	100 (30.5)
20 (508)	25 (7.6)	12 (3.7)	105 (32)
24 (610)	26 (7.9)	12 (3.7)	110 (33.5)

## CORRUGATED EXPANSION JOINT SELECTION AND APPLICATION

Select corrugated expansion joints for the 8-, 6-, and 4-in (203.2-, 152.4-, and 101.6-mm) carbon-steel pipeline in Fig. 24 if the steam pressure in the pipe is 75 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (517.1 kPa), the steam temperature is 340°F (171°C), and the installation temperature is 60°F (15.6°C).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the expansion of each section of pipe.** From a table of thermal expansion of pipe, the expansion of carbon-steel pipe at 340°F (171°C) is 2.717 in/100 ft (2.26 mm/30.5 m) from 0 to 340°F (−17.8 to 171°C). Between 0 and 60°F (−17.8 and 15.6°C) the expansion is 0.448 in/100 ft (50 mm/30.5 m). Hence, the expansion between 60 and 340°F (15.6 and 171°C) is 2.717 − 0.448 = 2.269 in/100 ft (1.89 mm/m). This factor can now be applied to each length of pipe by finding the product of (pipe-section length, ft/100)(expansion, in/100 ft) = expansion of section, in =  $e$ .



**FIGURE 24** Piping system fitted with expansion joints. (Flexonics Division, Universal Oil Products Company.)

For section  $AD$ ,  $e = (87/100)(2.269) = 1.97$  in (50 mm); for  $DE$ ,  $e = (78/100)(2.269) = 1.77$  in (45 mm); for  $EC$ ,  $e = (83/100)(2.269) = 1.88$  in (47.8 mm); for  $CF$ ,  $e = (60/100)(2.269) = 1.36$  in (34.5 mm); for  $FG$ ,  $e = (175/100)(2.269) = 3.97$  in (100.8 mm).

In selecting corrugated expansion joints, the usual practice is to increase the computed expansion by a suitable safety factor to allow for any inaccuracies in temperature measurement. By applying a 25 percent safety<sup>1</sup> factor: for  $AD$ ,  $e = (1.97)(1.25) = 2.46$  in (62.5 mm); for  $DE$ ,  $e = (1.77)(1.25) = 2.13$  in (54.1 mm); for  $EC$ ,  $e = (1.88)(1.25) = 2.35$  in (59.7 mm); for  $CF$ ,  $e = (1.36)(1.25) = 1.70$  (43.2 mm); for  $FG$ ,  $e = (3.97)(1.25) = 4.96$  in (126 mm).

**2. Select the traverse for, and type of, each expansion joint.** Obtain corrugated-expansion joint engineering data, and select a joint with the next largest traverse for each section of pipe. Thus, traverse  $AD \geq 2\frac{1}{2}$  in (63.5 mm); traverse  $DE \geq 2\frac{1}{4}$  in (57.2 mm); traverse  $EC \geq 2\frac{1}{2}$  in (63.5 mm); traverse  $CF \geq 1\frac{3}{4}$  in (44.5 mm); traverse  $FG \geq 5.0$  in (127 mm).

Two types of expansion joints are commonly used: free-flexing and controlled-flexing. Free-flexing joints are generally used where the pressures in the pipeline are relatively low and the required motion is relatively small. Controlled-flexing expansion joints are generally used for higher pressures and larger motions. Both types of expansion joints are available in stainless steel in both single and dual units. For precise data on a given joint being considered, consult the expansion-joint manufacturer. Corrugated expansion joints are characterized by their freedom from any maintenance needs.

**3. Compute the anchor loads in the pipeline.** Main anchors are used between expansion joints, as at  $F$  and  $A$ , Fig. 24, and at turns such as at  $F$  and  $A$ . The force<sup>2</sup> a main anchor must absorb is given by  $F_i \text{ lb} = F_p + F_e$ , where  $F_p$  = pressure thrust in the pipe,  $\text{lb} = pA$ , where  $p$  = pressure in pipe,  $\text{lb/in}^2$  (gage);  $A$  = effective internal cross-sectional area of expansion joint,  $\text{in}^2$  (see Table 35 for cross-sectional areas of typical corrugated joints);  $F_e$  = force required to compress the expansion joint,  $\text{lb} = [300 \text{ lb/in (52.5 N/mm)}]$  (joint inside diameter, in) for stainless-steel self-equalizing joints, and  $[200 \text{ lb/in (35 N/mm)}]$  (joint inside diameter, in) for copper nonequalizing joints. Determining the main anchor force for the 8-in (203.2-mm) pipeline gives  $F_i = (75)(85) + (300)(8) = 8775 \text{ lb (39.0 kN)}$ . In this equation, the area of  $85 \text{ in}^2$  ( $548.3 \text{ cm}^2$ ) in the first term is obtained from Table 35.

The total force at a main anchor, as at  $A$  and  $F$ , Fig. 24, is the vector sum of the forces in each line leading to the anchor. Thus, at  $F$ , there is a force of 8775 lb (39.0 kN) in the 8-in (203.2-mm) line and a force of  $F_i = (75)(51) + (300)(6) = 5625 \text{ lb (25 kN)}$  in the 6-in (152.4-mm) line connected to the elbow outlet. Since the elbow at  $F$  is a right angle, use the pythagorean theorem, or  $R = \text{resultant anchor force, lb} = (8775^2 + 5625^2)^{0.5} = 10,400 \text{ lb (46.3 kN)}$ .

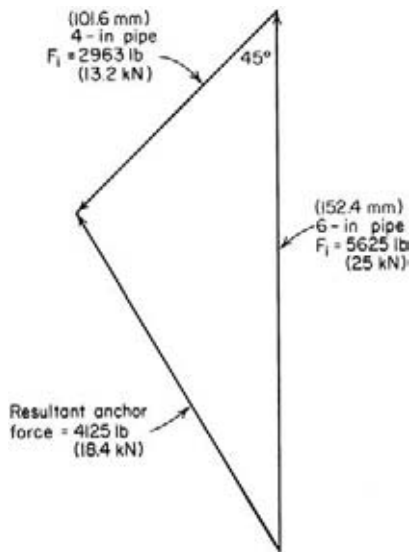
Where two lines containing corrugated expansion joints are connected by a bend of other than  $90^\circ$ , as at  $D$  and  $E$ , use a force triangle to determine the anchor force after computing  $F_i$  for each pipe. Thus, at  $E$ ,  $F_i$  for the 6-in (152.4-mm) pipe = 5625 lb (25 kN), and  $F_i = (75) \times (23.5) + (300)(4) = 2963 \text{ lb (13.2 kN)}$  for the 4-in (101.6-mm) pipe. Draw the force triangle in Fig. 25 with the 6-in (152.4-mm) pipe  $F_i$  and the 4-in (101.6-mm) pipe  $F_i$  as two sides and the bend angle,  $45^\circ$ , as the

**TABLE 35** Effective Area of Corrugated Expansion Joints

Joint inside diameter		Joint effective area	
in	mm	in <sup>2</sup>	cm <sup>2</sup>
6	152.4	51.0	329.0
8	203.2	85.0	548.4
10	254.0	120.0	774.2
12	304.8	174.0	1122.6
14	355.6	215.0	1387.1
16	406.4	270.0	1741.9
18	457.2	310.0	1999.9
20	508.0	390.0	2516.1
24	609.6	540.0	3483.9

<sup>1</sup>This value is for illustration purposes only. Contact the expansion-joint manufacturer for the exact value of the safety factor to use.

<sup>2</sup>This is an approximate method for finding the anchor force. For a specific make of expansion joint, consult the joint manufacturer.



**FIGURE 25** Force triangle for determining piping anchor force.

included angle. Connect the third side, or resultant, to the ends of the force vectors, and scale the resultant as 4125 lb (18.4 kN), or compute the resultant from the law of cosines. Find the resultant force at  $D$  in a similar manner as 2963 lb (13.2 kN).

Intermediate anchors, as at  $C$  and  $G$ , must withstand only one force—the unbalanced (differential) spring force. With approximate force calculations,<sup>3</sup> starting at  $C$ , for a 6-in (152.4-mm) expansion joint,  $F_e = (300)(6) = 1800$  lb (8 kN). At  $G$ , for an 8-in (203.2-mm) expansion joint,  $F_e = (300)(8) = 2400$  lb (10.7 kN). Thus, the loads the intermediate anchors must withstand are considerably less than the main-anchor loads.

Provide the pipe guides at suitable locations in accordance with the joint manufacturer's recommendations and at suitable intervals on the pipeline to prevent any lateral and buckling forces on the joint and adjacent piping. Intermediate anchors between two joints in a straight run of pipe ensure that each joint will absorb its share of the total pipe motion. Slope the pipe in the direction of fluid flow to prevent condensate accumulation. Use enough pipe hangers to prevent sagging of the pipe.

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure to choose corrugated-type expansion joints for pipes conveying steam, water, air, oil, gas, and similar vapors, liquids, and gases. When choosing a specific make of corrugated expansion joint, use the manufacturer's engineering data, where available, to determine the maximum allowable traverse. One popular make has a maximum traverse of 7.5 in (190.5 mm) or a maximum allowable lateral motion of 1.104 in (28.0 mm) in its various joint sizes. The larger the lateral motion, the greater the number of corrugations required in the joint.

In some pipelines there is an appreciable pressure thrust caused by a change in direction of the pipe. This pressure or centrifugal thrust  $F_c$  is usually negligible, but the wise designer makes a practice of computing this thrust from  $F_c = (2A\rho v^2/32.2) \times (\sin \theta/2)$  lb, where  $A$  = inside area of pipe, ft<sup>2</sup>;  $\rho$  = density of fluid or vapor, lb/ft<sup>3</sup>;  $v$  = fluid or vapor velocity, ft/s;  $\theta$  = change in direction of the pipeline.

The number of corrugations required in a joint varies with the expansion and lateral motion to be absorbed. A typical free-flexing joint can absorb 6.25 in (158.8 mm) of expansion and a variable amount of lateral motion, depending on joint size and operating condition. Free-flexing joints are commonly built in diameters up to 48 in (1219 mm), while controlled-flexing joints are commonly built in diameters up to 24 in (609.6 mm). For a more precise calculation procedure, consult the Flexonics Division, Universal Oil Products Company.

## DESIGN OF STEAM TRANSMISSION PIPING

Design a steam transmission pipe to supply a load that is 1700 ft (518.2 m) from the power plant. The terrain permits a horizontal run between the power plant and the load. Maximum steam flow required by the load is 300,000 lb/h (135,000 kg/h), whereas the average steam flow required is estimated as 150,000 lb/h (67,500 kg/h). The maximum steam pressure at the load must not exceed

<sup>3</sup>Consult the expansion-joint manufacturer for an exact procedure for computing the anchor forces.

150 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1034.1 kPa) saturated. Superheated steam at 450 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (3102.7 kPa) and 600°F (316°C) is available at the power plant. Two schemes are proposed for the line: (1) Reduce the steam pressure to 180 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1240.9 kPa) at the line inlet, thus allowing a 180 – 50 = 30-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (206.8-kPa) loss in the 1700-ft (518.2-m) long line. This scheme is called the *nominal pressure-loss line*. (2) Admit high-pressure steam to the line and thereby allow the steam pressure to fall to a level slightly greater than 150 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1034.1 kPa). Since 600°F (316°C) steam would probably cause expansion and heat-loss difficulties in the pipe, assume that the inlet temperature of the steam is reduced to 455°F (235°C) in a desuperheater in the power plant. There is a 10-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (68.9-kPa) pressure loss between the power plant and the line, reducing the line inlet pressure to 440 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (3033.4 kPa). Since the pressure can fall about 440 – 150 = 290 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1999.3 kPa), this will be called the *maximum pressure-loss line*. During design, determine which line is the most economical.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the required pipe diameter for each condition.** The average steam pressure in the nominal pressure-loss line is (inlet pressure + outlet pressure)/2 = (180 + 150)/2 = 165 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1138 kPa). Use this average pressure to determine the pipe size, because the average pressure is more representative of actual conditions in the pipe. Assume that there will be a 5-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (34.5-kPa) pressure drop through any expansion bends and other fittings in the pipe. Then, the allowable friction-pressure drop = 30 – 5 = 25 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (172.4 kPa).

Use the Thomas saturated-steam formula to determine the required pipe diameter, or  $d = (80,000W/Pv)^{0.5}$ , where  $d$  = inside pipe diameter, in;  $W$  = weight of steam flowing, lb/min;  $P$  = average steam pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs);  $v$  = steam velocity, ft/min. Assuming a steam velocity of 10,000 ft/min (3048 m/min), which is typical for a long steam transmission line, we get  $d = [(80,000 \times 300,000/60)/(165 \times 10,000)]^{0.5} = 15.32$  in (389.1 mm).

The inside diameter of a schedule 40 16-in (406-mm) outside-diameter pipe is, from a table of pipe properties, 15.00 in (381 mm). Assume that a 16-in (406-mm) pipe will be used if schedule 40 wall thickness is satisfactory for the nominal pressure-loss line. Note that the larger flow was used in computing the size of this line because a pipe satisfactory for the larger flow will be acceptable for the smaller flow.

The maximum pressure-loss line will have an average pressure that is a function of the inlet pressure at the pressure-reducing valve at the line outlet. Assume that there is a 10-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (68.9-kPa) drop through this reducing valve. Then steam will enter the valve at 150 + 10 = 160 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1103 kPa), and the average line pressure = (440 + 160)/2 = 300 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2068 kPa). Using a higher steam velocity [15,000 ft/min (4572 m/min)] for this maximum pressure-loss line than for the nominal pressure-loss line [10,000 ft/min (3048 m/min)], because there is a larger allowable pressure drop, compute the required inside diameter from the Thomas saturated-steam formula because the steam has a superheat of only 456.28 – 455.00 = 1.28°F (2.3°C). Or,  $d = [(80,000 \times 300,000/60)/(300 \times 15,000)]^{0.5} = 9.44$  in (239.8 mm). Since a 10-in (254-mm) schedule 40 pipe has an inside diameter of 10.020 in (254.5 mm), use this size for the maximum pressure-loss line.

**2. Compute the required pipe-wall thickness.** As shown in an earlier calculation procedure, the schedule number  $SN = 1000P_i/S$ . Assuming that seamless carbon-steel ASTM A53 grade A pipe is used for both lines, the *Piping Code* allows a stress of 12,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (82.7 MPa) for this material at 600°F (316°C). Then  $SN = (1000) \times (435)/12,000 = 36.2$ ; use schedule 40 pipe, the next largest schedule number for both lines. This computation verifies the assumption in step 1 of the suitability of schedule 40 for each line.

**3. Check the pipeline for critical velocity.** In a steam line,  $p_c = W/Cd^2$ , where  $p_c$  = critical pressure in pipe, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs),  $W$  = steam flow rate, lb/h;  $C$  = constant from Crocker and King—*Piping Handbook*;  $d$  = inside diameter of pipe, in.

When the pressure loss in a pipe exceeds 50 to 58 percent of the initial pressure, flow may be limited by the fluid velocity. The limiting velocity that occurs under these conditions is called the *critical velocity*, and the coexisting pipeline pressure, the *critical pressure*.

Critical velocity may limit flow in the 10-in (254-mm) maximum pressure-loss line because the terminal pressure of 150 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1034 kPa) is less than 58 percent of 440 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (3033.4 kPa), the inlet pressure. Use the above equation to find the critical pressure. Or,  $p_c = (300,000)/[(75.15)(10.02)^2] = 39.7$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (273.7 kPa), using the constant from the *Piping Handbook* after interpolating for the initial enthalpy of 1205.4 Btu/lb (2804 kJ/kg), which is obtained from steam-table values.

Critical velocity would limit flow if the pipeline terminal pressure were equal to, or less than, 39.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (273.7 kPa). Since the terminal pressure of 150 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1034.1 kPa) is greater than 39.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (273.7 kPa), critical velocity does not limit the steam flow. With smaller flow rates, the critical pressure will be lower because the denominator in the equation remains constant for a given pipe. Hence, the 10-in (254-mm) line will readily transmit 300,000-lb/h (135,000-kg/h) and smaller flows.

If critical pressure existed in the pipeline, the diameter of the pipe might have to be increased to transmit the desired flow. The 16-in (406.4-mm) line does not have to be checked for critical pressure because its final pressure is more than 58 percent of the initial pressure.

**4. Compute the heat loss for each line.** Assume that 2-in (50.8-mm) thick 85 percent magnesia insulation is used on each line and that the lines will run above the ground in an area having a minimum temperature of 40°F (4.4°C). Set up a computation form as follows:

Pipe size, in (mm)	16 (406.5)	10 (254.0)
Steam temperature, °F (°C)	373 (189)	455 (235)
Air temperature, °F (°C)	40 (4.4)	40 (4.4)
Temperature difference, °F (°C)	333 (184.6)	415 (184.6)
Insulation heat loss, Btu/(h·ft <sup>2</sup> ·°F)* [W/(m <sup>2</sup> ·°C)]	1.11 (6.3)	0.704 (3.99)
Heat loss, Btu/(h·1 in ft) (W/m)	370 (356)	292 (281)
Heat loss, Btu/h (kW), for 1700 ft (518 m)	629,000 (184)	496,400 (145.6)
Total heat loss, Btu/h (kW), with a 25% safety factor	786,250 (230)	620,500 (182.0)
Heat loss, Btu/lb (W/kg) of steam, for 300,000-lb/h (135,000-kg/h) flow	2.62 (1.7)	2.07 (1.35)
Heat loss, Btu/lb (W/kg), for the average flow of 150,000 lb/h (67,500 kg/h)	5.24 (3.4)	4.14 (2.69)

\*From table of pipe insulation, Ehret Magnesia Manufacturing Company.

In this form, the following computations were made for both pipes: heat loss, Btu/(h·lin ft) = [insulation heat loss, Btu/(h·ft·°F)] (temperature difference, °F); heat loss, Btu/h for 1700 ft (518.2 m) = [heat loss, Btu/(h·lin ft)] (1700); total heat loss, Btu/h, 25 percent safety factor = (heat loss, Btu/h) (1700 ft)(1.25); heat loss, Btu/lb steam = (total heat loss, Btu/h, with a 25 percent safety factor)/(300,000-lb steam).

**5. Compute the leaving enthalpy of the steam in each line.** Acceleration of steam in each line results from an enthalpy decrease of  $h_a = (v_2^2 - v_1^2)/2g(778)$ , where  $h_a$  = enthalpy decrease, Btu/lb;  $v_2$  and  $v_1$  = final and initial velocity of the steam, respectively, ft/s;  $g = 32.2$  ft/s<sup>2</sup>. The velocity at any point  $x$  in the pipe is found from the continuity equation  $v_x = (W v_g)/3600 A_x$ , where  $v_x$  = steam velocity, ft/s, when the steam volume is  $v_g$  ft<sup>3</sup>/lb, and  $A_x$  is the cross-sectional area of pipe, ft<sup>2</sup>, at the point being considered.

For the 16-in (406.4-mm) nominal pressure-loss line with a flow of 300,000 lb/h (135,000 kg/h) at 180-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1241-kPa) entering and 150-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1034.1-kPa) leaving pressure, using steam and piping table values,  $v_1 = (300,000)(2.53)/[(3600)(1.23)] = 171.5$  ft/s (52.3 m/s);  $v_2 = 300,000(3.015)/[(3600)(1.23)] = 205$  ft/s (62.5 m/s). Then  $h_a = [(204.5)^2 - (171.5)^2]/[(64.4)(778)] = 0.2504$  Btu/lb (0.58 kJ/kg), say 0.25 Btu/lb (0.58 kJ/kg).

By an identical calculation,  $h_a = 3.7$  Btu/lb (8.6 kJ/kg) for the 10-in (254-mm) maximum pressure-loss line when the leaving steam is assumed to be 150 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1034.1 kPa), saturated.



Enthalpy of the 180-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1241-kPa) saturated steam entering the 16-in (406.4-mm) line is 1196.9 Btu/lb (2784 kJ/kg). Heat loss during 300,000-lb/h (135,000-kg/h) flow is 2.62 Btu/lb (6.1 kJ/kg), as computed in step 4. The enthalpy drop of 0.25 Btu/lb (0.58 kJ/kg) accelerates the steam. Hence, the calculated leaving enthalpy is  $1196.9 - (2.62 + 0.25) = 1194.03$  Btu/lb (2777.3 kJ/kg). The enthalpy of the leaving steam at 150 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1034.1 kPa) saturated is 1194.1 Btu/lb (2777.5 kJ/kg). To have saturated steam leave the line,  $1194.10 - 1194.03$ , or 0.07 Btu/lb (0.16 kJ/kg), must be supplied to the steam. This heat will be obtained from the enthalpy of vaporization given off by condensation of some of the steam in the line.

Make a group of identical calculations for the 10-in (254-mm) maximum pressure-loss line. The enthalpy of 440-lb/in (abs) (3033.4-kPa) 455°F (235°C) entering steam is 1205.4 Btu/lb (2803.8 kJ/kg), found by interpolation in the steam tables. Heat loss during 300,000-lb/h (135,000-kg/h) flow is 2.07 Btu/lb (4.81 kJ/kg). An enthalpy drop of 3.7 Btu/lb (8.6 kJ/kg) accelerates the steam. Hence, the calculated leaving enthalpy =  $1205.4 - (2.07 + 3.7) = 1199.63$  Btu/lb (2790.3 kJ/kg).

The enthalpy of the leaving steam at 150-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1034-kPa) saturated is 1194.1 Btu/lb (2777.5 kJ/kg). As a result, under maximum flow conditions, the steam will be superheated from the entering point to the leaving point of the line. The enthalpy difference of 5.53 Btu/lb =  $(1199.63 - 1194.10)$  (12.9 kJ/kg) produces this superheat. Because the steam is superheated throughout the line length, condensation of the steam will not occur during maximum flow conditions.

For most industrial applications, the steam leaving the line may be considered as saturated at the desired pressure. But for precise temperature regulation, some form of pressure-temperature control must be used at the end of long lines.

During average flow conditions of 150,000 lb/h (67,500 kg/h), the line heat loss is 4.14 Btu/lb (9.6 kJ/kg), as computed in step 4. The enthalpy drop to accelerate the steam is 0.925 Btu/lb (2.2 kJ/kg). As in the case of maximum flow, the steam is superheated throughout the length of the 10-in (254-mm) maximum pressure-loss line because the calculated leaving enthalpy is  $1205.40 - 5.07 = 1200.33$  Btu/lb (2791.9 kJ/kg).

**6. Compute the quantity of condensate formed in each line.** For either line, the quantity of condensate formed, lb/h =  $C = W(h_g \text{ at leaving pressure} - \text{calculated leaving } h_g) / \text{outlet pressure } h_{fg}$ .

Using computed values from step 5 and steam-table values, we see the 16-in (406.4-mm) line with 300,000 lb/h (135,000 kg/h) flowing forms  $C = (300,000)(0.07)/863.6 = 24.35$ , say 24.4 lb/h (10.9 kg/h) of condensate.

Condensation during an average flow of 150,000 lb/h (67,500 kg/h) is found in the same way. The enthalpy drop to accelerate the steam is neglected for average flow in normal pressure-loss lines because the value is generally small. For the 150,000-lb/h (67,500-kg/h) flow, the calculated leaving enthalpy =  $1196.90 - 5.24 = 1191.66$  Btu/lb (536.3 kg/h). Hence,  $C = (150,000)(1194.10 - 1191.66)/863.6 = 424$  lb/h (190.8 kg/h) say 425 lb/h (191.3 kg/h).

The largest amount of condensate is formed during line warm-up. Condensate-removal equipment—traps and related piping—must be sized up on the basis of the warm-up, not the average steam flow. Using a warm-up time of 30 min and the method of an earlier calculation procedure, we see the condensate formed in 16-in (406.4-mm) schedule 40 pipe weighing 83 lb/ft (122.8 kg/m) is, with a 25 percent safety factor to account for radiation,  $C = 1.25 \times (60)(83)(1700)(373 - 40)(0.12) / [(30)(850.8)] = 16,550$  lb/h (7448 kg/h). Thus, the trap or traps should have a capacity of about 17,000 lb/h (7650 kg/h) to remove the condensate during the 30-min warm-up period.

Condensate does not form in the 10-in (254-mm) maximum pressure-loss line during either maximum or average flow. Warm-up condensate for a 30-min warm-up period and a 25 percent safety factor is  $C = 1.25(60)(40.5)(1700)(455 - 40)(0.12) / [(30)(770.0)] = 11,120$  lb/h (5004 kg/h). Thus, the trap or traps should have a capacity of about 11,500 lb/h (5175 kg/h) to remove the condensate during the 30-min warm-up period.

In general, traps sized on a warm-up basis have adequate capacity for the condensate formed during the maximum and average flows. However, the condensate formed under all three conditions must be computed to determine the maximum rate of formation for trap and drain-line sizing.

**7. Determine the number of plain U bends needed.** A 1700-ft (518-m) long steel steam line operating at a temperature in the 400°F (204°C) range will expand nearly 50 in (1270 mm) during

operation. This expansion must be absorbed in some way without damaging the pipe. There are four popular methods for absorbing expansion in long transmission lines: plain U bends, double-offset expansion U bends, slip or corrugated expansion joints, and welded-elbow expansion bends. Each of these will be investigated to determine which is the most economical.

Assume that the governing code for piping design in the locality in which the line will be installed requires that the combined stress resulting from bending and pressure  $S_{bp}$  not exceed three-fourths the sum of the allowable stress for the piping material at atmospheric temperature  $S_a$  and the allowable stress at the operating temperature  $S_o$  of the pipe. This is a common requirement. In equation form,  $S_{bp} = 0.75(S_a + S_o)$ , where each stress is in lb/in<sup>2</sup>.

By using allowable stress values from the *Piping Code* or the local code for 16-in (406.4-mm) seamless carbon-steel ASTM A53 grade A pipe operating at 373°F (189°C),  $S_{bp} = 0.75(12,000 + 12,000) = 18,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (124.1 MPa).

Determine the longitudinal pressure stress  $P_L$  by dividing the end force due to internal pressure  $F_e$  lb by the cross-sectional area of the pipe wall  $a_m$  in<sup>2</sup>, or  $P_L = F_e/a_m$ . In this equation,  $F_e = pa$ , where  $p$  = pipe operating pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage);  $a$  = cross-sectional area of the pipe, in<sup>2</sup>. Since the 16-in (406.4-mm) line operates at  $180 - 14.7 = 165.3$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (1139.6 kPa) and, from a table of pipe properties,  $a = 176.7$  in<sup>2</sup> (1140 cm<sup>2</sup>) and  $a_m = 24.35$  in<sup>2</sup> (157.1 cm<sup>2</sup>),  $P_L = (165.3)(176.7)/24.35 = 1197$ , say 1200 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (8.3 MPa). The allowable bending stress at 373°F (189°C), the pipe operating temperature, is then  $S_{bp} - P_L = 18,000 - 1200 = 16,800$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (115.8 MPa).

Assume that the expansion U bend will have a radius of seven times the nominal pipe diameter, or (7)(16 in) = 112 in (284.5 cm). The allowable bending stress is 16,800 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (115.8 MPa). Full *Piping Code* allowable credit will be taken for cold spring; i.e., the pipe will be cut short by 50 percent or more of the computed expansion and sprung into position.

Referring to Crocker and King—*Piping Handbook*, or a similar tabulation of allowable U-bend overall lengths for various operating temperatures, and choosing the length for 400°F (204°C), we see that the next higher tabulated temperature greater than the 373°F (189.4°C) operating temperature, an allowable length of 157.0 ft (47.9 m) is obtained for the bend. Plot a curve of the allowable bend length vs. temperature at 200, 300, 400, and 500°F (93.3, 148.9, 204.4, and 260°C). From this curve, the allowable bend length at 373°F (189.4°C) is found to be 175 ft (53.3 m). This length is based on an allowable pipe stress of 12,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (82.7 MPa) and no cold spring. Since the allowable stress is 16,800 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (115.8 MPa) and maximum cold spring is used, permitting a length 1.5 times the tabulated length, the total allowable length per bend = (175.0)(16,800/12,000)(1.5) = 367.5 ft (112 m). With a total length of pipe between the power plant and a load of 1700 ft (518.2 m), the number of bends required = 1700/367.5 = 4.64 bends. Since only a whole number of bends can be used, the next larger whole number, or five bends, would be satisfactory for this 16-in (406.4-mm) line. Each bend would have an overall length, Fig. 26, of 1700/5 = 340 ft (103.6 m).

Find the actual stress  $S_a$  in the pipe when five 340-ft (103.6-m) bends are used by setting up a proportion between the tabulated stress and bend length. Thus, the *Piping Handbook* chart is based on a stress of 12,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (82.7 MPa) without cold spring. For this stress, the maximum allowable bend length is 175 ft (53.3 m) found by graphical interpolation of the tabular values, as discussed above. When a 340-ft (103.6-m) bend with maximum cold spring is used, the pipe stress is such that the allowable bend length is 340/1.5 = 226.5 ft (69 m). The actual stress in the pipe is therefore  $S_a/12,000 = 226.5/175$ , or  $S_a = 15,520$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (107 MPa). This compares favorably with the allowable stress of 16,800 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (115.8 MPa). The actual stress is less because the overall bend length was reduced.

Use the *Piping Handbook* or the method of an earlier calculation procedure to find the anchor reaction forces for these bends. Using the *Piping Handbook* method with graphical interpolation, the anchor reacting force for a 16-in (406.4-mm) schedule 80 bend having a radius of seven times the pipe diameter is 10,550 lb (46.9 kN) at 373°F (189.4°C), based on a 12,000-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (82.7-MPa) stress in the pipe. This tabular reaction must be corrected for the actual pipe stress and for schedule 40 pipe instead of schedule 80 pipe. Thus, the actual anchor reaction, lb = (tabular reaction, lb) [(actual stress, lb/in<sup>2</sup>) (tabular stress, lb/in<sup>2</sup>)] (moment of inertia, schedule 40 pipe, in<sup>4</sup>/moment of inertia of schedule 80 pipe, in<sup>4</sup>) = (10,550)(15,520/12,000)(731.9/1156.6) = 8650 lb (38.5 kN). With a reaction of this magnitude, each anchor would be designed to withstand a force of 10,000 lb (44.5 kN). Good design would locate

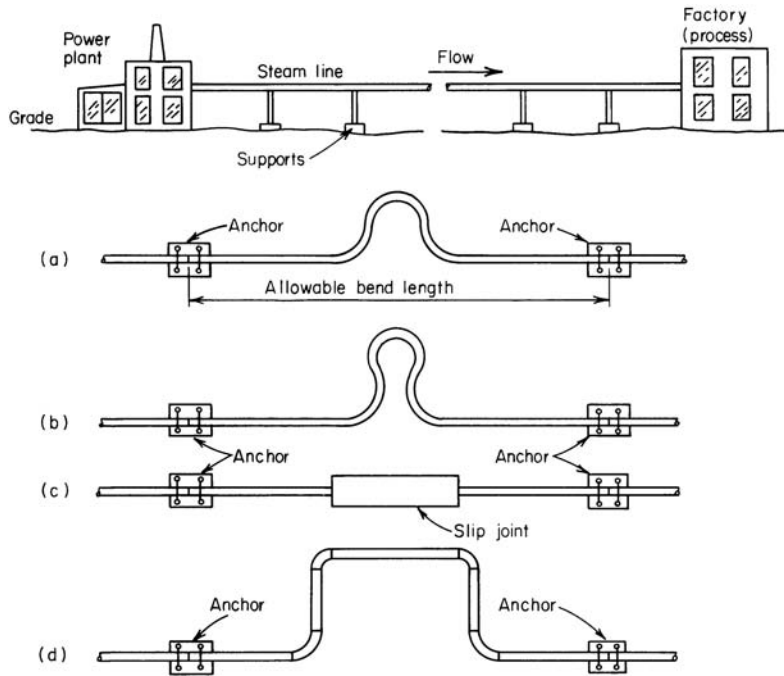


FIGURE 26 Process steam line and different schemes for absorbing pipe thermal expansion.

the bends midway between the anchor points; that is, there would be an anchor at each end of each bend. Adjustment for cold spring is not necessary, because it has negligible effect on anchor forces.

Use the same procedure for the 10-in (254-mm) maximum pressure-loss line. If 100-in (254-cm) radius bends are used, seven are required. The bending stress is 14,700 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (65.4 kN), and the anchor force is 2935 lb (13.1 kN). Anchors designed to withstand 3000 lb (13.3 kN) would be used.

**8. Determine the number of double-offset U bends needed.** By the same procedure and the *Piping Handbook* tabulation similar to that in step 7, the 16-in (406.4-mm) nominal pressure-loss line requires two 850-ft (259.1-m) long 112-in (284.5-cm) radius bends. Stress in the pipe is 15,610 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (107.6 MPa), and the anchor reaction is 4780 lb (21.3 kN).

The 10-in (254-mm) maximum pressure-loss line requires five 340-ft (103.6-m) long 70-in (177.8-cm) radius bends. Stress in the pipe is 12,980 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (89.5 MPa), and the anchor reaction is 2090 lb (9.3 kN).

Note that a smaller number of double-offset U bends are required—two rather than five for the 16-in (406.4-mm) pipe and five rather than seven for the 10-in (254-mm) pipe. This shows that double-offset U bends can absorb more expansion than plain U bends.

**9. Determine the number of expansion joints needed.** For any pipe, the total linear expansion  $e_t$  at an elevated temperature above 32°F (0°C), is  $e_t = (c_e)(\Delta t)(l)$ , where  $c_e$  = coefficient of linear expansion, in/(ft·°F);  $\Delta t$  = operating temperature, °F – installation temperature, °F;  $l$  = length of straight pipe, ft. Using Crocker and King—*Piping Handbook* as the source for  $c_e$  for both lines, we see the expansion of the 373°F (189°C) 16-in (406.4-mm) line with a 40°F (4.4°C) installation temperature is  $e_t = (12)(0.000069)(373 - 40)(1700) = 46.8$  in (1189 mm). For the 10-in (254-mm) 455°F (235°C) line,  $e_t = (12)(0.000072)(455 - 40)(1700) = 61$  in (1549 mm). The factor 12 is used

in each of these computations because Crocker and King give  $c_e$  in in/in; therefore, the pipe total length must be converted to inches as multiplying by 12.

Double-ended slip-type expansion joints that can absorb up to 24 in (609.6 mm) of expansion are available. Hence, the number of joints  $N$  needed for each line is: 16-in (406.4-mm) line,  $N = 46.8/24$ , or 2; 10-in (254-mm) line,  $N = 61/24$ , or 3.

The joints for each line would be installed midway between anchors, Fig. 26. Joints in both lines would be anchored to the ground or a supporting structure. Between the joints, the pipe must be adequately supported and free to move. Roller supports that guide and permit longitudinal movement are usually best for this service. Whereas roller-support friction varies, it is usually assumed to be about 100 lb (444.8 N) per support. At least six supports per 100 ft (30.5 m) are needed for the 16-in (406.4-mm) line and seven per 100 ft (30.5 m) for the 10-in (254-mm) line. Support friction and the number of rollers required are obtained from Crocker and King—*Piping Handbook* or piping engineering data.

The required anchor size and strength depend on the pipe diameter, steam pressure, slip-joint construction, and type of supports used. During expansion of the pipe, friction at the supports and in the joint packing sets up a force that must be absorbed by the anchor. Also, steam pressure in the joint tends to force it apart. The magnitude of these forces is easily computed. With the total force known, a satisfactory anchor can be designed. Slip-joint packing-gland friction varies with different manufacturers, type of joint, and packing used. Gland friction in one popular type of slip joint is about 2200 lb/in (385.3 N/mm) of pipe diameter. Assuming use of these joints in both lines, compute the anchor forces as follows:

	lb	kN
16-in (406.4-mm) nominal pressure-loss line		
Support friction = [(1700 ft)(6 supports per 100 ft) (100 lb per support)]/100	= 10,200	45.3
Gland friction = (2200 lb/in diameter)(16 in)	= 35,200	156.6
Pressure force = [165.3 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage)](176.7-in <sup>2</sup> pipe area)	= 29,200	129.9
Total force to be absorbed by anchor	= 74,600	331.8
10-in (254-mm) maximum pressure-loss line		
Support friction = [(1700)(7)(100)]/100	= 11,900	52.8
Gland friction = (2200)(10)	= 22,000	97.9
Pressure force = (425.3)(78.9)	= 33,600	149.5
Total force to be absorbed by anchor	= 67,500	300.2

Comparing these results shows that the 10-in (254-mm) line requires smaller anchors than does the 16-in (406.4-mm) line. However, the 16-in (406.4-mm) line requires only three anchors whereas the 10-in (254-mm) line needs four anchors. The total cost of anchors for both lines will be about equal because of the difference in size of the anchors.

The advantages of slip joints become apparent when the piping layout is studied. Only a minimum of pipe is needed because the pipe runs in a straight line between the point of supply and point of use. The amount of insulation is likewise a minimum.

Corrugated expansion joints could be used in place of slip-type joints. These would reduce the required anchor size somewhat because there would be no gland friction. The selection procedure resembles that given for slip-type joints.

**10. Select welded-elbow expansion bends.** Use the graphical analysis in Crocker and King—*Piping Handbook* or in any welding fittings engineering data. Using either method shows that three bends of the most economical shape are suitable for the 16-in (406.4-mm) line and four for the 10-in (254-mm) line. The most economical bend is obtained when the bend width, divided by the distance between the anchor points, is 0.50. With these proportions, the longitudinal stress at the top and bottom of the bend is the same. Use of such bends, although desirable, is not always feasible, because existing piping or structures interfere.

When bend dimensions other than the most economical must be used, the maximum longitudinal stress occurs at the top of the bend when the width/anchor distance  $< 0.5$ . When this ratio is  $> 0.5$ , the maximum stress occurs at the bottom of the bend. Regardless of the bend type—plain U, double-offset U, or welded—the actual stress in the pipe should not exceed 40 percent of the tensile strength of the pipe material.

**11. Determine the materials, quantities, and costs.** Set up tabulations showing the materials needed and their cost. Table 36 shows the materials required. Piping length is computed by using standard bend tables available in the cited references.

Table 37 shows the approximate material costs for each pipeline. The costs used in preparing this table were the most accurate available at the time of writing. However, the actual numerical values given in the table should not be used for similar design work because price changes may cause them to be incorrect. The important findings in such a tabulation are the differences in total cost. These differences will remain substantially constant even though prices change. Hence, if an \$8000 difference exists between two sizes of pipe, this difference will not change appreciably with a moderate rise or fall in unit prices of materials.

Study of Table 37 shows that, in general, lines using double-offset U bends or welding elbows have the lowest material first cost. However, higher first costs do not rule out slip joints or plain U bends. Frequently, use of slip joints will eliminate offsets to clear existing buildings or piping because the pipe path is a straight line. Plain U bends have smaller overall heights than double-offset U bends. For this reason, the plain bend is often preferable where the pipe is run through congested areas of factories.

In some cases, past piping practice will govern line selection. For instance, in a factory that has made wide use of slip joints, the slightly higher cost of such a line might be overlooked. Preference might also be shown for plain U bends, double-offset U bends, or welded bends.

The values given in Table 37 do not include installation, annual operating costs, or depreciation. These have been omitted because accurate estimates are difficult to make unless actual conditions are known. Thus, installation costs may vary considerably according to who does the work. Annual costs are a function of the allowable depreciation, nature of process served, and location of the line. For a given transmission line of the type considered here, annual costs will usually be less for the smaller line.

The economic analysis, as made by the pipeline designer, should include all costs relative to the installation and operation of the line. The allowable cost of money and recommended depreciation period can be obtained from the accounting department.

**12. Select the most economical pipe size.** Table 37 shows that from the standpoint of first costs, the smaller line is more economical. This lower first cost is not, however, obtained without losing some large-line advantages.

Thus, steam leaves the 16-in (406.4-mm) line at 150 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1034.1 kPa) saturated, the desired outlet condition. Special controls are unnecessary. With the 10-in (254-mm) line, the desired leaving conditions are not obtained. Slightly superheated steam leaves the line unless special controls are

**TABLE 36** Summary of Material Requirements for Various Lines

Means used to absorb expansion	Number of anchors required		Approximate number of supports required		Approximate feet (meters) of pipe and insulation required	
	Pipe size, in (mm)					
	10 (254)	16 (406.4)	10 (254)	16 (406.4)	10 (254)	16 (406.4)
Plain U bends	9	5	127	120	2120 (646.2)	1970 (600.5)
Double-offset U bends	6	3	119	114	1985 (605.0)	1820 (554.7)
Slip joints	4	3	102	102	1700 (518.2)	1700 (518.2)
Welding elbows	5	4	106	106	1760 (536.4)	1760 (536.4)



used. Where an exact leaving temperature is needed by the process served, a desuperheater at the end of the 10-in (254-mm) line will be needed. Neglecting this disadvantage, the 10-in (254-mm) line is more economical than is the 16-in (406.4-mm) line.

Besides lower first cost, the small line loses less heat to the atmosphere, has smaller anchor forces, and does not cause steam condensation during average flows. Lower heat losses and condensation reduce operating costs. Therefore, if special temperature controls are acceptable, the 10-in (254-mm) maximum pressure-loss line will be a more economical investment.

Such a conclusion neglects the possibility of future plant expansion. Where expansion is anticipated, installation of a small line now and another line later to handle increased steam requirements is uneconomical. Instead, installation of a large nominal pressure-loss line now that can later be operated as a maximum pressure-loss line will be found more economical. Besides the advantage of a single line in crowded spaces, there is a reduction in installation and maintenance costs.

**13. Provide for condensate removal.** Fit a condensate drip line for every 100 ft (30.5 m) of pipe, regardless of size. Attach a trap of suitable capacity (see step 6) to each drip line. Pitch the steam-transmission pipe toward the trap, if possible. Where the condensate must flow *against* the steam, the steam-transmission pipe *must* be sloped in the direction of condensate flow. Every vertical rise of the main line must also be dripped. Where water is scarce, return the condensate to the boiler.

**Related Calculations** Use this method to design long steam, gas, liquid, or vapor lines for factories, refineries, power plants, ships, process plants, steam heating systems, and similar installation. Follow the applicable piping code when designing the pipeline.

## STEAM DESUPERHEATER ANALYSIS

A spray- or direct-contact-type desuperheater is to remove the superheat from 100,000 lb/h (45,000 kg/h) of 300-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2068-kPa) 700°F (371°C) steam. Water at 200°F (93.3°C) is available for desuperheating. How much water must be furnished per hour to produce 30-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (206.8-kPa) saturated steam? How much steam leaves the desuperheater? If a shell-and-tube type of noncontact desuperheater is used, determine the required water flow rate if the overall coefficient of heat transfer  $U = 500$  Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F) [2.8 kW/(m<sup>2</sup>·°C)]. How much tube area  $A$  is required? How much steam leaves the desuperheater? Assume that the desuperheating water is not allowed to vaporize in the desuperheater.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the heat absorbed by the water.** Water entering the desuperheater must be heated from the entering temperature, 200°F (93.3°C), to the saturation temperature of 300-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2068-kPa) steam, or 417.3°F (214°C). Using the steam tables, we see the sensible heat that must be absorbed by the water =  $h_f$  at 417.3°F (214°C) –  $h_f$  at 200°F (93.3°C) = 393.81 – 167.99 = 225.82 Btu/lb (225.2 kJ/kg) of water used.

Once the desuperheating water is at 417.3°F (214°C), the saturation temperature of 300°F (148.9°C) steam, the water must be vaporized if additional heat is to be absorbed. From the steam tables, the enthalpy of vaporization at 300 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2068 kPa) is  $h_{fg} = 809.0$  Btu/lb (1881.7 kJ/kg). This is the amount of heat the water will absorb when vaporized from 417.3°F (214°C).

Superheated steam at 300 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2068 kPa) and 700°F (371°C) has an enthalpy of  $h_g = 1368.3$  Btu/lb (3182.7 kJ/kg), and the enthalpy of 300-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2068-kPa) saturated steam is  $h_g = 1202.8$  Btu/lb (2797.7 kJ/kg). Thus 1368.3 – 1202.8 = 165.5 Btu/lb (384.9 kJ/kg) must be absorbed by the water to desuperheat the steam from 700°F (371°C) to saturation at 300 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2068 kPa).

**2. Compute the weight of water required for the spray.** The weight of water evaporated by 1 lb (0.45 kg) of steam while it is being desuperheated = heat absorbed by water, Btu/lb of steam/heat required to evaporate 1 lb (0.45 kg) of water entering the desuperheater at 200°F (93.3°C), Btu = 165.5/(225.81 + 809.0) = 0.16 lb (0.07 kg) of water. Since 100,000 lb/h (45,000 kg/h) of steam is

being desuperheated, the water flow rate required =  $(0.16)(100,000) = 16,000$  lb/h (7200 kg/h). Water for direct-contact desuperheating can be taken from the feedwater piping or from the boiler.

Note that 16,000 lb/h (7200 kg/h) of additional steam will leave the desuperheater because the superheated steam is not condensed while being desuperheated. Thus, the total flow from the desuperheater =  $100,000 + 16,000 = 116,000$  lb/h (52,200 kg/h).

**3. Compute the tube area required in the desuperheater.** The total heat transferred in the desuperheater,  $\text{Btu/h} = UA t_m$ , where  $t_m$  = logarithmic mean temperature difference across the heater. Using the method for computing the logarithmic temperature difference given elsewhere in this handbook, or a graphical solution as in Perry—*Chemical Engineers' Handbook*, we find  $t_m = 134^\circ\text{F}$  ( $74.4^\circ\text{C}$ ) with desuperheating water entering at  $200^\circ\text{F}$  ( $93.3^\circ\text{C}$ ) and leaving at  $430^\circ\text{F}$  ( $221.1^\circ\text{C}$ ), a temperature about  $13^\circ\text{F}$  ( $7^\circ\text{C}$ ) higher than the leaving temperature of the saturated steam,  $417.3^\circ\text{F}$  ( $214^\circ\text{C}$ ). Steam enters the desuperheater at  $700^\circ\text{F}$  ( $371^\circ\text{C}$ ). Assumption of a leaving water temperature 10 to  $15^\circ\text{F}$  ( $5.6$  to  $8.3^\circ\text{C}$ ) higher than the steam temperature is usually made to ensure an adequate temperature difference so that the desired heat-transfer rate will be obtained. If the graphical solution is used, the greatest temperature difference then becomes  $700 - 200 = 500^\circ\text{F}$  ( $278^\circ\text{C}$ ), and the least temperature difference =  $430 - 417.3 = 12.7^\circ\text{F}$  ( $7^\circ\text{C}$ ).

Then the heat transferred =  $(500)(A)(134)$ , whereas the heat given up by the steam is, from step 1,  $(100,000 \text{ lb/h})(165.5 \text{ Btu/lb})$  [ $(45,000 \text{ kg/h})(384.9 \text{ kJ/kg})$ ]. Since the heat transferred = the heat absorbed,  $(500)(A)(134) = (100,000)(165.5)$ ;  $A = 247 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $22.9 \text{ m}^2$ ), say  $250 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $23.2 \text{ m}^2$ ).

**4. Compute the required water flow.** Heat transferred to the water =  $(500)(247)(134) \text{ Btu/h}$  (W). The temperature rise of the water during passage through the desuperheater = outlet temperature,  $^\circ\text{F}$  - inlet temperature = outlet temperature,  $^\circ\text{F} = 430 - 200 = 230^\circ\text{F}$  ( $127.8^\circ\text{C}$ ). Since the specific heat of water = 1.0, closely, the heat absorbed by the water = (flow rate, lb/h)(230)(1.0). Then the heat transferred = heat absorbed, or  $(500)(247)(134) = (\text{flow rate, lb/h})(230)(1.0)$ ; flow rate =  $72,000 \text{ lb/h}$  ( $32,400 \text{ kg/h}$ ). Since the water and steam do *not* mix, the steam output of the desuperheater = steam input =  $100,000 \text{ lb/h}$  ( $45,000 \text{ kg/h}$ ).

Only about 25 percent as much water, 16,000 lb/h (7200 kg/h), is required by the direct-contact desuperheater as compared with the indirect desuperheater. The indirect type of superheater requires more cooling water because the enthalpy of vaporization, nearly 1000 Btu/lb (2326 kJ/kg) of water, is not used to absorb heat. Some indirect-type desuperheaters are designed to permit the desuperheating water to vaporize. This steam is returned to the boiler. The water-consumption determination and the calculation procedure for this type are similar to the spray-type discussed earlier. Where the water does not vaporize, it must be kept at a high enough pressure to prevent vaporization.

**Related Calculations** Use this method to analyze steam desuperheaters for any type of steam system—industrial, utility, heating, process, or commercial.

## STEAM ACCUMULATOR SELECTION AND SIZING

Select and size a steam accumulator to deliver 10,000 lb/h (4500 kg/h) of 25-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (172.4-kPa) steam for peak loads in a steam system. Charging steam is available at 75 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (517.1 kPa). Room is available for an accumulator not more than 30 ft (9.1 m) long, 20 ft (6.1 m) wide, and 20 ft (6.1 m) high. How much steam is required for startup?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the required water capacity of the accumulator.** One lb (0.45 kg) of water stored in this accumulator at 75 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (517.1 kPa) has a saturated liquid enthalpy  $h_f = 277.43 \text{ Btu/lb}$  ( $645.3 \text{ kJ/kg}$ ) from the steam tables; whereas for 1 lb (0.45 kg) of water at 25 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (172.4 kPa),  $h_f = 208.42 \text{ Btu/lb}$  ( $484.8 \text{ kJ/kg}$ ). In an accumulator, the stored water flashes to steam when the pressure on the outlet is reduced. For this accumulator, when the pressure on the 75-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (517.1-kPa)



water is reduced to 25 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (172.4 kPa) by a demand for steam, each pound of stored 75-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (517.1-kPa) water flashes to steam, releasing 277.43 – 208.42 = 69.01 Btu/lb (160.5 kJ/kg).

The enthalpy of vaporization of 25 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (172.4-kPa) steam is  $h_{fg} = 952.1$  Btu/lb (2215 kJ/kg). Thus, 1 lb (0.45 kg) of 75-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (517.1-kPa) water will form  $69.01/952.1 = 0.0725$  lb (0.03 kg) of steam. To supply 10,000 lb/h (4500 kg/h) of steam, the accumulator must store  $10,000/0.0725 = 138,000$  lb/h (62,100 kg/h) of 75-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (517.1-kPa) water.

Saturated water at 75 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (517.1 kPa) has a specific volume of 0.01753 ft<sup>3</sup>/lb (0.001 m<sup>3</sup>/kg) from the steam tables. Since density = 1/specific volume, the density of 75-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (517.1-kPa) saturated water =  $1/0.01753 = 57$  lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (912.6 kg/m<sup>3</sup>). The volume required in the accumulator to store 138,000 lb (62,100 kg) of 75-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (517.1-kPa) water = total weight, lb/density of water =  $138,000/57 = 2420$  ft<sup>3</sup> (68.5 m<sup>3</sup>).

**2. Select the accumulator dimensions.** Many steam accumulators are cylindrical because this shape permits convenient manufacture. Other shapes—rectangular, cubic, etc.—may also be used. However, a cylindrical shape is assumed here because it is the most common.

The usual accumulator that serves as a reserve steam supply between a boiler and a load (often called a Ruths-type accumulator) can safely release steam at the rate of 0.3 [accumulator storage pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs)] lb/ft<sup>2</sup> of water surface per hour [kg/(m<sup>2</sup>·h)]. Thus, this accumulator can release  $(0.3)(75) = 22.5$  lb/(ft<sup>2</sup>·h) [112.5 kg/(m<sup>2</sup>·h)]. Since a release rate of 10,000 lb/h (4500 kg/h) is desired, the surface area required =  $10,000/22.5 = 445$  ft<sup>2</sup> (41.3 m<sup>2</sup>).

Space is available for a 30-ft (9.1-m) long accumulator. A cylindrical accumulator of this length would require a diameter of  $445/30 = 14.82$  ft (4.5 m), say 15 ft (4.6 m). When half full of water, the accumulator would have a surface area  $(30)(15) = 450$  ft<sup>2</sup> (41.8 m<sup>2</sup>).

Once the accumulator dimensions are known, its storage capacity must be checked. The volume of a horizontal cylinder of  $d$ -ft diameter and  $l$ -ft length =  $(\pi d^2/4)(l) = (\pi \times 15^2/4)(30) = 5300$  ft<sup>3</sup> (150 m<sup>3</sup>). When half full, this accumulator could store  $5300/2 = 2650$  ft<sup>3</sup> (75 m<sup>3</sup>). Since, from step 1, a capacity of 2420 ft<sup>3</sup> (68.5 m<sup>3</sup>) is required, a 15 × 30 ft (4.6 × 9.1 m) accumulator is satisfactory. A water-level controller must be fitted to the accumulator to prevent filling beyond about the midpoint. In this accumulator, the water level could rise to about 60 percent, or  $(0.60)(15) = 9$  ft (2.7 m), without seriously reducing the steam capacity. When an accumulator delivers steam from a more-than-half-full condition, its releasing capacity increases as the water level falls to the midpoint, where the release area is a maximum. Since most accumulators function for only short periods, say 5 or 10 min, it is more important that the vessel be capable of delivering the desired rate of flow than that it deliver the last pound of steam in its lb/h rating.

If the size of the accumulator computed as shown above is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of space, alter the dimensions and recompute the size.

**3. Compute the quantity of charging steam required.** To start an accumulator, it must first be partially filled with water and then charged with steam at the charging pressure. The usual procedure is to fill the accumulator from the plant feedwater system. Assume that the water used for this accumulator is at 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) and 212°F (101.3 kPa and 100°C) and that the accumulator vessel is half-full at the start.

For any accumulator, the weight of charging steam required is found by solving the following heat-balance equation: (weight of starting water, lb)( $h_f$  of starting water, Btu/lb) + (weight of charging steam, lb)(charging steam  $h_g$ , Btu/lb) = (weight of charging steam, lb + weight of starting water, lb)( $h_f$  at charging pressure, Btu/lb). For this accumulator with a 75-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (517-kPa) charging pressure and 212°F (100°C) starting water, the first step is to compute the weight of water in the half-full accumulator. Since, from step 2, the accumulator must contain 2420 ft<sup>3</sup> (68.5 m<sup>3</sup>) of water, this water has a total weight of (volume of water, ft<sup>3</sup>)/(specific volume of water, ft<sup>3</sup>/lb) =  $2420/0.01672 = 144,600$  lb (65,070 kg). However, the accumulator can actually store 2650 ft<sup>3</sup> (75 m<sup>3</sup>) of water. Hence, the actual weight of water =  $2650/0.01672 = 158,300$  lb (71,235 kg). Then, with  $C$  = weight of charging steam, lb,  $(158,300)(180.07) + (C)(1181.9) = (C + 158,300)(277.43)$ ;  $C = 17,080$  lb (7686 kg) of steam.

Once the accumulator is started up, less steam will be required. The exact amount is computed in the same manner, by using the steam and water conditions existing in the accumulator.

**Related Calculations** Use this method to size an accumulator for any type of steam service—heating, industrial, process, utility. The operating pressure of the accumulator may be greater or less than atmospheric.

## SELECTING PLASTIC PIPING FOR INDUSTRIAL USE

Select the material, schedule number, and support spacing for a 1-in (25.4-mm) nominal-diameter plastic pipe conveying ethyl alcohol liquid having a temperature of 75°F (23.9°C) and a pressure of 400 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (2758 kPa). What expansion must be anticipated if a 1000-ft (304.8-m) length of the pipe is installed at a temperature of 50°F (10°C)? How does the cost of this plastic pipe compare with galvanized-steel pipe of the same size and length?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the required schedule number.** Refer to Baumeister and Marks—*Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers* or a plastic pipe manufacturer's engineering data for the required schedule number. Table 38 shows typical pressure ratings for various sizes and schedule number polyvinyl chloride (PVC) (plastic) piping.

Table 38 shows that schedule 40 normal-impact grade 1-in (25.4-mm) pipe is unsuitable because its maximum operating pressure with fluid at 75°F (24°C) is 310 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (2.13 MPa). Plain-end 1-in (25.4-mm) schedule 80 pipe is, however, satisfactory because it can withstand pressures up to 435 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (2.99 MPa). Note that threaded schedule 80 pipe can withstand pressures only to 255 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1757 kPa). Therefore, plain-end normal-impact grade pipe must be used for this installation. High-impact grade pipe, in general, has lower allowable pressure ratings at 75°F (24°C) because the additive used to increase the impact resistance lowers the tensile strength, temperature, and chemical resistance. Data shown in Table 38 are also presented in graphical form in some engineering data.

**2. Select a suitable piping material.** Refer to piping engineering data to determine the corrosion resistance of PVC to ethyl alcohol. A Grinnell Company data sheet rates PVC normal-impact and high-impact pipe as having excellent corrosion resistance to ethyl alcohol at 72 and 140°F (22.2 and 60°C). Therefore, PVC is a suitable piping material for this liquid at its operating temperature of 75°F (24°C).

**3. Find the required support spacing.** Use a tabulation or chart in the plastic-pipe engineering data to find the required support spacing for the pipe. Be sure to read the spacing under the correct schedule number. Thus, a Grinnell Company plastic-piping tabulation recommends a 5-ft 4-in (162.6-cm) spacing for schedule 80 1-in (25.4-mm) PVC pipe that weighs 0.382 lb/ft (0.57 kg/m) when empty. The pipe hangers should not clamp the pipe tightly; instead, free axial movement should be allowed.

**TABLE 38** Maximum Operating Pressure, PVC Pipe [normal-impact grade, fluid temperature 75°F (23.9°C) or less]

Pipe size		Schedule 40, plain end		Schedule 80			
				Plain end		Threaded	
in	mm	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	MPa	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	MPa	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	MPa
1/2	12.7	410	2.83	575	3.96	330	2.28
3/4	19.1	335	2.31	470	3.24	285	1.97
1	25.4	310	2.14	435	2.99	255	1.76
1 1/2	38.1	230	1.59	325	2.24	205	1.41

**TABLE 39** Thermal Expansion of Plastic Pipe

Piping material	Expansion	
	in/(ft·°F)	cm/(m·°C)
Butyrate	0.00118	0.018
Kralastic	0.00067	0.010
Polyethylene	0.00108	0.016
Polyvinyl chloride	0.00054	0.008
Saran	0.00126	0.019

**4. Compute the expansion of the pipe.** The temperature of the pipe rises from 50 to 75°F (10 to 24°C) when it is put in operation. This is a rise of  $75 - 50 = 25^\circ\text{F}$  ( $14^\circ\text{C}$ ). Table 39 shows the thermal expansion of various types of plastic piping.

The thermal expansion of any plastic pipe is found from  $E_t = LC \Delta t$ , where  $E_t$  = total expansion, in;  $L$  = pipe length, ft;  $C$  = coefficient of thermal expansion, in/(ft·°F), from Table 39;  $\Delta t$  = temperature change of the pipe, °F. For this pipe,  $E_t = (1000)(0.00054)(25) = 13.5$  in (342.9 mm) when the temperature rises from 50 to 75°F (10 to 24°C).

**5. Determine the relative cost of the pipe.** Check the prices of galvanized-steel and PVC pipe as quoted by various suppliers. These quotations will permit easy comparison. In this case, the two materials will be approximately equal in per-foot cost.

**Related Calculations** Use the method given here for selecting plastic pipe for any service—process, domestic, or commercial—conveying any fluid or gas. Note that the maximum operating pressure of plastic piping is normally taken as about 20 percent of the bursting pressure. The allowable operating pressure decreases with an increase in temperature. The maximum allowable operating temperature is usually 150°F (65.5°C). The pressure loss caused by pipe friction in plastic pipe is usually about one-half the pressure loss in galvanized-steel pipe of the same diameter. Pressure loss for plastic piping is computed in the same way as for steel piping.

## FRICION LOSS IN PIPES HANDLING SOLIDS IN SUSPENSION

What is the friction loss in 800 ft (243.8 m) of 6-in (152.4-mm) schedule 40 pipe when 400 gal/min (25.2 L/s) of sulfate paper stock is flowing? The consistency of the sulfate stock is 6 percent.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the friction loss in the pipe.** There are few general equations for friction loss in pipes conveying liquids having solids in suspension. Therefore, most practicing engineers use plots of friction loss available in engineering handbooks, *Cameron Hydraulic Data*, *Standards of the Hydraulic Institute*, and from pump engineering data. Figure 27 shows one set of typical friction-loss curves based on work done at the University of Maine on the data of Brecht and Heller of the Technical College, Darmstadt, Germany, and published by Goulds Pumps, Inc. There is a similar series of curves for commonly used pipe sizes from 2 through 36 in (50.8 through 914.4 mm).

Enter Fig. 27 at the pipe flow rate, 400 gal/min (25.2 L/s), and project vertically upward to the 6 percent consistency curve. From the intersection, project horizontally to the left to read the friction loss as 60 ft (18.3 m) of liquid per 100 ft (30.5 m) of pipe. Since this pipe is 800 ft (243.8 m) long the total friction-head loss in the pipe =  $(800/100)(60) = 480$  ft (146.3 m) of liquid flowing.

**2. Correct the friction loss for the liquid consistency.** Friction-loss factors are usually plotted for one type of liquid, and correction factors are applied to determine the loss for similar, but different,

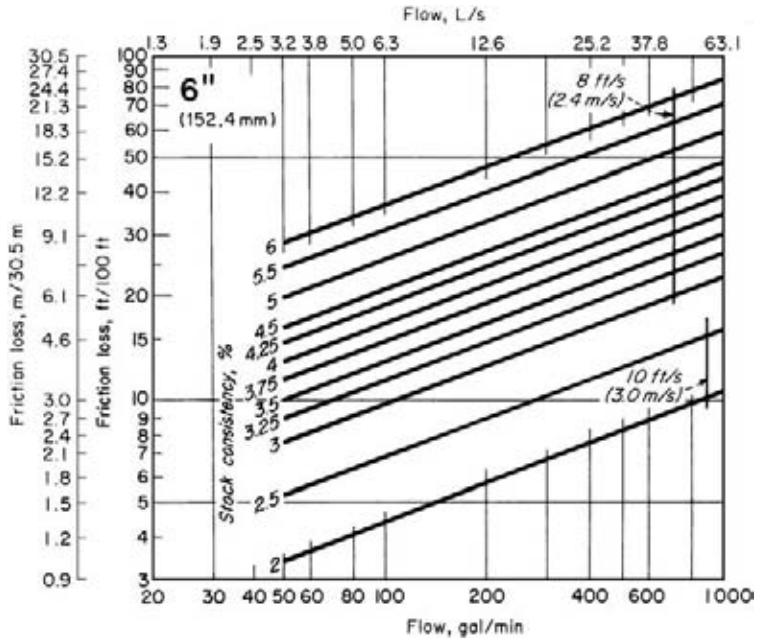


FIGURE 27 Friction loss of paper stock in 4-in (101.6-mm) steel pipe. (Goulds Pumps, Inc.)

liquids. Thus, with the Goulds charts, a factor of 0.9 is used for soda, sulfate, bleached sulfite, and reclaimed paper stocks. For ground wood, the factor is 1.40.

When the stock consistency is less than 1.5 percent, water-friction values are used. Below a consistency of 3 percent, the velocity of flow should not exceed 10 ft/s (3.05 m/s). For suspensions of 3 percent and above, limit the maximum velocity in the pipe to 8 ft/s (2.4 m/s).

Since the liquid flowing in this pipe is sulfate stock, use the 0.9 correction factor, or the actual total friction head =  $(0.9)(480) = 432$  ft (131.7 m) of sulfate liquid. Note that Fig. 27 shows that the liquid velocity is less than 8 ft/s (2.4 m/s).

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for soda, sulfate, bleached sulfite, and reclaimed and ground-wood paper stock. The values obtained are valid for both suction and discharge piping. The same general procedure can be used for sand mixtures, sewage, slurries, trash, sludge, and foods in suspension in a liquid.

### DESUPERHEATER WATER SPRAY QUANTITY

A pressure- and temperature-reducing station in a steam line is operating under the following conditions: pressure and temperature ahead of the station are 1400 lb/in<sup>2</sup> absolute (5650 kPa), 950°F (510°C); the reduced temperature and pressure after the station are 600°F (315°C), 200 lb/in<sup>2</sup> absolute (1380 kPa). If 450,000 lb/h (3400 kg/s) of steam is required at 200 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1380 kPa), how much water, which is available at 200 lb/in<sup>2</sup> absolute (1380 kPa) and 635.8°F (335.4°C), must be sprayed in at the superheater? See Fig. 28.

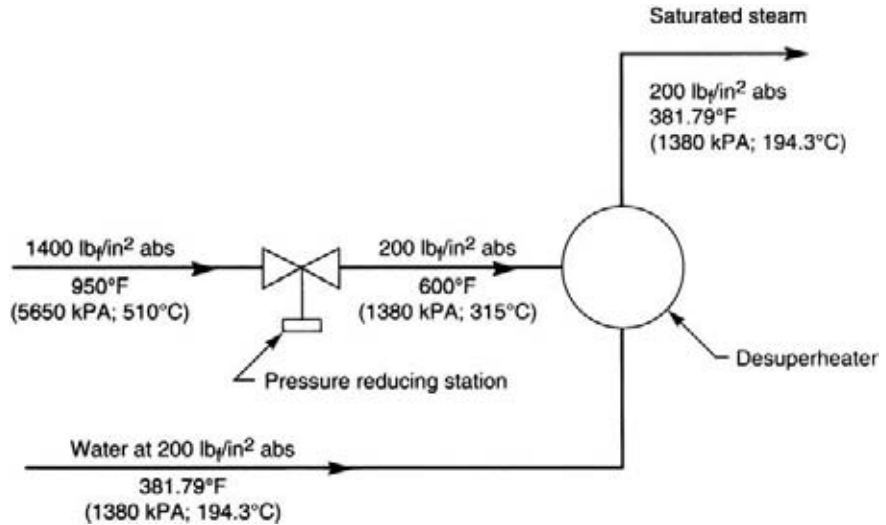


FIGURE 28 Desuperheater fluid flow diagram.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the quantity of heat entering the desuperheater via the spray in terms of the amount of water.** The quantity of heat entering the desuperheater via the spray,  $Q = w \times h_f$ , where the amount of water is  $w$ , lb/h (kg/s); from Table 2, Saturation Pressures, of the Steam Tables mentioned under Related Calculations of this procedure, heat content of water, saturated steam. At 200 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1380 kPa),  $h_f = 355.4$  Btu/lb<sub>m</sub> (826 kJ/kg). Thus,  $Q = w \times 355.4$  lb/h (kg/s). It should be noted that the Steam Tables show the saturation temperature to be 381.79°F (194.3°C) at the given pressure, shown on Fig. 28. Obviously, the 635.8°F (335.4°C) given in the problem is not correct, because at that temperature there would either be superheated steam, vapor, or the water would have to be under a pressure of 2000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> ( $13.8 \times 10^3$  kPa).

**2. Find the enthalpy of the superheated steam entering the desuperheater and the enthalpy of the saturated steam leaving.** From Table 3, Vapor, of the Steam Tables, superheated steam entering the desuperheater at 200 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1380 kPa) and 600°F (315°C) has an enthalpy,  $h = 1322.1$  Btu/lb (2075 kJ/kg). From Table 2, Saturation: Pressures, of the Steam Tables, saturated steam leaving the superheater at 200 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1380 kPa) and 381.79°F (194.3°C) as saturated vapor has an enthalpy,  $h_g = 1198.4$  Btu/lb (2787 kJ/kg).

**3. Compute the amount of water which must be sprayed into the desuperheater.** The amount of water which must be sprayed into the desuperheater,  $w_w$  lb/h (kg/s), can be found by the use of a heat balance equation where, as an adiabatic process, the amount of heat into the superheater equals the amount of heat out. Then,  $w \times h_f + (450,000 - w)h = 450,000 \times h_g$ . Or,  $w \times 355.4 + (450,000 - w)(1322.1) = 450,000 \times 1198.4$ . Solving,  $w = 450,000 \times 123.7/966.7 = 57,580$  lb/h (435.3 kg/s).

**Related Calculations** Strictly speaking, the given pressure and temperature conditions before the pressure-reducing station were irrelevant in the Calculation Procedure. Also, the incorrect given saturation temperature of 635.8°F (335.4°C) is an example of possible distractions which should be guarded against while solving such problems. The Steam Tables appear in

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## Heat Transfer and Heat Exchangers

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### SELECTING TYPE OF HEAT EXCHANGER FOR A SPECIFIC APPLICATION

Determine the type of heat exchanger to use for each of the following applications: (1) heating oil with steam; (2) cooling internal-combustion engine liquid coolant; (3) evaporating a hot liquid. For each heater chosen, specify the typical pressure range for which the heater is usually built and the typical range of the overall coefficient of heat transfer  $U$ .

#### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the heat-transfer process involved.** In a heat exchanger, one or more of four processes may occur: heating, cooling, boiling, or condensing. Table 1 lists each of these four processes and shows the usual heat-transfer fluids involved. Thus, the heat exchangers being considered here involve (a) oil heater—heating—vapor-liquid; (b) internal-combustion engine coolant—cooling—gas-liquid; (c) hot-liquid evaporation—boiling—liquid-liquid.

**2. Specify the heater action and the usual type selected.** Using the same identifying letters for the heaters being selected, Table 1 shows the action and usual type of heater chosen. Thus,

Action	Type
a. Steam condensed; oil heated	Shell-and-tube
b. Air heated; water cooled	Tubes in open air
c. Waste liquid cooled; water boiled	Shell-and-tube

**TABLE 1** Heat-Exchanger Selection Guide\*

Heat-transfer fluids		Equipment	Action	Type <sup>†</sup>	Pressure range <sup>‡</sup>	Typical range of $U^s$	
Liquid-liquid	Boiler-water blowdown exchanger	Blowdown cooled, feedwater heated	<i>S</i>	<i>M, H</i>	50–300	(0.28–1.7)	
	Laundry-water heat reclaimer	Waste water cooled, feed heated	<i>S</i>	<i>L</i>	30–200	(0.17–1.1)	
Vapor-liquid	Service-water heater	Waste liquid cooled, water heated	<i>S</i>	<i>L, H</i>	50–300	(0.28–1.7)	
	Bleeder heater	Steam condensed, feedwater heated	<i>S</i>	<i>L, H</i>	200–800	(1.1–4.5)	
	Deaerating feed heater	Steam condensed, feedwater heated	<i>M</i>	<i>L, M</i>	<i>DC</i>		
	Jet heater	Steam condensed, water heated	<i>M</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>DC</i>		
	Process kettle	Steam condensed, liquid heated	<i>S</i>	<i>L, M</i>	100–500	(0.57–2.8)	
	Oil heater	Steam condensed, oil heated	<i>S</i>	<i>L, M</i>	20–60	(0.11–0.34)	
Heating	Service-water heater	Steam condensed, water heated	<i>S</i>	<i>L, M</i>	200–800	(1.1–4.5)	
	Open flow-through heater	Steam condensed, water heated	<i>M</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>DC</i>		
	Liquid-sodium steam superheater	Sodium cooled, steam superheated	<i>S</i>	<i>M, H</i>	50–200	(0.28–1.1)	
	Waste-heat water heater	Waste gas cooled, water heated	<i>T</i>	<i>L</i>	2–10	(0.011–0.057)	
	Boiler economizer	Flue gas cooled, feedwater heated	<i>T</i>	<i>M, H</i>	2–10	(0.011–0.057)	
	Hot-water radiator	Water cooled, air heated	<i>T</i>	<i>L</i>	1–10	(0.0057–0.057)	
	Boiler air heater	Flue gas cooled, combustion air heated	<i>T, R</i>	<i>L</i>	2–10	(0.011–0.057)	
	Gas-turbine regenerator	Flue gas cooled, combustion air heated	<i>T</i>	<i>L</i>	2–10	(0.011–0.057)	
	Vapor-gas	Boiler superheater	Combustion gas cooled, steam superheated	<i>T</i>	<i>M, H</i>	2–20	(0.011–0.11)
		Steam pipe coils	Steam condensed, air heated	<i>T</i>	<i>L, M</i>	2–10	(0.011–0.057)
Steam radiator		Steam condensed, air heated	<i>T</i>	<i>L</i>	2–10	(0.011–0.057)	
Liquid-liquid	Oil cooler	Water heated, oil cooled	<i>S, D</i>	<i>L, M</i>	20–200	(0.11–1.1)	
	Water chiller	Refrigerant boiled, water cooled	<i>S</i>	<i>L, M</i>	30–151	(0.17–0.86)	
	Brine cooler	Refrigerant boiled, brine cooled	<i>S</i>	<i>L, M</i>	30–150	(0.17–0.86)	
	Transformer-oil cooler	Water heated, oil cooled	<i>S</i>	<i>L, M</i>	20–50	(0.11–0.88)	
	Boiler desuperheater	Boiler water heated, steam desuperheated	<i>S, M</i>	<i>M, H</i>	150–800	(0.85–4.5)	

TABLE 1 Heat-Exchanger Selection Guide\* (Continued)

Heat-transfer fluids		Equipment	Action	Type <sup>†</sup>	Pressure range <sup>‡</sup>	Typical range of $U$ <sup>§</sup>
Cooling	Gas-liquid	Compressor intercoolers and aftercoolers	Water heated, compressed air cooled	S	L, H	10–20 (0.057–0.11)
	Vapor-gas	Internal-combustion-engine radiator	Air heated, water cooled	T	L	2–10 (0.011–0.057)
Boiling	Liquid-liquid	Generator hydrogen, air coolers	Water heated, hydrogen or air cooled	S	L	2–10 (0.011–0.057)
		Air-conditioning cooler	Water heated, air cooled	T	L	2–10 (0.011–0.057)
	Vapor-liquid	Refrigeration heat exchanger	Brine heated, air cooled	T	L, M	2–10 (0.011–0.057)
		Refrigeration evaporator	Refrigerant boiled, air cooled	T	L, M	2–10 (0.011–0.057)
	Gas-liquid	Boiler desuperheater	Flue gas heated, steam desuperheated	T	M, H	2–8 (0.011–0.045)
		Hot-liquid evaporator	Waste liquid cooled, water boiled	S	L, H	40–150 (0.23–0.85)
Condensing	Vapor-liquid	Liquid-sodium steam generator	Sodium cooled, water boiled	S	M, H	500–1000 (2.8–5.7)
		Evaporator (vacuum)	Steam condensed, water boiled	S	L	400–600 (2.3–3.4)
	Gas-liquid	Evaporator (high pressure)	Steam condensed, water boiled	S	L, M	400–600 (2.3–3.4)
		Mercury condenser-boiler	Mercury condensed, water boiled	S	M, H	500–700 (2.8–4.0)
	Vapor-liquid	Waste-heat steam boiler	Flue gas cooled, water boiled	T	L, H	2–10 (0.011–0.057)
		Direct-fired steam boiler	Combustion gas cooled, water boiled	T	L, H	2–10 (0.011–0.057)
Condensing	Vapor-liquid	Refrigeration condenser	Water heated, refrigerant condensed	S, D	L, M	80–250 (0.45–1.4)
		Steam surface condenser	Water heated, steam condensed	S	L	300–800 (1.7–4.5)
	Vapor-gas	Steam mixing condenser	Water heated, steam condensed	M	L	DC
		Intercondenser and aftercondenser	Condensate heated, steam condensed	S	L	15–300 (0.085–1.7)
Vapor-gas	Air-cooled surface condenser	Air heated, steam condensed	Air heated, steam condensed	T	L	2–16 (0.011–0.091)

\*Power.

†S—shell-and-tube exchanger; M—direct contact mixing exchanger; T—tubes in path of moving fluid, or exchanger open to surrounding air; R—regenerative plate-type or simple plate-type exchanger; D—double-tube exchanger.

‡L—highest pressure ranges from 0 to 100 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (0 to 689.4 kPa); M—highest pressure from 100 to 500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (689.4 to 3447 kPa); H—500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (3447 kPa) up.

§Values of  $U$  represent range of overall heat-transfer coefficients that might be expected in various exchangers. Coefficients are stated in Btu/(h·°F·ft<sup>2</sup>) [W/(m<sup>2</sup>·°C)] of heating surface. Total heat transferred in exchanger, in Btu/h, is obtained by multiplying a specific value of  $U$  for that type of exchanger by the surface and the log mean temperature difference. DC indicates direct exchange of heat.



3. **Specify the usual pressure range and typical  $U$ .** Using the same identifying letters for the heaters being selected, Table 1 shows the action and usual type of heater chosen. Thus,

Usual pressure range	Typical $U$ range	
	Btu/(h·°F·ft <sup>2</sup> )	W/(m <sup>2</sup> ·°C)
a. 0–500 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (abs) (0 to 3447 kPa)	20–60	113.6–340.7
b. 0–100 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (abs) (0 to 689.4 kPa)	2–10	11.4–56.8
c. 0–500 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (abs) (0 to 3447 kPa)	40–150	227.1–851.7

4. **Select the heater for each service.** Where the heat-transfer conditions are normal for the type of service met, the type of heater listed in step 2 can be safely used. When the heat-transfer conditions are unusual, a special type of heater may be needed. To select such a heater, study the data in Table 1 and make a tentative selection. Check the selection by using the methods given in the following calculation procedures in this section.

**Related Calculations** Use Table 1 as a general guide to heat-exchanger selection in any industry—petroleum, chemical, power, marine, textile, lumber, etc. Once the general type of heater and its typical  $U$  value are known, compute the required size, using the procedures given later in this section.

## SHELL-AND-TUBE HEAT EXCHANGER SIZE

What is the required heat-transfer area for a parallel-flow shell-and-tube heat exchanger used to heat oil if the entering oil temperature is 60°F (15.6°C), the leaving oil temperature is 120°F (48.9°C), and the heating medium is steam at 200 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1378.8 kPa)? There is no subcooling of condensate in the heat exchanger. The overall coefficient of heat transfer  $U = 25$  Btu/(h·°F·ft<sup>2</sup>) [141.9 W/(m<sup>2</sup>·°C)]. How much heating steam is required if the oil flow rate through the heater is 100 gal/min (6.3 L/s), the specific gravity of the oil is 0.9, and the specific heat of the oil is 0.5 Btu/(lb·°F) [2.84 W/(m<sup>2</sup>·°C)]?

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Compute the heat-transfer rate of the heater.** With a flow rate of 100 gal/min (6.3 L/s) or (100 gal/min)(60 min/h) = 6000 gal/h (22,710 L/h), the weight flow rate of the oil, using the weight of water of specific gravity 1.0 as 8.33 lb/gal, is (6000 gal/h) (0.9 specific gravity)(8.33 lb/gal) = 45,000 lb/h (20,250 kg/h), closely.

Since the temperature of the oil rises 120 – 60 = 60°F (33.3°C) during passage through the heat exchanger and the oil has a specific heat of 0.50, find the heat-transfer rate of the heater from the general relation  $Q = wc \Delta t$ , where  $Q$  = heat-transfer rate, Btu/h;  $w$  = oil flow rate, lb/h;  $c$  = specific heat of the oil, Btu/(lb·°F);  $\Delta t$  = temperature rise of the oil during passage through the heater. Thus,  $Q = (45,000)(0.5)(60) = 1,350,000$  Btu/h (0.4 MW).

2. **Compute the heater logarithmic mean temperature difference.** The logarithmic mean temperature difference (LMTD) is found from  $LMTD = (G - L)/\ln(G/L)$ , where  $G$  = greater terminal temperature difference of the heater, °F;  $L$  = lower terminal temperature difference of the heater, °F;  $\ln$  = logarithm to the base  $e$ . This relation is valid for heat exchangers in which the number of shell passes equals the number of tube passes.

In general, for parallel flow of the fluid streams,  $G = T_1 - t_1$  and  $L = T_2 - t_2$ , where  $T_1$  = heating fluid inlet temperature, °F;  $T_2$  = heating fluid outlet temperature, °F;  $t_1$  = heated fluid inlet temperature, °F;

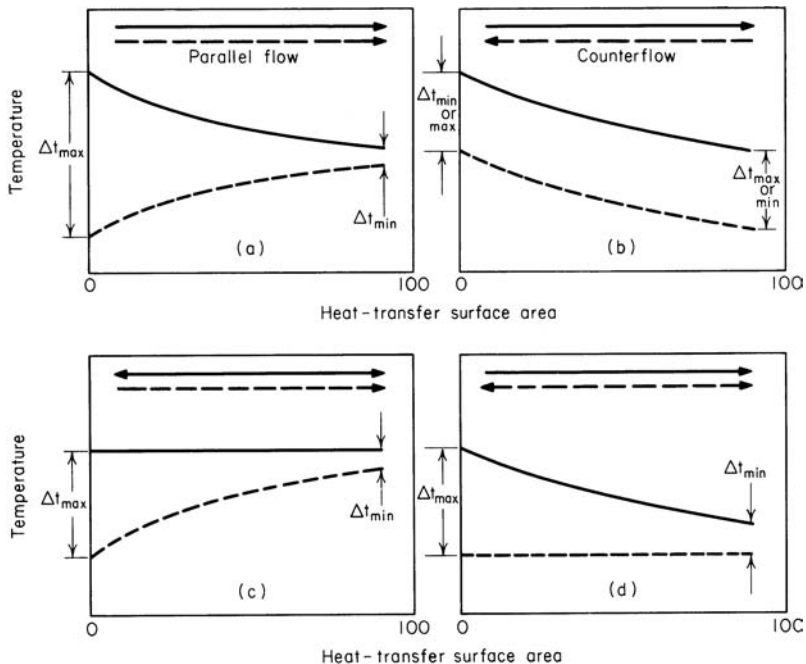


FIGURE 1 Temperature relations in typical parallel-flow and counterflow heat exchangers.

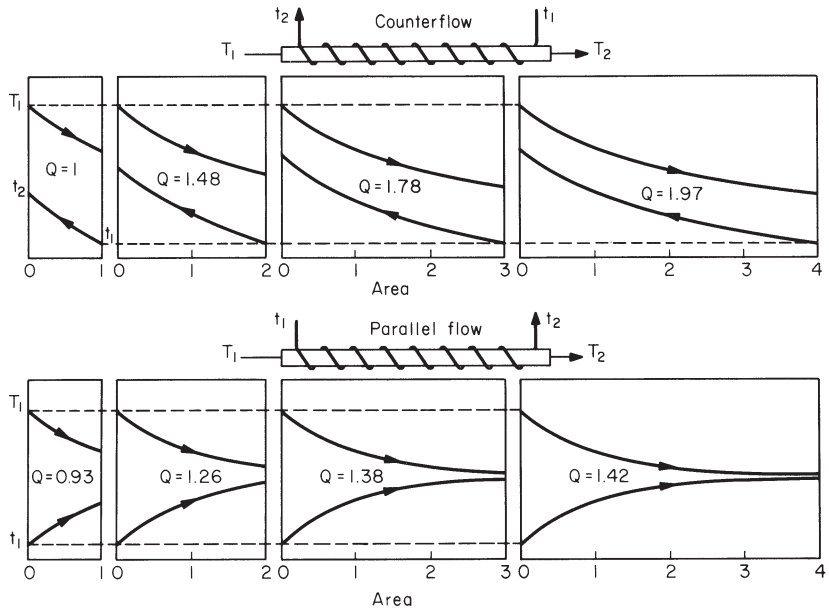
$t_2$  = heated fluid outlet temperature, °F. Figure 1 shows the maximum and minimum terminal temperature differences for various fluid flow paths.

For this parallel-flow exchanger,  $G = T_1 - t_1 = 382 - 60 = 322^\circ\text{F}$  ( $179^\circ\text{C}$ ), where  $382^\circ\text{F}$  ( $194^\circ\text{C}$ ) = the temperature of 200-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1379-kPa) saturated steam, from a table of steam properties. Also,  $L = T_2 - t_2 = 382 - 120 = 262^\circ\text{F}$  ( $145.6^\circ\text{C}$ ), where the condensate temperature = the saturated steam temperature because there is no subcooling of the condensate. Then  $\text{LMTD} = G - L/\ln(G/L) = (322 - 262)/\ln(322/262) = 290^\circ\text{F}$  ( $161^\circ\text{C}$ ).

**3. Compute the required heat-transfer area.** Use the relation  $A = Q/U \times \text{LMTD}$ , where  $A$  = required heat-transfer area, ft<sup>2</sup>;  $U$  = overall coefficient of heat transfer, Btu/(ft<sup>2</sup>·h·°F). Thus,  $A = 1,350,000/[(25)(290)] = 186.4 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $17.3 \text{ m}^2$ ), say 200 ft<sup>2</sup> ( $18.6 \text{ m}^2$ ).

**4. Compute the required quantity of heating steam.** The heat added to the oil =  $Q = 1,350,000$  Btu/h, from step 1. The enthalpy of vaporization of 200-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1379-kPa) saturated steam is, from the steam tables, 843.0 Btu/lb (1960.8 kJ/kg). Use the relation  $W = Q/h_{fg}$ , where  $W$  = flow rate of heating steam, lb/h;  $h_{fg}$  = enthalpy of vaporization of the heating steam, Btu/lb. Hence,  $W = 1,350,000/843.0 = 1600 \text{ lb/h}$  (720 kg/h).

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure to find the heat-transfer area, fluid outlet temperature, and required heating-fluid flow rate when true parallel flow or counterflow of the fluids occurs in the heat exchanger. When such a true flow does *not* exist, use a suitable correction factor, as shown in the next calculation procedure.



**FIGURE 2** For certain conditions, the area between the temperature curves measures the amount of heat being transferred.

The procedure described here can be used for heat exchangers in power plants, heating systems, marine propulsion, air-conditioning systems, etc. Any heating or cooling fluid—steam, gas, chilled water, etc.—can be used.

To select a heat exchanger by using the results of this calculation procedure, enter the engineering data tables available from manufacturers at the computed heat-transfer area. Read the heater dimensions directly from the table. Be sure to use the next *larger* heat-transfer area when the exact required area is not available.

When there is little movement of the fluid on either side of the heat-transfer area, such as occurs during heat transmission through a building wall, the arithmetic mean (average) temperature difference can be used instead of the LMTD. Use the LMTD when there is rapid movement of the fluids on either side of the heat-transfer area and a rapid change in temperature in one or both fluids. When one of the two fluids is partially, but not totally, evaporated or condensed, the true mean temperature difference is different from the arithmetic mean and the LMTD. Special methods, such as those presented in Perry—*Chemical Engineers' Handbook*, must be used to compute the actual temperature difference under these conditions.

When two liquids or gases with constant specific heats are exchanging heat in a heat exchanger, the area between their temperature curves, Fig. 2, is a measure of the total heat being transferred. Figure 2 shows how the temperature curves vary with the amount of heat-transfer area for counterflow and parallel-flow exchangers when the fluid inlet temperatures are kept constant. As Fig. 2 shows, the counterflow arrangement is superior.

If enough heating surface is provided, in a counterflow exchanger, the leaving cold-fluid temperature can be raised above the leaving hot-fluid temperature. This cannot be done in a parallel-flow exchanger, where the temperatures can only approach each other regardless of how much surface is used. The counterflow arrangement transfers more heat for given conditions and usually proves more economical to use.

## HEAT-EXCHANGER ACTUAL TEMPERATURE DIFFERENCE

A counterflow shell-and-tube heat exchanger has one shell pass for the heating fluid and two shell passes for the fluid being heated. What is the actual LMTD for this exchanger if  $T_1 = 300^\circ\text{F}$  ( $148.9^\circ\text{C}$ ),  $T_2 = 250^\circ\text{F}$  ( $121^\circ\text{C}$ ),  $t_1 = 100^\circ\text{F}$  ( $37.8^\circ\text{C}$ ), and  $t_2 = 230^\circ\text{F}$  ( $110^\circ\text{C}$ )?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine how the LMTD should be computed.** When the numbers of shell and tube passes are unequal, true counterflow does not exist in the heat exchanger. To allow for this deviation from true counterflow, a correction factor must be applied to the logarithmic mean temperature difference (LMTD). Figure 3 gives the correction factor to use.

**2. Compute the variables for the correction factor.** The two variables that determine the correction factor are shown in Fig. 3 as  $P = (t_2 - t_1)/(T_1 - t_1)$  and  $R = (T_1 - T_2)/(t_2 - t_1)$ . Thus,  $P = (230 - 100)/(300 - 100) = 0.65$ , and  $R = (300 - 250)/(230 - 100) = 0.385$ . From Fig. 3, the correction factor is  $F = 0.90$  for these values of  $P$  and  $R$ .

**3. Compute the theoretical LMTD.** Use the relation  $\text{LMTD} = (G - L)/\ln(G/L)$ , where the symbols for counterflow heat exchange are  $G = T_2 - t_1$ ;  $L = T_1 - t_2$ ;  $\ln$  = logarithm to the base  $e$ . All temperatures in this equation are expressed in  $^\circ\text{F}$ . Thus,  $G = 250 - 100 = 150^\circ\text{F}$  ( $83.3^\circ\text{C}$ );  $L = 300 - 230 = 70^\circ\text{F}$  ( $38.9^\circ\text{C}$ ). Then  $\text{LMTD} = (150 - 70)/\ln(150/70) = 105^\circ\text{F}$  ( $58.3^\circ\text{C}$ ).

**4. Compute the actual LMTD for this exchanger.** The actual LMTD for this or any other heat exchanger is  $\text{LMTD}_{\text{actual}} = F(\text{LMTD}_{\text{computed}}) = 0.9(105) = 94.5^\circ\text{F}$  ( $52.5^\circ\text{C}$ ). Use the actual LMTD to compute the required exchanger heat-transfer area.

**Related Calculations** Once the corrected LMTD is known, compute the required heat-exchanger size in the manner shown in the previous calculation procedure. The method given here is valid for

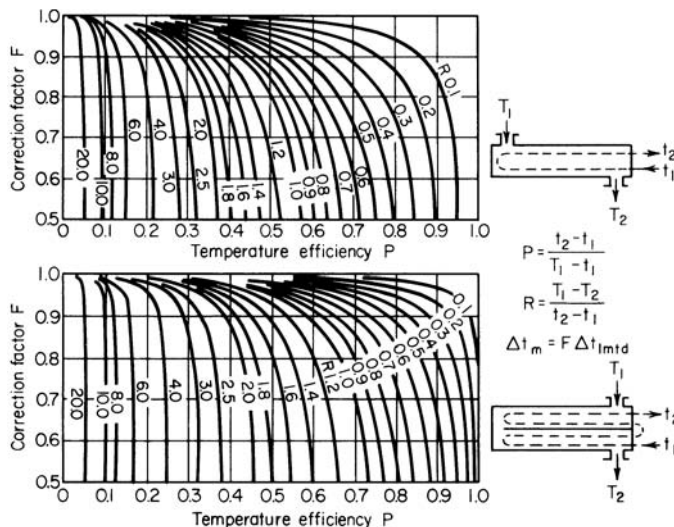
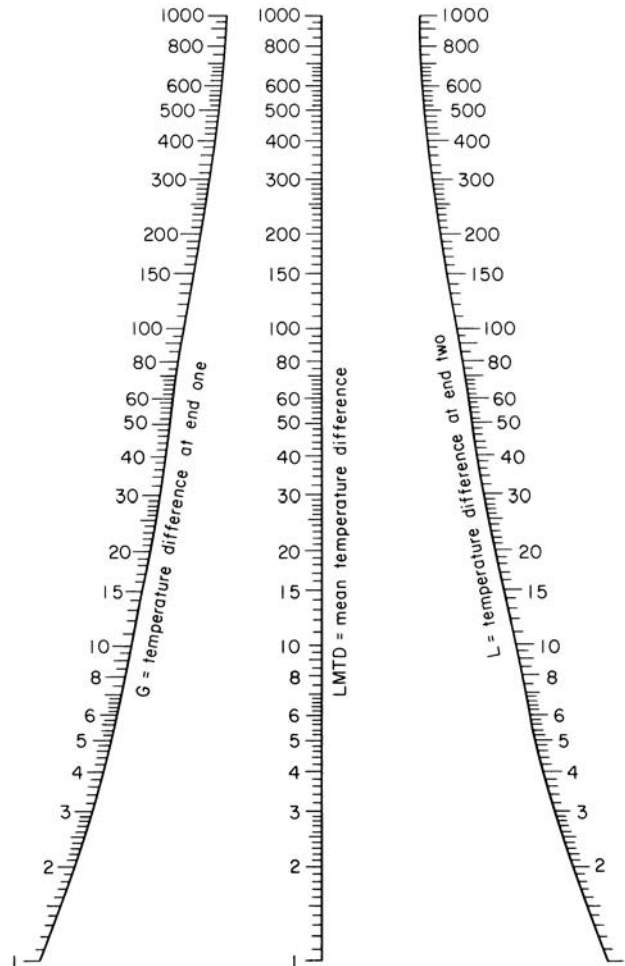


FIGURE 3 Correction factors for LMTD when the heater flow path differs from true counterflow. (Power.)



**FIGURE 4** Logarithmic mean temperature for a variety of heat-transfer applications.

both two- and four-pass shell-and-tube heat exchangers. Figure 4 simplifies the computation of the uncorrected LMTD for temperature differences ranging from 1 to 1000°F (−17 to 537.8°C). It gives LMTD with sufficient accuracy for all normal industrial and commercial heat-exchanger applications. Correction-factor charts for three shell passes, six or more tube passes, four shell passes, and eight or more tube passes are published in the *Standards of the Tubular Exchanger Manufacturers Association*.

## FOULING FACTORS IN HEAT-EXCHANGER SIZING AND SELECTION

A heat exchanger having an overall coefficient of heat transfer of  $U = 100 \text{ Btu}/(\text{ft}^2 \cdot \text{h} \cdot ^\circ\text{F})$  [ $567.8 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$ ] is used to cool lean oil. What effect will the tube fouling have on the value of  $U$  for this exchanger?

**TABLE 2** Heat-Exchanger Fouling Factors\*

Fluid heated or cooled	Fouling factor
Fuel oil	0.0055
Lean oil	0.0020
Clean recirculated oil	0.0010
Quench oils	0.0042
Refrigerants (liquid)	0.0011
Gasoline	0.0006
Steam-clean and oil-free	0.0001
Refrigerant vapors	0.0023
Diesel exhaust	0.013
Compressed air	0.0022
Clean air	0.0011
Seawater under 130°F (54°C)	0.0006
Seawater over 130°F (54°C)	0.0011
City or well water under 130°F (54°C)	0.0011
City or well water over 130°F (54°C)	0.0021
Treated boiler feedwater under 130°F, 3 ft/s (54°C, 0.9 m/s)	0.0008
Treated boiler feedwater over 130°F, 3 ft/s (54°C, 0.9 m/s)	0.0009
Boiler blowdown	0.0022

\*Condenser Service and Engineering Company, Inc.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the heat exchanger fouling factor.** Use Table 2 to determine the fouling factor for this exchanger. Thus, the fouling factor for lean oil = 0.0020.

**2. Determine the actual  $U$  for the heat exchanger.** Enter Fig. 5 at the bottom with the clean heat-transfer coefficient of  $U = 100 \text{ Btu}/(\text{h}\cdot\text{ft}^2\cdot^\circ\text{F})$  [ $567.8 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2\cdot^\circ\text{C})$ ] and project vertically upward to the 0.002 fouling-factor curve. From the intersection with this curve, project horizontally to the left to read the design or actual heat-transfer coefficient as  $U_a = 78 \text{ Btu}/(\text{h}\cdot\text{ft}^2\cdot^\circ\text{F})$  [ $442.9 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2\cdot^\circ\text{C})$ ]. Thus, the fouling of the tubes causes a reduction of the  $U$  value of  $100 - 78 = 22 \text{ Btu}/(\text{h}\cdot\text{ft}^2\cdot^\circ\text{F})$  [ $124.9 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2\cdot^\circ\text{C})$ ]. This means that the required heat transfer area must be increased by nearly 25 percent to compensate for the reduction in heat transfer caused by fouling.

**Related Calculations** Table 2 gives fouling factors for a wide variety of service conditions in applications of many types. Use these factors as described above; or add the fouling factor to the film resistance for the heat exchanger to obtain the total resistance to heat transfer. Then  $U =$  the reciprocal of the total resistance. Use the actual value  $U_a$  of the heat-transfer coefficient when sizing a heat exchanger. The method given here is that used by Condenser Service and Engineering Company, Inc.

## HEAT TRANSFER IN BAROMETRIC AND JET CONDENSERS

A counterflow barometric condenser must maintain an exhaust pressure of  $2 \text{ lb}/\text{in}^2$  (abs) (13.8 kPa) for an industrial process. What condensing-water flow rate is required with a cooling-water inlet temperature of  $60^\circ\text{F}$  ( $15.6^\circ\text{C}$ ); of  $80^\circ\text{F}$  ( $26.7^\circ\text{C}$ )? How much air must be removed from this

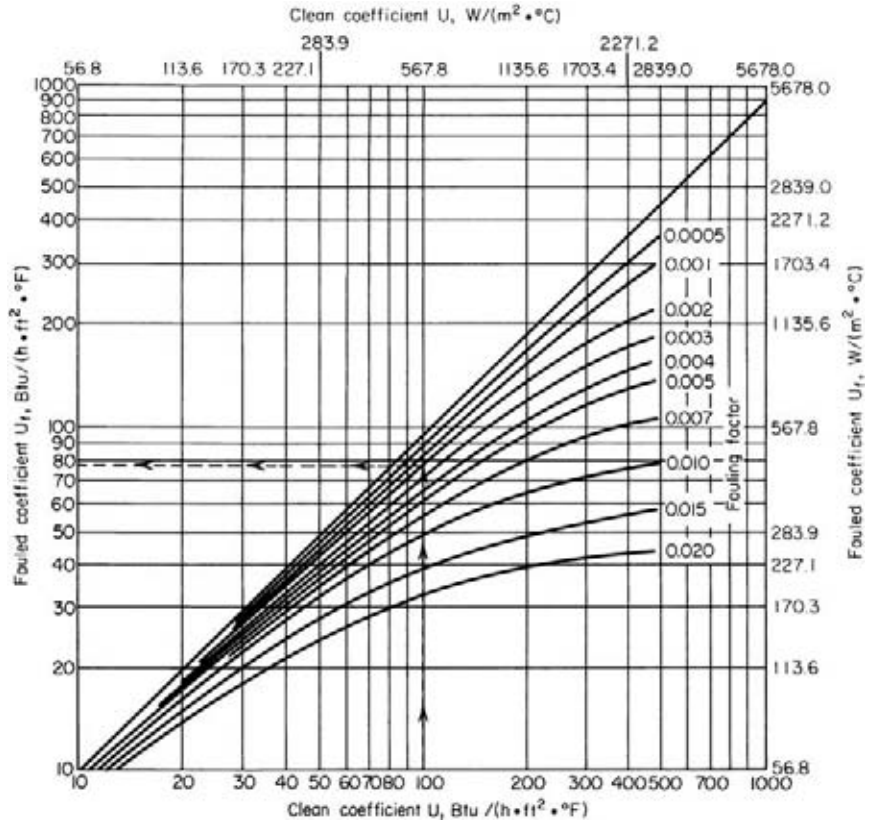


FIGURE 5 Effect of heat-exchanger fouling on the overall coefficient of heat transfer. (Condenser Service and Engineering Co., Inc.)

barometric condenser if the steam flow rate is 25,000 lb/h (11,250 kg/h); 250,000 lb/h (112,500 kg/h)?

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the required unit cooling-water flow rate.** Use Fig. 6 as a quick guide to the required cooling-water flow rate for counterflow barometric condensers. Thus, entering the bottom of Fig. 6 at 2-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (13.8-kPa) exhaust pressure and projecting vertically upward to the 60°F (15.6°C) and 80°F (26.7°C) cooling-water inlet temperature curves show that the required flow rate is 52 gal/min (3.2 L/s) and 120 gal/min (7.6 L/s), respectively, per 1000 lb/h (450 kg/h) of steam condensed.

**2. Compute the total cooling-water flow rate required.** Use this relation: total cooling water required, gal/min = (unit cooling-water flow rate, gal/min per 1000 lb/h of steam condensed) (steam flow, lb/h)/1000. Or, total gpm = (52)(250,000/1000) = 13,000 gal/min (820.2 L/s) of 60°F (15.6°C) cooling water. For 80°F (26.7°C) cooling water, total gpm = (120)(250,000/1000) = 30,000 gal/min

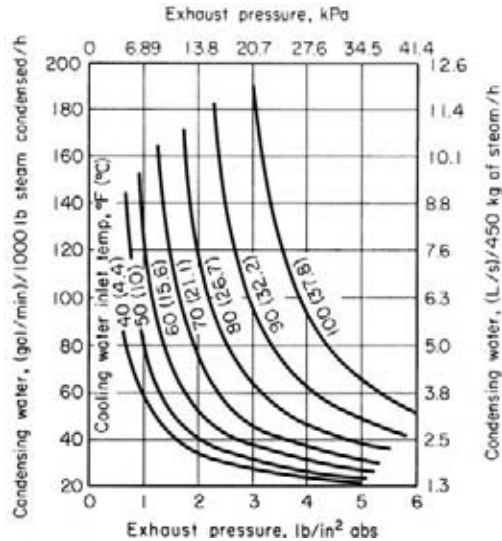


FIGURE 6 Barometric condenser condensing-water flow rate.

(1892.7 L/s). Thus, a 20°F (11.1°C) rise in the cooling-water temperature raises the flow rate required by  $30,000 - 13,000 = 17,000$  gal/min (1072.5 L/s).

**3. Compute the quantity of air that must be handled.** With a steam flow of 25,000 lb/h (11,250 kg/h) to a barometric condenser, manufacturers' engineering data show that the quantity of air entering with the steam is 3 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.08 m<sup>3</sup>/min); with a steam flow of 250,000 lb/h (112,500 kg/h), air enters at the rate of 10 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.28 m<sup>3</sup>/min). Hence, the quantity of air in the steam that must be handled by this condenser is 10 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.28 m<sup>3</sup>/min).

Air entering with the cooling water varies from about 2 ft<sup>3</sup>/min per 1000 gal/min of 100°F (0.06 m<sup>3</sup>/min per 3785 L/min of 37.8°C) water to 4 ft<sup>3</sup>/min per 1000 gal/min at 35°F (0.11 m<sup>3</sup>/min per 3785 L/min at 1.7°C). Using a value of 3 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.08 m<sup>3</sup>/min) for this condenser, we see the quantity of air that must be handled is (ft<sup>3</sup>/min per 1000 gal/min)(cooling-water flow rate, gal/min)/1000, or cfm of air = (3)(13,000/1000) = 39 ft<sup>3</sup>/min at 60°F (1.1 m<sup>3</sup>/min at 15.6°C). At 80°F (26.7°C) cfm = (3)(30,000/1000) = 90 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (2.6 m<sup>3</sup>/min).

Hence, the total air quantity that must be handled is  $39 + 10 = 49$  ft<sup>3</sup>/min (1.4 m<sup>3</sup>/min) with 60°F (15.6°C) cooling water, and  $90 + 10 = 100$  ft<sup>3</sup>/min (2.8 m<sup>3</sup>/min) with 80°F (26.7°C) cooling water. The air is usually removed from the barometric condenser by a two-stage air ejector.

**Related Calculations** For help in specifying conditions for parallel-flow and counterflow barometric condensers, refer to *Standards of Heat Exchange Institute—Barometric and Low-Level Jet Condensers*. Whereas Fig. 6 can be used for a first approximation of the cooling water required for parallel-flow barometric condensers, the results obtained will not be as accurate as for counterflow condensers.

## SELECTION OF A FINNED-TUBE HEAT EXCHANGER

Choose a finned-tube heat exchanger for a 1000-hp (746-kW) four-cycle turbocharged diesel engine having oil-cooled pistons and a cooled exhaust manifold. The heat exchanger will be used only for jacket-water cooling.



**TABLE 3** Approximate Rates of Heat Rejection to Cooling Systems\*

Four-cycle engines				
Engine type	Normally aspirated, dry pistons, water-jacketed exhaust manifold, Btu/ (bhp-h) (kJ/kWh)	Normally aspirated, oil-cooled pistons, water-jacketed manifold, Btu/ (bhp-h) (kJ/kWh)	Turbocharged, oil-cooled pistons, dry manifold, Btu/ (bhp-h) (kJ/kWh)	Turbocharged, oil-cooled pistons, cooled manifold, Btu/ (bhp-h) (kJ/kWh)
Jacket water	2200–2600 (12.5–14.8)	2000–2500 (11.3–14.2)	1450–1750 (8.2–9.9)	1800–2200 (10.2–12.5)
Lubricating oil	175–350 (1.0–2.0)	300–600 (1.7–3.4)	300–500 (1.7–2.8)	300–500 (1.7–2.8)
Raw water	2375–2950 (13.5–16.7)	2300–3100 (13.1–17.6)	1750–2250 (9.9–12.8)	2100–2700 (11.9–15.3)
Two-cycle engines				
Engine type	Loop scavenging oil-cooled piston, Btu/(bhp-h) (kJ/kWh)	Uniflow scavenging oil-cooled pistons		
		Opposed piston, Btu/(bhp-h) (kJ/kWh)	Valve in head, Btu/(bhp-h) (kJ/kWh)	
Jacket water	1300–1900 (7.4–10.8)	1200–1600 (6.8–9.1)	1700–2100 (9.6–11.9)	
Lubricating oil	500–700 (2.8–4.0)	900–1100 (5.1–6.2)	400–750 (2.3–4.3)	
Raw water	1800–2600 (10.2–14.8)	2100–2700 (11.9–15.3)	2100–2850 (11.9–16.2)	

\*Diesel Engine Manufacturers Association; SI values added by handbook editor.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the heat-exchanger cooling load.** The Diesel Engine Manufacturers Association (DEMA) tabulation, Table 3, lists the heat rejection to the cooling system by various types of diesel engines. Table 3 shows that the heat rejection from the jacket water of a four-cycle turbocharged engine having oil-cooled pistons and a cooled manifold is 1800 to 2200 Btu/(bhp-h) (0.71 to 0.86 kW/kW). Using the higher value, we see the jacket-water heat rejection by this engine is  $(1000 \text{ bhp})(2200 \text{ Btu}/(\text{bhp}\cdot\text{h})) = 2,200,000 \text{ Btu}/\text{h}$  (644.8 kW).

**2. Determine the jacket-water temperature rise.** DEMA reports that a water temperature rise of 15 to 20°F (8.3 to 11.1°C) is common during passage of the cooling water through the engine. The maximum water discharge temperature reported by DEMA ranges from 140 to 180°F (60 to 82.2°C). Assume a 20°F (11.1°C) water temperature rise and a 160°F (71.1°C) water discharge temperature for this engine.

**3. Determine the air inlet and outlet temperatures.** Refer to weather data for the locality of the engine installation. Assume that the weather data for the locality of this engine show that the maximum dry-bulb temperature met in summer is 90°F (32.2°C). Use this as the air inlet temperature.

Before the required surface area can be determined, the air outlet temperature from the radiator must be known. This outlet temperature cannot be computed directly. Hence, it must be assumed and a trial calculation made. If the area obtained is too large, a higher outlet air temperature must be assumed and the calculation redone. Assume an outlet air temperature of 150°F (65.6°C).

**4. Compute the LMTD for the radiator.** The largest temperature difference for this exchanger is  $160 - 90 = 70^\circ\text{F}$  ( $38.9^\circ\text{C}$ ), and the smallest temperature difference is  $150 - 140 = 10^\circ\text{F}$  ( $5.6^\circ\text{C}$ ). In the smallest temperature difference expression,  $140^\circ\text{F}$  ( $77.8^\circ\text{C}$ ) = water discharge temperature from the engine – cooling-water temperature rise during passage through the engine, or  $160 - 20 = 140^\circ\text{F}$  ( $77.8^\circ\text{C}$ ). Then  $\text{LMTD} = (70 - 10)/[\ln(70/10)] = 30^\circ\text{F}$  ( $16.7^\circ\text{C}$ ). (Figure 4 could also be used to compute the LMTD.)

**5. Compute the required exchanger surface area.** Use the relation  $A = Q/U \times \text{LMTD}$ , where  $A$  = surface area required,  $\text{ft}^2$ ;  $Q$  = rate of heat transfer,  $\text{Btu/h}$ ;  $U$  = overall coefficient of heat transfer,  $\text{Btu}/(\text{h}\cdot\text{ft}^2\cdot^\circ\text{F})$ . To solve this equation,  $U$  must be known.

Table 1 in the first calculation procedure in this section shows that  $U$  ranges from 2 to 10  $\text{Btu}/(\text{h}\cdot\text{ft}^2\cdot^\circ\text{F})$  [ $56.8 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2\cdot^\circ\text{C})$ ] in the usual internal-combustion-engine finned-tube radiator. Using a value of 5 for  $U$ , we get  $A = 2,200,000/[(5)(30)] = 14,650 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $1361.0 \text{ m}^2$ ).

**6. Determine the length of finned tubing required.** The total area of a finned tube is the sum of the tube and fin area per unit length. The tube area is a function of the tube diameter, whereas the finned area is a function of the number of fins per inch of tube length and the tube diameter.

Assume that 1-in (2.5-cm) tubes having 4 fins per inch (6.35 mm per fin) are used in this radiator. A tube manufacturer's engineering data show that a finned tube of these dimensions has  $5.8 \text{ ft}^2$  of area per linear foot ( $1.8 \text{ m}^2/\text{lin m}$ ) of tube.

To compute the linear feet  $L$  of finned tubing required, use the relation  $L = A/(\text{ft}^2/\text{ft})$ , or  $L = 14,650/5.8 = 2530 \text{ lin ft}$  ( $771.1 \text{ m}$ ) of tubing.

**7. Compute the number of individual tubes required.** Assume a length for the radiator tubes. Typical lengths range between 4 and 20 ft (1.2 and 6.1 m), depending on the size of the radiator. With a length of 16 ft (4.9 m) per tube, the total number of tubes required =  $2530/16 = 158$  tubes. This number is typical for finned-tube heat exchangers having large heat-transfer rates [more than  $10^6 \text{ Btu/h}$  ( $100 \text{ kW}$ )].

**8. Determine the fan horsepower required.** The fan horsepower required can be computed by determining the quantity of air that must be moved through the heat exchanger, after assuming a resistance—say 1.0 in of water (0.025 Pa)—for the exchanger. However, the more common way of determining the fan horsepower is by referring to the manufacturer's engineering data.

Thus, one manufacturer recommends three 5-hp (3.7-kW) fans for this cooling load, and another recommends two 8-hp (5.9-kW) fans. Hence, about 16 hp (11.9 kW) is required for the radiator.

**Related Calculations** The steps given here are suitable for the initial sizing of finned-tube heat exchangers for a variety of applications. For exact sizing, it may be necessary to apply a correction factor to the LMTD. These correction factors are published in Kern—*Process Heat Transfer*, McGraw-Hill, and McAdams—*Heat Transfer*, McGraw-Hill.

The method presented here can be used for finned-tube heat exchangers used for air heating or cooling, gas heating or cooling, and similar industrial and commercial applications.

## SPIRAL-TYPE HEATING COIL SELECTION

How many feet of heating coil are required to heat 1000 gal/h (1.1 L/s) of 0.85-specific-gravity oil if the specific heat of the oil is 0.50  $\text{Btu}/(\text{lb}\cdot^\circ\text{F})$  [ $2.1 \text{ kJ}/(\text{kg}\cdot^\circ\text{C})$ ], the heating medium is 65-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (448.2-kPa) steam, and the oil enters at  $60^\circ\text{F}$  ( $15.6^\circ\text{C}$ ) and leaves at  $125^\circ\text{F}$  ( $51.7^\circ\text{C}$ )? There is no subcooling of the condensate.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the LMTD for the heater.** Steam at  $65 + 14.7 = 79.7$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (549.5 kPa) has a temperature of approximately 312°F (155.6°C), as given by the steam tables. Condensate at this pressure has the same approximate temperature. Hence, the entering and leaving temperatures of the heating fluid are approximately the same.

Oil enters the heater at 60°F (15.6°C) and leaves at 125°F (51.7°C). Therefore, the greater temperature  $G$  across the heater is  $G = 312 - 60 = 252$ °F (140.0°C), and the lesser temperature difference  $L$  is  $L = 312 - 125 = 187$ °F (103.9°C). Hence, the LMTD =  $(G - L)/[\ln(G/L)]$ , or  $(252 - 187)/[\ln(252/187)] = 222$ °F (123.3°C). In this relation,  $\ln$  = logarithm to the base  $e = 2.7183$ . (Figure 4 could also be used to determine the LMTD.)

**2. Compute the heat required to raise the oil temperature.** Water weighs 8.33 lb/gal (1.0 kg/L). Since this oil has a specific gravity of 0.85, it weighs  $(8.33)(0.85) = 7.08$  lb/gal (0.85 kg/L). With 1000 gal/h (1.1 L/s) of oil to be heated, the weight of oil heated is  $(1000 \text{ gal/h})(7.08 \text{ lb/gal}) = 7080$  lb/h (0.89 kg/s). Since the oil has a specific heat of 0.5 Btu/(lb·°F) [2.1 kJ/(kg·°C)] and this oil is heated through a temperature range of  $125 - 60 = 65$ °F (36.1°C), the quantity of heat  $Q$  required to raise the temperature of the oil is  $Q = (7080 \text{ lb/h}) [0.5 \text{ Btu}/(\text{lb}\cdot\text{°F}) (65\text{°F})] = 230,000$  Btu/h (67.4 kW).

**3. Compute the heat-transfer area required.** Use the relation  $A = Q/(U \times \text{LMTD})$ , where  $Q$  = heat-transfer rate, Btu/h;  $U$  = overall coefficient of heat transfer, Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F). For heating oil to 125°F (51.7°C), the  $U$  value given in Table 1 is 20 to 60 Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F) [0.11 to 0.34 kW/(m<sup>2</sup>·°C)]. Using a value of  $U = 30$  Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F) [0.17 kW/(m<sup>2</sup>·°C)] to produce a conservatively sized heater, we find  $A = 230,000/[(30)(222)] = 33.4$  ft<sup>2</sup> (3.1 m<sup>2</sup>) of heating surface.

**4. Choose the coil material for the heater.** Spiral-type tank heating coils are usually made of steel because this material has a good corrosion resistance in oil. Hence, this coil will be assumed to be made of steel.

**5. Compute the heating steam flow required.** To determine the steam flow rate required, use the relation  $S = Q/h_{fg}$ , where  $S$  = steam flow, lb/h;  $h_{fg}$  = latent heat of vaporization of the heating steam, Btu/lb, from the steam tables; other symbols as before. Hence,  $S = 230,000/901.1 = 256$  lb/h (0.03 kg/s), closely.

**6. Compute the heating coil pipe diameter.** Steam-heating coils submerged in the liquid being heated are usually chosen for a steam velocity of 4000 to 5000 ft/min (20.3 to 25.4 m/s). Compute the heating pipe cross-sectional area  $a$  in<sup>2</sup> from  $a = 2.4Sv_g/V$ , where  $v_g$  = specific volume of the steam at the coil operating pressure, ft<sup>3</sup>/lb, from the steam tables;  $V$  = steam velocity in the heating coil, ft/min; other symbols as before. With a steam velocity of 4000 ft/min (20.3 m/s),  $a = 2.4(256)(5.47)/4000 = 0.838$  in<sup>2</sup> (5.4 cm<sup>2</sup>).

Refer to a tabulation of pipe properties. Such a tabulation shows that the internal transverse area of a schedule 40 1-in (2.5-cm) diameter nominal steel pipe is 0.863 in<sup>2</sup> (5.6 cm<sup>2</sup>). Hence, a 1-in (2.5-cm) pipe will be suitable for this heating coil.

**7. Determine the length of coil required.** A pipe property tabulation shows that 2.9 lin ft (0.9 m) of 1-in (2.5-cm) schedule 40 pipe has 1.0 ft<sup>2</sup> (0.09 m<sup>2</sup>) of external area. Hence, the total length of pipe required in this heating coil =  $(33.1 \text{ ft}^2)(2.9 \text{ ft}/\text{ft}^2) = 96$  ft (29.3 m).

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure to find the area and length of spiral heating coil required to heat water, industrial solutions, oils, etc. This procedure also can be used to find the area and length of cooling coils used to cool brine, oils, alcohol, wine, etc. In every case, be certain to substitute the correct specific heat for the liquid being heated or cooled. For typical

values of  $U$ , consult Perry—*Chemical Engineers' Handbook*, McGraw-Hill, McAdams—*Heat Transmission*, McGraw-Hill, or Kern—*Process Heat Transfer*, McGraw-Hill.

## SIZING ELECTRIC HEATERS FOR INDUSTRIAL USE

Choose the heating capacity of an electric heater to heat a pot containing 600 lb (272.2 kg) of lead from the charging temperature of 70°F (21.1°C) to a temperature of 750°F (398.9°C) if 600 lb (272.2 kg) of the lead is to be melted and heated per hour. The pot is 30 in (76.2 cm) in diameter and 18 in (45.7 cm) deep.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the heat needed to reach the melting point.** When a solid is melted, first it must be raised from its ambient or room temperature to the melting temperature. The quantity of heat required is  $H = (\text{weight of solid, lb})[\text{specific heat of solid, Btu/(lb}\cdot\text{°F)}](t_m - t_i)$ , where  $H = \text{Btu}$  required to raise the temperature of the solid, °F;  $t_i = \text{room, charging, or initial temperature of the solid, °F}$ ;  $t_m = \text{melting temperature of the solid, °F}$ .

For this pot with lead having a melting temperature of 620°F (326.7°C) and an average specific heat of 0.031 Btu/(lb·°F) [0.13 kJ/(kg·°C)],  $H = (600)(0.031)(620 - 70) = 10,240 \text{ Btu/h}$  (3.0 kW), or  $(10,240 \text{ Btu/h})/(3412 \text{ Btu/kWh}) = 2.98 \text{ kWh}$ .

**2. Compute the heat required to melt the solid.** The heat  $H_m$  Btu required to melt a solid is  $H_m = (\text{weight of solid melted, lb})(\text{heat of fusion of the solid, Btu/lb})$ . Since the heat of fusion of lead is 10 Btu/lb (23.3 kJ/kg),  $H_m = (600)(10) = 6000 \text{ Btu/h}$ , or  $6000/3412 = 1.752 \text{ kWh}$ .

**3. Compute the heat required to reach the working temperature.** Use the same relation as in step 1, except that the temperature range is expressed as  $t_w - t_m$ , where  $t_w = \text{working temperature of the melted solid}$ . Thus, for this pot,  $H = (600)(0.031)(750 - 620) = 2420 \text{ Btu/h}$  (709.3 W), or  $2420/3412 = 0.709 \text{ kWh}$ .

**4. Determine the heat loss from the pot.** Use Fig. 7 to determine the heat loss from the pot. Enter at the bottom of Fig. 7 at 750°F (398.9°C), and project vertically upward to the 10-in (25.4-cm) diameter pot curve. At the left, read the heat loss at 7.3 kWh/h.

**5. Compute the total heating capacity required.** The total heating capacity required is the sum of the individual capacities, or  $2.98 + 1.752 + 0.708 + 7.30 = 12.74 \text{ kWh}$ . A 15-kW electric heater would be chosen because this is a standard size and it provides a moderate extra capacity for overloads.

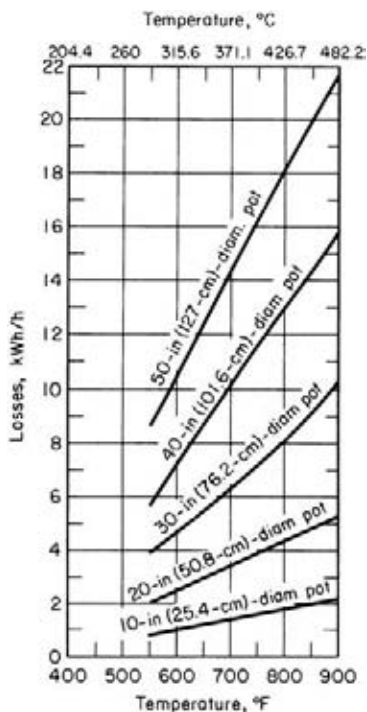


FIGURE 7 Heat losses from melting pots. (General Electric Co.)

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure to compute the capacity required for an electric heater used to melt a solid of any kind—lead, tin, type metal, solder, etc. When the

**TABLE 4** Two Methods for Determining Wattage for Heating Buildings Electrically\*

	W/ft <sup>3</sup> method	W/m <sup>3</sup> method
1. Interior rooms with no or little outside exposure	0.75 to 1.25	25.6 to 44.1
2. Average rooms with moderate windows and doors	1.25 to 1.75	44.1 to 61.8
3. Rooms with severe exposure and great window and door space	1.0 to 4.0	35.3 to 141.3
4. Isolated rooms, cabins, watchhouses, and similar buildings	3.0 to 6.0	105.9 to 211.9
	The "35" method	
1. Volume in ft <sup>3</sup> for one air change $\times 0.35 =$	0.01 W	
2. Exposed net wall, roof, or ceiling and floor in ft <sup>2</sup> $\times 3.5 =$	0.1 W	
3. Area of exposed glass and doors in ft <sup>2</sup> $\times 35.0 =$	1 W	

\*General Electric Company.

substance being heated is a liquid—water, dye, paint, varnish, oil, etc.—use the relation  $H = (\text{weight of liquid heated, lb}) [\text{specific heat of liquid, Btu/(lb}\cdot\text{°F)}] (\text{temperature rise desired, °F})$ , when the liquid is heated to approximately its boiling temperature, or a lower temperature.

For space heating of commercial and residential buildings, two methods used for computing the approximate wattage required are the W/ft<sup>3</sup> and "35" method. These are summarized in Table 4. In many cases, the results given by these methods agree closely with more involved calculations. When the desired room temperature is different from 70°F (21.1°C), increase or decrease the required kilowatt capacity proportionately, depending on whether the desired temperature is higher than or lower than 70°F (21.1°C).

For heating pipes with electric heaters, use a heater capacity of 0.8 W/ft<sup>2</sup> (8.6 W/m<sup>2</sup>) of uninsulated exterior pipe surface per °F temperature difference between the pipe and the surrounding air. If the pipe is insulated with 1 in (2.5 cm) of insulation, use 30 percent of this value, or 0.24 (W/(ft<sup>2</sup>·°F) [4.7 W/(m<sup>2</sup>·°C)].

The types of electric heaters used today include immersion (for water, oil, plating, liquids, etc.), strip, cartridge, tubular, vane, fin, unit, and edgewound resistor heaters. These heaters are used in a wide variety of applications including liquid heating, gas and air heating, oven warming, deicing, humidifying, plastics heating, pipe heating, etc.

For pipe heating, a tubular heating element can be fastened to the bottom of the pipe and run parallel with it. For large-wattage applications, the heater can be spiraled around the pipe. For temperatures below 165°F (73.9°C), heating cable can be used. Electric heating is often used in place of steam tracing of outdoor pipes.

The procedure presented above is the work of General Electric Company.

## ***ECONOMIZER HEAT TRANSFER COEFFICIENT***

A 4530-ft<sup>2</sup> (421-m<sup>2</sup>) heating surface counterflow economizer is used in conjunction with a 150,000-lb/h (68,040-kg/h) boiler. The inlet and outlet water temperatures are 210°F (99°C) and 310°F (154°C). The inlet and outlet gas temperatures are 640°F (338°C) and 375°F (191°C). Find the overall heat transfer coefficient in Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F) [W/(m<sup>2</sup>·°C)] [kJ/(h·m<sup>2</sup>·°C)].

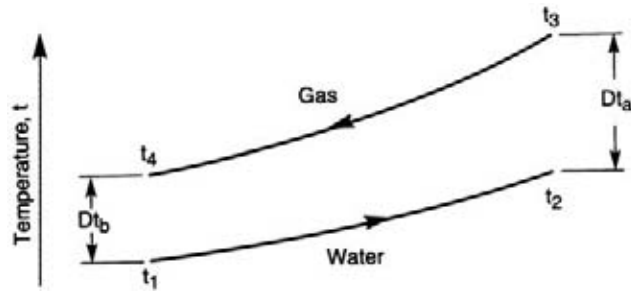


FIGURE 8 Temperature vs surface area of economizer.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the enthalpy of water at the inlet and outlet temperatures.** From Table 1, Saturation: Temperatures, of the Steam Tables mentioned under Related Calculations of this procedure, for water at inlet temperature,  $t_1 = 210^\circ\text{F}$  ( $99^\circ\text{C}$ ), the enthalpy,  $h_1 = 178.14$  Btu/lb (414 kJ/kg), and at the outlet temperature,  $t_2 = 310^\circ\text{F}$  ( $154^\circ\text{C}$ ), the enthalpy,  $h_2 = 279.81$  Btu/lb<sub>m</sub> (651 kJ/kg).

**2. Compute the logarithmic mean temperature difference between the gas and water.** As shown in Fig. 8, the temperature difference of the gas entering and the water leaving,  $\Delta t_a = t_3 - t_2 = 640 - 310 = 330^\circ\text{F}$  ( $166^\circ\text{C}$ ) and for the gas leaving and the water entering,  $\Delta t_b = t_4 - t_1 = 375 - 210 = 165^\circ\text{F}$  ( $74^\circ\text{C}$ ). Then, the logarithmic mean temperature difference,  $\Delta t_m = (\Delta t_a - \Delta t_b) / [2.3 \times \log_{10} (\Delta t_a / \Delta t_b)] = (330 - 165) / [2.3 \times \log_{10} (330/165)] = 238^\circ\text{F}$  ( $115^\circ\text{C}$ ).

**3. Compute the economizer heat transfer coefficient.** All the heat lost by the gas is considered to be transferred to the water, hence the heat lost by the gas,  $Q = w(h_2 - h_1) = UA \Delta t_m$ , where the water rate of flow,  $w = 150,000$  lb/h (68,000 kg/h);  $U$  is the overall heat transfer coefficient; heating surface area,  $A = 4530$  ft<sup>2</sup> (421 m<sup>2</sup>); other values as before. Then,  $150,000 \times (279.81 - 178.41) = U(4530)(238)$ . Solving,  $U = [150,000 \times (279.81 - 178.41)] / (4530 \times 238) = 14.1$  Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F) [80 W/(m<sup>2</sup>·°C)] [288 kJ/(h·m<sup>2</sup>·°C)].

**Related Calculations** The Steam Tables appear in *Thermodynamic Properties of Water Including Vapor, Liquid, and Solid Phases*, 1969, Keenan, et al., John Wiley & Sons, Inc. Use later versions of such tables whenever available, as necessary.

## BOILER TUBE STEAM-GENERATING CAPACITY

A counterflow bank of boiler tubes has a total area of 900 ft<sup>2</sup> (83.6 m<sup>2</sup>) and its overall coefficient of heat transfer is 13 Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F) [73.8 W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)]. The boiler tubes generate steam at a pressure of 1000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> absolute (6900 kPa). The tube bank is heated by flue gas which enters at a temperature of 2000°F (1367 K) and at a rate of 450,000 lb/h (56.7 kg/s). Assume an average specific heat of 0.25 Btu/(lb·°F) [1.05 kJ/(kg·K)] for the gas and calculate the temperature of the gas that leaves the bank of boiler tubes. Also, calculate the rate at which the steam is being generated in the tube bank.

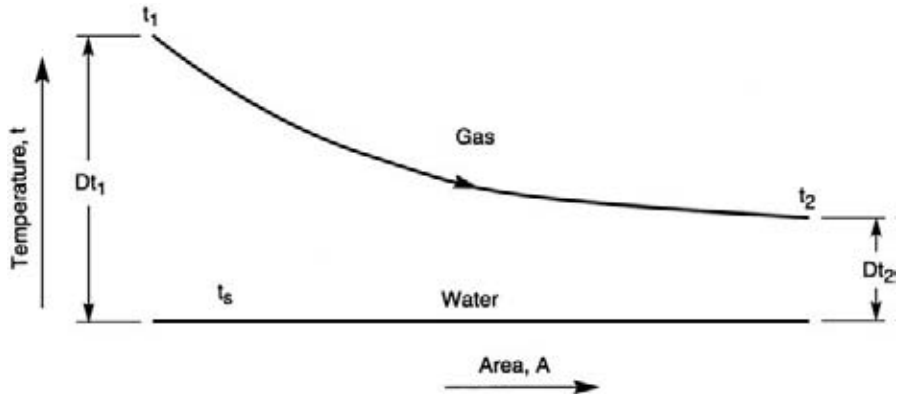


FIGURE 9 Temperature vs surface area of boiler tubes.

## Calculation Procedure

1. **Find the temperature of steam at 1000 lb<sub>f</sub>/in<sup>2</sup> (6900 kPa).** From Table 2, Saturation: Pressures, of the Steam Tables mentioned under Related Calculations of this procedure, the saturation temperature of steam at 1000 lb<sub>f</sub>/in<sup>2</sup> (6900 kPa),  $t_s = 544.6^\circ\text{F}$  (558 K), a constant value as indicated in Fig. 9.

2. **Determine the logarithmic mean temperature difference in terms of the flue-gas leaving temperature.** The logarithmic mean temperature difference,  $\Delta t_m = (\Delta t_1 - \Delta t_2) / \{2.3 \times \log_{10} [(t_1 - t_s)/(t_2 - t_s)]\}$ , where  $\Delta t_1 = \text{flue gas entering temperature} = \text{steam temperature} = (t_1 - t_s) = (2000 - 544.6)$ ;  $\Delta t_2 = \text{flue-gas leaving temperature} - \text{steam temperature} = (t_2 - t_s) = (t_2 - 544.6)$ ;  $(\Delta t_1 - \Delta t_2) = [(2000 - 544.6) - (t_2 - 544.6)] = (2000 - t_2)$ ;  $[(t_1 - t_s)/(t_2 - t_s)] = [(2000 - 544.6)/(t_2 - 544.6)]$ . Hence,  $\Delta t_m = [(2000 - t_2) / \{2.3 \times \log_{10} [(1455.4)/(t_2 - 544.6)]\}]$ .

3. **Compute the flue-gas leaving temperature.** Heat transferred to the boiler water,  $Q = w_g \times c_p \times (t_1 - t_2) = UA\Delta t_m$ , where the flow rate of flue gas,  $w_g = 450,000 \text{ lb/h}$  (56.7 kg/s); flue-gas average specific heat,  $c_p = 0.25 \text{ Btu}/(\text{lb}/^\circ\text{F})$  [1.05 kg/(kg·K)]; overall coefficient of heat transfer of the boiler tubes,  $U = 13 \text{ Btu}/(\text{h}\cdot\text{ft}^2\cdot^\circ\text{F})$  [73.8 W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)]; area of the boiler tubes exposed to heat,  $A = 900 \text{ ft}^2$  (83.6 m<sup>2</sup>); other values as before.

Then,  $Q = 450,000 \times 0.25 \times (2000 - t_2) = 13 \times 900 \times [(2000 - t_2) / \{2.3 \times \log_{10} [(1455.4)/(t_2 - 544.6)]\}]$ . Or,  $\log_{10} [(1455.4)/(t_2 - 544.6)] = 13 \times 900 / (2.3 \times 450,000 \times 0.25) = 0.0452$ . The antilog of 0.0452 = 1.11, hence,  $[1455.4/(t_2 - 544.6)] = 1.11$ , and  $t_2 = (1455.4/1.11) + 544.6 = 1850^\circ\text{F}$  (1280 K).

4. **Find the heat of vaporization of the water.** From the Steam Tables, the heat of vaporization of the water at 1000 lb<sub>f</sub>/in<sup>2</sup> (6900 kPa),  $h_{fg} = 649.5 \text{ Btu/lb}$  (1511 kJ/kg).

5. **Compute the steam-generating rate of the boiler tube bank.** Heat absorbed by the water = heat transferred by the flue gas, or  $Q = w_s \times h_{fg} = w_g \times c_p \times (t_1 - t_2)$ , where the mass of steam generated is  $w_s$  in lb/h (kg/s); other values as before. Then,  $w_s \times 649.5 = 450,000 \times 0.25 \times (2000 - 1850) = 16.9 \times 10^6 \text{ Btu/h}$  (4950 kJ/s) (4953 kW). Thus,  $w_s = 16.9 \times 10^6 / 649.5 = 26,000 \text{ lb/h}$  (200 kg/s).

**Related Calculations** The Steam Tables appear in *Thermodynamic Properties of Water Including Vapor, Liquid, and Solid Phases*, 1969, Keenan, et al., John Wiley & Sons, Inc. Use later versions of such tables whenever available, as required.

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### REFRIGERATION SYSTEM SELECTION

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Choose a refrigeration system for a given load. Show the steps that the designer should follow in choosing a suitable refrigeration system for various types of loads.

#### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the refrigeration load.** Use the method given in the next calculation procedure. In any refrigeration plant, the total refrigeration load = heat gain from external sources, tons + product load, tons + sensible heat load, tons.

**2. Choose the type of refrigeration system to use.** Table 1 shows the usual compressor choices for various refrigeration loads. Thus, reciprocating compressors find wide use for refrigeration loads up to 400 tons (362.9 t). Up to loads of about 5 tons (4.5 t), *unit systems* that combine the compressor, drive, evaporator, and condenser in a compact unit are popular. In some instances, larger-capacity unit systems may be available from certain manufacturers. Some large unit systems, called *central-station systems*, are built with capacities of 100 to 150 tons (90.7 to 136.1 t).

From 5- to 400-ton (4.5- to 362.9-t) capacity, *built-up central systems* are popular. In these systems, the manufacturer supplies the compressor, evaporator, and condenser as separate units. These are connected by suitable piping. The refrigeration equipment manufacturer may or may not supply the compressor driving unit. This driver may be an electric motor, steam turbine, internal-combustion engine, or some other type of prime mover.

For loads greater than 400 tons (362.9 t), the centrifugal refrigeration compressor is often chosen. Whereas this may be a built-up system, more and more manufacturers today supply completely fabricated systems containing all the needed components, including the controls, driver, etc.

Steam-jet refrigeration units find some application for loads of 50 tons (45.4 t) or more. The steam-jet refrigeration system is used for a large number of applications where steam is available. Typical applications include comfort air conditioning, industrial process cooling, and similar service. In recent years, some large office buildings have used steam-jet systems mounted in the building penthouse. These units provide the cooling needed for the building air-conditioning system.



**TABLE 1** Typical Refrigeration System Choices\*

System load		System type		
tons	t	Often used	Occasionally used	Rarely used
0–5	0–4.5	Unit system with reciprocating compressor	Central-station built-up systems; reciprocating compressor	Central-station built-up units
5–25	4.5–22.7	Central-station built-up systems; reciprocating compressor	Central station built-up systems; reciprocating compressor	Absorption or adsorption units
25–50	22.7–45.4	Central-station built-up systems; reciprocating compressor	Central-station built-up systems; centrifugal compressor	Absorption units
50–400	45.4–362.9	Central-station built up systems; reciprocating compressor	Central-station built-up systems; steam-jet and centrifugal compressors	
400 and up	362.9 and up	Central system; centrifugal and/or absorption unit	Central-station built-up steam-jet unit	

\*Adapted from ASHRAE data.

Absorption refrigeration systems were once popular for a variety of cooling tasks in industry, food storage, etc. In recent years, the absorption system has found renewed use in medium- and large-size air-conditioning systems. The usual absorbent used today is lithium bromide; the refrigerant is ordinary tap water. Absorption refrigeration systems are popular in areas where fuel costs are low, electric rates are high, waste steam is available, low-pressure heating boilers are unused during the cooling season, or steam or gas utility companies desire to promote summer loads. Absorption refrigeration systems can be installed in almost any location in a building where the floor is of adequate strength and reasonably level. Absence of heavy moving parts practically eliminates vibration and reduces the noise level to a minimum.

Combination absorption-centrifugal refrigeration systems are well suited for many large-tonnage air-conditioning and industrial loads. These systems are extremely economical where medium- or high-pressure steam is used as the energy source.

Using the expected refrigeration load from step 1 and the data above, make a preliminary choice of the type of refrigeration systems to use. Remember that the necessity for part-load operation might change the preliminary choice of the system type.

**3. Choose the system components.** Manufacturers' engineering data generally list compatible components for a given capacity compressor. These components include the condenser, expansion valve, evaporator, receiver, cooling tower, etc. Later calculation procedures in this section give specific instructions for selecting these and other important components of the system. When a unit system is chosen, the important components are preselected by the manufacturer.

**4. Have the system choice verified.** Have the manufacturer whose equipment will be used verify the selection for the given load. This ensures a correct choice.

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure to select the type of refrigeration system serving air-conditioning, product-cooling, liquid-cooling, ice-making, and similar applications in stationary (land) and marine service.

## SELECTION OF A REFRIGERATION UNIT FOR PRODUCT COOLING

What capacity and type of refrigeration system are needed for a walk-in cooler having inside dimensions of  $8 \times 6 \times 10$  ft ( $2.4 \times 1.8 \times 3.1$  m) if it is insulated with 4-in (10.2-cm) thick cork? The user estimates that a maximum of 400 lb (181.4 kg) of beef will be placed in the cooler daily, arriving at 70°F (21.1°C). The average hottest summer day in the cooler locality is, according to weather bureau records, 92°F (33.3°C). The meat is to be stored at 36°F (2.2°C). A  $1/6$ -hp (0.12-kW) blower circulates air in the cooler. What refrigeration capacity is required for the same cooler, if the meat is stored at -10°F (-23.3°C) and the cork insulation is 8 in (20.3 cm) thick? Two  $1/8$ -hp (0.09-kW) blowers will be used in the cooler.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the outside area of the cooler.** The outside dimensions of this cooler are 9 ft (2.7 m) high, 7 ft (2.1 m) wide, and 11 ft (3.4 m) long, including the cork insulation and the supporting structure. Hence, the total outside area of the cooler, including the floor and roof, is  $2(9 \times 7) + 2(9 \times 11) + 2(7 \times 11) = 478$  ft<sup>2</sup> (44.4 m<sup>2</sup>).

**2. Compute the heat gain and service load.** There is a heat gain into the cooler through the insulated surfaces caused by the difference between the inside and outside temperatures. Also, there is a service load, that is, a heat gain caused by the opening and shutting of the cooler door. Since meat will be loaded only once a day, it is safe to assume that the service load is a normal one—i.e., the door will be opened less than 5 times per hour.

For product storage, cooling, heat, and service load, Btu/h = (total outside area of cooler, ft<sup>2</sup>)(maximum outside temperature, °F – minimum inside temperature, °F)(factor from Table 2), or  $(478)(92 - 36)(0.110) = 2944$  Btu/h (0.86 kW).

**3. Compute the product heat load.** Use this relation: product heat load, Btu/h = (lb/h of product cooled)(temperature of product entering cooler, °F – temperature of product leaving cooler, °F)[specific heat of product, Btu/(lb·°F)]. For this cooler, given the specific heat from Table 3, the product heat load =  $(400 \text{ lb}/24 \text{ h})(70 - 36)(0.8) = 453$  Btu/h (132.8 W).

**4. Compute the total heat load.** The total heat load = sum of heat gain and service load + product heat load + supplementary heat load, Btu/h, or  $2994 + 453 + 424 = 3821$  Btu/h (1.1 kW).

**5. Compute the refrigeration-system capacity required.** In cooler operation, it is essential to ensure defrosting of the evaporator during the off cycle. To permit this defrosting, select a condensing unit to operate 18 h per 24-h day. With an 18-h operating time, the required condensing-unit capacity to handle the 24-h load is  $(24 \text{ h}/\text{operating time, h})(\text{total heat load, Btu/h}) = (24/18)(3821) = 5082$  Btu/h (1.5 kW).

**6. Select the refrigeration unit.** Since the required capacity of this refrigeration system is between 0 and 5 tons (0 and 4.5 t), the previous calculation procedure indicates that a unit system with a reciprocating compressor is the most common type used. Referring to a manufacturer's engineering data shows that a 5000-Btu/h (1.46-kW) 0.5-hp (0.37-kW) air-cooled unit having a 20°F (-6.7°C) suction temperature is available. This unit will operate about 18.5 h/day to carry the actual heat load of 5082 Btu/h (1.48 kW) if the evaporator is chosen on a 16°F (36°F – 20°F) (8.9°C) temperature difference between the room and refrigerant.

The exact size of a condensing unit cannot be selected until a choice is made of the evaporating temperature, or suction pressure, at which the compressor is to work. In general, a difference of

**TABLE 2** Heat Leakage Factors\*

	Btu and kJ per degree temperature difference per ft <sup>2</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> ) of outside surface											
	Insulation thickness											
	in						cm					
	1	2	4	6	8	10	2.5	3.1	10.2	15.2	20.3	25.4
Heat leakage only	0.178	0.127	0.079	0.059	0.046	0.038	0.0010	0.0007	0.0005	0.0003	0.0003	0.0002
Heat leakage plus normal service load	0.216	0.163	0.110	0.090	0.077	0.069	0.0012	0.0009	0.0006	0.0005	0.0004	0.0004

\*Brunner Manufacturing Company, SI values added by handbook editor.

Note: Light duty—multiply factor by 0.90; heavy duty—multiply factor by 1.10; single glass—multiply factor by 15; double glass—multiply factor by 6.5; triple glass—multiply factor by 5. If any wall or ceiling of a cooler is exposed to the sun, increase the temperature difference by 20°F (11.1°C) for that wall.

TABLE 3 Typical Specific and Latent Heats\*

Article	Specific heat				Latent heat of freezing		Cold-storage temperature	
	Above freezing		Below freezing					
	Btu/(lb·°F)	kJ/(kg·°C)	Btu/(lb·°F)	kJ/(kg·°C)	Btu/(lb·°F)	kJ/(kg·°C)	°F	°C
Canned goods:								
Fruits	As fresh	As fresh	As fresh	As fresh	...	...	35–40	1.7–4.4
Meats	As fresh	As fresh	As fresh	As fresh	...	...	35–40	1.7–4.4
Sardines	0.760	3.18	0.410	1.72	101.0	234.9	35–40	1.7–4.4
Butter, eggs, etc.:								
Butter	0.302	1.26	0.238	1.00	18.4	42.8	18–20	-7.8–6.7
Cheese	0.480	2.01	0.305	1.28	50.5	117.5	34	1.1
Eggs	0.760	3.18	0.410	1.72	100.0	232.6	31	-0.6
Milk, ice cream	0.900	3.77	0.462	1.93	124.0	288.4	35	1.7
Flour, meal (wheat)	0.26–0.38	1.1–1.6	0.21–0.28	0.9–1.2	14.4–28.8	34–67	36–40	2.2–4.4
Vegetables:								
Asparagus	0.952	3.99	0.482	2.02	134.0	311.7	34–35	1.1–1.7
Cabbage	0.928	3.88	0.473	1.98	131.0	304.7	34–35	1.1–1.7
Carrots	0.864	3.62	0.449	1.88	119.5	278.0	34–35	1.1–1.7
Celery (edible portion)	0.952	3.99	0.482	2.02	135.0	314.0	34–35	1.1–1.7
Dried beans	0.300	1.26	0.237	0.99	18.0	41.9	32–45	0.0–7.2
Dried corn	0.284	1.19	0.231	0.97	15.1	35.1	35–45	1.7–7.2
Dried peas	0.276	1.16	0.224	0.94	13.7	31.9	35–45	1.7–7.2
Onions	0.900	3.77	0.462	1.93	126.0	293.1	36	2.2
Parsnips	0.864	3.62	0.449	1.88	119.5	278.0	34–35	1.1–1.7
Potatoes	0.792	3.32	0.422	1.97	106.5	247.7	36–40	2.2–4.4
Sauerkraut	0.912	3.82	0.467	1.45	128.0	297.7	35	1.7
Miscellaneous:								
Cigars, tobacco	...	...	...	...	...	...	35–42	1.7–5.6
Furs, woolens, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	1.7
Honey	0.344	1.44	0.254	1.06	25.9	60.2	36–40	2.2–4.4
Hops	...	...	...	...	...	...	32–40	0.0–4.4
Maple syrup	0.488	2.08	0.308	1.29	51.8	120.5	40–45	4.4–7.2
Maple sugar	0.240	1.00	0.215	0.98	7.2	16.7	40–45	4.4–7.2
Poultry, dressed and iced	0.790	3.31	0.421	1.76	105.0	244.7	28–30	-2.2–1.1
Poultry, dry-packed	0.720	3.01	0.395	1.65	93.5	217.5	26–28	-2.2–1.1
Poultry, scalded	0.800	3.35	0.425	1.65	108.0	251.2	20	-6.7
Game, frozen	0.680	2.85	0.380	1.59	86.5	201.2	15–28	-9.4–2.2
Poultry, frozen	0.680	2.85	0.380	1.59	86.5	201.2	15–28	-9.4–2.2
Nuts (dried)	0.21–0.29	0.9–1.2	0.20–0.24	0.8–1.0	4.3–14.4	10–34	35–40	1.7–4.4
Water	1.000	4.20	0.500	2.09	144.0	334.9	...	...
Meats:								
Fresh (typical only)	0.800	3.35	0.404	1.69	...	...	20–40	-6.7–4.4
Fruits:								
Fresh (typical only)	0.700	2.93	0.387	1.62	...	...	32–55	0.0–12.2

\*Brunner Manufacturing Company; SI values added by handbook editor.

between 10 and 20°F (5.6 and 11.1°C) should be maintained between the product or room temperature and the evaporator temperature. Thus, the 16°F (8.9°C) temperature difference used above is within the normal working range.

A better plan for this product cooler would be to select a larger evaporator on a 10°F (5.6°C) temperature-difference basis. The running time of the condensing unit would be decreased because of the higher operating suction temperature, that is, 26 instead of 20°F (−3.3 instead of −6.7°C).

A standard refrigeration unit having the same characteristics as the unit described above, except that the evaporating temperature is 25°F (−3.9°C), has a capacity of 5550 Btu/h (1.6 kW) with refrigerant 12. The evaporating pressure is 24.6 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (169.6 kPa). The compressor is a two-cylinder unit and is belt-driven by an electric motor. A finned-tube air-cooled condenser is used. The receiver is mounted below the compressor, on the same frame. Refrigerant 12 (formerly called Freon-12) is most satisfactory for low-temperature systems.

**7. Compute the required capacity at below-freezing temperature.** The six steps above are for product storage at temperatures above freezing, i.e., above 32°F (0°C). For temperatures below 32°F (0°C), the same procedure is followed except that the product load is computed in three steps—cooling to 32°F (0°C), freezing, and cooling to the final temperature.

Thus, heat and service load =  $478[92 - (-10)](0.085) = 4140$  Btu/h (1.2 kW), given the heavy-duty factor from Table 2.

For cooling to 32°F (0°C), product load =  $(400/24)(70 - 32)(0.8) = 504$  Btu/h (0.15 kW). For the freezing process, heat removal = (lb/h of product cooled)(latent heat or enthalpy of freezing, Btu/lb, from Table 3), or  $(400 \text{ lb}/24 \text{ h})(98) = 1635$  Btu/h (0.48 kW). To cool below freezing, heat removal = (lb/h of product cooled)(32°F – temperature of storage room, °F)[specific heat of product at temperature below freezing, Btu/(lb·°F), from Table 3], or  $(400/24)[32 - (-10)](0.404) = 282$  Btu/h (0.08 kW). Then the total product load =  $504 + 1635 + 282 = 2421$  Btu/h (0.71 kW).

The supplementary load with two 1/8-hp (0.09-kW) blowers is  $(2)(1/8)(2545) = 635$  Btu/h (0.19 kW).

The total load is thus  $4140 + 2421 + 635 = 7196$  Btu/h (2.1 kW). Assuming a 16-h/day operating time for the refrigeration unit, the condensing capacity required is  $7196(24/16) = 10,800$  Btu/h (3.2 kW).

Choose an evaporator for a 10°F (5.6°C) temperature difference with a capacity of 10,800 Btu/h (3.2 kW) at a suction temperature of −20°F (−28.9°C). Checking a manufacturer's engineering data shows that a 3-hp (2.2-kW) air-cooled two-cylinder unit will be suitable.

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure to choose refrigeration units for stationary, mobile (truck), and marine applications of walk-in coolers, display cases, milk and bottle coolers, ice cream freezers and hardeners, air conditioning, etc. Note that one procedure is used for applications above 32°F (0°C) and another for applications below 32°F (0°C).

In general, choose a unit for a 10 to 20°F (5.6 to 11.1°C) difference between the product and evaporator temperatures. Thus, where a room is maintained at 40°F (4.4°C), choose a condensing unit capacity corresponding to above a 25°F (−3.9°C) evaporator temperature. If brine is to be cooled to 5°F (−15.0°C), select a condensing unit for about −10°F (−23.3°C). Where a high relative humidity is desired in a cold room, select cooling coils with a large surface area, so that the minimum operating differential temperature can be maintained between the room and the coil. The procedure and data given here were published by the Brunner Manufacturing Company based on ASHRAE data.

## ENERGY REQUIRED FOR STEAM-JET REFRIGERATION

A steam-jet refrigeration system operates with an evaporator temperature of 45°F (7.2°C) and a chilled-water inlet temperature of 60°F (15.6°C). The condenser operating pressure is 1.135 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (7.8 kPa), and the steam-jet ejectors use 3.1 lb of boiler steam per pound (1.4 kg/kg) of vapor

removed from the evaporator. How many pounds of boiler steam are required per ton of refrigeration produced? How much steam is required per hour for a 100-ton (90.6-t) capacity steam-jet refrigeration unit?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the system pressures and enthalpies.** Using the steam tables, find the following values. At 45°F (7.2°C),  $P = 0.1475 \text{ lb/in}^2 \text{ (abs)}$  (1.0 kPa);  $h_f = 13.06 \text{ Btu/lb}$  (30.6 kJ/kg);  $h_{fg} = 1068.4 \text{ Btu/lb}$  (2485.1 kJ/kg). At 60°F (15.6°C),  $h_f = 28.06 \text{ Btu/lb}$  (65.3 kJ/kg). At 1.135 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (7.8 kPa),  $h_f = 73.95 \text{ Btu/lb}$  (172.0 kJ/kg), where  $P = \text{absolute pressure, lb/in}^2 \text{ (abs)}$ ;  $h_f = \text{enthalpy of liquid, Btu/lb}$ ;  $h_{fg} = \text{enthalpy of vaporization, Btu/lb}$ .

**2. Compute the chilled-water heat pickup.** The chilled-water inlet temperature is 60°F (15.6°C), and the chilled-water outlet temperature is the same as the evaporator temperature, or 45°F (7.2°C), as shown in Fig. 1. Hence, the chilled-water heat pickup = enthalpy at 60°F (15.6°C) – enthalpy at 45°F (7.2°C), both expressed in Btu/lb. Or, heat pickup = 28.06 – 13.06 = 15.0 Btu/lb (34.9 kJ/kg).

**3. Compute the required chilled-water flow rate.** Since a ton of refrigeration corresponds to a heat removal rate of 12,000 Btu/h (3.5 kW), the chilled-water flow rate = (12,000 Btu/h)/(chilled-water heat pickup, Btu/lb) = 12,000/15 = 8000 lb/(h-ton) [1.0 kg/(s-t)].

**4. Compute the quantity of chilled water that vaporizes.** Figure 1 shows the three fluid cycles involved: (a) chilled-water flow from the evaporator to the cooling coils and back, (b) chilled-water vapor flow from the evaporator through the ejector to the condenser and back as makeup water, and (c) boiler steam flow from the boiler to the ejector to the condenser and back to the boiler as condensate.

Base the calculations on 1 lb (0.5 kg) of chilled water flowing through the cooling coils. For the throttling process from 3 to 4 in the evaporator, Fig. 1, the enthalpy remains constant, but part of the chilled water vaporizes at the lower, or evaporator, pressure. Hence,  $H_3 = H_4 = h_f + xh_{fg}$ , where  $x = \text{lb of vapor formed per lb of chilled water entering}$ , or  $28.06 = 13.06 + x(1068.4)$ ;  $x = 0.01405 \text{ lb of vapor per lb}$  (0.0063 kg/kg) of chilled water entering. The quantity of chilled water remaining at 1 in the evaporator is  $1.0 - 0.01405 = 0.98595 \text{ lb/lb}$  (0.4436 kg/kg) of chilled water recirculating.

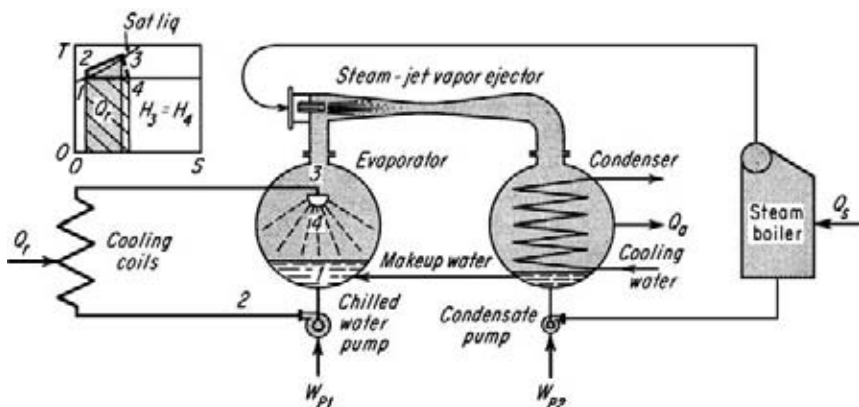


FIGURE 1 Steam-jet refrigeration unit and T-S diagram of its operating cycle.

**5. Compute the quantity of makeup vaporized.** Some of the condensate in the condenser returns to the evaporator as makeup, Fig. 1. This makeup throttles into the evaporator and part of it evaporates. Hence,  $H_m = h_f + x_m h_{fg}$ , where  $H_m$  = enthalpy of condensate, Btu/lb;  $x_m$  = quantity of makeup vaporized, lb/lb of makeup water. Since the enthalpy of the condensate at the condenser pressure of 1.135 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (7.8 kPa) is 73.95 Btu/lb (172.0 kJ/kg),  $73.95 = 13.06 + x_m(1068.4)$ ;  $x_m = 0.057$  lb of makeup vaporized per lb (0.025 kg/kg) of makeup water entering the evaporator.

Makeup vapor simply recirculates between the evaporator and the condenser. So the total makeup water entering the evaporator must replace both the chilled-water vapor and the makeup vapor formed by the two throttling processes.

**6. Compute the makeup vapor and water quantities.** The lb of makeup vapor per lb of makeup water remaining in the evaporator =  $x_m/(1.0 - x_m) = 0.0570/(1.0 - 0.0570) = 0.0604$ .

The total makeup water to the evaporator needed to replace the vapor =  $x(1 + \text{lb of makeup vapor per lb of makeup water}) = 0.01405(1 + 0.0604) = 0.01491$  lb/lb (0.0067 kg/kg) of chilled water circulating. This is also the vapor removed from the evaporator by the ejector.

**7. Compute the total vapor removed from the evaporator.** The total vapor removed from the evaporator = [lb/(h-ton) chilled water]  $\times$  (makeup water per lb of chilled water circulated) = (8000)(0.01491) = 119.3 lb/ton (54.1 kg/t) of refrigeration.

**8. Compute the boiler steam required.** The boiler steam required = (vapor removed from the evaporator, lb/ton of refrigeration)(steam-jet steam, lb/lb of vapor removed from the evaporator) = (119.3)(3.1) = 370 lb of boiler steam per ton of refrigeration (167.8 kg/t). For a 100-ton (90.6-t) machine, the boiler steam required = (100)(370) = 37,000 lb/h (4.7 kg/s).

**Related Calculations** Use this general method for any steam-jet refrigeration system using water and steam to produce a low temperature for air conditioning, product cooling, manufacturing processes, or other applications. Note that any of the eight items computed can be found when the other variables are known.

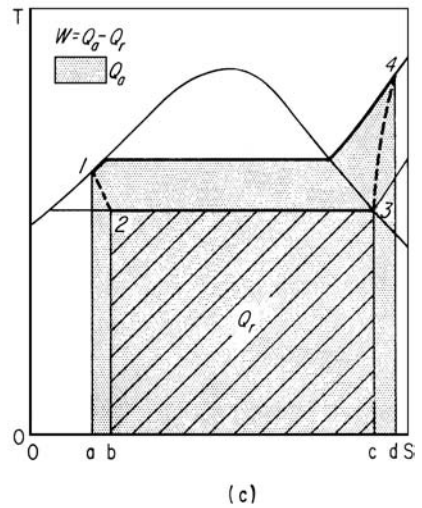
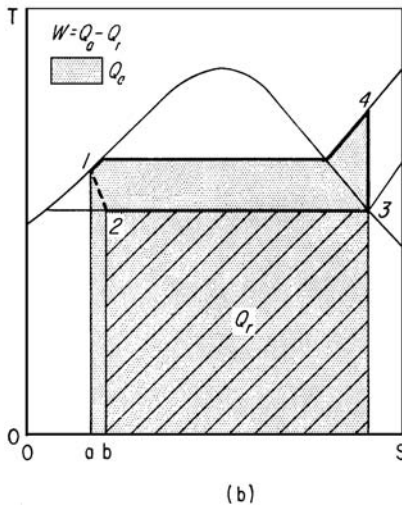
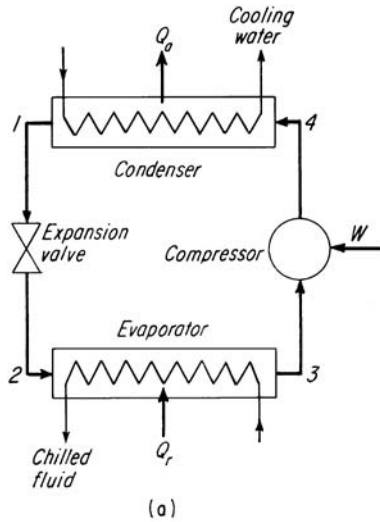
## REFRIGERATION COMPRESSOR CYCLE ANALYSIS

An ammonia refrigeration compressor takes its suction from the evaporator, Fig. 2a, at a temperature of  $-20^\circ\text{F}$  ( $-28.9^\circ\text{C}$ ) and a quality of 95 percent. The compressor discharges at a pressure of 100 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (689.5 kPa). Liquid ammonia leaves the condenser at  $50^\circ\text{F}$  ( $10.0^\circ\text{C}$ ). Find the heat absorbed by the evaporator, the work input to the compressor, the heat rejected to the condenser, the coefficient of performance (COP) of the cycle, horsepower per ton of refrigeration, the quality of the refrigerant at state 2, quantity of refrigerant circulated per ton of refrigeration, required rate of condensing-water flow for a 100-ton (90.6-t) load, compressor displacement for a 100-ton (90.6-t) capacity. What cylinder dimensions are required for a 100-ton (90.6-t) capacity if the stroke = 1.3(cylinder bore) and the compressor makes 200 r/min?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the enthalpy and entropy at cycle points.** Assume a constant-entropy compression process for this cycle. This is the usual procedure in analyzing a refrigeration compressor whose actual performance is not known.

Using Fig. 2b as a guide, we see that  $H_3 = h_f + x h_{fg}$ , where  $H_3$  = enthalpy at point 3, Btu/lb;  $h_f$  = enthalpy of liquid ammonia, Btu/lb from Table 4;  $h_{fg}$  = enthalpy of evaporation, Btu/lb, from the same table;  $x$  = vapor quality, expressed as a decimal. Since point 3 represents the suction conditions of the compressor,  $H_3 = 21.4 + 0.95(583.6) = 575.8$  Btu/lb (1339.3 kJ/kg).



**FIGURE 2** (a) Components of a vapor refrigeration system; (b) ideal refrigeration cycle  $T$ - $S$  diagram; (c) actual refrigeration cycle  $T$ - $S$  diagram.

The entropy at point 3 is  $S_3 = s_f + x s_{fg}$ , where the subscripts refer to the same fluid states as above and the  $S$  and  $s$  values are the entropy. Or,  $S_3 = 0.0497 + 0.95(1.3277) = 1.3110$  Btu/(lb·°F) [5.465 kJ/(kg·°C)].

**2. Compute the final cycle temperature and enthalpy.** The compressor discharges at 100 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (689.5 kPa) at an entropy of  $S_4 = 1.3110$  Btu/(lb·°F) [5.465 kJ/(kg·°C)]. Inspection of the saturated ammonia properties, Table 4, shows that at 100 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (689.5 kPa) the entropy of saturated vapor is less than that computed. Hence, the vapor discharged by the compressor must be superheated.



**TABLE 4** Thermodynamic Properties of Ammonia

Saturated ammonia								
Temperature $t$ , °F (°C)	Pressure $p$ , lb/in <sup>2</sup> (abs) (kPa)	Volume, ft <sup>3</sup> /lb (m <sup>3</sup> /kg)		Enthalpy, Btu/lb (kJ/kg)			Entropy, Btu/ (lb·°F) [kJ/(kg·°C)]	
		Liquid $v_f$	Vapor $v_g$	Liquid $h_f$	Evaporation $h_{fg}$	Vapor $h_g$	Liquid $s_f$	Vapor $s_g$
0	30.42	0.0242	9.116	42.9	568.9	611.8	0.0975	1.3352
(-17.8)	(209.7)	(0.00151)	(0.569)	(99.8)	(1323.3)	(1423.0)	(0.408)	(5.590)
20	48.21	0.0247	5.910	64.7	553.1	617.8	0.1437	1.2969
(-6.7)	(332.4)	(0.00154)	(0.369)	(150.5)	(1286.5)	(1437.0)	(0.564)	(5.430)
100	211.9	0.0272	1.419	155.2	477.8	633.0	0.3166	1.1705
(37.8)	(1461.1)	(0.00170)	(0.089)	(361.0)	(1111.4)	(1472.4)	(1.326)	(4.901)
120	286.4	0.0284	1.047	179.0	455.0	634.0	0.3576	1.1427
(48.9)	(1947.7)	(0.00177)	(0.065)	(416.4)	(1058.3)	(1474.7)	(1.497)	(4.787)

Superheated ammonia									
Temperature, °F (°C)	50 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (abs) (344.8 kPa) [21.67°F (-5.7°C) saturation]			100 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (abs) (689.5 kPa) [56.05°F (13.4°C) saturation]			150 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (abs) (1034.3 kPa) [78.81°F (26.0°C) saturation]		
	$v$	$h$	$s$	$v$	$h$	$s$	$v$	$h$	$s$
100	6.843	663.7	1.3816	3.304	655.2	1.2891	2.118	645.9	1.2289
(37.8)	(0.427)	(1543.8)	(5.783)	(0.206)	(1524.0)	(5.397)	(0.132)	(1502.4)	(5.145)
120	7.117	674.7	1.4009	3.454	667.3	1.3104	2.228	659.4	1.2526
(48.9)	(0.444)	(1569.4)	(5.865)	(0.216)	(1552.1)	(5.486)	(0.139)	(1533.98)	(5.244)
140	7.387	685.7	1.4195	3.600	679.2	1.3305	2.334	672.3	1.2745
(60.0)	(0.461)	(1594.9)	(5.943)	(0.225)	(1579.8)	(5.571)	(0.146)	(1563.8)	(5.336)

Enter Table 4 at  $S_4 = 1.3110$  Btu/(lb·°F) [5.465 kJ/(kg·°C)]. Inspection shows that the final cycle temperature  $T_4$  lies between 120 and 130°F (48.9 and 54.4°C) because the actual entropy value lies between the entropy values for these two temperatures. Interpolating gives  $T_4 = 130 - [(S_{130} - S_4)/(S_{130} - S_{120})] \times (130 - 120)$ , where the subscripts refer to the respective temperatures. Or,  $T_4 = 130 - [(1.3206 - 1.3110)/(1.3206 - 1.3104)](130 - 120) = 120.6^\circ\text{F}$  (49.2°C).

Interpolating in a similar fashion for the final enthalpy, using the enthalpy at 130°F (54.4°C) as the base, we find  $H_4 = 673.3 - [(1.3206 - 1.3110)/(1.3206 - 1.3104)](673.3 - 667.3) = 667.7$  Btu/lb (1553.1 kJ/kg).

**3. Compute the heat absorbed by the evaporator.** The heat absorbed by the evaporator is  $Q_r = H_3 - H_2$ , where  $Q_r =$  Btu/lb of refrigerant. Or, for this system,  $Q_r = 575.8 - 97.9 = 477.9$  Btu/lb (1111.6 kJ/kg).

**4. Compute the work input to the compressor.** Find the work input to the compressor from  $W = H_4 - H_3$ , where  $W =$  work input, Btu/lb of refrigerant. Or,  $W = 667.7 - 575.8 = 91.9$  Btu/lb (213.8 kJ/kg) of refrigerant circulated.

**5. Compute heat rejected to the condenser.** The heat rejected to the condenser is  $Q_a = H_4 - H_1$ , where  $Q_a =$  heat rejection, Btu/lb of refrigerant. Or,  $Q_a = 667.7 - 97.9 = 569.8$  Btu/lb (1325.4 kJ/kg) of refrigerant circulated.

**6. Compute the coefficient of performance of the machine.** For any refrigerating machine, the coefficient of performance (COP) =  $Q_r/W$ , where the symbols are as defined earlier. Or COP =  $477.9/91.9 = 5.20$ .

**7. Compute the horsepower per ton for this system.** For any refrigerating system, the horsepower per ton  $hp_t = 4.72/\text{COP}$ . Or, for this system,  $hp_t = 4.72/5.20 = 0.908$  hp/ton (0.68 kW).

**8. Compute the refrigerant quality at the evaporator inlet.** At the evaporator inlet, or point 2, the quality of the refrigerant  $x = (H_2 - h_f)/h_{fg}$ , where the enthalpies are those at  $-20^\circ\text{F}$  ( $-28.9^\circ\text{C}$ ), the evaporator operating temperature. Or,  $x = (97.9 - 21.4)/583.6 = 0.1311$ , or 13.11 percent quality.

**9. Compute the quantity of refrigerant circulated per ton capacity.** Find the quantity of refrigerant circulated, lb/(min-ton) of refrigeration produced from  $q_t = 200/Q_r$ , or  $q_t = 200/477.9 = 0.419$  lb/(min-ton) [(0.0035 kg/(s-t))] of refrigeration.

**10. Compute the required rate of condensing-water flow.** The heat rejected to the condenser  $Q_a$  must be absorbed by the condenser cooling water. The quantity of water that must be circulated is  $q_w = Q_a/\Delta t$ , where  $q_w$  = weight of water circulated per lb of refrigerant;  $\Delta t$  = temperature rise of the cooling water during passage through the condenser,  $^\circ\text{F}$ . Assuming a  $20^\circ\text{F}$  ( $11.1^\circ\text{C}$ ) temperature rise of the cooling water, we find  $q_w = 569.8/20 = 28.49$ , say 28.5 lb of water per lb (12.8 kg/kg) of refrigerant circulated.

Since 0.419 lb/(min-ton) [0.0035 kg/(t-s)] of ammonia must be circulated, step 9, at a load of 100 tons (90.7 t), the quantity of refrigerant circulated will be  $100(0.419) = 41.9$  lb/min (0.32 kg/s). The condenser cooling water required is then  $(28.5)(41.9) = 1191$  lb/min (9.0 kg/s), or 1191/8.33 = 143.4 gal/min (9.1 L/s).

**11. Compute the compressor displacement.** Use the relation  $V_d = q_t v_g T$ , where  $V_d$  = required compressor displacement,  $\text{ft}^3/\text{min}$ ;  $q_t$  = quantity of refrigerant circulated, lb/(ton-min);  $v_g$  = specific volume of suction gas,  $\text{ft}^3/\text{lb}$ ;  $T$  = refrigeration capacity, tons. For a 100-ton (90.7-t) capacity with the suction gas at  $-20^\circ\text{F}$  ( $-28.9^\circ\text{C}$ ),  $V_d = (0.419)(14.68)(100) = 614$   $\text{ft}^3/\text{min}$  (0.29  $\text{m}^3/\text{s}$ ), given the specific volume for  $-20^\circ\text{F}$  ( $-28.9^\circ\text{C}$ ) suction gas from Table 4.

**12. Compute the compressor cylinder dimensions.** For any reciprocating refrigeration compressor,  $V_d = (\text{shaft rpm})(\text{piston displacement, ft}^3/\text{stroke}) = v_d$ , or  $614 = 200v_d$ ;  $v_d = 3.07$   $\text{ft}^3$  (0.087  $\text{m}^3$ ).

Also,  $D = (V_d/0.785)^{1/3}$ , where  $D$  = piston diameter, ft;  $r$  = ratio of stroke length to cylinder bore. Or,  $D = [3.07/(0.785 \times 1.3)]^{1/3} = 1.447$  ft (0.44 m). Then  $L = 1.3D = 1.3(1.447) = 1.88$  ft (0.57 m).

**Related Calculations** Employ the method given here for any reciprocating compressor using any refrigerant. Note that where the volumetric efficiency  $E_v$  of a compressor is given, the actual volume of gas drawn into the cylinder,  $\text{ft}^3 = E_v \times \text{piston displacement, ft}^3$ . When analyzing an actual compressor, be sure you use the enthalpies which actually prevail. Thus, the gas entering the compressor suction may be superheated instead of saturated, as assumed here.

## RECIPROCATING REFRIGERATION COMPRESSOR SELECTION

Choose the compressor capacity and hp, and determine the heat rejection rate for a 36-ton (32.7-t) load, a  $30^\circ\text{F}$  ( $-1.1^\circ\text{C}$ ) evaporator temperature, a  $20^\circ\text{F}$  ( $-6.7^\circ\text{C}$ ) evaporator coil superheat, a suction-line pressure drop of 2 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (13.8 kPa), a condensing temperature of  $105^\circ\text{F}$  ( $40.6^\circ\text{C}$ ), a compressor speed of 1750 r/min, a subcooling of the refrigerant of  $5^\circ\text{F}$  ( $2.8^\circ\text{C}$ ) in the water-cooled condenser, and use of refrigerant 12. Determine the required condensing-water flow rate when the entering water temperature is  $70^\circ\text{F}$  ( $21.1^\circ\text{C}$ ). How many gal/min of chilled water can be handled if the water temperature is reduced  $10^\circ\text{F}$  ( $5.6^\circ\text{C}$ ) by the evaporator chiller?

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the compressor suction temperature.** With refrigerant 12, a pressure change of 1 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (6.9 kPa) at 0°F (−17.8°C) is equivalent to a temperature change of 2°F (1.1°C); at 50°F (10.0°C), a 1-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (6.9-kPa) pressure change is equivalent to 1°F (0.6°C) temperature change. At the evaporator temperature of 30°F (−1.1°C), the temperature change is about 1.4°F·in<sup>2</sup>/lb (0.11°C/kPa), obtained by interpolation between the ranges given above. Then, suction temperature, °F = evaporator temperature, °F − (suction-line loss, °F·in<sup>2</sup>/lb)(suction-line pressure drop, lb/in<sup>2</sup>), or  $30 - 1.4 \times 2 = 27.2$ , say 27°F (−2.8°C).

**2. Compute the compressor equivalent capacity.** To compute the compressor equivalent capacity, two correction factors must be applied: the superheat correction factor and the subcooling correction factor. Both are given in the engineering data available from compressor manufacturers.

To apply correction-factor listings, such as those in Table 5, use the following as guides: (a) Superheating of the suction gas can result from heat pickup by the gas outside the cooled space. Superheating increases the refrigeration compressor capacity 0.3 to 1.0 percent per 10°F (5.6°C) with refrigerant 12 or 500 if the heat absorbed represents useful refrigeration, such as coil superheat, and not superheating from a liquid suction heat exchanger. (b) Subcooling increases the potential refrigeration effect by reducing the percentage of liquid flashed during expansion. For each °F of subcooling, the compressor capacity is increased about 0.5 percent owing to the increased refrigeration effect per pound of refrigerant flow.

Applying guide (a) to a 27°F (−2.8°C) suction, 20°F (−6.7°C) superheat, interpolate in Table 6 between the 40 and 50°F (4.4 and 10.0°C) actual suction-gas temperatures for a 30°F (−1.1°C) saturated suction temperature, because the actual suction temperature is  $27 + 20 = 47^\circ\text{F}$  (8.3°C) and the saturated suction temperature is given as 30°F (−1.1°C). Or,  $(0.987 - 0.979)[(47 - 40)/(50 - 40)] + 0.979 = 0.9846$ , say 0.985.

Applying guide (b), we see that subcooling = 5°F (2.8°C), as given. Then subcooling correction =  $1 - 0.0005(15 - 5) = 0.95$ , where 0.005 = 0.5 percent, expressed as a decimal; 15°F (−9.4°C) = the liquid subcooling on which the compressor capacity is based. This value is given in the compressor rating, Table 6.

With the superheat and subcooling correlation factors known, compute the compressor equivalent capacity from (load, tons)/[(superheat correction factor)(subcooling correction factor)], or  $36/[(0.985)(0.95)] = 38.5$  tons (34.9 t).

**3. Select the compressor unit.** Use Table 5. Choose an eight-cylinder compressor. Interpolate for a 27°F (−2.8°C) suction and 105°F (40.6°C) condensing temperature to find compressor capacity = 40.3 tons (36.6 t); power input = 47.6 bhp (35.5 kW); heat rejection = 50.3 tons (45.6 t).

**4. Compute the required condensing-water flow rate.** From step 3, the condensing temperature of the compressor chosen is 105°F (40.6°C). Assume a condenser-water outlet temperature of 95°F (35.0°C), a typical value. Then the required condenser-water flow rate, gal/min =  $24 \times$  condenser load/(condensing-water outlet temperature, °F − entering condenser-water temperature, °F). Or  $24(50.3)/(95 - 70) = 48.4$  gal/min (3.1 L/s). This is within the normal flow for water-cooled condensing

**TABLE 5** Open Compressor Ratings

Suction temperature		Condensing temperature, 105°F (40.6°C)					
		Capacity		Power input		Heat rejection	
°F	°C	tons	t	bhp	kW	tons	t
10	−12.2	26.2	23.8	41.3	30.8	34.9	31.7
20	−6.7	34.0	30.8	45.3	33.8	43.6	39.6
30	−1.1	43.0	39.0	48.6	36.2	53.2	48.3

**TABLE 6** Rating Basis and Capacity Multipliers—Refrigerant 12 and Refrigerant 500\*

Saturated suction temperature		Actual suction gas temperature to compressor			
°F	°C	30°F (-1.1°C)	40°F (4.4°C)	50°F (10.0°C)	60°F (15.6°C)
20	-6.7	0.969	0.978	0.987	0.996
30	-1.1	0.970	0.979	0.987	0.996
40	4.4	· · ·	0.987	0.992	0.997

\*Carrier Air Conditioning Company; SI values added by handbook editor.

units. Thus, city-water quantities range from 1 to 2 gal/(min·ton) [0.07 to 0.14 L/(s·t)]; cooling-tower quantities are usually chosen for 3 gal/(min·ton) [0.21 L/(s·t)].

**5. Compute the quantity of chilled water that can be handled.** Use this relation: chilled water, gal/min =  $24 \times$  capacity, tons/chilled-water temperature range, or inlet – outlet temperature, °F. Since from step 3, the compressor capacity is 40.3 tons (36.6 t) and the chilled-water temperature range is 10°F (5.6°C),  $gpm = 24(40.3)/10 = 96.7$  gal/min (6.1 L/s).

The temperature of the chilled water leaving the evaporator chiller is selected so that it equals the inlet temperature required at the heat-load source. The required inlet temperature is a function of the type of heat exchanger, type of load, and similar factors.

**Related Calculations** The standard operating conditions for an air-conditioning refrigeration system, as usually published by the manufacturer, are based on an entering saturated refrigerant vapor temperature of 40°F (4.4°C), an actual entering refrigerant vapor temperature of 55°F (12.8°C), a leaving saturated refrigerant vapor temperature of 105°F (40.6°C), and an ambient of 90°F (32.2°C) and no liquid subcooling.

The Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute (ARI) standards for a reciprocating compressor liquid-chilling package establish a standard rating condition for a water-cooled model of a leaving chilled-water temperature of 44°F (6.7°C), a chilled-water range of 10°F (5.6°C), a 0.0005 fouling factor in the cooler and the condenser, a leaving condenser-water temperature of 95°F (35.0°C), and a condenser-water temperature rise of 10°F (5.6°C). The standard rating conditions for a condenserless model are a leaving chilled-water temperature of 44°F (6.7°C), a chilled-water temperature range of 10°F (5.6°C), a 0.0005 fouling factor in the cooler, and a condensing temperature of 105 or 120°F (40.6 or 48.9°C).

Use these standard rating conditions to make comparisons between compressors. When catalog ratings of compressors of different manufacturers are compared, the rating conditions must be known, particularly the amount of subcooling and superheating needed to produce the capacities shown.

General guides for reciprocating compressors using refrigerants 12, 22, and 500 are as follows:

1. Lowering the evaporator temperature 10°F (5.6°C) from a base of 40 and 105°F (4.4 and 40.6°C) reduces the system (evaporator) capacity about 24 percent and at the same time increases the compressor hp/ton by about 18 percent.
2. Increasing the condensing temperature 15°F (8.3°C) from a base of 40 and 105°F (4.4 and 40.6°C) reduces the capacity about 13 percent and at the same time increases the compressor hp/ton by about 27 percent.
3. In air-conditioning service at normal loads, a piping loss equivalent to approximately 2°F (1.1°C) is allowed in the suction piping and to 2°F (1.1°C) in the hot-gas discharge piping. Thus when an evaporator requires a refrigerant temperature of 42°F (5.6°C) to handle a load, the compressor must be selected for a 40°F (4.4°C) suction temperature. Correspondingly, if

the condenser requires 103°F (39.4°C) to reject the proper amount of heat, the compressor must be selected for a  $103 + 2 = 105^\circ\text{F}$  (40.6°C) condensing temperature.

4. Compressor manufacturers generally state the operating limits for each compressor in the capacity table describing it. These limits should not be exceeded.
5. To select a condenser to match a compressor, the heat rejection of the compressor must be known. For an open-type compressor, heat rejection, tons = 0.212 (compressor power input, bhp) + tons refrigeration capacity of the compressor. For a gas-cooled hermetic-type compressor, heat rejection, tons = 0.285 (kW input to the compressor) + refrigeration capacity, tons. The selection procedure and other data given here were developed by the Carrier Air Conditioning Company.

Environmental restrictions on chlorofluorocarbons (CFC) require that they be phased out over a period of time. This will restrict the use of R-12 refrigerant, which is being replaced in automotive applications by a non-CFC refrigerant named R-134a. Some changes may be required in the automotive refrigerant system when R-134a is substituted for R-12.

In air conditioning systems for buildings, ships, and other similar installations, R-123 is being substituted for R-11 and R-12 refrigerants. Conversion of existing refrigeration systems to the new non-CFC refrigerants is considered essential. Replacement parts for existing CFC plants will gradually become scarcer, as will qualified repair personnel.

## CENTRIFUGAL REFRIGERATION MACHINE LOAD ANALYSIS

Select a centrifugal refrigeration machine to cool 720 gal/min (45.4 L/s) of chilled water from an entering temperature of 60°F (15.6°C) to a leaving temperature of 45°F (7.2°C).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the load on the machine.** Use this relation: load, tons =  $\text{gpm} \times \Delta t / 24$ , where  $\text{gpm}$  = quantity of chilled water cooled, gal/min;  $\Delta t$  = temperature reduction of the chilled water during passage through the evaporator chiller, °F. For this machine, load =  $720(50 - 45) / 24 = 450$  tons (408.2 t).

**2. Choose the compressor to use.** Table 7 shows typical hermetic centrifugal refrigeration machine ratings. In a hermetic machine, the driver is built into the housing, completely isolating the refrigerant space from the atmosphere. An open machine has a shaft that projects outside the

**TABLE 7** Typical Hermetic Centrifugal Machine Ratings\* [Refrigeration Capacity, tons (t)]

Leaving chilled-water temperature		Leaving condenser-water temperature					
		85°F	29.4°C	90°F	32.2°C	95°F	35.0°C
°F	°C						
44	6.7	442 <sup>†</sup>	401.0 <sup>†</sup>	435	394.6	424	384.6
45	7.2	450	408.2	441	400.1	430	390.1
46	7.8	457 <sup>†</sup>	414.6 <sup>†</sup>	447	405.5	435	394.6

\*Carrier Air Conditioning Company.

<sup>†</sup>These ratings require less than 330-kW input. All ratings shown are based on a two-pass cooler using 380 to 1260 gal/min (24.0 to 79.5 L/s) and on a two-pass condenser using 430 to 1430 gal/min (27.1 to 90.2 L/s).

compressor housing. The shaft must be fitted with a suitable seal to prevent refrigerant leakage. Open machines are available in capacities up to approximately 4500 tons (4085 t) at air-conditioning load temperatures. Hermetic machines are available in capacities up to approximately 2000-ton (1814-t) capacity.

Study of Table 7 shows that a 450-ton (408.5-t) unit is available with a leaving chilled-water temperature of 45°F (7.2°C) and a leaving condenser-water temperature of 85°F (29.4°C). If the condenser water were available at temperatures of 75°F (23.9°C) or lower, this machine would probably be chosen.

**Related Calculations** The factors involved in the selection of a centrifugal machine are load; chilled-water, or brine quantity; temperature of the chilled water or brine; condensing medium (usually water) to be used; quantity of the condensing medium and its temperature; type and quantity of power available; fouling-factor allowance; amount of usable space available; and the nature of the load, whether variable or constant. The final selection is usually based on the least expensive combination of machine and heat rejection device, as well as a reasonable machine operating cost.

Brine cooling normally requires special selection of the machine by the manufacturer. As a general rule, multiple-machine applications are seldom made on normal air-conditioning loads less than about 400 tons (362.9 t).

The optimum machine selection involves matching the correct machine and cooling tower as well as the correct entering chilled-water temperature and temperature reduction. A selection of several machines and cooling towers often results in finding one combination having a minimum first cost. In many instances, it is possible to reduce the condenser-water quantity and increase the leaving condenser-water temperature, resulting in a smaller tower.

Centrifugal refrigeration machines are used for air-conditioning, process, marine, manufacturing, and many other cooling applications throughout industry.

## HEAT PUMP CYCLE ANALYSIS AND COMPARISON

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Determine the quantity of water required to supply heat to a heat pump that must deliver 70,000 Btu/h (20.5 kW) to a building. Refrigerant 12 is used; the temperature of the water in the heat sink is 50°F (10.0°C). Air must be delivered to the heating system at a temperature of 118°F (47.8°C).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the compressor suction temperature to use.** To produce sufficient heat transfer between the water and the evaporator, a temperature difference of at least 10°F (5.6°C) must exist. With a water temperature of 50°F (10.0°C), this means that a suction temperature of 40°F (4.4°C) might be satisfactory. A suction temperature of 40°F (4.4°C) corresponds to a suction pressure of 51.68 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (356.3 kPa), as a table of thermodynamic properties of refrigerant 12 shows.

Since water entering the evaporator heat exchanger cannot be reduced to 40°F (4.4°C), the refrigerant temperature, the actual outlet temperature must be either assumed or computed. Assume that the water leaves the evaporator heat exchanger at 44°F (6.7°C). Then, each pound of water passing through the evaporator yields 50°F – 44°F = 6 Btu (6.3 kJ). Since 1 gal of water weighs 8.33 lb (1 kg/L), the quantity of heat released by the water is (6 Btu/lb)(8.33 lb/gal) = 49.98 Btu/gal, say 50 Btu/gal (13.9 kJ/L).

As an alternative solution, assume a suction temperature of 35°F (1.7°C) and an evaporator exit temperature of 39°F (3.9°C). Then each pound of water will yield 50 – 39 = 11 Btu (11.6 kJ). This is equal to (11)(8.33) = 91.6 Btu/gal (25.5 kJ/L). This comparison indicates that for every °F the cooling range of the water heat sink is extended, an additional 8.33 Btu/gal (2.3 kJ/L) of water is obtained.

**2. Evaluate the effect of suction-temperature decrease.** As the compressor suction temperature is reduced, the specific volume of the suction gas increases. Thus the compressor must handle more gas to evaporate the same quantity of refrigerant. However, the displacement of the usual reciprocating compressor used in a heat-pump system cannot be varied easily, if at all, in some designs. Also, at the lower suction temperature, the enthalpy of vaporization of the refrigerant increases only slightly.

Study of a table of thermodynamic properties of refrigerant 12 shows that reducing the suction temperature from 40 to 35°F (4.4 to 1.7°C) increases the specific volume from 0.792 to 0.862 ft<sup>3</sup>/lb (0.0224 to 0.0244 m<sup>3</sup>/kg). The enthalpy of vaporization increases from 65.71 to 66.28 Btu/lb (152.8 to 154.2 kJ/kg), but the total enthalpy decreases from 82.71 to 82.16 Btu/lb (192.4 to 191.1 kJ/kg). Hence, the advisability of reducing the suction temperature must be carefully investigated before a final decision is made.

**3. Determine the required compressor discharge temperature.** Air must be delivered to the heating system at 118°F (47.8°C), according to the design requirements. To produce a satisfactory transfer of heat between the condenser and the air, a 10°F (5.6°C) temperature difference is necessary. Hence, the compressor discharge temperature must be at least 118 + 10 = 128°F (53.3°C).

Checking a table of thermodynamic properties of refrigerant 12 shows that a temperature of 128°F (53.3°C) corresponds to a discharge pressure of 190.1 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1310.7 kPa). The table also shows that the enthalpy of the vapor at the 118°F (47.8°C) condensing temperature is 90.01 Btu/lb (209.4 kJ/kg), whereas the enthalpy of the liquid is 35.65 Btu/lb (82.9 kJ/kg).

With a suction temperature of 40°F (4.4°C), the enthalpy of the vapor is 82.71 Btu/lb (192.4 kJ/kg). Hence, the heat supplied by the evaporator is: enthalpy of vapor at 40°F (4.4°C) – enthalpy of liquid at 118°F = 82.71 – 35.65 = 47.06 Btu/lb (109.5 kJ/kg). This heat is abstracted from the water that is drawn from the heat sink.

The gas leaving the evaporator contains 82.71 Btu/lb (192.4 kJ/kg). When this gas enters the condenser, it contains 90.64 Btu/lb (210.8 kJ/kg). The difference, or 90.64 – 82.71 = 7.93 Btu/lb (18.4 kJ/kg), is added to the gas by the compressor and represents a portion of the work input to the compressor.

**4. Compute the evaporator and compressor heat contribution.** The total heat delivered to the air = evaporator heat + compressor heat = 47.06 + 7.93 = 54.99 Btu/lb (127.9 kJ/kg). Then the evaporator supplies 47.06/54.99 = 0.856, or 85.6 percent of the total heat, and the compressor supplies 7.93/54.99 = 0.144, or 14.4 percent of the total heat.

**5. Determine the actual evaporator and compressor heat contribution.** Since this heat pump is rated at 70,000 Btu/h (20.5 kW), the evaporator contributes 0.856 × 70,000 = 59,920 Btu/h (17.5 kW), and the compressor supplies 0.144(70,000) = 10,080 Btu/h (3.0 kW). As a check, 59,920 + 10,080 = 70,000 Btu/h (20.5 kW).

**6. Compute the sink-water flow rate required.** The evaporator obtains its heat, or 59,920 Btu/h (17.5 kW), from the sink water. Since, from step 1, each gallon of water delivers 50 Btu (52.8 kJ) at a 40°F (4.4°C) suction temperature, the flow rate required to contribute the evaporator heat is 59,920/50 = 1198.4 gal/h, or 1198.4/60 = 19.9 gal/min (1.3 L/s).

**7. Evaluate the lower suction temperature.** At 35°F (1.7°C), the evaporator will supply 82.16 – 35.65 = 46.51 Btu/lb (108.2 kJ/kg), by the same reasoning as in step 3. The balance, or 90.64 – 82.16 = 8.48 Btu/lb (19.7 kJ/kg), must be supplied by the compressor.

**8. Compute the required refrigerant gas flow.** At a 40°F (4.4°C) suction temperature, a table of thermodynamic properties of refrigerant 12 shows that the specific volume of the gas is 0.792 ft<sup>3</sup>/lb (0.050 m<sup>3</sup>/kg). Step 4 shows that the heat pump must deliver 54.99 Btu/lb (127.9 kJ/kg) of refrigerant to the air, or 54.99/0.792 = 69.4 Btu/ft<sup>3</sup> (2585.8 kJ/m<sup>3</sup>) of gas. With a total heat requirement of 70,000 Btu/h (20.5 kW), the compressor must handle 70,000/69.4 = 1010 ft<sup>3</sup>/h (0.0079 m<sup>3</sup>/s).

As noted earlier, the cubic capacity of a reciprocating compressor is a fixed value at a given speed. Hence, a compressor chosen to handle this quantity of gas cannot handle a larger heat load.

At a 35°F (1.7°C) suction temperature, using the same procedure as above, we see that the required heat content of the gas is  $54.99/0.862 = 63.7$  Btu/ft<sup>3</sup> (2373.4 kJ/m<sup>3</sup>). The compressor capacity must be  $70,000/63.7 = 1099$  ft<sup>3</sup>/h (0.0086 m<sup>3</sup>/s).

If the compressor were selected to handle 1010 ft<sup>3</sup>/h (0.0079 m<sup>3</sup>/s), then reducing the suction temperature to 35°F (1.7°C) would give a heat capacity of only  $(1010)(63.7) = 64,400$  Btu/h (18.9 kW). This is inadequate because the system requires 70,000 Btu/h (20.5 kW).

**9. Compute the water flow rate at the lower suction temperature.** Step 6 shows the procedure for finding the sink-water flow rate required at a 40°F (4.4°C) suction temperature. Suppose, however, that the heat output of 64,400 Btu/h (18.9 kW) at the 35°F (1.7°C) suction temperature was acceptable. The evaporator portion of this load, by the method of step 4, is  $(82.16 - 35.65)/54.99 = 0.847$ , or 84.7 percent. Hence, the quantity of water required is  $(64,400)(0.847)/[(91.6)(60)] = 9.92$  gal/min (0.63 L/s). In this equation, the value of 91.6 Btu/gal is obtained from step 1. The factor 60 converts hours to minutes. Thus, reducing the suction temperature from 40 to 35°F (4.4 to 1.7°C) just about halves the water quantity—from 19.9 to 9.92 gal/min (1.26 to 0.63 L/s).

**10. Compare the pumping power requirements.** The power input to the pump is  $hp = 8.33$  (gpm)(head, ft)/33,000(pump efficiency)(motor efficiency). If the total head on the pump is computed as being 40 ft (12.2 m), the efficiency of the pump is 60 percent, and the efficiency of the motor is 85 percent, then with a 40°F (4.4°C) suction temperature, the pump horsepower is  $8.33(19.9)(40)/33,000(0.60)(0.85) = 0.394$ , say 0.40 hp (0.30 kW).

At a 35°F (1.7°C) suction temperature with a flow rate of 9.92 gal/min (0.03 L/s) and all the other factors the same,  $hp = 8.33(9.92)(40)/33,000(0.60)(0.85) = 0.1965$ , say 0.20 hp (0.15 kW). Thus, the 35°F (1.7°C) suction temperature requires only half the pump hp that the 40°F (4.4°C) suction temperature requires.

**11. Compute the compressor power input and power cost.** At the 40°F (4.4°C) suction temperature, the compressor delivers 7.93 Btu/lb (18.4 kJ/kg) of refrigerant gas, step 3. Since the total weight of gas delivered by the compressor per hour is  $(70,000 \text{ Btu/h})/(54.99 \text{ Btu/lb}) = 1272$  lb/h (0.16 kg/s), the compressor's total heat contribution is  $(1272 \text{ lb/h})(7.93 \text{ Btu/lb}) = 10,100$  Btu/h (3.0 kW).

With a compressor-driving motor having an efficiency of 85 percent, the hourly motor input is equivalent to  $10,100/0.85 = 11,880$  Btu/h (3.5 kW), or  $11,880/2545 \text{ Btu}/(\text{hp}\cdot\text{h}) = 4.66$  hp·h =  $(4.66)[746 \text{ Wh}/(\text{hp}\cdot\text{h})] = 3480$  Wh = 3.48 kWh. Also, the pump requires 0.4 hp·h, step 10, or  $(0.4)(746) = 299$  Wh = 0.299 kWh. Hence, the total power consumption at a 40°F (4.4°C) suction temperature is  $3.48 + 0.299 = 3.779$  kWh. At a power cost of 5 cents per kilowatthour, the energy cost is  $3.779(5.0) = 18.9$  cents per hour.

With a 35°F (1.7°C) suction temperature and using the lower heating capacity obtained with the smaller, fixed-capacity compressor, step 9, we see the weight of gas handled by the compressor will be  $(64,400 \text{ Btu/h})/(54.99 \text{ Btu/lb}) = 1172$  lb/h (0.15 kg/s). From step 7, the compressor must supply 8.48 Btu/lb (19.7 kJ/kg). Therefore, the compressor's total heat contribution is  $(1172 \text{ lb/h})(8.48 \text{ Btu/lb}) = 9950$  Btu/h (2.9 kW). With a motor efficiency of 85 percent, the hourly motor input is equivalent to  $9950/0.85 = 11,700$  Btu/h (3.4 kW).

Using the same procedure as above, we see that the electric power input to the compressor will be 3.43 kWh, while the pump electric power input is 0.150 kWh. The total electric power input is 3.58 kWh at a cost of  $(3.58)(5.0) = 17.9$  cents per hour. Hence, the hourly savings with the 35°F (1.7°C) suction temperature is  $18.9 - 17.9 = 1.0$  cent. Note, however, that the heat output at the 35°F (1.7°C) suction temperature, 64,400 Btu/h (18.9 kW), is 5600 Btu/h (1.6 kW) less than at the 40°F (4.4°C) suction temperature. If the lower heat output were unacceptable, the higher suction temperature or a larger compressor would have to be used. Either alternative would increase the power cost.

**Related Calculations** With a water sink as the heat source, the usual water consumption of a heat pump ranges from 1.1 to more than 4 gal/(min·ton) [0.06 to 0.23 L/(s·t)]. A consumption range this broad requires that the actual flow rate be computed because a guess could be considerably in error.



Either air or the earth may be used as a heat source instead of water. When the cooling load rather than the heating load establishes the basic equipment size, an ideal situation exists for the use of the heat pump with air as the heat source. This occurs in localities where the minimum outdoor temperature in the winter is 20°F (−6.7°C) or higher.

Ground coils can be bulky, costly, and troublesome. One study shows that the temperature difference between the evaporating refrigerant in a ground coil and the surrounding earth is about equal to the number of Btu/h that may be drawn from each linear foot of coil. Thus, with a temperature difference of 15°F (8.3°C) and a 70,000-Btu (73,853.9-kJ) load of which 85 percent is supplied by the coil, the length of coil needed is  $(70,000)(0.85)/15 = 3970$  ft (1210.1 m).

The coefficient of performance of a heat pump = heat rejected by condenser, Btu/heat equivalent of the net work of compression, Btu. The usual single-stage air source heat pump has a coefficient of performance ranging between 2.25 and 3.0. The procedure and data presented were developed by Robert Henderson Emerick, P.E., Consulting Mechanical Engineer.

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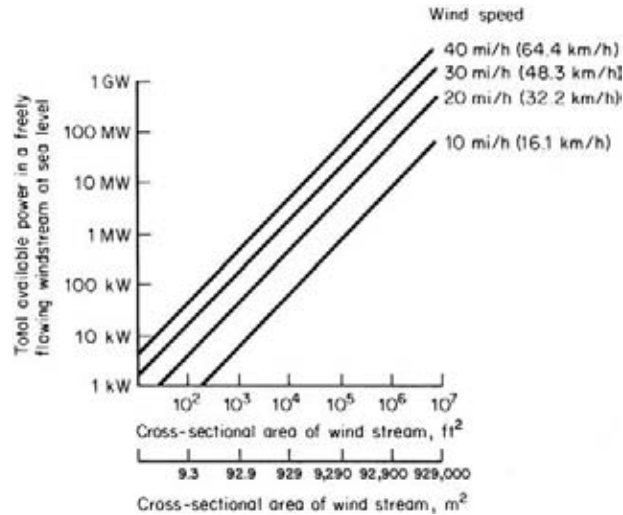
### CHOICE OF WIND-ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM

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Select a wind-energy conversion system to generate electric power at constant speed and constant frequency in a sea-level area where winds average 18 m/h (29 km/h), a cut-in speed of 8 mi/h (13 km/h) is sought, blades will be fully feathered (cut out) at wind speeds greater than 60 mi/h (100 km/h), and the system must withstand maximum wind velocities of 150 mi/h (240 km/h). Determine typical costs which might be expected. The maximum rotor diameter allowable for the site is 125 ft (38 m).

#### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the total available wind power.** Figure 1 shows the total available power in a freely flowing windstream at sea level for various wind speeds and cross-sectional areas of windstream. Since the maximum blade diameter, given that a blade-type conversion device will be used, is 125 ft (38 m), the area of the windstream will be  $A = \pi d^2/4 = \pi(125)^2/4 = 12,271.9$  ft<sup>2</sup> (1140.1 m<sup>2</sup>).



**FIGURE 1** The total available power in a freely flowing windstream at sea level versus the cross-sectional area of the windstream and the wind speed. (Mechanical Engineering.)

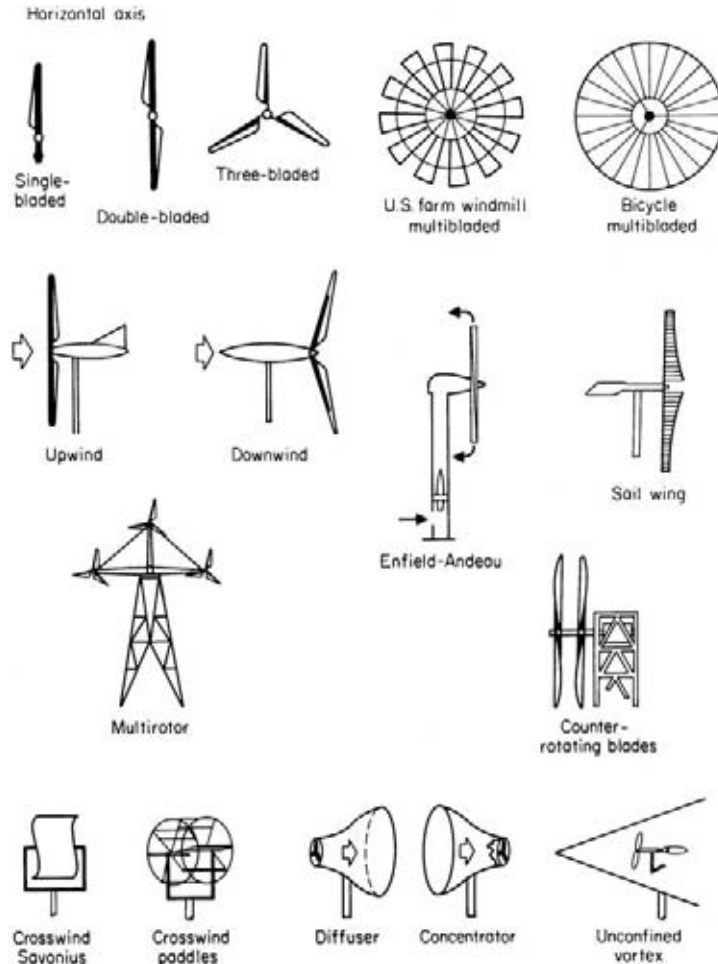
Entering Fig. 1 at this area and projecting vertically to a wind speed of 18 mi/h (29 km/h), we see that the total available power is 200 kW.

**2. Select a suitable wind machine.** Typical modern wind machines are shown in Fig. 2. In any wind-energy conversion system there are three basic subsystems: the aerodynamic system, the mechanical transmission system (gears, shafts, bearings, etc.), and the electrical generating system. Figure 2 gives the taxonomy of the more practical versions of wind machines (the aerodynamic system) available today. “Almost any physical configuration which produces an asymmetric force in the wind can be made to rotate, translate, or oscillate—thereby generating power. The governing consideration is economic—how much power for how much size and cost,” according to Fritz Hirschfeld, Member, ASME.

Continuing, Hirschfeld notes, “The power coefficient of an ideal wind machine rotor varies with the ratio of blade tip speed to free-flow windstream speed, and approaches the maximum of 0.59 when this ratio reaches a value of 5 or 6. Experimental evidence indicates that two-bladed rotors of good aerodynamic design—running at high rotational speeds where the ratio of the blade-tip-speed-to-free-flow-speed of the windstream is 5 or 6—will have power coefficients as high as 0.47. Figure 3 outlines the maximum power coefficients obtainable for several rotor designs. Figure 4 plots the typical performance curves of a number of different wind machines.”

Choose a horizontal-axis double-bladed rotor wind machine for this application with a power coefficient  $C_p$  of 0.375. This type of wind machine is being chosen because (1) the power coefficient is relatively high (0.375), providing efficient conversion of the energy of the wind; (2) the allowable blade diameter, 125 ft (38 m), is suitable for the double-bladed design; (3) a double-bladed rotor will operate well in the average wind speed, 18 mi/h (29 km/h), prevailing in the installation area; and (4) the double-bladed rotor is well suited for the constant-speed constant-frequency (CSCF) system desired for this installation.

**3. Compute the maximum electric power output of the wind machine.** The power of the wind  $P_w$  is converted to mechanical power  $P_m$  by the wind machine. In any wind machine,  $P_m = C_p P_w$ , where  $C_p$  = power coefficient. The mechanical power is then converted to electric power by the generator.



**FIGURE 2** Wind machines come in all shapes and sizes. Some of the more practical design categories are illustrated in this taxonomy. (*Mechanical Engineering.*)

Since there is an applicable efficiency for each of the systems, that is,  $C_p$  for the aerodynamic system,  $\eta_m$  for the mechanical system (gears, usually), or  $\eta_g$  for the generator, the electric power generated is  $P_e = P_w \eta_m \eta_g$ .

In actual practice, the maximum electric power output in kilowatts of horizontal-axis bladed wind machines geared to a 70 percent efficiency electric generator can be quickly computed from  $P_e = 0.38d^2V^3/10^6$ , where  $d$  = blade diameter, ft (m);  $V$  = maximum wind velocity, ft/s (m/s). For this wind machine,  $P_e = (0.38)(125)^2(26.4)^3/10^6 = 109.2$  kW. This result agrees closely with the actual machine on which the calculation procedure is based, which has a rated output of 100 kW.

**4. Determine the typical capital cost of this machine.** Figures 5 and 6 show typical capital costs for small conventional wind machines. Larger wind machines, such as the one being considered here,

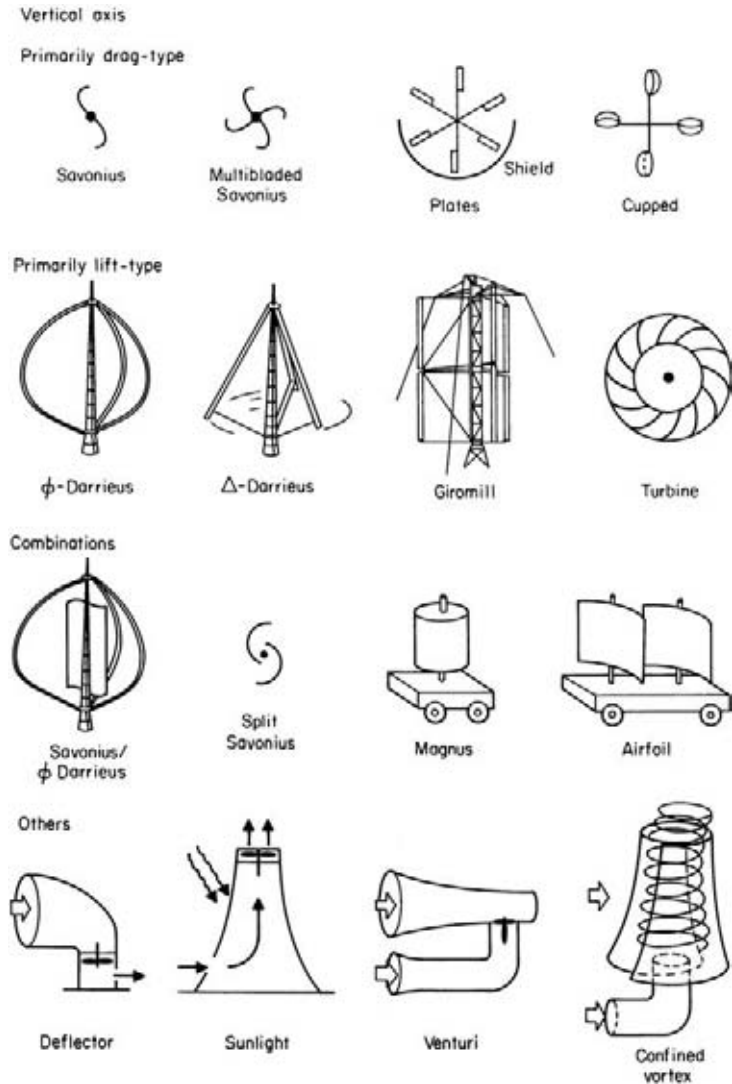


FIGURE 2 (Continued)

are estimated to have a cost of \$150,000 for a 100-kW unit, or \$1500 per kilowatt. Such costs may be safely used in first approximations with the base-year cost given in the illustration being suitably adjusted by a factor for inflation.

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure to choose wind machines for other duties—pumping, battery charging, supplying power to utility lines, etc. Be certain to check with manufacturers to determine whether the calculated results agree with actual practice in the field. In general, good agreement will be found to exist.

Wind power is a renewable, nonpolluting energy source in plentiful supply in certain parts of the world. For example, a recent report by the Union of Concerned Scientists points out that four

states—Kansas, Nebraska, and North and South Dakota—have enough wind to generate—in theory—all the electricity needed in the United States today.

In addition, the agricultural resources of the midwestern part of the United States could provide crops and crop residues to be used as fuel in power plants. Likewise, logging and wood residues could be used to fire boilers to generate electricity. The resulting air pollution would be much less than that produced by coal-fired plants. Crop- and crop-residue-fired plants could eventually supply some 10 percent of the electrical energy needed by the midwestern states.

Current cost to produce a kilowatt of electricity using wind power is less than 6 cents. This compares favorably with the 4–6 cents cost per kilowatt for the typical coal-fired generating station. When the relatively low cost of wind power is combined with its nonpolluting features, this form of electrical generation is extremely attractive to environmentally conscious engineers and scientists.

The advantages cited above apply equally well to many other nations throughout the world. In some areas wind power offers a simple, low-cost solution to energy needs without resorting to complex technical methods. Wind power does have a worldwide future.

The illustrations and much of the data in this procedure are the work of Fritz Hirschfeld, as reported in *Mechanical Engineering* magazine. Also reported in the magazine is a proposal by J. S. Goela of Physical Sciences, Inc., to use kites to extract energy from the wind.

Kites avoid the use of high-capital-cost components such as windmill towers and large rotors. Further, a kite can utilize the full available potential of the wind. As Fig. 7 shows, the earth's boundary layer extends up to 5000 ft (1500 m) above sea level. In this boundary layer, the average wind velocity increases while the air density decreases with altitude. Consequently, the total available wind power per unit area ( $= \frac{1}{2}\rho V^3$ ) increases with altitude until at an altitude of 5000 ft (1500 m) a maximum is reached. The ratio of available wind power in New England at 5000 ft (1500 m) and 150 ft (50 m) or

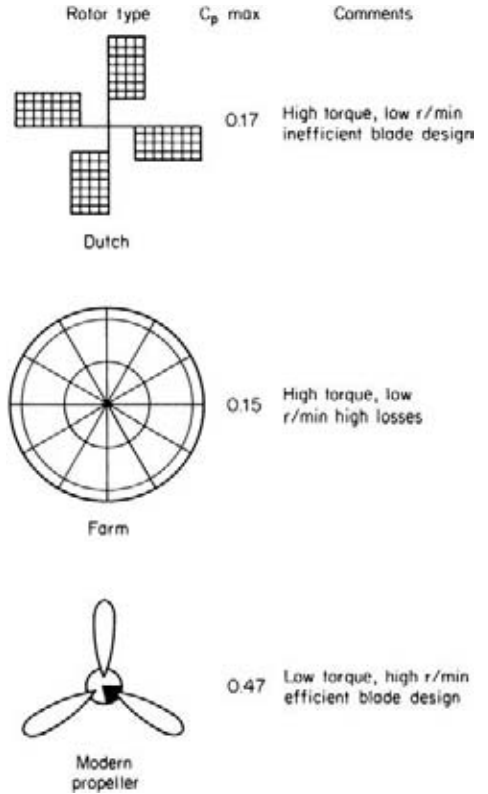


FIGURE 3 The maximum power coefficients for several types of rotor designs. (*Mechanical Engineering.*)

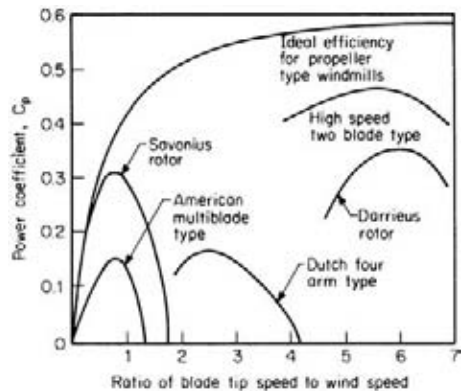
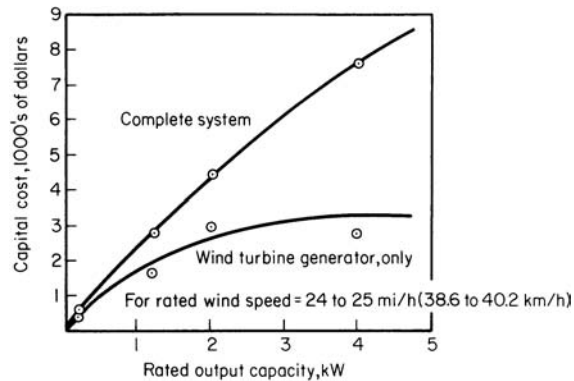
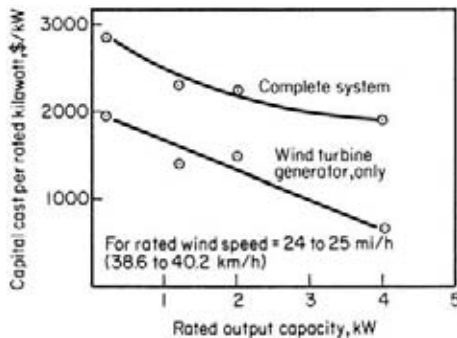


FIGURE 4 Typical performance curves for different types of wind machines. (*Mechanical Engineering.*)



**FIGURE 5** Capital cost of small conventional wind machine. (*Mechanical Engineering.*)



**FIGURE 6** Capital cost, per rated kilowatt, for small conventional wind machines. (*Mechanical Engineering.*)

less] is 25. This is a large factor which makes it very attractive to employ systems that use an energy extraction device located at an altitude of 5000 ft (1500 m). Even at an altitude of 1000 ft (300 m), this ratio is large, approximately equal to 10.

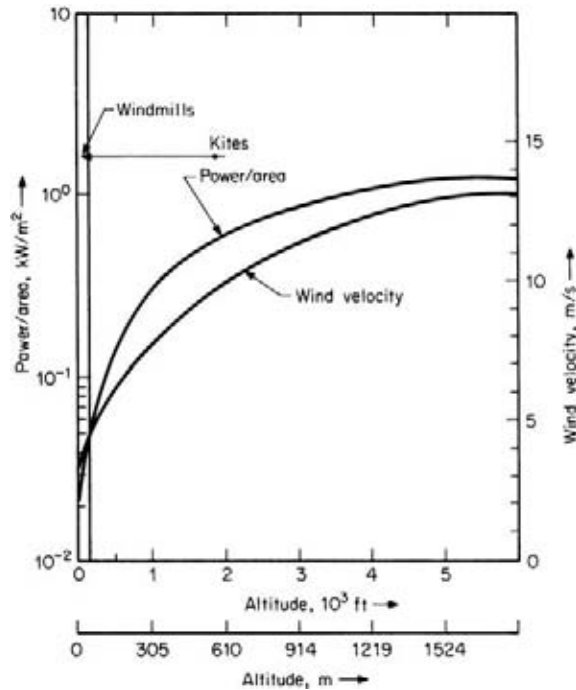
To understand how the proposed scheme will extract energy from the wind, consider the following: The motion of air generates a pull in the rope that holds the kite. This pull is a function of both the angle of attack of the kite and the kite area normal to the wind direction, and by varying any of these we can vary the pull on the rope. On the surface of the earth, this rope will be suitably connected to an energy system which will convert the variation in developed force on the rope to the rotational energy of a rotor.

Whenever a period of calm occurs, the kite will tend to lose its altitude. One solution to this difficulty is to fill the empty spaces in the kite with helium gas such that the upward pull from the helium gas will balance the downward gravity force due to the weight of the kite and its string. Another possibility is to tie a balloon to the kite.

A detailed theoretical analysis of the proposed scheme has been carried out. This analysis indicates that the proposed scheme is scalable, that the drag on the kite string is small in comparison to the pull in the string for large devices, and that approximately 0.38 kW of power theoretically can be obtained from a kite 1.2 yd<sup>2</sup> (1 m<sup>2</sup>) in area. In addition, there are no material or systems constraints which will prevent the kite from achieving an elevation of 5000 ft (1500 m).

Even though it is difficult to estimate the cost of wind power from the proposed scheme, a rough estimate indicates that for a 100-kW system, the capital cost per unit of energy from the proposed scheme will be less—approximately by a factor of 3—in comparison with the capital cost of one unit of energy produced from other 100-kW wind-energy systems.

The most important application of kite-based energy systems is in developing countries where these systems can be used to pump water from wells, grind grain, and generate electricity. A majority of developing countries do not have an adequate supply of indigenous oil and gas, nor can they afford to buy substantial quantities of fossil fuel at international prices. What these countries prefer is a system that could generate useful energy by using as inputs resources that are



**FIGURE 7** Variation of mean annual free-air wind velocity and total available wind power per unit area ( $= \frac{1}{2} \rho V^3$ ) with altitude in New England. (*Mechanical Engineering.*)

available within the country. The simple scheme proposed here is ideally suited for the needs of developing countries.

The kite-based system may also be economically attractive in comparison to a small windmill of less than 1 hp (750 W) which has been used in rural and farm areas in the western United States to pump water, generate electricity, and irrigate land. Another application of the proposed scheme is to generate auxiliary power in large sailboats, motorboats, and ships where conventional wind-energy schemes cannot be employed. The wind-energy system employing kites can also be used as a fuel saver in conjunction with already existing transmission lines.

A kite flying at an altitude of 5000 ft (1500 m) may present a hazard to low-flying airplanes. One way to avoid a collision with the kite or an entanglement with the kite lines is to enhance their visibility by providing flashing lights around the kite structure and along its retaining line. Another approach is to fly the kites at lower altitudes. For instance, even at an altitude of 1000 ft (305 m), the total available wind power is larger by a factor of 10 in comparison with that at 150 ft (50 m), Fig. 7.

Wind energy was welcomed by environmentalists when first introduced on a large-scale basis in the late 70s and early 80s. Today all environmental groups support wind energy—but with less enthusiasm than earlier. The reason for the loss of enthusiasm? Windmills are killing birds that fly into them.

Some of the birds killed by windmills are endangered species, so environmentalists seek a solution to prevent the killing of hundreds of birds a year that crash into the 17,000 100-ft (30.5-m) windmills erected in California where 80 percent of the world's wind power is produced.

A number of states are considering construction of windmill "farms" where thousands of power-generating windmills will be clustered together. Environmentalists are concerned that such farms will raise the death toll amongst birds. Wind turbine manufacturers estimate that from 2 to 6 birds are killed per year per 100 wind turbines.

## FUEL SAVINGS USING HIGH-TEMPERATURE HOT-WATER HEATING

Determine the fuel savings possible by using high-temperature-water (HTW) heating instead of steam if 50,000 lb/h (6.3 kg/s) of steam at 150 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (1034 kPa) is to be produced for delivering heat to equipment 1000 ft (305 m) from the boiler. The saturation temperature of the steam is 360°F (182°C); specific volume = 2.75 ft<sup>3</sup>/lb (0.017 m<sup>3</sup>/kg); enthalpy of evaporation = 857 Btu/lb (1996.8 kJ/kg); enthalpy of saturated vapor = 1195.6 Btu/lb (2785.7 kJ/kg); ambient temperature = 70°F (21.1°C); steam velocity = 5000 ft/min (1524 m/s); density of water at 240°F (171.1°C) = 56 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (896.6 kg/m<sup>3</sup>).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the required pipe cross-sectional area.** The required pipe cross-sectional area is  $A \text{ ft}^2 \text{ (m}^2\text{)} = Wv/V$ , where  $W$  = steam flow rate, lb/h (kg/h);  $V$  = specific volume of the steam, ft<sup>3</sup>/lb (m<sup>3</sup>/kg);  $V$  = steam velocity, ft/h (m/h). Or,  $A = 50,000(2.75)/[5000(60)] = 0.46 \text{ ft}^2$  or  $66 \text{ in}^2$  (429 cm<sup>2</sup>).

**2. Choose the size of the steam pipe.** For a 5-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (34.4-kPa) pressure drop in the 1000-ft (305-m) pipeline, standard pressure-loss calculations given elsewhere in this handbook show that a 10-in (25.4-cm) diameter pipe would be suitable when used in conjunction with a 5-in (12.7-cm) condensate-return line. The 10-in (25.4-cm) line would have 2-in (5.1-cm) thick calcium silicate insulation, while the 5-in (12.7-cm) line would have 1-in (2.5-cm) thick insulation of the same material.

**3. Compute the heat losses in the two lines.** Using the insulation heat-loss calculation methods given elsewhere in this handbook, we find the heat loss in the 10-in (25.4-cm) line is 183,200 Btu/h (53,678 W), while the heat loss in the 5-in (12.7-cm) condensate line is 78,100 Btu/h (22,833 W). Summing these, we see the total heat loss for the steam system is 261,300 Btu/h (76.6 kW).

**4. Determine the amount of condensate formed.** The amount of condensate formed  $w_c$  = (steam-line heat loss, Btu/h)/(enthalpy of vaporization, Btu/lb), or  $w_c = 183,200/857 = 214 \text{ lb/h}$  (97.3 kg/h).

**5. Compute the amount of heat delivered to the load.** The amount of heat delivered to the load is  $H \text{ Btu/h} = (\text{steam flow rate, lb/h} - \text{condensate formation rate for heat loss, lb/h}) (\text{enthalpy of vaporization of the steam, Btu/lb})$ . Or, for this steam system,  $H = (50,000 - 214)857 = 42,666,602 \text{ Btu/h}$  (12,501 kW).

**6. Determine the condensate flash-out losses.** If the flash vapor is produced when the condensate is flashed out to atmospheric pressure in the return line and condensate receiver, the losses from flash-out will equal the enthalpy of the saturated water at 365°F (185°C) minus the enthalpy of the saturated water at 212°F (100°C), or  $338.5 - 180 = 158.5 \text{ Btu/lb}$  (369 kJ/kg).

To produce 857 Btu (904 J) of latent heat per pound of steam, the boiler must supply  $1195.6 - 180 = 1015.6 \text{ Btu/lb}$  (2366.3 kJ/kg), assuming that the condensate is returned to the boiler at 212°F (100°C). Hence, condensate losses from flash-out =  $(158.5/1015.6)100 = 15.6$  percent. In addition, there is an approximate 5 percent loss due to leakage of steam and condensate, plus blowdown losses, which brings the total losses to  $15.6 + 5.0 = 20.6$ , say 20 percent.

**7. Compute the total boiler heat input required.** With a condensate loss of 20 percent, as computed above, the amount of condensate returned to the boiler =  $0.80(50,000 \text{ lb/h of steam}) = 40,000 \text{ lb/h}$  (5.04 kg/s). Hence, the enthalpy of the feedwater to the boiler, including makeup water, is 40,000 lb (18,181.8 kg) of condensate at 212°F (100°C) =  $40,000(180 \text{ Btu/lb}) = 7,200,000 \text{ Btu}$  (7596 kJ); 10,000 lb (4545.4 kg) of makeup water at 50°F (10°C), 18 Btu/lb (41.9 kJ/kg), is  $10,000(18) = 180,000 \text{ Btu}$  (189,900 J); the sum = 7,380,000 Btu (7785 kJ). The boiler must therefore produce  $50,000 \times 1195.6 - 7,380,000 = 52,400,000 \text{ Btu/h}$  (15,353.2 kW).



Assuming 75 percent boiler efficiency for this unit (a valid assumption for the usual steam heating boiler), we find the adjusted total amount of energy needed for steam heat =  $52,400,000/0.75 = 69,867,000$  Btu (73,710 kJ).

**8. Compute the hourly water flow rate.** To deliver 42,666,600 Btu/h (45,013.2 kJ) to the equipment, assume a 40°F (4.4°C) temperature drop between the supply and the return. Then the hourly flow rate = Btu/h heat required/temperature drop of the water, °F =  $42,666,600/40 = 1,066,700$  lb/h (134.3 kg/s).

**9. Choose the size pipe to use for the supply and return.** Assume a water flow velocity of 10 ft/s (3.05 m/s). Then the pipe area needed, from the relation in step 1 of this procedure, is  $1,066,700/(3600)(10)(56) = 0.529$  ft<sup>2</sup> (0.049 m<sup>2</sup>). This area requires a 10-in (25.4-cm) pipe.

**10. Compute the heat loss in the piping.** The supply and return lines would require 2000 ft (609.6 m) of 10-in (25.4-cm) pipe with 2-in (5.1-cm) thick calcium silicate insulation. If the supply temperature is 360°F (182.2°C) and the return temperature is 320°F (160°C), the mean temperature would be  $(360 + 320)/2 = 340$ °F (171.1°C). Using the insulation heat-loss calculation methods given elsewhere in this handbook, we see that the heat loss in the supply and return lines is 326,800 Btu/h (96.8 kW). Hence, the total amount of heat which must be supplied to the water is  $326,800 + 42,666,600 = 42,993,400$  Btu/h (12,597 kW) before allowance is made for the efficiency of the boiler.

**11. Compare the steam and hot-water systems.** A typical hot-water heating boiler for a system such as this will have an operating efficiency of 77 percent. Using this value, we find the heat which must be supplied by the fuel =  $42,993,400/0.77 = 55,835,600$  Btu/h (16,360 kW).

As computed earlier, the heat required by the steam system exceeds that required by the hot-water system by  $69,867,000 - 55,835,600 = 14,031,400$  Btu/h (4111 kW), or 20 percent. This means that the high-temperature hot-water system will use 20 percent less fuel than the steam system for this installation.

**Related Calculations** Use this approach when comparing or designing HTW systems for airports, military installations, hospitals, shopping centers, multifamily dwellings, garden apartments, industrial plants, central heating for large districts, university campuses, chemical-process plants, and similar installations. High-temperature-water systems are those using water in the 250 to 420°F (121.1 to 215.5°C) range, corresponding to a steam pressure of 300 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (2068.5 kPa). Mechanical problems caused by high water pressures above 420°F (215.5°C) make this temperature the practical upper limit. HTW systems can produce fuel savings 20 percent greater than systems using steam.

Studies show that conversion from steam to HTW is attractive—particularly for systems rated at 20,000,000 Btu/h (5860 kW) or higher. At this rating the conversion cost can usually be paid off in about 2 years. Smaller HTW systems, from 5,000,00 to 15,000,000 Btu/h (1470 to 4395 kW), are only marginally more economical to operate than steam, but they are still favored because they provide much more accurate and uniform temperature control.

HTW systems can give fuel savings of 20 to 50 percent, compared to an equivalent steam heating system. For new installations, the total capital investment is about the same for both steam and HTW systems. However, the savings in fuel costs and maintenance make the payout period for a new HTW system shorter than for conversion of an existing steam system.

Many plants use their steam boilers for both process and space heating. Cascade (direct-contact) heaters can generate up to 350°F (176.7°C) water from 150-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1034-kPa) steam [or 400°F (204.4°C) from a 250-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1724-kPa) boiler]. This water temperature is adequate for the rolls, presses, extruders, evaporators, conveyors, and reactors used in many industrial plants. Steam-pressure reducing valves are not needed to maintain the different temperature levels required by each machine.

Plants having steam boilers can convert to HTW heating simply and quickly by installing direct-contact water heaters in, or adjacent to, the boiler room. Such heaters can also serve as heat

reservoirs, absorbing sudden peak loads and allowing the boilers to operate at fairly constant loads. HTW systems can easily supply water at elevated temperatures for process loads and water at lower temperatures for process loads and space-heating loads. Distribution efficiency of such systems approaches 95 percent overall.

For process applications requiring extremely close temperature control, the water circulating rate through a secondary loop can be designed to limit the difference between inlet and outlet temperatures to  $\pm 2^\circ\text{F}$  ( $\pm 1.11^\circ\text{C}$ ). The greater heat capacity of hot water over steam and the narrower pipelines required are other advantages. The usual HTW line need be only one or two sizes larger than the condensate line required in a steam system. The ratio of absolute heat-storing capacity is 42 to 1 in favor of HTW over steam. Where steam is needed in an all-HTW system, it can be obtained easily by flashing some of the water to steam. This calculation procedure is the work of William M. Teller, William Diskant, and Louis Malfitani, all of American Hydrotherm Corporation, as reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine.

## FUEL SAVINGS PRODUCED BY HEAT RECOVERY

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Determine the primary-fuel saving which can be produced by heat recovery if 150 M Btu/h (158.3 MJ/h) in the form of 650-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (4481.1-kPa) steam superheated to 750°F (198.9°C) is recovered. The projected average primary-fuel cost (such as coal, gas, oil, etc.) over a 12-year evaluation period for this proposed heat recovery scheme is \$0.75 per 10<sup>6</sup> Btu (\$0.71 per million joules) lower heating value (LHV). Expected thermal efficiency of a conventional power boiler to produce steam at the equivalent pressure and temperature is 86 percent, based on the LHV of the fuel.

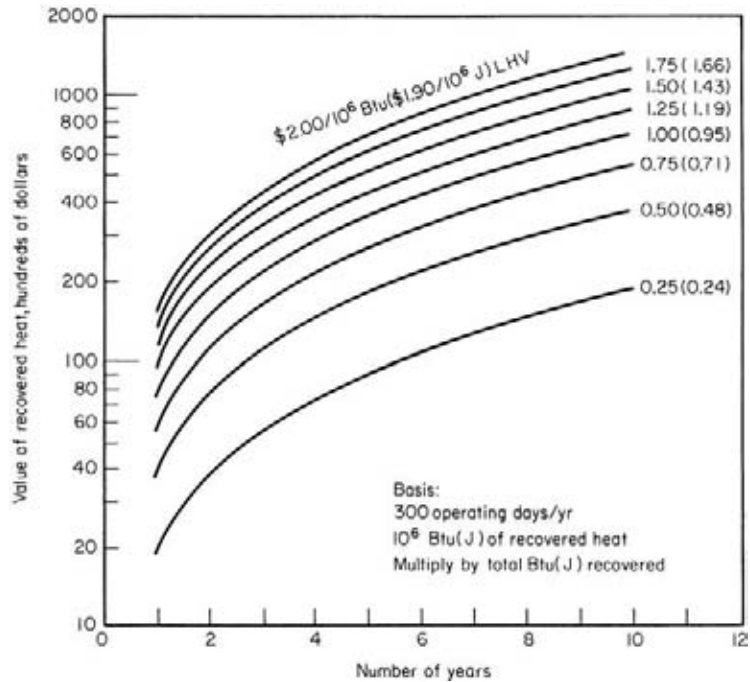
### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the value of the heat recovered during 1 year.** Enter Fig. 8 at the bottom at 1 year and project vertically to the curve marked \$0.75 per 10<sup>6</sup> LHV. From the intersection with the curve, project to the left to read the value of the heat recovered as \$5400 per year per MBtu/h recovered (\$5094 per MJ).

**2. Find the total value of the recovered heat.** The total value of the recovered heat = (hourly value of the heat recovered, \$/10<sup>6</sup> Btu)(heat recovered, 10<sup>6</sup> Btu/h)(life of scheme, years). For this scheme, total value of recovered heat = (\$5400)(150 × 10<sup>6</sup> Btu/h)(12 years) = \$9,720,000.

**3. Compute the total value of the recovered heat, taking the boiler efficiency into consideration.** Since the power boiler has an efficiency of 86 percent, the equivalent cost of the primary fuel would be  $\$0.75/0.86 = \$0.872$  per 10<sup>6</sup> Btu (\$0.823 per million joules). The total value of the recovered heat if bought as primary fuel would be  $\$9,720,000(\$0.872/\$0.75) = \$11,301,119$ . This is nearly \$1 million a year for the 12-year evaluation period—a significant amount of money in almost any business. Thus, for a plant producing 1000 tons/day (900 t/day) of a product, the heat recovery noted above will reduce the cost of the product by about \$3.14 per ton, based on 258 working days per year.

**Related Calculations** This general procedure can be used for any engineered installation where heat is available for recovery, such as power-generating plants, chemical-process plants, petroleum refineries, marine steam-propulsion plants, nuclear generating facilities, air-conditioning and refrigeration plants, building heating systems, etc. Further, the procedure can be used for these and any other heat-recovery projects where the cost of the primary fuel can be determined. Offsetting the value of any heat saving will be the cost of the equipment needed to effect this saving. Typical equipment used for heat savings include waste-heat boilers, insulation, heat pipes, incinerators, etc.



**FIGURE 8** Chart yields value of 1 million Btu of recovered heat. This value is based on the projected average costs for primary fuel. (*Chemical Engineering.*)

With the almost certain continuing rise in fuel costs, designers are seeking new and proven ways to recover heat. Ways which are both popular and effective include the following:

1. Converting recovered heat to high-pressure steam in the 600- to 1500-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (4137- to 10,343-kPa) range where the economic value of the steam is significantly higher than at lower pressures.
2. Superheating steam using elevated-temperature streams to both recover heat and add to the economic value of the steam.
3. Using waste heat to raise the temperature of incoming streams of water, air, raw materials, etc.
4. Recovering heat from circulating streams of liquids which might otherwise be wasted.

In evaluating any heat-recovery system, the following facts should be included in the calculation of the potential savings:

1. The economic value of the recovered heat should exceed the value of the primary energy required to produce the equivalent heat at the same temperature and/or pressure level. An efficiency factor must be applied to the primary fuel in determining its value compared to that obtained from heat recovery. This was done in the above calculation.
2. An economic evaluation of a heat-recovery system must be based on a projection of fuel costs over the average life of the heat-recovery equipment.
3. Environmental pollution restrictions must be kept in mind at all times because they may force the use of a more costly fuel.

4. Many elevated-temperature process streams require cooling over a long temperature range. In such instances, the economic analysis should credit the heat-recovery installation with the savings that result from eliminating non-heat-recovery equipment that normally would have been provided. Also, if the heat-recovery equipment permits faster cooling of a steam and this time saving has an economic value, this value must be included in the study.
5. Where heat-recovery equipment reduces primary-fuel consumption, it is possible that plant operations can be continued with the use of such equipment whereas without the equipment the continued operation of a plant might not be possible.

The above calculations and comments on heat recovery are the work of J. P. Fanaritis and H. J. Streich, both of Struthers Wells Corps., as reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine.

Where the primary-fuel cost exceeds or is different from the values plotted in Fig. 8, use the value of \$1.00 per  $10^6$  Btu (J) (LHV) and multiply the result by the ratio of (actual cost, dollars per  $10^6$  Btu/\$1) (\$/J/\$1). Thus, if the actual cost is \$3 per  $10^6$  Btu (J), solve for \$1 per  $10^6$  Btu (J) and multiply the result by 3. And if the actual cost were \$0.80, the result would be multiplied by 0.8.

### COST OF HEAT LOSS FOR UNINSULATED PIPES

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What is the annual cost of the heat loss from 10 ft (3 m) of uninsulated 6-in (15-cm) diameter pipe conveying steam at 375°F (190.6°C) if the average ambient temperature is 75°F (23.9°C), the fuel cost is \$1.44 per  $10^6$  Btu (\$1.36 per MJ), and the net energy conversion efficiency is 72 percent? What effect would a wind velocity of 10 mi/h (16.1 km/h) have on the heat loss from the pipe?

#### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the heat loss in still air per unit length of pipe.** The heat loss from any vessel or pipe depends on the temperature difference between the pipe or vessel and the medium in contact with the warmer surface, or  $\Delta T$ . For this installation,  $\Delta T = 375 - 75 = 300^\circ\text{F}$  (166.7°C).

To determine the cost of the heat loss per unit length of pipe, enter Fig. 9 at the bottom at 300°F (166.7°C) and project vertically upward to the intersection with the curve; from the intersection project horizontally to the left to read the cost as \$7.60 per year per square foot (\$84.44 per year per square meter) of pipe surface. Convert this cost to the cost per linear foot (meter) of pipe by multiplying by 1.734 ft<sup>2</sup>/ft, the surface area per foot of length of 6-in (15.2-cm) nominal pipe. Hence,  $(\$7.60)(1.734) = \$13.18$  per foot per year (\$43.24 per meter per year) for this pipe.

To compute the annual cost for this pipe, multiply by the total pipe length, or  $10(\$13.18) = \$131.80$  per year.

**2. Correct the computed annual cost of the loss for net efficiency and fuel cost.** The net efficiency of energy conversion is 72 percent, and the annual fuel cost = (cost, \$ per foot per year)(ft of pipe)(fuel cost, \$ per  $10^6$  Btu per year)/(net energy conversion efficiency, %) =  $(\$131.80)(1.44/0.72) = \$263.60$ .

**3. Determine the annual cost of the heat loss when the pipe is exposed to the wind.** Enter Fig. 10 at the air velocity, 10 mi/h (16.1 km/h) and project upward to a  $\Delta T$  of 300°F (166.7°C). At the left, read the wind correction factor as 2.14. Then the annual cost in a location having a prevailing wind = (annual cost for wind-free location)(air velocity correction factor) =  $(\$263.60)(2.14) = \$564.10$ .

**Related Calculations** For piping whose surface has been left uninsulated or whose insulation has been so severely damaged as to be useless, the yearly (8760-h) cost of the heat loss per square foot can be found from Fig. 9. Costs so determined will generally be within the accuracy of data that can be obtained in the field, and are suitable for most applications without further refinement.

Figure 9 costs are based on a net efficiency of energy conversion of 100 percent, a fuel price of \$1.00 per  $10^6$  Btu, and heat transfer to still air. Corrections are necessary to arrive at annual costs for other conditions:

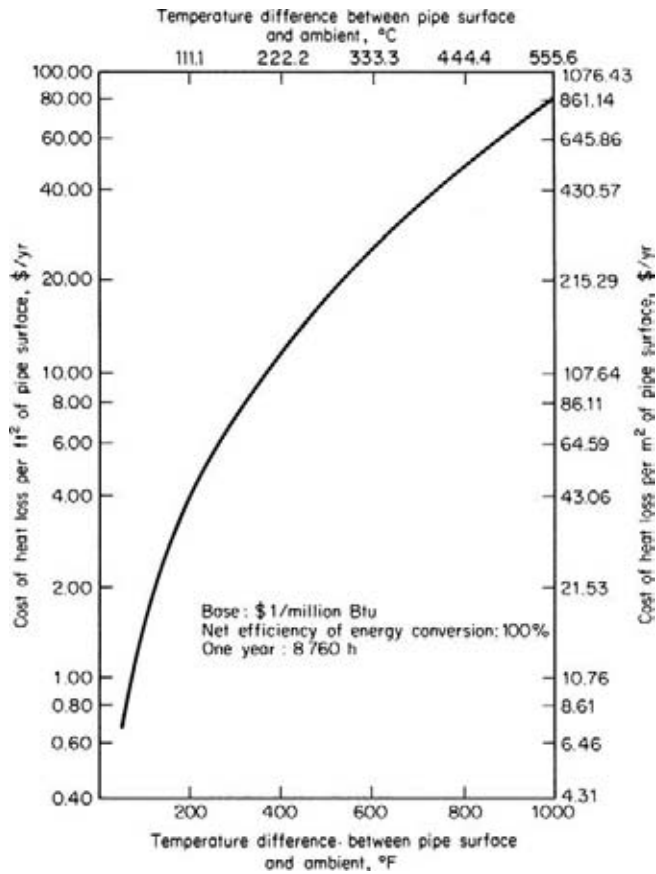


FIGURE 9 Cost of heat loss when insulation is missing. (Chemical Engineering.)

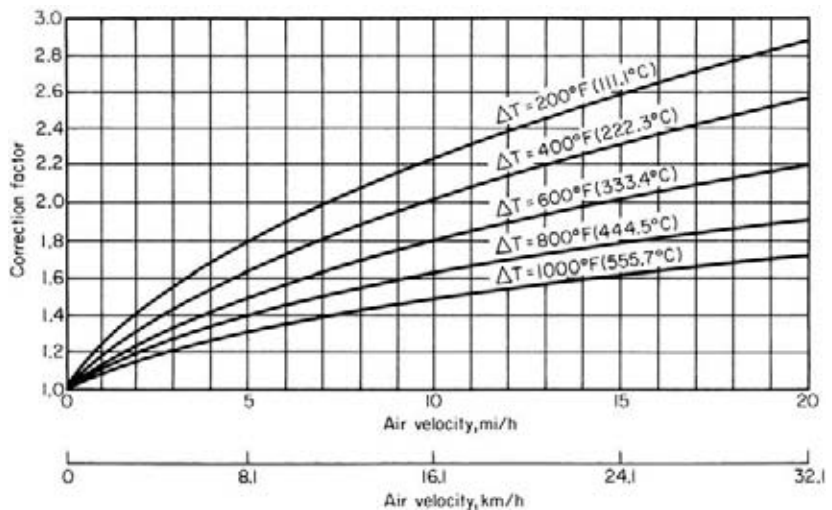


FIGURE 10 Correction for wind velocity;  $\Delta T$  is difference between pipe and ambient temperature. (Chemical Engineering.)

Net efficiency of less than 100 percent: To correct for a different net efficiency, divide the cost derived from Fig. 9 by the actual net efficiency of energy conversion. (For intermediate-size boilers most common in usual plants, the net efficiency is typically 72 percent.)

Fuel cost other than \$1.00 per  $10^6$  Btu: To correct for a different cost, multiply the cost derived from Fig. 9 by the actual cost of the fuel.

Outdoor installation exposed to moving air: To correct for variant wind conditions, multiply the cost obtained from Fig. 9 by a correction factor from Fig. 10 for the actual wind velocity. For most of the continental United States, 10 mi/h (16.1 km/h) represents a reasonable annual average.

The unit costs provided by Fig. 9 are average values for a range of pipe sizes in still air. Although there is some variation for different pipe sizes and ambient temperatures, the variations are small compared to the cost of heat loss caused by low air velocities.

The heat loss resulting from missing insulation is the difference between the heat loss from bare pipe and that through normal insulation. Insulation standards have changed in recent years because of varying fuel and insulation costs and other economic factors. And although the loss through insulation will vary with the standard adopted for a project, such variations will be negligible compared to the heat loss from bare pipe.

In general, corrections for precise ambient conditions, pipe size, and insulation thickness will not be justified because they go beyond the reasonable accuracy of field data.

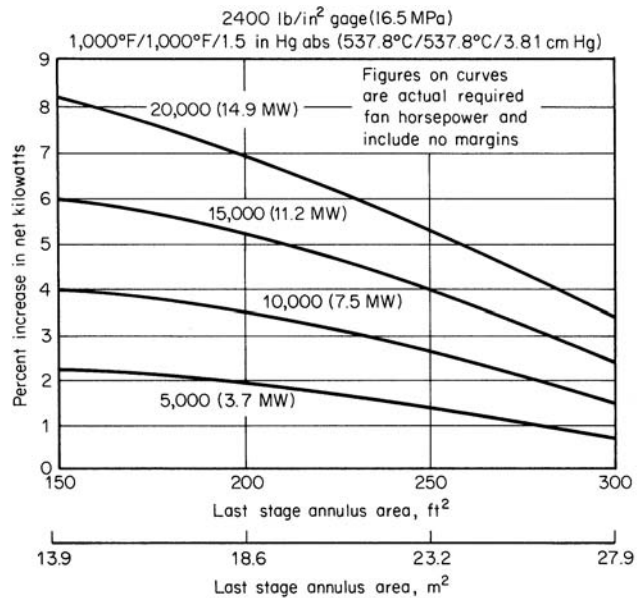
The procedure and illustrations presented here are the work of Rene Cordero, piping and process mechanical equipment design engineer, Allied Chemical Corp., as reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine. The data provided are valid for piping in chemical, petrochemical, factory, marine, power, and similar plants where it is desired to determine the cost of heat loss from uninsulated or partially insulated pipes.

## HEAT-RATE IMPROVEMENT USING TURBINE-DRIVEN BOILER FANS

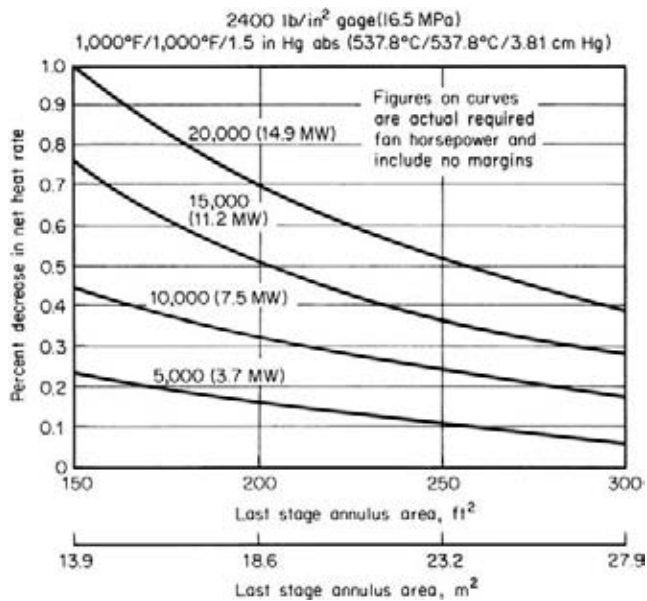
What is the net heat-rate improvement and net kilowatt gain in a steam power plant having a main generating unit rated at 870,000 kW at 2.5 in (6.35 cm) HgA, 0 percent makeup with motor-driven fans if turbine-driven fans are substituted? Plant data are as follows: (a) tandem-compound turbine, four-flow, 3600-r/min 33.5 in (85.1 cm) last-stage buckets with 264-ft<sup>2</sup> (24.5-m<sup>2</sup>) total last-stage annulus area; (b) steam conditions 3500 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (24,133 kPa), 1000°F/1000°F (537.8°C/537.8°C); (c) with main-unit valves wide open, overpressure with motor-driven fans, generator output = 952,000 kW at 2.5 in (6.35 cm) HgA and 0 percent makeup; net heat rate = 7770 Btu/kWh (8197.4 kJ/kWh); (d) actual fan horsepower = 14,000 (10,444 W) at valves wide open, overpressure with no flow or head margins; (e) motor efficiency = 93 percent; transmission efficiency = 98 percent; inlet-valve efficiency = 88 percent; total drive efficiency = 80 percent; difference between the example drive efficiency and base drive efficiency =  $80 - 76.7 = 3.3$  percent.

### Calculation Procedure

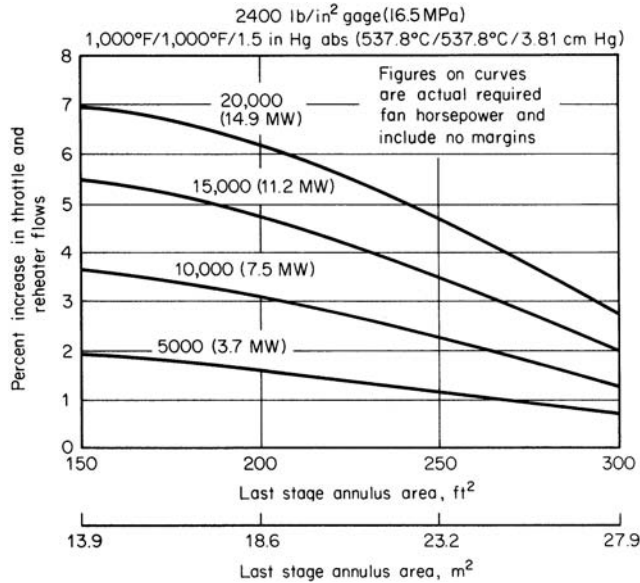
- Determine the percentage increase in net kilowatt output when turbine-driven fans are used.** Enter Fig. 11 at 264-ft<sup>2</sup> (24.5-m<sup>2</sup>) annulus area and 14,000 required fan horsepower, and read the increase as 3.6 percent. Hence, the net plant output increase = 34,272 kW (=  $0.036 \times 952,000$ ).
- Compute the net heat improvement.** From Fig. 12, the net heat rate improvement = 0.31 percent. Or,  $0.0031(7770) = 24$  Btu (25.3 J).
- Determine the increase in the throttle and reheater steam flow.** From Fig. 13, the increase in the throttle and reheater flow is 3.1 percent. This is the additional boiler steam flow required for the turbine-driven fan cycle.



**FIGURE 11** Percentage increase in net kilowatts vs. last stage annulus area for 2400-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) when turbine-driven fans are used as compared to motors. (*Combustion.*)



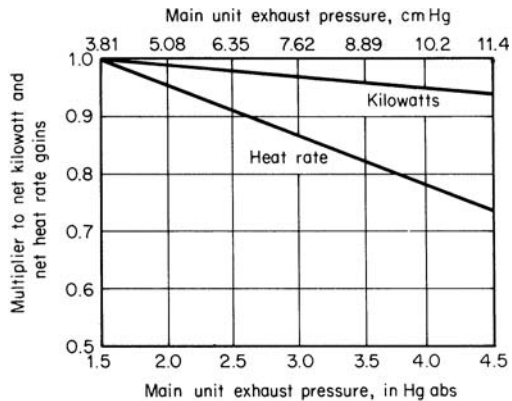
**FIGURE 12** Percentage decrease in net heat rate vs. last-stage annulus area for 2400-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) when turbine-driven fans are used as compared to motors. (*Combustion.*)



**FIGURE 13** Percentage increase in throttle and reheat flows vs. last-stage annulus area for 2400-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) when turbine-driven fans are used as compared to motors. (*Combustion.*)

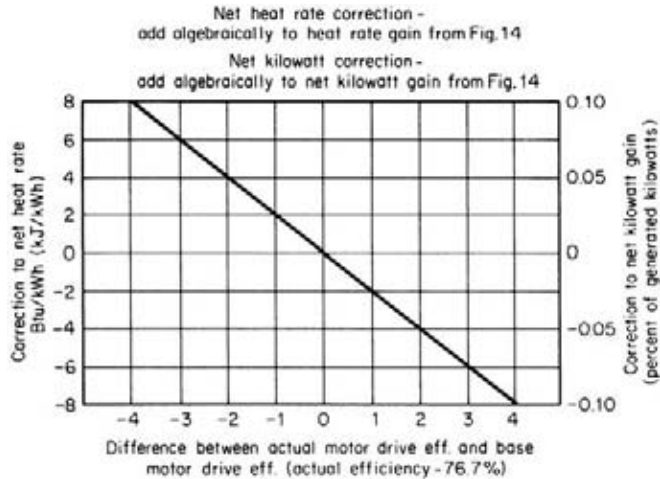
**4. Compute the net kilowatt gain and the net heat-rate improvement.** From Fig. 14 the multipliers for the 2.5 in (6.35 cm) HgA backpressure are 0.98 for net kilowatt gain and 0.91 for net heat rate. Hence, net kW gain = 34,272(0.98) = 33,587 kW, and net heat-rate improvement = 24 × 0.91 = 22.0 Btu (23.0 J).

**5. Determine the overall cycle benefits.** From Fig. 15 the correction for a drive efficiency of 80 percent compared to the base case of 76.7 percent is obtained. Enter the curve with 3.3 percent (= 80 – 76.7) and read –6.6-Btu (–6.96-J) correction on the net heat rate and –0.08 percent of generated kilowatts.



**FIGURE 14** Multiplier to net kilowatt and net heat-rate gains to correct for main-unit exhaust pressure higher than 1.5 inHg (38.1 mmHg). (*Combustion.*)





**FIGURE 15** Corrections for differences in motor-drive system efficiency. (*Combustion.*)

To determine the overall cycle benefits, and algebraically to the values obtained from step 4, or net kW gain =  $33,587 + (-0.0008 \times 952,000) = 32,825$  kW; net heat-rate improvement =  $22.1 + (-6.6) = 15.5$  Btu (16.4 J).

**Related Calculations** This calculation procedure can be used for any maximum-loaded main turbine in utility stations serving electric loads in metropolitan or rural areas. A maximum-loaded main turbine is one designed and sized for the maximum allowable steam flow through its last-stage annulus area.

Turbine-driven fans have been in operation in some plants for more than 10 years. Next to feed pumps, the boiler fans are the second largest consumer of auxiliary power in utility stations.

Current studies indicate that turbine-driven fans can be economic at 700 MW and above, and possibly as low as 500 MW. Although the turbine-driven fan system will have a higher initial capital cost when compared to a motor-driven fan system, the additional cost will be more than offset by the additional net output in kilowatts. In certain cases, economic studies may show that turbine drives for fans may be advantageous in constant-throttle-flow evaluations.

As power plants for utility use get larger, fan power required for boilers is increasing. Environmental factors such as use of SO<sub>2</sub> removal equipment are also increasing the required fan power. With these increased fan-power requirements, turbine drive will be the more economic arrangement for many large fossil plants. Further, these drives enable the plant designer to obtain a greater output from each unit to fuel input.

This calculation procedure is based on the work of E. L. Williamson, J. C. Black, A. F. Destribats, and W. N. Iuliano, all of Southern Services, Inc., and F. A. Reed, General Electric Company, as reported in *Combustion* magazine and in a paper presented before the American Power Conference Chicago.

### ***COST SEPARATION OF STEAM AND ELECTRICITY IN A COGENERATION POWER PLANT USING THE ENERGY EQUIVALENCE METHOD***

Allocate—using the energy equivalence method—the steam and electricity costs in a power plant having a double automatic-extraction, noncondensing steam turbine for process steam and electric generation. Turbine throttle steam flow is 800,000 lb/h (100.7 kg/s) at 865 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (5964.1 kPa).

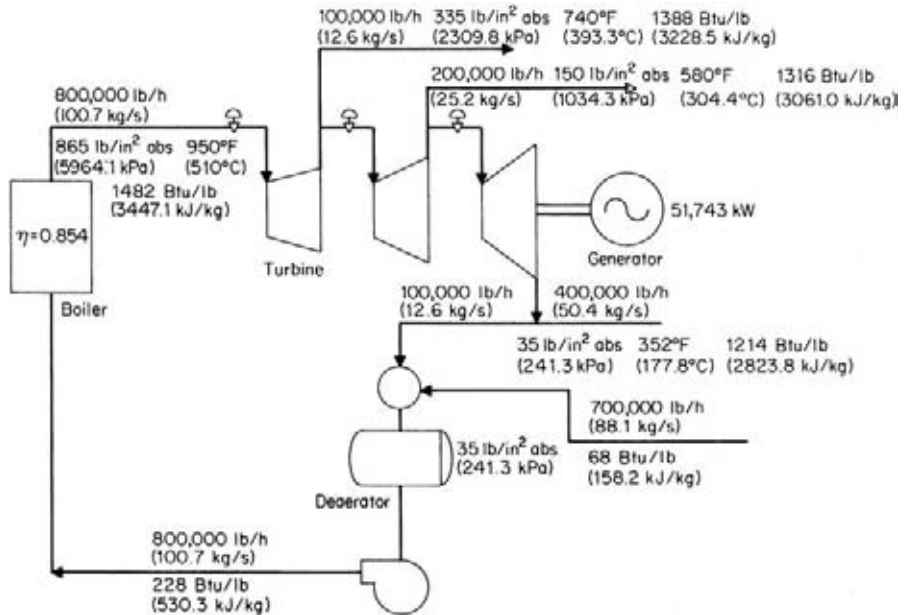


FIGURE 16 Dual-purpose turbine heat balance. (Combustion.)

Process steam is extracted from the turbine in the amounts of 100,000 lb/h (12.6 kg/s) at 335 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2309.8 kPa) and 200,000 lb/h (25.2 kg/s) at 150 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1034.3 kPa) and is delivered to process plants. A total of 500,000 lb/h (62.9 kg/s) is exhausted at 35 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (241.3 kPa) with 100,000 lb/h (12.6 kg/s) of this exhaust steam for deaerator heating in the cycle and 400,000 lb/h (50.4 kg/s) sent to process plants. The turbine has a gross electric output of 51,743 kW, and the heat balance for the dual-purpose turbine cycle is shown in Fig. 16. Efficiency of the steam boiler is 85.4 percent, while the fuel is priced at \$0.50 per 10<sup>6</sup> Btu (\$0.47 per MJ). If a condensing turbine is used, an attainable backpressure is 1.75 inHg (abs) [43.75 mmHg (abs)], while the assumed turbine efficiency is 82 percent and the exhaust enthalpy is  $h_f = 1032$  Btu/lb (2400.4 MJ/kg). Figure 17 shows the expansion-state curve of the turbine on a Mollier diagram. Final feedwater enthalpy is 228 Btu/lb (530.3 mJ/kg). Allocate the fuel cost to each energy use by using the energy equivalence method.

## Calculation Procedure

1. **Compute the hourly total fuel cost.** The total fuel cost for this plant per hour is  $C_f = (1/\text{boiler efficiency})(0.50/10^6)(\text{throttle steam flow rate } m_t, \text{ lb/h})(h_t - h_{fw})$ , where  $h_t$  = throttle enthalpy, Btu/lb, and  $h_{fw}$  = feedwater enthalpy, Btu/lb. Substituting gives  $C_f = (1/0.854)(0.50/10^6)(800,000)(1482 - 228) = \$587.35$  per hour.
2. **Compute the nonextraction ultimate electric output.** The ultimate electric output is  $E_u = m_t(h_t - h_f)/3413$ , where  $m_t$  = total turbine inlet steam flow, lb/h;  $h_t$  = turbine initial enthalpy, Btu/lb; other symbols as before. Substituting, we find  $E_u = (800,000)(1482 - 1032)/3413 = 105,480$  kW.
3. **Determine the actual electric output of the dual-purpose turbine.** Use the relation  $E_a = W(\text{actual})/3413$  = the work done by the extraction steam between the throttle inlet and the extraction

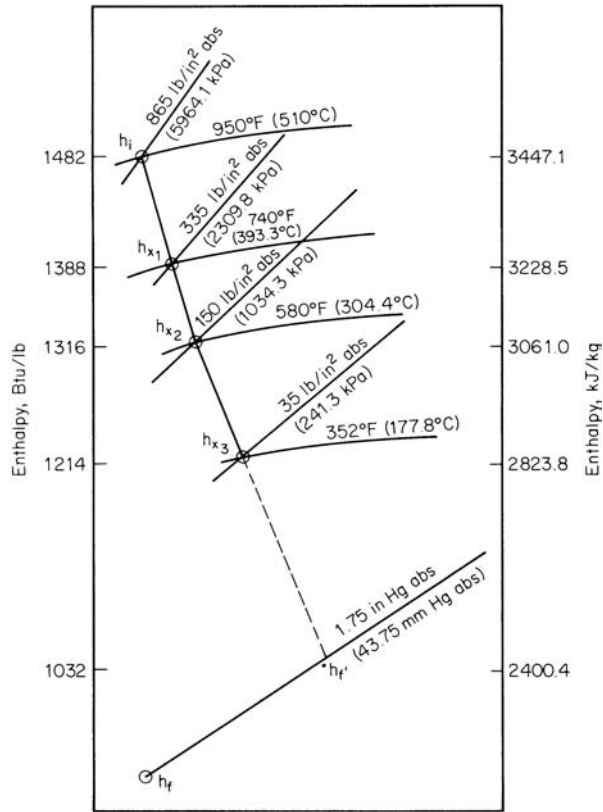


FIGURE 17 Turbine expansion curve. (Combustion.)

point, plus the work done by the nonextraction steam between the throttle and the exhaust. Or, from the turbine expansion curve in Fig. 17,  $E_a = [100,000(1482 - 1388) + 200,000(1482 - 1316) + 500,000(1482 - 1214)]/3413 = 51,743$  kW.

**4. Compute the extraction steam kilowatt equivalence.** Again from Fig. 17,  $E_{x1} = (h_{x1} - h_f)/3413 = 100,000(1388 - 1032)/3413 = 10,432$  kW;  $E_{x2} = 200,000(1316 - 1032)/3413 = 16,642$  kW;  $E_{x3} = 500,000(1214 - 1032)/3413 = 26,663$  kW. Hence, the nonextraction turbine ultimate electric output =  $E_a + E_{x1} + E_{x2} + E_{x3} = 51,743 + 10,432 + 16,642 + 26,663 = 105,480$  kW.

**5. Determine the base fuel cost of electricity and steam.** The base fuel cost of electricity =  $C_f/E_u$ , or  $\$587.35/105,480 = \$0.005568$  per kilowatthour, or 5.568 mil/kWh.

Now the base fuel cost of the steam at the different pressures can be found from (kW equivalence)(base cost of electricity, mil)/(rate of steam use, lb/h). Thus, for the 335-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2309.8-kPa) extraction steam used at the rate of 100,000 lb/h (12.6 kg/s), base fuel cost =  $10,432(5.568)/100,000 = \$0.5808$  per 1000 lb ( $\$0.2640$  per 1000 kg). For the 150-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1034.3-kPa) steam, base fuel cost =  $16,642(5.568)/200,000 = \$0.4633$  per 1000 lb ( $\$0.21059$  per 1000 kg). And for the 35-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (241.3-kPa) steam, base fuel cost =  $26,663(5.568)/500,000 = \$0.2969$  per 1000 lb ( $\$0.13495$  per 1000 kg). Since 100,000 lb/h (12.6 kg/s) of the 500,000-lb/h (62.9 kg/s) is used for deaerator heating, the cost of this heating steam =  $(100,000/1000)(\$0.2969) = \$29.69$  per hour.

**TABLE 1** Energy Equivalence Method of Fuel Cost Allocation\*

Utility	Base	+	Unit cost heating steam	=	Total	Total fuel cost	Percent of total
Electricity 51,743 kW <sup>†</sup>	5.568		0.296		5.864 mi/kWh	\$303.40	51.65
Steam @ 335 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (abs) (2309 kPa) 100,000 lb/h (45,000 kg/h)	0.5808		0.031		\$0.6118 per 1000 lb (450 kg)	\$ 61.18	10.41
Steam @ 150 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (abs) (1034 kPa) 200,000 lb/h (90,000 kg/h)	0.4633		0.0246		\$0.4879 per 1000 lb (450 kg)	\$ 97.57	16.62
Steam @ 35 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (abs) (241 kPa) 400,000 lb/h (180,000 kg/h)	0.2969		0.0158		0.3127 per 1000 lb (450 kg)	\$125.20	21.32
					Total:	\$587.35	100.00

\*Combustion magazine.

<sup>†</sup>Net kW delivered to process plants should be delivered after deducting fixed mechanical and electrical losses of the alternator. Electricity unit cost charged to production would be slightly higher after this adjustment.

Since 100,000 lb (45,000 kg) of steam utilizes its energy for deaerator heating within the cycle, its equivalent electric output of  $26,663/5 = 5333$  kW should be deducted from the 26,663-kW electric energy equivalency of the 35-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (241.3-kPa) steam. The remaining equivalent energy of 21,330 kW (= 26,663 – 5333) represents 35-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (241.3-kPa) extraction steam to be delivered to process plants.

**6. Determine the added unit fuel cost.** The deaerator-steam fuel cost of \$29.69 per hour would be shared by both process steam and electricity in terms of energy equivalency as  $105,480 - 5333 = 100,147$  kW. Using this output as the denominator, we see that the added unit fuel cost for electricity based on sharing the cost of this heat energy input to the deaerator is  $\$26.69/100,147 = \$0.000296$  per kilowatthour, or 0.296 mil/kWh.

Likewise, added fuel cost of 335-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2309-kPa) steam =  $10,432(100,000)/0.296 = \$0.031$  per 1000 lb (450 kg); added fuel cost of 150-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1034-kPa) steam =  $\$0.0246$  per 1000 lb (450 kg); added fuel cost of 35-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (241-kPa) steam =  $\$0.0158$  per 1000 lb (450 kg). The fuel-cost allocation of steam and electricity is summarized in Table 1.

**Related Calculations** The energy equivalence method is based on the fact that the basic energy source for process steam and electricity is the heat from fuel (combustion or fission). The cost of the fuel must be charged to the process steam and electricity. Since the analysis does not distinguish between types of fuels or methods of heat release, this procedure can be used for coal, oil, gas, wood, peat, bagasse, etc. Also, the procedure can be used for steam generated by nuclear fission.

Cogeneration is suitable for a multitude of industries such as steel, textile, shipbuilding, aircraft, food, chemical, petrochemical, city and town district heating, etc. With the increasing cost of all types of fuel, cogeneration will become more popular than in the past. This calculation procedure is the work of Paul Leung of Bechtel Corporation, as reported at the 34th Annual Meeting of the American Power Conference and published in *Combustion* magazine. Since the procedure is based on thermodynamic and economic principles, it has wide applicability in a

variety of industries. For a complete view of the allocation of costs in cogeneration plants, the reader should carefully study the Related Calculations in the next calculation procedure.

## COGENERATION FUEL COST ALLOCATION BASED ON AN ESTABLISHED ELECTRICITY COST

A turbine of the single-purpose type, operating at initial steam conditions identical to those in the previous calculation procedure, and a condenser backpressure of 1.75 in (43.75 mm) Hg (abs), would have a turbine heat rate of 9000 Btu/kWh (9495 kJ/kWh). Compute the fuel cost allocation to that of steam by using the established-electricity-cost method.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the unit cost of the electricity.** The unit cost of the electricity is  $F_e = (\text{fuel price, } \$)/(\text{turbine heat rate, Btu/kWh})/(\text{boiler efficiency})$ . For this plant,  $F_e = (0.5/10^6)(9000)/(0.854) = \$0.00527$  per kilowatt-hour, or 5.27 mil/kWh.

**2. Determine where the deaerator heating steam should be charged.** The turbine heat rate of 9000 Btu/kWh is a reasonable and economically justifiable heat rate of a regenerative cycle with a certain degree of feedwater heating. Hence, in this case, the deaerator heating steam should not be charged to the electricity. Instead, this portion of the deaerator-heating-steam cost should be charged to the process steam.

**3. Allocate the fuel cost to steam.** The total fuel cost from the previous calculation procedure is \$587.35 per hour. The electricity cost allocation = (kW generated)(cost \$/kWh) = (51,743)(0.00527) = \$273. Hence, the fuel cost to the steam is \$587.35 – \$273.00 = \$314.35.

**4. Compute the power equivalence of the steam.** From the previous calculation procedure,  $E_x = E_{x1} + E_{x2} + E_{x3}$ , where  $E_x$  = equivalent electric output of the extraction steam, kW;  $E_{x1}, \dots$  = equivalent electric output of the various extraction steam flows, kW. Hence,  $\Sigma E_x = 10,432 + 16,642 + 26,663 = 53,737$  kW.

**5. Determine the ratio of each extraction steam flow to the total extraction steam flow.** The ratio for any flow is  $E_x/\Sigma E_x$ . Thus,  $E_{x1}/\Sigma E_x = 10,432/53,737 = 0.194$ ;  $E_{x2}/\Sigma E_x = 16,663/53,737 = 0.310$ ; and  $E_{x3}/\Sigma E_x = 26,663/53,737 = 0.496$ .

**6. Compute the base unit fuel cost of steam.** Use the relation  $(E_x/\Sigma E_x)(\text{fuel cost to steam})/m$ , where  $m = (\text{steam flow rate, lb/h})/1000$ . Hence, for 335-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (2309.8-kPa) steam, base unit fuel cost = (0.194)(\$314.35)/100 = \$0.610 per 1000 lb (\$0.277 per 1000 kg); for 150-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1034.3-kPa) steam, base unit fuel cost = (0.310)(\$314.35)/200 = \$0.487 per 1000 lb (\$0.2213 per 1000 kg); for 35-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (241.3-kPa) steam, base unit fuel cost = (0.496)(\$314.35)/500 = \$0.312 per 1000 lb (\$0.1418 per 1000 kg). Since the deaeration steam is at 35 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (241 kPa), the cost of this steam = (100,000/1000)(\$0.312) = \$31.20 per hour.

**7. Determine the unit fuel cost from sharing the cost of the deaerator heating steam.** If the 5333-kW power equivalence of the deaerator heating steam is deducted from the electric power equivalence of the extraction steam, the kilowatt equivalence of all steam to production centers becomes 53,737 – 5333 = 48,404 kW. The unit fuel cost from sharing the cost of the deaerator heating steam is then (\$31.20/h)/(48,404) = \$0.000644 per kilowatt-hour, or 0.644 mil/kWh.

**8. Compute the added fuel cost of steam at each pressure.** The added fuel cost at each pressure is (kW output at that pressure/steam flow rate, lb/h)(0.644). Thus, added fuel cost of 335-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs)

**TABLE 2** Established-Electricity-Cost Method of Fuel-Cost Allocation\*

Utility	Base	+	Unit cost heating steam	=	Total	Total fuel cost	Percent of total
Electricity 51,743 kW <sup>†</sup>	5.27		0		5.27 mil/kWh	\$273.00	46.48
Steam @ 335 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (abs) (2309 kPa) 100,000 lb/h (45,000 kg/h)	0.610		0.067		\$0.677 per 1000 lb (450 kg)	\$67.70	11.53
Steam @ 150 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (abs) (1034 kPa) 200,000 lb/h (90,000 kg/h)	0.487		0.053		\$0.541 per 1000 lb (450 kg)	\$108.25	18.43
Steam @ 35 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (abs) (241 kPa) 400,000 lb/h (180,000 kg/h)	0.312		0.034		\$0.346 per 1000 lb (450 kg)	\$138.40	23.56
					Total:	\$587.35	100.00

\**Combustion* magazine.

<sup>†</sup>Net kW delivered to process plants should be delivered after deducting fixed mechanical loss and electrical loss of the alternator. Electricity unit cost charged to production would be slightly higher after this adjustment.

(2309.8-kPa) steam =  $(10,431/100,000)(0.644) = \$0.067$  per 1000 lb (\$0.03045 per 1000 kg); added fuel cost for 150-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (1034.3-kPa) steam = \$0.053 per 1000 lb (\$0.02409 per 1000 kg); added fuel cost for 35-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (241.3-kPa) steam = \$0.034 per 1000 lb (\$0.01545 per 1000 kg). Table 2 summarizes the fuel-cost allocation of steam and electricity by using this approach.

**Related Calculations** The established-electricity-cost method is based on the assumption (or existence) of a reasonable and economically justifiable heat rate of the cycle being considered or used. The cost of the fuel must be charged to the process steam and electricity. Since the analysis does not distinguish between types of fuels or methods of heat release, this procedure can be used for coal, oil, gas, wood, peat, bagasse, etc. Also, the procedure can be used for steam generated by nuclear fission.

Cogeneration is suitable for a multitude of industries such as steel, textile, shipbuilding, aircraft, food, chemical, petrochemical, city and town district heating, etc. With the increasing cost of all types of fuels, cogeneration will become more popular than in the past.

Other approaches to cost allocations for cogeneration include: (1) capital cost segregation, (2) capital cost allocation by cost separation of major functions, (3) cost separation of joint components, (4) capital cost allocation based on single-purpose electric generating plant capital cost, (5) unit cost based on fixed annual capacity factor, and (6) unit cost based on fixed peak demand. Each method has its advantages, depending on the particular design situation.

In the two examples given here (the present and previous calculation procedures), water return to the dual-purpose turbine cycle is assumed to be of condensate quality. Hence, no capital and operating costs of water have been included. In actual cases, a cost account should be set up based on the quantity of the returned condensate. Special charges would be necessary for the unreturned portion of the water. Although the examples presented are for a fossil-fueled cycle, the methods are equally valid for a nuclear steam-turbine cycle. For a contrasting approach and for more data on where this procedure can be used, review the Related Calculations portion of the previous calculation procedure.

This calculation procedure is the work of Paul Leung of Bechtel Corporation, as reported at the 34th Annual Meeting of the American Power Conference and published in *Combustion*

magazine. Since the procedure is based on thermodynamic and economic principles, it has wide applicability in a variety of industries.

With utility power plants—some 3500—reaching their 30th birthday within the next few years, designers are evaluating ways of repowering. When a plant is repowered, emissions are reduced and efficiency rises, as do reliability, output, and service life. So repowering has many attractions, including environmental benefits. More than 20 GW of capacity are estimated candidates for repowering.

Repowering replaces older facilities with new or different equipment. Several types of repowering are used today: (1) *Partial repowering*—which combines an existing plant system, infrastructure, and new equipment to provide increased output. *Example:* Combined-cycle repowering using a heat-recovery steam generator (HRSG) that recovers waste heat from the exhaust of a new gas-turbine/generator. *Example:* New gas-turbine/generator exhausts into existing boilers eliminating combustion-air-forced-draft needs while increasing the efficiency of the steam-generation cycle. Capital requirements are smaller than for an HRSG. This form of repowering is popular in Europe.

(2) *Station repowering*—reuses existing buildings, water-treatment systems, and fuel-handling system—but *not* the original steam cycle. New generating capability is installed to replace the existing steam plant—usually in the form of one or more gas turbines.

(3) *Site repowering*—uses an existing site but none of the equipment, such as boilers or turbines. Reusing an existing site eases permitting requirements, compared to developing a new site. To reduce overall project costs, it may be possible to reuse the infrastructure supporting the plant—such as power line and water- and fuel-delivery systems.

Specific methods for repowering include: (1) Combined-cycle repowering uses a new gas turbine and an HRSG to repower an existing facility by replacing or augmenting an existing boiler. (2) Gas turbines serving multiple-pressure HRSG provide power output and steam to existing steam-turbine generators. The gas-turbine power output goes directly to the utility's power lines. Natural gas fuels the gas turbine.

(3) Pressurized fluidized-bed boilers are installed in place of existing boilers. Hot gases from the new boiler are used to drive a gas-turbine generator to increase the overall plant output. (4) Hot windbox repowering (also called the turbocharged boiler) adds a gas turbine/generator to an existing plant. The high-temperature exhaust from the gas turbine is used as combustion air in the existing boiler. This eliminates—in most cases—the need for a forced-draft fan while the gas turbine is operating. Plants using this method of repowering, which is prevalent in Europe, boost efficiency by 10 to 15 percent and output by 20 to 33 percent.

Data presented here on repowering were reported by Steven Collins, assistant editor, in *Power* magazine.

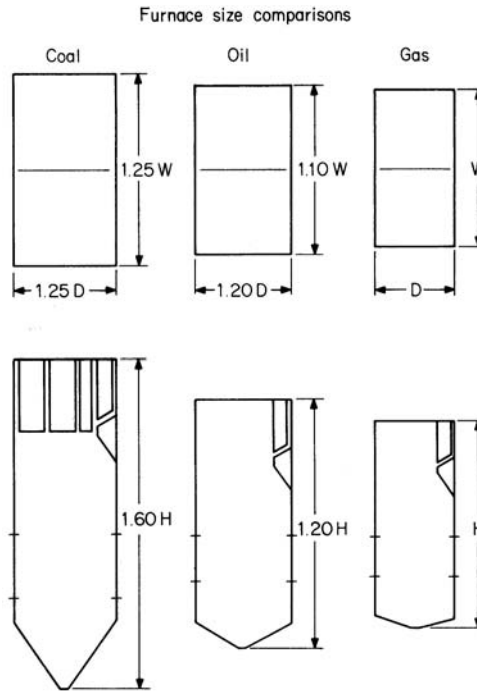
## **BOILER FUEL CONVERSION FROM OIL OR GAS TO COAL**

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An industrial plant uses three 400,000-lb/h (50.4-kg/s) boilers fired by oil, a 600-MW generating unit, two 400-MW units fired by oil. The high cost of oil, and the predictions that its cost will continue to rise in future years, led the plant owners to seek conversion of the boilers to coal firing. Outline the numerical and engineering design factors which must be considered in any such conversion.

### **Calculation Procedure**

**1. Evaluate the furnace size considerations.** The most important design consideration for a steam-generating unit is the fuel to be burned. Furnace size, fuel-burning and preparation equipment, heating-surface quantity and placement, heat-recovery equipment, and air-quality control devices are all fuel-dependent. Further, these items vary considerably among units, depending on the kind of fuel being used.



**FIGURE 18** Furnace size comparisons. (*Combustion.*)

Figure 18 shows the difference in furnace size required between a coal-fired design boiler and an oil- or gas-fired design for the same steaming capacity in lb/h (kg/s). The major differences between coal firing and oil or natural-gas firing result from the solid form of coal prior to burning and the ash in the products of combustion. Oil produces only small amounts of ash; natural gas produces no ash. Coal must be stored, conveyed, and pulverized before being introduced into a furnace. Oil and gas require little preparation. For these reasons, a boiler designed to burn oil as its primary fuel makes a poor conversion candidate for coal firing.

**2. Evaluate the coal properties from various sources.** Table 3 shows properties from many parts of the United States. Note that the heating values range from 12,000 Btu/lb (27,960 kJ/kg) to 6800 Btu/lb

**TABLE 3** Coal Properties—Nominal 600-MW Unit\*

Type of coal	Eastern bituminous	Midwestern bituminous	Subbituminous C	Texas lignite	Northern plains lignite
HHV, Btu/lb (kJ/kg)	12,000 (27,912)	10,000 (23,260)	8,400 (19,538)	7,300 (16,980)	6,800 (15,817)
Moisture, %	6	12	27	32	37
lb H <sub>2</sub> O/10 <sup>6</sup> Btu (kg H <sub>2</sub> O/10 <sup>6</sup> kJ)	5 (0.00002)	12 (0.00005)	32 (0.000014)	44 (0.000019)	54 (0.000023)
Fuel fired, lb/h (kJ/h)	450,000 (202,500)	540,000 (243,000)	643,000 (289,350)	740,000 (333,000)	794,000 (357,300)

\*Combustion magazine.



**TABLE 4** Pulverizer Requirements—Nominal 600-MW Unit\*

	Eastern bituminous	Midwestern bituminous	Subbituminous	Texas lignite	Northern plains lignite
Hardgrove grindability	55	56	43	48	35
No. required	6	6	6	6	7
Nominal capacity <sup>†</sup>	50 tons/h (50.8 t/h)	63 tons/h (64 t/h)	85 tons/h (86.4 t/h)	92 tons/h (93.5 t/h)	100 tons/h (101.6 t/h)
Primary air temperature for drying coal	525°F (274°C)	640°F (338°C)	725°F (385°C)	750°F (399°C)	750°F (399°C)

\*Combustion magazine.

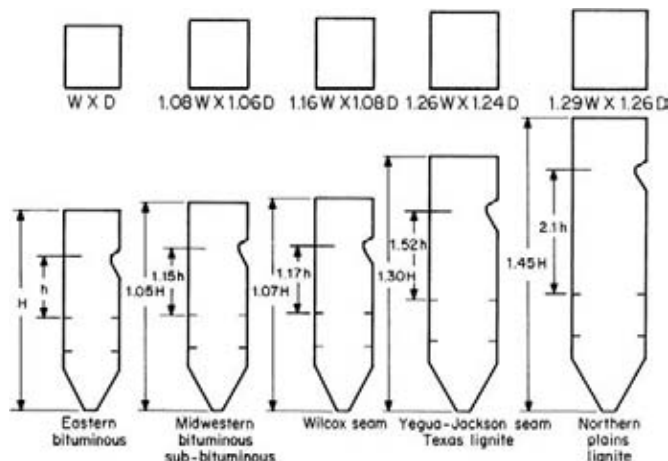
†Mill selection based on one full spare with remaining mills at 0.9 × new capacity.

(15,844 kJ/kg). For a 600-MW unit, the coal firing rates [450,000 to 794,000 lb/h (56.7 or 99.9 kg/s)] to yield comparable heat inputs provide an appreciation of the coal storage yard and handling requirements for the various coals. On an hourly usage ratio alone, the lower-heating-value coal requires 1.76 times more fuel to be handled.

Pulverizer requirements are shown in Table 4 while furnace sizes needed for the various coals are shown in Fig. 19.

**3. Evaluate conversion to coal fuel.** Most gas-fired boilers can readily be converted to oil at reasonable cost. Little or no derating (reduction of steam or electricity output) is normally required.

From an industrial or utility view, conversion of oil- or gas-fired boilers not initially designed to fire coal is totally impractical from an economic viewpoint. Further, the output of the boiler would be severely reduced.

**FIGURE 19** Furnace sizes needed for various coals for efficient operation. (Combustion.)

For example, the overall plant site requirements for a typical station having a pair of 400-MW units designed to fire natural gas could be an area of 624,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (57,970 m<sup>2</sup>). This area would be for turbine bays, steam generators, and cooling towers. (With a condenser, the area required would be less.)

To accommodate the same facilities for a coal-fired plant with two 400-MW units, the ground area required would be 20 times greater. The additional facilities required include coal storage yard, ash disposal area, gas-cleaning equipment (scrubbers and precipitators), railroad siding, etc.

A coal-fired furnace is nominally twice the size of a gas-fired furnace. For some units the coal-fired boiler requires 4 times the volume of a gas-fired unit. Severe deratings of 40 to 70 percent are usually required for oil- and/or gas-fired boilers not originally designed for coal firing when they are switched to coal fuel. Further, such boilers cannot be economically converted to coal unless they were originally designed to be.

As an example of the derating required, the 400,000-lb/h (50.4-kg/s) units considered here would have to be derated to 265,000 lb/h (33.4 kg/s) if converted to pulverized-coal firing. This is 66 percent of the original rating. If a spreader stoker were used to fire the boiler, the maximum capacity obtainable would be 200,000 lb/h (25.2 kg/s) of steam. Extensive physical alteration of the boiler would also be required. Thus, a spreader stoker would provide only 50 percent of the original steaming capacity.

**Related Calculations** Conversion of boilers from oil and/or gas firing to coal firing requires substantial capital investment, lengthy outage of the unit while alterations are being made, and derating of the boiler to about half the designed capacity. For these reasons, most engineers do not believe that conversion of oil- and/or gas-fired boilers to coal firing is economically feasible.

The types of boilers which are most readily convertible from oil or gas to coal are those which were originally designed to burn coal (termed *reconversion*). These are units which were mandated to convert to oil in the late 1960s because of environmental legislation.

Where the land originally used for coal storage was not sold or used for other purposes, the conversion problem is relatively minor. But if the land was sold or converted to other uses, there could be a difficult problem finding storage space for the coal.

Most of these units were designed to burn low-ash, low-moisture, high-heating-value, and high-ash-fusion coals. Fuels of this quality may no longer be available. Hence reconversion to coal firing may require significant downrating of the boiler.

Another important aspect of reconversion is the restoration of the coal storage, handling, and pulverizing equipment. This work will probably require considerable attention. Further, pulverizer capacity may not be sufficient, given the lower grade of fuel that would probably have to be burned.

This procedure is based on the work of C. L. Richards, Vice-President, Fossil Power Systems Engineering Research & Development, C-E Power Systems, Combustion Engineering, Inc., as reported in *Combustion* magazine.

To comply with environmental regulations, a number of coal-burning power plants have installed scrubbers ahead of the stack inlet to reduce sulfur dioxide emissions. Estimates show that some 22 tons/h of waste can be generated by scrubbers installed in the United States alone. This waste contains ash, limestone, and gypsum.

Research at Ohio State University is now directed at using scrubber waste to reclaim coal strip mines, fertilize farm soil by enriching it, and to create concretelike building materials.

When scrubber waste is used to treat soil from strip mines, the soil's acidity is reduced to a level where hardy grasses and alfalfa grow well. It is hoped that the barren sites of strip mines can be converted to useful fields using the scrubber waste.

Grasses grown on such reclaimed sites are safe for animals to eat. Water leached from treated sites meets Environmental Protection Agency standards for agricultural use. Approval by EPA for use of scrubber waste at such sites is being sought.

Further experiments are being conducted on using the scrubber waste on acidic farmland. It will be used alone, or in combination with nutrient-rich sewer sludge. The third use for scrubber waste is as a sort of concrete for roads or the floors of feedlots.

Productive use of scrubber waste promises better control of the environment, reducing sulfur dioxide while recovering land that yielded the fuel that produced the CO<sub>2</sub>.

## RETURN ON INVESTMENT FOR ENERGY-SAVING PROJECTS

An industrial plant is considering an energy-saving installation of insulation which is projected to save 22.5 million Btu/h (65.9 MW) at a cost of \$100,000. What is the return on investment (ROI) for this project if fuel is estimated to cost \$1.25 per million Btu (\$1.25 per 1,055,000 J), the plant is in continuous use, and 20 percent of the capital cost is for depreciation, tax, insurance, overhead, and maintenance?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the savings-to-capital ratio.** The savings-to-capital ratio is  $S = (\text{Btu/h saved})/(\text{capital investment to achieve this saving})$ . Or, for this installation,  $S = 22,500,000/\$100,000 = 225 \text{ Btu/h per } \$1 \text{ invested}$  (65.9 W per \$1 invested).

**2. Determine the return on investment.** Enter Fig. 20 at  $S = 225 \text{ Btu/h}$ , and project horizontally to the right to the fuel-cost curve for \$1.25 per  $10^6$  Btu. From the intersection project vertically downward to the ROI scale to read 225 percent.

**Related Calculations** This procedure can be used for any type of energy-saving installation—be it new machinery, more effective insulation, alternative heat sources (such as solar, wood, coal, gas, etc.), or other investments which save energy. Further, the ROI concept is valid for industrial, commercial, and residential installations where profit is a prime factor in business decisions. Here is how the ROI is put to use in business decisions:

(1) The ROI for alternative energy-saving schemes is computed, as described above. (2) These values are compared, and the highest value is chosen for further study. (3) By using the firm's target ROI for new projects, the new energy-saving project ROI is compared with that of the target. (4) If the energy-saving project ROI exceeds the target ROI, the project is attractive from an investment standpoint. But if the energy-saving ROI is less than the firm's target ROI, the investment is not attractive from a business standpoint. Note, however, that in times of acute fuel shortages, an

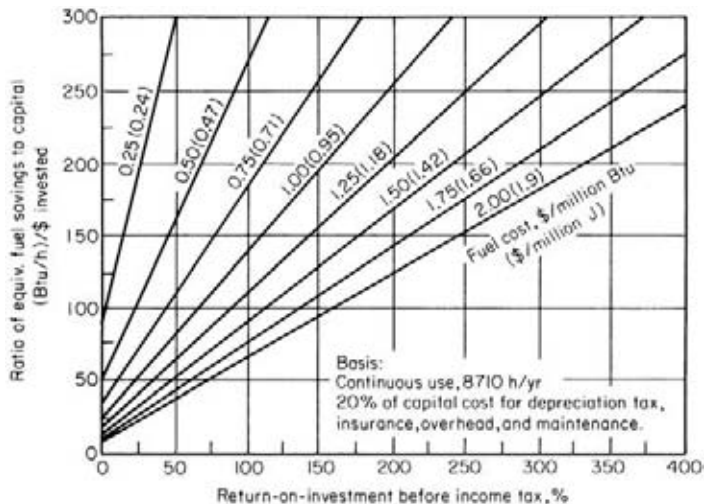


FIGURE 20 ROI evaluation of energy-conservation projects. (*Chemical Engineering*.)

energy-saving project with a low ROI might still be attractive if it saves fuel. Further, each firm's management chooses the target ROI to be used in evaluating new projects of various kinds.

ROI is one of the most popular measures or indices for judging the business attractiveness of a proposed investment. When expressed as a percentage, ROI is the annual rate of return on the original investment made for an energy-saving project, new product, new structure, etc.

This procedure is the work of Jack Robertson, Senior Technical Specialist, Dow Chemical U.S.A., as reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine.

## ENERGY SAVINGS FROM REDUCED BOILER SCALE

A boiler generates 16,700 lb/h (2.1 kg/s) at 100 percent rating with an efficiency of 75 percent. If  $1/32$  in (0.79 mm) of "normal" scale is allowed to form on the tubes, determine what savings can be made if 144,000-Btu/gal (40,133-MJ/m<sup>3</sup>) fuel oil costs \$1 per gallon (\$1 per 3.8 L) and the boiler uses 16.74 million Btu/h (4.9 MW) operating 8000 h/year.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the annual energy usage.** Compute the annual energy usage from (million Btu/h) (hours of operation annually)/efficiency. For this boiler, annual energy usage = (16.74)(8000)/0.75 = 178,560 million Btu (188,380 kJ).

**2. Find the energy loss caused by scale on the tubes.** Enter Fig. 21 at the scale thickness,  $1/32$  in (0.79 mm), and project vertically upward to the "normal" scale (salts of Ca and Mg) curve. At the left read the energy loss as 2 percent. Hence, the annual energy loss in heat units = (178,560 million Btu/year)(0.02) = 3571 million Btu/year (130.8 kW).

**3. Compute the annual savings if the scale is removed.** If the scale is removed, then the energy lost, computed in step 2, will be saved. Thus, the annual dollar savings after scale removal = (heat loss in energy units) (fuel price, \$/gal)/(fuel heating value, Btu/gal). Or, savings =  $(3751 \times 10^6)(\$1.00)/144,000 = \$26,049$ .

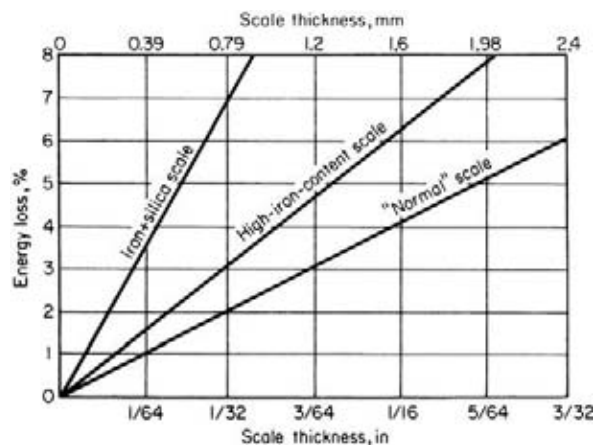


FIGURE 21 Effects of scale on boiler operation. (*Chemical Engineering*.)

**Related Calculations** This approach can be used with any type of boiler—watertube, fire-tube, etc. The data are also applicable to tubed water heaters which are directly fired.

Note that when the scale is high in iron and silica that the energy loss is much greater. Thus, with scale of the same thickness [ $1/32$  in (0.79 mm)], the energy loss for scale high in iron and silica is 7 percent, from Fig. 21. Then the annual loss =  $178,560(0.07) = 12,500$  million Btu/year (3.63 MW). Removing the scale and preventing its reformation will save, assuming the same heating value and cost for the fuel oil,  $(12,500 \times 10^6 \text{ Btu/year})(\$1.00)/144,000 = \$86,805$  per year.

While this calculation gives the energy savings from reduced boiler scale, the results also can be used to determine the amount that can be invested in a water-treatment system to prevent scale formation in a boiler, water heater, or other heat exchanger. Thus, the initial investment in treating equipment can at least equal the projected annual savings produced by the removal of scale.

This procedure is the work of Walter A. Hendrix and Guillermo H. Hoyos, Engineering Experiment Station, Georgia Institute of Technology, as reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine.

## GROUND AREA AND UNLOADING CAPACITY REQUIRED FOR COAL BURNING

An industrial plant is considering switching from oil to coal firing to reduce fuel costs. Determine the ground area required for 60 days' coal storage if the plant generates 100,000 lb/h (45,360 kg/h) of steam at a 60 percent winter load factor with a steam pressure of 150 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (1034 kPa), average boiler evaporation is 9.47 lb steam/lb coal (4.3 kg/kg), coal density = 50 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (800 kg/m<sup>3</sup>), boiler efficiency is 83 percent with an economizer, and the average storage pile height for the coal is 20 ft (6.096 m).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the storage area required for the coal.** The storage area,  $A$  ft<sup>2</sup>, can be found from  $A = 24WFN/EdH$ , where  $H$  = steam generation rate, lb/h;  $F$  = load factor, expressed as a decimal;  $N$  = number of days storage required;  $E$  = average boiler evaporation rate, lb/h;  $d$  = density of coal, lb/ft<sup>3</sup>;  $H$  = height of coal pile allowed, ft. Substituting yields  $A = 24(100,000)(0.6)(60)/[(9.47)(50)(20)] = 9123$  ft<sup>2</sup> (847 m<sup>2</sup>).

**2. Find the maximum hourly burning rate of the boiler.** The maximum hourly burning rate in tons per hour is given by  $B = W/2000E$ , where the symbols are as defined earlier. Substituting, we find  $B = 100,000/2000(9.47) = 5.28$  tons/h (4.79 t/h). With 24-h use in any day, maximum daily use =  $24 \times 5.28 = 126.7$  tons/day (115 t/day).

**3. Find the required unloading rate for this plant.** As a general rule, the unloading rate should be about 9 times the maximum total plant burning rate. Higher labor and demurrage costs justify higher unloading rates and less manual supervision of coal handling. Find the unloading rate in tons per hour from  $U = 9W/2000E$ , where the symbols are as defined earlier. Substituting gives  $U = 9(100,000)/2000(8.47) = 47.5$  tons/h (43.1 t/h).

**Related Calculations** With the price of oil, gas, wood, and waste fuels rising to ever-higher levels, coal is being given serious consideration by industrial, central-station, commercial, and marine plants. Factors which must be included in any study of conversion to (or original use of) coal include coal delivery to the plant, storage before use, and delivery to the boiler.

For land installations, coal is usually received in railroad hopper-bottom cars in net capacities ranging between 50 and 100 tons with 50- and 70-ton (45.4- and 63.5-t) capacity cars being most common.

Because cars require time for spotting and moving on the railroad siding, coal is actually delivered to storage for only a portion of the unloading time. Thawing of frozen coal and car shaking also tend to reduce the actual delivery. True unloading rate may be as low as 50 percent of the continuous-flow capacity of the handling system. Hence, the design coal-handling rate of the conveyor system serving the unloading station should be twice the desired unloading rate. So, for the installation considered in this procedure, the conveyor system should be designed to handle  $2(47.5) = 95$  tons/h (86.2 t/h). This will ensure that at least six rail cars of 60-tons (54.4-t) average capacity will be emptied in an 8-h shift, or about 360 tons/day (326.7 t/day).

With a maximum daily usage of 126.7 tons/day (115 t/day), as computed in step 2 above, the normal handling of coal, from rail car delivery during the day shift, will accumulate about 3 days' peak use during an 8-h shift. If larger than normal shipments arrive, the conveyor system can be operated more than 8 h/day to reduce demurrage charges.

This procedure is the work of E. R. Harris, Department Head, G. F. Connell, and F. Dengiz, all of the Environmental and Energy Systems, Argonaut Realty Division, General Motors Corporation, as reported in *Combustion* magazine.

## HEAT RECOVERY FROM BOILER BLOWDOWN SYSTEMS

Determine the heat lost per day from sewerage the blowdown from a 600-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (4137-kPa) boiler generating 1 million lb/day (18,939.4 kg/h) of steam at 80 percent efficiency. Compare this loss to the saving from heat recovery if the feedwater has 20 cycles of concentration (that is, 5 percent blowdown), ambient makeup water temperature is 70°F (21°C), flash tank operating pressure is 10 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (69 kPa) with 28 percent of the blowdown flashed, blowdown heat exchanger effluent temperature is 120°F (49°C), fuel cost is \$2 per 10<sup>6</sup> Btu [\$2 per (9.5)<sup>6</sup> J], and the piping is arranged as shown in Fig. 22.

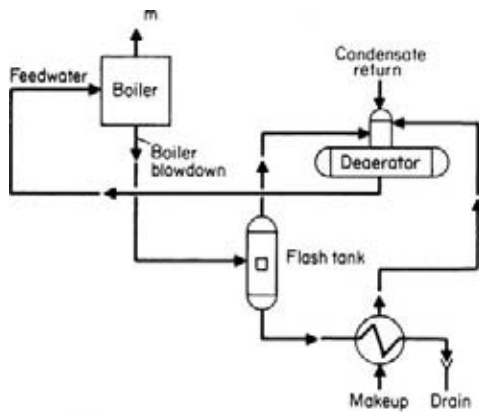


FIGURE 22 Typical blowdown heat-recovery system. (*Combustion*.)

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the feedwater flow rate.** The feedwater flow rate, 10<sup>6</sup> lb/day = (steam generated, 10<sup>6</sup> lb/day)/(100 – blowdown percentage), or  $10^6/(100 - 5) = 1.053 \times 10^6$  lb/day ( $0.48 \times 10^6$  kg/day).

**2. Find the steam-production equivalent of the blowdown flow.** The steam-production equivalent of the blowdown = feedwater flow rate – steam flow rate =  $1.053 - 1.0 = 53,000$  lb/day (24,090 kg/day).

**3. Compute the heat loss per lb of blowdown.** The heat loss per lb (kg) of blowdown = saturation temperature of boiler water – ambient temperature of makeup water. Or, heat loss =  $(488 - 70) = 418$  Btu/lb (973.9 kJ/kg).

**4. Find the total heat loss from sewerage.** When the blowdown is piped to a sewer (termed *sewerage*), the heat in the blowdown stream is lost forever. With today's high cost of all fuels, the impact on plant economics can be significant. Thus, total heat loss from sewerage = (heat loss per lb of blowdown) (blowdown flow rate, lb/day) =  $418$  Btu/lb ( $53,000$  lb/day) =  $22.2 \times 10^6$  Btu/day ( $23.4 \times 10^6$  J/day).

**5. Determine the fuel-cost equivalent of the blowdown.** The fuel-cost equivalent of the blowdown = (heat loss per day,  $10^6$  Btu)/(fuel cost, \$ per  $10^6$  Btu)/(boiler efficiency, %), or  $(22.2)(2)/0.8 = \$55.50$  per day.

**6. Find the blowdown flow to the heat exchanger.** With 28 percent of the blowdown flashed to steam, this means that  $100 - 28 = 72$  percent of the blowdown is available for use in the heat exchanger. Since the blowdown total flow rate is 53,000 lb/day (24,090 kg/day), the flow rate to the blowdown heat exchanger will be  $0.72(53,000) = 38,160$  lb/day (17,345 kg/day).

**7. Determine the daily heat loss to the sewer.** As Fig. 22 shows, the blowdown water which is not flashed, flows through the heat exchanger to heat the incoming makeup water and then is discharged to the sewer. It is the heat in this sewer discharge which is to be computed here.

With a heat-exchanger effluent temperature of  $120^\circ\text{F}$  ( $49^\circ\text{C}$ ) and a makeup water temperature of  $70^\circ\text{F}$  ( $21^\circ\text{C}$ ), the heat loss to the sewer is  $120 - 70 = 50$  Btu/lb (116.5 kJ/kg). And since the flow rate to the sewer is 38,160 lb/day (17,345 kg/day), the total heat loss to the sewer is  $50(38,160) = 1.91 \times 10^6$  Btu/day ( $2.02 \times 10^6$  kJ/day).

**8. Compare the two systems in terms of heat recovered.** The heat recovered – heat loss by sewerage = heat loss with recovery =  $22.2 \times 10^6$  Btu/day –  $1.91 \times 10^6$  Btu/day =  $20.3 \times 10^6$  Btu/day ( $21.4 \times 10^6$  J/day).

**9. Determine the percentage of the blowdown heat recovered and dollar savings.** The percentage of heat recovered = (heat recovered, Btu/day)/(original loss, Btu/day) =  $(20.3/22.2)(100) = 91$  percent. Since the cost of the lost heat was \$55.50 per day without any heat recovery, the dollar savings will be 91 percent of this, or  $0.91(\$55.50) = \$50.51$  per day, or \$18,434.33 per year with 365 days of operation. And as fuel costs rise, which they are almost certain to do in future years, the annual saving will increase. Of course, the cost of the blowdown heat-recovery equipment must be offset against this saving. In general, the savings warrant the added investment for the extra equipment.

**Related Calculations** This procedure is valid for any type of steam-generating equipment for residential, commercial, industrial, central-station, or marine installations. (In the latter installation the “sewer” is the sea.) The typical range of blowdown heat recovery is in the 80 to 90 percent area. In view of the rapid rise in fuel prices, this range of heat recovery is significant. Hence, much wider use of blowdown heat recovery can be expected in all types of steam-generating plants.

To reduce scale buildup in boilers, low cycles of boiler water concentration are preferred. This means that high blowdown rates will be used. To prevent wasting expensive heat present in the blowdown, heat-recovery equipment such as that discussed above is used. In industrial plants (which are subject to many sources of condensate contamination), cycles of concentration are seldom allowed to exceed 50 (2 percent blowdown). In the above application, the cycles of concentration = 20, or 5 percent blowdown.

To prevent boiler scale buildup, good pretreatment of the makeup is recommended. Typical current selections for pretreatment equipment, by using the boiler operating pressure as the main criterion, are thus:

Boiler pressure, lb/in <sup>2</sup> (kPa)	Pretreatment equipment
0–600 (4137)	Sodium zeolite softening
600–900 (4137–6205)	Hot line/demineralizers
Above 900 (6205)	Demineralizers

This procedure is the work of A. A. Askew, Betz Laboratories, Inc., as reported in *Combustion* magazine.

## BOILER BLOWDOWN PERCENTAGE

The allowable concentration in a certain drum is 2000 ppm. Pure condensate is fed to the drum at the rate of 85,000 gal/h (89.4 L/s). Make-up, containing 50 grains (gr)/gal (856 mg/L) of sludge-producing impurities, is also delivered to the drum at the rate of 1500 gal/h (1.58 L/s). Calculate the blowdown as a percentage of the boiler steaming capacity.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the ppm of impurities per gallon of make-up water.** There are 58,410 gr/gal ( $10^6$  mg/L). See the Related Calculations of this procedure for the basis of this factor. Parts per million of impurities,  $\text{ppm}_i = [(\text{gr/gal})_i / (\text{gr/gal})_i] \times 10^6$ , where  $(\text{gr/gal})_i$  = quality of, or impurities in, the make-up water, gr/gal (mg/L);  $(\text{gr/gal})_i$  = grains/gal (mg/L). Hence,  $\text{ppm}_i = (50/58,410) \times 10^6 = 50 \times 17.12 = 856$ .

**2. Compute the blowdown rate.** To maintain impurities in the drum at a certain concentration, the parts fed to the drum = parts discharged by the blowdown. Thus,  $\text{ppm}_i = (\text{gal/h})_m = \text{ppm}_a \times (\text{gal/h})_a$ , where the subscripts stand for  $i$  = impurities;  $m$  = make-up;  $a$  = allowable;  $b$  = blowdown. Then,  $856 \times 1500 = 2000 \times (\text{gal/h})_b$ . Solving:  $(\text{gal/h})_b = 856 \times 1500/2000 = 642$  (0.675 L/s).

**3. Compute the boiler steaming capacity.** The boiler steaming capacity  $(\text{gal/h})_s = (\text{gal/h})_f + (\text{gal/h})_m - (\text{gal/h})_b$ , where  $(\text{gal/h})_f$  = feedwater flow rate. Then,  $(\text{gal/h})_s = 85,000 + 1500 - 642 = 85,858$  (90.3 L/s).

**4. Compute the blowdown percentage.** Blowdown percentage =  $[(\text{gal/h})_b / (\text{gal/h})_s] \times 100 = (642/85,858) \times 100 = 0.747$  percent.

**Related Calculations** The gr/gal factor in step 1 is based on the density of impurities being considered as equal to the maximum density of clean fresh water, 8.3443 lb/gal (1.0 kg/L). Since 1 lb = 7000 gr, then  $8.3443 \times 7000 = 58,410$  gr/gal ( $10^6$  mg/L).

## AIR-COOLED HEAT EXCHANGER: PRELIMINARY SELECTION

Kerosene flowing at a rate of 250,000 lb/h (31.5 kg/s) is to be cooled from 160°F (71°C) to 125°F (51.6°C), for a total heat duty of 4.55 million Btu/h (1.33 MW). How large an air cooler (sometimes called a *dry* heat exchanger) is needed for this service if the design dry-bulb temperature of the air is 95°F (35°C)?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the temperature rise of the air during passage through the cooler.** From Table 5 estimate the overall heat-transfer coefficient for an air cooler handling kerosene at 55 Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F) [ $312.3 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K})$ ]. Then the air-temperature rise is  $t_2 - t_1 = 0.005U\{[(T_1 + T_2)/2] - t_1\}$ , where  $t_1$  = inlet air temperature, °F or °C;  $t_2$  = outlet air temperature, °F or °C;  $U$  = overall heat-transfer coefficient, Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F) [ $\text{W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K})$ ].  $T_1$  = cooled fluid inlet temperature, °F or °C;  $T_2$  = cooled fluid outlet temperature, °F or °C. Substituting yields  $t_2 - t_1 = 0.005(55)\{[(160 + 125)/2] - 95\} = 13.06^\circ\text{F}$  (7.2°C).

Next, from Fig. 23, the correction factor for a process-fluid temperature rise of 160 – 125 = 35°F (19.4°C) is 0.94. So the corrected temperature rise =  $f(t_2 - t_1) = 0.94(13.06) = 12.28^\circ\text{F}$  (6.8°C). Therefore,  $t_2 = 95 + 12.28 = 107.28^\circ\text{F}$  (41.8°C).



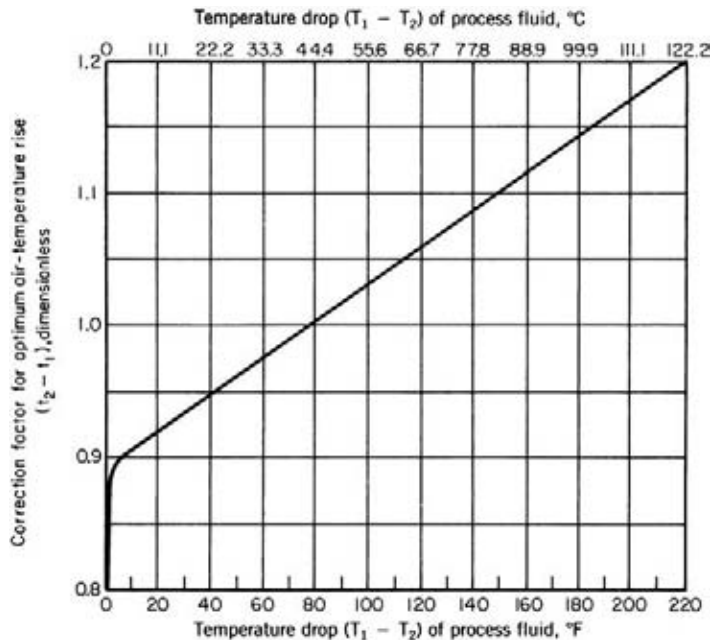
**TABLE 5** Heat-Transfer Coefficients for Air-Cooled Heat Exchangers\*

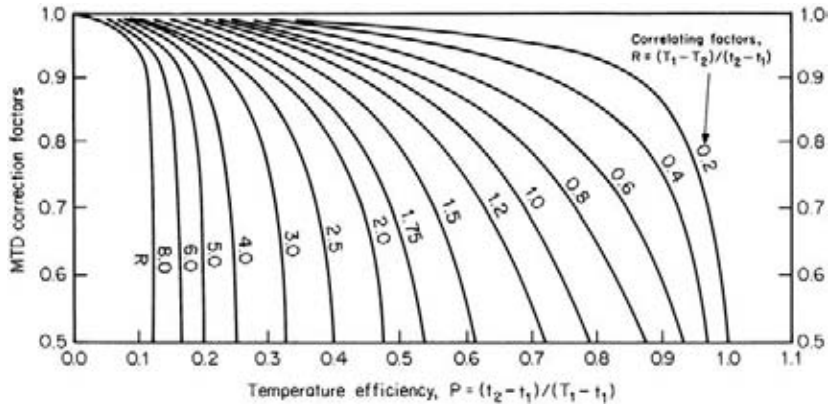
Liquid cooled	Heat-transfer coefficient	
	Btu/(h·ft <sup>2</sup> ·°F)	W/(m <sup>2</sup> ·K)
Diesel oil	45–55	255.5–312.3
Kerosene	55–60	312.3–340.7
Heavy naphtha	60–65	340.7–369.1

\*Chemical Engineering.

**2. Find the log mean temperature difference (LMTD) for the heat exchanger.** Use the relation  $LMTD = (\Delta t_2 - \Delta t_1) / \ln (\Delta t_2 / \Delta t_1)$ . Or,  $LMTD = [(160 - 107.28) - (125 - 95)] / \ln [(160 - 107.28) / (125 - 95)] = 40.30$ . This value of the LMTD must be corrected by using Fig. 24 for temperature efficiency  $P$  and a correlating factor  $R$ . Thus,  $P = (t_2 - t_1) / (T_1 - t_1) = (107.28 - 95) / (160 - 95) = 0.189$ . Also,  $R = (T_1 - T_2) / (t_2 - t_1) = (160 - 125) / (107.28 - 95) = 2.85$ . Then, from Fig. 24, LMTD correction factor = 0.95, and the corrected LMTD =  $f(LMTD) = 0.95(40.30) = 38.29^\circ\text{F}$  ( $21.2^\circ\text{C}$ ).

**3. Determine the hypothetical bare-tube area needed for the exchanger.** Use the relation  $A = Q / U\Delta T$ , where  $A$  = hypothetical bare-tube area required, ft<sup>2</sup> (m<sup>2</sup>);  $Q$  = heat transferred, Btu/h (W);  $\Delta T$  = effective temperature difference across the exchanger = corrected LMTD. Substituting gives  $A = 4,550,000 / 55(38.29) = 2160$  ft<sup>2</sup> (200.7 m<sup>2</sup>).

**FIGURE 23** Correction factors for estimated temperature rise. (Chemical Engineering.)



**FIGURE 24** MTD correction factors for one-pass crossflow with both shell side and tube side unmixed.  $T$  represents hot-fluid characteristics, and  $t$  represents cold-fluid characteristics. Subscripts 1 and 2 represent inlet and outlet, respectively. (*Chemical Engineering.*)

**4. Choose the cooler size and number of fans.** Enter Table 6 with the required bare-tube area, and choose a 12-ft (3.6-m) wide cooler with either four rows of 40-ft (12-m) long tubes with two fans, for a total bare surface of 2284 ft<sup>2</sup> (205.6 m<sup>2</sup>), or five rows of 32-ft (9.6-m) long with two fans for 2288 ft<sup>2</sup> (205.5 m<sup>2</sup>) of surface. From Fig. 25, the fan horsepower for the cooler would be  $1.56(2284/100) = 35.63$  hp (25.6 kW).

**Related Calculations** Air coolers are widely used in industrial, commercial, and some residential applications because the fluid cooled is not exposed to the atmosphere, air is almost always available for cooling, and energy is saved because there is no evaporation loss of the fluid being cooled.

Typical uses in these applications include process-fluid cooling, engine jacket-water cooling, air-conditioning condenser-water cooling, vapor cooling, etc. Today there are about seven leading design manufacturers of air coolers in the United States.

The procedure given here depends on three key assumptions: (1) an overall heat-transfer coefficient is assumed, depending on the fluid cooled and its temperature range; (2) the air temperature rise  $t_2 - t_1$  is calculated by an empirical formula; (3) bare tubes are assumed and fan horsepower (kW) is estimated on this basis to avoid the peculiarities of one fin type. By using the empirical formula given in step 1 of this procedure, the size air cooler obtained will be within

**TABLE 6** Typical Air-Cooled Heat-Exchanger Cooling Area, ft<sup>2</sup> (m<sup>2</sup>)\*

Approximate cooler width		Tube length		Fans per unit	No. of 1-in (2.5-cm) tube rows in depth on 2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> -in (6-cm) pitch	
ft	m	ft	m		4	5
12	3.66	32	9.8	2	1827 (169.7)	2288 (212.6)
		36	10.9	2	2056 (191.0)	2574 (239.1)
		40	12.2	2	2284 (212.2)	2861 (265.8)
14	4.27	14	4.3	1	931 (86.5)	1166 (108.3)
		16	4.9	1	1064 (98.8)	1333 (123.8)

\**Chemical Engineering.*

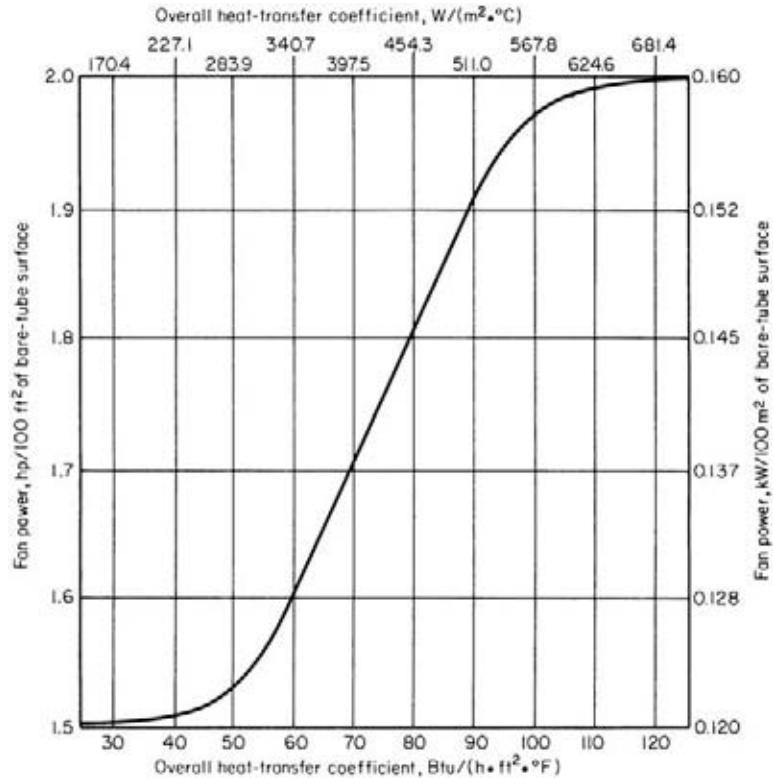


FIGURE 25 Approximate fan power requirements for air coolers. (*Chemical Engineering*.)

25 percent of optimum. This is adjusted for greater accuracy through use of the correction factor shown in Fig. 23.

Since no existing computer program is capable of considering all variables in optimizing air coolers, the procedure given here is useful as a first trial in calculating an optimum design. The flow pattern and correction factors used for this estimating procedure are those for one-pass cross-flow with both tube fluid and air unmixed as they flow through the exchanger.

Where additional correction factors are needed for different flow patterns across the exchanger, the designer should consult the standards of the Tubular Exchanger Manufacturers Association (TEMA). Similar data will be found in reference books on heat exchange.

The procedure given here is the work of Robert Brown, General Manager, Happy Division, Therma Technology, Inc., as reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine. Note that the procedure given is for a preliminary selection. The final selection will usually be made in conjunction with advice and guidance from the manufacturer of the air cooler.

## **FUEL SAVINGS PRODUCED BY DIRECT DIGITAL CONTROL OF THE POWER-GENERATION PROCESS**

A 200-MW steam-turbine generating unit supplied steam at 1000°F (538°C) and 2400 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (16,548 kPa) has an existing variability of 20°F (6.7°C) in the steam-temperature control. It is desired to reduce the variability of the steam temperature and thus allow a closer approach to the

turbine design warranty limits of 1050°F (566°C). A digital-control system will allow a 30°F (16.7°C) higher operating temperature at the turbine throttle. What will be the effect of this more precise temperature control on the efficiency and fuel cost of this unit? Fuel cost is \$2.50 per 10<sup>6</sup> Btu (\$2.38 per 10<sup>6</sup> J), and the plant heat rate is 9061 Btu/kWh (9559 kJ/kWh), with a turbine back-pressure of 1 inHg (2.5 cmHg).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Sketch the unit flow diagram; write the overall efficiency equation.** Figure 26 shows the flow diagram for this unit with the input, output, and losses indicated. The overall efficiency  $e$  of the system is determined by dividing the power output  $H_w$ , Btu/h (W), by the fuel input  $F$ , Btu/h (W).

**2. Express the efficiency equation with the system losses shown.** The losses in a typical steam-turbine generating unit are the stack loss  $L_s$ , Btu/h (W); mechanical loss in turbine  $L_m$ , Btu/h (W); condenser loss  $L_c$ , Btu/h (W). The power output can now be expressed as  $H_w = F - L_s - L_m - L_c$ . Hence,  $e = (F - L_s - L_m - L_c)/F$ .

**3. Write the loss relations for the unit.** The boiler efficiency and turbine efficiency can each be assumed to be about 90 percent. This is a safe assumption for such an installation. Then  $L_s = 0.1F$ ;  $L_m = 0.1H_i$ ;  $H_i = 0.9F$ ;  $H_o = 0.9H_i$ , by using the symbols shown in Fig. 26.

**4. Write the plant efficiency equation at the higher temperature.** With the temperature at the turbine inlet increased by 30°F (16.7°C), the condenser inlet enthalpy  $h'_i$  will change to 1480.9 Btu/lb (3444.6 kJ/kg), based on steam-table values. Setting up a ratio between the condenser inlet enthalpy after the throttle-temperature increase and before yields  $1480.9/1023 = 1.0135h_i$ . This ratio can be used for the other values, if we allow the prime symbol to indicate the values at the higher temperatures. Or,  $H'_i = 1.0135H_i$ ;  $L'_m = 1.0135L_m$ ;  $L'_c = 1.0058L_c$ . Then  $e' = (F' - L'_s - L'_m - L'_c)/F'$ .

**5. Compute the efficiency and heat-rate improvement.** The improvement in plant efficiency  $\Delta e = (e' - e)/e = e'/e - 1$ . Substituting values, we find  $\Delta e = [0.8209 - (L_c/F)(1.0058)]/[1.0135(0.81 - (L_c/F))] - 1$ .

With a heat rate of 9061 Btu/kWh (9559 kJ/kWh), the overall efficiency  $e = (3412 \text{ Btu/kWh}/9061)100 = 37.65$  percent. Substituting this value of  $e$  in the general efficiency relation

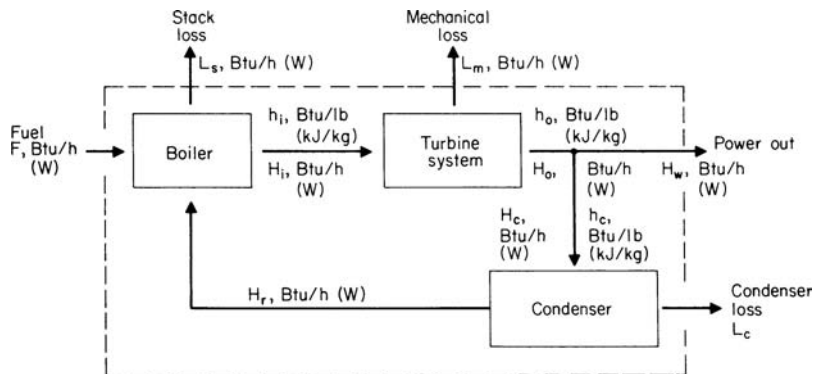


FIGURE 26 Flow diagram showing input, output, and losses. (Combustion.)

**TABLE 7** Basic Reasons for Using Automatic Control\*

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1. Increase in quantity or number of products (generation for fixed investment)
  2. Improved product quality
  3. Improved product uniformity (steam-temperature variability)
  4. Savings in energy (improved efficiency or heat rate)
  5. Raw-material savings (fixed savings)
  6. Savings in plant equipment (more capacity from fixed investment)
  7. Decrease in human drudgery (increased operator effectiveness)
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\**Combustion* magazine.

given in step 2 above shows that  $L_c/F = 0.4335$ . Then, substituting this value in the  $\Delta e$  equation above, we find  $\Delta e = 0.3849/0.3816 - 1 = 0.0086$ , or 0.86 percent.

**6. Convert the efficiency improvement into annual fuel-cost savings.** The annual fuel cost  $C$  can be computed from  $C = 3.412(\text{fuel cost, \$ per } 10^6 \text{ Btu}) (\text{hours of operation per year}) (\text{plant MW capacity})/e$ . Or,  $C = 3.412 (2.5) (8760)(200)/0.3765 = \$39,693,386$  per year. Then, with an efficiency improvement of 0.86 percent, the annual fuel-cost saving  $S = 0.0086(\$39,693,386) = \$341,362$ . In 10 years, with no increase in fuel costs (a highly unlikely condition), the fuel-cost savings with more precise steam-temperature control would be nearly \$3.5 million.

**Related Calculations** Although this procedure is based on the use of digital-control systems, it is equally applicable for all forms of advanced control systems which can improve operator effectiveness and thereby save money in operating costs. Table 7 shows the basic reasons for using automatic control in both central-station and industrial power plants. With the ever-increasing energy costs forecast for the future, automatic control of power equipment will become of greater importance.

Table 8 shows the functions of direct digital controls (DDCs) for a variety of power-plant types. Performance improvements of up to 5:1 or more have been reported with DDC. With the expected life of today's plants at 40 years, the annual savings produced by DDC can have a significant impact on life-cycle costs. Table 9 shows the evolution of boiler controls—six phases of evolution. Central-station and large industrial plants today are in a distributed digital "revolution." Changes will occur in measurement, control, information, systems, and actuators. Clear benefits will be measured in terms of installed cost, ease of startup, reliability, control performance, and flexibility. This procedure is based on the work of M. A. Keys, Vice-President, Engineering, M. P. Lukas, Manager, Application Engineering, Bailey Controls Company, as reported in *Combustion* magazine.

**TABLE 8** Functions of Direct Digital Controls\*

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1. Feedwater
  2. Air flow and furnace draft
  3. Fuel flow
  4. RH and SH steam temperature
  5. Primary air pressure and temperature
  6. Minor loop control
    - a. Cold-end metal temperature
    - b. Cold-end metal temperature
    - c. Turbine lube oil temperature
    - d. Generator stator coolant to secondary coolant pressure differential
    - e. Hydrogen temperature controls
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\**Combustion* magazine.

**TABLE 9** Evolution of Boiler Controls\*

1. 1905–1920 Hand control with regulator assistance
2. 1920–1940 Analog boiler control systems acceptance
3. 1940–1950 Pneumatic direct connected analog systems
4. 1950–1960 Pneumatic transmitted analog systems
5. 1960–1970 Discrete component solid-state electric analog systems, burner control, and digital computers
6. 1970–1980 Integrated-circuit digital and analog systems

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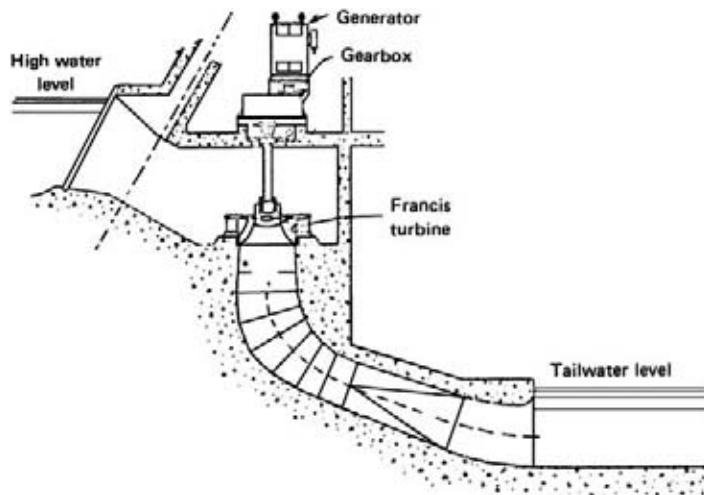
## SMALL HYDRO POWER CONSIDERATIONS AND ANALYSIS

A city is considering a small hydro power installation to save fossil fuel. To obtain the savings, the following steps will be taken: refurbish an existing dam, install new turbines, operate the generating plant. Outline the considerations a designer must weigh before undertaking the actual construction of such a plant.

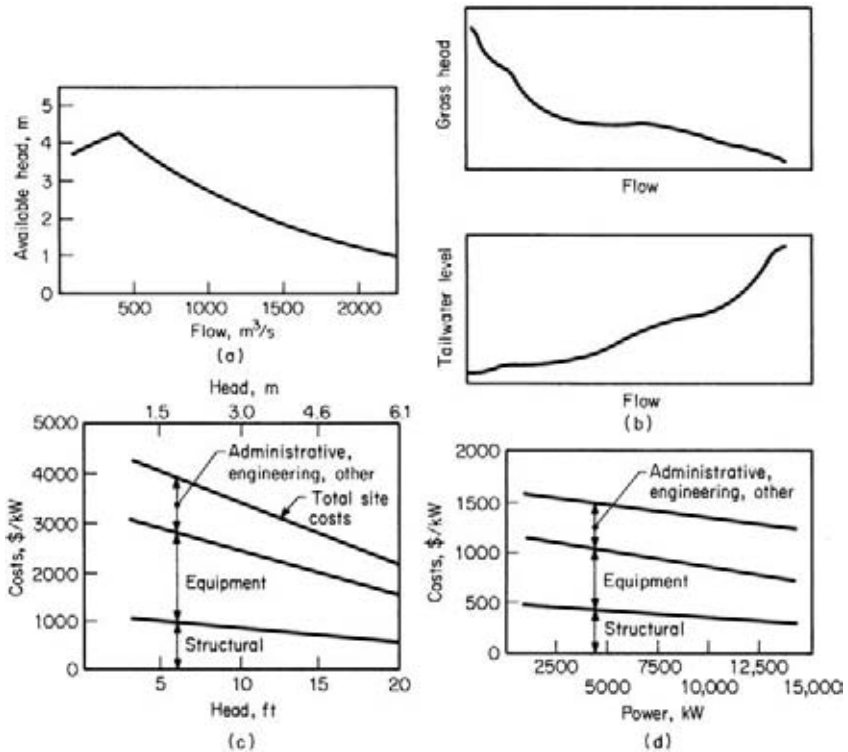
### Calculation Procedure

**1. Analyze the available head.** Most small hydro power sites today will have a head of less than 50 ft (15.2 m) between the high-water level and tail-water level, Fig. 27. The power-generating capacity will usually be 25 MW or less.

**2. Relate absolute head to water flow rate.** Because heads across the turbine in small hydro installations are often low in magnitude, the tailwater level is important in assessing the possibilities of a given site. At high-water flows, tail-water levels are often high enough to reduce turbine output, Fig. 28a. At some sites, the available head at high flow is extremely low, Fig. 28b.



**FIGURE 27** Vertical Francis turbine in open pit was adapted to 8-m head in an existing Norwegian dam. (*Power*.)



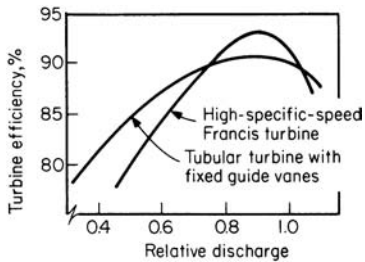
**FIGURE 28** (a) Rising tail-water level in small hydro projects can seriously curtail potential. (b) Anderson-Cottonwood dam head dwindles after a peak at low flow. (c) Low heads drive DOE estimates up. (d) Linear regression curves represent DOE estimates of costs of small sites. (*Power*.)

The actual power output from a hydro station is  $P = HQwe/550$ , where  $P$  = horsepower output;  $H$  = head across turbine, ft;  $Q$  = water flow rate, ft<sup>3</sup>/s;  $w$  = weight of water, lb/ft<sup>3</sup>;  $e$  = turbine efficiency. Substituting in this equation for the plant shown in Fig. 28b, for flow rates of 500 and 1500 m<sup>3</sup>/s, we see that a tripling of the water flow rate increases the power output by only 38.7 percent, while the absolute head drops 53.8 percent (from 3.9 to 1.8 m). This is why the tail-water level is so important in small hydro installations.

Figure 28c shows how station costs can rise as head decreases. These costs were estimated by the Department of Energy (DOE) for a number of small hydro power installations. Figure 28d shows that station cost is more sensitive to head than to power capacity, according to DOE estimates. And the prohibitive costs for developing a completely new small hydro site mean that nearly all work will be at existing dams. Hence, any water exploitation for power must not encroach seriously on present customs, rights, and usages of the water. This holds for both upstream and downstream conditions.

**3. Outline machinery choice considerations.** Small-turbine manufacturers, heeding the new needs, are producing a good range of semistandard designs that will match any site needs in regard to head, capacity, and excavation restrictions.

The Francis turbine, Fig. 27, is a good example of such designs. A horizontal-shaft Francis turbine may be a better choice for some small projects because of lower civil-engineering costs and compatibility with standard generators.



**FIGURE 29** Steep Francis-turbine efficiency falloff frequently makes multiple units advisable. (*Power*)

centered on redevelopment of old sites can carry the burden of workers in constant attendance. Hence, personnel costs should be given close attention.

Tube and bulb turbines, with horizontal or nearly horizontal shafts, are one way to solve the problem of fitting turbines into a site without heavy excavation or civil engineering works. Several standard and semistandard models are available.

In low head work, the turbine is usually low-speed, far below the speed of small generators. A speed-increasing gear box is therefore required. A simple helical-gear unit is satisfactory for vertical-shaft and horizontal-shaft turbines. Where a vertical turbine drives a horizontal generator, a right-angle box makes the turn in the power flow.

Governing and control equipment is not a serious problem for small hydro plants.

**Related Calculations** Most small hydro projects are justified on the basis of continuing inflation which will make the savings they produce more valuable as time passes. Although this practice is questioned by some people, the recent history of inflation seems to justify the approach.

As fossil-fuel prices increase, small hydro installations will become more feasible. However, the considerations mentioned in this procedure should be given full weight before proceeding with the final design of any plant. The data in this procedure were drawn from an ASME meeting on the subject with information from papers, panels, and discussion summarized by William O'Keefe, Senior Editor, *Power* magazine, in an article in that publication.

## SIZING FLASH TANKS TO CONSERVE ENERGY

Determine the dimensions required for a commercial flash tank if the flash tank pressure is 5 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (34.5 kPa) and 14,060 lb/h (1.77 kg/s) of flash steam is available. Would the flash tank be of the centrifugal or top-inlet type?

### Calculation Procedure

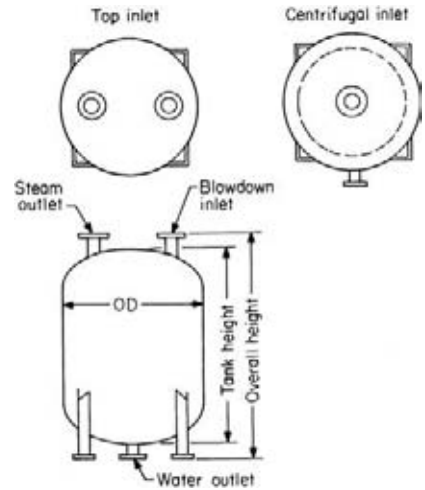
Two major types of flash tanks are in use today: top-inlet and centrifugal-inlet tanks, as shown in Fig. 30. Tank and overall height and outside diameter are also shown in Fig. 30.

**1. Determine the rating and type of flash tank required.** Refer to Table 10. Locate the 5-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (34.5-kPa) flash tank pressure column, and project downward to the minimum value that exceeds 14,060 lb/h (1.77 kg/s). Note that a no. 5 centrifugal flash tank with a maximum rating of 20,000 lb/h (2.5 kg/s) of flash steam is appropriate, and no standard top-inlet type has sufficient capacity at this pressure for this flow rate.



**2. Determine the dimensions of the tank.** In Table 10 locate tank no. 5, and read the dimensions horizontally to the right. Hence, the dimensions required for the tank are 60-in (152.4-cm) OD, 78-in (198.1-cm) tank height, 88-in (223.5-cm) overall height, inlet pipe size of 6 in (15.2 cm), steam outlet pipe of 8 in (20.3 cm), and a water outlet pipe of 6 in (15.2 cm).

**Related Calculations** Use this procedure for choosing a flash tank for a variety of applications—industrial power plants, central stations, marine steam plants, and nuclear stations. Flash tanks can conserve energy by recovering steam that might otherwise be wasted. This steam can be used for space heating, feedwater heating, industrial processes, etc. Condensate remaining after the flashing can be used as boiler feedwater because it is usually pure and contains valuable heat. Or the condensate may be used in an industrial process requiring pure water at an elevated temperature.



**FIGURE 30** Centrifugal and top-inlet flash-tank dimensions. (Chemical Engineering.)

**TABLE 10** Maximum Ratings for Centrifugal and Top-Inlet Flash Tanks, 1000 lb/h (1000 kg/s)\*

Tank no.	Flash-tank pressure, lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage) (kPa)											
	1 (6.9)	5 (34.5)	10 (69.0)	20 (138.0)	50 (345.0)	100 (690.0)						
Centrifugal flash tanks												
4	6.0 (0.76)	7.1 (0.89)	8.8 (1.11)	12.0 (1.51)	21.0 (2.64)	34.0 (4.28)						
5	16.0 (2.01)	20.0 (2.52)	24.0 (3.02)	32.0 (4.03)	58.0 (7.30)	100.0 (12.59)						
6	27.0 (3.40)	34.0 (4.28)	42.0 (5.29)	58.0 (7.30)	105.0 (13.22)	180.0 (22.66)						
Top-inlet flash tanks												
2	1.1 (0.14)	1.3 (0.16)	1.7 (0.21)	2.2 (0.28)	4.0 (0.50)	6.90 (0.87)						
3	2.2 (0.28)	2.9 (0.37)	3.5 (0.44)	4.9 (0.62)	8.7 (1.10)	14.80 (1.86)						
4	4.3 (9.54)	5.2 (0.65)	6.5 (0.82)	8.7 (1.10)	15.0 (1.89)	25.0 (3.15)						
Dimensions of commercial flash tanks												
Tank no.	Outside diameter		Tank height		Overall height		Inlet pipe		Outlet pipe			
	in	cm	in	cm	in	cm	in	cm	Steam		Water	
									in	cm	in	cm
Centrifugal flash tanks												
4	48	121.9	67	170.2	77	195.6	4	10.2	6	15.2	4	10.2
5	60	152.4	78	198.1	88	223.5	6	15.2	8	20.3	6	15.2
6	72	182.9	89	226.1	99	251.5	8	20.3	10	25.4	6	15.2
Top-inlet flash tanks												
2	24	60.9	56	142.2	65.5	166.4	3	7.6	3	7.6	1.5	3.8
3	36	91.4	62	157.5	71.5	181.6	4	10.2	4	10.2	2	5.1
4	48	121.9	67	170.2	76.5	194.3	6	15.2	6	15.2	4	10.2

\*Chemical Engineering magazine.

Flashing steam can cause a violent eruption of the liquid from which the steam is formed. Hence, any flash tank must be large enough to act as a separator to remove entrained moisture from the steam. The dimensions given in Table 10 are for flash tanks of proven design. Hence, the values obtained from Table 10 are satisfactory for all normal design activities. The procedure given here is the work of T. R. MacMillan, as reported in *Chemical Engineering*.

## FLASH TANK OUTPUT

A boiler operating with a drum pressure of 1400 lb/in<sup>2</sup> absolute (9650 kPa) delivers 200,000 lb (90,720 kg) of steam per hour and has a continuous blowdown of 2 percent of its output in order to keep the boiler water at proper dissolved solids. The water blowdown passes to a flash tank operating at slightly above atmospheric pressure in which part of the water flashes to steam, which in turn passes to an open feedwater heater. How much steam is flashed per hour?

### Calculation Procedure

- Determine the amount of blowdown.** Amount of blowdown  $B = 0.02 D$ , where  $D$  is the steam delivery. Hence,  $B = 0.02 \times 200,000 = 4000$  lb/h (30 kg/s).
- Find the enthalpy of the blowdown-saturated liquid.** Blowdown water leaves the boiler at point  $d$  in Fig. 31a as saturated liquid, point  $d$  in Fig. 31b. Blowdown at a pressure of  $p_d = 1400$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (9650 kPa) has, from saturated steam tables mentioned under Related Calculations, an enthalpy  $h_d = 598.7$  Btu/lb = (1392 kJ/kg).
- Find the enthalpy of the blowdown fluid at the flash tank.** The blowdown fluid is assumed to undergo an isenthalpic, or constant-enthalpy, throttling process from point  $d$  to point  $e$  on Fig. 31b where, at the flash tank,  $h_e = h_d$ , found above.

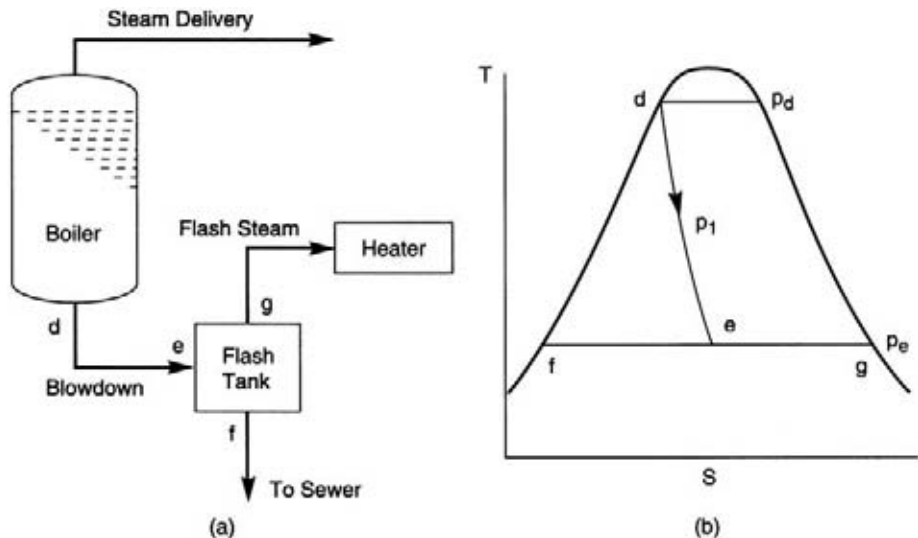


FIGURE 31 (a) Boiler blowdown flow diagram. (b) Temperature-entropy schematic for blowdown.

**4. Find the enthalpy of saturated liquid within the flash tank.** From the saturated steam tables, at  $p_e = 15 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (103 kPa), slightly above atmospheric pressure, the enthalpy of the saturated liquid at point  $f$  on Fig. 31b,  $h_f = 181.1 \text{ Btu/lb}$  (421 kJ/kg).

**5. Find the enthalpy of evaporation within the flash tank.** From the saturated steam tables, the heat required to evaporate 1 lb (0.45 kg) of water under the pressure  $p_e$  within the flash tank is  $h_g - h_f = h_{fg} = 969.7 \text{ Btu/lb}$  (2254 kJ/kg).

**6. Calculate the amount of steam flashed per hour.** The tank flashes steam at the rate of  $F = B[(h_e - h_f)] = 4000[(598.7 - 181.1)/969.7] = 1723 \text{ lb/h}$  (13 kg/s).

**Related Calculations** Saturation steam tables appear in *Thermodynamic Properties of Water Including Vapor, Liquid, and Solid Phases*, 1969, Keenan, et al., John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

The equation for  $F$  in step 6 stems from the presumption of an adiabatic heat balance where  $F \times h_{fg} = B(h_e - h_f)$ .

## DETERMINING WASTE-HEAT BOILER FUEL SAVINGS

An industrial plant has 3000 standard  $\text{ft}^3/\text{min}$  (1.42  $\text{m}^3/\text{day}$ ) of waste gas at 1500°F (816°C) available. How much steam can be generated by this waste gas if the waste-heat boiler has an efficiency of 85 percent, the specific heat of the gas is 0.0178 Btu/(standard  $\text{ft}^3 \cdot ^\circ\text{F}$ ) (1.19 kJ/cm<sup>3</sup>), the exit gas temperature is 400°F (204°C), and the enthalpy of vaporization of the steam to be generated is 970.3 Btu/lb (2256.9 kJ/kg)? What fuel savings will be obtained if the plant burns no. 6 fuel oil having a heating value of 140,000 Btu/gal (39,200 kJ/L) and a current cost of \$1.00 per gallon (\$1 per 3.785 L) and a future cost of \$1.35 per gallon (\$1.35 per 3.785 L)? The waste-heat boiler is expected to operate 24 h/day, 330 days/year. Efficiency of fuel boilers in this plant is 80 percent.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the steam production rate from the waste heat.** Use the relation  $S = C_v V(T - t)60E/h_v$ , where  $S$  = steam production rate, lb/h;  $C_v$  = specific heat of gas, Btu/(standard  $\text{ft}^3 \cdot ^\circ\text{F}$ );  $V$  = volumetric flow rate of waste gas, standard  $\text{ft}^3/\text{min}$ ;  $T$  = waste-gas temperature at boiler exit, °F;  $E$  = waste-heat boiler efficiency, expressed as a decimal;  $h_v$  = heat of vaporization of the steam being generated by the waste gas, Btu/lb. Substituting gives  $S = 0.0178(3000)(1500 - 400)60(0.85)/970.3 = 3087.7 \text{ lb/h}$  (1403.3 kg/h).

**2. Find the present and future fuel savings potential.** The cost equivalent  $C$  dollars per hour of the savings produced by using the waste-heat gas can be found from  $C = Sh_v K/E_b$ , where the symbols are as given earlier and  $K$  = fuel cost, \$ per Btu as fired (\$ per 1.055 kJ),  $E_b$  = efficiency of fuel-fired boilers in the plant. Substituting for the current fuel cost of \$1 per gallon, we find  $C = 3087.4(970.3)/(\$1/140,000)/0.8 = \$26.75$ . Since the waste-heat boiler will operate 24 h/day, the daily savings will be  $24(\$26.75) = \$642$ . With 330-days/year operation, the annual saving is  $(330 \text{ days})(\$642 \text{ per day}) = \$211,860$ . This saving could be used to finance the investment in the waste-heat boiler.

Where the exit gas temperature from the waste-heat boiler will be different from 400°F (204.4°C), adjust the steam output and dollar savings by using the difference in the equation in step 1.

**Related Calculations** This procedure can be used for finding the savings possible from recovering heat from a variety of gas streams such as diesel-engine and gas-turbine exhausts, process-gas streams, refinery equipment exhausts, etc. To apply the procedure, several factors must be known or assumed: waste-heat boiler steam pressure, feedwater temperature, final exit gas temperature, heating value of fuel being saved, and operating efficiency of the waste-heat and fuel-fired

boilers in the plant. Note that the exit gas temperature must be higher than the saturation temperature of the steam generated in the waste-heat boiler for heat transmission between the waste gas and the water in the boiler to occur.

As a guide, the exit gas temperature should be 100°F (51.1°C) above the steam temperature in the waste-heat boiler. For economic reasons, the temperature difference should be at least 150°F (76.6°C). Otherwise, the amount of heat transfer area required in the waste-heat boiler will make the investment uneconomical.

This procedure is the work of George V. Vosseller, P. E., Toltz, King, Durvall, Anderson and Associates, Inc., as reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine.

## HEAT EXCHANGERS: QUICK DESIGN AND EVALUATION

Find the required surface area and shell-side flow rate of a cross-flow heat exchanger with four single-pass tube rows being designed to meet the following conditions: tube mass flow rate  $\dot{m} = 22,200$  lb/h (10,070 kg/h); tube specific heat capacity,  $c = 0.20$  Btu/lb·°F (0.84 kJ/kg·°C); shell specific heat capacity,  $C = 0.24$  Btu/lb·°F (1.00 kJ/kg·°C); tube-side inlet fluid temperature,  $t_1 = 500$ °F (260°C); tube-side outlet fluid temperature,  $t_2 = 320$ °F (160°C); shell-side inlet liquid temperature,  $T_1 = 86$ °F (30°C); shell-side outlet liquid temperature,  $T_2 = 131$ °F (55°C); overall heat-transfer coefficient,  $U = 9.0$  Btu/h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F (51.1 W/m<sup>2</sup>·°C) (183.9 kJ/h·m<sup>2</sup>·°C).

Another unit, a 1-shell-pass and 2-tube-pass heat exchanger with a vertical shell-side baffle for divided flow, performs as follows:  $\dot{m} = 33,500$  lb/h (15,200 kg/h);  $c = 0.98$  Btu/lb·°F (4.10 kJ/kg·°C); shell mass flow rate  $\dot{M} = 50,000$  lb/h (22,680 kg/h);  $C = 0.60$  Btu/lb·°F (2.51 kJ/kg·°C);  $t_1 = 270$ °F (132.2°C);  $T_1 = 520$ °F (271.1°C);  $U = 12.6$  Btu/h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F (71.5 W/m<sup>2</sup>·°C) (257.4 kJ/h·m<sup>2</sup>·°C); heat exchanger surface area,  $A = 2200$  ft<sup>2</sup> (204.4 m<sup>2</sup>). Evaluate the performance of this unit by finding its thermal effectiveness, its efficiency, the outlet temperature of the tube-side fluid, and the outlet temperature of the shell-side vapor.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the ratio of shell-side liquid to tube-side fluid temperature differences and the thermal effectiveness, or temperature efficiency, of the cross-flow unit.** The shell-to-tube ratio of temperature differences is found by  $R = (T_1 - T_2)/(t_2 - t_1) = (86 - 131)/(320 - 500) = 0.25$ . Thermal effectiveness,  $P = (t_2 - t_1)/(T_1 - t_1) = (320 - 500)/(86 - 500) = 0.43$ .

**2. Compute the shell-side vapor flow rate.** Shell-side vapor flow rate is  $\dot{M} = \dot{m}c/RC = (22,200)(0.20)/[(0.25)(0.24)] = 74,000$  lb/h (33,570 kg/h).

**3. Determine the number of transfer units and heat exchanger efficiency.** The point where  $R = 0.25$  and  $P = 0.43$  on Fig. 40, shown amongst several figures appearing after step 7, corresponds to values for the number of transfer units,  $NTU = 0.62$  and heat exchanger efficiency,  $F = 0.99$ . This value for  $F$  shows that the design has an efficiency close to that for a pure countercurrent configuration where  $F = 1.00$ .

**4. Compute the heat exchanger surface area.** To find the area use the formula  $A = (NTU)(\dot{m}c)/U = (0.62)(22,200)(0.20)/9.0 = 306$  ft<sup>2</sup> (28.4 m<sup>2</sup>).

**5. Compute  $R$  and  $NTU$  for the shell-and-tube unit.** Substitute appropriate values into the following equations, thus  $R = \dot{m}c/\dot{M}C = (33,500)(0.98)/(50,000)(0.60) = 1.09$  and  $NTU = UA/\dot{m}c = (12.6)(2200)/(33,500)(0.98) = 0.84$ .

6. **Determine the thermal effectiveness and heat exchanger efficiency.** The point where curves for  $R$  and  $NTU$  intersect on Fig. 35 corresponds to a thermal effectiveness,  $P = 0.42$  and an efficiency,  $F = 0.89$ . For the configuration of this unit, the value of  $F$  can be considered acceptable.

7. **Find the exit temperatures of the tube-side fluid and the shell-side vapor.** The tube-side fluid exit temperature,  $t_2 = P(T_1 - t_1) + t_1 = 0.42(520 - 270) + 270 = 375^\circ\text{F}$  ( $190.6^\circ\text{C}$ ), and the shell-side vapor exit temperature,  $T_2 = T_1 - R(t_2 - t_1) = 520 - 1.09(375 - 270) = 405^\circ\text{F}$  ( $297.2^\circ\text{C}$ ).

**Related Calculations** On the design and performance charts, Figs. 32 through 44, heat exchanger efficiency,  $F = \text{true mean temperature difference}/\text{logarithmic temperature difference}$  for countercurrent flow and relates the actual rate of heat transfer,  $Q$ , to the theoretical rate,  $U \times A \times \text{logarithmic temperature difference}$ . True mean temperature differences has been solved analytically for each configuration. This, in conjunction with the new  $NTU$  curves, eliminates the need for trial-and-error calculations to determine the design and evaluate the performance of specific heat exchangers. By establishing desired conditions which in effect specify any two of the four parameters, the other two parameters may then be read directly from a chart and used to design a unit and/or to evaluate its performance.

The 1-shell-pass–3-tube-pass and 1-shell-pass–2-tube-pass heat exchangers represent conventional shell-and-tube units such as those for steam heating, heating of one process stream by cooling another, and condensation and cooling by a cooling-water utility. Shell-side pressure drops through divided-flow units are typically one-eighth of those through conventional shell-and-tube heat exchangers; hence divided flow units are recommended where low shell-side pressure drops are required.

Cross-flow heat exchangers differ from the conventional and divided-flow shell-and-tube units in that they have tube-bank arrangements over which another stream flows perpendicular to the tubes. Typical applications of cross-flow units include air cooling of overhead condensate streams and trim-product coolers.

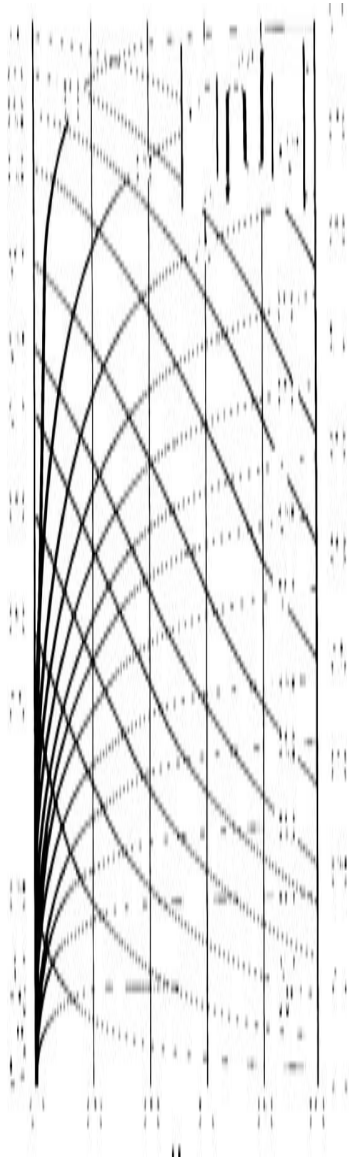
This calculation procedure is based upon the work of Jeff Bowman, E.I. du Pont de Nemours Co., and Richard Turton, assistant professor of chemical engineering at West Virginia University, as reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine. Note that final selection of a unit will usually be made in conjunction with advice and guidance from the manufacturer of the unit.

## FIGURING FLUE-GAS REYNOLDS NUMBER BY SHORTCUTS

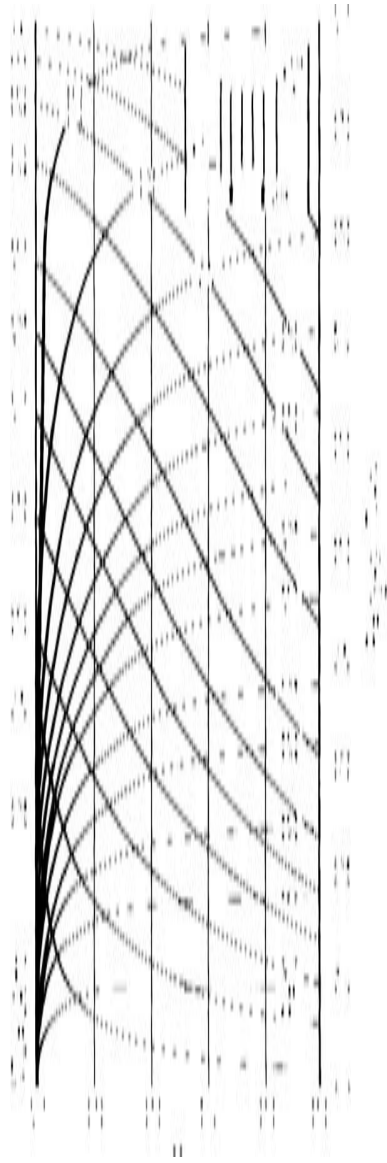
A low-sulfur No. 2 distillate fuel oil has a chemical composition of 87.4 percent carbon and 12.6 percent hydrogen by weight, ignoring sulfur. The fuel's higher heating value (HHV), or  $\Delta H_{\text{gross}}$ , the standard ( $60^\circ\text{F}$ ) ( $15.5^\circ\text{C}$ ) heat of combustion (based on stoichiometric air usage), is 18,993 Btu/lb ( $44,148 \text{ kJ/kg}$ ) of the fuel. With a volumetric proportion of 79 percent atmospheric nitrogen, including rare gases, to 21 percent oxygen, the molar ratio of  $\text{N}_2$  to  $\text{O}_2$  in air is 3.76:1. What is the Reynolds number for the flow of the flue gas produced by that fuel if it is completely burned in 50 percent excess air at the rate of 25.3 lb/h ( $11.5 \text{ kg/h}$ ) and the flue gas leaves a 1-ft ( $0.3\text{-m}$ ) diameter duct at  $2000^\circ\text{F}$  ( $1093^\circ\text{C}$ )?

### Calculation Procedure

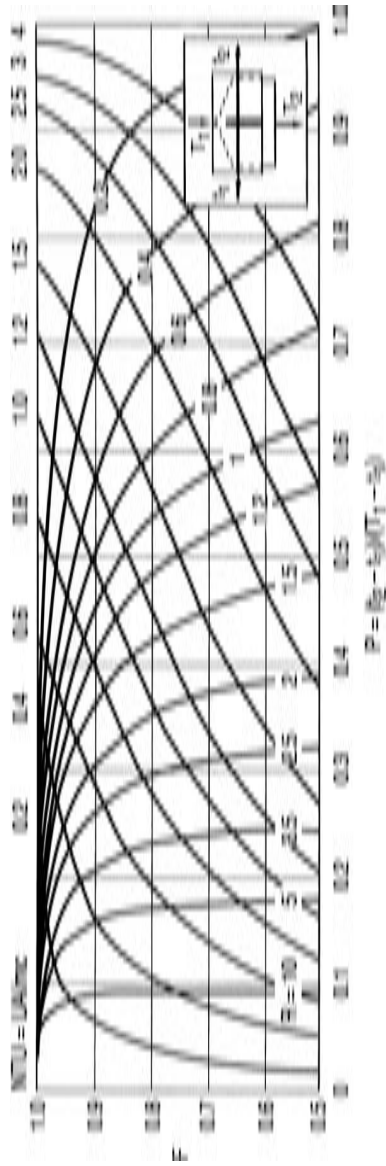
1. **Compute the volume flow rate of the flue gas.** Based on stoichiometric air usage, the standard ( $32^\circ\text{F}$ , 1-atm) ( $0^\circ\text{C}$ , 101.3-kPa) volume of flue gas (std  $\text{ft}^3/\text{lb}$ ) (std  $\text{m}^3/\text{kg}$ ) of fuel burned is  $V_{\text{std}} = (\Delta H_{\text{gross}}/100)[1 + (\text{percent excess air})/100 \text{ percent}]$ . Then,  $V_{\text{std}} = (18,993/100)[1 + (50/100)] = 285 \text{ std ft}^3/\text{lb}$  ( $17.79 \text{ std m}^3/\text{kg}$ ).



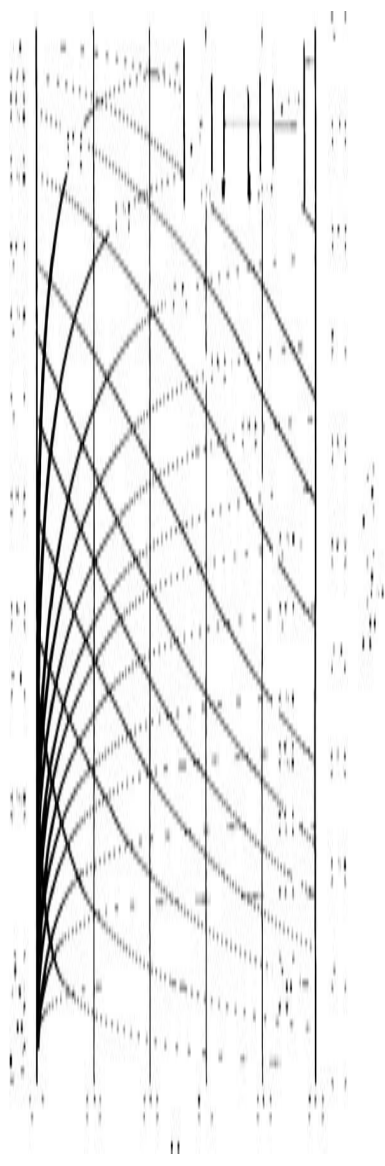
**FIGURE 32** Design and performance chart for a 1-shell-pass and 3-tube-pass exchanger. (*Chemical Engineering.*)



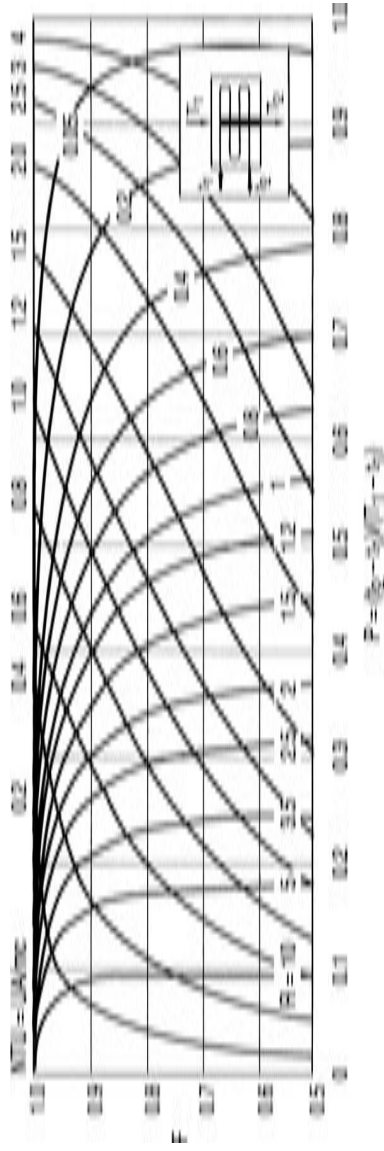
**FIGURE 33** Design and performance chart for a 1-shell-pass and 4-tube-pass exchanger. (*Chemical Engineering.*)



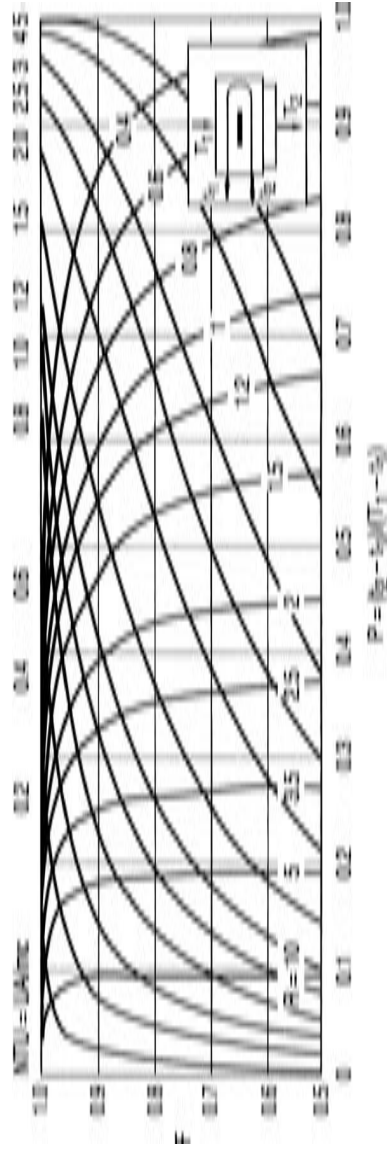
**FIGURE 34** Design and performance chart for a 1-shell-pass and 1-tube-pass exchanger with a vertical shell-side baffle. (*Chemical Engineering.*)



**FIGURE 35** Design and performance chart for a 1-shell-pass and 2-tube-pass exchanger with a vertical shell-side baffle. (*Chemical Engineering.*)

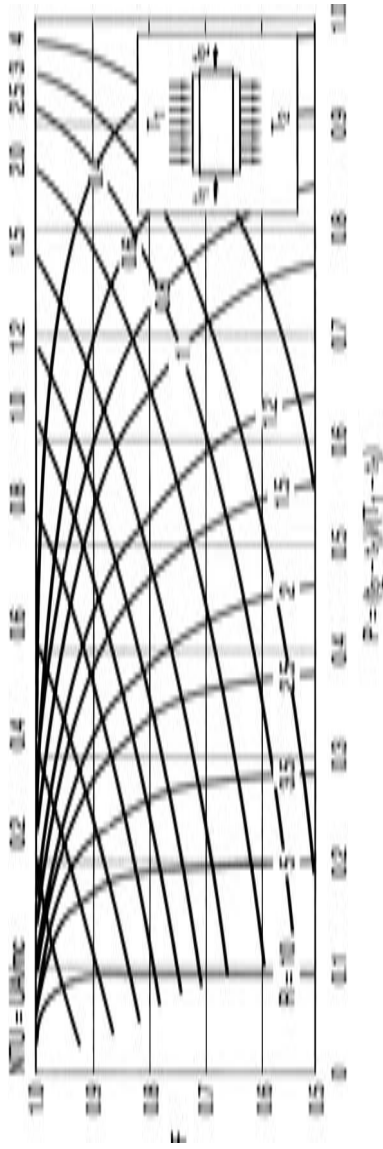


**FIGURE 36** Design and performance chart for a 1-shell-pass and 4-tube-pass exchanger with a vertical shell-side baffle. (*Chemical Engineering*.)

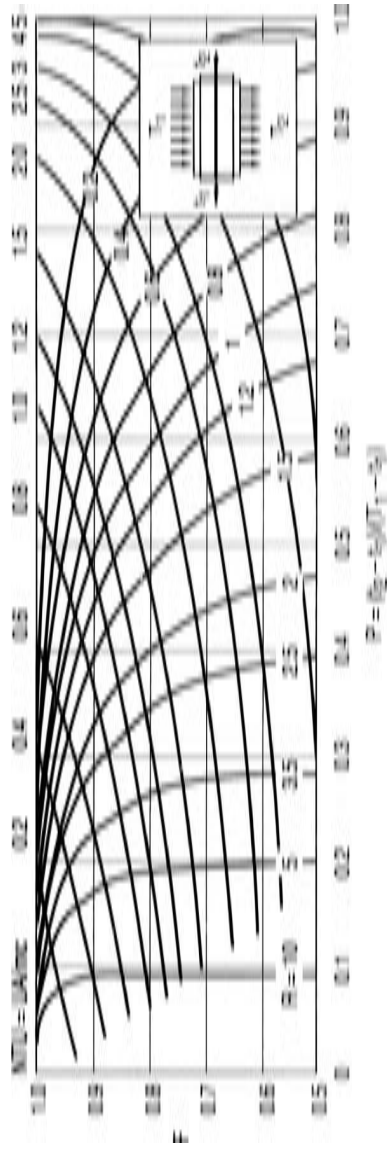


**FIGURE 37** Design and performance chart for a 1-shell-pass and 2-tube-pass exchanger with a horizontal shell-side baffle. (*Chemical Engineering*.)

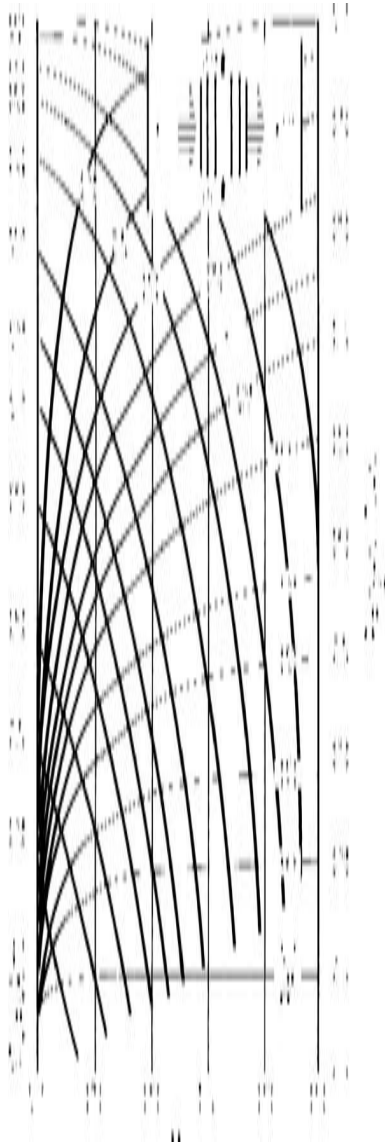




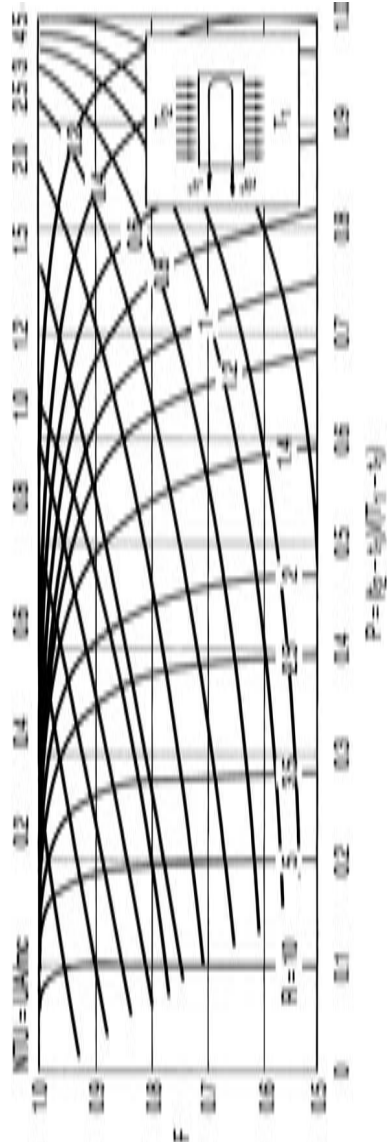
**FIGURE 38** Design and performance chart for cross-flow exchanger with two single-pass row tubes. (*Chemical Engineering*.)



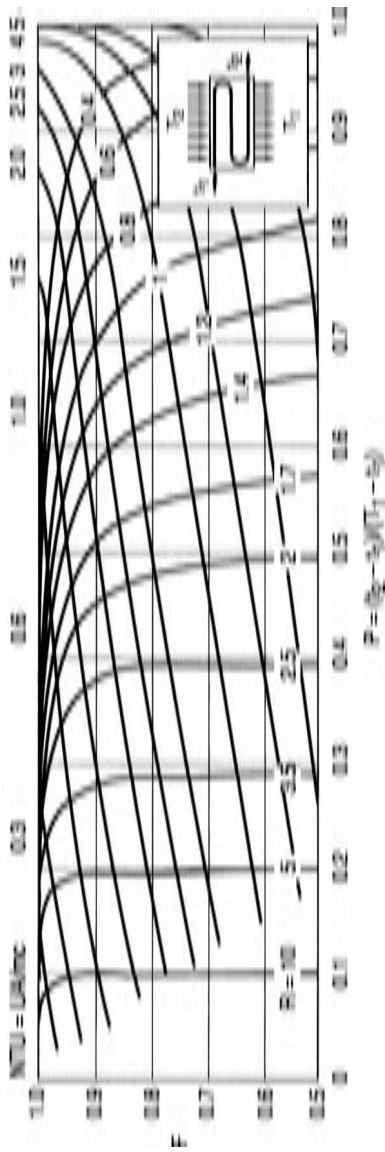
**FIGURE 39** Design and performance chart for a cross-flow exchanger with three single-pass tube rows. (*Chemical Engineering*.)



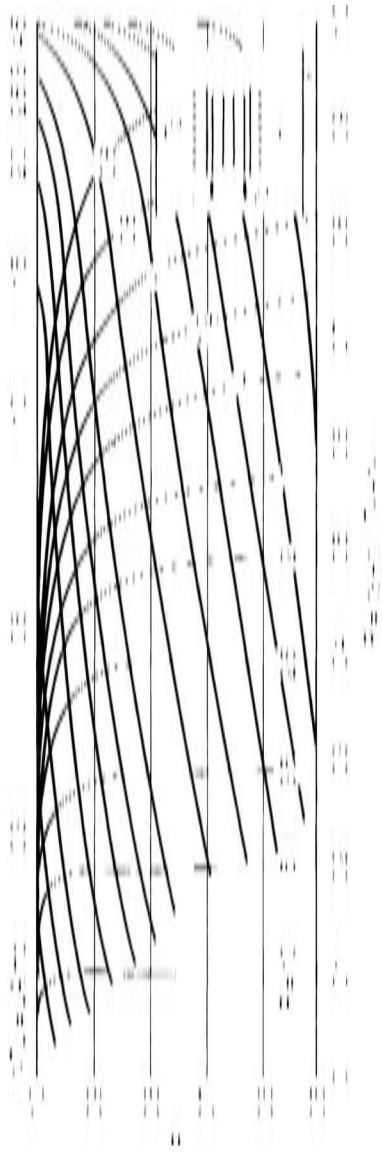
**FIGURE 40** Design and performance chart for cross-flow exchanger with four single-pass tube rows. (*Chemical Engineering.*)



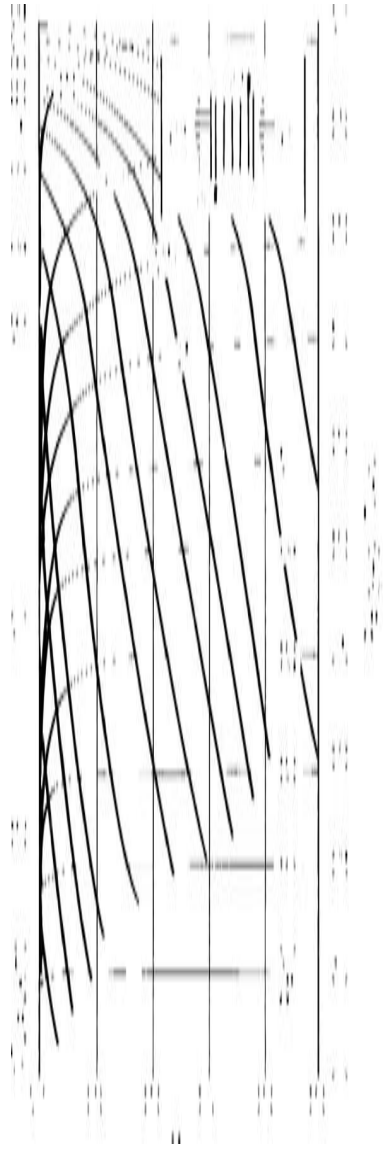
**FIGURE 41** Design and performance chart for a cross-flow exchanger with a 2-tube-pass. (*Chemical Engineering.*)



**FIGURE 42** Design and performance chart for a cross-flow exchanger with a 3-tube pass. (*Chemical Engineering.*)



**FIGURE 43** Design and performance chart for a cross-flow exchanger with a 4-tube pass. (*Chemical Engineering.*)



**FIGURE 44** Design and performance chart for a cross-flow exchanger with a 5-tube pass. (*Chemical Engineering*.)

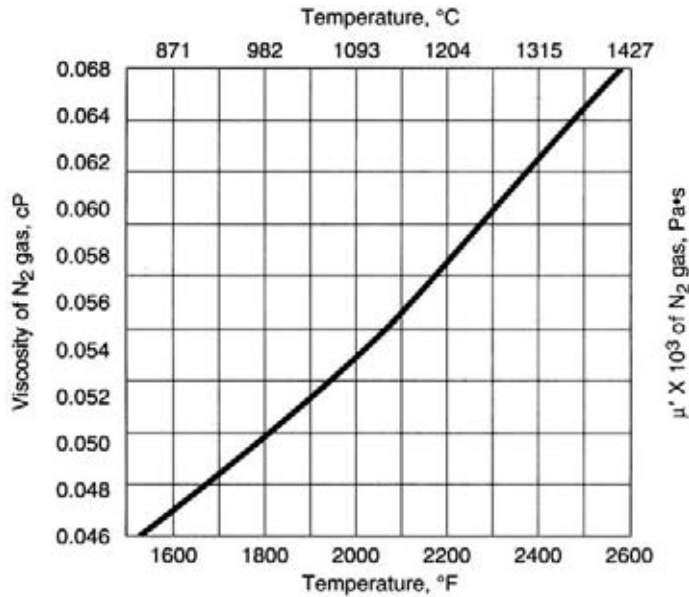


FIGURE 45 Dynamic viscosity of nitrogen gas. (*Chemical Engineering.*)

Adjust for temperature expansion by using the ideal-gas law to get the per lb (kg) of fuel actual amount of flue gas,  $V' = V_{\text{std}}(460 + T)/(460 + 32)$ , where  $T$  is the flue-gas temperature in °F. Thus,  $V' = 285(460 + 2000)/(492) = 1425 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb}$  ( $89 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}$ ). The metric result can be verified as follows:  $V_{\text{std}} = 17.79[273 + (2000 - 32)/1.8]/273 = 89 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}$ .

The flue-gas approximate flow rate,  $V = V'W/3600$ , where  $W$  is the given hourly burning rate of the fuel. Hence,  $V = 1425 \times 25.3/3600 = 10.0 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$  ( $0.28 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ).

**2. Determine the viscosity of the flue gas.** Boiler and incinerator flue gases are composed of several gases, hence a precise calculation of the Reynolds number can be cumbersome. By assuming that the flue gas behaves like nitrogen, it is possible to obtain fast and accurate preliminary approximations for both boilers and incinerators. Then, by means of the graph in Fig. 45, read the dynamic viscosity of nitrogen as  $\mu' = 0.054 \text{ cp}$  ( $54 \times 10^{-6} \text{ Pa}$ ).

**3. Compute the Reynolds number of the flue gas.** By algebraic manipulations, as mentioned under Related Calculations of this procedure, the shortcut formula for an estimate of the Reynolds number is found to be  $R_e = 73,700 [D\mu'(460 + T)]$ , where the given duct diameter,  $D = 1.0 \text{ ft}$  ( $0.3 \text{ m}$ ) and the other values are as previously determined. Thus,  $R_e = 72,700 \times 10.0[(1)(0.054)(460 + 2000)] = 5470$ .

**Related Calculations** The shortcut formula for the value of  $R_e$  is derived by algebraic manipulation of four expressions listed below. Symbols adequately defined previously are not redefined.

- (1) Reynolds number  $R_e = D\rho U/\mu$ , where  $D$  = diameter of a circular cross-section, or equivalent diameter of some other cross-section, ft (m);  $\rho$  = density of the gas, lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (kg/m<sup>3</sup>);  $U$  = average linear velocity of the gas, ft/s (m/s);  $\mu$  = viscosity of the gas, lb/(ft·s) (Pa·s).
- (2) At high temperatures, the average densities and viscosities of flue gas closely approximate those of nitrogen alone. Thus,  $\rho$  and  $\mu$  for nitrogen can be used to estimate  $R_e$  with no significant error. Hence, from the ideal-gas law an estimate of the density of nitrogen,  $\rho = (28)(460 + 32)/[(359)(460 + T)]$ , where 28 is the molecular weight of nitrogen; 359 is the

volume, ft<sup>3</sup>, of 1 lb-mol of gas at 32°F (0°C) and at atmospheric pressure, 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (6.89 kPa). In SI units the factor is 22.41 m<sup>3</sup>/kg·mol.

$$(3) U = 4V/\pi D^2$$

$$(4) \mu = \mu'/1488$$

Turbulent flow in a boiler or incinerator assures adequate mixing and near-complete or complete combustion. Flow is turbulent when its Reynolds number is greater than 2000 or 3000, and is more turbulent when  $R_e$  is greater. This reduces the amount of excess air required for complete combustion and hence increases boiler and incinerator efficiency.

A review of the shortcut equations reveals that, for a given set of values for  $D$ ,  $M$ , and  $T$  and that  $\mu'$  depends on  $T$ , the degree of accuracy of the shortcut value of  $R_e$  is reflected by the precision of the value of  $V_{\text{std}}$  found in step 1 of this procedure. This can be done by checking the stoichiometry of the combustion process per lb (kg) of the fuel with the given percentages of C and H<sub>2</sub>, as follows: lb-mol C/lb oil = 0.874/12 = 0.0728; lb-mol H<sub>2</sub>/lb oil = 0.126/2 = 0.0630.

Then, 0.0728 C + 0.0630 H<sub>2</sub> + [1 + (percent excess air/100 percent)](0.0728 + 0.0630/2) O<sub>2</sub> + [1 + (percent excess air/100 percent)](3.76)(0.0728 + 0.0630/2) N<sub>2</sub> → 0.0728 CO<sub>2</sub> + 0.0630 H<sub>2</sub>O + (percent excess air/100 percent)(0.1043) O<sub>2</sub> + [1 + (percent excess air/100 percent)](3.76)(0.1043) N<sub>2</sub>. Table 11 indicates that the lb-mol/lb oil is 0.7763; hence  $V_{\text{std}} = 0.7763 \times 359 = 279$  std ft<sup>3</sup>/lb (17.42 std m<sup>3</sup>/kg) of oil. This shows the error in the shortcut estimate for  $V_{\text{std}}$  to be about 2 percent in this case.

Also, Table 11 shows that this flue gas has a composition of 9.4 percent CO<sub>2</sub>; 8.1 percent H<sub>2</sub>O; 6.7 percent O<sub>2</sub>; 75.8 percent N<sub>2</sub>; and has an average molecular weight of 28.96. By the method shown on page 3.279 in *Perry's Chemical Engineers' Handbook*, 6th edition, McGraw-Hill, this flue gas has a calculated mixture viscosity of  $\mu' = 0.0536$  cP ( $53.6 \times 10^{-6}$  Pa). Using this value and the average molecular weight of 28.96 instead of 28 in the gas density formula in step 2, the  $R_e$  estimate would be 5700. This indicates the shortcut estimate of 5470 to be in error by about 4 percent in this case. There are other factors that could contribute to errors in the shortcut calculations. In practice, wood and municipal solid waste contain considerable amounts of moisture, which reduces their heating values that refer to dry conditions, only. The shortcut calculations are very accurate for fossil fuels, such as coal, fuel oil, and natural gas, and wood. They are useful for wastes or waste-fuel mixtures. Errors by shortcut calculations seldom exceed  $\pm 10$  percent when excess air is less than 150 to 200 percent.

Though errors for fossil fuels with 100 percent or less excess air are generally 5 percent or less, there are factors that increase the error of the shortcut method: (1) high water content in the fuel or waste; (2) high halogen content; (3) excess air above 100 percent. However, the shortcut method can still be used to give a quick first approximation even when these factors are present.

This shortcut method is based on two articles written by Irwin Frankel of The Mitre Corp., Metrek Div., 1820 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean, VA 22102. The articles, "Shortcut calculations for fluegas volume" and "Figure fluegas Reynolds number," appeared in the *Chemical Engineering* magazine issues of June 1, 1981, and August 24, 1981, respectively.

**TABLE 11** Flue-Gas Components

Component	lb-mol/ lb <sub>m</sub> oil		Molar proportions		Molecular weight		Weight proportion
CO <sub>2</sub>	0.0728/0.7763	=	0.094	×	44	=	4.14
H <sub>2</sub> O	0.0630		0.081		18		1.46
O <sub>2</sub>	0.0522		0.067		32		2.14
N <sub>2</sub>	0.5883		0.758		28		21.22
Flue gas	0.7763		1.000		28.96		28.96

## CHOOSING A COMPENSATOR TO SAVE PIPES FROM BURSTING

Choose a suitable compensator for the pressure and temperature conditions shown in the table below. Outline the calculation procedure and then use the given data to choose a suitable compensator.

Process		Fluid <sup>2</sup>		Pipes	
Normal working pressure <sup>1</sup>	$P_N = 10.2$ bars	Name	Ethylene oxide	Number of sections	Two
		Density at 10°C	$\rho_1 = 1608$ kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Section 1	$d_1 = 77.97$ mm
Maximum allowable pressure	$P_{\max} = 16.6$ bars	Density at 30°C	$\rho_2 = 1564$ kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Section 2	$l_1 = 100$ m
Minimum temperature	$T_1 = 10^\circ\text{C} = 283$ K				$d_2 = 52.58$ mm
Maximum temperature	$T_2 = 30^\circ\text{C} = 303$ K				$l_2 = 85$ m

Notes: 1. Make the precharge to a pressure slightly higher than  $P_N$ , when temperature is at the coldest. 2. Densities were measured in client's laboratory.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the shut-in or initial volume,  $V_1$ .** Using the symbols as shown below, calculate  $V_1$  as the sum of the volume contained within individual pipe segments plus the volume of any holding vessels within the enclosed section.

**2. Calculate a dimensionless number accounting for liquid densities.** Divide the high density ( $\rho_1$ , found at the lowest temperature) by the low density ( $\rho_2$ , found at the highest temperature). For the rare liquid that contracts when heated, reverse these relationships.

$$S = (\rho_1/\rho_2)$$

**3. Find the expanded volume.** Use

$$V_2 = SV_1$$

**4. Determine the expansion volume.** The expansion volume is the difference. This is the amount that flows into the compensator.

$$V_{\text{exp}} = V_2 - V_1$$

**5. Select a larger compensator from a suitable catalog.**

**6. Verify that the final pressure in the chosen compensator is within design bounds.** For the compensator being considered, solve for the shut-in (initial) system volume using the equation below, giving the results in liters. Or,

$$V_1 = \frac{\pi d_1^2 l_1}{4} + \frac{\pi d_2^2 l_2}{4} = \frac{\pi(7.797)^2 10^4}{4 \cdot 10^3} + \frac{\pi(5.258)^2 0.85 \times 10^4}{4 \cdot 10^3} = 662.0$$

Next, calculate the density ratio

$$S = 1608/1564 = 1.028$$

Then, calculate the expanded volume

$$V_2 = SV_1 = 680.5$$

$$V_{\text{exp}} = V_2 - V_1 = 18.5$$

Now, make an initial vessel-size selection. It often takes a few iterations to arrive at the best size compensator. In this instance, we choose 100 L.

Compensators have to be precharged to a pressure slightly higher than the process. Associate it with the equivalent of the lowest temperature, namely 10°C. The temperature of the gas in the non-wetted side of the vessel will affect pressure rise calculations. Thus,

$$P_N = 10.2$$

$$V_A = 100$$

$$T_1 = 273 + 10 = 283 \text{ K}$$

$$\text{Precharge pressure} = P_{pc} = 10.3 \text{ bars}$$

If precharge is done indoors, where the ambient is 20°C, then the pressure that appears on the certificate must be:

$$P_F = P_{pc} (273 + 20) / (283) = 10.664$$

The expansion volume will take up some of the compensator volume:

$$V_{\text{min}} = V_A - V_{\text{exp}} = 100 - 18.5 = 81.5$$

Determine the pressure at the maximum temperature:

$$P_2 = (P_{pc} \times V_A \times T_2) / (V_{\text{min}} \times T_1) = (10.3 \times 100 \times 303) / (81.5 \times 283) = 13.53$$

This is lower than the maximum allowable pressure, so the 100-L size is adequate.

Another way to test the selection of vessel is to calculate whether the volume is large enough at maximum allowable pressure.

$$V_{\text{min}} = (P_{pc} \times V_A \times T_2) / (T_1 \times P_{\text{max}}) = (10.3 \times 100 \times 303) / (283 \times 16.6) = 66.4$$

Theoretically, vendors can design a 66-L compensator, which would fit, but standard units are 50 L and 100 L.

The last thing to check out is the temperature margin. There is enough volume in hand to allow further temperature rise above 30°C. How much?

The fluid densities were calculated by straight line extrapolation. See the box above. If you can look up exact values, don't use this shortcut.

Test 60°C with  $\rho = 1498 \text{ kg/m}^3$

$$S = 1608 / 1498 = 1.073$$

$$V_2 = 1.073 \times 662.0 = 709.9$$

$$V_{\text{exp}} = 710.6 - 662.0 = 48.6$$

$$P_2 = (10.3 \times 100 \times 333) / (283 \times 51.4) = 23.6$$



This is above maximum allowed.

Test 40°C with  $\rho = 1542 \text{ kg/m}^3$

$$R = 1608/1542 = 1.043$$

$$V_2 = 1.043 \times 661.6 = 690.5L$$

$$V_{\text{exp}} = 690.5 - 662.0 = 28.5$$

$$P_2 = (10.3 \times 100 \times 313)/(283 \times 71.5) = 15.9$$

This is within the allowable range. Repeat iterating and the maximum temperature is found to be 43°C, at 16.2 bars.

Symbols					
$d_1, d_2$	Diameter of pipe sections 1 and 2, mm	$P_N$	Normal working pressure, bars	$V_{B2}$	Bubble volume at final pressure, L
$l_1, l_2$	Length of pipe sections 1 and 2, m	$P_{pc}$	Precharge pressure, bars	$V_{\text{exp}}$	Expansion volume, $V_2 - V_1$ , L
$P_1$	Initial pressure, bars	$S$	Density ratio, $\rho_1/\rho_2$ , dimensionless	$V_{\text{min}}$	$V_A - V_{\text{exp}}$ , L, see Equation 10
$P_2$	Final pressure, bars	$T_1$	Coldest temperature, K	$\rho_1$	Liquid density corresponding to the lowest temperature, $\text{kg/m}^3$
$P_F$	Precharge pressure at factory conditions, bars	$T_2$	Hottest temperature, K	$\rho_2$	Liquid density corresponding to the highest temperature, $\text{kg/m}^3$
$P_{\text{max}}$	Maximum allowable pressure, bars	$V_1$	Shut-in (initial) volume of piping, L		
		$V_2$	Expanded volume of the liquid, L		
		$V_A$	Compensator vessel capacity, L		
		$V_{B1}$	Bubble volume at initial pressure, L		

**Related Calculations** This procedure can be used for pipes conveying any type of fluid that may be subject to overpressure from a rise in temperature or from other causes.

The procedure shown here is the work of Jack Boteler, Flowguard USA and David Clucas, Flowguard Ltd., a Weir Company, as reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine, Dec., 1999.

## RELIEF-VALVE SIZING USING THE IDEAL-GAS SPECIFIC-HEAT RATIO

Size a relief valve for a feed vessel containing isobutylene (molecular weight = 56.108 kg/kmol) that is being evaluated for external-fire overpressure. The vessel has a maximum allowable working pressure of 22 barg (319 psig). Its maximum allowable accumulation pressure is 26.62 barg (385.99 psig), corresponding to 21 percent accumulation. Based on the estimated heat flux to the vessel from the fire, and assuming complete vapor-liquid disengagement within the vessel, the relief rate is determined to be 68,000 kg/h (150,000 lb/h) of saturated isobutylene vapor at a relief pressure of 26.62 barg (2763 kPa) and a relief temperature of 395.5 K. The remaining fluid properties are: real-gas specific heat ratio = 1.887; vapor density = 81.98  $\text{kg/m}^3$  (5.118  $\text{lb/ft}^3$ ); compressibility factor = 0.575; ideal-gas specific heat = 1.082 at the relief valve temperature; at standard conditions corresponding to a temperature of 288.7 K, the ideal gas specific heat ratio = 1.107. Determine the size of the pressure-relief valve needed to handle adequately flow during the external-fire overpressure. For the preliminary design, the back pressure in the relief valve is assumed to be within acceptable limits; hence, the flow will be choked and the back pressure correction factor,  $K_b$ , equals 1. A rupture disk device will not be used on the inlet; hence, the combination capacity factor,  $K_c$  (see the listing of symbols below) = 1.

Six cases will be studied here. And in each, Equation 3.2 in API RP 520 (7th Edition) is used to determine the required discharge area for the relief valve:

$$C = 520 \sqrt{k \left( \frac{2}{k+1} \right)^{k+1/k-1}}$$

$$A = \frac{13,160W}{CK_d PK_b K_c} \sqrt{\frac{TZ}{MW}}$$

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Use the actual isentropic expansion coefficient.** Using the actual isentropic expansion coefficient for the fluid at relieving conditions, 0.746, based on the guidance presented in Appendix B of API RP 520, the discharge area for the relief valve is

$$C = 520 \sqrt{0.746 \left( \frac{2}{0.746+1} \right)^{0.746+1/0.746-1}} = 281.604$$

$$A = \frac{(13,160)(68,000)}{(281.604)(0.975)(2763.325)(1)(1)} \times \sqrt{\frac{(395.5)(0.575)}{56.108}} = 2375 \text{ mm}^2$$

or the area must be, at a minimum, 2375 mm<sup>2</sup>. This calculation produces the best estimate of the required discharge area that would be calculated using the numerical integration. Given the required discharge area, a relief valve with an ‘N’ area designation (2800 mm<sup>2</sup>) would be chosen.

**2. Use the real-gas specific heat ratio at the relieving conditions.** Without knowledge of the background information regarding the isentropic expansion coefficient for vapor sizing, one may read API RP 520 (7th Edition) and apply Section 3.6.2.1.1 incorrectly using the information obtained from the process simulator, specifically using the real gas specific heat ratio at relieving conditions. This could result in a significantly undersized relief valve as the required area is found to be

$$C = 520 \sqrt{1.887 \left( \frac{2}{1.887+1} \right)^{1.887+1/1.887-1}} = 393.057$$

$$A = \frac{(13,160)(68,000)}{(393.057)(0.975)(2763.325)(1)(1)} \times \sqrt{\frac{(395.5)(0.575)}{56.108}} = 1701 \text{ mm}^2$$

therefore, a relief valve with an ‘L’ area designation (1841 mm<sup>2</sup>) would be chosen.

**3. Compute the area using the ideal-gas specific heat ratio at relief temperature, actual compressibility factor.** If one understood that the ideal gas specific heat ratio was intended for use in Section 3.6.2.1.1 and thus evaluated the ideal gas specific heat ratio at the relief temperature for use in the vapor sizing equations, one would find a required area of

$$C = 520 \sqrt{1.082 \left( \frac{2}{1.082+1} \right)^{1.082+1/1.082-1}} = 324.771$$

$$A = \frac{(13,160)(68,000)}{(324.771)(0.975)(2763.325)(1)(1)} \times \sqrt{\frac{(395.5)(0.575)}{56.108}} = 2059 \text{ mm}^2$$

therefore, a relief valve with an ‘M’ area designation (2323 mm<sup>2</sup>) would be chosen.

4. Use the ideal-gas specific-heat ratio at standard temperature, actual compressibility factor. If one instead used the ideal gas specific heat ratio at standard conditions, one would find a required area of

$$C = 520 \sqrt{1.107 \left( \frac{2}{1.107 + 1} \right)^{1.107+1/1.107-1}} = 327.508$$

$$A = \frac{(13,160)(68,000)}{(327.508)(0.975)(2763.325)(1)(1)} \times \sqrt{\frac{(395.5)(0.575)}{56.108}} = 2042 \text{ mm}^2$$

therefore, a relief valve with an “M” area designation (2323 mm<sup>2</sup>) would be chosen.

5. Calculate using the ideal-gas specific-heat ratio at relief temperature, ideal gas compressibility (Z = 1). If one applies the ideal gas assumption in a conservative method using the ideal gas specific heat ratio at the inlet temperature as an estimate of the isentropic expansion coefficient, and forcing the compressibility factor of the fluid to be 1, one would find a required area of

$$C = 520 \sqrt{1.082 \left( \frac{2}{1.082 + 1} \right)^{1.082+1/1.082-1}} = 324.771$$

$$A = \frac{(13,160)(68,000)}{(324.771)(0.975)(2763.325)(1)(1)} \times \sqrt{\frac{(395.5)(1)}{56.108}} = 2715 \text{ mm}^2$$

therefore, a relief valve with an “N” area designation (2800 mm<sup>2</sup>) would be chosen.

6. Use the ideal-gas specific-heat ratio at standard temperature, ideal gas compressibility (Z = 1). Finally, if one uses the ideal gas specific heat ratio at standard conditions and forces the compressibility factor of the fluid to be 1, one would find a required area of

$$C = 520 \sqrt{1.107 \left( \frac{2}{1.107 + 1} \right)^{1.107+1/1.107-1}} = 327.508$$

$$A = \frac{(13,160)(68,000)}{(327.508)(0.975)(2763.325)(1)(1)} \times \sqrt{\frac{(395.5)(1)}{56.108}} = 2693 \text{ mm}^2$$

therefore, a relief valve with an “N” area designation (2800 mm<sup>2</sup>) would be chosen.

A summary of these example calculations is given in the table below. Nomenclature used in the equations for each case is also presented herewith.

*Note:* This procedure is the work of Aubry Shackelford and was published in *Chemical Engineering* magazine in November, 2003. At the time of publication Mr. Shackelford was a Project Manager at Berwanger, Inc., Houston TX. Before using this procedure the reader should refer to Mr. Shackelford’s excellent presentation in the magazine because it contains derivations, references and much valuable additional material which cannot be presented here because of space limitations.

A Summary of the Example Calculations

Case	Ideal gas specific heat ratio used	Temperature used in the estimate (K)	Isentropic expansion coefficient used	Compressibility factor	Discharge area-required (mm <sup>2</sup> )	Discharge area-chosen (mm <sup>2</sup> )	Likely to be conservative?
I	No	395.5	0.746	0.575	2375	2800	*
II	No	395.5	1.887 <sup>a</sup>	0.575	1701	1841	No
III	Yes	395.5	1.082	0.575	2059	2323	No <sup>b</sup>
IV	Yes	288.7	1.107	0.575	2042	2323	No <sup>b</sup>
V	Yes	395.5	1.082	1.0	2715	2800	Yes
VI	Yes	288.7	1.107	1.0	2693	2800	Yes

\*The use of the isentropic expansion coefficient produces the best estimate of the required discharge area for most conditions, the primary exception being initial conditions close to the thermodynamic critical point where the fluid may enter the two-phase region during the isentropic expansion.

a. The isentropic expansion coefficient in this case was estimated to be the real gas specific heat ratio.

b. The use of these fluid properties at conditions greater than the thermodynamic critical point may result in conservative required discharge areas.

Nomenclature	
$A$	effective discharge area [mm <sup>2</sup> ]
$C_p$	gas specific heat capacity of constant pressure [J/kmolK]
$C_v$	gas specific heat capacity at constant volume [J/kmolK]
$G$	mass flowrate per unit area (mass flux) [kg/s-m <sup>2</sup> ]
$k$	ratio of the ideal gas specific heat capacity at constant pressure to the ideal gas specific heat capacity at constant volume, also referred to as the ideal gas specific heat ratio
$K_b$	capacity correction factor due to back pressure, a modifying coefficient used to account for the effect of back pressure on the capacity of the relief valve
$K_c$	combination capacity factor, a modifying coefficient used to account for the effect of a close-coupled rupture disk on the inlet of a relief valve
$K_d$	effective coefficient of discharge, a modifying coefficient used to account for non-idealities of the actual relief valve compared to ideal nozzle flow
$n$	isentropic expansion coefficient (also referred to as the isentropic expansion exponent)
$R$	ideal gas universal constant [8,314.4 J/kmolK]
$\rho$	mass density of the fluid [kg/m <sup>3</sup> ]
$v$	specific volume of the fluid [m <sup>3</sup> /kg]
$P$	stagnation pressure of the fluid [N/m <sup>2</sup> ]
$W$	mass flowrate [kg/s]
Sub- and Superscripts	
$o$	represents fluid conditions at the inlet to the nozzle
$t$	represents fluid conditions at the throat of the nozzle where the cross-sectional area is minimized
$c$	represents fluid conditions at the thermodynamic critical point
$*$	represents ideal gas conditions
$STD$	represents fluid conditions evaluated at a temperature of 15.6°C (60°F)
$choke$	represents fluid conditions at the choking pressure

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# SECTION 4

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# ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

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## DIRECT-CURRENT CIRCUIT ANALYSIS

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A direct-current (dc) circuit contains 15 resistors arranged as shown in Fig. 1. Compute the current flow through, and the voltage drop across, each resistor in this circuit.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Divide the circuit into sections and groups.** In analyzing a complex dc combination circuit, the simplest procedure is to divide the circuit into sections that can later be combined into single or multiple resistances in series. Once this is done, the circuit is much easier to analyze.

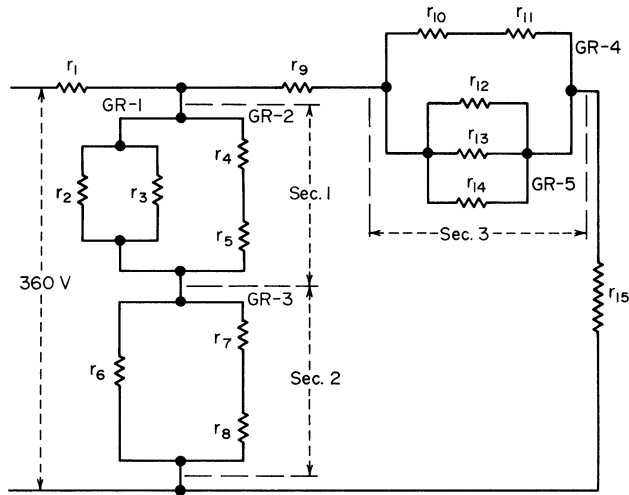
Mark on the circuit diagram the sections decided upon. Figure 1 shows that the three groups of series-parallel resistances can be divided into three sections. Indicate each section as shown.

Further, subdivide each section into parallel and series groups. Mark the groups as shown in Fig. 1.

**2. Combine the group resistances to obtain a single section resistance.** Use the rules for parallel and series circuits to combine the resistance values in each group to obtain one single equivalent resistance for each section. Use  $R$  = group resistance,  $\Omega$ , and  $r$  = resistor resistance,  $\Omega$ .

For group 1, Fig. 1,

$$R_1 = \frac{1}{1/r_2 + 1/r_3} = \frac{1}{1/1000 + 1/1500} = 600 \Omega$$



**FIGURE 1** Direct-current circuit containing numerous resistances (values in ohms):  $r_1 = 20$ ;  $r_2 = 1000$ ;  $r_3 = 1500$ ;  $r_4 = 200$ ;  $r_5 = 400$ ;  $r_6 = 600$ ;  $r_7 = 400$ ;  $r_8 = 200$ ;  $r_9 = 20$ ;  $r_{10} = 200$ ;  $r_{11} = 40$ ;  $r_{12} = 100$ ;  $r_{13} = 200$ ;  $r_{14} = 600$ ;  $r_{15} = 52$ .

since  $r_2$  and  $r_3$  are resistances in parallel. For group 2:  $R_2 = r_4 + r_5 = 200 + 400 = 600 \Omega$ , since  $r_4$  and  $r_5$  are resistances in series. For section 1, Fig. 1,

$$R_{S1} = \frac{1}{1/R_1 + 1/R_2} = \frac{1}{1/600 + 1/600} = 300 \Omega$$

since  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are two resistances in parallel that replace the former  $r_2$ ,  $r_3$ ,  $r_4$ , and  $r_5$  resistances.  $R_{S1}$  is the equivalent single resistance for groups 1 and 2.

Follow the same procedure for group 3, Fig. 1. Thus,  $R_3 = r_7 + r_8 = 400 + 200 = 600 \Omega$ . Then, since  $r_6$  and group 3 are in parallel,

$$R_{S2} = \frac{1}{1/r_6 + 1/R_3} = \frac{1}{1/600 + 1/600} = 300 \Omega$$

Follow the same procedure for groups 4 and 5, Fig. 1. Or,  $R_4 = r_{10} + r_{11} = 200 + 40 = 240 \Omega$ .

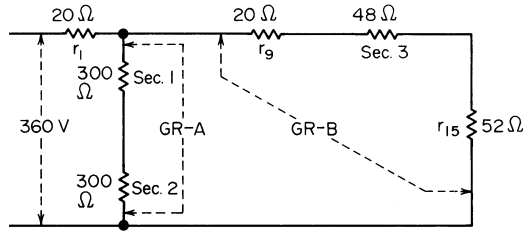
$$R_5 = \frac{1}{1/r_{12} + 1/r_{13} + 1/r_{14}} = \frac{1}{1/100 + 1/200 + 1/600} = 60 \Omega$$

Then, for section 3,

$$R_{S3} = \frac{1}{1/R_4 + 1/R_5} = \frac{1}{1/240 + 1/60} = 48 \Omega$$

**3. Sketch the equivalent circuit.** Sections 1, 2, and 3 have been reduced to equivalent single-series resistances. Sketch them in place as shown in Fig. 2.

**4. Study the equivalent circuit for its makeup.** Study of Fig. 2 shows that the circuit now consists of a simple parallel-series circuit; i.e., group A is in parallel with group B while both are in series with  $r_1$ .



**FIGURE 2** Direct-current circuit of Fig. 1 reduced to two groups of resistances.

**5. Analyze the equivalent circuit to find the line resistance.** Using the rules for parallel and series circuits as in step 2, we see the resistance of group A is  $R_A = R_{S1} + R_{S2} = 300 + 300 = 600 \Omega$ . Likewise for group B,  $R_B = R_9 + R_3 + r_{15} = 20 + 48 + 52 = 120 \Omega$ .

The equivalent resistance of the parallel circuit consisting of groups A and B is then

$$R_{AB} = \frac{1}{1/R_A + 1/R_B} = \frac{1}{1/600 + 1/120} = 100 \Omega$$

Last, combine this series resistance with the one remaining series resistance  $r_1$  to find the total resistance of the line, or  $R_T = r_1 + R_{AB} = 20 + 100 = 120 \Omega$ . Hence, the total equivalent resistance of this circuit is  $120 \Omega$ .

**6. Compute the line current.** Use the relation  $I = E/R_T$ , where  $I$  = line current, A;  $E$  = line voltage;  $R_T$  = line resistance,  $\Omega$ . Or  $I = 360/120 = 3$  A.

**7. Compute the equivalent-circuit current and voltage.** The voltage across any resistance is  $e_r = I_r r_r$ , where  $I$  and  $r$  are the current and resistance, respectively, for the resistance in question. Thus,  $e_1 = I_T r_1 = 3 \times 20 = 60$  V.

Then,  $E_A = E_B = E_T - e_1$  because the voltage acting on groups A and B is that potential remaining after the voltage drop across  $r_1$ . Or,  $E_A = E_B = 360 - 60 = 300$  V.

The current in each group is  $I = E/R$ , or  $I_A = E_A/R_A = 300/600 = 0.50$  A;  $I_B = E_B/R_B = 300/120 = 2.50$  A. As a check,  $I_T = I_A + I_B = 0.50 + 2.50 = 3.0$  A, as computed in step 6.

**8. Compute the section current and voltage.** Use the same reasoning as in step 7:  $e_{S1} = I_A R_{S1} = 0.50 \times 300 = 150$  V;  $e_{S2} = I_A R_{S2} = 0.50 \times 300 = 150$  V.

The voltage across group A equals the sum of the voltage drops across the resistances in this group, or  $E_A = e_{S1} + e_{S2} = 150 + 150 = 300$  V. This checks with the computation in step 7.

Using the same procedure for group B gives  $e_9 = I_B r_9 = 2.50 \times 20 = 50$  V;  $e_{S3} = I_B R_{S3} = 2.50 \times 48 = 120$  V;  $e_{15} = I_{S3} + e_{15} = 2.50 \times 52 = 130$  V. As a check,  $E_B = e_9 + e_{S3} + e_{15} = 50 + 120 + 130 = 300$  V, as previously computed in step 7.

**9. Compute the original circuit current and voltage.** The current in each resistor, section, and group of the original circuit is given by the general relation  $i = e/r$ , where the appropriate voltage and resistance are substituted. Thus, for section 1 of the original circuit,  $i_2 = e_{S1}/R_2 = 150/600 = 0.250$  A;  $i_{r2} = e_{S1}/r_2 = 150/1000 = 0.150$  A;  $i_{r3} = e_{S1}/r_3 = 150/1500 = 0.100$  A. Then  $I_{S1} = i_2 + i_{r2} + i_{r3} = 0.250 + 0.150 + 0.100 = 0.500$  A, and  $e_{r4} = i_2 r_4 = 0.250 \times 400 = 100$  V;  $e_{S1} = e_{r4} + e_{r5} = 50 + 100 = 150$  V.

Likewise, for the voltage across section 1,  $e_{r4} = i_2 r_4 = 0.250 \times 200 = 50$  V;  $e_{r5} = i_2 r_5 = 0.250 \times 400 = 100$  V;  $e_{S1} = e_{r4} + e_{r5} = 50 + 100 = 150$  V.

For section 2 find the current in the same way as for section 1:  $i_{r6} = e_{S2}/r_6 = 150/600 = 0.250$  A;  $i_3 = e_{S2}/R_3 = 150/600 = 0.250$  A;  $I_{S2} = i_{r6} + i_3 = 0.250 + 0.250 = 0.500$  A.



The voltage across section 2 is made up of  $e_{r7} = i_3 r_7 = 0.250 \times 400 = 100$  V;  $e_{r8} = i_3 r_8 = 0.250 \times 200 = 50$  V;  $e_{S2} = e_{r7} + e_{r8} = 100 + 50 = 150$  V.

For section 3,  $i_4 = e_{S3}/R_4 = 120/240 = 0.5$  A;  $i_5 = e_{S3}/R_5 = 120/60 = 2.0$  A;  $I_{S3} = i_4 + i_5 = 0.50 + 2.0 = 2.5$  A. Also;  $e_{r10} = i_4 r_{10} = 0.50 \times 200 = 100$  V;  $e_{r11} = i_4 r_{11} = 0.50 \times 40 = 20$  V;  $e_{S3} = e_{10} + e_{11} = 100 + 20 = 120$  V.

For group 5,  $i_{r12} = e_{S3}/r_{12} = 120/100 = 1.20$  A;  $i_{r13} = e_{S3}/r_{13} = 120/200 = 0.60$  A;  $i_{r14} = e_{S3}/r_{14} = 120/600 = 0.20$  A;  $i_5 = i_{r12} + i_{r13} + i_{r14} = 1.20 + 0.60 + 0.20 = 2.00$  A.

**Related Calculations** Any reducible dc circuit (i.e., any circuit that can be reduced to one equivalent resistance with a single power source), no matter how complex, can be solved in a similar manner to that described above. When each circuit is solved separately and combined whenever possible, the current through each resistor and the voltage drop across it may be obtained. To analyze such circuits, perform the following steps in the order listed: (1) Combine the resistance values in each group to obtain one single equivalent resistance value for each section. (2) Combine the resistance values of all sections to obtain one single equivalent resistance value for the line. (3) Solve for the line current. (4) Find the current flowing in each resistor. (5) Find the voltage across each resistor. In the analysis of some circuits, steps 4 and 5 may have to be interchanged.

## KIRCHHOFF'S LAWS FOR DC CIRCUIT ANALYSIS

Analyze the circuit of the previous calculation procedure by applying Kirchhoff's laws.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Label all circuit elements as to name and value.** Figure 3a shows the circuit of Fig. 2 with its elements identified by symbol and value. The 360-V generator represents the circuit voltage source.

**2. Label the current direction in each branch of the circuit.** Draw an arrow alongside each branch of the circuit to indicate the direction of electron flow in the branch. Use judgment in assuming the probable direction of electron flow in each branch of the circuit (Fig. 3b).

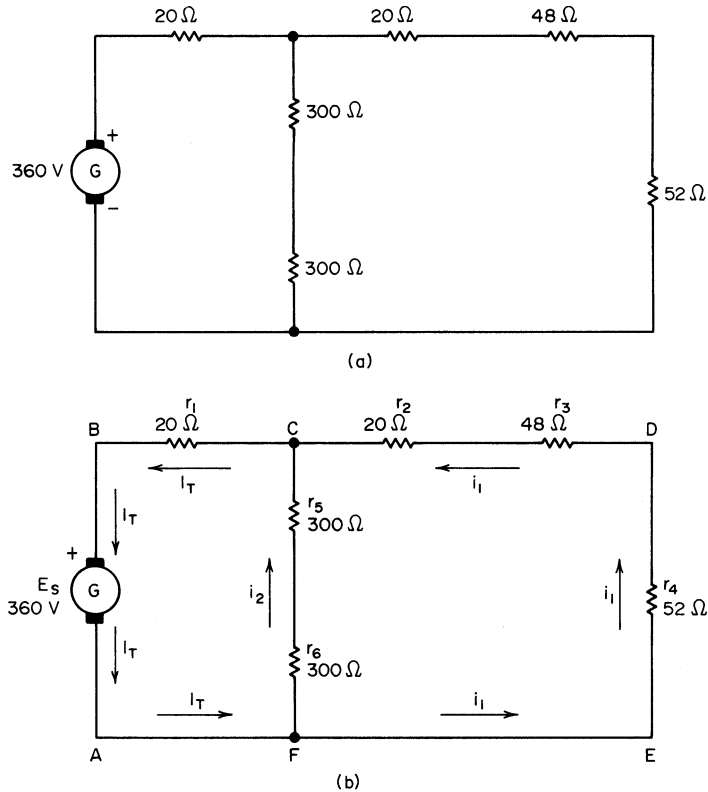
**3. Mark all circuit connecting points with a reference letter.** Follow a clockwise direction in marking the connecting points with the reference letter (Fig. 3b).

**4. Set up current equations at each junction of three or more circuit elements.** When you set up the current junction equations, consider the currents entering the junction as algebraically *positive*; consider currents leaving the junction as algebraically *negative*. Thus, at junction C (Fig. 3b),  $i_1 + i_2 - I_T = 0$ ; at junction F,  $I_T - i_1 - i_2 = 0$ .

In this case, except for the algebraic signs, the two equations are the same. The reason for this condition is that the number of *independent equations* that can be used is always one less than the total number of junctions in a circuit. (Kirchhoff's current law states: *The algebraic sum of all currents at any point in a circuit must be zero.*)

**5. Set up voltage equations for each closed path in the circuit.** Kirchhoff's voltage law states: *The algebraic sum of all the voltages in any closed path of a circuit must be zero.* So be sure to indicate the polarity of the voltages. When you set up the voltage-loop equations, follow these two rules:

1. The voltage of a power source is positive when the direction of the path being traced is from the negative to the positive terminal and negative when in the reverse direction.
2. The polarity of a voltage at a resistor depends on the direction of the electron flow through it. When the indicated direction of electron flow is opposite to the direction in which the voltage loop is being traced, the voltage at a resistor is negative. When the directions are both the same, the voltage is positive.



**FIGURE 3** (a) Typical dc circuit; (b) current and loop designations for analysis of a circuit by use of Kirchhoff's law.

Using these rules for loop  $ABCDEF$  (Fig. 3b) gives  $E_S - I_T r_1 - i_1 r_2 - i_1 r_3 - i_1 r_4 = 0$ . By taking the path of this loop in the opposite direction as  $AFEDCBA$ ,  $i_1 r_4 + i_1 r_3 + i_1 r_2 + I_T r_1 - E_S = 0$ .

Substitute known circuit element values in the first equation to obtain  $360 - 20I_T - 120i_1 = 0$  for loop  $ABCDEF$ .

Setting up the voltage equation for loop  $ABCFA$  in a similar manner, we find  $E_S - I_T r_1 - i_2 r_5 - i_2 r_6 = 0$ . Substituting known circuit element values yields  $360 - 20I_T - 600i_2 = 0$ . Likewise for loop  $FCDEF$ ,  $i_2 r_6 + i_2 r_5 - i_1 r_2 - i_1 r_3 - i_1 r_4 = 0$ , and  $600i_2 - 120i_1 = 0$ .

**6. Solve the independent current and voltage equations simultaneously.** When a circuit has  $n$  basic unknowns,  $n$  equations that contain each unknown at least once are necessary for the solution of the problem. Since there are three basic unknowns in this circuit, namely,  $I_T$ ,  $i_1$ , and  $i_2$ , only three equations are needed, if each equation contains each unknown at least once.

From one of the current equations, write one of the unknowns in terms of the other unknown or unknowns. Or,  $i_1 + i_2 - I_T = 0$ ; hence,  $I_T = i_1 + i_2$ . Substituting  $i_1 + i_2$  for  $I_T$  in the current equation for loop  $AFEDCBA$  gives  $360 - 20(i_1 + i_2) - 120i_1 = 0$ , or  $360 - 140i_1 - 20i_2 = 0$ .

Solve this last equation for one of the unknowns in terms of the other unknown, or  $i_1 = 2.57 - 0.143i_2$ . Substitute this quantity in the current equation for loop  $FCDEF$ , or  $600i_2 - 120(2.57 - 0.143i_2) = 0$ ;  $i_2 = 0.5$  A. Substitute this value for  $i_2$  in the first combined equation, or  $360 - 140i_1 - 20i_2 = 0$ , and solve for  $i_1$ , or  $i_1 = 2.5$  A. Since  $i_1$  and  $i_2$  are known, the equation  $I_T = i_1 + i_2$  can be solved, or  $I_T = 2.5 + 0.5 = 3.0$  A.

7. **Compute the unknown voltages, using Ohm's law.** Thus,  $e_{r1} = I_T r_1 = 3 \times 20 = 60$  V;  $e_{r2} = i_1 r_2 = 2.5 \times 20 = 50$  V;  $e_{r3} = i_1 r_3 = 2.5 \times 48 = 120$  V;  $e_{r4} = i_1 r_4 = 2.5 \times 52 = 130$  V;  $e_{r5} = i_2 r_5 = 0.5 \times 300 = 150$  V;  $e_{r6} = i_2 r_6 = 0.5 \times 300 = 150$  V.

**Related Calculations** The above calculation procedure is an application of Kirchhoff's laws to a *reducible circuit*. Use the same general method and steps for *irreducible* circuits.

Note that when a circuit has two power sources, such as often occurs in irreducible circuits, the directions of the currents are not known. Hence, current directions must be assumed. If an incorrect direction is chosen, it will show up in the solution as a negative current. However, the magnitude of the current, i.e., the numerical value, will be correct regardless of the direction chosen. Use the negative sign for the current in any remaining calculations. As a final check, substitute the values obtained in any unused current or voltage equations so that all unknown current values are used at least once.

## ALTERNATING-CURRENT CIRCUIT ANALYSIS

A series-parallel alternating-current (ac) circuit is connected as in Fig. 4a. Find the current, power, apparent power, power factor, and phase angle of the line. Find the voltage and current of each part of the circuit. Draw a vector diagram for the circuit.

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Reduce each parallel group to a single value of resistance and reactance.** The purpose of this reduction is to produce the same effect when the circuit elements are connected in series as the original parallel group. These values are called the *equivalent resistance* and *equivalent reactance*. Do this

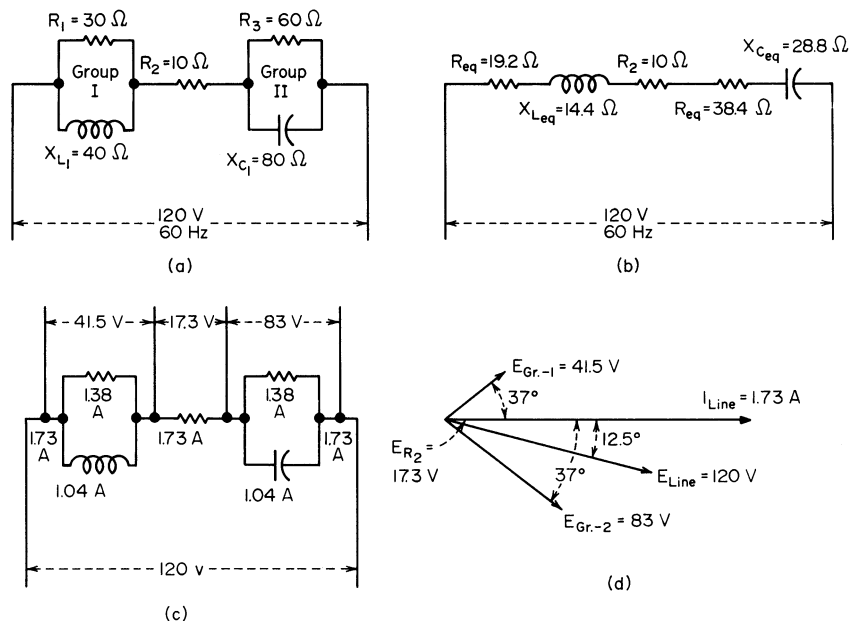


FIGURE 4 (a) Typical ac circuit; (b) circuit converted to series elements; (c) voltages across the circuit elements; (d) circuit vector diagram.

by (a) assigning a convenient assumed voltage to the group for finding the impedance and phase angle of the group, (b) finding the equivalent resistance, and (c) finding the equivalent reactance.

Assume a 120-V supply. Then, for group I, Fig. 4a:  $I_R = E/R_1 = 120/30 = 4$  A;  $I_{XL} = E/X_L = 120/40 = 3$  A;  $I_{\text{line}} = (I_R^2 + I_{XL}^2)^{0.5} = (4^2 + 3^2)^{0.5} = 5$  A;  $Z_{\text{eq}} = E/I_{\text{line}} = 120/5 = 24 \Omega$ , where  $Z_{\text{eq}}$  = equivalent reactance of group I.

Find the power factor of group I from  $\cos \theta = I_R/I_{\text{line}} = 4/5 = 0.80$ ;  $\sin \theta = I_X/I_{\text{line}} = 3/5 = 0.60$ . From a table of trigonometric functions,  $\theta = 37^\circ$  lagging.

Use the relation  $R_{\text{eq}} = Z_{\text{eq}} \cos \theta$  to find the equivalent resistance,  $R_{\text{eq}} \Omega$ . Or,  $R_{\text{eq}} = 24 \times 0.80 = 19.2 \Omega$ . Likewise, the equivalent reactance  $X_{\text{eq}}$  is  $X_{\text{eq}} = Z_{\text{eq}} \sin \theta = 24 \times 0.60 = 14.4 \Omega$ .

Using a similar procedure for group II, Fig. 4a, after assuming a 240-V supply, we find  $I_{R3} = E/R_3 = 240/60 = 4$  A;  $I_{XC} = E/X_C = 240/80 = 3$  A;  $I_{\text{line}} = (I_{R3}^2 + I_{XC}^2)^{0.5} = 5$  A;  $Z_{\text{eq}} = E/I_{\text{line}} = 240/5 = 48 \Omega$ ;  $\cos \theta = I_R/I_{\text{line}} = 4/5 = 0.80$ ;  $\sin \theta = I_X/I_{\text{line}} = 3/5 = 0.60$ ;  $\theta = 37^\circ$  leading;  $R_{\text{eq}} = Z_{\text{eq}} \cos \theta = 48 \times 0.80 = 38.4 \Omega$ ;  $X_{\text{eq}} = Z_{\text{eq}} \sin \theta = 48 \times 0.60 = 28.8 \Omega$ .

**2. Draw an equivalent series-circuit diagram.** Figure 4b shows the equivalent series-circuit diagram in which the computed equivalent resistance and equivalent reactance replace parallel groups I and II.

**3. Compute the desired quantities for the equivalent circuit.** Use the relation  $Z_{\text{cct}} = [(R_{\text{eq}} + R)^2 + (X_{\text{Leq}} - X_{\text{eq}})^2]^{0.5}$ , where  $Z_{\text{cct}}$  = circuit impedance,  $\Omega$ . Or,  $Z_{\text{cct}} = [(19.2 + 38.4 + 10)^2 + (14.4 - 28.8)^2]^{0.5} = 69.1 \Omega$ . Then  $I_{\text{line}} = E_{\text{line}}/Z_{\text{cct}} = 120/69.1 = 1.73$  A. The line power is  $P_{\text{cct}} = I^2 R_{\text{cct}}$  W, or  $1.73^2 \times (19.2 + 38.4) = 203$  W. The apparent power of the circuit is  $AP_{\text{cct}} = E_{\text{line}} I_{\text{line}} = 120 \times 1.73 = 208$  VA. The power factor of the circuit is  $PF_{\text{cct}} = P_{\text{cct}}/AP_{\text{cct}} = 203/208 = 0.976$ , or  $\theta_{\text{cct}} = 12.5^\circ$  leading.

**4. Compute the voltage and current of the original circuit.** The voltage at group I is  $I_{\text{line}} Z_{\text{eq}} = 1.73 \times 24 = 41.5$  V; at  $R_2$  the voltage is  $I_2 R_2 = 1.73 \times 10 = 17.3$  V. Also, the voltage at group II =  $I_{\text{II}} Z_{\text{eq}} = 1.73 \times 18 = 83$  V.

The current through  $R_1$  is  $I_{R1} = E_{GR1}/R_1 = 41.5/30 = 1.38$  A; the current through  $X_{L1}$  is  $I_{XL1} = E_{GR1}/X_{L1} = 41.5/40 = 1.04$  A. As a check, the line current to group I should be  $I_{\text{line}} = (I_{R1}^2 + I_{XL1}^2)^{0.5} = (1.38^2 + 1.04^2)^{0.5} = 1.73$  A.

The current through group II =  $I_{R2} = I_{\text{line}} = 1.73$  A. The current through  $R_3$  is  $I_{R3} = E_{GR1I}/R_3 = 83/60 = 1.38$  A; also  $I_{XC} = E_{GR1I}/X_C = 83/80 = 1.04$  A. Figure 4c shows the voltage and current distribution in the original circuit, and Fig. 4d shows the vector diagram for the circuit. Note that the line voltage  $E_{\text{line}} = 120$  V = the assumed voltage used in step 1.

**Related Calculations** To analyze parallel-series ac circuits, use the following steps: (1) Find the impedance, current, power,  $\cos \theta$ , and  $\sin \theta$  for each parallel branch, using the general relations given above. (2) Resolve each current into its in-phase (resistance) component and quadrature ( $90^\circ$  angle) or reactance component, using the relations  $I_R = I \cos \theta$  and  $I_X = I \sin \theta$ , where  $I$  = branch current,  $\theta$  = leading or lagging power factor angle. (3) Compute the line current by combining the in-phase (resistance) components and the quadrature (reactance) components of all the branch currents, using the general relation  $I_{\text{line}} = [(I_1 \cos \theta_1 + I_2 \cos \theta_2, \dots)^2 + (\pm I_1 \sin \theta_1 \pm I_2 \sin \theta_2, \dots)^2]^{0.5}$ . In the expression  $\pm I_1 \sin \theta_1 \dots$ , use + for leading currents and - for lagging currents. When the sum of the second parentheses in the  $I_{\text{line}}$  expression is positive, this indicates that  $I_{\text{line}}$  is a leading current; a negative sum indicates a lagging line current. (4) Compute the impedance of the circuit. (5) Compute the power taken by the circuit. (6) Compute the VA of the circuit. (7) Compute the line power factor. Although this is the recommended solution sequence, it may have to be altered, depending on the characteristics of the circuit analyzed.

## VECTOR ALGEBRA IN AC CIRCUIT ANALYSIS

Use vector algebra to analyze the circuit in Fig. 4. Find the impedance, phase angle, current, power factor, and power of the line, and the voltage and current of each part of the circuit.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the impedance of each circuit group.** For circuit groups with two components in parallel, use the relation  $Z_T = Z_1 Z_2 / (Z_1 + Z_2)$ , where  $Z_T$  is the total impedance,  $\Omega$ ;  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  are the impedances, respectively, of the two components in parallel. For group I, using vector notation,  $Z_{G1} = [(30 + j40)/(30 + j40)] \times [(30 - j40)/(30 - j40)] = 19.2 + j14.4 = 24/\underline{37^\circ} \Omega$ . For group II,  $Z_{GII} = \{[60(-j80)]/[(60 - j80)]\}[(60 + j80)/(60 + j80)] = 38.4 - j28.8 = 48/\underline{-37^\circ} \Omega$ .

**2. Draw the equivalent series circuit.** Using the computed impedances of the parallel groups, draw the equivalent series circuit (Fig. 4b).

**3. Compute the line impedance.** The line impedance  $Z_{\text{line}} = Z_{G1} + R_2 + Z_{GII} \Omega$ . Or in words, the line impedance equals the sum of the parallel-circuit group impedances plus the line resistance. For the series circuit in Fig. 4b,  $Z_{\text{line}} = 19.2 + j14.4 + 10 + 38.4 - j28.8 = 67.6 - j14.4 = 69/\underline{-12^\circ} \Omega$ .

**4. Compute the line current.** Use the relation  $I_{\text{line}} = E/Z_{\text{line}} \Omega$ . Or,  $I_{\text{line}} = 120/69 = 1.74 \text{ A}$ .

**5. Determine the line power factor.** Step 3 shows the line phase angle as  $12^\circ$ . Since  $PF_{\text{line}} = \cos \theta_{\text{line}} = \cos 12^\circ$ ,  $PF_{\text{line}} = 0.978$ .

**6. Compute the line power.** Use the relation  $P_{\text{line}} = EIPF \text{ W}$ , or  $120 \times 1.74 \times 0.978 = 204 \text{ W}$ .

**7. Compute the voltage and current in the circuit parts.** For  $R_1$ ,  $E_{R1} = E_{XL1} = E_{G1} = I_{\text{line}} Z_{G1} = 1.74 \times 24 = 41.8 \text{ V}$ . Then  $I_{R1} = E_{G1}/R_1 = 41.8/30 = 1.39 \text{ A}$ . Also,  $I_{XL1} = E_{G1}/X_{L1} = 41.8/40 = 1.04 \text{ A}$ . This completes the voltage and current computations for group I.

For group II:  $E_{GII} = I_{\text{line}} R_2 = 1.74 \times 10 = 17.4 \text{ V}$ ;  $I_{R2} = I_{\text{line}} = 1.74 \text{ A}$ ;  $E_{R3} = E_{XC1} = E_{GII} = I_{\text{line}} Z_{GII} = 1.74 \times 48 = 83.6 \text{ V}$ ;  $I_{R3} = E_{GII}/R_3 = 83.6/60 = 1.39 \text{ A}$ ;  $I_{XC1} = E_{GII}/X_{C1} = 83.6/80 = 1.04 \text{ A}$ .

**Related Calculations** Vector algebra saves many steps in complex ac circuit problems. When polar notation is used, as in this calculation procedure, solutions are obtained more rapidly. Note that the circuit analyzed in this procedure is the circuit analyzed in the previous procedure.

## LIGHTING-ARRESTER SELECTION AND APPLICATION

Select lightning arresters for a three-phase 13.8-kV industrial plant electric system fitted with 4.16-kV rotating machines.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Select the distribution-system arrester voltage rating.** Table 1 shows the typical voltage ratings of lightning arresters usually chosen for three-phase power systems. Thus, either a 15- or a 12-kV arrester may be used for this system, depending on how the system neutral is grounded. Where the type of grounding is not known or is yet to be chosen, the higher-rated arrester is a safer choice. Also, an effectively grounded neutral may, under fault conditions or other emergencies, leave a portion of the system ungrounded. For these reasons the higher-rated arrester is often preferred. Hence, a 15-kV arrester will be chosen for this distribution system.

**2. Choose the type of arrester to use.** Table 2 shows the typical arrester types used for various required voltage ratings. Thus, either a distribution- or station-type arrester can be used for a required voltage rating of 3 to 15 kV. Further study of Table 2 shows that protection of industrial-plant electric systems is usually accomplished by use of a station-type lightning arrester. The reason is that the value

**TABLE 1** Voltage Ratings of Arresters Usually Selected for Three-Phase Systems

Nominal system voltage, kV	Voltage rating of arrester, kV	
	System neutral ungrounded or resistance grounded	System neutral effectively grounded
0.120/0.208 Y	0.65	0.175
0.240	0.65	0.65
0.480	0.65	0.65
0.600	0.65	0.65
2.4	3	3
2.4/4.16 Y	4.5* or 6	3, † 4.5,* or 6
4.16	4.5* or 6	4.5* or 6
4.8	6	4.5* or 6
6.9	7.5* or 9	6
12	15	12
7.2/12.47 Y	15	9 <sup>†</sup> or 12
13.2 (or 13.8)	15	12
23	25	20
34.5	37	30
46	50	40
69	73	60
115	121	97
138	145	121

\*The 4.5- and 7.5-kV arresters are available only in the station type.

†The use of these arresters requires an  $X_0/X_1$  ratio less than that necessary to make the system “effectively grounded.”

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of the equipment and the importance of uninterrupted service warrant the use of station-type arresters throughout the voltage range of the plant. Hence, this type of arrester will be chosen for this plant.

**3. Choose the rotating-machinery arresters.** Table 3 shows the voltage rating of lightning arresters used to protect three-phase ac rotating machines. Since it has already been decided (step 2) to use station-type arresters in this plant, the choice of the rotating-machinery type of arrester is simplified. Thus, all that need be done is to choose the station-type arrester voltage rating.

Table 3 shows that either 4500- or 3000-V station-type arresters are suitable for 4160-V machines, depending on the type of system grounding. Once again, unless the system is known to be

**TABLE 2** Lightning-Arrester Applications

Required arrester voltage rating, kV	Type of arrester used
3–15	Distribution or station
20–73	Line or station
Equipment protected	Typical arrester choice
Industrial plant	Station
Liquid-filled transformers and substations rated 1000 kVA and less; short cables between overhead lines and apparatus; small breakers; disconnects	Distribution or line
Rotating machines	Distribution

**TABLE 3** Protective Equipment for Three-Phase AC Rotating Machines

Machine voltage rating (phase-to-phase)	For installation at machine terminals or on machine bus						For installation 1500 to 2000 ft (457 to 610 m) out on directly connected exposed overhead lines		
	Protective capacitors			Station-type arresters			Distribution-type arresters		
	Voltage rating	Microfarads per pole	Single-pole units required	Voltage rating		Single-pole units required	Voltage rating		Single-pole units required
				Ungrounded or resistance-grounded system	Effectively grounded system		Ungrounded or resistance-grounded system	Effectively grounded system	
0–650	0–650	1.0	3*	650	650	3*	650	650	3
2,400	2,400	0.5	3*	3,000	3,000	3	3,000	3,000	3
4,160	4,160	0.5	3*	4,500	3,000 <sup>†</sup>	3	6,000	3,000 <sup>†</sup>	3
4,800	4,800	0.5	3	6,000	4,500	3	6,000	6,000	3
6,900	6,900	0.5	3	7,500	6,000	3	9,000	6,000	3
11,500	11,500	0.25	3 or 6 <sup>‡</sup>	12,000	9,000	3	12,000	9,000	3
13,800	13,800	0.25	3 or 6 <sup>‡</sup>	15,000	12,000	3	15,000	12,000	3

\*A single three-pole unit is commonly used.

<sup>†</sup>The use of 3000-V arresters on a 4160-V system requires an  $X_0/X_1$  ratio less than that necessary to make the system “effectively grounded.”

<sup>‡</sup>Use six capacitor units (0.5  $\mu$ F per phase) where both of the following conditions apply: (1) Machine is directly connected to the exposed overhead lines, is connected through an autotransformer, or is connected through a Y-Y transformer with both Y’s grounded. (2) Machine is ungrounded, is neutral-grounded through a resistance greater than 50  $\Omega$ , or is neutral-grounded through a reactance greater than 5  $\Omega$  (60-cycle basis). In all other cases three capacitor units (0.25  $\mu$ F per phase) will suffice.

Source: Beeman—*Industrial Power Systems Handbook*, McGraw-Hill.

effectively grounded, the higher voltage rating is the safer choice. Thus, either the higher or lower voltage rating would be used, depending on the grounding method employed.

**Related Calculations** Other ac equipment that can benefit from lightning-arrester protection includes metal-clad switchgear, generators, transformers, distribution lines, circuit breakers, overhead feeders, etc.

Direct-current motors and generators connected to exposed overhead lines are generally protected by capacitor-type dc arresters. These arresters can be installed at the machine terminals, on the bus, or at the station on each outgoing feeder. Mercury-arc rectifiers and their transformers can be protected by a set of station-type or distribution-type arresters on the supply side of the transformer. If the dc feeders are exposed, suitable dc arresters should also be used at the dc terminals of the rectifier, on the dc bus, or on the exposed dc feeders.

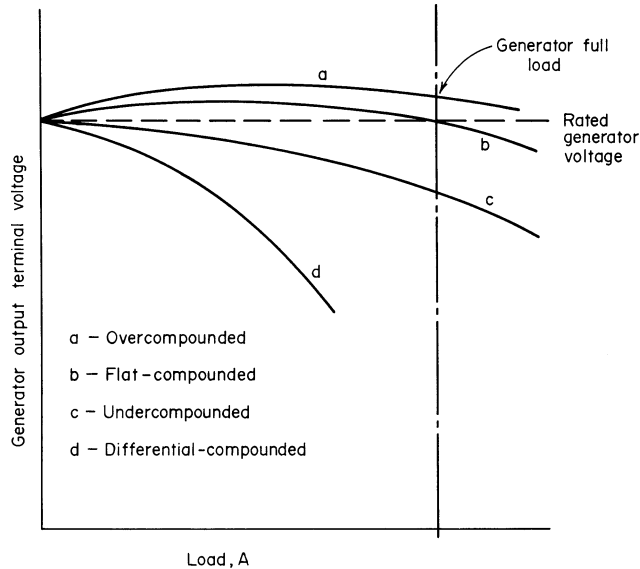
## DIRECT-CURRENT GENERATOR SELECTION

Select an alternator for a new industrial plant having an expected demand for 8000 kW. The load served by the generator requires an input voltage of at least 230 V at all ratings up to full load.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the generator amperage output.** Use the relation  $I = P/E$ , where  $I$  = generator amperage output;  $P$  = generator power output, W;  $E$  = generator terminal voltage. For this generator,  $I = 1,000,000/230 = 4350$  A.

**2. Select the generator rating.** Typical standard ratings for direct-current generators are 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000, 5000, 6000, . . . A. Since the required amperage output of this generator is



**FIGURE 5** Voltage characteristics of dc generators.

between two standard ratings, select the next higher rating, or 5000 A. This provides extra capacity for a moderate growth in the generator load.

**3. Select the type of generator to use.** Two classes of dc generators are used today: separately excited and self-excited. The self-excited generator is, in general, more popular for power service. Three types of self-excited dc generators are used for power generation: shunt, series, and compound wound. The first two have *drooping* voltage characteristics, i.e., the generator output voltage decreases as the external load increases.

For general-purpose power-supply service, a cumulative-compound-type generator is preferred. This type of generator may be *flat-compounded* (Fig. 5) so that it produces the same voltage at full load as at no load, or it may be *overcompounded* so it produces a higher voltage at full load than at no load. Other wiring arrangements are *undercompounded* and *differential-compounded*. Since the load served by this generator requires an input voltage of at least 230 V, either a flat-compounded or an overcompounded generator can be used. To provide for the possibility of load growth, an overcompounded generator would be the best choice because it will provide the desired voltage at all loads within the generator rating.

**4. Compute the generator efficiency.** The manufacturer's engineering data list the losses in the generator. These losses are usually expressed in watts and are shunt-field loss = shunt-field current  $\times$  generator voltage rating; armature loss = (shunt-field current + armature current)<sup>2</sup>  $\times$  armature resistance,  $\Omega$ ; series-field loss = (series-field current + armature current)<sup>2</sup>  $\times$  series field resistance,  $\Omega$ ; and the stray power loss of the generator.

Assume that the sum of all these losses for this generator is given as 80,000 W. Then, since generator efficiency = output, W/(output + losses, W), efficiency =  $1,000,000/(1,000,000 + 80,000) = 0.925$ , or 92.5 percent.

**Related Calculations** Use this general method to choose dc generators for power, emergency marine, and similar applications. Be sure to relate the generator output-voltage characteristic to the load being served. If this important aspect of dc generator choice is overlooked, the unit chosen may be unsuitable for the load. Also, be sure that the rpm of the generator selected can be obtained using a suitable prime mover.



## ALTERNATOR SELECTION FOR A KNOWN LOAD

Select an alternator for a new industrial plant having an expected demand for 8000 kW at a power factor (pf) of 0.8. Continuous operation of the plant is expected, and interruptions of generating service must be avoided because they are costly. Hence, reserve capacity must be provided for forced outages and regular maintenance. The plant will have a continuously high load factor.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Select the alternator capacity.** In general, the cost per kilowatt of installed generating capacity decreases as the size of the unit increases. Also, the efficiency of steam-driven generating units increases as unit size increases. Operating labor costs are nearly proportional to the number of generating units installed. The efficiency of a generating unit is usually low at light loads and rises to a “best point” somewhere between 75 percent and full load. The exact shape of the efficiency curve of an alternator depends on the type of prime mover and, to a lesser degree, on the size, design, and other features of the alternator and prime mover.

These characteristics of generating units point toward supplying a load with one large alternator. Yet this is rarely possible because of load conditions.

Where continuity of operation is required or where interruptions are costly, reserve capacity is required, not only for forced outages but also for scheduled maintenance outages. It is usually more economical to provide reserve capacity for several smaller generating units than for one large unit. A typical plant might use three units, any two of which can carry the load. This arrangement also provides economically for load growth—adding a unit gives four machines with any three able to carry the full plant load. Where the continuity of service is an important consideration, check to see what standby service, if any, the local utility can provide and what it costs.

Using the above facts as a general guide, make a tentative choice of three units for this 8000-kW plant. The capacities of the three units chosen will be 6000, 4000, and 4000 kW to fulfill the requirement that any two units be able to carry the plant load. Thus, the capacity of the units, when operated in twos, is  $6000 + 4000 = 10,000$  kW or  $4000 + 4000 = 8000$  kW.

**2. Study the plant load factor.** The plant load factor also exerts a strong influence on alternator choice. A low load factor discourages the use of one or two large units because much of the operating time will be on the lower part of the efficiency curve. A special problem in some industries is the weekend load, which may require a special small unit. The load-duration curve provides a valuable insight for relating unit sizes to plant load conditions. Since this plant has a continuously high load factor, the three units will probably be suitable.

**3. Select the alternator operating voltage.** Figure 6 shows the typical standard voltage ratings for alternators of various capacities. Thus, 4000-kW alternators are rated between 4.16 and 6.9 kV. In the larger sizes—5000 kW and up—13.8 kV is a standard voltage.

Since any two of these alternators must operate in parallel, the same voltage should be used for each. In this plant the smaller alternators will use 6.8 kV because higher voltages are the trend today. Hence, the large generator should be chosen for the same voltage because it must operate with either smaller unit.

When choosing alternator voltage, keep in mind the trend toward generating at higher voltages (up to 13.8 kV) in industrial plants and distributing at that voltage to secondary substations. Where a later change from delta to Y connections to increase the alternator voltage is planned, be sure the alternator is now connected delta.

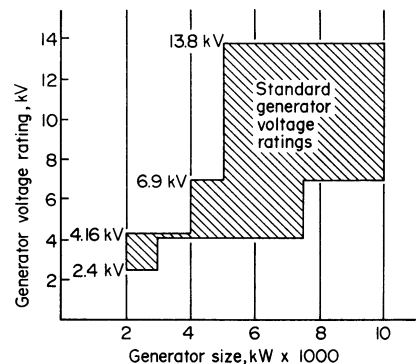


FIGURE 6 Standard alternator voltage ratings.

**4. Check the generator regulation.** The standard alternator regulation of 40 to 45 percent at 0.8 pf will satisfy most industrial-plant needs. Where the plant has one load which is much larger than any other, such as the chipper motor in a paper mill, a different regulation from that cited above might be required. The exact regulation required varies with the motor rating and application.

**5. Check the paralleling characteristics of the alternators.** To parallel two alternators, the voltage, frequency, waveform, phasing, and phase rotation of both alternators must be the same. During paralleling, slight adjustments can be made in the alternator voltage and frequency. Check the specification sheet of each alternator to see that the requirements listed above are met.

**Related Calculations** Use this general method to choose alternators for commercial, marine, portable, and similar applications. Be sure to use the manufacturer's specification sheet when considering a specific alternator.

**Late Developments:** More nations and power-generating companies are considering high-tech windmills as a desirable source of renewable energy for generation of electric power. Highly sophisticated windmills can generate power from winds as low as 3 mph (1.86 k/h). A typical modern windmill can generate 3 mw of power.

Today, some European countries use offshore windmills to generate significant amounts of power from a renewable energy source, the wind. To date, no negative environmental effects have been observed from these windmills. And the populations of the countries using windmills have not objected to the installation and operation of power-generating windmills along their seashores.

In the United States, a new entry into the wind power generating facilities already existing, is the proposed installation of 35 to 40 windmills 2.5 to 6.0 miles (1.55 to 3.7 km) off the coast of Long Island, NY. Generating 100 to 140 mw of power, these windmills would supply enough electricity to meet the needs of 30,000 homes. At the time of this writing, permission to construct these windmills is being sought from the governing authorities.

## SELECTING ELECTRIC-MOTOR STARTING AND SPEED CONTROLS

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Choose a suitable starter and speed control for a 500-hp (372.8-kW) wound-rotor ac motor that must have a speed range of 2 to 1 with a capability for low-speed jogging. The motor is to operate at about 1800 r/min with current supplied at 4160 V, 60 Hz. An enclosed starter and a controller are desirable from the standpoint of protection. What is the actual motor speed if the motor has four poles and a slip of 3 percent?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Select the type of starter to use.** Table 4 shows that a magnetic starter is suitable for wound-rotor motors in the 220- to 4500-V and 5- to 1000-hp (3.7 to 745.7-kW) range. Since the motor is in this voltage and horsepower range, a magnetic starter will probably be suitable. Also, the magnetic starter is available in an enclosed cabinet, making it suitable for this installation.

Table 5 shows that a motor starting torque of approximately 200 percent of the full-load motor torque and current is obtained on the first point of acceleration.

**2. Compute the full-load speed of the motor.** Use the relation  $S = [(100 - s)/100]120f/n$ , where  $S$  = motor full-load speed, r/min;  $s$  = slip, percent;  $f$  = frequency of supply current, Hz;  $n$  = number of poles in the motor. For this motor,  $S = [(100 - 3)/100]120(60)/4 = 1750$  r/min.

**3. Choose the type of speed control to use.** Table 5 summarizes the various types of adjustable-speed drives available today. This listing shows that power-operated contactors used with wound-rotor motors will give a 3:1 speed range with low-speed jogging. Since a 2:1 speed range is required, the proposed controller is suitable because it gives a wider speed range than needed.

**TABLE 4** Typical Alternating-Current Motor Starters\*

Motor type	Starter type	Typical range		
		Voltage	hp	kW
Squirrel cage	Magnetic, full voltage	110–550	1.5–600	1.1–447
	With fusible or nonfusible disconnect or circuit breaker	208–550	2–200	1.5–149
	Reversible	110–550	1.5–200	1.1–149
	Manual, full voltage	110–550	1.5–7.5	1.1–5.6
	Manual, reduced voltage, autotransformer	220–2500	5–150	3.7–112
	Magnetic, reduced voltage, autotransformer	220–5000	5–1750	3.7–1305
	Magnetic, reduced voltage, resistor	220–550	5–600	3.7–447
Wound rotor	Magnetic, primary and secondary control	220–4500	5–1000	3.7–746
	Drums and resistors for secondary control	1000 max	5–750	3.7–559
Synchronous	Reduced voltage, magnetic	220–5000	25–3000	19–2237
	Reduced voltage, semimagnetic	220–2500	20–175	15–131
	Full voltage, magnetic	220–5000	25–3000	19–2237
High-capacity induction	Magnetic, full voltage	2300–4600	To 2250	To 1678
	Magnetic, reduced voltage	2300–4600	To 2250	To 1678
High-capacity synchronous	Magnetic, full voltage	2300–4600	To 2500	To 1864
	Magnetic, reduced voltage	2300–4600	To 2500	To 1864
High-capacity wound rotor	Magnetic, primary and secondary	2300–4600	To 2250	To 1678

\*Based on Allis-Chalmers, General Electric, and Westinghouse units.

Note from Table 5 that if a wider speed range were required, a thyatron control could produce a range up to 10:1 on a wound-rotor motor. Also, a wound-rotor dc motor set might be used too. In such an arrangement, an ac and dc motor are combined on the same shaft. The rotor current is converted to dc by external silicon rectifiers and fed back to the dc armature through the commutator.

**Related Calculations** Use the two tables presented here to guide the selection of starters and controls for ac motors serving industrial, commercial, marine, portable, and residential applications.

To choose a dc motor starter, use Table 6 as a guide.

Speed controls for dc motors can be chosen by using Table 7 as a guide. Dc motors are finding increasing use in industry. They are also popular in marine service.

## BASIC SHORT-CIRCUIT CURRENT DETERMINATION

A 50-hp (37.4-kW) ac motor draws 63 A at full load. This 40- $\Omega$  apparent impedance motor is supplied from an “infinite” bus through a transformer with a rated output of 440 V, 200 A, and a 0.2- $\Omega$  impedance. Determine the short-circuit current flow if a fault occurs between the transformer and the motor. What will be the effect of using a 2000-A, 0.02- $\Omega$  impedance transformer for the same motor to provide for a load growth?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Sketch the circuit hookup.** Figure 7 shows the typical circuit hookup for an installation of this type. The circuit breaker at point X must have a large enough rating to handle the short-circuit current.

TABLE 5 Adjustable-Speed Drives

Drive features	Drive types						
	Constant-voltage dc	Adjust.-voltage dc motor-generator set	Adjust.-voltage reactor rectifier	Eddy-current clutch	Wound-rotor ac, standard	Wound-rotor thyatron	Wound-rotor dc-motor set
Power units required	Rectifier, dc motor	Ac motor, dc generator, dc motor	Rectifier, reactor, <sup>a</sup> dc motor	Ac motor, eddy-current clutch	Ac motor	Ac motor, thyatrons	Ac motor, dc motor, rectifier
Normal speed range	4:1	8:1 c-t + <sup>b</sup> 4:1 c-hp <sup>c</sup>	8:1 c-t + 4:1 c-hp <sup>c</sup>	34:1, 2 pole; 17:1, 4 pole	3:1	10:1 <sup>e</sup>	3:1
Low speed for jogging	No <sup>d</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Torque available	c-hp	c-t	c-t	c-t	c-t	c-t	c-t, c-hp
Speed regulation	10–15%	5% with regulator	5% with regulator	2% with regulator	Poor	±3%	5–7 1/2%
Speed control	Field rheostat	Rheostats or pots	Rheostats or pots	Rheostats or pots	Steps, power contactors	Rheostats or pots	Rheostats or pots
Enclosures available	All	All	All	Open <sup>f</sup>	All	All	All
Braking:							
Regen	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Dynamic	Yes	Yes	Yes	No <sup>f</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes
Multiple operation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Parallel operation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Controlled acceleration, deceleration	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Efficiency	80–85%	63–73%	70–80%	80–85%	80–85%	80–85%	80–85%
Top speed at maximum torque	83–87%	60–67%	60–70%	29%	29%	85–90%	73–78%
Rotor inertia <sup>g</sup>	100% <sup>h</sup>	100%	100%	75%	90%	90%	175%
Starting torque	200–300%	200–300%	200–300%	200–300%	200%	200–300%	200–300%
Number of comm. rings	1 comm.	2 comm.	1 comm.	None	1 set rings	1 set rings	1 comm., 1 set rings

<sup>a</sup>Used only in saturable-reactor designs.

<sup>b</sup>c-t—constant-torque; c-hp—constant horsepower.

<sup>c</sup>Units of 200:1 speed range are available.

<sup>d</sup>Low speed can be obtained by using armature resistance.

<sup>e</sup>Totally enclosed units must be water- or oil-cooled.

<sup>f</sup>Eddy-current brake may be integral with unit.

<sup>g</sup>Based on standard dc motor.

<sup>h</sup>Normally is a larger dc motor since it has slower base speed.

**2. Compute the short-circuit current with the small transformer.** With a short circuit at  $F$ , the only impedance limiting the short-circuit current flow is the transformer impedance of  $0.2 \Omega$ , because the current will take the path of least resistance. The motor apparent impedance of  $40 \Omega$  is so much larger than the transformer impedance that the short-circuit current will rush out at  $F$ .

Compute the short-circuit current from  $I_s = E/Z_s$ , where  $I_s$  = short-circuit current, A;  $E$  = bus voltage rating, i.e., transformer-output rating, V;  $Z_s$  = transformer impedance,  $\Omega$ . Thus,  $I_s = 440/0.2 = 2200$  A. Hence, the circuit breaker must handle at least 2200 A to protect this circuit.

**TABLE 6** Direct-Current Motor Starters

Type of starter	Typical uses
Across-the-line	Limited to motors of less than 2 hp (1.5 kW)
Reduced voltage, manual control (face-plate type)	Used for motors up to 50 hp (37.3 kW) where starting is infrequent
Reduced voltage, multiple switch	Motors of more than 50 hp (37.3 kW)
Reduced voltage, drum switch	Large motors; frequent starting and stopping
Reduce voltage, magnetic switch	Frequent starting and stopping; large motors

3. **Compute the short-circuit current with the large transformer.** Use the same relation as in step 2. Or,  $I_s = 440/0.02 = 22,000$  A. Thus, the larger transformer, installed to handle the greater load, will require a circuit breaker with a much higher rating. Note that the motor-load current will remain the same, yet the short-circuit current increases tenfold as the system load increases.

**Related Calculations** This simple short-circuit computation shows the basic procedure to use. As a circuit and its components become more complex, so do the short-circuit computations. Typical methods are shown in the following calculation procedure.

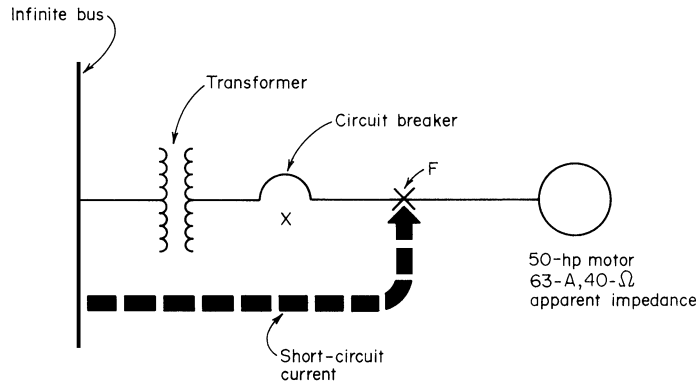
## POWER-SYSTEM SHORT-CIRCUIT CURRENT

A three-phase power system has two generating stations that supply one substation. If the generator ratings, line voltages, and line reactances are as listed below; determine the short-circuit current when a fault occurs in the distribution line beyond the substation.

Unit	Rating, kVA	Line-to-line kV	Reactance, $\Omega$
Generator <i>x</i>	80,000	13.8	2.3
Generator <i>y</i>	85,000	13.8	1.1
Line <i>xz</i>	80,000	13.8	0.65
Line <i>yz</i>	85,000	13.8	0.40
Line <i>z</i> to short	150,000	13.8	0.45

**TABLE 7** Direct-Current Motor-Speed Controls

Type of motor	Speed characteristic	Type of control
Series-wound	Varying; wide-speed regulation	Armature shunt and series resistors
Shunt-wound	Constant at selected speed	Armature shunt and series resistors; field weakening; variable armature voltage
Compound-wound	Regulation about 25 percent	Armature shunt and series resistors; field weakening; variable armature voltage



**FIGURE 7** Typical motor circuit with a step-down transformer and protective circuit breaker.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Express the system reactances on a per-unit basis.** Select a kva (kilovolt-ampere) base, such as 50,000, 100,000, 200,000 kVa, etc. Any easily manipulated value can be used. Once a kva base is chosen, compute the reactance per unit  $X_{pu}$  from  $X_{pu} = (\text{kva base})X / (kv^2 \times 1000)$ , where  $X$  = unit reactance,  $\Omega$ ;  $kv$  = line-to-line kV for the unit.

Selecting a kva base of 100,000 kVa and using this relation for generator  $x$ , we find  $X_{pu} = (100,000)(2.3) / (13.8)^2(1000) = 1.21$ . Using the same kva base, compute the per-unit reactance for the other generator and each line. Draw a single-line diagram of the system. Mark the reactance values on the system single-line diagram, Fig. 8a.

**2. Sketch the network representing this power system.** Figure 8b shows the network representing this system. It consists of a parallel network of two parts, each part having two  $X_{pu}$  reactances in series.

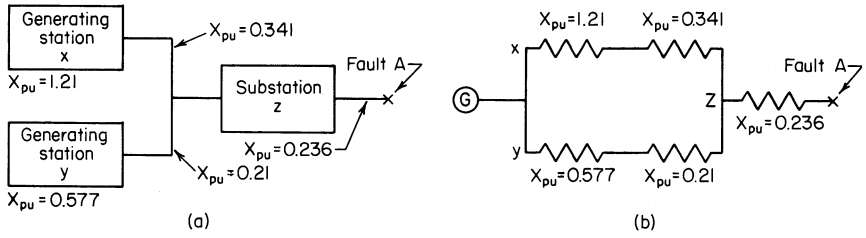
**3. Compute the equivalent reactance between the generator and the fault.** Use the relation  $X_{eq} = X_x X_y / (X_x + X_y) + X_{3A}$ , where  $X_{eq}$  = equivalent reactance of the network, per unit;  $X_x$  = total per unit reactance for leg  $xz$ ;  $X_y$  = total per unit reactance for leg  $yz$ ;  $X_{3A}$  = total per unit reactance for leg  $zA$ . Substituting gives  $X_{eq} = [(1.21 + 0.341)(0.577 + 0.21)] / (1.21 + 0.341 + 0.577 + 0.21) + 0.236 = 0.759$  per unit.

**4. Compute the normal line current at the fault.** Use the relation  $I_n = \text{kva base} / kv \sqrt{3}$  for the normal line current at the fault, where  $I_n$  = normal line current at the fault, A; other symbols as before. Thus,  $I_f = 100,000 / 13.8 \sqrt{3} = 4175$  A.

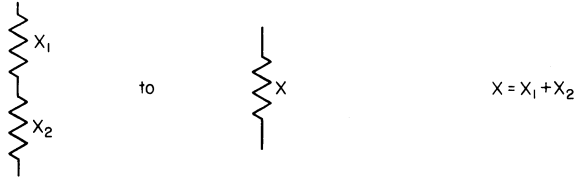
**5. Compute the current in each line at the fault.** Use the relation  $I_f = I_n / X_{eq}$  for a three-phase short circuit, where  $I_f$  = current in each line at the fault, A; other symbols as before. Thus,  $I_f = 4175 / 0.759 = 5500$  A.

**6. Compute the fault current in each line.** For generator  $x$  and transmission line  $xz$ ,  $I_x = I_f (X_{puz} + X_{pux}) / \Sigma X_{pu}$ , where  $I_x$  = generator and transmission-line fault current, A;  $X_{pux}$  = generator reactance, per unit;  $X_{puz}$  = transmission-line reactance, per unit;  $\Sigma X_{pu}$  = sum of the individual network reactances; other symbols as before. Substituting gives  $I = 5500(1.21 + 0.341) / (1.21 + 0.341 + 0.577 + 0.21) = 3650$  A.

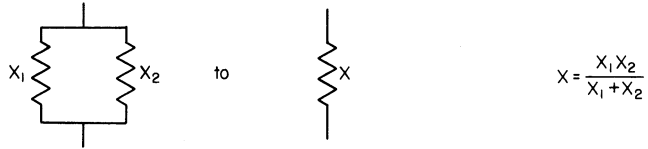
Using a similar relation for generator  $y$  and transmission-line  $yz$ , we find  $I_y = 5500(0.577 + 0.21) / (1.21 + 0.341 + 0.577 + 0.21) = 1850$  A. As a check, the sum of the two generator and transmission-line currents should equal  $I_f$ , or  $3650 + 1850 = 5500$  A =  $I_f$ .



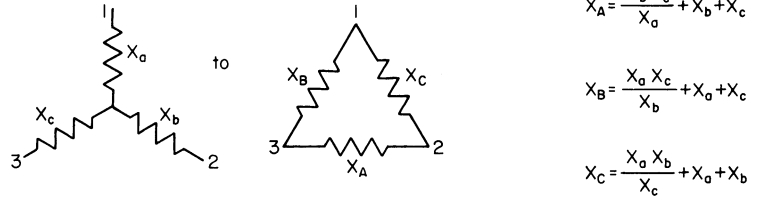
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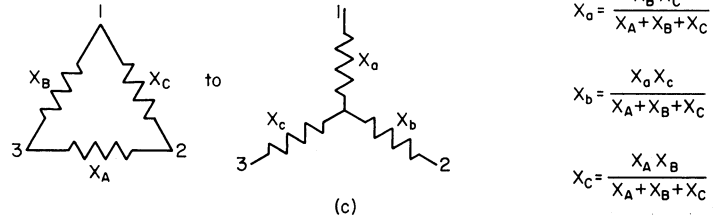
Branches in parallel:



Wye to delta:



Delta to wye:



**FIGURE 8** (a) Electric power system with two generating stations and one substation; (b) circuit diagram of generating system in (a); (c) reactances for various circuit arrangements.

**TABLE 8** Theoretical Short-Circuit Currents

Short-circuit energy, three-phase kVA	Short-circuit amperage per phase for various voltages			
	15,000 V	2,500 V	480 V	208 V
25,000	1,000	5,800	31,000	70,000
50,000	2,000	11,500	63,000	140,000
100,000	4,000	23,000	125,000	280,000

*Note:* These are calculated current values, discounting impedance that may be met in typical plant systems on secondaries of unit substations.

**Related Calculations** The general method presented here is valid for simple and complex short-circuit calculations. Summarized, this procedure is as follows. (1) Obtain equipment and line reactances from equipment characteristics and tabulated data. (2) Draw the system single-line diagram. (3) Convert reactances to per unit on a base kva. (4) Combine reactances to obtain a reactance diagram without series reactances. (5) Compute the fault current or kva.

To combine reactances, use the equations shown in Fig. 8c.

Last, Table 8 shows the short-circuit current theoretically possible at various operating voltages and kva ratings.

## TRANSFORMER CHARACTERISTICS AND PERFORMANCE

A 60-Hz 1000-kVA three-winding transformer is rated at 4800-V primary voltage and 600- and 480-V secondary voltages. The transformer has 800 primary turns, and the rating of each secondary winding is 500 kVA. Compute the number of turns in each secondary winding, the rated primary current at unity power factor (pf), rated primary current at 0.8 pf, lagging current, rated current of the 600- and 480-V secondary windings, primary current when the rated current flows in the 480-V winding with pf = 1.0, and the rated current flow in the 600-V winding with a 0.8 lagging pf.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the number of turns in the secondary windings.** Use the relation  $N_s = v_s N_p / v_p$ , where  $N_s$  = number of turns in secondary winding;  $v_s$  = voltage rating of secondary winding;  $N_p$  = number of turns in the primary winding;  $v_p$  = voltage rating of the primary winding.

For the 600-V secondary winding,  $N_s = 600(800)/4800 = 100$  turns. For the 480-V secondary winding,  $N_s = 480(800)/4800 = 80$  turns.

**2. Compute the rated primary current.** Use the relation  $I_p = va/v_p$ , where  $I_p$  = primary current, A;  $va$  = transformer volt-ampere rating;  $v$  = transformer primary voltage rating. For this transformer at unity power factor,  $I_p = 1,000,000/4800 = 208$  A.

At 0.8-pf lagging current, the rated primary current is the same as the rated primary current at unity power factor, or 208 A. The reason for this is that the power factor relates to the transformer or secondary load. The power factor of the load does not affect the rated primary-winding current.

**3. Compute the secondary-winding current.** Use the relation  $I_s = va_s/v_s$ , where  $I_s$  = secondary current flow, A;  $va_s$  = secondary volt-ampere rating;  $v_s$  = secondary voltage rating.

For the 600-V secondary winding,  $I_s = 500,000/600 = 833$  A. For the 480-V secondary winding,  $I_s = 500,000/480 = 1041$  A.



**4. Compute the primary current at the given secondary loads.** Use the relation  $I_p = (va_{s1}/v_p)(\cos^{-1} pf_1) + (va_{s2}/v_p)(\cos^{-1} pf_2)$ , where  $I_p$  = primary current, A;  $va_{s1}$  = volt-amperes of the first secondary coil;  $v_p$  = transformer primary voltage;  $\cos^{-1} pf$  = angle, expressed in degrees, whose cosine = the power factor of the load on the first secondary coil; other symbols are the same, except that they refer to the other secondary coil of the transformer.

Thus,  $I_p = (600 \times 833/4800)\angle -36.8^\circ + (480 \times 1041/4800)\angle 0^\circ = 104.1 \cos 36.8^\circ - j104.1 \sin 36.8^\circ + 104.1 \cos 0^\circ + 104.1 \sin 0^\circ = 83.4 - j62.4 + 0' + 104.1$ , or  $I_p = 187.5 - j62.4$ . Converting this expression using vector algebra, we get  $I_p = (187.5^2 - 62.4^2)^{0.5} = 197.8$  A.

**Related Calculations** Use this general method to analyze transformers with one or more secondary coil windings used for power, distribution, residential, or commercial service.

## TRANSFORMER SELECTION FOR AN INDUSTRIAL LOAD

Select a three-phase transformer for an industrial plant having an expected load of 300 kVA located 400 ft (121.9 m) from the transformer. The transformer will be located in an area of high humidity. What are the transformer voltage drop, copper loss, and core loss if the primary voltage is 4160 and the secondary 480 V with a power factor of 0.80? What sound level can be expected with this transformer?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Choose between an outdoor substation and a load center.** Outdoor substations were once the popular way of supplying power to industrial plants. Today a load center is often used in place of the outdoor substation. In a load center, the primary power is brought close to the plant load instead of being ended at an outdoor substation.

Load centers are not always the most economical choice, however. Here are general guides for the choice of outdoor substation versus load-center distribution. With a 120/240-V single-phase load, a load center is usually best if the transformer-to-load distance is more than 160 ft (48.8 m) for a 25-kVA load, more than 90 ft (27.4 m) for a 75-kVA load, and more than 60 ft (18.3 m) for a 200-kVA load. For a 480-V three-phase distribution system, load centers are generally best for a 150-kVA load more than 400 ft (121.9 m) from the transformer; a 300-kVA load more than 300 ft (91.4 m); a 750-kVA load more than 150 ft (45.7 m) from the transformer.

Since this installation serves a 300-kVA three-phase load 400 ft (121.9 m) from the transformer, a load-center distribution system will probably be best, according to the above guide. Hence, this will be the tentative first choice for this plant.

**2. Choose the type of transformer cooling.** Basically, two types of transformer cooling are used today: liquid and air. The usual liquid coolants currently used are askarel, a synthetic nonflammable liquid, and mineral oil. The liquid-cooled transformer predominates in sizes over 500 kVA. By far the largest number of transformers in terms of kva capacity are oil-cooled.

Air-cooled transformers are termed *dry-type* units. Dry-type transformers can be sealed units, open units, forced-air-cooled, or self- and forced-air-cooled.

Table 9 shows the important factors that should be considered in choosing load-center transformers. Study of this table shows that in areas of high humidity an askarel-cooled transformer is generally chosen.

**3. Specify the transformer variables.** Table 10 lists many of the variables for load-center transformers. Thus, askarel-filled load-center transformers normally use class A insulation, have an average temperature rating of 55°C rise and 65°C hottest-spot rise. The weight of an askarel-filled unit

**TABLE 9** Transformer Coolant Characteristics\*

	Dry	Askarel
Exposure to lightning		
Where transformers connect directly to lightning-exposed circuits with only usual lightning protection	No	Yes
If lightning exposure is negligible or if unit is suitably protected, if feeder cable is underground, or if overhead supply having usual lightning protection feeds into primary cable at least 1500 ft (457.2 m) long	Yes	Yes
Location and atmospheric conditions		
Relatively clean atmosphere: assembly plants, etc.	Yes	Yes
Bad atmosphere: foundries, cement, flour mills, etc.	No	Yes
Areas of high humidity or of possible flooding	No	Yes
Acid, oil, or corrosive vapors present	No	Yes
Units to be installed in hazardous locations (see National Electrical Code)	No	Yes
Transformers to be overhead on platforms or roof trusses, all other conditions being satisfactory	Yes	No

\*In general, the sealed dry-type transformer can be used under all the given conditions that would rule out ventilated dry-type units.

**TABLE 10** Comparison of Load-Center Unit Substation Transformer Sections

Type of transformer	Liquid-filled		Dry type		
	Oil	Askarel	Open ventilated	Sealed class B	Sealed class H
Impulse strength	100%	100%	50%*	50%*	50%*
Total loss at 75°	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Insulation	Class A	Class A	Class B	Class B	Class H
Temperature ratings:					
Average rise	55°C	55°C	80°C	120°C	120°C°
Hottest-spot rise	65°C	65°C	110°C	140°C	140°C°
Audio sound level	X dB	X dB	(X + 10 dB°)	(X + 10 dB*)	(X + 10 dB*)
Weights	100%	125%	80%	125%	125%
Dimensions:					
Floor space	100%	100%	100%	120%	120%
Height	100%	100%	90%	110%	110%
Normally available for application:					
Indoor or outdoor	Outdoor	All	Indoor only	All†	All†
Submersible	Submersible				
Fire and explosion-resistant	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (plus)	Yes (plus)
Maintenance required:					
Liquid	Normal	Infrequent	None	None	None
Internal cleaning	None	None	Frequent	None	None
External cleaning and painting expense	Normal	Normal	Subnormal	Minimum	Minimum
Special precautions before energizing either initially or after shutdown	None	None	Yes	None	None

\*Not yet covered by industry standards.

†Applicable for all types of installation assuming no exposure to lightning or assuming adequate protection against impulse voltages can be provided.

Source: Beeman—*Industrial Power Systems Handbook*, McGraw-Hill.

**TABLE 11** Electrical Ratings of Transformers for Power and Distribution Service\*

kVA rating		Voltage ratings	
Single-phase	Three-phase	Primary	Secondary
1.5	5.0	120	120
2.5	7.5	240	240
3.0	10	480	480
5.0	15	600	600
7.5	25	2,400	2,400
10	50	2,500	4,160
15	75	4,160	6,900
25	100	4,330	11,500
37.5	150	4,800	13,800
50	200	6,900	23,000
75	300	11,500	34,500
100	450	13,800	46,000
150	600	25,000	69,000
200	750	34,500	
250	1,000	46,000	
300	1,500	69,000	
500	2,000	92,000	
1,000	2,500	115,000	
1,250	3,000	138,000	
1,500	5,000	161,000	

\*Partial listing of commercially available units.

is about 1.25 times the weight of an oil-filled transformer; the floor space required by the two is the same.

**4. Determine the transformer electrical characteristics.** Table 11 lists the electrical ratings of typical modern transformers. This table shows that a 300-kVA rating is a standard one. Hence, such a unit is readily available from manufacturers.

**5. Determine the transformer losses.** Table 12 shows typical losses for three-phase distribution transformers with ratings to 400 kVA. Thus, at full load on a transformer with a 0.80 power factor, the voltage drop through the transformer is 2.83 percent. The copper loss is 0.92 percent, and the core loss is 0.80 percent. Note that Table 12 also shows the impedance for the transformer.

**6. Determine the transformer and sound level.** Table 13 shows that the average factory has a sound level of 70 to 75 dB. Table 14 shows that a 300-kVA oil-immersed transformer has a sound level of 55 dB. Since the transformer sound level is less than the ambient sound level in the average factory, the transformer chosen is a suitable unit. As a general guide, choose a transformer having a decibel rating *lower* than the ambient sound level of the area in which the transformer will be installed.

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure to choose transformers for industrial, commercial, and residential use. As a general guide, the following definitions are useful. *Power transformers* are used in generating plants to step up voltage and in substations to step down voltage. Power transformers are usually rated at 500 kVA and larger.

**TABLE 12** Electrical Characteristics of Single-Phase and Three-Phase 60-Hz Distribution Transformers

Size single-phase, kVA	Impedance, percent $Z/\phi^\circ$	Percent voltage drop through transformer with full-load current			Cu loss, %	Core loss, %
		97% pf	80% pf	50% pf		
Single-phase transformers; voltage rating: 2400/4160 to 120/240 V						
3	2.7/32.90°	2.56	2.7	2.40	2.27	0.93
5	2.7/38.40°	2.46	2.7	2.51	2.12	0.72
7½	2.7/43.5°	2.35	2.66	2.58	1.96	0.64
10	2.7/45.9°	2.29	2.66	2.62	1.88	0.57
15	2.8/51.6°	2.21	2.71	2.76	1.74	0.51
25	2.8/56°	2.08	2.64	2.79	1.56	0.46
37½	2.9/61.8°	1.95	2.62	2.9	1.37	0.394
50	2.9/64.7°	1.84	2.56	2.89	1.24	0.372
75	3.5/69.4°	1.99	2.94	3.45	1.24	0.370
100	3.5/69.9°	1.96	2.93	3.45	1.20	0.370
Three-phase transformers; voltage rating: 2400/4160 to 240/480 V						
5	4.2/41.3°	3.73	4.19	4.00	3.12	1.28
10	3.8/46.80°	3.20	3.74	3.70	2.55	0.88
15	3.75/53.1°	2.91	3.60	3.72	2.2	0.74
25	3.9/57.2°	2.85	3.66	3.89	2.05	0.63
37½	4.02/60°	2.79	3.70	4.02	1.93	0.58
50	4.03/61.8°	2.72	3.66	4.02	1.82	0.51
75	3.54/63.1°	2.32	3.17	3.53	1.60	0.53
100	3.7/65°	2.31	3.26	3.68	1.56	0.57
200	3.92/71.4°	2.11	3.23	3.84	1.25	0.47
300	3.61/75.25°	1.74	2.83	3.46	0.92	0.80
5400	3.77/71.9°	1.97	3.09	3.70	1.17	0.75

*Distribution transformers* step voltage down to 600 or 480 V for industrial use or 240 and 120 V for residential or commercial use. *Instrument transformers*, classed *potential* or *current*, serve low-voltage meters and relays. *Specialty transformers* include units used to change the voltage for specific applications such as signs, arc lamps, bells, etc.

## SYSTEM POWER-FACTOR ANALYSIS

A system has three types of loads: lighting, induction motors, and synchronous motors. Determine the system power factor for the following conditions: lighting load = 400 kVA at unity (1.0) power factor; induction-motor load = 700 kVA at 0.85 power factor, lagging; synchronous motor load = 300 kVA at 0.75 power factor, leading. What is the system power factor?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the lighting-load kvar.** The 400-kVA lighting load has a unity (1.0) power factor. With a unity power factor, the kilo-voltampere (kva) load = the kilowatt load. Also, since there is no reactive current when the power factor is unity, the lighting-load kvar = 0.

**TABLE 13** Average Sound Levels for Various Occupancies

Occupancy	Decibel range
Apartments and hotels	35–45
Average factory	70–75
Classrooms and lecture rooms	35–50
Hospitals, auditoriums, and churches	35–40
Private offices and conference rooms	40–45
Offices:	
Small	53
Medium (3 to 10 desks)	58
Large	64
Factory	61
Stores:	
Average	45–55
Large (5 or more clerks)	61
Residence:	
Without radio	53
With radio, conversation	60
Radio, recording, and television	25–30
Theaters and music rooms	30–35
Street:	
Average	80

*Note:* Manufacturers now sound-rate dry-type transformers to meet or exceed NEMA audible-sound-level standards. Select a transformer with a decibel rating lower than the ambient sound level of the area in which it is to be installed.

**2. Compute the induction-motor kvar.** Find the induction-motor kilowatt load from  $kw = kva(pf)$ , where  $kva$  = induction-motor kva;  $pf$  = induction-motor power factor. Or,  $kw = 700(0.85) = 595$  kW.

Compute the induction-motor kvar from  $kvar = (kva^2 - kw^2)^{0.5}$ , or  $(700^2 - 595^2)^{0.5} = 370$  kvar.

**3. Compute the synchronous-motor kvar.** As in step 2, for the synchronous motor  $kw = kva(pf) = 300(0.75) = 225$  kW. Then  $kvar = (kva^2 - kw^2)^{0.5}$ , as in step 2. Or  $kvar = (300^2 - 225^2)^{0.5} = 198.5$  kvar.

**TABLE 14** NEMA Audible Sound Levels

For dry-type general-purpose specialty transformers 600 V or less, single- or three-phase		Oil-immersed and dry-type self-cooled transformers, 15,000-V insulation class and below			
Transformer rating, kVA	Average sound level, dB	kVA	Oil immersed, dB	Dry type, dB	
				Ventilated	Sealed
0–9	40	0–300	55	58	57
10–50	45	301–500	56	60	59
51–150	50	501–700	57	62	61
151–300	55	701–1000	58	64	63
		1001–1500	60	65	64
301–500	60	1501–2000	61	66	65
		2001–3000	63	68	66

**4. Compute the system kw and kvar.** The kilowatt load is the sum of the individual kilowatt loads, or lighting  $kw$  + motor  $kw$  = 400 + 595 + 225 = 1220 kW. The kvar of the system is found in the same way, except that the lighting-load kvar is zero and the leading (synchronous-motor) kvar offsets the lagging (induction motor) kvar, or 370.0 = 198.5 = 171.5 kvar.

The reason for taking the difference between the induction- and synchronous-motor kvar is because a synchronous motor can supply kvar to the system.

**5. Compute the system kva and pf.** Use the relation  $kva = (kw^2 + kvar^2)^{0.5} = [(1220)^2 + (171.5)^2]^{0.5} = 1333$  kVA. Compute the system power factor from  $pf = \text{system } kw / \text{system } kva = 1220 / 1333 = 0.915$  lagging. The power factor is termed *lagging* because the lagging or induction-motor kvar exceeds the leading or synchronous-motor kvar. Capacitors, synchronous motors, or synchronous generators could be used to improve the power factor of this system.

**Related Calculations** Use this general method to analyze the power factor of any power system—industrial, commercial, or residential.

## POWER-FACTOR DETERMINATION AND IMPROVEMENT

Determine the power factor in a 440-V three-phase power system when the load draws 135 A 85 kW. If it is desired to improve the power factor of this circuit to 88 percent with capacitors, what capacitor rating is required?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the circuit kva.** For a three-phase ac circuit, use the relation  $kva = \sqrt{3} va / 1000$ , where  $kva$  = kilovolt-amperes of the circuit;  $v$  = circuit voltage;  $a$  = circuit amperage. Or,  $kva = \sqrt{3} \times (440)(135) / 1000 = 103$  kVA.

**2. Compute the circuit power factor.** Use the relation power factor =  $pf = kw / kva$ , where  $kw$  = circuit kilowatt load. Or,  $pf = 85 / 103 = 0.825$ , or 82.5 percent.

**3. Compute the circuit kvar.** The total current in an ac circuit is usually made up of two components: power-producing current and magnetizing current. Other terms used for these currents are *working current* and *reactive current*, respectively. From a power standpoint, the terms used are *true power* in W or kW, and reactive power, in var or kvar. The abbreviation “var” stand for volt-ampere reactive.

In an ac circuit,  $kvar = (kva^2 - kw^2)^{0.5}$ . Thus, for this circuit,  $kvar = (103^2 - 85^2)^{0.5} = 58.5$  kvar.

**4. Compute the kvar at the new power factor.** At the new power factor of 88 percent, the circuit  $kw$  is the same, or 85. However, the circuit  $kva$  will be  $kw / \text{new } pf$ , or  $85 / 0.88 = 96.5$  kVA.

The new circuit  $kvar = (kva^2 - kw^2)^{0.5} = (96.5^2 - 85^2)^{0.5} = 45.6$  kvar. Thus, the circuit provides 45.6 of the 58.5 kvar required by the load.

**5. Compute the required capacitor kvar.** The capacitor must provide the difference between the load and circuit kvar, or  $58.5 - 45.6 = 12.9$  kvar, say 13 kvar. Thus, to improve the power factor of this circuit from 82.5 to 88 percent, a 13-kvar capacitor is required.

**Related Calculations** The method given above is useful for determining the capacitor, synchronous-motor, or synchronous-condenser rating required to produce a given power-factor increase. As

a general rule, the synchronous condenser is usually too costly a device for power-factor improvement service in industrial plants. Hence, it is seldom used for this purpose in industrial plants.

## WIRING-SIZE CHOICE FOR PRIMARY DISTRIBUTION

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Determine the proper size of underground cable to use to supply a 1000-kW load at 80 percent power factor at a distance of 0.4 mi (643.7 m) with an allowable voltage drop of 5.0 percent. The receiving-end voltage is 2200 V, three-phase.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the system kva-miles.** Use the relation  $\text{kva-miles} = (\text{load, kW}/\text{pf})(\text{line length, mi})$ , where pf = system power factor. For this system,  $\text{kva-miles} = (1000/0.80)(0.4) = 500 \text{ kVA}\cdot\text{mi}$  (804.7 MVA·m).

**2. Choose the wire size to use.** Table 15 shows that with an 80 percent power factor, 2400 V, three-phase line, a 4/0 cable will have a 1 percent voltage drop per 174.0 kVA·mi (235.3 MVA·m). However, the receiving voltage of this system is 2200 V. To correct for the difference between the actual and tabulated receiving voltage, multiply the tabulated kva-miles by the ratio (actual receiving voltage/tabulated receiving voltage)<sup>2</sup>, or  $(2200/2400)^2(174.0) = 146.2 \text{ kVA}\cdot\text{mi}$  (159.3 MVA·m) per 1.0 percent voltage drop.

**3. Compute the actual voltage drop.** Use the relation  $\text{actual voltage drop, percent} = \text{system kva-miles}/\text{kva-miles per 1 percent voltage drop}$ , or  $500/146.2 = 3.41$  percent actual voltage drop. Since the allowable voltage drop is 5 percent, this is within the desired range.

**4. Check the next smaller size cable.** Since there is a difference of  $5.00 - 3.41 = 1.59$  percent between the actual and the allowable voltage drop, the next smaller cable might be satisfactory. A smaller cable will cost less and is therefore worth checking.

Using the same procedure as in step 2, except that a 2/0 10-kV cable is used, we find that  $\text{kva-mile per 1 percent voltage drop} = (2200/2400)^2(118.0) = 99.0$ . Then, as in step 3,  $\text{actual voltage drop} = 500/99.0 = 5.06$  percent. Hence, the smaller cable is unsuitable because it produces a higher voltage drop than allowed.

**Related Calculations** Table 15 can be used to determine (1) the voltage drop in an existing circuit when the load is known, (2) the proper size of a conductor to use to limit the voltage drop to a pre-determined value, or (3) the proper voltage rating of a new line. The 50 percent power-factor column in Table 15 can be used to calculate the instantaneous drop in voltage caused by the starting of a large motor on the line. The average power factor of a motor is 50 percent when the motor is being started. Note that data are listed in Table 15 for both underground and overhead distribution systems.

## WIRE- AND CABLE-SIZE DETERMINATION FOR A KNOWN LOAD

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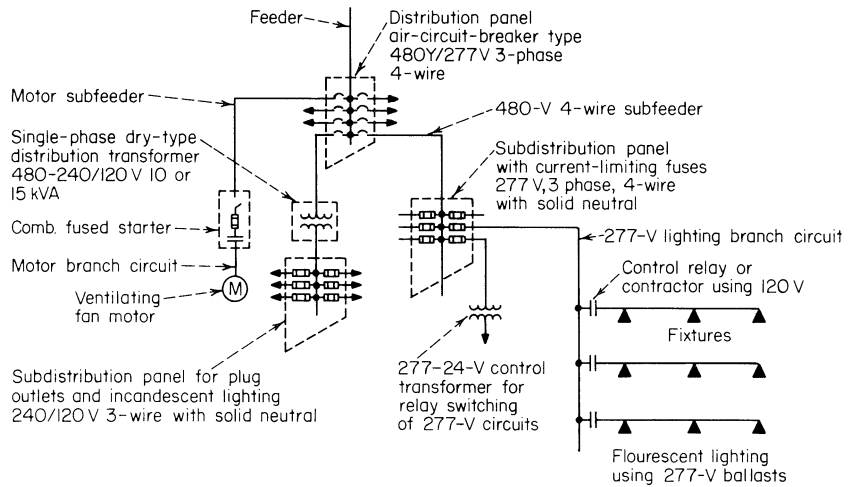
An electrical installation consists of 1 motor and 48 lights. What size wire and fuses are needed for the 50-hp (37.3-kW) squirrel-cage induction motor that is started at its rated three-phase 440-V 60-Hz current if the motor is 280 ft (85.3 m) from the power panel and the voltage drop must not exceed 1 percent of the supply voltage? The lighting load totals 10,000 W. This load is supplied by two 110-V circuits. The voltage drop in the lighting circuits must not exceed 1 percent. What size wire is needed if each branch circuit is 170 ft (51.8 m) long?

**TABLE 15** Voltage Regulation of 5- and 10-kV Cables and Overhead-Line-Wire Primary Distribution Voltages, kVA-mi (kVA-km) per 1% Voltage Drop, Balanced Load\*

Underground distribution, 5- and 10-kV single-conductor cables, annealed copper		Power factor								
		4160 V, three-phase			2400 V, three-phase			2400 V, single-phase		
		97%	80%	50%	97%	80%	50%	97%	80%	50%
Cable size	Voltage rating, kV	kVA-mi (kVA-km) per 1% drop			kVA-mi (kVA-km) per 1% drop			kVA-mi (kVA-km) per 1% drop		
1/0	10	295.0	297.0	355.0	98.2	98.7	118.0	49.0	49.7	59.0
		(474.7)	(477.9)	(571.2)	(158.0)	(158.8)	(189.9)	(78.9)	(79.9)	(94.9)
1/0	5	300.0	306.5	377.0	100.0	102.2	125.7	50.0	51.1	62.8
		(482.8)	(493.3)	(606.6)	(160.9)	(164.5)	(202.3)	(80.5)	(82.2)	(101.1)
2/0	10	364.0	354.0	407.0	120.7	118.0	135.5	60.6	59.0	68.0
4/0	10	545.0	492.0	525.0	181.7	164.0	175.0	91.0	82.0	87.5
		(877.1)	(791.8)	(844.7)	(292.4)	(263.9)	(281.6)	(146.5)	(131.9)	(140.8)
4/0	5	560.0	523.0	572.0	186.0	174.0	191.0	93.2	87.0	95.3
		(901.2)	(841.7)	(920.3)	(299.3)	(280.0)	(307.4)	(149.9)	(140.0)	(153.4)
350 Mem	5	852.0	723.0	728.0	282.0	240.0	242.0	142.0	120.5	121.0
		(1371.2)	(1163.6)	(1171.4)	(453.8)	(386.2)	(389.5)	(228.5)	(193.9)	(194.7)
Overhead distribution copper-line wire		4160 V, three-phase			2400 V, three-phase			2400 V, single-phase		
Wire size	Equivalent spacing, in (cm)	kVA-mi (kVA-km) per 1% drop			kVA-mi (kVA-km) per 1% drop			kVA-mi (kVA-km) per 1% drop		
1/0	28	248.0	207.0	206.0	82.6	69.0	68.7	41.3	34.5	34.4
	(71.1)	(399.1)	(333.1)	(331.5)	(132.9)	(111.0)	(110.6)	(66.5)	(55.5)	(55.4)
2/0	28	298.0	236.0	225.0	99.3	78.7	75.0	49.6	39.4	37.5
	(71.1)	(479.6)	(379.8)	(362.1)	(159.8)	(126.7)	(120.7)	(79.8)	(63.4)	(60.4)
4/0	28	415.0	295.0	260.0	138.3	98.3	86.6	69.2	49.2	43.3
	(71.1)	(667.9)	(474.8)	(418.4)	(223.4)	(158.2)	(139.4)	(111.4)	(79.2)	(69.7)
350 Mem	28	574.0	363.0	297.0	191.2	121.0	99.0	95.5	60.5	59.4
	(71.1)	(923.8)	(584.2)	(477.9)	(307.7)	(194.7)	(159.3)	(153.7)	(97.4)	(95.6)
500 Mem	28	700.0	405.0	318.5	233.3	135.0	106.2	116.6	67.4	63.1
	(71.1)	(1126.5)	(651.8)	(512.6)	(375.5)	(217.3)	(170.9)	(187.6)	(108.5)	(101.5)
		6900 V, three-phase			11,950 V, three-phase					
		kVA-mi (kVA-km) per 1% drop			kVA-mi (kVA-km) per 1% drop					
1/0	60	627	537	519	1879	1610	1555			
	(152.4)	(1009.1)	(864.2)	(835.2)	(3023.9)	(2591.0)	(2502.5)			
2/0	60	739	601	560	2217	1803	1680			
	(152.4)	(1189.3)	(967.2)	(901.2)	(3567.9)	(2901.6)	(2703.7)			
3/0	60	859	673	601	2576	2019	1803			
	(152.4)	(1382.4)	(1083.1)	(967.2)	(4145.7)	(3249.3)	(2901.6)			
4/0	60	988	739	640	2963	2217	1919			
	(152.4)	(1590.0)	(1189.3)	(1029.9)	(4768.5)	(3567.9)	(3088.3)			
250 Mem	60	1097	805	677	3291	2415	2032			
	(152.4)	(1765.5)	(1295.5)	(1089.5)	(5296.4)	(3886.6)	(3270.2)			

\*For receiving voltages slightly different from the given values, multiply kva-miles in the tables by the square of the ratio of the new voltage to the voltage in the table. For example, for 4000 V multiply by  $(4000/4160)^2 = 0.924$ .

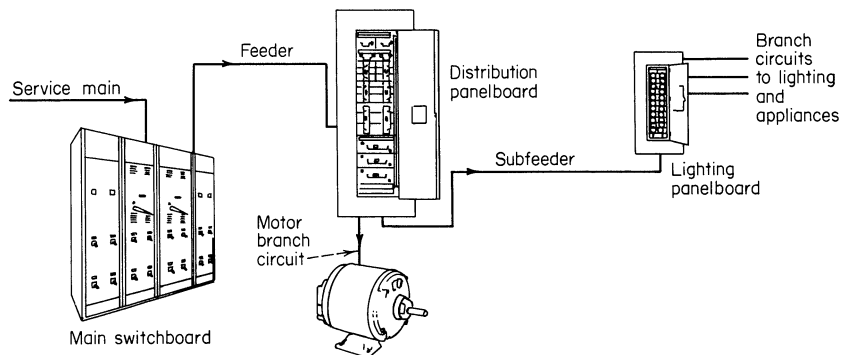




**FIGURE 9** Typical light and power branch-circuit layout served from a 480-Y/277-V system.

## Calculation Procedure

- 1. Sketch the circuit layout.** Figure 9 shows a single-line diagram of a typical light and power branch-circuit layout. Figure 10 shows the typical equipment used in such a circuit.
- 2. Determine the motor full-load current.** Use the *National Electrical Code (NEC)* table of motor full-load current or Table 16 to determine the full-load current of the motor. Thus, Table 16 shows a 440-V 50-hp (37.3-kW) induction motor requires 63 A at full load.
- 3. Determine the required carrying capacity of the motor circuit.** The *NEC* recommends that individual branch circuits to motors have a current-carrying capacity at least 125 percent of the motor



**FIGURE 10** Typical equipment used in motor and lighting circuits.

**TABLE 16** Electric-Motor Full-Load Current

Full-load current* direct-current motors				
hp	kW	115 V	230 V	550 V
1/4	0.19	3	1.5	
1/3	0.25	3.8	1.9	
1/2	0.37	5.4	2.7	
3/4	0.56	7.4	3.7	1.6
1	0.75	9.6	4.8	2.0
1 1/2	1.12	13.2	6.6	2.7
2	1.49	17	8.5	3.6
3	2.24	25	12.5	5.2
5	3.73	40	20	8.3
7 1/2	5.59	58	29	12
10	7.46	76	38	16
15	11.2	112	56	23
20	14.9	148	74	31
25	18.6	184	92	38
30	22.4	220	110	46
40	29.8	292	146	61
50	37.3	360	180	75
60	44.7	430	215	90
75	55.9	536	268	111
100	74.6	...	355	148
125	93.2	...	443	184
150	111.9	...	534	220
200	149.1	...	712	295

Full-load current,† single-phase ac motors				
hp	kW	115 V	230 V	440 V
1/6	0.12	4.4	2.2	
1/4	0.19	5.8	2.9	
1/3	0.25	7.2	3.6	
1/2	0.37	9.8	4.9	
3/4	0.56	13.8	6.9	
1	0.75	16	8	
1 1/2	1.12	20	10	
2	1.49	24	12	
3	2.24	34	17	
5	3.73	56	28	
7 1/2	5.59	80	40	21
10	7.46	100	50	26

Three-phase ac motors										
Induction type, squirrel-cage and wound-rotor, A						Synchronous type, unity power factor, A				
hp	kW	110 V	220 V	440 V	550 V	2300 V	220 V	440 V	550 V	2300 V
1/2	0.37	4	2	1	0.8					
3/4	0.56	5.6	2.8	1.4	1.1					
1	0.75	7	3.5	1.8	1.4					
1 1/2	1.12	10	5	2.5	2.0					
2	1.49	13	6.5	3.3	2.6					
3	2.24	...	9	4.5	4					

**TABLE 16** Electric-Motor Full-Load Current (*Continued*)

Three-phase ac motors										
Induction type, squirrel-cage and wound-rotor, A							Synchronous type, unity power factor, A			
hp	kW	110 V	220 V	440 V	550 V	2300 V	220 V	440 V	550 V	2300 V
5	3.73	...	15	7.5	6					
7½	5.59	...	22		9					
10	7.46	...	27	14	11					
15	11.2	...	40	20	16					
20	14.9	...	52	26	21					
25	18.6	...	64	32	26	7	54	27	22	5.4
30	22.4	...	78	39	31	8.5	65	33	26	6.5
40	29.8	...	104	52	41	10.5	86	43	35	8
50	37.3	...	125	63	50	13	108	54	44	10
60	44.7	...	150	75	60	16	128	64	51	12
75	55.9	...	185	93	74	19	161	81	65	15
100	74.6	...	246	123	98	25	211	106	85	20
125	93.2	...	310	155	124	31	264	132	106	25
150	111.9	...	360	180	144	37	...	158	127	30
200	149.1	...	480	240	192	49	...	210	168	40

\*These values of full-load current are for motors running at speeds usual for belted motors and motors with normal torque characteristics. Motors built for especially low speeds or high torques may require more running current, in which case the name-plate current rating should be used.

For full-load currents of 208- and 200-V motors, increase the corresponding 220-V motor full-load current by 6 and 10 percent, respectively.

†These values are for motors with usual speeds and torque characteristics. Name-plate current values should be used for motors with low speeds or high torques.

To obtain full-load currents of 208- and 200-V motors, increase 200-V current values by 10 and 15 percent, respectively.

full-load running current. Thus, for this 50-hp (37.3-kW) motor, the current-carrying capacity of the branch circuit supplying the motor must be at least  $1.25(63 \text{ A}) = 78.7 \text{ A}$ , say 80 A.

**4. Determine the required wire size.** Table 17 lists the allowable wire lengths for a 1 percent, or less, voltage drop in 220- to 230-V and 440- to 460-V systems. To use Table 17 for 440- to 460-V three- or four-wire feeders, multiply the tabulated lengths by 2.

Thus, with an 80-A flow, a 2/0 wire will have a 1 percent voltage drop in a length of  $2(151) = 302 \text{ ft}$  (92.0 m), using the data from Table 17. Since the motor is 280 ft (85.3 m) from the power panel, the voltage drop will be less 1 percent if a 2/0 wire is used.

**5. Select the fuse capacity for the motor circuit.** For motors of more than 1 hp the *NEC* allows an external overcurrent device actuated by the motor running current and set to open at not more than 125 percent of the motor full-load current for motors with a temperature rise not over 40°C, or 115 percent of the motor full-load current for all other motors.

Where fuses are used to protect a circuit, the fuses should have a rating of at least 300 percent the motor full-load current. Or, for this motor  $3(63 \text{ A}) = 189 \text{ A}$ . A 200-A fuse would be suitable.

Note that the fuse capacity cannot be arbitrarily increased without a study of the circuit and the devices in it. Thus, a 300-A fuse could not be used for this circuit because the excessive current might damage the motor before the fuse blew.

Were a circuit breaker used instead of fuses, the breaker would be rated at  $1.25(63 \text{ A}) = 78.7$ , say 75 A. The circuit-breaker rating is reduced to the next lowest standard rating to provide greater protection for the motor. For motors over 1500 hp (1118.5 kW), an embedded temperature detector may be used to cause opening of the current supply when the motor temperature becomes excessive.

**TABLE 17** Average Circuit Lengths [ft (m)] for 1 Percent Voltage Drop

Single-phase ac loads 115/230 V, 60 Hz, 100% pf						
Load, A	Wire size—Circular mils				Wire size—B & S or A.W.G.	
	500	400	300	250	2/0	1/0
40	1106 (337)	898 (274)	669 (204)	558 (170)	299 (91)	239 (73)
50	885 (270)	719 (219)	535 (163)	447 (136)	240 (73)	191 (58)
60	737 (225)	599 (183)	446 (136)	372 (113)	200 (61)	159 (48)

Three-phase delta ac loads 230 V, 60 Hz, 85% pf							
Load, A	Wire size—Circular mils				Wire size—B & S or A.W.G.		
	500	400	300	250	3/0	2/0	1/0
70	406 (124)	357 (109)	303 (92)	271 (83)	208 (63)	173 (53)	145 (44)
80	355 (108)	312 (95)	265 (81)	238 (73)	182 (55)	151 (46)	127 (39)
90	316 (96)	278 (85)	235 (72)	211 (64)	162 (49)	134 (41)	113 (34)
100	284 (87)	250 (76)	212 (65)	190 (58)	146 (45)	121 (37)	101 (31)

Calculations based on copper resistance of 12.5 Ω per CM-ft at 50°C (122°F).

Reactance and impedance losses calculated for each wire.

Conductors closely grouped in metallic conduit.

Balanced three-wire loads: drop is 1.15 V for given length.

Two-wire, 230-V loads: drop is 2.3 V for given length.

For 208-V, four-wire Y feeders, multiply given length by 0.9.

For 230-V, single-phase feeders, multiply given length by 0.85.

For 460-V, three- or four-wire feeders, multiply given length by 2.

For aluminum wire, multiply given lengths by 0.7 or use length of copper wire which is two sizes smaller than the aluminum size under consideration.

Balanced lighting loads

Three- and four-wire, 115 V 1 percent drop from supply cabinet to first outlet supplying permanently connected appliance or fixture\*

Maximum overcurrent circuit protection <sup>†</sup>	Intermittent loads			Continuous loads		
	100% F 2–3 C	80% F 4–6 C	70% F 7–9 C	100% F 2–3 C	80% F 4–6 C	70% F 7–9 C
15 A	15 A 1725 W	12 A 1380 W	10.5 A 1207 W	12 A 1380 W	9.6 A 1104 W	8.4 A 966 W
20 A	20 A 2300 W	16 A 1840 W	14 A 1610 W	16 A 1840 W	12.8 A 1472 W	11.2 A 1288 W

Loads and lengths in ft (m) for 1% drop on three- and four-wire 115-V circuits

Load, A	No. 10 wire	No. 12 wire	No. 14 wire
1	946 (288)	596 (182)	374 (114)
2	474 (144)	298 (91)	188 (57)
3	316 (96)	198 (60)	124 (38)
4	236 (72)	148 (45)	94 (28)
5	190 (58)	120 (36)	76 (23)
6	158 (48)	100 (30)	62 (19)
7	136 (41)	86 (26)	54 (16)
8	118 (36)	74 (22)	46 (14)
9	106 (32)	66 (20)	42 (13)
10	94 (29)	60 (18)	38 (12)

\*Calculations based on copper resistance of 13 Ω per CM-ft at 60°C (140°F).

For two-phase, three-wire circuits tapped off a three-phase, four-wire Y service, multiply given lengths by 0.67.

†A—amperes; W—watts; C—conduit conductor; F—fills.

**6. Compute the current flow in the lighting circuits.** With two lighting circuits, the load in each circuit = total load,  $W$  per number of circuits, or  $11,000/2 = 5500$  W per circuit.

Use the relation  $I = W/v$  to determine the current flow in each lighting circuit. In this relation,  $I$  = current flow, A;  $w$  = lighting load of the circuit, W;  $v$  = circuit voltage. Thus, for each of these circuits,  $I = 5500/110 = 50$  A.

**7. Select the wire size for the lighting circuits.** Table 17 shows the wire size for 115/230-V single-phase circuits having a 1 percent voltage drop for various lengths. This tabulation is also applicable to 110-V ac circuits.

Inspection of the tabulated values shows that a 1/0 wire is required for a 1 percent voltage drop in a 170-ft (51.8-m) long circuit. Hence, this size wire will be used for the lighting circuit.

**Related Calculations** In planning electric circuits, the loading and lengths of feeders and runs between outlets must be related to the voltage drop and the need for spare capacity in the circuit for possible future increases in load. Each lamp, appliance, or other utilization device in the circuit is designed for best performance at a particular operating voltage. Although such devices will operate at voltages on either side of the design value, there generally will be adverse effects for operation at voltages lower than the specified value.

A 1 percent drop in voltage at an incandescent lamp produces about a 3 percent decrease in light output; a 10 percent voltage drop will decrease the output about 30 percent. In resistance-type heating devices, a voltage drop has a similar effect on the heat output. In motor-operated appliances, low voltage to the motor affects the starting and pull-out torque. Also, the current drawn from the line increases with the drop in voltage. Overheating of the windings may result.

The method presented here is valid for lighting, power, heating, and similar circuits. For comprehensive tabulations of wire sizes and allowable loads, consult the latest edition of the *National Electrical Code*. Where a local electrical code governs wiring and system design, be sure to consult it when selecting wire sizes.

## PRELIMINARY ELECTRIC LOAD ESTIMATING

Estimate the lighting and power loads for an electronics factory that is 200 ft (61.0 m) long and 100 ft (30.5 m) wide. The fluorescent lights in this one-story plant will be located 12 ft (3.7 m) above the floor and will provide an illumination level of 50 fc (538.2 lx). What is the demand amperage if the power is supplied at 13,800 V?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the lighting power requirements.** For preliminary electric load estimates, tabulated average power demands are often sufficient. Thus, Table 18 lists the typical power requirements in terms of the lighting-demand factor for lights mounted at various heights above the floor. To use the values from this table, solve the relation  $VA/ft^2 = (\text{lighting-demand factor})(\text{illumination level, fc})$ . Thus, for this electronics factory using fluorescent lights mounted 12 ft (3.7 m) above the floor,  $VA/ft^2 = (0.060)(50) = 3.0$  (32.3 VA/m<sup>2</sup>). With a plant area of  $200 \times 100 = 20,000$  ft<sup>2</sup> (1858.1 m<sup>2</sup>), the total *estimated* power requirement for lighting is  $3.0(20,000) = 60,000$  VA.

**2. Compute the plant power demand.** Table 19 lists the combined power and lighting load densities for various industries. This table shows that the load density for electronic equipment manufacture is 10 VA/ft<sup>2</sup> (107.6 VA/m<sup>2</sup>). Since the lighting demand was computed in step 1 as 3.0 VA/ft<sup>2</sup> (32.3 VA/m<sup>2</sup>),

**TABLE 18** Power Requirements for Lighting\*

Fixture height, ft (m)	Lighting demand factor <sup>†</sup>	
	Incandescent	Fluorescent
Less than 14 (4.3)	0.12	0.060
14–35 (4.3–10.7)	0.13	0.065
35–50 (10.7–15.2)	0.15	0.070

\*Based on median-characteristic fixtures and a 75-ft (22.9-m) wide room, 200 ft (61 m) or more long.

<sup>†</sup>VA = (lighting demand factor)(intensity of illumination, ft) =  $c$ .

Source: Beeman—*Industrial Power Systems Handbook*, McGraw-Hill.

the power demand will be the difference between 3.0 VA and the tabulated total of 10.0 VA/ft<sup>2</sup> (107.6 VA/m<sup>2</sup>) for power and light, or  $10.0 - 3.0 = 7.0$  VA/ft<sup>2</sup> (75.3 VA/m<sup>2</sup>). With a total area of 20,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (1858.1 m<sup>2</sup>), the power demand is  $7.0(20,000) = 140,000$  VA.

**3. Compute the total load demand.** The total load demand is the sum of the loads computed in steps 1 and 2, or the product of the floor area of the plant and the appropriate value from Table 19. Or  $60,000 + 140,000 = 10(20,000) = 200,000$  VA.

Table 20 shows the typical voltampere demands for a variety for plants. Based on actual plants, this table shows both average values and the ranges encountered in the plants surveyed.

**4. Compute the demand amperage.** The product of volts and amperes, voltamperes (va), is termed *apparent power* in an ac circuit. In a single-phase unity-power-factor circuit,  $va = EI$ . In a balanced three-wire three-phase delta or wye circuit,  $va = 1.732EI$ . Thus, with a power supply at 13,800 V, the demand amperage is  $200,000 = 13,800I$ ;  $I = 14.5$  A.

**Related Calculations** Use this general method for preliminary estimates of the electric load of any type of industrial plant. For exact determination of the electrical demand, use the methods given in later calculation procedures in this section.

**TABLE 19** Typical Power-Load Densities

Factory type	Demand for power and light	
	VA/ft <sup>2</sup>	VA/m <sup>2</sup>
Beet-sugar factory and refinery	19	204.5
Paper mills	14	150.7
Textile mills, engine building	12	129.2
Cigarette manufacturing	11	118.4
General manufacturing, chemicals, electronic equipment	10	107.6
Small-appliance manufacturing, machine repair shops	7.5	80.7
Lamp manufacturing	5	53.8
Small-device manufacturing	3.5	37.7

Source: Beeman—*Industrial Power Systems Handbook*, McGraw-Hill.

**TABLE 20** Recorded Load Data for a Group of Plants (Summary)

Type of plant	Demand				Annual power				Annual kWh/ VA demand	
	VA/ft <sup>2</sup>		VA/m <sup>2</sup>		kWh/ft <sup>2</sup>		kWh/m <sup>2</sup>		Average	Range
	Average	Range	Average	Range	Average	Range	Average	Range		
Chemical	10.0	6–13	107.6	65–140	33.7	14–54	362.7	151–581	3.3	2–4
Electronics	10.3	3–20	110.9	32–215	25.8	11–67	277.7	118–721	2.4	1–4
Foundry	9.9	...	106.6	...	32.4	...	348.8	...	3.3	...
Lamps:										
General	4.8	2–12	51.7	22–129	19.5	5–53	209.9	54–571	4.2	2–6
Wire works	8.7	6–13	93.6	65–140	30.0	13–64	322.9	140–689	2.8	2–5
Base works	4.0	...	43.1	...	25.0	...	269.1	...	6.0	...
Glass works	4.5	2–7	48.2	22–75	24.2	13–37	260.5	140–398	5.4	4–6
Porcelain	2.0	...	21.5	...	10.9	...	117.3	...	5.4	...
Printing	3.0	...	32.3	...	8.0	...	86.1	...	3.0	...
Small appliances	7.4	2–13	39.7	22–140	20.5	4–46	220.7	43–495	2.9	1–7
Small device	3.6	2–7	38.8	22–75	9.5	3–27	102.3	32–291	2.4	1–5
General:										
Large (over 5000 kVA)	10.0	5–17	107.6	54–183	70.0	8–195	753.5	86–2099	7.0	1–19
Small (under 5000 kVA)	9.8	3–18	105.5	32–194	31.0	5–50	333.7	54–538	5.2	1–27

Source: Beeman—*Industrial Power System Handbook*, McGraw-Hill.

## PLANT POWER-DISTRIBUTION-SYSTEM PLANNING

Select the power-distribution system for an industrial plant having motors ranging from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1000 hp (0.37 to 745.7 kW). The total demand of the plant is estimated to be 15,000 kVA. Choose the type of distribution system for use within this plant.

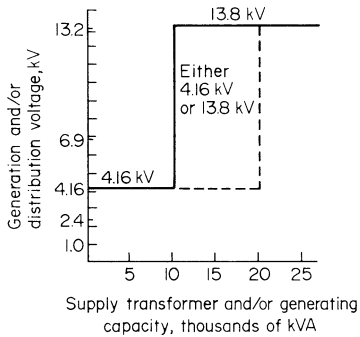
### Calculation Procedure

**1. Select the system voltage rating.** Table 21 lists the typical voltage ratings (classes) for industrial power equipment. Popular main generation and distribution voltages are 4160 and 13,800 V.

**TABLE 21** Voltage Ratings for Power Equipment

Nominal system voltage class	Generator or transformer no-load rated voltage	Utilization equipment rated voltage
240	240	220
480*	480*	440*
600	600	550
2,400*	2,400*	2,300*
4,160*	4,160*	4,000*
6,900	6,900	5,600
13,800*	13,800*	13,200*

\*The voltages marked by an asterisk are the preferred ratings for most applications because of the availability of equipment and overall sound-system engineering.



**FIGURE 11** Relationship of distribution voltage to load.

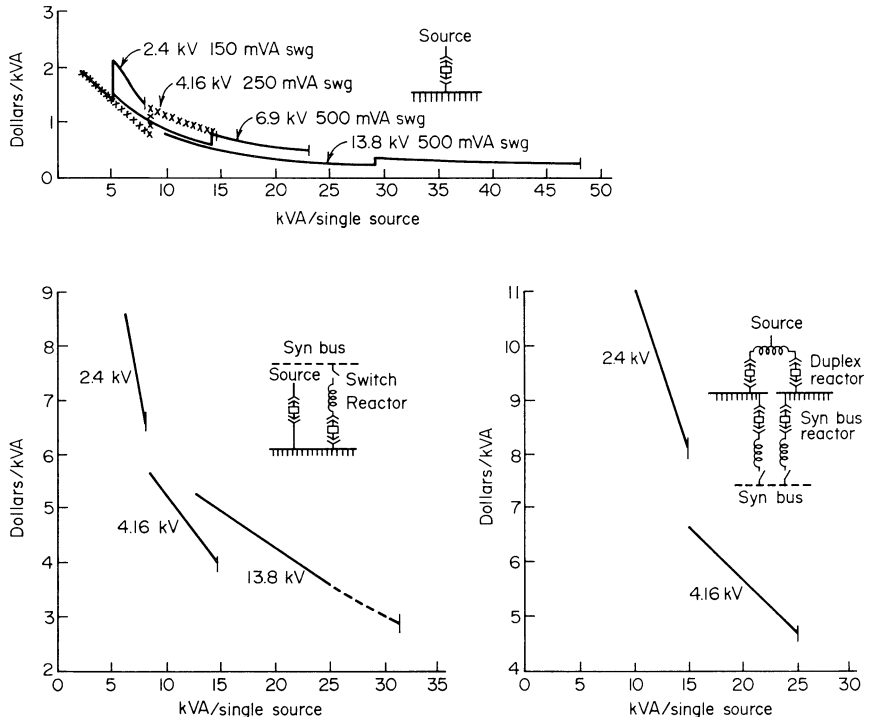
Utilization voltage, i.e., the voltage at which motors and similar large equipment is operated, is usually 2400 and/or 480 V. As a general guide, the higher the voltage in a given voltage class, the lower the overall system cost.

Figure 11 shows typical voltages used for various loads. Based on the installed cost of all the components comprising a distribution system, a 4160-V system has a lower first cost than a 13,800-V system for plants with a demand up to about 10,000 kVA. For plants in the range of 10,000- to 20,000-kVA capacity, the costs of the two systems are comparable. Above 20,000-kVA capacity, a 13,800-V system is usually preferred.

Since this plant has a 15,000-kVA demand, a 13,800-V distribution voltage will be chosen. This choice will permit easier future expansion without a higher initial investment.

As a further verification of this voltage choice, Fig. 12 shows the approximate limitations on the amount of power that can be fed from a single source at different voltages. These curves indicate that a 13,800-V distribution voltage can adequately supply the demand. The costs shown are relative; do not use the absolute values shown. Transformer costs are not shown because the cost of a transformer is about the same for secondary voltages of 2400, 4160, and 13,800 V.

**2. Choose the motor operating voltage.** Figure 13 shows the recommended utilization voltage for motors rated at 10 to 10,000 hp (7.5 to 7457.0 kW). This chart shows that with a 13,800-V source a



**FIGURE 12** Typical loads that can be fed from a single source at different voltages.



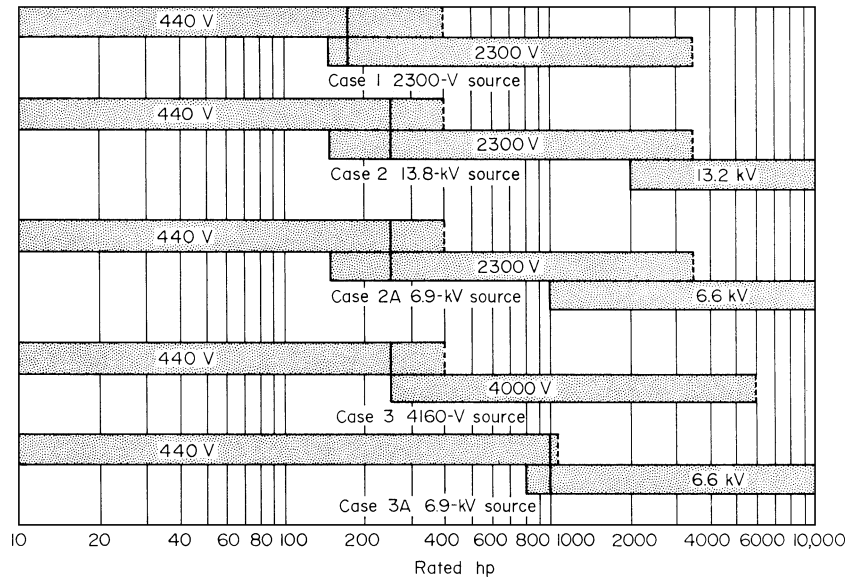


FIGURE 13 Motor ratings recommended for various utilization voltages.

2300-V motor utilization voltage is recommended for motors rated 150 to 3500 hp (111.9 to 2609.9 kW). Hence, this is an acceptable operating voltage for the larger motors in this plant. For motors less than 150 hp (111.9 kW), 440 V would be used, as Fig. 13 indicates. This voltage could be obtained by using step-down transformers.

In the layout of a new plant, it is usually best to consider first the selection of the system voltage from the standpoint of power distribution only. Too often there is a tendency to compromise between distribution voltage and motor voltage. The result is that the final voltage will be too low from the standpoint of good overall system design.

If a motor application occurs near the ends of the range for each voltage class in Fig. 13, review the motor application carefully. Other factors such as starting equipment, speed, type of motor, etc., may affect the voltage selection sufficiently to make a different voltage more desirable.

**3. Select the power-distribution system.** The load-center power-distribution system (Fig. 14) is probably the most economical system for this plant. For new or rearranged plants, the load-center system of power distribution is the most flexible way to supply existing loads or to meet changing load demands with the lowest investment. A unit substation can supply power to load centers at 13,800, 4160, 2400 V, or other voltages.

The fundamental approach is to use a relatively high voltage for transmitting power to the load centers where it is stepped down to the utilization voltage. The primary voltage, as shown in step 1, varies as a function of the total plant load, and the secondary voltage as a function of the motor size, step 2.

**Related Calculations** The general method given here is valid for all types of industrial plants—chemical, petroleum, food, textile, metalworking, etc. Note that the problem of selecting the proper voltage for a plant's main power-distribution system is similar whether power is purchased from a utility or generated within the plant. Power may be generated in industrial plants at 13,800 V or below, as desired. Power purchased from a utility may be supplied at 13,800 V or at some higher or lower voltage, depending on the utility system and the industrial load requirements. The recommendations given here were developed by W. B. Wilson, General Electric Company, and reported in *Chemical Engineering*.

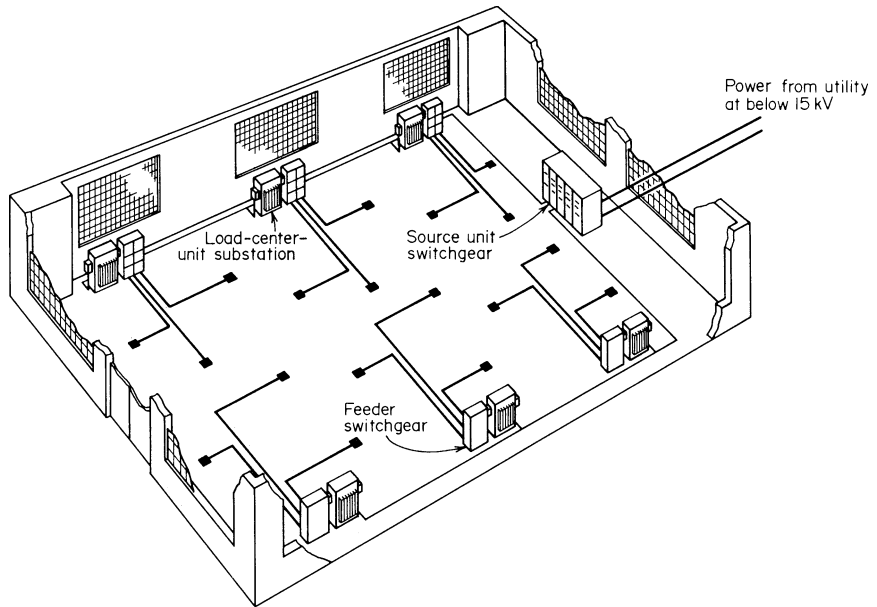


FIGURE 14 Power-distribution layout with source unit, load-center substation, feeder switchgear, and cables.

## INDUSTRIAL-BATTERY SELECTION AND SIZING

Choose the type of battery to use to start a diesel-engine standby generating unit for an industrial plant. The starting motor is rated at 10 hp (7.5 kW). It is desired to keep the battery investment as low as possible. How long could the chosen battery supply a 24-V emergency lighting load of 4800 W?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the starting-motor amperage.** The starting motor is rated at 10-hp (7.5-kW) output, or  $(10 \text{ hp})(746 \text{ W/hp}) = 7460 \text{ W} = 7.46 \text{ kW}$ . To compute the amperage, use the dc relation  $P = IE$ , where  $P$  = power, W;  $I$  = current flow, A;  $E$  = rated circuit voltage. Solving gives  $I = P/E = 7460/24 = 310.8$ , say 311 A.

**2. Choose the type of battery to use.** Table 22 lists the major characteristics, advantages, and disadvantages of rechargeable industrial batteries. Study of this tabulation shows that either a lead-acid or nickel-cadmium battery would be suitable for this application. Both types of batteries have a suitable voltage range.

**3. Compute the number of cells required.** When a battery is discharging, the voltage at its terminals decreases. To determine the number of cells required, divide the required voltage by the voltage during discharge.

Table 22 shows that the discharge voltage of a lead-acid battery is 2.1 to 1.46 V and that of a nickel-cadmium battery is 1.3 to 0.75 V. Using the average discharge voltage for each battery, we see the number of lead-acid cells required =  $24 \text{ V}/1.78 = 13.46$ , say 14 cells. The number of cells required for a nickel-cadmium battery =  $24 \text{ V}/1.03 = 23.3$ , say 24 cells.

**4. Check the relative costs of the batteries.** Table 22 shows that the lead-acid battery has the lowest first cost of all the batteries listed. A nickel-cadmium battery, according to Table 22, costs two

**TABLE 22** Battery Characteristics

Type of battery	Typical plant jobs	Typical battery voltage	Typical ampere-hour (6-h rating)	Typical life (good mtce)	Volts per cell
Lead-acid	Truck starting and small truck motive power	12	160–300	1–4 (yr)	2.14 (initial); 2.1 to 1.46 under discharge
	Industrial truck motive power	12–72	200–1000	5–10	
	Packaged emergency lighting	6	5–50	4–6	
	Diesel standby generator starting	12–32	120–300	1–3	
	Switchgear control source	32–250	50–200+	6–12	
	Inverter continuous power source	24–130	50–500+	6–14	
	Portable tools or instruments	6–12 (sealed)	5–12	1–4	
Nickel-cadmium	Diesel standby generator starting	12–32	40–190	15+	1.34 (initial); 1.3 to 0.75 under discharge
	Packaged emergency lighting	6	5–50	15+	
	Switchgear control source	32–250	10–200+	15+	
	Inverter continuous power source	24–130	50–500+	15+	
	Portable tools or instruments	6–12 (sealed)	To 15+	15+	
Nickel-iron	Industrial truck motive power	24–36	340–1000	8–20	Same as Ni-Cd
Silver-zinc	Portable tools or instruments	6–12	3–8+	1–2	1.86, 1.55 to 1.1
Silver-cadmium	Portable tools or instruments	6–12	3–8+	2–3	1.34, 1.3 to 0.8

Composition	Typical advantages	Typical disadvantages
Lead and lead oxide electrodes and H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> electrolyte	<p>Lowest of all in first cost; long-term price picture relatively stable and competitive.</p> <p>Knowledge of maintenance requirements is widespread.</p> <p>Supplies high output under emergency overload conditions (at some sacrifice in overall life).</p> <p>Emergency replacements readily available everywhere.</p> <p>Easy to repair or rebuild damaged cells.</p> <p>Significant scrap value.</p>	<p>Deteriorates quickly under neglect or incompetent maintenance.</p> <p>Fumes during charging are corrosive, explosive, annoying—must be vented.</p> <p>Needs frequent addition of water.</p> <p>Heavy and bulky to handle (acid hazard).</p> <p>Freezes readily when discharged.</p> <p>Cells will not be uniform unless very close quality control is maintained in manufacture.</p> <p>Vibration shortens life—shakes loose electrode ingredients.</p>

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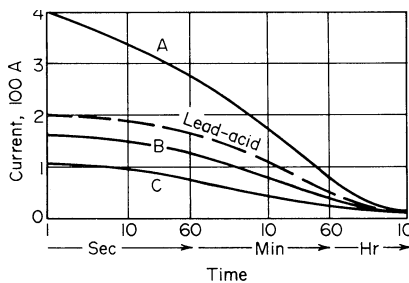
**TABLE 22** Battery Characteristics (*Continued*)

Composition	Typical advantages	Typical disadvantages
Nickel oxide and cadmium electrodes and KOH electrolyte	Withstands neglect or incompetent maintenance. Needs little water per year. Will not freeze. Substantially smaller and lighter than lead acid. Holds charge without attention for months or years. Very high short-time current capability often enables use of smaller battery). Withstands vibration. Fumes do not corrode enclosure.	Up to two or three times as expensive as lead-acid for same ampere-hour rating. Requires over $\frac{1}{3}$ more cells (and extra connections) for same load as lead-acid. Small number of market sources for industrial types (virtually all plates are imported—U.S. assembled). Multicell sealed batteries sometimes need individual cell charging. Charger characteristics are critical on sealed cells.
Nickel oxide, iron, KOH	Extremely long life. Needs little maintenance (has most advantages of Ni-Cd).	Requires most space of all. Nearly as heavy as lead-acid.
Silver oxide, zinc, KOH	Very high energy per unit volume.	May cost about 10 times that of lead-acid. Relatively short cycle life.
Silver oxide, cadmium, KOH	High energy per unit volume. Withstands frequent cycling.	Very expensive. Limited operating life.

to three times as much as a lead-acid battery of the same ampere-hour rating. Since both batteries must have the same rating, the nickel-cadmium battery will cost twice as much as the lead-acid battery. To keep the battery investment as low as possible, a lead-acid battery would therefore be chosen.

**5. Compute the battery operating time.** The battery must supply 311 A during the starting cycle. A 300-Ah lead-acid battery (i.e., a battery capable of supplying 300 A for 1 h) would be suitable for the engine starting load because it would have sufficient amperage capacity to supply the 311 A for the short starting cycle—usually less than 1 min.

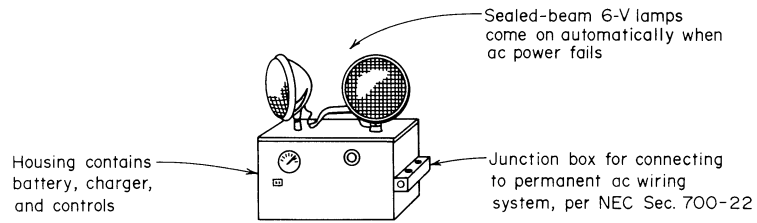
The emergency-lighting load of 480 W requires  $I = P/E = 4800/24 = 200$  A. With a 300-Ah battery, the operating time with this emergency load would be  $T = Ah/A = 300/200 = 1.5$  h.



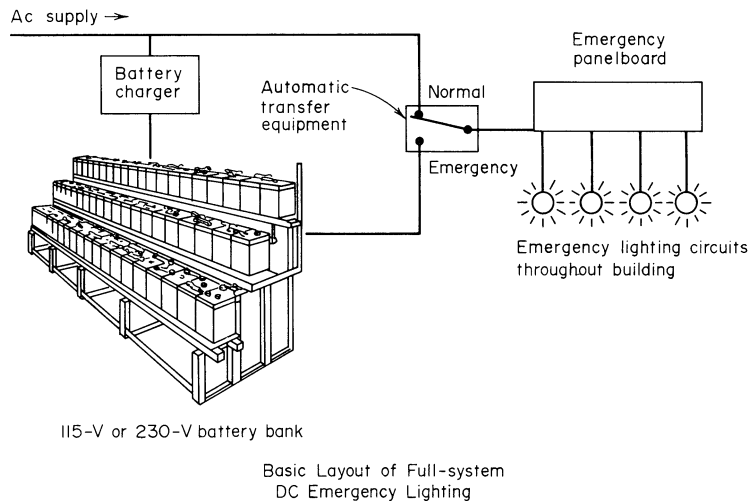
**FIGURE 15** Discharge rates for three nickel-cadmium plate designs (A, B, C) compared with lead-acid cells at the same ampere-hour capacity.

**Related Calculations** Use this general method to choose rechargeable batteries for starting engines, powering industrial trucks, supplying emergency lighting, powering portable tools, furnishing inverter power supply, etc. Where an economic analysis of a battery installation must be made, use the methods of engineering economy to compare the various alternatives.

For industrial, automotive, and similar heavy-demand services, the output of battery is often stated thus: 150 A for 4.1 min; 66 A for 20 min; 53 Ah for 20 h. The actual rating of this battery is 53 Ah for 20 h. Most manufacturers list three discharge rates for each battery. Figure 15 shows how the output current



Typical Unit Emergency Light  
for Use on Branch Circuits



115-V or 230-V battery bank

Basic Layout of Full-system  
DC Emergency Lighting

**FIGURE 16** Two types of emergency power systems served by batteries.

of three different nickel-cadmium plate designs compares with a typical lead-acid cell of the same ampere-hour capacity. Two types of emergency-power battery systems are shown in Fig. 16.

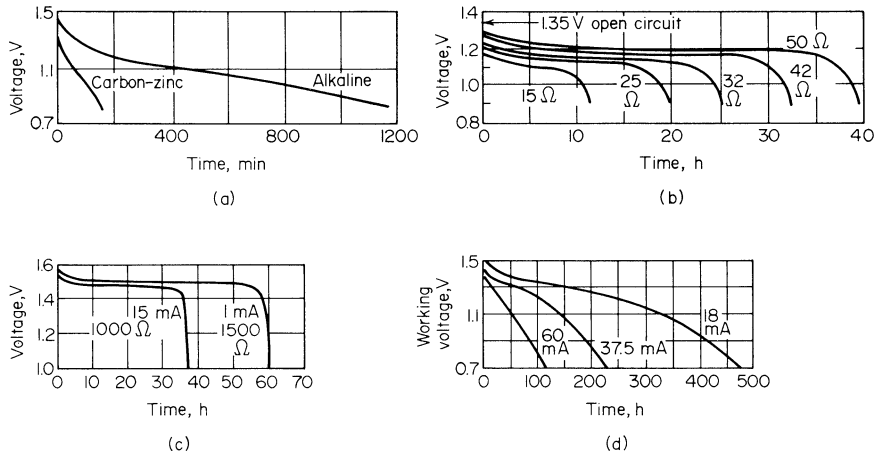
Figure 17 shows how the output voltage of four different types (alkaline-manganese zinc, mercury, silver-zinc, and carbon-zinc) of small batteries varies with time. Small cells can be designed for optimum characteristics. These batteries find wide use in a variety of portable devices.

## ELECTRIC-MOTOR SELECTION FOR A KNOWN LOAD

Select an electric motor to drive a 3600-r/min centrifugal pump rated at 3000 gal/min (189.3 L/s) of water at a 100-ft (30.5-m) total head.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the required horsepower input.** Use an hp input relation that is applicable to the driven unit. For a centrifugal pump the input hp is  $hp_i = (gpm)(h)(s)/3960 (\text{eff})$ , where  $gpm$  = quantity of fluid handled, gal/min;  $h$  = pump total head, ft of liquid handled;  $s$  = specific gravity of liquid handled;  $\text{eff}$  = efficiency of pump, expressed as a decimal.



**FIGURE 17** Output voltage of small cells. (a) Alkaline-manganese-zinc; (b) mercury; (c) silver-zinc; (d) carbon-zinc.

Assume an efficiency for the driven device if it is not known or given. Thus, assume that this pump has an efficiency of 85 percent, a typical value for well-constructed, centrifugal pumps. Then  $hp_i = (3000)(100)(1.0)/3960(0.85) = 89.1$  hp (66.4 kW).

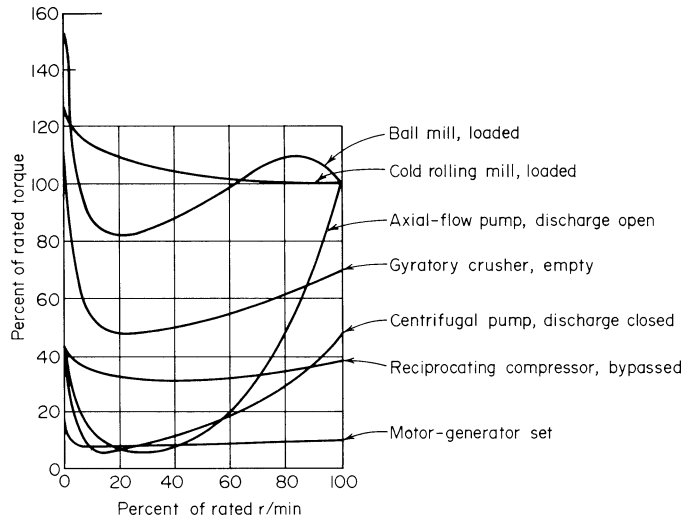
**2. Select the motor hp.** Checking a tabulation of standard motor hp ratings, such as Table 23, shows that the next highest standard hp rating is 100 hp (74.6 kW). Hence, this rating will be tentatively chosen to drive the pump. (As a general guide, choose the next *larger* motor rating for usual industrial applications).

**3. Select the motor electrical supply.** In almost every situation, the electrical supply will be determined by the existing supply in the area or facility, except for small portable battery-powered motors. Thus, the availability of an ac supply will make the choice of an ac motor more likely. The same is true where the local electrical supply is direct current.

Assume that the electrical supply is 60-Hz alternating current. This immediately indicates that an ac motor of some type will be used to drive the pump unless there are special design requirements that dictate use of a dc motor. Since no such design requirements are stated, an ac motor will probably be acceptable.

**TABLE 23** Standard Motor Power Ratings

hp	kW	hp	kW	hp	kW	hp	kW	hp	kW	hp	kW
1/8	0.09	2	1.49	30	22.4	200	149.1	700	522.0	2250	1667.8
1/6	0.12	3	2.24	40	29.8	250	186.4	800	596.6	2500	1864.2
1/4	0.19	5	3.73	50	37.3	300	223.7	900	671.1	3000	2237.1
1/3	0.25	7.5	5.59	60	44.7	350	261.0	1000	745.7	3500	2609.9
1/2	0.37	10	7.46	75	55.9	400	298.3	1250	932.1	4000	2982.8
3/4	0.56	15	11.2	100	74.6	450	335.6	1500	1118.5	4500	3355.6
1	0.75	20	14.9	125	93.2	500	372.8	1750	1305.0	5000	3728.5
1.5	1.12	25	18.6	150	111.9	600	447.4	2000	1491.4		



**FIGURE 18** Speed-torque characteristics for typical motor-driven loads. Flywheel effect and the time required for load acceleration are neglected here.

**4. Determine the driven-machine torque requirements.** The motor hp rating alone is generally insufficient for selecting large motors. Besides the required output hp, two other factors must be known: the speed-torque characteristic of the motor and load and the moment of inertia, or  $WK^2$ , of the motor and load, where  $W$  = weight accelerated, lb;  $K$  = radius of gyration of the load, in.

Figure 18 shows that the starting torque of a typical centrifugal pump with its discharge valve closed is about 40 percent of the rated torque. Hence, the type of motor chosen should develop at least 40 percent of the rated torque on starting.

**5. Choose the motor type for the driven load.** Figure 19 shows that induction motors are generally chosen for speeds above 500 r/min and power ratings from 0 to 1000 hp (0 to 745.7 kW), or more. The three-phase induction motor is also called a *squirrel-cage motor* because of the appearance of its rotor.

The starting torque of an induction motor depends on its NEMA classification. Usual starting torques range from about 60 to 150 percent of the full-load torque. Typical starting-torque ranges of ac motors are plotted in the *Standard Handbook for Electrical Engineers*. These plots show that any NEMA induction motor would be suitable for this pump drive because they all develop a starting torque greater than the driven machine's starting torque. Also, the  $WK^2$  value of a centrifugal pump is characteristically low, so this factor can be neglected here. The  $WK^2$  value of the load affects the length of the starting period, which in turn determines the heating of the motor. Thus, the motor selected to drive this pump will be a general-purpose 100-hp (74.6-kW) induction type without special controls.

**Related Calculations** Use this general method to select ac and dc motors for all types of industrial and commercial drives—fans, compressors, crushers, motor-generator sets, blowers, etc. Figure 20 shows the speed-torque characteristics of the three popular types of dc motors—series, shunt, and compound—that might be used for any of these loads.

As a further guide to motor selection, Table 24 summarizes ac and dc characteristics and applications.

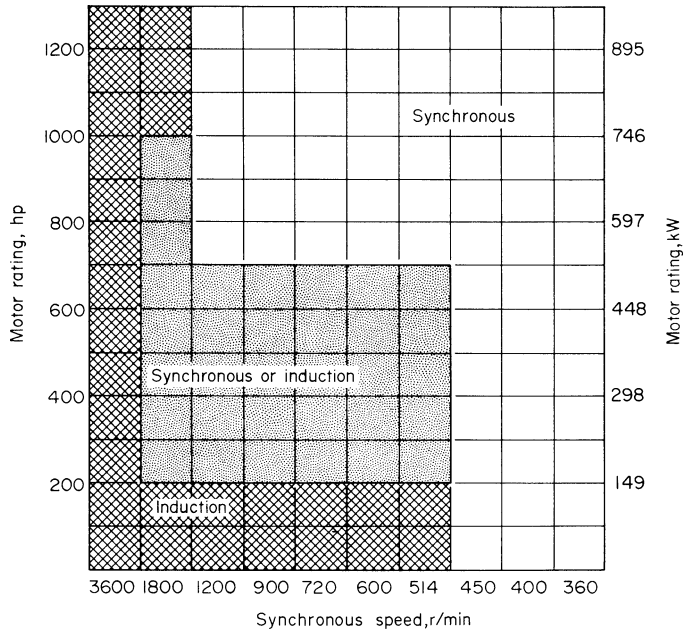


FIGURE 19 Typical speed- and power-range applications for ac motors.

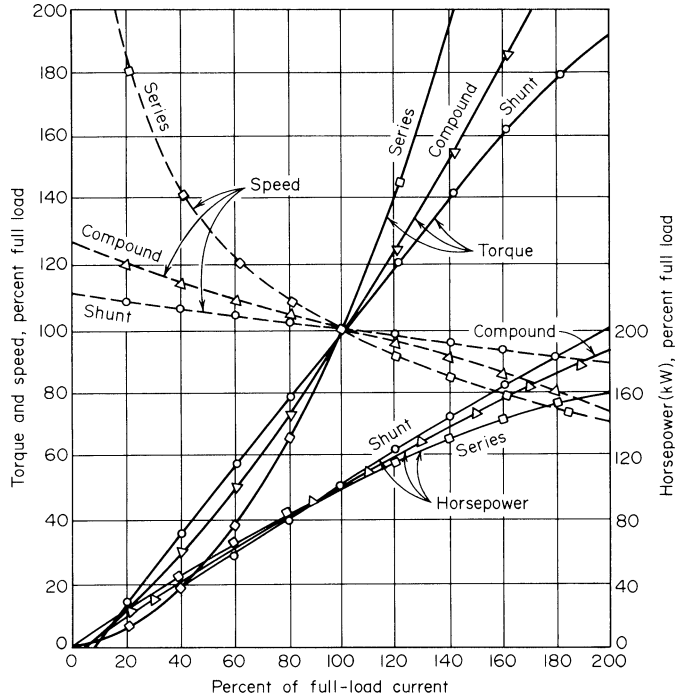


FIGURE 20 Speed-torque characteristics of three types of dc motor.



**TABLE 24** Summary of Motor Characteristics and Applications

Speed regulation	Speed control	Starting torque	Breakdown torque	Applications
Polyphase motors				
General-purpose squirrel cage (design B): Drops about 3% for large to 5% for small sizes	None, except multispeed types designed for two to four fixed speeds	100% for large, 275% for 1-hp (0.75-kW) four-pole unit	200% of full load	Constant-speed service where starting torque is not excessive. Fans, blowers, rotary compressors, and centrifugal pumps
High-torque squirrel cage (design C): Drops about 3% for large to 6% for small sizes	None, except multispeed types designed for two to four fixed speeds	250% of full load for high-speed to 200% for low-speed designs	200% of full load	Constant-speed where fairly high starting torque is required infrequently with starting current about 550% of full load. Reciprocating pumps and compressors, crushers, etc.
High-slip squirrel cage (design D): Drops about 10 to 15% from no load to full load	None, except multispeed types designed for two to four fixed speeds	225 to 300% of full load, depending on speed with rotor resistance	200%. Will usually not stall until loaded to maximum torque, which occurs at standstill	Constant-speed and high starting torque, if starting is not too frequent, and for high-peak loads with or without flywheels. Punch presses, shears, elevators, etc.
Low-torque squirrel cage (design F): Drops about 3% for large to 5% for small sizes	None, except multispeed types designed for two to four fixed speeds	50% of full load for high-speed to 90% for low-speed designs	135 to 170% of full load	Constant-speed service where starting duty is light. Fans, blowers, centrifugal pumps, and similar loads
Wound-rotor: With rotor rings short-circuited drops about 3% for large to 5% for small sizes	Speed can be reduced to 50% by rotor resistance. Speed varies inversely as load	Up to 300% depending on external resistance in rotor circuit and how distributed	300% when rotor slip rings are short-circuited	Where high starting torque with low starting current or where limited speed control is required. Fans, centrifugal and plunger pumps, compressors, conveyors, hoists, cranes, etc.
Synchronous: Constant	None, except special motors designed for two fixed speeds	40% for slow to 160% for medium speed 80% pf. Specials develop higher	Unity-pf motors, 170%; 80%-pf motors, 225%. Specials up to 300%	For constant-speed service, direct connection to slow-speed machines and where power-factor correction is required

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**TABLE 24** Summary of Motor Characteristics and Applications (Continued)

Speed regulation	Speed control	Starting torque	Breakdown torque	Applications
Polyphase motors				
Compound: Drops 7 to 20% from no load to full load depending on amount of compounding	Any desired range depending on design and type of control	Higher than for shunt depending on amount of compounding	High. Limited by commutation, heating, and line capacity	Where high starting torque and fairly constant speed are required. Plunger pumps, punch presses, shears, bending rolls, geared elevators, conveyors, hoists
Split-phase: Drops about 10% from no load to full load	None	75% for large to 175% for small sizes	150% for large to 200% for small sizes	Constant-speed service where starting is easy. Small fans, centrifugal pumps, and light-running machines where polyphase is not available
Capacitor: Drops about 5% for large to 10% for small sizes	None	150 to 350% of full load depending on design and size	150% for large to 200% for small sizes	Constant-speed service for any starting duty and quiet operation where polyphase current cannot be used
Commutator: Drops about 5% for large to 10% for small sizes	Repulsion induction, none. Brush-shifting types, 4:1 at full full load	250% for large to 350% for small sizes	150% for large to 250% for small sizes	Constant-speed service for any starting duty where speed control is required and polyphase current cannot be used
Dc and single-phase motors				
Series: Varies inversely as load. Races on light loads and full voltage	Zero to maximum depending on control and load	High. Varies as square of voltage. Limited by commutation, heating, capacity	High. Limited by commutation, heating, and line capacity	Where high starting torque is required and speed can be regulated. Traction, bridges, hoists, gates, car dumpers, car retarders
Shunt: Drops 3 to 5% from no load to full load	Any desired range depending on design type and type of system	Good. With constant field, varies directly as voltage applied to armature	High. Limited by commutation, heating, and line capacity	Where constant or adjustable speed is required and starting conditions are not severe. Fans, blowers, centrifugal pumps, conveyors, wood and metal-working elevators

Where there is a choice between synchronous and induction motors, use the following rule of thumb as a guide to relative cost: *Synchronous motors are less expensive than induction motors if the motor-rated hp exceeds 1 hp-min/r.* This rule, however, overlooks the higher power factor and efficiency of the synchronous motor. These two factors are important in low-speed-motor choice.

As a general guide, the  $WK^2$  of a driven unit is usually relatively high when the starting torque of the driven unit is high. Thus, the  $WK^2$  and starting torque of crushers, ball mills, rolling mills, and similar equipment are usually high. Figure 18 shows typical starting torques for these units.

To pick a new NEMA *rerate motor* of greater hp that will fit the mounting pad of an old motor, use the following guides:

1. The first two digits of the frame number are four times the  $D$  dimension (Fig. 21) in in. If  $D = 9$ , the first two digits are  $4 \times 9 = 36$ .
2. The third digit of the frame number depends on the value of the  $F$  dimension in in. Select this digit from the 0 to 9 headings over the  $F$  dimensions in Table 25. For example, if  $D = 9$  and  $F = 7$ , the third digit is 6, from Table 25. The motor frame number for the rerate motor is therefore 366.
3. The letter A is added after some frame numbers to designate an industrial dc motor or generator. The A denotes that certain detailed dimensions may differ from those of an ac motor or generator having the same frame number. Usually this is not a critical factor, and dimension variables are available in the manufacturer's engineering data.

When a new motor of given frame size, such as 366, is to be installed, the user may need the  $D$  and  $F$  dimensions to check the foundation requirements. Working with the frame number, say  $xyz$ , or 366, determine these values from  $D = xy/4 = 36/4 = 9$ .

From the tabulated data (Table 25), if  $z$  (the third digit) is 6, then  $F = 7$  in (177.8 mm). With this information, any shimming or relocating of the mounting boltholes necessary for installing a new motor can be easily determined.

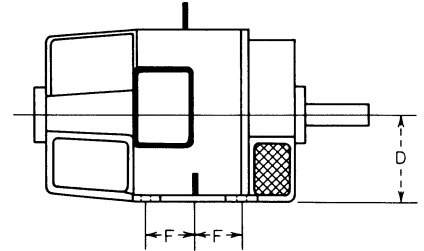


FIGURE 21 Important dimensions of NEMA rerate motors.

TABLE 25 NEMA Motor Frame Numbers

$D$	$F$ dimension, third digit in frame number									Frame series	
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		9
$4\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{3}{4}$	2	$2\frac{1}{4}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{3}{4}$	$3\frac{1}{8}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	$4\frac{1}{2}$	5	180
5	2	$2\frac{1}{4}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{3}{4}$	$3\frac{1}{8}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	$4\frac{1}{2}$	5	$5\frac{1}{2}$	200
$5\frac{1}{4}$	2	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{3}{4}$	$3\frac{1}{4}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	$4\frac{1}{2}$	5	$5\frac{1}{2}$	210
$5\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{4}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{3}{4}$	$3\frac{1}{8}$	$3\frac{3}{8}$	$3\frac{3}{4}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	5	$5\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{4}$	220
$6\frac{1}{4}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{3}{4}$	$3\frac{1}{8}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{8}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	5	$5\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{4}$	7	250
7	$2\frac{3}{4}$	$3\frac{1}{8}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	$4\frac{3}{4}$	5	$5\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{4}$	7	8	280
8	$3\frac{1}{8}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$5\frac{1}{4}$	$5\frac{1}{2}$	6	7	8	9	320
9	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	$4\frac{1}{2}$	5	$5\frac{5}{8}$	$6\frac{1}{8}$	7	8	9	10	360
10	4	$4\frac{1}{2}$	5	$5\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{8}$	$6\frac{7}{8}$	8	9	10	11	400
11	$4\frac{1}{2}$	5	$5\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{4}$	$7\frac{1}{4}$	$8\frac{1}{4}$	9	10	11	$12\frac{1}{2}$	440
$12\frac{1}{2}$	5	$5\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{4}$	7	8	9	10	11	$12\frac{1}{2}$	14	500
$14\frac{1}{2}$	$5\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{4}$	7	8	9	10	11	$12\frac{1}{2}$	14	16	580
17	7	8	9	10	11	$12\frac{1}{2}$	14	16	18	20	680

## STARTING TIME AND CURRENT FOR AC ELECTRIC MOTORS

A 300-hp (223.8-kW) 1176-r/min (1200-r/min synchronous speed) motor drives a directly connected reciprocating pump. The motor and pump have a  $WK^2$  or inertia of 28,000 lb-ft<sup>2</sup> (11,571.1 N·m<sup>2</sup>). How long will it take to bring this load up to full speed if the starting torque is negligible? What is the energy lost in overcoming the rotor and load inertia during starting? How much starting current will this motor draw if it is a 220-V three-phase NEMA type B motor?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the full-load torque.** Use the relation  $T = 5252hp/rpm$ , where  $T$  = full-load torque developed by the motor, lb-ft;  $hp$  = rated horsepower of the motor;  $rpm$  = motor operating speed, r/min. Thus,  $T = 5252(300)/1176 = 1342$  lb-ft (1819.5 N·m). This relation assumes that full-load torque is developed during acceleration.

**2. Compute the starting time.** Use the relation  $S = WK^2(rpm)/308T$ , where  $S$  = starting time, s; other symbols as before. Thus,  $S = 28,000(1176)/308(1342) = 79.5$  s. Hence, this motor will take approximately  $1\frac{1}{3}$  min to bring this load up to the operating speed.

**3. Compute the energy required to overcome inertia.** Use the relation  $E = 2.31 WK^2(rpm)^2 10^{-7}$ , where  $E$  = energy required to overcome the starting inertia, kW·s; other symbols as before. Thus,  $E = 2.31(28,000)(1176)^2 \times (10^{-7}) = 7600$  kW·s.

**4. Compute the motor starting current.** Use the relation  $A = (kVA/hp)(\text{motor hp})/\text{constant}$ , where  $A$  = motor starting current, A; kVA/hp is the locked-rotor current per hp from Table 26; constant = value from Table 27 for the motor operating voltage. Since this is known to be a NEMA type B

motor,  $A = (3.15)(300)/0.381 = 2480$  A, by using the appropriate data from Tables 26 and 27. Note that the lower value of kVA/hp given in Table 26 was used in this relation. Either value can be used, depending on the anticipated current requirements—small or large.

**TABLE 26** Locked-Rotor kVA/hp

NEMA code-letter designation of motor	Locked rotor	
	kVA/hp	kVA/kW
A	0–3.15	0–2.35
B	3.15–3.55	2.35–2.65
C	3.55–4.0	2.65–2.98
D	4.0–4.5	2.98–3.36
E	4.5–5.0	3.36–3.73
F	5.0–5.6	3.73–4.18
G	5.6–6.3	4.18–4.70
H	6.3–7.1	4.70–5.29
J	7.1–8.0	5.29–5.97
K	8.0–9.0	5.97–6.71
L	9.0–10.0	6.71–7.46
M	10.0–11.2	7.46–8.35
N	11.2–12.5	8.35–9.32
P	12.5–14.0	9.32–10.44
R	14.0–16.0	10.44–11.93
S	16.0–18.0	11.93–13.42
T	18.0–20.0	13.42–14.91
U	20.0–22.4	14.91–16.70
V	22.4	16.70
	and	and
	up	up

**Related Calculations** Use this general method to determine the starting time and current of any ac induction or synchronous motor. Note that the motor is assumed to exert full-load torque during the acceleration. As a

**TABLE 27** Constants for Motor Starting-Current Determination

Power supply	Constant
Three-phase:	
208 V	0.360
220 V	0.381
440 V	0.762
550 V	0.952
2300 V	3.99
Two-phase:	
Three-wire, 220 V	0.311
Three-wire, 440 V	0.622

general guide, the starting current of a motor can be up to about 5.5 times the full-load operating current. The NEMA code-letter designation of a motor can be determined from the catalog description of the motor or from the motor nameplate.

## INTERIOR-LIGHTING-SYSTEM SELECTION AND SIZING

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Choose the type of lighting and number of fixtures required for a machine shop that is 80 ft (24.4 m) long and 48 ft (14.6 m) wide with a 14-ft (4.3-m) high ceiling. The work done in the shop is classified as rough bench and machine operations. The reflection factor of the ceiling is 80 percent, the walls 50 percent. Maintenance of the fixtures and surfaces will be good.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the required illumination.** Table 28 shows the typical lamp manufacturer's and IES recommended illumination level for various work areas. Study of this tabulation shows that 100 fc (1076.4 lx) is the recommended illumination level for machine shops in which rough bench and machine work is performed.

**2. Select the light sources and luminaires.** Table 29 lists the various types of light sources used today. Study of this table indicates that 90-W fluorescent lights will probably be suitable. Since the room ceiling height is 14 ft (4.3 m), there will be enough vertical clearance to install the lights because only a 12-ft (3.7-m) clearance is required.

To choose the luminaire type, consider the general practice prevalent in industry today. Three types of luminaires are currently popular for industrial lighting: diffusing, semidirect, and direct. The choice of a particular type of luminaire depends on the degree of diffusion wanted and on the ability of the ceiling and walls to reflect light. Choose direct luminaires for this lighting task because they will provide the high illumination level desired.

**3. Compute the room ratio and room index.** Use the relation  $\text{room ratio} = WL/[H(W + L)]$ , where  $W$  = room width, ft;  $L$  = room length, ft;  $H$  = room height, ft. For this room, the room ratio =  $(48)(80)/[14(48 + 80)] = 2.145$ .

Table 30 shows that a room ratio of 1.75:2.25 indicates a room index of  $E$ , with a center point of 2.00.

**4. Determine the coefficient of utilization.** The coefficient of utilization (CU) is the ratio of the lumens reaching a working plane [normally assumed to be a horizontal plane 30 in (76.2 cm) above the floor] to the total lumens given out by the lamps. It takes into account the lighting efficiency of the luminaire, the mounting height, the room proportions, and the reflection factors of the ceiling and walls.

Coefficient-of-utilization tables are prepared for specific luminaires by the IES and manufacturers. Table 31 lists CU factors for three common general luminaire types. Enter this table with the luminaire type (step 2), room index (step 3), and the ceiling-and wall-reflection factors. Using these data gives  $CU = 0.65$ .

**5. Estimate the lamp-maintenance factor.** Illumination decreases in service because dirt accumulates on the lamps and luminaires, reflection factors are reduced by the aging of paint, etc. With a clean atmosphere and good cleaning of the lamps, the maintenance factor (MF) = 0.70. Use this factor for this installation. Typical values of MF for direct luminaires are: good, 0.70; medium, 0.60; poor, 0.55.

**TABLE 28** Typical In-Service Illumination Levels, fc (lx)\*

Automobile manufacturing:		Iron and steel manufacturing:		Polishing and burnishing	20
Assembly line	100	Hot mill	10	Power plants, engine room boilers:	
Frame assembly	30	Hot-strip finishing	15	Boiler room (operating floor)	10
Body manufacturing:		Box annealing	5	Chemical laboratory	20
Parts	30	Hot-strip process	5	Coal bunker (conveyor floor)	10
Assembly	30	Plate finishing	10	Coal-crusher house	10
Finishing and inspecting	200	Slab-furnace building	10	Condenser pit (turbine room)	10
Chemical works:		Continuous pickler	15	Control rooms (on vertical plane)	30
Hand furnaces, boiling tanks, stationary driers, stationary and gravity crystallizers	5	Cold mill	15	Heater gallery	10
Mechanical furnaces, generators and stills, mechanical driers, evaporators, filtration, mechanical crystallizers, bleaching	10	Roll shop	15	Machine shop	50
Tanks for cooking, extractors, percolators, nitrators, electrolytic cells	20	Cold-mill finishing	15	Oil-pump house (turbine room)	10
Elevators, freight and passenger	10	Shear building	10	Pump-bay (turbine room)	10
Forge shops (and welding)	10	Mill runout building	15	Switchgear area	15
Foundries:		Mesta pickle	10	Turbine room (operating floor)	30
Annealing (furnaces)	10	Temper mill	15	Water pumps	10
Cleaning	20	Galvanize pickle	10	Water-treating area	10
Core making:		Annealing	10	Sheet-metal works:	
Fine	50	Pipe mill	10	Miscellaneous machines, ordinary bench work	20
Medium	25	Chipping	50	Punches, presses, shears, stamps, spinning, medium bench work	20–25
Grinding and chipping	30	Loading platforms	5	Tin-plate inspection	10
Inspection:		Machine shops:		Stairways and passageways	10
Fine	100	Rough bench and machine work	20	Storage and stock rooms:	
Medium fine	50	Medium bench and machine work, ordinary automatic machines, rough grinding, medium buffing, polishing	50	Rough bulky material	5
Medium	30	Fine bench and machine work, fine automatic machines, medium grinding, fine buffing and polishing	100	Medium	10
Molding:		Extrafine bench and machine work, grinding, fine work	200	Fine material requiring care	20
Medium	50	Outdoor storage	1	Warehouse	5
Large	30	Paper manufacturing:		Welding and general illumination	30
Pouring	10	Beaters, grinding, and calendering	20	Yard lighting	0.2–0.8
Cupola	10	Finishing, cutting, and trimming	50		
Shakeout	10	Paper machine	25		
		Parking areas	2		
		Plating	10		

*Note:	fc	=	lx	fc	=	lx
	0.2–0.8	=	2.2–8.6	25	=	269.1
	2	=	21.5	30	=	322.9
	5	=	53.8	50	=	538.2
	10	=	107.6	100	=	1076.4
	15	=	161.5	200	=	2152.8
	20	=	215.3			

To convert to SI (lx), find the fc value from the table and look for the lx value as shown above.

**TABLE 29** Light-Source Selection Guide\*

Light source	Minimum mounting height, ft (m)	Advantages	Disadvantages
<b>Fluorescent:</b>			
Preheat 40- and 90-W	12 (3.7) for 20-W	General: High lamp efficiency, long life, low brightness, good color quality; slimlines and rapid-start lamps start instantly (rapid-start within 1 s) and require no starters	General: High initial installation cost; large number of lamps required, with accompanying maintenance problems; low system efficiency in high, narrow areas
Rapid-start 40-W			
Slimline: 4 ft, 6 ft, 8 ft (1.2, 1.8, 2.4 m) T-12			
<b>Incandescent:</b>			
<b>Standard-bulb lamps</b>			
	Varies with wattage	General: Low initial installation cost, good color quality, start instantly	General: Low lamp efficiency, short lamp life in comparison with other types
<b>Reflector lamps:</b>			
550-W narrow-beam R57	20 (6.1)	Good system efficiency in high narrow areas, relatively long life (2000 h)	High lamp brightness may cause direct and reflected glare; relatively low vertical-surface illumination
800-W narrow-beam R57	24 (7.3)		
550-W wide-beam R52	15 (4.6)	Good vertical-surface illumination, relatively long life (2000 h)	High lamp brightness may cause direct and reflected glare; low-system efficiency in high, narrow areas
800-W wide-beam R52	18 (5.5)		
550-W medium-beam R57	16 (4.9)	Relatively long life (2000 h), designed for use on 230-V distribution systems	High-voltage lamps are slightly less efficient than standard-voltage lamps
800-W medium-beam R57	20 (6.1)		

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**TABLE 29** Light-Source Selection Guide\* (Continued)

Light source	Minimum mounting height, ft (m)	Advantages	Disadvantages
<b>Mercury:</b>			
400-W A-H1		General: High lamp efficiency, long life, easy to maintain, good system efficiency (except for A-H9 in high, narrow areas)	General: Color deficiency characteristic of mercury arc; lamps do not start at full brightness or restart instantly
400-W E-H1	18 (5.5)	Exceptionally long life, relatively low arc brightness	Not economically competitive with other mercury lamps listed
700-W A-H18	18 (5.5)	Exceptionally long life	
1000-W A-H12	26 (7.9)	Low transformer cost and losses	High socket voltage (460 V)
1000-W A-H15	35 (10.7)	High lumen output	High socket voltage (460 V)
3000-W A-H9	35 (10.7)	Low transformer cost and losses	Less efficient than other high-wattage mercury lamps, low system efficiency in high, narrow areas
	40 (12.2)	Extremely high lumen output, minimum maintenance	
<b>Reflector lamps:</b>			
400-W K-H1	20 (6.1)	Relatively low initial installation cost	High lamp brightness may cause glare
400-W L-H1	24 (7.3)	High vertical-surface illumination	Low system efficiency in high, narrow areas
<b>Color-improved mercury:</b>			
400-W J-H1	16 (4.9)	High system efficiency in high, narrow areas	Low vertical-surface illumination
700-W B-H18	22 (6.7)	General: White light, high lamp efficiency, long life, easy to maintain, good system efficiency when used with proper reflector	General: Lamps do not start at full brightness or restart instantly; slightly less efficient than conventional mercury lamps
1000-W C-H12	16 (4.9)	Exceptionally long life, relatively low brightness cost and losses	
1000-W B-H15	22 (6.7)	Relatively low brightness, low transformer cost and losses	High socket voltage (460 V)
	28 (8.5)	Minimum number of luminaires required	
	28 (8.5)	Low transformer cost and losses; minimum number of luminaires required	High socket voltage (460 V)

\*Power magazine.



**6. Compute the number of lamps and luminaires required.** Use the relation number of lamps = (fc required)(floor area, ft<sup>2</sup>)/(lm per lamp)(CU)(MF). Determine the lumens per lamp from Fig. 22. Thus, a 90-W T-17 preheat lamp is rated at 5150 lm per lamp. Entering the appropriate data yields the number of lamps = (100)(80 × 48)/(5150)(0.65)(0.70) = 163.8, say 164 lamps.

Compute the number of luminaires from number of luminaires = number of lamps/lamps per luminaire. With four lamps per luminaire, number of luminaires = 164/4 = 41.

**7. Choose the location of the luminaires.**

As a general rule, equal spacing of the luminaires is used to provide uniform illumination. Such a spacing arrangement would be suitable for this installation.

**TABLE 30** Room-Ratio Ranges

Room index	Room ratio	
	Range	Center point
J	Less than 0.7	0.6
I	0.7–0.9	0.8
H	0.9–1.12	1.0
G	1.12–1.38	1.25
F	1.38–1.75	1.50
E	1.75–2.25	2.00
D	2.25–2.75	2.50
C	2.75–3.50	3.00
B	3.50–4.50	4.00
A	More than 4.50	5.00

**Related Calculations** The procedure presented above is termed the *lumen method*. It is widely used for the design of lighting systems for general-area indoor illumination in all types of installations—industrial, commercial, residential, marine, aircraft, mobile, etc. Used with the data presented, or with additional manufacturer's engineering data, this method permits a quick, economical choice of a suitable indoor-lighting system.

A refinement of the lumen method, termed the *IES zonal-cavity method*, was recently introduced. With this refinement of the lumen method, the room must be divided into three cavities—ceiling, room, and floor—as indicated in Fig. 23. Then, by using the specific reflectances for the surfaces in each of these three cavities, more accurate calculations can be obtained than is possible by the original lumen method. In addition, with the zonal-cavity method, the effects of room proportions, luminaire suspension length, and work-plane height upon the coefficient of utilization are more accurately accounted for.

The zonal cavities are defined as follows:

*Ceiling cavity* is the space bounded by the ceiling, upper walls, and an imaginary plane through the luminaires.

*Room cavity* is the space bounded by the plane through the luminaires, the work plane, and the portion of the walls between these planes.

*Floor cavity* is the space bounded by the work plane, the lower walls, and the floor.

In applying the zonal-cavity method of calculation, the proportions of each cavity may be represented by a *cavity ratio*. These cavity ratios may be obtained from a table (see fig. 9-2, cavity ratios, *IES Lighting Handbook*), or from a formula, as follows:

$$\text{Ceiling cavity ratio (CCR)} = \frac{5h_{\text{CC}}(L+W)}{LW}$$

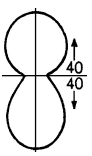
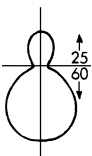
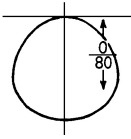
$$\text{Room cavity ratio (RCR)} = \frac{5h_{\text{RC}}(L+W)}{LW}$$

$$\text{Floor cavity ratio (FCR)} = \frac{5h_{\text{FC}}(L+W)}{LW}$$

where  $L$  = room length, ft;  $W$  = room width, ft;  $h$  = cavity height, ft.

Room cavity ratios are always required to obtain coefficients of utilization, just as room ratios or room indices were required by the original lumen method of calculation. The *ceiling*

**TABLE 31** Coefficients of Utilization for General Types of Luminaires\*

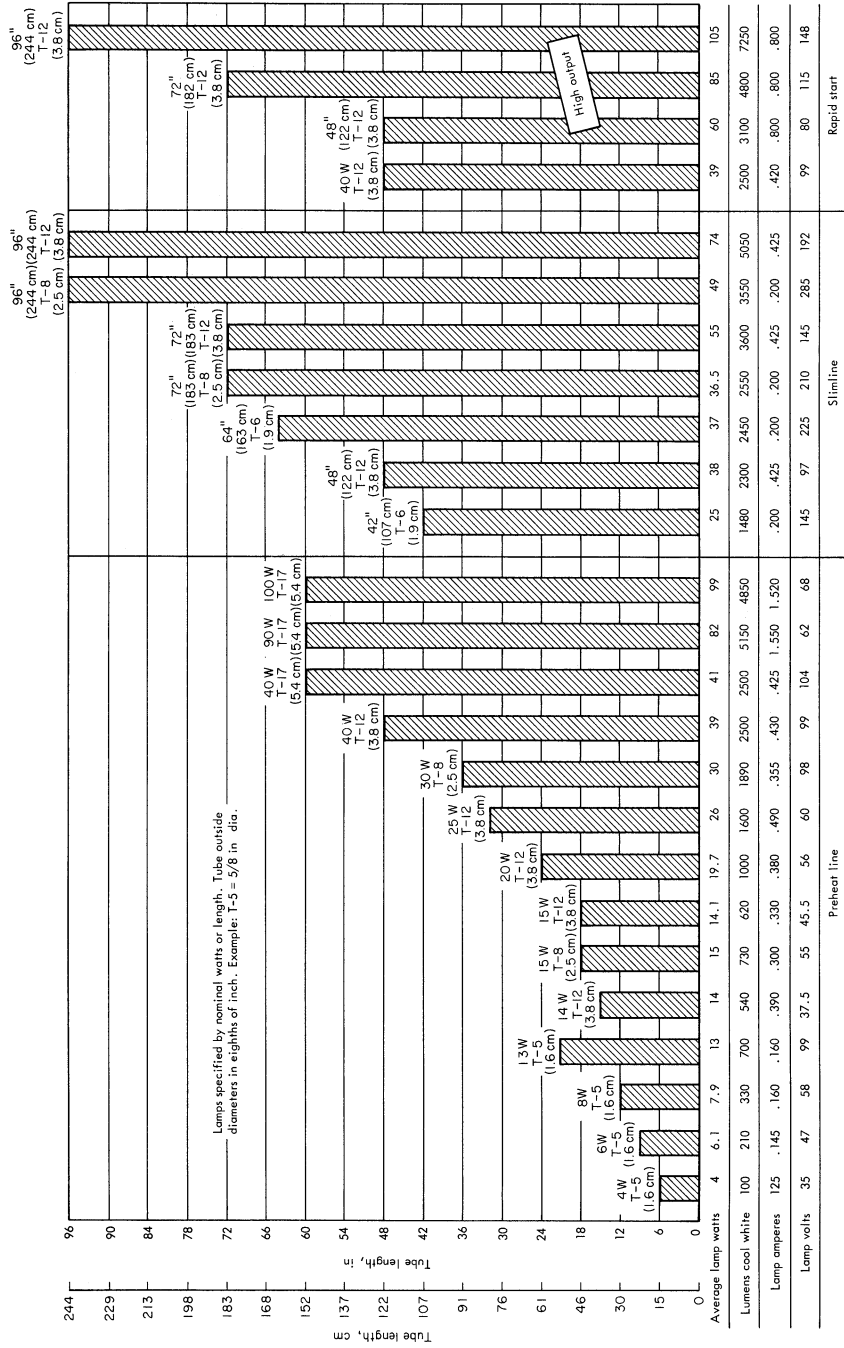
Typical luminaire distribution	Room index	Reflection factors													
		Ceiling													
		80%				70%				50%				30%	
Walls															
		50%	30%	10%	50%	30%	10%	50%	30%	10%	50%	30%	10%		
	J	0.26	0.21	0.18	0.25	0.21	0.17	0.23	0.19	0.16	0.20	0.17	0.15		
	I	0.32	0.27	0.23	0.31	0.26	0.22	0.28	0.24	0.21	0.25	0.22	0.19		
	H	0.38	0.33	0.29	0.36	0.32	0.28	0.33	0.29	0.26	0.29	0.26	0.23		
	G	0.43	0.38	0.34	0.41	0.36	0.33	0.37	0.33	0.30	0.33	0.30	0.27		
	F	0.47	0.42	0.38	0.45	0.40	0.36	0.40	0.36	0.33	0.35	0.32	0.30		
	E	0.53	0.48	0.44	0.50	0.46	0.42	0.44	0.41	0.38	0.39	0.36	0.34		
	D	0.56	0.52	0.48	0.53	0.49	0.46	0.47	0.44	0.41	0.41	0.39	0.37		
	C	0.59	0.55	0.51	0.55	0.52	0.49	0.49	0.46	0.44	0.43	0.41	0.39		
	B	0.62	0.59	0.56	0.58	0.55	0.53	0.52	0.49	0.47	0.45	0.43	0.42		
	A	0.64	0.61	0.59	0.61	0.58	0.55	0.54	0.51	0.49	0.46	0.45	0.44		
	J	0.34	0.28	0.24	0.33	0.28	0.24	0.31	0.26	0.24	0.30	0.25	0.22		
	I	0.42	0.36	0.32	0.40	0.35	0.31	0.38	0.33	0.30	0.36	0.32	0.29		
	H	0.48	0.42	0.38	0.47	0.41	0.37	0.44	0.39	0.36	0.41	0.37	0.34		
	G	0.54	0.48	0.44	0.52	0.47	0.43	0.49	0.45	0.41	0.46	0.42	0.39		
	F	0.58	0.53	0.48	0.56	0.51	0.47	0.53	0.49	0.45	0.49	0.46	0.43		
	E	0.64	0.59	0.55	0.62	0.57	0.54	0.58	0.54	0.51	0.54	0.51	0.48		
	D	0.67	0.63	0.59	0.65	0.61	0.58	0.60	0.57	0.54	0.56	0.54	0.52		
	C	0.70	0.66	0.62	0.68	0.64	0.61	0.63	0.60	0.57	0.58	0.56	0.54		
	B	0.73	0.70	0.67	0.70	0.67	0.65	0.66	0.63	0.61	0.61	0.59	0.57		
	A	0.75	0.72	0.70	0.72	0.70	0.68	0.68	0.65	0.63	0.62	0.61	0.60		
	J	0.34	0.28	0.24	0.34	0.28	0.23	0.33	0.27	0.24	0.32	0.27	0.23		
	I	0.43	0.36	0.31	0.42	0.36	0.31	0.41	0.35	0.31	0.40	0.35	0.31		
	H	0.49	0.42	0.38	0.48	0.42	0.38	0.47	0.42	0.37	0.46	0.41	0.37		
	G	0.55	0.49	0.44	0.55	0.48	0.44	0.53	0.48	0.44	0.52	0.47	0.44		
	F	0.60	0.54	0.49	0.59	0.53	0.49	0.57	0.52	0.48	0.56	0.52	0.48		
	E	0.65	0.60	0.56	0.64	0.60	0.55	0.63	0.59	0.55	0.61	0.58	0.55		
	D	0.69	0.64	0.60	0.68	0.64	0.60	0.66	0.63	0.59	0.65	0.62	0.59		
	C	0.72	0.67	0.64	0.71	0.67	0.63	0.69	0.66	0.63	0.67	0.65	0.62		
	B	0.76	0.72	0.69	0.75	0.71	0.69	0.73	0.70	0.68	0.71	0.69	0.67		
	A	0.78	0.75	0.72	0.77	0.74	0.72	0.75	0.73	0.71	0.74	0.72	0.70		

\*A floor reflection factor of 10% is assumed for values in table. For floors having higher reflection factors, refer to IES tables. Numbers accompanying sketches at left indicate percentage of lamp lumens directed upward and downward. Sum of percentages equals luminaire light efficiency.

and floor cavity ratios are required only to obtain effective cavity reflectances, which are not used in coefficient-of-utilization tables for specific luminaires to establish specific effective cavity-reflectance conditions. These effective ceiling- or floor-cavity reflectance percentages for various reflectance combinations are also provided in table form, by manufacturers of lighting equipment or in fig. 9-3 in the *IES Lighting Handbook*.

Manufacturers of lighting equipment provide coefficient-of-utilization tables for each luminaire. These CU tables are for room cavity ratios varying from 1 to 10, based on 20 percent effective floor-cavity reflectance and for various ceiling-cavity and wall-cavity reflectances.

When the effective floor-cavity reflectance varies from the 20 percent value normally used in manufacturers' CU tables, correction factors for 10 and 30 percent effective floor-cavity reflectances are provided in table form, either by lighting equipment manufacturers or in fig. 9-5 of the *IES Lighting Handbook*.



**FIGURE 22** Performance factors for typical fluorescent lamps.

A simple procedure may now be followed to obtain the CU value for the specific luminaire. The procedure for a suspended luminaire is typical:

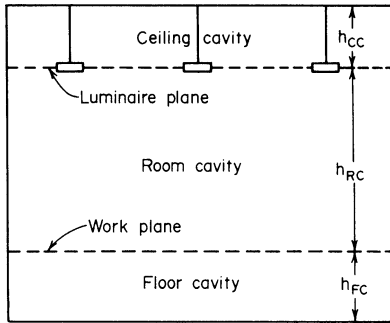


FIGURE 23 Three room cavities are used in the IES zonal-cavity method of calculation.

1. Obtain the *room cavity ratio* and *ceiling cavity ratio* by formulas (above), or from the previously mentioned table.
2. Obtain the *effective ceiling-cavity reflectance*, from manufacturers' literature or from fig. 9-3 in the *IES Lighting Handbook* (note that expected *maintained* ceiling and wall reflectances should be used in selecting the proper column).
3. Obtain CU for expected *maintained* wall reflectance and 20 percent effective floor-cavity reflectance from the CU table for the luminaire. (Interpolate as required for the exact RCR and ceiling-cavity reflectance.)

For supplementary lighting (i.e., the lighting of special machines or small areas), the *point-by-point* calculation method is sometimes used. To apply this method, do the following: (1) Select the type of light source that will be used. (2) Find the angle in degrees between the vertical and a line to the point illuminated (Fig. 24). (3) Determine the candlepower in the direction of the point, using the angle  $\theta$  (Fig. 24) and the candlepower distribution curve of the luminaire, available from the luminaire manufacturer. (4) Compute the horizontal  $fc = (\text{candlepower of luminaire})(\cos \theta) / (\text{distance factor, and vertical } fc) = (\text{candlepower of luminaire})(\cos \theta) / \text{distance factor}$ . (The *distance factor* depends on the type of distribution, step 1; for a point source it is the distance squared. Other sources are discussed in the next paragraph.) (5) Multiply each of the results in step 4 by the MF. Use MF similar to those for the lumen method. However, the point-by-point method does not take the reflection of the walls and ceilings into consideration.

For line light sources, such as a continuous row of fluorescent luminaires, footcandle values near the lamp vary nearly inversely with the distance from it. As the distance increases, the footcandle variation approaches the inverse square (Fig. 24). With parallel beams, such as in spotlights and concentrators, the inverse-square law applies as the distance from the light becomes great.

## OUTDOOR-LIGHTING SELECTION AND SIZING

A parking lot in an industrial plant is 400 ft (121.9 m) long and 200 ft (61.0 m) wide. Choose the type and location of the lighting for this lot. Lighting must be provided from sundown to sunrise.

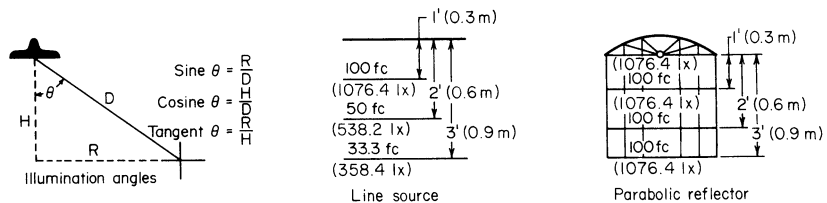


FIGURE 24 Variation of illumination with the distance of the lighted area from the light source.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Choose the type of lamp to use.** Three types of lamps are popular for outdoor lighting: mercury vapor, fluorescent, and filament. The filament-type lamp is usually more economical for installations used less than 1000 lighting hours per year, i.e., under 3 to 4 h per night. Since this installation requires lighting from sundown to sunrise, filament-type lamps would not be economical because they would be used more than 4 h per night.

Thus, the lighting should be provided by either a mercury-vapor or fluorescent lamp. Select mercury-vapor floodlight-type lamps because they provide economical lighting with little maintenance.

**2. Determine the recommended lighting level.** Table 32 shows that the recommended lighting level for parking areas is 0.5 to 2.0 fc (5.4 to 21.5 lx). Use a level of 2.0 fc (21.5 lx) for this area.

To determine the recommended W/ft<sup>2</sup>, enter Fig. 25 at the illumination level in footcandles on the left and project horizontally to the appropriate lamp curve. Read at the bottom of the chart the W/ft<sup>2</sup>. Thus, with an illumination level of 2.0 fc (21.5 lx), the recommended W/ft<sup>2</sup> is 0.10 (1.1 W/m<sup>2</sup>).

**3. Select the lighting-fixture location.** Figure 26 shows five different arrangements of outdoor-lighting fixtures. For large areas with lighting levels of up to 5 fc (53.8 lx), center poles with multi-luminaire mountings are economical. Hence, these will be chosen for this parking lot.

**4. Compute the number of lights required.** Use this relation: number of floodlights required = (area lighted, ft<sup>2</sup>)(recommended fc)/(flood-light lumen rating)(MF), where MF is 0.165 for open floodlights and 0.75 for enclosed floodlights.

Typical mercury-vapor floodlight lumen ratings range from 4200 lm for a 500-W lamp to 18,000 lm for a 1500-W lamp. Assume that 1000-W, 9500-lm, enclosed, clear, general-service floodlights are

**TABLE 32** Recommended Lighting Levels\*

Application	Usual recommended level	
	fc	lx
Building exteriors:		
Terra cotta, light marble, plaster	15; 10; 5	161.5; 107.6; 53.8
Buff limestone, buff brick, concrete	20; 15; 10	215.3; 161.5; 107.6
Brownstone, wood shingles, dark finish	50; 35; 20	538.2; 376.7; 215.3
Poster and bulletin boards:		
Bright surroundings, light surfaces	50	538.2
Bright surroundings, dark surfaces	100	1076.4
Dark surroundings, light surfaces	20	215.3
Dark surroundings, dark surfaces	50	538.2
Industrial roadways:		
Between or adjacent to buildings	1.0	10.8
Not bordered by buildings	0.5	5.4
Loading platforms, freight docks	20	215.3
Industrial parking lots	0.5–2.0	5.4–21.5
Smoke stacks and water tanks with advertising signs	Same as poster and bulletin boards	
Storage yards:		
Active	20	215.3
Inactive	1	10.8
Television surveillance:		
To indicate movement	5	53.8
For clear picture	20	215.3

\*Adapted from Illuminating Engineering Society and manufacturer's recommendations.

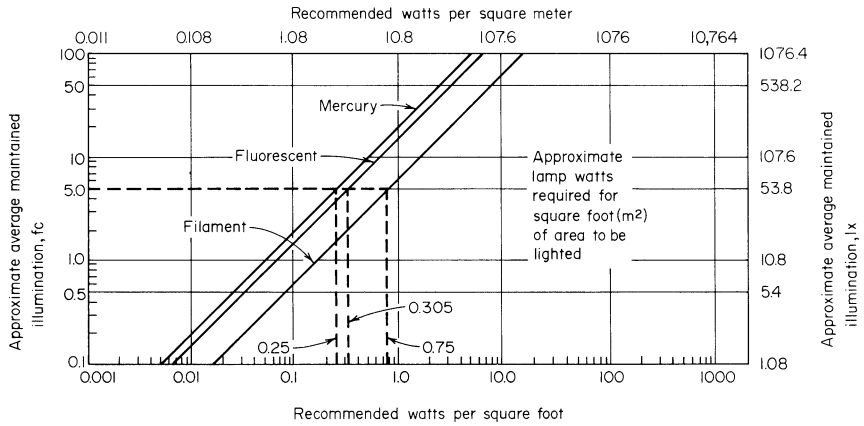
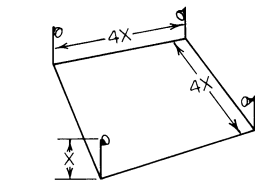
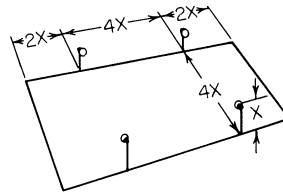


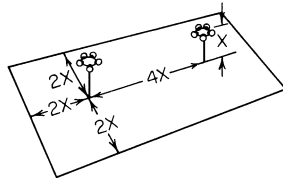
FIGURE 25 Typical watts per square foot for different illumination levels.



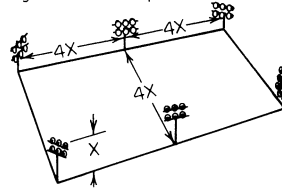
For lighting small areas don't put poles more than four times the mounting height apart. This applies regardless of number floods per pole or fc (lx).



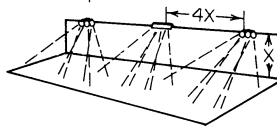
For perimeter poles set in from corners, none should be further from corner than twice mounting height nor more than four times mounting height from next pole.



For large areas at up to 5 fc (53.8 lx) center poles with multiluminaire mountings can save. Put outer poles within twice their height from area perimeter.



For levels above 5 fc (53.8 lx), poles shouldn't be more than four times mounting height apart. This applies both across area lighted and between poles.



For corridor-type lighting, whether filament or fluorescent sources are used, lamps shouldn't be further apart than four times distance above surface lighted.

FIGURE 26 Pole placements recommended for effective outdoor lighting.

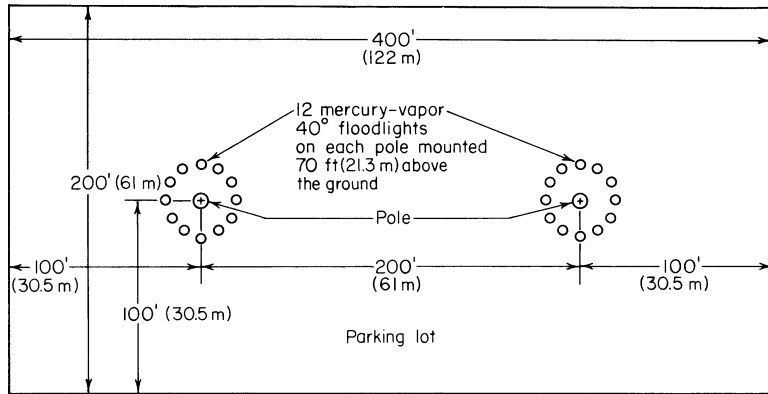


FIGURE 27 Parking-lot lighting arrangement.

used. Then, number of floodlights required =  $(400 \times 200)(2.0)/(9500)(0.75) = 22.5$ , say 24 lamps to obtain an even number of lamps to be divided between two supporting poles.

**5. Determine the lamp arrangement.** With 24 lamps a two-pole arrangement (Fig. 26) might be suitable. This would lend itself to the mounting of 12 lamps on each pole.

Refer to a lamp manufacturer's engineering data. These data show that a  $40^\circ$  beam floodlight mounted 55 ft (16.8 m) above the ground will illuminate an area 104 ft (31.7 m) long and 65 ft (19.8 m) wide, or an elliptical area of  $2650 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $246.2 \text{ m}^2$ ). Hence, 24 lamps will illuminate an area of  $24(2650) = 63,600 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $5908.6 \text{ m}^2$ ). The area of the parking lot is  $400(200) = 80,000 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $7432.2 \text{ m}^2$ ). Thus, the lamps will not illuminate the entire parking lot.

Raising the lamps to 70 ft (21.3 m) above the ground provides an illuminated area of  $4700 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $436.6 \text{ m}^2$ ) per lamp, or a total area of  $24(4700) = 112,800 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $10,479.5 \text{ m}^2$ ). Also, the lamps will be within twice their height of  $2(70) = 140 \text{ ft}$  (42.7 m) from the area perimeter because they are mounted 100 ft (30.5 m) from the perimeter (Fig. 27). Since the area covered by the floodlights exceeds the ground area, the beams will overlap. This is a desirable condition because it provides more uniform illumination.

**Related Calculations** Use the method given here for any outdoor-lighting application—building exteriors, catwalks, drill fields, gasoline service stations, piers, prison yards, quarries, railroad yards, shipyards, storage yards, baseball fields, boxing rings, skating rinks, etc. Consult the manufacturer's engineering data for the specific characteristics of the lights that will be used.

Typical output of outdoor lamp in lumens per watt are: filament, 20; mercury-vapor, 50; fluorescent, 70. Useful lamp life is usually: filament, 6 months; fluorescent, 36 months; mercury-vapor, 48 months. These lives are based on all-night every-night operation of the lamps. Give careful consideration to the lamp life. Longer lamp life means fewer maintenance tasks at elevated positions.

In choosing lamps, use the largest-wattage fixtures and the fewest locations that will deliver acceptable uniform lighting. The higher the wattage per fixture, the lower the total cost on a unit-cost-of-light basis. Generally, the spacing between poles should not exceed four times the mounting height of the fixtures. Also, use the widest beam spread fixture available that is consistent with good utilization of light.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>John C. Boyter and Robert E. Faucett, General Electric Company, and *Factory* magazine.

To determine the spacing of highway lighting poles, use this relation: spacing between luminaires, ft = (lumens required)(coefficient of utilization)(maintenance factor)/[(fc maintained by the lamp)(width of roadway, curb to curb, ft)].

## FEEDER SIZING FOR A COMBINATION ELECTRIC LOAD

Using the *National Electrical Code*, size the feeders for a load consisting of four three-phase 220-V squirrel-cage induction motors designed for a 40°C temperature rise, marked *Code* letter H, started across the line, and made up of one 10-hp (7.5-kW) motor, one 7.5-hp (5.6-kW) motor, and two 1.5-hp (1.1-kW) motors. The feeders will also serve a 20-kW single-phase 115-V lighting load.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the motor average full-load current.** Using the motor-current table in the *Code*, we see the average full-load current of the motors is 10 hp (7.5 kW), 27 A; 7.5 hp (5.6 kW), 22 A; 1.5 hp (1.1 kW), 5A.

**2. Select the main feeder for the motors.** Size the feeder for a current flow of 125 percent of the average full-load current of each motor. Thus, total current flow =  $1.25(27) + 1.25(22) + 1.25(5)(2) = 73.7$  A. The *Code* motor-feeder table shows that three no. 6 RHW feeders in a 1-in (25.4-mm) conduit are needed.

**3. Size the individual branch circuits for each motor.** Using the 125 percent current flow computed for each motor in step 2 and *Code* wire data: 10-hp (7.5-kW) motor,  $1.25(27) = 33.75$  A; choose three no. 8 TW or RHW feeders in  $3/4$ -in (19.1-mm) conduit, as recommended in the *Code*. For the 7.5-hp (5.6-kW) motor,  $1.25(22) = 27.5$  A; use three no. 10 TW or RHW feeders in  $3/4$ -in (19.1-mm) conduit. For each 1.5-hp (1.1-kW) motor,  $1.25(5) = 6.25$  A; use three no. 14 TW or RHW feeders in  $1/2$ -in (12.7-mm) conduit.

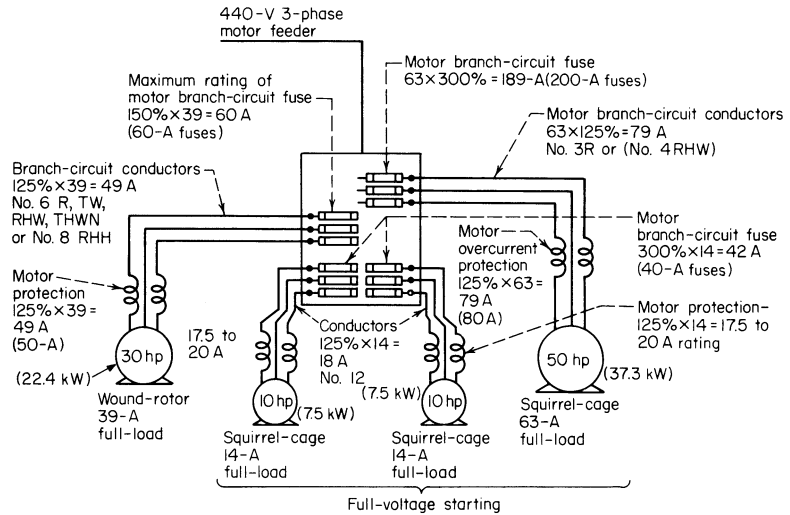
**4. Select the overcurrent protection rating.** Since the same 125 percent factor applies for the overcurrent or running protection, the maximum rated thermal elements for each motor will be 10 hp (7.5 kW), 33.75 A; 7.5 hp (5.6 kW), 27.5 A; 1.5 hp (1.1 kW), 6.25 A.

**5. Select the motor fuses.** The *Code* specifies a maximum of 300 percent for the fuse rating for these *Code* letter H motors, based on the average full-load current of each motor. Or, for the 10-hp (7.5-kW) motor,  $3(27\text{ A}) = 81\text{ A}$ —use a 100-A block with three 90-A fuses. For the 7.5-hp (5.6-kW) motor,  $3(22\text{ A}) = 66\text{ A}$ —use a 100-A block with three 70-A fuses. For each 1.5-hp (1.1-kW) motor,  $3(5\text{ A}) = 15\text{ A}$ —use a 30-A block with three 15-A fuses.

**6. Select the main motor-feeder protection.** The maximum rating or setting for the motor-feeder protection device must not be greater than the largest rating or setting of a branch-circuit protective device for one of the motors of the group plus the sum of the full-load current of the other motors. Using the largest motor rating plus the others gives  $3(27) + 22 + 2(5) = 113$  A. Use a 200-A switch with three 125-A fuses.

**7. Compute the lighting-load current.** Assume the lighting circuit is 115/230 V single-phase. Then, full-load current = load, W/maximum voltage =  $20(1000)/230 = 87$  A. Use a 100-A switch with two 90-A fuses. If the 87-A load is continuous, a fused switch must be selected such that the load is not over 80 percent of the fuse rating. This means that the minimum fuse size under these conditions would be  $(87\text{ A})(1.25) = 108.75$ , or a 110-A fuse (the next *largest* standard rating) for each phase, in a 200-A switch. The factor 1.25 is obtained from an assumed maximum current flow 125 percent of the full-load current. To handle the 87-A flow, use three no. 3 RHW in  $1/4$ -in (31.8-mm) conduit, or three no. 2 RHW for the 108.75-A load.





Notes: 1. Full-load current for each motor is taken from NE Code Table 430-150.  
 2. Running overload protection is sized on basis that nameplate values of motor full-load currents are same as values from NE Code Table 430-150. If nameplate and table values are not the same, overload protection is sized according to nameplate.

**FIGURE 28** National Electrical Code sizing of feeders and overcurrent devices for motors.

**8. Select the type of service to use.** If these two loads will be fed from separate services, then the above calculations are complete. But if a combination service is to be used, a four-wire, 240-V delta service would be suitable. The lighting load would then be fed from two of the three phases.

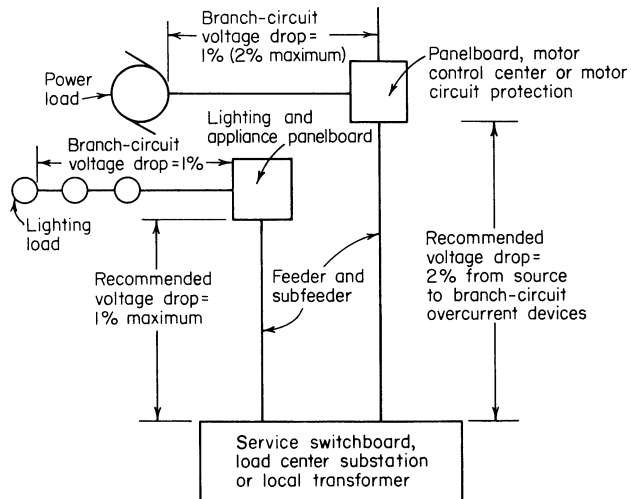
**9. Choose the service feeders and switches.** The motor feeder must handle a starting demand of 113 A, as computed in step 6. The lighting two-phase full-load current is 87 A, step 7. Summing these two current flows gives  $113 + 87 = 200 \text{ A}$ .

The main switch would be a 200-A size with two 200-A fuses in two phases and one 125-A fuse in the third phase. Two of the main service lines would be 2/0 RHW; one would be no. 6 RHW, and the neutral would be no. 3 RHW. These are the minimum sizes based on the *Code* rules for safe application. Local codes might require larger feeders. Figure 28 shows typical *Code* sizing of feeders and overcurrent devices for motors.

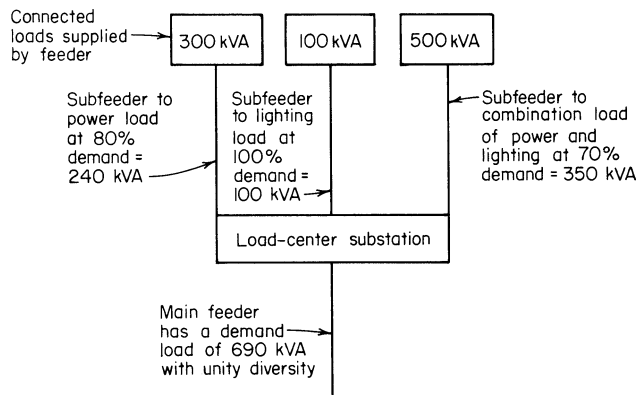
**Related Calculations** Typical recommended limits for the voltage in various types of circuits are shown in Fig. 29. Application of load demand and diversity factors is shown in Fig. 30, and typical demand factors are listed in Table 33. Fuses of various classes are compared in Table 34. Grounding methods for interior ac wiring systems and equipment enclosures are shown in Fig. 31. The procedure given above is valid for single or combination electric loads in a variety of installations. For specific numerical values of conductor and conduit sizes, refer to the *National Electrical Code* and the local governing code, if any.

## SIZING RESIDENTIAL-SERVICE DEMAND LOAD

What size service is required for a 1500-ft<sup>2</sup> (139.4-m<sup>2</sup>) house with all-electric utilization having the loads listed in step 1 and sized according to the *National Electrical Code*? Use the *optional method* of calculating the service demand load. The service voltage is 120/230 V, three-wire.



**FIGURE 29** Recommended limits of voltage drop in various circuits.



**FIGURE 30** Typical application of demand and diversity factors.

**TABLE 33** Common Demand Factors for Sizing Service and Main Feeders\*

Power load devices	Range of common demand factors, %
Motors for pumps, compressors, elevators, machine tools, blowers, etc.	20–60
Motors for semicontinuous operations in various mills and process plants	50–80
Motors for continuous operations, as in textile mills	70–100
Arc furnaces	80–100
Induction furnaces	80–100
Arc welders	30–60
Resistance welders	10–40
Resistance heaters, ovens, and furnaces	80–100

\*National Electrical Code.

**TABLE 34** Comparison of Fuse Classes<sup>†</sup> (General-Purpose Cartridge-Type)\*

UL class	Range, A	Interrupt capacity, A	Maximum let-through	Time delay <sup>†</sup>	Dimensions
H	0–600	10K	None	No	Old <i>NEC</i>
J	0–600	100K or 200K	Yes <sup>‡</sup>	No	Special <sup>§</sup>
K-1	0–600	10K, 25K, 50K, 100K or 200K	Yes <sup>‡</sup>	No	Old <i>NEC</i>
K-5	0–600	10K, 25K, 50K, 100K	Yes <sup>‡</sup>	Yes	Old <i>NEC</i>
K-9	0–600	10K, 25K, 50K, or 100K	Yes <sup>‡</sup>	Yes	Old <i>NEC</i>
L	601–6000	100K or 200K	Yes <sup>‡</sup>	No	Present NEMA sizes

\*National Electrical Code.

<sup>†</sup>NEMA standards call for a minimum of 10-s delays at 500 percent of fuse rating. No UL standards adopted.

<sup>‡</sup>UL standards state maximum peak let-through in amperes and energy let-through ( $I^2T$ ) for each size and type of fuse. In 600-A sizes, lowest let-through is class J, increasing slightly through classes K-1, K-5, and K-9.

<sup>§</sup>Smaller than the noninterchangeable with *NEC*-size fuses.

## Calculation Procedure

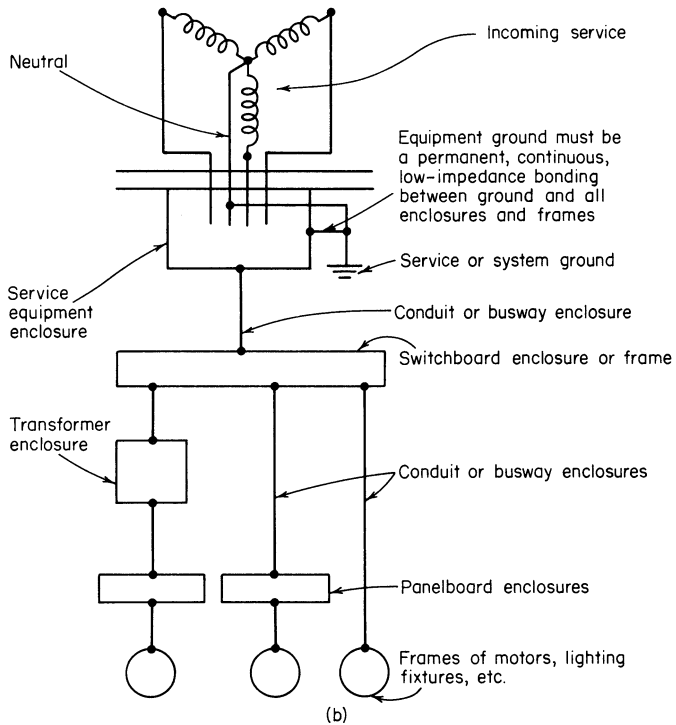
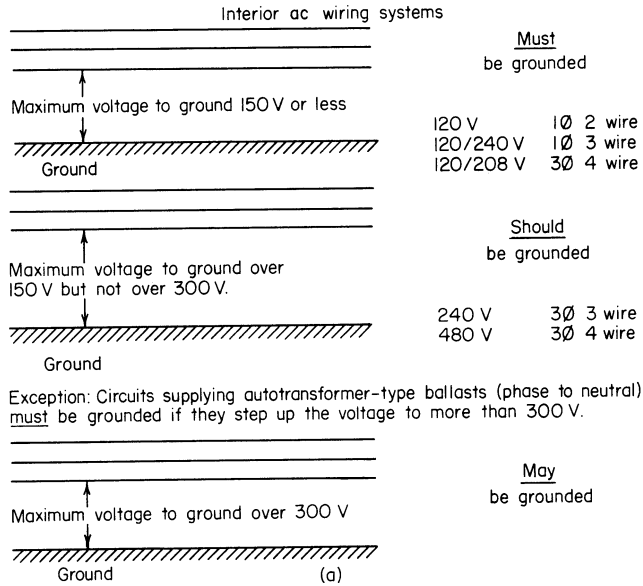
**1. Compute the maximum possible demand.** This house has the following loads:

1,500 W for each of two (minimum of two required) kitchen appliance circuits	2(1,500)	= 3,000 W
1,500 ft <sup>2</sup> (457 m <sup>2</sup> ) of floor area at 3 W/ft <sup>2</sup> (32.3 W/m <sup>2</sup> ) for general lighting and receptacles	3(1,500)	= 4,500
14 kW of electric space heating from more than four separately controlled units	14,000	
12-kW electric range	12,000	
3-kW water heater	3,000	
5-kW clothes dryer	5,000	
3-kW load of unit air conditioners (Because this load is less than the space-heating load and will <i>not</i> be operated simultaneously with it, no load need be added.)		
Hence, maximum possible demand	41,500 W	

**2. Compute the probable demand load.** Table 35, from the *National Electrical Code*, shows that under the optional method, the first 10 kW of all other loads, as defined in Table 35, should be taken at 100 percent, or 10,000 W. The remainder of the load is taken at 40 percent, or 0.40(41,500 – 10,000) = 12,600 W. Hence, the total probable demand = 10,000 + 12,600 = 22,600 W.

**3. Compute the size of the service.** Use the relation, size of service, A = demand load, W/maximum service voltage, or 22,600/230 = 98 A. Use the next larger standard service, or 100 A.

Under certain load conditions, the calculation may indicate a required service capacity substantially less than 100 A. In such cases, however, 100 A is the minimum service that can be used, according to the *Code*. When using the alternative calculation method of *Code* Sec. 220-4, note that a calculated demand load of 10 kW or more requires that the minimum size service be 100-A, three-wire. Further, the optional method may be used instead of the *standard method* under the following conditions: (1) it is for a one-family residence only, (2) it is served by a 115/230-V three-wire 100-A or larger service, and (3) the total load is supplied by one set of service conductors.



**FIGURE 31** (a) When to ground a system conductor; (b) grounding methods for equipment enclosures.

**TABLE 35** Optional Calculation for One-Family Residence

Load, kW or kVA	Percentage of load
Air conditioning and cooling including heat pump compressor	100
Central electric space heating	100
Less than four separately controlled electric space-heating units	100
First 10 kW of all other load	100
Remainder of other load	40

All other load shall include 1500 W for each 20-A appliance outlet circuit; lighting and portable appliances at 3 (32.3 W/m<sup>2</sup>); all fixed appliances (including electric space heating when there are four or more separately controlled units, ranges, wall-mounted ovens, and counter-mounted cooking units) at nameplate rated load (kVA for motors and other low power-factor loads).

**Related Calculations** To use the standard method of computing the service entrance for a residence, apply the following steps. (1) Multiply the floor area of the house by 4 W/ft<sup>2</sup> (43.1 W/m<sup>2</sup>) to obtain the general-lighting and general-purpose outlet electric load. (2) Add the total circuit capacity, in watts, allowed for the appliance load in the kitchen, dining room, pantry, laundry, and utility area that will be served by 120-V appliance circuits. Find the total circuit capacity by multiplying the number of such circuits laid out in branch-circuit design by 2000 W per circuit. Or assume a load of 4000 W (i.e., two appliance circuits) when the exact number of such circuits is not known. Table 36 lists the typical loads and characteristics of modern circuits for appliances. (3) Take 3000 W of the sum of steps 1 and 2 at 100 percent demand. (4) To the load in step 3 add 35 percent demand of the remaining load above 3000 W computed in the first three steps. (5) Take the sum of the values computed in steps 4 and 5. This is the capacity that must be provided in the service-entrance conductors to supply the general-lighting and general-purpose receptacle loads. (6) Add 8000 W for an electric range if this is rated 12 kW or less. Consult the *Code* if the electric cooking appliances consist of a built-in oven and rangetop. (7) Add the rated wattage of all fixed appliances to be served by individual circuits not previously included in the calculation. If both electric heating and air conditioning will be used in the house, include only the wattage of the larger unit because the two units will not be used simultaneously. (8) Take the sum of steps 5, 6, and 7. (9) Divide the sum found in step 8 by 240 V (for a 120-240-V three-wire single-phase service) to obtain the required ampere rating of the service conductors.

This procedure can also be used to compute the general-lighting, general-purpose receptacle and appliance load for apartments in multiple-dwelling buildings.

## ***ELECTRIC COMFORT HEATING LOAD DETERMINATION***

The residence in Fig. 32 is to be heated electrically. What is the heating load for an inside design temperature of 70°F (21.1°C), outside design temperature of 0°F (−17.8°C), a groundwater temperature of 50°F (10.0°C), and a ceiling height of 8 ft (2.4 m) in the structure if (1) the single-floor residence is built over a ventilated crawl space, (2) the same structure is built over a heated basement, and (3) the same structure is mounted on a concrete slab? Use the data given in Tables 37 to 48.

### **Calculation Procedure**

**1. Compute the structure heat loss in watts.** For walls, ceilings, doors, windows, and floors over an unheated crawl space or basement, use the relation  $H = \text{heat loss, W} = WA\Delta T$ , where  $W$  = heat-loss factor, watts per square foot per degree temperature difference (TD) from Tables 41 through 46;

**TABLE 36** Modern Circuits for Appliance Loads

Load devices	Typical load, W	Volts	Wires	Circuit breaker or fuse	Number of outlets	Notes
For laundry areas						
Ironer	1,650	120	Two no. 12	20 A	One	Grounding type receptacle required
Washing machine	1,200	120	Two no. 12	20 A	One	Grounding type receptacle required
Dryer	5,000	120/240	Three no. 10	30 A	One	Appliance may be direct-connected—must be grounded
For other loads						
Hand iron	1,000	120	Two no. 12	20 A	Two or more	Consult utility code for load requirements
Water heater	3,000	...	...	...	...	
Workshop	1,500	120	Two no. 12	20 A	Two or more	Separate circuit recommended
Portable heater	1,300	120	Two no. 12	20 A	One	Should not be connected to circuit serving other heavy-duty loads
Television	300	120	Two no. 12	20 A	Two or more	Should not be connected to circuit serving appliances
Range	12,000	120/240	Three no. 6	50–60 A	One	Use of more than one outlet is permitted, but not recommended
Oven (built-in)	4,500	120/240	Three no. 10	30 A	One	Appliance may be direct-connected
Rangetop	6,000	120/240	Three no. 10	30 A	One	Appliance may be direct-connected
Rangetop	3,300	120/240	Three no. 12	20 A	One or more	These appliances may be direct-connected on a single circuit; grounded receptacles required otherwise
Dishwasher	1,200	120	Two no. 12	20 A	One	
Waste disposer	300	120	Two no. 12	20 A	One	
Broiler	1,500	120	Two no. 12	20 A	Two or more	Heavy-duty appliances regularly used at one location should have a separate circuit; only one such unit should be attached to a single circuit at a time
Fryer	1,300	120	At least two	20 A		
Coffeemaker	1,000	120	kitchen appliance circuits			
Refrigerator	300	120	Two no. 12	20 A	Two	Separate circuit serving only refrigerator and freezer recommended
Freezer	350	120	Two no. 12	20 A	Two	
Individual circuits for unit air conditioners						
Size of air conditioner	Average wattage	Circuits required	Size of circuit	Number of outlets	Remarks	
3/4 hp (0.6 kW)	1,200	Separate circuit	Two no. 12, 120-V	One	Use of three-wire, 120/240-V circuits to unit conditioners offers circuit flexibility for 120 or 240 V	
1 1/2 hp (1.1 kW)	2,400	Separate circuit	Three no. 12, 120/240-V	One		

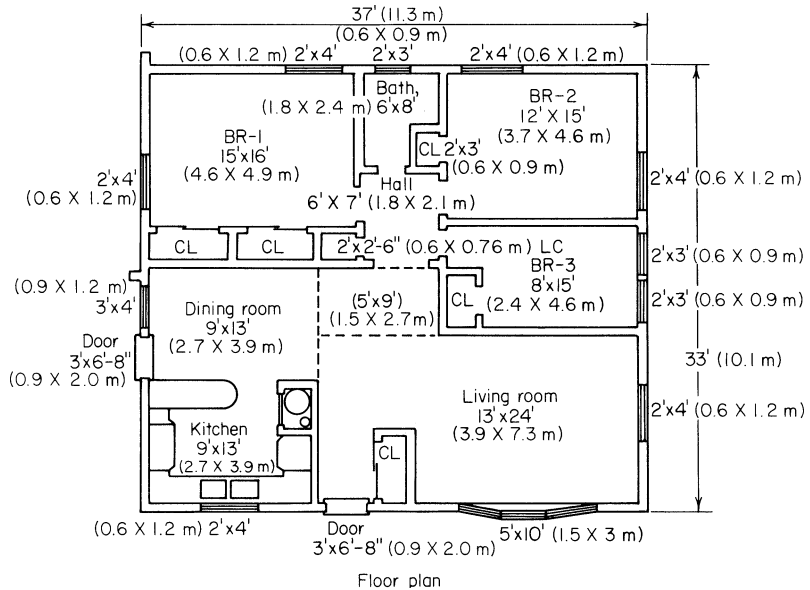


FIGURE 32 Floor plan of structure whose heat loss is to be determined.

$A$  = surface area—wall, floor, ceiling, etc.,  $\text{ft}^2$ ,  $\Delta T$  = temperature difference between the outside and inside air,  $^{\circ}\text{F}$ .

Where the structure has a concrete floor laid at or near the grade level, use the relation  $H = WL$ , where  $W$  = heat-loss factor,  $\text{W}/\text{ft}$  of exposed edge, from Table 45;  $L$  = total length of slab edge exposed to the outdoors at the foundation,  $\text{ft}$ .

When the structure has a concrete basement floor below the grade level, use the relation  $H = 0.0293A_f \Delta T$ , where  $A_f$  = floor area,  $\text{ft}^2$ .

To determine the infiltration loss  $I W$ , use the relation  $I = WV$ , where  $W$  = heat-loss factor,  $\text{W}/(\text{ft}^3 \cdot ^{\circ}\text{F})$ , from Table 44—usual practice is to assume three-fourths air change per hour;  $V$  = volume of space to be heated,  $\text{ft}^3$ .

Assemble and tabulate the heat-loss factors as shown in Table 37. Use the data presented in Tables 40 to 45.

Next, compute the wall areas of the structure as shown in Table 38. Then compute the floor and ceiling areas as shown in Table 39.

With these data available, the heat loss for each room can be computed by using the equations given above. Table 40 shows the heat-loss computation for each room in this structure when the building is mounted above a ventilated crawl space. The lower portion of Table 40 shows the heat-loss computations for the same structure over a heated basement and mounted on a concrete floor slab.

**2. Summarize the heat losses in the structure.** Table 40 shows the summary heat loss totaled horizontally and vertically for the listed areas and rooms. This summary shows that the heating capacity required for this structure is 9161 kW when mounted over a ventilated crawl space.

When the structure is mounted over a heated basement, the floor heat loss is deleted and the basement heat loss is substituted in its place. Thus, the heating capacity needed for a basement-mounted structure is 10,928 kW. With this structure mounted on a concrete slab, the total heat loss is 8279 kW, by the data in Table 40, after the floor loss computed for the crawl-space structure is deducted. The heating capacity must at least equal this heat loss.

**TABLE 37** Heat-Loss Factors

Building section	Applicable table	Factor		Heat loss	
		W/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·deg TD)	W/(m <sup>2</sup> ·deg TD)	At 70° TD, W/ft <sup>2</sup>	At 21.1° TD, W/m <sup>2</sup>
Walls: Wood siding and sheathing; gypsum board inside; R-11 insulation; 8-ft (2.4-m) ceiling height	2	0.025	0.48	1.75	18.8
Ceiling: Gypsum board; ventilated attic above; R-19 insulation	1	0.018	0.35	1.26	13.6
Floor: Hardwood floor on subfloor; ventilated crawl space below; R-13 insulation	3	0.019	0.32	1.33	14.3
Windows: Tightly fitted storm sash	5	0.132	2.56	9.24	99.5
Doors: 1½-in (3.8-cm) solid wood with storm door	6	0.094	1.82	6.58	70.8
Infiltration: (¾ air change per h)	9	0.00396*	0.25*	0.28†	9.9†

\*W/(ft<sup>3</sup>·deg TD).†W/ft<sup>3</sup>.**TABLE 38** Wall Areas\*

Room	Calculations	Glass wall area		Window area		Door area		Net wall area	
		ft <sup>2</sup>	m <sup>2</sup>	ft <sup>2</sup>	m <sup>2</sup>	ft <sup>2</sup>	m <sup>2</sup>	ft <sup>2</sup>	m <sup>2</sup>
BR-1	(15 + 16) × 8	248	23.0	16	1.5	0	0	232	21.6
BR-2	(12 + 15) × 8	216	20.1	16	1.5	0	0	200	18.6
BR-3	8 × 8	64	5.9	12	1.1	0	0	52	4.8
LR	(13 + 24) × 8	296	27.5	78	7.2	20	1.9	198	18.4
DR	9 × 8	72	6.7	12	1.1	20	1.9	40	3.7
K	(9 + 13) × 8	176	16.4	8	0.7	0	0	168	15.6
Bath	6 × 8	48	4.5	6	0.6	0	0	42	3.9

\*Length of outside wall is multiplied by ceiling height to get gross wall area; net wall area is obtained by subtracting the window and door areas from the gross wall area.

**TABLE 39** Floor and Ceiling Areas: Volume\*

Room	Calculations	Area		Volume	
		ft <sup>2</sup>	m <sup>2</sup>	ft <sup>3</sup>	m <sup>3</sup>
BR-1	240 – 5 (linen closet) + 17 (hall and linen closet)	252	23.4	2016	57.1
BR-2	180 + 6 (closet) + 15 (hall and linen closet)	201	18.7	1608	45.5
BR-3	120 + 15 (hall and linen closet)	135	12.5	1080	30.6
LR	312 + 25 (dotted area)	337	31.3	2696	76.3
DR	117 + 20 (dotted area)	137	12.7	1096	31.0
K		117	10.9	936	36.5
Bath	48 – 6 (closet)	42	3.9	336	9.6
	Total	1221	113.4	9768	276.6

\*Hall and linen closet areas were divided among bedrooms. Dotted area [5 × 9 ft (1.5 × 2.7 m)] was divided between living room and dining room. Room volume is obtained by multiplying the floor area by the ceiling height. Heat loss is the same, regardless of units used for area.



**TABLE 40** Room-by-Room Calculations°

Room	Area × heat-loss factor = heat loss									
	ft <sup>2</sup>	×	W/ft <sup>2</sup>	=	W	m <sup>2</sup>	×	W/m <sup>2</sup>	=	W
Living rooms:										
Walls	198	×	1.75	=	347	18.4	×	18.83	=	347
Ceiling	337	×	1.26	=	425	31.3	×	13.56	=	425
Floor	337	×	1.33	=	448	31.3	×	14.32	=	448
Windows	78	×	9.24	=	721	7.2	×	99.46	=	721
Door	20	×	6.58	=	132	1.6	×	70.83	=	132
Infiltration	2696 <sup>†</sup>	×	0.28 <sup>‡</sup>	=	755	250.5	×	3.01	=	755
Total heat loss					2828					2828
Suggested heater rating					3.0 kW					3.0 kW
Dining room:										
Walls	40	×	1.75	=	70	3.7	×	18.83	=	70
Ceiling	137	×	1.26	=	173	12.7	×	13.56	=	173
Floor	137	×	1.33	=	182	12.7	×	14.32	=	182
Windows	12	×	9.24	=	111	1.1	×	99.46	=	111
Door	20	×	6.58	=	132	1.9	×	70.83	=	132
Infiltration	1096	×	0.28 <sup>‡</sup>	=	307	101.8	×	3.01	=	307
Total heat loss					975					975
Suggested heater rating					1.0 kW					1.0 kW
Kitchen:										
Walls	168	×	1.75	=	294	15.6	×	18.83	=	294
Ceiling	117	×	1.26	=	147	10.9	×	13.56	=	147
Floor	117	×	1.33	=	156	10.9	×	14.32	=	156
Windows	8	×	9.24	=	74	0.74	×	99.46	=	74
Infiltration	936 <sup>†</sup>	×	0.28 <sup>‡</sup>	=	262	86.9	×	3.01	=	262
Total heat loss					933					933
Suggested heater rating					1.0 kW					1.0 kW
Bath:										
Walls	42	×	1.75	=	74	3.9	×	18.83	=	74
Ceiling	42	×	1.26	=	53	3.9	×	13.56	=	53
Floor	42	×	1.33	=	56	3.9	×	14.32	=	56
Windows	6	×	9.24	=	55	0.56	×	99.46	=	55
Infiltration	336 <sup>†</sup>	×	0.28 <sup>‡</sup>	=	94	31.2	×	3.01	=	94
Total heat loss					332					332
Suggested heater rating					1.0 kW					1.0 kW
At 500-W heater will satisfy heating requirements; but since quick pickup is often desirable, a 1-kW heater is recommended.										
Bedroom 1:										
Walls	232	×	1.75	=	406	21.6	×	18.83	=	406
Ceiling	252	×	1.26	=	318	23.4	×	13.56	=	318
Floor	252	×	1.33	=	335	21.6	×	14.32	=	335
Windows	16	×	9.24	=	148	1.5	×	99.46	=	148
Infiltration	2016 <sup>†</sup>	×	0.28 <sup>‡</sup>	=	564	187.3	×	3.01	=	564
Total heat loss					1771					1771
Suggested heater rating					1.75 kW					1.75 kW

(Continued)

**TABLE 40** Room-by-Room Calculations\* (Continued)

Room	Area × heat-loss factor = heat loss									
	ft <sup>2</sup>	×	W/ft <sup>2</sup>	=	W	m <sup>2</sup>	×	W/m <sup>2</sup>	=	W
Bedroom 2:										
Walls	200	×	1.75	=	350	18.6	×	18.83	=	350
Ceiling	201	×	1.26	=	253	18.7	×	13.56	=	253
Floor	201	×	1.33	=	267	18.7	×	14.32	=	267
Windows	16	×	9.24	=	148	1.5	×	99.46	=	148
Infiltration	1608 <sup>†</sup>	×	0.28 <sup>‡</sup>	=	450	149.4	×	3.01	=	450
Total heat loss					1468					1468
Suggested heater rating					1.5 kW					1.5 kW
Bedroom 3:										
Walls	52	×	1.75	=	91	4.8	×	18.83	=	91
Ceiling	135	×	1.26	=	170	12.5	×	13.56	=	170
Floor	135	×	1.33	=	180	12.5	×	14.32	=	180
Windows	12	×	9.24	=	111	1.1	×	99.46	=	111
Infiltration	1080 <sup>†</sup>	×	0.28 <sup>‡</sup>	=	302	100.3	×	3.01	=	302
Total heat loss					854					854
Suggested heater rating					1.0 kW					1.0 kW
Heat-loss summary, kW										
Room	Walls	Ceiling	Floor	Wind	Doors	Infiltration	Total			
Living room	347	425	448	721	132	755	2828			
Dining room	70	173	182	111	132	307	975			
Kitchen	294	147	156	74	...	262	933			
Bath	74	53	56	55	...	94	332			
Bedroom 1	406	318	335	148	...	564	1771			
Bedroom 2	350	253	267	148	...	450	1468			
Bedroom 3	91	170	180	111	...	302	854			
Total	1632	1539	1624	1368	264	2734	9161			

Basement heat loss with fully heated basement instead of crawl space

Assume groundwater temperature = 50°F (10°C).

Basement walls are 1 ft (0.3 m) above grade, 6 ft (1.8 m) below.

Walls are furred in and insulated to R-5.

There are three 2-ft<sup>2</sup> (0.19-m<sup>2</sup>), wood-frame, single-glass windows in above-grade walls.

Infiltration:

$$\text{Volume} = 1221 \times 7 = 8547 \text{ ft}^3 (242.0 \text{ m}^3)$$

$$\text{At } 1/4 \text{ air change, heat loss} = 8547 \times 0.00132 \times 70 = 790 \text{ W}$$

Windows:

$$\text{Area} = 2 \times 3 = 6 \text{ ft}^2 (0.56 \text{ m}^2)$$

$$\text{Temperature difference} = 70 - 0 = 70^\circ\text{F} (38.9^\circ\text{C})$$

$$\text{Heat loss} = 0.331 \times 6 \times 70 = 139 \text{ W}$$

Walls (above grade):

$$\text{Length of outside wall} = 2(33 + 37) = 140 \text{ ft} (42.7 \text{ m})$$

$$\text{Area} = 1 \times 140 - \text{windows} = 140 - 6 = 134 \text{ ft}^2 (12.5 \text{ m}^2)$$

$$\text{Temperature difference} = 70 - 0 = 70^\circ\text{F} (38.9^\circ\text{C})$$

$$\text{Heat loss} = 0.037 \times 134 \times 70 = 347 \text{ W}$$

**TABLE 40** Room-by-Room Calculations\* (*Continued*)

Walls (below grade):

Area =  $6 \times 140 = 840 \text{ ft}^2$  (78.0 m<sup>2</sup>)

Temperature difference =  $70 - 1/2(0 + 50) = 45^\circ\text{F}$  (25.0°C)

Heat loss =  $0.037 \times 840 \times 45 = 1399 \text{ W}$

Floor:

Area =  $37 \times 33 = 1221 \text{ ft}^2$  (113.4 m<sup>2</sup>)

Temperature difference =  $70 - 50 = 20^\circ\text{F}$  (11.1°C)

Heat loss =  $0.0293 \times 20 \times 1221 = 716 \text{ W}$

Total basement heat loss = 3391 W

Floor loss with house on slab at grade level instead of over crawl space

Assumed edge of slab insulated to R-6

Room	ft	×	W/ft	=	W	m	×	W/m	=	W
Living room	13 + 24 = 37	×	5.3	=	196	11.3	×	17.4	=	196
Dining room	9 + 0 = 9	×	5.3	=	48	2.7	×	17.4	=	48
Kitchen	9 + 13 = 22	×	5.3	=	117	6.7	×	17.4	=	117
Bath	6 + 0 = 6	×	5.3	=	32	1.8	×	17.4	=	32

Length of exposed slab × heat-loss factor = heat loss

Room	ft	×	W/ft	=	W	m	×	W/m	=	W
Bedroom 1	16 + 15 = 31	×	5.3	=	164	9.4	×	17.4	=	164
Bedroom 2	15 + 12 = 27	×	5.3	=	143	8.2	×	17.4	=	143
Bedroom 3	8 + 0 = 8	×	5.3	=	42	2.4	×	17.4	=	42
Total slab loss					742					742

\*Heat loss is the same, regardless of area units used.

†ft<sup>3</sup>.‡W/(ft<sup>3</sup>·deg TD) [W/(m<sup>3</sup>·deg TD)].**TABLE 41** Heat Loss through Residential Ceilings\*

Installed resistance of insulation <i>R</i>	Heat-loss factor, W/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·deg TD) [W/(m <sup>2</sup> ·deg TD)]	
	Ceilings using plaster or gypsum board products	Ceilings using acoustical tile or insulating board products
15	0.022 (0.426)	0.020 (0.388)
16	0.021 (0.407)	0.019 (0.368)
17	0.020 (0.388)	0.018 (0.349)
18	0.019 (0.368)	0.017 (0.329)
19–20	0.018 (0.349)	0.016 (0.310)
21–22	0.016 (0.310)	0.015 (0.291)
23–24	0.015 (0.291)	0.014 (0.271)
25	0.014 (0.271)	0.013 (0.252)
30	0.011 (0.213)	0.010 (0.194)
35	0.009 (0.174)	0.009 (0.174)
40	0.008 (0.155)	0.008 (0.155)
45	0.007 (0.136)	0.007 (0.136)
50	0.006 (0.116)	0.006 (0.116)

\*Assuming space above insulation is ventilated and wood framing covers 15 percent of ceiling area.

**TABLE 42** Heat Loss through Frame Walls

Installed resistance of insulation <i>R</i>	Heat-loss factor, $W/(ft^2 \cdot \text{deg TD})$ [ $W/(m^2 \cdot \text{deg TD})$ ]		
	Masonry walls of low-density concrete 80 lb/ft <sup>3</sup> (1280.8 kg/m <sup>3</sup> ) or less	Frame walls using insulating board and insulating lath products	Frame walls using wood or metal lath and wood sheathing or masonry walls of stone, concrete block, or high-density concrete
5	0.021 (0.407)	0.030 (0.581)	0.037 (0.717)
6	0.020 (0.388)	0.028 (0.543)	0.034 (0.359)
7	0.019 (0.368)	0.027 (0.523)	0.031 (0.601)
8	0.018 (0.349)	0.025 (0.484)	0.029 (0.562)
9	0.017 (0.329)	0.024 (0.465)	0.027 (0.523)
10	0.016 (0.310)	0.022 (0.426)	0.026 (0.504)
11–12	0.015 (0.291)	0.021 (0.407)	0.025 (0.484)
13–14	0.014 (0.271)	0.019 (0.368)	0.022 (0.426)
15*	0.013 (0.252)	0.017 (0.329)	0.019 (0.368)
20–21*	0.012 (0.233)	0.014 (0.271)	0.016 (0.291)
22–23*	0.011 (0.213)	0.013 (0.252)	0.015 (0.290)

\*Using 2 × 6 in (51 × 152 mm) studs.

Note: Values in table assume wood framing covers 20 percent of wall area.

**TABLE 43** Heat Loss through Wood Floors

(Assuming wood framing covers 15 percent of floor area. Floor consists of wood subfloor on joists and hardwood floor or tile or linoleum on suitable base.)

Installed resistance of insulation <i>R</i>	Heat-loss factor	
	$W/(ft^2 \cdot \text{deg TD})$	$W/(m^2 \cdot \text{deg TD})$
5	0.035	0.678
6	0.031	0.601
7	0.028	0.543
8	0.026	0.504
9	0.024	0.465
10	0.022	0.426
11	0.021	0.407
12	0.020	0.388
13	0.019	0.368
14	0.018	0.349
15	0.017	0.329
20	0.014	0.271
25	0.012	0.233
30	0.010	0.194
35	0.009	0.174
40	0.008	0.155

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure for any type of structure—industrial, commercial, civic, etc. Where the data given are insufficient, refer to the ASHRAE *Guide and Data Book*.

In newer buildings the heat given off by lighting fixtures is often used to reduce the load on the structure's heating system. Heated air is drawn from lighting troffers and directed to the return-air system. Figure 33 shows the heat given off by a typical modern lighting system. When

**TABLE 44** Heat Loss due to Infiltration

No. of air changes per hour	Heat-loss factor	
	W/(ft <sup>3</sup> -deg TD)	W/(m <sup>3</sup> -deg TD)
1/10	0.00053	0.03769
1/8	0.00066	0.04195
1/4	0.00132	0.08391
1/2	0.00264	0.16782
3/4	0.00396	0.25172
1	0.00527	0.33499
1 1/2	0.00791	0.50281

the lighting level exceeds 100 fc (1076.4 lx), the heat from the lights is often sufficient to heat the entire building. Currently, integrated systems of lighting, heating, and air conditioning are being planned so that the heating and cooling requirements of a structure are reduced.

*Definitions:* In electric heating, the following definitions are in common use. *R value:* The amount of thermal resistance contributed by insulation when the insulation is installed in a ceiling, wall, or floor. *Outdoor design temperature:* The lowest outdoor temperature at which the heating system is expected to maintain the indoor design temperature. This outdoor design temperature is usually considerably higher than the lowest temperature on record for the area; the outdoor design temperature can be obtained from the local electric utility. *Indoor design temperature:* The temperature which is to be maintained in the heated space, usually 70°F (21.1°C). *Design temperature difference (TD):* The difference between the outdoor and indoor design temperatures.

The data and tables presented in this calculation procedure are based on information presented in *Electrical Construction and Maintenance* magazine.

## ELECTRIC-MOTOR CHOICE BASED ON TOTAL COST

Compare two 4000-hp (2984-kW) electric motors when motor A efficiency = 0.955, power factor = 0.90; motor B efficiency = 0.970, power factor = 0.92; energy cost (EC) = \$0.03/kWh; power-cost escalation factor  $e = 6$  percent per year = 1.06; life of each motor for this cost evaluation = 20 years; annual discount factor is based on a 10 percent interest charge for money invested in the motor; usage factor  $U = 60$  percent or 0.6(8760 h/yr) = 5256-h usage per year; demand charge DC = \$5 per kVA per month = \$60 per kVA per year.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the present value of the energy charge.** Set up a listing like that in Table 49 which shows the years in the life of each motor, the cost escalation factor, the discount factor, and the present-value ( $pv$ ) multiplier. Compute each of the factors separately in the following way:

*Cost escalation factor*  $e = 1.06$  for the first year, or  $1 + e$ , where  $e =$  escalation factor percentage, expressed as a decimal. For the second year,  $e = (1.06)(1.06) = 1.124$ ; for the third year,  $e = (1.06)(1.06)(1.06) = 1.191$ ; for the fourth year,  $e = 1.262$ , etc. Compute this factor for each of the remaining years, using the same sequence, and list the results in Table 49.

*Discount factor*  $d = 1/(1 + i)^n$ , where  $n =$  the year number. Thus, for the second year,  $d = 1/(1 + 0.10)^2 = 0.826$ . Continue calculating the discount factor for each year from 1 through 20, and list the results in Table 49.

**TABLE 45** Heat Loss through Concrete Slab on Grade\* [W/ft (W/m) of exposed edge]

Outdoor design temperature, °F (°C)	Unheated slab					Heated slab				
	R = 6 to 7					R = 5.0				
	R = 6 to 7	R = 5.0	R = 3.33	R = 2.50	R = 2.50	R = 6 to 7	R = 5.0	R = 3.33	R = 2.50	R = 2.50
-30 and colder (-34.4 and colder)	7.5 (24.6)	10.0 (32.8)	14.9 (48.9)	19.6 (64.3)	19.6 (64.3)	10.1 (33.1)	13.5 (44.3)	20.2 (85.9)	27.0 (88.6)	27.0 (88.6)
-25 to -29 (-31.7- -33.9)	7.0 (23.0)	9.4 (30.8)	14.0 (45.9)	18.8 (61.7)	18.8 (61.7)	9.7 (31.8)	12.9 (42.3)	19.3 (63.3)	25.8 (84.6)	25.8 (84.6)
-20 to -24 (-28.9- -31.1)	6.6 (21.7)	8.8 (28.9)	13.1 (43.0)	17.6 (57.7)	17.6 (57.7)	8.9 (29.2)	12.0 (39.4)	17.8 (58.4)	24.0 (78.7)	24.0 (78.7)
-15 to -19 (-26.1- -28.3)	6.3 (20.7)	8.2 (26.9)	12.6 (41.3)	16.7 (54.8)	16.7 (54.8)	8.1 (26.6)	11.4 (37.4)	17.3 (56.8)	22.8 (74.8)	22.8 (74.8)
-10 to -14 (-23.3- -25.6)	5.9 (19.4)	7.9 (25.9)	11.7 (38.4)	15.8 (51.8)	15.8 (51.8)	7.6 (24.9)	10.8 (35.4)	16.1 (52.8)	21.7 (71.2)	21.7 (71.2)
-5 to -9 (-20.6- -22.8)	5.6 (18.4)	7.3 (24.0)	11.1 (36.4)	14.9 (48.9)	14.9 (48.9)	7.0 (23.0)	10.2 (33.5)	15.2 (49.9)	20.5 (67.3)	20.5 (67.3)
0 to -4 (-17.8- -20.0)	5.3 (17.4)	7.0 (23.0)	10.5 (34.4)	14.1 (46.3)	14.1 (46.3)	7.0 (23.0)	9.4 (30.8)	14.0 (45.9)	18.8 (61.7)	18.8 (61.7)
+5 to +1 (-15.0- -17.2)	4.9 (16.1)	6.5 (21.3)	9.7 (31.8)	12.9 (42.3)	12.9 (42.3)	6.6 (21.7)	8.8 (28.9)	13.1 (43.0)	17.6 (57.7)	17.6 (57.7)
+10 to +6 <sup>†</sup> (-12.2- -14.4)	4.6 (15.1)	6.2 (20.3)	9.1 (29.9)	12.3 (40.4)	12.3 (40.4)	5.6 (18.4)	7.3 (24.0)	11.1 (36.4)	14.6 (47.9)	14.6 (47.9)
+15 to +11 <sup>‡</sup> (-9.4- -11.7)	4.6 (15.1)	6.2 (20.3)	9.1 (29.9)	12.3 (40.4)	12.3 (40.4)	5.6 (18.4)	7.3 (24.0)	11.1 (36.4)	14.6 (47.9)	14.6 (47.9)
+20 to +16 <sup>‡</sup> (-6.2- -8.9)	4.6 (15.1)	6.2 (20.3)	9.1 (29.9)	12.3 (40.4)	12.3 (40.4)	5.6 (18.4)	7.3 (24.0)	11.1 (36.4)	14.6 (47.9)	14.6 (47.9)

\*If no edge insulation is used, calculate heat loss at 0.237 W/ft of exposed edge per degree [1.4 W/(m-deg TD)].

†Factors assume only 12 in (30.5 cm) of edge insulation.

‡Factors assume edge insulation extends down only to bottom of slab.

**TABLE 46** Heat Loss through Windows

Number of glass panes	Description	No. of air spaces	Width of each space, in (mm)	Heat loss factor, W/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·deg TD) [W/(m <sup>2</sup> ·deg TD)]
1	Single glass	None	. . . .	0.331 (6.41)
2	Window with usual storm sash	1	1 1/2 (38.1)	0.220 (4.26)
	Sealed unit		1/4 (6.4)	0.185 (3.58)
	Sealed unit		1/2 (12.7)	0.167 (3.24)
3	Very tightly fitted storm sash, no vents	5	1 1/2 (38.1)	0.132 (2.56)
	Sealed unit		1/4 (6.4)	0.126 (2.44)
	Sealed unit		1/2 (12.7)	0.111 (2.15)

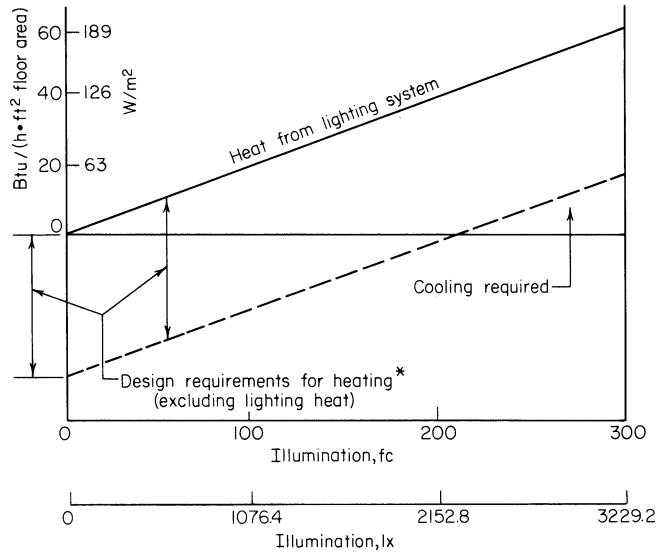
**TABLE 47** Heat Loss through Solid Wood Doors

Nominal thickness, in (cm)	Actual thickness, in (cm)	Heat-loss factor W/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·deg TD) [W/(m <sup>2</sup> ·deg TD)]	
		Exposed door	With storm door*
1 (2.5)	25/32 (2.0)	0.188 (3.64)	0.108 (2.09)
1 1/4 (3.2)	1 1/16 (2.7)	0.161 (3.12)	0.100 (1.94)
1 1/2 (3.8)	1 5/16 (3.3)	0.144 (2.79)	0.094 (1.82)
1 3/4 (4.4)	1 3/8 (3.5)	0.141 (2.73)	0.091 (1.76)
2 (5.1)	1 5/8 (4.1)	0.126 (2.44)	0.082 (1.59)
2 1/2 (6.4)	2 1/8 (5.4)	0.106 (2.05)	0.076 (1.47)
3 (7.6)	2 5/8 (6.7)	0.091 (1.76)	0.067 (1.30)

\*50 percent glass and thin wood panels.

**TABLE 48** Heat Loss through Exposed-Beam Ceilings with Built-up Roofing

Preformed roof insulation above deck, in (cm)	Type of roof deck, heat loss W/(ft <sup>2</sup> ·deg TD) [W/(m <sup>2</sup> ·deg TD)]					
	Flat metal	Wood			Preformed slab; wood fiber and cement binder	
		1 in (2.5 cm)	2 in (5.1 cm)	3 in (7.6 cm)	2 in (5.1 cm)	3 in (7.6 cm)
0 (0)	0.264 (5.115)	0.141 (2.732)	0.094 (1.821)	0.067 (1.298)	0.061 (1.182)	0.044 (0.853)
1/2 (1.3)	0.117 (2.267)	0.085 (1.647)	0.064 (1.24)	0.050 (0.969)	Insulation not used	
1 (2.5)	0.076 (1.473)	0.061 (1.182)	0.050 (0.969)	0.041 (0.794)		
1 1/2 (3.8)	0.056 (1.085)	0.047 (0.811)	0.041 (0.794)	0.035 (0.698)		
2 (5.1)	0.047 (0.911)	0.041 (0.794)	0.035 (0.678)	0.029 (0.562)		
2 1/2 (6.4)	0.038 (0.736)	0.032 (0.62)	0.029 (0.562)	0.026 (0.504)		
3 (7.6)	0.032 (0.62)	0.029 (0.562)	0.026 (0.504)	0.023 (0.446)		



\* Prototype example; varies from building to building based on existing climatic and other variable conditions.

FIGURE 33 Heat recoverable from lighting systems.

TABLE 49 Computation of PV\*

Year	Cost escalation factor	Discount factor	PV multiplier
1	1.06	0.909	0.963
2	1.124	0.826	0.928
3	1.191	0.751	0.894
4	1.262	0.683	0.862
5	1.338	0.621	0.831
6	1.418	0.564	0.780
7	1.504	0.513	0.771
8	1.594	0.466	0.743
9	1.689	0.424	0.716
10	1.791	0.385	0.689
11	1.898	0.350	0.664
12	2.012	0.318	0.640
13	2.133	0.289	0.616
14	2.261	0.263	0.595
15	2.396	0.239	0.573
16	2.540	0.217	0.552
17	2.693	0.197	0.530
18	2.854	0.179	0.511
19	3.025	0.163	0.493
20	3.207	0.148	0.475
Cumulative total of 20 annual PV multipliers =			13.826

\*Power.



The *present-value multiplier* is found from  $PV = [(1 + e)/(1 + i)]^n$ . Compute the PV for each year, and enter the result in Table 49.

**2. Compute the cumulative total of the annual PV multipliers and the PVEC.** Sum the PV multipliers in Table 49, to give a total of 13.826. The  $PVEC = \sum_1^n PV EC = 13.826(0.03) = \$0.4148$  per kWh.

**3. Calculate dollars per kilowatt for the units.** For a study of this type,  $\$/kW = PVEC(U) = \$0.4148 (5256) = \$2180$ .

**4. Determine the kilowatt input difference.** For each motor, kilowatt input =  $0.746(\text{motor hp})/\text{motor efficiency}$ . Hence, for motor A, input =  $0.746(4000)/0.955 = 3124.6$  kW; for motor B, input =  $0.746(4000)/0.97 = 3076.3$  kW. The difference is thus  $3124.6 - 3076.3 = 48.3$  kW.

**5. Evaluate the efficiency benefits.** The efficiency benefit =  $(\text{kilowatt difference})(\$/kW) = 48.3(2180) = \$105,294$  in favor of motor B.

**6. Evaluate the power-factor benefits.** For each motor,  $kVA = kW/pf$ , where *pf* = power factor of the motor, expressed as a decimal. Thus, for motor A,  $kVA = 3124.6/0.90 = 3471.8$ ; for motor B,  $kVA = 3076.3/0.92 = 3343.8$ . The difference is 127.9 kVa.

Then, by using the same procedure as in the efficiency evaluation, demand-charge savings =  $(127.9 \text{ kVA})(\$60/\text{year})(13.826) = \$106,100$  in savings in favor of motor B.

Thus, based on the efficiency and demand-charge savings, motor B clearly has the lower total cost and is the more economical choice for this application.

**Related Calculations** For many years ac motors were usually chosen only on the basis of first cost. But with the rise in interest rates and the steady escalation of power (energy) costs, careful selection among the available motor choices is now a necessity.

To find out whether the motor pays its way, we must evaluate the efficiency and power factor for each of the various motor choices available. The above calculation procedure shows that in times of escalating power (energy) costs and relatively high interest rates, an extra 1.5 percent in motor efficiency would allow the spending of \$105,000 more for a motor of larger horsepower rating.

Power factor also is very important from an economic standpoint. In the above situation, a 2 percent difference in power factor results in an economic difference greater than that from the efficiency difference. For this reason, a power-factor-worth study should always be made, particularly for larger motors or in areas with significant demand penalties.

Although only two evaluations are made above, the concept can be expanded to include the results of other differences or of alternative investments to offset the differences. Thus, the effect of changes in taxes or insurance can be evaluated. Or the power factor of a motor can be improved through an investment in capacitors. Alternatively, investment in a synchronous motor can provide unity or even leading power factor, reducing overall plant demand charge. This could make a lower investment possible or postpone the need for additional switchgear, breakers, conductors, or primary substation equipment. This approach, called *worth analysis*, can aid in decision making in many other areas such as transformer, converter, and generator selection. Data presented in this procedure are the work of K. Lyle Hanson, Electric Machinery Manufacturing Division, Turbodyne Corporation, as reported in *Power* magazine.

## DIRECT-CURRENT PERMANENT-MAGNET MOTOR ANALYSIS

A high-efficiency (85 percent minimum) permanent-magnet (PM) motor operating from a 290-V dc line is required to deliver 1 hp (0.75 kW) at 11,500 r/min. The ambient temperature varies from  $-65$  to  $+85^\circ\text{C}$  ( $-85$  to  $185^\circ\text{F}$ ). Determine the motor's performance characteristics.

**TABLE 50** Summary of Formulas for Universal Performance

<p>(1) <math>\alpha = \frac{T_L}{T_{STD}} = \frac{I_{NL}}{I_{ST}}</math></p> <p>(2) <math>\eta_{\max} = (1 - \sqrt{\alpha})^2</math>; <math>\alpha = (1 - \sqrt{\alpha_{\max}})^2</math></p> <p>(3) <math>N_0 = \frac{N_{NL}}{(1 - \alpha)}</math></p> <p>(4) <math>\eta_{\max} = \left(2 - \frac{1}{v_{\max}}\right)^2</math></p> <p>(5) <math>v_{\max} = \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{\alpha}}</math></p> <p>(6) <math>v_{\max} = \frac{1}{2 - \sqrt{\eta_{\max}}}</math></p> <p>(7) <math>T_{STD} = \frac{T_{ST}}{(1 - \alpha)}</math></p> <p>(8) <math>P_O = \frac{T_{STD} N_0}{1352} (1 - \alpha)^2 v (1 - v)</math>  <math>= P_{ST} (1 - \alpha)^2 v (1 - v)</math></p> <p>(9) <math>P_i = VI_{ST} [1 - v (1 - \alpha)]</math></p> <p>(10) <math>P_i = P_{ST} [1 - v (1 - \alpha)]</math></p>	<p>(11) <math>\eta = \frac{P_0}{P_i} = \frac{(1 - \alpha)^2 v (1 - v)}{[1 - v (1 - \alpha)]}</math></p> <p>(12) <math>N_{NL} = N_0 \sqrt{\eta_{\max}} (2 - \sqrt{\eta_{\max}})</math></p> <p>(13) <math>N_{NL} = N_E (2 - \sqrt{\eta_{\max}})</math></p> <p>(14) <math>N_0 = \frac{N_E}{\sqrt{\eta_{\max}}}</math></p> <p>(15) <math>T_{STD} = \frac{1352}{N_0} P_{ST}</math></p> <p>(16) <math>P_{ST} = \frac{1}{1352} N_E T_E \frac{1}{\sqrt{\eta_{\max}}} \left( \frac{2 - \sqrt{\eta_{\max}}}{1 - \sqrt{\eta_{\max}}} \right)</math></p> <p>(17) <math>P_{ST} = P_{OE} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\eta_{\max}}} \left( \frac{2 - \sqrt{\eta_{\max}}}{1 - \sqrt{\eta_{\max}}} \right)</math></p> <p>(18) <math>\frac{T_{ST}}{T_E} = \frac{2 - \sqrt{\eta_{\max}}}{1 - \sqrt{\eta_{\max}}}</math></p> <p>(19) <math>D = \frac{1352}{N_{NL}^2} (1 - \alpha)^2 P_{ST}</math></p> <p>(20) <math>v = \frac{(1 + \eta - \alpha) \pm \sqrt{(1 - \eta)^2 (2 + 2\eta - \alpha) \alpha}}{2(1 - \alpha)}</math></p>
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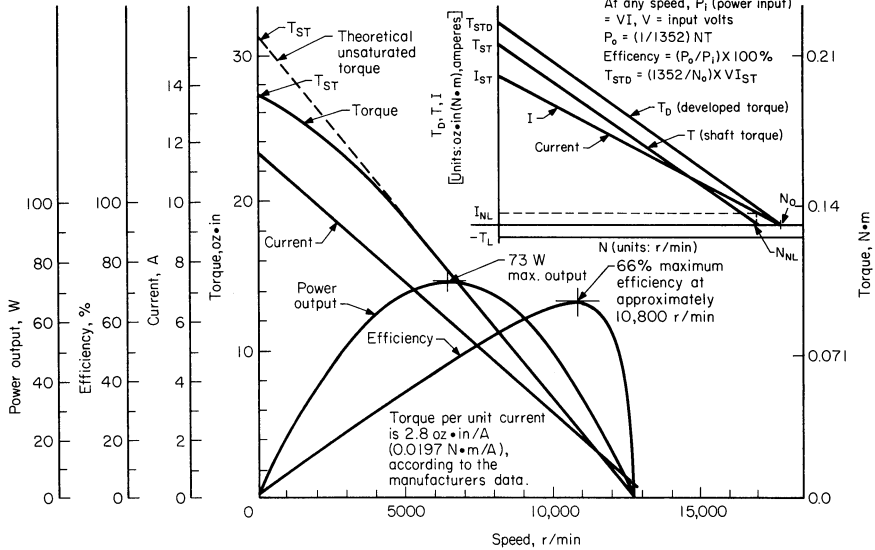
**Nomenclature**

<p><math>\alpha</math> = dimensionless ratio of motor drag torque due to friction, iron, and commutation, to developed stall torque</p> <p><math>\eta</math> = per unit efficiency</p> <p><math>N_{NL}</math> = no-load speed, r/min</p> <p><math>N_0</math> = theoretical no-load speed for <math>\alpha = 0</math> r/min</p> <p><math>v</math> = dimensionless ratio of speed <math>N</math> to no-load speed <math>N_{NL}</math></p> <p><math>T_{ST}</math> = stall torque, available at the output 1 oz-in (0.007 N·m)</p> <p><math>T_{STD}</math> = developed stall torque for <math>\alpha = 0</math> oz-in (N·m)</p> <p><math>P_O</math> = output power, W</p>	<p><math>P_i</math> = input power, W</p> <p><math>\eta_{\max}</math> = maximum efficiency</p> <p><math>v_{\max}</math> = dimensionless speed for maximum efficiency</p> <p><math>T_E</math> = torque at maximum efficiency point, oz-in (N·m)</p> <p><math>N_E</math> = speed at maximum efficiency, r/min</p> <p><math>P_{OE}</math> = power output at maximum efficiency</p> <p><math>D</math> = slope of torque-speed curve, oz-in·min/r</p> <p><math>I_{NL}</math> = no-load current, A</p> <p><math>I_{ST}</math> = stall current, A</p> <p><math>V</math> = rated voltage, V</p>
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**Calculation Procedures**

**1. Determine the rated operating conditions.** Find the rated operating torque from  $T_R = P_{OR} (1352)/(r/min)$ , where  $P_{OR}$  = power delivered, W; rpm = operating revolutions per minute at rated output, r/min. Solving gives  $T_R = 746(1352)/11,500 = 87.7$  oz·in (0.62 N·m).

**2. Find the rated power input to the motor.** The rated power input  $P_{iR} = P_{OR}/\eta_{\max}$ , where  $\eta_{\max}$  = maximum motor efficiency, expressed as a decimal. Or,  $P_{iR} = 746/0.85 = 877.6$  W.



**FIGURE 34** Performance characteristics of a permanent-magnet dc motor are shown on the large graph; the inset gives basic relations for a linear permanent-magnet dc motor. *Note:* Power output and efficiency are calculated from the theoretical unsaturated torque-speed characteristic, to permit a check of theoretical formulas. Armature resistance = 2.15 Ω, line voltage = 27 V dc. Torque constant = 2.8 oz·in/A (0.0197 N·m/A) (manufacturer's data). (*Product Engineering*.)

**3. Compute the rated input current.** The rated input current  $I_R = P_{ir}/V$ , where  $V$  = supply-current voltage. Or,  $I_R = 877.6/290 = 3.026$  A.

**4. Find the motor parameters, using equations from Table 50.** The motor parameters important in dc PM motor analysis are (a) the dimensionless ratio of motor drag torque due to friction, iron, and commutation, to developed stall torque,  $\alpha$ ; (b) dimensionless speed for maximum efficiency  $v_{max}$ ; (c) theoretical no-load speed for  $\alpha = 0$  r/min,  $N_0$ ; (d) no-load speed  $N_{NL}$ , r/min; (e) stall torque,  $W P_{ST}$ ; (f) stall current  $I_{ST}$ , A; (g) armature resistance  $A_R$ , Ω. Solving for these parameters by using the equations from Table 50 yields the following:

(a)  $\alpha = [2 - (\eta_{max})^{0.5}]^2 = [1 - (0.85)^{0.5}]^2 = 0.006091$ . (b)  $v_{max} = 1/(2 - \sqrt{\eta_{max}}) = 0.928$ . (c)  $N_0 = N_R / (\eta_{max})^{0.5} = 11,500/(0.85)^{0.5} = 12,474$  r/min. (d)  $N_{NL} = N_0 (\eta_{max})^{0.5} [2 - \eta_{max}]^{0.5} = 12,474 (0.85)^{0.5} [2 - (0.85)^{0.5}] = 12,398$  r/min. (e)  $P_{ST} = P_{OR} (1/\eta_{max})^{0.5} (2 - \eta_{max}^{0.5}) / (1 - \eta_{max}^{0.5}) = 746 (1/[0.85]^{0.5}) [2 - (0.85)^{0.5}] / [1 - (0.85)^{0.5}] = 11,177$  W. (f)  $I_{ST} = P_{ST}/(V \text{ dc}) = 11,177/290 = 38.54$  A. (g)  $A_R = (V \text{ dc})/I_{ST} = 290/38.54 = 7.525$  Ω.

These parameters show the high stall power  $P_{ST}$  inherent in high efficiency motors, as shown in Fig. 34. The maximum stall power is even higher if temperature effects are included. To deliver the required output at the specified minimum efficiency, the winding resistance must not exceed the value determined above, 7.525Ω.

However, with a 7.525-Ω resistance at the maximum operating temperature of the motor, a resistance of about half this must prevail when the motor is started at the coldest temperature. Hence, the peak instantaneous input current may reach twice the value of  $I_{ST} = 38.54$  A, or 75 to 80 A. This is an extremely large current for a 290-V dc line [approximately 23-kW peak for a 1-hp (0.75-kW) continuous rating].

**5. Determine the no-load current and power.** For  $\alpha = 0.00691$  and  $I_{ST} = 38.54$ , the no-load current  $I_{NL} = \alpha I_{ST} = 0.00691 (38.54) = 0.235$  A. The no-load power  $P_{NL} = (V \text{ dc})(I)_{NL} = 290(0.235) = 68.15$  W.

**6. Find the developed stall, actual stall, and drag torques.** The developed stall torque is  $T_{STDEV} = (1352/N_0)P_{ST} = (1352/12,474)(11,177) = 1211.4$  oz·in (8.55 N·m). The actual stall torque  $T_{ASTDEV} = T_{STDEV} (1 - \alpha) = 1211.4(1 - 0.006091) = 1204$  oz·in (8.5 N·m). Last, the drag torque  $T_D = \alpha T_{STDEV} = 0.006091(1211.4) = 7.379$  oz·in (0.052 N·m).

The above calculated parameters, determined by the relatively few specified characteristics, provide a complete picture of motor performance.

In an actual application, in-rush current at stall can be reduced in several ways. Current limiting may be added to the input line, corresponding to an acceptable level of stall torque. For example, if the stall torque must exceed 400 percent of the rated torque, the input current may be limited at  $4I_R = 12.11$  A. Alternatively, a lower efficiency might be acceptable in a design tradeoff. By calculation, the ratio of stall input to rated power output decreases by 21.8 percent, as  $\eta_{\max}$  goes from 85 to 80 percent.

A third approach would be to accept an efficiency reduction by operating lower on the efficiency curve, at a slower than maximum efficiency speed. Substitute in the efficiency formula of Table 50:  $\alpha = 0.006091$ ;  $\eta = 0.80$ ;  $v = 0.8348$ ;  $P_E/P_{ST} = 0.1362$ ;  $P_{ST}/P_E = 7.34$ .

This large reduction in stall power is obtained by trading off five percentage points of rated efficiency.

The simple analytic procedures and universal curves given here permit the equipment designer to predict complete permanent-magnet dc motor performance from some of its parameters and to optimize operation in specific applications.

**Related Calculations** Because of the wide variety of motor applications, it is impossible for the motor manufacturer to give sufficient information on products to cover all operating conditions. So it is important that the designer of motor-driven equipment be able to interpret and extend limited manufacturer's data to cover the specific requirements of the application. Fortunately, for the widely used permanent-magnet dc motor, it is feasible to extend the limited motor data to a complete performance description. The method of doing this is theoretically sound and easy to apply.

The universal motor performance curves in this procedure are readily derived from simple motor performance equations. These equations relate input voltage, current, speed, power, and developed torque. Figure 34 shows standard performance curves of a permanent-magnet dc motor. Motor manufacturers do not usually provide as complete a curve set. Note that drag torque may be estimated from no-load input power  $VI_{NL}$  to the power associated with developed torque at no load  $T_L N_{NL}/1352$ . (Shaft power is zero at no load.) Solving for developed torque (equal to internal drag torque) yields  $T_L = 1352 VI_{NL}/N_{NL}$ .

For a constant drag torque over the speed range, the curve of developed torque is translated from the shaft torque curve. Developed stall torque therefore exceeds available-at-the-shaft stall torque, by the amount of drag torque. The ratio of drag torque to developed stall torque is an important figure.

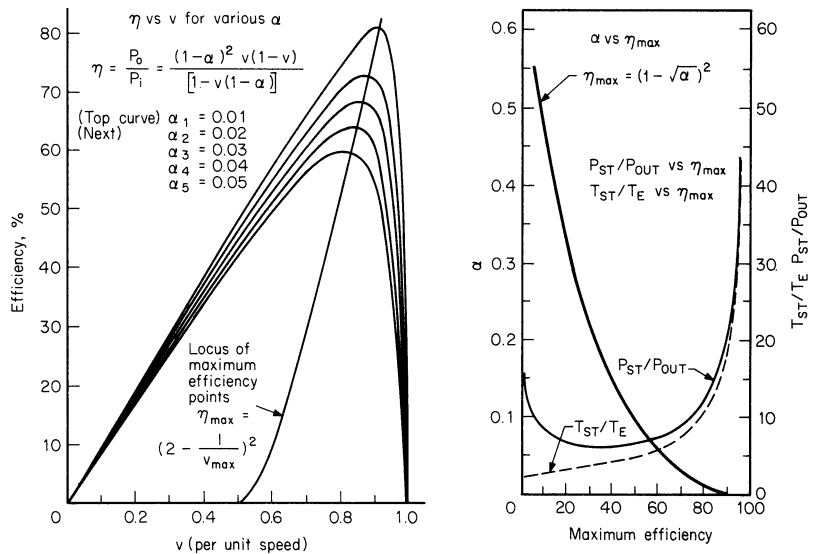
To minimize error while retaining analytical simplicity, the drag torque is assumed to be constant at the value corresponding to the speed where motor efficiency is maximum. This assumption provides highest accuracy in the important region of high motor efficiency. No other assumptions are required for the derivations of the universal curve.

Figure 35 shows the starting point for the derivations, introducing the nomenclature and procedures. It also lists the relationships which are to be presented as universal curves. These relationships (together with many others collated for convenience) are summarized in Table 50.

These brief descriptions only hint at the value of the universal curves to the equipment designer. Their real utility can best be demonstrated by worked-out examples of their application.

To show use of the universal curve, the above formulas may be applied to the curves of Fig. 34, which are devised from actual motor data.

From the figure,  $N_{NL} = 12,800$  r/min,  $\eta_{\max} = 0.66$ , armature resistance is  $2.15 \Omega$ , and line voltage is 27 V dc. From these data all other parameters of the motor may be derived by standard formulas.



**FIGURE 35** Dimensionless efficiency curves for permanent-magnet dc motors are shown at left. At right are shown the relationships between per unit drag torque, power, and maximum efficiency ( $\eta_{\max}$ ). The high stall power of high-efficiency motors is indicated. (*Product Engineering*).

To calculate stall current, assume as a standard approximation a drop of 1 V across each brush, so that  $27 - 2 = 25$  V appears across the motor winding. And  $I_{ST} = 25/2.15 = 11.6$  A, which agrees with the manufacturer's curve. Stall power is  $27(11.6) = 313.2$  W. Calculate  $\alpha = (1 - \sqrt{\eta_{\max}})^2 = 0.0352$ . Calculate the slope of the torque-versus-speed characteristics, using  $P_{ST}$  and  $\alpha$  as determined above:

$$D = \frac{1352}{(N_{NL})^2} (1 - \alpha)^2 P_{ST} = 0.00241 \text{ oz} \cdot \text{in} \cdot \text{min}/\text{r} (1.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \cdot \text{min}/\text{r})$$

This slope applies in the lower-current, higher-speed, unsaturated region. Using  $N_{NL} = 12,800$  gives the unsaturated stall torque as  $T_{ST} = 0.00241(12,800) = 30.8$  oz·in (0.22 N·m). The ratio of  $T_{ST}$  to  $I_{ST}$ , the unsaturated torque constant, is 2.65 oz·in/A (0.019 N·m/A) compared with the manufacturer's figure of 2.8 (0.0197). The agreement accuracy is to within 5 percent. Calculate  $v_{\max} = 1/(2 - \sqrt{\eta_{\max}}) = 0.842$ . The corresponding speed is  $0.842(12,800) = 10,780$  r/min. This checks very accurately with the efficiency curve of Fig. 34.

This procedure is the work of Sid Davis, Consulting Electrical Engineer, East Norwich, New York, as reported in *Product Engineering*.

## ELECTRICAL-MEASUREMENT ANALYSIS OF PERMANENT-MAGNET MOTORS

At its rated 20 V, a permanent-magnet motor has a no-load current of  $I_0 = 1$  A and a no-load speed of  $S_0 = 9600$  r/min (9.6 kr/min). When the motor is loaded to a point where its speed  $S = 7600$  r/min

(7.6 kr/min), the input current  $I = 6$  A. Determine the factor of merit  $M$  for this motor, maximum motor efficiency, input current at maximum efficiency, and power output and speed at maximum efficiency. Also find the motor drag torque, total stall torque, and stall input current.

### Calculation Procedure

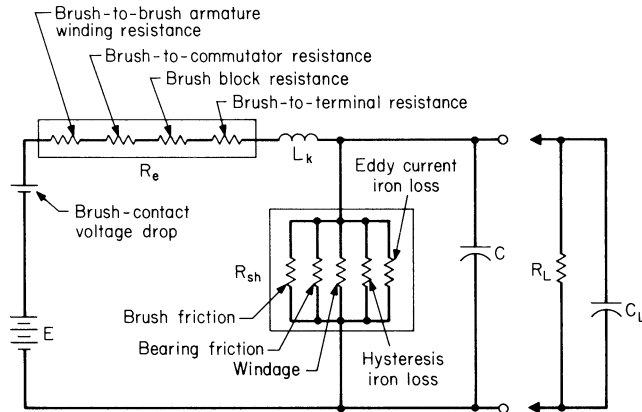
- 1. Find the factor of merit  $M$ .** Use the relation  $M_0 = [(S_0/I_0)(\Delta I/\Delta S) + 1]^{0.5}$  where  $\Delta I = I - I_0 = 6 - 1 = 5$ ;  $\Delta S = S_0 - S = 9.6 - 7.6 = 2$ . Substituting gives  $M = [(9.6/1)(5/2) + 1]^{0.5} = 5$ .
- 2. Compute the maximum motor efficiency.** The maximum motor efficiency is  $EF_{\max} = (1 - 1/M)^2 = (1 - 1/5)^2 = 0.64$ , or 64 percent.
- 3. Determine the input current at maximum efficiency.** The input current at maximum efficiency is given by  $I_m = MI_0 = 5(1) = 5$  A.
- 4. Compute the power output at maximum efficiency.** The power output at maximum efficiency is given by  $P_{\text{out}} = EI_mEF_{\max}$ , where  $E$  = motor rated voltage. Substituting gives  $P_{\text{out}} = 20(5)(0.64) = 64$  W.
- 5. Find the motor speed at maximum efficiency.** The speed at maximum efficiency is given by  $S_m = S_0 [M/(M + 1)]$  kr/min. Or  $S_m = 9.6(5/6) = 8$  kr/min (8000 r/min).
- 6. Compute the output torque at maximum efficiency.** Use the relation  $T_m = 1.35 P_{\text{out}}/S_m$ , or  $T_m = 1.35(64)/8 = 10.8$  oz·in (0.076 N·m).
- 7. Determine the motor drag torque.** The motor drag torque at the speed range from  $S_0$  to  $S_m$  is  $T_0 = T_m/(M - 1) = 10.8/(5 - 1) = 2.7$  oz·in (0.019 N·m).
- 8. Find the total stall torque.** The total stall torque  $T_t$  is the sum of the output stall torque and the drag torque at near-zero speed. Or,  $T_t = M(T_m + T_0) = 5(10.8 + 2.7) = 67.5$  oz·in (0.477 N·m).
- 9. Compute the stall torque.** The stall torque  $T_s = T_t - T_0 = 67.5 - 2.7 = 64.8$  oz·in (0.458 N·m).
- 10. Find the stall input current.** The stall input current is  $I_s = M^2I_0 = (5)^2(1) = 25$  A.

**Related Calculations** Because of improved magnetic materials, permanent-magnet (PM) motors no longer are restricted to use in toys and novelty products. New motors with superior performance now regularly show up in more sophisticated applications such as tape and disk drives, machine tools, and instruments. Nevertheless, PM motors have not received much analytical attention in the technical literature. Performance is still determined largely by plotting torque against speed, input current, output power, and motor efficiency. Although this is the traditional procedure for determining maximum efficiency and the most efficient operating point, it is also time-consuming and requires elaborate test equipment, such as dynamometers and torquemeters.

A simpler and quicker analysis can be made by developing an equivalent motor circuit based on plotted performance information (Fig. 36). Equations developed from this circuit can be used with any PM motor to find a factor of merit, which in turn predicts performance capabilities, maximum efficiency, and best operating point of the motor.

All that is required to find the factor of merit is a regulated dc power source, a voltmeter, an ammeter, and a tachometer or strobotac. If a good dc source is not available, at least the input voltage should be kept constant during current readings.

After the motor has warmed up, read applied voltage  $E$ , no-load current  $I_0$ , and no-load speed  $S_0$  (in kr/min). Next, decrease the motor speed by loading the shaft. If the actual load is not available, a handheld rag or wood blocks can be used as a friction load. Speed should be decreased



**FIGURE 36** Equivalent motor circuit for a permanent-magnet motor. (*Machine Design*.)

to about 80 percent of no-load speed, although this value is not critical. Now read the loaded speed  $S$  and the corresponding input current  $I$ . The factor of merit  $M$  is found as given in step 1.

This motor analysis method is probably more accurate than most torque or dynamometer readings, since most electrical measurements are more accurate than their mechanical counterparts. Step 2 understates the efficiency by about 1 percent by assuming that the shunt current stays constant over the speed change from  $S_0$  to  $S$ . However, by not including the nonohmic brush drop, the equation overstates efficiency by about the same amount. Accuracy, then, is more than adequate for most applications.

This procedure is the work of Joseph A. Mas, Consulting Engineer, Woodbury, New York, as reported in *Machine Design* magazine.

## AIR COOLING OF ELECTRIC-MOTOR DRIVES

How much air is required to keep the temperature of an unattended motor room from exceeding 104°F (40°C) if the motor is connected to a 200-hp (149-kW) load, the losses in the motor and drive reduce the overall efficiency to 87 percent, and the entering air temperature is 80°F (27°C)?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine how much heat must be removed.** The heat generated by the motor and drive as a result of inefficiency must be removed from the room. This heat can be found from  $H = 2545 \text{ bhp}_c(1.0 - E)/E$ , where  $H$  = heat to be removed, Btu/h (W);  $\text{bhp}_c$  = brake horsepower of connected load, W;  $E$  = combined motor and drive efficiency, expressed as a decimal. Substituting, we find  $H = 2545(200)(1 - 0.87)/0.87 = 76,057 \text{ Btu/h}$  (22.3 kW).

**2. Compute the airflow required to remove the heat.** Use the relation  $Q = 2358 \text{ bhp}_c(1.0 - E)/(\Delta t E)$ , where  $Q$  = airflow required to dissipate the heat, ft<sup>3</sup>/min;  $\Delta t$  = temperature rise of the air, °F (°C). Substituting yields  $Q = 2358(200)(1 - 0.87)/(104 - 80)0.87 = 2936 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  (83.1 m<sup>3</sup>/min).

**Related Calculations** Whenever electric motors are operated unattended inside buildings or other enclosures, air circulation must be provided to ensure that the room or enclosure temperature not exceed that required by the motor. Many electric motors are rated for a temperature rise of 40°C (72°F) in an ambient temperature not exceeding 40°C (104°F). Any heat generated by inefficiency of the motor and any drives to which it is connected must be removed to prevent the motor temperature from rising above the rated value.

The airflow required to remove the heat generated by motor and drive inefficiency can be quickly determined as shown above. The required airflow can be provided by either natural or forced ventilation. To determine the maximum airflow required, be certain to use the highest ambient temperature expected in the vicinity of the motor room. The method given here is valid for motors and drives in industrial plants, commercial buildings, ships, aircraft, and similar installations. This procedure is the work of Bill Sisson, Nipak Inc., as reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine.

## FLYWHEEL SELECTION FOR ELECTRIC-MOTOR DRIVES

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A traveling crane having a total maximum loaded weight of  $W = 90,000$  lb (40,500 kg) traverses an overhead track at a speed of  $L = 160$  ft/min (48.8 m/min). The crane has a load torque  $T_L = 14$  lb·ft (19 N·m) and is driven by a 10-hp (7.5-kW) motor with inertia of  $I_r = 3.5$  lb·ft<sup>2</sup> (0.147 kg·m<sup>2</sup>), a starting torque of  $T_s = 74$  lb·ft (100.3 N·m), a speed of  $n = 1800$  r/min, and a braking torque of  $T_b = 50$  lb·ft (67.7 N·m). The gear ratio is sufficiently high for the load rotational inertia to be ignored. Required starting and stopping time is 4 s for the load to accelerate and decelerate without swinging. Determine whether a flywheel is required and, if so, what size it should be.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the linear inertia.** Use the relation  $I_a = WL^2/40n^2$ , where  $I_a$  = linear inertia, lb·ft<sup>2</sup> (kg·m<sup>2</sup>), other symbols as given earlier. Substituting gives  $I_a = 90,000(160)^2/40(1800)^2 = 17.8$  lb·ft<sup>2</sup> (0.75 kg·m<sup>2</sup>).

**2. Find the total inertia of the system.** Since the rotational inertia of the load is negligible, the motor inertia is the only component of rotational inertia that will enter into this computation. Thus,  $I_r = 3.5$  lb·ft<sup>2</sup> (0.147 kg·m<sup>2</sup>), and the total inertia in the system is  $3.5$  lb·ft<sup>2</sup> +  $17.8$  lb·ft<sup>2</sup> =  $21.3$  lb·ft<sup>2</sup> (0.898 kg·m<sup>2</sup>). (Note that if the rotational inertia of the load were significant, it would be computed and included in the above summation.)

**3. Determine the motor system starting and stopping times.** The starting time, in seconds, without a flywheel is found from  $t_s = nI_{is}/307(T_s - T_L)$ , where  $I_i$  = total inertia of the system, lb·ft<sup>2</sup>(kg·m<sup>2</sup>), other symbols as given earlier. Substituting, we have  $t_s = 1800(21.3)/307(74 - 14) = 2.08$  s.

The stopping time, in seconds, of the motor system without a flywheel is given by  $t_b = nI_i/307(0.9T_b + T_L)$ , where all the symbols are as given earlier. Thus  $t_b = 1800(21.3)/(307[(0.9)50 + 14]) = 2.1$  s.

The required starting and stopping time for the load to accelerate and decelerate without swinging is 4 s. Since the computed starting and stopping times are 2.08 and 2.1 s, respectively, additional inertia must be added to the system to increase the starting and stopping time.

**4. Find the additional inertia required.** Use the starting-time equation to find the additional inertia  $I_f$ , starting with  $t_s = 4$  s, the required starting time, and  $I_i = 21.3$  lb·ft<sup>2</sup> +  $I_f$ ;  $I_i = 0.898$  kg·m<sup>2</sup> +  $I_f$  in SI. Or,  $4 = 1800(21.3 + I_f)/307(74 - 14)$ ;  $I_f = 20$  lb·ft<sup>2</sup> (0.843 kg·m<sup>2</sup>).



The required flywheel inertia of  $20 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{ft}^2$  ( $0.843 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2$ ) can be obtained from any rotational component in the system. To be effective, however, the additional inertia must be connected directly to the motor shaft and have no gearing between the component and the motor.

**5. Choose the flywheel to use.** A total of  $20 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{ft}^2$  ( $0.843 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2$ ) of inertia is needed for this system. Choose a heavy, iron brake disk which would add  $10 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{ft}^2$  ( $0.421 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2$ ) of inertia. The remaining  $10 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{ft}^2$  ( $0.421 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2$ ) required inertia can be obtained from a flywheel. Assuming that the flywheel is made from steel bar stock of 1-ft (0.3-m) diameter, we know that the required flywheel width  $w$ , ft, is given by  $w = I_p R^2 / 0.1 \rho D^4$ , where  $R$  = gear ratio;  $P$  = flywheel material specific weight,  $\text{lb}/\text{ft}^3$  ( $\text{kg}/\text{m}^3$ );  $D$  = outside diameter, ft(m), of the flywheel. Substituting, we have  $w = 10(1)^2 / 0.1(490)(1)^4$ ;  $w = 0.2 \text{ ft}$  (0.06 m).

Caution should be exercised in arbitrarily increasing rotational inertia in this manner to increase starting time. Most motors have maximum startup times that, if exceeded, can severely overheat the motor. These maximum startup times are typically under 5 s, so the motor data sheet should be consulted before a flywheel is used. Extending stopping times is usually safe, however, if the motor brake is designed to dissipate the heat generated in long stopping times.

**Related Calculations** In many motor-driven systems, starting and stopping must be done slowly; fast acceleration and deceleration can damage drives or cause loads to swing uncontrollably. Often in such applications, the best choice is an electric or electronic speed control to limit motor acceleration and deceleration, particularly where knob-adjustable motor control is required. But this solution is not cost-effective in many other applications with fixed start-and-stop requirements; electric and electronic controls are expensive to install and maintain, are difficult to protect in harsh factory environments, and often require frequent adjustment to compensate for changing loads.

A much simpler and less expensive way to control acceleration and deceleration in fixed-time applications is with a flywheel connected to the motor to increase the rotational inertia of the system. Although start and stop times are not readily changed once the flywheel is sized and installed, the flywheel is rugged and easy to maintain. In addition, it is inexpensive and helps maintain consistent start and stop times regardless of load changes.

The flywheel is usually a heavy, metal disk placed on the motor shaft expressly for increasing rotational inertia. Sometimes rotational inertia is increased more conveniently through a combination of system components rather than a single flywheel. Gear couplings and pulleys, for example, may be specified in larger sizes. And iron disk brakes may be used instead of the usual aluminum. To be effective, these components must be placed directly on the motor shaft, since gearing reduces rotational inertia by the gear ratio squared. However, heavier rotating components alone are not always enough to increase rotational inertia sufficiently. Then, additional inertia must be provided by a flywheel.

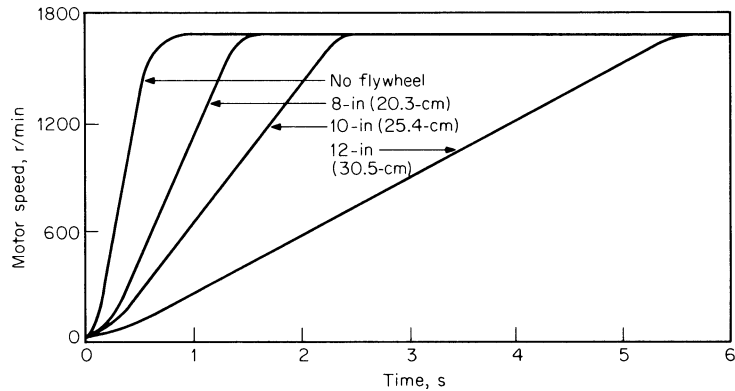
Typically, flywheels are made of steel or cast iron because these materials are heavy enough to increase the rotational inertia with a relatively small flywheel diameter. They are also strong enough to withstand high rotational speeds.

Flywheel disks are made from round bar stock cut to the desired width. Balancing counterweights are rarely used because of the danger of their flying off at high speeds. Rather, small holes are drilled near the perimeter of the disk at appropriate positions. Balancing may be done to a fairly high accuracy on a lathe by an experienced machinist, but it is more accurately performed on a spin-balancing machine.

Flywheels are sized by calculating total system inertia and then determining the additional flywheel inertia needed to produce the required start and stop times, as shown in the procedure.

Figure 37 shows the effect of a 4-in (10.2-cm) thick flywheel on a typical 10-hp (7.5-kW) motor driving a  $17 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{ft}^2$  ( $0.716 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2$ ) load. With no flywheel, the motor accelerates from rest to full speed in less than 1 s. By increasing the flywheel diameter to 1 ft (0.3 m), the startup time can be stretched to more than 5 s.

For some applications, high-inertia part-time flywheel control of acceleration and deceleration from high speeds is required along with the positioning accuracy and quick response of a low-inertia

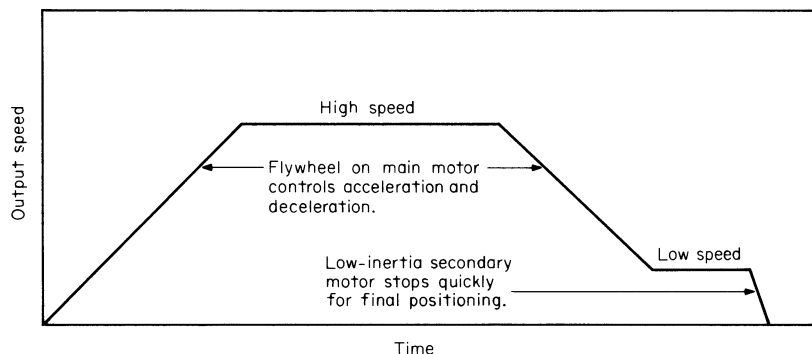


**FIGURE 37** Effect of flywheel width on motor starting time is shown by these acceleration curves. (*Machine Design*.)

motor. This dual part-time flywheel capability is often needed in positioning applications such as automatic warehousing, where a material-transfer conveyor must move quickly between work stations and position very accurately when it gets to the stations. In such dual-mode applications, “part-time” flywheels are used to accelerate and decelerate for high-speed operation, with a simple clutching arrangement to disconnect the flywheel for low-speed final positioning.

In the clutching arrangement (Fig. 38), two motors are used: a main motor with a heavy, iron brake disk flywheel and a smaller secondary motor with a low-inertia aluminum brake. The main motor accelerates the load to high speed. Then, for final positioning, the main-motor brake engages a clutch and the output shaft is driven by the secondary motor until the final position is attained. The flywheel effect of the iron disk brake on the main motor limits high-speed acceleration and deceleration. Final-positioning accuracy is unaffected by the flywheel effect because the rotational inertia of the main-motor brake is reduced by the square of the secondary-motor gear ratio.

This procedure is the work of Peter A. Begley, Product Supervisor, DEMAG Corp., Drives Division, Cleveland, Ohio, as reported in *Machine Design* magazine. The method given is valid for motors used in a variety of industrial, commercial, and process applications.



**FIGURE 38** Speed profile for a part-time flywheel application. (*Machine Design*.)

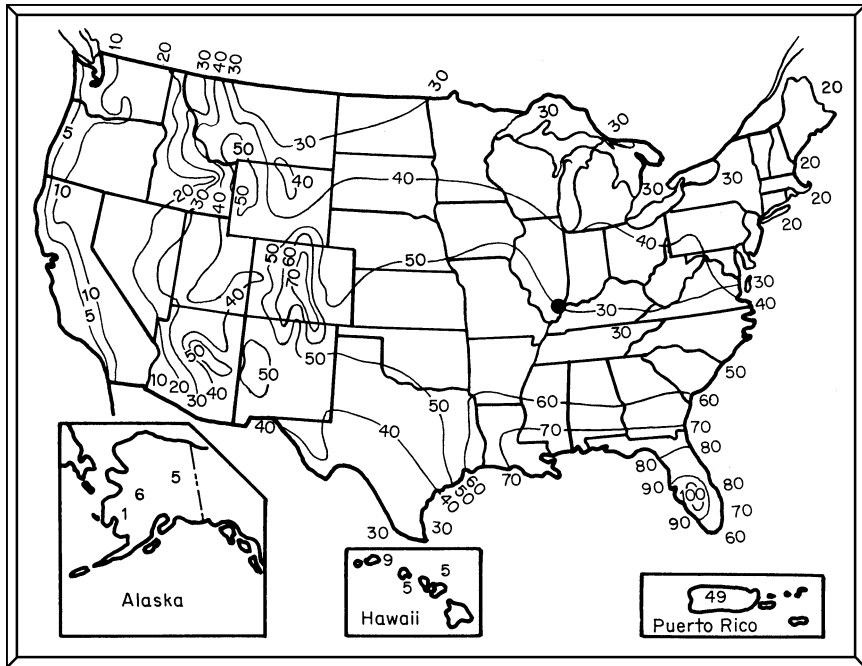


FIGURE 39 Average incidence of thunderstorm days per year in the United States. (Chemical Engineering.)

## LIGHTNING PROTECTION OF INDUSTRIAL PLANTS

Design a lightning protection system for an industrial plant located in Omaha, Nebraska, after deciding whether such protection is needed. Choose the protection method to use for the plant if the ground area occupied by the one-story building is 10,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (929 m<sup>2</sup>).

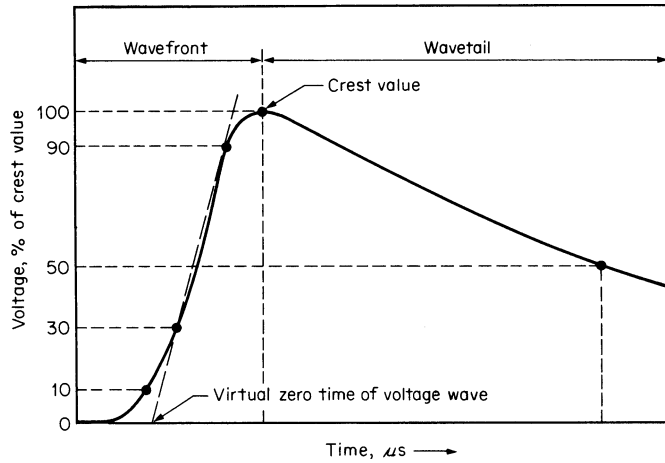
### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine whether lightning protection is needed.** Figure 39 shows a map of the United States with the average number of thunderstorm days per year in various parts of the country. This map shows that Omaha, Nebraska, has an average of 50 thunderstorm days per year. While this is not the highest for the country, it is in the midrange between 5 and 100 days per year shown on the map. Hence, lightning protection is advisable for this industrial plant.

**2. Choose the type of protection system to use.** In an industrial electric power system, the two principal sources of overvoltages are lightning and switching surges. Lightning voltage has been estimated by various authorities as between  $100 \times 10^6$  and  $10^9$  V just before the stroke. The voltage wavefront (Fig. 40) travels along a conductor and can cause insulation failures and flashovers when it is greater than the basic impulse level (BIL) of a piece of equipment.

Lightning striking a porcelain-insulated power line will travel along the line with an extremely sharp wavefront, such as that in Fig. 40, until it is bled from the system by lightning arrestors or equipment failure.

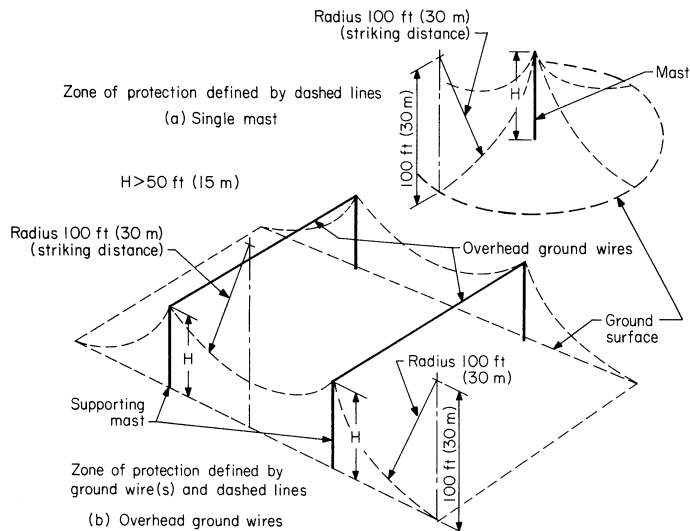
Switching surges are caused by quick interruption of current, and they cause traveling waves similar to lightning but normally do not have the voltage magnitude of a lightning discharge.



**FIGURE 40** Voltage wave from surge in an electric conductor. (Beeman and *Chemical Engineering*.)

Protection of electric equipment from these surges can be provided with lightning arrestors and with high BILs for equipment. Note that it is difficult to protect fully against all surges—even when the power system is completely insulated with shield conductors and underground cables. Lightning causes extremely high voltages in any equipment near a stroke. Further, all electrical systems have switching operations.

Protecting equipment, buildings, and personnel from direct lightning strokes in the typical industrial plant is usually done by using lightning rods. A single rod will provide a cone of protection (Fig. 41a). The area protected is a function of a radius scribed from a point 100 ft (30 m) above the ground (Fig. 41a).



**FIGURE 41** Zone of protection from towers and masts for lightning strokes. (*Chemical Engineering*.)

To protect this 10,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (929 m<sup>2</sup>) one-story building, four masts with interconnected wires (Fig. 41*b*) could be chosen. These masts, when higher than 50 ft (15 m), will provide the protection shown. The area to be protected should be wholly within a cone of protection having a base radius of about 2 times the height of the axis (mast height) of the cone, according to Fink in the *Standard Handbook for Electrical Engineers*. Thus, four 75-ft (23-m) high masts arranged as in Fig. 41*b* will provide adequate protection for this 100 × 100 ft (31 × 31 m) building. Individual lightning rods might also be installed on this building to provide more protection.

As Fink notes, the wires and masts in Fig. 41*b* must all be suitably grounded to an interconnected ground system. This arrangement gives a subdivision of the lightning currents down any one mast and provides further subdivision of currents in the ground.

**Related Calculations** An earlier procedure in this section shows how to select lightning arrestors to protect electric equipment indoors and outdoors. That procedure can be combined with this one to provide overall protection for an industrial plant of any kind.

Other valuable design data can also be obtained from the NFPA publication no. 78 and the *National Electrical Code*. Be certain to follow *NEC* or local code requirements when you design lightning protection systems. Much of the data given here were reported by Thad Brown, Electro Technology Laboratories, Inc., and John L. Cadick, Multi-Amp Institute, in *Chemical Engineering* magazine.

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## SECTION 5

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# CHEMICAL AND PROCESS PLANT ENGINEERING

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## Chemical Engineering

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### ANALYSIS OF A SATURATED SOLUTION

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If 1000 gal (3785.4 L) of water is saturated with potassium chlorate ( $\text{KClO}_3$ ) at  $80^\circ\text{C}$  ( $176^\circ\text{F}$ ), determine (a) the weight, lb, of  $\text{KClO}_3$  that will precipitate if the solution is cooled to  $30^\circ\text{C}$  ( $86^\circ\text{F}$ ) and (b) the weight of  $\text{KClO}_3$  that will precipitate if one-half the 1000 gal (3785.4 L) of water is evaporated at  $100^\circ\text{C}$  ( $212^\circ\text{F}$ ).

#### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the precipitate when the solution is cooled.** When a solid is dissolved in water (or any other solvent liquid), the resulting solution is termed *saturated* when at a given temperature the solvent cannot dissolve any more of the solid. Most solvents dissolve (hold) more solids at higher temperatures than at lower temperatures. Thus, when the solution temperature is lowered or a portion of the solvent is evaporated, the solution becomes *supersaturated* and solid material may precipitate. This is the basis of *crystallization*, a chemical engineering operation frequently used to produce a purer or more crystalline product.

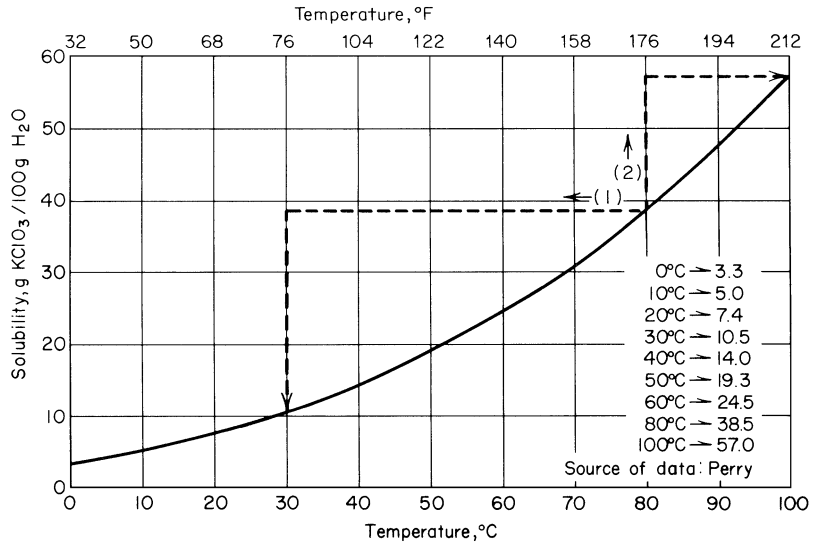


FIGURE 1 Solubility of  $\text{KClO}_3$ .

Referring to Fig. 1, obtain these solubilities: at  $80^\circ\text{C}$  ( $176^\circ\text{F}$ ),  $\text{KClO}_3$  solubility = 38.5 g per 100 g  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ; at  $30^\circ\text{C}$  ( $86^\circ\text{F}$ ),  $\text{KClO}_3$  solubility = 10.5 g per 100 g of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

The weight of the water at  $80^\circ\text{C}$  ( $176^\circ\text{F}$ ) =  $(1000 \text{ gal } \text{H}_2\text{O})(0.97183 \text{ g } \text{H}_2\text{O per cm}^3 \text{ H}_2\text{O}) \times (1 \text{ lb}/454 \text{ g}) = 8103 \text{ lb}$  (3683.2 kg). Now, the weight of  $\text{KClO}_3$  that any solvent can dissolve at a given temperature = weight of solvent at the given temperature, lb (solubility of  $\text{KClO}_3$  at the given temperature, g per 100 g of the solvent). Or, at  $80^\circ\text{C}$  ( $176^\circ\text{F}$ ), weight of  $\text{KClO}_3$  dissolved by the water =  $(8103 \text{ lb of water})(38.5 \text{ g } \text{KClO}_3 \text{ per } 100 \text{ g of } \text{H}_2\text{O}) = 3119 \text{ lb}$  (1417.7 kg) of  $\text{KClO}_3$ . And at  $30^\circ\text{C}$  ( $86^\circ\text{F}$ ) with the same quantity of water but the reduced solubility, the weight of  $\text{KClO}_3$  that can be dissolved =  $(8103)(10.5 \text{ g per } 100 \text{ g}) = 851 \text{ lb}$  (386.8 kg) of  $\text{KClO}_3$ .

When the temperature of the water (solvent) is reduced from  $80$  to  $30^\circ\text{C}$  ( $176$  to  $86^\circ\text{F}$ ), the weight of  $\text{KClO}_3$  precipitated = weight of  $\text{KClO}_3$  dissolved at  $80^\circ\text{C}$  ( $176^\circ\text{F}$ ) – weight of  $\text{KClO}_3$  dissolved at  $30^\circ\text{C}$  ( $86^\circ\text{F}$ ), or  $3119 - 851 = 2271 \text{ lb}$  (1032.3 kg) of  $\text{KClO}_3$  precipitated.

Note that the same procedure can be followed for any similar solution, i.e., any similar solvent and solid. Neither the solvent nor the solid need be the ones considered here.

**2. Compute the precipitate when a portion of the solvent is evaporated.** Since half the solvent (water in this case) is evaporated, the weight of water remaining =  $8103/2 = 4051.5 \text{ lb}$  (1841.6 kg). Using the solubility of  $\text{KClO}_3$  as before, except that the solvent temperature is  $100^\circ\text{C}$  ( $212^\circ\text{F}$ ), we see the weight of  $\text{KClO}_3$  dissolved =  $4051.5(57 \text{ g } \text{KClO}_3 \text{ per } 100 \text{ g } \text{H}_2\text{O}) = 2309 \text{ lb}$  (1047.3 kg) of  $\text{KClO}_3$ . Then the weight of  $\text{KClO}_3$  precipitated by the evaporation = weight of  $\text{KClO}_3$  dissolved in 1000 gal (3785.0 L) of water at  $80^\circ\text{C}$  ( $176^\circ\text{F}$ ) – weight of  $\text{KClO}_3$  dissolved in 500 gal (1892.5 L) of water at  $100^\circ\text{C}$  ( $212^\circ\text{F}$ ) =  $3119 - 2309 = 810 \text{ lb}$  (367.4 kg) of  $\text{KClO}_3$  precipitated.

## TERNARY LIQUID SYSTEM ANALYSIS

For a liquid mixture of 20 weight percent water, 30 weight percent acetic acid, and 50 weight percent isopropyl ether, determine the composition of the two phases (e.g., the ether layer and the water layer) and the amount of acetic acid that must be added to the system to form a one-phase (single-layer) solution.



## Calculation Procedure

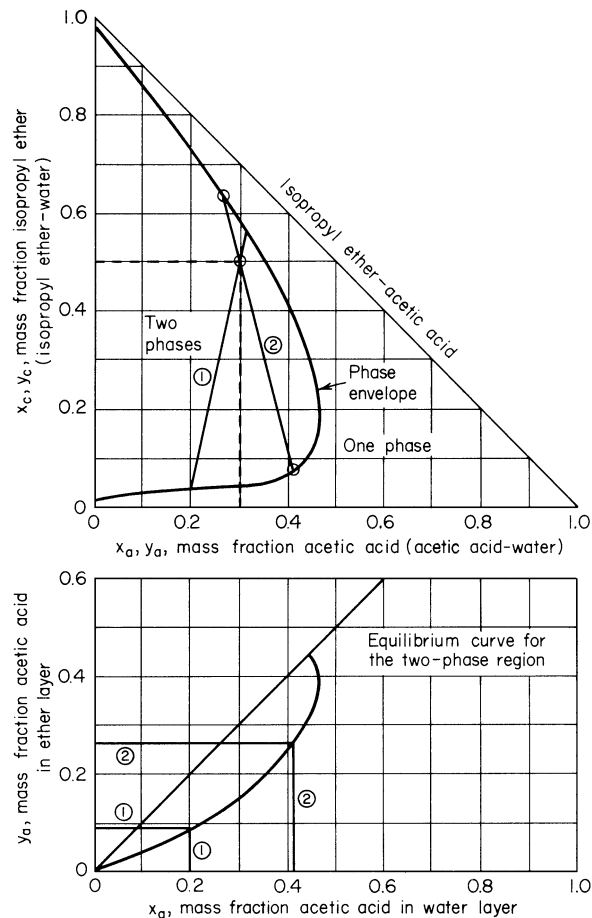
**1. Compute the composition of the two layers.** When two pure liquids are mixed, they will dissolve in each other to some degree. If they are completely soluble in each other, such as water and acetic acid, they are *miscible*.

If their mutual solubilities are zero, they are called immiscible. Between these extremes, liquids are partially miscible.

Addition of a third liquid component often affects the mutual solubilities of the two original liquids. The third liquid may be more soluble in one liquid than in another. This difference in solubilities is the basis of the chemical engineering operation termed *liquid-liquid extraction*.

The third liquid may cause immiscible liquids to become completely miscible, or the third liquid may produce miscibility only in certain concentration ranges. Such interrelationships can be shown graphically, as with the two parts in Fig. 2.

The *phase envelope*, Fig. 2, separates the two-phase region from the one-phase region. Note, Fig. 2, that the acetic acid and water are completely miscible, as indicated by the phase envelope not



**FIGURE 2** Liquid-system phase-envelope plot. (After Anderson and Wenzel—Introduction to Chemical Engineering, McGraw-Hill.)

touching the horizontal axis at any point. Likewise, the isopropyl ether and acetic acid are completely miscible. But water and isopropyl ether are virtually immiscible, as indicated by little of the vertical axis being free of the two-phase region of the phase envelope, Fig. 2.

The composition of the two phases, for the mixture in the two-phase region, is found on the phase envelope line itself, Fig. 2. Toward the lower part of the phase envelope, Fig. 2, is the water-rich layer, and toward the top of the phase envelope line is the ether-rich layer.

Plot on the upper portion of Fig. 2 the given values of acetic acid and isopropyl ether, that is, 30 weight percent, 50 weight percent. Through this point, draw a tie line to intersect the phase envelope at two points, line 1, Fig. 2. Read the values: *lower point*—acetic acid in water layer = 20 weight percent; *upper point*—acetic acid in isopropyl ether layer = 31.5 weight percent.

Transferring the lower intersection point to the bottom diagram for tie line 1 shows that equilibrium exists between a layer that is 20 weight percent acetic acid in water and a layer that is 9 weight percent (not 31.5 weight percent) acetic acid in isopropyl ether.

Draw a second tie line, 2, Fig. 2, as shown. Line 2 gives a check between the upper and lower diagrams, giving *water layer* —  $x_a = 0.415$ ;  $x_c = 0.065$ ;  $x_w = 0.520$ ; *ether layer* —  $y_a = 0.270$ ;  $y_c = 0.650$ ;  $x_w = 0.080$ .

**2. Compute the amount of acetic acid that must be added to form a one-phase system.** The water/ether ratio remains unchanged at water/ether =  $0.20/0.50 = 0.40$ . Then the total system is: water + ether + acid = 1.000;  $\therefore$  ether (weight percent) =  $[1.000 - \text{acid (weight percent)}]/1.40$ .

Assume that the acid = 0.350. Then ether =  $(1.000 - 0.350)/1.40 = 0.464$ . Checking against the upper diagram in Fig. 2, this point ( $x_a = 0.350$ ,  $x_c = 0.464$ ) falls inside the two-phase region. Hence, the assumption was incorrect.

As a second trial, assume acid = 0.380. Then ether =  $(1.000 - 0.380)/1.40 = 0.443$ . Checking  $x_a = 0.380$ ,  $x_c = 0.443$  in the upper diagram of Fig. 2 shows that the point falls exactly on the phase envelope line. Hence, it is at the minimum one-phase region.

## DETERMINING THE HEAT OF MIXING OF CHEMICALS

How many Btu's of heat are released (generated) when 1000 lb (453.6 kg) of water at 80°C (176°F) is mixed with (1) 500 lb (226.8 kg) of aluminum bromide,  $\text{AlBr}_3$ ; (2) 750 lb (340.3 kg) of barium nitrate,  $\text{Ba}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ ; and (3) 1000 lb (453.6 kg) of dextrin,  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_{10}$ ?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the heat released when  $\text{AlBr}_3$  is dissolved in water.** When two or more substances are mixed, heat is usually generated or absorbed. The heat released or absorbed may be small when two similar organic liquids are mixed or very large when strong acids are mixed in water. The heat evolved (or absorbed) during the mixing of liquids is often called the *heat of dilution*, whereas the heat from the mixing of solids is often termed the *heat of solution*. Data for heats of solution for both organic and inorganic liquids and solids are given in Perry, Lange, and similar reference works.

Thus, at 80°C (176°F) the solubility of  $\text{AlBr}_3$  in water is 126 g per 100 g of water. The weight of  $\text{AlBr}_3$  that will dissolve in 1000 lb (454.5 kg) of water =  $(126/100)1000 = 1260$  lb (572.7 kg). Standard references show that the heat of solution for  $\text{AlBr}_3$  is 85.3 kg-cal per g-mol  $\text{AlBr}_3$ . Since the total Btu/(lb-mol) = 1.8 g-cal/g, the  $\text{AlBr}_3$  in this solution can release  $[85.3 \text{ kg-cal}/(\text{g-mol})][1000 \text{ cal}/(\text{kg-cal})]1.8 = 153,540$  Btu/(lb-mol) (357.1 kJ/mol).

The weight of 1 lb-mol of  $\text{AlBr}_3$  =  $(27 + 79.9 \times 3) = 266.7$  lb (121.2 kg). Hence, the heat evolved when 500 lb (227.3 kg) of  $\text{AlBr}_3$  is dissolved in water is  $\{500 \text{ lb AlBr}_3/[266.7 \text{ lb}/(\text{lb-mol})]\} [153,540 \text{ Btu}/(\text{lb} \cdot \text{mol})] = 287,800$  Btu (303.6 kJ).

**2. Compute the heat released in dissolving  $Ba(NO_3)_2$  in water.** At  $80^\circ C$  ( $176^\circ F$ ), the solubility of  $Ba(NO_3)_2$  in water is 27.0 lb/lb (12.3 kg/kg) of water. The weight of  $Ba(NO_3)_2$  that will dissolve in 1000 lb (454.5 kg) of water =  $(27/100)1000 = 270$  lb (122.7 kg). Since 750 lb (340.9 kg) of  $Ba(NO_3)_2$  is available for dissolving, the weight that will not dissolve is  $750 - 270 = 480$  lb (218.2 kg).

The heat of solution of  $Ba(NO_3)_2$  is  $-10.2$  kg-cal/(g-mol) of  $Ba(NO_3)_2$ . As in step 1, the weight of 1 lb-mol of  $Ba(NO_3)_2 = 137.34 + 2(14.0 + 3 \times 16) = 261.4$ . Then, as in step 1, the heat released =  $[480 \text{ lb } Ba(NO_3)_2 / 261.4 \text{ lb/(lb-mol)}][-10.2 \text{ kg-cal/(g-mol)} \times 1000 \text{ g-cal/(kg-cal)} \times 1.8 \text{ [Btu/(lb-mol)]/[g-cal/(g-mol)]}] = -33,300 \text{ Btu } (-35,131.5 \text{ J})$ .

The negative heat release means that 33,300 Btu (35,131.5 J) of heat must be added to the system to maintain the solution temperature at  $80^\circ C$  ( $176^\circ F$ ) because a fall in temperature would reduce the solubility of the  $Ba(NO_3)_2$  in water and thus change the resulting solution.

**3. Compute the heat released in dissolving  $C_{12}H_{20}O_{10}$  in water.** Perry indicates that there is no solubility limit for  $C_{12}H_{20}O_{10}$  in water. By following the same procedure as in step 1, the heat released =  $[1000 \text{ lb } C_{12}H_{20}O_{10} / 324.2 \text{ lb/(lb-mol)}] \times \{268 \text{ g-cal/(g-mol)} \times 1.8 \text{ [Btu/(lb-mol)]/[g-cal/(g-mol)]}\} = 1488 \text{ Btu } (1569.8 \text{ J})$  released.

**Related Calculations** Use the general procedure to determine the heat of mixing of any material dissolved in another.

## CHEMICAL EQUATION MATERIAL BALANCE

Ethylene oxide is produced by the catalytic reaction of ethylene and oxygen:  $C_2H_4 + 1/2O_2 \rightarrow (CH_2)_2O$ . For each 100 lb (45.5 kg) of ethylene, (1) how much ethylene oxide is produced, (2) how much oxygen is required, and (3) what are the quantities of ethylene oxide and ethylene in the product if there is a 20 percent deficiency of oxygen?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the quantity of ethylene oxide produced.** The two most frequently met calculations in day-to-day chemical engineering are the *material balance* (discussed here) and the *energy balance*, discussed later. In a chemical process, a balance is the same as any other type of balance, i.e., an equating of input, output, and accumulation or loss:  $\text{Input} - \text{output} = \pm \text{accumulation}$ .

Such a balance may be written around a single item of chemical process equipment, a portion of a process, or an entire chemical plant. A balance may be used to check experimental data or to determine an unknown quantity of some process stream.

For purposes of balance calculations, chemical processes are classified as *steady-state*, i.e., input = output, no accumulation; *unsteady-state*, i.e., input  $\neq$  output, a  $\pm$  accumulation; *batch process*, i.e., system is loaded, no further  $\pm$  accumulation; continuous process, i.e., continuous input and output. Chemical processes may be further classed as physical, in which there is no chemical reaction, or chemical, in which a chemical change occurs. To analyze chemical reactions, the principles of chemical equation balances must be understood.

A *stoichiometrically balanced reaction* is one in which the reactants are exactly proportioned to give a product free of excess reactants, as in  $C_2H_4 + 1/2O_2 \rightarrow (CH_2)_2O$ . An *excess reactant* is one present in excess of the stoichiometric quantity, such as if there were more than 0.5 mol of oxygen in the above equation.

The *degree of completion* is the percentage of the limiting reactant that reacts. The *limiting reactant* is the one present in less than stoichiometric proportion, so that the other reactant is in excess.

To determine how much ethylene oxide is produced, find the molecular weight of  $C_2H_4 = 2(12) + 4(1) = 28$ . The moles of  $C_2H_4 = 100/28 = 3.571$ .

Referring to the reaction equation shows that for each mole of  $C_2H_4$ , 1 mol of  $(CH_2)_2O$  is produced, having a molecular weight of  $2(12) + 4(1) + 16 = 44$ . Then the weight of  $(CH_2)_2O = 44(3.571) = 157.14$  lb (71.4 kg).

**2. Compute the amount of oxygen required.** The molecular weight of  $O_2 = 16(2) = 32$ . Referring to the reaction equation shows that  $1/2$  mol of oxygen is needed for each mole of ethylene,  $C_2H_4$ . Hence, the weight of oxygen needed  $= 1/2(32)(3.571) = 57.14$  lb (25.9 kg).

**3. Compute the product mix for a reactant deficiency.** Referring to step 2, we see that a 20 percent oxygen deficiency means that there was  $0.80(1/2) = 0.40$  mol of oxygen available. Rewriting the equation gives  $0.2C_2H_4 + 0.8C_2H_4 + 0.4O_2 \rightarrow 0.8(CH_2)_2O + 0.2C_2H_4$ . Hence, the ethylene oxide  $(CH_2)_2O$  in the product  $= 0.8(157.14) = 125.71$  lb (57.14 kg). And the ethylene,  $C_2H_4$ , in the product  $= 0.2(100) = 20$  lb (9.1 kg).

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure for any chemical equation balance similar to that analyzed here.

## ***BATCH PHYSICAL PROCESS BALANCE***

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A load of clay containing 35 percent moisture on a wet basis weighs 2000 lb (909.1 kg). If the clay is dried to a 15 percent moisture content (on a wet basis), how much water is evaporated in the drying process?

### **Calculation Procedure**

**1. Compute the initial moisture content.** The 2000 lb (909.1 kg) of wet clay contains 35 percent moisture, or  $2000(0.35) = 700$  lb (318.2 kg) of water. Thus, the dry clay weighs  $2000 - 700 = 1300$  lb (590.9 kg).

**2. Compute the weight after drying.** Set up the relation  $y$  lb of wet clay +  $x$  lb of water = 1300 lb (590.9 kg) of dry clay. But the final batch contains 15 percent moisture. Hence, the water =  $0.15y$ . Therefore, the dry clay =  $(1.00 - 0.15)y = 0.85y = 1300$ . Solving, we find  $y = 1529$  lb (694.9 kg) of wet (15 percent moisture) clay. And since  $y + x = 2000$  lb (909.1 kg),  $x = 2000 - y = 2000 - 1529 = 471$  lb (214.1 kg) of water evaporated.

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure for any batch physical process balance involving evaporation or drying of a solid.

Where the rate of feed is given, a steady-state physical process balance can be analyzed. Thus, if the 2000 lb (909.1 kg) of clay in the above process were fed to the dryer in 1 h, the rate of evaporation would be 471 lb/h (214.1 kg/h) of water.

## ***STEADY-STATE CONTINUOUS PHYSICAL BALANCE WITH RECYCLE AND BYPASS***

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Feed to a distillation tower is 1000 lb-mol/h (0.126 kg-mol/s) of a solution of 35 mole percent ethylene dichloride (EDC) in xylene. There is not any accumulation in the tower. The overhead distillate stream contains 90 mole percent ethylene dichloride, and the bottoms stream contains 15 mole percent ethylene dichloride. Cooling water to the overhead condenser is adjusted to give a reflux ratio of 10:1 (10 mol reenters the column for each mole of overhead product). Heat to the reboiler,

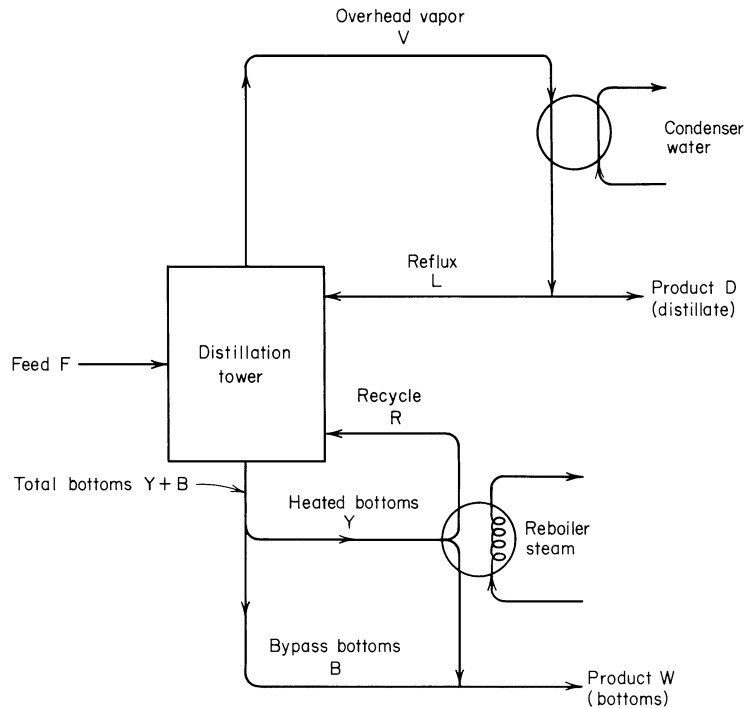


FIGURE 3 Distillation tower flow.

Fig. 3, is adjusted so that the recycle ratio is 5:1 (5 mol reenters the column for each mole of bottom product), with a 2:15 bypass (2 mol bypasses the reboiler for each 15 mol that passes through the reboiler). Determine the flow rate of the overhead product, bottoms product, overhead reflux reentering the column, bottoms recycle reentering the column, bottoms bypassing the reboiler, and the total bottoms.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the bottoms product.** Since this is a physical system with no change in chemical composition and no accumulation, any component may be followed through the system. Having been given the important values of the ethylene dichloride ( $X_F$ ,  $X_D$ ,  $X_W$ ), use them as the basis of the calculation, with  $X$  representing the moles of ethylene dichloride in each stream.

Set up a total material balance thus:  $F = D + W = 1000$  lb-mol/h (0.126 kg-mol/s), Eq. 1, where  $F$  = feed;  $D$  = product (i.e., distillate);  $W$  = product (i.e., bottoms), all expressed in lb-mol/h as shown in Fig. 3.

An ethylene dichloride balance is  $FX_F = DX_D + WX_W$ . Substituting given values, we have  $1000(0.35) = 0.90D + 0.15W = 350$ , Eq. 2. Solving Eqs. 1 and 2 simultaneously gives  $D = 1000 - W$ ;  $W = (350 - 0.90D)/0.15$ ;  $D = 1000 - (350 - 0.90D)/0.15$ ;  $D = 266.67$  lb-mol/h (0.034 kg-mol/s) distillate product;  $W = 733.33$  lb-mol/h (0.092 kg-mol/s) bottoms product.

**2. Compute the reflux flow rate.** Taking the tower overhead as a separate system, Fig. 3, we find  $X_L/X_D = 10 = L/D$ . Hence,  $L = 10D = 10(266.67) = 2666.7$  lb-mol/h (0.34 kg-mol/s) reflux.

3. **Analyze the condenser.** A total material balance around the condenser is input = output; or  $V = D + L$ , Fig. 3. Hence,  $V = 266.67 + 2666.7 = 2933.37$  lb-mol/h (0.37 kg-mol/s) overhead vapor.

4. **Analyze the tower reboiler.** Taking the tower reboiler as a separate system, Fig. 3, gives  $X_R/X_W = 5 = R/W$ ; hence,  $R = 5W = 5(733.33) = 3666.7$  lb-mol/h (0.46 kg-mol/s) bottoms recycle.

Also,  $X_B/X_Y = 2/15 = B/Y$ ;  $2Y = 15B$ , Eq. 3. And a total material balance around the reboiler is input = output, or  $Y = R + (W - B)$ , Eq. 4. Solving Eqs. 3 and 4 simultaneously gives  $B = 2/15(Y)$ ;  $Y = R + [W - 2/15(Y)]$ ;  $Y = [15(3666.7) + 15(733.3)]/17 = 3882.35$  lb-mol/h (0.49 kg-mol/s) reboiled bottoms. Then  $Y + B = 4399.97$  lb-mol/h (0.55 kg-mol/s) total bottoms.

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure to analyze distillation towers handling liquids similar to those considered here.

## STEADY-STATE CONTINUOUS PHYSICAL PROCESS BALANCE

The distillation tower of the previous calculation procedure has the temperature and thermal conditions shown in Fig. 4. The reboiler is heated by steam that condenses at 280°F (137.8°C). Cooling water enters the overhead condenser at 70°F (21.1°C) and leaves at 120°F (48.9°C). In the condenser, the

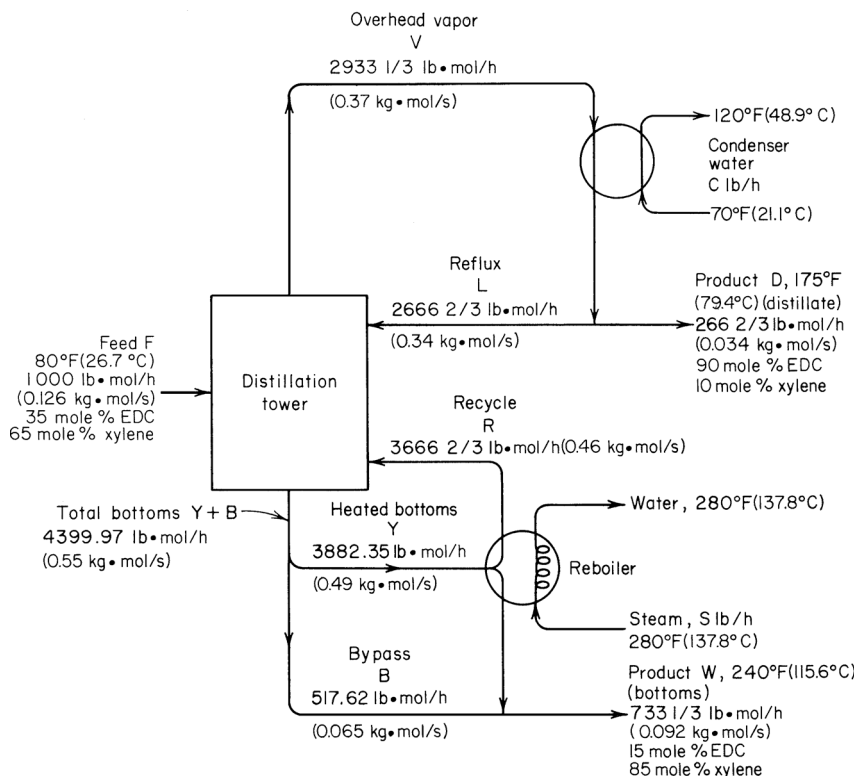


FIGURE 4 Distillation-tower flow quantities and flow rates.

overhead vapor condenses at 184°F (84.4°C) before being cooled at 175°F (79.4°C), the temperature of the liquid reflux and distillate product. The heat of condensation  $\Delta H$  of the overhead vapor is 14,210 Btu/(lb-mol) [33.1 kJ/(kg-mol)], as given in a standard reference work, and 14,820 Btu/(lb-mol) [34.5 kJ/(kg-mol)] for the tower bottoms. The heat capacity of all liquid streams in this installation is 40 Btu/(lb-mol·°F) [167.4 kJ/(kg-mol·K)]. Determine the steam and cooling-water flow rates required.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Set up a heat balance for the column.** Thus, heat in = heat in feed + heat in steam. Let the temperature basis for the calculation = 80°F (26.7°C) =  $t_b$ . Then, the heat in the feed =  $\Delta H_f$  = (feed rate, lb/h) [heat capacity of the feed, Btu/(lb-mol·°F)](feed temperature, °F – temperature basis for the calculation, °F) = 1000(40)(80 – 80) = 0.

The enthalpy of vaporization of the steam is, from the steam tables, 924.74 Btu/lb (2151 kJ/kg) when there is complete condensation of the steam and the condensate leaves the reboiler at 280°F (137.8°C). Then the heat given up by the condensation of  $S$  lb (kg) of steam is  $\Delta H_s = 924.74S$  Btu/h (271.0 W).

The heat out = heat in distillate + heat in bottoms + heat in water, all expressed in Btu/h (W). Using the same procedure as for the heat in the feed, we see the heat in the distillate =  $\Delta H_D/DC\Delta t_d$ , where  $C$  = distillate heat capacity, Btu/(lb-mol·°F) [kJ/(kg·°C)];  $\Delta t_d$  = temperature change of the distillate, °F (°C). Or,  $\Delta H_D = 266.7(40)(175 – 80) = 1,010,000$  Btu/h (295.9 kW). Likewise, for the bottoms,  $\Delta H_w = 733.3(40)(240 – 80) = 4,690,000$  Btu/h (1374.2 kW).

For the water,  $\Delta H_w$  = heat to condense overhead vapor + heat absorbed when cooling the condensed vapor from 184 to 175°F (84.4 to 79.4°C), all expressed in Btu/h (W). With a flow of 2933.3 lb/h (0.37 kg/s) of vapor,  $\Delta H_w = 2933.3 [14,210 + 40(184 – 175)] = 42,700,000$  Btu/h (12.5 MW).

**2. Analyze the heat balance.** The heat balance is heat in = heat out, or  $\Delta H_s = \Delta H_D + \Delta H_w + \Delta H_w$ . Thus,  $924.74S = 1,010,000 + 4,690,000 + 42,700,000$ ;  $S = 52,300$  lb/h (6.59 kg/s) of steam.

For the water,  $\Delta H_w = Cc\Delta t_c$ , where  $C$  = water flow rate, lb/h;  $c$  = specific heat of water = 1.0 Btu/(lb·°F). Substituting gives  $\Delta H_w = C(1)(120 – 70) = 42,700,000$ ;  $C = 854,000$  lb/h (107.6 kg/s) of water.

## DETERMINING THE CHARACTERISTICS OF AN IMMISCIBLE SOLUTION

For steam distillation of 2-bromoethylbenzene, the vapor temperature is 222.4°F (105.8°C). Analysis shows 0.16 lb (0.073 kg) of 2-bromoethylbenzene (BB) per lb (kg) of vapor. Saturated steam is used in the distillation process. Determine the pressure in the still and how far from ideal the actual conditions are.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the pressure in the still.** Each component of an immiscible mixture of liquids exerts a vapor pressure that is independent of its concentration and equal to the vapor pressure of the pure substance—but only if stratification is avoided by vigorous mixing or boiling. The major industrial application of immiscible systems is in steam distillation of high-molecular-weight heat-sensitive organic materials. The mixture of water (steam) and an organic substance will boil when the total solution pressure equals atmospheric pressure. Since the organic material must exert some vapor pressure, it vaporizes with the steam, at a greatly reduced temperature.

The relationship for immiscible components  $A$  and  $B$  is  $w_A/w_B = y_A M_A / y_B M_B = P_{VA} M_A / P_{VB} M_B$ , where  $w_{A,B}$  = weight of component  $A, B$  in vapor;  $M_{A,B}$  = molecular weight of component  $A, B$ ;  $y_{A,B}$  = vapor-phase mole fraction of component  $A, B$ ;  $P_{VA,VB}$  = vapor pressure of component  $A, B$ .

The vapor pressure of BB at 222.4°F (105.8°C) is, from Perry's—*Chemical Engineers' Handbook*, 20 mmHg, and the vapor pressure of water at 222.4°F (105.8°C) is 938 mmHg. Hence, the total pressure (ideal) in the still is  $938 + 20 = 958$  mmHg.

**2. Compare the ideal to the actual conditions.** If conditions in the still were ideal (i.e., exactly according to theory), the weight of the BB in the vapor would be, according to step 1,  $w_{BB} = (P_{V, BB}/P_{V, H_2O})(M_{BB}/M_{H_2O}) = (20/938)(185/18) = 0.219$  lb (0.0995 kg), versus 0.16 lb (0.073 kg) actual, as given.

Or, by computing the ideal BB vapor pressure for 0.16 lb of BB per lb (0.07 kg/kg) of vapor, from the relation in step 1,  $(P_{V, BB}/P_{V, H_2O})(185/18) = (P_{V, BB}/938)(185/18) = 0.16$  lb/lb (0.07 kg/kg). Solving, we find  $P_{V, BB} = (0.16)(938)(18/185) = 14.6$  mmHg versus 20 mmHg actual.

The divergence between the actual and ideal most likely means that the time of contact between the steam and the BB is insufficient to reach equilibrium. Also, the total pressure should be  $938 + 14.6 = 952.6$  mmHg, not the 958 mmHg of the ideal case.

**Related Calculations** This procedure is valid for immiscible solutions of all types resembling the one considered here.

Plant engineers and designers in the chemical processing industry must be extremely careful about making changes in chemical processes or waste disposal. Seemingly routine decisions changing a process or disposal method can run into trouble under the Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA). This act gives the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) information and control over commercial chemicals.

Fines as high as \$23,000 a day can be levied when TSCA rules are not obeyed. EPA applies rigid formulas when enforcing the act. Violation can result in million-dollar assessments.

It is important that engineers submit a premanufacture notification (PMN) in accordance with Section 5 of TSCA *before* manufacturing or importing a new chemical substance. A new chemical substance, as defined by Matthew Kuryla in *Chemical Engineering* magazine, is one that does not appear on an EPA list known as the TSCA Inventory. This list is constantly changing. Further, a portion of the list is confidential. To make a comprehensive search of the list requires a written request to EPA certifying a bona fide intent to manufacture or import a chemical.

Unless an exemption applies, a manufacturer must file a PMN with EPA *before* commencing production or importation of a new chemical. (In certain instances, a PMN must also be filed for existing chemical production that falls under a regulation known as the "significant new use rule.") The PMN must include the identity of the chemical, information about its proposed use and quantity, its by-products, and all available data concerning potential worker exposure and environmental or public-health effects.

Ninety days after filing a PMN, a company may commence manufacture or import of the chemical if Notice of Commencement (NOC) is filed. When EPA receives an NOC, it places the chemical on the TSCA Inventory. The chemical is then no longer considered new, but an "existing" chemical subject to other TSCA rules.

A number of chemicals and processes are exempt from the PMN requirements of TSCA, including: (1) foods, drugs, and cosmetics (including their intermediates); (2) pesticides (but not their intermediates); (3) chemicals used solely for research and development purposes, in small quantities; (4) chemicals manufactured solely for export; (5) impurities unintentionally present in another chemical; (6) by-products whose only commercial purpose is for burning as fuel, disposal as waste, or reclamation; (7) nonisolated intermediates (i.e., those mixed with other products and reactants) or incidental reaction by-products.

Besides these exemptions, TSCA provides a specialized PMN process for certain limited uses of a new chemical. These rules are known as the "test market," "low volume," and "polymer" exemptions. Such exemptions are subject to detailed rules of their own. They do not apply across the board, and frequently do not have specific, quantitative limits, notes Matthew Kuryla in *Chemical Engineering*.

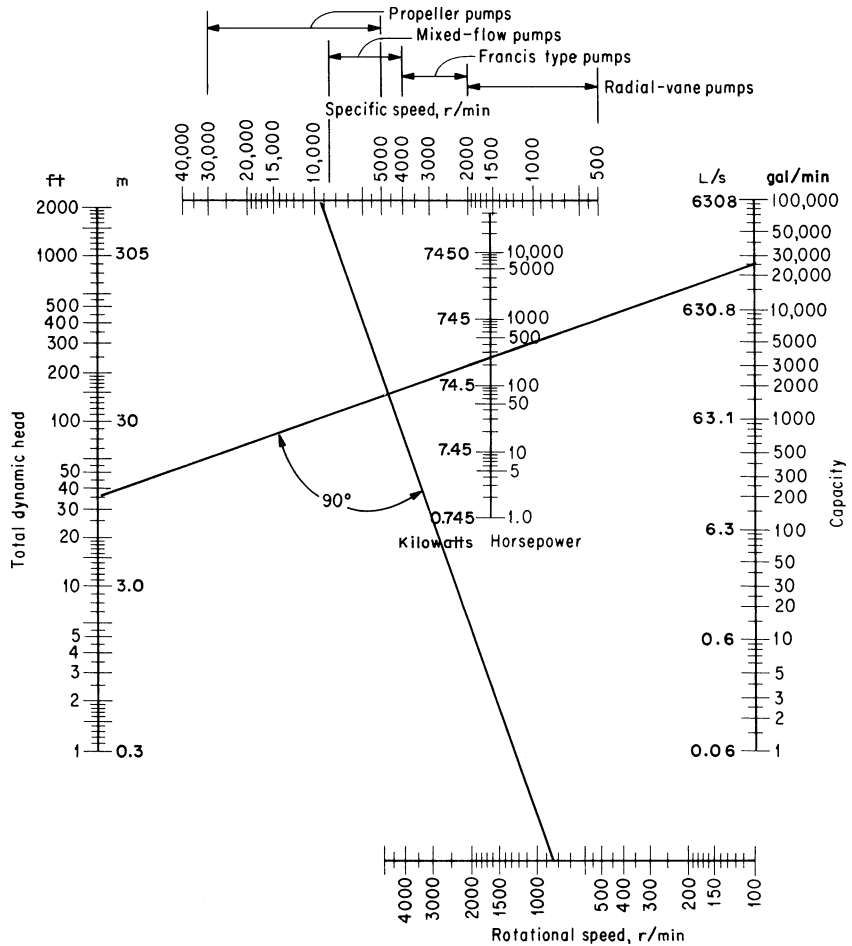


**PUMP SELECTION FOR CHEMICAL PLANTS**

Choose a pump to handle 26,000 gal/min (1640 L/s) of water at 60°F (15.6°C) in a chemical plant when the total dynamic head is 37 ft (11.3 m) of water. What is the required hp input to the pump if the pump efficiency is 85 percent? What type of pump should be used if the rotational speed is limited to 880 r/min?

**Calculation Procedure**

**1. Determine the required power input to the pump.** A quick way to determine the power input to a pump handling water at normal atmospheric temperatures is to use Fig. 5. Enter on the left at the total dynamic head, 37 ft (11.3 m), and project to the right to the required pump capacity, 26,000 gal/min (1640 L/s). At the intersection with the hp stem, read the required power input as 285 hp (212.6 kW).



**FIGURE 5** Pump hp and type selection chart. (Power.)

**2. Select the type of pump to use.** From the rotational speed, 880 r/min on the bottom stem, draw a straight line at right angles to the first construction line, as shown. At the intersection with the top stem, read the type of pump as a propeller pump having a specific speed of 9500 r/min.

**Related Calculations** Note that this pump application chart applies to rotating-type centrifugal pumps. Where a reciprocating pump is desired, use the methods given in Sec. 3 of this handbook. The chart in Fig. 5 was developed by H. W. Hamm and was first presented in *Power* magazine.

Pending environmental regulations will strictly limit pump leakage in chemical and process plants of all kinds. Today's laws require plant operators to report leakage of toxic substances of 0.0001% of the pump's capacity.

There are both national (EPA) and state laws controlling pump leakage. For example, the state of New Jersey has a Toxic Catastrophe Prevention Act (TCPA) which strictly controls pump leakage. This and similar state environmental laws controlling pump seal leakage of toxic materials will probably become stricter in the future. For this reason, careful selection of pump shaft seals is important to every engineer working with toxic materials.

Typical toxic materials whose leakage must be prevented from pumps are sulfuric and nitric acid. Where water-flushed seals are used to contain leakage of such materials, the acidic flush water must be treated before disposal. Leakage of toxic materials must be prevented both while a pump is operating and while it is idle. Often, a seal that prevents leakage while the pump is operating will allow leakage when the pump is shut down. Such leakage is just as unlawful as leakage while the pump is operating.

For these reasons, engineers must carefully specify leak-free seals when choosing pumps handling toxic materials. The best seals can only be chosen after thorough study and consultation with both the pump and seal manufacturers.

## CRUSHER POWER INPUT DETERMINATION

A chemical process requires the crushing of 240 tons/h (217.7 t/h) of quartz. The quartz feed used is such that 80 percent passes a 3-in (7.6-cm) screen and 80 percent of the product must pass a  $1/4$ -in (0.64-cm) screen. Determine the power input to the crusher.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the crusher capacity in tons/min.** Use the relation  $t_m = t_h/60$ , where  $t_m$  = crusher capacity, tons/min;  $t_h$  = crusher capacity, tons/h. Substituting yields  $t_m = 240/60 = 4$  tons/min (3.63 t/min).

**2. Determine the material work index.** The work index for any material that will be crushed is the total energy, kWh/ton, needed to reduce the feed to a size so that 80 percent of the product will pass through a 100- $\mu$ m screen. Standard references such as Perry's—*Chemical Engineers' Handbook* list work indexes for various materials. For quartz having a specific gravity of 2.65, Perry gives the work index  $W_i = 13.57$  kWh/ton (14.96 kWh/t).

**3. Compute the raw-material and product mesh sizes.** Use the relation  $d_r = s/12$ , where  $d_r$  = mesh size, ft, for feed;  $s$  = mesh opening measure used, in. For the product,  $d_p = s/12$ , where the symbols are the same as before except that the mesh opening is that used for the product. Substituting gives  $d_r = 3/12 = 0.25$ ;  $d_p = 0.25/12 = 0.0208$  (0.0064 m).

**4. Compute the required power input to the crusher.** Use the relation  $hp = 1.46t_mW_i(1/d_r^{0.5} - 1/d_p^{0.5})$ , where the symbols are as given earlier. Substituting gives  $hp = 1.46(4)(13.57)(1/0.208^{0.5} - 1/0.25^{0.5}) = 391$  hp (291.6 kW). A 400-hp (298.3 kW) motor would be used to drive this crusher.

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure, known as the bond crushing law and work index, to determine the power input required for commercially available grinders and crushers of all types. The result obtained is valid for all usual preliminary calculations.

## COOLING-WATER FLOW RATE FOR CHEMICAL-PLANT MIXERS

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A kneader used in a chemical plant requires 300-hp (223.7-kW) input per 1000 gal (3785.0 L) of material kneaded. If this kneader handles 3000 lb (1360.8 kg) of a chemical having a density of 65 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (1041.2 kg/m<sup>3</sup>), determine the quantity of cooling water required in gal/min and gal/h if the maximum allowable temperature rise of the water during passage through the kneader is 25°F (13.9°C).

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Convert the kneader load to gallons.** Since the power-input requirements of chemical mixers are normally stated in hp/gal, the kneader load must be converted to gal. Use the relation, load, gal = load weight, lb (7.48 gal/ft<sup>3</sup> water)/load density, lb/ft<sup>3</sup>. For this kneader, load, gal = 3000(7.48)/65 = 345 gal (1306.0 L).

**2. Compute the required power input.** Use this relation: power input *hp* = hp input per 1000 gal (load, gal)/1000. For this kneader, power input *hp* = 300(345)/1000 = 103.5 hp (77.2 kW).

**3. Compute the heat that must be removed.** Since 1 hp = 2545 Btu/h (745.9 W), the heat that must be removed = (103.5 hp)(2545) = 263,407.5 Btu/h (77,145.5 W).

**4. Compute the cooling-water flow rate.** With an allowable temperature rise of 25°F (−3.9°C), and a specific heat of 1 Btu/(h·°F) (0.293 W), the cooling-water flow rate required = (263,407.5 Btu/h)/[(25°F)(1.0)(8.33 lb/gal of water)(60 min/h)] = 21.1 gal/min, or 21.2(60 min/h) = 1265 gal/h (4788 L/h).

**Related Calculations** Use the general procedure given here for any of the usual chemical mixers, such as paddles, turbines, propellers, disks, cones, change cans, dispersers, tumbling mixers, mixing rolls, masticators, pug mills, and mixer-extruders. Consult Perry's—*Chemical Engineers' Handbook* for suitable power-input data for mixers of various types.

## LIQUID-LIQUID SEPARATION ANALYSIS

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Size a liquid-liquid separator or decanter by using gravitational force for continuous separation of two liquids, the first of which has a density of 47 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (752.5 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) and the second liquid a density of 81 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (1296.8 kg/m<sup>3</sup>). Both liquids flow into the separator at a rate of 50 gal/min (189.3 L/min). The time required for settling is 35 min. What size separator is required to handle this flow? How far above the separator bottom should overflow of the heavier liquid be located?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the liquid holdup volume.** Since there are two liquids, a light one and a heavy one, entering the separator, the holdup volume = (number of liquids entering)(liquid flow rate into the separator, gal/min)(holdup time, min). Or for this separator, total holdup volume = 2(50)(35) = 3500 gal (13,247.5 L).

**2. Determine the separator tank volume.** Usual design practice is to make the separator tank volume 10 to 25 percent greater than the required holdup volume. Using a volume 20 percent greater than the required holdup volume gives a required tank volume of  $1.20(3500 \text{ gal}) = 4200 \text{ gal}$  (15,897.0 L).

**3. Size the separator tank.** Most decanter-type separator tanks are sized so that the tank diameter and height are approximately equal. Selecting a 10-ft (3.05-m) diameter and 10-ft (3.05-m) high tank gives a total tank volume of (head area,  $\text{ft}^2$ )(height, ft) =  $(d^2\pi/4)h$ , where  $d$  and  $h$  are the diameter and height of the tank, ft, respectively. Or, volume =  $(10^2\pi/4)(10) = 785.4 \text{ ft}^3$  (2.22  $\text{m}^3$ ). Since 1 gal (3.8 L) of liquid occupies 0.13  $\text{ft}^3$ , the capacity of this tank =  $785.4/0.13 = 5850 \text{ gal}$  (22,142.2 L). This is sufficient to store the holdup liquid but somewhat oversize.

Try a 9-ft (2.74-m) diameter and high tank. By the same method, the tank capacity is 4250 gal (16,086.3 L). This is closer to the required holdup capacity. Hence, a 9-ft (2.74-m) tank will be used.

**4. Compute the liquid depth in the tank.** Use the relation  $D_1 \text{ ft} = 4(\text{holdup volume, gal})/7.48\pi^2$ , where  $D_1$  = liquid depth, ft. So  $D_1 = 4(3500)/7.48\pi^2 = 7.34 \text{ ft}$  (2.24 m).

**5. Determine the height of the heavy-liquid overflow.** Assume that the two liquids interface midway between the vessel bottom and the liquid surface. Then the height of the heavy liquid =  $7.34/2 = 3.67 \text{ ft}$  (1.12 m).

To find the height of the heavy-liquid overflow, solve  $H_h = H_1 + (D_1 - H_1)(\text{density of lighter liquid, lb/ft}^3)/(\text{density of heavier liquid, lb/ft}^3)$ , where  $H_h$  = height of heavy-liquid overflow above tank bottom, ft;  $H_1$  = height of heavy liquid in tank, ft; other symbols as before. Solving gives  $H_h = 3.67 + (7.34 - 3.67)(47/81) = 5.80 \text{ ft}$  (1.77 m). This is the distance measured to the inside lower surface of the overflow pipe from the tank bottom.

The *continuous decanter* is a popular type of static separator for immiscible liquids of many types. This type of separator is fed from the top and vented to the open air through both the light- and heavy-liquid overflow lines.

## Process Plant Engineering

### DESIGNING STEAM TRACING FOR PIPING

A 10-in (25-cm) stainless-steel pipe is conveying phthalic anhydride at 300°F (148.9°C). The line is to be steam-traced by using heat-transfer cement to attach the tracing line to the main pipe which is insulated with 1.5 in (3.81 cm) of calcium silicate insulation to maintain the bulk temperature at 300°F (148.9°C). The process fluid is stagnant in the pipe with an average, inside, natural convection coefficient of 20 Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F) [113.6 W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)]. Determine the number of parallel tracers required, the heat transferred to the process fluid, and the steam consumption, using 150 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (1034 kPa) saturated steam. Other key data are as follows: ambient temperature  $T_{\text{amb}} = -10^\circ\text{F}$  (-23.3°C); supply-steam temperature  $T_s = 366^\circ\text{F}$  (185.6°C); process fluid temperature  $t_p = 300^\circ\text{F}$  (148.9°C); thermal conductivity of stainless-steel pipe wall  $K = 9.8 \text{ Btu}/(\text{h}\cdot\text{ft}^2\cdot^\circ\text{F}\cdot\text{in})$  [1.4 W/(m·K)]; pipe-wall thickness = 0.165 in (0.413 cm); ID = 0.43 in (1.08 cm); heat-transfer coefficient between the insulation and ambient atmosphere  $h_{\text{air}} = 2 \text{ Btu}/(\text{h}\cdot\text{ft}^2\cdot^\circ\text{F})$  [11.4 W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)].

#### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the overall heat-transfer coefficient between the wall and the ambient atmosphere.**

Use the relation

$$\frac{1}{h_o} = \frac{1}{h_{\text{air}}} + \frac{x_{\text{ins}}}{k_{\text{ins}}}$$

where the symbols are  $h_o$  = overall heat-transfer coefficient between the pipe wall and the air, Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F) [W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)];  $h_{air}$  = heat-transfer coefficient between the ambient air and insulation, Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F) [W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)];  $x_{ins}$  = insulation thickness, in (cm);  $k_{ins}$  = thermal conductivity of insulation, Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F·in) [W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K·cm)]. Entering the given values, we find  $1/h_o = 1/2.0 + 1.5/0.3$ ;  $h_o = 0.182$  Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F) [1.03 W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)].

**2. Determine the constants A and B and the ratio B/A.** The dimensionless constant  $A = (h_o + h_i)/Kt$ , where  $h_i$  = process-fluid heat-transfer coefficient, Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F) [W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)];  $K$  = thermal conductivity of pipe or vessel wall, Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F·ft) [W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)], other symbols as before. Substituting gives  $A = (0.182 + 20)/(9.8)(0.165/12) = 150$ ;  $\sqrt{A} = (150)^{1/2} = 12.25$ . And  $B = (h_i T_p + h_o T_{amb})/Kt$ , where  $T_p$  = pipe or vessel-wall temperature, °F (°C); other symbols as before. Substituting, we find  $B = [(20)(300) + (0.182)(-10)]/9.8(0.165/12) = 44,510$ . Then  $B/A = 44,510/150 = 296.7$ . This corresponds to the equilibrium temperature, 296.7°F (147.1°C), of the pipe wall in the absence of steam tracing.

**3. Determine the temperature of the pipe wall at the tracer.** The temperature of the pipe wall at the tracer  $T_o$  is usually set equal to the lowest temperature in the tracer, namely the saturated steam temperature at the tracer outlet. Normally, trapping distances are based on a 10 percent or 10-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (68.9-kPa) pressure drop, whichever is greater.

Assume a 10 percent pressure drop for this tracer circuit. The outlet pressure = 135 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (930.8 kPa), corresponding to a saturated steam temperature of  $T_o = 358^\circ\text{F}$  (181.1°C) from the steam tables.

**4. Calculate the steam tracing half-pitch.** Use a value of heat transferred to the process fluid, Btu/h (W)/length of the tracer, equivalent ft (m) of 100 Btu/(h·ft) (8.92 W/m) of tracer to compute  $L$  = one-half the steam tracing pitch, ft (m). Then,  $L = [Q/z - 2(T_o - B/A)h_i/\sqrt{A}]/2h_i(B/A - T_p)$ , where the symbols are as given earlier. Substituting, we find  $L = [100 - 2(358 - 296.7)(20)/12.25]/2(20)(2.967 - 300) = 0.76$  ft (0.23 m).

Checking the assumption of the 10 percent pressure drop, we see  $\tanh(\sqrt{A}L) = \tanh(12.25 \times 0.76) = \tanh 9.3 \approx 1.0$ . Therefore, the assumption was valid and  $L = 0.76$  is correct. If it were not correct, another pressure drop would have to be assumed and  $L$  computed again until a suitable value were obtained.

For certain applications, another value for  $Q/z$  different from 100 may be preferable, depending on the reheat time required if the tracing steam supply were lost. Hence, the designer must verify that the heatup time possibly meets this requirement while not producing an uneconomical tracing design.

**5. Compute the minimum required pitch and distance between tracers.** The minimum required pitch =  $2L = 2(0.76) = 1.52$  ft (0.46 m). Determine the number of parallel tracers from  $\pi D/2L$ , where the symbols are as defined earlier. For this installation,  $N = \pi(10.75/2)/1.52 = 1.85$ . With two parallel tracers the resultant distance between tracers is  $\pi D/2 = \pi(10.75/12)/2 = 1.4$  ft (0.42 m).

**6. Determine the total heat transferred by the tracer.** The total heat transferred by the tracer  $H_T = Q_T/2 = [2(20.182)/12.25](358 - 296.7) \tanh(12.25 \times 0.7) = 202$  Btu/(h·ft) (18 W/m).

**7. Determine the tracer steam consumption.** The steam consumption is  $w' = (Q_T/2)\Delta H$ , where  $\Delta H$  = change in enthalpy of the steam from the tracer inlet to the tracer outlet. Or,  $w' = 202/865 = 0.234$  lb/(h·ft) [0.0000967 kg/(s·m)].

**8. Find the maximum equivalent feet of tracing run per steam trap.** Using the tracer circuit pressure-drop assumed in step 3, compute the equivalent length, ft, from  $z = [1.48(10^{11})(D^5)(\Delta P)/fw'^2(V_v - V_l)]^{1/3} = (1.48)(10^{11})(0.43/12)^5(15)/(0.012)(0.234)^2(3.02 - 0.018) = 405$  maximum equivalent ft (123.4 m).

The equation used in this step is derived by integrating the Darcy equation for a fluid with a changing specific volume. No account is taken of the fact that that fluid has two phases, since the largest portion of the total pressure drop is taken where the fluid is nearly all vapor. Further, the steam pressure is taken to be that at the outlet of the tracer circuit, thereby a somewhat conservative steam specific volume for the circuit.

**Related Calculations** This procedure can be used for piping in a variety of applications, including chemical, petroleum, food, textile, marine, steel, etc. The ultimate use of the medium in the pipe has little or no effect on the calculation. This procedure is the work of Carl G. Bertram, Vikram J. Desai, and Edward Interest, the Badger Co., as reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine.

## STEAM TRACING A VESSEL BOTTOM TO KEEP THE CONTENTS FLUID

The bottom of a 4-ft (1.22-m) diameter, stainless-steel, solvent-recovery column holds a liquid that freezes at 320°F (160°C) and polymerizes at 400°F (204.4°C). The bottom head must be traced to keep the material fluid after a shutdown. Determine the required pitch of the tracing, using 150 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (1034 kPa) saturated steam. The ambient temperature is -20°F (-28.9°C), the supply steam temperature  $T_s = 366^\circ\text{F}$  (185.6°C), thermal conductivity of stainless steel = 9.8 Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F-ft) [16.95 W/(m·K)], insulation thickness = 2 in (5.1 cm), thermal conductivity of insulation = 0.3 Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F-ft) [0.52 W/(m·K)], and wall thickness = 0.375 in (0.95 cm). The heat-transfer coefficient between the insulation and the air is 2.0 Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F) [11.4 W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)], and the inside convection coefficient is 20.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the process-fluid heat-transfer coefficient and the overall heat-transfer coefficient**

Use the relation  $1/h_o = 1/h_{\text{air}} + x_{\text{ins}}/k_{\text{ins}}$ , where the symbols are as defined in the previous calculation procedure. Substituting, we get  $1/h_o = 1/2 + 2/0.3$ ;  $h_o = 0.14$  Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F) [0.79 W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)].

The process-fluid heat-transfer coefficient  $h_i = 20$  Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F) [113.6 W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)], assumed.

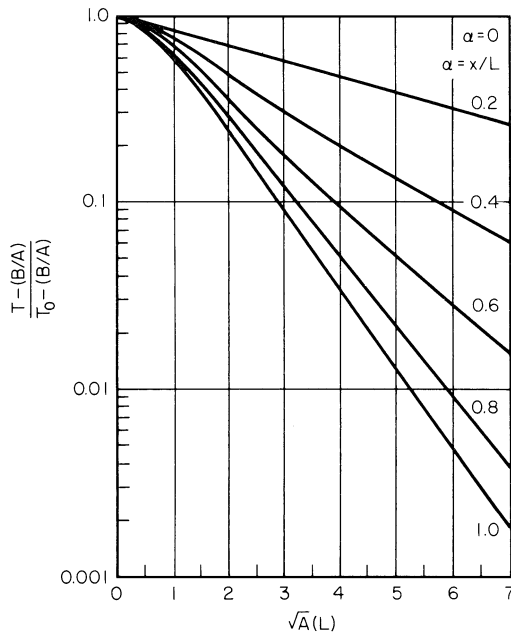
**2. Determine the constants A and B and the ratio B/A.** To determine the value of A, solve  $A = (h_o + h_i)/Kt = (0.14 + 20)/(9.8)(0.375/12) = 65.6$ , dimensionless. Also,  $B = (h_i T_p + h_o T_{\text{amb}})/Kt = [(20)(320) + (0.14)(-20)]/(9.8)(0.375/12) = 20,900$ . Then  $B/A = 20,900/65.6 = 318$ .

**3. Compute the tracer-steam outlet temperature.** The tracer steam is supplied at 50 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (344.7 kPa). Assuming a 15-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (103.4-kPa) pressure drop in the tracer system, we see the outlet pressure = 50 - 15 = 35 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (241.3 kPa). The corresponding saturated-steam temperature is, from the steam tables,  $T_o = 358^\circ\text{F}$  (181°C). This is the tracer outlet steam temperature.

**4. Calculate the adjusted temperature ratio.** Use the relation  $(T_{\text{mid}} - B/A)/(T_o - B/A) = (320 - 318)/(358 - 318) = 0.05$ .

**5. Determine the required tracing pitch.** From Fig. 6, with the adjusted temperature ratio of 0.05,  $\sqrt{A(L)} = 3.7$  when  $\alpha = 1$ . (Here  $\alpha = a$  parameter =  $x/L$ , where  $x$  = distance along the pipe or vessel wall, ft.) Then, by solving for  $L = 3.7/65.6^{1/2}$ ,  $L = 0.46$  ft (0.14 m) = 5.5 in (13.97 cm).

The maximum allowable pitch for tracing the bottom of the column, Fig. 7, is 21, or  $2(5.5) = 11$  in (27.9 cm). A typical tracing layout is shown in Fig. 7.



**FIGURE 6** Graphical solution for steam-tracing design. (Chemical Engineering.)

**Related Calculations** This procedure can be used to design steam tracing for a variety of tanks and vessels used in chemical, petroleum, food, textile, utility, and similar industries. The medium heated can be liquid, solid, vapor, etc. As with the previous calculation procedure, this procedure is the work of Carl G. Bertram, Vikram J. Desai, and Edward Interest, the Badger Company, as reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine.

## DESIGNING STEAM-TRANSMISSION LINES WITHOUT STEAM TRAPS

Design a steam line for transporting a minimum of  $6.0 \times 10^5$  lb/h ( $2.7 \times 10^5$  kg/h) and a maximum of  $8.0 \times 10^5$  lb/h ( $3.6 \times 10^5$  kg/h) of saturated steam at 205 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) and 390°F (1413 kPa and 198.9°C). The line is 3000 ft (914.4 m) long, with eight 90° elbows and one gate valve. Ambient temperatures range from -40 to 90°F (-40 to 32.2°C). The line is to be designed to operate without steam traps. Insulation 3-in (7.6-cm) thick with a thermal conductivity of 0.48 Btu·in/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F) [0.069 W/(m·K)] will be used on the exterior of the line.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Size the pipe by using a suitable steam velocity for the maximum flow rate.** The minimum acceptable steam velocity in a transmission line which is not fitted with steam traps is 110 ft/s (33.5 m/s). Assuming, for safety purposes, a steam velocity of 160 ft/s (48.8 m/s) to use in sizing this transmission line, compute the pipe diameter in inches from  $d = 0.001295f\rho LV^2/\Delta P$ , where  $f$  = friction factor for the

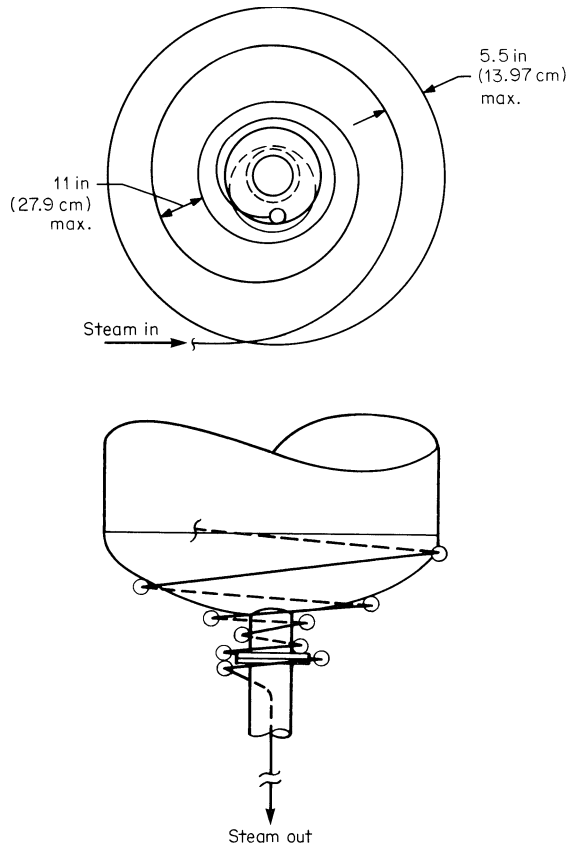


FIGURE 7 Steam-traced vessel bottom. (Chemical Engineering.)

pipe ( $\epsilon=0.0105$ , assumed);  $\rho$  = density of the steam,  $\text{lb/ft}^3$  ( $\text{kg/m}^3$ ) [ $=0.48$  (7.7) for this line];  $L$  = length of pipe, ft, including the equivalent length of fittings [ $=3500$  ft (1067 m) for this pipe];  $V$  = steam velocity, ft/s [ $=160$  ft/s (48.8 m/s) for this line];  $\Delta P$  = pressure drop in the line between inlet and outlet,  $\text{lb/in}^2$  [ $=25$   $\text{lb/in}^2$  (172.4 kPa) assumed for this line]. Substituting yields  $d = 0.001295(0.0105)(0.48)(3500)(160)^2/25 = 22.94$  in (58.3 cm); use 24-in (61-cm) schedule 40 pipe, the nearest standard size.

**2. Check the actual steam velocity in the pipe chosen.** The actual velocity of the steam in the pipe can be found from  $V = Q/A$ , where  $V$  = steam velocity, ft/s (m/s);  $Q$  = flow rate for steam, lb/s (kg/s);  $A$  = cross-sectional area of pipe,  $\text{ft}^2$  ( $\text{m}^2$ ). Substituting gives  $V = (800,000 \text{ lb/h} \div 3600 \text{ s/h})(2.08 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb for steam at the entering pressure})/2.94 \text{ ft}^2 = 157.6$  ft/s (48.0 m/s) for maximum-flow conditions;  $V = (600,000/3600)(2.08)/2.94 = 117.9$  ft/s (35.9 m/s) for minimum-flow conditions.

**3. Compute the pressure drop in the pipe for each flow condition.** Use the relation  $\Delta P = 0.001295f\rho LV^2/D$ , where the symbols are the same as in step 1. Substituting, we find  $\Delta P = 0.001295(0.0105)(0.48)(3500)(157.6)^2/24 = 23.2$   $\text{lb/in}^2$  (159.9 kPa) for maximum-flow conditions. For minimum-flow conditions by the same relation,  $\Delta P = 0.001295(0.0105)(0.48)(3500)(117.9)^2/24 = 13.23$   $\text{lb/in}^2$  (91.2 kPa). The pressure at the line outlet will be  $220.0 - 23.2 = 196.5$   $\text{lb/in}^2$  (1356.9 kPa)



for the maximum-flow condition and  $220.0 - 13.2 = 206.8 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (1425.9 kPa) for minimum-flow conditions.

**4. Compute the steam velocity at the pipe outlet.** Use the velocity relation in step 1. Hence, for maximum-flow conditions,  $V = (800,000/3600)(2.30)/2.94 = 173.8 \text{ ft/s}$  (52.9 m/s). Likewise, for minimum-flow conditions,  $V = (600,000/3600)(2.19)/2.94 = 124.1 \text{ ft/s}$  (37.8 m/s).

**5. Determine the enthalpy change in the steam at maximum temperature-difference conditions.** First, the heat loss from the insulated pipe must be determined for the maximum temperature-difference condition from  $Q_m = h\Delta tA$ , where  $Q_m$  = heat loss at maximum flow rate, Btu/h (W);  $h$  = overall coefficient of heat transfer for the insulated pipe, Btu·in/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F) [W·cm/(m<sup>2</sup>·°C)];  $\Delta t$  = temperature difference when the minimum ambient temperature prevails, °F (°C);  $A$  = insulated area of pipe exposed to the outdoor air, ft<sup>2</sup> (m<sup>2</sup>). Substituting yields  $Q_m = 0.16(430)(3362)(6.28) = 1,452,599 \text{ Btu/lb}$  (3378.7 MJ/kg). In this relation, 430°F = 390°F steam temperature  $\pm$  (−40°F) ambient temperature; 3362 = pipe length including elbows and valves, ft; 6.28 = area of pipe per ft of pipe length, ft<sup>2</sup>.

The enthalpy change for the maximum temperature difference will be the largest with the minimum steam flow. This change, in Btu/lb (J/kg) of steam, is  $\Delta h_{\max} = Q_m/F$ , where  $F$  = flow rate in the line, lb/h, or  $\Delta h_{\max} = 1,452,599/600,000 = 2.42 \text{ Btu/lb}$  (5631 J/kg).

The minimum enthalpy at the pipe line outlet = inlet enthalpy – enthalpy change. For this pipe line,  $h_{0\min} = 1199.60 - 2.42 = 1197.18 \text{ Btu/lb}$  (278.6 kJ/kg).

**6. Determine the enthalpy change in the steam at the minimum temperature-difference conditions.** As in step 5,  $Q_{\min} = h\Delta tA$ , or  $Q_{\min} = 0.16(300)(3362)(6.28) = 1,013,441 \text{ Btu/lb}$  (2357.3 MJ/kg). Then  $\Delta h_{\min} = 1,013,441/800,000 = 1.26 \text{ Btu/lb}$  (2946.6 J/kg). Also,  $h_{2\max} = 1199.60 - 1.26 = 1198.34 \text{ Btu/lb}$  (2787.3 kJ/kg).

**7. Determine the steam conditions at the pipe outlet.** From step 3, the pressure at the transmission line outlet at minimum flow and lowest ambient temperature is  $206.8 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (1425.9 kPa), and the enthalpy is  $1197.18 \text{ Btu/lb}$  (2784.6 kJ/kg). Checking this condition on a Mollier chart for steam, we find that the steam is wet because the condition point is below the saturated-vapor line.

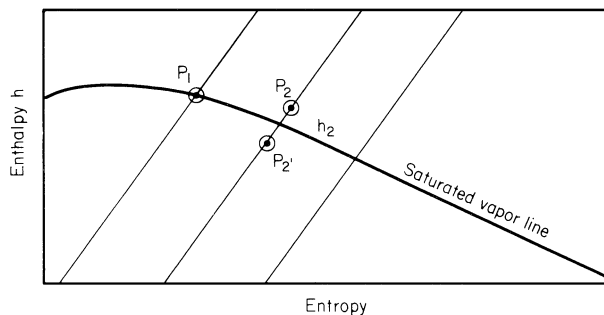
From steam tables, the specific volume of the steam is  $2.22 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb}$  of total mass, while the specific volume of the condensate is  $0.0000342 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb}$  of total mass. Thus, the percentage of condensate per volume =  $100(0.0000342)/2.22 = 0.00154$  percent condensate per volume. The percentage volume of dry steam therefore =  $100(1.00000 - 0.00154) = 99.99846$  percent dry steam per volume.

Since the velocity under these steam conditions is  $124.1 \text{ ft/s}$  (37.8 m/s), the steam will exist as a fine mist because such a status prevails when the steam velocity exceeds  $110 \text{ ft/s}$  (33.5 m/s). In the fine-mist condition, the condensate cannot be collected by a steam trap. Hence, no steam traps are required for this transmission line as long as the pressure and velocity conditions mentioned above prevail.

**Related Calculations** Some energy is lost whenever a steam trap is used to drain condensate from a steam transmission line. This energy loss continues for as long as the steam trap is draining the line. Further, a steam-trap system requires an initial investment and an ongoing cost for routine maintenance. If the energy loss and trap-system costs can be reduced or eliminated, many designers will take the opportunity to do so.

A steam transmission line carries energy from point 1 to point 2. This energy is a function of temperature, pressure, and flow rate. Along the line, energy is lost through the pipe insulation and through steam traps. A design that would reduce the energy loss and the amount of required equipment would be highly desirable.

The designer's primary concern is to ensure that steam conditions stay as close to the saturated line as possible. The steam state in the line changes according to the change in pressure due to a pressure drop and the change in enthalpy due to a heat loss through insulation. These changes of condition are plotted in Fig. 8, a simplified Mollier chart for steam. Point 1 is defined by  $P_1$  and  $T_1$  steam conditions. Because of the variability of such parameters as flow rate and ambient



**FIGURE 8** Simplified Mollier chart showing changes in steam state in a steam-transmission line.

temperature, the designer should consider extreme conditions. Thus,  $P_2$  would be defined by the minimum pressure drop produced by the minimum flow rate. Similarly,  $h_2$  would be defined by the maximum heat loss produced by the lowest ambient temperature. Point 2 on the  $h$ - $s$  diagram is defined by the above  $P_2$  and  $h_2$ . If point 2 is above or on the saturated-steam line, no condensate is generated and steam traps are not required.

In some cases (small pressure drop, large heat loss), point 2' is below the saturated-steam line, and some condensate is generated. The usual practice has been to provide trap stations to collect this condensate and steam traps to remove it. However, current research in two-phase flow demonstrates that the turbulent flow, produced by normal steam velocities and reasonable steam qualities, disperses any condensate into a fine mist equally distributed along the flow profile. The trap stations do not collect the condensate, and once again, the steam traps are not required. For velocities greater than 110 ft/s (33.5 m/s) and a steam fraction more than 98 percent by volume, the condensate normally generated in a transmission line exists as a fine mist that cannot be collected by steam-trap stations.

A few basic points should be followed when a steam line is operated without steam traps. All lines must be sloped. If a line is long, several low points may be required. Globe valves are used on drains for each low point and for a drain at the end of the line. Since trap stations are not required, drain valves should be located as close to the line as possible to avoid freezing. Vents are placed at all high points. All vents and drains are opened prior to warming the line. Once steam is flowing from all vent valves, they are closed. As each drain valve begins to drain steam only, it is partially closed so that it may still bleed condensate if necessary. When full flow is established, all drain valves are shut. If the flow is shut down, all valves are opened until the pipe cools and are then closed to isolate the line from the environment. The above procedure would be the same if the steam traps were on the line.

In summary, it can be demonstrated that steam traps are not required for steam transmission lines, provided that one of the following parameters is met:

1. Steam is saturated or superheated.
2. Steam velocity is greater than 110 ft/s (33.5 m/s), and the steam fraction more than 98 percent by volume.

By using the above design, the steam energy normally lost through traps is saved, along with the construction, maintenance, and equipment costs for the traps, drip leg, strainers, etc., associated with each trap station.

This calculated procedure can be used for steam transmission lines in chemical plants, petroleum refineries, power plants, marine installations, factories, etc. The procedure is the work of Mileta Mikasinovic and David R. Dautovich, Ontario Hydro, and reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine.

Leaks of hazardous materials from underground piping and tanks can endanger lives and facilities. To reduce leakage dangers, the EPA now requires all underground piping through which hazardous chemicals or petrochemicals flow to be designed for double containment. This means that the inner pipe conveying the hazardous material is contained within an outer pipe, giving the “double-containment” protection.

Likewise, underground tanks are governed by the new Underground Storage Tank (UST) laws. The UST laws also cover underground piping. By December 1998, all existing underground piping conveying hazardous materials will have to be retrofitted to double-containment systems to comply with EPA requirements.

Double containment of piping brings a host of new problems for the engineering designer. Expansion of the inner and outer pipes must be accommodated so that there is no interference between the two. While prefabricated double-containment piping can solve some of these problems, engineers are still faced with considerations of soil loading, pipe expansion and contraction, and fluid flow. Careful study of the EPA requirements is needed before any double-containment design is finalized. Likewise, local codes and laws must be reviewed prior to starting and before finalizing any design.

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## LINE SIZING FOR FLASHING STEAM CONDENSATE

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A reboiler in an industrial plant is condensing 1000 lb/h (0.13 kg/s) of steam of 600 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage)(4137 kPa) and returning the condensate to a nearby condensate return header nominally at 200 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (1379 kPa). What size condensate line will give a pressure drop of (1 lb/in<sup>2</sup>)/100 ft (6.9 kPa/30.5 m) or less?

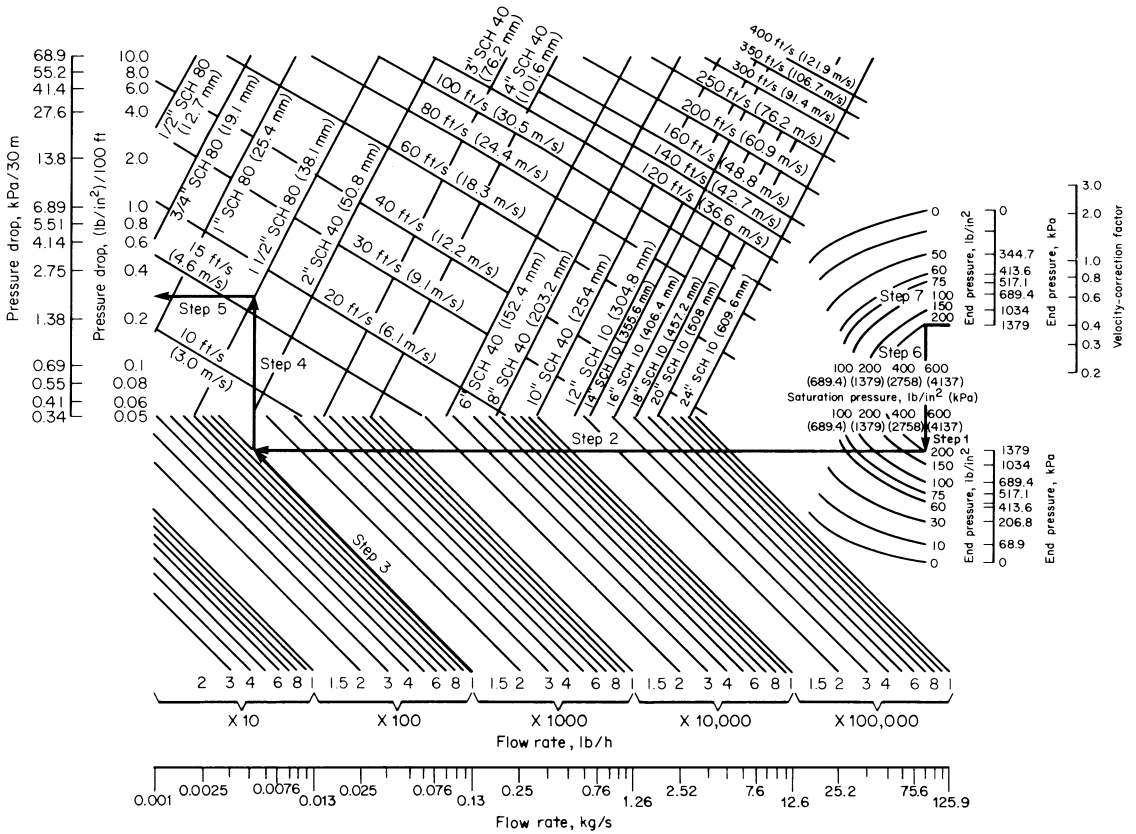
### Calculation Procedure

**1. Use a graphical method to determine a suitable pipe size.** Flow in condensate-return lines is usually two-phase, i.e., comprised of liquid and vapors. As such, the calculation of line size and pressure drop can be done by using a variety of methods, a number of which are listed below. Most of these methods, however, are rather difficult to apply because they require extensive physical data and lengthy computations. For these reasons, most design engineers prefer a quick graphical solution to two-phase flow computations. Figure 9 provides a rapid estimate of the pressure drop of flashing condensate, along with a determination of fluid velocity. To use Fig. 9, take these steps.

Enter Fig. 9 near the right-hand edge at the steam pressure of 600 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (4137 kPa) and project downward to the 200-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (1379-kPa) end-pressure curve.

From the intersection with the end-pressure curve, project horizontally to the left to intersect the 1000-lb/h (0.13-kg/s) curve. Project vertically from this intersection to one or more trial pipe sizes to find the pressure loss for each size.

Trying the 1-in (2.5-cm) pipe diameter first shows that the pressure loss—[3.0 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage)]/100 ft(20.7 kPa/ 30.5 m) exceeds the desired [1 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage)]/100 ft (6.9 kPa/30.5 m). Projecting to the next larger standard pipe size, 1.5 in (3.8 cm), gives a pressure drop of [2 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage)]/100 ft (1.9 kPa/30.5 m). This is within the desired range. The velocity in this size pipe will be 16.5 ft/s (5.0 m/s).



**FIGURE 9** Flashing steam condensate line-sizing chart. Divide by 10<sup>4</sup> to obtain numerical values for flow rate measured in kg/s. (*Chemical Engineering*.)

**2. Determine the corrected velocity in the pipe.** At the right-hand edge of Fig. 9, project upward from 600-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (4137-kPa) to 200-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (1379-kPa) end pressure to read the velocity correction factor as 0.41. Thus, the actual velocity of the flashing mixture in the pipe = 0.41(16.5) = 6.8 ft/s (2.1 m/s).

**Related Calculations** This rapid graphical method provides pressure-drop values comparable to those computed by more sophisticated techniques for two-phase flow [1–8]. Thus, for the above conditions, the Dukler [5] no-slip method gives [0.22 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage)]/100 ft (1.52 kPa/30.5 m), and the Dukler constant-slip method gives [0.25 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage)]/100 ft (1.72 kPa/30.5 m).

The chart in Fig. 9 is based on the simplifying assumption of a single homogeneous phase of fine liquid droplets dispersed in the flashed vapor. Pressure drop is computed by Darcy’s equation for single-phase flow. Steam-table data were used to calculate the isenthalpic flash of liquid condensate from a saturation pressure to a lower end pressure; the average density of the resulting liquid-vapor mixture is used as the assumed homogeneous fluid density. Flows within the regime of Fig. 9 are characterized as either in complete turbulence or in the transition zone near complete turbulence.

Pressure drops for steam-condensate lines can be determined by assuming that the vapor-liquid mix throughout the lines is represented by the mix for conditions at the end pressure. This

assumption conforms to conditions typical of most actual condensate systems, since condensate lines are sized for low-pressure drop, with most flashing occurring across the steam trap or control valve at the entrance.

If the condensate line is to be sized for a considerable pressure drop, so that continuous flashing occurs throughout its length, end conditions will be quite different from those immediately downstream of the trap. In such cases, an iterative calculation should be performed, involving a series of pressure-drop determinations across given incremental lengths.

This iteration is begun at the downstream end pressure and worked back to the trap, taking into account the slightly higher pressure, and thus the changing liquid-vapor mix, in each successive upstream incremental pipe length. The calculation is complete when the total equivalent length for the incremental lengths equals the equivalent length between the trap and the end-pressure point. This operation can be performed by using Fig. 9.

Results from Fig. 9 have also been compared to those calculated by a method suggested by a Paige [8] and based on the work of Benjamin and Miller [3]. Paige's method assumed a homogeneous liquid-vapor mixture with no liquid holdup, and thus it is similar in approach to the present method. However, Paige suggests calculation of the liquid-vapor mix based on an isentropic flash, whereas Fig. 9 is based on an isenthalpic flash; and this is believed to be more representative of steam-condensate collecting systems.

For the example, the Paige method gives (0.26 lb/in<sup>2</sup>)/100 ft (1.79 kPa/30.5 m) at the terminal pressure and (0.25 lb/in<sup>2</sup>)/100 ft (1.72 kPa/30.5 m) at a point 1000 ft (305 m) upstream of the terminal pressure, owing to the slightly higher pressure, which suppresses flashing.

The method given here is valid for sizing lines conveying flashing steam used in power plants, factories, air-conditioning systems, petroleum refineries, ships, heating systems, etc. Further, Fig. 9 is designed so that it covers the majority of steam-condensate conditions met in these applications. This calculation procedure is the work of Richard P. Ruskin, Process Engineer, Arthur G. McKee & Co., as reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine.

## SAVING ENERGY LOSS FROM STORAGE TANKS AND VESSELS

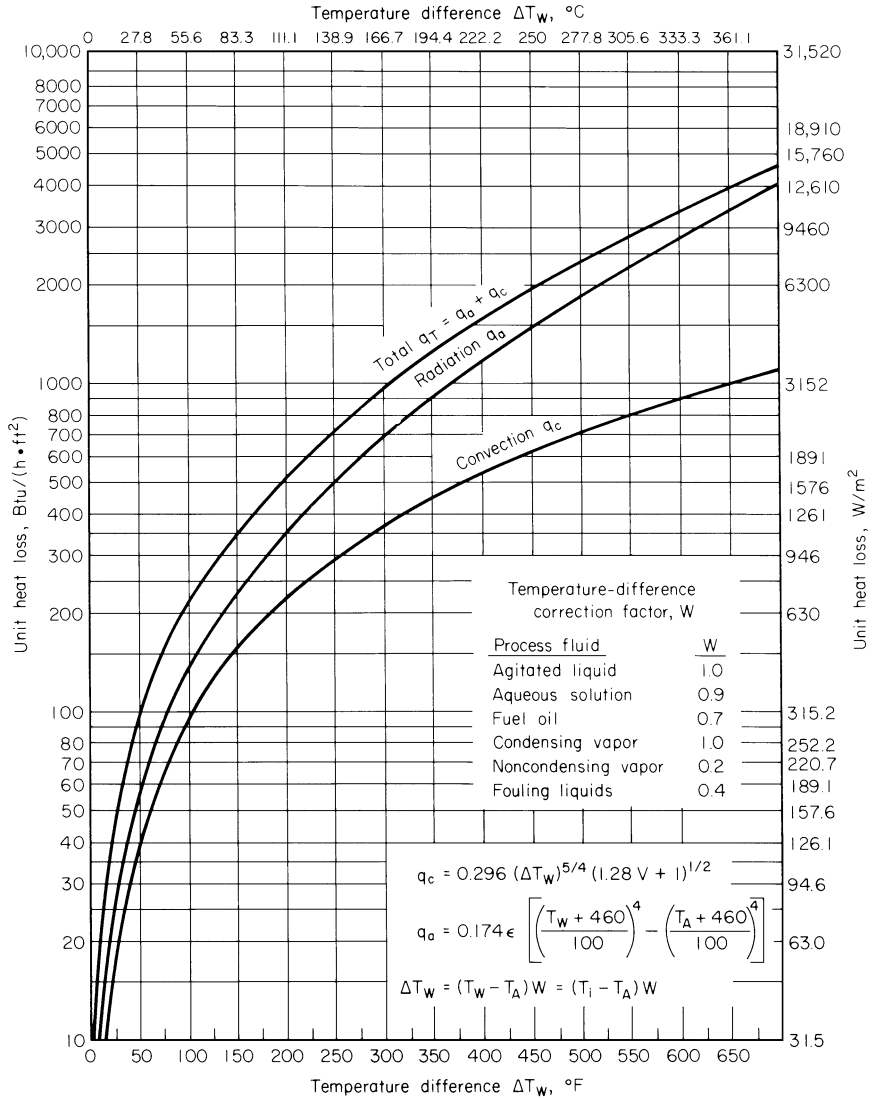
Fuel oil at 12° API with a viscosity of 50 SSF (0.01068 mm<sup>2</sup>/s) at 122°F (50°C) is stored at 300°F (148.9°C) in a 20-ft (6.1-m) diameter by 30-ft (9.1-m) high carbon-steel tank at atmospheric pressure. The oil level in the tank is 18 ft (5.4 m); the air temperature is 70°F (21.1°C). Determine the heat loss to the environment for two situations: (a) Total surface of the tank is uninsulated and black in color. Wind velocity is 0 mi/h (0 km/h). Surface emissivity of the tank is 0.9. Thermal conductivity of the ground under the tank is 0.8 Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F·ft) [1.38 W/(m·K)]. (b) Roof of tank is uninsulated and is coated with aluminum paint. Sidewall is insulated with calcium silicate, or equivalent, and has a surface emissivity of 0.8. Wind velocity is 30 mi/h (48.0 km/h). The tank contents are not agitated. Thermal conductivity of the ground is 0.8 Btu/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F·ft) [1.38 W/(m·K)].

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the heat loss from the wetted surface inside the tank.** For situation (a), the wetted area inside the tank is  $A_L = \pi DH_L$ , where  $A_L$  = wetted area, ft<sup>2</sup> (m<sup>2</sup>);  $D$  = tank diameter, ft (m);  $H_L$  = liquid height, ft (m). For this tank,  $A_L = \pi 20(18) = 1130.9$  ft<sup>2</sup> (105.1 m<sup>2</sup>).

**2. Find the temperature difference between the stored liquid and the atmospheric air.** The oil temperature  $T_i$  is 300°F (148.9°C), and the air temperature  $T_A$  is 70°F (21.1°C). Hence,  $\Delta T_W = \Delta(T_i - T_A) = 300 - 70 = 230^\circ\text{F}$  (127.8°C).

**3. Determine the heat loss from the tank.** Enter Fig. 10 at the bottom with the temperature difference of 230°F (127.8°C), project vertically upward to the unit heat loss curve  $q_{T_1}$ , and read



**FIGURE 10** Heat losses from uninsulated tanks depend on nature of tank contents. Values in chart are for wind velocity of zero, surface emissivity of 0.9, and ambient air temperature of 70°F (21.1°C). (*Chemical Engineering.*)

$q_T = 664 \text{ Btu}/(\text{h}\cdot\text{ft}^2)$  (2086.6 W/m<sup>2</sup>). Then the total heat loss from the tank  $Q_L = A_L q_T = 1130(664) = 750,320 \text{ Btu}/\text{h}$  (219,896.3 W).

**4. Compute the heat loss from the dry inside surface and tank roof surface.** The area of the vessel  $A_V = \pi D H_V + \pi D^2/4$ , where the symbols are as above except that they apply to the dry surfaces of the tank. Then  $A_V = \pi(20)(30 - 18) + \pi(20)^2/4 = 1068 \text{ ft}^2$  (99.2 m<sup>2</sup>), where  $A_V = \text{area}$ .

The temperature difference, by using the correction factor  $W$  from Fig. 10 for a noncondensing vapor and the temperature differences in step 2, is  $\Delta T_w = (T_i - T_A) W$ , or  $\Delta T_w = (300 - 70)(0.2) = 46^\circ\text{F}$  (7.7°C).

Next, the unit heat loss is found from Fig. 10 to be  $84.3 \text{ Btu}/(\text{h}\cdot\text{ft}^2)$  ( $265.9 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$ ) for a temperature difference of  $46^\circ\text{F}$  ( $7.7^\circ\text{C}$ ). Then the total heat loss from the dry inside surface in contact with the vapor is  $Q_V = 1068(84.3) = 90,032.4 \text{ Btu}/\text{h}$  ( $26,385.8 \text{ W}$ ).

**5. Compute the heat loss through the tank bottom to the ground.** The heat loss to the ground through the tank bottom, in Btu/h is  $O_G = 2dk_G(T_L - T_G)$ , where  $k_G$  = thermal conductivity of the ground,  $\text{Btu}/(\text{h}\cdot\text{ft}^2\cdot^\circ\text{F}\cdot\text{ft})$ ;  $T_L$  = liquid temperature,  $^\circ\text{F}$ ;  $T_G$  = ground temperature,  $^\circ\text{F}$ ; other symbols as before. Assuming that the ground temperature equals the air temperature, and with  $k_G = 0.8$ , we see  $O_G = 2(20)(0.8)(300 - 70) = 7360 \text{ Btu}/\text{h}$  ( $2156.4 \text{ W}$ ).

**6. Compute the total heat loss from the tank.** The total heat loss from the tank will be the sum of the losses from the liquid, vapor, and ground areas of the tank, or  $Q_T = Q_L + Q_V + Q_G = 750,320 + 90,032 + 7360 = 847,712 \text{ Btu}/\text{h}$  ( $248,438.9 \text{ W}$ ).

**7. Compare the results by using exact equations.** Figure 10 gives the exact algebraic equations for the total heat loss from uninsulated tanks. Substituting in these equations gives an exact total heat loss of  $894,122 \text{ Btu}/\text{h}$  ( $261,977 \text{ W}$ ). This is a difference of 4.7 percent from the approximate solution obtained by using Fig. 10. Most working engineers would be willing to accept such a difference in view of the savings in time and labor obtained by using the graphic solution.

**8. Determine the insulation thickness needed for the tanks.** For situation (b), the wetted surface of the tank  $A_L = 1130 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $105.1 \text{ m}^2$ ). This represents the interior circumferential area of the tank wetted by the fuel oil to a height of 18 ft (5.4 m).

Heat loss from the tank to the ambient air is a function of the temperature difference between the tank wall and the air, or  $\Delta T_I = T_W - T_A = 300 - 70 = 230^\circ\text{F}$  ( $110^\circ\text{C}$ ).

From Fig. 11, find the recommended insulation thickness as 1.5 in (3.8 cm) and the wind correction factor for a 30-mi/h (48-km/h) wind and 1.5-in (3.8-cm) insulation as 1.10.

**9. Correct the unit heat loss for wind velocity.** From step 4,  $\Delta T_W = 46$ ; then  $q_L = 46(1.10) = 50.6 \text{ Btu}/(\text{h}\cdot\text{ft}^2)$  ( $159.6 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$ ).

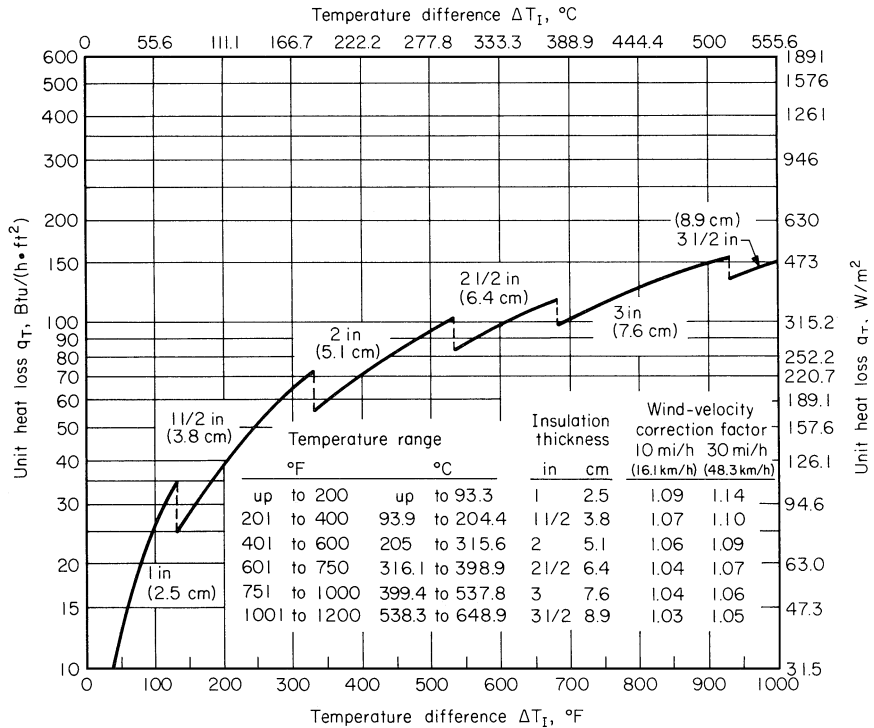
**10. Compute the heat loss from liquid and vapor in the tank.** Heat loss from the liquid is  $Q_L = A_L q_L = 1130(50.6) = 57,178 \text{ Btu}/\text{h}$  ( $16,757.2 \text{ W}$ ).

Now the heat loss from the insulated dry-side surface which contacts the vapor is computed from  $A_V = \pi(20)(30 - 18) = 754 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $70.0 \text{ m}^2$ ). Then  $Q_V = A_V q_V = 754(50.6) = 38,152 \text{ Btu}/\text{h}$  ( $11,181.2 \text{ W}$ ).

**TABLE 1** Air-Pollution Control Criteria

Substance	Maximum ground concentration, ppm*	Lower explosive limit, ppm	Odor threshold, ppm
Acetylene	—	2.5	—
Ammonia	100	15.5	53
Amylene	—	1.7	2.3
Benzene	50	1.4	1.5
Butane	—	1.9	5,000
Carbon monoxide	100	12.5	Odorless
Ethylene	—	2.8	—
Hydrogen sulfide	30	4.3	0.1
Methanol	200	6.7	410
Propane	—	2.1	20,000
Sulfur dioxide	10	—	3.0

\*8-h exposure.



**FIGURE 11** Insulated tanks, covered with calcium silicate, have heat losses based on negligible resistance to heat flow on process side. Values in chart are for wind velocity of zero, emissivity of 0.8, ambient air temperature of 70°F (21.1°C). (*Chemical Engineering*.)

**11. Determine the heat loss from the uninsulated roof.** The area of the roof is  $A_R = \pi D^2/4 = \pi(20)^2/4 = 314 \text{ ft}^2$  (28.3 m<sup>2</sup>). Correcting the temperature difference for a noncondensing vapor by using Fig. 10, we find  $\Delta T_w = (T_i - T_A)W = 230(0.20) = 46^\circ\text{F}$  (7.77°C), where  $T_i$  = tank contents temperature, °F.

Using this corrected temperature difference and Fig. 10, we see the unit heat loss for radiation and convection can be found after the emissivity is determined. From the ASHRAE *Guide*, the surface emissivity is 0.40 for bright aluminum-painted surfaces at temperatures in the 50 to 100°F (10 to 37.7°C) range.

The unit heat loss from the roof for radiation and convection is found by using the corrected temperature difference and Fig. 10 and correcting the radiation loss for an emissivity of 0.4 and the convection loss for the wind velocity:  $q_a = 54.2(0.4) = 21.7 \text{ Btu/(h}\cdot\text{ft}^2)$  (68.4 W/m<sup>2</sup>);  $q_c = 35.5[(1.28)(30) + 1]^{0.5} = 222.8 \text{ Btu/(h}\cdot\text{ft}^2)$  (702.3 W/m<sup>2</sup>). Then  $q_R = 21.7 + 222.8 = 244.5 \text{ Btu/(h}\cdot\text{ft}^2)$  (770.7 W/m<sup>2</sup>). Hence, for the roof,  $Q_R = A_R q_R$ , where  $A_R$  = roof area, ft<sup>2</sup>. Or,  $Q_R = 314(244.5) = 76,773 \text{ Btu/h}$  (22,499.9 W).

**12. Determine the total heat loss from the tank.** The total heat loss from the tank is the sum of the component heat losses. Or, since the heat loss to the ground is the same as in situation (a),  $Q_T = 57,543 + 38,529 + 76,773 + 7360 = 180,405 \text{ Btu/h}$  (52,871.3 W).

Using the algebraic equations gives  $Q_T = 147,945 \text{ Btu/h}$  (43,358.2 W). This is a difference greater than in the first situation, but the time savings accrued from using the approximations are significant.

**Related Calculations** This procedure can be used for a variety of insulated and uninsulated tanks and vessels used to store oil, chemicals, food, water, and similar liquids in almost any industry. Table 1 lists the typical conditions encountered with such tanks and vessels, the factors



which can be neglected in the insulation calculations, and the exact procedure to follow for both graphical and algebraic methods. The methods given here are the work of Richard Hughes and Victor Deumango of the Badger Company and reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine.

## SAVING ENERGY COSTS BY RELOCATING HEAT-GENERATING UNITS

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A vacuum pump is driven by a 10-hp (7.5-kW) electric motor and is located in a refrigerated packing room. Determine the energy saving if the vacuum pump and motor are moved out of the room into a noncooled area. Find the energy cost if only the motor is removed from the room. The refrigeration unit has a coefficient of performance of 2.5, the cost of electricity is \$0.05 per kilowatthour, the vacuum pump operates 75 percent of the time, and the packing room is cooled 2000 h/year.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the annual cooling load for the motor and pump.** Use Fig. 12 to find the heat gain for continuously operated electric motors and equipment. Entering Fig. 12 at 10 hp (7.5 kW) at the bottom and projecting up to the top curve, we see that the amount of heat generated is 30,000 Btu/h (8790 W).

**2. Adjust the cooling load for the actual operating time.** The pump operates 75 percent of the packing-room annual schedule of 2000 h. Hence, annual cooling load =  $0.75(30,000 \text{ Btu/h})(2000 \text{ h/year}) = 45 \times 10^6 \text{ Btu/year}$  (47.5 kJ/year).

**3. Compute the energy saved.** With a coefficient of performance (COP) of 2.5, the energy saved = (annual cooling load, Btu/year)  $(2.93 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kWh/Btu})/\text{COP}$ , or  $(45 \times 10^6 \text{ Btu/year}) (2.93 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kWh/Btu})/2.5 = 5274 \text{ kWh/year}$ . At \$0.05 per kilowatthour for electric power, the annual saving =  $(\$0.05)(5274) = \$263.70$ .

**4. Determine the saving if only the motor is removed.** With only the motor removed from the refrigerated room, the saving is smaller. Figure 12 shows a 4500-Btu/h (1318.5-W) heat gain for a 10-hp (7.5-kW) motor alone. From the assumptions from steps 3 and 4, annual cooling load =  $0.75(4500 \text{ Btu/h})(2000 \text{ h/year}) = 6.75 \times 10^6 \text{ Btu/year}$  (7.12 kJ/year). Then, energy saved =  $(6.75 \times 10^6 \text{ Btu/year})(7.12 \text{ kJ/year}) (2.93 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kWh/Btu})/2.5 = 786 \text{ kWh/year}$ . The monetary saving is  $(\$0.05)(786) = \$39.30$  per year.

**Related Calculations** This method of calculation can be used for any type of motor-driven equipment located in air-conditioned or refrigerated areas. The total heat gain depends on the nameplate (brake) horsepower of the motor and on the motor efficiency. Or, total heat gain, Btu/h (W) =  $[2545 \text{ Btu/(hp-h)}] (P/E)$ , where  $P$  = brake horsepower;  $E$  = motor efficiency.

Heat given off by a motor or powered equipment can also be expressed as motor heat gain, Btu/h =  $[2545 \text{ Btu/(hp-h)}]P(1 - E)/E$ . Also, equipment heat gain, Btu/h =  $[2545 \text{ Btu/(hp-h)}]P$ . Because smaller motors are less efficient, they contribute more of the total heat gain than large motors. For example, 36 percent of the heat gain is contributed by a 0.25-hp (0.19-kW) motor, but only 9 percent by a 250-hp (186.5-kW) motor.

Use this procedure for motor-driven equipment in commercial buildings, factories, ships, aircraft, cold-storage warehouses, and other installations where the heat given off by the

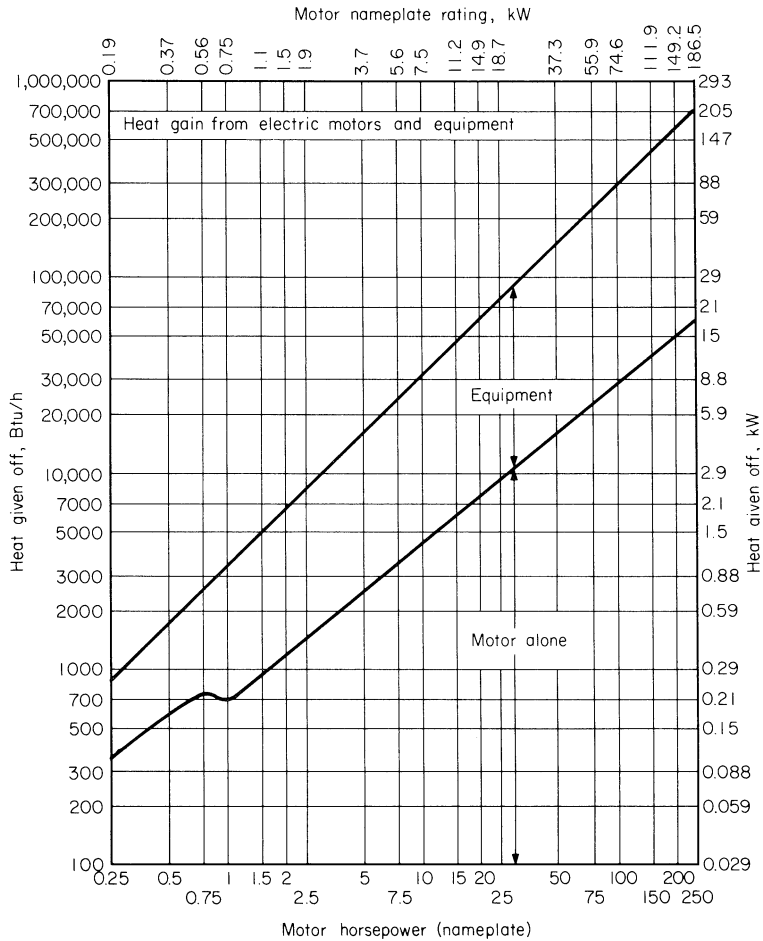


FIGURE 12 Heat gain from electric motors and equipment. (Chemical Engineering.)

motor or equipment will place an extra or unwanted load on the air-conditioning system. The procedure given here is the work of Walter A. Hendrix and William G. Moran, Engineering Experiment Station, Georgia Institute of Technology, as reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine.

### ENERGY SAVINGS FROM VAPOR RECOMPRESSION

Determine the energy savings possible in a plant where 15-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (103.4-kPa) steam is vented to the atmosphere while 5000 lb/h (2250 kg/h) of 40-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (275.8-kPa) steam is used from the boiler in another process, if the vented steam is recompressed in an electrically driven compressor to the 40-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (275.8-kPa) level. The boiler feedwater temperature is 80°F (26.7°C), the boiler

efficiency is 80 percent, the boiler operates 8000 h/year, the cost of 150,000-Btu/gal no. 6 fuel oil is \$1.00 per gallon, and electricity costs \$0.03 per kilowatthour.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the annual heat input to the boiler.** The annual heat input to the boiler  $H = W(\Delta h)T/e$ , where  $H$  = heat input, Btu/year (W);  $W$  = weight of steam used, lb/h (kg/h);  $\Delta h$  = enthalpy change in the boiler = enthalpy of steam – enthalpy of the feedwater, both expressed in Btu/lb (J/kg);  $T$  = annual operating time of the boiler, h;  $e$  = boiler efficiency, expressed as a percentage. Substituting, we find  $H = 5000(1176 - 48)(8000)/0.80 = 5.6 \times 10^{10}$  Btu/year ( $5.91 \times 10^{10}$  J/year).

**2. Find the annual fuel cost for generating the steam in the boiler.** The annual fuel cost  $C = HP/h_v$ , where  $C$  = annual fuel cost;  $P$  = price per gallon of fuel oil;  $h_v$  = fuel heating value, Btu/gal; other symbols as before. Substituting gives  $C = (5.6 \times 10^{10})(\$1.00)/150,000 = \$373.333$  per year.

**3. Determine the recompression energy input.** When 15-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (103.4-kPa) waste steam is compressed to 40 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (275.8 kPa) by an electrically driven compressor, the compressor ratio is  $c_r = P_d =$  discharge pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (kPa)/ $p_i =$  inlet pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (kPa). Substituting gives  $c_r = (40 + 14.7)/(15 + 14.7) = 1.84$ . To find the recompression energy input, enter Fig. 13 at the computed compression ratio and project vertically to the inlet pressure curve. At the left read the energy input as 66 Btu/lb (153.5 kJ/kg) of steam recompressed.

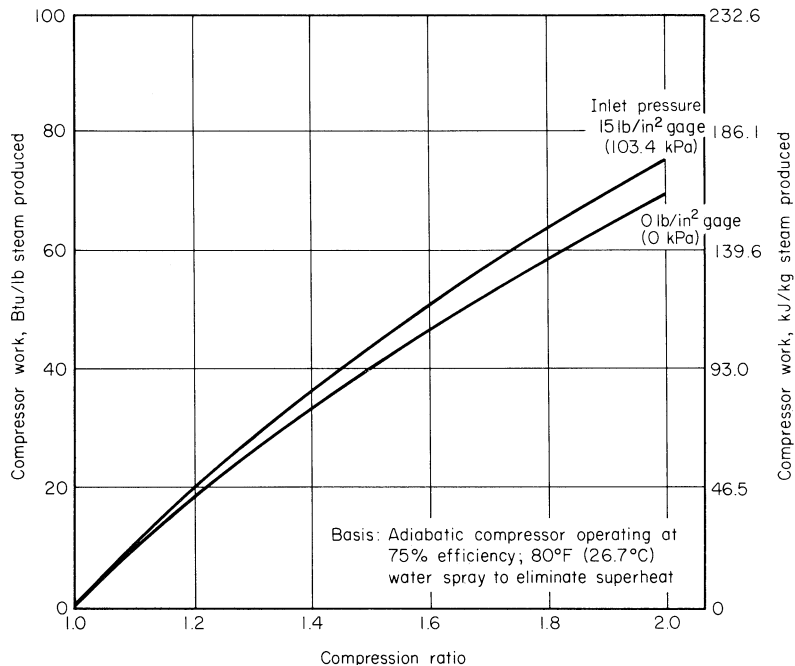


FIGURE 13 Recompression work input. (Chemical Engineering.)

4. **Compute the energy cost of recompression.** The energy cost of recompression = (Btu/lb for recompression) ( $WT$ ) (0.000293 kWh/Btu) (\$0.03 per kWh) = \$23,000 per year.

5. **Find the annual energy cost saving from recompression.** The annual energy cost saving for this installation would be \$373,333 – \$23,200 = \$350,133.

**Related Calculations** It is common practice in many industrial plants to vent any steam at pressures below 20 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (137.9 kPa) to the atmosphere. At the same time, there may be several users that require somewhat higher-pressure steam, 30 to 50 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (206.9 to 344.6 kPa). Rather than reducing high-pressure boiler steam to supply these needs, it is possible to compress the waster low-pressure vapor to a higher pressure so that it can be reused. Although energy must be supplied to the compressor to raise the steam pressure, this operation typically requires only 5 to 10 percent of the energy necessary to generate the same steam in a boiler. In practice, this principle is limited to situations where the compressor inlet pressure is above 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs) (101.4 kPa) and the compression ratio is less than about 2.0, owing to physical limitations of the compressors used.

Vapor recompression has been used for years as a means of lowering the steam requirements of evaporators. In this application, the overhead vapors are compressed and recycled to an evaporator steam chest where they evaporate more liquid. In this way, a single-effect evaporator can achieve a steam economy equivalent to an evaporator with up to 15 effects.

Figure 13 indicates the energy required to compress steam as a function of the compression ratio and inlet pressure. It is based on adiabatic compression with a compressor efficiency of 75 percent. Since the steam leaving the compressor is superheated, it is also assumed that water at 80°F (26.7°C) is sprayed into the steam to eliminate the superhead. The graph can be used in conjunction with standard steam tables to estimate the energy saving possible from employing vapor recompression.

The procedure given here can be used for any application—industrial, commercial, residential, marine, etc.—in which recompression of steam might prove economical. This procedure is the work of George Whittlesey and John D. Muzzy, School of Chemical Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, as reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine.

## EFFECTIVE STACK HEIGHT FOR DISPOSING PLANT GASES AND VAPORS

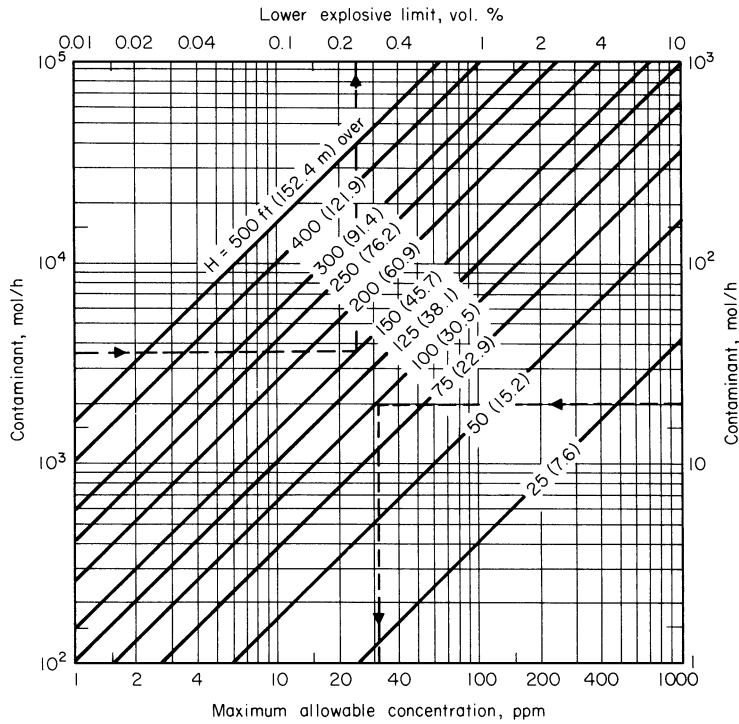
Acetylene (molecular weight 26) is being emitted from a process at 100 lb/min (0.76 kg/s). What stack height is needed to achieve an allowable downwind concentration of 40 percent of the lower explosive limit of 2.5?

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Convert the flow rate to moles.** To convert from lb/min to mol/h, use the expression  $M = 60L/m$ , where  $M$  = flow rate, mol/h;  $L$  = flow rate, lb/min;  $m$  = molecular weight of the flowing gas or vapor. Substituting gives  $M = 60(100)/26 = 230$  mol/h.

2. **Determine the allowable concentration of the vapor.** Use the relation  $A = E_t L_e$ , where  $A$  = allowable concentration downwind of the stack, in percent. Or,  $A = 2.5(0.40) = 1.00$  volume percent.

3. **Find the required stack height.** Use Fig. 14 to determine the stack height, entering at the top of the chart at the lower explosive limit of 1 volume percent and projecting vertically downward to



**FIGURE 14** Stack height needed to dispose of plant gases and vapors. (*Chemical Engineering.*)

the contaminant flow rate of 230 mol/h. The intersection is just below the stack height of 25 ft (7.6 m). Use a height of 25 ft (7.6 m) because this height is accepted in industry as the minimum allowable. This is the effective height for a 1-mi/h (1.6-km/h) wind.

**4. Find the distance downwind from the stack.** The distance downwind from the stack where the maximum concentration will be found varies with the turbulence conditions in the area. Turbulence parameters as given by Bosanquet-Pearson are as follows:

	$p$	$q$	$p/q$
Low turbulence	0.02	0.04	0.50
Average turbulence	0.50	0.08	0.63
Moderate turbulence	0.10	0.16	0.63

*Note:*  $p$  and  $q$  are the vertical and horizontal dimensionless diffusion coefficients, respectively.

The distance downwind from the stack for maximum concentration of the effluent is given by  $d = H/2p$ , where  $d$  = distance, ft (m);  $H$  = stack height, ft (m);  $p$  = vertical diffusion coefficient. For low turbulence,  $d = 25/2(0.02) = 625$  ft (190.6 m). For moderate turbulence,  $d = 25/2(0.1) = 125$  ft (38.1 m).

**Related Calculations** When designing emission control systems, be sure to consult the local air-pollution control ordinance (if any) for the criteria which must be met. If an odorous pollutant is

being emitted, the design basis will be the concentration below the odor threshold (Table 1) at ground level outside the plant.

Do not design for emission directly to the atmosphere in areas where atmospheric temperature inversions are known to occur. Use, instead, a closed system to rid the plant of the gas or vapor. Extreme care in design is required to avoid the possibility of a legal nuisance suit. Be sure that all applicable ordinances are reviewed before any final design work is begun.

Figure 14 is based on the well-known Bosanquet-Pearson formula. Two solutions plotted on Fig. 14 are for a contaminant flow rate of 3800 mol/h and a lower explosive limit of 0.25 volume percent, requiring a stack height of 150 ft (45.7 m); and a contaminant flow rate of 20 mol/h and a maximum allowable concentration of 31 ppm, requiring a stack height of 75 ft (22.9 m).

As a general guide for stack design, the following relations are given by the above formula:

1. Concentration of an effluent downwind from a source is directly proportional to the discharge quantity.
2. It is impossible to alter materially the downwind ground-level concentration of a contaminant by diluting the effluent.
3. Concentrations downwind of a stack are inversely proportional to wind speed; doubling the wind speed cuts pollutant concentration by half.
4. Pollutant concentration is inversely proportional to the square of the stack height. Doubling the stack height reduces the maximum ground-level concentration to one-fourth the previous level.
5. Location of the maximum ground-level concentration depends on atmospheric stability. When atmospheric conditions are unstable—i.e., wind speeds are low or there is an inversion—the maximum concentration occurs close to the stack. As the wind speed increases and the inversion disappears, the maximum ground-level concentrations move farther away from the stack.
6. Figure 14 is based on a wind speed of 1 mi/h (1.6 km/h) and  $p/q = 1$ . Further, a smooth, level terrain was ensured for the equation from which the chart is plotted.
7. The effective height to which the plume from a stack rises before it begins to turn downward is the actual height of the stack plus the plume rise created by the sum of the exit velocity and the difference in density above the plume. Use the relation  $H_v = 4.77(Q_1 V / 1.5)^{0.5}$ , where  $H_v$  = plume rise due to exit velocity, ft;  $V$  = stack exit velocity, ft/s;  $Q_1 = Q_v T_1 / 530$ , in which  $Q_v$  = stack exit volume, ft<sup>3</sup>/s;  $T_1 = 18.3$  (molecular weight of contaminant).

This procedure can be used for a variety of gases and vapors, including acetylene, ammonia, amylene, benzene, butane, carbon monoxide, ethylene, hydrogen sulfide, methanol, propane, and sulfur dioxide. Pertinent data for these effluents are given in Table 1.

This calculation procedure is the work of John D. Constance, Consultant, as reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine.

Where plant gases or vapors pollute the local environment, expensive pollution-abatement equipment may be required. On the west coast of the United States certain chemical and refining plants are gaining emissions credits for their stacks by eliminating pollution elsewhere.

Thus, at the time of writing, one chemical company is paying \$700 each for pre-1972 cars. Each car and light truck purchased is cut up for scrap, thereby eliminating the smoke and pollution such vehicles emit. Emissions credits are issued to the chemical plant for each vehicle scrapped. This approach to emissions control is in accord with federal regulations requiring companies to either reduce their own pollution or obtain emissions credits by reducing other pollutants generated in the area.

## SAVINGS POSSIBLE FROM USING LOW-GRADE WASTE HEAT FOR REFRIGERATION

An industrial plant presently exhausts low-pressure steam to the atmosphere. What would the annual savings be if a mechanical chiller having a coefficient of performance (COP) of 4.0 producing an average of 150 tons/year (527.4 kW) of refrigeration for 4000 h were replaced by an absorption refrigeration unit using the exhaust steam? The cost of electricity is 3.0 cents per kilowatthour.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Sketch the refrigeration system being considered.** Figure 15 shows the absorption refrigeration unit being considered. The heat input from the exhaust steam is indicated as  $Q_G$ .

In an absorption refrigeration unit, the mechanical vapor compressor is replaced by the generator which uses steam or hot water to revaporize the refrigerant. But absorption refrigeration units are characterized by a low COP, compared to the mechanical type. Hence, to be competitive, an absorption unit must use low-grade waste heat to power the generator. The low-pressure steam available in this plant would be ideal for this purpose.

**2. Determine the hourly savings possible.** Use Fig. 16 to find the hourly savings. Enter at the refrigeration load of 150 tons (527.4 kW) on the left, and project vertically to the COP value of 4.

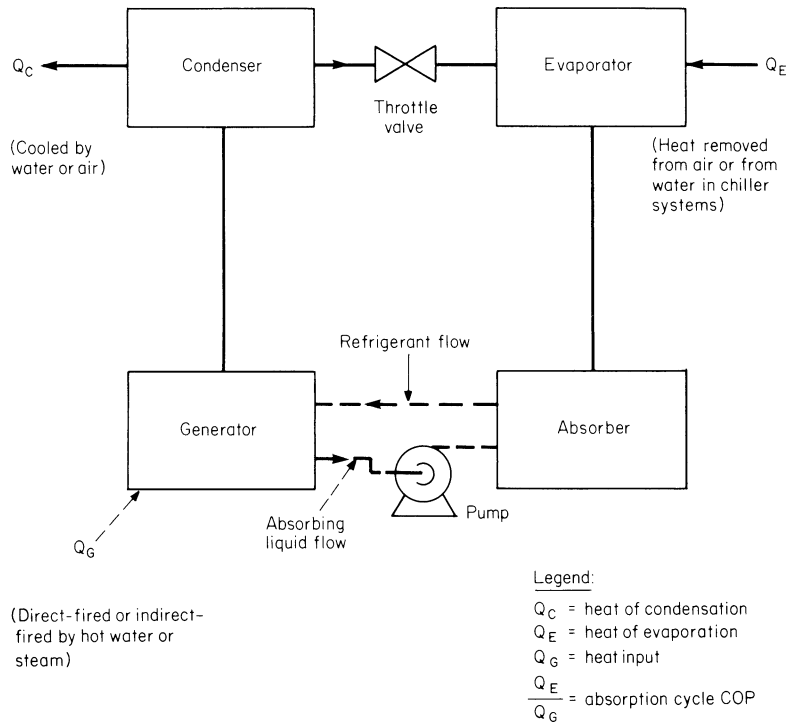


FIGURE 15 Absorption refrigeration system. (Chemical Engineering.)

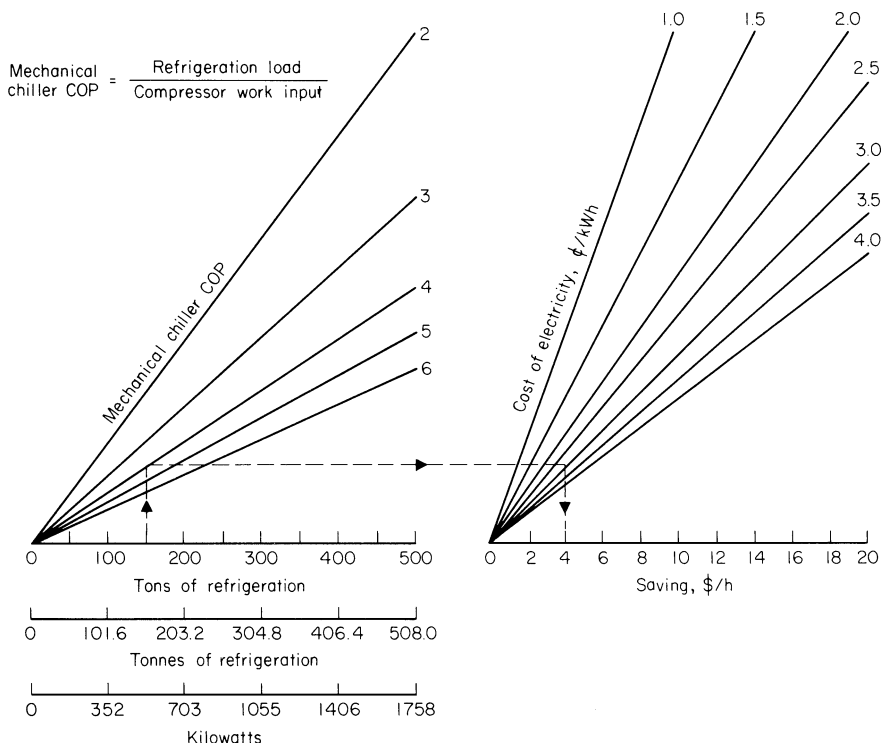


FIGURE 16 Savings using low-grade heat. (*Chemical Engineering*.)

From the intersection with this curve, project horizontally to the right to intersect the electricity cost curve of 3 cents per kilowatt-hour. At the bottom read the saving as \$4 per hour.

**3. Compute the annual savings.** Use this relation: annual savings, \$ = (hourly savings)(annual number of operating hours) = (\$4)(4000) = \$16,000 per year.

**Related Calculations** This procedure can be used for an absorption refrigeration system by using waste heat in the generator. The heat can be in the form of exhaust steam, hot waste liquids, warm air, etc. The source of the heat is not important provided (1) the temperature of the heating medium is high enough for use in the generator, (2) the supply of heat is steady, and (3) the heat is not chargeable to the refrigeration process.

Given the above criteria as guidelines, the procedure given here can be used for absorption refrigeration machines in industrial plants, commercial building, ships, and domestic applications. Where the COP of an equivalent mechanical refrigeration system is not known, it can be approximated by applying data from known similar installations. Where the electricity cost exceeds the plotted values, use half the actual cost and multiply the result by 2.

This procedure is the work of Guillermo H. Hoyos, Universidad de los Andes, and John D. Muzzy, School of Chemical Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, as reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine.



## EXCESS-AIR ANALYSIS TO REDUCE WASTE-HEAT LOSSES

The fuel input to the primary reformer of an ammonia plant is a mixture of natural gas, tail gas, and naphtha with these flow rates and compositions:

	Natural gas	Tail gas	Naphtha
Fuel no.	1	2	3
Flow rate, kg/h	6800	3420	7800
C:H weight ratio	3.20	2.40	5.35
Weight % carbon	72.3	17.4	84.2
Volume % incombustibles	2.8	53.0	nil

How much excess air is being fed to the reformer if the flue gas analysis shows 3.5 percent O<sub>2</sub> and 11 percent CO<sub>2</sub> on a dry basis?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Calculate the hydrogen:carbon weight ratio.** The given ratios are for carbon:hydrogen, or the inverse of the required ratios. Hence, the carbon:hydrogen ratio  $r$  for each fuel can be found by inverting the given values. Or, for fuel no. 1, natural gas,  $r_1 = 1/3.20 = 0.3125$ . For fuel no. 2, tail gas,  $r_2 = 1/2.40 = 0.4167$ ; for fuel no. 3, naphtha,  $r_3 = 1/5.35 = 0.1869$ .

**2. Determine the weight of carbon in the fuel.** The weight of carbon in the fuel  $c$  = fraction of carbon  $\times$  mass flow rate. Or, for natural gas, fuel no. 1,  $c_1 = 0.723 \times 6800 = 4915$  kg/h (10,837.7 lb/h), where 0.723 is the weight percent of carbon in the natural gas, expressed as a decimal and given in the table above. Then, for fuel no. 2, tail gas,  $c_2 = 0.174 \times 3450 = 600.3$  kg/h (1323.4 lb/h). For fuel no. 3, naphtha,  $c_3 = 0.842 \times 7800 = 6568$  kg/h (14,478.8 lb/h).

**3. Determine the mole fraction (volume fraction for gases) of incombustibles in the fuel.** Divide the given percentage of incombustibles by 100 to get the mole fraction for each fuel. Or, for natural gas,  $a_1 = 2.8/100 = 0.028$ ; for tail gas,  $a_2 = 53.0/100 = 0.53$ ; for naphtha,  $a_3 = \text{nil}/100 = \text{nil}$ .

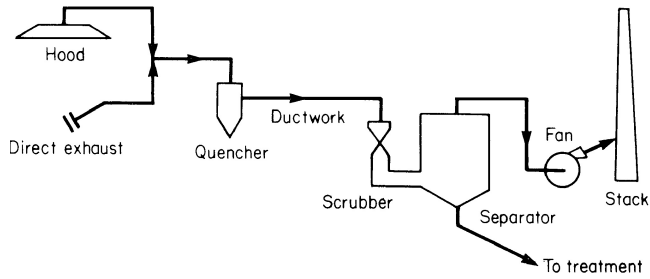
**4. Compute the value  $R$  for the fuel.** Here  $R$  is defined as  $R = \Sigma(1 - a_i)r_i c_i / \Sigma(1 - a_i)c_i$ , where the summations are over all fuels in the mixture. Substituting yields  $R = [(1 - 0.028)(0.3125)(4916) + (1 - 0.53)(0.4167)(600) + (1 - 0)(0.1869)(6568)] / [(1 - 0.028)(4916) + (1 - 0.53)(600) + (1 - 0)(6568)] = 0.2441$ .

**5. Calculate the percentage of excess air.** Use the relation, percentage of excess air =  $[100(\%O_2 \text{ in dry flue gas}) / (\%CO_2 \text{ in dry flue gas})(1 + 3R)]$ . Substituting the previously calculated values gives percentage of excess air =  $100(3.5) / 11[1 + 3(0.2441)] = 18.36$ , say 18.4 percent.

**Related Calculations** Combustion processes require at least stoichiometric air to get complete fuel utilization, but excess air should be limited to keep the waste heat carried away by flue gases to a minimum. Because it is linked to energy usage, excess air is a key factor in evaluating combustion processes.

The method given here is useful for determining the percentage of excess air being fed to a combustion process. It can be used for both liquid and gaseous fuels, singly or in mixtures, as well as for fuels that contain incombustibles. The method only requires readily available information such as fuel characteristics, flow rates, and flue-gas analysis and avoids the laborious solution of simultaneous material-balance equations that is usually needed.

This calculation procedure is the work of S. Michael Antony, IFFCO, Ltd., as reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine.



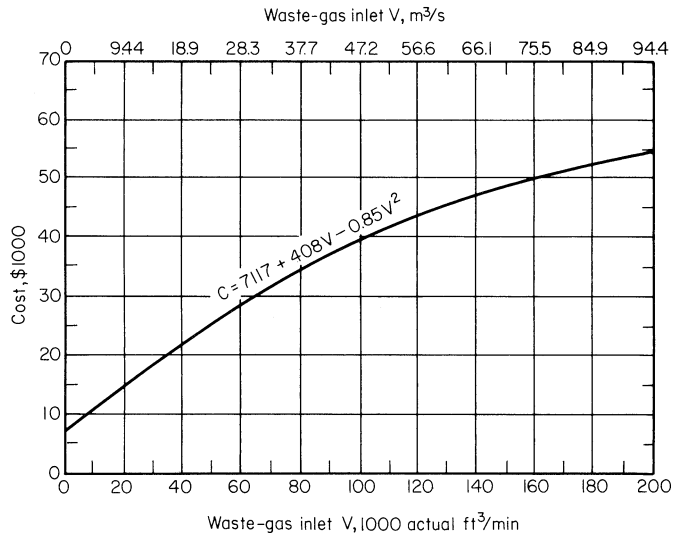
**FIGURE 17** Scrubber-separator in an air-pollution control system. (*Chemical Engineering.*)

### ESTIMATING SIZE AND COST OF VENTURI SCRUBBERS

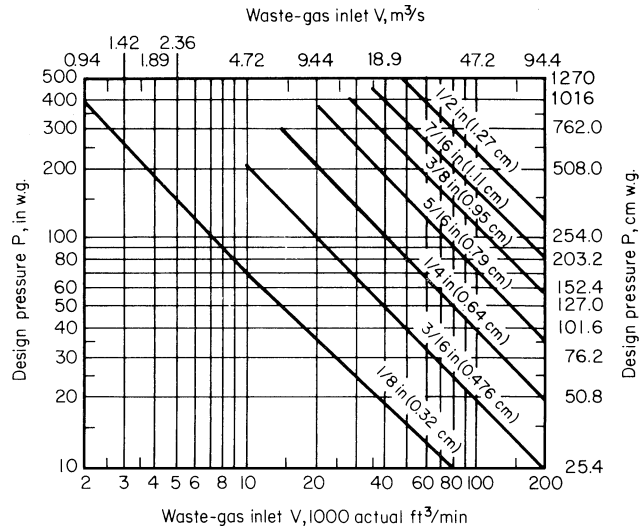
Determine the size and cost of a venturi scrubber to handle 100,000 actual ft<sup>3</sup>/min (47.2 m<sup>3</sup>/s) of gas entering the venturi in an air-pollution control system. The scrubber, Fig. 17, is to remove all particles larger than 0.6 μm.

#### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the scrubber base cost.** The cost of a venturi scrubber depends on the volumetric flow, operating pressure, and materials of construction. Figure 18 gives flange-to-flange costs—covering the venturi, elbow, separator, pumps, and controls—for base systems [i.e., constructed of



**FIGURE 18** Base scrubber cost, flange-to-flange construction of 0.125-in (0.32-cm) carbon steel. (*Chemical Engineering magazine and Fuller Company.*)



**FIGURE 19** Flow rate and design pressure dictate scrubber metal thickness. (Chemical Engineering magazine and Fuller Company.)

0.125-in (0.32-cm) carbon steel] for different volumetric flow rates. Do not extend the curve or equation beyond 200,000 actual  $\text{ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $94.4 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ).

Whether a thickness other than 0.125 in (0.32 cm) is required can be determined from Fig. 19, the thickness being a function of design operating pressure and shell diameter. The curves in Fig. 19 include a safety factor of 2, but no allowance is made for corrosion and erosion. Figure 19 is used after the base cost is determined from Fig. 18.

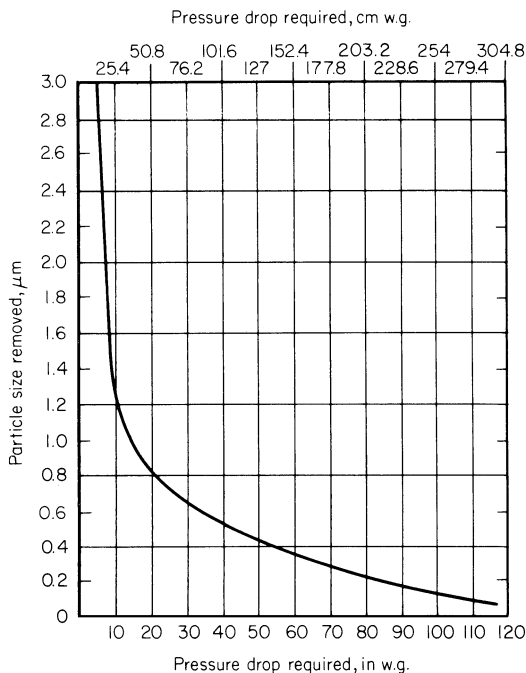
Entering Fig. 18 at 100,000  $\text{ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $47.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ) at the bottom and projecting vertically upward to the curve, we find a base cost of \$39,400. From the equation, the exact cost would be \$39,417.

**2. Find the pressure drop in the scrubber.** For an efficiency that removes all particles larger than  $0.6 \mu\text{m}$ , Fig. 20 shows that a 35-in water gage (w.g.) (88.9-cm w.g.) pressure drop is needed. Note that as the particle size removed decreases, the pressure drop required for particle removal increases.

**3. Compute the metal thickness and scrubber cost.** At the 35-in w.g. (88.9-cm w.g.) pressure drop, Fig. 19 shows that a scrubber metal thickness of 0.25 in (0.64 cm) is required. (Always round up to the next standard metal thickness when you use this procedure.) For 0.25-in (0.64-cm) carbon steel, Fig. 21 gives a cost adjustment factor of 1.6. Hence, the scrubber cost will be  $1.6 \times \$39,400 = \$63,040$ .

If the scrubber metal is to be 304 or 316 stainless steel, multiply the above cost estimate, \$63,040, by 2.3 or 3.2, respectively. And if the scrubber is to be equipped with a fiberglass lining to reduce wear of the metal, multiply the Fig. 18 estimate of \$39,400 by 0.15 to obtain \$5910, and add this to \$63,040 to arrive at an estimate of \$68,950.

**4. Determine the cost of a rubber-lined scrubber.** If the scrubber is to be lined with 0.1857-in (0.476-cm) rubber, or any other thickness rubber, determine the internal surface area of the scrubber from Fig. 22. For 100,000 actual  $\text{ft}^3/\text{min}$  ( $47.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ), the scrubber internal area is 1500  $\text{ft}^2$  ( $139.4 \text{ m}^2$ ). The unit cost for lining a scrubber with this thickness rubber is \$4.69 per  $\text{ft}^2$  (\$50.48 per  $\text{m}^2$ ). Hence, the total cost =  $(1500 \text{ ft}^2)(\$4.69/\text{ft}^2) = \$7035$ . Adding this to the \$63,040 gives an estimate of \$70,075.



**FIGURE 20** Correlation gives efficiency performance of venturi scrubbers. (*Chemical Engineering magazine and AIChE.*)

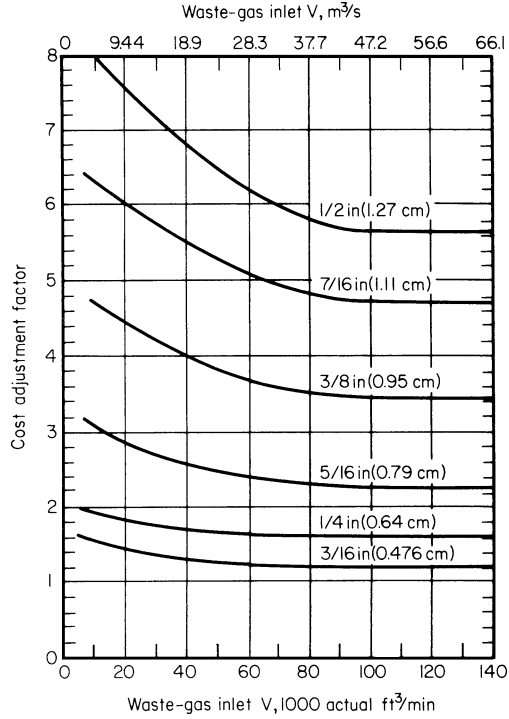
**5. Determine the number and diameter of the scrubber trays.** If the separator is to be equipped for gas cooling, the number of trays needed must be determined, based on an average of 5 lb (2.3 kg) of water removed per square foot of tray area, with an outlet gas temperature about 40°F (22.2°C) higher than the inlet water temperature. [This is valid for typical scrubber outlet-gas temperatures of 200°F (93.3°C) or less, cooling-water temperature of about 70°F (21.1°C), and superficial gas velocities of 600 ft/min (3.05 m/s).] The total water to be removed is determined from the difference between the absolute humidities of the inlet and outlet gas streams.

Find the diameter of each tray from Fig. 22 for a flow of 100,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min as 13.5 ft (4.1 m). Figure 23 gives a cost of \$14,000 per tray. This includes the cost of the tray plus the cost of additional separator height to contain the tray.

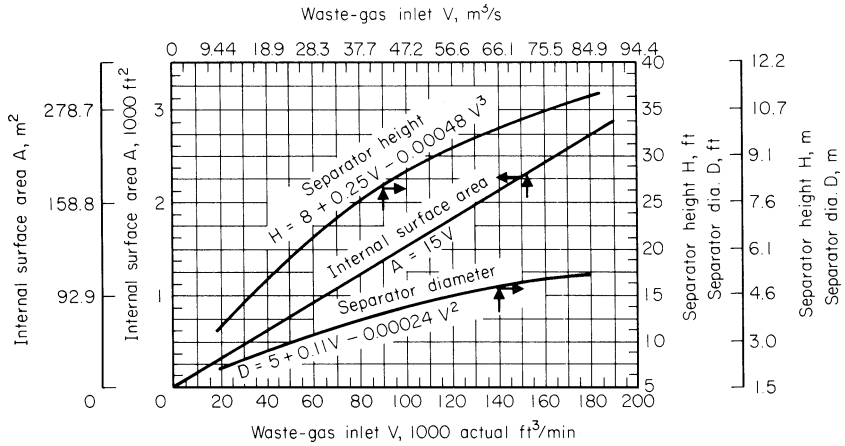
If the separator requires six trays to achieve the dehumidification required, the \$70,075 estimate will be increased by \$84,000 ( $= 6 \times \$14,000$ ) to \$154,075, say \$154,000. (If the chart in Fig. 18 were used instead of the equation, the total estimate would be \$153,000 after rounding.) To update the estimate to current costs, use a suitable cost index, as detailed below.

**Related Calculations** Venturi scrubbers are highly efficient in removing submicron dust particles from gas streams.

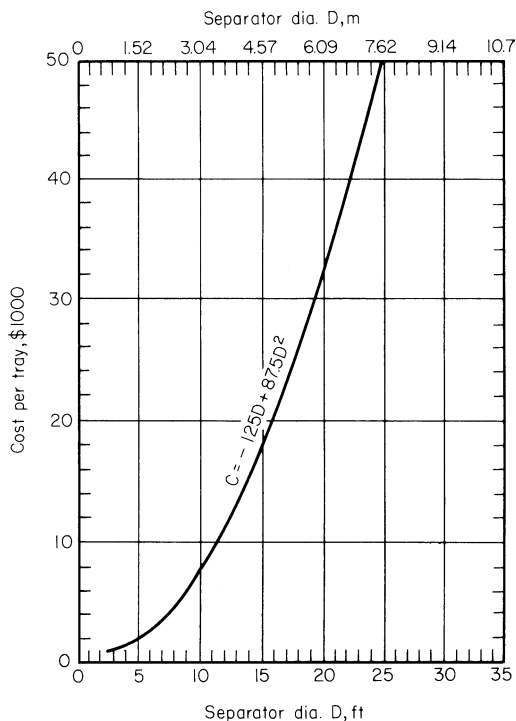
Basically, the gas stream accelerates in the converging section of the venturi to maximum velocity in the throat, where it is sprayed by a scrubbing liquor. The faster velocity of the gas stream atomizes the liquor and promotes collisions between the particles and the droplets. Agglomeration in the diverging section produces droplets, with entrapped particles, of a size easily removed by mechanical means.



**FIGURE 21** Factors adjust scrubber cost for flow rate and metal thickness. (*Chemical Engineering magazine and Fuller Company.*)



**FIGURE 22** Scrubber internal surface area and separator dimensions. (*Chemical Engineering magazine and Fuller Company.*)



**FIGURE 23** Cost per tray of separator internal cooler. (Chemical Engineering magazine and Fuller Company.)

Collection efficiency depends on the venturi pressure drop, which is a function of gas-stream throat velocity and scrubbing-liquor flow rate. The smaller the particles, the higher the pressure drop required. Venturis are normally operated at pressure drops between 6 in (15.2 cm) and 80 in (203.2 cm) water gage, depending on the characteristics of the dust, and at liquor flow rates of 3 to 20 gal/min (0.19 to 1.26 L/s) per 1000 actual ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.47 m<sup>3</sup>/s). Collection efficiencies range from 99+ percent for 1- $\mu$ m and larger particles to between 90 and 99 percent for those less than 1  $\mu$ m.

Precise pressure drops can be obtained from Fig. 20, which represents 100 percent removal of particle sizes indicated for a particular pressure drop. For instance, to remove all particles 0.4  $\mu$ m ( $10^{-6}$  m) and larger requires a pressure drop of 55 in (139.7 cm) w.g. (Also  $P_d = 15.4d^{-1.39}$ , with  $d$  the diameter in micrometers, also gives the pressure drop.)

A separator—normally a cylindrical tank having a low tangential inlet and a centered top gas outlet—located immediately downstream of the scrubber removes the agglomerated liquor drops from the gas stream by a cyclonic motion that forces them to impinge on the tank wall. Slurry settles into a bottom cone, from which most of it is sent to the water treatment facility, with the cleaner liquid above the sediment being recycled to the venturi (Fig. 17).

In hot processes, a considerable amount of water is vaporized in the scrubber and upstream equipment (particularly the quencher). Unless this vapor is removed, it must be handled by the fan (commonly a radial-tip fan), which therefore must be of higher horsepower and so is more costly to operate.

A gas cooler can be incorporated into the separator to cool and dehumidify the gas stream. Such a cooler can be one of several types, including one in which the gas stream passes through spray banks of cooling water and then impinges on baffles, and another in which the stream rises through perforated holes or bubble caps in trays flooded with cooling water.

The cost data in this procedure are based on 1977 values. They can be easily updated to the current year by using a suitable cost index for the year in which the estimate is being made. Thus, if the cost index (*Chemical Engineering, EN-R, Marshall & Stevens*, etc.) is 229 for the year 1977 and 245 for the design year, the cost of the scrubber in the design year will be  $\$154,000(245/229) = \$164,759$ , say \$165,000.

This procedure is the work of William M. Vatavuk of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Robert B. Neveril of Gard, Inc., as reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine, using data from an AIChE paper and Fuller Company.

Toxic air pollutants are now strictly controlled by the eleven titles of the U.S. Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA) passed in 1990. Title III deals with 189 chemicals designated as hazardous air pollutants (HAP), which may be emitted by chemical process plants. EPA is required to issue control standards based on maximum achievable control technologies (MACT) for sources designated to be "major" or "area" generators of hazardous pollutants.

Any facility that emits 10 or more tons per year of any single HAP, or 25 or more tons per year of any combination of HAPs is considered a major source. Alternatively, an area source is any facility that routinely emits HAPs but is not classified a major source. EPA is required to ensure that 90 percent of the emissions from the 30 most serious area-source pollutants are regulated by the year 2000. For these reasons, scrubbers like those discussed above are becoming more important to chemical engineers worldwide.

Title IV of the act will impose strict  $\text{SO}_2$  and  $\text{NO}_x$  control requirements on electric utilities. Title V requires operators of plants to apply for, and obtain, permits. These operating permits, issued by the states, will establish emission limits, permit fees, and monitoring and reporting requirements.

Volatile organic compounds (VOC) comprise half of all regulated toxic air pollutants. VOC are regulated by Title I, which imposes strict compliance requirements on particulate matter and ozone precursors, including some VOC. These regulations may exceed MACT requirements under Title III. Data on toxic air pollutants as given here are from K. Sampeth Kumar, Rodney L. Pennington, and Jan T. Zmuda, Research-Cottrell Co., a subsidiary of Air & Water Technologies Corp., as reported in *Chemical Engineering*.

## ***SIZING DESUPERHEATER-CONDENSERS ECONOMICALLY***

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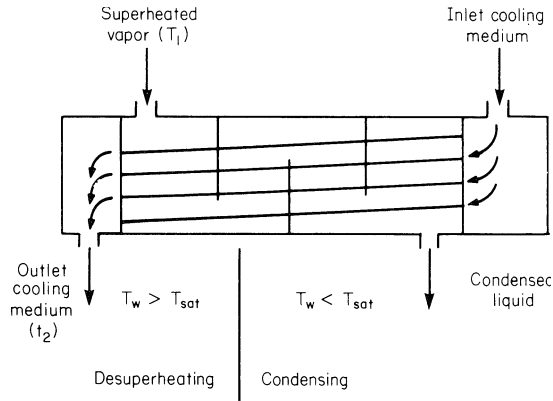
A reactor exhausts 27,958 lb/h (3.52 kg/s) of isobutane with a small amount of *n*-butane at 200°F (93.3°C) and 85 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (586.0 kPa). This gas becomes saturated at 130°F (54.4°C) and condenses completely at 125°F (51.7°C). The gas is to be cooled and condensed by a horizontal counterflow heat exchanger like that in Fig. 24 using well water at 65°F (18.3°C) inlet temperature and an outlet temperature of 100°F (37.8°C). How much heat-transfer area is required in this exchanger?

### **Calculation Procedure**

**1. Check for condensation at the hot end.** Desuperheater-condensers are widely used in the process, petrochemical, chemical, and power industries. Figure 24 shows a horizontal in-shell design which might be used as a high-pressure feed heater, an inter- or aftercondenser in a steam-jet ejector system, or a gas cooler in a compressor system.

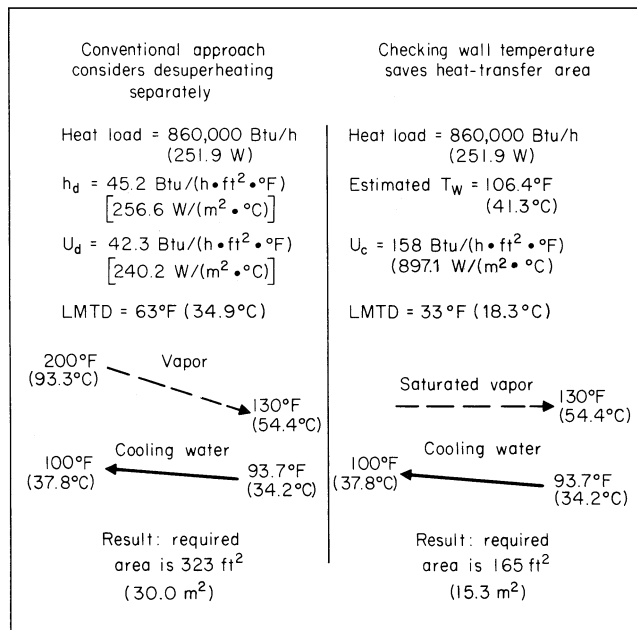
Conventional design practice splits the heat load and sizes the desuperheating and condensing zones separately. This assumes that the superheated vapor cools as if it were a dry gas, which is true only when the tube-wall temperature  $T_w$  in the desuperheating zone is greater than the vapor's saturation temperature  $T_{\text{sat}}$ .

When  $T_w$  is less than  $T_{\text{sat}}$ , the superheated vapor condenses directly, in the same way as saturated vapor. Because the heat flux in condensation is much greater than in desuperheating, this situation requires less heat-transfer area than the conventional design would prescribe.



**FIGURE 24** Horizontal in-shell desuperheater-condenser. (*Chemical Engineering.*)

For a counterflow desuperheater-condenser with vapor on the shell side like that in Fig. 24, the energy balance for the desuperheating zone is  $h_d(T_1 - T_w) = U_d(T_1 - t_2)$ , where  $h_d$  is the desuperheating heat-transfer coefficient;  $U_d$  is the overall heat-transfer coefficient;  $T_1$  is the vapor inlet temperature;  $t_2$  is the cooling-medium outlet temperature. Using this energy-balance equation and the data from Fig. 25, we find the tube-wall temperature at the hot end of the unit is  $45.2(200 - T_w) = 42.3(200 - 100)$ ;  $T_w = 106.4^\circ\text{F}$  ( $41.3^\circ\text{C}$ ). Since  $T_w$  is less than  $T_{\text{sat}}$ , condensation does take place as soon as the superheated vapor enters the shell.



**FIGURE 25** Example shows importance of checking wall temperature. (*Chemical Engineering.*)



**2. Determine the area required for the condensing load.** Since condensation does take place, the entire desuperheating load, 860,000 Btu/h (251.9 W), should be treated as a condensing load, by using the condensing heat-transfer coefficient shown in Fig. 25. The heat-transfer area required for this load is  $(\text{Btu/h})/U_c(\text{LMTD})$ ; or  $A = 860,000/158(33) = 165 \text{ ft}^2$  (15.3 m<sup>2</sup>).

**3. Compare the conventional approach to this approach.** Using the conventional approach, such as that in Kern—*Process Heat Transfer*, McGraw-Hill, and in the heat-exchanger calculation procedures given elsewhere in this handbook (see index), shows that the heat duty for the exchanger is split into two zones—condensing and desuperheating. The area required for the condensing zone is 523 ft<sup>2</sup> (48.6 m<sup>2</sup>); for the desuperheating zone it is 323 ft<sup>2</sup> (30 m<sup>2</sup>). Important data for the desuperheating zone are shown in Fig. 25.

The total heat-transfer area, when the approach given here is used, will be the condensing-zone area from the conventional approach + desuperheating area computed in step 2. Or,  $A_{\text{total}} = 523 + 165 = 688 \text{ ft}^2$  (63.9 m<sup>2</sup>). This compares with  $523 + 323 = 846 \text{ ft}^2$  (78.6 m<sup>2</sup>) for the conventional approach, or 23 percent greater area.

Note that the desuperheat was a sizable fraction (over 20 percent) of the total heat load in this exchanger, which is cooling an organic vapor. With steam, the importance of desuperheating is generally less.

**Related Calculations** Energy conservation studies often show a longer breakeven period and a smaller payout because equipment costs are excessive. Higher equipment costs lead to greater cost of money for the heat-recovery unit or units. Hence, it is important that any equipment chosen to conserve heat be sized properly. The procedure given here shows how a saving of nearly 25 percent can be made in the area of certain types of heat exchangers. Such savings can significantly reduce the required investment, leading to an earlier breakeven and higher payout. Thus, energy conservation will be easier to justify when this procedure is used.

Since this procedure is relatively simple, it should be applied in selecting a heat exchanger which involves desuperheating. The method is applicable in land, marine, chemical, petrochemical, and process heat-exchanger selection. This procedure is the work of P. S. V. Kurmarao, Ph.D., EDC (Heat Exchangers) Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd., as reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine.

## -sizing vertical liquid-vapor separators

Find the diameter needed for a vertical vessel to separate a liquid having a density  $d = 58.0 \text{ lb/ft}^3$  (928.6 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) from 2000 mol/h of vapor having a molecular weight of 25.0 at an operating temperature of 300°F (148.7°C) and 250 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (1723.5 kPa). The compressibility factor  $Z = 1.0$  for the vapor.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Find the vapor volumetric flow rate  $V$ .** Using the gas law  $PV = nRTZ$ , let  $V = \text{ft}^3/\text{s}$  and  $n = 2000/3600 \text{ mol/s}$ . Solving yields  $V = nRTZ/P = (2000/3600)(10.73)(760)(1.0)/264.7 = 17.1 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$  (48,393 m<sup>3</sup>/s). In this equation,  $R$  = the gas constant;  $T$  = absolute temperature, °R = 460 + operating temperature, °F;  $P$  = absolute pressure of the vapor, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs).

**2. Determine the density of the vapor  $d_v$ .** Use the relation  $d_v = (\text{mol/h})$  (molecular weight)/volumetric flow rate, lb/h. Or,  $d_v = (2000)(25)/(17.1)(3600 \text{ s/h}) = 0.812 \text{ lb/ft}^3$  (13.0 kg/m<sup>3</sup>).

**3. Compute the terminal vapor velocity  $v_t$ .** Use the relation  $v_t = K'[(d - d_v)/d_v]^{0.5}$ , where  $K'$  is a constant which ranges between 0.1 and 0.35, with 0.227 being the value for many satisfactory designs and recommended except when special considerations are warranted. Substituting, we find  $v_t = 0.227[(58.0 - 0.812)/0.812]^{0.5} = 1.91 \text{ ft/s}$  (0.58 m/s).

4. **Find the allowable vapor velocity  $v_a$ .** Use the relation  $v_a = 0.15v_r$ , where the constant 0.15 is based on an allowable vapor velocity of 15 percent of  $v_r$  to ensure good liquid disentrainment during the normal flow surges. For usual designs, researchers have determined that  $v_a$  should be 15 percent of  $v_r$ . By substituting,  $v_a = 0.15(1.91) = 0.286$  ft/s (0.087 m/s).

5. **Determine the separator cross-sectional area and diameter.** The separator cross-sectional area  $A = V/v_a = 17.1/0.286 = 59.8$  ft<sup>2</sup> (5.6 m<sup>2</sup>). Then the separator diameter  $D = [(4)(59.8)/\pi]^{0.5} = 8.7$  ft (2.65 m). A diameter of 9 ft (2.74 m) would be chosen.

**Related Calculations** Vertical liquid-vapor separators are used primarily to disengage a liquid from a vapor when the volume of the first is small compared with that of the second. The separation is accomplished by providing an environment (i.e., a vessel) in which the liquid particles are directed by the force of gravity rather than the force of the flowing vapor.

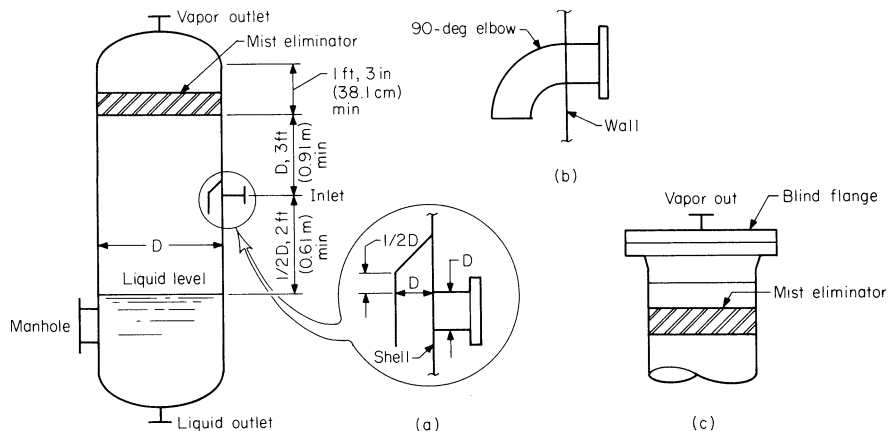
Devices have been developed to agglomerate liquid particles in a vapor stream and enhance disentrainment. Some act as baffles, causing multiple changes in the direction of vapor flow. Inertia keeps the liquid particles from changing direction, and they impinge on the baffles. As the particles coalesce on the baffles, they agglomerate into droplets, which fall because of gravity.

Other devices, such as packing and grids, provide a large surface area for liquid coalescence and agglomeration. One such device that has gained wide acceptance—because it is highly efficient and relatively inexpensive and causes negligible pressure drop—is the mist eliminator pad. Usually a mesh formed by knitting metal wire, it comes in a variety of standard thicknesses and densities. For general process-separator and compressor-suction knockout-pot services, a stainless-steel pad of 4-in (10.2-cm) thickness and nominal 9-lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (144.1-kg/m<sup>3</sup>) density is the most economical.

A separator equipped with a mist eliminator can be considerably smaller in diameter than one not having it. Indeed, design practice permits ignoring the 15 percent safety factor and letting the allowable vapor velocity be equal to the terminal vapor velocity (that is,  $v_a = v_r$ ).

In the separator above, therefore, the required cross-sectional area of the vertical separator  $A$  now becomes  $A = 18.1/1.91 = 9.0$  ft<sup>2</sup> (2.74 m<sup>2</sup>). And the separator diameter  $D$  becomes  $D = [(4 \times 9.0)/\pi]^{0.5} = 3.4$  ft (1.04 m). A diameter of 3 ft 6 in (1.07 m) would now be chosen.

The height of the liquid level in a vertical separator, Fig. 26, depends primarily on the residence time dictated by process considerations. Suppose that the residence time for the above separator is chosen as 5 min. For the 3.5-ft (1.07-m) diameter separator, the cross-sectional area is  $A = (\pi/4)(3.5)^2 = 9.62$  ft<sup>2</sup> (0.89 m<sup>2</sup>).



**FIGURE 26** (a) Inlet configuration, diameter  $\geq 30$  in (9.1 cm). (b) Inlet configuration, diameter  $< 30$  in (9.1 cm). (c) Top head configuration of pipe separators, diameter  $< 30$  in (9.1 cm). (Chemical Engineering.)

Assuming that liquid is entering the separator at a rate of 2000 gal/h (2.1 L/s), or 4.64 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.00219 m<sup>3</sup>/s), we find the liquid level for a 5-min residence time is  $L = (\text{ft}^3/\text{min}) (\text{residence time, min})/A = 4.46(5)/9.62 = 2.32 \text{ ft}$  (0.71 m). Choose a sump height of 2.5 ft (0.76 m). A vertical separator is usually specified when a short liquid holdup time is permitted.

The following procedure is standard in the process design of vertical liquid-vapor separators. A standardized design procedure and vessel configuration saves much engineering time. A separator is usually relatively inexpensive, and the application of a rigorous, sophisticated procedure to achieve an optimum design is seldom warranted. Only in special cases, such as when a separator is built of extra thick laminated shells, does it become economical to attain an optimum design, because the saving in fabrication cost can be significant.

The standard procedure stipulates the following:

1. The allowable vapor velocity  $v_a$  in a separator shall be equal to the terminal velocity  $v_t$ , calculated by rounding up the vessel diameter to the nearest 6 in (15.2 cm), when a mist eliminator is used. However,  $v_a$  shall be no greater than 15 percent of  $v_t$  when the separator is not equipped with a mist eliminator.
2. The disengaging space, the distance between any inlet and the bottom of the mist elimination pad (see Fig. 26), shall be equal to the diameter of the separator. However, when the diameter of the separator is less than 3 ft 0 in (0.91 m), the height of the disengaging space shall be a minimum of 3 ft (0.91 m).
3. The distance between the inlet nozzle and the maximum liquid level shall be equal to one-half the vessel diameter, or a minimum of 2 ft (0.61 m).
4. The dimension between the top tangent line of the separator and the bottom of the mist elimination pad shall be a minimum of 1 ft 3 in (38.1 cm) (Fig. 26).
5. Vessel diameters 3 ft 0 in (0.91 m) and larger shall be specified in increments of 6 in (15.2 cm). Diameters of shell plate vessels shall be specified as inside diameters. Vessel lengths shall be specified in 3-in (7.6-cm) increments.
6. Separators of 30-in (76.2-cm) diameter and smaller shall be specified as fabricated from pipe. Diameter dimensions shall represent pipe outside diameters. Top heads shall be specified as full-diameter flanges, with blind flange covers (Fig. 26). Bottom heads shall be standard heads or pipe caps.
7. Inlets shall have an internal arrangement to divert flow downward. Vessels 3 ft 0 in (0.91 m) and larger shall have a hood, attached to the shell, covering the inlet nozzle (Fig. 26).
8. Outlets shall have antivortex baffles.
9. Mist elimination pads shall be specified as 4-in (10.2-cm) thick, nominal 9-lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (144.1-kg/m<sup>3</sup>) density and stainless steel. Spiral-wound pads are not acceptable.

The method given here is valid for vertical separators used in process, chemical, petrochemical, power, marine, and a variety of other plants. This procedure is the work of Arthur Gerunda, Vice President of Commercial Development, The Heyward-Robinson Co., as reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine.

## **SIZING A HORIZONTAL LIQUID-VAPOR SEPARATOR**

Design a horizontal vessel to separate 7000 gal/h (7.36 L/s) of liquid having a density of 60 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (960.6 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) from 1000 mol/h of vapor having a molecular weight of 28 if the holding time for the liquid is to be 8 min when the operating temperature is 100°F (37.8°C), the operating pressure is 300 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (2068.2 kPa), and  $Z = 1.0$ .

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Find the volumetric flow rate  $V$ .** Using the gas law as in the previous calculation procedure with  $n = 1000/3600$  mol/s and  $A = 1.0$ , we get  $V = (1000/3600)(10.73)(560)(1.0) = 5.3$  ft<sup>3</sup>/s (15,004 m<sup>3</sup>/s).

**2. Compute the density of the vapor  $d_v$ .** As in the previous calculation procedure,  $d_v = (\text{mol/h})$  (molecular weight)/( $V$ ) (3600) = 1.47 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (23.5 kg/m<sup>3</sup>).

**3. Determine the terminal vapor velocity  $v_t$ .** Use the relation  $v_t = 0.227[(d_l - d_v)/d_v]^{0.5}$ , where  $d_l$  = density of liquid. Or  $v_t = 0.227[(60 - 1.47)/1.47]^{0.5} = 1.43$  ft/s (0.44 m/s). The constant 0.227 is obtained in the same way as described in the previous calculation procedure.

**4. Decide what sets the size of the separator.** Either the rate of liquid separation from the vapor or the liquid holding time will set the size of the separator. By liquid separation,  $D = [V/3(\pi/4)(0.15)(V_t)]^{0.5}$  where  $D$  = separator diameter, ft. Or,  $D = [5.3/(4\pi/4)(0.15 \times 1.43)]^{0.5} = 2.8$  ft (0.85 m).

By holding time,  $D = [t_h V_t / 3(\pi/4) f]^{0.333}$ , where  $t_h$  = holding time, min;  $V_t$  = volumetric flow rate of the liquid, ft<sup>3</sup>/min;  $f$  = fraction of the separator area occupied by the liquid. Assuming an  $L/D$  ratio, i.e., separator length/diameter, of 4, and with 7000 gal/h = 15.6 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.01 m<sup>3</sup>/s), make a first approximation with an assumed liquid-space area  $f$  of 0.70:  $D = [8(15.6)/4(\pi/4)(0.70)]^{0.333} = 3.84$  ft (1.17 m).

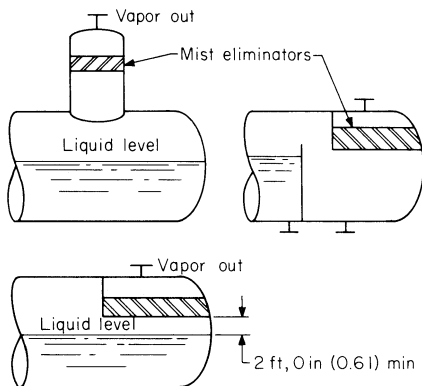
Since the larger diameter is set by the holding time, this is the determining factor in the sizing of the separator.

Next, examine a 4-ft (1.22-m) diameter vessel with  $f = 0.70$ . With  $L/D = 4$ ,  $L = 4D = 4(4) = 16$  ft (4.9 m).

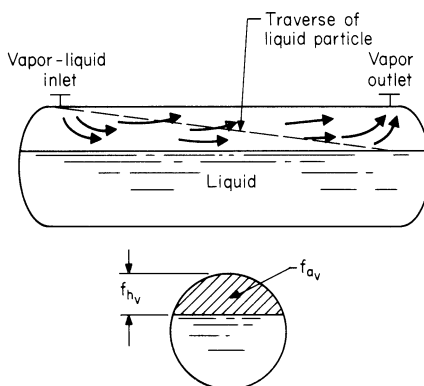
With the area of the vapor space = 30 percent (that is, 1.00 - 0.70), the fractional height of the vapor space  $f_{nv} = 0.342$ , from the geometry of the tank. The height of the vapor space then is 0.342 (46 in) = 15.7 in (39.9 cm), where the 46 in (116.8 cm) is the approximate actual internal diameter of the vessel. Make the vapor-space height 18 in (45.7 cm). This gives a vapor-space area fraction  $f_{av}$  of 0.36 and a liquid-space area fraction  $f_{al}$  of 0.64.

The holding time  $t_h$  now is  $t_h = [(\pi/4)(4^2)(0.64)(16)]/15.6 = 8.25$  min. Hence, the final separator size is as follows: diameter = 4 ft (1.22 m), length = 16 ft (4.88 m), and liquid height = 2.5 ft (0.76 m). As with a vertical separator, when a horizontal separator is equipped with a mist elimination pad, the allowable vapor velocity  $v_a$  can be taken to be the same as the terminal velocity  $v_t$  in the vessel diameter calculations. Figure 27 shows some typical arrangements of mist eliminators in horizontal liquid-vapor separators.

**Related Calculations** The chief concern in designing a horizontal liquid separator is to have the vapor velocity sufficiently low to give the liquid particles just enough time to settle out before the vapor leaves the vessel. Figure 28 shows the approximate traverse of a liquid particle for which



**FIGURE 27** Mist eliminators in horizontal separators. (Chemical Engineering.)



**FIGURE 28** Traverse of liquid particle. (Chemical Engineering.)

the minimum time has been allowed for its disentrainment from the vapor. Indicated in the cross section are the fraction of area  $f_{av}$  and height  $f_{hv}$  taken up by the vapor space.

As with a vertical separator, empirical findings have shown that for safe design the allowable vapor velocity  $v_a$  in a horizontal separator should be no greater than 15 percent of the calculated terminal velocity  $v_t$ . Another restriction found necessary is that  $f_{av}$  be no less than 15 percent of the cross-sectional area.

For horizontal separators  $L/D$  ratios are dictated by economics and plot restrictions. As a general guide, the following provides economic designs:

Operating pressure		$L/D$ ratio
lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage)	kPa	
0–250	0–1723.5	3.0
251–500	1730.4–3447.0	4.0
501 and higher	3423.9 and higher	5.0

For a first trial size, set the liquid level at the centerline of the separator, so that  $f_h = f_a = 0.5$ . Now,  $D = [V/(3)(\pi/4)(0.15 \times v_t)]^{0.5}$ , or  $D = [V/(0.35 \times v_t)]^{0.5}$ .

These equations provide a good starting point for trial-and-error calculations to determine the size of a liquid-vapor horizontal separator operating at less than 251 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (1730.4 kPa). Note that the terminal vapor velocity  $v_t$  has, in effect, been replaced by the allowable vapor velocity  $v_a$ , because  $v_t$  is multiplied by the safety design factor, 0.15.

The following specifications are generally standard in the design of horizontal separators: (1) The maximum liquid level shall provide a minimum vapor space height of 15 in (38.1 cm) but not be below the centerline of the separator. (2) The volume of dished heads is not taken into account in vessel sizing calculations. (3) Inlet and outlet nozzles shall be located as closely as practical to the vessel tangent lines. (4) Liquid outlets shall have antivortex baffles.

When the size of a horizontal separator is set by the holdup time for the liquid, the diameter of the vessel must be determined by trial-and-error calculations. If  $f_{al}$  = the fraction of area occupied by the liquid, the holdup time  $t_h$  is given by  $t_h = [(\pi/4)D^2 f_{al} L] / V_t$ . Here,  $L$  = vessel length and  $V_t$  = volumetric flow rate of the liquid. When the operating pressure is below 251 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (1730.4 kPa),  $L/D = 3.0$ . Solving for  $D$  yields  $D = [t_h V_t / 3(\pi/4) f_{al}]^{0.333}$ .

This procedure is the work of Arthur Gerunda, Vice-President, Commercial Development, Heyward-Robinson Co., as reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine.

## ***SIZING RUPTURE DISKS FOR GASES AND LIQUIDS***

What diameter rupture disk is required to relieve 50,000 lb/h (6.3 kg/s) of hydrogen to the atmosphere from a pressure of 80 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (551.5 kPa)? Determine the diameter of a rupture disk required to relieve 100 gal/min (6.3 L/s) of a liquid having a specific gravity of 0.9 from 200 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (1378.8 kPa) to atmosphere.

### **Calculation Procedure**

**1. Determine the rupture disk diameter for the gas.** For a gas, use the relation  $d = (W/146P)^{0.5} (1/M_w)^{0.25}$ , where  $d$  = minimum rupture-disk diameter, in;  $W$  = relieving capacity, lb/h;  $P$  = relieving pressure, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (abs);  $M_w$  = molecular weight of gas being relieved. By substituting,  $d = [50,000/146(94.7)]^{0.5} (1/2)^{0.25} = 1.60$  in (4.1 cm).

2. **Find the rupture-disk diameter for the liquid.** Use the relation  $d = 0.236(Q)^{0.5}(Sp)^{0.25}/P^{0.25}$ , where the symbols are the same as in step 1 except that  $Q$  = relieving capacity, gal/min;  $Sp$  = liquid specific gravity. So  $d = 0.236(100)^{0.5}(0.0)^{0.25}/(214.7)^{0.25} = 0.60$  in (1.52 cm).

**Related Calculations** Rupture disks are used in a variety of applications—process, chemical, power, petrochemical, and marine plants. These disks protect pressure vessels from pressure surges and are used to separate safety and relief valves from process fluids of various types.

Pressure-vessel codes give precise rules for installing rupture disks. Most manufacturers will guarantee rupture disks they size according to the capacities and operating conditions set forth in a purchase requisition or specification.

Designers, however, often must know the needed size of a rupture disk long before bids are received from a manufacturer so the designer can specify vessel nozzles, plan piping, etc.

The equations given in this procedure are based on standard disk sizing computations. They provide a quick way of making a preliminary estimate of rupture-disk diameter for any gas or liquid whose properties are known. The procedure is the work of V. Ganapathy, Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd., as reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine.

## TIME NEEDED TO EMPTY A STORAGE VESSEL WITHOUT DISHED ENDS

How long will it take to empty a 10-ft (3-m) diameter spherical tank filled to a height of 8 ft (2.4 m) with ethanol, a newtonian fluid, if the drain is a short 2-in (5.1-cm) diameter tube of double extra-strong pipe?

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Determine the discharge coefficient for the drain.** Figure 29 shows that the discharge coefficient is  $C_d = 0.80$  for a short, flush-mounted tube.

2. **Compute the discharge time.** Substitute the appropriate values in the equation in Fig. 29 for spherical storage tanks. Or,  $t = (2)^{0.5}(\pi)(8)^{1.5}[10 - (0.6 \times 8)]/[3(0.8)(1.774/144)(32.2)^{0.5}] = 3116$  s, or 51.9 min.

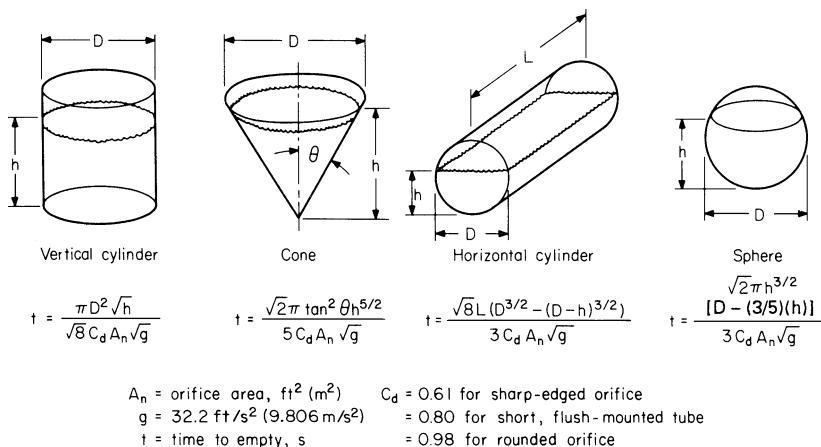


FIGURE 29 Time to empty tanks. (*Chemical Engineering*.)

**Related Calculations** Figure 29 gives the equations for computing the emptying time for four common tank geometrics. The discharge coefficient  $C_d$  is constant for newtonian fluids in turbulent flow, but the coefficient depends on the shape of the orifice. Water flowing through sharp-edged orifices of 0.25-in (0.64-cm) diameter, or larger, is always turbulent. Thus, the assumption of a constant  $C_d$  is valid for most practical applications. Figure 29 lists accepted  $C_d$  values.

The relations given here are valid for storage tanks used in a variety of applications—chemical and petrochemical plants, power plants, waterworks, ships and boats, aircraft, etc. This procedure is the work of Thomas C. Foster, as reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine.

## COST ESTIMATION OF HEAT EXCHANGERS AND STORAGE TANKS VIA CORRELATIONS

Using correlations, estimate the cost of a fixed-head, carbon-steel heat exchanger rated for 150 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (1034 kPa) having a total heat-transfer area of 1500 ft<sup>2</sup> (139.4 m<sup>2</sup>). Using the same approach, estimate the cost of a cone-roof storage tank made of carbon steel having a total capacity of 677,000 gal (2,562,445 L). Show how to update the costs from the base year (cost index = 200.8) to a year in which the cost index is 265.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the base cost of the head exchanger.** Using Table 2, substitute the area  $A$  in the relation  $C_B = \exp [8.551 - 0.30863 \ln A + 0.06811 (\ln A)^2]$ . Or,  $C_B = \exp [8.551 - 0.30863 \ln 1500 + 0.06811 (\ln 1500)^2] = \$20,670$ .

**2. Determine the exchanger-type cost factor for the heat exchanger.** Again, by using Table 2 for a fixed-head exchanger,  $F_D = \exp (-1.1156 + 0.090606 \ln A)$ , where  $F_D$  = exchanger-type cost factor. Substituting yields  $F_D = \exp (-1.1156 + 0.090606 \ln 1500) = 0.6357$ .

**3. Find the design-pressure cost factor for the exchanger.** From Table 2, the design-pressure cost factor for a pressure in the 100 to 300-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) range (700 to 2100-kPa range) is  $F_p = 0.7771 + 0.04981 \ln A$ . Substituting, we find  $F_p = 0.7771 + 0.04981 \ln 1500 = 1.1414$ .

**TABLE 2** Correlations for Costs of Heat Exchangers\*

USCS units	SI units
Base cost for carbon-steel, floating-head, 100 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage) exchanger:	Base cost for carbon-steel, floating-head, 700-kN/m <sup>2</sup> exchanger:
$C_B = \exp [8.551 - 0.30863 \ln A + 0.06811 (\ln A)^2]$	$C_B = \exp [8.202 + 0.01506 \ln A + 0.06811 (\ln A)^2]$
Exchanger-type cost factor:	Exchanger-type cost factor:
Fixed-head: $F_D = \exp (-1.1156 + 0.0906 \ln A)$	Fixed-head: $F_D = \exp (-0.9003 + 0.0906 \ln A)$
Kettle reboiler: $F_D = 1.35$	Kettle reboiler: $F_D = 1.35$
U-tube: $F_D = \exp (-0.9816 + 0.0830 \ln A)$	U-tube: $F_D = \exp (-0.7844 + 0.0830 \ln A)$
Design-pressure cost factor:	Design-pressure cost factor:
100 to 300 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage): $F_p = 0.7771 + 0.04981 \ln A$	700–2100 kN/m <sup>2</sup> : $F_p = 0.8955 + 0.04981 \ln A$
300 to 600 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage): $F_p = 1.0305 + 0.07140 \ln A$	2100–4200 kN/m <sup>2</sup> : $F_p = 1.2002 + 0.07140 \ln A$
600 to 900 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage): $F_p = 1.1400 + 0.12088 \ln A$	4200–6200 kN/m <sup>2</sup> : $F_p = 1.4272 + 0.12088 \ln A$
$A$ in ft <sup>2</sup> ; lower limit: 150 ft <sup>2</sup> , upper limit: 12,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	$A$ in m <sup>2</sup> ; lower limit: 14 m <sup>2</sup> , upper limit: 1100 m <sup>2</sup> .

\**Chemical Engineering*.

**TABLE 3** Material-of-Construction Cost Factors for Heat Exchangers\*

Material	USCS units, A in ft <sup>2</sup>		SI units, A in m <sup>2</sup>	
	$F_M = g_1 + g_2 \ln A$		$F_M = g_1 + g_2 \ln A$	
	$g_1$	$g_2$	$g_1$	$g_2$
Stainless steel 316	0.8608	0.23296	1.4144	0.23296
Stainless steel 304	0.8193	0.15984	1.1991	0.15984
Stainless steel 347	0.6116	0.22186	1.1388	0.22186
Nickel 200	1.5092	0.60859	2.9553	0.60859
Monel 400	1.2989	0.43377	2.3296	0.43377
Inconel 600	1.2040	0.50764	2.4103	0.50764
Incoloy 825	1.1854	0.49706	2.3665	0.49706
Titanium	1.5420	0.42913	2.5617	0.42913
Hastelloy	0.1549	1.51774	3.7614	1.51774

\*Chemical Engineering.

**4. Find the materials-of-construction cost factor.** The materials-of-construction cost factor,  $F_M$ , for carbon steel is unity, or 1.0. Factors for other materials of construction are shown in Table 3.

**5. Compute the heat-exchanger cost.** Use the relation  $C_E = C_B F_D F_p F_M$ , where  $C_E$  = exchanger cost. Or,  $C_E = (\$20,670)(0.6357)(1.1414)(1.0) = \$15,000$ .

**6. Update the heat-exchanger cost.** The base-year cost index—for 1976, the year on which the above costs are based—is 200.8. For the year in which the cost estimate is being made, the cost index is 265 (obtained from any of the standard, widely accepted cost indices). Updating the heat-exchanger cost reveals  $C_{EU} = \$15,000(265/200.8) = \$19,796$ . In this relation, the updated cost is  $C_{EU} = C_E$  (current-year equipment cost index/base-year cost index).

**7. Compute the storage-tank cost.** Using Table 4, apply the relation  $C_B = \exp [11.362 - 0.6104 \ln V + 0.045355 (\ln V)^2]$ , where  $C_B$  = base cost of field-erected tank in carbon steel;  $V$  = tank volume, gal. Substituting gives  $C_B = \exp [11.362 - 0.6104 \ln 677,000 + 0.045355 (\ln 677,000)^2] = \$84,300$ . Updating the cost, as before, we find  $C_{BU} = \$84,300(265/200.8) = \$111,252$ . Table 5 shows materials of construction cost factors for storage tanks.

**Related Calculations** The approach given here correlates the cost of shell-and-tube heat exchangers and heat-transfer area. This contrasts with cost estimation procedures that take into

**TABLE 4** Correlations for Costs of Storage Tanks\*

USCS units	SI units
Base cost for carbon-steel, shop-fabricated tanks: $C_B = \exp [2.331 + 1.3673 \ln V - 0.063088 (\ln V)^2]$ $V$ in gallons; lower limit: 1300 gal, upper limit: 21,000 gal	Base cost for carbon-steel, shop-fabricated tanks: $C_B = \exp [7.994 + 0.6637 \ln V - 0.063088 (\ln V)^2]$ $V$ in m <sup>3</sup> ; lower limit: 5 m <sup>3</sup> , upper limit: 80 m <sup>3</sup>
Base cost for carbon-steel, field-erected tanks: $C_B = \exp [11.362 - 0.6104 \ln V + 0.045355 (\ln V)^2]$ $V$ in gallons; lower limit: 21,000 gal, upper limit: 11,000,000 gal	Base cost for carbon-steel, field-erected tanks: $C_B = \exp [9.369 - 0.1045 \ln V + 0.045355 (\ln V)^2]$ $V$ in m <sup>3</sup> ; lower limit: 80 m <sup>3</sup> , upper limit: 45,000 m <sup>3</sup>

\*Chemical Engineering.



**TABLE 5** Material-of-Construction Cost Factors for Storage Tanks\*

Material of construction	Cost factor $F_M$
Stainless steel 316	2.7
Stainless steel 304	2.4
Stainless steel 347	3.0
Nickel	3.5
Monel	3.3
Inconel	3.8
Zirconium	11.0
Titanium	11.0
Brick-and-rubber- or brick-and-polyester-lined steel	2.75
Rubber- or lead-lined steel	1.9
Polyester, fiberglass-reinforced	0.32
Aluminum	2.7
Copper	2.3
Concrete	0.55

\**Chemical Engineering.*

account shell diameter, number and length of the tubes, types of heads, and other construction details. The accuracy of the simple correlation of cost versus area is sufficient for preliminary cost estimates.

Correlations for base cost are given in both USCS and SI units in the accompanying tables. The base-cost basis for the equipment is given in each table. While heat-exchanger costs are based on area, storage-tank costs are based on the total tank volume. The tank volume is calculated (for the base cost) from residence time, a fixed overcapacity factor of 20 percent, and volumetric flow rate.

Omitted from the cost estimation procedure given here are the number and sizes of nozzles and manholes and other design details. These details cause variations in cost that are usually within the accuracy of preliminary estimates.

Data on the cost of shell-and-tube heat exchangers in a wide range of heat-transfer areas and design pressures were used in developing the correlations for 10 different materials of construction and three design types. PDQ\$, Inc., supplied these and the cost data for cylindrical carbon-steel tanks having cone roofs and flat bottoms in a wide range of volumes. The cost of field-erected tanks includes the cost of platforms and ladders, but not of foundations and other installation materials (piping, electric instrumentation, etc.). The cost of the shop-fabricated tanks does not include any of the installation materials.

This procedure is the work of Armando B. Corripio, Louisiana State University, and Katherine S. Chrien and Lawrence B. Evans, both of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, as reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine.

## **ESTIMATING CENTRIFUGAL-PUMP AND ELECTRIC-MOTOR COST BY USING CORRELATIONS**

Determine the cost of a ductile-steel pump to deliver 1430 gal/min (90.2 L/s) at a differential head of 77 ft·lbf/lb (230.2 J/kg). A horizontally split case one-stage pump running at 3550 r/min is specified. The specific gravity of the fluid being pumped is 0.952

**TABLE 6** Correlations for Costs of Centrifugal Pumps\*

USCS units				SI units			
Base cost for one-stage, 3550 r/min, VSC cast-iron pump: $C_B = \exp [8.3949 - 0.6019 \ln S + 0.0519(\ln S)^2]$ Here, $S = Q\sqrt{H}$ , with $Q$ in gal/min and $H$ in ft-lbf/lb (ft of head). Cost factor for pump type: $F_T = \exp [b_1 + b_2 \ln S + b_3 (\ln S)^2]$				Base cost for one-stage, 3550-r/min, VSC cast-iron pump: $C_B = \exp [7.2234 + 0.3451 \ln S + 0.0519(\ln S)^2]$ Here, $S = Q\sqrt{H}$ , with $Q$ in m <sup>3</sup> /s, and $H$ in J/kg or m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> . Cost factor for pump type: $F_T = \exp [b_1 + b_2 \ln S + b_3 (\ln S)^2]$			
Type	$b_1$	$b_2$	$b_3$	Type	$b_1$	$b_2$	$b_3$
One-stage, 1750-r/min, VSC	5.1029	-1.2217	0.0771	One-stage, 1750-r/min, VSC	0.3740	0.1851	0.0771
One-stage, 3550-r/min, HSC	0.0632	0.2744	-0.0253	One-stage, 3550-r/min, HSC	0.4612	-0.1872	-0.0253
One-stage, 1750-r/min, HSC	2.0290	-0.2371	0.0102	One-stage, 1750-r/min, HSC	0.7147	-0.0510	0.0102
Two-stage, 3550-r/min, HSC	13.7321	-2.8304	0.1542	Two-stage, 3550-r/min, HSC	0.7445	-0.0167	0.1542
Multistage, 3550-r/min, HSC	9.8849	-1.6164	0.0834	Multistage, 3550-r/min, HSC	2.0798	-0.0946	0.0834

\*Chemical Engineering and Richardson Engineering Services, Inc.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the size parameter  $S$ .** The size parameter is defined as  $S = QH^{0.5}$ , where  $Q$  = design capacity of the pump, gal/min (m<sup>3</sup>/s), and  $H$  is the required head for the pump, ft-lb/lb or J/kg. Substituting, we get  $S = 1430(77)^{0.5} = 12,550$ , closely.

**2. Find the pump base cost  $C_B$ .** Use the base cost relation from Table 6, or  $C_B = \exp [8.3949 - 0.6019 \ln S + 0.0519 (\ln S)^2]$ . So  $C_B = \exp [8.3949 - 0.6019 \ln 12,550 + 0.0519 (\ln 12,550)^2] = \$1536$ .

**3. Compute the pump design-type factor  $F_T$ .** Table 6 shows that the design-type factor for a one-stage, 3550-r/min HSC pump is found from  $F_T = \exp [b_1 + b_2 \ln S + b_3 (\ln S)^2]$ . Substituting the values given in the table, we see  $F_T = \exp [0.0632 + 0.2744 \ln 12,550 - 0.0253 (\ln 12,550)^2] = 1.491$ .

**4. Find the materials-of-construction factor  $F_M$ .** From Table 7 for ductile iron,  $F_M = 1.15$ .

**5. Compute the pump cost  $C_p$  with base plate and coupling.** Use the relation  $C_p = C_B F_T F_M$ , where the symbols are as given above. Thus,  $C_p = (\$1536)(1.491)(1.15) = \$2630$ .

**6. Determine the required horsepower for the motor.** Use the relation  $P_B = pQH/33,000N_p$ , where  $P_B$  = bhp input to pump;  $p$  = fluid density, lb/gal;  $N_p$  = pump efficiency, percent; other symbols as given earlier. In this method of cost estimating,  $N_Q = -0.316 + 0.24015 (\ln Q) - 0.01199 (\ln Q)^2$ .

Find the fluid density from  $p$  = specific gravity (8.33 lb/gal) = 0.952(8.33) = 7.93 lb/gal (0.94 kg/L).

**TABLE 7** Cost Factors for Material of Construction\*

(Source: Monsanto Co.'s FLOWTRAN pump-costing subprogram.)

Material	Cost factor $F_M$
Cast steel	1.35
304 or 316 fittings	1.15
Stainless steel, 304 or 316	2.00
Cast Gould's alloy no.20	2.00
Nickel	3.50
Monel	3.30
ISO B	4.95
ISO C	4.60
Titanium	9.70
Hastelloy C	2.95
Ductile iron	1.15
Bronze	1.90

\*Chemical Engineering.

**TABLE 8** Correlation for Cost of Electric Motors\*

Cost of 60-Hz standard-voltage motor and insulation, discounted:

$$C_M = \exp [a_1 + a_2 \ln P + a_3 (\ln P)^2]$$

$P$  is the nominal size in horsepower

	Coefficients				
	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	hp limits	kW limits
Open, drip-proof:					
3600 r/min	4.8314	0.09666	0.10960	1–7.5	0.75–5.6
	4.1514	0.53470	0.05252	7.5–250	5.6–186.5
	4.2432	1.03251	–0.03595	250–700	186.5–522.2
1800 r/min	4.7075	–0.01511	0.22888	1–7.5	0.75–5.6
	4.5212	0.47242	0.04820	7.5–250	5.6–186.5
	7.4044	–0.06464	0.05448	250–600	186.5–447.6
1200 r/min	4.9298	0.30118	0.12630	1–7.5	0.75–5.6
	5.0999	0.35861	0.06052	7.5–250	5.6–186.5
	4.6163	0.88531	–0.02188	250–500	186.5–373.0
Totally enclosed, fan-cooled:					
3600 r/min	5.1058	0.03316	0.15374	1–7.5	0.75–5.6
	3.8544	0.83311	0.02399	7.5–250	5.6–186.5
	5.3182	1.08470	–0.05695	250–400	186.5–298.4
1800 r/min	4.9687	–0.00930	0.22616	7.5–250	5.6–186.5
	4.5347	0.57065	0.04609		
1200 r/min	5.1532	0.28931	0.14357	1–7.5	0.75–5.6
	5.3858	0.31004	0.07406	7.5–350	5.6–261.1
Explosion-proof:					
3600 r/min	5.3934	–0.00333	0.15475	1–7.5	0.75–5.6
	4.4442	0.60820	0.05202	7.5–200	5.6–149.2
1800 r/min	5.2851	0.00048	0.19949	1–7.5	0.75–5.6
	4.8178	0.51086	0.05293	7.5–250	5.6–186.5
1200 r/min	5.4166	0.31216	0.10573	1–7.5	0.75–5.6
	5.5655	0.31284	0.07212	7.5–200	5.6–149.2

\*Chemical Engineering.

**TABLE 9** Flow, Head, and Power Limits for Centrifugal Pumps\*

	Flow, gal/min (m <sup>3</sup> /s)		Head, ft-lbf/lb (J/kg)		Motor hp, upper limit	Motor kW
	Lower limit	Upper limit	Lower limit	Upper limit		
One-stage, 3550 r/min, VSC	50 (0.00315)	900 (0.568)	50 (150)	400 (1200)	75	55.95
One-stage, 1750 r/min, VSC	50 (0.00315)	3500 (0.2208)	50 (150)	200 (600)	200	149.2
One-stage, 3550 r/min, HSC	100 (0.00631)	1500 (0.0946)	100 (300)	450 (1350)	150	111.9
One-stage, 1750 r/min, HSC	250 (0.01577)	5000 (0.3155)	50 (150)	500 (1500)	250	186.5
Two-stage, 3550 r/min, HSC	50 (0.00315)	1100 (0.0694)	300 (900)	1100 (3300)	250	186.5
Multistage, 3550 r/min, HSC	100 (0.00631)	1500 (0.0946)	650 (2000)	3200 (9600)	1450	1081.7

\*Chemical Engineering.

The pump efficiency, from the previous relation, is  $N_p = -0.316 + 0.24015 (\ln 1430) - 0.01199 (\ln 1430)^2 = 0.796$ .

Substituting in the power relation yields  $P_B = 7.93 (1430)/(77)/33,000(0.796) = 33.2$  hp (24.8 kW). A 40-hp (29.8-kW) motor is required for this pump.

### 7. Compute the cost of the electric motor.

Use the appropriate correlation from Table 8. Assume a 3600-r/min totally enclosed fan-cooled motor is needed. Then the motor cost  $C_M = \exp [3.8544 + 0.8331 (\ln P_B) + 0.02399 (\ln P_B)^2] = \exp [3.8544 + 0.8331 (\ln 40) + 0.02399 (\ln 40)^2] = \$1410$ .

8. **Determine the total cost of the pump and motor.** Find the sum of  $C_p + C_M$ . Or,  $C_p + C_M = \$2630 + \$1410 = \$4040$ .

9. **Compute the pump power consumption.** Use the relation  $U_M + 0.80 = 0.0319 (\ln P_B) - 0.00182 (\ln P_B)^2$  to find the efficiency of the motor. By substituting,  $N_M = 0.80 + 0.0319 (\ln 33.2) - 0.00182 (\ln 33.2)^2 = 0.889$ . Then the pump power consumption  $P_C = P_B/N_M = 33.2/0.889 = 37.3$  hp (27.8 kW).

**Related Calculations** This procedure can be used for centrifugal pumps and electric motors in a variety of industries and applications provided the pump and motor are of the type listed in the tables. Typical industries and applications include chemical, petroleum, petrochemical, power, marine, air-conditioning, heating, and food processing.

Data on the cost of centrifugal pumps and electric motors were taken from Vol. 4 of the data book by Richardson Engineering Services (Solana Beach, CA), *Process Plant Construction Estimating Standards*. The material-of-construction cost factors for pumps were taken from Monsanto Co.'s FLOWTRAN pump-costing subprograms.

Although the cost of a pump includes the cost of the driver coupling, cost correlations for belt-, chain-, and variable-speed drive couplings were obtained from the U.S. Bureau of Mines equipment-costing program. These correlations were escalated from their original data of 1967 to the first quarter of 1979 by using the chemical engineering pumps and compressors index ratio of 270/11.2 = 2.43. All other cost data were for the first quarter of 1979, when the pumps and compressors index was 270 and the electrical equipment index was 175.5. To update the costs to the year in which an estimate is being made, simply apply the current index, as detailed in the preceding procedure.

Table 9 gives the flow, head, and power limits for the centrifugal pumps considered in this procedure. Table 10 shows the correlations for the cost of drive couplings for the pumps.

This procedure is the work of Armando B. Corripio, Louisiana State University; Katherine S. Chrien of J.S. Dweck, Consultant, Inc.; and Lawrence B. Evans, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, as reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine.

**TABLE 10** Correlations for Cost of Drive Coupling\*

Cost of belt-drive coupling:

$$C_C = \exp (3.689 + 0.8917 \ln P)$$

Cost of chain-drive coupling:

$$C_C = \exp (5.329 + 0.5048 \ln P)$$

Cost of variable-speed-drive coupling:

$$C_C = 1/[1.562 \times 10^{-4} + (7.877 \times 10^{-4}/P)]$$

Upper limit = 75 hp;  $S$  = nominal motor size in hp

\**Chemical Engineering* and U.S. Bureau of Mines.

## DETERMINING THE FRICTION FACTOR FOR FLOW OF BINGHAM PLASTICS

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A coal slurry is being pumped through a 0.4413-m (18-in) diameter schedule 20 pipeline at a flow rate of 400 m<sup>3</sup>/h. The slurry behaves as a Bingham plastic, with the following properties (at the relevant temperature):  $\tau_0 = 2 \text{ N/m}^2$  (0.0418 lbf/ft<sup>2</sup>);  $\mu_\infty = 0.03 \text{ Pa}\cdot\text{s}$  (30 cP);  $\rho = 1500 \text{ kg/m}^3$  (93.6 lbfm/ft<sup>3</sup>). What is the Fanning friction factor for this system?

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the Bingham Reynolds number and the Hedstrom number.** Engineers today often must size pipe or estimate pressure drops for fluids that are nonnewtonian in nature—coal suspensions, latex paint, or printer’s ink, for example. This procedure shows how to find the friction factors needed in such calculations for the many fluids that can be described by the Bingham-plastic flow mode. The method is convenient to use and applies to all regimes of pipe flow.

A Bingham plastic is a fluid that exhibits a yield stress; that is, the fluid at rest will not flow unless some minimum stress  $\tau_0$  is applied. Newtonian fluids, in contrast, exhibit no yield stress, as Fig. 30 shows.

The Bingham-plastic flow model can be expressed in terms of either shear stress  $\tau$  versus shear rate  $\dot{\gamma}$ , as in Fig. 30, or apparent viscosity  $\eta$  versus shear rate:

$$\tau = \tau_0 + \mu_\infty \dot{\gamma} \quad (1)$$

$$\eta = \frac{\tau}{\dot{\gamma}} = \frac{\tau_0}{\dot{\gamma}} + \mu_\infty \quad (2)$$

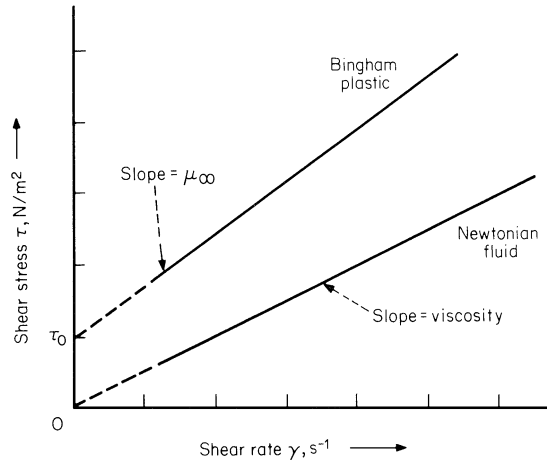
Equation 2 means that the apparent viscosity of a Bingham plastic depends on the shear rate. The parameter  $\mu_\infty$  is sometimes called the coefficient of rigidity, but it is really a limiting viscosity. As Eq. 2 shows, apparent viscosity approaches  $\mu_\infty$  as shear rate increases indefinitely. Thus, the Bingham plastic behaves almost like a newtonian at sufficiently high shear rates, exhibiting a viscosity of  $\mu_\infty$  at such conditions. Table 11 shows values of  $\tau_0$  and  $\mu_\infty$  for several actual fluids.

For any incompressible fluid flowing through a pipe, the friction loss per unit mass  $F$  can be expressed in terms of a Fanning friction factor  $f$ :

$$F = \frac{2fLv^2}{D} \quad (3)$$

where  $L$  is the lengths of the pipe section,  $D$  is its diameter, and  $v$  is the fluid velocity.

An exact description of friction loss for Bingham plastics in fully developed laminar pipe flow was first published by Buckingham [1]. His expression can be rewritten in dimensionless form



**FIGURE 30** Bingham plastics exhibit a yield stress. (*Chemical Engineering.*)

as follows:

$$f_L = \frac{16}{N_{Re}} \left( 1 + \frac{N_{He}}{6N_{Re}} - \frac{N_{He}^4}{3f_L^3 N_{Re}^7} \right) \quad (4)$$

where  $N_{Re}$  is the Bingham Reynolds number ( $Dvp/\mu_\infty$ ) and  $N_{He}$  is the Hedstrom number ( $D^2p\tau_0/\mu^2$ ). Equation 4 is implicit in  $f_L$ , the laminar friction factor, but can be readily solved either by Newton's method or by iteration. Since the last term in Eq. 4 is normally small, the value of  $f$  obtained by omitting this term is usually a good starting point for iterative solution.

For this pipeline

$$N_{Re} = \frac{4Q\rho}{\pi D\mu_\infty} = \frac{4(400)(1/3)(600)(1500)}{\pi(0.4413)(0.03)} = 16,030$$

$$N_{He} = \frac{D^2\rho\tau_0}{\mu_\infty^2} = \frac{(0.4413)^2(1500)(2)}{(0.03)^2} = 649,200$$

**2. Find the friction factor  $f_L$  for the laminar-flow regime.** Substituting the values for  $N_{Re}$  and  $N_{He}$  into Eq. 4, we find  $f_L = 0.007138$ .

**TABLE 11** Values of  $\tau_0$  and  $\mu_\infty$

Fluid	$\tau_0$ , N/m <sup>2</sup>	$\mu_\infty$ , Pa·s	Ref.
Blood (45% hematocrit)	0.005	0.0028	[6]
Printing-ink pigment in varnish (10% by wt.)	0.4	0.25	[7]
Coal suspension in methanol (35% by vol.)	1.6	0.04	[8]
Finely divided galena in water (37% by vol.)	4.0	0.057	[9]
Molten chocolate (100°F)	20	2.0	[10]
Thorium oxide in water (50% by vol.)	300	0.403	[11]

3. **Determine the friction factor  $f_T$  for the turbulent-flow regime.** Equation 4 describes the laminar-flow sections. An empirical expression that fits the turbulent-flow regime is

$$f_T = 10^a N_{\text{Re}}^{-0.193} \quad (5)$$

where

$$a = -1.378 [1 + 0.146 \exp(-2.9 \times 10^{-5} N_{\text{He}})] \quad (6)$$

We now have friction-factor expressions for both laminar and turbulent flow. Equation 6 does not apply when  $N_{\text{He}}$  is less than 1000, but this is not a practical constraint for most Bingham plastics with a measurable yield stress.

When  $N_{\text{He}}$  is above 300,000, the exponential term in Eq. 6 is essentially zero. Thus,  $a = -1.378$  here, and Eq. 5 becomes

$$\begin{aligned} f_T &= 10^{-1.378} (16,030)^{-0.193} \\ &= 0.006463 \end{aligned}$$

4. **Find the friction factor  $f$ .** Combine the  $f_L$  and  $f_T$  expressions to get a single friction factor valid for all flow regimes:

$$f = (f_L^m + f_T^m) \frac{1}{m} \quad (7)$$

where  $f_L$  and  $f_T$  are obtained from Eqs. 4 and 5, and the power  $m$  depends on the Bingham Reynolds number:

$$m = 1.7 + \frac{40,000}{N_{\text{Re}}} \quad (8)$$

The values of  $f$  predicted by Eq. 7 coincide with Hanks's values in most places, and the general agreement is excellent. Relative roughness is not a parameter in any of the equations because the friction factor for nonnewtonian fluids, and particularly plastics, is not sensitive to pipe roughness.

Substituting yields  $m = 1.7 + 40,000/16,030 = 4.20$ , and  $f = [(0.007138)^{4.20} + (0.006463)^{4.20}]^{1/4.20} = 0.00805$ .

If  $m$  had been very large, the bracketed term above would have approached zero. Generally, when  $N_{\text{Re}}$  is below 4000, Eq. 8 should be solved by taking  $f$  equal to the greater of  $f_L$  and  $f_T$ .

**Related Calculations** This procedure is valid for a variety of fluids met in many different industrial and commercial applications. The procedure is the work of Ron Darby, Professor of Chemical Engineering, Texas A & M University, College of Engineering, and Jeff Melson, Undergraduate Fellow, Texas A & M, as reported in Chemical Engineering magazine. In their report they cite works by Hanks and Pratt [2], Hanks and Dadia [3], Churchill [4], and Churchill and Usagi [5] as important in the procedure described and presented here.

## **TIME NEEDED TO EMPTY A STORAGE VESSEL WITH DISHED ENDS**

A tank with a 6-ft (1.8-m) diameter cylindrical section that is 16 ft (4.9 m) long has elliptical ends, each with a depth of 2 ft (0.7 m), and is half-full with ethanol, a newtonian fluid. How long will it take to empty the tank if it is set horizontally and fitted at the bottom with a drain consisting of a short tube of 2-in (5.1-cm) double extrastrong pipe? How long will it take to empty the tank if it is set vertically

and fitted at the bottom with a drainpipe of 2-in (5.1-cm) double extrastrong pipe? The drain system extends 4 ft (1.2 m) below the dished bottom and has an equivalent length of 250 ft (76.2 m).

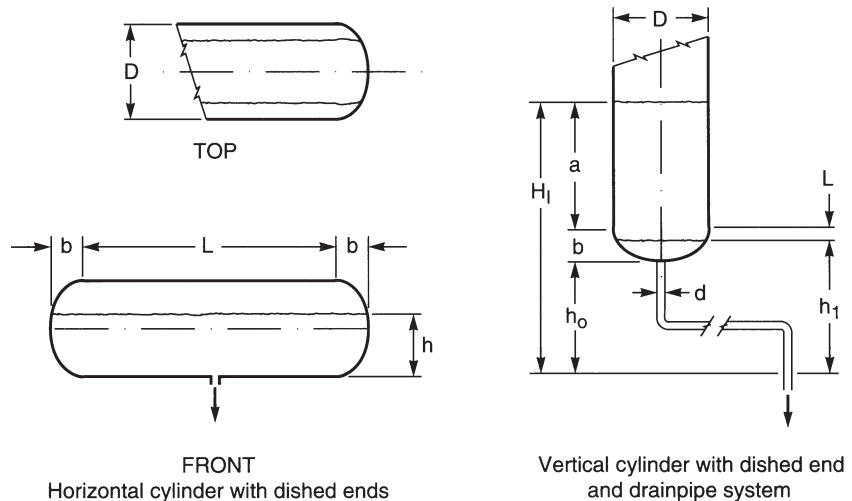
### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the discharge coefficient for, and orifice area of, the drain tube.** Figure 29 shows the discharge coefficient is  $C_d = 0.80$  for a short, flush-mounted tube. Baumeister, in *Mark's Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers*, indicates the internal section area of the tube is  $A_n = 1.774 \text{ in}^2$  (11.4  $\text{cm}^2$ ).

**2. Compute the discharge time for the tank in a horizontal position.** Substitute the appropriate values in the equation for  $t_p$  shown under the storage tanks in Fig. 31. Thus,  $t_p = [(8)^{0.5}/\{3(0.80)(1.774/144)(32.2)^{0.5}\}]\{16[(6)^{1.5} - (6 - 3)^{1.5}] + [2\pi(3)^{1.5}/6][6 - (3/5)(3)]\} = 2948 \text{ s}$ , or 49.1 min.

**3. Determine the internal diameter and friction factor for the drainpipe.** From Baumeister, *Mark's Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers*, the internal diameter of the pipe is  $d = 1.503 \text{ in}$  (3.8 cm), or 0.125 ft (0.038 m) and the Moody friction factor is  $f = 0.020$  for the equivalent length,  $l = 250 \text{ ft}$  (76.2 m), of pipe.

**4. Compute the initial and final height above the drainpipe outlet for the cylindrical section.** Initial height of the liquid is  $H_1 = a + b + h_o = [(16/2) + 2 + 4] = 14.0 \text{ ft}$  (4.3 m). Final height is  $H_F = b + h_o = 2 + 4 = 6 \text{ ft}$  (1.8 m).



$$t_c = \frac{D^2}{d^2} \{[(2/g)(1 + [f]l/d)]^{1/2} (H_1^{1/2} - H_F^{1/2})\}$$

$$t_e = C \{[(2 \times H_2^2/5) - (4 \times B \times H_2/3) + 2E^2](H_2^{1/2}) - [(2 \times H_1^2/5) - (4 \times B \times H_1/3) + 2E^2](H_1^{1/2})\}$$

$$t_p = \frac{\sqrt{8}}{3C_d A_n \sqrt{g}} \{L[D^{3/2} - (D - h)^{3/2}] + \frac{bph^{3/2}}{D} [D - (3h/5)]\}$$

**FIGURE 31** Time to drain tanks. (a) Top and (b) front view of horizontal cylinder with dished ends. (c) Vertical cylinder with dished-end and drainpipe system. (*Chemical Engineering*).



5. **Compute the time required to drain the cylindrical section of the tank.** Substitute the appropriate values in the equation for  $t_c$  shown under the storage tanks in Fig. 31. Hence,  $t_c = [(6)^2/(0.125)^2]\{(2/32.2)[1 + (0.020 \times 250/0.125)]\}^{0.5}[(14)^{0.5} - (6)^{0.5}] = 4751$  s, or 79.2 min.

6. **Compute the initial and final liquid height above the drainpipe outlet for the elliptically dished head.** Initial height of the liquid is  $H_1 = b + h_o = 2 + 4 = 6$  ft (1.8 m). Final height is  $H_2 = h_o = 4$  ft (1.2 m).

7. **Compute how long it will take to empty the dished bottom of the tank.** In order to solve for  $t_e$  it is necessary to determine the following values:  $B = h_o + b = 4 + 2 = 6$  ft (1.8 m);  $E^2 = h_o^2 + 2bh_o = (4)^2 + 2(2)(4) = 32$  ft<sup>2</sup> (3.0 m<sup>2</sup>);  $C = [D/(db)]^2\{[1/(2g)][1 + (f_1/d)]\}^{0.5} = [6/(0.125 \times 2)]^2\{[1/(2 \times 32.2)][1 + ((0.02 \times 250)/0.125)]\}^{0.5} = 459.6$ , s/ft<sup>5/2</sup> (s/m<sup>5/2</sup>).

Then, use the values for  $B$ ,  $E^2$ ,  $C$ , and other relevant dimensions to find  $t_e$  from the equation shown under the storage tanks in Fig. 31. Thus,  $t_e = 459.6 [(2 \times 4^2/5) - (4 \times 6 \times 4/3) + 2(32)](4)^{0.5} - [(2 \times 6^2/5) - (4 \times 6 \times 6/3) + 2(32)](6)^{0.5} = 1073$  s, or 17.9 min.

8. **Compute the time it will take to drain the half-full vertical tank.** Total time is  $t_v + t_c + t_e = 4751 + 1073 = 5824$  s, or 96.1 min.

**Related Calculations** Figure 31 shows the equation for computing the emptying time for a horizontal cylindrical tank with elliptically dished ends and equations for calculating the emptying time for a vertical cylindrical tank with an elliptically dished bottom end fitted with a drain system. The symbols  $A_n$ ,  $g$ ,  $t$ , and  $C_d$  are defined as in the previous problem for a storage vessel without dished ends, except that  $A_n$  is now the drainpipe internal area.

The term associated with the second pair of brackets in the equation for  $t_p$  accounts for the dished ends of the horizontal tank. For hemispherical ends  $b = D/2$  and for flat ends,  $b = 0$ .

When seeking the time required to drain a portion of the cylindrical part of the vertical tank use the formula for  $t_c$  with the appropriate values for  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  and other pertinent variables. To find the time it takes to drain a portion of the dished bottom of the vertical tank use the formula for  $t_e$  with given values of  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  and other applicable variables.

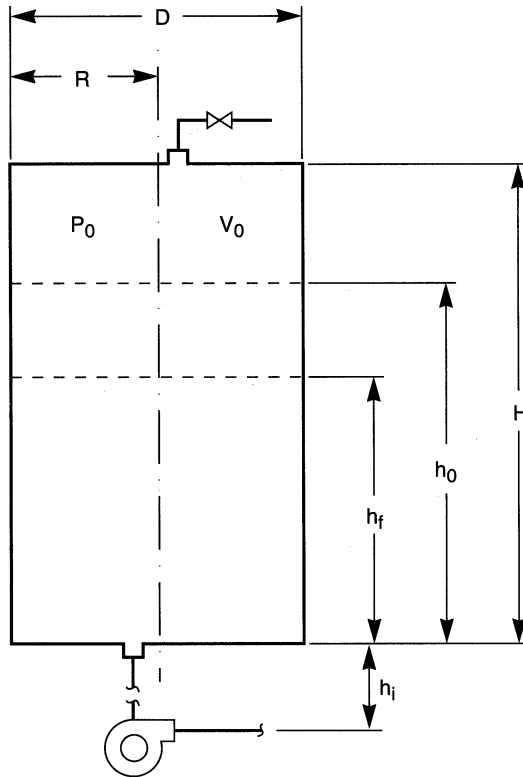
The relations given here are valid for storage tanks used in a variety of applications—chemical and petrochemical plants, power plants, waterworks, ships and boats, aircraft, etc. The procedure for a horizontal cylindrical tank with dished ends is the work of Jude T. Sommerfeld, and the procedure for a vertical cylindrical tank with a dished bottom end is the work of Mahnoosh Shoael and Jude T. Sommerfeld, as reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine.

## CHECKING THE VACUUM RATING OF A STORAGE VESSEL

Check the vacuum rating of a cylindrical flat-ended process tank which is 12.75 ft (3.9 m) tall and 4 ft (1.22 m) in diameter. It contains fresh water at 190°F (87.8°C) and is located where  $g = 32.0$  ft/s<sup>2</sup> (9.8 m/s<sup>2</sup>) and the atmospheric pressure is 14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (101.3 kPa). What is its maximum vacuum when the tank is gravity-drained? Find both the final tank vacuum and final height of liquid above the tank bottom when the tank is initially 75 percent full, first with gravity drain and then using a pumped drain, each discharging to the atmosphere. The pumped-drain piping system consists of double extra-strong 2-in (5.1-cm) pipe with an equivalent length of 75 ft (22.9 m) and a pump which can discharge 40 gal/min (151 L/min) with its suction centerline 2 ft (0.61 m) below the tank bottom and has a net positive suction head of 4.5 ft (1.4 m).

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Find the density of the fresh water.** From a suitable source such as Baumeister, *Mark's Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers*, freshwater density  $\rho = 60.33$  lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (966.7 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) at the given conditions.



# rho	$P_s = 2.036Hd(g/[144g_c], \text{ in Hg})   (\text{kPa})$
# rho	$h_{fg} = 144P_o(1 - \{V_o/[V_o + pR^2(h_o - h_{fg})]\})n/(eg/g_c), \text{ ft}(m)$
# pi gamma	$P_g = 29.92h_{fg}eg/(144P_o g_c), \text{ in Hg}   (\text{kPa})$
#	$h_{fg} = \text{NPSH} + F_1 + V_p - h_i - 144P_o \{V_o/[V_o + pR^2(h_o - h_{fg})]\})n/(eg/g_c), \text{ ft}(m)$
#	$P_p = 2.036P_o\{1 - [V_o/(V_o + pR^2h_o)]\}n, \text{ in Hg}   (\text{kPa})$

FIGURE 32 Vacuum rating of tanks.

2. **Compute the maximum vacuum rating with gravity drain.** A shortcut method gives the maximum vacuum rating by use of the equation for  $P_s$  in Fig. 32 where  $H$  = overall vertical dimension of the tank;  $\rho$  = density of the fresh water;  $g$  = acceleration due to gravity at the tank's location; and  $g_c = 32.174 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{ft}/\text{lb}\cdot\text{s}^2$ , a conversion factor. Substituting appropriate values gives  $P_s = 2.036(12.75)(60.33)(32.0/[144 \times 32.174]) = 10.82 \text{ in Hg}$  (36.64 kPa).

3. **Compute the head space volume when the tank is 75 percent full.** Airspace volume  $V_o = (1.00 - 0.75)(H \times 0.7854 D^2) = 0.25(12.75 \times 0.7854 \times 4^2) = 40.1 \text{ ft}^3$  (1.14  $\text{m}^3$ ).

4. **Compute the final height of liquid above the tank bottom created by gravity drain.** By trial and error, the final height of liquid can be computed by solving the equation for  $h_{fg}$  shown in Fig. 32 where the ambient atmospheric pressure  $P_o = 14.7 \text{ lb}/\text{in}^2$  (101.3 kPa); tank radius  $R = 2 \text{ ft}$  (0.61 m); initial fluid height above tank bottom  $h_o = 0.75H = 0.75(12.75) = 9.56 \text{ ft}$  (2.91 m); ratio of molar

specific heats,  $C_p/C_v$ , is  $\gamma = 1.4$  for diatomic gases. Assuming a reasonable initial value of  $h_{fg}$  on the right-hand side of the equation and substituting appropriate other values, too, gives  $h_{fg} = 144(14.7)(1 - \{40.1/[40.1 + \pi(2^2)(9.56 - h_{fg})]\})1.4/(60.33 \times 32.0/32.174) = 7.18$  ft (2.19 m), where the left-hand side value is used to repeat the iteration process until the  $h_{fg}$  values on either side of the equal sign are in close agreement.

**5. Compute the final tank vacuum under gravity drain.** Use the equation for  $P_g$  shown in Fig. 32 to find the final tank vacuum. Thus,  $P_g = 29.92 \times 7.18 \times 60.33 \times 32.0/(144 \times 14.7 \times 32.174) = 6.09$  in Hg (20.62 kPa).

**6. Compute the water velocity in the pumped-drain system piping.** Pump's flow rate  $q = (40 \text{ gal/min})/([7.48 \text{ gal/ft}^3][60 \text{ s/min}]) = 0.0891 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$  (0.0025 m<sup>3</sup>/s). The sectional area of the 2 in (5.1 cm) double extra-strong pipe is  $a = 0.7854d^2 = 0.7854(1.503/12)^2 = 0.0123 \text{ ft}^2$  (0.00114 m<sup>2</sup>). Thus, water mean velocity  $v = q/a = 0.0891/0.0123 = 7.24 \text{ ft/s}$  (2.2 m/s).

**7. Determine the fluid's viscosity.** From Baumeister, *Mark's Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers*, fresh water at 190°F (87.8°C) has a dynamic viscosity of  $\mu = 6.75 \times 10^{-6} \text{ lb}\cdot\text{s/ft}^2$  ( $323.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ Pa}\cdot\text{s}$ ).

**8. Compute the Reynold's number for the drain system piping.** Using pertinent values found previously, Reynold's number =  $\text{Re} = \rho vd/\mu = (60.33 \times 7.24)(1.503/12)/(6.75 \times 10^{-6}) = 8,088,690$ .

**9. Find the friction factor for the drain system piping.** Baumeister, *Mark's Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers*, indicates that the relative roughness factor for the drain piping is  $\epsilon/d = 150 \times 10^{-6}/0.12 = 0.0012$ , hence the Moody friction factor is  $f = 0.02$  for the above value of  $N_R$ .

**10. Compute the friction loss of the pumped-drain piping system.** Friction loss  $F_1 = (fL/d)(v^2/2g)$  where  $F_1$  is in feet (m) of fresh water and  $L$  is the equivalent length of the piping system in ft (m). Substituting,  $F_1 = (0.02 \times 75/0.125)(7.24^2/[2 \times 32.174]) = 9.77$  ft (1.98 m).

**11. Compute the final height of liquid above the tank bottom created by the pumped drain.** In the equation for  $h_{fp}$  shown in Fig. 32, the net positive suction head (NPSH) = 4.5 ft (1.37 m); freshwater vapor pressure  $V_p = 22.29$  ft (6.79 m) of water (Baumeister, *Mark's Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers*); height between tank bottom and centerline of pump suction  $h_i = 2$  ft (0.61 m). Substituting appropriate values gives  $h_{fp} = 4 + 9.77 + 22.29 - 2 - 144(14.7)\{40.1/[40.1 + \pi(2^2)(9.56 - h_{fp})]\}1.4/(60.33 \times 32.0/32.174) = 6.94$  ft (2.12 m), by trial and error, as was done for the gravity drain. From 4 to 10 trials should do it.

**12. Compute the final tank vacuum for the pumped drain.** Final tank vacuum is found by solving the equation for  $P_p$  shown in Fig. 32, thus,  $P_p = 2.036(14.7)\{1 - (40.1/[40.1 + (\pi \times 2^2)(9.56)])\}1.4 = 19.44$  in Hg (65.83 kPa).

**Related Calculations** Specifying an appropriate vacuum rating could prevent the collapse of a storage vessel as the contents are being drained while the vent is inadvertently blocked. Vacuum ratings range from full vacuum to no vacuum. A full vacuum rating is advisable for tanks such as those for steam-sterilized sanitary service and those with pumped discharge. Tanks with vents that cannot be blocked require no vacuum rating.

That the maximum gravity-drain vacuum rating occurs at 100 percent full capacity was borne out by the above calculations for  $P_s$  and  $P_g$ . However, the pumped-drain vacuum rating  $P_p$ , under more favorable conditions, still turned out to be 3.19 times greater than  $P_s$ , the maximum for gravity drain. This varies with pump capacity and the drain system piping size. These calculations assume ideal gas behavior in the head space above the fluid surface and the process is considered isothermal for drain times longer than 5 min. If the initial fluid height is set too low, it is possible for the tank to be emptied by pump drain before maximum vacuum occurs. The calculations

presume a centrifugal pump will not deliver if the NPSH requirements are not met and then back-flow into the tank starts. Use the equation for  $P_p$  to find the final tank vacuum if it is expected that the tank will be emptied before backflow occurs.

The procedure presented here allows the designer to choose a vacuum rating appropriate to the tank. However, it is suggested that the designer perform applicable code calculations before making a final decision on the vacuum rating for a tank. This presentation is based upon an article by Barry Wintner of Life Sciences International, and which appeared in *Chemical Engineering* magazine.

## DESIGNING PRISMATIC PRESSURE VESSELS

A closed-top tank filled with fresh water, Fig. 33a, is constructed of 0.3125 in (0.79 cm) medium steel-plate sides. Plate's allowable bending stress = 19,330 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (133.3 MPa) and modulus of elasticity =  $27.9 \times 10^6$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (192.4 Gpa). Where should horizontal stiffeners be located and what size should they be if their allowable bending stress is 16,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (110.32 Gpa)?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Check out an initial tentative height for the lowest plate, panel No. 1.** Assume the vertical dimension of panel No. 1 is one-third the tank height, or  $b_1 = H/3 = 135/3 = 45$  in (1.14 m). Variation of the liquid's horizontal pressure is symbolized by the inclined line shown in Fig. 33b. Average pressure distribution over the entire panel is considered to be represented by the pressure head at a level two-thirds down the panel, as indicated by  $h_1$  in Fig. 33c. Thus, the applied uniform pressure is  $p_1 = h_1\gamma$ , where  $p_1$  is in lb/in<sup>2</sup> (Pa);  $h_1$  is in in (m); specific weight  $\gamma$  is in lb/in<sup>3</sup> (N/m<sup>3</sup>). Hence,  $p_1 = [H - (b_1/3)]\gamma = [135 - (45/3)](62.4/1728) = 120(0.0361) = 4.33$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (29.85 kPa).

Then, since the panel dimension ratio  $a/b = 60/45 = 1.33$  select, by interpolation from Table 12, deflection parameter  $\alpha = 0.0213$  and bending parameter  $\beta = 0.4173$ . The equation for calculating the panel height is  $b = (s_b t^2 / \beta p)^{1/2}$ , where  $b$  is in in (m); allowable bending stress  $s_b = 19,330$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (133.3 MPa); plate thickness  $t = 0.3125$  in ( $0.79 \times 10^{-2}$  m); other symbols are as determined previously. Substituting,  $b_1 = [(19,330 \times 0.3125^2) / (0.4173 \times 4.33)]^{1/2} = 32.32$  in (0.82 m). Since the result is much smaller than the assumed value, it is necessary to iterate again. Solutions emerge quickly for low-pressure gradients such as those for water or oil.

**TABLE 12** Deflection and Bending Parameters (Machine Design).

Dimension ratio $a/b$	Deflection parameter $\alpha$	Bending parameter $\beta$
1.0	0.0138	0.3078
1.2	0.0188	0.3834
1.4	0.0226	0.4356
1.6	0.0251	0.4680
1.8	0.0267	0.4872
2.0	0.0277	0.4974
2.2	0.0282	0.4999
$\infty$	0.0284	0.5000

**2. Review a revised tentative height for panel**

**No. 1.** Repeating the previous procedure, but with  $b_1 = 29$  in (0.74 m),  $p_1 = [H - (b_1/3)](0.0361) = [135 - (29/3)](0.0361) = 4.48$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (30.89 kPa). Also,  $a/b_1 = 60/29 = 2.07$ ,  $\alpha = 0.0279$ , and  $\beta = 0.4979$ . Then  $b_1 = [(19,330 \times 0.3125^2) / (0.4979 \times 4.48)]^{1/2} = 29.1$  in (0.74 m), and is tentatively acceptable as 29 in (0.74 m).

**3. Check panel No. 1 for bending stress.** Although the calculated value is very close to the assumed value of  $b_1$ , it is best to check the actual plate stress by  $s_b = \beta p b^2 / t^2$ , or  $s_{b1} = 0.4979 \times 4.48 \times$

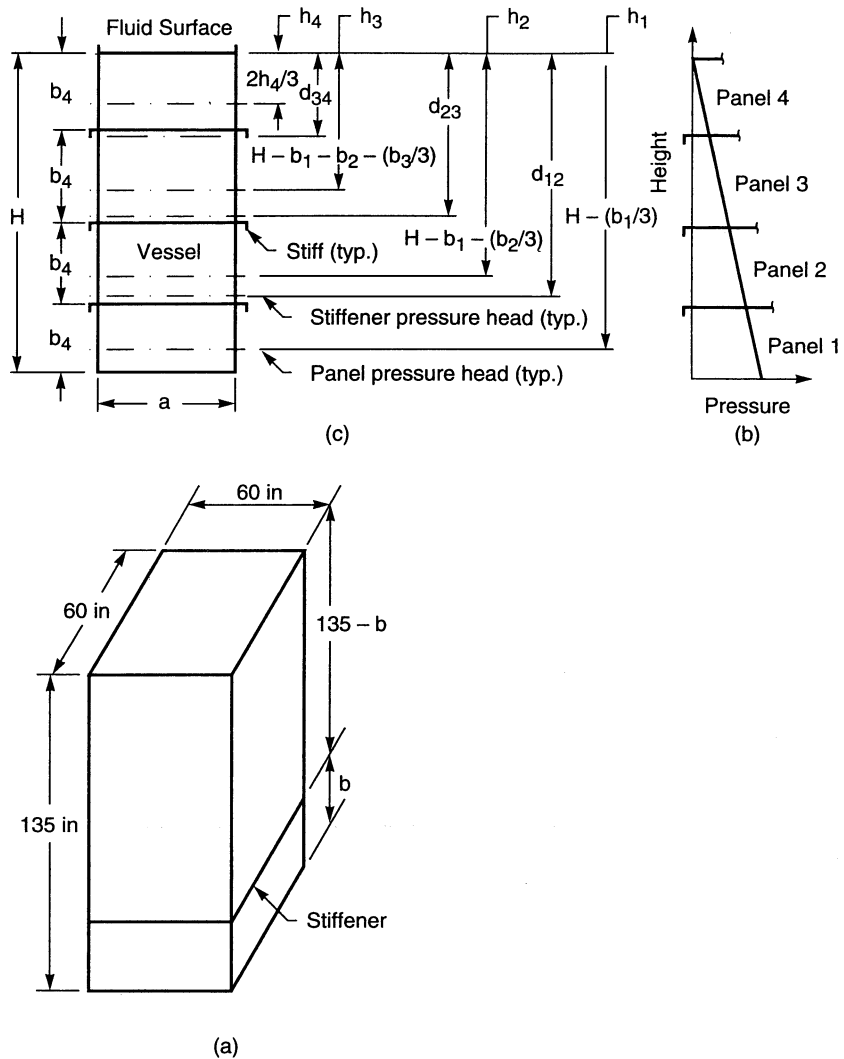


FIGURE 33 (a) Tank dimensions. (b) Tank pressure distribution. (c) Tank elevation.

$29^2/0.3125^2 = 19,210 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (132.4 MPa). This is less than the allowable bending stress; hence, the panel height is still tentatively acceptable as 29 in (0.74 m).

**4. Check panel No. 1 for deflection.** Although the bending stress is acceptable, the panel should now be checked for deflection, which may not exceed one-half the plate thickness  $t/2 = 0.3125/2 = 0.156 \text{ in}$  (0.40 cm). The formula for deflection is  $\delta = \alpha p b^4 / E t^3$ , where  $\delta$  = plate deflection, in (m); modulus of elasticity  $E = 27.9 \times 10^6 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (192.4 Gpa); other variables are as previously determined. Thus,  $\delta_1 = 0.0279 \times 4.48 \times 29^4 / (27.9 \times 10^6 \times 0.3125^3) = 0.104 \text{ in}$  (0.26 cm). Since the deflection is within the allowable limit, the value of  $b_1 = 29 \text{ in}$  (0.74 m) is now acceptable.

**5. Size the stiffener for panel No. 1.** The stiffener is continuous around the tank; therefore, the ends are practically fixed. Uniform loading along the length  $a$  of the stiffener is considered to be the sum of the pressure loading acting on half of the panels on either side of the stiffener. Average pressure exists at the horizontal centerline of the loaded area. This centerline is below the fluid surface at a distance  $d_{12} = b_4 + b_3 + (b_2/2) + [(b_2 + b_1)/2] = 33 + 39 + (34/2) + [(34 + 29)/4] = 104.75$  in (2.66 m). Average pressure  $p_{a1} = 0.0361d_{12} = 0.0361 \times 104.75 = 3.78$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (26.06 kPa). Thus, the stiffener is subjected to a uniform load  $W_1 = p_{a1}(b_1 + b_2)/2 = 3.78(29 + 34)/2 = 119.07$  lb/in (20.85 kN/m). The required composite section modulus of the stiffener and plate can be calculated from  $S = WL^2/(12s_a)$ , where  $S$  = section modulus, in<sup>3</sup> (m<sup>3</sup>);  $L = a$  = length of the stiffener, in (m);  $s_a$  = stiffener allowable bending stress, lb/in<sup>2</sup> (Pa). Thus,  $S_1 = 119.07 \times 60^2/(12 \times 16,000) = 2.24$  in<sup>3</sup> ( $3.79 \times 10^{-5}$  m<sup>3</sup>).

**6. Check out an initial tentative height for panel No. 2.** Assume  $b_2 = (H - b_1)/3 = (135 - 29)/3 = 35.3$  in (0.90 m). Applied pressure  $p_2 = h_2(0.0361) = [H - b_1 - (b_2/3)](0.0361) = [135 - 29 - (35.3/3)](0.0361) = 3.40$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (23.44 kPa). And,  $a/b = 60/35.3 = 1.70$ , where  $\alpha = 0.0259$  and  $\beta = 0.4776$ . Substituting in the equation for panel height  $b_2 = [(19,330 \times 0.3125^2)/(0.4776 \times 3.40)]^{1/2} = 34.1$  in (0.87 m). This is so close to the assumed value that a tentative value of  $b_2 = 34$  in (0.86 m) can be set.

**7. Check panel No. 2 for bending stress.** Substituting in the equation for bending stress  $s_{b2} = 0.4776 \times 3.40 \times 34^2/0.3125^2 = 19,220$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (132.5 MPa). This is within the allowable limit of the bending stress.

**8. Check panel No. 2 for deflection.** Substituting in the equation for deflection  $\delta_2 = 0.0259 \times 3.40 \times 34^4/(27.9 \times 10^6 \times 0.3125^3) = 0.138$  in (0.35 cm). Since this value is less than the allowable deflection of 0.156 in (0.40 cm), the height of panel 2 is now acceptable as 34 in (0.86 m).

**9. Size the stiffener for panel No. 2.** Pressure head  $d_{23} = b_4 + (b_3/2) + [(b_3 + b_2)/4] = 33 + (39/2) + [(39 + 34)/4] = 70.75$  in (1.80 m). Average pressure  $p_{a2} = 0.0361d_{23} = 0.0361(70.75) = 2.55$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (17.56 kPa). Uniform load  $W_2 = p_{a2}(b_2 + b_3)/2 = 2.55(34 + 39)/2 = 93.08$  lb/in (16.30 kN/m). Composite section modulus  $S_2 = W_2a^2/(12s_a) = 93.08 \times 60^2/(12 \times 16,000) = 1.75$  in<sup>3</sup> ( $2.94 \times 10^{-5}$  m<sup>3</sup>).

**10. Check out an initial tentative height for panel No. 3.** Following the previous procedures, assume panel height  $b_3 = (135 - 29 - 34)/3 = 24$  in (0.61 m). Applied pressure  $p_3 = [135 - 29 - 34 - (24/3)](0.0361) = 2.31$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (15.93 kPa). Then, since  $a/b = 60/24 = 2.50$ ,  $\alpha = 0.0284$  and  $\beta = 0.5000$  for infinity because corresponding values for  $a/b = 2.50$  are not much less. Substituting in the equation for panel height  $b_3 = [19,330 \times 0.3125^2/(0.5000 \times 2.31)]^{1/2} = 40.4$  in (1.23 m). Because the result is much greater than the assumed value, it is necessary to iterate again.

**11. Check out a revised tentative height for panel No. 3.** Repeating the previous procedure, but with  $b_3 = 48$  in (1.22 m),  $p_3 = h_3(0.0361) = [135 - 29 - 34 - (48/3)](0.0361) = 2.02$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (13.94 kPa). Also,  $a/b = 60/48 = 1.25$  and, by interpolation,  $\alpha = 0.0201$  and  $\beta = 0.4023$ . Again, solving for  $b_3 = [19,330 \times 0.3125^2/(0.4023 \times 2.02)]^{1/2} = 48.2$  in (1.22 m). This result is very close to the assumed value; hence  $b_3 = 48$  in (1.22 m) is tentatively acceptable.

**12. Check panel No. 3 for bending stress.** The actual plate stress  $s_{b3} = 0.4023 \times 2.02 \times 48^2/(0.3125^2) = 19,170$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (132.17 MPa). This stress is less than the allowable 19,330 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (133.3 MPa), hence the height of panel No. 3 may be less, but not more, than 48 in (1.22 m).

**13. Check panel No. 3 for deflection.** Substituting in the equation for deflection  $\delta_3 = 0.0201 \times 2.02 \times 48^4/(27.9 \times 10^6 \times 0.3125^3) = 0.253$  in (0.64 cm). Since this deflection exceeds 0.156 in (0.40 cm), it is necessary to select a smaller value for  $b_3$ .

**14. Check panel No. 3 for deflection with its height reduced.** With  $b_3 = 39$  in (0.99 m),  $h_3 = 135 - 29 - 34 - (39/3) = 59$  in (1.5 m) and  $p_3 = 59 \times 0.0361 = 2.13$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (14.69 kPa). Also, for  $a/b = 60/39 = 1.54$  the value of  $\alpha = 0.0243$ . Then,  $\delta_3 = 0.0243 \times 2.13 \times 39^4/(27.9 \times 10^6 \times 0.3125^3) = 0.141$  in

(0.36 cm). This deflection is close enough to 0.156 in (0.40 cm) to stop iterating for a value of  $b_3$  greater than 39 in (0.99 m) and less than 48 in (1.22 m) wherein the bending stress does not exceed the allowable value.

**15. Size the stiffener for panel No. 3.** Pressure head  $d_{34} = (b_4/2) + [(b_4 + b_3)/4] = (33/2) + [(33 + 39)/4] = 34.5$  in (0.88 m). Average pressure  $p_{a3} = 0.0361d_3 = 0.0361 \times 34.5 = 1.25$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (8.62 kPa). Uniform load  $W_3 = p_{a3}(b_3 + b_4)/2 = 1.25(39 + 33)/2 = 45$  lb/in (7.88 kN/m). Composite section modulus  $S_3 = W_3a^2/(12s_a) = 45.0 \times 60^2/(12 \times 16,000) = 0.84$  in<sup>3</sup> ( $1.42 \times 10^{-5}$  m<sup>3</sup>).

**16. Determine if there is a need for reinforcing panel No. 4.** The height of the uppermost panel is  $b_4 = 135 - 29 - 34 - 39 = 33$  in (0.84 m). Applied water pressure  $p_4 = h_4(0.0361) = (2 \times 33/3)(0.0361) = 0.79$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (5.45 kPa). Panel dimension ratio  $a/b = 60/33 = 1.82$ , hence  $\alpha = 0.0268$  and  $\beta = 0.4882$ . Then,  $b_4 = [19,330 \times 0.3125^2/(0.4882 \times 0.79)]^{1/2} = 70.0$  in (1.78 m). Since this calculated height is much greater than the actual height of the panel, it shows that panel No. 4 is adequate without an additional stiffener.

**Related Calculations** Stiffeners divide the vessel faces into rectangular plates whose edges are considered to be fixed. Plate thickness can be minimized to an optimum size which provides panel heights within preferred magnitudes while maintaining maximum stress or deflection just within allowable limits. For more accuracy in obtaining values for  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  and to avoid interpolation, values may be obtained from graphs plotted from the listed values.

The solution to this example is based upon the method shown in an article written by R. Jay Smith and G.L.B. Knight in the November 26, 1981, issue of *Machine Design* magazine. Both authors were associated with the Davy McKee Corp., Lakeland, Florida.

## MINIMUM-COST PRESSURE VESSELS

Find the diameter that minimizes the cost to construct a pressure tank with the following design characteristics: volume  $V = 1400$  ft<sup>3</sup> (40 m<sup>3</sup>); allowable stress,  $s = 16,000$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (110 MPa); welding efficiency  $e = 85$  percent; internal pressure  $p = 400$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> (2760 kPa); corrosion allowance  $t_c = 0.05$  in ( $1.27 \times 10^{-3}$  m). Also, find the length-to-diameter ratio of the tank.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the approximate diameter.** Use the equation for the approximate diameter,  $D_a = [V(0.2898V^{1/3} + Z_1)/(1.426V^{1/3} + Z_2)]^{1/3}$ , where  $Z_1 = 0.2829t_c[(se/p) - 0.6]$  and  $Z_2 = 0.2175t_c[(se/p) - 0.6]$ . Substituting  $Z_1 = 0.2829 \times 0.05[(16,000 \times 0.85/400) - 0.6] = 0.4724$  and  $Z_2 = 0.2175 \times 0.05[(16,000 \times 0.85/400) - 0.6] = 0.3632$ . Then  $D_a = \{1400[0.2898(1400)^{1/3} + 0.4724]/[1.426(1400)^{1/3} + 0.3632]\}^{1/3} = 6.83$  ft (2.08 m).

**2. Compute the exact diameter.** The equation for the exact diameter is  $D = [V(0.4244D + Z_1)/(2.088D + Z_2)]^{1/3}$ . For a first trial use the approximate diameter; hence,  $D = \{1400[(0.4244 \times 6.83) + 0.4724]/[(2.088 \times 6.83) + 0.3632]\}^{1/3} = 6.87$  ft (2.09 m). Next, try  $D = 6.87$  ft (2.09 m). Thus,  $D = \{1400[(0.4244 \times 6.87) + 0.4724]/[(2.088 \times 6.87) + 0.3632]\}^{1/3} = 6.86$  ft (2.09 m). Iterating once more,  $D = \{1400[(0.4244 \times 6.86) + 0.4724]/[(2.088 \times 6.86) + 0.3632]\}^{1/3} = 6.86$  ft (2.09 m); the exact diameter.

**3. Determine the length-to-diameter ratio of the tank.** The length-to-diameter ratio  $L/D = 4V/\pi D^3 = (4 \times 1400)/(\pi \times 6.86^3) = 5.52$ .

**Related Calculation** The approximate equation directly provides the size of a diameter within 3 percent, or less, of the exact size. Greater accuracy can be obtained by iterating the exact equation which converges rapidly. The length-to-diameter ratio varies accordingly. For metric calculations, the coefficient for  $Z_1$  should be 3.420 instead of 0.2829 and for  $Z_2$  it should be 2.629 instead of 0.2175.

This example is based on an article written by J. Zigrang and N.D. Sylvester, professor and dean, respectively, at the University of Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma. The piece appeared in the December 12, 1985, issue of *Machine Design* magazine.



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## SECTION 6

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# WATER AND WASTE-WATER ENGINEERING

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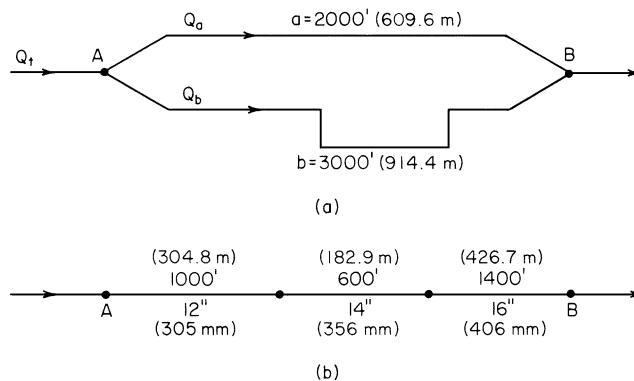
## WATER-SUPPLY SYSTEM FLOW-RATE AND PRESSURE-LOSS ANALYSIS

A water-supply system will serve a city of 100,000 population. Two water mains arranged in a parallel configuration (Fig. 1a) will supply this city. Determine the flow rate, size, and head loss of each pipe in this system. If the configuration in Fig. 1a were replaced by the single pipe shown in Fig. 1b, what would the total head loss be if  $C = 100$  and the flow rate were reduced to 2000 gal/min (126.2 L/s)? Explain how the Hardy Cross method is applied to the water-supply piping system in Fig. 3.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the domestic water flow rate in the system.** Use an average annual domestic water consumption of 150 gal/day (0.0066 L/s) per capita. Hence, domestic water consumption = (150 gal per capita per day)(100,000 persons) = 15,000,000 gal/day (657.1 L/s). To this domestic flow, the flow required for fire protection must be added to determine the total flow required.

**2. Compute the required flow rate for fire protection.** Use the relation  $Q_f = 1020(P)^{0.5} [1 - 0.01(P)^{0.5}]$ , where  $Q_f$  = fire flow, gal/min;  $P$  = population in thousands. Substituting gives  $Q_f = 1020(100)^{0.5} [1 - 0.01(100)^{0.5}] = 9180$ , say 9200 gal/min (580.3 L/s).



**FIGURE 1** (a) Parallel water distribution system; (b) single-pipe distribution system.

**3. Apply a load factor to the domestic consumption.** To provide for unusual water demands, many design engineers apply a 200 to 250 percent load factor to the average hourly consumption that is determined from the average annual consumption. Thus, the average daily total consumption determined in step 1 is based on an average annual daily demand. Convert the average daily total consumption in step 1 to an average hourly consumption by dividing by 24 h or  $15,000,000/24 = 625,000$  gal/h (657.1 L/s). Next, apply a 200 percent load factor. Or, design hourly demand =  $2.00(625,000) = 1,250,000$  gal/h (1314.1 L/s), or  $1,250,000/60$  min/h = 20,850, say 20,900 gal/min (1318.6 L/s).

**4. Compute the total water flow required.** The total water flow required = domestic flow, gal/min + fire flow, gal/min =  $20,900 + 9200 = 30,100$  gal/min (1899.0 L/s). If this system were required to supply water to one or more industrial plants in addition to the domestic and fire flows, the quantity needed by the industrial plants would be added to the total flow computed above.

**5. Select the flow rate for each pipe.** The flow rate is not known for either pipe in Fig. 1a. Assume that the shorter pipe *a* has a flow rate  $Q_a$  of 12,100 gal/min (763.3 L/s), and the longer pipe *b* a flow rate  $Q_b$  of 18,000 gal/min (1135.6 L/s). Thus,  $Q_a + Q_b = Q_t = 12,100 + 18,000 = 30,100$  gal/min (1899.0 L/s), where  $Q$  = flow, gal/min, in the pipe identified by the subscript *a* or *b*;  $Q_t$  = total flow in the system, gal/min.

**6. Select the sizes of the pipes in the system.** Since neither pipe size is known, some assumptions must be made about the system. First, assume that a friction-head loss of 10 ft of water per 1000 ft (3.0 m per 304.8 m) of pipe is suitable for this system. This is a typical allowable friction-head loss for water-supply systems.

Second, assume that the pipe is sized by using the Hazen-Williams equation with the coefficient  $C = 100$ . Most water-supply systems are designed with this equation and this value of  $C$ .

Enter Fig. 2 with the assumed friction-head loss of 10 ft/1000 ft (3.0 m/304.8 m) of pipe on the right-hand scale, and project through the assumed Hazen-Williams coefficient  $C = 100$ . Extend this straight line until it intersects the pivot axis. Next, enter Fig. 2 on the left-hand scale at the flow rate in pipe *a*, 12,100 gal/min (763.3 L/s), and project to the previously found intersection on the pivot axis. At the intersection with the pipe-diameter scale, read the required pipe size as 27-in (686-mm) diameter. Note that if the required pipe size falls between two plotted sizes, the next *larger* size is used.

Now in any parallel piping system, the friction-head loss through any branch connecting two common points equals the friction-head loss in any other branch connecting the same two points. Using Fig. 2 for a 27-in (686-mm) pipe, find the actual friction-head loss at 8 ft/1000 ft (2.4 m/304.8 m) of pipe. Hence, the total friction-head loss in pipe *a* is (2000 ft long)(8 ft/1000 ft) = 16 ft (4.9 m) of water. This is also the friction-head loss in pipe *b*.

Since pipe *b* is 3000 ft (914.4 m) long, the friction-head loss per 1000 ft (304.8 m) is total head loss, ft/length of pipe, thousands of ft =  $16/3 = 5.33$  ft/1000 ft (1.6 m/304.8 m). Enter Fig. 2 at this friction-head loss and  $C = 100$ . Project in the same manner as described for pipe *a*, and find the required size of pipe *b* as 33 in (838.2 mm).

If the district being supplied by either pipe required a specific flow rate, this flow would be used instead of assuming a flow rate. Then the pipe would be sized in the same manner as described above.

**7. Compute the single-pipe equivalent length.** When we deal with several different sizes of pipe having the same flow rate, it is often convenient to convert each pipe to an *equivalent length* of a common-size pipe. Many design engineers use 8-in (203-mm) pipe as the common size. Table 1 shows the equivalent length of 8-in (203-mm) pipe for various other sizes of pipe with  $C = 90, 100$ , and 110 in the Hazen-Williams equation.

From Table 1, for 12-in (305-mm) pipe, the equivalent length of 8-in (203-mm) pipe is 0.14 ft/ft when  $C = 100$ . Thus, total equivalent length of 8-in (203-mm) pipe = (1000 ft of 12-in pipe)(0.14 ft/ft) = 140 ft (42.7 m) of 8-in (203-mm) pipe. For the 14-in (356-mm) pipe, total equivalent length = (600)(0.066) = 39.6 ft (12.1 m), using similar data from Table 1. For the 16-in (406-mm) pipe, total equivalent length = (1400)(0.034) = 47.6 ft (14.5 m). Hence, total equivalent length of 8-in (203-mm) pipe =  $140 + 39.6 + 47.6 = 227.2$  ft (69.3 m).

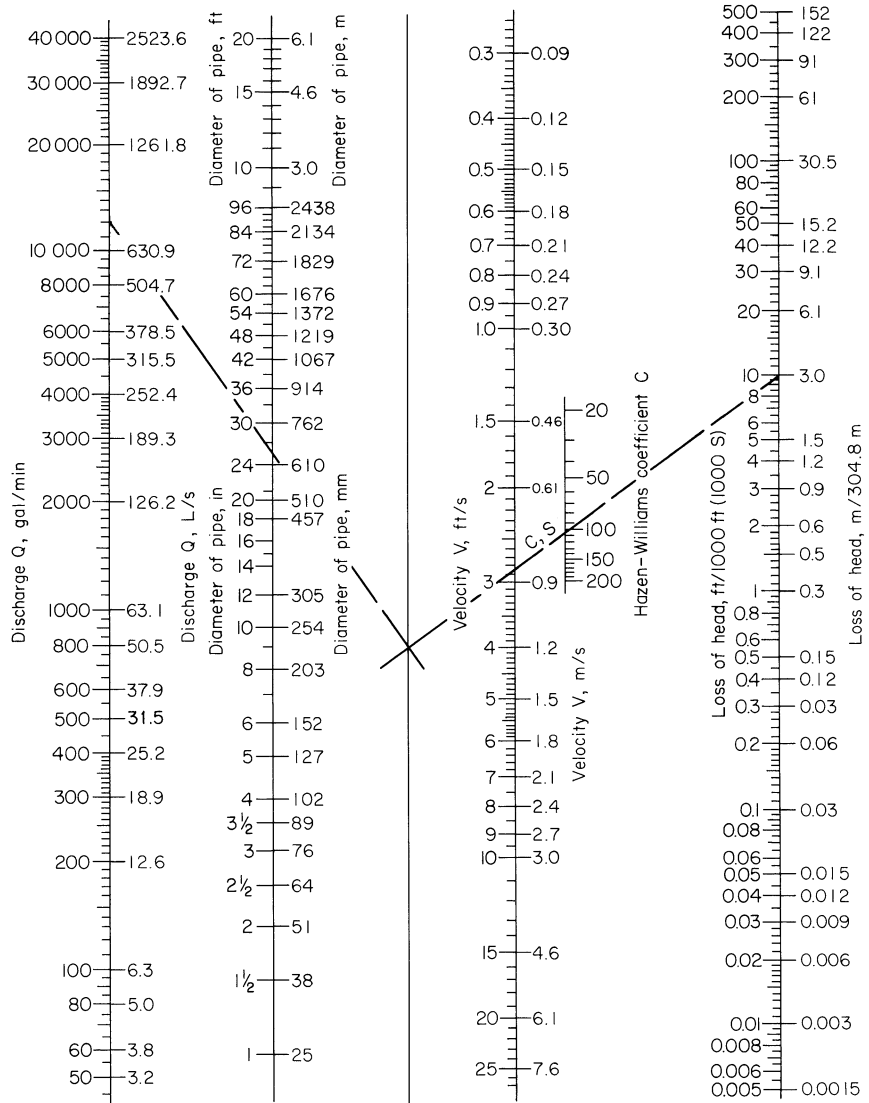


FIGURE 2 Nomogram for solution of the Hazen-Williams equation for pipes flowing full.

**8. Determine the friction-head loss in the pipe.** Enter Fig. 2 at the flow rate of 2000 gal/min (126.2 L/s), and project through 8-in (203-mm) diameter to the pivot axis. From this intersection, project through  $C = 100$  to read the friction-head loss as 100 ft/1000 ft (30.5 m/304.8 m), due to the friction of the water in the pipe. Since the equivalent length of the pipe is 227.2 ft (69.3 m), the friction-head loss in the compound pipe is  $(227.2/1000)(110) = 25$  ft (7.6 m) of water.

**Related Calculations** Two pipes, two piping systems, or a single pipe and a system of pipes are said to be *equivalent* when the losses of head due to friction for equal rates of flow in the pipes are equal.

**TABLE 1** Equivalent Length of 8-in (203-mm) Pipe for  $C = 100$ 

Pipe diameter		$C = 90$	$C = 100$	$C = 110$
in	mm			
2	51	1012	851	712
4	102	34	29	24.3
6	152	4.8	4.06	3.4
8	203	1.19	1.00	0.84
10	254	0.40	0.34	0.285
12	305	0.17	0.14	0.117
14	356	0.078	0.066	0.055
16	406	0.040	0.034	0.029
18	457	0.023	0.019	0.016
20	508	0.0137	0.0115	0.0096
24	610	0.0056	0.0047	0.0039
30	762	0.0019	0.0016	0.0013
36	914	0.00078	0.00066	0.00055

To determine the flow rates and friction-head losses in complex waterworks distribution systems, the Hardy Cross method of network analysis is often used. This method<sup>1</sup> uses trial and error to obtain successively more accurate approximations of the flow rate through a piping system. To apply the Hardy Cross method: (1) Sketch the piping system layout as in Fig. 3. (2) Assume a flow quantity, in terms of percentage of total flow, for each part of the piping system. In assuming a flow quantity note that (a) the loss of head due to friction between any two points of a closed circuit must be the same by any path by which the water may flow, and (b) the rate of inflow into any section of the piping system must equal the outflow. (3) Compute the loss of head due to friction between two points in each part of the system, based on the assumed flow in (a) the clockwise direction and (b) the counterclockwise direction. A difference in the calculated friction-head losses in the two directions indicates an error in the assumed direction of flow. (4) Compute a counterflow correction by dividing the difference in head,  $\Delta h$  ft, by  $n(Q)^{n-1}$ , where  $n = 1.85$  and  $Q =$  flow, gal/min. Indicate the direction of this counterflow in the pipe by an arrow starting at the right side of the smaller value of  $h$  and curving toward the larger value, Fig. 3. (5) Add or subtract the counterflow to or from the assumed flow, depending on whether its direction is the same or opposite. (6) Repeat this process on each circuit in the system until a satisfactory balance of flow is obtained.

To compute the loss of head due to friction, step 3 of the Hardy Cross method, use any standard formula, such as the Hazen-Williams, that can be reduced to the form  $h = rQ^nL$ , where  $h =$  head loss due to friction, ft of water;  $r =$  a coefficient depending on the diameter and roughness of the pipe;  $Q =$  flow rate, gal/min;  $n = 1.85$ ;  $L =$  length of pipe, ft. Table 2 gives values of  $r$  for 1000-ft (304.8-m) lengths of various sizes of pipe and for different values of the Hazen-Williams coefficient  $C$ . When the percentage of total flow is used for computing  $\Sigma h$  in Fig. 3, the loss of head due to friction in ft between any two points for any flow in gal/min is computed from  $h = [\Sigma h(\text{by percentage of flow})/100,000] (\text{gal/min}/100)^{0.85}$ . Figure 3 shows the details of the solution using the Hardy Cross method. The circled numbers represent the flow quantities. Table 3 lists values of numbers between 0 and 100 to the 0.85 power.

## WATER-SUPPLY SYSTEM SELECTION

Choose the type of water-supply system for a city having a population of 100,000 persons. Indicate which type of system would be suitable for such a city today and 20 years hence. The city is located in an area of numerous lakes.

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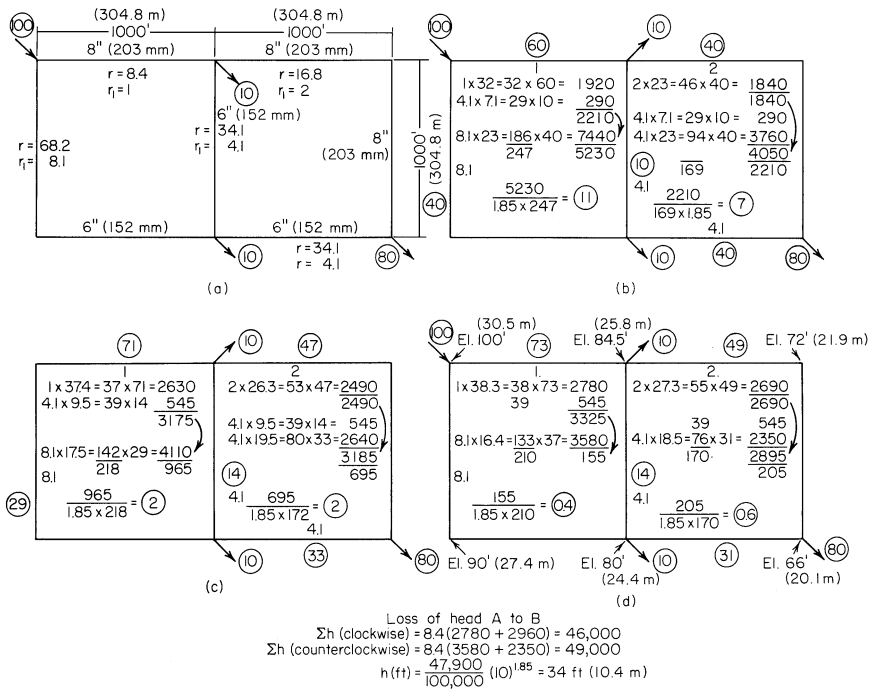


FIGURE 3 Application of the Hardy Cross method to a water distribution system.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the domestic water flow rate in the system.** Use an average annual domestic water consumption of 150 gal per capita day (gcd) (6.6 mL/s). Hence, domestic water consumption = (150 gal per capita day)(100,000 persons) = 15,000,000 gal/day (657.1 L/s). To this domestic flow, the flow required for the fire protection must be added to determine the total flow required.

TABLE 2 Values of  $r$  for 1000 ft (304.8 m) of Pipe Based on the Hazen-Williams Formula\*

$d$ , in (mm)	$C = 90$	$C = 100$	$C = 110$	$C = 120$	$C = 130$	$C = 140$
4 (102)	340	246	206	176	151	135
6 (152)	47.1	34.1	28.6	24.3	21.0	18.7
8 (203)	11.1	8.4	7.0	6.0	5.2	4.6
10 (254)	3.7	2.8	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.5
12 (305)	1.6	1.2	1.0	0.85	0.74	0.65
14 (356)	0.72	0.55	0.46	0.39	0.34	0.30
16 (406)	0.38	0.29	0.24	0.21	0.18	0.15
18 (457)	0.21	0.16	0.13	0.11	0.10	0.09
20 (508)	0.13	0.10	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.05
24 (610)	0.052	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02
30 (762)	0.017	0.013	0.011	0.009	0.008	0.007

Example:  $r$  for 12-in (305-mm) pipe 4000 ft (1219 m) long, with  $C = 100$ , is  $1.2 \times 4.0 = 4.8$ .

\*Head loss in ft (m) =  $r \times 10^{-5} \times Q^{1.85}$  per 1000 ft (304.8 m),  $Q$  representing gal/min (L/s).

**TABLE 3** Value of the 0.85 Power of Numbers

<i>N</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	0	1.0	1.8	2.5	3.2	3.9	4.6	5.2	5.9	6.5
10	7.1	7.7	8.3	8.9	9.5	10.0	10.6	11.1	11.6	12.2
20	12.8	13.3	13.8	14.4	14.9	15.4	15.9	16.4	16.9	17.5
30	18.0	18.5	19.0	19.5	20.0	20.5	21.0	21.5	22.0	22.5
40	23.0	23.4	23.9	24.3	24.8	25.3	25.8	26.3	26.8	27.3
50	27.8	28.2	28.7	29.1	29.6	30.0	30.5	31.0	31.4	31.9
60	32.4	32.9	33.3	33.8	34.2	34.7	35.1	35.6	36.0	36.5
70	37.0	37.4	37.9	38.3	38.7	39.1	39.6	40.0	40.5	41.0
80	41.5	42.0	42.4	42.8	43.3	43.7	44.1	44.5	45.0	45.4
90	45.8	46.3	46.7	47.1	47.6	48.0	48.4	48.8	49.2	49.6

**2. Compute the required flow rate for fire protection.** Use the relation  $Q_f = 1020(P)^{0.5} [1 - 0.01(P)^{0.5}]$ , where  $Q_f$  = fire flow, gal/min;  $P$  = population in thousands. So  $Q_f = 1020(100)^{0.5} [1 - 0.01 \times (100)^{0.5}] = 9180$ , say 9200 gal/min (580.3 L/s).

**3. Apply a load factor to the domestic consumption.** To provide for unusual water demands, many design engineers apply a 200 to 250 percent load factor to the average hourly consumption that is determined from the average annual consumption. Thus, the average daily total consumption determined in step 1 is based on an average annual daily demand. Convert the average daily total consumption in step 1 to an average hourly consumption by dividing by 24 h, or  $15,000,000/24 = 625,000$  gal/h (657.1 L/s). Next, apply a 200 percent load factor. Or, design hourly demand =  $2.00(625,000) = 1,250,000$  gal/h (1314.1 L/s), or  $1,250,000/(60 \text{ min/h}) = 20,850$ , say 20,900 gal/min (1318.4 L/s).

**4. Compute the total water flow required.** The total water flow required = domestic flow, gal/min + fire flow, gal/min =  $20,900 + 9200 = 30,100$  gal/min (1899.0 L/s). If this system were required to supply water to one or more industrial plants in addition to the domestic and fire flows, the quantity needed by the industrial plants would be added to the total flow computed above.

**5. Study the water supplies available.** Table 4 lists the principal sources of domestic water supplies. Wells that are fed by groundwater are popular in areas having sandy or porous soils. To determine whether a well is suitable for supplying water in sufficient quantity, its specific capacity (i.e., the yield in gal/min per foot of drawdown) must be determined.

Wells for municipal water sources may be dug, driven, or drilled. Dug wells seldom exceed 60 ft (18.3 m) deep. Each such well should be protected from surface-water leakage by being lined with impervious concrete to a depth of 15 ft (4.6 m).

**TABLE 4** Typical Municipal Water Sources

Source	Collection method	Remarks
Groundwater	Wells (artesian, ordinary, galleries)	30 to 40 percent of an area's rainfall becomes groundwater
Surface freshwater (lakes, rivers, streams, impounding reservoirs)	Pumping or gravity flow from submerged intakes, tower intakes, or surface intakes	Surface supplies are important in many areas
Surface saltwater	Desalting	Wide-scale application under study at present

Driven wells seldom are more than 40 ft (12.2 m) deep or more than 2 in (51 mm) in diameter when used for small water supplies. Bigger driven wells are constructed by driving large-diameter casings into the ground.

Drilled wells can be several thousand feet deep, if required. The yield of a driven well is usually greater than any other type of well because the well can be sunk to a depth where sufficient groundwater is available. Almost all wells require a pump of some kind to lift the water from its subsurface location and discharge it to the water-supply system.

Surface freshwater can be collected from lakes, rivers, streams, or reservoirs by submerged-, tower-, or crib-type intakes. The intake leads to one or more pumps that discharge the water to the distribution system or intermediate pumping stations. Locate intakes as far below the water surface as possible. Where an intake is placed less than 20 ft (6.1 m) below the surface of the water, it may become clogged by sand, mud, or ice.

Choose the source of water for this system after studying the local area to determine the most economical source today and 20 years hence. With a rapidly expanding population, the future water demand may dictate the type of water source chosen. Since this city is in an area of many lakes, a surface supply would probably be most economical, if the water table is not falling rapidly.

**6. *Select the type of pipe to use.*** Four types of pipes are popular for municipal water-supply systems: cast iron, asbestos cement, steel, and concrete. Wood-stave pipe was once popular, but it is now obsolete. Some communities also use copper or lead pipes. However, the use of both types is extremely small when compared with the other types. The same is true of plastic pipe, although this type is slowly gaining some acceptance.

In general, cast-iron pipe proves dependable and long-lasting in water-supply systems that are not subject to galvanic or acidic soil conditions.

Steel pipe is generally used for long, large-diameter lines. Thus, the typical steel pipe used in water-supply systems is 36 or 48 in (914 or 1219 mm) in diameter. Use steel pipe for river crossings, on bridges, and for similar installations where light weight and high strength are required. Steel pipe may last 50 years or more under favorable soil conditions. Where unfavorable soil conditions exist, the life of steel pipe may be about 20 years.

Concrete-pipe use is generally confined to large, long lines, such as aqueducts. Concrete pipe is suitable for conveying relatively pure water through neutral soil. However, corrosion may occur when the soil contains an alkali or an acid.

Asbestos-cement pipe has a number of important advantages over other types. However, it does not flex readily, it can be easily punctured, and it may corrode in acidic soils.

Select the pipe to use after a study of the local soil conditions, length of runs required, and the quantity of water that must be conveyed. Usual water velocities in municipal water systems are in the 5-ft/s (1.5-m/s) range. However, the velocities in aqueducts range from 10 to 20 ft/s (3.0 to 6.1 m/s). Earthen canals have much lower velocities—1 to 3 ft/s (0.3 to 0.9 m/s). Rock- and concrete-lined canals have velocities of 8 to 15 ft/s (2.4 to 4.6 m/s).

In cold northern areas, keep in mind the occasional need to thaw frozen pipes during the winter. Nonmetallic pipes—concrete, plastic, etc., as well as nonconducting metals—cannot be thawed by electrical means. Since electrical thawing is probably the most practical method available today, pipes that prevent its use may put the water system at a disadvantage if subfreezing temperatures are common in the area served.

**7. *Select the method for pressurizing the water system.*** Water-supply systems can be pressurized in three different ways: by gravity or natural elevation head, by pumps that produce a pressure head, and by a combination of the first two ways.

Gravity systems are suitable where the water storage reservoir or receiver is high enough above the distribution system to produce the needed pressure at the farthest outlet. The operating cost of a gravity system is lower than that of a pumped system, but the first cost of the former is usually higher. However, the reliability of the gravity system is usually higher because there are fewer parts that may fail.



Pumping systems generally use centrifugal pumps that discharge either directly to the water main or to an elevated tank, a reservoir, or a standpipe. The water then flows from the storage chamber to the distribution system. In general, most sanitary engineers prefer to use a reservoir or storage tank between the pumps and distribution mains because this arrangement provides greater reliability and fewer pressure surges.

Surface reservoirs should store at least a 1-day water supply. Most surface reservoirs are designed to store a supply for 30 days or longer. Elevated tanks should have a capacity of at least 25 gal (94.6 L) of water per person served, *plus* a reserve for fire protection. The capacity of typical elevated tanks ranges from a low of 40,000 gal (151 kL) for a 20-ft (6.1-m) diameter tank to a high of 2,000,000 gal (7.5 ML) for an 80-ft (24.4-m) diameter tank.

Choose the type of distribution system after studying the topography, water demand, and area served. In general, a pumped system is preferred today. To ensure continuity of service, duplicate pumps are generally used.

**8. Choose the system operating pressure.** In domestic water supply, the minimum pressure required at the highest fixture in a building is usually assumed to be 15 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (103.4 kPa). The maximum pressure allowed at a fixture in a domestic water system is usually 65 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (448.2 kPa). High-rise buildings (i.e., those above six stories) are generally required to furnish the pressure increase needed to supply water to the upper stories. A pump and overhead storage tank are usually installed in such buildings to provide the needed pressure.

Commercial and industrial buildings require a minimum water pressure of 75 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (517.1 kPa) at the street level for fire hydrant service. This hydrant should deliver at least 250 gal/min (15.8 L/s) of water for fire-fighting purposes.

Most water-supply systems served by centrifugal pumps in a central pumping station operate in the 100-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (689.5-kPa) pressure range. In areas of one- and two-story structures, a lower pressure, say 65 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (448.2 kPa), is permissible. Where the pressure in a system falls too low, auxiliary or booster pumps may be used. These pumps increase the pressure in the main to the desired level.

Choose the system pressure based on the terrain served, quantity of water required, allowable pressure loss, and size of pipe used in the system. Usual pressures required will be in the ranges cited above, although small systems serving one-story residences may operate at pressures as low as 30 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (206.8 kPa). Pressures over 100 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (689.5 kPa) are seldom used because heavier piping is required. As a rule, distribution pressures of 50 to 75 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (344.7 to 517.1 kPa) are acceptable.

**9. Determine the number of hydrants for fire protection.** Table 5 shows the required fire flow, number of standard hose streams of 250 gal/min (15.8 L/s) discharged through a 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>-in (28.6-mm)

**TABLE 5** Required Fire Flow and Hydrant Spacing\*

Population	Required fire flow, gal/min (L/s)	Number of standard hose streams	Average area served per hydrant, ft <sup>2</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>†</sup>	
			Direct streams	Engine streams
22,000	4,500 (284)	18	55,000 (5,110)	90,000 (8,361)
28,000	5,000 (315)	20	40,000 (3,716)	85,000 (7,897)
40,000	6,000 (379)	24	40,000 (3,716)	80,000 (7,432)
60,000	7,000 (442)	28	40,000 (3,716)	70,000 (6,503)
80,000	8,000 (505)	32	40,000 (3,716)	60,000 (5,574)
100,000	9,000 (568)	36	40,000 (3,716)	55,000 (5,110)
125,000	10,000 (631)	40	40,000 (3,716)	48,000 (4,459)
150,000	11,000 (694)	44	40,000 (3,716)	43,000 (3,995)
200,000	12,000 (757)	48	40,000 (3,716)	40,000 (3,716)

\*National Board of Fire Underwriters.

†High-value districts.

**TABLE 6** Selected Industrial Water and Steam Requirements\*

	Water	Steam
Air conditioning	6000 to 15,000 gal (22,700 to 57,000 L) per person per season	...
Aluminum	1,920,000 gal/ton (8.0 ML/t)	...
Cement, portland	750 gal/ton cement (3129 L/t)	...
Coal, by-product coke	1430 to 2800 gal/ton coke (5967 to 11,683 L/t)	570 to 860 lb/ton (382 to 427 kg/t)
Rubber (automotive tire)	...	120 lb (54 kg) per tire
Electricity	80 gal/kW (302 L/kW) of electricity	...

\*Courtesy of American Society for Testing and Materials.

diameter smooth nozzle, and the average area served by a hydrant in a high-value district. A standard hydrant may have two or three outlets.

Table 5 indicates that a city of 100,000 persons requires 36 standard hose streams. This means that 36 single-outlet or 18 dual-outlet hydrants are required. More, of course, could be used if better protection were desired in the area. Note that the required fire flow listed in Table 5 agrees closely with that computed in step 2 above.

**Related Calculations** Use this general method for any water-supply system, municipal or industrial. Note, however, that the required fire-protection quantities vary from one type of municipal area to another and among different industrial exposures. Refer to *NFPA Handbook of Fire Protection*, available from NFPA, 60 Batterymarch Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, for specific fire-protection requirements for a variety of industries. In choosing a water-supply system, the wise designer looks ahead for at least 10 years when the water demand will usually exceed the present demand. Hence, the system may be designed so it is oversized for the present population but just adequate for the future population. The American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) publishes comprehensive data giving the usual water requirements for a variety of industries. Table 6 shows a few typical water needs for selected industries.

To determine the storage capacity required at present, proceed as follows: (1) Compute the flow needed to meet 50 percent of the present domestic daily (that is, 24-h) demand. (2) Compute the 4-h fire demand. (3) Find the sum of (1) and (2).

For this city, procedure (1) =  $(20,900 \text{ gal/min})(60 \text{ min/h})(24 \text{ h/day})(0.5) = 15,048,000 \text{ gal}$  (57.2 ML) with the data computed in step 3. Also procedure (2) =  $(4 \text{ h})(60 \text{ min/h})(9200 \text{ gal/min}) = 2,208,000 \text{ gal}$  (8.4 ML), using the data computed in step 2, above. Then, total storage capacity required =  $15,048,000 + 2,208,000 = 17,256,000 \text{ gal}$  (65.3 ML). Where one or more reliable wells will produce a significant flow for 4 h or longer, the storage capacity can be reduced by the 4-h productive capacity of the wells.

## **SELECTION OF TREATMENT METHOD FOR WATER-SUPPLY SYSTEM**

Choose a treatment method for a water-supply system for a city having a population of 100,000 persons. The water must be filtered, disinfected, and softened to make it suitable for domestic use.

### **Calculation Procedure**

**1. Compute the domestic water flow rate in the system.** When water is treated for domestic consumption, only the drinking water passes through the filtration plant. Fire-protection water is seldom

**TABLE 7** Typical Limits for Impurities in Water Supplies

Impurity	Limit, ppm	Impurity	Limit, ppm
Turbidity	10	Iron plus manganese	0.3
Color	20	Magnesium	125
Lead	0.1	Total solids	500
Fluoride	1.0	Total hardness	100
Copper	3.0	Ca + Mg salts	

treated unless it is so turbid that it will clog fire pumps or hoses. Assuming that the fire-protection water is acceptable for use without treatment, we consider only the drinking water here.

Use the same method as in steps 1 and 3 of the previous calculation procedure to determine the required domestic water flow of 20,900 gal/min (1318.6 L/s) for this city.

**2. Select the type of water-treatment system to use.** Water supplies are treated by a number of methods including sedimentation, coagulation, filtration, softening, and disinfection. Other treatments include disinfection, taste and odor control, and miscellaneous methods.

Since the water must be filtered, disinfected, and softened, each of these steps must be considered separately.

**3. Choose the type of filtration to use.** *Slow sand filters* operate at an average rate of 3 million gal/(acre·day) [2806.2 L/(m<sup>2</sup>·day)]. This type of filter removes about 99 percent of the bacterial content of the water and most tastes and odors.

*Rapid sand filters* operate at an average rate of 150 million gal/(acre·day) [1.6 L/(m<sup>2</sup>·s)]. But the raw water must be treated before it enters the rapid sand filter. This preliminary treatment often includes chemical coagulation and sedimentation. A high percentage of bacterial content—up to 99.98 percent—is removed by the preliminary treatment and the filtration. But color and turbidity removal is not as dependable as with slow sand filters. Table 7 lists the typical limits for certain impurities in water supplies.

The daily water flow rate for this city is, from step 1, (20,900 gal/min)(24 h/day)(60 min/h) = 30,096,000 gal/day (1318.6 L/s). If a slow sand filter were used, the required area would be (30.096 million gal/day)/[3 million gal/(acre·day)] = 10 + acres (40,460 m<sup>2</sup>).

A rapid sand filter would require 30.096/150 = 0.2 acre (809.4 m<sup>2</sup>). Hence, if space were scarce in this city—and it usually is—a rapid sand filter would be used. With this choice of filtration, chemical coagulation and sedimentation are almost a necessity. Hence, these two additional steps would be included in the treatment process.

Table 8 gives pertinent data on both slow and rapid sand filters. These data are useful in filter selection.

**4. Select the softening process to use.** The principal water-softening processes use: (a) lime and sodium carbonate followed by sedimentation or filtration, or both, to remove the precipitates and (b) zeolites of the sodium type in a pressure filter. Zeolite softening is popular and is widely used in municipal water-supply systems today. Based on its proven usefulness and economy, zeolite softening will be chosen for this installation.

**5. Select the disinfection method to use.** Chlorination by the addition of chlorine to the water is the principal method of disinfection used today. To reduce the unpleasant effects that may result from using chlorine alone, a mixture of chlorine and ammonia, known as chloramine, may be used. The ammonia dosage is generally 0.25 ppm or less. Assume that the chloramine method is chosen for this installation.

**6. Select the method of taste and odor control.** The methods used for taste and odor control are: (a) aeration, (b) activated carbon, (c) prechlorination, and (d) chloramine. Aeration is popular for groundwaters containing hydrogen sulfide and odors caused by microscopic organisms.

**TABLE 8** Typical Sand-Filter Characteristics

Slow sand filters	
Usual filtration rate	2.5 to $6.0 \times 10^6$ gal/(acre·day) [2339 to 5613 L/(m <sup>2</sup> ·day)]
Sand depth	30 to 36 in (76 to 91 cm)
Sand size	35 mm
Sand uniformity coefficient	1.75
Water depth	3 to 5 ft (0.9 to 1.5 m)
Water velocity in underdrains	2 ft/s (0.6 m/s)
Cleaning frequency required	2 to 11 times per year
Units required	At least two to permit alternate cleaning
Fast sand filters	
Usual filtration rate	100 to $200 \times 10^6$ gal/(acre·day) [24.7 to 49.4 kL/(m <sup>2</sup> ·day)]
Sand depth	30 in (76 cm)
Gravel depth	18 in (46 cm)
Sand size	0.4 to 0.5 mm
Sand uniformity coefficient	1.7 or less
Units required	At least three to permit cleaning one unit while the other two are operating

Activated carbon absorbs impurities that cause tastes, odors, or color. Generally, 10 to 20 lb (4.5 to 9.1 kg) of activated carbon per million gallons of water is used, but larger quantities—from 50 to 60 lb (22.7 to 27.2 kg)—may be specified. In recent years, some 2000 municipal water systems have installed activated carbon devices for taste and odor control.

Prechlorination and chloramine are also used in some installations for taste and odor control. Of the two methods, chloramine appears more popular at present.

Based on the data given for this water-supply system, method *b*, *c*, or *d* would probably be suitable. Because method *b* has proven highly effective, it will be chosen tentatively, pending later investigation of the economic factors.

**Related Calculations** Use this general procedure to choose the treatment method for all types of water-supply systems where the water will be used for human consumption. Thus, the procedure is suitable for municipal, commercial, and industrial systems.

Hazardous wastes of many types endanger groundwater supplies. One of the most common hazardous wastes is gasoline which comes from the estimated 120,000 leaking underground gasoline-storage tanks. Major oil companies are replacing leaking tanks with new noncorrosive tanks. But the soil and groundwater must still be cleaned to prevent pollution of drinking-water supplies.

Other contaminants include oily sludges, organic (such as pesticides and dioxins), and non-volatile organic materials. These present especially challenging removal and disposal problems for engineers, particularly in view of the stringent environmental requirements of almost every community.

A variety of treatment and disposal methods are in the process of development and application. For oily waste handling, one process combines water evaporation and solvent extraction to break down a wide variety of hazardous waste and sludge from industrial, petroleum-refinery, and municipal-sewage-treatment operations. This process typically produces dry solids with less than 0.5 percent residual hydrocarbon content. This meets EPA regulations for nonhazardous wastes with low heavy-metal contents.

Certain organics, such as pesticides and dioxins, are hydrophobic. Liquified propane and butane are effective at separating hydrophobic organics from solid particles in tainted sludges and

soils. The second treatment method uses liquified propane to remove organics from contaminated soil. Removal efficiencies reported are: polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) 99.9 percent; polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) 99.5 percent; dioxins 97.4 percent; total petroleum hydrocarbons 99.9 percent. Such treated solids meet EPA land-ban regulations for solids disposal.

Nonvolatile organic materials at small sites can be removed by a mobile treatment system using up to 14 solvents. Both hydrophobic and hydrophilic solvents are used; all are nontoxic; several have Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval as food additives. Used at three different sites (at this writing), the process reduced PCB concentration from 500 to 1500 ppm to less than 100 ppm; at another site PCB concentration was reduced from an average of 30 to 300 ppm to less than 5 ppm; at the third site PCBs were reduced from 40 ppm to less than 3 ppm.

## STORM-WATER RUNOFF RATE AND RAINFALL INTENSITY

What is the storm-water runoff rate from a 40-acre (1.6-km<sup>2</sup>) industrial site having an imperviousness of 50 percent if the time of concentration is 15 min? What would be the effect of planting a lawn over 75 percent of the site?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the hourly rate of rainfall.** Two common relations, called the *Talbot formulas*, used to compute the hourly rate of rainfall  $R$  in/h are  $R = 360/(t + 30)$  for the heaviest storms and  $R = 105/(t + 15)$  for ordinary storms, where  $t$  = time of concentration, min. Using the equation for the heaviest storms because this relation gives a larger flow rate and produces a more conservative design, we see  $R = 360/(15 + 30) = 8$  in/h (0.05 mm/s).

**2. Compute the storm-water runoff rate.** Apply the *rational method* to compute the runoff rate. This method uses the relation  $Q = AIR$ , where  $Q$  = storm-water runoff rate, ft<sup>3</sup>/s;  $A$  = area served by sewer, acres;  $I$  = coefficient of runoff or percentage of imperviousness of the area; other symbols as before. So  $Q = (40)(0.50)(8) = 160$  ft<sup>3</sup>/s (4.5 m<sup>3</sup>/s).

**3. Compute the effect of changed imperviousness.** Planting a lawn on a large part of the site will increase the imperviousness of the soil. This means that less rainwater will reach the sewer because the coefficient of imperviousness of a lawn is lower. Table 9 lists typical coefficients of imperviousness for various surfaces. This tabulation shows that the coefficient for lawns varies from 0.05 to 0.25. Using a value of  $I = 0.10$  for the  $40(0.75) = 30$  acres of lawn, we have  $Q = (30)(0.10)(8) = 24$  ft<sup>3</sup>/s (0.68 m<sup>3</sup>/s).

**TABLE 9** Coefficient of Runoff for Various Surfaces

Surface	Coefficient
Parks, gardens, lawns, meadows	0.05–0.25
Gravel roads and walks	0.15–0.30
Macadamized roadways	0.25–0.60
Inferior block pavements with uncemented joints	0.40–0.50
Stone, brick, and wood-block pavements with tightly cemented joints	0.75–0.85
Same with uncemented joints	0.50–0.70
Asphaltic pavements in good condition	0.85–0.90
Watertight roof surfaces	0.70–0.95

The runoff for the remaining 10 acres (40,460 m<sup>2</sup>) is, as in step 2,  $Q = (10)(0.5)(8) = 40 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$  (1.1 m<sup>3</sup>/s). Hence, the total runoff is  $24 + 40 = 64 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$  (1.8 m<sup>3</sup>/s). This is  $160 - 64 = 96 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$  (2.7 m<sup>3</sup>/s) less than when the lawn was not used.

**Related Calculations** The time of concentration for any area being drained by a sewer is the time required for the maximum runoff rate to develop. It is also defined as the time for a drop of water to drain from the farthest point of the watershed to the sewer.

When rainfall continues for an extended period  $T$  min, the coefficient of imperviousness changes. For impervious surfaces such as watertight roofs,  $I = T/(8 + T)$ . For improved pervious surfaces,  $I = 0.3T/(20 + T)$ . These relations can be used to compute the coefficient in areas of heavy rainfall.

**TABLE 10** Coefficient of Runoff for Various Areas

Area	Coefficient
<b>Business:</b>	
Downtown	0.70–0.95
Neighborhood	0.50–0.70
<b>Residential:</b>	
Single-family	0.30–0.50
Multiunits, detached	0.40–0.60
Multiunits, attached	0.60–0.75
Residential (suburban)	0.25–0.40
Apartment dwelling	0.50–0.70
<b>Industrial:</b>	
Light industry	0.50–0.80
Heavy industry	0.60–0.90
Playgrounds	0.20–0.35
Railroad yards	0.20–0.40
Unimproved	0.10–0.30

Equations for  $R$  for various areas of the United States are available in Steel—*Water Supply and Sewerage*, McGraw-Hill. The Talbot formulas, however, are widely used and have proved reliable.

The time of concentration for a given area can be approximated from  $t = I(L/Si^2)^{1/3}$ , where  $L$  = distance of overland flow of the rainfall from the most remote part of the site, ft;  $S$  = slope of the land, ft/ft;  $i$  = rainfall intensity, in/h; other symbols as before. For portions of the flow carried in ditches, the time of flow to the inlet can be computed by using the Manning formula.

Table 10 lists the coefficient of runoff for specific types of built-up and industrial areas. Use these coefficients in the same way as shown above. Table 9 and 10 present data developed by Kuichling and ASCE.

## SIZING SEWER PIPES FOR VARIOUS FLOW RATES

Determine the size, flow rate, and depth of flow from a 1000-ft (304.8-m) long sewer which slopes 5 ft (1.5 m) between inlet and outlet and which must carry a flow of 5 million gal/day (219.1 L/s). The sewer will flow about half full. Will this sewer provide the desired flow rate?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the flow rate in the half-full sewer.** A flow of 1 million gal/day =  $1.55 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$  (0.04 m<sup>3</sup>/s). Hence, a flow of 5 million gal/day =  $5(1.55) = 7.75 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$  (219.1 L/s) in a half-full sewer.

**2. Compute the full-sewer flow rate.** In a full sewer, the flow rate is twice that in a half-full sewer, or  $2(7.75) = 15.50 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$  (0.44 m<sup>3</sup>/s) for this sewer. This is equivalent to  $15.50/1.55 = 10$  million gal/day (438.1 L/s). Full-sewer flow rates are used because pipes are sized on the basis of being full of liquid.

**3. Compute the sewer-pipe slope.** The pipe slope  $S$  ft/ft =  $(E_i - E_o)/L$ , where  $E_i$  = inlet elevation, ft above the site datum;  $E_o$  = outlet elevation, ft above site datum;  $L$  = pipe length between inlet and outlet, ft. Substituting gives  $S = 5/1000 = 0.005 \text{ ft/ft}$  (0.005 m/m).

**4. Determine the pipe size to use.** The Manning formula  $v = (1.486/n)R^{2/3}S^{1/2}$  is often used for sizing sewer pipes. In this formula,  $v$  = flow velocity, ft/s;  $n$  = a factor that is a function of the pipe

**TABLE 11** Values of  $n$  for the Manning Formula

Type of surface of pipe	$n$
Ditches and rivers, rough bottoms with much vegetation	0.040
Ditches and rivers in good condition with some stones and weeds	0.030
Smooth earth or firm gravel	0.020
Rough brick; tuberculated iron pipe	0.017
Vitrified tile and concrete pipe poorly jointed and unevenly settled; average brickwork	0.015
Good concrete; riveted steel pipe; well-laid vitrified tile or brickwork	0.013*
Cast-iron pipe of ordinary roughness; unplaned timber	0.012
Smoothest pipes; neat cement	0.010
Well-planed timber evenly laid	0.009

\*Probably the most frequently used value.

roughness;  $R$  = pipe hydraulic radius = 0.25 pipe diameter, ft;  $S$  = pipe slope, ft/ft. Table 11 lists values of  $n$  for various types of sewer pipe. In sewer design, the value  $n = 0.013$  for pipes flowing full.

Since the Manning formula is complex, numerous charts have been designed to simplify its solution. Figure 4 is one such typical chart designed specifically for sewers.

Enter Fig. 4 at 15.5 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (0.44 m<sup>3</sup>/s) on the left, and project through the slope ratio of 0.005. On the central scale between the flow rate and slope scales, read the *next larger* standard sewer-pipe diameter as 24 in (610 mm). When using this chart, always read the next larger pipe size.

**5. Determine the fluid flow velocity.** Continue the solution line of step 4 to read the fluid flow velocity as 5 ft/s (1.5 m/s) on the extreme right-hand scale of Fig. 4. This is for a sewer flowing full.

**6. Compute the half-full flow depth.** Determine the full flow capacity of this 24-in (610-mm) sewer by entering Fig. 4 at the slope ratio, 0.005, and projecting through the pipe diameter, 24 in (610 mm). At the left read the full-flow capacity as 16 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (0.45 m<sup>3</sup>/s).

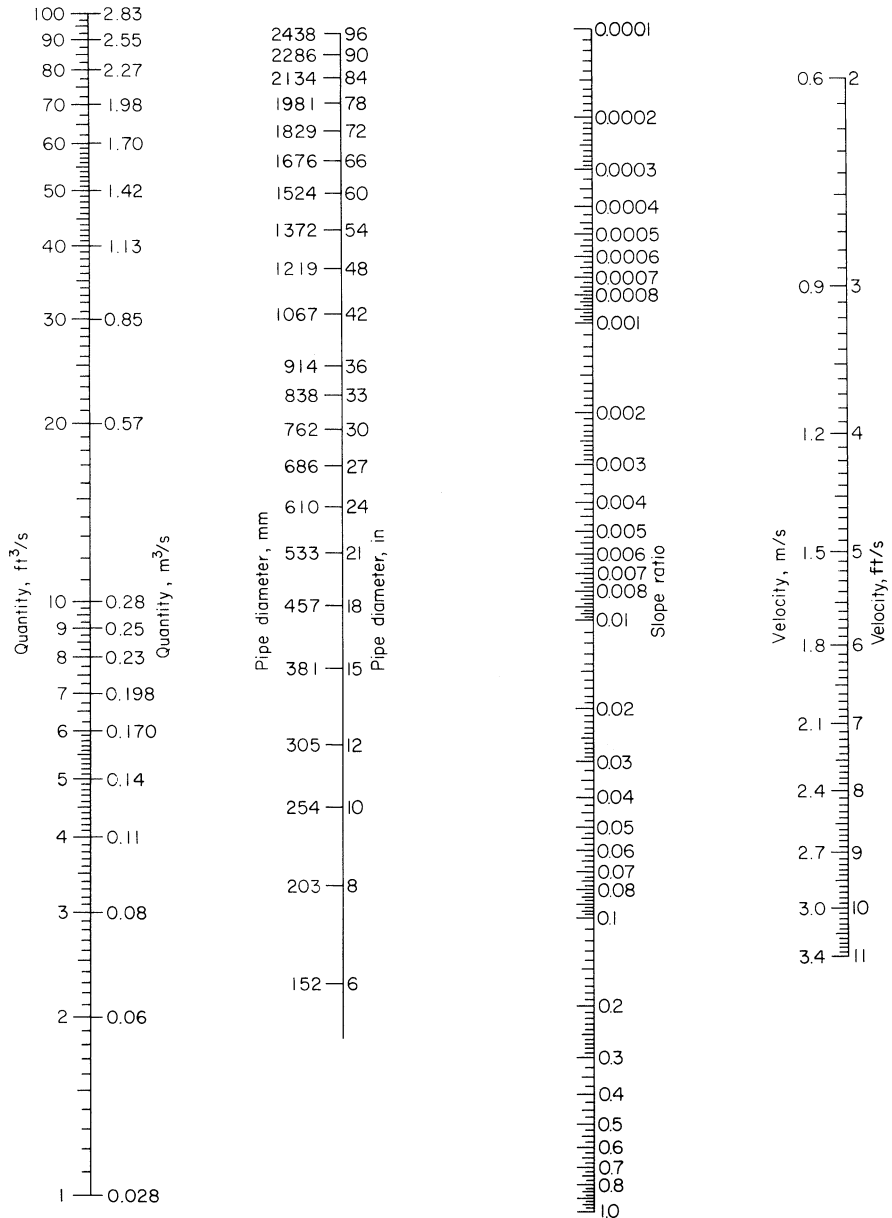
The required half-flow capacity is 7.75 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (0.22 m<sup>3</sup>/s), from step 1. Determine the ratio of the required half-flow capacity to the full-flow capacity, both expressed in ft<sup>3</sup>/s. Or  $7.75/16.0 = 0.484$ .

Enter Fig. 5 on the bottom at 0.484, and project vertically upward to the discharge curve. From the intersection, project horizontally to the left to read the depth-of-flow ratio as 0.49. This means that the depth of liquid in the sewer at a flow of 7.75 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (0.22 m<sup>3</sup>/s) is  $0.49(24 \text{ in}) = 11.75 \text{ in}$  (29.8 cm). Hence, the sewer will be just slightly less than half full when handling the designed flow quantity.

**7. Compute the half-full flow velocity.** Project horizontally to the right along the previously found 0.49 depth-of-flow ratio until the velocity curve is intersected. From this intersection, project vertically downward to the bottom scale to read the ratio of hydraulic elements as 0.99. Hence, the fluid velocity when flowing half-full is  $0.99(5.0 \text{ ft/s}) = 4.95 \text{ ft/s}$  (1.5 m/s).

**Related Calculations** The minimum flow velocity required in sanitary sewers is 2 ft/s (0.6 m/s). At 2 ft/s (0.6 m/s), solids will not settle out of the fluid. Since the velocity in this sewer is 4.95 ft/s (1.5 m/s), as computed in step 7, the sewer meets, and exceeds, the minimum required flow velocity.

Certain localities have minimum slope requirements for sanitary sewers. The required slope produces a minimum flow velocity of 2 ft/s (0.6 m/s) with an  $n$  value of 0.013.



**FIGURE 4** Nomogram for solving the Manning formula for circular pipes flowing full and  $n = 0.013$ .

Storm sewers handling rainwater and other surface drainage require a higher flow velocity than sanitary sewers because sand and grit often enter a storm sewer. The usual minimum allowable velocity for a storm sewer is 2.5 ft/s (0.76 m/s); where possible, the sewer should be designed for 3.0 ft/s (0.9 m/s). If the sewer designed above were used for storm service, it would be acceptable because the fluid velocity is 4.95 ft/s (1.5 m/s). To prevent excessive wear of sewer, the fluid velocity should not exceed 8 ft/s (2.4 m/s).



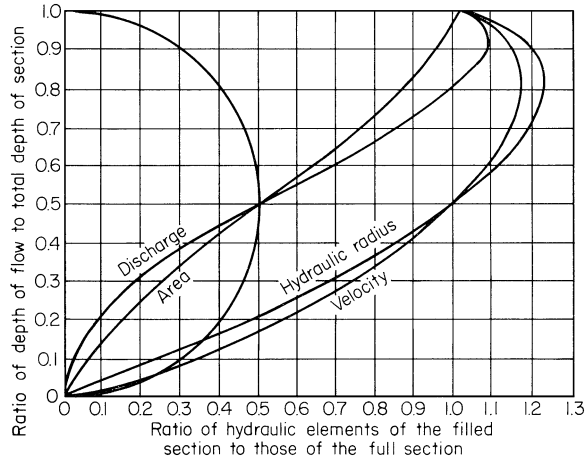


FIGURE 5 Hydraulic elements of a circular pipe.

Note that Figs. 4 and 5 can be used whenever two variables are known. When a sewer flows at 0.8, or more, full, the partial-flow diagram, Fig. 5, may not give accurate results, especially at high flow velocities.

## SEWER-PIPE EARTH LOAD AND BEDDING REQUIREMENTS

A 36-in (914-mm) diameter clay sewer pipe is placed in a 15-ft (4.5-m) deep trench in damp sand. What is the earth load on this sewer pipe? What bedding should be used for the pipe? If a 5-ft (1.5-m) wide drainage trench weighing 2000 lb/ft (2976.3 kg/m) of length crosses the sewer pipe at right angles to the pipe, what load is transmitted to the pipe? The bottom of the flume is 11 ft (3.4 m) above the top of the sewer pipe.

### Calculation Procedure

1. **Compute the width of the pipe trench.** Compute the trench width from  $w = 1.5d + 12$ , where  $w$  = trench width, in;  $d$  = sewer-pipe diameter, in. So  $w = 1.5(36) + 12 = 66$  in (167.6 cm) or 5 ft 6 in (1.7 m).
2. **Compute the trench depth-to-width ratio.** To determine this ratio, subtract the pipe diameter from the depth and divide the result by the trench width. Or,  $(15 - 3)/5.5 = 2.18$ .
3. **Compute the load on the pipe.** Use the relation  $L = kWw^2$ , where  $L$  = pipe load, lb/lin ft of trench;  $k$  = a constant from Table 12;  $W$  = weight of the fill material used in the trench, lb/ft<sup>3</sup>; other symbol as before.  
 Enter Table 12 at the depth-to-width ratio of 2.18. Since this particular value is not tabulated, use the next higher value, 2.5. Opposite this, read  $k = 1.70$  for a sand filling.  
 Enter Table 13 at damp sand, and read the weight as 115 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (1842.1 kg/m<sup>3</sup>). With these data the pipe load relation can be solved.  
 Substituting in  $L = kWw^2$ , we get  $L = 1.70(115)(5.5)^2 = 5920$  lb/ft (86.4 N/mm). Study of the properties of clay pipe (Table 14) shows that 36-in (914-mm) extra-strength clay pipe has a minimum average crushing strength of 6000 lb (26.7 kN) by the three-edge-bearing method.

**TABLE 12** Values of  $k$  for Use in the Pipe Load Equation\*

Ratio of trench depth to width	Sand and damp topsoil	Saturated topsoil	Damp clay	Saturated clay
0.5	0.46	0.46	0.47	0.47
1.0	0.85	0.86	0.88	0.90
1.5	1.18	1.21	1.24	1.28
2.0	1.46	1.50	1.56	1.62
2.5	1.70	1.76	1.84	1.92
3.0	1.90	1.98	2.08	2.20
3.5	2.08	2.17	2.30	2.44
4.0	2.22	2.33	2.49	2.66
4.5	2.34	2.47	2.65	2.87
5.0	2.45	2.59	2.80	3.03
5.5	2.54	2.69	2.93	3.19
6.0	2.61	2.78	3.04	3.33
6.5	2.68	2.86	3.14	3.46
7.0	2.73	2.93	3.22	3.57
7.5	2.78	2.98	3.30	3.67

\*Iowa State Univ. Eng. Exp. Sta. Bull. 47.

**TABLE 13** Weight of Pipe-Trench Fill

Fill	lb/ft <sup>3</sup>	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Dry sand	100	1601
Damp sand	115	1841
Wet sand	120	1921
Damp clay	120	1921
Saturated clay	130	2081
Saturated topsoil	115	1841
Sand and damp topsoil	100	1601

**TABLE 14** Clay Pipe Strength

Pipe size, in (mm)	Minimum average strength, lb/lin ft (N/mm)	
	Three-edge-bearing	Sand-bearing
4 (102)	1000 (14.6)	1500 (21.9)
6 (152)	1100 (16.1)	1650 (24.1)
8 (203)	1300 (18.9)	1950 (28.5)
10 (254)	1400 (20.4)	2100 (30.7)
12 (305)	1500 (21.9)	2250 (32.9)
15 (381)	1750 (25.6)	2625 (38.3)
18 (457)	2000 (29.2)	3000 (43.8)
21 (533)	2200 (32.1)	3300 (48.2)
24 (610)	2400 (35.0)	3600 (52.6)
27 (686)	2750 (40.2)	4125 (60.2)
30 (762)	3200 (46.7)	4800 (70.1)
33 (838)	3500 (51.1)	5250 (76.7)
36 (914)	3900 (56.9)	5850 (85.4)

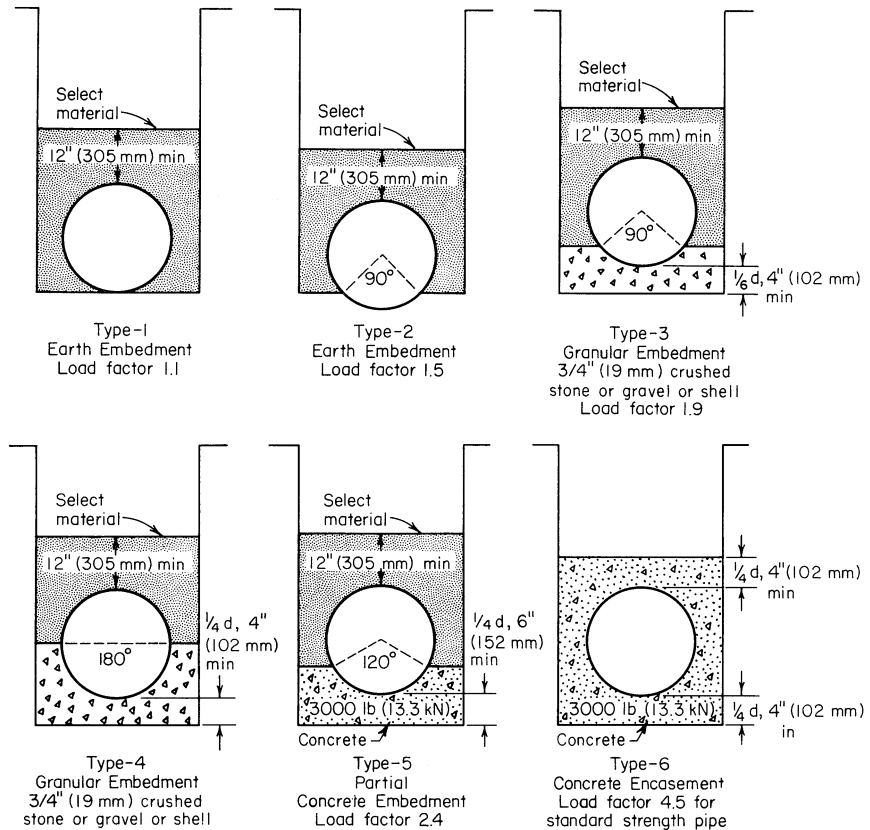
**4. Apply the loading safety factor.** ASTM recommends a factor of safety of 1.5 for clay sewers. To apply this factor of safety, divide it into the tabulated three-edge-bearing strength found in step 3. Or,  $6000/1.5 = 4000$  lb (17.8 kN).

**5. Compute the pipe load-to-strength ratio.** Use the strength found in step 4. Or pipe load-to-strength ratio (also called the *load factor*) =  $5920/4000 = 1.48$ .

**6. Select the bedding method for the pipe.** Figure 6 shows methods for bedding sewer pipe and the strength developed. Thus, earth embedment, type 2 bedding, develops a load factor of 1.5. Since the computed load factor, step 5, is 1.48, this type of bedding is acceptable. (In choosing a type of bedding be certain that the load factor of the actual pipe is less than, or equals, the developed load factor for the three-edge-bearing strength.)

The type 2 earth embedment, Fig. 6, is a highly satisfactory method, except that the shaping of the lower part of the trench to fit the pipe may be expensive. Type 3 granular embedment may be less expensive, particularly if the crushed stone, gravel, or shell is placed by machine.

**7. Compute the direct load transmitted to the sewer pipe.** The weight of the drainage



**FIGURE 6** Strengths developed for various methods of bedding sewer pipes. (*W. S. Dickey Clay Manufacturing Co.*)

flume is carried by the soil over the sewer pipes. Hence, a portion of this weight may reach the sewer pipe. To determine how much of the flume weight reaches the pipe, find the weight of the flume per foot of width, or  $2000 \text{ lb}/5 \text{ ft} = 400 \text{ lb}/\text{ft}$  ( $5.84 \text{ kN}/\text{mm}$ ) of width.

Since the pipe trench is 5.5 ft (1.7 m) wide, step 1, the 1-ft (0.3-m) wide section of the flume imposes a total load of  $5.5(400) = 2200 \text{ lb}$  ( $9.8 \text{ kN}$ ) on the soil beneath it.

To determine what portion of the flume load reaches the sewer pipe, compute the ratio of the depth of the flume bottom to the width of the sewer-pipe trench, or  $11/5.5 = 2.0$ .

Enter Table 15 at a value of 2.0, and read the load proportion for sand and damp top soil as 0.35. Hence, the load of the flume reaching each foot of sewer pipe is  $0.35(2200) = 770 \text{ lb}$  ( $3.4 \text{ kN}$ ).

**Related Calculations** A load such as that in step 7 is termed a *short load*; i.e., it is shorter than the pipe-trench width. Typical short loads result from automobile and truck traffic, road rollers, building foundations, etc. *Long loads* are imposed by weights that are longer than the trench is wide. Typical long loads are stacks of lumber, steel, and poles, and piles of sand, coal, gravel, etc. Table 16 shows the proportion of long loads transmitted to buried pipes. Use the same procedure as in step 7 to compute the load reaching the buried pipe.

When a sewer pipe is placed on undisturbed ground and covered with fill, compute the load on the pipe from  $L = kWd^2$ , where  $d$  = pipe diameter, ft; other symbols as in step 3. Tables 15 and 16 are the work of Prof. Anson Marston, Iowa State University.

**TABLE 15** Proportion of Short Loads Reaching Pipe in Trenches

Depth-to-width ratio	Sand and damp topsoil	Saturated topsoil	Damp clay	Saturated clay
0.0	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
0.5	0.77	0.78	0.79	0.81
1.0	0.59	0.61	0.63	0.66
1.5	0.46	0.48	0.51	0.54
2.0	0.35	0.38	0.40	0.44
2.5	0.27	0.29	0.32	0.35
3.0	0.21	0.23	0.25	0.29
4.0	0.12	0.14	0.16	0.19
5.0	0.07	0.09	0.10	0.13
6.0	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.08
8.0	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.04
10.0	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02

To find the total load on trenched or surface-level buried pipes subjected to both fill and long or short loads, add the proportion of the long or short load reaching the pipe to the load produced by the fill.

Note that sewers may have several cross-sectional shapes—circular, egg, rectangular, square, etc. The circular sewer is the most common because it has a number of advantages, including economy. Egg-shaped sewers are not as popular as circular and are less often used today because of their higher costs.

Rectangular and square sewers are often used for storm service. However, their hydraulic characteristics are not as desirable as circular sewers.

## SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM DESIGN

What size main sanitary sewer is required for a midwestern city 30-acre ( $1.21 \times 10^5 \text{ m}^2$ ) residential area containing six-story apartment houses if the hydraulic gradient is 0.0035 and the pipe roughness factor  $n = 0.013$ ? One-third of the area is served by a branch sewer. What should the size of this

**TABLE 16** Proportion of Long Loads Reaching Pipe in Trenches

Depth-to-width ratio	Sand and damp topsoil	Saturated topsoil	Damp yellow clay	Saturated yellow clay
0.0	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
0.5	0.85	0.86	0.88	0.89
1.0	0.72	0.75	0.77	0.80
1.5	0.61	0.64	0.67	0.72
2.0	0.52	0.55	0.59	0.64
2.5	0.44	0.48	0.52	0.57
3.0	0.37	0.41	0.45	0.51
4.0	0.27	0.31	0.35	0.41
5.0	0.19	0.23	0.27	0.33
6.0	0.14	0.17	0.20	0.26
8.0	0.07	0.09	0.12	0.17
10.00	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.11

**TABLE 17** Sanitary Sewer Design Factors

Population data		
Type of area	Typical population	
	Per acre	Per km <sup>2</sup>
Light residential	15	3,707
Closely built residential	55	13,591
Single-family residential	100	24,711
Six-story apartment district	500	123,555
Sewage-flow data		
City	Sewer design basis, per capita	
	gal/day	mL/s
Berkeley, California	92	4.03
Cranston, Rhode Island	167	7.32
Des Moines, Iowa	200	8.76
Las Vegas, Nevada	250	10.95
Little Rock, Arkansas	100	4.38
Shreveport, Louisiana	150	6.57
Typical sewer design practice		
Sewer type	Design flow, per capita	
	gal/day	mL/s
Laterals and submains	400	17.5
Main, trunks, and outfall	250	10.95
New sewers	Never 100	Never 4.38

sewer be? If the branch and main sewers must also handle groundwater infiltration, determine the required sewer size. The sewer is below the normal groundwater level.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the sanitary sewage flow rate.** Table 17 shows the typical population per acre for various residential areas and the flow rate used in sewer design. Using the typical population of 500 persons per acre (4046 m<sup>2</sup>) given in Table 17, we see the total population of the area served is (30 acres)(500 persons per acre) = 15,000 persons.

Since this is a midwestern city, the sewer design basis, per capita, used for Des Moines, Iowa, 200 gal/day (8.76 mL/s), Table 17, appears to be an appropriate value. Checking with the minimum flow recommended in Table 17, 100 gal/day (4.38 mL/s), we see the value of 200 gal/day (8.76 mL/s) seems to be well justified. Hence, the sanitary sewage flow rate that the main sewer must handle is (15,000 persons)(200 gal/day) = 3,000,000 gal/day.

**2. Convert the flow rate to cfs.** Use the relation  $cfs = 1.55 (gpd/10^6)$ , where  $cfs$  = flow rate, ft<sup>3</sup>/s;  $gpd$  = flow rate, gal/24 h. So  $cfs = 1.55(3,000,000/1,000,000) = 465 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$  (0.13 m<sup>3</sup>/s).

**3. Compute the required size of the main sewer.** Size the main sewer on the basis of its flowing full. This is the usual design procedure followed by experienced sanitary engineers.

Two methods can be used to size the sewer pipe. (a) Use the chart in Fig. 4 for the Manning formula, entering with the flow rate of 4.65 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (0.13 m<sup>3</sup>/s) and projecting to the slope ratio or hydraulic gradient of 0.0035. Read the required pipe diameter as 18 in (457 mm).

**TABLE 18** Manning Formula Conveyance Factor

Pipe diameter, in (mm)	Pipe cross-sectional area, ft <sup>2</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> )	<i>n</i>			
		0.011	0.013	0.015	0.017
6 (152)	0.196 (0.02)	6.62	5.60	4.85	4.28
8 (203)	0.349 (0.03)	14.32	12.12	10.50	9.27
10 (254)	0.545 (0.05)	25.80	21.83	18.92	16.70
12 (305)	0.785 (0.07)	42.15	35.66	30.91	27.27
15 (381)	1.227 (0.11)	76.46	64.70	56.07	49.48
18 (457)	1.767 (0.16)	124.2	105.1	91.04	80.33
21 (533)	2.405 (0.22)	187.1	158.3	137.2	121.1

(b) Use the Manning formula and the appropriate *conveyance factor* from Table 18. When the conveyance factor  $C_f$  is used, the Manning formula becomes  $Q = C_f S^{1/2}$ , where  $Q$  = flow rate through the pipe, ft<sup>3</sup>/s;  $C_f$  = conveyance factor corresponding to a specific  $n$  value listed in Table 18;  $S$  = pipe slope or hydraulic gradient, ft/ft. Since  $Q$  and  $S$  are known, substitute and solve for  $C_f$ , or  $C_f = Q/S^{1/2} = 4.65/(0.0035)^{1/2} = 78.5$ . Enter Table 18 at  $n = 0.013$  and  $C_f = 78.5$ , and project to the exact or next higher value of  $C_f$ . Table 18 shows that  $C_f$  is 64.70 for 15-in (381-mm) pipe and 105.1 for 18-in (457-mm) pipe. Since the actual value of  $C_f$  is 78.5, a 15-in (381-mm) pipe would be too small. Hence, an 18-in (457-mm) pipe would be used. This size agrees with that found in procedure a.

**4. Compute the size of the lateral sewer.** The lateral sewer serves one-third of the total area. Since the total sanitary flow from the entire area is 4.65 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (0.13 m<sup>3</sup>/s), the flow from one-third of the area, given an even distribution of population and the same pipe slope, is 4.65/3 = 1.55 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (0.044 m<sup>3</sup>/s). Using either procedure in step 3, we find the required pipe size = 12 in (305 mm). Hence, three 12-in (305-mm) laterals will discharge into the main sewer, assuming that each lateral serves an equal area and has the same slope.

**5. Check the suitability of the main sewer size.** Compute the value of  $d^{2.5}$  for each of the lateral sewer pipes discharging into the main sewer pipe. Thus, for one 12-in (305-mm) lateral line, where  $d$  = smaller pipe diameter, in,  $d^{2.5} = 12^{2.5} = 496$ . For three pipes of equal diameter,  $3d^{2.5} = 1488 = D^{2.5}$ , where  $D$  = larger pipe diameter, in. Solving gives  $D^{2.5} = 1488$  and  $D = 17.5$  in (445 mm). Hence, the 18-in (457-mm) sewer main has sufficient capacity to handle the discharge of three 12-in (305-mm) sewers. Note that Fig. 4 shows that the flow velocity in both the lateral and main sewers exceeds the minimum required velocity of 2 ft/s (0.6 m/s).

**6. Compute the sewer size with infiltration.** *Infiltration* is the groundwater that enters a sewer. The quantity and rate of infiltration depend on the character of the soil in which the sewer is laid, the relative position of the groundwater level and the sewer, the diameter and length of the sewer, and the material and care with which the sewer is constructed. With tile and other jointed sewers, infiltration depends largely on the type of joint used in the pipes. In large concrete or brick sewers, the infiltration depends on the type of waterproofing applied.

Infiltration is usually expressed in gallons per day per mile of sewer. With very careful construction, infiltration can be kept down to 5000 gal/(day·mi) [0.14 L/(km·s)] of pipe even when the groundwater level is above the pipe. With poor construction, porous soil, and high ground-water level, infiltration may amount to 100,000 gal/(day·mi) [2.7 L/(km·s)] or more. Sewers laid in dense soil where the groundwater level is below the sewer do not experience infiltration except during and immediately after a rainfall. Even then, the infiltration will be in small amounts.

Assuming an infiltration rate of 20,000 gal/(day·mi) [0.54 L/(km·s)] of sewer and a sewer length of 1.2 mi (1.9 km) for this city, we see the daily infiltration is 1.2(20,000) = 24,000 gal (90,850 L).

Checking the pipe size by either method in step 3 shows that both the 12-in (305-mm) laterals and the 18-in (457-mm) main are of sufficient size to handle both the sanitary and infiltration flow.

**Related Calculations** Where a sewer must also handle the runoff from fire-fighting apparatus, compute the quantity of fire-fighting water for cities of less than 200,000 population from  $Q = 1020(P)^{0.5} [1 - 0.01(P)^{0.5}]$ , where  $Q$  = fire demand, gal/min;  $P$  = city population in thousands. Add the fire demand to the sanitary sewage and infiltration flows to determine the maximum quantity of liquid the sewer must handle. For cities having a population of more than 200,000 persons, consult the fire department headquarters to determine the water flow quantities anticipated.

Some sanitary engineers apply a demand factor to the average daily water requirements per capita before computing the flow rate into the sewer. Thus, the maximum monthly water consumption is generally about 125 percent of the average annual demand but may range up to 200 percent of the average annual demand. Maximum daily demands of 150 percent of the average annual demand and maximum hourly demands of 200 to 250 percent of the annual average demand are commonly used for design by some sanitary engineers. To apply a demand factor, simply multiply the flow rate computed in step 2 by the appropriate factor. Current practice in the use of demand factors varies; sewers designed without demand factors are generally adequate. Applying a demand factor simply provides a margin of safety in the design, and the sewer is likely to give service for a longer period before becoming overloaded.

Most local laws and many sewer authorities recommend that no sewer be less than 8 in (203 mm) in diameter. The sewer should be sloped sufficiently to give a flow velocity of 2 ft/s (0.6 m/s) or more when flowing full. This velocity prevents the deposit of solids in the pipe. Manholes serving sewers should not be more than 400 ft (121.9 m) apart.

Where industrial sewage is discharged into a sanitary sewer, the industrial flow quantity must be added to the domestic sewage flow quantity before the pipe size is chosen. Swimming pools may also be drained into sanitary sewers and may cause temporary overflowing because the sewer capacity is inadequate. The sanitary sewage flow rate from an industrial area may be less than from a residential area of the same size because the industrial population is smaller.

Many localities and cities restrict the quantity of commercial and industrial sewage that may be discharged into public sewers. Thus, one city restricts commercial sewage from stores, garages, beauty salons, etc., to 135 gal/day per capita. Another city restricts industrial sewage from factories and plants to 50,000 gal/(day·acre) [0.55 mL/(m·s)]. In other cities each proposed installation must be studied separately. Still other cities prohibit any discharge of commercial or industrial sewage into sanitary sewers. For these reasons, the local authorities and sanitary codes, if any, must be consulted before the design of any sewer is begun.

Before starting a sewer design, do the following: (a) Prepare a profile diagram of the area that will be served by the sewer. Indicate on the diagram the elevation above grade of each profile. (b) Compile data on the soil, groundwater level, type of paving, number and type of foundations, underground services (gas, electric, sewage, water supply, etc.), and other characteristics of the area that will be served by the sewer. (c) Sketch the main sewer and lateral sewers on the profile diagram. Indicate the proposed direction of sewage flow by arrows. With these steps finished, start the sewer design.

To design the sewers, proceed as follows: (a) Size the sewers using the procedure given in steps 1 through 6 above. (b) Check the sewage flow rate to see that it is 2 ft/s (0.6 m/s) or more. (c) Check the plot to see that the required slope for the pipes can be obtained without expensive blasting or rock removal.

Where the outlet of a building plumbing system is below the level of the sewer serving the building, a pump must be used to deliver the sewage to the sewer. Compute the pump capacity, using the discharge from the various plumbing fixtures in the building as the source of the liquid flow to the pump. The head on the pump is the difference between the level of the sewage in the pump intake and the centerline of the sewer into which the pump discharges, plus any friction losses in the piping.

## STORM-SEWER INLET SIZE AND FLOW RATE

What size storm-sewer inlet is required to handle a flow of  $2 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$  ( $0.057 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ) if the gutter is sloped  $1/4 \text{ in}/\text{ft}$  ( $2.1 \text{ cm}/\text{m}$ ) across the inlet and  $0.05 \text{ in}/\text{ft}$  ( $0.4 \text{ cm}/\text{m}$ ) along the length of the inlet? The maximum depth of flow in the gutter is estimated to be  $0.2 \text{ ft}$  ( $0.06 \text{ m}$ ), and the gutter is depressed  $4 \text{ in}$  ( $102 \text{ mm}$ ) below the normal street level.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the reciprocal of the gutter transverse slope.** The transverse slope of the gutter across the inlet is  $1/4 \text{ in}/\text{ft}$  ( $2.1 \text{ cm}/\text{m}$ ). Expressing the reciprocal of this slope as  $r$ , compute the value for this gutter as  $r = 4 \times 12/1 = 48$ .

**2. Determine the inlet capacity per foot of length.** Enter Table 19 at the flow depth of  $0.2 \text{ ft}$  ( $0.06 \text{ m}$ ), and project to the depth of depression of the gutter of  $4 \text{ in}$  ( $102 \text{ mm}$ ). Opposite this depth, read the inlet capacity per foot of length as  $0.50 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$  ( $0.014 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ).

**3. Compute the required gutter inlet length.** The gutter must handle a maximum flow of  $2 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$  ( $0.057 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ). Since the inlet has a capacity of  $0.50 \text{ ft}^3/(\text{s}\cdot\text{ft})$  [ $0.047 \text{ m}^3/(\text{m}\cdot\text{s})$ ] of length, the required length,  $\text{ft} = \text{maximum required capacity, ft}^3/\text{s} / \text{capacity per foot, ft}^3/\text{s} = 2.0/0.50 = 4.0 \text{ ft}$  ( $1.2 \text{ m}$ ). A length of  $4.0 \text{ ft}$  ( $1.2 \text{ m}$ ) will be satisfactory. Were a length of  $4.2$  or  $4.4 \text{ ft}$  ( $1.28$  or  $1.34 \text{ m}$ ) required, a  $4.5\text{-ft}$  ( $1.37\text{-m}$ ) long inlet would be chosen. The reasoning behind the choice of a longer length is that the extra initial investment for the longer length is small compared with the extra capacity obtained.

**4. Determine how far the water will extend from the curb.** Use the relation  $l = rd$ , where  $l = \text{distance water will extend from the curb, ft}$ ;  $d = \text{depth of water in the gutter at the curb line, ft}$ ; other symbols as before. Substituting, we find  $l = 48(0.2) = 9.6 \text{ ft}$  ( $2.9 \text{ m}$ ). This distance is acceptable because the water would extend out this far only during the heaviest storms.

**Related Calculations** To compute the flow rate in a gutter, use the relation  $F = 0.56(r/n)s^{0.5}d^{8/3}$ , where  $F = \text{flow rate in gutter, ft}^3/\text{s}$ ;  $n = \text{roughness coefficient, usually taken as } 0.015$ ;  $s = \text{gutter slope, in}/\text{ft}$ ; other symbols as before. Where the computed inlet length is  $5 \text{ ft}$  ( $1.5 \text{ m}$ ) or more, some engineers assume that a portion of the water will pass the first inlet and enter the next one along the street.

**TABLE 19** Storm-Sewer Inlet Capacity per Foot (Meter) of Length

Flow depth in gutter, ft (mm)	Depression depth, in (mm)	Capacity per foot length, ft <sup>3</sup> /s (m <sup>3</sup> /s)
0.2 (0.06)	0 (0)	0.062 (5.76)
	1 (25.4)	0.141 (13.10)
	2 (50.8)	0.245 (22.76)
	3 (76.2)	0.358 (33.26)
	4 (101.6)	0.500 (46.46)
0.3 (0.09)	0 (0)	0.115 (10.69)
	1 (25.4)	0.205 (19.05)
	2 (50.8)	0.320 (29.73)
	3 (76.2)	0.450 (41.81)
	4 (101.6)	0.590 (54.82)



## STORM-SEWER DESIGN

Design a storm-sewer system for a 30-acre ( $1.21 \times 10^5\text{-m}^2$ ) residential area in which the storm-water runoff rate is computed to be  $24\text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$  ( $0.7\text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ). The total area is divided into 10 plots of equal area having similar soil and runoff conditions.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Sketch a plan of the sewer system.** Sketch the area and the 10 plots as in Fig. 7. A scale of 1 in = 100 ft (1 cm = 12 m) is generally suitable. Indicate the terrain elevations by drawing the profile curves on the plot plan. Since the profiles (Fig. 7) show that the terrain slopes from north to south, the main sewer can probably be best run from north to south. The sewer would also slope downward from north to south, following the general slope of the terrain.

Indicate a storm-water inlet for each of the areas served by the sewer. With the terrain sloping from north to south, each inlet will probably give best service if it is located on the southern border of the plot.

Since the plots are equal in area, the main sewer can be run down the center of the plot with each inlet feeding into it. Use arrows to indicate the flow direction in the laterals and main sewer.

**2. Compute the lateral sewer size.** Each lateral sewer handles  $24\text{ ft}^3/\text{s}/10\text{ plots} = 2.4\text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$  ( $0.07\text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ) of storm water. Size each lateral, using the Manning formula with  $n = 0.013$  and full flow in the pipe. Assume a slope ratio of 0.05 for each inlet pipe between the inlet and the main sewer. This means that the inlet pipe will slope 1 ft in 20 ft (0.3 m in 6.1 m) of length. In an installation such as this, a slope ratio of 0.05 is adequate.

By using Fig. 4 for a flow of  $2.4\text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$  ( $0.0679\text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ) and a slope of 0.05, an 8-in (203-mm) pipe is required for each lateral. The fluid velocity is, from Fig. 4,  $7.45\text{ ft/s}$  ( $2.27\text{ m/s}$ ). This is a high

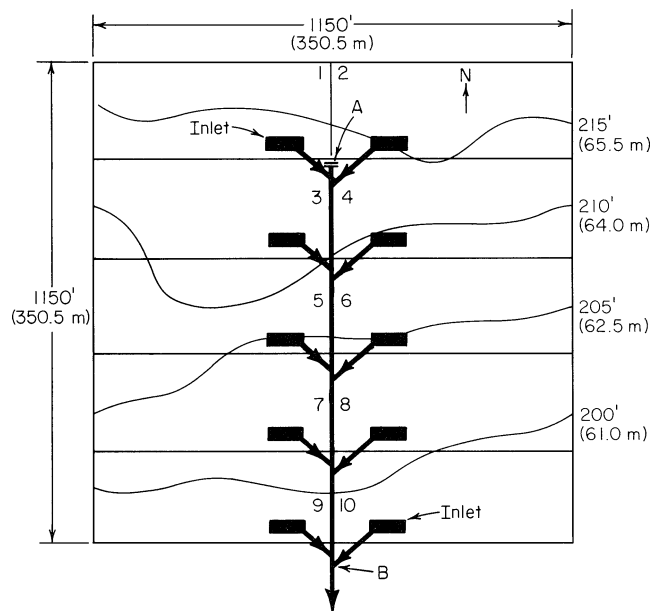


FIGURE 7 Typical storm-sewer plot plan and layout diagram.

enough velocity to prevent solids from settling out of the water. [The flow velocity should not be less than 2 ft/s (0.61 m/s).]

**3. Compute the size of the main sewer.** There are four sections of the main sewer (Fig. 7). The first section, section 3-4, serves the two northernmost plots. Since the flow from each plot is 2.4 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (0.0679 m<sup>3</sup>/s), the storm water that this portion of the main sewer must handle is  $2(2.4) = 4.8$  ft<sup>3</sup>/s (0.14 m<sup>3</sup>/s).

The main sewer begins at point A, which has an elevation of about 213 ft (64.9 m), as shown by the profile. At point B the terrain elevation is about 190 ft (57.8 m). Hence, the slope between points A and B is about  $213 - 190 = 23$  ft (7.0 m), and the distance between the two points is about 920 ft (280.4 m).

**TABLE 20** Minimum Slope of Sewers\*

Sewer diameter, in (mm)	Minimum slope, ft/100 ft (m/30.5 m) of length
4 (102)	1.20 (0.366)
6 (152)	0.60 (0.183)
8 (203)	0.40 (0.122)
10 (254)	0.29 (0.088)
12 (305)	0.22 (0.067)
15 (381)	0.15 (0.046)
18 (457)	0.12 (0.037)
20 (505)	0.10 (0.030)
24 (610)	0.08 (0.024)

\*Based on the Manning formula with  $n = 0.13$  and the sewer flowing either full or half full.

Assume a slope of 1 ft/100 ft (0.3 m/30.5 m) of length, or  $1/100 = 0.01$  for the main sewer. This is a typical slope used for main sewers, and it is within the range permitted by a pipe run along the surface of this terrain. Table 20 shows the minimum slope required to produce a flow velocity of 2 ft/s (0.61 m/s).

Using Fig. 4 for a flow of 4.8 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (0.14 m<sup>3</sup>/s) and a slope of 0.01, we see the required size for section 3-4 of the main sewer is 15 in (381 mm). The flow velocity in the pipe is 4.88 ft/s (1.49 m/s). The size of this sewer is in keeping with general design practice, which seldom uses a storm sewer less than 12 in (304.8 mm) in diameter.

Section 5-6 conveys 9.6 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (0.27 m<sup>3</sup>/s). Using Fig. 4 again, we find the required pipe size is 18 in (457.2 mm) and the flow velocity is 5.75 ft/s (1.75 m/s). Likewise, section 7-8 must handle 14.4 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (0.41 m<sup>3</sup>/s). The required pipe size is 21 in (533 mm), and the flow velocity in the pipe is 6.35 ft/s (1.94 m/s). Section 9-10

of the main sewer handles 19.2 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (0.54 m<sup>3</sup>/s), and must be 24 in (609.6 mm) in diameter. The velocity in this section of the sewer pipe will be 6.9 ft/s (2.1 m/s). The last section of the main sewer handles the total flow, or 24 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (0.7 m<sup>3</sup>/s). Its size must be 27 in (686 mm), Fig. 4, although a 24-in (610.0-mm) pipe would suffice if the slope at point B could be increased to 0.012.

**Related Calculations** Most new sewers built today are the *separate* type, i.e., one sewer for sanitary service and another sewer for storm service. Sanitary sewers are usually installed first because they are generally smaller than storm sewers and cost less. *Combined sewers* handle both sanitary and storm flows and are used where expensive excavation for underground sewers is necessary. Many older cities have combined sewers.

To size a combined sewer, compute the sum of the maximum sanitary and storm water flow for each section of the sewer. Then use the method given in this procedure after having assumed a value for  $n$  in the Manning formula and for the slope of the sewer main.

Where a continuous slope cannot be provided for a sewer main, a pumping station to lift the sewage must be installed. Most cities require one or more pumping stations because the terrain does not permit an unrestricted slope for the sewer mains. Motor-driven centrifugal pumps are generally used to handle sewage. For unscreened sewage, the suction inlet of the pump should not be less than 3 in (76 mm) in diameter.

## SELECTION OF SEWAGE-TREATMENT METHOD

A city of 100,000 population is considering installing a new sewage-treatment plant. Select a suitable treatment method. Local ordinances require that suspended matter in the sewage be reduced

80 percent, that bacteria be reduced 60 percent, and that the biochemical oxygen demand be reduced 90 percent. The plant will handle only domestic sanitary sewage. What are the daily oxygen demand and the daily suspended-solids content of the sewage? If an industrial plant discharges into this system sewage requiring 4500 lb (2041.2 kg) of oxygen per day, determine the population equivalent of the industrial sewage.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the daily sewage flow.** With an average flow per capita of 200 gal/day (8.8 mL/s), this sewage treatment plant must handle per capita  $(200 \text{ gal/day})(100,000 \text{ population}) = 20,000,000 \text{ gal/day}$  (896.2 L/s).

**2. Compute the sewage oxygen demand.** Usual domestic sewage shows a 5-day oxygen demand of 0.12 to 0.17 lb/day (0.054 to 0.077 kg/day) per person. With an average of 0.15 lb (0.068 kg) per person per day, the daily oxygen demand of the sewage is  $(0.15)(100,000) = 15,000 \text{ lb/day}$  (78.7 g/s).

**3. Compute the suspended-solids content of the sewage.** Usual domestic sewage contains about 0.25 lb (0.11 kg) of suspended solids per person per day. Using this average, we see the total quantity of suspended solids that must be handled is  $(0.25)(100,000) = 25,000 \text{ lb/day}$  (0.13 kg/s).

**4. Select the sewage-treatment method.** Table 21 shows the efficiency of various sewage-treatment methods. Since the desired reduction in suspended matter, biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), and bacteria is known, this will serve as a guide to the initial choice of the equipment.

Study of Table 21 shows that a number of treatments are available which will reduce the suspended matter by 80 percent. Hence, any one of these methods might be used. The same is true for

**TABLE 21** Typical Efficiencies of Sewage-Treatment Methods\*

Treatment	Percentage reduction		
	Suspended matter	BOD	Bacteria
Fine screens	5–20	...	10–20
Plain sedimentation	35–65	25–40	50–60
Chemical precipitation	75–90	60–85	70–90
Low-rate trickling filter, with pre- and final sedimentation	70–90+	75–90	90+
High-rate trickling filter with pre- and final sedimentation	70–90	65–95	70–95
Conventional activated sludge with pre- and final sedimentation	80–95	80–95	90–95+
High-rate activated sludge with pre- and final sedimentation	70–90	70–95	80–95
Contact aeration with pre- and final sedimentation	80–95	80–95	90–95+
Intermittent sand filtration with presedimentation	90–95	85–95	95+
Chlorination:			
Settled sewage	...	†	90–95
Biologically treated sewage	...	†	98–99

\*Steel—*Water Supply and Sewerage*, McGraw-Hill.

†Reduction is dependent on dosage.

the desired reduction in bacteria and BOD. Thus, the system choice resolves to selection of the most economical group of treatment units.

For a city of this size, four steps of sewage treatment would be advisable. The first step, *preliminary* treatment, could include screening to remove large suspended solids, grit removal, and grease removal. The next step, *primary treatment*, could include sedimentation or chemical precipitation. *Secondary treatment*, the next step, might be of a biological type such as the activated-sludge process or the trickling filter. In the final step, the sewage might be treated by chlorination. Treated sewage can then be disposed of in fields, streams, or other suitable areas.

Choose the following units for this sewage-treatment plant, using the data in Table 21 as a guide: rocks or screens to remove large suspended solids, grit chambers to remove grit, skimming tanks for grease removal, plain sedimentation, activated-sludge process, and chlorination.

Reference to Table 21 shows that screens and plain sedimentation will reduce the suspended solids by the desired amount. Likewise, the activated-sludge process reduces the BOD by up to 95 percent and the bacteria up to 95+ percent. Hence, the chosen system satisfies the design requirements.

**5. Compute the population equivalent of the industrial sewage.** Use the relation  $P_e = R/D$ , where  $P_e$  = population equivalent of the industrial sewage, persons;  $R$  = required oxygen of the sewage, lb/day;  $D$  = daily oxygen demand, lb per person per day. So  $P_e = 4500/0.15 = 30,000$  persons.

**Related Calculations** Where sewage is combined (i.e., sanitary and storm sewage mixed), the 5-day per-capita oxygen demand is about 0.25 lb/day (0.11 kg/day). Where large quantities of industrial waste are part of combined sewage, the per-capita oxygen demand is usually about 0.5 lb/day (0.23 kg/day). To convert the strength of an industrial waste to the same base used for sanitary waste, apply the population equivalent relation in step 5. Some cities use the population equivalent as a means of evaluating the load placed on the sewage-treatment works by industrial plants.

Table 22 shows the products resulting from various sewage-treatment processes per million gallons of sewage treated. The tabulated data are useful for computing the volume of product each process produces.

Environmental considerations are leading to the adoption of biogas methods to handle the organic fraction of municipal solids waste (MSW). Burning methane-rich biogas can meet up to 60 percent of the operating cost of waste-to-energy plants. Further, generating biogas avoids the high cost of disposing of this odorous by-product. A further advantage is that biogas plants are exempt from energy or carbon taxes. Newer plants also handle industrial wastes, converting them to biogas.

Biogas plants are popular in Europe. The first anaerobic digestion plant capable of treating unsorted MSW handles 55,000 mt/yr. It treats wastestreams with solids contents of 30 to 35 percent. Automated sorting first removes metals, plastics, paperboard, glass, and inerts from the MSW stream. The remaining organic fraction is mixed with recycled water from a preceding compost-drying press to form a 30 to 35 percent solids sludge which is pumped into one of the plant's three 2400-m<sup>3</sup> (84,720 ft<sup>3</sup>) digesters.

Residence time in the digester is about 3 weeks with a biogas yield of 99 m<sup>3</sup>/mt of MSW (3495 ft<sup>3</sup>/t), or 146 m<sup>3</sup>/mt (5154 ft<sup>3</sup>/t) of sorted organic fraction. Overflow liquid from the digester is pressed, graded, and sold as compost. Mixtures of MSW, sewage sludges, and animal slurries can also be digested in this process (Valorga) developed by Valorga SA (Vendargues, France). This is termed a *dry* process.

*Wet* processes handle wastestreams with only 10 to 15 percent solids content. Featuring more than one digestion stage, it is easier to control parameters such as pH and solids concentration than dry fermentation. The first plant to use wet digestion to process MSW is a 20,000-mt/yr installation in Denmark. About two-thirds of the annual operating cost of \$2 million is recovered through the sale of biogas. In a 14,000-mt/yr plant in Finland the biogas produced is used to fire a gas turbine. Multiple stages are said to make wet fermentation 65 percent faster than single-stage processes, with a 50 percent higher gas yield.

These developments show that sanitary engineers will be more concerned than ever with the environmental aspects of their designs. With the world population growing steadily every year

**TABLE 22** Sludge and Other Products of Sewage-Treatment Processes per Million Gallons of Sewage Treated\*

Data	Treatment process							Trickling filter humus tanks
	Racks	Fine screens	Grit chambers	Plain sedimentation	Septic tanks	Imhoff or separate tanks	Activated sludge	
Character of product	Screenings	Screenings	Grit	Raw sludge	Digested sludge	Digested sludge	Raw sludge	Raw sludge
Average amount per million gallons	4–8 ft <sup>3</sup> (0.11–0.23 m <sup>3</sup> )	10–30 ft <sup>3</sup> (0.28–0.83 m <sup>3</sup> )	2.5 ft <sup>3</sup> (0.07 m <sup>3</sup> )	2500 gal (9462.5 L)	900 gal (3406.5 L)	500 gal (1892.5 L)	13,500 gal (51,098 L)	500 gal (1892.5 L)
Average moisture content, percent	80	80	15	95	90	85	99	92.5
Usual disposal methods	Burying, burning, or shredding and digestion with sludge	Burying, burning, or digesting with sludge	Filling land	1020 Processing, digestion, or drying	1040 Drying	1040 Drying	1005 Processing, digestion, or lagooning	1025 Digestion and drying

\*O'Rourke—*General Engineering Handbook*, McGraw-Hill.

and the longer lifespan of older individuals, biogas and similar recovery-conversion processes will become standard practice in every major country.

The data on biogas given above was reported in *Chemical Engineering*.

## DESIGN OF AN AEROBIC DIGESTER

An aerobic digester is to be designed to treat the waste sludge produced by an activated sludge wastewater treatment facility. The input waste sludge will be 12,823 gal/day (48.5 L/d) (input 5 d/wk only) of thickened waste activated sludge at 5.0 percent solids. Assume the following apply:

1. The minimum liquid temperature in the winter is 15°C (59°F), and the maximum liquid temperature in the summer is 30°C (86°F).
2. The system must achieve a 40 percent Volatile Suspended Solids (VSS) reduction in the winter.
3. Sludge concentration in the digester is 70 percent of the incoming thickened sludge concentration.
4. The volatile fraction of digester suspended solids is 0.8.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Find the daily volume of sludge for disposal.** Factors that must be considered in designing aerobic digesters include temperature, solids reduction, tank volume (hydraulic retention time), oxygen requirements and energy requirements for mixing.

Because the majority of aerobic digesters are open tanks, digester liquid temperatures are dependent upon weather conditions and can fluctuate extensively. As with all biological systems, lower temperatures retard the process, whereas higher temperatures accelerate it. The design of the aerobic digester should provide the necessary degree of sludge stabilization at the lowest liquid operating temperature and should supply the maximum oxygen requirements at the maximum liquid operating temperature.

A major objective of aerobic digestion is to reduce the mass of the solids for disposal. This reduction is assumed to take place only with the biodegradable content (VSS) of the sludge, although there may be some destruction of the inorganics as well. Typical reduction in VSS ranges from 40 to 50 percent. Solids destruction is primarily a direct function of both basin liquid temperature and sludge age, as indicated in Fig. 8. The plot relates VSS reduction to degree-days (temperature × sludge age).

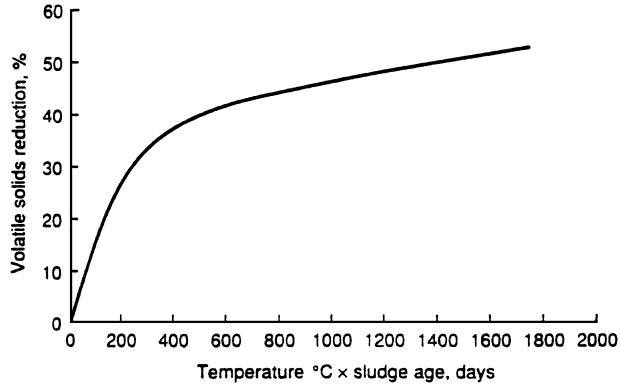
To ensure proper operation, the contents of the aerobic digester should be well mixed. In general, because of the large amount of air that must be supplied to meet the oxygen requirement, adequate mixing is usually achieved. However, mixing power requirements should always be checked.

The aerobic digester will operate 7 days per week, unlike the thickening facilities which operate intermittently due to larger operator attention requirements. The thickened sludge is input to the digester at 12,823 gal/day (48.5 L/d), 5 days per week. However, the volume of the sludge to be disposed of daily by the digester will be lower due to its operation 7 days per week (the “bugs” do not take the weekends off). Therefore the volume of sludge to be disposed of daily ( $Q$ ) is:

$$Q_i = (12,823 \text{ gal/day})(5/7) = 9,159 \text{ gal/day} = 1,224 \text{ ft}^3/\text{d} \text{ (34.6 m}^3/\text{d)}$$

**2. Determine the required VSS reduction.** The sludge age required for winter conditions is obtained from Fig. 8 using the minimum winter temperature and required VSS reduction.

To achieve a 40 percent VSS reduction in the winter, the degree-days required from Fig. 8 is 475°C·d. Therefore, the required sludge age is 475°C·d/15°C = 31.7 days. During the summer, when the liquid temperature is 30°C, the degree-days required is (30°C) (31.7 d) = 951°C·d. From Fig. 8, the VSS reduction will be 46 percent.



**FIGURE 8** VSS reduction in aerobic digester vs. liquid temperature × sludge age. (Metcalf & Eddy, *Wastewater Engineering: Treatment, Disposal, and Reuse*, 3rd Ed., McGraw-Hill.)

The total mass of solids processed by the digester will be 3,933 lb/d (1785.6 kg/d), which is the total mass of solids wasted from the treatment facility. The total mass of VSS input to the digester is:

$$(0.8)(3,933 \text{ lb/d}) = 3146 \text{ lb/d (1428.3 kg/d)}$$

Therefore, during the winter:

- VSS reduction = (3,146 lb/d)(0.40) = 1258 lb VSS reduced/d (571.1 kg/d)
- Digested (stabilized) sludge leaving the digester = 3933 lb/d – 1258 lb/d = 2675 lb/d (1214.5 kg/d)

**3. Compute the volume of digested sludge.** The volume of digested sludge is:

$$V = \frac{W_s}{(\rho)(s.g.)(\% \text{ solids})}$$

where  $V$  = Sludge volume (ft<sup>3</sup>) (m<sup>3</sup>)

$W_s$  = Weight of sludge (lb) (kg)

$\rho$  = density of water (62.4 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>) (994.6 kg/m<sup>3</sup>)

s.g. = specific gravity of digested sludge (assume s.g. = 1.03)

% solids = percent solids expressed as a decimal (incoming sludge: 5.0%)

Therefore, the volume of the digested sludge is:

$$V = \frac{2675 \text{ lb/d}}{(62.4 \text{ lb/ft}^3)(1.03)(0.05)} = 832 \text{ ft}^3/\text{d} = 6223 \text{ gal/day (23.6 L/d)}$$

During the summer:

- VSS reduction = (3,146 lb/d)(0.46) = 1447 lb VSS reduced/d (656.9 kg/d)
- Digested (stabilized) sludge leaving the digester = 3933 lb/d – 1447 lb/d = 2486 lb/d (1128.6 kg/d).
- Volume of digested sludge:

$$V = \frac{2486 \text{ lb/d}}{(62.4 \text{ lb/ft}^3)(1.03)(0.05)} = 774 \text{ ft}^3/\text{d} = 5790 \text{ gal/day (21.9 L/d)}$$

**4. Find the oxygen and air requirements.** The oxygen required to destroy the VSS is approximately 2.3 lb O<sub>2</sub>/lb VSS (kg/kg) destroyed. Therefore, the oxygen requirements for winter conditions are:

$$(1258 \text{ lb VSS/d})(2.3 \text{ lb O}_2/\text{lb VSS}) = 2893 \text{ lb O}_2/\text{d} \text{ (1313.4 kg/d)}$$

The volume of air required at standard conditions (14.7 lb/in<sup>2</sup> and 68°F) (96.5 kPa and 20°C) assuming air contains 23.2 percent oxygen by weight and the density of air is 0.075 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> is:

$$\text{Volume of Air} = \frac{2893 \text{ lb O}_2/\text{d}}{(0.075 \text{ lb/ft}^3)(0.232)} = 166,264 \text{ ft}^3/\text{d} \text{ (4705.3 m}^3/\text{d)}$$

For summer conditions:

- Oxygen required = (1447 lb/d)(2.3 lb O<sub>2</sub>/d) = 3328 lb O<sub>2</sub>/d (1510.9 kg/d)
- Volume of Air = 3328 lb O<sub>2</sub>/d/(0.075 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>)(0.232) = 191,264 ft<sup>3</sup>/d (5412.8 m<sup>3</sup>/d)

Note that the oxygen transfer efficiency of the digester system must be taken into account to get the actual volume of air required. Assuming diffused aeration with an oxygen transfer efficiency of 10 percent, the actual air requirements at standard conditions are:

- Winter: volume of air = 166,264 ft<sup>3</sup>/d/(0.1)(1,400 min/d) = 1155 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (32.7 m<sup>3</sup>/min)
- Summer: volume of air = 191,264 ft<sup>3</sup>/d/(0.1)(1,440 min/d) = 1328 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (37.6 m<sup>3</sup>/min)

To summarize winter and summer conditions:

Parameter	Winter	Summer
Total Solids In, lb/d (kg/d)	3933 (1785.6)	3933 (1785.6)
VSS In, lb/d (kg/d)	3146 (1428.3)	3146 (1428.3)
VSS Reduction, (%)	40	46
VSS Reduction, lb/d (kg/d)	1258 (571.1)	1447 (656.9)
Digested Sludge Out, gal/day (L/d)	6223 (23.6)	5790 (21.9)
Digested Sludge Out, lb/d (kg/d)	2675 (1214.5)	2486 (1128.6)
Air Requirements @ S.C., ft <sup>3</sup> /min (m <sup>3</sup> /min)	1155 (32.7)	1328 (37.6)

**5. Determine the aerobic digester volume.** From the above analysis it is clear that the aerobic digester volume will be calculated using values obtained under the winter conditions analysis, while the aeration equipment will be sized using the 1328 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (37.6 m<sup>3</sup>/min) air requirement obtained under the summer conditions analysis.

The volume of the aerobic digester is computed using the following equation, assuming the digester is loaded with waste activated sludge only:

$$V = \frac{Q_i X_i}{X(K_d P_v + 1/\theta_c)}$$

where  $V$  = Volume of aerobic digester, ft<sup>3</sup> (m<sup>3</sup>)

$Q_i$  = Influent average flow rate to the digester, ft<sup>3</sup>/d (m<sup>3</sup>/d)

$X_i$  = Influent suspended solids, mg/L (50,000 mg/L for 5.0% solids)

$X$  = Digester total suspended solids, mg/L

$K_d$  = Reaction rate constant,  $d^{-1}$ . May range from 0.05  $d^{-1}$  at 15°C (59°F) to 0.14  $d^{-1}$  at 25°C (77°F) (assume 0.06  $d^{-1}$  at 15°C)

$P_v$  = Volatile fraction of digester suspended solids (expressed as a decimal) = 0.8 (80%) as stated in the initial assumptions.

$\theta_c$  = Solids retention time (sludge age),  $d$



Using values obtained above with winter conditions governing, the aerobic digester volume is:

$$V = \frac{(1,224 \text{ ft}^3/\text{d})(50,000 \text{ mg/L})}{(50,000 \text{ mg/L})(0.7)[(0.06 \text{ d}^{-1})(0.8) + 1/31.7 \text{ d}]} = 21,982 \text{ ft}^3 (622.2 \text{ m}^3)$$

The air requirement per 1,000 ft<sup>3</sup> (2.8 m<sup>3</sup>) of digester volume with summer conditions governing is:

$$\text{Volume of Air} = \frac{1328 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}}{21,982 \text{ ft}^3} = 60.41 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}/10^3 \text{ ft}^3 (0.97 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}/\text{Mm}^3)$$

The mixing requirements for diffused aeration range from 20 to 40 ft<sup>3</sup>/min/10<sup>3</sup>ft<sup>3</sup> (0.32 to 0.64 m<sup>3</sup>/min/Mm<sup>3</sup>). Therefore, adequate mixing will prevail.

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## DESIGN OF AN AERATED GRIT CHAMBER

Domestic wastewater enters a wastewater treatment facility with an average daily flow rate of 4.0 Mgd (15,140 L/d). Assuming a peaking factor of 2.5, size an aerated grit chamber for this facility including chamber volume, chamber dimensions, air requirement, and grit quantity.

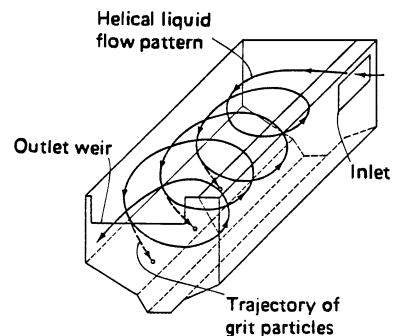
### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the aerated grit chamber volume.** Grit removal in a wastewater treatment facility prevents unnecessary abrasion and wear of mechanical equipment such as pumps and scrapers, and grit deposition in pipelines and channels. Grit chambers are designed to remove grit (generally characterized as nonputrescible solids) consisting of sand, gravel, or other heavy solid materials that have settling velocities greater than those of the organic putrescible solids in the wastewater.

In aerated grit chamber systems, air introduced along one side near the bottom causes a spiral roll velocity pattern perpendicular to the flow through the tank. The heavier particles with their correspondingly higher settling velocities drop to the bottom, while the rolling action suspends the lighter organic particles, which are carried out of the tank. The rolling action induced by the air diffusers is independent of the flow through the tank. Then non-flow-dependent rolling action allows the aerated grit chamber to operate effectively over a wide range of flows. The heavier particles that settle on the bottom of the tank are moved by the spiral flow of the water across the tank bottom and into a grit hopper. Screw augers or air lift pumps are generally utilized to remove the grit from the hopper.

The velocity of roll governs the size of the particles of a given specific gravity that will be removed. If the velocity is too great, grit will be carried out of the chamber. If the velocity is too small, organic material will be removed with the grit. The quantity of air is easily adjusted by throttling the air discharge or using adjustable speed drives on the blowers. With proper adjustment, almost 100 percent grit removal will be obtained, and the grit will be well washed. Grit that is not well washed will contain organic matter and become a nuisance through odor emission and the attraction of insects.

Wastewater will move through the aerated grit chamber in a spiral path as illustrated in Fig. 9. The rolling action will make two to three passes across the bottom of the tank at maximum flow and more at lesser flows. Wastewater is introduced in the direction of the roll.



**FIGURE 9** Aerated grit chamber. (Metcalf & Eddy, *Wastewater Engineering: Treatment, Disposal, and Reuse*, 3rd Ed., McGraw-Hill.)

At peak flow rate, the detention time in the aerated grit chamber should range from 2 to 5 minutes. A detention time of 3 minutes will be used for this example. Because it is necessary to drain the chamber periodically for routine maintenance, two redundant chambers will be required. Therefore, the volume of each chamber is:

$$V(\text{ft}^3) = \frac{(\text{peak flow rate, gal/day})(\text{detention time, min})}{(7.48 \text{ gal/ft}^3)(24 \text{ h/d})(60 \text{ min/h})}$$

Using values from above, the chamber volume is:

$$V(\text{ft}^3) = \frac{(2.5)(4 \times 10^6 \text{ gal/day})(3 \text{ min})}{(7.48 \text{ gal/ft}^3)(24 \text{ h/d})(60 \text{ min/h})} = 2785 \text{ ft}^3 (78.8 \text{ m}^3)$$

**2. Determine the dimensions of the grit chamber.** Width-depth ratio for aerated grit chambers range from 1:1 to 5:1. Depths range from 7 to 16 feet (2.1 to 4.87 m). Using a width-depth ratio of 1.2:1 and a depth of 8 feet (2.43 m), the dimensions of the aerated grit chamber are:

$$\text{Width} = (1.2)(8 \text{ ft}) = 9.6 \text{ ft} (2.92 \text{ m})$$

$$\text{Length} = (\text{volume})/[(\text{width})(\text{depth})] = \frac{2785 \text{ ft}^3}{(8 \text{ ft})(9.6 \text{ ft})} = 36.3 \text{ ft} (11.1 \text{ m})$$

Length-width ratios range from 3:1 to 5:1. As a check, length to width ratio for the aerated grit chamber sized above is:  $36.3 \text{ ft}/9.6 \text{ ft} = 3.78:1$ , which is acceptable.

**3. Determine the air supply required.** The air supply requirement for an aerated grit chamber ranges from 2.0 to 5.0  $\text{ft}^3/\text{min}/\text{ft}$  of chamber length (0.185 to  $0.46 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}/\text{m}$ ). Using  $5.0 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}/\text{ft}$  ( $0.46 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}/\text{m}$ ) for design, the amount of air required is:

$$\text{Air required (ft}^3/\text{min)} = (5.0 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}/\text{ft})(36.3 \text{ ft}) = 182 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min} (5.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{min})$$

**4. Estimate the quantity of grit expected.** Grit quantities must be estimated to allow sizing of grit handling equipment such as grit conveyors and grit dewatering equipment. Grit quantities from an aerated grit chamber vary from 0.5 to  $27 \text{ ft}^3/\text{Mgal}$  ( $3.74$  to  $201.9 \text{ m}^3/\text{L}$ ) of flow. Assume a value of  $20 \text{ ft}^3/\text{Mgal}$  ( $149.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{L}$ ). Therefore, the average quantity of grit expected is:

$$\text{Volume of grit (ft}^3/\text{d)} = (20 \text{ ft}^3/\text{Mgal})(4.0 \text{ Mgd}) = 80 \text{ ft}^3/\text{d} (2.26 \text{ m}^3/\text{d})$$

Some advantages and disadvantages of the aerated grit chamber are listed below:

Advantages	Disadvantages
The same efficiency of grit removal is possible over a wide flow range.	Power consumption is higher than other grit removal processes.
Head loss through the grit chamber is minimal.	Additional labor is required for maintenance and control of the aeration system.
By controlling the rate of aeration, a grit of relatively low putrescible organic content can be removed.	Significant quantities of potentially harmful volatile organics and odors may be released from wastewaters containing these constituents.
Preaeration may alleviate septic conditions in the incoming wastewater to improve performance of downstream treatment units.	Foaming problems may be created if influent wastewater has surfactants present.
Aerated grit chambers can also be used for chemical addition, mixing, preaeration, and flocculation ahead of primary treatment.	

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## DESIGN OF AN ANAEROBIC DIGESTOR

A high rate anaerobic digester is to be designed to treat a mixture of primary and waste activated sludge produced by a wastewater treatment facility. The input sludge to the digester is 60,000 gal/day (227.1 m<sup>3</sup>/d) of primary and waste activated sludge with an average loading of 25,000 lb/d (11,350 kg/d) of ultimate BOD (BOD<sub>L</sub>). Assume the yield coefficient ( $Y$ ) is 0.06 lb VSS/lb BOD<sub>L</sub> (kg/kg), and the endogenous coefficient ( $k_d$ ) is 0.03d<sup>-1</sup> at 35°C (95°F). Also assume that the efficiency of waste utilization in the digester is 60 percent. Compute the digester volume required, the volume of methane gas produced, the total volume of digester gas produced, and the percent stabilization of the sludge.

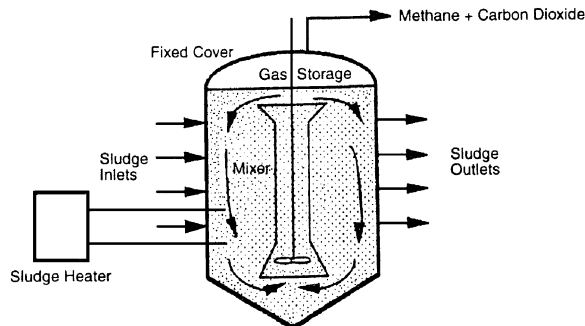
### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the required digester volume and loading.** Anaerobic digestion is one of the oldest processes used for the stabilization of sludge. It involves the decomposition of organic and inorganic matter in the absence of molecular oxygen. The major applications of this process are in the stabilization of concentrated sludge produced from the treatment of wastewater.

In the anaerobic digestion process, the organic material is converted biologically, under anaerobic conditions, to a variety of end products including methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). The process is carried out in an airtight reactor. Sludge, introduced continuously or intermittently, is retained in the reactor for varying periods of time. The stabilized sludge, withdrawn continuously or intermittently from the reactor, is reduced in organic and pathogen content and is nonputrescible.

In the high rate digestion process, as shown in Fig. 10, the contents of the digester are heated and completely mixed. For a complete-mix flow through digester, the mean cell residence time ( $\theta_c$ ) is the same as the hydraulic retention time ( $\theta$ ).

In the United States, the use and disposal of sewage sludge is regulated under 40 CFR Part 503 promulgated February 1993. The new regulation replaces 40 CFR Part 257—the original regulation governing the use and disposal of sewage sludge, in effect since 1979. The new regulations state that “for anaerobic digestion, the values for the mean-cell-residence time and temperature shall be between 15 days at 35°C (95°F) to 55°C (131°F) and 60 days at 20°C (68°F).”



**FIGURE 10** High-rate single-stage complete-mix anaerobic digester. (Adapted from Metcalf & Eddy, *Wastewater Engineering: Treatment, Disposal, and Reuse*, 3rd Ed., McGraw-Hill.)

Therefore, for an operating temperature of 35°C (95°F), a mean cell residence time of 15 days will be used. The influent sludge flow rate ( $Q$ ) is 60,000 gal/day = 8,021 ft<sup>3</sup>/d (226.9 m<sup>3</sup>/d). The digester volume  $V$  required is computed using,

$$V = \theta_c Q \quad V = (15d)(8,021 \text{ ft}^3/d) = 120,315 \text{ ft}^3 (3,404.9 \text{ m}^3)$$

The BOD entering the digester 25,000 lb/d (11,350 kg/d). Therefore, the volumetric loading to the digester is

$$\text{Volumetric Loading} = \frac{25,000 \text{ lb BOD/d}}{120,315 \text{ ft}^3} = 0.21 \text{ lb/ft}^3 \cdot \text{d} (3.37 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot \text{d})$$

For high rate digesters, loadings range from 0.10 to 0.35 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>·d (1.6 to 5.61 kg/m<sup>3</sup>·d).

Assuming 60 percent waste utilization, the BOD<sub>L</sub> exiting the digester is

$$(25,000 \text{ lb/d})(1 - 0.6) = 10,000 \text{ lb/d} (4,540 \text{ kg/d})$$

**2. Compute the daily quantity of volatile solids produced.** The quantity of volatile solids produced each day is computed using

$$P_x = \frac{Y[(\text{BOD}_{\text{in}}, \text{ lb/d}) - (\text{BOD}_{\text{out}}, \text{ lb/d})]}{1 - k_d \theta_c}$$

where  $P_x$  = Volatile solids produced, lb/d (kg/d)

$Y$  = Yield coefficient (lb VSS/lb BOD<sub>L</sub>)

$k_d$  = Endogenous coefficient (d<sup>-1</sup>)

$\theta_c$  = Mean cell residence time (d)

Using values obtained above, the volatile solids produced each day are

$$\begin{aligned} P_x &= \frac{(0.06 \text{ lb VSS/lb BOD}_L)[25,000 \text{ lb/d}] - (10,000 \text{ lb/d})}{1 + (0.03 \text{ d}^{-1})(15 \text{ d})} \\ &= 621 \text{ lb/d} (281.9 \text{ kg/d}) \end{aligned}$$

**3. Determine the volume of methane produced.** The volume of methane gas produced at standard conditions (32°F and 1 atm) (0°C and 101.3 kPa) is calculated using

$$V_{\text{CH}_4} = 5.62 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb}[(\text{BOD}_{\text{in}}, \text{ lb/d}) - (\text{BOD}_{\text{out}}, \text{ lb/d}) - 1.42P_x]$$

where  $V_{\text{CH}_4}$  = Volume of methane gas produced at standard conditions (ft<sup>3</sup>/d) (m<sup>3</sup>/d)

Using values obtained above:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{CH}_4} &= 5.62 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb}[(25,000 \text{ lb/d}) - (10,000 \text{ lb/d}) - 1.42(621 \text{ lb/d})] \\ &= 79,344 \text{ ft}^3/\text{d} (2,245 \text{ m}^3/\text{d}) \end{aligned}$$

Since digester gas is approximately 2/3 methane, the volume of digester gas produced is

$$(79,344 \text{ ft}^3/\text{d})0.67 = 118,424 \text{ ft}^3/\text{d} (3,351.4 \text{ m}^3/\text{d})$$

4. *Calculate the percent stabilization.* Percent stabilization is calculated using:

$$\% \text{ Stabilization} = \frac{[(\text{BOD}_{\text{in}}, \text{ lb/d}) - (\text{BOD}_{\text{out}}, \text{ lb/d}) - 1.42P_x]}{\text{BOD}_{\text{in}}, \text{ lb/d}} \times 100$$

Using values obtained above:

$$\begin{aligned} \% \text{ Stabilization} &= \frac{[(25,000 \text{ lb/d}) - (10,000 \text{ lb/d}) - 1.42(621 \text{ lb/d})]}{25,000 \text{ lb/d}} \\ &\times 100 = 56.5\% \end{aligned}$$

**Related Calculations** These disadvantages and advantages of the anaerobic treatment of sludge, as compared to aerobic treatment, are related to the slow growth rate of the methanogenic (methane producing) bacteria. Slow growth rates require a relatively long retention time in the digester for adequate waste stabilization to occur. With methanogenic bacteria, most of the organic portion of the sludge is converted to methane gas, which is combustible and therefore a useful end product. If sufficient quantities of methane gas are produced, the methane gas can be used to operate dual-fuel engines to produce electricity and to provide building heat.

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## SECTION 7

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# ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

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Environmental engineering is probably the fastest growing branch of engineering today. Impacting every facet of industry and society, environmental engineering is the answer to a cleaner, safer world. Regardless of where pollution control is exercised—before the pollution occurs, or afterwards—environmental engineering is the answer to creating a better environment for everyone, everywhere.

Environmental engineering uses the skills and technologies of almost every other branch of the profession. Thus, the environmental engineer will use methods and solutions from engineering disciplines including mechanical, civil, electrical, chemical, industrial, architectural, sanitary, nuclear, and control engineering. Today a number of engineering schools are offering a major in environmental engineering. Graduates have studied portions of the disciplines just mentioned.

This section of the *Handbook* concentrates on procedures for solving environmental problems of many types. Where procedures in related disciplines are needed, for example, pipe sizing, the reader should refer to that discipline in this handbook. By combining the methods given in related sections with those in this section, an engineer should be able to develop solutions to a variety of practical, everyday environmental problems.

## GENERALIZED COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS

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An engineering atmospheric control to protect the public against environmental pollution will have an incremental operating cost \$100,000. If the pollution were uncontrolled, the damage to the public would have an estimated incremental cost of \$125,000. Would this atmospheric control be a beneficial investment?

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Write the cost-benefit ratio for this investment.** The generalized dimensionless cost-benefit equation is  $0 \leq C/B \leq 1$ , where  $C$  = incremental operating cost of the proposed atmospheric control, \$, or other consistent monetary units;  $B$  = benefit to the public of having the pollution controlled, \$, or other consistent monetary units.

**2. Compute the cost-benefit ratio for this situation.** Using the values given,  $0 \leq \$100,000/\$125,000 \leq 1$ . Or,  $0 \leq 0.80 \leq 1$ . This result means that 80¢ spent on environmental control will yield \$1.00 in public benefits. Investing in the control would be a wise decision because a return greater than the cost of the control is obtained.

**Related Calculations** In the general cost-benefit equation,  $0 \leq C/B \leq 1$ , the upper limit of unity means that \$1.00 spent on the incremental operating cost of the atmospheric control will deliver \$1.00 in public benefits. A cost-benefit ratio of more than unity is uneconomic. Thus, \$1.25 spent to obtain \$1.00 in benefits would not, in general, be acceptable in a rational analysis. The decision would be to accept the environmental pollution until a satisfactory cost-benefit solution could be found.

A negative result in the generalized equation means that money invested to improve the environment actually degrades the condition. Hence, the environmental condition becomes worse. Therefore, the technology being applied cannot be justified on an economic basis.

In applying cost-benefit analyses, a number of assumptions of the benefits to the public may have to be made. Such assumptions, particularly when expressed in numeric form, can be open

to change by others. Fortunately, by assigning a number of assumed values to one or more benefits, the cost-benefit ratios can easily be evaluated, especially when the analysis is done on a computer.

## **SELECTION OF MOST DESIRABLE PROJECT USING COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS**

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Five alternative projects for control of environmental pollution are under consideration. Each project is of equal time duration. The projects have the cost-benefit data shown in Table 1. Determine which project, if any, should be constructed.

### **Calculation Procedure**

**1. Evaluate the cost-benefit (*C/B*) ratios of the projects.** Setting up the *C/B* ratios for the five projects by the cost by the estimated benefits shows—in Table 1—that all *C/B* ratios are less than unity. Thus, each of the five projects passes the basic screening test of  $0 \leq C/B \leq 1$ . This being the case, the optimal project must be determined.

**2. Analyze the projects in terms of incremental cost and benefit.** Alternative projects cannot be evaluated in relation to one another merely by comparing their *C/B* ratios, because these ratios apply to unequal bases. The proper approach to analyzing such a situation is: Each project corresponds to a specific *level* of cost. To be justified, *every* sum of money expended must generate at least an equal amount in benefits; the step from one level of benefits to the next should be undertaken only if the incremental benefits are at least equal to the incremental costs.

Rank the projects in ascending order of costs. Thus, Project D costs \$90,000; Project C costs \$125,000; and so on. Ranking the projects in ascending order of costs gives the sequence D-C-A-E-B.

Next, compute the incremental costs and benefits associated with each step from one level to the next. Thus, the incremental cost going from Project D to Project C is \$125,000 – \$90,000 = \$35,000. And the benefit from going from Project D to Project C is \$180,000 – \$150,000 = \$30,000, using the data from Table 1. Summarize the incremental costs and benefits in a tabulation like that in Table 2. Then compute the *C/B* ratio for each situation and list it in Table 2. The computation shows that Project E is the best of these five projects because it has the lowest cost—75¢ per \$1.00 of benefit. Hence, this project would be chosen for control of environmental pollution in this instance.

**Related Calculations** These are some situations in which the minimum acceptable *C/B* ratio should be set at some value close to 1.00. For example, with reference to the above projects, assume that the government has a fixed sum of money that is to be divided between a project listed in Table 1 and some unrelated project. Assume that the latter has a *C/B* ratio of 0.91, irrespective of the sum expended. In this situation, the step from one level to a higher one is warranted only if the *C/B* ratio corresponding to this increment is at least 0.91.

**TABLE 1** Project Costs and Benefits

Project	Equivalent uniform net annual benefits, \$	Equivalent uniform net annual costs, \$	<i>C/B</i> ratio
A	200,000	135,000	0.68
B	250,000	190,000	0.76
C	180,000	125,000	0.69
D	150,000	90,000	0.60
E	220,000	150,000	0.68



**TABLE 2** Cost-Benefit Comparison

Step	Incremental benefit, \$	Incremental cost, \$	C/B ratio	Conclusion
D to C	30,000	35,000	1.17	Unsatisfactory
D to A	50,000	45,000	0.90	Satisfactory
A to E	20,000	15,000	0.75	Satisfactory
E to B	30,000	40,000	1.33	Unsatisfactory

Closely related to cost-benefit analysis and an outgrowth of it is *cost-effectiveness analysis*, which is used mainly in the evaluation of military and space programs. To apply this method of analysis, assume that some required task can be accomplished by alternative projects that differ in both cost and degree of performance. The effectiveness of each project is expressed in some standard unit, and the projects are then compared by a procedure analogous to that for cost-benefit analysis.

Note that cost-benefit analysis can be used in any comparison of environmental alternatives. Thus, cost-benefit analyses can be used for air-pollution controls, industrial thermal discharge studies, transportation alternatives, power-generation choices (windmills vs. fossil-fuel or nuclear plants), cogeneration, recycling waste for power generation, solar power, use of recycled sewer sludge as a fertilizer, and similar studies. The major objective in each comparison is to find the most desirable alternative based on the benefits derived from various options open to the designer.

For example, electric utilities using steam generating stations burning coal or oil may release large amounts of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. This carbon dioxide, produced when a fuel is burned, is thought to be causing a global greenhouse effect. To counteract this greenhouse effect, some electric utilities have purchased tropical rain forests to preserve the trees in the forest. These trees absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, counteracting that released by the utility.

Other utilities pay lumber companies to fell trees more selectively. For example, in felling the 10 percent of the marketable trees in a typical forest, as much as 40 to 50 percent of a forest may be destroyed. By felling trees more selectively, the destruction can be reduced to less than 20 percent of the forest. The remaining trees absorb atmospheric carbon dioxide, turning it into environmentally desirable wood. This conversion would not occur in these trees if they were felled in the usual foresting operation. The payment to the lumber company to do selective felling is considered a cost-benefit arrangement because the unfelled trees remove carbon dioxide from the air. The same is true of the tropical rain forests purchased by utilities and preserved to remove carbon dioxide which the owner-utility emits to the atmosphere.

Recently, a market has developed in the sale of “pollution rights” in which a utility that emits less carbon dioxide because it has installed pollution-control equipment can sell its “rights” to another utility that has less effective control equipment. The objective is to control, and reduce, the undesirable emissions by utilities.

With a potential “carbon tax” in the future, utilities and industrial plants that produce carbon dioxide as a by-product of their operations are seeking cost-benefit solutions. The analyses given here will help in evaluating potential solutions.

## ***ECONOMICS OF ENERGY-FROM-WASTES ALTERNATIVES***

A municipality requires the handling of 1500 tons/day (1524 mt/day) of typical municipal solid waste. Determine if a waste-to-energy alternative is feasible. If not, analyze the other means by which this solid-waste stream might be handled. Two waste-to-energy alternatives are being considered—mass burn and processed fuel. The expected costs are shown in Table 3. If earnings of 6 percent on invested capital are required, which alternative is more economical?

**TABLE 3** Estimated Costs of Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Facilities

	Mass burn	Processed fuel
First cost, \$	15,000,000	22,500,000
Salvage value, \$	1,500,000	2,500,000
Life, years	15	25
Annual maintenance cost, \$	750,000	400,000
Annual taxes, \$	15,000	15,000
Annual insurance, \$	100,000	150,000

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Plot the options available for handling typical municipal waste.** Figure 1 shows the options available for handling solid municipal wastes or refuse. The refuse enters the energy-from-waste cycle and undergoes primary shredding. Then the shredded material is separated according to its density. Heavy materials—such as metal and glass—are removed for recovery and recycling. Experience and studies show that recycling will recover no more than 35 percent of the solid wastes entering a waste-to-energy facility. And most such facilities today are able to recycle only about 20 percent of municipal refuse. Assuming this 20 percent applies to the plant facility being considered hence, the amount of waste that would be recycled would be  $0.20 (1500) = 300$  tons/day (305 mt/day.)

Numerous studies show that complete recycling of municipal waste is uneconomic. Therefore, the usual solution to municipal waste handling today features four primary components: (1) source reduction, (2) recycling, (3) waste to energy, and (4) landfilling. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently proposed broad policies encouraging recycling and reduction of pollutants at their source.

Using waste-to-energy facilities reduces the volume of wastes requiring disposal while producing a valuable commodity—steam and/or electric power. Combustion control is needed in every waste-to-energy facility to limit the products of incomplete combustion which escape in the flue gas and cause atmospheric pollution. Likewise, limiting the quantities of metal entering the combustor reduces their emission in the ash or flue gas. This, in turn, reduces pollution.

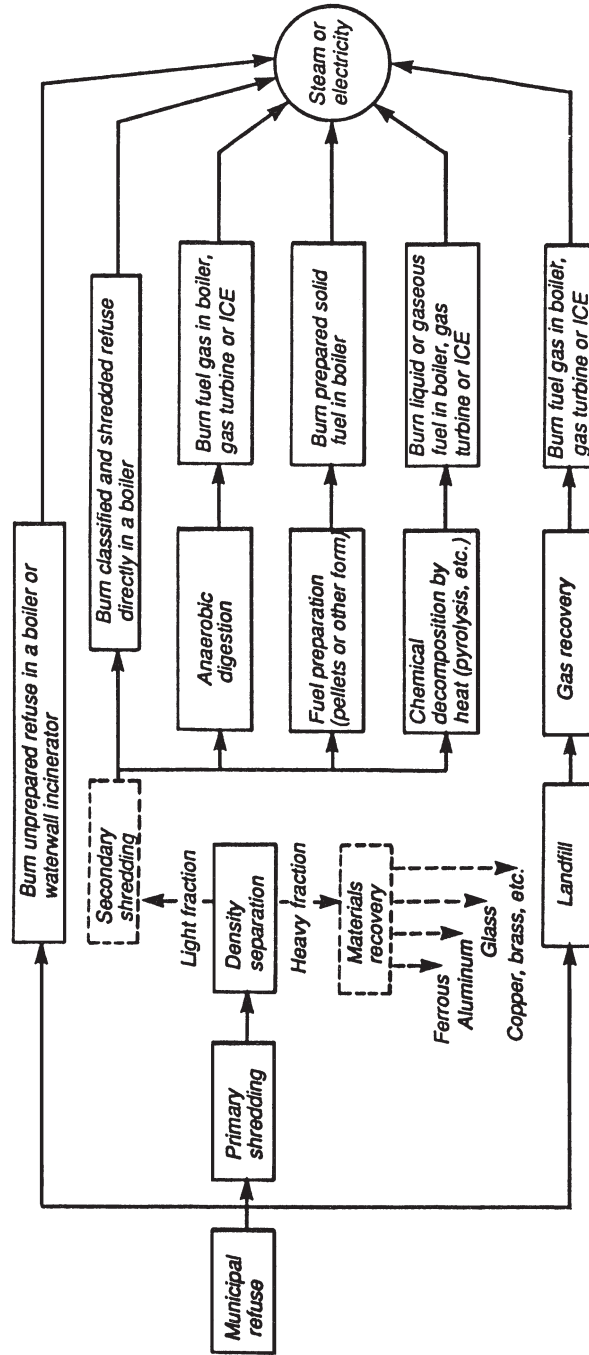
**2. Determine the energy available in the municipal waste.** Usual municipalities generate 1 ton (0.91 Mg) of solid waste per year per capita. About 35 percent of this waste is from residences; 65 percent is from industrial and commercial establishments. The usual heating value of municipal waste is 5500 Btu/lb ( $12 \times 10^6$  J/kg). Table 4 shows typical industrial wastes and their average heating values. Municipalities typically spend \$25 or more per ton (0.91 Mg) to dispose of solid wastes.

Because municipal wastes have a variety of ingredients, many plants burn the solid waste as a supplement to coal. The heat in the waste is recovered for useful purposes, such as generating steam or electricity. When burned with high-sulfur coal, the solid waste reduces the sulfur content discharged in the stack gases. The solid waste also increases the retention of sulfur compounds in the ash. The result is reduced corrosion of the boiler tubes by HCl. Further, acid-rain complaints are fewer because of the reduced sulfur content in the stack gases.

Where an existing or future plant burns, or will burn, oil, another approach may be taken to the use of solid municipal waste as fuel. The solid waste is first shredded; then it is partially burned in a rotary kiln in an oxygen-deficient atmosphere at 1652°F (900°C). The gas produced is then burned in a conventional boiler to supplement the normal oil fuel.

Estimates show that about 5 percent of the energy needs of the United States could be produced by the efficient burning of solid municipal wastes in steam plants. Such plants must be located within about 100 mi (160 km) of the waste source to prevent excessive collection and transportation costs.

Combustion of, and heat recovery from, solid municipal wastes reduces waste volume considerably. But there is still ash from the combustion that must be disposed of in some manner. If landfill disposal is used, the high alkali content of the typical municipal ash must be considered. This alkali



**FIGURE 1** Several options for energy extraction from municipal waste. Selection should be based on local variables and economics. (Power.)

**TABLE 4** Typical Industrial Wastes with Significant Fuel Value

	Average heating value (as fired)	
	Btu/lb	kJ/kg
Waste gases:		
Coke-oven	19,700	45,900
Blast-furnace	1,139	2,654
Carbon monoxide	579	1,349
Liquids:		
Refinery	21,800	50,794
Industrial sludge	3,700–4,200	8,621–9,786
Black liquor	4,400	10,252
Sulfite liquor	4,200	9,786
Dirty solvents	10,000–16,000	23,300–37,280
Spent lubricants	10,000–14,000	23,300–32,620
Paints and resins	6,000–10,000	13,980–23,300
Oily waste and residue	18,000	41,940
Solids:		
Bagasse	3,600–6,500	8,388–15,145
Bark	4,500–5,200	10,485–12,116
General wood wastes	4,500–6,500	10,485–15,145
Sawdust and shavings	4,500–7,500	10,485–17,475
Coffee grounds	4,900–6,500	11,417–15,145
Nut hulls	7,700	17,941
Rice hulls	5,200–6,500	12,116–15,145
Corn cobs	8,000–8,300	18,640–19,339

Source: Power; SI units added by editor.

content often presents leaching and groundwater contamination problems. So, while the solid-waste disposal problem may have been solved, there are still environmental considerations that must be faced. Further, the larger noncombustible items often removed from solid municipal waste before combustion—items like refrigerators and auto engine blocks—must still be disposed of in an environmentally acceptable manner. Table 5 shows a number of ash reuse and disposal options available for use today.

**3. Choose between available alternatives.** The two alternatives being considered—*mass burn* and *processed fuel*—have separate and distinct costs. These costs must be compared to determine the most desirable alternative.

In a mass-burn facility the trash is burned as received, after hand removal of large noncombustible items—sinks, bathtubs, engine blocks, etc. The remaining trash is rough-mixed by a clamshell bucket and delivered to the boiler's moving grate. Some 30 to 50 percent by weight and 5 to 15 percent by volume of the waste burned in a mass-burn facility leaves in the form of bottom ash and flyash.

**TABLE 5** Ash Reuse and Disposal Options

	Treatment required	Use
Bottom ash	Particle-size screening	Coarse highway aggregate, concrete products
Bottom ash		Asphalt paving
Combined ash	Particle-size screening	Artificial reefs
Combined ash	Particle-size screening	Aggregate for paving
Flyash	Particle-size screening	Aggregate for paving
Flyash	Particle-size screening	Fine cement aggregate

Source: Power.

In a processed-fuel facility [also called a refuse-derived-fuel (RDF) facility], the solid waste is processed in two steps. First, noncombustibles are separated from combustibles. The remaining combustible waste is reduced to uniform-sized pieces in a hammermill-type shredder. The shredded pieces are then delivered to a boiler for combustion.

Using the annual cost of each alternative (see Section 12) as the “first cut” in the choice: Operating and maintenance cost =  $C$  = maintenance cost per year, \$ + annual taxes, \$ + annual insurance cost, \$. For mass burn,  $C = \$750,000 + \$15,000 + 0.002 (\$15,000,000) = \$795,000$ . For processed fuel,  $C = \$400,000 + \$15,000 + 0.002 (\$22,500,000) = \$460,000$ .

Next, using the capital-recovery equation from Section 12, for mass burn, the annual cost,  $A = (\$15,000,000 - \$1,500,000)(0.06646) + \$750,000 + \$1,500,000(0.06) + \$795,000 = \$1,737,210$ . For processed fuel,  $A = (\$22,500,000 - \$2,500,000)(0.06646) + \$400,000 + \$2,500,000(0.06) = \$1,879,200$ . Therefore, mass burn is the more attractive alternative from an annual-cost basis because it is  $\$1,879,000 - \$1,737,210 = \$141,990$  per year less expensive than the processed-fuel alternative.

Several more analyses would be made before this tentative conclusion was accepted. However, this calculation procedure does reveal an acceptable first-cut approach to choosing between different available alternatives for evaluating an environmental proposal.

**Related Calculations** Another source of usable energy from solid municipal waste is landfill methane gas. This methane gas is produced by decomposition of organic materials in the solid waste. The gas has a heating value of about 500 Btu/ft<sup>3</sup> ( $1.1 \times 10^6$  J/kg) and can be burned in a conventional boiler, gas turbine, or internal-combustion engine. Using landfill gas to generate steam or electricity can reduce landfill odors. But such burning does *not* reduce the space and groundwater problems produced by landfills. The cost of landfill gas can range from \$0.45 to \$5/million Btu (\$0.45 to \$5/1055 kJ). Much depends on the cost of recovering the gas from the landfill.

Methane gas is recovered from landfills by drilling wells into the field. Plastic pipes are then inserted into the wells and the gas is collected by gas compressors. East coast landfills in the United States have a lifespan of 5 to 7 years. West coast landfills have a lifespan of 15 to 18 years.

Data in this procedure were drawn from *Power* magazine and Hicks, *Power Plant Evaluation and Design Reference Guide*, McGraw-Hill.

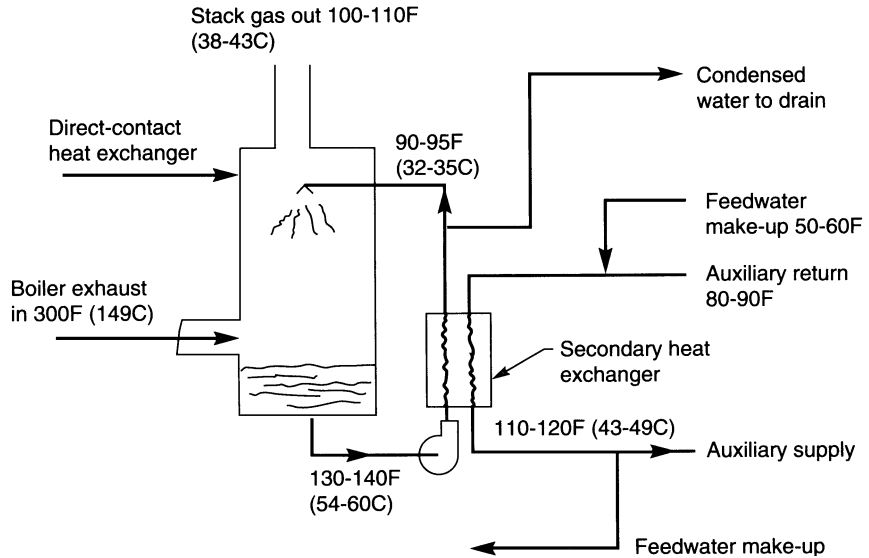
## FLUE-GAS HEAT RECOVERY AND EMISSIONS REDUCTION

A steam boiler rated at 32,000,000 Btu/h (9376 MW) fired with natural gas is to heat incoming feedwater with its flue gas in a heat exchanger from 60°F (15.6°C) to an 80°F (26.7°C) outlet temperature. The flue gas will enter the boiler stack and heat exchanger at 450°F (232°C) and exit at 100°F (37.8°C). Determine the efficiency improvement that might be obtained from the heat recovery. Likewise, determine the efficiency improvement for an oil-fired boiler having a flue-gas inlet temperature of 300°F (148.9°C) and a similar heat exchanger.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Sketch a typical heat-recovery system hookup.** Figure 2 shows a typical hookup for stack-gas heat recovery. The flue gas from the boiler enters the condensing heat exchanger at an elevated temperature. Water sprayed into the heat exchanger absorbs heat from the flue gas and is passed through a secondary external heat exchanger. Boiler feedwater flowing through the secondary heat exchanger is heated by the hot water from the condensing heat exchanger. Note that the fluid heated can be used for a variety of purposes other than boiler feedwater—process, space heating, unit heaters, domestic hot water, etc.

Flue gas from the boiler can enter the condensing heat exchanger at temperatures of 300°F (148.9°C), or higher, and exit at 100 to 120°F (37.8 to 48.9°C). The sensible and latent heat given up is transferred to the spray water. Since this sprayed cooling water may be contaminated by the flue gas, a secondary heat exchanger (Fig. 2) may be used. Where the boiler fuel is clean-burning natural gas, the spray water may be used directly, without a secondary heat exchanger. Since there may be



**FIGURE 2** Effective condensation heat recovery depends on direct contact between flue gas and cooling medium and low gas-side pressure drop. (*Power.*)

acid contamination from  $\text{SO}_2$  in the flue gas, careful analysis is needed to determine if the contamination level is acceptable in the process for which the heated water or other fluid will be used.

**2. Determine the efficiency gain from the condensation heat recovery.** Efficiency gain is a function of fuel hydrogen content, boiler flue-gas exit temperature, spray (process) water temperature, amount of low-level heat needed, fuel moisture content, and combustion-air humidity. The first four items are of maximum significance for gas-, oil-, and coal-fired boilers. Installations firing lignite or high-moisture-content biomass fuels may show additional savings over those computed here. If combustion-air humidity is high, the efficiency improvement from the condensation heat recovery may be 1 percent higher than predicted here.

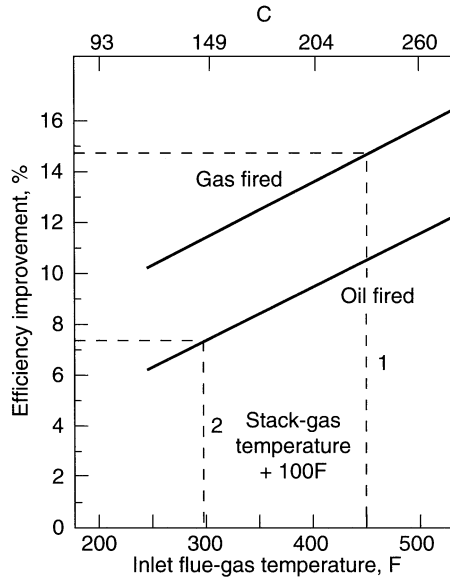
The inlet water temperature is normally  $20^\circ\text{F}$  ( $36^\circ\text{C}$ ) lower than the flue-gas outlet temperature. And for the usual preliminary evaluation of the efficiency of condensation heat recovery, the flue-gas exit temperature from the heat exchanger is taken as  $100^\circ\text{F}$  ( $37.8^\circ\text{C}$ ).

For the natural-gas-burning boiler, flue-gas inlet temperature =  $450^\circ\text{F}$  ( $232^\circ\text{C}$ ); cold-water inlet temperature =  $60^\circ\text{F}$  ( $15.6^\circ\text{C}$ ); water outlet temperature =  $60 + 20 = 80^\circ\text{F}$  ( $26.7^\circ\text{C}$ ); flue-gas outlet temperature =  $80^\circ\text{F}$  ( $26.7^\circ\text{C}$ ). Find the *basic* efficiency improvement,  $\Delta Ei$ , from Fig. 3 as  $\Delta Ei = 14.5$  percent by entering at the bottom at the flue-gas temperature of  $450^\circ\text{F}$  ( $232^\circ\text{C}$ ), projecting to the gas-fired curve, and reading  $\Delta Ei$  on the left-hand axis.

Next, find the *actual* efficiency improvement,  $\Delta E$ , from  $\Delta E = F(\Delta Ei)$ , where  $F$  is a factor depending on the flue-gas outlet temperature. Values of  $F$  are shown in Fig. 4 for various outlet gas temperatures. With an outlet gas temperature of  $80^\circ\text{F}$  ( $26.7^\circ\text{C}$ ), Fig. 4a shows  $F = 1.19$ . Then  $\Delta E = 14.5 \times 1.19 = 17.3$  percent. Table 6 details system temperatures.

For the oil-fired boiler, flue-gas inlet temperature =  $300^\circ\text{F}$  ( $148.9^\circ\text{C}$ ); cold-water inlet temperature =  $70^\circ\text{F}$  ( $21.1^\circ\text{C}$ ); water outlet temperature =  $70 + 20 = 90^\circ\text{F}$  ( $32.2^\circ\text{C}$ ). Find the *basic* efficiency improvement from Fig. 3 as  $Ei = 7.2$  percent. Next, find  $F$  from Fig. 4b as 1.18. Then the *actual* efficiency =  $\Delta E = 1.18 (7.2) = 8.5$  percent.

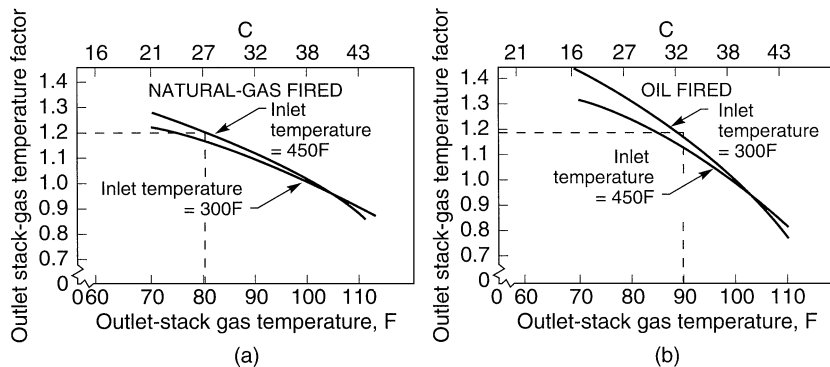
The lower efficiency improvement for oil-fired boilers is generally due to the lower hydrogen content of the fuel. Note, however, that where the cost of oil is higher than natural gas, the dollar saving may be greater.



**FIGURE 3** Efficiency increase depends on fuel and on temperature of flue gas. (*Power.*)

The efficiency-improvement charts given here assume that all of the low-level heat generated can be used. A plant engineer familiar with a plant's energy balance is in the best position to choose the optimum level of heat recovery. Typical applications are: makeup-water preheat, low-temperature process load, space heating, and domestic hot water.

Makeup-water-preheat needs depend largely on the amount of condensate that is returned to the boiler. Generally, there is more heat available in the flue gas than can be used to preheat feedwater. If the boiler is operating at 100 percent makeup, only about 60 percent of the available heat can be transferred to the incoming feedwater. One reason for this is the low temperature of the hot water. This limitation can be handled in two ways: (1) Design the heat-recovery unit to take a slip-stream from the flue gas and only recover as much heat as can be used to heat feedwater; or (2) in multiple-boiler plants, install a heat-recovery system on one boiler only and use it to preheat feedwater for all the boilers.



**FIGURE 4** Use these curves to allow for the effect of variations in the exit temperature from the recovery unit on efficiency increase possible with heat-recovery unit. (*Power.*)

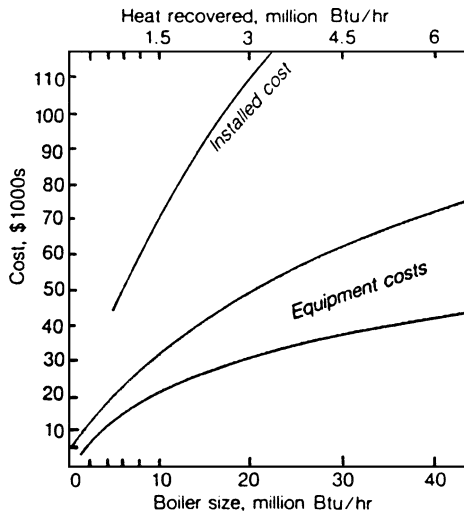
**TABLE 6** Use of Figs. 3 and 4

1. Natural gas		
Inlet temperature	450°F	232°C
Inlet cold water	60°F	16°C
Outlet temperature = 60 + 20 =	80°F	27°C
$\Delta Eb$ (from Fig. 3)	14.5%	14.5%
$F$ (from Fig. 4)	1.19	1.19
$\Delta E = (14.5 \times 1.19)$	17.3%	17.3%
2. Fuel oil		
Inlet temperature	300°F	149°C
Inlet cold water	70°F	21°C
Outlet temperature = 70 + 20 =	90°F	32°C
$\Delta Eb$ (from Fig. 3)	7.2%	7.2%
$F$ (from Fig. 4)	1.18	1.18
$\Delta E (7.2 \times 1.18)$	8.5%	8.5%

Process hot water, if it is needed, can provide extremely short payback for a condensation heat-recovery unit. In food and textile processes, the hot-water needs account for 15 percent or more of the total boiler load. Any facility with hot-water requirements between 10 and 15 percent of boiler capacity and an operating schedule greater than 4000 h/yr should seriously investigate condensation heat recovery.

Space-heating economics are generally less favorable than makeup or process hot water because of the load variation, limited heating season, and the difficulty of matching demand and supply schedules. The difficulty of retrofitting heat exchangers to an existing heating system also limits the number of useful applications. However, paybacks between 2.5 and 3 years are possible in colder regions and certainly warrant preliminary investigation. Sometimes space heating can be combined with feedwater or process-water heating.

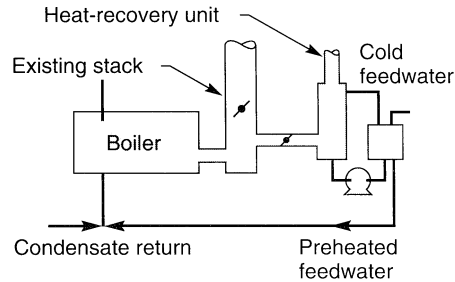
**3. Estimate the cost of the condensation heat-recovery equipment.** Figure 5 shows an approximate range of costs for equipment and installation. Note that the installed cost may be three times the equipment cost because of retrofit difficulties involved with an existing installation.



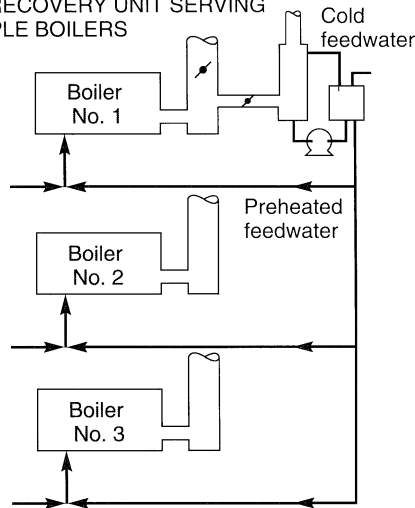
**FIGURE 5** Installation cost of condensation heat-recovery unit may run as high as three times equipment cost. (Power.)



## PARTIAL HEAT RECOVERY



## HEAT RECOVERY UNIT SERVING MULTIPLE BOILERS



**FIGURE 6** Heat recovery from the unit is more than enough to heat feedwater to one boiler. (*Power.*)

Operating costs are primarily fan and pump power consumption. These generally range from 5 to 10 percent of the value of the recovered heat. The lower figure applies to limited distribution of the hot water, while the higher figure applies to systems where hot water is distributed 100 ft (30.5 m) or more from the boiler or where high-pressure-drop heat-recovery units are used.

Figure 6 shows how a heat-recovery unit can be used to heat the feedwater for one or more boilers. The heat recovered, as noted above, may be more than needed to heat the feedwater for just one boiler.

Corrosion in a condensing heat-recovery unit can usually be prevented by using Type 304 or 316 stainless steel or fiberglass-reinforced plastic for the tower pump and secondary exchanger. If the flue gas is unusually corrosive, it may be advisable to do a chemical analysis before planning the recovery unit.

A unique feature of condensation heat recovery is that it recovers energy while also reducing emissions. In addition, when natural gas is burned, a small percentage of the  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions are reduced by condensation of oxides of nitrogen.  $\text{SO}_2$  emissions can be reduced significantly by using an alkaline water spray in a pH range of 6 to 8. Natural gas depletes the ozone layer less than other fossil fuels.

The potential emission reduction can have a significant effect in nonattainment areas and could increase allowable plant capacity. But it should be pointed out that the  $\text{SO}_2$ -emission reduction from

the scrubbing and condensation have not been substantiated by independent tests. Such tests should be provided for any installation that depends on emission reduction for its justification.

At the time of the preparation of the revision of this handbook, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) is testing at its Shawnee plant a lime treatment to reduce boiler stack gas  $\text{SO}_2$  emissions. Lime, in fine particle form, is suspended in the flue gas before release to the plant smokestack. Sulfur in the flue gas binds to the lime, thereby reducing the potential for acid rain. A cyclone and electrostatic precipitator separate the lime particles from the exiting flue gas. At this time the lime system is believed to have lower equipment and operating costs than other competitive systems.

This procedure is based on the work of R. E. Thompson, KVB, Inc., as reported in *Power* magazine.

## ESTIMATING TOTAL COSTS OF COGENERATION-SYSTEM ALTERNATIVES

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Compare the capital and operating costs of two cogenerational coal-fired industrial steam plants—Option 1: at stoker-fired (SF) plant, Fig. 7; Option 2: a pulverized-coal-fired (PF) plant, Fig. 8. Both plants operate at 600 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (4134 kPa)/750°F (399°C). The SF plant meets a demand of 200,000 lb/h (90,800 kg/h) of 150-lb/in<sup>2</sup> gage (1034-kPa) steam and 10 MW of electric power with the SF boiler and purchased power from a local utility. For the PF boiler the same demands are met using a nonextraction backpressure turbine.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Obtain, or develop, the capital costs for the boiler alternatives.** Contact manufacturers of suitable boilers, asking for estimated costs based on the proposed operating capacity, pressure, and temperature. Figure 9 shows a typical plot of the data supplied by manufacturers for the boilers considered here. For coal firing, field-erected boilers are to be used in this plant. (*Note:* The costs given here are for example purposes *only*. Do *not* use the given costs for actual estimating purposes. Instead, obtain current costs from the selected manufacturers.)

From Fig. 9, the SF unit costs \$61/lb (\$27.70/kg) of steam generated; and the PF unit \$72/lb (\$32.70/kg) of steam generated per hour. Assuming that  $\text{SO}_2$  reduction is not required by environmental considerations for either unit, a dry-scrubber/fabric-filter combination can be used to remove the total suspended particulates (TSP). To cover the cost of this combination to remove TSP, add \$7/lb (\$3.20/kg) of steam generated. This brings the cost of \$68/lb (\$30.90/kg) and \$79/lb (\$35.90/kg) of steam generated.

**2. Compute the capital cost for the turbine installation.** Before determining the capital cost of the turbine installation—often called a *turbine island*—estimate the potential electric-power generation from the process-steam flow based on the ASME data in Table 7. At 600 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (4134 kPa)/750°F (399°C) throttle conditions, and 150-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (1034 kPa) backpressure, 6127 kW is available, determined as follows: Theoretical steam rate from Table 7 = 23.83 lb/kWh (10.83 kg/kWh); turbine efficiency = 73 percent from Table 7. Then, actual steam rate = theoretical steam rate/efficiency. Or, actual steam rate = 23.83/0.73 = 32.64 lb/kWh (14.84 kg/kWh). Then kW available = steam flow rate, lb/h/steam rate, lb/kWh. Or, kW available = 200,000/32.64 = 6127 kW.

Referring to Fig. 10 for a 6-MW nonextraction backpressure turbine shows a capital cost of \$380/kW. Summarize the capital costs in tabular form, Table 8. Thus, the SF boiler cost, Option 1 in Table 8, is (200,000 lb/h)/(\$68/lb of steam generated) = \$13,600,000. The PC-fired boiler, Option 2, will have a cost of (200,000 lb/h)/(\$79/lb of steam generated) = \$15,800,000. Since a turbine is used with the PC-fired unit, its cost must also be included. Or, 6100 kW (\$380/kW) = \$2,318,000. Computing the total cost for each option shows, in Table 8, that Option 2 costs \$18,118,000 – \$13,600,000 = \$4,518,000 more than Option 1.

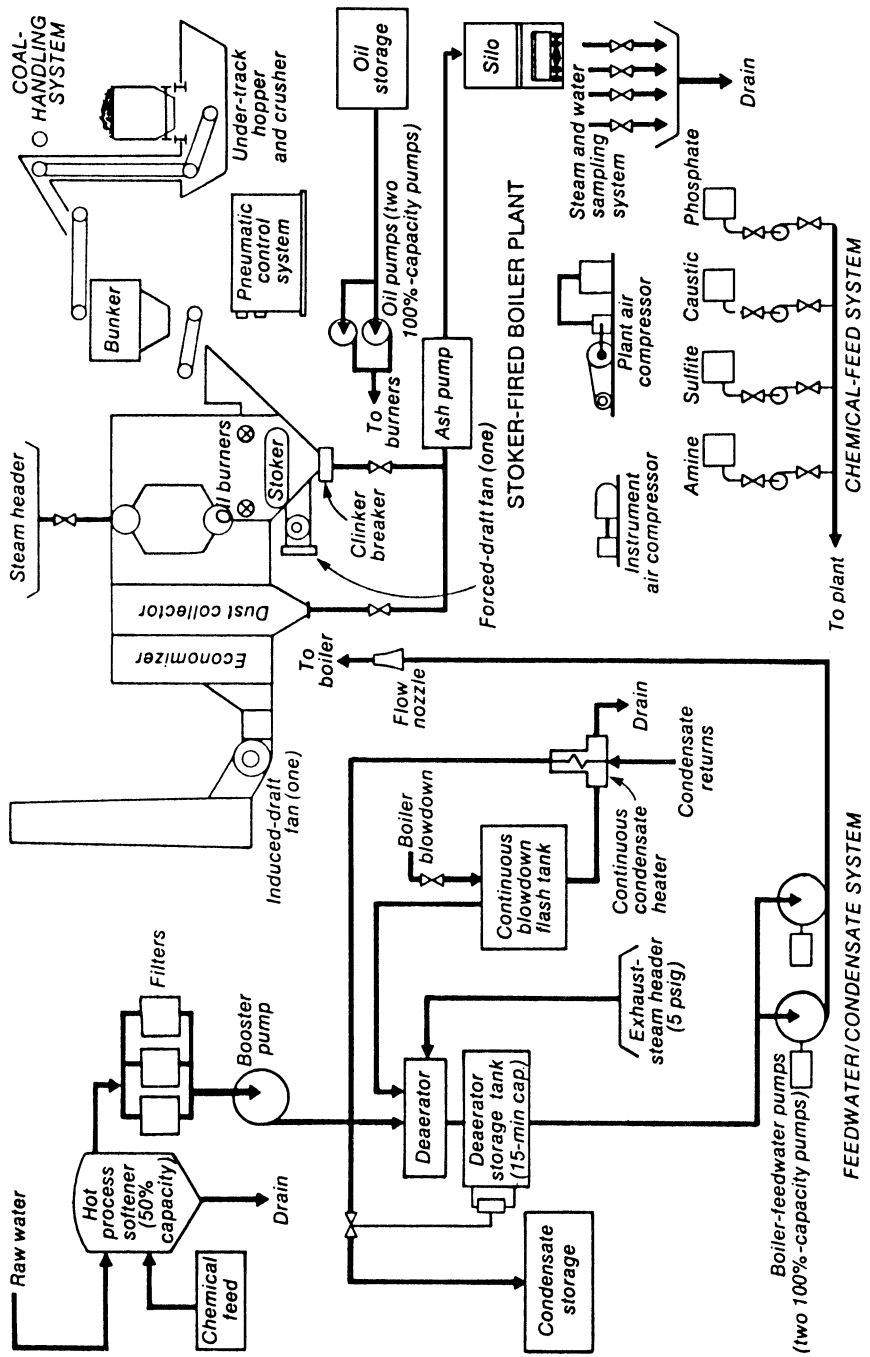
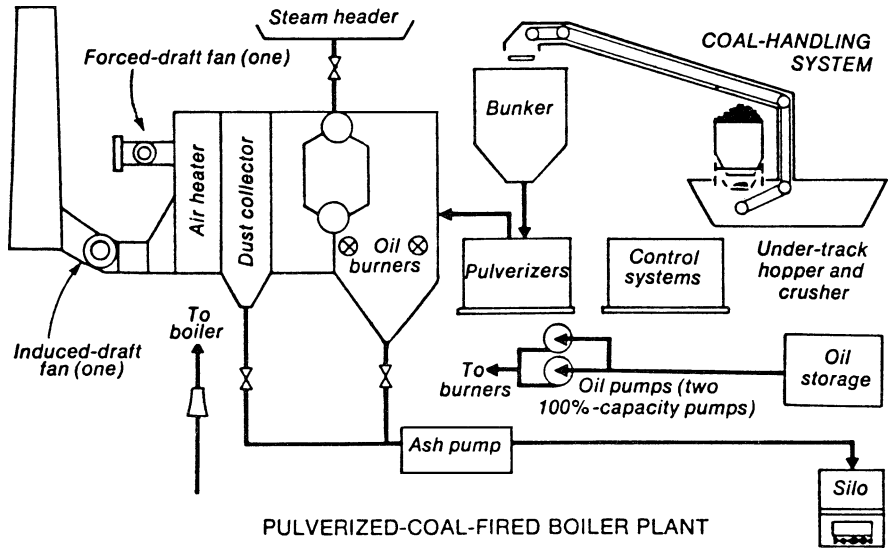
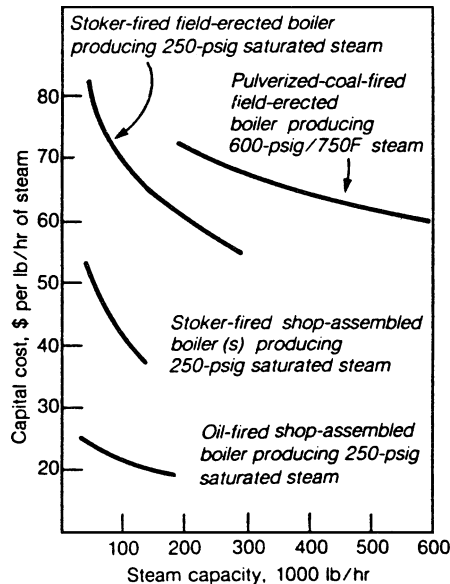


FIGURE 7 Stoker-fired steam plant used in the cost analysis includes all the components shown. (Power.)



**FIGURE 8** Pulverized-coal-fired industrial boilers produce from 200,000 lb/h (90,800 kg/h) to 1 million lb/h (454,000 kg/h) of steam. Unit here does not have an economizer. (Power.)

3. *Compare operating costs of each option.* Obtain from the plant owner and equipment suppliers the key data needed to compare operating costs, namely: Operating time, h/yr; boiler efficiency, %; fuel cost, \$/ton (\$/tonne); electric-power use, kWh/yr; electric power cost, ¢/kWh; maintenance cost as a percent of the capital investment per year; personnel required; personnel cost; ash removal, tons/yr (tonnes/yr); ash removal cost, \$/yr. Using these data, compute the operating cost for each option and tabulate the results as shown in Table 9.



**FIGURE 9** Capital costs for three boiler alternatives. (Power.)

**TABLE 7** ASME Values for Estimating Turbine Steam Rates\*

Exhaust pressure	Theoretical steam rate, lb/kWh (kg/kWh)					
	600 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage) (4134 kPa)		900 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage) (6201 kPa)		1500 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage) (10,335 kPa)	
	750°F	(399°C)	900°F	(482°C)	900°F	(482°C)
4.0 in Hg (10.2 cmHg)	7.64	3.47	6.69	3.04	6.48	2.94
5 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage) (34.5 kPa)	11.05	5.02	9.21	4.18	8.53	3.87
15 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage) (103.4 kPa)	12.16	5.52	9.98	4.53	9.06	4.11
150 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage) (1034 kPa)	23.83	10.82	16.91	7.68	14.30	6.49

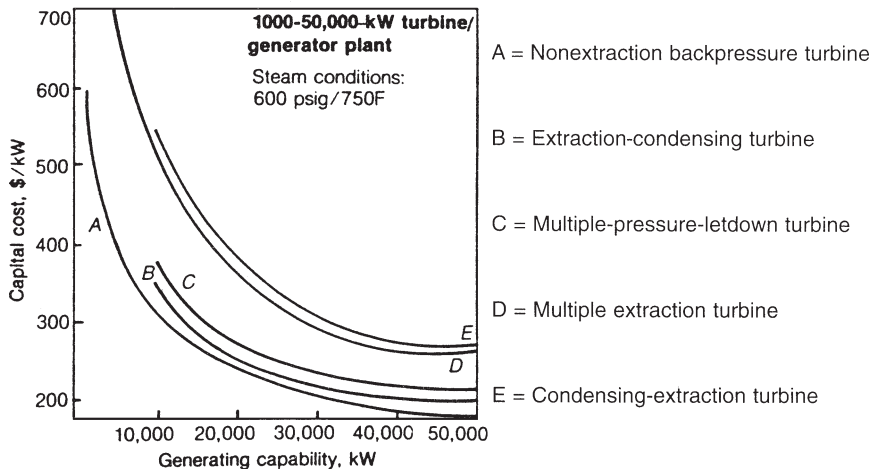
  

Exhaust pressure	Turbine efficiency, %		
	750°F	900°F	900°F
4.0 in Hg	77	78	78
5 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage)	73	76	76
15 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage)	74	76	76
150 lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage)	73	74	74

\*Actual turbine steam rate equals theoretical steam rate divided by efficiency.

With Option 1, all electric power is purchased; with Option 2, 3900 kW must be purchased. The difference in annual operating cost is \$6,288,350 – \$4,895,000 = \$1,393,350. Since Option 2 costs \$4,518,000 more than Option 1, but has a \$1,393,350-per-year lower operating cost, the simple payback time for the cogeneration option (2), ignoring the cost of money, is: Payback time = larger capital cost, \$/annual savings, \$, of the higher cost option. Or, \$4,518,000/\$1,393,350 = 3.24 years. Thus, the cogeneration option (2) is attractive because the payback time is relatively short.

Other economic analyses should also be conducted. For example, higher cycle efficiencies can be obtained with higher throttle conditions, but boiler capital and operating costs will be higher. Plants in the 40- to 60-MW range might benefit from an extraction–condensing-turbine arrangement



**FIGURE 10** Turbine capital cost is estimated from this type of graph. (Power.)

**TABLE 8** Summary of Capital Costs

	Option 1	Option 2
Boiler island		
Stoker-fired unit (\$68/lb steam) (\$30.90/kg steam)	\$13,600,000	—
PC-fired unit (\$79/lb steam) (\$35.90/kg steam)	—	\$15,800,000
Turbine island (6100 kW, \$380/kW)	—	2,318,000
Total	\$13,600,000	\$18,118,000

generating all plant electric-power demand. Although not as efficient as a straight extraction machine, the cost, in \$/kW, will be less than purchased power.

**Related Calculations** The EPA and state environmental bodies favor cogeneration of electricity because it reduces atmospheric pollution while conserving fuel. While the options considered here use steam-powered prime movers, cogeneration installations can use diesel-, gasoline-, or natural-gas-fueled prime movers of many different types—reciprocating, gas-turbine, etc. The principal objective of cogeneration is to wrest more heat from available energy streams by the simultaneous generation of electricity and steam (or some other heated medium), thereby saving fuel while reducing atmospheric pollution.

While the possible choices for boiler fuel are oil, gas, and coal, practical choices are limited to coal for most industrial cogeneration projects. Gas firing in industrial plants is restricted to units 80,000 lb/h (36,364 kg/h) or less by the Industrial Fuel Use Act. Oil firing is allowed in field-erected boilers, but usually gives way to coal on an economic basis. Packaged oil-fired boilers top out at 200,000 lb/h (90,909 kg/h) to permit shipping.

Coal can be burned in either a stoker-fired unit or a pulverized-coal-fired unit, the essential cost differences being in coal preparation and ash handling. PC-fired units produce about

**TABLE 9** Comparison of Operating Costs for Coal-Fired Plants

Operating requirements	Option 1 Stoker-fired	Option 2, PC-fired
Equivalent full-power operating time, h/yr	5,400	5,700
Boiler efficiency, %	82	87
Fuel consumption, tons/yr (tonne/yr)	52,700 (47,798)	62,000 (56,234)
Fuel cost, \$/ton (\$/tonne)	50 (45.35)	42 (38.09)
Total fuel cost, \$/yr	2,640,000	2,600,000
Electric-power use, kWh/yr	3,240,000	8,550,000
Electric-power cost, \$/yr @ 5¢/kWh	162,000	427,000
Maintenance cost, \$/yr (based on 2.5% of capital investment per year)	340,000	395,000
Personnel per shift	2.5	2.75
Personnel cost, \$/yr (based on \$30,000/yr for each person)	270,000	330,000
Ash removal, tons/yr (tonne/yr)	5,270 (4780)	6,200 (5,623)
Ash-removal cost, \$/yr	26,350	31,000
Total operating cost, \$/yr	3,438,350	3,783,500
Total operating costs, steam + purchased power		
Steam	3,438,350	3,783,500
Purchased power @ 5¢/kWh	10 MW 2,850,000	3.9 MW 1,111,500
Total operating cost	\$6,288,350	\$4,895,000

75 percent flyash and 25 percent bottom ash, and stoker-fired units the reverse. Coal supply specifications also vary between the two. Grindability is important to PC-fired units; top size and fines content is critical to stoker-fired units. Coal for stoker-fired units averages \$5/ton (\$5.51/tonne) more for coals of similar heating values.

PC-fired boilers always included an air heater for drying coal upstream of the pulverizer, and usually an economizer for flue-gas heat recovery. The reverse is true of stoker-fired units, but, concerning the air heater, more care is needed to ensure that the grate is not overheated during normal operation.

The greatest overlap in choosing between the two exists in the 200,000 to 300,000 lb/h (90,909 to 136,364 kg/h) size range. Above this range, stoker-fired units are limited by grate size. Below this range, PC-fired units usually do not compete economically. Shop-assembled chain-grate stoker-fired units have been shipped up to a capacity of 45,000 lb/h (20,455 kg/h).

No matter what type of firing is used, industrial power plants must meet EPA emission limits for total suspended particulates (TSP), SO<sub>2</sub>, and NO<sub>x</sub>. If an on-site coal pile is contemplated, water runoff control must meet National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) standards.

NO<sub>x</sub> formation is typically limited in the combustion process through careful choice of burners. SO<sub>2</sub> and TSP are usually removed from the flue gas. For TSP reduction, an electrostatic precipitator or a fabric filter is used. These will sometimes be preceded by cyclone collectors for stoker-fired boilers to reduce the total load on the final stage of the ash-collection system.

For boilers under 250-million Btu/h (73.3 MW) heat input, SO<sub>2</sub> formation can be limited by burning low-sulfur coal. Where SO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction is required to meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), a dry-scrubber-fabric-filter combination is a satisfactory strategy. Wet scrubbers, though highly effective, create an additional sludge-disposal problem.

Operating costs for stoker- and pulverized-coal-fired plants designed to produce 200,000 lb/h (90,800 kg/h) of steam from one boiler are shown in Table 9.

To understand more about how operating costs were calculated, look at the entries in Table 9 line by line. First, equivalent full-power operating hours are determined by subtracting 336 h (2 weeks) for maintenance from the total number of hours in a year (8760), and by multiplying the result by both unit availability (85 percent for stoker, 90 percent for pulverized coal) and the assumed plant load factor—in this case 75 percent.

Fuel consumption is based on typical operating efficiencies for similar plants and a fuel heating value of 12,500 Btu/lb (29,125 kJ/kg) for coal. Note that a premium is paid for stoker coal because a relatively clean fuel of suitable size is needed to maintain efficient operation.

The general procedure given here is applicable to a variety of options because today's emphasis on industrial cogeneration calls for a method of reasonably estimating costs of the many system alternatives. The approach differs from utility cost-estimating mainly because steam capacity and power-generation capability are separate design objectives. Either the industrial power plant meets the process-steam demand and then generates whatever power that creates, or else it meets the electric-power demand and generates the required steam.

Choice of approach depends on the steam and electric-power requirements of the facility. Ideally, they balance exactly. In practice, most steam requirements will not generate enough electric power to meet the plant load. Conversely, the steam flow can rarely generate more electric power than the plant needs. Variations in steam conditions and turbine-exhaust pressure lead to many ways of matching the loads. More important, regulated buyback of excess electric power by public utilities now eases the problem of load balancing.

A profile of steam and electric-power consumption is necessary to begin evaluating alternatives. Daily, weekly, monthly, and seasonal variations are all important. During initial evaluation of the balance, use an average of 25 lb (11.4 kg) of steam/kWh as the steam rate of a small steam turbine. It is a conservative number, and the actual value will probably be lower—meaning more electric power for the steam flow—but it will give a rough idea of how close the two demands will match.

In the above procedure, capital costs are separated into costs for the boiler island and costs for the turbine island. Absolute accuracy is to within ±25 percent, not of appropriation quality but good enough to compare different plant designs. In fact, relative accuracy is closer to ±10 percent.

This procedure is the work of B. Dwight Coffin, H. K. Ferguson Co., and was reported in *Power* magazine.

## CHOOSING STEAM COMPRESSOR FOR COGENERATION SYSTEM

Select a suitable steam compressor to deliver an 80-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (551-kPa) discharge pressure for a cogeneration system using two 1500-kW diesel-engine-generator sets operating at 1200 rpm with 1200°F (649°C) exhaust temperature. Each engine exhaust is vented through a waste-heat (heat-recovery) boiler which generates 3800 lb/h (1725 kg/h) of steam at 110-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (758-kPa) saturated. The cooling system of each engine generates 5000 lb/h (2270 kg/h) of 15-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (103-kPa) steam. Choose the compressor to boost the 15-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (103-kPa) steam pressure to 80-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (551-kPa) to be used in a distribution system. Steam at 110 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (758 kPa) is first used in laundry and heat-exchange equipment before being reduced in 80 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (551 kPa) and combined with the compressor discharge flow. About 16,500 lb/h (7491 kg/h) of 80-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (551-kPa) steam satisfies the distribution system requirements, except in severe weather when the existing boilers are fired to supplement the steaming requirements.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the amount of steam that can be generated by each waste-heat boiler.** Exhaust gas from each diesel engine enters the waste-heat boiler at 1200°F (649°C). Using the rule of thumb that a diesel-engine exhaust heat boiler can produce 1.9 lb/h (0.86 kg/h) of 100-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (689-kPa) saturated steam at full load per rated horsepower, find the amount of steam generated as 1.9 (1500 kW/0.746 hp/kW) = 3820.4 lb/h (1734.5 kg/h). Since the 110-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (758 kPa) steam required by the cogeneration system needs slightly more heat input, round off the quantity of steam generated to 3800 lb/h (1725 kg/h).

**2. Select the type of steam compressor to use.** The compression ratios used in cogeneration—higher than for many process applications—dictate use of mechanical compressors. Several different thermodynamic paths may be followed during the compression process (Fig. 11). Of the three processes shown, the highest compressor coefficient of performance (COP) is exhibited by direct two-phase compression (Fig. 12). The task becomes one of selecting a suitable unit to follow this path.

Centrifugal and axial compressors, both of the general category of dynamic compressors, work on aerodynamic principles. Though capable of handling large flow rates, they are sensitive to water droplets that may cause blade erosion. Thus, two-phase flow is undesirable. These compressors are also limited to operation within a narrow range because of surging or low efficiency when conditions deviate from design.

Positive-displacement compressors—such as the screw, lobe, or reciprocating variety—are more suited to cogeneration applications. Both the screw compressor and, to a lesser extent, the reciprocating compressor, achieve high pressure ratios at high COP. Further, the units approach the isothermal condition because work which normally goes into producing sensible heat during compression simply causes additional liquid to evaporate. Intercooling is avoided, and input power requirements are acceptable (Fig. 13).

Cost considerations tend to make reciprocating units the second choice after screw and lobe units, but they are comparable on a technical basis. Note that reciprocating units require large foundations and must be driven at slow speeds. Some manufacturers offer carbon-ring units, requiring no lubrication. Even with the more common units requiring lubrication, use of synthetic lubricants keeps the amount of oil small, making steam contamination a negligible concern.

Based on the above information, two screw compressors will be chosen to boost the 15-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (103-kPa) steam to 80-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (551 kPa). Use Fig. 13 to approximate the required horsepower (kW) input to each screw compressor. With 16,500 lb/h (7491 kg/h) process steam required, Fig. 13 shows that the required horsepower input for each screw compressor will be 1250 hp (933 kW).

*Note:* Although Fig. 13 applies to an inlet pressure of 15 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (103 kPa) and an outlet pressure of 100 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (689 kPa), the results are accurate enough for an 80-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (551-kPa) outlet pressure. The required horsepower will be slightly less than that shown.



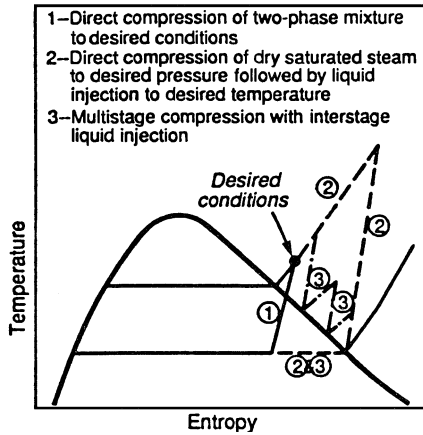


FIGURE 11 Compression can follow several different thermodynamic paths. (Power.)

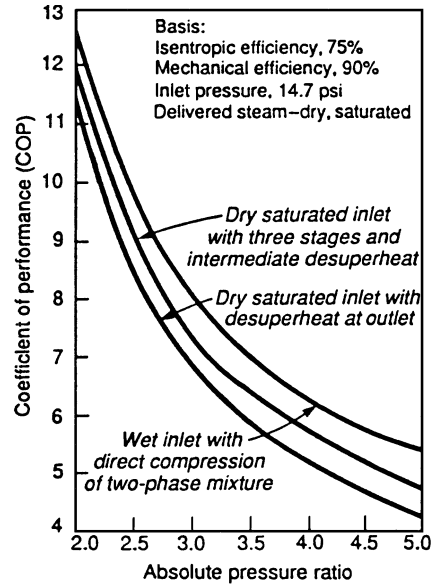


FIGURE 12 Each compression path exhibits a different coefficient of performance. (Power.)

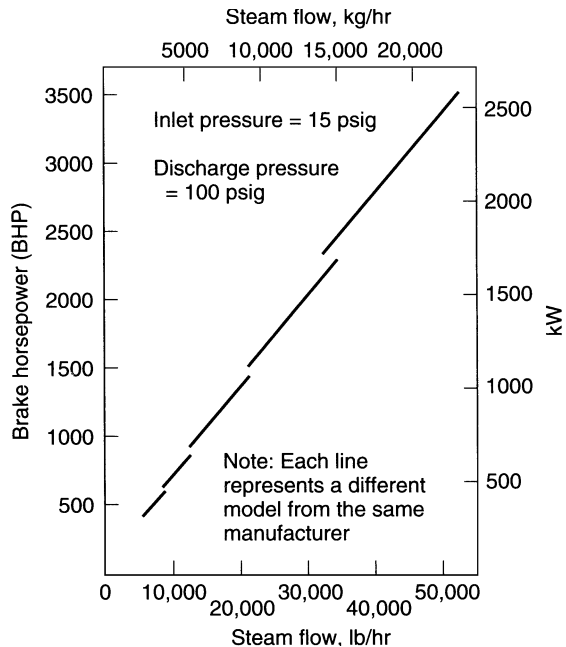


FIGURE 13 Energy input requirements for a screw compressor. (Power.)

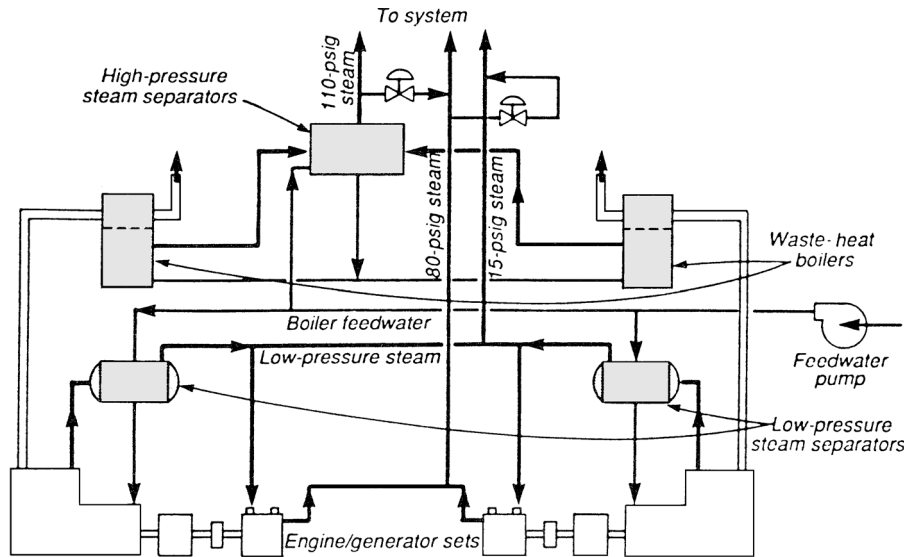


FIGURE 14 System uses common high-pressure steam separator. (Power)

The two screw compressors will be clutch-connected at the generator end of the two engine-generator sets, as shown in Fig. 14. This diagram also shows the piping layout for the three steam systems—110(758), 80(551), and 15-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gauge) (103 kPa). Low-pressure steam separators are used to remove water from the low-pressure cogenerated steam.

In an actual system similar to that shown here, 110-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gauge) (758-kPa) steam is first used in a laundry and in heat-exchange equipment before being reduced to 80 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gauge) (551 kPa) and combined with the compressor discharge flow. In the summer, 15-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gauge) (103-kPa) steam is used to drive a large absorption chiller supplying 600 tons (2112 kW) of refrigeration.

**Related Calculations** The recent popularity of reciprocating-engine-based cogeneration has caused a new factor to enter the economic evaluation of these systems: the value of the 15-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gauge) (103-kPa) steam typically recovered from the engine's cooling system. Because uses for 15-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gauge) (103-kPa) steam are limited, boosting the pressure to about 100 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gauge) (689 kPa) multiplies the practical uses of the recovered heat. This concept of pressure boosting is compatible with recent trends in cogeneration to maximize the value of the thermal output through closer coupling of the power-process interface.

Steam recompression has long been an accepted practice in the process industries where large quantities of low-pressure steam can be economically upgraded. A pound (0.45 kg) of steam vented to the atmosphere or condensed represents a loss of about 1000 Btu (1055 kJ) of heat energy. Thus, in many applications, it is less expensive (and more environmentally wise) to boost steam pressure than to produce the equivalent amount in a boiler.

Pressure ratios used to satisfy process requirements are relatively low—about 1.5 to 2. Thermocompressors most economically satisfy these ratios. They use high-pressure steam to boost low-pressure steam to a point in between the two.

Practical limitations on thermocompressors for satisfying higher ratios are two: (1) a large quantity of high-pressure steam is needed, and (2) the heat balance must be such that the steam need not be vented or condensed. For example, if 600-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gauge) (4134-kPa) boiler steam is available to boost 15-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gauge) (103-kPa) steam to 150 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gauge) (1034 kPa), about 12 times the quantity of high-pressure steam is required. So if an engine produces 5000 lb/h (2270 kg/h) of 15-lb/in<sup>2</sup>

(gage) (103-kPa) steam, 60,000 lb/h (27,240 kg/h) of high-pressure steam is required to meet a 65,000 lb/h (29,510 kg/h) 150-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (1034 kPa) steam demand.

The typical reciprocating engine rejects 65 to 70 percent of its heat input to exhaust, engine cooling, lube-oil coolers, intercoolers, and radiation. About 20 percent of this heat is recoverable from the exhaust as steam at pressures up to 150 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (1034 kPa) and beyond, representing about 70 percent of the available heat in the exhaust. Another 28 percent represents engine cooling that can be completely recovered as hot water or as steam at a maximum pressure of 15 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (103 kPa). Lube-oil heat may also be recoverable, but usually not the intercooler heat.

Although hot water and 15-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (103-kPa) steam can be used for space heating, as a heat source for absorption refrigeration, or for domestic water heating, there usually is more demand for higher-pressure steam—such as that produced by the engine's exhaust.

As cogeneration systems maximize heat recovery from an internal-combustion engine, it is important to note that the engine exhaust no longer is a simple pipe protruding through the roof of a building. Exhaust explosions, not uncommon to engine operation, thus can be destructive to the often large and complex exhaust systems of cogeneration installations.

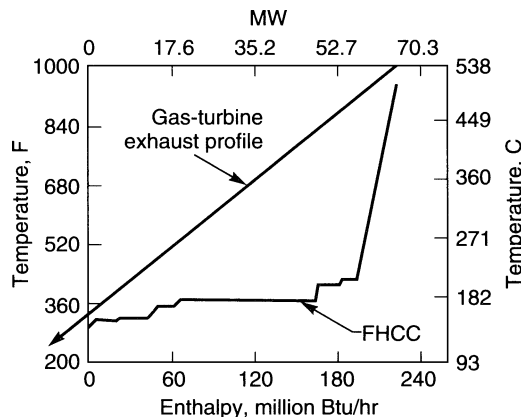
For this reason, it is prudent to tighten engine specifications. Partial failure of the ignition system, for example, should not be able to cause a potentially catastrophic exhaust explosion. Further, cross-limiting should be provided when fuel and air are measured at different locations.

Engine manufacturers may require that the exhaust system resist any explosion. A preferred alternative to this requirement is to insist that the engine manufacturer design to minimize exhaust explosions so that the cogeneration plant designer can confidently specify lightweight preformed exhaust ducting.

The data presented in this procedure were drawn from the work of Paul N. Garay, FMC Associates, a division of Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas Inc., as reported in *Power* magazine.

## USING PLANT HEAT-NEED PLOTS FOR COGENERATION DECISIONS

An industrial process plant's heat needs are dominated by distillation. Its heat needs are represented by the fired-heat composite curve (FHCC) shown in Fig. 15. Five distinct heat sources are used in this process plant: two furnaces and steam supplied at three different pressure levels, as shown in Table 10. A gas turbine with the exhaust profile shown in Fig. 15 can supply all the heat needs of the process. Determine the annual fuel savings and payback time.



**FIGURE 15** Fired-heat composite curve for BTX plant matches well with exhaust profile of gas turbine. (*Power*.)

**TABLE 10** Heat Loads

Heat source	Heat load, million Btu/h (MW)
280-lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage) (1.93 kPa) steam	25.1 (7.35)
140-lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage) (0.96 kPa) steam	88.1 (25.8)
70-lb/in <sup>2</sup> (gage) (0.48 kPa) steam	\$23.9 (7.0)
Furnace duty, 242–954°F (117–512°C) nonlinear	51.8 (15.2)
Furnace duty, 356–360°F (180–182°C)	19.4 (5.7)
Total	208.3 (61.05)

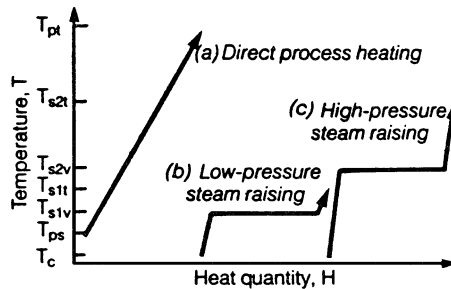
## Calculation Procedure

**1. Analyze the fired-heat composite curve.** Heat obtained from a cogeneration system generally displaces heat from other sources that can be traced back to direct fuel firing. Even though the fuel may not be fired at the point of use, it is almost always fired somewhere, such as in a boiler.

All these heating needs can be represented by a single FHCC. This curve of heat quantity ( $H$ ) vs. temperature ( $T$ ) represents the overall heating duties that, as far as possible, must be satisfied by the cogeneration system. The exhaust-heat profile of the cogeneration system can also be represented by a curve of heat quantity vs. temperature.

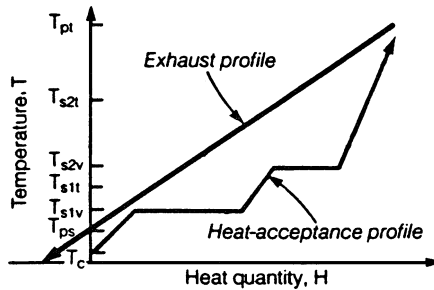
To see how such curves are developed, consider the three heat-acceptance profiles in Fig. 16. Profile (a) is a simple constant-heat-capacity profile, typical of heating duties in which no phase change occurs. The process stream is heated from its supply temperature to its target temperature and the heat load varies linearly between these points.

Profile (b) represents low-pressure steam raising. The first linear part of this curve corresponds to preheat, the horizontal plateau to vaporization, and the final linear section to superheating. Profile (c) represents high-pressure steam raising.



$T_c$  = condensate to boiler  
 $T_{ps}$  = process supply  
 $T_{s1v}$  = steam level 1 vaporization  
 $T_{s1t}$  = steam level 1 target  
 $T_{s2v}$  = steam level 2 vaporization  
 $T_{s2t}$  = steam level 2 target  
 $T_{pt}$  = process target

**FIGURE 16** Every heating duty has characteristic heat-acceptance profile. (Power.)



**FIGURE 17** Total process heat-acceptance profile is matched with prospective exhaust profile. (Power.)

Heat loads, unlike temperature, are additive. Thus, it is possible to add the three profiles of Fig. 16 to obtain a combined heat-acceptance profile (Fig. 17). This is the FHCC and it shows total heating needs in terms of the quantity of heat required and the temperature at which it is needed.

The exhaust profile of the proposed cogeneration plant is also shown in Fig. 17. In this case it represents heat in the gas-turbine exhaust and is a straight line, neglecting the effect of condensation. Note that the exhaust profile lies above the heat-acceptance curve, implying that heat can be transferred from the exhaust stream to the process. The vertical separation between the two profiles is a measure of the available thermal driving force for heat transfer. Residual heat in the exhaust system, after the process duties have been satisfied, overhangs the heat-acceptance curve (at the left-hand end) and is lost up the stack.

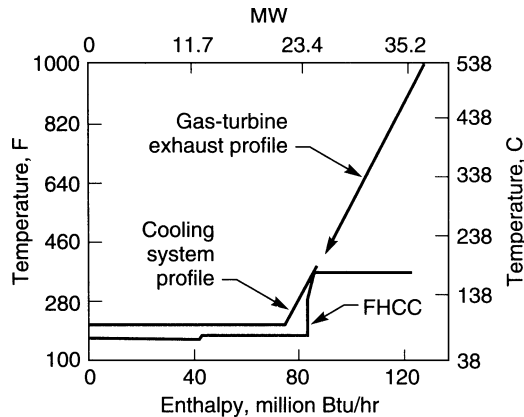
Composite curves and profile matching provide a convenient way of representing the thermodynamics of heat recovery in cogeneration systems. Implicit within the construction of Fig. 17 are the requirements of the first law of thermodynamics, which demand a heat balance, and those of the second law, which lead to a relationship between the temperatures at which heat is required and the efficiency of the cogeneration system.

Analysis of the FHCC in Fig. 15 shows that all the needed process heat can be supplied by the gas turbine exhaust. Hence, a further evaluation of the proposed cogeneration installation is justified.

**2. Determine the annual fuel saving and payback period.** Assemble the financial data in Table 11 from information available in plant records and estimates. These data show, for this proposed cogeneration installation, that the savings that can be obtained are: (a) boiler fuel savings, \$4.1 million per

**TABLE 11** Parameters Used to Evaluate Cogeneration Process

Displaced furnace fuel cost, \$/million Btu	2
Furnace efficiency, %	85
Boiler fuel savings, \$ million/yr	4.1
Displaced or exported power, \$/kWh	0.045
Gas for cogeneration system, \$/million Btu	3.50
Cogeneration gas cost, \$ million/yr	12.2
Operating hours per year	8000
Power output, MW	36.3
Credit for cogenerated power, \$ million/yr	13.1
Cogeneration efficiency, %	78.1
Installed cost, \$ million	15.8
Total cash benefit, \$ million/yr	5
Estimated payback, years	3



**FIGURE 18** Exhaust-heat profile of reciprocating engine is good fit with fired-heat composite curve of textile mill. (*Power*.)

year; (b) credit for cogenerated power, \$13.1 million per year; total savings = \$4.1 million + \$13.1 million = \$17.2 million per year. The additional cost is that for the cogeneration gas which is burned in the gas turbine, or \$12.2 million. Thus, the net savings will be \$17.2 million - \$12.2 million = \$5.0 million per year.

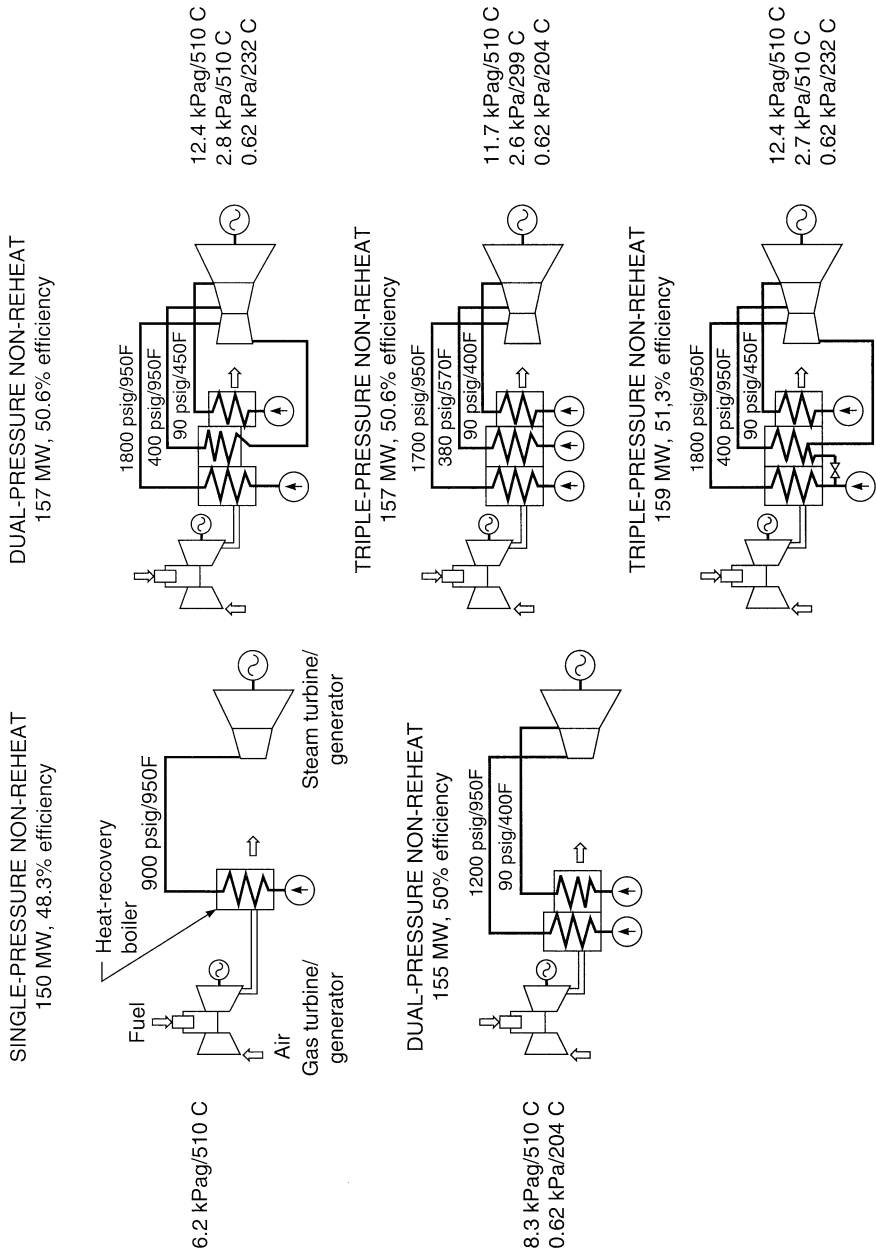
The payback time = installed cost, \$/annual savings, \$. Or, payback time = \$15.8 million/\$5.0 = 3.16, say 3.2 years. This is a relatively short payback time that would be acceptable in most industries.

**Related Calculations** Reciprocating internal-combustion engines are also often considered where gas turbines appear to be a possible choice. The reason for this is that about 20 percent of the heat content of fuel fired in a reciprocating engine is rejected in the exhaust gases and the heat-rejection profile is similar to that of a gas turbine. And even more heat, about 30 percent, is removed in cooling water at a temperature of 160°F (71°C) to 240°F (116°C). A further 5 percent is available in the lubricating oil, usually below 180°F (82°C). The heat-rejection profile of a reciprocating engine that closely matches the composite curve of the plant's process is also shown in Fig. 18.

A reciprocating engine has a higher overall efficiency than a gas turbine and therefore generates a greater cash benefit for the plant owner. For the scale of operation we are considering here, it would be necessary to use several engines and the capital cost would be substantially greater than that of a single gas turbine. As a result, payback periods for the two systems are about the same.

Gas turbines are often mated with steam turbines in combined-cycle cogeneration plants. In its basic form the combined-cycle power plant has the gas turbine exhausting into a heat-recovery steam generator (HRSG) that supplies a steam-turbine cycle. This cycle is the most efficient system for generating steam and/or electric power commercially available today. The cycle also has significantly lower capital costs than competing nuclear and conventional fossil-fuel-fired steam/electric stations. Other advantages of the combined-cycle plant are low air emissions, low water consumption, reduced space requirements, and modular units which allow phased-in-construction. And from an efficiency standpoint, even in a simple-cycle configuration, gas turbines now exhibit efficiencies of between 30 and 35 percent, comparable to state-of-the-art fossil-fuel-fired power stations.

Cogeneration, which is the simultaneous production of useful thermal energy and electric power from a fuel source, or some variant thereof, is a good match for combined cycles. Experience with cogeneration and combined-cycle power plants has been most favorable. Figure 19 shows a variety of combined-cycle cogeneration plants using reheat in an HRSG to provide



**FIGURE 19** Combined-cycle gas-turbine cogeneration plants using reheat in an HRSG to provide steam for a steam-turbine generator. (Power.)

steam for a steam-turbine generator. Flexibility is extended as gas turbines, steam turbines, and HRSGs are added to a system. Reheat can improve thermal efficiency and performance by several percentage points, depending on how it is integrated into the combined cycle.

Aeroderivative gas turbines, as part of a combined cycle, increasingly are finding application in cogeneration in the under 100-MW capacity range. Cogeneration has the airline and defense industries to thank for the rapid development of high-efficiency, long-running gas turbines at extremely low research cost.

And the new large gas turbines have exhaust temperatures high enough to justify reheat in the steam cycle without supplementary firing in a boiler. Depending on how the reheat cycle is configured, thermal performance at rated conditions can vary by up to three percentage points.

The Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) passed by Congress to help manage energy includes incentives for efficient cogeneration systems. Cogeneration plants are allowed to sell power to local electric utilities to increase the return on investment earned from cogeneration.

A whole new energy-saving industry—termed nonutility generation (NUG)—has developed. At this writing NUG plants in the 200- to 300-MW range are common. And the pipeline industry which supplies natural-gas fuel for gas turbines is being restructured under the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Lower fuel costs are almost certain to result.

While lower electricity and energy costs are in the offing, these must be balanced against increased environmental requirements. The Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 require better cleaning of stack emissions to provide a cleaner atmosphere. Yet this same 1990 act allows utilities to meet the required sulfur standard by installing suitable scrubber cleaning equipment, or by switching to a low-sulfur fuel.

A utility may buy—from another utility which exceeds the required sulfur standard—allowances to exhaust sulfur to the atmosphere. Each allowance permits a utility to emit 1 ton (tonne) of sulfur to the atmosphere. Public auctions of these allowances are now being held periodically by the Chicago Board of Trade.

Active discussions are underway at present over the suitability of selling sulfur allowances. Some opponents to sulfur pollution allowances believe that their use will delay the cleanup that ultimately must take place. Further, these opponents say, the pollution allowances delay the installation of sulfur-removal equipment. Meanwhile, sulfuric acid rain (also called acid rain) continues to plague communities in the path of a utility's sulfur effluent.

Challenging the above view is the Environmental Defense Fund. Its view is that there are too few allowances available to prevent the ultimate cleanup required by law.

The calculation data in this procedure are the work of A. P. Rossiter and S. H. Chang, ICI/Tensa Services as reported in *Power* magazine, along with John Makansi, executive editor, reporting in the same publication. Data on environmental laws are from the cited regulatory agency or act.

## ***GEOTHERMAL AND BIOMASS POWER-GENERATION ANALYSES***

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Compare the costs—installation and operating—of a 50-MW geothermal plant with that of a conventional fossil-fuel-fired installation of the same rating. Likewise, compare plant availability for each type. Brine available to the geothermal plant free-flows at 4.3 million lb/h (1.95 million kg/h) at 450 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) at 450°F (3100 kPa at 232°C).

### **Calculation Procedure**

**1. Estimate the cost of each type of plant.** The cost of constructing a geothermal plant (i.e., an electric-generating station that uses steam or brine from the ground produced by nature) is in the



\$1500 to \$2000 per installed kW range. This cost includes all associated equipment and the development of the well field from which the steam or brine is obtained.

Using this cost range, the cost of a 50-MW geothermal station would be in the range of:  $50 \text{ MW} \times (\$1500/\text{kW}) \times 1000 = \$75 \text{ million}$  to  $50 \text{ MW} \times (\$2000/\text{kW}) \times 1000 = \$100 \text{ million}$ . Fossil-fuel-fired installations cost about the same—i.e., \$1500 to \$2000 per installed kW. Therefore, the two types of plants will have approximately the same installed cost.

Department of Energy (DOE) estimates give the average cost of geothermal power at 5.7¢/kWh. This compares with the average cost of 2.4¢/kWh for fossil-fuel-based plants. Advances in geothermal technology are expected to reduce the 5.7¢ cost significantly over the next 40 years.

Because of the simplicity of geothermal plant design, maintenance requirements are relatively low. Some modular plants even run unattended; and because maintenance is limited, plant availability is high. In recent years geothermal-plant availability averaged 97 percent. Thus, the maintenance cost of the usual geothermal plant is lower than a conventional fossil-fuel plant. Further, geothermal plants can meet new emission regulations with little or no pollution-abatement equipment.

**2. Choose the type of cycle to use.** Tapping geothermal energy from liquid resources poses a number of technical challenges—from drilling wells in a high-temperature environment to excessive scaling and corrosion in plant equipment. But DOE-sponsored and private-sector R&D programs have effectively overcome most of these problems. Currently, there are more than 35 commercial plants exploiting liquid-dominated resources. Of the 800 MW of power generated by these plants, 620 MW is produced by flash-type plants and 180 MW by binary-cycle units (Fig. 20).

The flashed-steam plant is best suited for liquid-dominated resources above 350°F (177°C). For lower-temperature sources, binary systems are usually more economical.

In flash-type plants, steam is produced by dropping the pressure of hot brine, causing it to “flash.” The flashed steam is then expanded through a conventional steam turbine to produce power. In binary-cycle plants, the hot brine is directed through a heat exchanger to vaporize a secondary fluid which has a relatively low boiling point. This working fluid is then used to generate power in a closed-loop Rankine-cycle system. Because they use lower-temperature brines than flash-type plants, binary units (Fig. 20), are inherently more complex, less efficient, and have higher capital equipment costs.

In both types of plants the spent brine is pumped down a well and reinjected into the resource field. This is done for two reasons: (1) to dispose of the brine—which can be mineral-laden and deemed hazardous by environmental regulatory authorities, and (2) to recharge the geothermal resource.

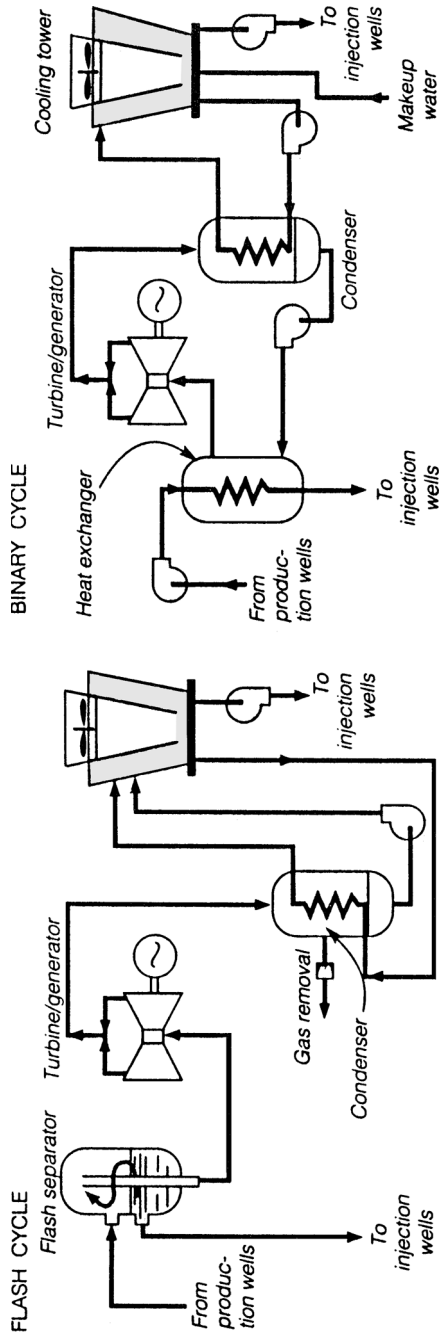
One recent trend in the industry is to collect noncondensable gases (NCGs) purged from the condenser and reinject them along with the brine. Older plants use pollution-abatement devices to treat NCGs, then release them to the atmosphere. Reinjection of NCGs with brine lowers operating costs and reduces gaseous emissions to near zero.

Major improvements in flashed-steam plants over the past decade centered around: (1) improving efficiency through a dual-flash process and (2) developing improved water treatment processes to control scaling caused by brines. The pressure of the liquid brine stream remaining after the first flash is further reduced in a secondary chamber to generate more steam. This two-stage process can generate 20 to 30 percent more power than single-flash systems.

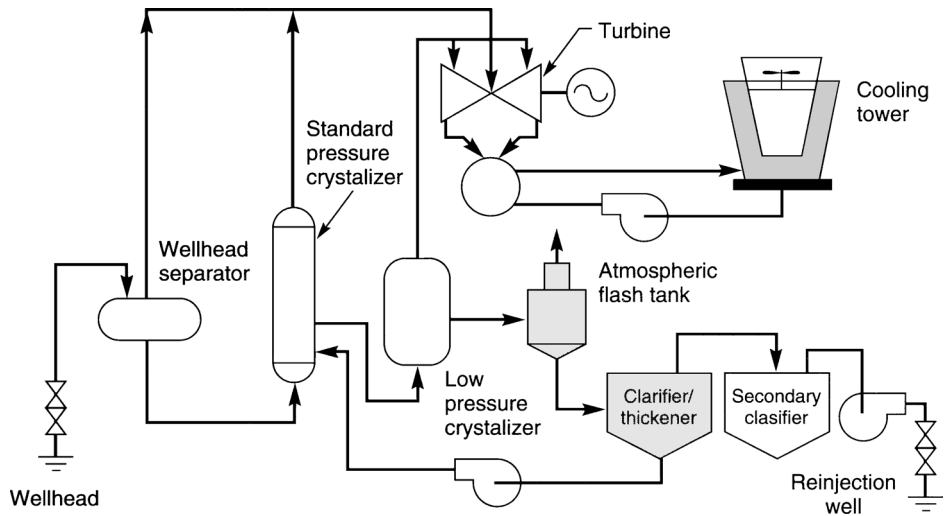
Most of the recent improvements in binary-cycle plants have been made by applying new working fluids. The thermodynamic and transport properties of these fluids can improve cycle efficiency and reduce the size and cost of heat-transfer equipment.

To illustrate: By using ammonia rather than the more common isobutane or isopentane, capital cost can be reduced by 20 to 30 percent. It is also possible to improve the conversion efficiency by using mixtures of working fluids, which in turn reduces the required brine flow rate for a given power output.

A flashed-steam cycle will be tentatively chosen for this installation because the brine free-flows at 450°F (232°C), which is higher than the cutoff temperature of 350°F (177°C) for binary systems.



**FIGURE 20** Energy from hot-water geothermal resources is converted by either a flash-type or binary-cycle plant. (Power:)



**FIGURE 21** Dual-flash process extracts up to 30 percent more power than older, single-flash units. (*Power*.)

An actual plant (Fig. 21), operating with these parameters uses two flashes. The first flash produces 623,000 lb/h (283,182 kg/h) of steam at 100 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (689 kPa). In the second flash an additional 262,000 lb/h (117,900 kg/h) of steam at 10 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (68.9 kPa) is produced.

Steam is cleaned in two trains of scrubbers, then expanded through a 54-MW, 3600-rpm, dual-flow, dual-pressure, five-stage turbine-generator to produce 48.9 MW. Of this total, 47.5 MW is sold to Southern California Edison Co. because of transmission losses.

The turbine exhausts into a surface condenser, coupled to a seven-cell cooling tower. About 40,000 lb/h (18,000 kg/h) of the high-pressure steam is required by the plant's air ejectors to remove NCGs from the main condenser at a rate of 6500 lb/h (2925 kg/h).

Because the liquid brine from the flash process is supersaturated, various solid compounds precipitate out of solution and must be removed to avoid scaling and fouling of the pumps, pipelines, and injection wells. This is accomplished as the brine flows to the crystallizer and clarifier tanks where, respectively, solid crystals grow and then are separated. The solids are dewatered and used in construction-grade soil cement. The clarified brine is disposed of by pumping it into three injection wells.

**Related Calculations** Geothermal generating plants are environmentally friendly because there are no stack emissions from a boiler. Further, such plants do not consume fossil fuel, so they are not depleting the world's supply of such fuels. And by using the seemingly unlimited supply of heat from the earth, such plants are contributing to an environmentally cleaner and safer world while using a renewable fuel.

Another renewable fuel available naturally that is receiving—like geothermal power—greater attention today is *biomass*. The most common biomass fuels used today are waste products and residues left over from various industries, including farming, logging, pulp, paper, and lumber production, and wood-products manufacturing. Wooden and fibrous materials separated from the municipal waste stream also represent a major source of biomass.

Although biomass-fueled power plants currently account only for about 1 percent of the installed generating capacity in the United States, or 8000 MW, they play an important role in solving energy and environmental problems. Since the fuels burned in these facilities are considered waste in many cases, combustion yields the double benefits of reducing or eliminating disposal costs for the seller and providing a low-emissions fuel source for the buyer. On a global

scale, biomass firing could present even more advantages, such as: (1) there is no net buildup of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> and air emissions are lower compared to many coal- or oil-fired plants. (2) Vast areas of deforested or degraded lands in tropical and subtropical regions can be converted to practical use. Because much of the available land is in the developing regions of Latin America and Africa, the fuels produced on these plantations could help improve a country's balance of payments by reducing dependence on imported oil. (3) Industrialized nations could potentially phase out agricultural subsidies by encouraging farmers to grow energy crops on idle land.

The current cost of growing, harvesting, transporting, and processing high-grade biomass fuels is prohibitive in most areas. However, proponents are counting on the successful development of advanced biomass-gasification technologies. They contend that biomass may be a more desirable feedstock for gasification than coal because it is easier to gasify and has a very low sulfur content, eliminating the need for expensive O<sub>2</sub> production and sulfur-removal processes.

One report indicates that integrated biomass-gasification-gas-turbine-based power systems with efficiencies topping 40 percent should be commercially available soon. By 2025, efficiencies may reach 57 percent if advanced biomass-gasification-fuel-cell combinations become viable. Proponents are optimistic because this technology is currently being developed for coal gasification and can be readily transformed to biomass.

Data in this procedure are the work of M. D. Forsha and K. E. Nichols, Barber-Nichols Inc., for the geothermal portion, and Steven Collins, assistant editor, *Power*, for the biomass portion. Data on both these topics were published in *Power* magazine.

## ESTIMATING CAPITAL COST OF COGENERATION HEAT-RECOVERY BOILERS

Use the Foster-Pegg\* method to estimate the cost of the gas-turbine heat-recovery boiler system shown in Fig. 22 based on these data: The boiler is sized for a Canadian Westinghouse 251 gas turbine; the boiler is supplementary fired and has a single gas path; natural gas is the fuel for both the gas turbine and the boiler; superheated steam generated in the boiler at 1200 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (8268 kPa) and 950°F (510°C) is supplied to an adjacent chemical process facility; 230-lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (1585-kPa) saturated steam is generated for reducing NO<sub>x</sub> in the gas turbine; steam is also generated at 25 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (gage) (172 kPa) saturated for deaeration of boiler feedwater; a low-temperature economizer preheats undeaerated feedwater obtained from the process plant before it enters the deaerator. Estimate boiler costs for two gas-side pressure drops: 14.4 in (36.6 cm) and 10 in (25.4 cm), and without, and with, a gas bypass stack. Table 12 gives other application data. *Note:* Since cogeneration will account for a large portion of future power generation, this procedure is important from an environmental standpoint. Many of the new cogeneration facilities planned today consist of gas turbines with heat-recovery boilers, as does the plant analyzed in this procedure.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the average LMTD of the boiler.** The average log mean temperature difference (LMTD) of a boiler is indicative of the relative heat-transfer area, as developed by R. W. Foster-Pegg, and reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine. Thus,  $LMTD_{avg} = Q_t/C_t$ , where  $Q_t$  = total heat exchange rate of the boiler, Btu/s (W);  $C_t$  = conductance, Btu/s-F (W). Substituting, using data from Table 12,  $LMTD_{avg} = 81,837/1027 = 79.7^\circ\text{F}$  (26.5°C).

**2. Compute the gas pressure drop through the boiler.** The gas pressure drop,  $\Delta P$  inH<sub>2</sub>O (cmH<sub>2</sub>O) =  $5C_t/G$ , where  $G$  = gas flow rate, lb/s (kg/s). Substituting,  $\Delta P = 5(1027/355.8)$  with a gas flow of 355.8 lb/s (161.5 kg/s), as given in Fig. 12; then  $\Delta P = 14.4$  inH<sub>2</sub>O (36.6 cmH<sub>2</sub>O). With a stack and inlet pressure drop of 3 inH<sub>2</sub>O (7.6 cmH<sub>2</sub>O) and a supplementary-firing pressure drop of 3 inH<sub>2</sub>O (7.6 cmH<sub>2</sub>O) given by the manufacturer, or determined from previous experience with similar designs, the total pressure drop =  $14.4 + 3.0 + 3.0 = 20.4$  inH<sub>2</sub>O (51.8 cmH<sub>2</sub>O).



TABLE 12 Data for Heat Recovery Boiler\*

	LMTD, °F	$Q$ , Btu/s	$C$ , Btu/s·°F	$C^{0.8}$ Btu/s·°F
Superheater	237	16,098	67.92	29.22
High evaporator	116	32,310	278.53	90.34
High economizer	40	11,583	290.3	93.39
Inter-evaporator	50.5	3,277	64.89	28.17
Inter-economizer	57	9,697	169.82	60.81
Deareator evaporator	46	6,130	134.43	50.44
Low economizer	131	2,742	20.93	11.39
Additional for superheater material				29.22
Additional for low-economizer material				11.39
Total	81,837	1,027	404.37	

\*See procedure for SI values in this table.  
Source: *Chemical Engineering*.

**3. Compute the system costs.** The conductance cost component,  $Cost_{ts}$ , is given by  $Cost_{ts}$ , in thousands of \$, =  $5.65[(C_{sh}^{0.8} + C_1^{0.8} + \dots + (C_n^{0.8}) + 2(C_n^{0.8})]$ , where  $C$  = conductance, Btu/s·F; ( $W$ ), and the subscripts represent the boiler elements listed in Table 12. Substituting,  $Cost_{ts}$ , =  $5.65(404.37)$  = \$2,285,000 in 1985 dollars. To update to present-day dollars, use the ratio of the 1985 *Chemical Engineering* plant cost index (310) to the current year's cost index thus: Current cost = (today's plant cost index/310)(cost computed above).

The steam-flow cost component,  $Cost_w$ , in thousands of \$ =  $4.97(W_1 + W_2 + \dots + W_n)$ , where  $Cost_w$  = cost of feedwater, \$;  $W$  = feedwater flowrate, lb/s (kg/s); the subscripts 1, 2, and  $n$  denote different steam outputs. Substituting,  $Cost_w$  =  $4.97(59.14)$  = \$294,000 in 1985 dollars, with a total feedwater flow of 59.14 lb/s (26.9 kg/s).

The cost for gas flow includes connecting ducts, casing, stack, etc. It is proportional to the sum of the separate gas flows, each raised to the power of 1.2. Or, cost of gas flow,  $Cost_g$ , in thousands of \$ =  $0.236(G_1^{1.2} + G_2^{1.2} + \dots + G_n^{1.2})$ . Substituting,  $Cost_g$  =  $0.236(355.8)^{1.2}$  = \$272,000 with a gas flow of 355.8 lb/s (161.5 kg/s) and no bypass stack.

The cost of a supplementary-firing system for the heat-recovery boiler in 1985 dollars is additional to the boiler cost. Typical fuels for supplementary firing are natural gas or No. 2 fuel oil, or both. The supplementary-firing system cost,  $Cost_f$ , in thousands of \$ =  $B/1390 + 30N + 20$ , where  $B$  = boiler firing capacity in Btu (kJ) high heating value;  $N$  = number of fuels burned. For this installation with *one* fuel,  $Cost_f$  =  $16,980/1390 + 30 + 20$  = \$62,000, rounded off. In this equation the 16,980 Btu/s (17,914 kJ/s) is the high heating value of the fuel and  $N = 1$  since only *one* fuel is used.

The total boiler cost (with base gas  $\Delta P$  and no gas bypass stack) = total material cost + erection cost, or  $\$2,285,000 + 294,000 + 272,000 + 62,000 = \$2,913,000$  for the materials. A *budget estimate* for the cost of erection = 25 percent of the total material cost, or  $0.25 \times \$2,913,000 = \$728,250$ . Thus, the budget estimate for the erected cost =  $\$2,913,000 + \$728,250 = \$3,641,250$ .

The estimated cost of the entire system—which includes the peripheral equipment, connections, startup, engineering services, and related erection—can be approximated at 100 percent of the cost of the major equipment delivered to the site, but not erected. Thus, the total cost of the boiler ready for operation is approximately twice the cost of the major equipment material, or  $2(\text{boiler material cost}) = 2(\$2,913,000) = \$5,826,000$ .

**4. Determine the costs with the reduced pressure drop.** The second part of this analysis reduces the gas pressure drop through the boiler to 10 inH<sub>2</sub>O (25.4 cmH<sub>2</sub>O). This reduction will increase the capital cost of the plant because much of the equipment will be larger.

Proceeding as earlier, the total pressure drop,  $\Delta P = 10 + 3 + 3 = 16$  inH<sub>2</sub>O (40.6 cmH<sub>2</sub>O). The pressure drop for normal solidity (i.e., normal tube and fin spacing in the boiler) is  $\Delta P_1 = 14.4$  inH<sub>2</sub>O

(36.6 cmH<sub>2</sub>O). For a different pressure drop,  $\Delta P_2$ , the surface cost,  $C_s$ (\$), is at  $\Delta P_2$ ,  $C_s = [1.67(\Delta P_1/\Delta P_2)^{0.28} - 0.67](C_s \text{ at } P_1)$ . Substituting,  $C_s = 1.67(14.4/10)^{0.28} - 0.67 = 1.18 \times$  base cost from above. Hence, the surface cost for a pressure drop of 10 inH<sub>2</sub>O (25.4 cmH<sub>2</sub>O) = 1.18 (\$2,285,000) = \$2,696,300.

The total material cost will then be \$2,696,300 + \$272,000 + \$62,000, using the data from above, or \$3,324,300. Budget estimate for erection, as before = 1.25(\$3,324,300) = \$4,155,375. And the estimated system cost, ready to operate = 2(\$3,324,300) = \$6,648,600.

Adding for a gas bypass stack, the gas-flow component is the same as before, \$272,000. Then the budget estimate of the installed cost of the gas bypass stack = 1.25(\$272,000) = \$340,000. And the total cost of the boiler ready for operation at a gas-pressure drop of 10 inH<sub>2</sub>O (25.4 cmH<sub>2</sub>O) with a gas bypass stack = 2(\$3,324,300 + \$272,000) = \$7,192,600.

**Related Calculations** To convert the costs found in this procedure to current-day costs, assume that the *Chemical Engineering* plant cost index today is 435, compared to the 1985 index of 310. Then, today's cost, \$ = (today's cost index/1985 cost index)(1985 plant or equipment cost, \$). Thus, for the first installation, today's cost = (435/310)(\$5,826,000) = \$8,175,194. And for the second installation, today's cost = (435/310)(\$7,192,600) = \$10,092,842.

Boilers for recovering exhaust heat from gas turbines are very different from conventional boilers, and their cost is determined by different parameters. Because engineers are becoming more involved with cogeneration, the differences are important to them when making design and cost estimates and decisions.

In a conventional boiler, combustion air is controlled at about 110 percent of the stoichiometric requirement, and combustion is completed at about 3000°F (1649°C). The maximum temperature of the water (i.e., steam) is 1000°F (538°C), and the temperature difference between the gas and water is about 2000°F (1093°C). The temperature drop of the gas to the stack is about 2500°F (1371°C), and the gas/water ratio is consistent at about 1.1.

By contrast, the exhaust from a gas turbine is at a temperature of about 1000°F (538°C), and the difference between the gas and water temperatures averages 100°F (56°C). The temperature drop of the gas to the stack is a few hundred degrees, and the gas/water ratio ranges between 5 and 10. Because the airflow to a heat-recovery boiler is fixed by the gas turbine, the air varies from 400 percent of the stoichiometric requirement of the fuel to the turbine (unfired boiler) to 200 percent if the boiler is supplementary fired.

In heat-recovery boilers, the tubes are finned on the outside to increase heat capture. Fins in conventional boilers would cause excessive heat flux and overheating of the tubes. Although the lower gas temperatures in heat-recovery boilers allow gas enclosures to be uncooled internally insulated walls, the enclosures in conventional boilers are water-cooled and refractory-lined.

Because the exhaust from a gas turbine is free of particles and contaminants, gas velocities past tubes can be high, and fin and tube spacings can be close, without erosion or deposition. Because the products of combustion in a conventional boiler may contain sticky residues, carbon, and ash particles, tube spacing must be wider and gas velocities lower. Because of its configuration and absence of refractories, the heat-recovery boiler used with gas turbines can be shop-fabricated to a greater extent than conventional boilers.

These differences between conventional and heat-recovery boilers result in different cost relationships. With both operating on similar clean fuels, a heat-recovery boiler will cost more per pound of steam and less per square foot (m<sup>2</sup>) of surface area than a conventional boiler. The cost of a heat-recovery boiler can be estimated as the sum of three major parameters, plus other optional parameters. Major parameters are: (1) the capacity to transfer heat ("conductance"), (2) steam flow rate, and (3) gas flow rate. Optional parameters are related to the optional components of supplementary firing and a gas bypass stack.

This procedure is the work of R. W. Foster-Pegg, Consultant, as reported in *Chemical Engineering* magazine. Note that the costs computed by the given equations are in 1985 dollars. Therefore, they *must* be updated to current costs using the *Chemical Engineering* plant cost index.

## “CLEAN” ENERGY FROM SMALL-SCALE HYDRO SITES

A newly discovered hydro site provides a potential head of 65 ft (20 m). An output of 10,000 kW (10 MW) is required to justify use of the site. Select suitable equipment for this installation based on the available head and the required power output.

### Calculation Procedure

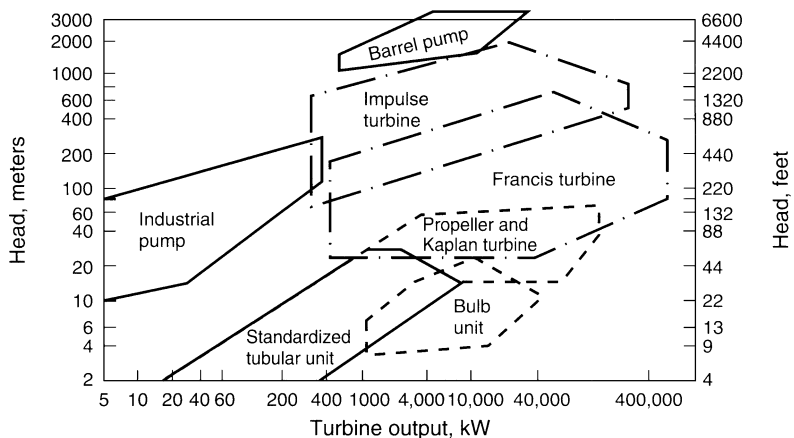
**1. Determine the type of hydraulic turbine suitable for this site.** Enter Fig. 23 on the left at the available head, 65 ft (20 m), and project to the right to intersect the vertical projection from the required turbine output of 10,000 kW (10 MW). These two lines intersect in the *standardized tubular unit* region. Hence, such a hydroturbine will be tentatively chosen for this site.

**2. Check the suitability of the chosen unit.** Enter Table 13 at the top at the operating head range of 65 ft (20 m) and project across to the left to find that a tubular-type hydraulic turbine with fixed blades and adjustable gates will produce 0.25 to 15 MW of power at 55 to 150 percent of rated head. These ranges are within the requirements of this installation. Hence, the type of unit indicated by Fig. 23 is suitable for this hydro site.

**Relation Calculations** Passage of legislation requiring utilities to buy electric power from qualified site developers is leading to strong growth of both site development and equipment suitable for small-scale hydro plants. Environmental concerns over fossil-fuel-fired and nuclear generating plants make hydro power more attractive. Hydro plants, in general, do not pollute the air, do not take part in the acid-rain cycle, are usually remote from populated areas, and run for up to 50 years with low maintenance and repair costs. Environmentalists rate hydro power as “clean” energy available with little, or no, pollution of the environment.

To reduce capital cost, most site developers choose standard-design hydroturbines. With essentially every high-head site developed, low-head sites become more attractive to developers. Table 13 shows the typical performance characteristics of hydroturbines being used today. Where there is a region of overlap in Table 13 or Fig. 23, site-specific parameters dictate choice and whether to install large units or a greater number of small units.

Delivery time and ease of maintenance are other factors important in unit choice. Further, the combination of power-generation and irrigation services in some installations make



**FIGURE 23** Traditional operating regimes of hydraulic turbines. New designs allow some turbines to cross traditional boundaries. (Power.)



**TABLE 13** Performance Characteristics of Common Hydroturbines

Type	Operating head range		Capacity range	
	Rated head, ft(m)	% of rated head	MW	% of design capacity
Vertical fixed-blade propeller	7–120 (3–54) and over	55–125	0.25–15	30–115
Vertical Kaplan (adjustable blades and guide vanes)	7–66 (3–30) and over	45–150	1–15	10–115
Vertical Francis	25–300 (11–136) and over	50–150 and over	0.25–15	35–115
Horizontal Francis	25–500 (11–227) and over	50–125	0.25–10	35–115
Tubular (adjustable blades, fixed gates)	7–59 (3–27)	65–140	0.25–15	45–115
Tubular (fixed blades, adjustable gates)	7–120 (3–54)	55–150	0.25–15	35–115
Bulb	7–66 (3–30)	45–140	1–15	10–115
Rim generator	7–30 (3–14)	45–140	1–8	10–115
Right-angle-drive propeller	7–59 (3–27)	55–140	0.25–2	45–115
Cross flow	20–300 (9–136) and over	80–120	0.25–2	10–115

Source: Power.

hydroturbines more attractive from an environmental view because two objectives are obtained: (1) “clean” power, and (2) crop watering.

Maintenance considerations are paramount with any selection; each day of downtime is lost revenue for the plant owner. For example, bulb-type units for heads between 10 and 60 ft (3 and 18 m) have performance characteristics similar to those of Francis and tubular units, and are often 1 to 2 percent more efficient. Also, their compact and, in some cases, standard design makes for smaller installations and reduced structural costs, but they suffer from poor accessibility. Sometimes the savings arising from the unit’s compactness are offset by increased costs for the water-tight requirements. Any leakage can cause severe damage to the machine.

To reduce the costs of hydroturbines, suppliers are using off-the-shelf equipment. One way this is done is to use centrifugal pumps operated in reverse and coupled to an induction motor. Although this is not a novel concept, pump manufacturers have documented the capability of many readily available commercial pumps to run as hydroturbines. The peak efficiency as a turbine is at least equivalent to the peak efficiency as a pump. These units can generate up to 1 MW of power. Pumps also benefit from a longer history of cost reductions in manufacturing, a wider range of commercial designs, faster delivery, and easier servicing—all of which add up to more rapid and inexpensive installations.

Though a reversed pump may begin generating power ahead of a turbine installation, it will not generate electricity more efficiently. Pumps operated in reverse are nominally 5 to 10 percent less efficient than a standard turbine for the same head and flow conditions. This is because pumps operate at fixed flow and head conditions; otherwise efficiency falls off rapidly. Thus, pumps do not follow the available water load as well unless multiple units are used.

With multiple units, the objective is to provide more than one operating point at sites with significant flow variations. Then the units can be sequenced to provide the maximum power output for any given flow rate. However, as the number of reverse pump units increases, equipment costs approach those for a standard turbine. Further, the complexity of the site increases with the number of reverse pump units, requiring more instrumentation and automation, especially if the site is isolated.

Energy-conversion-efficiency improvements are constantly being sought. In low-head applications, pumps may require specially designed draft tubes to minimize remaining energy after the water exists from the runner blades. Other improvements being sought for pumps are: (1) modifying the runner-blade profiles or using a turbine runner in a pump casing, (2) adding flow-control devices such as wicket gates to a standard pump design or stay vanes to adjust turbine output.

Many components of hydroturbines are being improved to reduce space requirements and civil costs, and to simplify design, operation, and maintenance. Cast parts used in older turbines

have largely been replaced by fabricated components. Stainless steel is commonly recommended for guide vanes, runners, and draft-tube inlets because of better resistance to cavitation, erosion, and corrosion. In special cases, there are economic tradeoffs between using carbon steel with a suitable coating material and using stainless steel.

Some engineers are experimenting with plastics, but much more long-term experience is needed before most designers will feel comfortable with plastics. Further, stainless steel material costs are relatively low compared to labor costs. And stainless steel has proven most cost-effective for hydroturbine applications.

While hydro power does provide pollution-free energy, it can be subject to the vagaries of the weather and climatic conditions. Thus, at the time of this writing, some 30 hydroelectric stations in the northwestern part of the United States had to cut their electrical output because the combination of a severe drought and prolonged cold weather forced a reduction in water flow to the stations. Purchase of replacement power—usually from fossil-fuel-fired plants—may be necessary when such cutbacks occur. Thus, the choice of hydro power must be carefully considered before a final decision is made.

This procedure is based on the work of Jason Makansi, associate editor, *Power* magazine, and reported in that publication.

## CENTRAL CHILLED-WATER SYSTEM DESIGN TO MEET CHLOROFLUOROCARBON (CFC) ISSUES

Choose a suitable storage tank size and capacity for a thermally stratified water-storage system for a large-capacity thermal-energy storage system for off-peak air conditioning for these conditions: Thermal storage capacity required = 100,000 ton-h (35,169 kWh); difference between water inlet and outlet temperatures =  $T = 20^\circ\text{F}$  ( $36^\circ\text{C}$ ); allowable nominal soil bearing load in one location is 2500 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (119.7 kPa); in another location 4000 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (191.5 kPa). Compare tank size for the two locations.

### Calculation Procedure

**1. Compute the required tank capacity in gallons (liters) to serve this system.** Use the relation  $C = 1800 S/\Delta T$ , where  $C$  = required tank capacity, gal;  $S$  = system capacity, ton-h;  $\Delta T$  = difference between inlet and outlet temperature, °F (°C). For this installation,  $C = 1800 (100,000)/20 = 9,000,000$  gal (34,065 m<sup>3</sup>).

**2. Determine the tank height and diameter for the allowable soil bearing loads.** Depending on the proposed location of the storage tank, either the height or diameter may be a restricted dimension. Thus, tank height may be restricted by local zoning laws or possible interference with aircraft landing or takeoff patterns. Tank diameter may be restricted by the ground area available. And the allowable nominal soil bearing load will determine if the required amount of water can be stored in one tank or if more than one tank will be required.

Starting with 2500-lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (119.7-kPa) bearing-load soil, assume a standard tank height of 40 ft (12.2 m). Then the required tank volume will be  $V = 0.134C$ , where  $0.134 = \text{ft}^3/\text{gal}$ ; or  $V = 0.134 (9,000,000) = 1,206,000 \text{ ft}^3$  (34,130 m<sup>3</sup>). The tank diameter is  $d = (4V/\pi h)^{0.5}$ , where  $d$  = diameter in feet (m). Or  $d = [4(1,206,000)/\pi(40)]^{0.5} = 195.93 \text{ ft}$ ; say 196 ft (59.7 m). This result is consistent with the typical sizes, heights, and capacities used in actual practice, as shown in Table 14.

Checking the soil load, the area of the base of this tank is  $A = \pi d^2/4 = \pi(196)^2/4 = 30,172 \text{ ft}^2$  (2803 m<sup>2</sup>). The weight of the water in the tank is  $W = 8.35C = 75,150,000 \text{ lb}$  (34,159 kg). This will produce a soil bearing pressure of  $p = W/A \text{ lb/ft}^2$  (kPa). Or,  $p = 75,150,000/30,172 = 2491 \text{ lb/ft}^2$  (119.3 kPa). This bearing load is within the allowable nominal specified load of 2500 lb/ft<sup>2</sup>.

Where a larger soil bearing load is permitted, tank diameter can be reduced as the tank height is increased. Thus, using a standard 64-ft (19.5-m) high tank with the same storage capacity, the required diameter would be  $d = [4(1,206,000)/\pi(64)]^{0.5} = 154.9 \text{ ft}$  (47.2 m). Soil bearing pressure will then be  $W/A = 75,140,000/[\pi(154.9)^2/4] = 3987.8 \text{ lb/ft}^2$  (190.9 kPa). This is within the allowable soil bearing load of 4000 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (191.5 kPa).

**TABLE 14** Typical Thermal Storage Tank Sizes, Heights, Capacities\*

$\Delta T$ , 10°F	Rated thermal energy storage capacity, ton-hours		Tank shell height (and nominal soil bearing load)					
	$\Delta T$ , 15°F	$\Delta T$ , 20°F	64-ft shell height (4000 lb/ft <sup>2</sup> soil)		40-ft shell height (2500 lb/ft <sup>2</sup> )		24-ft shell height (1500 lb/ft <sup>2</sup> oil)	
			Gross volume, gal	Tank diameter, ft	Gross volume, gal	Tank diameter, ft	Gross volume, gal	Tank diameter, ft
40,000	60,000	80,000	6,880,000	135	7,200,000	175	7,880,000	236
50,000	75,000	100,000	8,610,000	151	9,000,000	196	9,850,000	264
60,000	90,000	120,000	10,330,000	166	10,800,000	214	11,820,000	290

\*See calculation procedures for SI values.

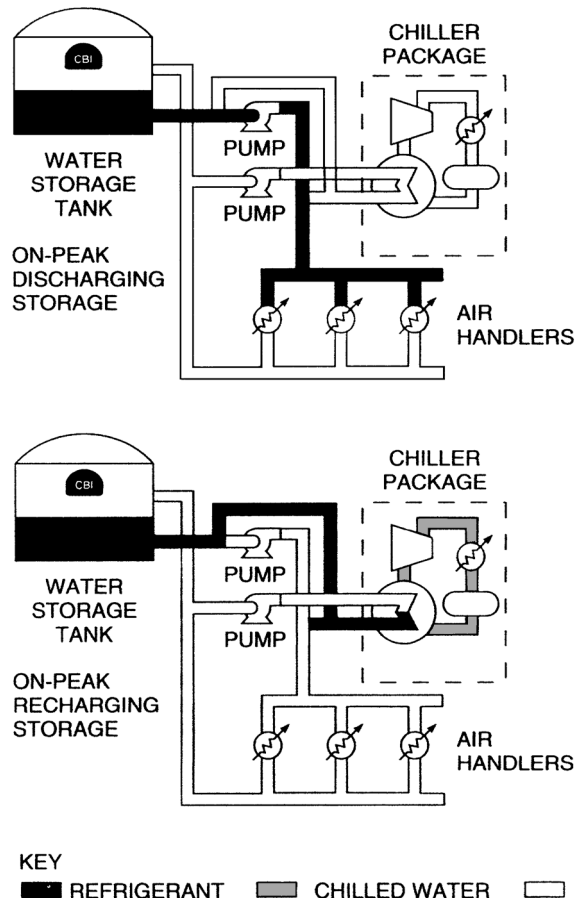
Source: Chicago Bridge &amp; Iron Company.

By reducing the storage capacity of the tank 4 percent to 8,610,000 gal (32,589 m<sup>3</sup>), the diameter of the tank can be made 151 ft (46 m). This is a standard dimension for 64-ft (19-m) high tanks with a 4000-lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (191.5-kPa) soil bearing load.

**Related Calculations** Thermal energy storage (TES) is environmentally desirable because it uses heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning (HVAC) equipment and a storage tank to store heated or cooled water during off-peak hours, allowing more efficient use of electric generating equipment. The stored water is used to serve HVAC or industrial process loads during on-peak hours.

To keep investment, operating, and maintenance costs low, one storage tank can be used to store both cool and warm water. Thermal stratification permits a smaller investment in the tank, piping, insulation, and controls to produce a higher-efficiency system. Lower-density warm water is thermally stratified from higher-density cool water without any mechanical separation in a full storage tank.

While systems using 200,000 gal (757 m<sup>3</sup>) of stored water are feasible, the usual minimum size storage tank is 500,000 gal (1893 m<sup>3</sup>). Tanks as large as 4.4 million gal (16,654 m<sup>3</sup>) are currently in use in TES for HVAC and process needs. TES is also used for schools, colleges, factories, and a variety of other applications, where chlorofluorocarbon (CFC)-based refrigeration systems must be replaced with less environmentally offensive refrigerants. TES systems can easily be modified because the chiller (Fig. 24) is a simple piece of equipment.



**FIGURE 24** On-peak and off-peak storage discharging and recharging of thermally stratified water-storage system. (Chicago Bridge & Iron Company.)

TYPICAL STRATA-THERM CHILLED WATER  
THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE INSTALLATION

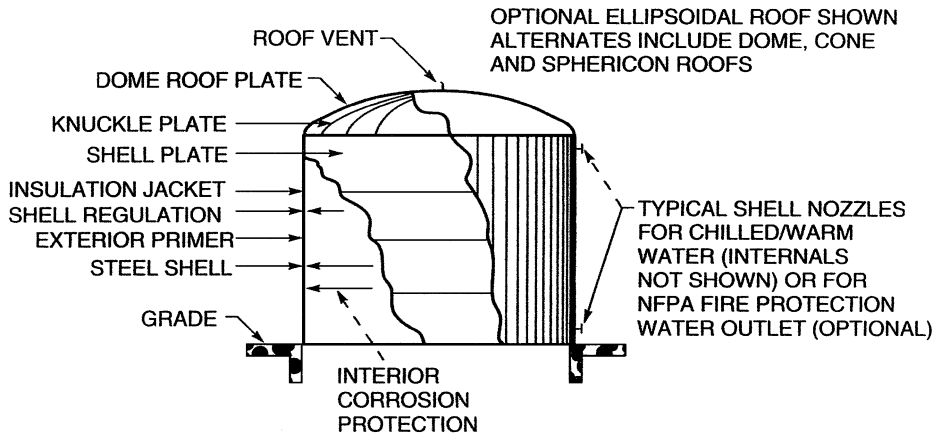


FIGURE 25 Typical chilled-water thermal-energy storage tank installation. (Chicago Bridge & Iron Company.)

As an added environmental advantage, the stored water in TES tanks can be used for fire protection. The full tank contents are continuously available as an emergency fire water reservoir. With such a water reserve, the capital costs for fire-protection equipment can be reduced. Likewise, fire-insurance premiums may also be reduced. Where an existing fire-protection water tank is available, it may be retrofitted for TES use.

Above-ground storage tanks (Fig. 25) are popular in TES systems. Such tanks are usually welded steel, leak-free with a concrete ringwall foundation. Insulated to prevent heat gain or loss, such tanks may have proprietary internal components for proper water distribution and stratification.

Some TES tanks may be installed partially, or fully, below grade. Before choosing partially or fully below-grade storage, the following factors should be considered: (1) system hydraulics may be complicated by a below-ground tank; (2) the tank must be designed for external pressure, particularly when the tank is empty; (3) soil and groundwater conditions may make the tank more costly; (4) local and national regulations for underground tanks may increase costs; (5) the choice of water-treatment methods may be restricted for underground tanks; (6) the total cost of an underground tank may be twice that of an above-ground tank.

The data and illustrations for this procedure were obtained from the Strata-Therm Thermal Systems Group of the Chicago Bridge & Iron Company.

## WORK REQUIRED TO CLEAN OIL-POLLUTED BEACHES

How much relative work is required to clean a 300-yd (274-m) long beach coated with heavy oil, if the width of the beach is 40 yd (36.6 m), the depth of oil penetration is 20 in (50.8 cm), the beach terrain is gravel and pebbles, the oil coverage is 60 percent of the beach, and the beach contains heavy debris?

### Calculation Procedure

1. *Establish a work-measurement equation from a beach model.* After the *Exxon Valdez* ran aground on Bligh Reef in Prince William Sound, a study was made to develop a model and an equation that would give the relative amount of work needed to rid a beach of spilled oil. The relative

amount of work remaining, expressed in clydes, is defined as the amount of work required to clean 100 yd (91.4 m) of lightly polluted beach. As the actual cleanup progressed, the actual work required was found to agree closely with the formula-predicted relative work indicated by the model and equation that were developed.

The work-measurement equation, developed by on-the-scene Commander Peter C. Olsen, U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, and Commander Wayne R. Hamilton, U.S. Coast Guard, is  $S = (L/100)(EWPTCD)$ , where  $S$  = standardized equivalent beach work units, expressed in clydes;  $L$  = beach-segment length in yards or meters (considered equivalent because of the rough precision of the model);  $E$  = degree of contamination of the beach expressed as: light oil = 1; moderate oil = 1.5; heavy oil = 2; random tar balls and very light oil = 0.1;  $W$  = width of beach expressed as: less than 30 m = 1; 30 to 45 m = 1.5; more than 45 m = 2;  $P$  = depth of penetration of the oil expressed as: less than 10 cm = 1; 10 to 20 cm = 2; more than 30 cm = 3;  $T$  = terrain of the beach expressed as: boulders, cobbles, sand, mud, solid rock without vertical faces = 1; gravel/pebbles = 2; solid rock faces = 0.1;  $C$  = percent of oil coverage of the beach expressed as: more than 67 percent coverage = 1; 50 to 67 percent = 0.8; less than 50 percent = 0.5;  $D$  = debris factor expressed as: heavy debris = 1.2; all others = 1.

**2. Determine the relative work required.** Using the given conditions,  $S = (300/100)(2 \times 1.5 \times 1 \times 1 \times 0.8 \times 1.2) = 8.64$  clydes. This shows that the work required to clean this beach would be some 8.6 times that of cleaning 100 yd of lightly oiled beach. Knowing the required time input to clean the “standard” beach (100 yd, lightly oiled), the approximate time to clean the beach being considered can be obtained by simple multiplication. Thus, if the cleaning time for the standard lightly oiled beach is 50 h, the cleaning time for the beach considered here would be  $50(8.64) = 432$  h.

**Related Calculations** The model presented here outlines—in general—the procedure to follow to set up an equation for estimating the working time to clean any type of beach of oil pollution. The geographic location of the beach will not in general be a factor in the model unless the beach is in cold polar regions. In cold climates more time will be required to clean a beach because the oil will congeal and be difficult to remove.

A beach cleanup in Prince William Sound was defined as eliminating all gross amounts of oil, all migratory oil, and all oil-contaminated debris. This definition is valid for any other polluted beach be it in Europe, the Far East, the United States, etc.

Floating oil in the marine environment can be skimmed, boomed, absorbed, or otherwise removed. But oil on a beach must either be released by (1) scrubbing or (2) steaming and floated to the nearby water where it can be recovered using surface techniques mentioned above.

Where light oil—gasoline, naphtha, kerosene, etc.—is spilled in an accident on the water, it will usually evaporate with little damage to the environment. But heavy oil—No. 6, Bunker C, unrefined products, etc.—will often congeal and stick to rocks, cobbles, structures, and sand. Washing such oil products off a beach requires the use of steam and hot high-pressure water. Once the oil is freed from the surfaces to which it is adhering, it must be quickly washed away with seawater so that it flows to the nearby water where it can be recovered. Several washings may be required to thoroughly cleanse a badly polluted beach.

The most difficult beaches to clean are those comprised of gravel, pebbles, or small boulders. Two reasons for this are: (1) the surface areas to which the oil can adhere are much greater, and (2) extensive washing of these surface areas is required. This washing action can carry away the sand and the underlying earth, destroying the beach. When setting up an equation for such a beach, this characteristic should be kept in mind.

Beaches with larger boulders having a moderate slope toward the water are easiest to clean. Next in ease of cleaning are sand and mud beaches because thick oil does not penetrate deeply in most instances.

Use this equation as is, and check its results against actual cleanup times. Then alter the equation to suit the actual conditions and personnel met in the cleanup.

The model and equation described here are the work of Commander Peter C. Olsen, U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, and Commander Wayne R. Hamilton, U.S. Coast Guard, as reported in government publications.

## SIZING EXPLOSION VENTS FOR INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURES

Choose the size of explosion vents to relieve safely the maximum allowable overpressure of  $0.75 \text{ lb/in}^2$  ( $5.2 \text{ kPa}$ ) in the building shown in Fig. 26 for an ethane/air explosion. Specify how the vents will be distributed in the structure.

### Calculation Procedure

1. *Determine the total internal surface area of Part A of the building.* Using normal length and width area formulas for Part A, we have: Building floor area =  $100 \times 25 = 2500 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $232.3 \text{ m}^2$ ); front wall area =  $12 \times 100 = 1200 \text{ ft}^2 - 12 \times 20 = 960 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $89.2 \text{ m}^2$ ); rear wall area =  $12 \times 100 = 1200 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $111.5 \text{ m}^2$ ); end wall area =  $2 \times 25 \times 12 + 2 \times 25 \times 3/2 = 675 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $62.7 \text{ m}^2$ ); roof area =  $2 \times 3 \times 100 = 600 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $55.7 \text{ m}^2$ ). Thus, the total internal surface area of Part A of the building is  $2500 + 960 + 1220 + 600 = 5935 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $551.4 \text{ m}^2$ ).

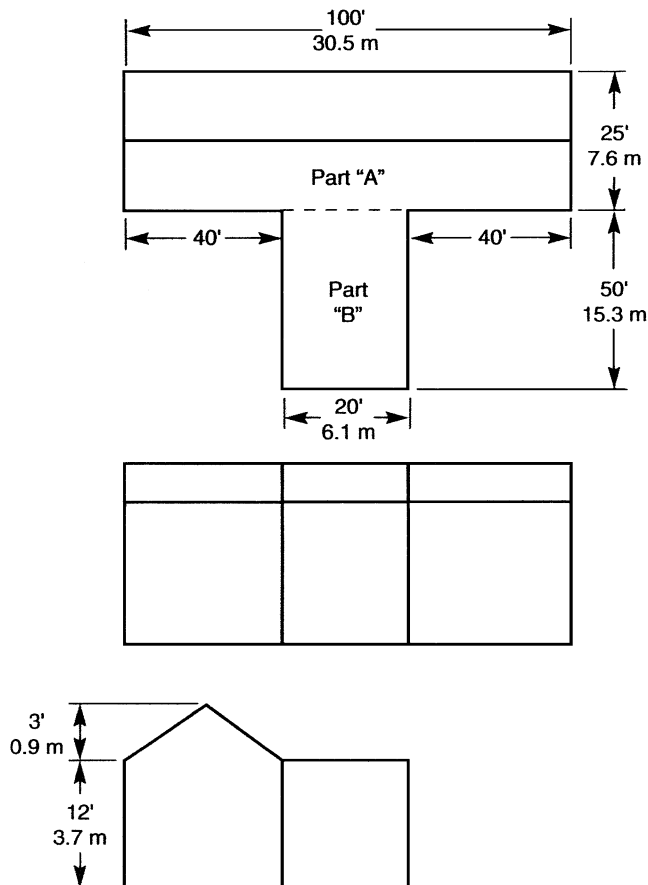


FIGURE 26 Typical industrial building for which explosion vents are sized.

**TABLE 15** Parameters for Vent Area Equation\*

Material	$\frac{S_u \rho_u}{G'}$	$\frac{P_{\max}}{P_0}$
Methane	$1.1 \times 10^{-3}$	8.33
Ethane	$1.2 \times 10^{-3}$	9.36
Propane	$1.2 \times 10^{-3}$	9.50
Pentane	$1.3 \times 10^{-3}$	9.42
Ethylene	$1.9 \times 10^{-3}$	9.39
Material	$C, (\text{kPa})^{1/2}$	
Methane	0.41	
Ethane	0.47	
Propane	0.48	
Pentane	0.51	
Ethylene	0.75	
ST 1 dusts	0.26	
ST 2 dusts	0.30	

**2. Determine the total internal surface area of Part B of the building.** Using area formulas, as before: Floor area =  $50 \times 20 = 1000 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $92.9 \text{ m}^2$ ); side wall area =  $2 \times 50 \times 12 = 1200 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $111.5 \text{ m}^2$ ); front wall area =  $20 \times 12 = 240 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $22.3 \text{ m}^2$ ); roof area =  $50 \times 20 = 1000 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $92.9 \text{ m}^2$ ); total internal surface area of Part B is  $1000 + 1200 + 240 + 1000 = 3440 \text{ ft}^2$  ( $319.6 \text{ m}^2$ ).

**3. Compute the vent area required.** Using the relation  $A_v = CA_s/(P_{\text{red}})^{0.5}$ , where  $A_v$  = required vent area,  $\text{m}^2$ ;  $C$  = deflagration characteristic of the material in the building,  $(\text{kPa})^{0.5}$ , from Table 15;  $A_s$  = internal surface area of the structure to be protected,  $\text{m}^2$ . For this industrial structure,  $A_v = 0147(551.4 + 319.6)/(5.17)^{0.5} = 180.1 \text{ m}^2$  ( $1939 \text{ ft}^2$ ) total vent area.

The required vent area should be divided proportionately between Part A and Part B of the building, or Part A vent area =  $180.1(551.4/871.0) = 114 \text{ m}^2$  ( $1227 \text{ ft}^2$ ); Part B vent area =  $180.1(319.6/871.0) = 66.1 \text{ m}^2$  ( $712 \text{ ft}^2$ ).

The required vent area should be distributed equally over the external wall and roof areas in each portion of the building. Before final choice of the vent areas to be used, the designer should consult local and national fire codes. Such codes may require different vent areas, depending on a variety of factors such as structure location, allowable overpressure, and gas mixture.

**Related Calculations** This procedure is the work of Tom Swift, a consultant, reported in *Chemical Engineering*. In his explanation of his procedure he points out that the word *explosion* is an imprecise term. The method outlined above is intended for those explosions known as deflagrations—exothermic reactions that propagate from burning gases to unreacted materials by conduction, convection, and radiation. The great majority of structural explosions at chemical plants are deflagrations.

The equation used in this procedure is especially applicable to “low-strength” structures widely used to house chemical processes and other manufacturing operations. This equation is useful for both gas and dust deflagrations. It applies to the entire subsonic venting range. Nomenclature for Table 15 is given as follows:

- $A_s$  Internal surface area of structure to be protected,  $\text{m}^2$
- $A_v$  Vent area,  $\text{m}^2$
- $B$  Dimensionless constant
- $C$  Deflagration characteristic,  $(\text{kPa})^{1/2}$



$C_D$	Discharge coefficient
$G'$	Maximum subsonic mass flux through vent, $\text{kg}/\text{m}^2\cdot\text{s}$
$P_f$	Overpressure, kPa
$P_{max}$	Maximum deflagration pressure in a sealed spherical vessel, kPa
$P_O$	Initial (ambient) pressure, kPa
$P_{red}$	Maximum reduced explosion pressure that a structure can withstand, kPa
$S_u$	Laminar burning velocity, m/s
$\gamma_b$	Ratio of specific heats of the combustion gases
$\rho_u$	Density of the unburnt gases, $\text{kg}/\text{m}^3$
$\lambda$	Turbulence enhancement factor

With increased interest in the environment by regulatory authorities, greater attention is being paid to proper control and management of industrial overpressures. Explosion vents that are properly sized will protect both the occupants of the building and surrounding structures. Therefore, careful choice of explosion vents is a prime requirement of sensible environmental protection.

## **INDUSTRIAL BUILDING VENTILATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY**

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Determine the ventilation requirements to maintain interior environmental safety of a pump and compressor room in an oil refinery in a cool-temperate climate. Floor area of the pump and compressor room is 2000 ft<sup>2</sup> (185.8 m<sup>2</sup>) and room height is 15 ft (4.6 m); gross volume = 30,000 ft<sup>3</sup> (849 m<sup>3</sup>). The room houses two pumps—one of 150 hp (111.8 kW) with a pumping temperature of 350°F (177°C), and one of 75 hp (55.9 kW) with a pumping temperature of 150°F (66°C). Also housed in the room is a 1000-hp (745.6-kW) compressor and a 50-hp (37.3-kW) compressor.

### **Calculation Procedure**

**1. Determine the hp-deg for the pumps.** The hp-deg = pump horsepower × pumping temperature. For these pumps, the total hp-deg = (150 × 350) + (75 × 150) = 63,750 hp-deg (19,789 kW-deg). Enter Fig. 27 on the left axis at 63,750 and project to the diagonal line representing the ventilation requirements for pump rooms in cool-temperate climates. Then extend a line vertically downward to the bottom axis to read the air requirement as 7200 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (203.8 m<sup>3</sup>/min).

The compressors require a total of 1050 hp (782.9 kW). Enter Fig. 27 on the right-hand axis at 1050 and project horizontally to cool-temperate climates for compressor and machinery rooms. From the intersection with this diagonal project vertically to the top axis to read 2200 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (62.3 m<sup>3</sup>/min) as the ventilation requirement.

Since the ventilation requirements of pumps and compressors are additive, the total ventilation-air requirement for this room is 7200 + 2200 = 9400 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (266 m<sup>3</sup>/min).

**2. Check to see if the computed ventilation flow meets the air-change requirements.** Use the relation  $N = 60 F/V$ , where  $N$  = number of air changes per hour;  $F$  = ventilating-air flow rate, ft<sup>3</sup>/min (m<sup>3</sup>/min);  $V$  = room volume, ft<sup>3</sup> (m<sup>3</sup>). Using the data for this room,  $N = 60(9400)/30,000 = 18.8$  air changes per hour.

Figure 27 is based on a minimum of 10 air changes per hour for summer and 5 air changes per hour for winter. Since the 18.8 air changes per hour computed exceeds the minimum of 10 changes per hour on which the chart is based, the computed air flow is acceptable.

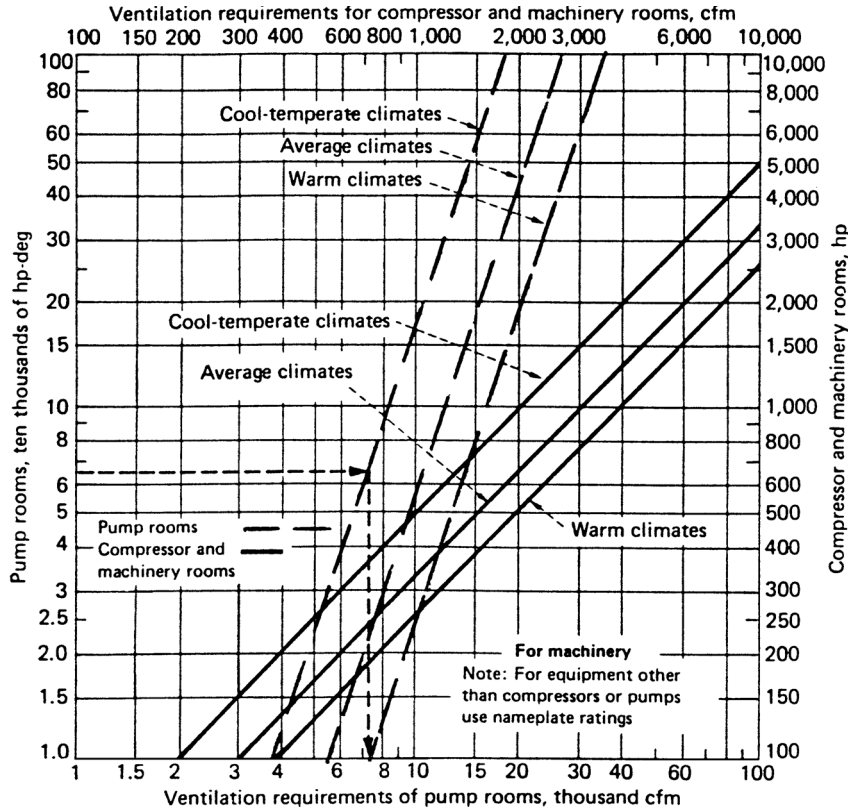


FIGURE 27 Chart for determining building ventilation requirements. (Chemical Engineering.)

In preparing the chart in Fig. 27 the climate lines are based on ASHRAE degree-day listings, namely: *Cool, temperate climates*, 5000 degree-days and up; *average climates*, 2000 to 5000 degree-days; *warm climates*, 2000 degree-days maximum.

**3. Select the total exhaust-fan capacity.** An exhaust fan or fans must remove the minimum computed ventilation flow, or 9400 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (266 m<sup>3</sup>/min) for this room. To allow for possible errors in room size, machinery rating, or temperature, choose an exhaust fan 10 percent larger than the computed ventilation flow. For this room the exhaust fan would therefore have a capacity of 1.1 × 9400 = 10,340 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (292.6 m<sup>3</sup>/min). A fan rated at 10,500 or 11,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (297.2 or 311.3 m<sup>3</sup>/min), depending on the ratings available from the supplier, would be chosen.

**Related Calculations** Ventilation is environmentally important and must accomplish two goals: (1) Removal of excess heat generated by machinery or derived from hot piping and other objects; (2) removal of objectionable, toxic, or flammable gases from process pumps, compressors, and piping.

The usual specifications for achieving these goals commonly call for an arbitrary number of hourly air changes for a building or room. However, these specifications vary widely in the

number of air changes required, and use inconsistent design methods for ventilation. The method given in this procedure will achieve proper results, based on actual applications.

Because of health and explosion hazards, workers exposed to toxic or hazardous vapors and gases should be protected against dangerous levels [threshold limit values (TLV)] and explosion hazards [lower explosive limit (LEL)] by diluting workspace air with outside air at adequate ventilation rates. If a workspace is protected by adequate ventilation rates for health (i.e., below TLV) purposes, the explosion hazard (LEL) will not exist. The reason for this is that the health air changes far exceed those required for explosion prevention.

To render a workspace safe in terms of TLV, the number of ft<sup>3</sup>/min (m<sup>3</sup>/min) of dilution air,  $A_d$ , required can be found from:  $A_d = [1540 \times S \times T / (M \times \text{TLV})]K$ , or in SI,  $A_{dm} = \text{m}^3/\text{min} = 0.0283A_d$ , where  $S$  = gas or vapor expelled over an 8-h period, lb (kg);  $M$  = molecular weight of vapor or gas; TLV = threshold limit value, ppm;  $T$  = room temperature, absolute °R(K);  $K$  = air-mixing factor for nonideal conditions, which can vary from 3 to 10, depending on actual space conditions and the efficiency of the ventilation-air distribution system.

If the space temperature is assumed to be 100°F (37.8°C) (good average summer conditions), the above equation becomes  $A_d = [862,400 \times S / (M \times \text{TLV})]K$ .

For every pound (kg) of gas or vapor expelled of an 8-h period, when  $S = 1$ , the second equation becomes  $A_d = [862,400 / (M \times \text{TLV})]K$ . For values of  $S$  less or greater than unity, simple multiplication can be used.

It is only for ideal mixing that  $K = 1$ . Hence,  $K$  must be adjusted upward, depending on ventilation efficiency, operation, and the particular system application.

If mixing is perfect and continuous, then each air change reduces the contaminant concentration to about 35 percent of that before the air change. Perfect mixing is seldom attainable, however, so a room mixing factor,  $K$ , ranging from 3 to 10 is recommended in actual practice.

The practical mixing factor for a particular workspace is at best an estimate. Therefore, some flexibility should be built into the ventilation system in anticipation of actual operations. For small enclosures, such as ovens and fumigation booths,  $K$ -values range from 3 to 5. If you are not familiar with efficient mixing within enclosures, use a  $K$ -factor equal to 10. Then your results will be on the safe side. Figure 27 is based on a  $K$ -value equal to 8 to 10. Table 16 gives  $K$ -factors for ventilation-air distribution systems as indicated.

In some installations, heat generated by rotating equipment (pumps, compressors, blowers) process piping, and other equipment can be calculated, and the outside-air requirements for dilution ventilation determined. In most cases, however, the calculation is either too cumbersome and time consuming or impossible.

Figure 27 was developed from actual practice in the chemical-plant and oil-refinery businesses. The chart is based on a closed processing system. Hence, air quantities found from the chart are not recommended if (1) the system is not closed or (2) if abnormal operating conditions prevail that permit the escape of excessive amounts of toxic and explosive materials into the workplace atmosphere.

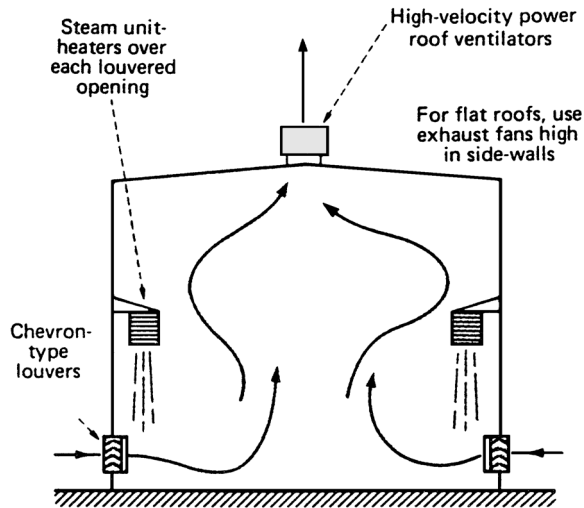
For these situations, special ventilation measures, such as local exhaust through hoods, are required. Vent the exhaust to pollution-control equipment or, where permitted, directly outdoors.

Figure 27 and the procedure for determining dilution-air ventilation requirements were developed from actual tests of workspace atmospheres within processing buildings. Design and operating show that by supplying outside air into a building near the floor, and exhausting it high

**TABLE 16** K-values for Various Ventilation-Air Distribution Systems\*

K-values	Distribution system
1.2–1.5	Perforated ceiling
1.5–2.0	Air diffusers
2.0–3.0	Duct headers along ceiling with branch headers pointing downward
3.0 and up	Window fans, wall fans, and the like

\*Chemical Engineering.



**FIGURE 28** Ventilation system for effective removal of plant heat loads. (*Chemical Engineering.*)

(through the roof or upper outside walls), safe and comfortable conditions can be attained. Use of chevron-type stormproof louvers permits outside air to enter low in the room.

The chevron feature causes the air to sweep the floor, picking up heat and diluting gases and vapors on the way up to the exhaust fan, (Fig. 28).

In the system shown in Fig. 28 there are a number of features worth noting. With low-level distribution and adequate high exhaust, only the internal plant heat load (piping, equipment) is of importance in maintaining desirable workspace conditions. Wall and transmission heat loads are swept out of the building and do not reach the work areas. Even the temperature rise caused by the plant load occurs above the work level. Hence, low-level distribution of the supply air maintains the work area close to supply-air temperatures.

For any installation, it is good practice to check the ratio of  $\text{hp-deg/ft}^2$  ( $\text{kW-deg/m}^2$ ) of floor area. When this ratio exceeds 100, consider installing a totally enclosed ventilation system for cooling. This should be complete with ventilating fans taking outside air, preferably from a high stack, and discharging through ductwork into a sheetmetal motor housing.

The result is a greater use of outside air for cooling through a confined system at a lower ventilation rate. Ventilation air flow needs may be obtained from the equipment manufacturer or directly from the chart (Fig. 27). The remainder of the building may be ventilated as usual, based either on the absence of equipment or on any equipment outside the ventilation enclosure. When designing the duct system, take care to prevent moisture entrainment with the incoming airstream.

This procedure is the work of John A. Constance, P.E., consultant, as reported in *Chemical Engineering*.

## **ESTIMATING POWER-PLANT THERMAL POLLUTION**

A steam power plant has a 1000-MW output rating. Find the cooling-water thermal pollution by this power plant when using a once-through cooling system for the condensers if the plant thermal efficiency is 30 percent.

## Calculation Procedure

**1. Determine the amount of heat added during plant operation.** The general equation for power-plant efficiency is  $E = W/Q_A$ , where  $E$  = plant net thermal efficiency, %;  $W$  = plant net output, MW;  $Q_A$  = heat added, MW. For this plant,  $Q_A = W/E = 1000/0.30 = 3333$  MW.

**2. Compute the heat rejected by this plant.** The general equation for heat rejected is  $Q_R = (W/E - W)$ ,  $Q_R$  = heat rejected, MW. For this power plant,  $Q_R = (1000/0.3 - 1000) = 2333$  MW. Thus, this plant will reject 2333 MW to the condenser cooling water.

The heat rejected to the cooling water will be absorbed by the river, lake, or ocean providing the water pumped through the condenser. Depending on the thermal efficiency of the plant, the required cooling-water flow for the condenser will range from  $250 \times 10^6$  lb/h, or 65,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (30 m<sup>3</sup>/s) to  $400 \times 10^6$  lb/h or 100,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (50 m<sup>3</sup>/s). The discharged water in a once-through cooling system will be 20 to 25°F (11 to 14°C) higher in temperature than the entering water.

**3. Assess the effects of this thermal pollution.** Warm water discharged in large volume to a restricted water mass may affect the ecosystem in a deleterious way. Fish and plant life, larvae, plankton, and other organisms can be damaged or have a high mortality rate. If chlorine is used to control condenser scaling, the effect on the ecosystem can be more damaging.

If the warm condenser cooling water is discharged into a large body of water, such as a major river or ocean, the effect on the ecosystem can be more beneficial than deleterious. Thus, well-planned cooling-water outlets can be used to increase fish production in hatcheries. In agriculture, the warm-water discharge can be used to markedly increase the output of greenhouses and open fields in cold climates. Thus, the overall effect of thermal pollution can be positive, if the pollution energy is used in an antipolluting manner.

**Related Calculations** Since thermal and atmospheric pollution are associated with the generation of electricity, environmental engineers are seeking ways to reduce electricity use. Personal computers (PCs) are big users of electricity today. At the time of this writing, PCs consume some 5 percent of commercial energy used in the United States.

Typical PCs use 150 to 200 W of power when in use, or just on but not in use. Some 30 to 40 percent of PCs are left on overnight and during weekends. The extra electricity which must be generated to carry this PC load leads to more thermal and air pollution.

New PCs have "sleep" circuitry which reduces the electrical load to 30 W when the computer is not being used. Such microprocessors will reduce the electrical load caused by PCs. This, in turn, will reduce thermal and air pollution produced by power-generating plants.

Internal-combustion engines—diesel, gas, and gas turbines—produce both thermal and air pollution. To curb this pollution and wrest more work from the fuel burned, cogeneration is being widely applied. Heat is extracted from the internal-combustion engine's cooling water for use in process or space heating. In addition, exhaust gases are directed through heat exchangers to extract more heat from the internal-combustion engine exhaust. Thus, environmental considerations are met while conserving fuel. This is one reason why cogeneration is so popular today.

Compute the heat recovery from cogeneration using the many concepts given earlier in this section. Try to combine both heat recovery and pollution reduction; then the required investment will be easier to justify from an economic standpoint.