PIPING FRICTION LOSS

TECHNICAL DATA

PLASTIC PIPE: FRICTION LOSS (IN FEET OF HEAD) PER 100 FT.

GPM	GPH	¾"	½"	¾"	1"	1¼"	1½"	2"	2½"	3"	4"
		ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.
1	60	6.2	1.8	.39							
2	120	19.6	6.0	1.2							
5	300		30.0	5.8	1.6						
7	420		53.0	11.0	3.2	2.2					
10	600			19.6	5.3	3.9					
15	900			37.0	9.9	6.2	2.1				
18	1,080			55.4	16.1	6.9	3.2				
20	1,200				18.5	10.4	3.9				
25	1,500				27.7	14.3	5.3	1.5			
30	1,800				39.3	18.7	7.6	2.1			
35	2,100				48.5	25.4	10.2	2.8			
40	2,400					30.0	13.2	3.5	1.2		
45	2,700					39.3	16.2	4.2	1.6		
50	3,000						19.4	5.1	1.8		
60	3,600						27.7	6.9	2.5	1.1	
70	4,200						40.0	9.2	3.5	1.4	
75	4,500						41.6	9.9	3.7	1.6	
80	4,800						45.0	11.6	4.2	1.8	
90	5,400						50.8	13.9	4.8	2.2	
100	6,000							16.9	6.2	2.8	
125	7,500							25.4	8.6	3.7	
150	9,000							32.3	11.6	4.8	1.2
175	10,500							41.6	16.2	6.9	1.7
200	12,000							57.8	20.8	9.0	2.2
250	15,000								32.3	13.9	3.5
300	18,000								41.6	18.5	4.6
350	21,000									32.3	5.8
400	24,000									39.3	7.2
450	27,000									44.0	9.2
500	30,000										11.1
750	45,000										23.1
1000	60,000										37.0

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STEEL PIPE: FRICTION LOSS (IN FEET OF HEAD) PER 100 FT.

GPM	GPH	⅜"	½"	¾"	1"	1¼"	1½"	2"	2½"	3"	4"	5"	6"	8"	10"
		ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.
1	60	4.30	1.86	.26											
2	120	15.00	4.78	1.21	.38										
3	180	31.80	10.00	2.50	.77										
4	240	54.90	17.10	4.21	1.30	.34									
5	300	83.50	25.80	6.32	1.93	.51	.24								
6	360		36.50	8.87	2.68	.70	.33	.10							
7	420		48.70	11.80	3.56	.93	.44	.13							
8	480		62.70	15.00	4.54	1.18	.56	.17							
9	540			18.80	5.65	1.46	.69	.21							
10	600			23.00	6.86	1.77	.83	.25	.11	.04					
12	720			32.60	9.62	2.48	1.16	.34	.15	.05					
15	900			49.70	14.70	3.74	1.75	.52	.22	.08					
20	1,200			86.10	25.10	6.34	2.94	.87	.36	.13					
25	1,500				38.60	9.65	4.48	1.30	.54	.19					
30	1,800				54.60	13.60	6.26	1.82	.75	.26					
35	2,100				73.40	18.20	8.37	2.42	1.00	.35					
40	2,400				95.00	23.50	10.79	3.10	1.28	.44					
45	2,700					30.70	13.45	3.85	1.60	.55					
70	4,200					68.80	31.30	8.86	3.63	1.22	.35				
100	6,000						62.20	17.40	7.11	2.39	.63				
150	9,000							38.00	15.40	5.14	1.32				
200	12,000							66.30	26.70	8.90	2.27	.736	.30	.08	
250	15,000							90.70	42.80	14.10	3.60	1.20	.49	.13	
300	18,000								58.50	19.20	4.89	1.58	.64	.16	.0542
350	21,000								79.20	26.90	6.72	2.18	.88	.23	.0719
400	24,000								103.00	33.90	8.47	2.72	1.09	.279	.0917
450	27,000								130.00	42.75	10.65	3.47	1.36	.348	.114
500	30,000								160.00	52.50	13.00	4.16	1.66	.424	.138
550	33,000								193.00	63.20	15.70	4.98	1.99	.507	.164
600	36,000								230.00	74.80	18.60	5.88	2.34	.597	.192
650	39,000									87.50	21.70	6.87	2.73	.694	.224
700	42,000									101.00	25.00	7.93	3.13	.797	.256
750	45,000									116.00	28.60	9.05	3.57	.907	.291
800	48,000									131.00	32.40	10.22	4.03	1.02	.328
850	51,000									148.00	36.50	11.50	4.53	1.147	.368
900	54,000									165.00	40.80	12.90	5.05	1.27	.410
950	57,000									184.00	45.30	14.30	5.60	1.41	.455
1000	60,000									204.00	50.20	15.80	6.17	1.56	.500

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COPPER PIPE: FRICTION LOSS (IN FEET OF HEAD) PER 100 FT.

GPM	GPH	⅜"	½"	¾"	1"	1¼"	1½"	2"	2½"	3"	4"
		ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.
1	60	6.2	1.8	.39							
2	120	19.6	6.0	1.2							
5	300		30.0	5.8	1.6						
7	420		53.0	11.0	3.2	2.2					
10	600			19.6	5.3	3.9					
15	900			37.0	9.9	6.2	2.1				
18	1,080			55.4	16.1	6.9	3.2				
20	1,200				18.5	10.4	3.9				
25	1,500				27.7	14.3	5.3	1.5			
30	1,800				39.3	18.7	7.6	2.1			
35	2,100				48.5	25.4	10.2	2.8			
40	2,400					30.0	13.2	3.5	1.2		
45	2,700					39.3	16.2	4.2	1.6		
50	3,000						19.4	5.1	1.8		
60	3,600						27.7	6.9	2.5	1.1	
70	4,200						40.0	9.2	3.5	1.4	
75	4,500						41.6	9.9	3.7	1.6	
80	4,800						45.0	11.6	4.2	1.8	
90	5,400						50.8	13.9	4.8	2.2	
100	6,000							16.9	6.2	2.8	
125	7,500							25.4	8.6	3.7	
150	9,000							32.3	11.6	4.8	1.2
175	10,500							41.6	16.2	6.9	1.7
200	12,000							57.8	20.8	9.0	2.2
250	15,000								32.3	13.9	3.5
300	18,000								41.6	18.5	4.6
350	21,000									32.3	5.8
400	24,000									39.3	7.2
450	27,000									44.0	9.2
500	30,000										11.1
750	45,000										23.1
1000	60,000										37.0

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EQUIVALENT NUMBER OF FEET STRAIGHT PIPE FOR DIFFERENT FITTINGS

Size of fittings, Inches	½"	¾"	1"	1¼"	1½"	2"	2½"	3"	4"	5"	6"	8"	10"
90° Ell	1.5	2.0	2.7	3.5	4.3	5.5	6.5	8.0	10.0	14.0	15	20	25
45° Ell	0.8	1.0	1.3	1.7	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.8	5.0	6.3	7.1	9.4	12
Long Sweep Ell	1.0	1.4	1.7	2.3	2.7	3.5	4.2	5.2	7.0	9.0	11.0	14.0	
Close Return Bend	3.6	5.0	6.0	8.3	10.0	13.0	15.0	18.0	24.0	31.0	37.0	39.0	
Tee-Straight Run	1	2	2	3	3	4	5						
Tee-Side Inlet or Outlet or Pitless Adapter	3.3	4.5	5.7	7.6	9.0	12.0	14.0	17.0	22.0	27.0	31.0	40.0	
Ball or Globe Valve Open	17.0	22.0	27.0	36.0	43.0	55.0	67.0	82.0	110.0	140.0	160.0	220.0	
Angle Valve Open	8.4	12.0	15.0	18.0	22.0	28.0	33.0	42.0	58.0	70.0	83.0	110.0	
Gate Valve-Fully Open	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.7	2.3	2.9	3.5	4.5	
Check Valve (Swing)	4	5	7	9	11	13	16	20	26	33	39	52	65
In Line Check Valve (Spring) or Foot Valve	4	6	8	12	14	19	23	32	43	58			

Example:

A) 100 ft. of 2” plastic pipe with one (1) 90° elbow and one (1) swing check valve.

90°elbow – equivalent to 5.5 ft. of straight pipe
Swing check – equivalent to 13.0 ft. of straight pipe
100 ft. of pipe – equivalent to 100 ft. of straight pipe
118.5 ft. = Total equivalent pipe

Figure friction loss for 118.5 ft. of pipe

B) Assume flow to be 80 GPM through 2” plastic pipe.

1. Friction loss table shows 11.43 ft. loss per 100 ft. of pipe.
2. In step A) above we have determined total ft. of pipe to be 118.5 ft.
3. Convert 118.5 ft. to percentage 118.5 ÷ 100=1.185
4. Multiply 11.43
   x 1.185
   13.54455 or 13.5 ft. = Total friction loss in this system.