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Siphonic Roof Drainage

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Outline

Codes and Approvals Roof Slopes and Catchment Areas Structural Coordination > Building Coordination Configuration > Preliminary Pipe Sizing

Proposal

- Coordination
 - five (5) feet outside of the building footprint
 - Manhole, Civil POC
 - Rerouting requires re-engineering
 - Simultaneous modeling
 - Construction related changes

National standards

- ANSI / ASME A112.6.9 Siphonic Roof Drains
- ASPE Technical Standard 45 Siphonic Roof Drainage Systems

> Model Codes

- Alternate Engineered System
- Certification

- Not specifically listed in any model plumbing code
- > Alternate engineered system.
 - Acceptance by the authorities having jurisdiction is not guaranteed
 - and if it is rejected ...



Draft a Letter to the Code Official

- Basic Concepts
- History
 - Finland 1970
 - Boston Massachusetts 2001
- Experience
- Nearby Installations

The flow of rainwater under pressure is governed by the Darcy-Weisbach equation:

$$h_f = f \left(\frac{L}{D} \right) \frac{V^2}{2g}$$

Where:

- *h_f* = pressure loss due to friction in feet
- f = friction factor
- L = length of pipe in feet
- D = diameter of pipe in feet
- V = velocity in feet per second
- g = gravitational constant; 32 feet/second2

> Overflow Drains are Required If a roof drain system is designed to the 100 year storm, what is the likelihood that it will experience a greater rainfall intensity in the 100 year lifetime of the building?

Probability of Exceeding Intensity						
Storm Period	Lifetime of Building (years)					
(years)	25	50	100	200	400	
10	92	99	100	100	100	
25	63	87	98	100	100	
50	40	64	87	98	100	
100	22	39	63	87	99	
500	5	10	18	33	55	
1000	2	5	10	18	33	

Request approval of the concept

Indicate what will be provided

- Calculations
- Plans
- Dimensions
- Construction administration

Final approval after plans are submitted

Roof Slopes and Catchment Areas

> 2010 Uniform Plumbing Code

1101.11.1 Primary Roof Drainage. Roof areas of a building shall be drained by roof drains or gutters. The location and sizing of drains and gutters shall be coordinated with the structural design and pitch of the roof. Unless otherwise required by the Authority Having Jurisdiction, roof drains, gutters, vertical conductors or leaders, and horizontal storm drains for primary drainage shall be sized based on a storm of 60 minutes duration and 100 year return period. Refer to Table D 1.0 (in Appendix D) for 100 year, 60 minute storms at various locations.

2009 International Building Code 1507.13.1 Slope. Thermoplastic single-ply membrane roofs shall have a design slope of a minimum of onefourth unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (2-percent slope).

Surface Slope

- Surfaces sloped less than ¼" per foot (2%) may not have adequate surface flow
- Slope is dependent on material roughness

2010 Uniform Plumbing Code

1105.3 Strainers for Flat Decks. Roof drain strainers for use on sun decks, parking decks, and similar areas that are normally serviced and maintained, shall be permitted to be of the flat surface type. Such roof drain strainers shall be level with the deck and shall have an available inlet area of not less than two (2) times the area of the conductor or leader to which the drain is connected..

Rule of Thumb: Use eight (8) or more times the area when placing over a siphonic drain

- Load Rating ASME Standard A112.6.3M
- 6.1 Loading Classifications: Grates and top rims shall be designed to meet the following loading classifications.
 - 6.1.1 Light Duty All grates having safe live under 2000 lb.
 - **6.1.2 Medium Duty** All grates having safe live load between 2000 lb. and 4999 lb.
 - **6.1.3 Heavy Duty** All grates having safe live load between 5000 lb. and 7499 lb.
 - 6.1.4 Extra Heavy Duty All grates having safe live load between 7500 lb. and 10,000 lb.
 - 6.1.5 Special Duty Grates having safe live load over 10,000 lb. shall be considered special and treated accordingly.

Rainfall Rates

- > Rainfall Rates
- City of Los Angeles = 2" per hour
- Los Angeles County = 3" per hour
- City of Santa Ana = 4" per hour
- The following charts are for conceptual information only!
- > Check Local Codes





















Side Walls

2010 Uniform Plumbing Code 1106.4 Side Walls Draining onto a Roof. Where vertical walls project above a roof so as to permit storm water to drain to the roof area below, the adjacent roof area shall be permitted to be computed ... as follows:

Side Walls

- For one (1) wall add fifty (50) percent of the wall area to the roof area figures.
- For two (2) adjacent walls add thirty-five (35) percent of the total wall areas.
- Two (2) walls opposite of same height add no additional area.
- Two (2) walls opposite of differing heights add fifty (50) percent of wall area above top of lower wall.
- Walls on three (3) sides add fifty (50) percent of area of the inner wall below the top of the lowest wall, plus allowance the for area of wall above top of lowest wall, per (2) and (4) above.
- Walls on four (4) sides no allowance for wall areas below top of lowest wall – add for areas above the top of the lowest wall per (1), (2), (4) and (5) above.

Side Walls



AREA = ROOF AREA + 0.50 A



AREA = ROOF AREA + 0.35 A + 0.35 D + 0.50 C

A C B

AREA = ROOF AREA + 0.50 D + (0.35 C + 0.35E) + 0.50F AREA = ROOF AREA + 0.50 D + (0.35 C + 0.35E) + 0.50F

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Structural Coordination

Remember conventional flow:

 $Q = \pi D e g h_c^3$

> where

 $h_{c} = \frac{2}{3} h$



Using conventional drains and the maximum flow rate allowed by code:

Size	Maximum flow rate	Depth of water
2"	23 gpm	1.1"
3"	67 gpm	1.7"
4"	144 gpm	2.4"
5"	261 gpm	3.1"
6"	424 gpm	3.7"
8"	913 gpm	5.2"

Using one manufacturer's siphonic roof drain and the same flow rates (except 4"):

Size	Maximum flow rate	Depth of water
n/a	23 gpm = 0.05 cfs	n/a
2"	67 gpm = 0.15cfs	0.8"
2"	144 gpm = 0.32 cfs	1.4"
2 1/2"	261 gpm = 0.58 cfs	2.0"
3"	424 gpm = 0.94 cfs	2.6"
4"	765 gpm = 1.7 cfs	3.5"

- Placing drains in a sump allows the water level to rise without ponding
 With 50 foot drain spacing and ¼" per foot slope, a 2" deep rise will cover up to 867 square feet and weigh up to 4493 pounds
- A 2' x 4' x 2" deep sump, when full, weighs 83 pounds
- Sumps eliminate weight on the structure





Building Coordination

Discharge

> 2010 Uniform Plumbing Code

1101.1 Where Required. Roofs, paved areas, yards, courts, and courtyards, vent shafts, light wells, or similar areas having rainwater, shall be drained into a separate storm sewer system, or into a combined sewer system where a separate storm sewer system is not available, or to some other place of disposal satisfactory to the Authority Having Jurisdiction. In the case of one- and two-family dwellings, storm water shall be permitted to be discharged on flat areas, such as streets or lawns, so long as the storm water shall flow away from the building and away from adjoining property, and shall not create a nuisance.
Discharge

Increase to a conventional size for 10 pipe diameters (1% slope) to break the siphon Discharging into a vented manhole is best Daylighting pipes may be acceptable Check velocities Alternatively, increase to conventional size in the vertical Vent if necessary

Discharge

If the city storm drain becomes blocked, your system could back-up

If the city storm drain surcharges, your 30' siphon could turn into a 130' siphon creating negative pressures far greater than your system can handle



Given the length of many siphonic systems, expansion must be considered

PVC Pipe has significant expansion and contraction

PVC – Thermal Expansion and Contraction

Change in Length (inches) versus change in Temperature

Coefficient of Linear Expansion, $e = 2.9 \times 10^{-5}$ in/in·°F

Length (feet)	40°F	50°F	60°F	70°F	80°F	90°F	100°F
20	0.278	0.348	0.418	0.487	0.557	0.626	0.696
40	0.557	0.696	0.835	0.974	1.114	1.235	1.392
60	0.835	1.044	1.253	1.462	1.670	1.879	2.088
80	1.134	1.392	1.670	1.949	2.227	2.506	2.784
100	1.392	1.740	2.088	2.436	2.784	3.132	3.480

Configuration

Tailpiece



Tailpiece

To ensure priming, tailpieces should be at least 24" long

- Tailpieces must turn horizontal before connecting to a collector pipe
- Connections to the collector should be made on the side

Tailpiece





Fitting used in the calculations must match fittings used in the drawings and in the installed condition.

DWV fittings are requiredWyes are required

Reducer Placement

When available, use eccentric reducers
 In horizontal piping

 placed with the flat side UP
 No air pocket to delay priming

 Concentric reducers may be used

Reducer Placement



Horizontal Pipes

Reducer Placement

Decrease pipe size at the top of risers placed with the flat side on the inside Alternatively, offset the pipe Increasing the pipe size in the vertical will almost always break the siphon > Use this technique in tall buildings where the available head is much more than you need.



Elbows

- Fitting used in the calculations must match fittings used in the drawings and in the installed condition.
- Do not use short radius fittings
 Use DWV fittings
- Long radius bends permitted
 Use two (2) eighth bends (45°)



Top of Downpipe

Elbows



Bottom of tailpieces and Downpipe





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Early suggestions include size at 1/8" per foot slope and cut the pipe size in half

- 8" pipe becomes 4" pipe
- Good for ballpark estimates
- Difficult to balance

Instead, try the constant friction method

Step 1. Determine the tributary area of each drain

> Example

- RD1 = 5000 sf
- RD2 = 5000 sf
- RD3 = 3000 sf
- RD4 = 5000 sf
- RD5 = 300 sf

Step 2. Apply rainfall intensity and convert to gallons per minute

> Q = 0.0104 x R x A

where:

- Q = Flow Rate (gallons per minute)
- R = Rainfall intensity (inches/hour)
- A = Area (square feet)
- 0.0104 = Conversion factor gpm/sq. ft./inch/hr.

> Example

- Rainfall Intensity = 4 inches per hour
- RD1 = 0.0104 x 4"/hr x 5000 sf = 208 gpm
- RD2 = 0.0104 x 4"/hr x 5000 sf = 208 gpm
- RD3 = 0.0104 x 4"/hr x 3000 sf = 125 gpm
- RD4 = 0.0104 x 4"/hr x 5000 sf = 208 gpm
- RD5 = 0.0104 x 4"/hr x 300 sf = 12.5 gpm

Step 3. Convert to cubic feet per second

> V = Q / 448.8

where:

- V = Volumetric Flow Rate (cubic feet per second)
- Q = Flow Rate (gallons per minute)
- 448.8 = Conversion factor cfs/gpm

> Example

- RD1 = 208 gpm / 448.8 = 0.46 cfs
- RD2 = 208 gpm / 448.8 = 0.46 cfs
- RD3 = 125 gpm / 448.8 = 0.28 cfs
- RD4 = 208 gpm / 448.8 = 0.46 cfs
- RD5 = 12.5gpm / 448.8 = 0.028 cfs

- Step 4. Select a drain using manufacturer's data
- Generally the smallest drain without exceeding the maximum flow

> USE SPECIFIC MANUFACTURER"S INFORMATION

Drain	Resistanc e coefficient	Maximum flow
size	k	cfs
2" gutter	0.65	0.40
2"	0.13	0.50
21/2"	0.13	0.60
3"	0.16	1.40
4"	0.23	1.70

Step 5. Calculate disposable head

Subtract – vent elevation from drain elevation

> Example:

- Roof elevation = 452'
- Discharge elevation = 420'
 - Vented manhole cover elevation = 422'
- Disposable head = 452' 422' = 30'

Step 6. Calculate system length

- Add horizontal and vertical pipe lengths
- Add 10% for fittings

> Example:

System length (Assumes 10% for fittings)
RD1 = 220' + 22' = 242'
RD2 = 120' + 12' = 132'
RD3 = 210' + 21' = 231'
RD4 = 140' + 14' = 154'
RD5 = 40' + 4' = 44'

Step 7. Divide disposable head by system, length and multiply by 100

Example:

- RD1 = 30' / 242' x 100 = 12.4 ft/100ft
- RD2 = 30' / 132' x 100 = 22.7 ft/100ft
- RD3 = 30' / 231' x 100 = 13.0 ft/100ft
- RD4 = 30' / 154' x 100 = 19.5 ft/100ft
- RD5 = 30' / 44' x 100 = 34.1 ft/100

- Draw a line at 12.4
 feet per 100 feet
 Draw a line at 202
- Draw a line at 208 gallons per minute
- The intersection is just under 3"
- > Use 3"pipe



- Draw a line at 22.7 feet per 100 feet
- Draw a line at 208 gallons per minute
- The intersection is between 2" and 2¹/₂"
- Use 2" pipe, but increase to 2½" after the tailpiece



- Draw a line at 13.0 feet per 100 feet
- Draw a line at 125 gallons per minute
- The intersection is just under 2"
- > Use 2" pipe



- Draw a line at 19.5 feet per 100 feet
- Draw a line at 208 gallons per minute
- The intersection is between 2" and 2¹/₂"
- Use 2" pipe, but increase to 2½" after the tailpiece



- Draw a line at 19.5 feet per 100 feet
- Draw a line at 12.5 gallons per minute
- The intersection is between ½" and ¾"
- Using 1½" pipe, the velocity is only 2 feet per minute …
- > NO SIPHON



For combined pipe segments, use the lowest friction and the combined flow rate



RD1+RD2

- Draw a line at 12.4 feet per 100 feet
- Draw a line at 416 gallons per minute
- The intersection is between 3" and 4"
- Use 3" pipe, but increase to 4" before the next bend



RD3+RD4

- Draw a line at 13.0 feet per 100 feet
- Draw a line at 333 gallons per minute
- The intersection is between 3" and 4"
- Use 3" pipe, but increase to 4" after the next bend


Downpipe

- Draw a line at 12.4 feet per 100 feet
- Draw a line at 749 gallons per minute
- The intersection is between 4" and 5"
- Use 6" pipe at the junction, but decrease to 4" after the drop



Downpipe

Check to make sure that velocities in horizontal pipe are 3 feet per second or greater

Check to make sure that velocities in horizontal pipe are 7.2 feet per second or greater









Be back in 15 minutes!

Outline

> Review
> Parameters
> Balancing
> Drawing Standards
> Construction Administration

Review





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Review

Preliminary Pipe Size									
Segment	Flow Rate (CFS)	Drain Size	Beginning pipe size	Ending pipe size					
RD-1	0.46	2"	3"	3"					
RD-2	0.46	2"	2"	2 1/2"					
RD-1 to RD-2	0.92	n/a	3"	4"					
RD-3	0.28	2"	2"	2"					
RD-4	0.46	2"	2"	2 1/2"					
RD3 to RD-4	0.74	n/a	3"	4"					
Downpipe	1.66	n/a	6"	4"					
RD-5	0.028	2" conv.	2"	3"					

> Velocities in horizontal pipe must be 3 feet per second or greater If not, the pipe sizes must be made smaller Velocities of 3 to 25 feet per second or greater are normal > Do not exceed maximum velocity for pipe material Copper = 8 feet per second Slower speeds will break the siphon

Velocities in Vertical pipe must be 7.2 feet per second or greater

- Varies with pipe size
- Smaller pipes need less
- Larger pipes need more

Slower speeds will break the siphon

 Negative pressures should be greater than (negative) -25' to avoid cavitation
 Check the top of the riser first
 Cavitation will reduce the energy in the siphon

- > 0' to 3.0' of residual head is required
 - Additional capacity
 - Installation flexibility
- Less than 0' of residual head indicates that the system will not carry the 100 year storm

More than 3.0' of residual head yields larger than necessary pipe sizes and can lead to imbalance at lower flow rates

> A balanced system requires: • Imbalance ≤ 1.5 feet of head • Imbalance $\leq 10\%$ of the building height An unbalanced system will result in one drain running dry before the others This will break the siphon and greatly reduce the carrying capacity Like drinking out of a straw with a hole in it

- With a good first guess, dimension your sketch
- Starting with the discharge, enter your system into the calculation software
 Check for a valid configuration

- Enter pipe and fittings one at a time until the entire system is accurately reflected in the software.
- > 6x4 reducer is not entered



- Most software will give an indication of a valid configuration
- In this case, a green bar appears at the top



🔁 Output 🔶 Errors

Configuration Calculation Imbalance							
Friction (ft)	0.019						
Pressure In (ft)	-8.208						
Pressure Out (ft)	-8.581						
Velocity In (ft/s)	5.411						
Friction Energy Lost (ft)	0.373						
Flow Rate (cfs)	0.278						
Total Energy In (ft)	12.93 = -8.208(P) + 0.455(V) +-7.314(Fr) +28(H)						
Total Energy Out (ft)	12.93 = -8.581(P) + 0.455(V) +-6.941(Fr) + 28(H)						
Total Friction Lost (ft)	-7.314(Friction) = 15.05(Total Friction lost) - 22.37(Friction Lost From Discharge)						
Velocity Head Out (ft)	0.455						
Velocity Head In (ft)	0.455						
Energy Lost At Roof (ft)	15.052						
Reynolds Number	98,852.638						

> 0.1' to 3.0' of residual head
> Imbalance ≤ 1.5 feet of head
> Imbalance ≤ 10% of the building height
> Negative pressures greater than -25'
> Velocities in horizontal pipe ≥ 3 fps
> Velocities in vertical pipe ≥ 7.2 fps

- To increase friction, make the segments with the smaller pipe longer and the segments with the larger pipe shorter.
- To decrease friction, make the segments with the smaller pipe shorter and the segments with the larger pipe longer.

- With the parameters in mind, adjust the system so that each drain has a similar residual head
- Balance the system by repositioning reducers.
 - Vertical pipe sizes may be reduced
 - Vertical pipe sizes may NOT be increased
 - Horizontal pipe sizes may NOT be reduced
 - Horizontal pipe sizes may be increased





Configuration Calculation Imbalance											
Imbalance: 1.177, Max height: 30, Imbalance as a percent of max height: 3.92%, Max height percent: 10%											
	#	Name	Library Element	Area (sq.f)	Height (ft)	Total Energy Lost (ft)	Residual Head (ft)				
	1	RD1	3.1 JRS 1005T	5,000	30	31.230	0.770				
	2	RD2	3.1 JRS 1005T	5,000	30	31.183	0.817				
	3	RD3	3.1 JRS 1005T	3,000	30	31.149	0.851				
	4	RD4	3.1 JRS 1005T	5,000	30	31.212	0.788				
	5	RD5	2.1 JRS 1005T	300	15	15.052	1.948				

> A balanced system requires:

- Residual Head ≥ 0 feet of head
- Residual Head < 3 feet of head
- Imbalance ≤ 1.5 feet of head
- Imbalance $\leq 10\%$ of the building height

Drawing Standards





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Pipe Bracing

Lateral Bracing Required:

- At each tailpiece
- At branch take-offs
- At each change in direction
- At 30 foot intervals



Pipe Bracing

Longitudinal Bracing Required



 Any changes must be submitted, reviewed and recalculated
 Revised drawings must be issued if balance or residual head do not meet parameters indicated earlier

> Engineering Fees ...

- The branch that runs straight through the wye has the greater pressure drop
- Check that installed conditions match the plans



- Field Observation is essential
- Check that no drains have been moved or added
- Check that downpipes have not been moved or reconfigured
 - Offsets to avoid miscellaneous steel



 Check pipe material
 Check tailpiece connection


Check pipe sizes
Check lengths between reducers

Pipes up to 4"Ø shall be ± 4"
Pipes 5"Ø and larger shall be ± 8"

Use building columns for reference

- Check drain attachment to structure
- Check for unobstructed waterway
 Check for a secure baffle





Check leaf strainer Check for debris Even a small amount of debris can change the performance of a system





- Check lateral and longitudinal bracing
 - Spacing
 - Attachment to structure





