

REPORT ON COMPARATIVE STORM SEWER PIPE SIZES FOR EQUAL FLOW CAPACITY

| TYPE OF PIPE (1) | DIAMETERS | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Reinforced Concrete Pipe | 12" | 15" | 18" | 21" | 24" | 27" | 30" | 33" | 36" | 42" | 48" |
| Spiral Rib Steel Pipe | 12" | 15" | 18" | 21" | 24" | 27" | 30" | 33" | 36" | 42" | 48" |
| 2-2/3" x 1/2" Helical Lockseam Corrugated Steel Pipe | 12" | 15" | 18" | 22" | 26" | 30" | 34" | 38" | 42" | 49" | 56" |
| 2-2/3" x 1/2" Annular Riveted Corrugated Steel Pipe | 15" | 21" | 24" | 27" | 30" | 36" | 42" | 42" | 48" | 54" | 60" |

| TYPE OF PIPE (1) | DIAMETERS | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|--|--|
| Reinforced Concrete Pipe | 48" | 54" | 60" | 66" | 72" | 78" | 84" | 90" | 96" | | |
| Spiral Rib Steel Pipe | 48" | 54" | 60" | 66" | 72" | 78" | 84" | 90" | 96" | | |
| 3" x 1" Helical Lockseam Corrugated Steel Pipe | 60" | 68" | 76" | 84" | 93" | 101" | 108" | 114" | 120" | | |
| 3" x 1" Annular Riveted Corrugated Steel Pipe | 66" | 72" | 78" | 90" | 96" | 102" | 114" | 120" | 126" | | |

NOTES: * All pipe diameter comparisons are based on pipes flowing full.

(1) Coefficients of Surface Roughness (expressed as Mannings n) are as follows:

For RCP, n is assumed as .013 (all diameters).

For Spiral Rib Steel Pipe, n is .0125 for all diameters.

For Helical CSP (2-2/3" x 1/2" corr.) (a) n ranges from .011 for 12" dia. to .0205 for 56" dia.

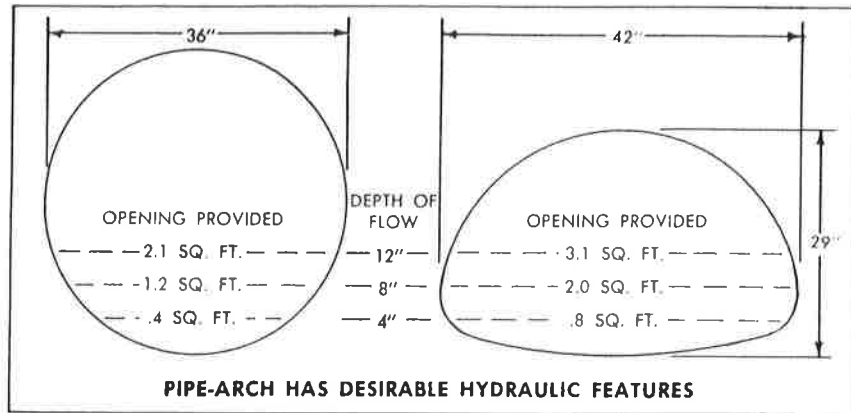
For Helical CSP (3" x 1" corr.) (a) (b) n ranges from .021 for 36" to .026 as a peak value at 72" diameter and .0255 at 96" dia.

For Annular CSP (2-2/3" x 1" corr.) (a) n for all diameters is assumed as .024.

For Annular CSP (3" x 1" corr.) (b) ranges from .0275 at 48" diameter to .027 at 60" dia to .026 at 120" diameter.

REFERENCE:

"HANDBOOK OF STEEL DRAINAGE AND HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION
PRODUCTS", FIFTH EDITION 1994.



The above example illustrates a 36" round pipe reformed into a 29" x 42" pipe-arch. At low flows it offers a wider channel to carry more water.



Hydraulics of pipes are affected by many factors, not only by size, shape and headwater height, but also by inlet and outlet controls. There is no good substitute for an outside professional to review the hydraulics of any installations before you make changes.

Values of Coefficient of Roughness (n)
for Standard Corrugated Steel Pipe
(Manning's Formula)

| Corrugations | Annular (Riveted) | Helical | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2 2/3 x 1/2 in. | 2 2/3 x 1/2 in. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Flowing Full | Diameters | 12 in. | 15 in. | 18 in. | 24 in. | 30 in. | 36 in. | 42 in. | 48 in. | 54 in. and larger | | | | |
| | | 0.024 | 0.011 | 0.012 | 0.013 | 0.015 | 0.017 | 0.018 | 0.019 | 0.020 | 0.021 | | | |
| Flowing Full | Pipe Arch | | 17 x 13 | 21 x 15 | 28 x 20 | 35 x 24 | 42 x 29 | 49 x 33 | 57 x 38 | 64 x 43 in. and larger | | | | |
| | 0.026 | | 0.013 | 0.014 | 0.016 | 0.018 | 0.019 | 0.020 | 0.021 | 0.022 | | | | |
| Flowing Full | Annular (Riveted) | Helical 3 x 1 in. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 3 x 1 in. | | | | | | 36 in. | 42 in. | 48 in. | 54 in. | 60 in. | 66 in. | 72 in. | 78 in. and larger |
| | 0.027 | | | | | | 0.022 | 0.022 | 0.023 | 0.023 | 0.024 | 0.025 | 0.026 | 0.027 |
| Flowing Full | Annular (Riveted) | Helical 5 x 1 in. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 5 x 1 in. | | | | | | | 48 in. | 54 in. | 60 in. | 66 in. | 72 in. | 78 in. and larger | |
| | 0.025 | | | | | | | 0.022 | 0.022 | 0.023 | 0.024 | 0.024 | 0.025 | |
| SPIRAL RIB | | All Diameters | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Flowing Full | | 0.012 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

* Modified table 3.9 from the "Handbook of Steel Drainage and Highway Construction Products" - Fifth Edition 1994