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# Worksheet for pressure distribution system design

Short form

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*This is an iterative process, so each step may have to be repeated before final design. To be used with the Design Inputs Worksheet and the Long Form Worksheet (LFW) instructions and tables.*

**Units: Worksheet and tables are in US gallons. See page 10 for conversions.**

## A. Design of the Distribution Network:

### 1 Establish Field length

Refer to Design Inputs Worksheet and enter appropriate values below.

SOIL TYPE = \_\_\_\_\_

DESIGN HLR = \_\_\_\_\_ LPD/SQM x **0.0245** = \_\_\_\_\_ GPD/SQFT

DESIGN LLR = \_\_\_\_\_ LPD/M x **0.0805** = \_\_\_\_\_ GPD/FT

DAILY DESIGN FLOW (Q) = \_\_\_\_\_ LPD x **0.264** = \_\_\_\_\_ GPD

AVERAGE FLOW = \_\_\_\_\_ LPD x **0.264** = \_\_\_\_\_ GPD

SYSTEM LENGTH GUIDE, L minimum = FIELD DESIGN FLOW (Q) ÷ LLR

= \_\_\_\_\_ gal per day ÷ \_\_\_\_\_ gal per foot = \_\_\_\_\_ FEET **MINIMUM**

AIS = FIELD DESIGN FLOW / HLR = \_\_\_\_\_ SQUARE FEET

*Remember AIS for seepage beds multiply x 1.35*

TOTAL LENGTH OF TRENCHES/BED = \_\_\_\_\_ FEET

WIDTH OF TRENCH/BED = \_\_\_\_\_ FEET

Use decimal feet. Is AIS divided by length

NETWORK TYPE (dispersal system piping) = \_\_\_\_\_ (eg trench, bed)

### 2 Establish initial trench layout, Determine lateral lengths

Ensure system length meets minimum needed.

MANIFOLD TYPE = \_\_\_\_\_

LATERAL LENGTH = \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF LATERALS = \_\_\_\_\_  
SKETCH: \_\_\_\_\_

3 Determine orifice size, spacing, position.

ORIFICE SIZE = \_\_\_\_\_ FRACTIONAL INCHES \_\_\_\_\_

ORIFICE SPACING = \_\_\_\_\_ FEET \_\_\_\_\_

4 Determine lateral pipe diameter and pipe class  
Using tables *LATERAL DESIGN TABLES* (Page 17 *LFW* onward).

LATERAL DIAMETER = \_\_\_\_\_ INCHES \_\_\_\_\_

LATERAL PIPE CLASS = \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

5 Determine number of orifices per lateral

Divide orifice spacing from (A 3) above into lateral length from (A 2) above, and round to nearest whole number.

(\_\_\_\_\_ ft ÷ \_\_\_\_\_ ft) + \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

ORIFICES PER LATERAL = \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

6 Determine lateral discharge rate

Select distal pressure (pressure at last orifice of longest lateral), minimum is 3 feet for 3/16" and larger or 5 feet for 1/8 and 5/32" orifices. This is the "**Squirt Height**".

DISTAL PRESSURE = \_\_\_\_\_ FEET \_\_\_\_\_

Orifice discharge from *ORIFICE DISCHARGE RATE DESIGN TABLE* (page 13 *LFW*), or calculation.

ORIFICE DISCHARGE = \_\_\_\_\_ GPM \_\_\_\_\_

Orifice discharge x number of orifices per lateral from (A 5) above to give

LATERAL DISCHARGE = \_\_\_\_\_ GPM \_\_\_\_\_

CENTER OR END FEED? = \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF LATERALS = \_\_\_\_\_

### 7 Select spacing between laterals and determine manifold length

Use information in (A 2) above.

SPACING BETWEEN LATERALS = \_\_\_\_\_ FEET

MANIFOLD LENGTH = \_\_\_\_\_ FEET \_\_\_\_\_

### 8 Calculate manifold size

Using information from (A 2) and (A 7) determine manifold length and then use *MAXIMUM MANIFOLD LENGTHS* tables (pages 22 and 23 *LFW*) to select minimum manifold size, using lateral discharge from (A 6) above, Orifice size from (A 3) above and lateral spacing from (A 7) above. For center feed, flow per lateral on either side of manifold is used in table.

MANIFOLD SIZE = \_\_\_\_\_ INCHES \_\_\_\_\_

MANIFOLD PIPE CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

### 9 Determine distribution network discharge rate

Multiply lateral discharge rate from (A 6) above x number of laterals from (A 6) above, check against total number of orifices X orifice discharge rate.

NETWORK DISCHARGE RATE = \_\_\_\_\_ GPM \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL NUMBER OF ORIFICES ( $\gamma$ ) = \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ gpm = \_\_\_\_\_ GPM

## B. Design of the Force Main, Pressurization Unit (Pump or Siphon), Dose Chamber and Controls.

### 1. Develop a system performance curve.

Distal pressure (from (A 6) above) X 1.31 \_\_\_\_\_ FEET X 1.31 =

NETWORK HEAD REQUIREMENT = \_\_\_\_\_ FEET \_\_\_\_\_

Determine static head

STATIC HEAD (Indicate if anti siphon required) = \_\_\_\_\_ FEET SIPHON? \_\_\_\_\_

NETWORK DISCHARGE (from (9) above) = \_\_\_\_\_ GPM

NETWORK 2 DISCHARGE (if more than 1 sub area or zone 2) = \_\_\_\_\_ GPM

NETWORK 3 DISCHARGE (if more than 1 sub area or zone 3) = \_\_\_\_\_ GPM

NETWORK 4 DISCHARGE (if more than 1 sub area or zone 4) = \_\_\_\_\_ GPM

Add more as required.

ANTI SIPHON/PRIMING ORIFICE DISCHARGE (if used) = \_\_\_\_\_ GPM

PUMP DISCHARGE Required = \_\_\_\_\_ GPM

Determine friction loss in force main (transport line to field), first select initial force main sizing, use pipe velocity guide (page 16 *LFW*) to select forcemain initial size Base on maximum **network** discharge.

Check that flow velocity is over 2 and under 10 feet per second using table *FRICITION LOSS IN PLASTIC PIPE* (page 14 *LFW*) assuming use of PVC Sch 40, then use that table to provide head loss for force main based on system discharge and length,. Add equivalent length for fittings as needed from *EQUIVALENT LENGTHS OF FITTINGS* Tables (page 15 *LFW*). **OR** use other friction loss/flow velocity calculation. Note that for end suction pumps it is necessary to also consider losses in the suction piping and fittings, using the same methods.

FORCE MAIN LENGTH  $\alpha$  = \_\_\_\_\_ FEET

FORCE MAIN DIAMETER = \_\_\_\_\_ INCHES

FORCE MAIN TRUE INTERNAL DIAMETER = \_\_\_\_\_ INCHES

Only required if not using Sch 40 pipe and the table.

Fittings used, including size.	Number	Equivalent length per fitting	Total equivalent length

FITTINGS EQUIVALENT LENGTH  $\beta$  = \_\_\_\_\_ FEET

TOTAL EQUIVALENT LENGTH  $(\alpha + \beta) / 100 = L =$  \_\_\_\_\_ FEET / 100

HEAD LOSS PER 100' (from table) = \_\_\_\_\_ Ft/100ft

FRICION LOSS IN FORCE MAIN = \_\_\_\_\_ FEET

This is Head loss per 100' times Total Equivalent Length (L).

SUCTION HEAD LOSS (if applicable) = \_\_\_\_\_ FEET

SUCTION LIFT (if applicable) = \_\_\_\_\_ FEET

NET POSITIVE SUCTION HEAD REQUIRED (NPSH) = \_\_\_\_\_ FEET

Add lift plus suction head losses.

CHECK FLOW VELOCITY = \_\_\_\_\_ FEET PER SECOND

If not using PD table

TOTAL DYNAMIC HEAD REQUIREMENT

TDHR = \_\_\_\_\_ FEET

This is Static Head + Network Head requirement + Friction Loss in Forcemain + NPSH

PUMP DISCHARGE/HEAD = \_\_\_\_\_ GPM AT \_\_\_\_\_ FEET HEAD

Develop more than one option if required, to examine impact of changes to network, piping, pump type etc.

ADDITIONAL SECTIONS OF FORCEMAIN, ZONE VALVES, EXTRA ORIFICES

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## 2 System curve

NUMBER OF ORIFICES = \_\_\_\_\_ (  $\gamma$  ) From (A 9) above.

TOTAL EQUIVALENT PIPE LENGTH (L) = \_\_\_\_\_ FT/100 From (B 1) above.

Squirt height (Distal Head)	Orifice flow at squirt height	Network discharge = (flow per orifice x $\gamma$ )	Pump/anti siphon orifice discharge, if used	Friction factor (ft loss per 100')	Force main(s) head loss (ft) = friction factor x L	Network head required (1.31 X squirt ht.) (ft)	Static head (ft) plus other losses	TDHR (ft)	Total flow (gpm) = network discharge + pump orifice (if used)

Static head stays the same for all cases except for if using an anti siphon orifice. Add NPSH if necessary, use separate sheet for zone valves, extra forcemains etc.

3 Select pump (or siphon)

ITERATE UNTIL PUMP AND FORCEMAIN ARE ECONOMIC.

PUMP SELECTED = \_\_\_\_\_ Voltage and max. current: \_\_\_\_\_

Discharge diameter: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ ft Minimum water level: \_\_\_\_\_ ft  
 (Recommended is full pump ht, often min. is 1/2 pump motor submerged).

OPERATING POINT = \_\_\_\_\_ GPM at \_\_\_\_\_ FT head.

4 Determine dose volume

Based on soil type select type of dosing and minimum/desired dose frequency.

Dosing frequency ( <b>minimum</b> )	Soil type
Timed dosing	Coarse sand, gravels, sand mounds etc, certain clays
4 X per day	Medium sand, fine sand, loamy sand, Sandy Clay, silty clay or clay
2 X per day	Sandy loam, Loam, Silt Loam, Clay Loam

TYPE OF DOSING (demand or timed) = \_\_\_\_\_

DOSE FREQUENCY = minimum \_\_\_\_\_ times per day

Determine draining volume, use *VOLUME OF PIPE* table, page 16.:

VOLUME OF LATERALS (if draining) = \_\_\_\_\_ ft x \_\_\_\_\_ gallons per ft = \_\_\_\_\_ g  
 Total length of laterals x volume per foot.

VOLUME OF MANIFOLD (if draining) = \_\_\_\_\_ ft x \_\_\_\_\_ gallons per ft = \_\_\_\_\_ g

VOLUME OF PART OF FORCEMAIN (if draining) = \_\_\_\_\_ ft x \_\_\_\_\_ gallons per ft = \_\_\_\_\_ g

TOTAL DRAINING VOLUME = \_\_\_\_\_ GALLONS

Determine dose volume, two possible methods:

**Method 1;** Determine dose volume based on dose frequency, and then check against draining volume of network and any part of force main that drains.

Dose volume is determined by dividing frequency into DAILY DESIGN flow (from A(1)). For more conservative design, use AVERAGE flow

\_\_\_\_\_ gpd ÷ \_\_\_\_\_ times per day

DOSE VOLUME = \_\_\_\_\_ GALLONS

Then, ensure dose volume is minimum 5 x the draining volume. If not, consider constraints (soil type etc) and redesign manifold location etc to achieve this.

DOSE VOL. ÷ TOT DRAINING VOL. = \_\_\_\_\_ G ÷ \_\_\_\_\_ G = \_\_\_\_\_ (min. 5)

**Method 2;** Determine minimum dose volume as 5 times the draining volume of network and any part of force main that drains, then check that this meets minimum number of doses per day.

TOT DRAINING VOLUME X 5 = \_\_\_\_\_ G Minimum dose volume

DESIGN FLOW ÷ MINIMUM DOSE VOLUME = \_\_\_\_\_ Doses per day at minimum dose volume. Check that this is greater than minimum needed.

Check pump run time per dose.

PUMP RUN TIME = Dose volume ÷ Pump flow rate  
= \_\_\_\_\_ G ÷ \_\_\_\_\_ GPM = \_\_\_\_\_ MINS

**Use smallest dose/most frequent dosing possible.**

Notes: For lateral hole positions, draining and distribution:

## 5. Size pump vault

**Timed dosing worksheet is also available.**

DESIGN FLOW = \_\_\_\_\_ GPD From section (A 1), peak flow

DOSE VOLUME = \_\_\_\_\_ GAL From (B 4)

For time dose this is the timer allow volume.

RESERVE VOLUME = \_\_\_\_\_ GAL To alarm float from pump on float level. Minimum 15% of peak flow for demand dosed systems, per design for timed dose (Minimum 67% peak flow with timed dose for small systems with lag/override operation).

*RESERVE VOLUME TO LAG FLOAT* = \_\_\_\_\_ GAL For **timed** dose systems only.

ALARM RESERVE VOLUME = \_\_\_\_\_ GAL Above alarm float to highest allowable liquid level. Minimum 50% of peak flow.

DEPTH REQUIRED FOR PUMP SPACER = \_\_\_\_\_ INCHES

With effluent filter spacer is only required to prevent rock chips etc from entering pump. Some pumps have suitable legs.

Use this information and the **float setting worksheet** (below) or timed dosing worksheet to determine float

or other control setpoints. Ensure the above volumes will fit in the vault, iterate until satisfactory.

PUMP CONTROL FLOAT = \_\_\_\_\_

If direct control, ensure float is of sufficient capacity.

FLOAT TETHER LENGTH = \_\_\_\_\_ INCHES

SEPTIC TANK SURCHARGE FOR ALARM VOL. \_\_\_\_\_ (If used)

PUMP CHAMBER "V" VALUE = \_\_\_\_\_ INCHES/USGAL

After installation check that the floats switch as designed. Mark "V", float types, heights, ranges (including tether lengths if required) and dose volume on headworks for future reference.

NOTES:

### Calculating the Dose Volume For Systems Designed to Drain Back to Pump Chamber:

When draining system back to pump chamber, the volume of effluent in the manifold and transport pipe should be added to the dose volume and considered when sizing the pump chamber Use *VOLUME OF PIPE* table, page 16.

If only part of the system drains back, use appropriate pipe lengths.

Volume in manifold = manifold length x volume in gallons per foot

Volume in manifold = \_\_\_\_\_ GAL

Volume in Transport Pipe = Transport pipe length x volume in US gallons per foot

Volume in transport pipe = \_\_\_\_\_ GAL

Total drain back volume = Manifold volume + Transport pipe volume

TOTAL DRAINBACK VOLUME = \_\_\_\_\_ GAL

Add this volume to dose volume and use per dose volume in worksheet.

TANK FLOAT SETTING WORKSHEET

JOB NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TANK SELECTED \_\_\_\_\_

UNITS us gal / inch

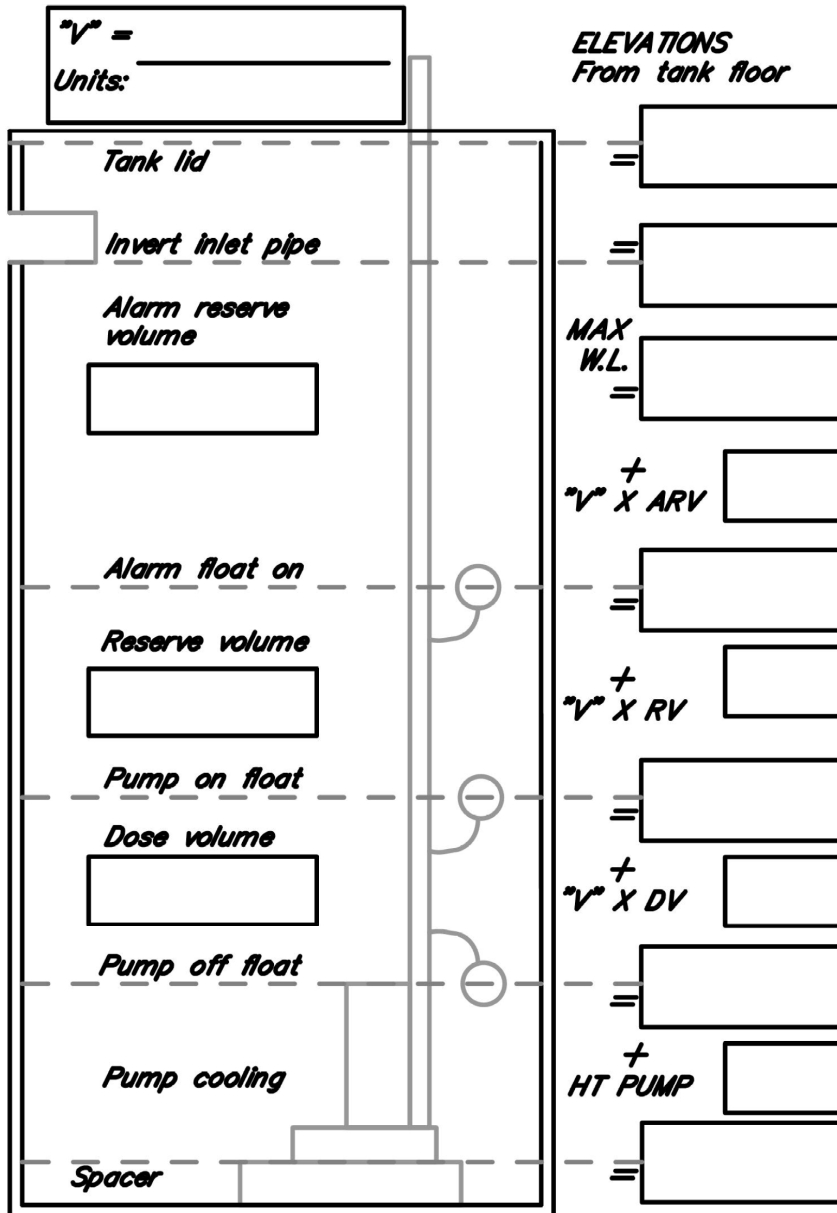
INTERNAL FLOOR AREA = (L - 2 X wall thickness) X (W - 2 X wall thickness) = \_\_\_\_\_ SQ IN

VOLUME IN ONE INCH OF DEPTH = \_\_\_\_\_ CU IN X 0.00433 = \_\_\_\_\_ US G PER IN

"V" = 1 ÷ VOLUME PER INCH = 1 ÷ \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ FEET PER US GALLON

"V" X VOLUME = HEIGHT

HEIGHT ÷ "V" = VOLUME



Tank dimensions:

HT: \_\_\_\_\_

L: \_\_\_\_\_

W: \_\_\_\_\_

Wall thickness: \_\_\_\_\_

Lid thickness: \_\_\_\_\_

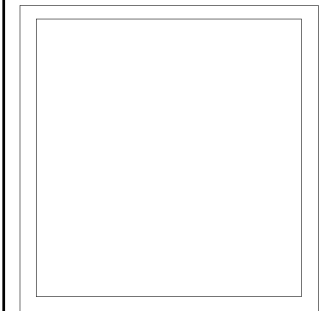
Base thickness: \_\_\_\_\_

Inlet invert: \_\_\_\_\_

Internal heights:

Inlet invert: \_\_\_\_\_

Tank lid: \_\_\_\_\_



NOTES

CU FT X 7.48 = US GALS ~ CU IN X 0.00433 = US GALS  
 CU METERS X 1000 = LITERS ~ INCHES X 0.0254 = METERS

## NOTES

### Conversions

Gallons in this worksheet are US unless shown as “IG”.

US unit	X	= Metric Unit	X	= US Unit	X	= secondary unit
Gallons	3.785412	Litres	0.264172	Gallons	0.8326738	Imperial Gal.
feet	0.3048	meter	3.28083	ft of head	0.4329004	PSI
Atmosphere	101.325	Kpa	0.1450377	PSI	0.06894757	Bar (=100 Kpa)
				Gallons	0.1336806	cu ft
		Cu m	35.31467	cu ft	7.480519	gallons
GPD/sqft	40.74648	Lpd/sqm	0.024542	GPD/sqft		
GPD/ft	12.418	Lpd/m	0.080528	GPD/ft		
Sq ft	0.0929	Sq m	10.76391	Sq ft		
Inches	0.0254	Meters	39.36996	Inches		
Feet	0.3048	Meters	3.28083	Feet		

### References

This worksheet developed by Ian Ralston, TRAX Developments Ltd. Based on *Pressure Distribution Network Design* By James C. Converse January, 2000 and *Recommended Standards and Guidance For Pressure Distribution*, by Washington State Department of Health.

See also

<http://www.traxdev.com/>

For the most current version of this worksheet, the Design Inputs Worksheet, Timed Dosing Worksheet, and for the long form version of this worksheet, with tables and instructions.