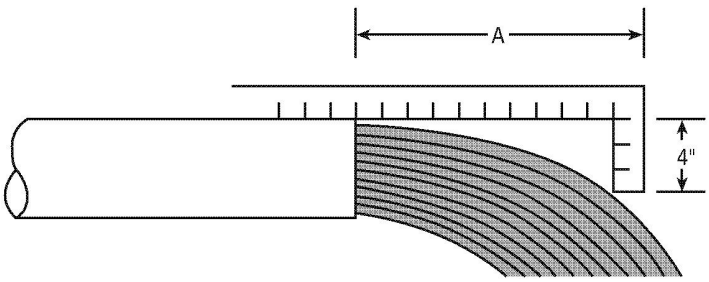
Determining Flow Rates

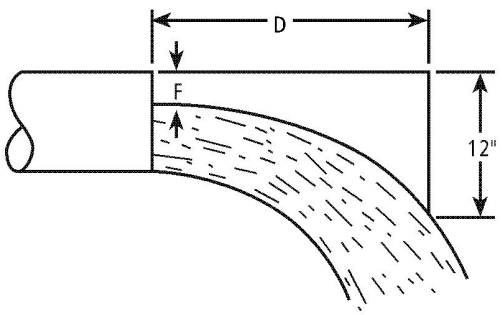
FULL PIPE FLOW – CALCULATION OF DISCHARGE RATE USING HORIZONTAL OPEN DISCHARGE FORMULA

An L-shaped measuring square can be used to estimate flow capacity, using the chart below. As shown in illustration, place 4" side of square so that it hangs down and touches the water. The horizontal distance shown "A" is located in the first column of the chart and you read across to the pipe diameter (ID) to find the gallons per minute discharge rate.

Example: A is 8" from a 4" ID pipe
= a discharge rate of 166 GPM.



PIPE NOT RUNNING FULL – CALCULATION OF DISCHARGE RATE USING AREA FACTOR METHOD



Flow From Horizontal Pipe (Not Full)

Flow (GPM) = A x D x 1.093 x F
A = Area of pipe in square inches
D = Horizontal distance in inches
F = Effective area factor from chart
Area of pipe equals inside Dia.^{2} x 0.7854

Example: Pipe inside diameter = 10 in.
D = 20 in.
F = 2½ in.
A = 10 x 10 x 0.7854 = 78.54 square in.

$$R\% = \frac{F}{D} = \frac{2\frac{1}{2}}{10} = 25\%$$

F = 0.805
Flow = 78.54 x 20 x 1.039 x 0.805 = 1314 GPM

Ratio F/D = R %	Eff. Area Factor F	Ratio F/D = R %	Eff. Area Factor F
5	0.981	55	0.436
10	0.948	60	0.373
15	0.905	65	0.312
20	0.858	70	0.253
25	0.805	75	0.195
30	0.747	80	0.142
35	0.688	85	0.095
40	0.627	90	0.052
45	0.564	95	0.019
50	0.500	100	0.000

DISCHARGE RATE IN GALLONS PER MINUTE/NOMINAL PIPE SIZE (ID)

Horizontal Dist. (A) Inches	Pipe Diameter											
	1"	1¼"	1½"	2"	2½"	3"	4"	5"	6"	8"	10"	12"
4	5.7	9.8	13.3	22.0	31.3	48.5	83.5					
5	7.1	12.2	16.6	27.5	39.0	61.0	104	163				
6	8.5	14.7	20.0	33.0	47.0	73.0	125	195	285			
7	10.0	17.1	23.2	38.5	55.0	85.0	146	228	334	380		
8	11.3	19.6	26.5	44.0	62.5	97.5	166	260	380	665	1060	
9	12.8	22.0	29.8	49.5	70.0	110	187	293	430	750	1190	1660
10	14.2	24.5	33.2	55.5	78.2	122	208	326	476	830	1330	1850
11	15.6	27.0	36.5	60.5	86.0	134	229	360	525	915	1460	2100
12	17.0	29.0	40.0	66.0	94.0	146	250	390	570	1000	1600	2220
13	18.5	31.5	43.0	71.5	102	158	270	425	620	1080	1730	2400
14	20.0	34.0	46.5	77.0	109	170	292	456	670	1160	1860	2590
15	21.3	36.3	50.0	82.5	117	183	312	490	710	1250	2000	2780
16	22.7	39.0	53.0	88.0	125	196	334	520	760	1330	2120	2960
17		41.5	56.5	93.0	133	207	355	550	810	1410	2260	3140
18			60.0	99.0	144	220	375	590	860	1500	2390	3330
19				110	148	232	395	620	910	1580	2520	3500
20					156	244	415	650	950	1660	2660	3700
21						256	435	685	1000	1750	2800	
22							460	720	1050	1830	2920	
23								750	1100	1910	3060	
24									1140	2000	3200	