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# Water Pipe Sizing Chart

Friction Loss in Plastic Pipe with Standard Inside Diameter (SIDR)

THIS CHART APPLIES ONLY TO: PVC pipe, Schedule 40 (160 PSI) and to PE (polyethylene) pipe with SIDR designation (most common 100 PSI black pipe)

**HEAD LOSS in VERTICAL FEET per HUNDRED FEET  
of pipe or VERTICAL METERS per HUNDRED  
METERS of pipe**

Nominal Pipe Diameter (Inches)

Flow Rate	1/2*	3/4	1	1 1/4	1 1/2	2	2 1/2	3	4	5	6
actual inside diameter (inches)	0.612	0.804	1.029	1.36	1.59	2.047	2.445	3.042	3.998	5.05	6.031
GPM	LPM										
1	3.8	1.13	0.14	0.05	0.02	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	7.06	4.16	0.35	0.14	0.05	0.02	-	-	-	-	-
3	11	8.55	2.19	0.32	0.09	0.05	-	-	-	-	-
4	15	14.8	3.7	0.53	0.16	0.09	0.02	-	-	-	-
5	19	22.2	5.78	0.81	0.25	0.12	0.04	-	-	-	-
6	23	31	7.85	1	0.35	0.18	0.07	0.02	-	-	-
7	27	-	10.6	1.52	0.46	0.23	0.08	0.03	-	-	-
8	30	-	13.4	1.94	0.58	0.3	0.09	0.05	-	-	-
9	34	-	16.9	2.43	0.72	0.37	0.12	0.06	-	-	-
10	38	-	20.3	2.93	0.88	0.46	0.16	0.07	0.02	-	-
11	42	-	24.3	3.51	1.04	0.53	0.18	0.08	0.03	-	-
12	46	-	28.6	4.11	1.22	0.65	0.21	0.09	0.04	-	-
14	53	-	-	5.47	1.64	0.85	0.28	0.12	0.05	-	-
16	61	-	-	7.02	2.1	1.09	0.37	0.14	0.06	-	-
18	68	-	-	8.73	2.61	1.34	0.46	0.18	0.07	-	-
20	76	-	-	10.6	3.16	1.64	0.55	0.21	0.08	0.02	-
22	83	-	-	-	3.79	1.96	0.67	0.25	0.09	0.03	-
24	91	-	-	14.9	4.44	2.31	0.79	0.3	0.11	0.04	-
26	99	-	-	-	5.15	2.66	0.9	0.35	0.14	0.05	-
28	106	↑	-	-	5.91	3.05	1.04	0.42	0.16	0.05	-
30	114	-	-	-	6.72	3.46	1.18	0.46	0.18	0.06	-
35	133	-	-	-	8.94	4.62	1.57	0.62	0.23	0.07	-
40	152	-	-	-	11	5.91	1.99	0.79	0.3	0.09	0.02
45	171	-	-	-	14.2	7.37	2.49	0.97	0.37	0.12	0.04
50	190	-	-	-	17.3	8.96	3.03	1.2	0.46	0.14	0.05
55	208	-	-	-	-	10.7	3.6	1.43	0.55	0.16	0.06
60	227	-	-	-	-	12.5	4.23	1.66	0.65	0.18	0.07
65	246	-	-	-	-	14.5	4.9	1.94	0.74	0.22	0.08
70	265	-	-	-	-	16.7	5.64	2.22	0.85	0.25	0.09
75	284	* Note: 1/2"	-	-	-	19	6.4	2.52	0.97	0.28	0.1
80	303	data applies to	-	-	-	-	7.21	2.84	1.09	0.32	0.12
85	322	PE pipe only.	-	-	-	-	8.06	3.19	1.22	0.37	0.13
90	341	PVC has smaller	-	-	-	-	8.96	3.53	1.36	0.39	0.14
95	360	ID of 0.602"	-	-	-	-	9.91	3.9	1.5	0.44	0.16
100	379	-	-	-	-	-	10.9	4.3	1.66	0.49	0.18
150	569	-	-	-	-	-	23.1	9.1	3.51	1.04	0.37
200	758	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.5	5.98	1.76	0.62

\* Note: 1/2"

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NOTE: Shaded Values are  
at velocities over 5 feet per  
second and should be  
selected with caution