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## Net Positive Suction Head Available

**REFERENCES:** Marks' Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers; Perry's Chemical Engineers Handbook 6th Edition; and Crane Technical Paper #410

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- 1.) Enter identification at [C4].
- 2.) Enter the pipe ID at [C7], use [=], then go to pipe table, eg; [=I54] is the ID for 1 1/2" schd 40, or [=J54] metric (40 mm) or directly enter the size if it is not in table.
- 3.) Enter straight length at [C8].
- 4.) Enter pipe material at [C9], use [=], then go to material name in table (A49...B56) eg. [=A49] is Carbon Steel. **NOTE: Typing in a material type can LOCK the program up!**
- 5.) Enter the suction (inlet) liquid elevation at [C10].
- 6.) Enter the pump centerline elevation at [C11]. Note: the differential!
- 7.) Enter your elevation "barometric" absolute pressure at [C12].
- 8.) Enter fluid name at [F7], use [=], then go to liquid table. eg. [=C96] is "WATER", or directly enter if not in table.
- 9.) Enter fluid temperature at [F8].
- 10.) If the liquid [F7], is in the liquid table, a representative specific gravity will show at [F9], otherwise directly enter it at [F9]. Check that the sp. gr. value is appropriate for the particular application.
- 11.) If the liquid [F7], is in the liquid table, the viscosity is automatically calculated at its temperature [F8], otherwise directly enter fluid viscosity at [F11]. Note: no limits are built into viscosity calcs, eg. they will calculate a value for water at 12 deg F. and 450 deg F. If using the calculated viscosity, always check for reasonability, and change of state.
- 12.) Enter the number of each type of valve & fitting just to their left. [A19]...[A26] & [D19]...[D26].
- 13.) Misc items: for any item where `K' is not known but an equivalent length is known, enter this value at at [F29] in FEET.
- 14.) Entrance loss: normally 0.5 is input at [C30] or any value desired.
- 15.) Misc K: for any item where `K' is known, but not listed above. Enter value at [C31].
- 16.) If G34 (% Error) is Not Zeroed Push the CALCULATE button at [H37] for the iterative calculation to take place and zero the % error of the calculation.
- 17.) The calculated NPSHA is calculated and shown at [E43]. The liquid velocity is shown at [F32]. Which normally will be in the 3 - 6 fps (1-2 meter) range for a good design. Vortex formation is a severe problem at low suction conditions a minimum submergence level is noted at [E41].

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**PUMP: CLOUDY WATER SYSTEM**

.....	<b>Static</b>	.....	<b>Dynamic</b>	.....
pipe ID:	4.260	in	fluid:	WATER
length:	3	ft	temp :	100 °F
material:	Stainless		sp. gr.:	1
liq level, elev:	5	ft	density:	62.4 lb/cu ft
pump C/L, elev:	2	ft	viscosity:	0.72 μ,cps.
pressure:	33.4	ft abs	vapor press:	2.179 ft abs
Flow:	100	gpm or	50000	lb/hr

..... **Fitting Losses** ... fitting friction factor, *f*<sub>t</sub> : 0.016796

.....	<b>valves</b>	.....	<b>K</b>	.....	<b> fittings</b>	.....	<b>K</b>	.....
0	gate valve	0.000	0	thru `T'	0.000			
0	globe valve	0.000	0	branch `T'	0.000			
0	angle valve	0.000	0	scrwd 90°	0.000			
0	ball valve	0.000	0	scrwd 45°	0.000			
0	plug valve	0.000	0	short 90°	0.000			
0	diaph valve	0.000	0	short 45°	0.000			
0	b'fly valve	0.000	1	long 90°	0.235			
0	swing check	0.000	0	long 45°	0.000			
valves total:		0	add'l eq. len:		3	feet		
fittings total:		0.2351435	final length, l':		6	feet		
entrance loss:		0.5	liquid velocity:		2.25	ft/sec		
misc. K		2						
<u>ΣK</u>		2.7351435						
assum <i>f</i> =		0.0199	calc <i>f</i> =		0.0199	error <i>f</i> =		0.00%

N = 3.0720      12fl'/d = 0.3369      Re = 6.3W/dz = 102,700

Frictional loss =	0.241	hfs, feet
Liquid level =	3.000	hst, feet
Min. submergence (vortexing) =	1.206	feet of liquid
<b>NPSHA = ha - hva (+/-) hst - hfs =</b>	<b>33.98</b>	<b>feet</b>

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**PUMP: CLOUDY WATER SYSTEM**

.....	<b>Static</b>	.....	<b>Dynamic</b>	.....
pipe ID:	108.20 mm		fluid:	WATER
length:	100 meter		temp :	37.777778 °C
material:	Stainless		sp. gr.:	1.00
liq level, elev:	1.524 meter		density:	1000 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
pump C/L, elev:	0.6096 meter		viscosity:	0.0006794 z, Pa sec
pressure:	10.18032 meter abs		vapor press:	0.664 meter abs

Flow: 35 m<sup>3</sup>/hr or 9.72222222 kg/sec

..... **Fitting Losses** ... fitting friction factor, *f* : 0.016672

.....	<b>valves</b>	.....	<b>K</b>	.....	<b> fittings</b>	.....	<b>K</b>	.....
0	gate valve	0.000		0	thru `T'	0.000		
0	globe valve	0.000		0	branch `T'	0.000		
0	angle valve	0.000		0	scrwd 90°	0.000		
0	ball valve	0.000		0	scrwd 45°	0.000		
0	plug valve	0.000		0	short 90°	0.000		
0	diaph valve	0.000		0	short 45°	0.000		
0	b'fly valve	0.000		0	long 90°	0.000		
0	swing check	0.000		0	long 45°	0.000		
valves total:		0		add'l eq. len:		0.75		meter
fittings total:		0		final length, l':		100.75		meter
entrance loss:		0.5		liquid velocity:		1.057		mps
misc. K		0						
<hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/>		ΣK		0.5				

assum *f* = 0.0217      calc *f* = 0.0217      error *f* = 0.00%

N = 20.7038      f · l/d = 20.2038      Re = 1.27 · (W/dz) = 167976

Frictional loss = 1.176421574 hfs, meter  
 Liquid level = 0.914 hst, meter  
 Min. submergence (vortxing) = 0.544 meter of liquid  
 NPSHA = ha - hva (+/-) hst - hfs = 9.254 meter

material table		liquid	vis (cp)	sp.gr.	PIPE			
matl	epsilon				nominal diameter	inside diameter		
						schd 10S	schd 40	schd 80
Carbon Steel	150	AMMONIA 100%	0.01	0.682				
Stainless	150	AMMONIA 26%	0.81	0.890				
Cast Iron	850	CARBON DIOXIDE	0.06	1.102	1/2	0.674	0.622	0.546
CU tubing	5	CAUSTIC 50%	39.94	1.525	3/4	0.884	0.824	0.742
SS tubing	5	CAUSTIC 20%	2.68	1.219	1	1.097	1.049	0.957
PVC	5	ETHANOL 100%	0.76	0.789	1 1/4	1.422	1.380	1.278
glass	5	ETHANOL 95%	0.91	0.804	1 1/2	1.682	1.610	1.500
kynar	5	ETHANOL 40%	1.42	0.935	2	2.157	2.067	1.939
		FUEL OIL #2	2.8	0.876	2 1/2	2.635	2.469	2.323
		FUEL OIL #6	185.46	0.993	3	3.260	3.068	2.900
		GASOLINE	0.51	0.751	3 1/2	3.760	3.548	3.364
		HYDROCHLORIC 31.5%	1.48	1.159	4	4.260	4.026	3.826
		ISOPROPYL ALCOHOL	1.26	0.785	6	6.357	6.065	5.761
		KEROSENE	1.33	0.815	8	8.329	7.981	7.625
		METHANOL 100%	0.43	0.796	10	10.420	10.020	9.562
		METHANOL 90%	0.45	0.824	12	12.390	11.938	11.374
		METHANOL 40%	1.11	0.937	14	13.624	13.124	12.500
		SULPHUR DIOXIDE	0.28	1.434	16	15.624	15.000	14.312
		SULPHURIC 98%	13.92	1.830	18	17.624	16.867	16.124
		TURPENTINE	1.04	0.864	20	19.564	18.812	17.938
		WATER	0.72	1.000	24	23.500	22.624	21.562