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Installed Characteristics

To display the installed characteristic graph, you must perform sizing calculations for at least two sets of process conditions. After the sizing calculations have been completed, select Installed Characteristics under Calculations on the Menu Bar. If the process data entered is valid (see below), Alpha-I will create the valve's installed characteristic graph and display it in the Installed Characteristic dialog box. The graph contains two vertical lines. These lines represent the minimum and maximum calculated position open for the process conditions input. Installed characteristics for two valves can be overlaid on the same graph to depict the difference between them. To overlay two installed characteristic graphs, select Overlay Installed Characteristics under Calculations on the Menu Bar. Alpha-I will display the Installed Characteristic Overlay dialog box. The current tag will be identified and tags which have identical process conditions will be listed in a selection box. Click on the tag in the selection box that you want to overlay and Alpha-I will create the graph. To overlay two installed characteristic graphs, both valves must have been sized and saved in the same project for identical process conditions.

Definitions:

Valve Characteristic - The relationship a specific valve or valve trim combination exhibits between the position open of the valve and the flow rate through the valve.

Inherent Characteristic - The characteristic of a valve under test conditions. When a valve is tested for Cv (Valve Capacity) it is tested with a constant pressure drop. The inherent characteristic of a valve is the relationship (graph) between the position open of the valve and the flow rate with a constant pressure drop.

Installed Characteristic - The characteristic of a valve (the relationship of flow versus position open) when the valve is installed in actual process conditions. This can vary substantially from the inherent characteristic as the pressure drop across the valve decreases as the process flow increases.

Valve Pressure Drop - The amount of pressure a valve must dissipate to operate the system at the desired flow rate. Valve pressure drop is determined by the system characteristic. Every system has a pressure source. It could be a pump, blower, header, tank etc. The valve pressure drop is the value of the pressure source at a given flow rate minus the friction losses of the fluid at the same flow rate, minus the elevation head, static head and/or branch pressure.





In most systems the value of the pressure source decreases as the flow rate increases, and the value of the friction loss increases as the flow rate increases. The net effect is the valve pressure drop decreases as the flow rate increases.

Why is the Installed Characteristic important?

In most systems it is desirable for the installed characteristic to be somewhat linear. This is represented by a straight line for an Installed Characteristic graph. If the installed characteristic is linear, a given movement of the valve will provide a consistent change in the flow rate regardless of whether the valve is operating at a low or high position open. With a linear installed characteristic, the valve is predictable to the other components of the control system.

Conversely, if the installed characteristic of the valve is not linear, the valve can exhibit different gains (variable flow rate changes for the same position movement) when throttling at a low position open compared to a high position open. This can make the valve unpredictable to the other components of the control system.

How else is the Installed Characteristic helpful?

The Installed Characteristic Graph visually shows you how much of the valve span you are utilizing, if the valve will exhibit a high or low gain, and if you are throttling near the closed or open position of the valve.

It is desirable to utilize a large portion of the valve span. This greatly increases the accuracy of the valve. A control valve (valve, actuator and positioner) can make a finite number of movements between fully open and fully closed. Each movement can be equated to a specific change in flow rate. If the valve is sized to utilize a large portion of its span, it can make smaller incremental changes in flow rate. This can dramatically improve the accuracy and stability of the control loop.

In most instances, the valve gain is related to the span of the valve. If the installed characteristic graph is closer to vertical than to horizontal, the gain of the valve will be relatively high. This means a small change in valve movement will produce a large change in flow rate. If the gain is too high, the valve can be "sensitive". If the installed characteristic graph is closer to horizontal than vertical, the gain of the valve will be relatively low. A large change in valve movement will produce a small change in flow rate. If the gain is too low, the valve can be sluggish.



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It is not desirable to throttle near the fully open or fully closed position of the valve. When throttling near the closed position, the torque can increase; the valve is more likely to plug; and the inherent characteristic becomes undefined. All of these negatively affect the performance of the valve. When sizing a valve to throttle near the open position you run the risk of under-sizing the valve. The valve may not be able to pass the capacity required to control the system.

What are the limitations of the Installed Characteristic?

In trying to determine if the valve is predictable to the other components of the control system, the dynamics of the actuator and positioner can affect the predictability. Most actuators do not have a linear relationship between output torque, actuator volume or actuator travel. The linearity of positioners (I/P or P/P) can vary based on the type and manufacturer.

If you are using system design values to predict the control valve's installed characteristic, you will introduce error due to the safety factors and estimations used in determining the system characteristic. Typically these errors will cause the valve to have a higher pressure drop in actual service. This higher pressure drop will change the position open at which the valve operates and can significantly affect the installed characteristic.

Other systems can interact with systems you are analyzing and affect the prediction of the installed characteristic. If your pressure source is a tank on level control, as the level drops or raises, the pressure source (and thus the valve pressure drop) changes unpredictably. This will have a negative impact on the prediction of the installed characteristic.

How is the Installed Characteristic determined?

To determine the installed characteristic of a valve, Alpha-I must first predict the type of system in which the valve is installed. Alpha-I tests the input process conditions against four models. If the conditions input meet one of the models, Alpha-I will calculate the installed characteristic.



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Definition of the four system models:

<u>Model One</u> - Valve inlet pressure decreases as the flow rate increases and the valve outlet pressure increases as the flow rate increases. This is the typical pumped system with a medium to long run of piping.



<u>Model Two</u> - Valve inlet pressure decreases as the flow rate increases and the valve outlet pressure remains constant as the flow rate increases. This is the typical pumped system with a short run of piping that has negligible friction losses.





<u>Model Three</u> - Valve inlet pressure remains constant as the flow rate increases and the valve outlet pressure increases as the flow rate increases. This is typical when the pressure source is a header with a medium to long run of piping.



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Based on the system model, Alpha-I predicts the maximum flow rate of the system with the valve installed, and develops equations that predicts the inlet pressure and pressure drop for any given flow rate. From these equations, Alpha-I sizes the valve for 1% through 99% of the maximum flow rate and determines the position open for each flow rate. This is the data used to plot the installed characteristic graph.

BAW / AWWA Butterfly Valves Flow Characteristic



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BAW / AWWA Butterfly Valves

Flow Characteristic 3-42" (80-1100mm)



BAW / AWWA Butterfly Valves Flow Characteristic



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BAW / AWWA Butterfly Valves

Flow Characteristic 48-72" (1200-1800mm)



BAW / AWWA Butterfly Valves Flow Characteristic



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BAW / AWWA Butterfly Valves

Flow Characteristic 78-120" (1950-3000mm)



PEC Eccentric Plug Valves Flow Characteristic



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PEC Eccentric Plug Valves



PEF Eccentric Plug Valves Flow Characteristic



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PEF Eccentric Plug Valves





PEF Eccentric Plug Valves Flow Characteristic



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PEF Eccentric Plug Valves

Flow Characteristic 24-36" (600-900mm)



BHP High Performance Butterfly Valves Flow Characteristic



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BHP High Performance Butterfly Valves



BOS-US Resilient Seated Butterfly Valves Flow Characteristic



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BOS-US Resilient Seated Butterfly Valves

BOS-CL Resilient Seated Butterfly Valves Flow Characteristic



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BOS-CL Resilient Seated Butterfly Valves



VPB V-Port Ball Control Valves Flow Characteristic



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VPB V-Port Ball Control Valves



RCV Rotary Control Valves Flow Characteristic



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RCV Rotary Control Valves





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VELOCITY RECOMMENDATIONS

MAX. INLET VELOCITY - LIQUIDS

Body Material	Velocity (Ft./Sec.)
Cast Iron	18
Carbon Steel	25
316 Stainless Steel	35
317 Stainless Steel	35
Alloy 20	35
Hastelloy C	35
Monel	35
C-5 Chrome Moly	35



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Absolute F	ressure	Vacuum	Temper-	Heat of	Latent Heat	Total Heat	Specific	Volume
Lbs. per	Inches	Inches	ature	Ihe	of	of Steam	Ī	7
Sq. İn.	of Hg	of Hg	t	Liquid	Evaporation	h_g	Water	Steam
P'			Degrees F	Blu/ltb.	Btu/Ib.	Btu/Jb.	Calift, per lb	Cir. It. per Ib.
0.08859	0.02	29.90	32.018	0.0003	1075.5	1075.5	0.016022	3302.4
0.10	0.20	29.72	35.023	3.026	1073.8	1076.8	0.016020	2945.5
0.15	0.31	29.61	45.453	13.498	1067.9	1081.4	0.016020	2004.7
0.20	0.41	29.51	53.160	21.217	1053.5	1084.7	0.016025	1526.3
0.25	0.51	29.41	59.323	27.382	1060.1	1087.4	0.016032	1235.5
0.30	0.61	29.31	64.484	32.541	1057 1	1089.7	0.016040	1039.7
0.35	0.71	29.21	68.939	36.992	1054.6	1091.6	0.016048	898.6
0.40	0.81	29.11	72.869	40.917	1052.4	1093.3	0.016056	792.1
0.45	0.92	29.00	76.387	44.430	1050.5	1094.9	0.016063	708.8
0.50	1.02	28.90	79.586	47.623	1048.6	1096.3	0.016071	641.5
0.60	1.22	28.70	85.218	53.245	1045.5	1098.7	0.016085	540.1
0.70	1.43	28.49	90.09	58.10	1042.7	1100.8	0.016099	466.94
0.80	1.63	28.29	94.38	62.39	1040.3	1102.6	0.016112	411.69
0.90	1.83	28.09	98.24	66.24	1038.1	1104.3	0.016124	368.43
1.0	2.04	27.88	101.74	69.73	1036.1	1105.8	0.016136	333.60
12	2.44	27.48	107.91	75.90	1032.6	1108.5	0.016158	280.96
1.4	2.85	27.07	113.26	81.23	1029.5	1110.7	0.016178	243.02
1.6	3.26	26.66	117.98	85.95	1026.8	1112.7	0.016196	214,33
1.8	3.66	26.26	122.22	90.18	1024.3	1114.5	0.016213	191.85
2.0	4.07	25.85	126.07	94.03	1022.1	1116.2	0.016230	173.76
2.2	4.48	25.44	129.61	97.57	1020.1	1117.6	0.016245	158.87
2.4	4.89	25.03	132.88	100.84	1018.2	1119.0	0.016260	146.40
2.6	5.29	24.63	135.93	103.88	1016.4	1120.3	0.016274	135.80
2.8	5.70	24.22	138.78	106.73	1014.7	1121.5	0.016287	126.67
	1	1 00.01		1 400 40	1 1010 0			
3.0	0.11	23.81	141.47	109.42	1013.2	1122.6	0.016300	118.73
3.5	1.13	22.79	147.56	115.51	1009.6	1125.1	0.016331	102.74
4.0	8.14	21.78	152.96	120.92	1006.4	1127,3	0.016358	90.64
4.5	9.10	20.76	107.82	125.77	1003.5	1129.3	0.016384	83.03
5.0	10.18	19.74	162.24	130.20	1000.9	1131,1	0.016407	73.532
5.5	11.20	18.72	166.29	134.26	998.5	1132.7	0.016430	67.249
6.0	12.22	17.70	170.05	138.03	996.2	1134.2	0.016451	61.984
6.5	13.23	16.69	173.56	141.54	994.1	1135.6	0.016472	57.506
7.0	14.25	15.67	176.84	144.83	992.1	1136.9	0.016491	53.650
7.5	15.27	14.65	179.93	147.93	990.2	1138.2	0.016510	50.294
8.0	16.29	13.63	182.86	150.87	988.5	1139.3	0.016527	47.345
8.5	17.31	12.61	185.63	153.65	986.8	1140.4	0.016545	44.733
9.0	18.32	11.60	188.27	156.30	985.1	1141.4	0.016561	42.402
9.5	19.34	10.58	190.80	158.84	983.6	1142.4	0.016577	40.310
10.0	20.36	9.56	193.21	161.26	982.1	1143.3	0.016592	38.420
11.0	22.40	7.52	197.75	165.82	979.3	1145.1	0.016622	35.142
12.0	24.43	5.49	201.96	170.05	976.6	1146.7	0.016650	32.394
13.0	26.47	3.45	205.88	174.00	974.2	1148.2	0.016676	30.057
14.0	28.50	1.42	209.56	177.71	971,9	1149.6	0.016702	28.043



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Press Lbs. per	sure Sg. In.	Temper- ature	Heat of the	Latent Heat of	Total Heat of Steam	Specific V	Volume
Absolute P'	Gage	ť Degrees F.	Liquid Btu/lb.	Evaporation Btu/ib.	h _g Btu/Ib.	Water . Cu, fi per lb	Steam Cultiper Ib
14.696	0.0	212.00	180.17	970.3	I 150.5	0.016719	26.799
15 0	0.3	213.03	181.21	969.7	1150.9	0.016726	26.290
16.0	1.3	216.32	184.52	967.6	1152.1	0.016749	24.750
17.0	2.3	219.44	187.66	965.6	1153.2	0.016771	23.385
18.0	3.3	222.41	190.66	963.7	1154.3	0.016793	22.168
19.0	4.3	225.24	193.52	961.8	1155.3	0.016814	21.074
20.0	5.3	227.96	196.27	960.1	1156 3	0.016834	20.087
21.0	6.3	230.57	198.90	958.4	1157.3	0.016854	19.190
22.0	7.3	233.07	201.44	956.7	1158.1	0.016873	18.373
23.0	8.3	235.49	203.88	955.1	1159.0	0.016891	17.624
24.0	9.3	237.82	206.24	953.6	1159.8	0.016909	16 936
25.0	10.3	240.07	208.52	952.1	1160.6	0.016927	16.301
26.0	11.3	242.25	210.7	950.6	1161.4	0.016944	15.71 38
27.0	12.3	244.36	212.9	949.2	1162.1	0.016961	15.1684
28.0	13.3	246.41	214.9	947.9	1162.8	0.016977	14.6607
29.0	14.3	248.40	217.0	946.5	1163.5	0.016993	14,1869
30.0	15.3	250.34	218.9	945.2	1164.1	0.017009	13.7436
31.0	16.3	252.22	220.8	943.9	1164.8	0.017024	13.3280
32.0	17.3	254.05	222.7	942.7	1165.4	0.017039	12.9376
33.0	18.3	255.84	224.5	941.5	1166.0	0.017054	12.5700
34.0	19.3	257.58	226.3	940.3	1166.6	0.017069	12.2234
25.0 L	20.3	259.29	228.0	939.1	1167.1	0.017083	11.8959
36.0	21.3	260.95	229.7	938.0	1167.7	0.017097	11.5860
37.0	22.3	262.58	231.4	936.9	1168.2	0.017111	11.2923
38.0	23.3	264.17	233.0	935.8	1168.8	0.017124	11 0136
39.0	24.3	265.72	234.6	934.7	1169.3	0.017138	10.7487
40.0	25.3	267.25	236.1	933.6	1169.8	0.017151	10.4965
41.0	26.3	268.74	237.7	932.0	1170.2	0.017177	10.0272
42.0	27.3	271.65	240.6	930.5	1171.2	0.017189	9.8083
44.0	29.3	273.06	242.1	929.5	1171.6	0.017202	9.5991
45.0	30.3	274.44	243.5	928.6	1172.0	0.017214	9.3988
46.0	31.3	275.80	244.9	927.6	1172.5	0.017226	9.2070
47.0	32.3	277.14	246.2	926.6	11/2.9	0.017238	9.0231
48.0 49.0	33.3	278.45	247.0 248.9	925.7	1173.7	0.017262	8.6770
49.0	34.3	281.02	250.2	923.9	1174.1	0.017274	8.5140
50.0	36.3	282.27	251.5	923.0	1174.5	0.017285	8.3571
52.0	37.3	283.50	252.8	922.1	1174.9	0.017296	8.2061
53.0	38.3	284.71	254.0	921.2	1175.2	0.017307	8.0606
54.0	39.3	285.90	255 2	920.4	1175.6	0.017319	7.9203
55.0	40.3	287.08	256.4	919.5	1175.9	0.017329	7.7850
56.0	41.3	288.24	257.6	918./	1176.6	0.017340	7.5280
57.0 59.0	42.3	269.38	258.0	917.0	1177.0	0.017362	7.4059
59.0	44.3	291.62	261.1	916.2	1177.3	0.017372	7.2879



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Specific Volume Latent Heat Total Heat Pressure Temper-Heat of of Steam Lbs. per Sq. In. ature the വി h_g Evaporation Liquid Absolute Gage t Water Steam P Bhu/lb Bhu/lb Blu/lip P Degrees F. Cull. per lb Cut It, per lb. 60.0 292.71 262.2 915.4 1177.6 0.017383 7 1736 45.3 46.3 293.79 263.3 914.6 1177.9 0.017393 7.0630 61.0 6.9558 62.0 47.3 294.86 264.4 913.8 1178.20.01740348.3 295.91 265.5 913.0 1178.6 0.017413 6.8519 63.064.0 49.3 296.95 266.6 912.3 1178.9 0.017423 6.7511 65.0 50.3 297.98 267.6 911.5 1179.1 0.017433 6.6533 0.017443 910.8 1179.4 6 5584 66.0 51.3 298.99 268.7 67.0 52.3 299.99 269.7 910.0 1179.7 0.017453 6 4662 6.3767 1180.0 0.017463 53.3 300.99 270.7 909.3 68.0 69.0 54.3 301.96 271.7 908.5 1180.3 0.017472 6.2896 70.0 55.3 302.93 272.7 907.8 1180.6 0.017482 6 2050 56.3 303.89 273.7 907.1 1180.8 0.017491 6.1226 71.0 304.83 274.7 906.4 1181.1 0.017501 6.0425 72.0 57.3 5.9645 73.0 58.3 305.77 275.7 905.7 1181.4 0.017510 5.8885 306.69 276.6 905.0 1181.6 0.017519 74.0 59.3 75.0 60.3 307.61 277.6 904.3 1181.9 0.017529 5.8144 5.7423 61.3 308.51 278.5 903.6 1182.1 0.017538 76.0 1182.4 5.6720 0.017547 77.0 62.3 309.41 279.4 902.9 1182.6 5 6034 78.0 63.3 310.29 280.3 902.3 0.017556 1182.8 0.017565 5.5364 79.0 64.3 311.17 281.3 901.6 312.04 900.9 1183 1 0.017573 5.4711 80.0 65.3 282.1 5.4074 312.90 1183.3 0.017582 81.0 66.3 283.0 900.3 82.0 67.3 313.75 283.9 899.6 1183.5 0.017591 5.3451 0.017600 5.2843314.60284.8 899.0 1183.8 83.0 68.3 69.3 315.43 285.7 898.3 1184.0 0.017608 5.2249 84.0 85.0 70.3 316.26 286.5 897.7 1184.2 0.017617 5.1669 317.08 287.4 897.0 1184.4 86.0 71.3 0.017625 5.1101 87.0 72.3 317.89 288.2 896.4 1184.6 0.017634 5.0546 88.0 73.3 318.69 289.0 895.8 1184.8 0.017642 5.0004 89.0 74.3 319.49 289.9895.2 1185.0 0.017651 4 9473 90.0 75.3 320.28 290.7 894.6 1185.3 0.017659 4 8953 91.0 76.3 321.06 291.5 893.9 1185.5 0.017667 4 8445 92.0 77.3 321.84 292.3 893.3 1185.7 0.017675 4.7947 93.0 78.3 322.61 293.1 892.7 1185.9 0.017684 4.7459 94.0 79.3 323.37 293.9 892.1 1186.0 0.017692 4.6982 324.13 95.0 80.3 294-7 891.5 1186.2 0.017700 4.6514 96.0 81.3 324.88 295.5 891.0 1186.4 0.017708 4.6055 97.0 82.3 325.63 296.3 890.4 1186.6 0.017716 4.5606 98.0 83.3 326.36 297.0 889.8 1186.8 0.017724 4.5166 99.0 84 3 327.10 297.8 889.2 1187.0 0.017732 4,4734 100.0 85.3 327.82 298.5 888.6 1187.2 0.017740 4,4310 328.54 888.1 101.0 86.3 299.3 1187.3 0.01775 4.3895 102.0 87.3 329.26 300.0 887.5 1187.5 0.01776 4.3487 329.97 0.01776 4.3087 103.0 88.3 300.8 886.9 1187.7 104.0 89.3 330.67 886.4 1187.9 301.5 0.01777 4.2695 331.37 105.0 90.3 302.2 885.8 1188.0 0.01778 4.2309 91.3 332.06 1188.2 4 1931 106.0 303.0 885.2 0.01779 107.0 92.3332.75 303.7 884 7 1188.4 0.01779 4.1560 108.0 93.3 333.44 884.1 0.01780 304.4 1188.5 4 1195 109.0 94.3 334.11 883.6 4.0837 305.1 1188.7 0.01781



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Press	sure	Temper-	Heat of	Latent Heat	Total Heat	Specific	Volume
Lbs. per	Sa. In.	ature	the		of Steam	V	7
Absolute	Gage	<i>t</i>	Liquid	Evaporation	h _g	Water	Steam
P'	P	Degrees F.	Btu/lb.	Btu/lb.	Biu/Ib.	Cu. ft. per th.	Cu. it. per lb.
110.0	95.3	334.79	305.8	883.1	1188.9	0.01782	4 0484
111.0	96.3	335.46	306.5	882.5	1189.0	0.01782	4.0138
112.0	97.3	336.12	307.2	882.0	1189.2	0.01783	3 9798
113.0	98.3	336.78	307.9	881.4	1189.3	0.01784	3 9464
114.0	99.3	337.43	308.6	880.9	1189.5	0.01785	3.9136
115.0 116.0 117.0 118.0 119.0	100.3 101.3 102.3 103.3 104.3	338.08 338.73 339.37 340.01 340.64	309.3 309.9 310.6 311.3 311.9	880.4 879.9 879.3 878.8 878.8 878.3	1189.6 1189.8 1189.9 1190.1 1190.2	0.01785 0.01786 0.01787 0.01787 0.01787 0.01788	3.8813 3.8495 3.8183 3.7875 3.7573
120.0	105.3	341.27	312.6	877.8	1190.4	0.01789	3.7275
121.0	106.3	341.89	313.2	877.3	1190.5	0.01790	3.6983
122.0	107.3	342.51	313.9	876.8	1190.7	0.01790	3.6695
123.0	108.3	343.13	314.5	876.3	1190.8	0.01791	3.6411
124.0	109.3	343.74	315.2	875.8	1190.9	0.01791	3.6132
125.0 126.0 127.0 128.0 129.0	110.3 111.3 112.3 113.3 114.3	344.35 344.95 345.55 346.15 346.74	315.8 316.4 317.1 317.7 318.3	875.3 874.8 874.3 873.8 873.8 873.3	1191.1 1191.2 1191.3 1191.5 1191.5 1191.6	0.01792 0.01793 0.01794 0.01794 0.01794	3.5857 3.5586 3.5320 3.5057 3.4799
130.0 131.0 132.0 133.0 134.0	115.3 116.3 117.3 118.3 119.3	347.33 347.92 348.50 349.08 349.65	319.0 319.6 320.2 320.8 321.4	872.8 872.3 871.8 871.3 870.8	1191,7 1191,9 1192,0 1192,1 1192,2	0.01796 0.01797 0.01797 0.01797 0.01798 0.01799	3,4544 3,4293 3,4046 3,3802 3,3562
135.0 136.0 137.0 138.0 139.0	120.3 121.3 122.3 123.3 124.3	350.23 350.79 351.36 351.92 352.48	322.0 322.6 323.2 323.8 324.4	870.4 869.9 869.4 868.9 868.5	1192.4 1192.5 1192.6 1192.7 1192.8	0.01799 0.01800 0.01801 0.01801 0.01801 0.01802	3.3325 3.3091 3.2861 3.2634 3.2411
140.0 141.0 142.0 143.0 144.0	125.3 126.3 127.3 128.3 129.3	353.04 353.59 354.14 354.69 355.23	325.0 325.5 326.1 326.7 327.3	868.0 867.5 867.1 866.6 866.2	1193.0 1193.1 1193.2 1193.3 1193.4	0.01803 0.01803 0.01804 0.01805 0.01805	3.2190 3.1972 3.1757 3.1757 3.1546 3.1337
145.0	130.3	355.77	327.8	865.7	1193.5	0.01806	3.1130
146.0	131.3	356.31	328.4	865.2	1193.6	0.01806	3.0927
147.0	132.3	356.84	329.0	864.8	1193.8	0.01807	3.0726
148.0	133.3	357.38	329.5	864.3	1193.9	0.01808	3.0528
149.0	134.3	357.91	330.1	863.9	1194.0	0.01808	3.0332
150.0	135.3	358.43	330.6	863.4	1194.1	0.01809	3.0139
152.0	137.3	359.48	331.8	862.5	1194.3	0.01810	2.9760
154.0	139.3	360.51	332.8	861.6	1194.5	0.01812	2.9391
156.0	141.3	361.53	333.9	860.8	1194.7	0.01813	2.9031
158.0	143.3	362.55	335.0	859.9	1194.9	0.01813	2.8679
160.0	145.3	363.55	336.1	859.0	1195.1	0.01815	2.8336
162.0	147.3	364.54	337.1	858.2	1195.3	0.01817	2.9001
164.0	149.3	365.53	338.2	857.3	1195.5	0.01818	2.7674
166.0	151.3	366.50	339.2	856.5	1195.7	0.01819	2.7355
168.0	153.3	367.47	340.2	855.6	1195.8	0.01820	2.7043



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Press Lbs. per	sure So In	Temper-	Heat of	Latent Heat	Total Heat	Specifi	c Volume
Absolute	Gane		Liquid	Evaporation	ha	10 labor	V
P'	P	Degrees F.	Btu/lb	Btu/lb.	Blu/lb	Qu. fi per lb.	Cu. ft. per lb.
170.0	155.3	368.42	341.2	854.8	1196.0	0.01821	2.6738
172.0	157.3	369.37	342.2	853.9	1196.2	0.01823	2.6440
174.0	159.3	370.31	343.2	853.1	1196.4	0.01824	2.6149
176.0	161.3	371.24	344.2	852.3	1196.5	0.01825	2.5864
178.0	163.3	372.16	345.2	851.5	1196.7	0.01826	2.5585
180.0	165.3	373.08	346.2	850.7	1196.9	0.01827	2.5312
182.0	167.3	373.98	347.2	849.9	1197.0	0.01828	2.5045
186.0	1719	374.88	348.1	849.1	1197,2	0.01830	2.4783
188.0	173.3	376 65	350.0	847.5	1197.3	0.01831	2.4527
190.0	175.3	377.53	350.9	946.7	1107.6	0.01032	2.4270
192.0	177.3	378.40	351.9	845.9	1197.8	0.01833	2.4030
194.0	179.3	379.26	352.8	845.1	1197.9	0.01835	2.3554
196.0	181.3	380.12	353.7	844.4	1198.1	0.01836	2.3322
198.0	183.3	380.96	354.6	843.6	1198.2	0.01838	2.3095
200.0	185.3	381.80	355.5	842.8	1198.3	0.01839	2.28728
205.0	190.3	383.88	357.7	840.9	1198.7	0.01841	2.23349
210.0	195.3	385.91	359.9	839.1	1199.0	0.01844	2.18217
215.0	200.3	387.91	362.1	837.2	1199.3	0.01847	2.13315
220.0	205.3	369.88	364.2	835.4	1199.6	0.01850	2.08629
225.0	210.3	391.80	366.2	833.6	1199.9	0.01852	2.04143
235.0	220.3	395.70	300.3	831.8	1200.1	0.01855	1.99846
240.0	225.3	397.39	372.3	828.4	1200.4	0.01860	1.93723
245.0	230.3	399.19	374.2	826.6	1200.9	0.01863	1.87970
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250.0	235.3	400.97	376.1	825.0	1201.1	0.01865	1.84317
255.0	240.3	402.72	378.0	823.3	1201.3	0.01868	1.80802
260.0	245.3	404.44	379.9	821.6	1201.5	0.01870	1.77418
265.0	250.3	406.13	381.7	820.0	1201.7	0.01873	1./415/
270.0	200.0	407.00	303.0	010.0	1201.9	0.01075	1.71013
275.0	260.3	409.45	385.4	815.1	1202.1	0.01878	1.67978
285.0	270.3	412.67	386.9	813.6	1202.4	0.01882	1.62218
290.0	275.3	414.25	390.6	812.0	1202.6	0.01885	1,59482
295.0	280.3	415.81	392.3	810.4	1202.7	0.01887	1.56835
300.0	285.3	417.35	394.0	808.9	1202.9	0.01889	1.54274
320.0	305.3	423.31	400.5	802.9	1203.4	0.01899	1.44801
340.0	325.3	428.99	406.8	797.0	1203.8	0.01908	1.36405
360.0	345.3	434.41	412.8	791.3	1204.1	0.01917	1.28910
380.0	365.3	439.61	418.6	785.8	1204.4	0.01925	1.22177
400.0	385.3	444.60	424.2	780.4 775 2	1204.6	0.01934	1.16095
420.0	405.3	449.40	429.0	770.0	1204.7	0.01942	1.05535
460.0	445.3	458.50	439.8	765.0	1204.8	0.01959	1,00921
480.0	465.3	462.82	444.7	760.0	1204.8	0.01967	0.96677
500.0	485.3	467.01	449.5	755.1	1204.7	0.01975	0.92762
520.0	505.3	471.07	454.2	750.4	1204.5	0.01982	0.89137
540.0	525.3	475.01	458.7	745.7	1204.4	0.01990	0.85771
560.0	545.3	4/8.84	463.1	741.0	1204.2	0.01998	0.82637
0.000	000.0	402.57	407.5	/36.5	1203.9	0.02000	0.79712



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Press Lbs. per	sure So. In.	Temper- ature	Heat of	Latent Heat	Total Heat of Steam	Specific	Volume
Absolute	Gage	t t	Liquid	Evaporation	h _g	Water	Slaam
<u> </u>	P	Degrees F.	Blu/lb.	8tu/lb.	Btu/1b. ≦	Cu. It per lb	Cu. It per lb
600.0	585.3	486.20	471.7	732.0	1203.7	0.02013	0.76975
620.0	605.3	489.74	475.8	727.5	1203.4	0.02021	0.74408
640.0	625.3	493.19	479.9	723.1	1203.0	0.02028	0.71995
660.0	645.3	496.57	483.9	718.8	1202.7	0.02036	0.69724
680.0	665.3	499.86	487.8	714.5	1202.3	0.02043	0.67581
700.0	685.3	503.08	491.6	710.2	1201.8	0.02050	0.65556
720.0	705.3	506.23	495.4	706.0	1201.4	0.02058	0.63639
740.0	725.3	509.32	499.1	701.9	1200.9	0.02065	0.61822
760.0	745.3	512.34	502.7	697.7	1200.4	0.02072	0.60097
780.0	765.3	515,30	506.3	693.6	1199.9	0.02080	0.58457
800.0	785.3	518.21	509.8	689.6	1199.4	0.02087	0.56896
020.0 B40.0	000.3	521.06	513.3	685.5	1198.8	0.02094	0.55408
040.0 BCD 0	020.0	523.80	510.7	081.5	1198.2	0.02101	0.53988
880.0	865.3	520.00	520.1	677.b 873.6	1197.7	0.02109	0.52631
900.0	995.2	521.05	520,4 526.7	073.0	1197.0	0.02116	0.51333
900.0 920.0	000.0	534.56	520.0	009.7	1196.4	0.02123	0.50091
940.0	925.3	597.13	633.0	661.0	1195.7	0.02130	0.48901
960.0	945.3	539.65	536.3	658.0	1190.1	0.02137	0.47759
980.0	965.3	542 14	539.5	654.2	1194.4	0.02145	0.40002
1000.0	985.3	544 58	542.6	650.4	1102.0	0.02152	0.44500
1050.0	1035.3	550.53	550.1	640 G	1101.0	0.02139	0.44090
1100.0	1085.3	556.28	557.5	631.5	1189.1	0.02175	0.42224
1150.0	1135.3	561.82	564.8	622.2	1187.0	0.02133	0.40030
1200.0	1185.3	567.19	571.9	613.0	1184.8	0.02232	0.36245
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1250.0	1235.3	572.38	578.8	603.8	1182.6	0.02250	0.34556
1300.0	1285.3	577.42	585.6	594.6	1180.2	0.02269	0.32991
1350.0	1335.3	582.32	592.2	585.6	1177.8	0.02288	0.31536
1400.0	1385.3	587.07	598.8	567.5	1175.3	0.02307	0.30178
1450.0	1435.3	591.70	605.3	567.6	1172. 9	0.02327	0.28909
1500.0	1485.3	596.20	611.7	558.4	1170.1	0.02346	0.27719
1600.0	1585.3	604.87	624.2	540.3	1164.5	0.02387	0.25545
1700.0	1685.3	613.13	636.5	522.2	1158.6	0.02428	0.23607
1800.0	1785.3	621.02	648.5	503.8	1152.3	0.02472	0.21861
1900.0	1885.3	628.56	660.4	485.2	1145.6	0.02517	0.20278
2000.0	1985.3	635.80	672.1	466.2	1138.3	0.02565	0.18831
2100.0	2085.3	642.76	683.8	446.7	1130.5	0.02615	0 17501
2200.0	2185.3	649.45	695.5	426.7	1122.2	0.02669	0.16272
2300.0	2285.3	655.89	707.2	406.0	1113.2	0.02727	0.15133
2400.0	2385.3	662.11	719.0	384.8	1103.7	0.02790	0.14076
2500.0	2485.3	668.11	731.7	361.6	1093.3	0.02859	0.13068
2600.0	2585.3	673.91	744.5	337.6	1082.0	0.02938	0.12110
2700.0	2685.3	679.53	757.3	312.3	1069.7	0.03029	0.11194
2800.0	2785.3	084.96	770.7	285.1	1055.8	0.03134	0.10305
2500.0	2000.3	090.22	785.1	254.7	1039.8	0.03262	0.09420
3000.0	2985.3	695.33	801.8	218.4	1020.3	0.03428	0.08500
3100.0	3085.3	700.28	824.0	169.3	993.3	0.03681	0.07452
3200.0	5 6516	705.08	875.5	55.1	931.6	0.04472	0.05663
3208.2	3193.5	705.47	906.0	0.0	300.0	0.05078	0.05078

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 \overline{V} < specific volume, cubic feet per pound h_g = total heat of steam, Btu per pound

Pres Lbs Sq.	sure . per . In.	Sat. Temp.			Total Temperature — Degrees Fahrenheit (1)									
Abs. P'	Gage P	t		350°	400°	500°	600°	700°	800°	900°	1000°	1100°	1300°	1500°
†5.0	0.3	213.03	\overline{V}_{hg}	31.939 1216.2	33.963 1239.9	37.985 1287.3	41. 986 1335.2	45.978 1383.8	49.964 1433.2	53.946 1483.4	57.926 1534.5	61.905 1586.5	69.858 1693.2	77.807 1803.4
20.0	5.3	227.96	V hg	23.900 1215.4	25.428 1239.2	28.457 1286.9	31.466 1334.9	34.465 1383.5	37.458 1432.9	40.447 1483.2	43.435 1534.3	46.420 1586.3	52.388 1693.1	58.352 1803.3
30.0	15.3	250.34	V hg	15.859 1213.6	16.892 1237.8	18.929 1286.0	20.945 1334.2	22.951 1383.0	24.952 1432.5	26.949 1482.8	28.943 1534.0	30.936 1586.1	34.918 1692.9	38.896 1803.2
40.0	25.3	267.25	V hg	11.838 1211.7	12.624 1236.4	14.165 1285.0	15.685 1333.6	17.195 1382.5	18.699 1432.1	20.199 1482.5	21.697 1533.7	23.194 1585.8	26.183 1692.7	29.168 1803.0
50.0	35.3	281.02	V hg	9.424 1209.9	10.062 1234.9	11.306 1284.1	12.529 1332.9	13,741 1382.0	14.947 1431.7	16.150 1482.2	17.350 1533.4	18.549 1585.6	20.942	23.332 1802.9
60.0	45.3	292.71	V hg	7.815	8.354 1233.5	9.400 1 28 3.2	10.425 1332.3	11.438 1381.5	12.446 1431.3	13.450 1481.8	14.452 1533.2	15.452 1585.3	17.448 1692.4	19.441 1802.8
70.0	55.3	302.93	V hg	6.664 1206.0	7,133	8.039 1282.2	8.922 1331.6	9.793 1381.0	10.659 1430.9	11.522 1481.5	12.382 1532.9	13.240 1585.1	14.952 1692.2	16.661 1802.6
80.0	65.3	312.04	V hg	5.801 1204.0	6.218 1230.5	7.018 1281.3	7.794 1330.9	8.560 1380.5	9.319 1430.5	10.075 1481.1	10.829 1532.6	11.581 1584.9	13.081 1692.0	14.577 1802.5
90.0	75.3	320.28	V fig	5.128 1202.0	5.505 1228.9	6.223 1280.3	6.917 1330.2	7.600 1380.0	8.277 1430.1	8.950 1480.8	9.621 1532.3	10.290 1584.6	11.625 1691.8	12.956 1802.4
100.0	85.3	327.82	V hg	4.590 1199.9	4.935 1227.4	5.588 1279.3	6.216 1329.6	6.833 1379.5	7.443	8.050 1480.4	8.655 1532.0	9.258 1584.4	10.460	11.659 1802.2
120.0	105.3	341.27	V hg	3.7815 1195.6	4.0786 1224.1	4.6341 1277.4	5.1637 1328.2	5.6813 1378.4	6.1928 1428.8	6.7006 1479.8	7.2060 1531.4	7.7096 1583.9	8.7130 1691.3	9.7130 1802.0
140.0	125.3	353 04	$\overline{\mathbf{v}}$	_	3 4661	3 9526	4 4 1 19	4 8588	5 2995	5 7364	6 1709	6 6036	7 4652	8 3233
160.0	145.3	363.55	h _g ₩	_	1220.8	1275.3	1326.8 3.8480	1377.4	1428.0	1479.1	1530.8	1583.4	1690.9 6 5293	1801.7
180.0	165.3	373.08	hg T	·*	1217.4 2.6474	1273.3 3.0433	1325.4 3.4093	1376.4 3.7621	1427.2 4.1084	1478.4 4.4508	1530.3 4,7907 (1582.9 5.1289	1690.5 5.8014	1801 4 6.4704
200.0	185.3	381.80	V hg		1213.8 2.3598	1271.2 2.7247	1324.0 3.0583	1375.3 3 3783	1426.3 3.6915	1477.7 4.0008	1529.7 4.3077	1582.4 4.6128	1690.2 5.2191	1801.2 5.8219
220.0	205.3	389.88	V hg		1210.1 2.1240	1269.0 2.4638	1322.6 2.7710	1374.3 3.0642	1425.5 3.3504	1477.0 3.6327	1529.1 3.9125	1581.9 4 1905	1689.8 4.7426	1800 9 5.2913
240.0	225.3	397.39	V hg	_	1206.3	1266.9 2.2462	1321.2 2.5316	1373.2 2.8024	3.0661	1476.3 3.3259	1528.5 3.5831	1581.4 3.8385	1689.4 4.3456	1800 6 4.8492
260.0	245.3	404.44	V hg ₩	_		2.0619	2.3289 1318 2	2.5808	2 8256	3.0663 1474 9	3.3044	3.5408 1580.4	4.0097 1688 7	4,4750
280.0	265.3	411.07	V hg	_	_	1,9037 1260.0	2.1551 1316.8	2.3909 1370.0	2 6194	2.8437	3 0655	3.2855	3.7217	4 1543
300.0	285.3	417.35	V hg			1.7 66 5 1257.7	2.0044 1315.2	2 2263 1368.9	2 4407 1421.3	2.6509 1473.6	2.8585 1526.2	3.0643 1579.4	3.4721 1688.0	3.8764 1799.6
320.0	305.3	423.31	V hg	_		1.6462 1255.2	1.8725 1313.7	2.0823 1367 8	2.2843 1420.5	2.4821 1472.9	2.677 4 1525.6	2 8708 1578.9	3.2538 1687.6	3 6332 1799.3
340.0	325.3	428.99	V hg			1.5399 1252.8	1.75 6 1 1312 2	1.9552 1366.7	2.1463 1419.6	2.3333 1472.2	2 5175 1525 0	2.7000 1578 4	3.0611 1687 3	3.4186 1799.0
360.0	345.3	434,41	V hg			1.4454 1250.3	1.6525 1310.6	1.8421 1365.6	2.0237 1418.7	2.2009 1471.5	2 3755 1542.4	2.5482 1577.9	2. 8898 1686 9	3.2279 1798.8

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 \overline{V} = specific volume, cubic feel per pound $h_{\rm g}$ = total heat of steam. Bu per pound

Pres Lbs. Sq.	sure . per In.	Sat. Temp.			Total Temperature – Degrees Fahrenheit (1)									
Abs. P'	Gage P	t		500°	600°	700°	800 °	900°	1000°	1100°	1200°	1300°	1400°	1500°
380.0	365.3	439.61	V hg	1.3606 1247.7	1.5598 1309.0	1.7410 1364.5	1.9139 1417.9	2.0825 1470.8	2.2484 1523.8	2.4124 1577.4	2.5750 1631.6	2.7366 1686.5	2.8973 1742.2	3.0572 1798.5
400.0	385.3	444.60	₩ hg	1.2841 1245.1	1.4763 1307.4	1.6499 1363 4	1.815† 1417.0	1.9759 1470.1	2.1339 1523.3	2.2901 1576.9	2.4450 1631.2	2.5987 1686.2	2.7515 1741.9	2.9037 1798.2
420.0	405.3	449.40	V hg	1.2148 1242.4	1,4007 1305.8	1.5676 1362.3	1.7258 1416.2	1.8795 1469.4	2.0304	2.1795 1576.4	2.3273 1630.8	2.4739 1685.8	2.6196 1741.6	2.7647 1798.0
440.0	425.3	454.03	V hg	1.1517 1239 7	1.3319	1.4926 1361.1	1.6445 1415.3	1.7918 1468.7	1.9363 1522.1	2.0790	2.2203 1630.4	2.3605 1685.5	2.4998 1741,2	2.6384 1797.7
460.0	445.3	458.50	V hg	1.0939 1236.9	1.2691	1.4242 1360.0	1.5703	1.7117 1468.0	1.8504	1.9872 1575.4	2.1226 1629.9	2.2569 1685.1	2.3903 1740.9	2 5230 1797.4
480.0	465.3	462.82	V hg	1.0409 1234.1	1.2115	1.3615 1358.8	1 5023 1413.6	1.6364 1467.3	1.7716 1520.9	1.9030 1574.9	2.0330	2.1619 1684,7	2.2900 1740 6	2.4173 1797.2
500.0	485.3	467.01	V hg	0.9919	1.1584 1299.1	1.3037 1357.7	1.4397	1.5708 1466.6	1.6992 1520.3	1.8256 1574.4	1.9507 1629.1	2.0746 1684.4	2.1977 1740.3	2.3200 1796.9
520.0	505.3	471.07	V hg	0.9466 1228 3	1.1094 1297.4	1.2504 1356.5	1.3819 1411.8	1.5085 1465.9	1.6323 1519.7	1.7542 1573.9	1 8746 1628.7	1.9940 1684.0	2.1125 1740.0	2.2302 1796.7
540.0	525.3	475.01	V hg	0.9045	1.0640 1295.7	1.2010 1355.3	1.3284 1410.9	1.4508 1465.1	1.5704 1519.1	1.6880 1573.4	1.8042 1628.2	1.9193	2.0336 1739.7	2.1471 1796.4
560.0	545.3	478.84	V h ₉	0.8653	1.0217 1293.9	1.1552 1354.2	1.2787 1410.0	1.3972 1464.4	1.5129 1518.6	1.6266 1572.9	1.7388 1627.8	1.8500 1683.3	1.9603 1739.4	2.0699 1796.1
580.0	565.3	482.57	V hş	0.8287 1219.1	0.9824 1292.1	1.1125 1353.0	1.2324 1409.2	1.3473 1463.7	1.4593 1518.0	1.5693 1572.4	1.6780 1627.4	1.7855 1682.9	1.8921 1739,1	1.9980 1795.9
600.0	585.3	486.20		0.7944	0.9456	1.0726	1.1892	1.3008	1.4093	1.5160	1.6211	1.7252	1.8284	1.9309
650.0	635.3	494.89	hg TV	1215.9 0.7173	1290.3 0.8634	1351.8 0.9835	1408.3 1.0929	1463.0 1.1969	1517.4 1.2979	1571.9 1.3969	1627.0 1.4944	1682.6 1.5909	1738.8 1.6864	1795 6 1.7813
700.0	685.3	503.08	hg V	1207.6	1285.7	1348.7	1406.0	1461.2	1515.9	1.2948	1625.9 1.3858	1681.6 1.4757	1738.0 1.5647	1794.9 1.6530
750.0	735.3	510.84	$\frac{h_g}{V}$	_	0.7313	0.8409	0.9386	1.0306 1457.6	1.1195	1.2063	1.2916	1.3759	1737.2	1794.3 1.5419 1702.6
800.0	785.3	518 .21	$\frac{h_g}{V}$		0.6774	0.7828	0.8759	0.9631	1.0470	1.1289	1.2093	1.2885	1.3669	1,4446
850.0	835.3	525.24	$\frac{h_g}{V}$		0.6296 1265.9	0.7315 1336.0	0.8205 1396.8	0.9034 1454.0	0.9830	1.0606	1.1366	1.2115	1.2855	1.3588
900.0	885.3	531.95	h₀ V	_	0.5869 1260.6	0.6858 1332.7	0.7713 1394.4	0.8504 1452.2	0.9262 1508.5	0.9998	1.0720 1620.6	1.1430 1677.1	1.2131 1734.1	1.2825 1791.6
950.0	935.3	538.39	$\frac{h_g}{\nabla}$	_	0.5485 1255.1	0.6449 1329.3	0.7272 1392.0	0.8030 1450.3	0.8753 1507.0	0.9455	1.0142 1619.5	1.0817 1676.2	1.1484 1733.3	1.2143 1791.0
1000.0	985.3	544.58	h₀ ⊽		0.5137 1249.3	0.6080 1325.9	0.6875	0.7603 1448.5	0.8295 1505.4	0.8966 1561.9	0.9622 1618.4	1.0266 1675.3	1.0901	1.1529 1790.3
1050.0	1035.3	550.53	$\frac{h_g}{V}$		0.4821 1243.4	0.5745 1322.4	0.6515 1387.2	0.7216 1446.6	0.7881 1503.9	0.8524 1560.7	0.9151 1617,4	0.9767 1674.4	1.0373 1731.8	1.0973 1789.6
1100.0	1085.3	556 28	hg TZ		0 4531 1237.3	0.5440 1318.8	0.6188 1384.7	0.6865 1444.7	0.7505 1502.4	0.8121 1559.4	0.8723 1616.3	0.9313 1673.5	0.9894 1731.0	1 0468 1789.0
1150.0	1135 3	561.82	hg	—	0.4263 1230.9	0.5162 1315.2	0.5889 1382.2	0.6544 1442.8	0.7161 1500.9	0.7754 1558.1	0.8332	0.8899 1672.6	0.9456 1730.2	1.0007 1788.3

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 $\overline{V}_{\rm p}$ - specific volume, cubic feet per pound $h_{\rm p}$ = total heat of steam. Bu per pound

Pres Lbs. Sq.	per In.	Sat. Temp.			Total Temperature — Degrees Fahrenheit (t)									
Abs. P'	Gage P	t		650°	700°	750°	800°	900°	1000°	1100°	1200°	1300°	1400 °	1500"
1200.0	1185.3	567.19	V hg	0.4497 1271.8	0.4905 1311 5	0.5273 1346.9	0.5615 1379.7	0.6250 1440.9	0.6845 1499.4	0,7418 1556.9	0.7974 1614.2	0.8519 1671.6	0 9055 1729.4	0.9584 1787.6
1300.0	1285.3	577.42	V hg	0 4052 1261.9	0,4451 1303.9	0.4804 1340.8	0.5129 1374.6	0.5729 1437.1	0.6287 1496.3	0.6822	0.7341	0.7847 1669 8	0.8345 1727.9	0 8836 1786.3
1400.0	1385.3	587.07	V hç	0.3667 1251.4	0.4059 1296.1	0.4400 1334.5	0.4712 1369.3	0.5282 1433.2	0.5809	0.6314 1551.8	0.6798	0.7272 1668.0	0.7737 1726.3	0.8195 1785.0
1500.0	1485.3	596.20	V hg	0 3328 1240.2	0.3717 1287.9	0.4049 1328.0	0.4350 1364.0	0.4894 1429.2	0.5394 1490.1	0.5869 1549.2	0.6327	0.6773	0.7210 1724.8	0.7639
1600 0	1585.3	604.87	₹ hg	0.3026 1228.3	0.3415 1279.4	0.3741 1321.4	0.4032 1358.5	0.4555	0.5031 1486.9	0.5 48 2 1546.6	0.5915 1605.6	0.6336	0.6748	0.7153 1782.3
1700.0	1685.3	613.13	V hg	0.2754 1215.3	0.3147 1270.5	0.3468 1314.5	0.3751 1352.9	0.4255 1421.2	0.4711 1483.8	0.5140	0 5552	0 5951 1662.5	0.6341 1721.7	0.6724 1781.0
1800.0	1785.3	621.02	V hg	0.2505 1201.2	0.2906 1261.1	0.3223 1307.4	0.3500 1347 2	0.3988	0 4426 1480.6	0.4836 154 1.4	0.5229	0.5609	0.5980	0.6343
1900.0	1885.3	628.56	\overline{V} h _g	0.2274 1185.7	0.2687 1251.3	0.3004 1300.2	0.3275	0.3749 1412.9	0.4171 1477.4	0.4565 1538.8	0.4940 1599.1	0.5303 1658.8	0.5656	0 6002 1778.4
2000.0	1985.3	635.80	V hø	0.2056 1168.3	0.2488 1240.9	0.2805 1292 6	0.3072	0.3534	0.3942 1474.1	0.4320 1536.2	0.4680 1596.9	0.5027	0.5365 1717.0	0.5695
2100.0	2085.3	642.76	V hg	0.1847 1148.5	0.2304 1229.8	0.2624 1284.9	0 2888 1329.3	0 3339	0.3734 1470.9	0.4099 1533.6	0,4445 1594.7	0.4778	0.5101 1715.4	0.5418
2200.0	2185.3	649.45	\overline{V} h _g	0.1636 1123.9	0.2134 1218.0	0.2458 1276.8	0.2720 1323.1	0.3161	0.3545 1467.6	0.3897 1530.9	0.4231 1592.5	0.4551 1653.3	0.4862 1713.9	0.5165 1774.4
	I		1	1		1	1	i						
2300.0	2285.3	655.89	V hg	—	0.1975 1205.3	0.2305 1268.4	0.2566 1316.7	0.2999 1395.7	0.3372 1464,2	0.3714 1528.3	0.4035 1590.3	0.4344 1651 5	0.4643 1712.3	0.4935 1773 1
2400.0	2385 3	662.11	V hg	 _	0.1824 1191.6	0.2164 1259.7	0.2424 1310.1	0.2850 1391.2	0. 3214 1460.9	0.3545 1525.6	0.3856 1588.1	0.4155 1649.6	0.4443 1710.8	0.4724 1771 8
2500.0	2485.3	668.11	$\frac{1}{V}_{h_a}$		0 1681 1176.7	0.2032 1250.6	0.2293 1303.4	0.2712 1386.7	0 3068 1457.5	0.3390 1522.9	0.3692 1585 9	0.3980 1647.8	0.4259 1709.2	0 4529 1770 4
2600.0	2585.3	673.91	$\overline{\mathbf{v}}$	_	0.1544	0.1909	0.2171	0.2585	0.2933 1454.1	0.3247 - 1520.2	0.3540 1583 7	0.3819	0.4088	0 4350 1769 1
2700.0	2685.3	679.53	$\frac{h_g}{V}$		0.1411 1142.0	0.1794 1231.1	0.2058 1289.5	0.2468 1377.5	0 2809 1450.7	0.3114 1517.5	0.3399 1581.5	0.3670 1644,1	0.3931 1706.1	0.4184 1767 8
2800.0	2785.3	684.96	$\frac{h_9}{V}$		0.1278 1121.2	0.1685 1220.6	0.1952	0.2358 1372.8	0 2693 1447.2	0.2991 1514.8	0.3268 1579 3	0.3532 1642.2	0.3785 1704.5	0.4030 1766.5
2900.0	2885.3	690.22	$\frac{h_g}{V}$	—	0.1138 1095.3	0.1581 1209.6	0.1853	0.2256 1368.0	0.2585 1443.7	0.2877 1512.1	0.3147 1577.0	0.3403 1640.4	0.3649 1703.0	0. 3887 1 7 65.2
3000.0	2985.3	695.33	ha V	<u></u>	0.0982	0.1483 1197.9	0.1759	0.2161 1363.2	0 2484 1440.2	0.2770 1509.4	0.3033 1574.8	0.3282 1638.5	0.3522 1701.4	0.3753 1763.8
3100.0	3085.3	700.28	$\begin{vmatrix} \dot{h}_g \\ \overline{V} \end{vmatrix}$		_	0.1389 1185.4	0.1671 1259.1	0.2071 1358.4	0.2390 1436.7	0.2670 1506.6	0.2927 1 57 2.6	0.3170 16 36 .7	0.3403 1699.8	0.3628 1762.5
3200.0	3185.3	705.08	$\frac{h_g}{1}$	-		0.1300	0.1588 1250.9	0.1987 (1353.4	0.2301 1433.1	0.2576 1503.8	0.2827 1570.3	0.3065 1634.8	0.3291 1698 3	0.3510 1761.2
3300.0	3285.3	-	hg t		—	0.1213	0.1510 1242.5	0.1908 1348.4	0.2218 1429.5	0.2488 1501.0	0.2734 1568.1	0.2966 1623 9	0.3187 1696.7	0.3400 1759.9
3400.0	3385.3	—	V hg	 	····	0 1129 1143.2	0.1435 1233.7	0.1834 1343.4	0. 2140 1425.9	0.2405 1498.3	0.2646 1565 8	0.2872 1631.1	0.3088 1695.1	0.3296 1758.5

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 \overline{V} = specific volume, cubic fert per pound $h_{\rm q}$ = total heat of steam. Bu per pound

Absolute Pressure			Total Temperature — Degrees Fahrenheit (†)											
Lbs. per Sq. In.		200°	400°	500°	600°	700°	800°	900°	1000°	1100°	1200°	1300°	1400^	1500°
3500	\overline{V}_{hg}	0.0164 176.0	0.0183 379.1	0.0199 487.6	0.0225	0.0307	0.1364 1224.6	0.1764 1338.2	0.2066	0.2326 1495.5	0.2563 1563.6	0.2784 1629.2	0.2995 1693.6	0.3198 1757.2
3600	V hg	0.0164	0.0183	0.0198 487.6	0.0225 608.1	0.0302	0.1296 1215.3	0.1697	0.1996 1418.6	0.2252 1492.6	0.2485 1561.3	0.2702 1627.3	0.2908 1692.0	0.3106 1755.9
3800	V hg	0.0164	0.0183	0.0198 487.7	0.0224 607.5	0.0294 768.4	0.1169	0.1574 1322.4	0.1868 1411.2	0.2116 1487.0	0.2340 1556.8	0,2549 1623.6	0.2746 1688.9	0.2936 1753.2
4000	V hg	0.0164	0.0182	0.0198 487.7	0.0223 606.9	0.0287 763.0	0.1052	0.1463	0.1752	0 1994 1481.3	0.2210 1552.2	0.2411 1619.8	0.2601 1685.7	0.2783 1750.6
4200	V hg	0.0164	0.0182	0.0197 487.8	0.0222 606.4	0.0282 758.6	0.0945	0.1362	0.1647	0.1883 1475.5	0.2093 1547.6	0.2287 1616.1	0.2470 1682.6	0.2645 1748.0
4400	V hg	0.0164	0.0182	0.0197 487.9	0.0222 605.9	0.0278 754.8	0.0846	0.1270	0.1552 1388.3	0.1782 1469.7	0.1986 1543.0	0.2174 1612.3	0 2351 1679.4	0.2519 1745.3
4600	V hg	0.0164 178.5	0.0182	0.0197 487.9	0.0221 605.5	0.0274 751.5	0.0751	0.1186 1277.2	0.1465 1380.5	0.1691 1463.9	0.1889 1538.4	0.2071 1608.5	0.2242 1676 3	0 2404 1742.7
4800	V hg	0.0164	0.0182	0.0196 488.0	0.0220 605.0	0.0271 748.6	0.0665	0.1109	0.1385 1372.6	0.1606 1458.0	0.1800 1533.8	0.1977 1604.7	0.2142 1673.1	0.2299 1740.0
5200	V hg	0.0164	0.0181	0.0196 488.2	0.0219 604.3	0.0265	0.0531 1016.9	0.0973 1240.4	0.1244 1356.6	0.1458 1446.2	0.1642 1524.5	0.1810 1597.2	0.1966 1666.8	0.2114 1734,7
5600	V hg	0.0163	0.0181	0.0195 488.4	0.0217 603.6	0.0260	0.0447 975.0	0.0856 1214.8	0.1124	0.1331 1434.3	0.1508 1515.2	0.1667 1589.6	0.1815 1660.5	0.1954 1729.5
6000	V hg	0.0163 181.7	0.0180 382.7	0.0195 488.6	0.0216 602.9	0.0256	0.0397 945.1	0.0757	0.1020 1323.6	0.1221 1422 3	0.1391 1505.9	0.1544 1582.0	0.1684	0.1817 1724.2
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6500	V hg	0.0163 182.9	0.0160 383.4	0.0194 488.9	0.0215 602.3	0.0252 732.4	0.0358 919.5	0.0655 1156.3	0.0909	0.1104	0.1266	0 1411	0.1544	0.1669
7000	\overline{V}_{h_q}	0.0163 184.0	0.0180 384.2	0.0193 489.3	0.0213 601.7	0.0248 729.3	0.0334 901.8	0.0573 1124.9	0.0816	0.1004	0.1160	0.1298	0.1424	0.1542
7500	V	0.0163 †85.2	0.0179 384.9	0.0193 489.6	0.0212 601.3	0.0245 726.6	0.0318 889.0	0.0512 1097.7	0.0737 1261.0	0.0918	0.1068	0.1200	0 1321	0.1433
8000	ν ν	0.0162 186.3	0.0179 385.7	0.0192 490.0	0.0211 600.9	0.0242	0.0306 879.1	0.0465 1074.3	0.0671	0.0845	0.0989	0.1115	0.1230	0.1338
9000	\overline{V}	0.0162 188.6	0.0178 387.3	0.0191 490.9	0.0209 600 3	0.0237 720.4	0.0288 864.7	0.0402 1037.6	0.0568	0.0724	0.0858	0.0975	1607.9	1685.3
10000	$\frac{n_g}{V}$	0.0161 190.9	0.0177 388.9	0.0189 491.8	0.0207 600.0	0.0233 717.5	0.0276 854.5	0.0362	0.0495	0.0633	0.0757	0.0865	0.0963	1672.8
11000	hg V	0.0161 193.2	0.0176 390.5	0.0188 492.8	0.0205 599.9	0.0229 715.1	0.0267 846.9	0.0335 992.1	0.0443	0.0562	0.0676	0.0776	0.0868	0.0952
12000	h₃ V	0.0161 195.5	0.0176 392.1	0.0187 493.9	0.0203 599.9	0.0226 713.3	0.0260	0.0317 977.8	0.0405	0.0508	0.0610	1475.1	1564.9	1648.8
13000	hg ₩	0.0160 197.8	0.0175 393.8	0.0186 495.0	0.0201	0.0223	0.0253 836.3	0.0302 966.8	0.0376	0.0466	0.0558	1459.4	1551.6	1637 4
14000	hg T	0.0160 200.1	0.0174 395.5	0.0185 496.2	0.0200 600.5	0.0220 710.8	0.0248 832.6	958.0	1092.3	1221 4	1340 2	1444.4	1538.8	1626.5
15000	hg T	0.0159 202.4	0.0174 397.2	0.0184 497.4	0.0198 600.9	0.0218	0.0244 829.5	950.9	1080.6	1206.8	1326.0	1430.3	1526.4	1615.9
15500	v hg	0.0159 203.6	0.0173 398.1	0.0184 498.1	0.0198 601.2	0.0217 709.7	0.0242 828.2	947.8	1075.7	0.0393	1319.6	1423.6	1520.4	1610.8

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COMPRESSIBILITY FACTOR CHARTS

COMPRESSIBILITY FACTOR AT LOW PRESSURES, Z:Pr = 0 TO 0.5



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COMPRESSIBILITY FACTOR CHARTS (continued)

COMPRESSIBILITY FACTOR, Z:Pr = 0 TO 40





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COMPRESSIBILITY FACTOR CHARTS (continued)

COMPRESSIBILITY FACTOR, Z:Pr = 0 TO 2.0



ALPHA-I SIZING EQUATIONS Liquid Sizing–Determining Critical vs. Subcritical Flow

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LIQUID SIZING DETERMINING CRITICAL VS. SUBCRITICAL FLOW

Flow through a valve is classified as either critical or subcritical. A subcritical flowing condition exists so long as an increase in the pressure differential (ΔP) across the valve will produce an increase in the flow rate. A linear relationship exists between the flow rate and the square root of the pressure differential (ΔP) up to the point of incipient cavitation. (See Figure #1, Page 7.) At this point the relationship of flow to the square root of the pressure differential will begin to deviate from linear. The valve will continue to pass an increase in flow with an increase in pressure differential, however, there will be a loss in efficiency due to the cavitation effect.

As the pressure differential across the valve increases, a point is reached where an increase in the pressure differential no longer produces a change in the rate of flow. At this point a condition of critical flow (sometimes referred to as choked flow) exists. When this critical flow condition exists, the standard liquid sizing equations no longer apply and the critical flow equations found on page 8 must be used to determine the required valve size.

To determine whether a critical or subcritical flow condition exists the following equations are used.

If the vapor pressure is less than one-half the upstream pressure ($p_v < 0.5 p_1$), then:

Subcritical flow exists when:

 $\Delta \mathsf{P} < \mathsf{F}_{\mathsf{L}^2} \left(\mathsf{p}_{\mathsf{I}} - \mathsf{p}_{\mathsf{V}} \right)$

Critical flow exists when:

 $\Delta P \geq F_{\iota^2} (p_1 - p_v)$

Where:

- Δ P = Pressure drop across the valve in psi (metric; bar)
- F_L = Liquid pressure recovery factor, dimensionless (Ref. F_L data for valve style being considered)
- p1 = Upstream static pressure, absolute psia (metric; bar absolute)

If the vapor pressure is equal to or greater than $1/_2$ the upstream pressure (p_v $\geqq 0.5~p_t$), then:

Subcritical flow exists when:

$$\Delta P < F_{L^{2}} \left[p_{1} - \left(0.96 - 0.28 \sqrt{\frac{p_{v}}{p_{c}}} \right) p_{v} \right]$$

Critical flow exists when:

$$\Delta P \ge F_{L^{2}} \left[p_{1} - \left(0.96 - 0.28 \sqrt{\frac{p_{v}}{p_{c}}} \right) p_{v} \right]$$

- pv = Vapor pressure of liquid*, at inlet temperature, psia. (metric; bar absolute)
- pc = Thermodynamic critical pressure, psia* (metric; bar absolute)
 *Consult reference information found in last section of DeZURIK Control Valve Sizing handbook.

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LIQUID SIZING EQUATIONS FOR SUBCRITICAL FLOW (VOLUMETRIC)

ENGLISH FORMULA:

$$C_{v} = q_{f} \sqrt{\frac{G_{f}}{\Delta P}}$$
$$q_{f} = C_{v} \sqrt{\frac{\Delta P}{G_{f}}}$$

Where:

- C_v = Valve flow coefficient
- q_f = Volume rate of flow, U.S. gpm
- G_f = Specific gravity,
- relative to water, std. temp.
- $\Delta P = Pressure drop, psi$

Sample Problem (Solve for C_v):

Where:

- $q_f = 4340 \text{ U.S. gpm}$ (hot water)
- P = 90 psig (upstream pressure)
- $\Delta P = 15 \text{ psi}$
- $G_{f} = 0.96$
- p_v = 11.5 psia
- F_L = 0.6 (determined by valve style)

Check for critical vs. subcritical condition:

 $\begin{array}{l} p_{v} \left(11.5 \; psia\right) < 0.5 \; p_{1} \left(105 \; psia\right) \\ F_{L}^{2} \left(p_{1} - p_{v}\right) = 0.6^{2} \left(105 - 11.5\right) = \\ 0.36 \left(93.5\right) = 34. \end{array}$

Subcritical flow exists since:

$$\Delta\,P < F_L{}^2\,(p_1 - p_\nu~)$$
 or $15 < 34$

Hence:

$$C_v = q_f \sqrt{\frac{G_f}{\Delta P}} = 4340 \sqrt{\frac{0.96}{15}} =$$

4340 $\sqrt{0.064} = 4340 (0.25) = 1100$
 $C_v = 1100$

METRIC FORMULA:

$$C_{v} = 1.16 q_{f} \sqrt{\frac{G_{f}}{\Delta P}}$$
$$q_{f} = 0.86 C_{v} \sqrt{\frac{\Delta P}{G_{f}}}$$

Where:

- $C_v = Valve flow coefficient$
- $q_f = Volume rate of flow, m^3/hr.$
- G_f = Specific gravity,
 - relative to water @ std. temp.
- $\Delta P = Pressure drop, bar$

Sample Problem (Solve for C_v):

Where:

 $q_f = 986 \text{ m}^3/\text{hr.}$ (hot water)

- P = 6.2 bar (upstream pressure)
- $\Delta P = 1.03 \text{ bar}$
- $G_{\rm f} = 0.96$
- $p_v = 0.79$ bar absolute
- $F_1 = 0.6$ (determined by valve style)

Check for critical vs. subcritical condition:

 $\begin{aligned} p_v &< 0.5 \ p_i; \ 0.79 < 0.5 \ (7.2) \\ F_L^2 \ (p_1 - p_v) &= 0.6^2 \ (7.2 - 0.79) = \\ 0.36 \ (6.4) &= 2.3 \end{aligned}$

Subcritical flow exists since:

 $\Delta~P < F_{L^2}\,(p_1 - p_v~$) or 0.79< 2.3

Hence:

$$C_v = 1.16 q_f \sqrt{\frac{G_f}{\Delta P}} = (1.16) (986) \sqrt{\frac{0.96}{1.03}}$$

= 1144 $\sqrt{0.93} = 1144 (0.97) = 1100$
 $C_v = 1100$

ALPHA-I SIZING EQUATIONS Liquid Sizing Equations for Subcritical Flow (Weight–Where Specific Weight is Known)

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LIQUID SIZING EQUATION FOR SUBCRITICAL FLOW (WEIGHT – WHERE SPECIFIC WEIGHT IS KNOWN)

ENGLISH FORMULA:

$$C_{v} = \frac{W}{63.3} \sqrt{\Delta P \gamma}$$
$$W = 63.3 C_{v} \sqrt{\Delta P \gamma}$$

Where:

w = Weight rate of flow, lbs/hr

 γ = Specific weight, lbs/ft³

C_v = Valve flow coefficient

 ΔP = Pressure drop, psi

Sample Problem (Solve for C_v):

Where:

w = 2,080,000 lbs/hr.

$$\gamma = 60 \text{ lbs/ft}^3$$

 $\Delta P = 15 \text{ psi}$

(Assume subcritical condition)

Hence:

$$C_{v} = \frac{w}{63.3 \sqrt{\Delta P \gamma}} = \frac{2,080,000}{63.3 \sqrt{(15)(60)}} = \frac{2,080,000}{(63.3) \sqrt{900}} = \frac{2,080,000}{(63.3) 30} = \frac{2,080,000}{1899} = 1100$$

$$C_{v} = 1100$$

METRIC FORMULA:

$$C_{v} = \frac{W}{27.3 \sqrt{\Delta P \gamma}}$$
$$W = 27.3 C_{v} \sqrt{\Delta P \gamma}$$

Where:

w = Weight rate of flow, kg/hr

 γ = Specific weight, kg/m³

 C_v = Valve flow coefficient

 $\Delta P = Pressure drop, bar$

Sample Problem (Solve for C_v):

Where:

w = 946,000 kg/hr

 $\gamma = 963 \text{ kg/m}^3$

 $\Delta P = 1.03 \text{ bar}$

(Assume subcritical condition)

Hence:

$$C_{v} = \frac{w}{27.3 \sqrt{\Delta P \gamma}} = \frac{946,000}{27.3 \sqrt{(1.03)(963)}}$$
$$= \frac{946,000}{27.3 \sqrt{992}} = \frac{946,000}{(27.3)31.5 860}$$

= 1100

 $C_v=1100\,$

ALPHA-I SIZING EQUATIONS Liquid Sizing Equation for Subcritical Flow (Weight–Where Specific Gravity is Known)

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LIQUID SIZING EQUATION FOR SUBCRITICAL FLOW (WEIGHT – WHERE SPECIFIC GRAVITY IS KNOWN)

ENGLISH FORMULA:

$$C_{v} = \frac{w}{500 \sqrt{\Delta P G_{f}}}$$
$$w = 500 C_{v} \sqrt{\Delta P G_{f}}$$

Where:

- w = Weight rate of flow, lbs/hr
- C_v = Valve flow coefficient
- G_f = Specific gravity, relative to water @ std. temp.
- $\Delta P = Pressure drop, psi$

Sample Problem (Solve for C_v):

Where:

- w = 2,080,000 lbs/hr
- $G_{f} = 0.96$
- $\Delta P = 15 \text{ psi}$
- (Assume subcritical condition)

Hence:

$$C_{\rm v} = \frac{\rm w}{500 \sqrt{\Delta P G_{\rm f}}} \approx \frac{2,080,000}{500 \sqrt{(15) (0.96)}}$$
$$= \frac{2,080,000}{500 \sqrt{14.4}} = \frac{2,080,000}{(500) 3.79} =$$
$$\frac{2,080,000}{1895} = 1100$$

 $C_v = 1100$

METRIC FORMULA:

$$C_{v} = \frac{w}{865 \sqrt{\Delta P G_{f}}}$$
$$w = 865 C_{v} \sqrt{\Delta P G_{f}}$$

Where:

- w = Weight rate of flow, kg/hr
- $C_v = Valve flow coefficient$
- $\Delta P =$ Pressure drop, bar

Sample Problem (Solve for C_y):

- w = 946,000 kg/hr
- $G_{f} = 0.96$
- $\Delta P = 1.03 \text{ bar}$

(Assume subcritical condition)

Hence:

$$C_{v} = \frac{w}{865 \sqrt{\Delta P G_{f}}} = \frac{946,000}{865 \sqrt{(1.03) (0.96)}}$$
$$= \frac{946,000}{865 \sqrt{0.989}} \approx \frac{946,000}{(865) (0.99)} =$$
$$\frac{946,000}{860} = 1100$$

 $C_{v} = 1100$

ALPHA-I SIZING EQUATIONS Cavitation

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CAVITATION

Cavitation is a condition in which a part of the liquid passing through a valve is first transformed into vapor bubbles and subsequently back to liquids. As the liquid passes through the flow restriction caused by the valve, there is a rapid increase in liquid flow velocity accompanied by a reduction in pressure. This area of increased velocity and reduced pressure occurs immediately downstream from the internal valve restriction and is referred to as the vena contracta. If the pressure in the area of the vena contracta falls below the vapor pressure of the flowing liquid, vapor bubbles will develop.

Immediately downstream from the vena contracta there is a rapid decrease of flow velocity accompanied by an increase in pressure. This increase in pressure causes the vapor bubbles to collapse. The continuous formation and subsequent collapse of these vapor bubbles causes localized pressure impulses which in turn may result in vibration and noise. Evidence of cavitation is often detected by the characteristic noise of the collapsing bubbles which sounds like gravel flowing through the pipe. Severe cavitation may also cause mechanical damage and eventual failure of the valve and downstream piping.

As vapor bubbles begin to form, they displace the liquid, thereby choking the flow and reducing the efficiency of the valve. The early stage of bubble formation is called incipient cavitation (K_c) and is represented by the area of inscribed arc at the intersection of the two lines

As the pressure differential increases, a point will be reached where an increase in pressure differential (Δ P) across the valve will no longer produce an increase in the rate of flow. At this point the condition is referred to as critical or choked flow (F_L²) and the design engineer must resort to some other solution for flow control. Typical solutions to this problem include:

- 1) Selection of a larger valve size.
- 2) Select a valve design having a greater K_c factor.
- Reduce the individual valve pressure drop by installing two valves in series.
- 4) Lower the elevation of the valve in the system, thereby increasing the system pressure nearer to or above the vapor pressure of the liquid.
- 5) Introduce air into the low pressure area.

Each valve style will produce cavitation at a different ratio of pressure differential to upstream absolute pressure less vapor pressure.

 $\left(\frac{\Delta P}{p_1 - p_v}\right)$ This ratio is expressed as a K_c factor

which must be determined by test for any given valve style by the valve manufacturer. With this K_c factor the design engineer can determine the pressure differential at which cavitation will begin to occur.

 ΔP (Allowable) = K_c (p₁ - - p_v)

Sample Problem: Where:

$$\begin{split} & K_{c} = 0.24 \text{ (Valve fully open)} \\ & p_{1} = 105 \text{ psia} \\ & \Delta P = 15 \text{ psi} \\ & p_{v} = 11.5 \text{ psia} \\ & \Delta P \text{ (Allowable)} = K_{c} \text{ (} p_{1} \text{ ---} p_{v} \text{)} \\ & 0.24 \text{ (} 105 \text{ ---} 11.5 \text{)} = \text{ (} 0.24 \text{)} \text{ (} 93.5 \text{)} = 22 \end{split}$$

Hence:

Actual
$$\Delta$$
 P (15 psi) < Allowable Δ P (22 psi)

Therefore: Cavitation will not occur in this instance:

If the actual differential pressure is found to be greater than the allowable differential pressure, cavitation will occur. If this cannot be tolerated, then the design engineer can easily determine what valve size is required to avoid cavitation by substituting the allowable pressure differential for the actual differential pressure in the standard liquid sizing formula.

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Example: Where:

$K_c = 0.24$ (Valve fully open)
p ₁ = 105 psia
ΔP (Allowable) = 22 psi
Δ P (Actual) = 25 psi
$p_v = 11.5 psia$
G _f = 0.96
q _f = 4340
$C_v = q_f \sqrt{\frac{G_f}{\Delta P (Allowable)}}$
$C_{v} = 4340 \sqrt{\frac{0.96}{22}}$
$C_v = 4340 \sqrt{.044}$
C _v = (4340) (.210)
C., = 911

This C_v value of 911 compares with a C_v of 851 if the actual pressure differential of 25 psi had been used to size the valve. By substituting the 22 psi allowable pressure differential for the 25 psi actual pressure differential, the engineer has increased the valve size and has avoided the cavitation condition which would occur at the 25 psi differential pressure.

As outlined above, when the ratio of pressure differential to the upstream absolute pressure less vapor pressure $\left(\frac{\Delta P}{p_1 - p_v}\right)$ increases beyond the stage of

incipient cavitation, a choked flow condition will develop. The point at which choked flow occurs is also a function of the valve style and is described by the equation:

 $\Delta P \text{ (At Choked Flow)} = F_{L^2} (p_1 - p_v)$

This choked flow equation determines the maximum pressure differential which will produce an increase in flow rate. The valve size can be increased to compensate for choked flow by substituting the maximum choked flow pressure differential from the equation above for the pressure differential in the standard liquid size equation. However, the preferred method of valve sizing for liquid critical flow is outlined on the following pages. (Note: Presented as an example only. Additional data must be obtained for the valve style being considered.)

Figure 1. TYPICAL K. AND F.² DATA.

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LIQUID SIZING EQUATIONS FOR CRITICAL FLOW (VOLUMETRIC*)

ENGLISH FORMULA:

$$C_{v} = \frac{q_{f}}{F_{L}} \sqrt{\frac{G_{f}}{p_{1} - F_{F} p_{v}}}$$
$$q_{f} = C_{v} F_{L} \sqrt{\frac{p_{1} - F_{F} p_{v}}{G_{f}}}$$

Where:

- C_v = Valve Flow Coefficient
- qf = Volume Flow Rate, U.S. gpm
- F_L = Pressure Recovery Factor of Valve
- $$\label{eq:Gf} \begin{split} G_{f} &= & \text{Specific gravity,} \\ & \text{relative to water } @ \text{ std. temp.} \end{split}$$
- $p_1 = Upstream static pressure, psia$
- $p_v = Vapor pressure of liquid, psia$

$$F_{F} = 0.96 - 0.28 \quad \sqrt{\frac{p_{v}}{p_{c}}}$$

Where:

pc = Thermodynamic Critical Press (psia)

Sample Problem (Solve for C_v):

Where:

q_f = 4000 U.S. gpm

- p₁ = Upstream pressure 40 psi
- $\Delta P = 24 \text{ psi}$
- $p_v = 11.5 \text{ psia}$
- G_f = 0.96
- F_L =0.6 (determined by valve style)
- $p_c = 3206 \text{ psia}$

METRIC FORMULA:

$$C_{v} = 1.16 \quad \frac{q_{f}}{F_{L}} \sqrt{\frac{G_{f}}{p_{1} - F_{F} p_{v}}}$$
$$q_{f} = 0.86 C_{v} F_{L} \quad \sqrt{\frac{p_{1} - F_{F} p_{v}}{G_{f}}}$$

Where:

- C_v = Valve Flow Coefficient
- q_f = Volume Flow Rate, m³/hr
- F_L = Pressure Recovery Factor of Valve
- G_f = Specific gravity,

relative to water @ std. temp.

- p₁ = Upstream static pressure, bar absolute
- pv = Vapor pressure of liquid, bar absolute

$$F_{F} \approx 0.96 - 0.28 \quad \sqrt{\frac{p_{v}}{p_{c}}}$$

Where:

p_c = Thermodynamic Critical Press (psia)

Sample Problem (Solve for C_v):

Where:

- $q_f = 910 \text{ m}^3/\text{hr.}$
- p1 = Upstream pressure 2.76 bar
- $\Delta P = 1.66 \text{ bar}$
- $p_v = 0.79$ bar absolute
- $G_{f} = 0.96$
- $F_L = 0.6$ (determined by valve style)
- Pc = 221 bar absolute

*Use conversion factor if rate of flow by weight is required.

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Check for critical vs. subcritical condition. Is $p_\nu < 0.5\,p_1?$

(0.5) (55 psia) = 27.5 Therefore p_v (11.5 psia) < 0.5 p_1 (27.5) ΔP (Critical) = $F_{L^2} (p_1 - p_v) =$ 0.6² (55 - 11.5) = (0.36) (43.5) = 15.7 psi ΔP (Actual) > ΔP (Critical)

Therefore critical condition equation must be used.

Hence:

$$C_{v} = \frac{q_{t}}{F_{L}} \sqrt{\frac{G_{f}}{(\rho_{1} - F_{F}\rho_{v})}}$$

$$F_{F} = 0.96 - 0.28 \sqrt{\frac{11.5}{3206}} = 0.94$$

$$C_{v} = \frac{4000}{0.6} \sqrt{\frac{0.96}{55 - (0.94)(11.5)}} =$$

$$6667 \sqrt{\frac{0.96}{44.2}} =$$

$$6667 \sqrt{0.022} =$$

$$(6667) (0.148) = 990$$

$$C_{v} = 990$$

METRIC FORMULA:

Note: Assume critical flow conditions. Hence:

$$C_{v} = 1.16 \frac{q_{f}}{F_{L}} \sqrt{\frac{G_{f}}{(p_{1} - F_{F}p_{v})}}$$

$$F_{F} = 0.96 - 0.28 \sqrt{\frac{0.79}{221}} = 0.94$$

$$C_{v} = (116) \left(\frac{910}{0.6}\right) \sqrt{\frac{0.96}{3.77 - (0.94)(0.79)}} = 1760 \sqrt{\frac{0.96}{3.77 - 0.74}} = 1760 \sqrt{\frac{0.96}{3.77 - 0.74}} = 1760 \sqrt{0.317} = (1760)(0.563) = 990$$

$$C_{v} = 990$$

ALPHA-I SIZING EQUATIONS Liquid Sizing Equations for Viscous Liquids

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LIQUID SIZING EQUATIONS FOR VISCOUS LIQUIDS

Liquid viscosity produces a resistance to flow through pipelines and fittings. The following formulas may be used to size valves for viscous (non-turbulent) Newtonian fluid applications. (Note: This is a simplified formula to be used only on high viscosity fluids which exceed 6500* centipoise.)

ENGLISH FORMULA:

$$C_{v} = 0.07 \quad \left(\frac{q_{f} \mu}{\Delta P}\right)^{2/3} \text{or}$$
$$C_{v} = 0.07 \quad \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{q_{f} \mu}{\Delta P}\right)^{2}}$$

Where:

 μ = Viscosity, centipoise

 $\Delta P = Pressure drop, psi$

q_f = Flow rate, U.S. gpm

 $C_v = Valve flow coefficient$

Sample Problem (Solve for C_v):

Where:

$$q_f = 4340 \text{ U.S. gpm}$$

 $\Delta P = 15 \text{ psi}$
 $\mu = 9000 \text{ centipoise}$

Hence:

$$C_{v} = 0.07 \qquad \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{q_{f} \mu}{\Delta P}\right)^{2}} = 0.07 \qquad \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{(4340) (9000)}{15}\right)^{2}} = 0.07 \qquad \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{39,060,000}{15}\right)^{2}} = 0.07 \qquad \sqrt[3]{\left(2,604,000\right)^{2}} = 0.07 \qquad \sqrt[3]{\left(2,604,000\right)^{2}} = 0.07 \qquad (18,900) = 1323 \qquad C_{v} = 1323$$

*6500 equals printers ink at 80° F.

METRIC FORMULA:

$$C_{v} = 0.032 \left(\frac{q_{f} \mu}{\Delta P}\right)^{2/3} \text{or}$$
$$C_{v} = 0.032 \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{q_{f} \mu}{\Delta P}\right)^{2}}$$

Where:

 μ = Viscosity, centipoise

 $\Delta P = Pressure drop, bar$

q_f = Flow rate, m³/hr

 $C_v = Valve flow coefficient$

Sample Problem (Solve for C_v):

Where:

$$q_f = 986 \text{ m}^3/\text{hr}$$

 $\Delta P = 1.03 \text{ bar}$
 $\mu = 9000 \text{ centipoise}$

Hence:

$$C_{v} = 0.032 \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{q_{f} \mu}{\Delta P}\right)^{2}} = 0.032 \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{(986) (9000)}{1.03}\right)^{2}} = 0.032 \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{8,874,000}{1.03}\right)^{2}} = 0.032 \sqrt[3]{(8,620,000)^{2}} = (0.032) (42,000) = 1344 C_{v} = 1340$$

ALPHA-I SIZING EQUATIONS Liquid Sizing Equations for Viscous Liquids

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A more general formula which may be applied to the full viscosity range may also be used. This formula incorporates a correction factor (F_R) for the fluid Reynolds Number (R_c). In addition to the F_R value, a factor (F_d), which correlates the valve flow coefficient to the Reynolds Number for the valve style being considered, must be used in the calculation. This F_d factor is supplied by the valve manufacturer.

ENGLISH FORMULA:

$$\Theta = \frac{\mu F_{d}}{\sqrt{\Delta P G_{f} (C_{v})_{u}}}$$

Where:

- Θ = Viscosity Correction Index
- μ = Viscosity, centipoise
- F_d = Reynolds Number Factor for valve style being considered
- $\Delta P = Pressure drop, psi$
- G_f = Specific gravity
- $(C_v)_u =$ Uncorrected C_v
 - (from standard equation)

Sample Problem (Solve for Corrected C_v):

Where:

 $q_f = 4340 \text{ U.S. gpm}$ $G_f = 0.96$ $\Delta P = 15 \text{ psi}$ $\mu = 9000 \text{ centipoise}$

 $F_d = 1.0$ (determined by valve style)

Hence:

First solve for uncorrected flow coefficient $(C_v)_u$:

$$(C_v)_u = q_f \sqrt{\frac{G_f}{\Delta P}} =$$

$$4340 \sqrt{\frac{0.96}{15}} = 1100$$

The first step in correcting C_v due to viscosity is to solve the theta (Θ) which is the viscosity correction factor. The viscosity correction factor is used to find the Reynolds Number correction factor (F_n) on the Reynolds Number graph (Figure 2, Page 12). The corrected C_v is then found by dividing the standard uncorrected flow coefficient [(C_v)] by the F_n factor.

$$C_{v} = \frac{(C_{v})_{u}}{F_{B}}$$

METRIC FORMULA:

$$\Theta = \sqrt{\frac{0.262 \ \mu \ F_{d}}{\Delta \ P \ G_{f} \ (C_{v})_{u}}}$$

Where:

θ = Viscosity Correction Index

 μ = Viscosity, centipoise

- F_d = Reynolds Number Factor for valve style being considered
- $\Delta P = Pressure drop, bar$
- G_f = Specific gravity
- $(C_v)_u =$ Uncorrected C_v (from standard equation)

Sample Problem (Solve for Corrected C_v):

Where:

- q_f = 986 m³/hr
- G_f = 0.96
- $\Delta P = 1.03$ bar
- μ = 9000 centipoise
- $F_d = 1.0$ (determined by valve style)

Hence:

First solve for uncorrected flow coefficient $(C_v)_u$:

$$(C_v)_u = 1.16 q_f \sqrt{\frac{G_f}{\Delta P}} =$$

(1.16) (986) $\sqrt{\frac{0.96}{1.03}} = 1100$

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METRIC FORMULA:

Then solve for Θ , Where:

Then from the graph (Figure 2 below) find Reynolds Number correction factor (F_R) for Θ of 71.5:

 F_{R} for Θ of 71.5 = 0.62

Therefore:

$$C_v = \frac{(C_v)_u}{F_B} = \frac{1100}{0.62} = 1780$$

Corrected C_v = 1780

Then solve for
$$\Theta$$
, Where:

$$\Theta = \frac{0.262 \ \mu F_{\sigma}}{\sqrt{\Delta P G_{r} (C_{v})_{u}}} = \frac{0.262 \ \mu F_{\sigma}}{\sqrt{\Delta P G_{r} (C_{v})_{u}}} = \frac{0.262 \ (9000) \ (1.0)}{\sqrt{(1.03) \ (0.96) \ (1100)}} = \frac{2358}{\sqrt{1088}} = \frac{2358}{32.98} = 71.5$$

Then from the graph (Figure 2 below) find Reynolds Number correction factor (F_R) for Θ of 71.5:

 $F_{\rm B}$ for Θ of 71.5 = 0.62

Therefore:

$$C_v = \frac{(C_v)_u}{F_B} = \frac{1100}{0.62} = 1780$$

Figure 2. THE VALVE RATED C+MUST BE MULTIPLIED BY THE FACTOR F+ WHEN THE STREAM REYNOLDS NUMBER IS LOW. HIGH VISCOSITY, LOW JP AND SMALL C+ALL CONTRIBUTE TO LOWERING OF REYNOLDS CRITERION.

ALPHA-I SIZING EQUATIONS Liquid Sizing Correction Equations for Consistency

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LIQUID SIZING CORRECTION EQUATIONS FOR CONSISTENCY

The consistency level of fiber (pulp stock) suspensions contributes to flow resistance through pipes and fittings. A pulp stock correction factor F_c is used in liquid sizing equations to compensate for these frictional losses. While this F_c factor is used primarily in pulp and paper suspensions of wood fiber and water, it may also be used to correct for the flow calculations on other fibrous slurries such as sewage sludge.

Pulp Stock Correction Factor (F_c)

% Consistency	Chemical Stock	Mechanical (Groundwood) Stock
1%	1.0	1.0
2%	0.97	0.99
3%	0.90	0.95
4%	0.84	0.92
5%	0.80	0.90

To determine the effective corrected $C_{\rm v}$ of an existing valve, multiply the standard published $C_{\rm v}$ by the F $_{\rm c}$ factor.

To solve for flow rate use the formula:

$$q_f = F_c C_v \sqrt{\frac{\Delta P}{G_f}}$$

To solve for flow coefficient (C_v) use the formula:

$$C_v = \frac{q_f \sqrt{G_f}}{F_c}$$

Where:

C_v = Valve flow coefficient

q_f =Volume rate of flow, U.S. gpm

G_f = Specific Gravity, relative to water, std. temp.

 $\Delta P = Pressure drop, psi$

F_c = Pulp stock correction factor

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GAS AND STEAM SIZING

Sizing valves for compressible fluid applications is more complicated than liquid sizing because of the increased number of physical variables. Two series of compressible fluid sizing formulas are presented on the following pages. The first series of formulas are simplified for general use and are limited in accuracy.

These simplified compressible fluid sizing equations may be used if the ratio of the pressure differential to the upstream pressure (absolute) is less than 0.1. x < 0.10

Where:

 $\mathbf{x} =$

∆ P (Pressure Differential)

p1 (Upstream Pressure Absolute, psia)

Under this condition the error should not exceed 10%. If the "X" value is greater than .1 or greater accuracy is required, the universal sizing equations for compressible fluids beginning on page 19 should be used.

SIMPLIFIED SIZING EQUATIONS FOR COMPRESSIBLE FLUIDS (VOLUMETRIC GAS FLOW)

ENGLISH FORMULA:

$$C_{v} = \frac{q_{g}}{963} \sqrt{\frac{G_{g} T_{1}}{\Delta P (p_{1} + p_{2})}}$$
$$q_{g} = 963 C_{v} \sqrt{\frac{\Delta P (p_{1} + p_{2})}{G_{g} T_{1}}}$$

Where:

- q_g = Volume rate of flow, SCFH
- $C_v = Valve flow coefficient$
- G₉ = Specific gravity,

Air = 1.0 @ std. temp.

 $T_1 = Upstream temp. (°F + 460)$

 $\Delta P = Pressure drop, psi$

- p₁ = Upstream pressure, psia
- p₂ = Downstream pressure, psia

METRIC FORMULA:

$$C_{v} = \frac{q_{g}}{298} \sqrt{\frac{G_{g}T_{1}}{\Delta P(p_{1} + p_{2})}}$$

$$q_{g} = 298 C_{v} = \sqrt{\frac{\Delta P (p_{1} + p_{2})}{G_{g} T_{1}}}$$

Where:

- q₉ = Volume rate of flow, m³/hr
- $C_v = Valve flow coefficient$
- G₉ = Specific gravity, Air 1.0 @ std. temp.
- $T_1 =$ Upstream temp. °K (° C + 273)
- $\Delta P = Pressure drop, bar$
- p₁ = Upstream pressure, bar absolute
- p₂ = Downstream pressure, bar absolute

ALPHA-I SIZING EQUATIONS Simplified Sizing Equations for Compressible Fluids (Volumetric Gas Flow)

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Sample Problem (Solve for C_v):

Where:

- $q_g = 873,000 \text{ SCFH}$ $G_g = 1.0$ $T_1 = 60^\circ + 460 = 519^\circ \text{ R}$ $p_1 = 65 \text{ psia}$ m = 62 science
- $p_z = 60 \, psia$

Hence:

$$\mathbf{C}_{v} = \frac{\mathbf{q}_{v}}{963} \sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{G}_{v} \mathbf{T}_{1}}{\Delta \mathbf{P} (\mathbf{p}_{1} + \mathbf{p}_{2})}} =$$

$$\frac{873,000}{963}\sqrt{\frac{(1)(519)}{(5)(65+60)}}$$

906.5
$$\sqrt{\frac{519}{625}} = (906.5) (0.912) = 827$$

C_v = 825

METRIC FORMULA:

Sample Problem (Solve for C_{v}):

Where:

 $T_{1} = 15^{\circ}C + 273 = 288.5^{\circ} \text{ K}$

- p₁ = 4.48 bar absolute
- $p_2 = 4.14$ bar absolute

Hence:

$$C_{v} = \frac{q_{s}}{298} \sqrt{\frac{G_{g}T_{1}}{\Delta P (p_{1} - p_{2})}} =$$

$$\frac{24,721}{298}\sqrt{\frac{(1)(288.5)}{(0.34)(4.48+4.14)}} =$$

8356
$$\sqrt{\frac{288.5}{2.93}} = (83.56) (9.914) = 828$$

C_y = 825

Note: Conversion of 1 ft.³ x .028317 = m^3 from ANSI Z210.1

ALPHA-I SIZING EQUATIONS Simplified Sizing Equations for Compressible Fluids (Weight Rate of Flow)

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SIMPLIFIED SIZING EQUATIONS FOR COMPRESSIBLE FLUIDS (WEIGHT RATE OF FLOW)

ENGLISH FORMULA:

$$C_{v} = \frac{W}{3.22 \sqrt{\Delta P (p_{1} + p_{2}) G_{g}}}$$
$$w = 3.22 C_{v} \sqrt{\Delta P (p_{1} + p_{2}) G_{g}}$$

Where:

- C_v = Valve flow coefficient
- w = Weight rate of flow, lbs/hr
- $\Delta P =$ Pressure drop, psi
- $p_1 = Upstream \ pressure, \ psia$
- p₂ = Downstream pressure, psia
- G_g = Specific gravity, Air = 1.0 @ std. temp.

Sample Problem (Solve for C_y):

Where:

Hence:

$$C_{v} = \frac{w}{3.22} \sqrt{\frac{\Delta P(p_{1} + p_{2}) G_{g}}{\sqrt{\frac{5}{65 + 60}(1)}}} = \frac{70,450}{3.22} \sqrt{\frac{(5)(65 + 60)(1)}{(5)(65 + 60)(1)}} = \frac{70,450}{(3.22)(25)} = \frac{70,450}{(3.22)(25)} = \frac{70,450}{80.5} = 875$$

$$C_{v} = 875$$

METRIC FORMULA:

$$C_{v} = \frac{w}{21.4 \sqrt{\Delta P (p_{1} + p_{2}) G_{g}}}$$
$$w = 21.4 C_{v} \sqrt{\Delta P (p_{1} + p_{2}) G_{g}}$$

Where:

 $C_v = Valve flow coefficient$

w = Weight rate of flow, kg/hr

 $\Delta P = Pressure drop, bar$

- p₁ = Upstream pressure, bar absolute
- p₂ = Downstream pressure, bar absolute

 $G_9 = Specific gravity,$ Air = 1.0 @ std. temp.

Sample Problem (Solve for C_v):

Where:

$$w = 32,020 \text{ kg/hr}$$

$$T_1 = 15^{\circ}C + 273^{\circ} = 288^{\circ}K$$

$$p_1 = 4.48 \text{ bar}$$

$$p_2 = 4.14 \text{ bar}$$

Hence:

$$C_{v} = \frac{w}{21.4 \sqrt{\Delta P (p_{1} + p_{2}) G_{g}}} = \frac{32,020}{21.4 \sqrt{(0.34) (4.48 + 0.14) (1.0)}} = \frac{32,020}{21.4 \sqrt{2.93}} = \frac{32,020}{(21.4) (1.712)} = \frac{32,020}{36.64} = 874$$
$$C_{v} = 874$$

ALPHA-I SIZING EQUATIONS Simplified Sizing Equations for Compressible Fluids (Steam Flow)

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SIMPLIFIED SIZING EQUATIONS FOR COMPRESSIBLE FLUIDS (STEAM FLOW)

ENGLISH FORMULA:

$$C_{v} = \frac{w}{2.1 \sqrt{\Delta P (p_{1} + p_{2})}}$$
$$w = 2.1 C_{v} \sqrt{\Delta P (p_{1} + p_{2})}$$

Where:

- $C_v =$ Valve flow coefficient
- w = Weight rate of flow, lb/hr

 $\Delta P = Pressure drop, psi$

- $p_1 = Upstream pressure, psia$
- $p_2 = Downstream pressure, psia$

Sample Problem (Solve for C_v):

Where:

w = 90,000 lbs/hr

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Hence:

$$C_{v} = \frac{w}{2.1 \sqrt{\Delta P(p_{1} + p_{2})}} = \frac{90,000}{2.1 \sqrt{(5)(75 + 70)}} = \frac{90,000}{(2.1) \sqrt{725}} = \frac{90,000}{(2.1)(26.9)} = 1590$$

$$C_{v} = 1590$$

METRIC FORMULA:

$$C_{v} = \frac{w}{14 \sqrt{\Delta P (p_{1} + p_{2})}}$$
$$w = 14 C_{v} \sqrt{\Delta P (p_{1} + p_{2})}$$

Where:

 $C_v = Valve flow coefficient$

w = Weight rate of flow, kg/hr

 $\Delta P =$ Pressure drop, bar

- p₁ = Upstream pressure, bar absolute
- p₂ = Downstream pressure, bar absolute

Sample Problem (Solve for C_v):

Where:

- w = 40,900 kg/hr
- p₁ = 5.17 bar absolute
- p₂ = 4.83 bar absolute

SATURATED STEAM

Hence:

$$C_{v} = \frac{w}{14 \sqrt{\Delta P(p_{1} + p_{2})}} = \frac{40,900}{14 \sqrt{(0.34)(5.17 + 4.83)}} = \frac{40,900}{(14)\sqrt{3.4}} = \frac{40,900}{(14)(1.84)} = \frac{40,900}{25.8} = 1580$$

 $C_v = 1580$

ALPHA-I SIZING EQUATIONS Simplified Sizing Equations for Compressible Fluids (Superheated Steam Flow)

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SIMPLIFIED SIZING EQUATIONS FOR COMPRESSIBLE FLUIDS (SUPERHEATED STEAM FLOW)

ENGLISH FORMULA:

$$C_{v} = \frac{w (1 + 0.0007 T_{SH})}{2.1 \sqrt{\Delta P (p_{1} + p_{2})}}$$
$$w = \frac{2.1 C_{v} \sqrt{\Delta P (p_{1} + p_{2})}}{1 + 0.0007 T_{SH}}$$

Where:

- $C_v =$ Valve flow coefficient
- w = Weight rate of flow, lbs/hr
- T_{SH} = Steam superheat, °F
- $\Delta P = Pressure drop, psi$
- $p_1 = Upstream pressure, psia$
- $p_2 = Downstream pressure, psia$

Sample Problem (Solve for C_v):

Where:

w = 90,000 lbs/hr

$$T_{SH} = 350^{\circ} F$$

 $p_1 = 75 psia$
 $p_2 = 70 psia$

Hence:

$$C_{v} = \frac{w (1 + 0.0007 T_{SH})}{2.1 \sqrt{\Delta P (p_{1} + p_{2})}} =$$

$$\frac{90,000 [1 + (0.0007) (350^{\circ})]}{2.1 \sqrt{(5) (75 + 70)}} =$$

$$\frac{(90,000) (1 + 0.245)}{(2.1) \sqrt{725}} =$$

$$\frac{(90,000) (1.245)}{56.54} = \frac{112,050}{56.54} = 1980$$

$$C_{v} = 1980$$

METRIC FORMULA:

$$C_{v} = \frac{w (1 + 0.0007 T_{SH})}{12.6 \sqrt{\Delta P (p_{1} + p_{2})}}$$
$$w = \frac{12.6 C_{v} \sqrt{\Delta P (p_{1} + p_{2})}}{1 + 0.0007 T_{SH}}$$

Where:

 $C_v =$ Valve flow coefficient w = Weight rate of flow, kg/hr T_{SH} = Steam superheat, °C $\Delta P =$ Pressure drop, bar p, = Upstream pressure, bar absolute p₂ = Downstream pressure, bar absolute Sample Problem (Solve for C_v): Where: w = 40,900 $T_{SH} = 177^{\circ}C$ $p_1 = 5.17 \text{ bar}$ $p_2 = 4.83 \text{ bar}$ Hence: $C_{v} = \frac{w (1 + 0.0007 T_{SH})}{12.6 \sqrt{\Delta P (p_{1} + p_{2})}} =$ $\frac{(40,900) \left[1 + (0.0007) (177)\right]}{12.6 \sqrt{(0.34) (5.17 + 4.83)}} =$ (40,900) (1.124) (12.6) (1.844) <u>45,970</u> 23.2 = 1980 $C_v = 1980$

ALPHA-I SIZING EQUATIONS Universal Sizing Equations for Compressible Fluids (Volumetric Flow – When Specific Gravity is Known)

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UNIVERSAL SIZING EQUATIONS FOR COMPRESSIBLE FLUIDS (VOLUMETRIC FLOW - WHEN SPECIFIC GRAVITY IS KNOWN)

NOTE: See Notes Regarding Universal Sizing Equations below.

ENGLISH FORMULA:

METRIC FORMULA:

$$C_{v} = \frac{q_{g}}{1360 p_{1} Y} \sqrt{\frac{G_{g} T_{1} Z}{x}}$$
$$q_{g} = 1360 C_{v} p_{1} Y \sqrt{\frac{X}{G_{g} T_{1} Z}}$$

Where:

- C_v = Valve flow coefficient
- q_a = Volume rate of flow, SCFH
- = Upstream pressure, psia p₁

G_g = Specific gravity, Air = 1.0 @ std. temp.

T٦ = Temp., °R (°F + 460)

Y = Expansion factor, Y = 1
$$-\frac{x}{3x_{T}}$$

$$C_{v} = \frac{q_{g}}{417 p_{1} Y} \sqrt{\frac{G_{g} T_{1} Z}{x}}$$
$$q_{g} = 417 C_{v} p_{1} Y \sqrt{\frac{x}{G_{g} T_{1} Z}}$$

Where:

- C_v = Valve flow coefficient
- q₉ = Volume rate of flow, m³/hr
- = Upstream pressure, bar absolute р.

√ G_gT₁Z

G_g = Specific gravity,

Air = 1.0 @ std. temp.

- = Temp., °K (°C + 273) T₁
- Ζ = Compressibility factor

= Expansion factor, Y = 1 $-\frac{x}{3x}$ Y

NOTES REGARDING UNIVERSAL SIZING EQUATIONS

The Universal Sizing Equations presented in this section for compressible fluids are applicable to all De-ZURIK valves and are based on Instrument Society of America Standard ISA—S39.3.

These equations include a fluid expansion (Y) factor and compressibility (Z) factor. The compressibility (Z) factor can be found in the Reference Information section in the back of the handbook. The fluid expansion (Y) factor is determined by the calculation:

$$Y = 1 - \frac{x}{3 x_{T}}$$

Where:

$$x = \frac{\Delta P}{p_1}$$
$$x_{\tau} = 0.85 F_{L^2}$$

Where:

 $\Delta P = Pressure differential, psi or bar$

- $p_1 = Upstream pressure, psia$ or bar absolute
- x_T = Terminal pressure differential factor (Determined by valve style)
- F_1^2 = Critical flow factor (Determined by valve style)

The fluid expansion (Y) factor ranges from 1.0 to 0.667. If the calculated value is lower than 0.667, then substitute 0.667 for the calculated (Y) factor. Check to be sure that the (x) factor does not exceed (x_{τ}) . If by calculation, (x) is found to exceed (x_{τ}) then the (x_{τ}) value should be used to replace (x).

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ENGLISH FORMULA:

Sample Problem (Solve for C_v): Where:

> Air @ 60° F q_g = 900,000 SCFH p₁ = 85 psia $\Delta P = 10 \text{ psi}$ G_g = 1.0 T₁ = 519° R Z = 1.0 F_L = 0.6 x₁ = 0.85 F_L² = 0.31

Hence:

$$x = \frac{\Delta P}{p_1} = \frac{10}{85} = 0.118; x = 0.118$$
$$Y = 1 - \frac{x}{3x_T} = 1 - \frac{0.118}{(3)(0.31)} = 1$$

$$1 - \frac{0.118}{0.93} = 1 - 0.127 = 0.873; \quad Y = 0.873.$$

$$C_{\gamma} = \frac{q_{g}}{1360 p_{1} Y} \sqrt{\frac{G_{g} T_{1} Z}{x}} =$$

<u>900,000</u> (1360) (85) (0.873) $\sqrt{(1) (520) (1)}$ 0.118 =

$$(1360) (85) (0.873) \quad \bigvee \qquad 0.118 \qquad -$$

$$\frac{900,000}{100,919} \sqrt{\frac{(520)}{0.118}} =$$

$$8.92 \quad \sqrt{4410} = (8.92) (66.4) = 592.2 \qquad (56.4) = 592.2 \qquad (66.4) = 592.2 \qquad ($$

METRIC FORMULA: Sample Problem (Solve for C_y):

Where: Air @ 15° C $q_g = 25,485 \text{ m}^3/\text{hr}$ $p_1 = 5.86 \text{ bar absolute}$ $\Delta P = 0.69 \text{ bar}$ $G_{\alpha} = 1.0$ $T_1 = 288.5^{\circ} \text{ K}$ Z = 1.0 $F_{L} = 0.6$ $x_T = 0.85 F_L^2 = 0.31$

Hence:

$$x = \frac{\Delta P}{p_1} = \frac{0.69}{5.86} = 0.118; x = 0.118$$
$$Y = 1 - \frac{x}{3x_T} = 1 - \frac{0.118}{(3)(0.31)} = 0.118$$

 $1 - \frac{0.118}{0.93} = 1 - 0.127 = 0.873; \quad Y = 0.873$

$$C_{v} = \frac{q_{\varphi}}{417 p_{1} Y} \sqrt{\frac{G_{g} T_{1} Z}{x}}$$

 $\frac{25,485}{(417)(5.86)(0.873)}\sqrt{\frac{(1)(288)(1)}{0.118}} =$

$$\frac{25,485}{2,133}$$
 $\sqrt{\frac{288}{0.118}}$ =

(12.02) (49.4) = 593

Note: Conversion of 1 ft.³ x .028317 = m^3 from ANSI Z210.1

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Universal Sizing Equations for Compressible Fluids (Weight Rate of Flow–When Specific Weight is Known)

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UNIVERSAL SIZING EQUATION FOR COMPRESSIBLE FLUIDS (WEIGHT RATE OF FLOW - WHEN SPECIFIC WEIGHT IS KNOWN)

NOTE: See Notes Regarding Universal Sizing Equations ALPHA-1 SIZING 6.2.5 Page 1

ENGLISH FORMULA:

$$\begin{split} & C_{v} = & \frac{0.0158 \ w}{\gamma \ \sqrt{\ x \ p_{1} \ \gamma_{2}}} \\ & w \ = & 63.3 \ C_{v} \ \gamma \ \sqrt{\ x \ p_{1} \ \gamma_{1}} \end{split}$$

Where:

- C_v = Valve flow coefficient
- w = Weight rate of flow, lb/hr

Y = Expansion factor, Y = 1 —
$$\frac{1}{3x_{T}}$$

x = Pressure drop ratio,
$$\frac{\Delta P}{p_1}$$

- p1 = Upstream pressure, psia
- $\gamma_1 = =$ Specific weight, lb/ft³

Sample Problem (Solve for C J):

Where:

Air @ 60° F. w = 72,630 lb/hr p₁ = 85 psia Δ P = 10 psi y₁ = 0.4666 @ 85 psia F_L = 0.6 x_T = 0.85 F₁² = 0.31

Hence:

$$x = \frac{\Delta P}{p.} = \frac{10}{85} = 0.118; x = 0.118$$

$$Y = 1 - \frac{x}{3x_{T}} = 1 - \frac{0.118}{(3)(0.31)} = 1 - \frac{0.118}{0.93}$$

$$= 1 - 0.127 = 0.873$$

$$Y = 0.873$$

$$C_{v} = \frac{0.0158w}{Y} \sqrt{\frac{x p_{v} \gamma_{v}}{\sqrt{x p_{v} \gamma_{v}}}} = \frac{(0.0158)(72,630)}{0.873} \sqrt{(0.118)(85)(0.4666)}$$

$$= \frac{1148}{0.873} = \frac{1148}{(0.873)(2.16)} = \frac{1148}{0.873} = \frac{1148}{0.873}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{METRIC FORMULA:} \\ C_{v} &= \frac{0.0366 \text{ w}}{Y \sqrt{x \, p_{1} \, \gamma_{1}}} \\ w = 27.3 \, \text{C}, \ Y \sqrt{x \, p_{1} \, \gamma_{1}} \\ \text{Where:} \\ C_{v} &= \text{Valve flow coefficient} \\ w &= \text{Weight rate of flow, kg/hr} \\ Y &= \text{Expansion factor, } Y = 1 - \frac{x}{3 \, x_{1}} \\ x &= \text{Pressure drop ratio, } \frac{\Delta P}{p_{1}} \\ p_{1} &= \text{Upstream pressure, bar absolute} \\ \gamma_{1} &= \text{Specific weight, kg/m^{3}} \\ \text{Sample Problem (Solve for C_{v}):} \\ \text{Where:} \\ \text{Air @ 15^{\circ}C.} \\ w &= 33,010 \, \text{kg/hr} \\ p_{1} &= 5.86 \, \text{bar absolute} \\ \Delta P &= 0.69 \, \text{bar} \\ \gamma_{1} &= 7.448 \, \text{kg/m^{3}} @ 5.86 \, \text{bar absolute} \\ F_{L} &= 0.6 \\ x_{T} &= 0.85 \, F_{1}^{2} = 0.31 \\ \text{Hence:} \\ x &= \frac{\Delta P}{p_{1}} - \frac{0.69}{5.86} \pm 0.118; \ x = 0.118 \\ Y &= 1 - \frac{x}{3 \, x_{T}} = 1 - \frac{0.118}{(3) (0.31)} = 1 - \frac{0.118}{0.93} \\ = 1 - 0.127 = 0.873 \\ Y &= 0.873 \\ C_{v} &= \frac{0.0366w}{V \, \sqrt{x \, p_{1} \, \gamma_{1}}} = \frac{1208}{0.873 \, \sqrt{(0.118)(5.86)(7.448)}} \\ = \frac{1208}{0.873 \, \sqrt{5.15}} = \frac{1208}{(0.873) (2.27)} \\ = \frac{1208}{1.98} = 609 \end{array}$$

ALPHA-I SIZING EQUATIONS Universal Sizing Equations for Compressible Fluids (Volumetric Flow–When Molecular Weight is Known)

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UNIVERSAL SIZING EQUATION FOR COMPRESSIBLE FLUIDS (VOLUMETRIC FLOW-WHEN MOLECULAR WEIGHT IS KNOWN)

Note: See Notes Regarding Universal Sizing Equations on ALPHA-1 SIZING 6.2.5 Page 1

ENGLISH FORMULA:

$$C_{v} = \frac{q_{g}}{7320 p_{1} Y} \sqrt{\frac{MT_{1} Z}{x}}$$
$$q_{g} = 7320 C_{v} p_{1} Y \sqrt{\frac{x}{MT_{1} Z}}$$

Where:

- C_v = Valve flow coefficient
- q₉ = Volume rate of flow, SCFH
- p₁ = Upstream pressure, psia

Y = Expansion factor, Y =
$$1 - \frac{x}{3x_{T}}$$

x = Pressure drop ratio =
$$\frac{\Delta P}{R}$$

M = Molecular weight of fluid

$$T_1 = Temp of fluid, ^{\circ}R$$

Z = Compressibility factor

Sample Problem (Solve for C_v):

Air @
$$60^{\circ}$$
 F
 $q_{\circ} = 900,000 \text{ SCFH}$
 $p_{1} = 85 \text{ psia}$
 $\Delta P = 10 \text{ psi}$
 $T_{1} = 60^{\circ} + 460^{\circ} = 520^{\circ} \text{ R}$
 $Z = 1.0$
 $F_{L} = 0.6$
 $x_{T} = 0.85 F_{L}^{2} = 0.31$

METRIC FORMULA:

$$C_v = \frac{q_g}{2240 p_1 Y} \sqrt{\frac{MT_1 Z}{x}}$$

$$q_g = 2240 C_v p_1 Y \sqrt{\frac{x}{MT_1 Z}}$$

Where:

 $C_v = Valve flow coefficient$

q_e = Volume rate of flow, m³/hr

p₁ = Upstream pressure, bar absolute

Y = Expansion factor, Y = 1 -
$$\frac{x}{3x_T}$$

x = Pressure drop ratio =
$$\frac{\Delta F}{\Delta F}$$

$$M = Molecular weight of fluid$$

 $T_1 = \text{Temp of fluid, } \overset{\circ}{\mathsf{K}}$

Z = Compressibility factor

Sample Problem (Solve for C_v):

Air @
$$15^{\circ}$$
C
 $q_{g} = 25,640 \text{ m}^{3}/\text{hr}$
 $p_{1} = 5.86$
 $\Delta P = 0.69$
 $T_{1} = 15^{\circ}$ C + 273° = 288°K
 $Z = 1.0$
 $F_{L} = 0.6$
 $x_{T} = 0.85 F_{L}^{2} = 0.31$

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METRIC FORMULA:

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UNIVERSAL SIZING EQUATIONS FOR COMPRESSIBLE FLUIDS (WEIGHT RATE OF FLOW-WHEN MOLECULAR WEIGHT IS KNOWN)

Note: See Notes Regarding Universal Sizing Equations on ALPHA-1 SIZING 6.2.5 Page 1

ENGLISH FORMULA:

$$C_{v} = \frac{0.0518w}{p_{1}Y} \sqrt{\frac{T_{1}Z}{xM}}$$
$$w = 19.3 C_{v} p_{1}Y \sqrt{\frac{xM}{T_{1}Z}}$$

Where:

х

- $C_v = Valve flow coefficient$
- w = Weight rate of flow, lbs/hr
- p1 = Upstream pressure, psia

Y = Expansion factor, Y = 1 —
$$\frac{x}{3x_T}$$

= Pressure drop ratio =
$$\frac{\Delta P}{P_1}$$

- M = Molecular Weight of Fluid
- T₁ = Temperature of Fluid, °R
- Z = Compressibility Factor

Sample Problem (Solve for C_v):

Where:

- Air @ 60°F
- w = 72,630 lbs/hr
- $p_1 = 85 \, psia$
- Δ P = 10 psi

$$T_{,} = 60^{\circ} + 460^{\circ} = 520^{\circ}R$$

F_L = 0.6

$$x_{T} = 0.85 F_{L}^2 = 0.31$$

M = 28.97

METRIC FORMULA:

$$C_v = \frac{0.0105w}{p_1 Y} \sqrt{\frac{T_1 Z}{x M}}$$

$$w = 94.8 C_v p_1 Y \qquad \sqrt{\frac{xM}{T_1 Z}}$$

Where:

C_v = Valve flow coefficient

w = Weight rate of flow, kg/hr

Y = Expansion factor, Y = 1 -
$$\frac{x}{3x_T}$$

x = Pressure drop ratio =
$$\frac{\Delta P}{P_1}$$

- M = Molecular Weight of Fluid
- T_1 = Temperature of Fluid, °K
- Z = Compressibility Factor

Sample Problem (Solve for C_v):

Where:

Air @ 15°C

- w = 33,010 kg/hr
- $p_1 = 5.86$ bar absolute
- $\Delta P = 0.69 \text{ bar}$
- $T_1 = 15^\circ + 273 = 288^\circ K$
- Z = 1.0
- F_L = 0.6
- $x_{\tau} = 0.85 \, F_{L}{}^2 = 0.31$
- M = 28.97

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Hence:

$$x = \frac{\Delta P}{p_1} = \frac{10}{85} = 0.118; \quad x = 0.118$$
$$Y = 1 - \frac{x}{3x_T} = 1 - \frac{0.118}{(3)(0.31)} =$$
$$1 - \frac{0.118}{0.93} = 1 - 0.127 = 0.873$$
$$Y = 0.873$$
$$C_v = \frac{0.0518 w}{P_1 Y} \sqrt{\frac{T_1 Z}{xM}} =$$
$$\frac{(0.0518)(72,630)}{(85)(0.873)} \sqrt{\frac{(520)(1.0)}{(0.118)(28.97)}} =$$
$$\frac{3762}{74.2} \sqrt{\frac{520}{3.418}} =$$
$$50.7 \sqrt{152} = (50.7)(12.3) = 625$$
$$C_v = 625$$

METRIC FORMULA:

Hence: $x = \frac{\Delta P}{P_{1}} = \frac{0.69}{5.86} = 0.118; \quad x = 0.118$ $Y = 1 - \frac{x}{3x_{T}} = 1 - \frac{0.118}{(3)(0.31)} = 1 - \frac{0.118}{0.93} = 1 - 0.127 = 0.873$ Y = 0.873 $C_{v} = \frac{0.0105 \text{ w}}{P_{1} \text{ Y}} \sqrt{\frac{T_{1} \text{ Z}}{x \text{ M}}} = \frac{(0.0105)(33,010)}{(5.86)(0.873)} \sqrt{\frac{(288)(1.0)}{(0.118)(28.97)}} = \frac{346.6}{5.12} \sqrt{\frac{288}{3.42}} = \frac{346.6}{5.12} \sqrt{\frac{288}{3.42}} = \frac{67.7 \sqrt{84.2} = (67.7)(9.18) = 621}{C_{v}} = 621$

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COMPRESSIBLE FLUIDS SONIC VELOCITY EQUATIONS

As in the case of liquids, there is a maximum rate of flow for compressible fluids which will result in choked flow. For compressible fluids this maximum rate of flow occurs at sonic velocity. Sonic velocity may be reached when the ratio of pressure differential to the

upstream absolute pressure $\frac{\Delta P}{p_1}$ exceeds the terminal pressure drop ratio factor (x_T) for the valve style selected.

Sonic velocity may produce shock waves, pipeline

ENGLISH FORMULA (FOR GASES):

For Volume:

 $d > 0.0024 \quad \sqrt{\frac{q_{\mathfrak{g}}}{p_2}} \ \left(\frac{T_1 \, M}{k}\right)^{1/2} \label{eq:d_states}$

For Weight:

$$d > 0.047 \quad \sqrt{\frac{w}{p_2} \left(\frac{T_1}{Mk}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

Where:

- d = Valve outlet diameter, inches
- q_g = Volume rate of flow, SCFH
- p₂ = Downstream pressure, psia
- T₁ = Upstream temperature, °R
- M = Molecular weight
- k = Gas specific heat ratio See Specific Heat of Gases Chart (Air = 1.40) on page 80-34 of the Reference Information section.
- w = Weight rate of flow, lbs/hr

ENGLISH FORMULA (FOR STEAM):

$$d > 0.12 \sqrt{\frac{w}{p_2}}$$

Where:

- d = Valve outlet diameter, inches
- w = Weight rate of flow, lbs/hr
- p₂ = Downstream pressure, psia

vibration, and considerable noise. Ultimately, sonic velocity will cause valve and/or pipeline damage and should therefore be avoided.

Sonic velocity is a function of both the fluid characteristic and the downstream pressure. The following equation can be used to determine the minimum valve outlet diameter required to avoid sonic velocity. To avoid sonic velocity the outlet diameter (d) must be greater than the calculated value.

METRIC FORMULA (FOR GASES):

For Volume:

$$d > 0.110 \ \sqrt{\frac{q_g}{p_2} \left(\frac{T_1 M}{k}\right)^{1/2}}$$

For Weight:

$$d > 0.539 \ \sqrt{\frac{w}{p_2} \left(\frac{T_1}{Mk}\right)^{1/2}}$$

Where:

k

- d = Valve outlet diameter, mm
- q₉ = Volume rate of flow, m³/hr
- p₂ = Downstream pressure, bar absolute
- T₁ = Upstream temperature, °K
- M = Molecular weight
 - Gas specific heat ratio
 See Specific Heat of Gases Chart
 (Air = 1.40) on page 80-34 of the
 Reference Information section.
- w = Weight rate of flow, kg/hr

METRIC FORMULA (FOR STEAM):

$$d > 1.188 \quad \sqrt{\frac{w}{p_2}}$$

Where:

- d = Valve outlet diameter, mm
- w = Weight rate of flow, kg/hr
- p₂ = Downstream pressure, bar absolute

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SIZING EQUATIONS FOR MIXED PHASE FLUIDS (LIQUID/VAPOR)

Sizing valves for mixed phase fluids is similar to sizing for liquid subcritical flow (by weight). The variation is that the specific weight factor must be modified to adjust for the percentage of each fluid in the process flow.

ENGLISH FORMULA:

$$C_{v} = \frac{w}{63.3 \sqrt{\Delta P \gamma_{e}}}$$
$$w = 63.3 C_{v} \sqrt{\Delta P \gamma_{e}}$$

Where:

- C_v = Valve flow coefficient
- w = Weight rate of flow, lbs/hr

 $\Delta P = Pressure drop, psi$

 $\gamma_{e.}$ = Effective specific weight of mixture, lbs/ft³

$$\gamma_{e} = \frac{W}{V_{ge} + V_{f}}$$

Where:

- w = Weight rate of flow, lbs/hr
- $V_{ge} = Effective volume rate of flow of gas, CFH$
- V_{f} = Volume rate of flow of liquid, CFH $V_{ge} = \frac{10.7 T_{1} w_{g}}{10.7 T_{1} w_{g}}$

Where:

- T₁ = Upstream temperature, °R
- w_g = Weight rate of flow of the gas phase, lbs/hr

M = Molecular weight

- p1 = Upstream pressure, psia
- Y = Expansion factor

$$V_f = \frac{W_f}{\gamma_f}$$

Where:

w_f = Weight rate of flow of liquid, lbs/hr

 $\gamma_{\rm f}$ = Specific weight, lbs/ft³

METRIC FORMULA:

$$C_{v} = \frac{w}{27.3 \sqrt{\Delta P \gamma_{e}}}$$
$$w = 27.3 C_{v} \sqrt{\Delta P \gamma_{e}}$$

Where:

- $C_v = Valve flow coefficient$
- w = Weight rate of flow, kg/hr

 $\Delta P = Pressure drop, bar$

 γ_e = Effective specific weight of mixture, kg/m³

$$\gamma_e = rac{W}{V_{ge} + V_f}$$

Where:

w = Weight rate of flow, kg/hr

 $V_{ge} = Effective volume rate of flow of gas, m³/hr$

$$V_f = Volume rate of flow of liquid, m3/hr
 $V_{ge} = \frac{0.0836 T_1 w_g}{M r_2 M^2}$$$

$$= \frac{1}{M p_1 Y^2}$$

Where:

T₁ = Upstream temperature, °K

- w_g, = Weight rate of flow, gas, kg/hr
- M = Molecular weight
- p1 = Upstream pressure, bar absolute

Y = Expansion factor

$$= \frac{W_f}{\gamma_f}$$

Where:

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w_f = Weight rate of flow of liquid, kg/hr

 $\gamma_{\rm f}$ = Specific weight, kg/m

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Sample Problem (Solve for Cy): Where: $w_{g} = 7800 \, \text{lbs/hr}$ w_f = 350,000 lbs/hr $p_1 = 140 \text{ psia}$ $\Delta P = 25 \text{ psi}$ $T_1 = 60^{\circ}F$ $F_1 = 0.6$ (determined by valve style) Hence: (Step 1 — Solve for x_T) $x_T = 0.85 F_1^2 = 0.31$ (Step 2 - Solve for x) $x = \frac{\Delta P}{p_1} = \frac{25}{140} = 0.179$ (Step 3 — Solve for Y) Y = 1 - $\frac{x}{3x_T}$ = 1 - $\frac{0.179}{(3)(0.31)}$ = $1 - \frac{0.179}{0.93} = 1 - 0.192 = 0.808$ (Step 4 — Solve for V_{ge}) $V_{ge} = \frac{10.7 \text{ T}_1 \text{ w}_g}{\text{M} \text{ p}_1 \text{ Y}^2} =$ $\frac{(10.7) (520) (7800)}{(28.97) (140) (0.808)^2} =$ = <u>43,399,200</u> 2649 = 16,380 CFH 43,399,200 (4056) (0.653) (Step 5 — Solve for V_f) $V_{f} = \frac{W_{f}}{\gamma_{f}} = \frac{350,000}{62.4} = 5610 \text{ CFH}$ (Step 6 — Solve for Total Volume Effective) $V_e = V_{ge} + V_f = 16,380 + 5609 =$ 21,990 CFH (Step 7 — Solve for w) $w = w_{g} + w_{f} = 7800 + 350,000 =$

357,800 lbs/hr

METRIC FORMULA:

Sample Problem (Solve for C_v): Where: $w_{g} = 3550 \text{ kg/hr}$ $w_f = 159,000 \text{ kg/hr}$ $p_1 = 9.66$ bar absolute $\Delta P = 1.72$ bar $T_1 = 15^{\circ}C$ $F_L = 0.6$ (determined by valve style) Hence: (Step 1 — Solve for x_{τ}) $x_T = 0.85 F_{\perp}^2 = 0.31$ (Step 2 --- Solve for x) $x = \frac{\Delta P}{p_1} = \frac{1.72}{9.66} = 0.178$ (Step 3 - Solve for Y) $Y = 1 - \frac{x}{3x_{\tau}} = 1 - \frac{0.178}{(3)(0.31)} =$ $1 - \frac{0.178}{0.93} = 1 - 0.191 = 0.809$ (Step 4 — Solve for V_{ge}) $V_{ge} = \frac{0.084 T_1 w_g}{M p_1 V_2^2} =$ (0.084) (288) (3550) (28.97) (9.66) (0.809)² $\frac{85,880}{(279.9)(0.654)} = \frac{85,880}{183.2} = 469 \text{ m}^3/\text{hr}$ (Step 5 - Solve for V_t) $V_f = \frac{W_f}{\gamma_f} = \frac{159,000}{996} = 159.7 \text{ m}^3/\text{hr}$ (Step 6 — Solve for Total Volume Effective) $V_e = V_{ge} + V_f = 469 + 159.7 =$ 628.7 m3/hr (Step 7 — Solve for w) $w = w_{g} + w_{f} = 3550 + 159,000 =$

162,550 kg/hr

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 $\gamma_e = \frac{W}{V_e}$

63.3

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357,800 1277

16.30

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METRIC FORMULA:

(Step 8 — Solve for
$$\gamma_e$$
)
 $\gamma_e = \frac{W}{V_e} = \frac{357,800}{21,990} =$
16.30 lbs/ft³
(Step 9 — Solve for C_v)
 $C_v = \frac{W}{63.3 \sqrt{\Delta P \gamma_e}} =$
 $\frac{357,800}{63.3 \sqrt{(25)(16.3)}} =$
 $\frac{357,800}{63.3 \sqrt{407}} = \frac{357,800}{(63.3)(20.17)} =$
 $\frac{357,800}{1277} = 280$
 $C_v = 280$

(Step 8 — Solve for
$$\gamma_e$$
)
 $\gamma_e = \frac{W}{V_e} = \frac{162,550}{628.7} =$
258.5 kg/m³
(Step 9 — Solve for C_v)
 $C_v = \frac{W}{27.3 \sqrt{\Delta P \gamma_e}} =$
 $\frac{162,550}{27.3 \sqrt{(1.72)(258.5)}} =$
 $\frac{162,550}{27.3 \sqrt{445}} = \frac{162,550}{(27.3)(21.1)} =$
 $\frac{162,550}{576} = 282$
 $C_v = 282$

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PIPE REDUCER EFFECTS

The installation of pipe reducers or expanders in a pipeline create added flow resistance in a pipeline. When installing a control valve between reducers, it is general practice to consider the total effect of the combined parts in calculating the required valve flow coefficient (C_v).

In value sizing equations, the effect of adjacent reducers on liquid or gas flow is the factor $F_{\rm p}$. The $F_{\rm p}$ factor is

a function of the valve C_v and the pipe diameter and can be calculated for any given valve and pipe size combination. F_p factors are dimensionless. Once the F_p has been calculated it is multiplied by the selected valve C_v to determine the effective C_v of the combined valve and adjacent reducers.

F_p is determined by the equation:

ENGLISH FORMULA:

Where:

$$F_{p} = Piping effects correction factor$$

 $C_{d} = \frac{C_{v}}{d^{2}}$

Where:

C_v = Valve flow coefficient

- d = Valve size expressed in inches (mm in the case of metric)
- Σ K = The algebraic sum of the velocity head coefficient of the reducers and/or expanders $(\Sigma$ K = K₁ + K₂ + K_{B1} - K_{B2})

Where:

- K₁ = Coefficient for upstream pipe reducer (See reference information)
- K₂ = Coefficient for downstream pipe reducer (See reference information)
- K_{B1} = Inlet Bernoulli Coefficient
- K_{B2} = Outlet Bernoulli Coefficient

(Note: Where the inlet and outlet fittings are identical, K_{B1} and K_{B2} are eliminated from the equation.)

METRIC FORMULA:

$$F_{p} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{[\Sigma K]C_{d^{2}}}{0.00214}}}$$

When the inlet and outlet fittings are of different sizes K_{B1} and K_{B2} are calculated:

$$K_{B1} = 1 - \left(\frac{d}{D}\right)^4$$
$$K_{B2} = 1 - \left(\frac{d}{D}\right)^4$$

Where:

- d = Valve size in inches (mm in the case of metric)
- D = Pipe size in inches (mm in the case of metric)

Note: If charted values for K_1 and K_2 are not available, then they may be calculated:

$$K_1 + K_2 = 1.5 \left(1 - \frac{d^2}{D^2}\right)^2$$

(Where the inlet and outlet reducers are the same size.)

$$K_{1} = 0.5 \quad \left(1 - \frac{d^{2}}{D^{2}}\right)^{2} \quad \text{(Inlet reducer only)}$$
$$K_{2} = 1.0 \quad \left(1 - \frac{d^{2}}{D^{2}}\right)^{2} \quad \text{(Outlet reducer only)}$$

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METRIC FORMULA:

Sample Problem (Solve for effective C_v):

Where:

 $\begin{array}{l} q_{f} &= 4340 \; U.S. \; gpm \\ \Delta \; P = 15 \; psi \\ G_{f} &= 0.96 \\ Fluid = Water \\ Pipe \; Diameter = 8 \; inches \\ Valve \; Size = 6 \; inches \; (C_{v} = 1310) \end{array}$

(Step 1 — Solve for Σ K)

$$\Sigma K = 1.5 \quad \left(1 - \frac{d^2}{D^2}\right)^2 = 1.5 \quad \left(1 - \frac{6^2}{8^2}\right)^2 = 1.5 \quad \left(1 - \frac{36}{64}\right)^2 = 1.5 \quad (0.432)^2 = 1.5 \quad (0.191) = 0.287$$
$$\Sigma K = 0.287$$

(Step 2 - Solve for C_d)

$$C_{d} = \frac{C_{v}}{d^{2}} = \frac{1310}{6^{2}} = \frac{1310}{36} = 36.4$$

 $C_{d} = 36.4$

(Step 3 — Solve For F_p)

$$F_{p} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{[\Sigma K]C_{d}^{2}}{890}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{(0.287)(1324)}{890}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{(0.287)(1324)}{890}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + 0.427}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1.427}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1.427}} = \frac{1}{1.195} = 0.84$$

$$F_{p} = 0.84$$

 $\begin{array}{l} (\text{Step 4} \longrightarrow \text{Determine effective } C_{v}) \\ \text{Effective } C_{v} = (\text{Valve } C_{v}) \ (F_{p}) \\ \text{Effective } C_{v} = (1310) \ (0.84) \\ \text{Effective } C_{v} = 1100 \end{array}$

Sample Problem (Solve for effective
$$C_v$$
):

Where:

 $\begin{array}{ll} q_{f} &= 986 \ m^{3}/hr \\ \Delta \ P &= 1.03 \ bar \\ G_{f} &= 0.96 \\ Fluid = Water \\ Pipe \ Diameter &= 200 \ mm \\ Valve \ Size &= 150 \ mm \ (C_{v} = 1310) \end{array}$

(Step 1 — Solve for Σ K)

$$\Sigma K = 1.5 \quad \left(1 - \frac{d^2}{D^2}\right)^2 = 1.5 \quad \left(1 - \frac{6^2}{8^2}\right)^2 = 1.5 \quad \left(1 - \frac{36}{64}\right)^2 = 1.5 \quad (0.432)^2 = 1.5 \quad (0.191) = 0.287$$
$$\Sigma K = 0.287$$

(Step 2 - Solve for C_d)

$$C_{d} = \frac{C_{v}}{d^{2}} = \frac{1310}{22,500} = 0.058$$
$$C_{d} = 0.058$$

(Step 3 — Solve for
$$F_p$$
)

$$F_{p} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{(\Sigma K)C_{d}^{2}}{0.00214}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{(0.287)(0.00339)}{0.00214}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{(0.287)(0.0039)}{0.00214}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{(0.287)(0.0039)}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+0.455}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1.455}} = \frac{$$

 $F_{p} = 0.83$

(Step 4 — Determine effective C_v)

Effective $C_v = (Valve C_v) (F_p)$ Effective $C_v = (1310) (0.83)$ Effective $C_v = 1087$

ALPHA-I SIZING EQUATIONS Noise

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NOISE

High rates of fluid flow through valves and pipe fittings will produce noise. The source of this noise may be aerodynamic noise in the case of gases or steam, cavitation in the case of liquids and/or mechanical vibration of the valve components.

Aerodynamic noise resulting from high velocity gas or steam flow is usually of greater intensity than noise produced by other sources. It is caused by turbulence due to flow obstruction, expansion in the pipe size, and sudden turns in the flowing stream. All three of these conditions are found in typical control valve applications.

Cavitation in liquid flow processes will produce noise at the discharge port of a control valve and in the immediate downstream piping. Pressure differentials which equal or exceed the value necessary to produce choked flow will result in noise generation. Mechanical noise is produced by fluid flow impingement or pressure fluctuations which cause vibration of the mechanical components in the valve. Noise from this source should be avoided at all costs as it will lead to rapid valve failure.

Several steps can be taken to avoid or reduce noise. First, select a valve having rugged construction to avoid the problems of mechanical noise and potential costly failure. Secondly, size and select a large enough valve to prevent sonic or choked flow conditions. Reduce system velocities to prevent severe noise producing shock waves. When system noises cannot be avoided in any of these ways, sound attenuating devices may have to be used. Sound can be attenuated by using heavier downstream piping, special insulation, or a more sophisticated type of muffled sound diffuser.

ALPHA-I SIZING EQUATIONS Nomenclature

NOMENCLATURE

- a Area of orifice or valve opening, in.²
- C Coefficient of discharge, dimensionless. Includes effect of jet contraction and Reynolds Number, Mach Number (gas at high velocities), turbulence.
- C_d Relative capacity (at rated C_v) $C_d = C_v d^2$.
- c_p Specific heat at constant pressure, Btu/lb.°F.
- cv Specific heat at constant volume, Btu/lb.°F.
- C_v Valve flow coefficient.
- d Valve inlet diameter, inches.
- D Pipe diameter, inches.

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Velocity of approach factor =
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-m^2}}$$

- F_c Percent consistency correction factor.
- $F_{\mathfrak{a}}$ Experimentally determined factor relating value C_{v} to an equivalent diameter for Reynolds Number.
- F_L Pressure loss factor, to convert valve coefficient to choked flow conditions when capacity is governed by the apparent pressure at the valve vena contracta. When the valve is not choked.

$$F_{L} = \sqrt{(p_1 - p_2)/(p_1 - p_{vc})}$$

 F_{L^2} Critical flow factor.

- F_P Correction factor for piping around valve (e.g. reducers) F_PC_v = effective C_v for valve/fitting assembly.
- $(F_L)_P$ Pressure loss factor F_L modified for valve/fitting assembly.
- F_{LP} Combined pressure loss and piping geometry factors for valve/fitting assembly.
- F_R Correction factor for Reynolds Number, where $F_RC_v =$ effective C_v .
- g Acceleration due to gravity (taken as 32.17 ft./s²).
- G_f Specific gravity of liquids relative to water at $60^\circ\,\text{F}$
- G₉ Specific gravity of gas relative to air with both at standard temperature and pressure.
- h Effective differential head, ft. of fluid.
- ΣK Sum total of effective velocity head coefficients where $K(V^2/2g) = h$.

- K_B Bernoulli coefficient = 1-(d/D)⁴
- K_c Cavitation Index.
- K₁ Resistance coefficient for inlet fitting.
- K₂ Resistance coefficient for outlet fitting.
- k Ratio of specific heats of gas = c_p/c_v , dimensionless.
- M Molecular weight.
- m Ratio of areas.
- p Absolute static pressure, psia.
- p_v Vapor pressure, psia.
- P Static gauge pressure, psig
- q Volume rate of flow, $q_f = gpm$, $q_g = SCFH$.
- R Gas constant = 144 pv/T.
- Re Reynolds Number.
- T Absolute temperature, degrees Rankine.
- U Average velocity, fps.
- v Specific volume $(1/\gamma)$, ft³/lb.
- V Volume flow rate, ft³/hr.
- w Weight rate of flow, lb/hr.
- x Ratio of differential pressure to absolute inlet static pressure, $x = (p_1 p_2) / p_1$.
- x_T Terminal or ultimate value of x, used to establish expansion factor, Y.
- x_{TP} Value of x_T for valve/fitting assembly.
- Y Expansion factor, Ratio of flow coefficient for a gas to that for a liquid at the same Reynolds Number (includes radiat as well as longitudinal expansion effects).
- Z Compressibility factor = 144 pv/RT.
- γ (gamma) Specific weight (1/v), lb/ft³.
- Δ (delta) Difference, (e.g., $\Delta P = p_1 p_2$).
- μ (mu) Viscosity, centipoise.
- Θ (theta) Index for viscosity correction.

SUBSCRIPTS

- 1 Upstream
- 2 Downstream
- Effective value
- Liquid

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- g Gas
- t Theoretical
- T Terminal or ultimate value
- u Uncorrected value
- vc Vena contracta (point of minimum jet stream area)

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