

## Friction Loss in Fittings

### Equivalent length of Pipe, feet

Size Fittings	½"	¾"	1"	1½"	2"	3"	4"	6"	8"	10"	12"
<b>Type Fittings</b>											
90° Standard Elbow	1.6	2.1	2.6	4.0	5.5	7.7	10.1	15.2	20.0	25.1	29.8
45° Standard Elbow	0.8	1.1	1.4	2.1	2.8	4.1	5.4	8.1	10.6	13.4	15.9
90° Long Radius Elbow	1.0	1.4	1.7	2.7	4.3	6.3	8.3	12.5	16.5	20.7	24.7
90° Street Elbow	2.6	3.4	4.4	6.7	8.6	12.8	16.8	25.3	33.3	41.8	49.7
45° Street Elbow	1.3	1.8	2.3	3.0	4.5	6.6	8.7	13.1	17.3	21.7	25.9
Square Corner Elbow	3.0	3.9	5.0	7.6	9.8	14.6	19.1	28.8	37.9	47.6	56.7
Standard—with flow thru run	1.0	1.4	1.7	2.7	4.3	6.3	8.3	12.5	16.5	20.7	24.7
Tee—with flow thru Branch	4.0	5.1	6.0	8.1	12.0	16.3	22.1	32.2	39.9	50.1	59.7

## Friction Loss in Fittings Valves

As an aid, liquid sizing constants (Cv values) are shown for valves. These values are defined as the flow rate through the valve required to produce a pressure drop of 1 psi. To determine the pressure drop for a given GPM the following formula may be used.

$$\Delta P = (G^2)(SG)/Cv^2$$

where:

AP = pressure drop

G = Flow in GPM

SG = Specific Gravity of the liquid (water = 1.0)

Cv = Flow Coefficient

Example: Find the pressure drop across a ½" Ball valve with a water flow rate of 10 GPM.

$$\Delta P = (G^2)(SG)/Cv^2 \quad P = (10)(10)(1)/(22)(22) \quad P = .206$$

Size	Cv Ball valve (TU)	Cv Diaphragm Valve
½"	22	6.5
¾"	55	9.5
1"	112	12.3
1½"	285	29.2
2"	540	53.7

## Carrying Capacity and Friction Loss for Schedule 40 Thermoplastic

Pipe	1/2 in.			3/4 in.			1 in.			1 1/2 in.			2 in.			3 in.		
	Velocity Feet per Second	Friction Head Feet	Friction Loss lbs per Square Inch	Velocity Feet per Second	Friction Head Feet	Friction Loss lbs per Square Inch	Velocity Feet per Second	Friction Head Feet	Friction Loss lbs per Square Inch	Velocity Feet per Second	Friction Head Feet	Friction Loss lbs per Square Inch	Velocity Feet per Second	Friction Head Feet	Friction Loss lbs per Square Inch	Velocity Feet per Second	Friction Head Feet	Friction Loss lbs per Square Inch
1	1.13	2.08	0.90	0.63	0.51	0.22												
2	2.26	4.16	1.80	1.26	1.02	0.44	0.77	0.55	0.24	0.33	0.07	0.03						
5	5.64	23.44	10.15	3.16	5.73	2.48	1.93	1.72	0.75	0.81	0.22	0.09	0.49	0.066	0.029	0.22	0.015	0.007
7	7.90	43.06	13.64	4.43	10.52	4.56	2.72	3.17	1.37	1.13	0.38	0.17	0.69	0.11	0.048	0.31	0.021	0.009
10	11.28	82.02	35.51	6.32	20.04	8.68	3.86	6.02	2.61	1.62	0.72	0.31	0.98	0.21	0.091	0.44	0.03	0.013
15		4 in.		9.48	42.48	18.39	5.79	12.77	5.53	2.42	1.53	0.66	1.46	0.45	0.19	0.66	0.07	0.030
20	0.51	0.03	0.013	12.65	72.34	31.32	7.72	21.75	9.42	3.23	2.61	1.13	1.95	0.76	0.33	0.88	0.11	0.048
25	0.64	0.04	0.017				9.65	32.88	14.22	4.04	3.95	1.71	2.44	1.15	0.50	1.10	0.17	0.074
30	0.77	0.06	0.026				11.58	46.08	19.95	4.85	5.53	2.39	2.93	1.62	0.70	1.33	0.23	0.10
35	0.89	0.08	0.035							5.66	7.36	3.19	3.41	2.15	0.93	1.55	0.31	0.13
40	1.02	0.11	0.048							6.47	9.43	4.08	3.90	2.75	1.19	1.77	0.40	0.17
45	1.15	0.13	0.056		6 in.					7.27	11.73	5.08	4.39	3.43	1.49	1.99	0.50	0.22
50	1.28	0.16	0.069	0.56	0.02	0.009				8.08	14.25	6.17	4.88	4.16	1.80	2.21	0.60	0.26
60	1.53	0.22	0.095	0.67	0.03	0.013				9.70	19.96	8.65	5.85	5.84	2.53	2.65	0.85	0.37
70	1.79	0.30	0.13	0.79	0.04	0.017							6.83	7.76	3.36	3.09	1.13	0.49
75	1.92	0.34	0.15	0.84	0.05	0.022							7.32	8.82	3.82	3.31	1.28	0.55
80	2.05	0.38	0.16	0.90	0.05	0.022							7.80	9.94	4.30	3.53	1.44	0.62
90	2.30	0.47	0.20	1.01	0.06	0.026							8.78	12.37	5.36	3.98	1.80	0.78
100	2.56	0.58	0.25	1.12	0.08	0.035	0.65	0.03	0.012				9.75	15.03	6.51	4.42	2.18	0.94
125	3.20	0.88	0.38	1.41	0.12	0.052	0.81	0.035	0.015							5.52	3.31	1.43
150	3.84	1.22	0.53	1.69	0.16	0.069	0.97	0.04	0.017		10 in.					6.63	4.63	2.00
175	4.48	1.63	0.71	1.97	0.22	0.096	1.14	0.055	0.024							7.73	6.16	2.67
200	5.11	2.08	0.90	2.25	0.28	0.12	1.30	0.07	0.030	0.82	0.027	0.012				8.83	7.88	3.41
250	6.40	3.15	1.36	2.81	0.43	0.19	1.63	0.11	0.048	1.03	0.035	0.015		12 in.		11.04	11.93	5.17
300	7.67	4.41	1.91	3.37	0.60	0.26	1.94	0.16	0.069	1.23	0.05	0.022						
350	8.95	5.87	2.55	3.94	0.79	0.34	2.27	0.21	0.091	1.44	0.065	0.028	1.01	0.027	0.012			
400	10.23	7.52	3.26	4.49	1.01	0.44	2.59	0.27	0.12	1.64	0.09	0.039	1.16	0.040	0.017			
450				5.06	1.26	0.55	2.92	0.33	0.14	1.85	0.11	0.048	1.30	0.05	0.022			
500				5.62	1.53	0.66	3.24	0.40	0.17	2.05	0.13	0.056	1.45	0.060	0.026			
750				8.43	3.50	1.41	4.86	0.85	0.37	3.08	0.28	0.12	2.17	0.12	0.052			
1000				11.24	5.54	2.40	6.48	1.45	0.63	4.11	0.48	0.21	2.89	0.20	0.087			
1250							8.11	2.20	0.95	5.14	0.73	0.32	3.62	0.31	0.13			
1500							9.72	3.07	1.33	6.16	1.01	0.44	4.34	0.43	0.19			
2000										8.21	1.72	0.74	5.78	0.73	0.32			
2500										10.27	2.61	1.13	7.23	1.11	0.49			
3000													8.68	1.55	0.67			
3500													10.12	2.07	0.90			
4000													11.07	2.66	1.15			

Independent variables: Gallons per minute and nominal pipe size O.D.

Dependent variables: Velocity, friction head and pressure drop per 100 feet of pipe, interior smooth.

**Carrying Capacity and Friction Loss for Schedule 80 Thermoplastic Pipe**

Gallons Per Minute	½ in.			¾ in.			1 in.			1½ in.			2 in.			3 in.		
	Velocity Feet per Second	Friction Head Feet	Friction Loss lbs per Square Inch	Velocity Feet per Second	Friction Head Feet	Friction Loss lbs per Square Inch	Velocity Feet per Second	Friction Head Feet	Friction Loss lbs per Square Inch	Velocity Feet per Second	Friction Head Feet	Friction Loss lbs per Square Inch	Velocity Feet per Second	Friction Head Feet	Friction Loss lbs per Square Inch	Velocity Feet per Second	Friction Head Feet	Friction Loss lbs per Square Inch
1	1.48	4.02	1.74	0.74	0.86	0.37												
2	2.95	8.03	3.48	1.57	1.72	0.74	0.94	0.88	0.38	0.38	0.10	0.041						
5	7.39	45.23	19.59	3.92	9.67	4.19	2.34	2.75	1.19	0.94	0.30	0.126	0.56	0.10	0.04	0.25	0.02	0.009
7	10.34	83.07	35.97	5.49	17.76	7.69	3.28	5.04	2.19	1.32	0.55	0.24	0.78	0.15	0.065	0.35	0.028	0.012
10				7.84	33.84	14.65	4.68	9.61	4.16	1.88	1.04	0.45	1.12	0.29	0.13	0.50	0.04	0.017
15		4 in.		11.76	71.70	31.05	7.01	20.36	8.82	2.81	2.20	0.95	1.68	0.62	0.27	0.75	0.09	0.039
20	0.57	0.04	0.017				9.35	34.68	15.02	3.75	3.75	1.62	2.23	1.06	0.46	1.00	0.15	0.065
25	0.72	0.06	0.026				11.69	52.43	22.70	4.69	5.67	2.46	2.79	1.60	0.69	1.25	0.22	0.095
30	0.86	0.08	0.035				14.03	73.48	31.82	5.63	7.95	3.44	3.35	2.25	0.97	1.49	0.31	0.13
35	1.00	0.11	0.048							6.57	10.58	4.58	3.91	2.99	1.29	1.74	0.42	0.18
40	1.15	0.14	0.061							7.50	13.55	5.87	4.47	3.83	1.66	1.99	0.54	0.23
45	1.29	0.17	0.074		6 in.					8.44	16.85	7.30	5.03	4.76	2.07	2.24	0.67	0.29
50	1.43	0.21	0.091	0.63	0.03	0.013				9.38	20.48	8.87	5.58	5.79	2.51	2.49	0.81	0.35
60	1.72	0.30	0.13	0.75	0.04	0.017				11.26	28.70	12.43	6.70	8.12	3.52	2.99	1.14	0.49
70	2.01	0.39	0.17	0.88	0.05	0.022							7.82	10.80	4.68	3.49	1.51	0.65
75	2.15	0.45	0.19	0.94	0.06	0.026							8.38	12.27	5.31	3.74	1.72	0.74
80	2.29	0.50	0.22	1.00	0.07	0.030		8 in.					8.93	13.83	5.99	3.99	1.94	0.84
90	2.58	0.63	0.27	1.13	0.08	0.035							10.05	17.20	7.45	4.48	2.41	1.04
100	2.87	0.76	0.33	1.25	0.10	0.043							11.17	20.90	9.05	4.98	2.93	1.27
125	3.59	1.16	0.50	1.57	0.16	0.068	0.90	0.045	0.019							6.23	4.43	1.92
150	4.30	1.61	0.70	1.88	0.22	0.095	1.07	0.05	0.022		10 in.					7.47	6.20	2.68
175	5.02	2.15	0.93	2.20	0.29	0.12	1.25	0.07	0.033							8.72	8.26	3.58
200	5.73	2.75	1.19	2.51	0.37	0.16	1.43	0.09	0.039	0.90	0.036	0.015				9.97	10.57	4.58
250	7.16	4.16	1.81	3.14	0.56	0.24	1.79	0.14	0.061	1.14	0.045	0.02		12 in.		12.46	16.00	6.93
300	8.60	5.83	2.52	3.76	0.78	0.34	2.14	0.20	0.087	1.36	0.07	0.03						
350	10.03	7.76	3.36	4.39	1.04	0.45	2.50	0.27	0.12	1.59	0.085	0.037	1.12	0.037	0.016			
400	11.47	9.93	4.30	5.02	1.33	0.58	2.86	0.34	0.15	1.81	0.11	0.048	1.28	0.05	0.022			
450				5.64	1.65	0.71	3.21	0.42	0.18	2.04	0.14	0.061	1.44	0.06	0.026			
500				6.27	2.00	0.87	3.57	0.51	0.22	2.27	0.17	0.074	1.60	0.07	0.030			
750				9.40	4.25	1.84	5.36	1.08	0.47	3.40	0.36	0.16	2.40	0.15	0.065			
1000				12.54	7.23	3.13	7.14	1.84	0.80	4.54	0.61	0.26	3.20	0.26	0.11			
1250							8.93	2.78	1.20	5.67	0.92	0.40	4.01	0.40	0.17			
1500							10.71	3.89	1.68	6.80	1.29	0.56	4.81	0.55	0.24			
2000										9.07	2.19	0.95	6.41	0.94	0.41			
2500										11.34	3.33	1.44	8.01	1.42	0.62			
3000													9.61	1.99	0.86			
3500													11.21	2.65	1.15			
4000													12.82	3.41	1.48			

Independent variables: Gallons per minute and nominal pipe size O.D.

Dependent variables: Velocity, friction head and pressure drop per 100 feet of pipe, interior smooth.

**Carrying Capacity and Friction Loss for 200 psi and SDR 21 Thermoplastic Pipe**

Gallons Per Minute	½ in.			¾ in.			1 in.			1½ in.			2 in.			3 in.		
	Velocity Feet per Second	Friction Head Feet	Friction Loss lbs per Square Inch	Velocity Feet per Second	Friction Head Feet	Friction Loss lbs per Square Inch	Velocity Feet per Second	Friction Head Feet	Friction Loss lbs per Square Inch	Velocity Feet per Second	Friction Head Feet	Friction Loss lbs per Square Inch	Velocity Feet per Second	Friction Head Feet	Friction Loss lbs per Square Inch	Velocity Feet per Second	Friction Head Feet	Friction Loss lbs per Square Inch
1	0.84	1.00	0.44	0.50	0.28	0.12												
2	1.67	2.00	0.87	0.99	0.56	0.24	0.60	0.30	0.13	0.29	0.05	0.022	0.18	0.023	0.010			
5	4.17	11.25	4.87	2.47	3.14	1.36	1.50	0.93	0.41	0.71	0.15	0.065	0.45	0.06	0.025	0.20	0.015	0.006
7	5.84	20.66	8.95	3.46	5.76	2.49	2.09	1.70	0.74	0.99	0.28	0.12	0.63	0.081	0.035	0.29	0.021	0.009
10	8.34	39.34	17.03	4.94	10.96	4.75	2.99	3.24	1.40	1.41	0.52	0.23	0.90	0.17	0.074	0.41	0.03	0.013
15		4 in.		7.40	23.23	10.06	4.49	6.86	2.97	2.12	1.11	0.48	1.35	0.37	0.16	0.62	0.06	0.026
20	0.50	0.03	0.013	9.87	39.57	17.13	5.98	11.68	5.06	2.83	1.89	0.82	1.80	0.63	0.27	0.83	0.09	0.039
25	0.62	0.04	0.017				7.48	17.66	7.65	3.54	2.85	1.23	2.25	0.95	0.41	1.03	0.14	0.061
30	0.75	0.06	0.026				8.97	24.76	10.72	4.24	4.00	1.73	2.71	1.34	0.58	1.24	0.20	0.087
35	0.87	0.08	0.035				10.47	32.94	14.26	4.95	5.32	2.30	3.16	1.78	0.77	1.45	0.27	0.12
40	1.00	0.10	0.043							5.66	6.81	2.95	3.61	2.27	0.98	1.65	0.34	0.15
45	1.12	0.12	0.052		6 in.					6.36	8.47	3.67	4.06	2.83	1.23	1.86	0.42	0.18
50	1.25	0.15	0.065	0.58	0.02	0.009				7.07	10.29	4.46	4.51	3.44	1.49	2.06	0.51	0.22
60	1.50	0.21	0.091	0.69	0.03	0.013				8.49	14.42	6.24	5.41	4.82	2.09	2.48	0.72	0.31
70	1.75	0.28	0.12	0.81	0.04	0.017				9.90	19.19	8.31	6.31	6.41	2.78	2.89	0.96	0.42
75	1.87	0.32	0.14	0.86	0.05	0.022				10.61	21.80	9.44	6.76	7.29	3.16	3.10	1.09	0.47
80	2.00	0.36	0.16	0.92	0.05	0.022		8 in.					7.21	8.21	3.55	3.30	1.23	0.53
90	2.25	0.45	0.19	1.04	0.07	0.030							8.12	10.21	4.42	3.72	1.52	0.66
100	2.50	0.54	0.23	1.15	0.08	0.035	0.67	0.03	0.012				9.02	12.41	5.37	4.13	1.85	0.80
125	3.13	0.82	0.36	1.44	0.125	0.054	0.85	0.037	0.015							5.17	2.81	1.22
150	3.75	1.15	0.50	1.73	0.18	0.078	1.02	0.05	0.022		10 in.					6.19	3.93	1.70
175	4.37	1.54	0.67	2.02	0.24	0.103	1.19	0.065	0.028							7.23	5.23	2.26
200	4.99	1.96	0.85	2.31	0.30	0.13	1.36	0.08	0.035	0.86	0.027	0.012				8.26	6.69	2.90
250	6.24	2.97	1.29	2.89	0.46	0.20	1.70	0.125	0.054	1.10	0.045	0.020		12 in.		10.33	10.13	4.39
300	7.49	4.16	1.80	3.46	0.63	0.27	2.04	0.18	0.078	1.31	0.06	0.026						
350	8.74	5.54	2.40	4.04	0.85	0.37	2.38	0.24	0.103	1.54	0.08	0.035	1.08	0.036	0.016			
400	9.99	7.09	3.07	4.61	1.08	0.47	2.72	0.30	0.13	1.75	0.10	0.043	1.24	0.04	0.017			
450	11.24	8.82	3.82	5.19	1.34	0.58	3.06	0.37	0.16	1.97	0.13	0.056	1.40	0.06	0.026			
500	12.48	10.72	4.64	5.76	1.63	0.71	3.40	0.45	0.19	2.19	0.15	0.065	1.55	0.07	0.030			
750				8.64	3.46	1.50	5.10	0.96	0.42	3.29	0.33	0.14	2.33	0.14	0.061			
1000				11.53	5.89	2.55	6.80	1.63	0.64	4.38	0.56	0.24	3.11	0.24	0.10			
1250							8.50	2.47	1.07	5.48	0.85	0.37	3.89	0.37	0.16			
1500							10.19	3.45	1.49	6.57	1.18	0.51	4.66	0.51	0.22			
2000							13.59	5.87	2.54	8.76	2.02	0.87	6.22	0.87	0.38			
2500										10.96	3.06	1.33	7.77	1.33	0.57			
3000										13.15	4.27	1.85	9.33	1.85	0.80			
3500													10.88	2.47	1.07			
4000													12.44	3.17	1.37			
4500													13.99	3.93	1.70			

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