



## INDUSTRY PIPING FORMULAS

### Pressure Rating

$$P = \frac{2St}{D-t} \quad S = \frac{P(D-t)}{2t}$$

P is the pressure rating in psi.

S is the Hydrostatic Design Basis (usually 4000 psi) divided by the safety factor (which is 2 for the three standards).

DR is the Dimension Ratio for D2241 and C905 but is OD/t for D1785

Where:

P = pressure, psi

S = circumferential stress, psi

D = outside diameter of pipe, inches

d = inside diameter of pipe, inches (average based on mean wall)

t = average wall thickness, inches

**Volume capacity-gallons** per ft. length =  $VG = V \times 0.004329$

**Volume capacity-cubic inches** per ft. length =  $V = 0.7854 \times d^2 \times 12$

**Outside pipe surface**, sq. ft per ft. length =  $AO = \frac{D^2 \pi}{12}$

**Inside pipe surface**, sq. ft. per ft. length =  $A_i = \frac{d \pi}{12}$

**Cross-sectional plastic area**, sq. in. =  $A = \frac{(D^2 - d^2) \pi}{4}$

**Cross sectional flow area**, sq. in. =  $A_f = \frac{d^2 \pi}{4}$

**Weight of PVC pipe**, lb. per ft. length =  $W_{PVC} = .632 \times A$

**Weight of CPVC pipe**, lb. per ft. length =  $W_{CPVC} = .705 \times A$

**Weight of water in pipe**, lb. per ft. length =  $W_w = 0.433 A_f$

**Weight of water filled pipe**, lb. per ft. length =  $W_{WFP} = W_{PVC}$  (or  $W_{CPVC}$ ) +  $W_w$

**Radius of gyration**, inches =  $r_g = \sqrt{\frac{D^2 + d^2}{4}}$

**Moment of inertia**, inches fourth =  $I = Ar_g^2 .0491 (D^4 - d^4)$

**Section modulus**, inches cube =  $Z = \frac{2I}{D} = 0.0982 \times \frac{(D^4 - d^4)}{D}$

### Thermal Expansion and Contraction

$$\Delta L = 12 yL (\Delta T)$$

Where:

$\Delta L$  = expansion or contraction of pipe in inches

y = Coefficient of thermal expansion

(see PVC or CPVC material Thermal properties)

L = Length of pipe run in feet

$\Delta T$  = Temperature change °F (Maximum temperature – Temperature @ Installation or maximum system temperature – lowest system temperature, whichever is greater)



**Friction Loss (Hazen-Williams equations)**

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

Where:

- f = friction head of feet of water per 100' for the specific pipe size and I.D.
- C = a constant for internal pipe roughness (=150 for thermoplastic pipe)
- G = flow rate of U.S. gallons per minute
- d = inside diameter of pipe in inches

**Water Velocities**

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

Where:

- V = velocity in feet per second
- G = gallons per minute
- A = inside cross sectional area in square inches

**Gallons Per Minute Through Pipe**

$$GPM = 0.0408 \times \text{Pipe Diameter Inches}^2 \times \text{Feet Per Minute Velocity}$$

**Pressure Drop in Valves**

$$P = \frac{G^2 \times S_g}{CV^2}$$

Where:

- P = Pressure drop in PSI; feet of water = PSI/.4332
- G = Gallons per minute
- Sg = Specific gravity of liquid
- Cv = Gallons per minute per 1 PSI pressure drop (see Valve product Cv from manufacturer)

**Water Conversions**

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| 1 foot of head = 0.434 PSI               | 1 cubic foot water = 7.5 gallon = 62.5 pounds (salt water = 64.3 pounds) |
| 1 gallon = 231 cubic inch = 8.333 pounds | 1 miner's inch = 9 to 12 gallons per minute                              |
| 1 pound water = 27.7 cubic inches        |  |

$$\text{Horsepower to Raise Water} = \frac{\text{Gallons Per Minute} \times \text{Total Head in Feet}}{3960}$$