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Types of Principal Spillways

Pipe Drop Inlet

The capacity (Q) of a drop inlet spillway must be determined by calculating the capacity of four flow control points for a given water surface elevation:

1. Weir Flow at the riser inlet (Weir Control)
2. Orifice Flow at the riser inlet (High Orifice Control)
3. Orifice flow at entrance to conduit (Low Orifice Control)
4. Pipe flow through the conduit (Outlet Control)

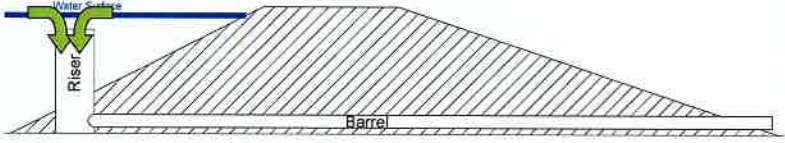
The control point with the lowest capacity at the given head is referred to as the **control condition** and establishes the flow rate of the entire drop inlet principal spillway.

The capacity of the entire principal spillway can only be increased by changing the capacity of the control condition.

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1. Weir flow at the riser inlet (Weir Control)
 (The quantity that is capable of entering the riser based on the edge length)

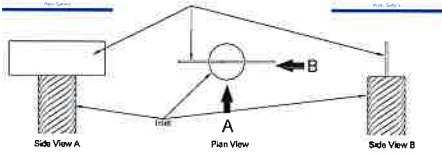
Use the Weir Equation: $Q = CLH^{(3/2)}$
 Where $C = 3.33$
 $L =$ Weir Length

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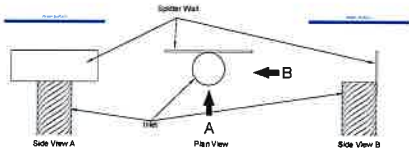
Calculating L for Circular Risers

If using a longitudinal splitter wall



$$L = 2\pi r_{inlet} = \pi d_{inlet} = 3.14d_{inlet}$$

If using a tangent splitter wall or headwall



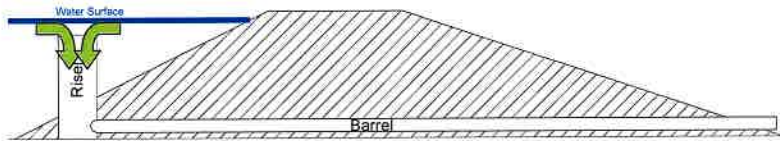
$$L = 2.57d_{inlet}$$

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2. Orifice flow at the riser inlet (High Orifice)

(The quantity that is capable of entering the riser based on its area)

Use the Orifice Equation: $Q = Ca\sqrt{2gh}$

Where $C = 0.6$

h = Crest of ES to Crest of Riser

a = Area of Riser

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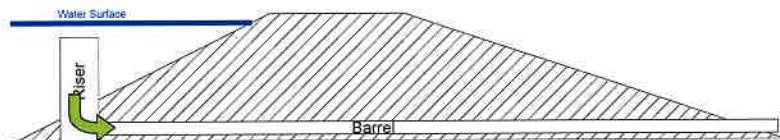
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3. Orifice flow at entrance to the conduit (Low Orifice)

(The quantity that is capable of entering the pipe based on its area)

Use the Orifice Equation: $Q = Ca\sqrt{2gh}$

Where $C = 0.6$

h = Crest of ES to CL of Barrel

a = Area of Barrel

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4. Pipe flow through the conduit (Outlet control)
 (The quantity flowing through the pipe after overcoming friction losses)

$$Q = a \sqrt{\frac{2gH}{(1 + K_m + K_p L)}}$$

Use the Pipe Flow Equation:
 Where H = Crest of ES to Cl of Barrel Outlet
 L = Barrel Length
 $K_m = 1$ (sudden expansion)

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K_p

Values of K_p can be found in EFH Exhibit 3-4 for pipe of various size and Manning's n.

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HYDRAULICS: HEAD LOSS COEFFICIENTS FOR CIRCULAR AND SQUARE CONDUITS FLOWING FULL

Pipe diam. (inches)	MANNING'S COEFFICIENT OF ROUGHNESS "n"															
	0.010	0.011	0.012	0.013	0.014	0.015	0.016	0.017	0.018	0.019	0.020	0.021	0.022	0.023	0.024	0.025
6	0.154	0.167	0.180	0.193	0.206	0.219	0.232	0.245	0.258	0.271	0.284	0.297	0.310	0.323	0.336	0.349
8	0.249	0.264	0.278	0.292	0.306	0.320	0.334	0.348	0.362	0.376	0.390	0.404	0.418	0.432	0.446	0.460
10	0.345	0.360	0.374	0.388	0.402	0.416	0.430	0.444	0.458	0.472	0.486	0.500	0.514	0.528	0.542	0.556
12	0.441	0.456	0.470	0.484	0.498	0.512	0.526	0.540	0.554	0.568	0.582	0.596	0.610	0.624	0.638	0.652
14	0.537	0.552	0.566	0.580	0.594	0.608	0.622	0.636	0.650	0.664	0.678	0.692	0.706	0.720	0.734	0.748
16	0.633	0.648	0.662	0.676	0.690	0.704	0.718	0.732	0.746	0.760	0.774	0.788	0.802	0.816	0.830	0.844
18	0.729	0.744	0.758	0.772	0.786	0.800	0.814	0.828	0.842	0.856	0.870	0.884	0.898	0.912	0.926	0.940
20	0.825	0.840	0.854	0.868	0.882	0.896	0.910	0.924	0.938	0.952	0.966	0.980	0.994	1.008	1.022	1.036
22	0.921	0.936	0.950	0.964	0.978	0.992	1.006	1.020	1.034	1.048	1.062	1.076	1.090	1.104	1.118	1.132
24	1.017	1.032	1.046	1.060	1.074	1.088	1.102	1.116	1.130	1.144	1.158	1.172	1.186	1.200	1.214	1.228
26	1.113	1.128	1.142	1.156	1.170	1.184	1.198	1.212	1.226	1.240	1.254	1.268	1.282	1.296	1.310	1.324
28	1.209	1.224	1.238	1.252	1.266	1.280	1.294	1.308	1.322	1.336	1.350	1.364	1.378	1.392	1.406	1.420
30	1.305	1.320	1.334	1.348	1.362	1.376	1.390	1.404	1.418	1.432	1.446	1.460	1.474	1.488	1.502	1.516
32	1.401	1.416	1.430	1.444	1.458	1.472	1.486	1.500	1.514	1.528	1.542	1.556	1.570	1.584	1.598	1.612
34	1.497	1.512	1.526	1.540	1.554	1.568	1.582	1.596	1.610	1.624	1.638	1.652	1.666	1.680	1.694	1.708
36	1.593	1.608	1.622	1.636	1.650	1.664	1.678	1.692	1.706	1.720	1.734	1.748	1.762	1.776	1.790	1.804
38	1.689	1.704	1.718	1.732	1.746	1.760	1.774	1.788	1.802	1.816	1.830	1.844	1.858	1.872	1.886	1.900
40	1.785	1.800	1.814	1.828	1.842	1.856	1.870	1.884	1.898	1.912	1.926	1.940	1.954	1.968	1.982	1.996
42	1.881	1.896	1.910	1.924	1.938	1.952	1.966	1.980	1.994	2.008	2.022	2.036	2.050	2.064	2.078	2.092
44	1.977	1.992	2.006	2.020	2.034	2.048	2.062	2.076	2.090	2.104	2.118	2.132	2.146	2.160	2.174	2.188
46	2.073	2.088	2.102	2.116	2.130	2.144	2.158	2.172	2.186	2.200	2.214	2.228	2.242	2.256	2.270	2.284
48	2.169	2.184	2.198	2.212	2.226	2.240	2.254	2.268	2.282	2.296	2.310	2.324	2.338	2.352	2.366	2.380
50	2.265	2.280	2.294	2.308	2.322	2.336	2.350	2.364	2.378	2.392	2.406	2.420	2.434	2.448	2.462	2.476
52	2.361	2.376	2.390	2.404	2.418	2.432	2.446	2.460	2.474	2.488	2.502	2.516	2.530	2.544	2.558	2.572
54	2.457	2.472	2.486	2.500	2.514	2.528	2.542	2.556	2.570	2.584	2.598	2.612	2.626	2.640	2.654	2.668
56	2.553	2.568	2.582	2.596	2.610	2.624	2.638	2.652	2.666	2.680	2.694	2.708	2.722	2.736	2.750	2.764
58	2.649	2.664	2.678	2.692	2.706	2.720	2.734	2.748	2.762	2.776	2.790	2.804	2.818	2.832	2.846	2.860
60	2.745	2.760	2.774	2.788	2.802	2.816	2.830	2.844	2.858	2.872	2.886	2.900	2.914	2.928	2.942	2.956

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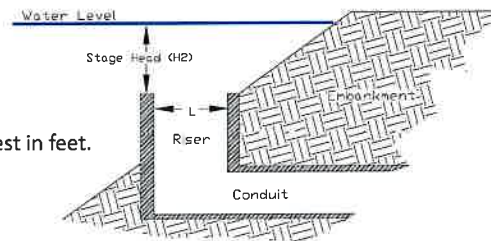
The **minimum head required for positive priming** of drop inlet spillways can be determined from:

$$h_2 = \left(\frac{Q_p}{3.1L} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

H_2 = Minimum head above riser crest in feet.

Q_p = Pipe Discharge in cfs

L = Circumference of riser in feet



*Vertical Pipe
Must be Bigger
Per Keith*

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Design considerations:

- The minimum cross-sectional area of the riser SHALL be 1.5 times the cross sectional area of the barrel.
- The minimum diameter of the riser SHALL be 1.25 times the diameter of the barrel.
- To prevent clogging, no barrel smaller than 6 in. should be used, nor should any riser smaller than 8 in. be used.
- When the riser is constructed of concrete, inside dimensions should not be smaller than 24" x 24".
- With the addition of a valve in the upstream end, this type of spillway can be used as a drain or water supply pipe.

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4. Drop Spillway

- Efficient structure for controlling low heads, normally up to 10ft
- Weir is less likely to become clogged by debris
- A stable grade below and downstream of structure is critical
- More costly than other types for low head applications


Figure 3-1. Standard forms for various parts of drop spillways

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5. Monolithic Spillway



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6. Chute Spillway

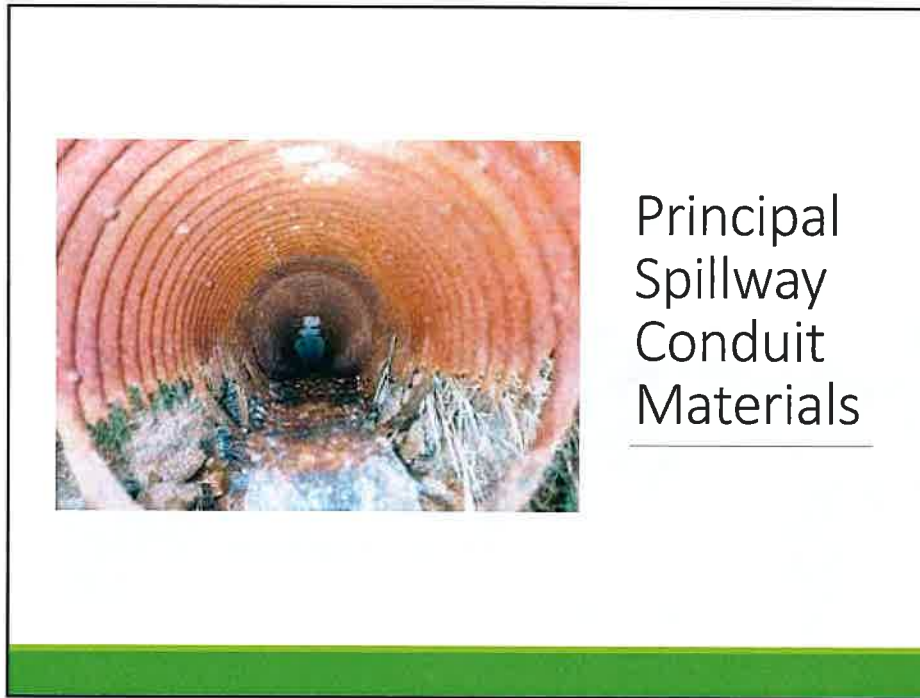


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Conduit Materials

Acceptable pipe conduits according to CPS 378:

- Ductile Iron
- Welded Steel
- Corrugated Steel
- Corrugated Aluminum
- Reinforced Concrete (pre-cast or site-cast)
- Plastic

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