ABBREVIATIONS

English

ac-ft. = acre-foot or acre-feet

b = base (of right triangle)

°C = degrees Celsius

cfs or **ft³/sec** = cubic feet per second

cfm or **ft³/min** = cubic feet per minute

cfd or **ft³/day** = cubic feet per day

D = diameter (circle)

°F = degrees Fahrenheit

fps or **ft./sec** = feet per second

ft. = feet

ft² or **sq. ft.** = square feet

ft³ or **cu. ft.** = cubic feet

gpd = gallons per day

gpg = grains per gallon

gpm = gallons per minute

gps = gallons per second

h = height

hp = horsepower

hr = hour

hrs/day = hours per day

in = inches

in² = square inches

in³ = cubic inches

lbs. = pounds

mi = miles

min = minute

MG = million gallons

mgd or **MGD** = million gallons per day

oz = ounces

ppb = parts per billion

ppm = parts per million

ppt = parts per trillion

psi = pounds per square inch

Q = flow

r = radius (circle)

sec = second

V = volume

W = watts

Metric

cm = centimeters

g = gram

Ha = Hectare

kg = kilogram

km = kilometer

kW = kilowatt

L or **l** = liters

m = meter

m³ = cubic meter

mg = milligram

mg/L or **mg/l** = milligrams per liter

mL = ml or milliliter

mm = millimeter

CONVERSION FACTORS

LENGTH

English
1 foot = 12 in.
1 foot = 0.305 m
1 inch = 2.54 cm
1 mile = 5,280 ft.
1 mile = 1.609 km
1 yard = 3 ft.

Metric
1 centimeter = 0.3937 in.
1 kilometer = 0.6214 mi.
1 meter = 39.37 in.

AREA

English
1 acre (ac) = 43,560 ft²
1 acre = 0.405 Hectare (Ha)
1 ft² = 144 in²
1 in² = 6.45 cm²
1 yd² = 9 ft²

Metric
1 Hectare = 2.47 acres

VOLUME

English
1 acre-ft. = 325,828.8 gallons
1 acre-ft. = 43,560 ft³
1 cfs = 0.646 MGD
1 ft³ = 7.48 gallons
1 ft³ = 1,728 in³
1 gallon = 231 in³
1 gallon = 0.1337 ft³
1 gallon = 0.000001 MG
1 gallon = 3.785 liter
1 gallon = 3,785 mL
1 yd³ = 27 ft³

Metric
1 liter = 1,000 mL
1 liter = 0.2642 gallons
1 m³ = 264.2 gallons
1 m³ = 35.315 ft³

FLOW

1 ft³/sec = 646,300 gpd
1 ft³/sec = 0.6463 MGD
1 ft³/sec = 448.8 gpm
1 gpm = 0.00144 MGD

1 MGD = 694.4 gpm
1 MGD = 1.545 cfs
1 MGD = 3.07 acre-ft/day

WEIGHT & MASS

English
1 ft³ water = 62.4 lbs.
1 gallon water = 8.34 lbs.
1 gpg = 17.118 mg/L
1 lb. = 16 oz
1 lb. = 7,000 grains
1 lb. = 453.6 g
1 lb. = 0.4536 kg
1 ton = 2,000 lbs.

Metric
1 g = 1,000 mg
1 kg = 1,000 g
1 kg = 2.2 lbs.
1 mg/L = 0.0584 gpg
1% = 10,000 mg/L

DOSAGE

1% = 10,000 mg/L
1 gpg = 17.1 ppm
1 ppm = 1 mg/L
1 ppm = 8.34 lbs. per million gal

PRESSURE

1 ft. water = 0.433 psi
1 psi = 2.31 ft. water

POWER

1 hp = 0.746kW
1 hp = 746 W
1 hp = 550 ft-lb/sec
1 hp = 33,000 ft-lbs/min
1 kW = 1.34 hp

TIME

1 min = 60 sec
1 hr. = 60 min
1 day = 24 hrs
1 day = 1,440 min

For the operator's convenience, both equation formulas and pie wheel formulas are included in this document. When using the pie wheel formula to solve a problem, multiply together the pie wedges below the horizontal line to solve for the quantity above the horizontal line. To solve for one of the pie wedges below the horizontal line, cover the pie wedge for which you are solving and divide the remaining pie wedge(s) below the horizontal line into the quantity above the horizontal line.
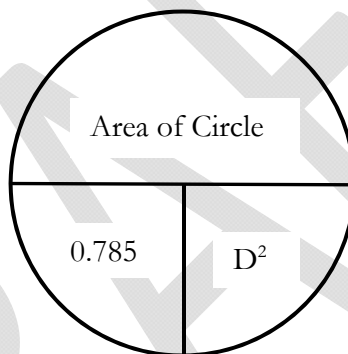
Area Formulas

Circle = (0.785) ✕ (D²)   Where: Circle = area of circle
                                                         D = diameter of circle

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Circle = (π) ✕ (r²)   Where: Circle = area of circle
                                                         r = radius of circle
                                                         π = 3.1416

Area of Circle

0.785 | D²

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Cone (lateral area) = (π) ✕ (r) ✕ ($\sqrt{r^2 + h^2}$)   Where: π = 3.1416
                                                                        r = radius of circle
                                                                        h = height of cone

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Cone (area) = [(b) ✕ (h)]/2   Where: b = circumference
                                                         h = height

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Cone (surface area) = (π) ✕ (r) ✕ (r+ $\sqrt{r^2 + h^2}$)   Where: π = 3.1416
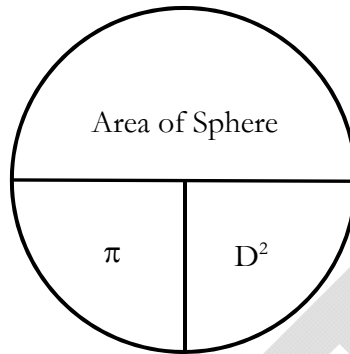   r = radius of circle
                                                                           h = height of cone

Sphere (area) = (π) ✕ (D^2)   or

Sphere (area) = 4 ✕ (π) ✕ (r^2)

Where: π = 3.1416
           r = radius of circle
           D = diameter of circle

Area of Sphere

π | D^2

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Rectangle = (l) ✕ (w)

Where: l = length of rectangle
           w = width of rectangle

Area Rectangle

l | w

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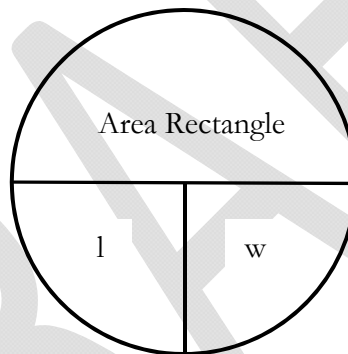
Triangle (area) = [(b) ✕ (h)]/2

Where: b = base of triangle
           h = height of triangle

Area Triangle

b | h | ½

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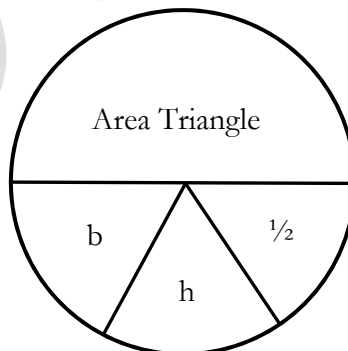
Circumference of Circle

Circumference = (π) ✕ (D) 　　　　Where: 　　　　π = 3.1416
  　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　D = diameter of circle

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Circumference = (2) ✕ (π) ✕ (r) 　　　　Where: 　　　　π = 3.1416
  　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　r = radius of circle

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Volume Formulas

Cone = (1/3) ✕ (0.785) ✕ (D^2) ✕ (h) 　　　Where: 　　　D = diameter of cone
  　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　h = height of cone

Volume Cone

1/3 　　　h
0.785 　　D^2

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  　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　Where: 　　　　π = 3.1416
Cone = 1/3 ✕ [(π) ✕ (r^2) ✕ (h)] 　　　　　　　　r = radius of cone
  　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　h = height of cone

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Cylinder = (0.785) ✕ (d^2) ✕ (h) 　　　Where: 　　　D = diameter of cylinder
  　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　h = length of cylinder

Volume
Cylinder

0.785 　　h
  　　D^2
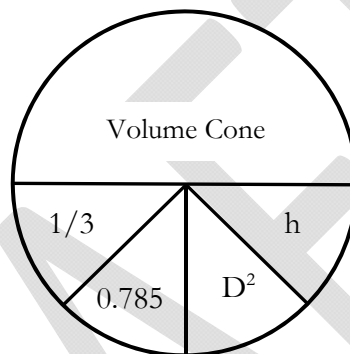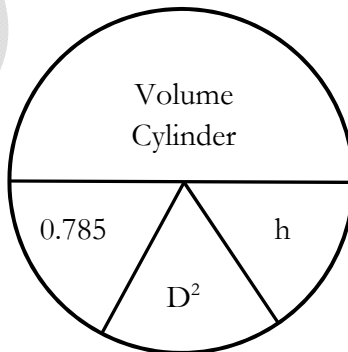
Cylinder = $(\pi) \times (r^2) \times (h)$

Where:

$\pi = 3.1416$
r = radius of cylinder
h = length of cylinder

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Rectangular Tank = $(l) \times (w) \times (h)$

Where:

l = length of tank
w = width of tank
h = height of tank

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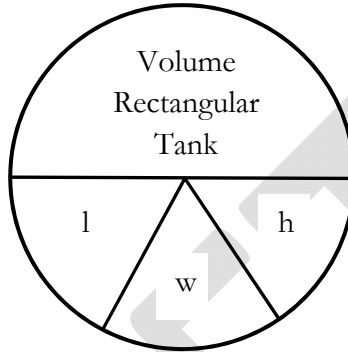
Flow Formulas

$Q = (A) \times (V)$

Where:

Q = flow (ft³/sec)
A = cross-section area (ft²)
V = water velocity (ft./sec)

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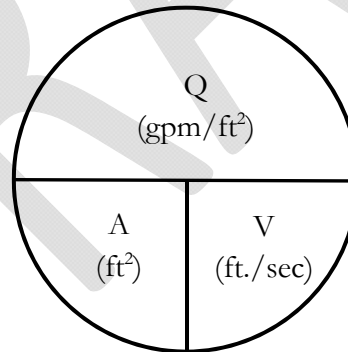
$Q = (w) \times (d) \times (V)$

Where:

Q = flow in channel (ft³/sec)
w = width (ft.)
d = depth (ft.)
V = velocity (ft./sec)

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$Q = (0.785) \times (D)^2 \times (V)$

Where:

Q = flow in full pipe (ft³/sec)
D = diameter (ft.)
V = velocity (ft./sec)

$$Q = \{1.333 \times (h)^2 \times \sqrt{(D/h) - 0.608}\} \times (V)$$

Where:
- Q = flow in partially full pipe (ft³/sec)
- h = height (ft.)
- D = diameter (ft.)
- V = velocity (ft./sec)

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See also **Appendix A: Flow Through a Partially Full Pipe** (table)

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$$V = (Q)/\{(0.785) \times (D)^2\}$$

Where:
- V = velocity (ft./sec)
- Q = flow (ft³/sec)
- D = diameter (ft.)

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$$V = (d)/(T)$$

Where:
- V = velocity (ft./sec)
- d = distance (ft.)
- T = time (sec)

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$$Q = (\textstyle\sum_{Q\ daily})/(n_{daily})$$

Where:
- Q = avg. daily flow (MGD)
- $\sum_{Q\ daily}$ = sum all daily flows (MGD)
- n_{daily} = number of daily flows

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$$Q = (\textstyle\sum_{Q\ monthly})/(n_{monthly})$$

Where:
- Q = avg. daily flow (MGD)
- $\sum_{Q\ monthly}$ = sum all monthly avg. daily flows (MGD)
- $n_{monthly}$ = number of monthly avg. daily flows

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$$Q = (\text{Water used})/(\text{Population})$$

Where:
- Q = daily flow (gal/capita/day)
- water used or produced = gal/day
- population = total # people served

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$$\text{Overflow rate} = (Q)/(L)$$

Where:
- overflow rate = weir overflow rate (gpd/ft.)
- Q = flow (gpd)
- L = weir length (ft.)

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Dosage Formulas

$$\text{Dosage} = \frac{\text{Feed rate}}{(Q) \times (8.34\ \text{lbs./gal})}$$

Where:
- dosage = mg/L
- feed rate = chemical feed rate (lbs./day)
- Q = flow rate (MGD)

$$\text{Dosage} = \frac{(\text{Feed rate}) \times (\text{Purity})}{(Q) \times (8.34 \text{ lbs./gal})}$$

Where: dosage = mg/L
feed rate = chemical feed rate (lbs./day)
purity = chemical purity, % expressed as decimal

Q = flow rate (gal/min.)

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$$\text{Dosage} = \frac{(\text{Feed rate}) \times (1{,}000 \text{ mg/g})}{(Q) \times (3.785 \text{ L/gal})}$$

Where: dosage = mg/L
feed rate = chemical feed rate (lbs./day)
Q = flow rate (gal/min.)

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Dose = Demand + Residual

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Chemical Feed/Feed Rate Formulas (aka pounds)

Chemical feed = (d) × (V) × (8.34 lbs./gal)

Where: chemical fee = lbs.
d = dose (mg/L)
V = volume (MG)

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$$\text{Chemical feed} = \frac{(d) \times (V) \times (8.34 \text{ lbs./gal})}{\text{Chemical purity}}$$

Where: chemical fee = lbs.
d = dose (mg/L)
V = volume (MG)
Chemical purity = %, expressed as decimal

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Feed rate = (d) × (Q) × (8.34 lbs./gal)

Where: feed rate = lbs./day
d = dose (mg/L)
Q = flow (MGD)

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$$\text{Feed rate} = \frac{(d) \times (Q) \times 8.34 \text{ lbs./gal}}{\text{Chemical Purity}}$$

Where: feed rate = lbs./day
d = dose (mg/L)
Q = flow (MGD)
Chemical purity = %, expressed as decimal

Feed Rate
(lbs./day)
[100% purity]

Flow
(MGD)

Dose
(mg/L)

8.34
lbs./gal

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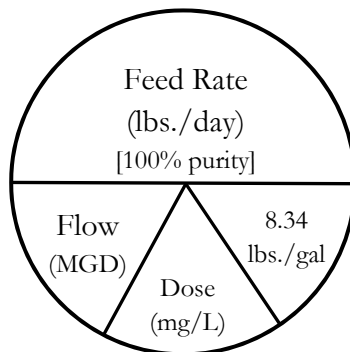
$$\text{Feed rate} = \frac{(C) \times (V) \times (1{,}440 \text{ min/day})}{(T) \times (1{,}000 \text{ mg/g}) \times (453.6 \text{ g/lb.})}$$

Where: feed rate = lbs./day
C = concentration (mg/mL)
V = volume pumped (mL)
T = time pumped (min.)

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Chemical Feed Pump Formulas

$$\text{Chemical Feed Stroke} = (Q_d/Q_m) \times 100\%$$

Where: chemical feed stroke, expressed as %
Q_d = desired flow
Q_m = maximum flow

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$$\text{Feed pump rate} = \frac{(Q) \times (d) \times (3.785 \text{ L/gal}) \times (1{,}000{,}000 \text{ gal/MG})}{(L) \times (24 \text{ hr/day}) \times (60 \text{ min/hr})}$$

Where: feed pump rate = mL/min
Q = flow (MDG)
d = dose (mg/L)
L = liquid (mg/mL)

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Power Formulas

$$\text{AC circuit} = V \times A \times PF$$

Where: AC = AC circuit
V = volts
A = amps
PF = power factor

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$$\text{Amps (A)} = \frac{V}{O}$$

Where: A = amps
V = volts
O = ohms

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$$\text{Amps} = \frac{(746 \text{ watts/hp}) \times (hp)}{(V) \times (Eff) \times (Pf)}$$

Where: Amps is single phase
hp = horsepower
V = volts
Eff = efficiency (%, as decimal)
Pf = power factor

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$$\text{Amps} = \frac{(746 \text{ watts/hp}) \times (hp)}{(1.732) \times (V) \times (Eff) \times (Pf)}$$

Where: Amps is three-phase
hp = horsepower
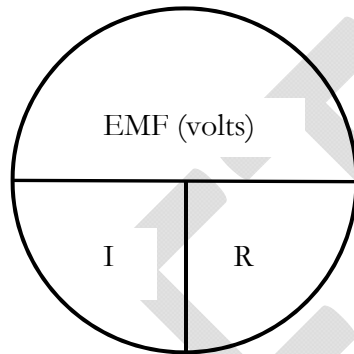V = volts
Eff = efficiency (%, as decimal)
Pf = power factor

$$Watts = V \times A$$

Where:

Watts = DC circuit
V = volts
A = amps

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$$Electromotive\ Force\ (EMF) = I \times R$$

Where:
(volts)

EMF = electromotive force

I = current (amps)
R = resistance (ohms)

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PUMPS

Pumping Formulas

$$Pumping\ Rate = V/T$$

Where:

pumping rate in gal/min
V = volume (gal.)
T = time (min.)

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$$Pumping\ Rate = \frac{L \times W \times D \times 7.48\ gal/ft^3}{T}$$

Where:

pumping rate in gal/min
L = length (ft.)
W = width (ft.)
D = depth (ft.)
T = time (min.)

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$$Pumping\ Rate = \frac{0.785 \times d^2 \times D \times 7.48\ gal/ft^3}{T}$$

Where:

pumping rate in gal/min
d = diameter (ft.)
D = depth (ft.)
T = time (min.)

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$$Time\ to\ Fill = \frac{Tank\ volume}{Flow\ Rate}$$

Where:
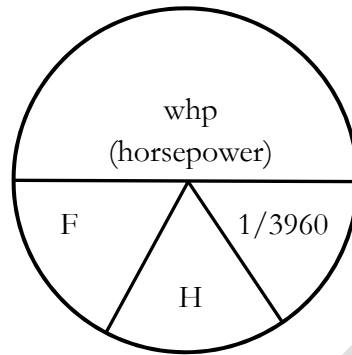
time to fill in min.
tank volume in gal.
flow rate in gal/min.

Horsepower, Motor & Pump Efficiency

$$whp = \frac{F \times H}{3{,}960}$$

Where: whp = water horsepower
F = flow (gpm)
H = head (ft.)

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$$bhp = \frac{F \times H}{3{,}960 \times PE}$$

Where: bhp = brake horsepower
F = flow (gpm)
H = head (ft.)
PE = pump efficiency (%, as decimal)

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$$bhp = whp/PE$$

Where: bhp = brake horsepower
whp = water horsepower
PE = pump efficiency (%, as decimal)

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$$mhp = \frac{F \times H}{3{,}960 \times PE \times ME}$$

Where: mhp = motor horse power
F = flow (gpm)
H = head (ft.)
PE = pump efficiency (%, as decimal)
ME = motor efficiency (%, as decimal)

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$$mhp = bhp/ME$$

Where: mhp = motor horse power
Bhp = brake horsepower
ME = motor efficiency (%, as decimal)

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$$ME = (bhp/mhp) \times 100\%$$

Where: ME = motor efficiency (%)
bhp = brake horsepower
mhp = motor horse power

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$$PE = (whp/bhp) \times 100\%$$

Where: PE = pump efficiency (%)
whp = water horsepower
bhp = brake horsepower

$$\text{Efficiency} = \frac{\text{hp output}}{\text{hp supplied}} \times 100\%$$

Where: efficiency is %

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$$\text{Overall Efficiency} = (whp/mhp) \times 100\%$$

Where: overall efficiency is %
whp = water horsepower
mhp = motor horse power

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$$\text{Wire to water efficiency} = \frac{whp}{\text{Power input or mhp}}$$

Where: wire to water efficiency is %
whp = water horsepower
mhp = motor horse power
power input is hp

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$$\text{Wire to water efficiency} = (PE \times ME) \times 100\%$$

Where: wire to water efficiency is %
PE = pump efficiency (%)
ME = motor efficiency (%)

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$$\text{Static Head} = \text{Suction lift} + \text{Discharge Head}$$

Where: Static Head in ft.
Suction Lift in ft.
Discharge Head in ft.

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$$\text{Static Head} = \text{Discharge Head} - \text{Suction Head}$$

Where: Static Head in ft.
Discharge Head in ft.
Suction Head in ft.

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$$\text{Friction Loss} = (0.1) \times (\text{Static Head})$$
** use this formula in absence of other data

Where: Friction Loss is ft.
Static Head is ft.

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$$\text{Total Dynamic Head} = \text{Static Head} + \text{Friction Loss}$$

Where: Total Dynamic Head is ft.
Static Head is ft.
Friction Loss is ft.

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$$\text{Cost} = (\text{Motor hp}) \times (0.746 \text{ kW/hp}) \times (\text{Cost, \$/kW-hr})$$

Where: Cost is \$/hr.

Temperature Conversions

$$°C = (°F – 32) \times (0.566)$$

Where: °C = degrees Celsius
°F = degrees Fahrenheit

$$°F = (°C \times 1.8) + 32$$

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Average Formulas

Average (arithmetic mean) = (sum of all terms)/(number of terms)

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Average (geometric mean) = $\sqrt[n]{(X_1)(X_2)(X_3)(X_4) \dots (X_n)}$
The nth root of the product of n numbers

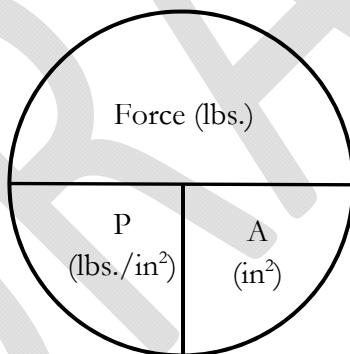-·-

FORCE

Where: F = force (lbs.)
P = pressure (psi or lbs./in^2)
A = area (in^2)

$$F = (P) \times (A)$$

Force (lbs.)

P
(lbs./in^2)

A
(in^2)

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CLEAR WELL

Cycle time (min) = $\dfrac{SV}{PC - Inflow}$

Where: SV = storage volume (gal)
PC = pump capacity (gpm)
Inflow = wet well inflow (gpm)

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VELOCITY

Velocity = F/A

Where: Velocity is ft./sec
F = flow (ft³/sec)
A = area (ft²)

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Velocity = $\dfrac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Time}}$

Where: Velocity is ft./sec
D = distance (ft.)
T = time (sec)

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WELL FORMULAS

Well Yield = V/T

Where: Well Yield in gpm
V = volume in gallons
T = time in minutes

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Drawdown = PWL – SWL

Where: Drawdown in feet
PWL = pumping water level in ft.
SWL = static water level in ft.

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Specific Capacity = Well Yield/Drawdown

Where: Specific capacity = gpm/ft.
Well Yield in gpm
Drawdown in ft.

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Detention Time

$$DT = \dfrac{(V) \times (1{,}440 \text{ min/day}) \times (60 \text{ sec/min})}{Q}$$

Where: DT = detention time (sec)
V = volume (gal)
Q = flow rate(gal/day)

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$$DT = \dfrac{(V) \times (24 \text{ hr./day})}{Q}$$

Where: DT = detention time (hr.)
V = volume of tank or basin (gal)
Q = flow rate (gal/day)

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$$DT = \dfrac{(V) \times (1{,}440 \text{ min/day})}{Q}$$

Where: DT = detention time (min)
V = volume (gal)
Q = flow rate (gal/day)

$$DT = (V)/(Q)$$

Where: DT = detention time (days)
V = volume of tank or basin (gal)
Q = flow rate (gal/day)

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$$DT = (V)/(Q)$$

Where: DT = detention time (days)
V = volume (ac-ft.)
Q = flow (ac-ft./day)

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