

Friction Loss Chart

Nom. Pipe Size	3/4"			1"			1-1/4"			1-1/2"			2"		
Material	Steel	Copper	Plastic	Steel	Copper	Plastic	Steel	Copper	Plastic	Steel	Copper	Plastic	Steel	Copper	Plastic
I. D. / US GPM	0.824	0.822	0.824	1.049	1.062	1.049	1.38	1.368	1.38	1.61	1.6	1.61	2.067	2.062	2.067
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2	1.93	1.21	1.04	0.6	0.35	0.32									
2.5	2.91	1.82	1.57	0.92	0.55	0.48									
3	4.08	2.56	2.21	1.26	0.73	0.68									
3.5	5.42	3.4	2.93	1.7	1	0.9									
4	6.94	4.36	3.74	2.14	1.24	1.15	0.56	0.36	0.3	0.27	0.17	0.14			
4.5	8.63	5.4	4.66	2.68	1.58	1.45	0.69	0.42	0.39	0.34	0.21	0.18			
5	10.5	6.57	5.66	3.42	1.88	1.75	0.85	0.55	0.46	0.41	0.25	0.22			
5.5	12.4	7.79	6.75	3.9	2.3	2.1	1	0.62	0.53	0.49	0.3	0.26			
6	14.7	9.22	7.95	4.54	2.63	2.45	1.2	0.77	0.65	0.57	0.36	0.31			
6.5	17	10.7	9.25	5.3	3.12	2.84	1.38	0.88	0.72	0.66	0.42	0.36			
7	19.6	12.2	10.6	6.08	3.58	3.25	1.59	1.02	0.86	0.76	0.48	0.41			
7.5	22.3	13.9	12	6.92	4.03	3.68	1.82	1.16	0.98	0.86	0.54	0.46			
8	25	15.7	13.5	7.73	4.5	4.16	2.04	1.31	1.1	0.96	0.61	0.52			
8.5	27.9	17.6	15.1	8.76	5.08	4.62	2.3	1.47	1.21	1.07	0.68	0.58			
9	31.1	19.5	16.8	9.72	5.6	5.17	2.55	1.62	1.35	1.19	0.75	0.65			
9.5	34.5	21.6	18.6	10.7	6.18	5.72	2.82	1.79	1.5	1.32	0.83	0.72			
10	37.8	23.7	20.4	11.7	6.77	6.31	3.08	1.98	1.67	1.45	0.92	0.79	0.43	0.27	0.23
11	45.1	28.2	24.4	14.1	8.08	7.58	3.7	2.32	1.98	1.74	1.1	0.95	0.51	0.32	0.27
12	53	33.2	28.6	16.4	9.47	8.85	4.31	2.75	2.33	2.04	1.29	1.1	0.6	0.37	0.32
13	61.5	38.5	33.2	18.9	11	10.3	5.01	3.18	2.71	2.37	1.49	1.28	0.7	0.43	0.37
14	70.5	44.2	38	21.8	12.6	11.8	5.73	3.64	3.1	2.71	1.71	1.46	0.8	0.49	0.43
16	90.2	56.6	48.6	27.9	16.2	15.1	7.34	4.68	3.96	3.47	2.2	1.87	1.03	0.63	0.55
18	112	70.4	60.5	34.7	20.1	18.7	9.13	5.81	4.93	4.31	2.75	2.33	1.28	0.78	0.69
20	136	83.5	73.5	42.1	24.4	22.8	11.1	7.1	6	5.24	3.31	2.83	1.55	0.96	0.84
25				63.9	36.9	34.6	16.8	10.7	9.06	7.9	5	4.26	2.35	1.45	1.27
30				89.2	51.6	48.1	23.5	15	12.7	11.1	7	6	3.29	2.03	1.78
35				119	68.7	64.3	31.2	20	16.9	14.7	9.35	7.94	4.37	2.71	2.36
40				152	88	82	40	25.6	21.6	18.9	12	10.2	5.6	3.47	3.03
45				189	109	102	49.4	31.9	27	23.4	14.9	12.6	6.96	4.31	3.76
50							60.4	38.7	32.6	28.5	18.1	15.4	8.46	5.24	4.57
55							71.9	46.5	39.1	34	21.5	18.4	10.1	6.22	5.46
60							84.7	54.1	45.6	40	25.3	21.6	11.9	7.34	6.44
65							99.1	63	53.4	46.4	29	25.1	13.8	8.5	7.42
70							114	72.2	61.5	53.2	33.8	28.7	15.8	9.78	8.53
75							129	82.1	69.4	60.4	38	32.6	17.9	11.1	9.68
80							144	92.4	77.9	68.1	43.1	36.8	20.2	12.5	10.9
85							161	104	87	76.2	47.6	41.2	22.5	14	12.2
90							179	115	96.6	84.7	53.6	45.7	25.1	15.6	13.6
95										93.6	58.8	50.5	27.8	17.2	15

Loss of head in feet due to friction per 100 feet of pipe.
(Based on C = 100 for steel, C = 130 for copper, and C = 140 for plastic)

Friction loss occurs when water is being pushed up a pipe. As the water is pulled upward, the pipe that it travels in restricts the space in which it can go. Smaller pipes have more friction loss because there is more restriction on the water. To use this graph, first find your gpm number (or as close as possible) on the left side of the chart. Once you have found it, find your type of piping by size and material type. After you have found this, move along the lines until your two columns meet each other. The number you come to will be the amount of friction loss per hundred feet. This does not include the elevation of the pump. Example: A pump that is pumping at 10 gpm through a 1-1/4" copper pipe system will lose 1.98 feet worth of head for every 100 feet of pipe.