

# PIPESIZE spreadsheet template for pipe sizing.

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PIPESIZE is an Excel spreadsheet template. It sizes pipes for liquid or gas flow. PIPESIZE is extensively tested; I created the first version in 1989 and have continually enhanced it since.

The 2013 version (3.10) adds a much improved calculation algorithm for heat loss/gain estimates, and a new Line List feature.

The template consists of several worksheets. Most of your data input is on the Data Input worksheet; the others are used for assembling reports and supporting data. Cells requiring User Input are displayed with RED text; other cells are in BLACK.

The screenshot shows the 'Data Input' worksheet of the PIPESIZE spreadsheet. The interface is organized into several functional areas:

- Project Data:** Includes fields for Prepared by (S. Hall), Date (02-Apr-2013), Client (W.O.), Sample (10314), Unit (Process), and Area (Utilities).
- Line ID:** Line Number is HTF-151-0130.
- General Pipeline Data:** Service is Combustible Oil; Pipe Material Specification is A (150 lb Carbon Steel); Insulation is Fiberglass; Insulation Covering is Plastic, white; Wind Velocity is 5.00 m/s; Ambient Temp is 30.00 deg C.
- Process Data:** Fluid Name is Thermoil XP; Molecular Weight is 18.016; Actual Flow is 20.00 liters/second; Maximum Flow is 50.00 liters/second; Flowing Temperature is 270.00 deg C; Upstream Pressure is 700.00 kPa; Specific Gravity is 0.711; Absolute Viscosity is 0.000459; Thermal Conductivity is 0.107; Heat Capacity is 2.855.
- Size Selection Criteria:** Economic is selected; Specific Diameter is 100 DN; Target Velocity is selected.
- Physical Layout:** Length of pipeline is 250 meters. Includes a list of fittings such as Globe Valve, Gate Valve, Ball Valve, Butterfly Valve, Plug Valve, Angle Valve, Swing Check Valve, and Re-Entrant Pipe.
- Report Selection:** Options for Results Summary, LIQFLOW, Datasheet Style, Equi.Length, Instructions, and OPTLIQ.
- RESULTS:** Displays calculated values including Fluid Name (Thermoil XP), Actual Flow (20.00 liters/second), Maximum Flow (50.00 liters/second), Temperature (270.00 deg C), Specific Gravity (0.711), Absolute Viscosity (0.000459), Roughness (0.04572), Upstream Pressure (700.00 kPa abs), Next Smaller Size (80.00 DN), Equiv. Length (250 meters), Pressure Drop (366.7 kPa/250 m), Velocity (9.1/s), Heat loss, bare pipe (243.0 W/m), Approx downstream temperature (255.9 C), Selected Size (100.00 DN), Equiv. Length (250 meters), Pressure Drop (91.2 kPa/250 m), Velocity (17.1/s), Heat loss, bare pipe (2702.5 W/m), Approx downstream temperature (255.4 C), Next Larger Size (150.00 DN), Equiv. Length (250 meters), Pressure Drop (11.5 kPa/250 m), Velocity (1.2 m/s), Heat loss, bare pipe (3058.9 W/m), and Approx downstream temperature (254.8 C).

Figure 1: Most data input is done on the Data Input worksheet

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## Quick Start

Perform your first pressure drop calculation by following these steps:

1. Ensure that Macros are enabled
2. Navigate to the Data Input worksheet
3. Cell C17: Choose preferred system of units, English or SI (radio buttons)
4. Cell G32: Choose Liquid or Gas (radio buttons)
5. Cell F31: Enter name of the fluid, or choose one from the pulldown list at H31
6. Cell F33: Enter the flowrate (be sure to use the units that are indicated)
7. Cell F36: If this is a gas calculation, enter the pressure
8. Take note of the messages at Cells E32, G37, G38, and G39. Enter data if it says "Entry Required" (it means that the fluid name entered in Cell 31 is missing from the Properties Table, see page 24)
9. Cell D43: If you are calculating for a known pipe diameter, select the "Specific Diameter" (radio button). Otherwise, select "Economic"
10. Cell G47: Enter the approximate equivalent length of the pipe segment you are calculating. If you don't know the equivalent length, enter a value that is 1.4 times the actual length of the pipe.

Read results in the table in columns K:N. Notice that results for three pipe sizes are displayed. The specified size (or size determined by *PIPESIZE*) is in the middle, at Rows 35 to 41. It is flanked by the next smaller and next larger sizes.

There are many additional variables that you can enter; they are explained in this manual. However, for the most part, the inputs are self-explanatory.

### System Requirements

- Personal computer running Microsoft Excel with Visual Basic for Applications (VBA). This requirement means that Open Office and other programs capable of opening and editing basic Excel worksheets will not work – VBA is required. Excel 97 on the Mac lacks VBA and is therefore incompatible, however Office 2010 on the Mac is compatible
- Excel must be configured to allow macros to run. This can be done through Security settings, or by enabling macros each time *PIPESIZE* is opened

## Initial Setup and Orientation

When you first open *PIPESIZE* you should see the Data Input screen. If not, select the leftmost tab at the bottom of the Excel window.

We recommend that you start by exploring a bit. Entries that appear in **RED** are valid cells for data entry. The **BLACK** cells contain results from intermediate or final calculations. Generally, only the **RED** cells are unlocked. You quickly navigate among them by using the TAB key.

Although the worksheets are Protected, this is only done to help avoid inadvertent changes to cells that contain formulas. There are no passwords and the entire workbook is Open Source.

*PIPESIZE* is shipped configured for printing on US letter size paper. If you use A4 paper, please go to each sheet in turn. Go to Page Setup... Then change paper to A4 and left/right margins to 1.5 cm. The pages should then print properly.

Number and date formats vary around the world. While numeric values are formatted according to global settings in Excel, *PIPESIZE* also makes use of text formulas that are formatted according to a string within the formula. This string is unaffected by Excel's global formatting preferences, having a syntax such as: =TEXT(numeric value, "0.00"). To get around this problem, a table of formats is provided on the Pipes worksheet at Row 166. If you use anything other than "dd-mmm-yyyy" for dates, or "#,##0.0" for numbers, edit the formats in the table.

The next thing to do is review the Pipes worksheet. If your company or workgroup has standard pipe specifications you may want to edit the Pipes sheet to accurately portray your specs. If you don't have specifications, consider creating codes for commonly used types, such as "CS" (for carbon steel) and "SS" (stainless steel).

The pipe specification codes are entered in the table at the top of the Pipes worksheet. Codes must be entered in alphabetical order (you can insert new rows if you like). Then, follow the column headings to enter temperature and pressure limits, roughness value, cost data, and related dimensional table number. Although the entries in this table are in customary US units, the *PIPESIZE* reports use either US or SI units for reporting (in accordance with your selection). Each column entry is explained below.

Spec Code	Description	Min Temp deg F	Max Temp deg F	Max Press psig	Roughness ft	Cost Factors			Size Table	Emissivity	Conductivity W/m-K
						Purchase \$/ft (1 inch)	Ratio Fittings	Exponent			
A	150 lb Carbon Steel	-10	450	150	0.00015	\$1.75	5	1.3	2	0.79	45
A3	125 lb Carbon Steel	-10	450	125	0.00015	\$1.75	5	1.3	2	0.79	54
B	300 lb Carbon Steel	-20	750	300	0.00015	\$1.75	5	1.3	2	0.79	54
C	316L SS Pipe	-100	500	145	0.0001	\$4.50	8	0.89	8	0.85	16.2
CU	Copper Pipe	-100	250	110	0.000005	\$4.50	8	0.89	6	0.78	401
D1	316L SS Sanitary Tubir	-100	450	150	0.000001	\$4.50	8	0.89	15	0.1	16.2
D2	316L SS Zephyrweld Tl	-100	450	150	0.000005	\$4.50	8	0.89	14	0.1	16.2
F1	Teflon-Lined Pipe	-20	500	170	0.000005	\$4.50	8	0.89	9	0.79	0.3

**Figure 2: Pipe Specifications on the Pipes worksheet**

Spec Code may be any alphanumeric string. It is usually a designation used on P&IDs and other documents that references a complete pipe specification. The Spec Codes must be sorted alphabetically. Rows may be inserted into the table if more codes are needed.

Description is plain language to describe the pipe specification. It is used on the printed data sheet.

Temperature limits are entered in degrees Fahrenheit. These are the minimum and maximum temperatures allowed for the pipe class, often determined by components in your piping system such as gaskets and valves. If the fluid temperature is outside the range defined by these limits a warning message is printed on the data sheet.

Pressure limit is the maximum gage pressure permitted (psig) for the pipe code. The only thing that temperature and pressure limits affects within PIPESIZE is a Warning in the event that the limits are violated.

Pipe Roughness is entered in units of feet. See the Roughness worksheet for a list of recommendations. Roughness for new pipe is often listed in handbooks, but consider whether it's more appropriate to use a value for used pipe -- one that is more representative of how your system will operate after a couple of years of operation.

Cost Factors are entered for a) initial capital cost of 1 foot of 1 inch pipe, installed, b) a ratio relating the cost of fittings and valves to the cost of pipe, and c) an exponent used to convert to other sizes. This is in accordance with the Peters and Timmerhaus method. We suggest you use values like the ones given until you gain experience with the OPTSIZE worksheet results.

Size Table is a pointer to one of the many pipe dimension tables appearing below. Each dimension table contains five columns of data, which in turn can be formulas to look up wall thicknesses for a given schedule, etc. Use the Pipe Specification Lookup Tables at Row 44 to control the minimum and maximum allowed diameters in your pipe specifications. Also use them to eliminate unwanted sizes such as 1-1/4" or 5". Study the tables given with PIPESIZE, and either edit an existing one or create new tables in columns to the right of the existing ones.

Stainless Steel Pipe					Carbon-Lined Steel					Stainless Steel Tubing		
Size	Schedule	O.D.	Thickness	I.D.	Size	Schedule	O.D.	Thickness	I.D.	Size	Gauge	O.D.
0.125	40S	0.405	0.0680	0.269	0.50	40	0.840	0.1630	0.514	0.75	16	0.750
0.25	40S	0.540	0.0880	0.364	0.75	40	1.050	0.1750	0.700	1.00	16	1.000
0.375	40S	0.675	0.0910	0.493	1.00	40	1.315	0.2630	0.789	1.50	16	1.500
0.50	40S	0.840	0.1090	0.622	1.50	40	1.900	0.2950	1.310	2.00	16	2.000
0.75	40S	1.050	0.1130	0.824	2.00	40	2.375	0.3140	1.747	2.50	16	2.500

The Pipe Specification Lookup Tables can reference any of the several dimension tables found in the PIPES worksheet. Study the Pipe Table formulas to see how this is done. Here's an example dimension table, used to lookup the dimensions of copper pipe:

Pipe Size Lookup Table					
Copper and Red Brass Pipe				Wall Thickness	
	Nominal Size	OD	Std	XS	
	0.125	0.405	0.062	0.100	
	0.25	0.540	0.082	0.123	
	0.375	0.675	0.090	0.127	
	0.50	0.840	0.107	0.149	
	0.75	1.050	0.114	0.157	

Emissivity is the radiation constant for a bare pipe. Suggested values are given in a table beginning at Row 138 on the Pipes worksheet; emissivity must be between 0 and 1.

Conductivity is the thermal conductivity of the pipe material, W/m-K. The heat loss/gain calculation does not include a provision for lined pipe, so use an estimate for combined conductivity, which should be greater than the material (usually the lining) with the smaller value. For example, the conductivity of polypropylene is 0.2 W/m-K. For polypropylene-lined pipe, where the thickness of the lining is greater than the thickness of the steel, use a value of 0.3 or 0.4 as an estimate for the combined lined pipe system.

## Data Entry Worksheet

The data entry worksheet consists of several parts, discussed in turn below. Remember that RED cells are unlocked and available for entry. If you need to change the value of a locked cell, unprotect the worksheet from the Tools menu. There is no password. Use the TAB key to quickly navigate from one entry field to the next.

Project Data appears on the headers of each of the standard reports. Notice that the Date field is automatically filled with today's date. This can be changed by unprotecting the worksheet, as mentioned above. The formula in the date field is: =TEXT(TODAY(),"dd-mmm-yyyy")

The Units radio buttons control whether input and output are shown in English (*i.e.*, customary US) or SI units.

DATA INPUT			
Project Data			
Prepared by	S. Hall	Client	Sample
Date	02-Apr-2013	W.O.	10314
<input type="radio"/> English <input checked="" type="radio"/> SI		Unit	Process
		Area	Utilities
Line ID			
Line Number:		HTF-151-0136	

General Pipeline Data refers to the piping system and materials. Service is a descriptive tag for the purpose of the pipeline. Any text is accepted. The pulldown box (contains "A" in the screen shot below) shows all of the pipe codes contained in the PIPES worksheet. The description of the selected code appears to the right. Similarly, the Insulation pulldown box permits you to select the insulation material for the pipe (or "None"). Heat loss calculations require input of wind velocity and ambient temperature, which are entered next.

General Pipeline Data	
Service:	Combustible Oil
Pipe Material Specification:	A << 150 lb Carbon Steel
Insulation	Fiberglass
Insulation Covering	Plastic, white
Wind Velocity (m/s)	5.00
Ambient Temp (deg C)	30.00



Process Data is entered next. Use the radio buttons to specify if you are sizing a line for gas flow or liquid. The units displayed next to each other entry will change depending on whether English or SI units are selected, and whether the fluid is Liquid or Gas.

Process Data			
Fluid Name		Therminol XP	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Liquid <input type="radio"/> Gas
Molecular Weight		18.016	
Actual Flow	(liters/second)	20.00	
Maximum Flow	(liters/second)	50.00	
Flowing Temperature	(deg C)	270.00	
Upstream Pressure	(kPa, absolute)	700.00	
Specific Gravity		0.544 (<<< Entry Ignored)	
Absolute Viscosity	(Pascal-seconds)	0.000144 (<<< Entry Ignored)	
Thermal Conductivity	(W/m-K)	0.089 (<<< Entry Ignored)	
Heat Capacity	(kJ/kg-K)	3.875 (<<< Entry Ignored)	

#### Summary of Units

Property	English (Customary US) Units		SI Units	
	Liquid	Gas	Liquid	Gas
Flowrate	US gal/min	lb/h	liters/s	kg/h
Temperature	Deg F	Deg F	Deg C	Deg C
Pressure	psia	psia	kPa	kPa
Absolute Viscosity	cP	cP	Pascal-sec	Pascal-sec
Density	lb/ft <sup>3</sup>	lb/ft <sup>3</sup>	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Length	feet	feet	meters	meters
Diameter	inches	inches	DN	DN
Head	ft water	ft water	meters water	meters water
Velocity	ft/s	ft/s	m/s	m/s

Enter the fluid name. If the fluid entered matches exactly with one in the compounds list on the PROPERTIES worksheet, the message "Entry Ignored" appears next to Molecular Weight, Specific Gravity, Absolute Viscosity, Thermal Conductivity and Heat Capacity. Otherwise "Entry Required" appears.

**TIP:** Use the optional pulldown list of all compounds in your database. This is especially helpful for chemicals such as n-butyl alcohol, which is actually entered in the database as "butyl alcohol, n-". Also, it's easier to find entries for compound mixtures such as "Ethylene Glycol, 40%".

#### Optional Pulldown List of Fluids

Therminol XP ▼

Actual Flow is the design flowrate used in all pressure drop calculations. Maximum flow is used on the worksheet LIQFLOW, which provides the pressure drop and velocity for flows from zero to Maximum, in 10% increments. This is useful when you need to construct a system curve.

The Nominal Pressure is required for gas flows, unnecessary for liquids. The gas properties and pressure drop are highly dependent on system pressure. Enter the INLET pressure here. English units are psia (absolute pressure).

When entering a gas that isn't in the database, you *must* enter the Molecular Weight and the Absolute Viscosity. However, Specific Gravity (compared to liquid water), isn't used because *PIPESIZE* estimates it by assuming ideal gas conditions.

**TIP:** **Natural gas** is usually characterized by its average molecular weight or its specific gravity. Calculate molecular weight by multiplying specific gravity by 29. Use the properties of methane for viscosity, thermal conductivity and heat capacity. A little worksheet is provided to give these properties; you must enter them manually into the data entry area.

#### Natural Gas -- suggested properties

Specific gravity	0.75
Molecular weight:	21.75
Absolute viscosity	0.000011
Thermal conductivity	0.036
Heat capacity	2.220

Size Selection Criteria determines how *PIPESIZE* determines the pipe sizes. Choose the desired option by selecting one of the three radio buttons. If Specific Diameter is chosen, then you enter the nominal diameter of the pipe next to the prompt. For Target Velocity, enter the velocity you desire.

Economic diameter will use the results of the Peters and Timmerhaus calculation on the OPTLIQ worksheet. It's often a good starting point when sizing a new pipe. Or, use Target Velocity, which selects the pipe in your specification code which most closely matches the velocity you enter.

If you enter a specific diameter or target velocity that results in a pipe size outside the range of your pipe specification, then the closest pipe is selected and a Warning message is generated.

Size Selection Criteria		
<input type="radio"/> Economic	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Specific Diameter	<input type="radio"/> Target Velocity
	Diameter: 100 DN	

Physical Layout is an optional section. If you know the length of the pipeline, and count of fittings, enter the data here. Another way to enter this information is to input the total equivalent length you want to use, with zero fitting count. If this section is left blank, 100 equivalent feet (meters) are assumed.

For gas pressure drop calculations, the total length of pipe is important. The calculation iterates on the total length, and is more accurate when you do enter the length.

Physical Layout			
Length of pipeline	(meters)		250
90 deg Ell	0	Globe Valve	0
Long Rad. Ell	0	Gate Valve	0
45 deg Ell	0	Ball Valve (reduced por	0
180 deg Bend	0	Butterfly Valve	0
TEE-Line Flow	0	Plug Valve	0
TEE-Branch Flow	0	Angle Valve	0
Bell Mouth Inlet	0	Swing Check Valve	0
Square Mouth Inlet	0	Re-Entrant Pipe	0

Report Selection controls which of the worksheets is printed. Use the checkboxes to indicate those reports you want. Then, click on the "Print Reports" button.

Report Selection	
<input type="checkbox"/> Results Summary	<input type="checkbox"/> LIQFLOW
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Datasheet Style	<input type="checkbox"/> EquivLength
<input type="checkbox"/> Instructions	<input type="checkbox"/> OPTLIQ

### Quick Results

Results are displayed on the Data Input worksheet. These can be printed, but the intent is to give immediate feedback so changes to the inputs can be made before finalizing the calculation and printing a datasheet. Results for three different pipes sizes are shown: the selected or recommended size is in the middle, flanked by the next smaller and next larger sizes. Use the area on the right to find out the flow rate that would result in a “desired pressure drop” through the line. All pressure drops in PIPESIZE are *frictional* pressure drop; elevation changes are not accounted for.

RESULTS			
Line	HTF-151-0136		
Service	Combustible Oil		
Material	150 lb Carbon Steel		
Fluid Name	Therminol XP		
Actual Flow	(liters/second)	20.00	
Maximum Flow	(liters/second)	50.00	
Temperature	(deg C)	270.00	
Specific Gravity		0.711	
Dynamic Viscosity	(Pascal-seconds)	0.000459	
Roughness	(millimeters)	0.04572	Calculate flow rate based on pressure drop, pipe diameter, and equivalent length
Upstream Pressure	kPa abs	700.00	Desired Pressure Drop <b>69</b> kPa
Next Smaller Size	(DN)	80.00	9 l/s
Equiv. Length	(meters)	250	
Pressure Drop	(kPa/250 m)	366.7	
	(m. water)	37.5	
Velocity	(m/s)	4.2	
Heat loss, bare pipe	(W/m)	2996.7	
Approx downstream temperature (C)		251.6	
Selected Size	(DN)	100.00	17 l/s
Equiv. Length	(meters)	250	
Pressure Drop	(kPa/250 m)	91.2	
	(m. water)	9.3	
Velocity	(m/s)	2.4	
Heat loss, bare pipe	(W/m)	3566.3	
Approx downstream temperature (C)		248.0	
Next Larger Size	(DN)	150.00	49 l/s
Equiv. Length	(meters)	250	
Pressure Drop	(kPa/250 m)	11.5	
	(m. water)	1.2	
Velocity	(m/s)	1.1	
Heat loss, bare pipe	(W/m)	4624.6	
Approx downstream temperature (C)		241.5	

Datasheet

The datasheet organizes your pipe information on a form that has the same look as datasheets used throughout the chemengsoftware family.

www.chemengsoftware.com				PIPELINE SIZING CALCULATION								
				CLIENT Sample		LINE NO. HTF-151-0136						
REV	PREPARED BY	DATE	APPROVAL	W.O.		REQUISITION NO.		SPECIFICATION NO.				
0	S. Hall	03-Apr-2013		10314				18103				
1				UNIT AREA		PROCURED BY		INSTALLED BY				
2				Process Utilities								
<b>General</b>												
2	Fluid Service			<b>Combustible Oil</b>								
3	Pipe Specification			<b>A: 150 lb Carbon Steel</b>								
4	Surface Roughness	(millimeters)		<b>0.04572</b>								
5	Insulation			<b>Fiberglass</b>								
6	Ambient Temperature	(deg C)		<b>30</b>								
7												
<b>Process Data</b>												
9	Fluid Pumped			<b>Therminol XP (liquid)</b>								
10	Design Flow Rate	(liters/second)		<b>20</b>								
11	Maximum Flow Rate	(liters/second)		<b>50</b>								
12	Flowing Temperature	(deg C)		<b>270</b>								
13	Nominal Pressure	(kPa, absolute)		<b>700</b>								
14	Specific Gravity			<b>0.71107</b>								
15	Viscosity	(Pascal-seconds)		<b>0.00046</b>								
16												
<b>Basis for Sizing: Specified Diameter @ 100 DN</b>												
18												
19	Nom.		O.D.	Wall	I.D.	Reynolds	Friction	Pressure Drop/100 equiv m		Velocity		
20	Size	Sched	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	Number	Factor	(kPa)	(m water)	(m. liq.)	(m/sec)	
21	80	40	88.900	5.486	77.92	5.06E+05	0.0183	146.69	14.98	21.07	4.19	
22	==> 100	40	114.30	6.020	102.2	3.86E+05	0.0177	<b>36.50</b>	<b>3.73</b>	5.24	<b>2.44</b>	
23	150	40	168.27	7.112	154.0	2.56E+05	0.0173	4.60	0.47	0.66	1.07	
24												
<b>Physical Layout</b>												
26	90 deg El	-	TEE-Line Flow	-	Globe Valve	-	Plug Valve	-				
27	Long Rad. El	-	TEE-Brnch Flow	-	Gate Valve	-	Angle Valve	-				
28	45 deg El	-	Bell Mouth Inlet	-	Ball Valve (red. port)	-	Swing Check Valve	-				
29	180 deg Bend	-	Sq. Mouth Inlet	-	Butterfly Valve	-	Re-Entrant Pipe	-				
30	Straight Feet of Pipe (measured through centerline of fittings):							<b>250</b> meters				
31												
<b>Heat Loss</b>												
32	Nom.				Fiberglass Insulation Thickness							
34	Size	units			Bare	13 mm	25 mm	38 mm	51 mm	76 mm		
35	80	Watts/m			2,997		148	110	90	69		
36	==> 100	Watts/m			3,566		181	133	108	82		
37	150	Watts/m			4,625		251	181	145	107		
38	Approximate surface temperature C				262		42	38	36	34		
39	<b>Summary of Results</b>											
40	Nom.	Eq Lgth	Pressure Drop			Heat Loss (Gain), Watts						
41	Size	(m)	(kPa)	m water	(m. liq.)	Bare	13 mm	25 mm	38 mm	51 mm	76 mm	
42	80	250	366.72	37.46	52.7	749,172	n/a	37,046	27,521	22,546	17,353	
43	==> 100	250	91.25	9.32	13.1	891,586	n/a	45,371	33,265	26,964	20,423	
44	150	250	11.50	1.17	1.7	1,156,152	n/a	62,856	45,294	36,180	26,771	
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51												
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## Errors and Warnings

If you see #VALUE everywhere it means that Macros are not enabled. The procedure for enabling macros depends on your version of Excel and your security settings.

If you are solving for gaseous flow and the results indicate “critical” it means that the flow rate and conditions result in a flow that exceeds critical velocity. Increase the pipe size, decrease the flow rate or decrease the gas density (increase pressure, decrease temperature).

Additional warnings are printed at the bottom of the Datasheet. The possible messages are:

**\*\*Warning\*\***: Specified Size is non-standard; <SIZE> is used

**\*\*Warning\*\***: Fluid Temperature exceeds maximum permitted by pipe specification

**\*\*Warning\*\***: Fluid Temperature is colder than minimum permitted by pipe specification

**\*\*Warning\*\***: <FLUID> not in databank; check physical properties entry

**\*\*Warning\*\***: Temperature exceeds insulation maximum recommendation

**\*\*Warning\*\***: Temperature lower than insulation minimum recommendation

**\*\*Warning\*\***: <CODE> is not a defined pipe specification; standard IPS pipe sizes are assumed

**\*\*Error\*\***: Pressure drop exceeds nominal pressure

**\*\*Warning\*\***: Viscosity for gas expected to be less than 0.1 cP

### Pressure Drop Calculations

The Calcs worksheet collects the data and shows the steps to calculate pressure drop due to friction. The calculations are performed for three pipe sizes: the selected size (based on program-selected “economic” size, specified size input by user, or the size that most closely achieves the velocity target input by the user). Calculations are also done in both SI and English (customary U.S.) units. There are tiny differences in the answers for SI and English units; these differences are the result of rounding and inexact conversion factors.

The Calcs worksheet also has tables with some intermediate values, units conversions, and program variables for things such as radio button selections. These are located at the bottom of the worksheet, beginning at Row 107, and contain no user-defined values.

The top portion of the Calcs worksheet contains user inputs and program lookup values. Columns D:F are in SI units, I:K are in English (U.S.) units. Whichever set of units is selected (radio buttons on the Data Input worksheet) are copied to columns N:P which is highlighted in yellow.

Although properties for both liquid and gas are shown, PIPESIZE uses the data set associated with liquid or gas as selected on the Data Input sheet; the other set of properties is ignored and may contain erroneous data.

Piping Pressure Drop Template - For Liquids or Gases														
Version 3.10														
by Stephen M. Hall, PE														
Copyright 1999, 2000, 2004, 2011, 2013														
chemeng software.com														
This worksheet collects the data into standard forms for use by the calculations														
INPUTS and LOOKUP VALUES														
Symbol	Parameter	SI Units	Value			US Units	Value			Selected Units: SI				
			Smaller	Target	Larger		Smaller	Target	Larger	Units	Smaller	Target	Larger	
	Nominal pipe size	DN	80	100	150	in	3.000	4.000	6.000	DN	80.000	100.000	150.000	
	Outside diameter	mm	88.90	114.30	168.28	in	3.500	4.500	6.625	mm	88.900	114.300	168.275	
	Wall thickness	mm	5.49	6.02	7.11	in	0.216	0.237	0.280	mm	5.486	6.020	7.112	
d	Inside diameter	mm	77.93	102.26	154.05	in	3.068	4.026	6.065	mm	77.927	102.260	154.051	
	Cross-sectional area	m2	0.004769	0.008213	0.018639	ft2	0.051338	0.088405	0.200627	m2	0.004769	0.008213	0.018639	
epsilon	Roughness	m	4.572E-05	4.572E-05	4.572E-05	ft	0.00015	0.00015	0.00015	m	0.00004572	4.572E-05	0.00004572	
	Fluid name		Therminol XP	Therminol XP	herminol XP		Therminol XP	Therminol XP	Therminol XP		Therminol XP	Therminol XP	Therminol XP	
	Physical State		liquid	liquid	liquid		liquid	liquid	liquid		liquid	liquid	liquid	
	Adiabatic or Isothermal	isothermal	1	1	1		1	1	1		isothermal	1	1	1
R	Gas constant	N-mikmol K	8,314.3	8,314.3	8,314.3	ft-lbf/lb-mol R	1,545.4	1,545.4	1,545.4	N-mikmol K	8,314.3	8,314.3	8,314.3	
gc	gc conversion factor	m/s2	1	1	1	ft/s2	32.17	32.17	32.17	m/s2	1.00	1.00	1.00	
	Liquid properties													
	Flow rate, volumetric	l/s	20.00	20.00	20.00	gpm	317.06	317.06	317.06	l/s	20.00	20.00	20.00	
mu	Viscosity	mPa-s	0.4593	0.4593	0.4593	cP	0.4593	0.4593	0.4593	mPa-s	0.4593	0.4593	0.4593	
						lb/ft-h	1.1110	1.1110	1.1110					
	Specific Gravity		0.711	0.711	0.711		0.711	0.711	0.711		0.711	0.711	0.711	
ro	Density	kg/m3	711.06731	711.06731	711.06731	lb/ft3	44.3706	44.3706	44.3706	kg/m3	711.067308	711.06731	711.067308	
W	Flow rate, mass	kg/h	51.197	51.197	51.197	lb/h	112.680	112.680	112.680	kg/h	51.197	51.197	51.197	
	Gas properties													
W	Flow rate	kg/h	NA	NA	NA	lb/h	NA	NA	NA	kg/h	NA	NA	NA	
mu	Viscosity	mPa-s	0.4592914	0.4592914	0.4592914	cP	0.4593	0.4593	0.4593	mPa-s	0.4593	0.4593	0.4593	
						lb/ft-h	1.1110	1.1110	1.1110					
Mw	Molecular weight	kg/kg-mol	18.016	18.016	18.016	lb/lb-mol	18.016	18.016	18.016	kg/kg-mol	18.016	18.016	18.016	
Tin	Temperature	C	270.00	270.00	270.00	F	518.00	518.00	518.00	C	270.00	270.00	270.00	
p	Pressure	kPa abs	700.00	700.00	700.00	psia	101.52	101.52	101.52	kPa abs	700.00	700.00	700.00	
gamma	Cp/Cv		1.4	1.4	1.4		1.4	1.4	1.4		1.4	1.4	1.4	
	Gas density	kg/m3	2.7920	2.7920	2.7920	lb/ft3	0.1743	0.1743	0.1743	kg/m3	2.7920	2.7920	2.7920	
L	Pipe Equivalent Length	m	250	250	250	ft	820	820	820	m	250.00	250.00	250.00	
	Target Pressure Drop	kPa	68.95	68.95	68.95	psi	10.00	10.00	10.00	kPa	68.95	68.95	68.95	

Figure 3: Rows 14 to 48 on the Calcs worksheet contain user inputs and program lookup values

There is one slightly hidden input in this section. For compressible flow calculations (*i.e.*, gas), you can choose to use an isothermal or adiabatic flow assumption. For isothermal, the gas is assumed to remain

at constant temperature throughout the pipeline. For adiabatic, the gas cools as it expands. Isothermal conditions are usually recommended. Choose isothermal or adiabatic at cell C24.

The next portion of Calcs, from rows 59 to 85, calculates the pressure drop. The Reynolds number is computed based on the inlet conditions to the pipe segment. Friction factor is based on Reynolds number and surface roughness; it uses the Churchill correlation which covers laminar, transitional and turbulent flow regimes. Reynolds number and friction factor are calculated in VBA function subroutines.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
55																
56													Selected Units: SI			
57																
58	CALCULATIONS												Units			
59	Reynolds Number			505,910	385,527	255,916			505,076	384,892	255,495			Value		
60	Friction Factor			0.0183	0.0177	0.0173			0.0183	0.0177	0.0173			Smaller	Target	Larger
61	Velocity at upstream	m/s		4.19	2.44	1.07		ft/s	13.74	7.98	3.52			4.1934	2.4351	1.0730
62																
63	For 100 m or 100 ft of equivalent length															
64	Pressure Drop	kPa/100 m		146.69	36.50	4.60		psi/100 ft	6.47	1.61	0.20		kPa/100 m	146.69	36.50	4.60
65	Pressure Drop	m water/L		14.98	3.73	0.47		ft water/L	14.94	3.72	0.47		m water/L	14.98	3.73	0.47
66	Discharge Pressure	kPa abs		553.31	663.50	695.40		psia	95.06	99.91	101.32		kPa abs	553.31	663.50	695.40
67	Discharge Temperature	C		270.00	270.00	270.00		F	518.00	518.00	518.00		C	270.00	270.00	270.00
68	Discharge Density	kg/m <sup>3</sup>		711	711	711		lb/ft <sup>3</sup>	44.4	44.4	44.4		kg/m <sup>3</sup>	711.0673	711.0673	711.0673
69	Critical (sonic) Velocity	m/s		592.39	592.39	592.39		ft/s	1,943.47	1,943.47	1,943.47		m/s	592.39	592.39	592.39
70	Velocity at discharge	m/s		4.19	2.44	1.07		ft/s	13.74	7.98	3.52		m/s	4.19	2.44	1.07
71																
72	For L equivalent length															
73	Pressure Drop	kPa/L		366.72	91.25	11.50		psi/L	53.04	13.20	1.66		kPa/L	366.72	91.25	11.50
74	Pressure Drop	m water/L		37.46	9.32	1.17		ft water/L	122.51	30.49	3.84		m water/L	37.46	9.32	1.17
75	Discharge Pressure	kPa abs		333.28	608.75	688.50		psia	48.49	88.33	99.86		kPa abs	333.28	608.75	688.50
76	Discharge Temperature	C		270.00	270.00	270.00		F	518	518	518		C	270.00	270.00	270.00
77	Discharge Density	kg/m <sup>3</sup>		711	711	711		lb/ft <sup>3</sup>	44.4	44.4	44.4		kg/m <sup>3</sup>	711.0673	711.0673	711.0673
78	Critical (sonic) Velocity	m/s		592	592	592		ft/s	1,943	1,943	1,943		m/s	592.39	592.39	592.39
79	Velocity at discharge	m/s		4.19	2.44	1.07		ft/s	13.74	7.98	3.52		m/s	4.19	2.44	1.07
80																
81	Critical Pressure	kPa absolute		369.80	369.80	369.80		psia	53.63	53.63	53.63					
82	Critical Pressure Drop	kPa		330.20	330.20	330.20		psi	47.89	47.89	47.89					
83		% Drop at Critical		0.47	0.47	0.47			0.47	0.47	0.47					
84	Flow at specified pressure	kg/h		22,200	44,504	125,379		lb/h	48,929	98,087	276,328		kg/h	22,199.55	44,503.72	125,378.96
85		l/s		8.7	17.4	49.0		gpm	138	277	780		l/s	8.67	17.39	48.98

Figure 4: Rows 59 to 85 on the Calcs worksheet give calculation results for pressure drop due to friction

The pressure drop for a standard length (100 m for SI and 100 ft for English units), and also for the equivalent length derived from user inputs on the Data Input worksheet, are calculated next. The actual pressure drop calculation is done by a VBA function subroutine, using the following formulas<sup>1</sup>:

*Incompressible flow (liquids)*

$$\Delta P = \frac{f L U^2 \rho}{2 g_c D}$$

*Compressible flow, isothermal (gases)*

$$\Delta P = \frac{RT Z G^2}{P M g_c} \left[ \frac{f L}{2 D} + \ln \left( \frac{P_1}{P_2} \right) \right]$$

*Compressible flow, adiabatic (gases)*

$$\frac{f L}{D} = \frac{1}{\gamma} \left( \frac{1}{N_{Ma1}^2} - \frac{1}{N_{Ma2}^2} - \frac{(\gamma + 1)}{2} \ln \left( \frac{N_{Ma2}^2 X_1}{N_{Ma1}^2 X_2} \right) \right)$$

<sup>1</sup> Hall, Stephen, *Rules of Thumb for Chemical Engineers*, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, Butterworth-Heinemann (2012).



The variable definitions are:

$D$  = pipe diameter, m or ft

$f$  = Darcy friction factor, dimensionless

$$G = \text{mass flux, kg/s-m}^2 \text{ or lb/s-ft}^2 = \frac{W}{3600 A}$$

$g_c$  = conversion factor, 1 m/s<sup>2</sup> or 32.17 ft/s<sup>2</sup>

$L$  = pipe equivalent length, m or ft

$M$  = molecular weight

$N_{Ma}$  = Mach number, dimensionless

$P$  = absolute pressure, Pa or psia

$R$  = gas constant, 8314.5 m<sup>3</sup>-Pa/kgmol-K or 10.73 ft<sup>3</sup>-psi/lbmol-R

$T$  = absolute temperature, °K or °R

$$U = \text{average fluid velocity at local conditions, m/s or ft/s} = \frac{G}{\rho}$$

$$X = 1 + N_{Ma}^2 \left[ \frac{(\gamma - 1)}{2} \right]$$

$Z$  = compressibility factor =1 for a perfect gas

$\gamma$  = ratio of specific heats,  $C_p/C_v$

$\mu$  = fluid dynamic viscosity, kg/m-s or lb/ft-h

$$\rho = \text{density of gas at local conditions, kg/m}^3 \text{ or lb/ft}^3 = \frac{PM}{RT}$$

## Heat Loss/Gain Calculations

PIPESIZE calculates heat loss or gain from uninsulated and insulated pipes. It displays results for heat flux (W/m or Btu/h-ft), surface temperature of the pipe or insulation, and approximate downstream temperature. VBA function subroutines performs the calculations. The primary reference for a consistent set of equations is Cao<sup>2</sup>. An excellent on-line article is by Haslego<sup>3</sup>.

### Inputs for the Calculations

The heat loss/gain calculations utilize SI values with conversion to U.S. Units if necessary.

Variable	Source	Location in the Spreadsheet	Typical Values
Reynolds number	Calculated	Calcs:Row 59	Laminar, Transitional, or Turbulent region depending on fluid properties and flow rate
Fluid Density	Properties Data Table or User Input	Calcs:D89 Cell named "RoSI"	1000 kg/m <sup>3</sup> (liquids) 10 kg/m <sup>3</sup> (gas)
Dynamic Viscosity	Properties Data Table or User Input	Calcs:D90 Cell named "DynamicVisc"	0.001 Pa-s (liquids) 0.0002 m <sup>2</sup> /s (gas)
Thermal Conductivity	Properties Data Table or User Input	Calcs:D91 Cell named "kSI"	0.06 to 0.6 W/m-K (liquids) 0.03 W/m-K (gas)
Heat Capacity	Properties Data Table or User Input	Calcs:D92 Cell named "CpSI"	4 kJ/kg-K (liquids) 1 kJ/kg-K (gas)
Pipe Inside Diameter	Pipes Data Table	Calcs:D18:F18	5 to 760 mm
Pipe Outside Diameter	Pipes Data Table	Calcs:D16:F16	5 to 760 mm
Pipe Length	Calculated	Calcs:D47:F47	Any length, m (conservative assumption, uses equivalent length not actual pipe length)
Fluid Velocity	Calculated	Calcs:D61:F61	0.5 to 5 m/s
Temperature inside pipe	User Input	Calcs:D88 Cell named "flowing_temperatureSI"	-15°C to 500°C

<sup>2</sup> Cao, Eduardo, *Heat Transfer in Process Engineering*, McGraw-Hill, 2010

<sup>3</sup> Haslego, Chris, "Making Decisions with Insulation," <http://www.cheresources.com/content/articles/heat-transfer/making-decisions-with-insulation> (2010).

Variable	Source	Location in the Spreadsheet	Typical Values
Temperature environment	User Input	Calcs:J132 Cell named "ambientSI"	-15°C to 40°C
Wind Velocity	User Input	Calcs:D96 Cell named "Wind_Velocity"	0 to 5 m/s
Emissivity of Pipe or Insulation	Pipes Data Table	Calcs:D98 Cell named "Emissivity_Bare"	0.05 to 0.9
Thermal Conductivity of Pipe	Pipes Data Table	Calcs:D99 Cell named "_kp"	0.1 to 400 W/m-K
Thermal Conductivity of Insulation	Insulation Data Table	Calcs:D95 Cell named "insulation_conductivity"	0.02 to 0.06 W/m-K
Insulation Thickness	User Input	Calcs:N101:S101	0 to 4 in

Heat gain/loss calculations are inexact for several reasons: the film coefficient correlations are empirically based, air movement around the pipe is uneven, radiation losses depend on the surroundings, conductive heat transfer through pipe supports and structure are not included, and the effect of fittings, flanges and valves are ignored. However, the calculation in *PIPESIZE* does a good job of estimating the heat flux, surface temperature, and downstream fluid temperature given ideal conditions.

#### Assumptions:

- The properties of the flowing fluid are constant through the pipeline (the inside heat transfer coefficient is constant)
- Constant ambient temperature and environmental conditions (the program has no way to distinguish if the pipeline is partially outdoors and partially indoors, for example)
- The environment is dry atmospheric air (no provisions for pipes buried in soil, run through a water bath, or weather conditions such as rain or snow)
- Radiation losses based on the emittance of the pipe or insulation jacket, but if the temperature of the flowing fluid is less than that of the environment there are no radiation gains

Two VBA function subroutines perform the heat loss/gain calculations. Find them in the Module named "HeatLoss." The subroutines are self-documented, with variables, formulas, and algorithms explained in comments. Temperature-dependent equations for the thermodynamic properties of air are included in the Module. The calculations in this Module are done in SI units; if U.S. units are selected the spreadsheet converts the results. The function calls are as follows:

#### *Inside Heat Transfer Coefficient*

```
Function h_internalSI(NRe, ro, mu, k, cp, di, L, v)
' Inside heat transfer coefficient
' SI units
' h_internalSI = inside heat transfer coefficient, W/m2-C
' NRe = Reynolds number, dimensionless
' ro = density, kg/m3
' mu = kinematic viscosity, m2/s
' k = thermal conductivity, W/m-K
' cp = heat capacity, kJ/kg-C
' di = inside diameter of pipe, mm
' L = approximate pipe length, m
' v = velocity, m/s
```

This subroutine calculates the Prandtl number and the Nusselt number for which the formula depends on the value of the Reynolds number. Then the inside heat transfer coefficient is calculated, for which the reference area is the inside of the pipe. See Cao as previously referenced.

#### *Outside Heat Transfer Coefficient, and Additional Results*

```
Function h_outsideSI(Calc, T1, T4, d_o, d_i, Wind, E, h_inside, kp, Optional ki, Optional kt)
' Outside heat transfer coefficient
' SI units
' h_outsideSI = outside heat transfer coefficient, W/m2-C
' Calc = return flag 0 = ho, 1 = Q, 2 = T3, 3 = U
' T1 = temperature inside the pipe, C
' T4 = temperature of the environment, C
' d_o = outside diameter of bare pipe, mm
' d_i = inside diameter of pipe, mm
' Wind = wind velocity, m/s
' E = emissivity of pipe or insulation covering, dimensionless
' h_inside = inside heat transfer coefficient, W/m2-C
' kp = thermal conductivity of pipe, W/m-K
' ki = thermal conductivity of insulation, W/m-K
' kt = insulation thickness, mm
```

This subroutine calculates the outside heat transfer coefficient. This is an iterative calculation that also determines the heat flux ( $\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ ), surface temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), and overall heat transfer coefficient ( $\text{W}/\text{m}^2\text{-K}$ ). The function returns any one of those values in accordance with the first parameter in the Function call ("Calc").

The calculation makes an assumption for surface temperature and uses that to calculate a Reynolds number for the forced convection case (wind present) and from that the Nusselt number and outside heat transfer coefficient. If the wind is less than 0.5 m/s, the program calculates the no-wind convection case and compares it to the forced convection result, choosing the higher of the two answers. From this result, the overall heat transfer coefficient is calculated which is used to compute the surface temperature of the pipe (or insulation). Then, radiation losses are calculated, added to the overall coefficient, and a revised surface temperature calculated. This becomes the assumed value of the surface temperature and the entire set of calculations is repeated until the calculated surface temperature equals the assumed value.

Note that the reference area for the outside heat transfer coefficient and the overall heat transfer coefficient is the outside of the pipe or insulation.

The results are presented in a set of tables on the "Calcs" worksheet, beginning at Cell N100. The three lines in each table represent the three pipe sizes shown elsewhere in *PIPESIZE*.

Heat Loss - W/m						
Inside Coef hi	Insulation Thickness (in.):					
	0	0.5	1	1.5	2	3
2,637	2,997		148	110	90	69
1,617	3,566		181	133	108	82
773	4,625		251	181	145	107
	0	13	25	38	51	76
Insulation Thickness (mm):						
Surface Temperature, C						
	0	0.5	1	1.5	2	3
	264		41	37	35	33
	262		42	38	36	34
	256		43	39	36	34
Approximate Downstream Temperature, C						
	R	0.5	1	1.5	2	3
	251.6		269.1	269.3	269.4	269.6
	248.0		268.9	269.2	269.3	269.5
	241.5		268.5	268.9	269.1	269.3
Outside Heat Transfer Coefficient, W/m <sup>2</sup> -C (includes radiation)						
	0	0.5	1	1.5	2	3
	46		30	29	29	28
	43		30	29	28	27
	39		28	28	27	26
Overall Heat Transfer Coefficient, W/m <sup>2</sup> -C (includes radiation)						
Note: corrected to the outside surface area						
	0	0.5	1	1.5	2	3
	12.5		1.4	0.9	0.6	0.4
	14.9		1.5	0.93	0.66	0.41
	19.3		1.5	1.0	0.7	0.4

Figure 5: Heat Loss/Gain Results (Therminol XP at 350°C, 50 DN pipe, 10°C environment, no wind)

## Insulation Worksheet

Data for insulation are tabulated and the thermal conductivity at the average of the fluid temperature and ambient temperature is calculated. This result is used in the heat loss/gain calculations. Regression coefficients for thermal conductivity are in U.S. units of Btu-in/(h-ft<sup>2</sup>-F). The formula is:

$$k = m + pT + sT^2 + tT^3 + uT^4$$

Where the coefficients are in the table, and T is the average temperature, °F. Note that the use of all coefficients is optional; for a fixed thermal conductivity simply enter it in the “m” coefficient and leave the others blank.

Insulation Material	Min. Thickness (in)	Thermal Conductivity Coefficients					Maximum Temperature (°F)	Minimum Temperature (°F)	Thermal Conductivity, K	
		m	p	s	t	u			[Btu*in/(h*ft <sup>2</sup> *°F)]	W/m-K
Calcium Silicate	1	0.369	1.58E-04	3.92E-07	9.40E-11	0.00E+00	1000	250	0.384	0.055
Cellular glass	1	0.289	5.14E-04	4.36E-07	2.27E-10	2.76E-13	900	-450	0.332	0.048
Elastometric foam	0.5						200	-40	0.290	0.042
Fiberglass	1	0.195	4.25E-04	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	850	42	0.228	0.033
Mineral Wool	1	0.228	3.72E-04	6.00E-07	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1200	42	0.261	0.038
Perlite, expanded	1	0.388	4.73E-04	3.06E-07	-8.00E-11	0.00E+00	1000	250	0.427	0.062
Phenolic foam	1	0.116667	6.67E-04				300	75	0.169	0.024
Polystyrene foam	1						165	-65	0.230	0.033
Polyurethane/ Polyisocyanurate foams	1	0.174	-1.55E-04	-3.39E-07	8.38E-09	1.82E-11	250	-200	0.164	0.024

The minimum and maximum temperatures are used only for determining if a Warning message should be displayed.

The worksheet also includes values for emissivity for various insulation coverings. The values in the “Range” column are recommended guidance numbers. The emissivity used in the radiative heat transfer calculation is in the right-hand column. If you add additional materials to this table, do it by inserting a row, entering your data, and then sorting the list alphabetically. The table is a named range (“Insulation\_Cover\_Emittance”). The easiest way to add data while preserving the range’s name is by inserting a row into the middle of the table.

Material	Range	Value for Calc
Aluminum jacketing, gray-dull	.10 to .40	0.2
Aluminum jacketing, oxidized	.10 to .60	0.4
Aluminum jacketing, polished	.03 to .10	0.1
Aluminum paint, new	.20 to .30	0.25
Aluminum paint, weathered	.40 to .70	0.5
Asbestos fabric, white		0.78
Asphalt mastic	.90 to .95	0.95
Galvanized steel jacketing, dull	.20 to .60	0.5
Galvanized steel jacketing, new	.06 to .10	0.1
Paint, black	.90 to .95	0.95
Paint, gray	.80 to .90	0.85
Paint, green	.65 to .80	0.75
Paint, white	.55 to .70	0.6
Plastic, black		0.95
Plastic, white		0.84
PVA mastic, black	.85 to .95	0.9
PVA mastic, gray	.85 to .90	0.9
PVA mastic, green	.70 to .80	0.75
PVA mastic, white	.60 to .79	0.75
Stainless steel jacket, mill finish	.35 to .40	0.4
Stainless steel jacket, oxidized	.80 to .85	0.85
Stainless steel jacket, polished	.22 to .26	0.25
Styrofoam		0.6

## Properties Worksheet

Find and add physical property data on the Properties worksheet. Most of the data are correlated to temperature, so the properties table contains equation coefficients for liquids and gases. You can new compounds to the list, and if you have properties at three temperatures, the spreadsheet determines the coefficients for you.

The Properties sheet has three parts. 1) Upper left quadrant gives brief instructions and shows the results for the current fluid (from the Data Input worksheet); 2) Lower right quadrant tabulates the fluids and their coefficients; 3) Upper right quadrant is used for entering new fluids into the list.

### *Property Results (see Figure 6)*

The current fluid, or “Compound Name,” as entered on the Data Input worksheet is displayed in Cell C29. PIPESIZE looks up the fluid in the Properties Table and reports the result in Cell C30. If there is an exact match, the properties from the table are used in the calculations. Otherwise, the “Entry Required” prompts appear on the Data Input sheet and the properties returned from this worksheet are ignored.

The values listed in Column D, Rows 28 to 38, are the coefficients pulled from the data table. They are used to calculate viscosity, specific gravity, thermal conductivity, and heat capacity in C33, C34, C37, and C38. Notice that these values are all in American units; conversion to SI is performed on the Calculations worksheet. Also notice that temperature is in Celsius for each of the correlations except for viscosity where Kelvin is used. Apologies for the mixed units of measure, but be careful when working on the Properties worksheet.



	A	B	C	D	E
1	<b>Physical Property Data for Fluid Flow</b>				
2					
3	The data on this worksheet are used for estimating viscosity and specific gravity.				
4	You can enter new compounds in the table. To do so, insert rows in the table in				
5	the appropriate places; compound names must be in alphabetical order.				
6	Enter coefficients for the viscosity equation using one of the equations listed below.				
7					
8	Units are:				
9	temperature		deg K (for viscosity equation); deg C (for specific gravity)		
10	viscosity		centipoise (cP)		
11	specific gravity		dimensionless (compared to water at 4 or 20 deg C)		
12					
13	Viscosity equations:				
14					
15	1	$\mu = b T^m$			
16					
17	2	$\ln \mu = b + m / T$	Andrade equation		
18					
19	3	$\log \mu = b + m / T + c T + d T^2$	Use this equation for Carl Yaws data		
20					
21	4	$\ln \mu = b + m / (T+c)$			
22					
23	5	$\mu = b + cT + dT^2$	Normally used for gas viscosity		
24					
25	6	$\log \mu = b * ((1/T) - (1/m))$	Use this equation for Reid/Sherwood data		
26					
27	<b>Calculations</b>				
28					
29	Compound Name:	Water		TRUE	106
30	Name found in Properties Table:	Water		Coeff.:	
31	Temperature (deg C):	26.66666667			-6.2759
32	Viscosity Equation:	2			1848
33	Absolute Viscosity (cP):	0.8967			0
34	Specific Gravity:	0.995337588			0
35	Ratio of Cp to Cv	1.31			0.36376
36	Molecular Weight	18.02			1.9E-05
37	Thermal conductivity, Btu/ft-h-F	0.36			0.96
38	Heat capacity, Btu/lb-F	0.98			0.00085

Figure 6: Property Results in the upper left quadrant of the Properties worksheet

Properties Data Table (see Figure 7)

Data are tabulated for liquids and gases as defined in the column headers. **Compounds must remain in alphabetical order.** The data fields (columns) are defined here.

Column	Name	Content	Equation
F	Compound	Fluid name, in alphabetical order	Not applicable
G	Viscosity Equation	Number corresponding to the equation used for liquid viscosity. See Cells A15:A25	See equations in Cells B15:B25. Viscosity data published in the literature will fit one of these equations. New compounds are fit to Equation 4 (see discussion in the next section).
H:K	b, m, c, d	Coefficients for the liquid viscosity equation	
L	Liquid Sp. Gr.	Intercept, b	Specific Gravity = $m t + b$ , where $t = ^\circ\text{C}$
M	Sp Gr slope	Slope, m	
N	Mol. Wt.	Molecular weight	Required for gases
O:Q	b, c, d	Coefficients for the gas viscosity equation, always Equation 5	See Equation 5 in Cell B23
R	$C_p/C_v$	Ratio of specific heats	Required for gases
S	Liquid Thermal Conductivity	Intercept, b	$k = m t + b$
T	Thermal Conductivity Slope	Slope, m	
U	Liquid Heat Capacity	Intercept, b	$C_p = m t + b$
V	Heat Capacity Slope	Slope, m	
W	Gaseous Thermal Conductivity	Intercept, b	$k = m t + b$
X	Thermal Conductivity Slope	Slope, m	
Y	Gaseous Heat Capacity	Intercept, b	$C_p = m t + b$
Z	Heat Capacity Slope	Slope, m	

The straight line regressions for specific gravity, thermal conductivity, and heat capacity are rough approximations for the actual values. There are more accurate correlations. However, for the purposes of the PIPESIZE spreadsheet, these approximations are better than needed to obtain good results for pressure drop and heat transfer.

Physical Property Data Table																													
Compound	Viscosity Equation	b	m	c	d	Liquid Sp. Gr.	Sp Gr slope	Mol. Wt.	b	c	d	Cp/Cv	Liquid Thermal Conductivity	Thermal Conductivity slope	Liquid Heat Capacity	Heat Capacity slope	Gaseous Thermal Conductivity	Thermal Conductivity slope	Gaseous Heat Capacity	Heat Capacity slope									
Acetaldehyde	1	51400000	-3.39			0.778		44.05					0.106228714	-0.000110889	0.5217652	-0.0015532													
Acetic Acid	1	1158+11	-4.445			1.049		60.05					0.2945545	-0.00107348	0.40														
Acetone	2	-3.877	750.06			0.79		58.08					0.09330636	-0.000184871	0.514														
Acetonitrile	1	3851000	-2.049			0.782							0.12541258	-0.00034509	0.53														
Acrylic Acid	1	1516+10	-4.0884			1.051		72.07					0.095231214	-0.000168105	0.4926033														
Air	1	1.706+01				0.874		29	3.04E-01	4.99E-01	-1.09E-04	1.4	-0.10505994	-0.00059815	1.2391360		0.0138	0.000039	0.23645	0.000043									
Ammonia	3	-5.91	8.76E+02	2.68E-02	-3.81E-05	0.634	-0.0015936	17.03	-9.37E-01	0.3899	-4.409E-05	1.31	0.20999042	-0.00123621	1.1360123	0.0003369	0.011790223	0.0000000	8.12552E-05	0.4889969	0.0004438								
Amyl Alcohol L	3	-25.3557	4.23E+03	5.08E-02	-3.84E-05	0.809		88.15					0.088379508	-3.85568E-05	0.4797082	0.0006784													
Aniline	1	1.888E+21	-8.329			1.023		93.14					0.102208198	-0.000112909	0.514														
Benzene	1	1.207E+09	-3.768			0.885		78.11					0.093303999	-0.000186224	0.2322075														
Brine, CaCl2 25%	1	2.001E+23	-9.278			1.2284							0.20		0.009														
Bromine	3	-1.4	307.5	-4.16E-04	-5.21E-07	3.119		159.83					0.080117169	-0.00017716	0.11		0.002428253	9.81647E-06	0.0540505	5.960E-06									
Bulane, iso	-4	-18.742223	2.03E+04	1.07E+03		0.572	-0.00122	58.12	-2.0985992	0.0336529			0.005980958	-0.000215895	0.5780199	0.0019514	0.00692192	8.31957E-05	0.3739031	0.0010129									
Bulane, n	-6	265.84	1.60E+05			0.584	-0.0011350	58.12	-1.6621190	0.028457			0.00905443	-0.000591909	0.5703173	0.00101016	0.006967602	8.31867E-05	0.3680640	0.000964									
Butyl Acetate, iso	2	-4.7888	1303.2			0.876		118.18					0.0887		0.4458833	0.0006838													
Butyl Acetate, n	2	2.08E+10	-4.233			0.898		118.18					0.081481794	-0.00018421	0.4476211	0.0003589													
Butyl Alcohol, n	1	2.25E+18	-7.247			0.810		74.12					0.09142519	-0.000104940	0.407														
Butyl Alcohol, tert	2	-11.935	4615.7			0.787		74.12					0.06425	-7.5E-05	0.6455607	0.0029625													
Caffe AF	4	-4.639127	1997.487	-60.19		0.732							0.082708429	-3.00429E-05	0.4417857	0.0007786													
Caffe FG	4	-4.664252	1707.8921	-54.278589		0.8601262	-0.000476						0.07995	-3.12E-05	0.43	0.0005													
Caffe HT	4	-4.485883	1987.8778	-81.14		0.8603378	-0.000511						0.08314	-3.0071E-05	0.4417857	0.0007786													
Carbon Dioxide	8	878.08	185.24			0.771		44.01	28.45	4.58E-01	-8.68E-05	1.304	0.063848808	-0.000717085	0.5466829	0.0018632	0.00883643	4.62428E-05	0.1892282	0.0001867									
Carbon Monoxide	1	0.17				0.79		28.01	32.28	4.75E-01	-9.65E-05	1.404	0.071541303	-7.53E-05	0.40832	0.000910	0.013480487	3.97192E-05	0.2464969	0.000438									
Chemtemp 550	4	-5.1158219	2128.6555	-63.556687		0.8461154	-0.0007212						0.071541303	-7.53E-05	0.40832	0.000910													
Chlorine	1	199.10	-1.934			1.463		70.908	5.17E	4.57E-01	-8.66E-05	1.355	0.03463243	-0.000341822	0.3148903	0.0003839	0.004703848	1.83472E-05	0.1144686	2.443E-05									
Chlorobenzene	1	173500000	-3.376			1.106		112.56					0.07328516	-0.00011763	0.3148903	0.0003839													
Chloroform	2	-3.456	832.5			1.489		119.38					0.069748518	-0.000157514	0.251														
Cyclohexane	3	4.7523	-2.53E+02	-1.69E-02	1.29E-05	0.779		84.16					0.07121148	-0.000180208	0.38														
Diethylformamide	2	-3.6699	1932			0.967	-0.0009	72.09					0.111684207	-0.000152021	0.461														
Dowtherm A	4	-4.1427481	1425.0359	-31.141111		1.1155091	-0.00107333						0.081977990	-9.24151E-05	0.3611309	0.000630													
Dowtherm G	4	-3.6039418	1436.9207	-29.29		1.1076490	-0.0007256						0.000947971	-6.64714E-05	0.3604600	0.0002503													
Dowtherm HT	4	-3.202378	1201.1028	-82.801111		0.9961379	-0.0006035						0.071498009	-5.878E-05	0.3399144	0.0009169													
Dowtherm J	4	-4.518783	1204.2332	-18.721111		0.8799542	-0.0008074						0.076091105	-0.000122603	0.4229232	0.0003971													
Dynalene PG - 20 Vol%	4	-3.7438459	898.3242	-148.48873		1.028418	-0.0003308						0.270480868	0.000478714	0.9391748	0.0005248													
Dynalene PG - 40 Vol%	4	-4.0578888	747.14728	-139.32119		1.0457628	-0.0006052						0.221260107	0.0003194	0.899017	0.0001983													
Dynalene PG - 60 Vol%	4	-4.2799727	928.23424	-150.26144		1.0563059	-0.0005022						0.180596328	0.000172803	0.7770787	0.0019535													
Dynalene PG - 80 Vol%	4	-4.6103044	1143.0300	-143.2108		1.0590127	-0.0007901						0.148084349	1.52607E-06	0.6601533	0.0012060													
Dynalene Solar Glycol	4	-3.3458108	1235.458	-92.019134		1.0468234	-0.0008419						0.19355814	0.000217674	0.9673559	0.0014028													
Ethane	3	-4.444	2.96E+02	1.91E-02	-4.18E-05	0.388	-0.0018964	30.07	5.57E	3.06E-01	-5.31E-05	1.44	0.051125	-0.000405804	0.7503031	0.0020433	0.009171548	9.57473E-05	0.4019025	0.0008845									
Ethyl Acetate	1	5445000	-2.866			0.861		88.1					0.084430300	-0.00036082	0.475														
Ethyl Alcohol	1	5.278E+13	-8.53			0.80636	-0.0008486	46.07					0.101734104	-0.00016188	0.6														
Ethyl Alcohol 40%	1	4.949E+23	-9.4845			0.92518																							
Ethyl Hexanol 2-	6	1.760	35.17			0.833		130.231							0.0773	0.5184	0.002385												
Ethylene	3	-7.700	4.60E+02	3.73E-02	-7.63E-05	0.356	-0.0021018	20.05	3.50E	3.51E-01	-8.06E-05	1.67	0.047448292	-0.000619292	1.0524909	0.0050241	0.01148204	0.30825E-05	0.3551041	0.000701									
Ethylene Glycol	2	-7.7786	3139.8			1.114							0.147978879		0.555														
Ethylene Glycol 40%	2	-10.12	3266			1.045																							
Formamide	2	-7.8437	2883			1.139		48.04																					
Formic Acid	2	-5.1088	1871.3			1.228		48.03					0.158405586	-4.78E-06	0.4963429	0.0008943													
Gasoline, 50°API	1	19162000	-3.0227			0.8							0.078		0.53														
Helium	1	0.0055962				0.125																							

### Entering New Fluids into the Properties Table (see Figure 8)

This is a handy tool for determining the regression coefficients for each of the temperature-dependant physical properties. The input section, within the black boxes, has three parts: units of measure, liquid properties, and gaseous properties.

After entering data, the program converts it to the US Units used in the Physical Properties Data Table and fits the data to straight lines or, in the case of viscosity, to Equation 4 or Equation 5. The viscosity equations are not, technically “fit” since there are three coefficients and three data points. However, as long as your initial viscosity data is good, the resulting equations will do an excellent job interpolating to other values.

When done, click on the “Add compound or update data” button. If your fluid is not already in the Properties Table, the macro inserts a new row and copies the values into the table. However, if your fluid is already in the table, the macro gives you a choice of overwriting existing data, or just adding any new data that you may have entered. For instance, there is no data for gaseous acetone in the table. If you enter values for gaseous acetone then click the button, you could add that data to the table without affecting the existing values for liquid acetone.

Alternatively, you can Unprotect the worksheet (there is no password) and enter or edit the data in the Properties Table directly. To use a single constant value for any property, just enter it (in the proper units) under the “b” column. For example, the value for specific gravity of acetaldehyde is a constant 0.778 in the distribution version of PIPESIZE (see Cell L41).

To delete a fluid from the Properties table, first Unprotect the worksheet (there is no password), highlight the row you want to delete, and use the Excel menu selection Delete... Delete Sheet Rows.

Use this section to Add new Compounds, or to supplement or change data for existing Compound

Units that the original data are in:

Temperature	<input type="radio"/> degrees F	<input checked="" type="radio"/> degrees C
Density	<input type="radio"/> lb/cu.ft.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> kg/cu.m.
Specific Heat	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Btu/lb-F = cal/g-C	<input type="radio"/> KJ/kg-K
Thermal Conductivity	<input type="radio"/> Btu/ft-hr-F	<input checked="" type="radio"/> W/m-K
Viscosity	<input checked="" type="radio"/> cP	<input type="radio"/> centi Stokes = mm2/s

Resource: <http://webbook.nist.gov/chemistry/>

Fluid Name: Ethyl Alcohol <- Already in the database

**Liquid Properties**

Temp. °C	Liquid Density kg/cu.m.	Sp. Heat Btu/lb-F	Thermal Conduct. W/m-K	Viscosity cP
16	792.83			
20	789.45			
25	785.22			

**Gaseous Properties**

Temp. °C	Sp. Heat Btu/lb-F	Thermal Conduct. W/m-K	Viscosity cP
0			
0			
0			

Values converted to consistent units for the pipesize\_properties table

Temperature deg C	deg K	Specific Gravity	Sp. Heat Btu/lb-F	Thermal Conduct. Btu/ft-hr-F	Visc. cP	Intermediate Calcs
16	289.15	0.79283	0	0	0	
20	293.15	0.78945	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
25	298.15	0.78522	0	0	0	

Temperature deg C	deg K	Sp. Heat Btu/lb-F	Thermal Conduct. Btu/ft-hr-F	Visc. cP	Intermediate Calcs
0	273.15	0	0	0	74610.9225
0	273.15	0	0	0	74610.9225
0	273.15	0	0	0	74610.9225

Compound	Viscosity Eq	b	m	c	Liq SG	SG slope	MW	b	c	d	Cp/Cv	Liq k	Liq k slope	Liq C
Ethyl Alcohol	4				0.80636	-0.0008456		0			0	0	0	

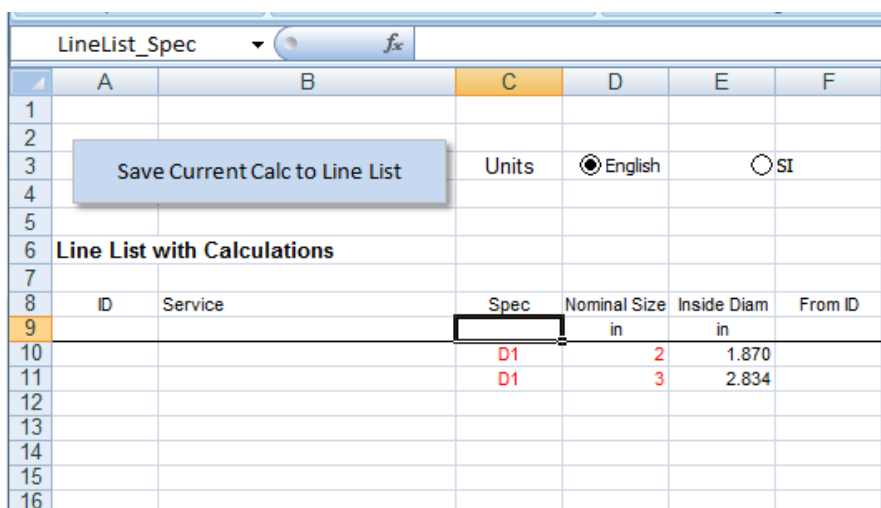
Figure 8: Enter New Fluids or Data in the upper right quadrant of the Properties worksheet

## Line List Worksheet

The Line List is a flexible repository for your calculations. Each column that corresponds to a workbook variable is named. In the example below, Cell C9 is selected. Notice that the cell is named “LineList\_Spec”. Each column is similarly named; this is how the VBA Macro finds its way around the sheet. You may rearrange the columns as long as the column’s named cells are retained.

You may also insert blank rows (to group lines into plant areas for example, and add other explanatory information and notes.

When the “Save Current Calc to Line List” is selected, a new line of data is added immediately below the last line. If there are notes or other information below your line list, the Macro is somewhat intelligent: it finds the last piece of data in the “Pressure Out” column and puts the new line there.



	A	B	C	D	E	F
1						
2						
3			Units	<input checked="" type="radio"/> English	<input type="radio"/> SI	
4						
5						
6	<b>Line List with Calculations</b>					
7						
8	ID	Service	Spec	Nominal Size	Inside Diam	From ID
9				in	in	
10			D1	2	1.870	
11			D1	3	2.834	
12						
13						
14						
15						
16						

Figure 9: Line List worksheet

To restore a line to the calculation page (“Data Input”), you select any cell in the Row with the line you want to restore. Click “Restore Selected Line to Calc Sheet.” The following things will happen:

- Macro checks to be sure a valid row is selected
- The Fluid name is transferred to “Data Input” and the Macro checks to see if the Fluid is in the database.
- If the Fluid is not in the database, the viscosity and density values, and Molecular Weight if it’s a gas, are transferred to the “Entry Required” cells on “Data Input”
- The other data is transferred
- Since the fitting count, if any, is not saved to the Line List, only the total equivalent length is transferred. To ensure that the correct equivalent length is utilized, the number of each of the fitting types is reset to zero.
- The “Specific Diameter” calculation method is selected, and the nominal pipe size is transferred to “Data Input” as that diameter

**LIQFLOW Worksheet**

This datasheet presents ten flow calculations for each of the three pipe sizes. It uses the user input in cell F34 on the Data Input worksheet as the maximum flow rate, and calculates results at ten equal intervals.

www.chemengsoftware.com				EFFECT OF FLOW VARIATION				
				CLIENT		LINE NO.		
REV	PREPARED BY	DATE	APPROVAL	Sample	HTF-151-0136			
0	S. Hall	02-Apr-2013		W.O. 10314	REQUISITION NO.	SPECIFICATION NO.		
1				UNIT AREA	PROCURED BY	INSTALLED BY		
2				Process Utilities				
<b>General</b>								
2	Fluid Service	<b>Combustible Oil</b>						
3	Pipe Specification	<b>A: 150 lb Carbon Steel</b>						
4	Surface Roughness (millimeters)	<b>0.04572</b>						
5	Insulation	<b>Fiberglass</b>						
6	Ambient Temperature (deg C)	<b>30</b>						
<b>Process Data</b>								
9	Fluid Pumped	<b>Therminol XP (liquid)</b>						
10	Design Flow Rate (liters/second)	<b>20</b>						
11	Maximum Flow Rate (liters/second)	<b>50</b>						
12	Flowing Temperature (deg C)	<b>270</b>						
13	Nominal Pressure (kPa, absolute)	<b>700</b>						
14	Specific Gravity	<b>0.71107</b>						
15	Viscosity (m-Pascal-seconds)	<b>0.45929</b>						
<b>Smaller Pipe Size 80 DN</b>								
17	Schedule	40		Flow (kg/h)	Reynolds Number	Friction Factor	DeltaP/100 equiv m (m water)	Velocity (m/s)
18	Outside Diameter (mm)	88.900		12,799	126,478	0.0202	10.1	1.04
19	Wall Thickness (mm)	5.486		25,598	252,956	0.0190	38.2	3.90
20	Inside Diameter (mm)	77.927		38,398	379,434	0.0185	83.7	8.54
21	Flow Area (m2)	0.005		51,197	505,911	0.0183	146.7	14.98
22				63,996	632,389	0.0181	227.1	23.19
23				76,795	758,867	0.0180	324.9	33.17
24				89,594	885,345	0.0179	440.2	44.94
25				102,394	1,011,823	0.0178	572.8	58.48
26				115,193	1,138,301	0.0178	722.8	73.79
27				127,992	1,264,779	0.0178	890.2	90.88
28								10.48
<b>Selected Pipe Size 100 DN</b>								
29	Schedule	40		Flow (kg/h)	Reynolds Number	Friction Factor	DeltaP/100 equiv m (m water)	Velocity (m/s)
30	Outside Diameter (mm)	114.30		12,799	96,382	0.0203	2.6	0.27
31	Wall Thickness (mm)	6.020		25,598	192,764	0.0187	9.6	0.98
32	Inside Diameter (mm)	102.26		38,398	289,146	0.0181	21.0	2.14
33	Flow Area (m2)	0.008		51,197	385,529	0.0177	36.5	3.73
34				63,996	481,911	0.0175	56.3	5.75
35				76,795	578,293	0.0173	80.3	8.19
36				89,594	674,675	0.0172	108.5	11.07
37				102,394	771,057	0.0171	140.9	14.39
38				115,193	867,439	0.0170	177.5	18.13
39				127,992	963,822	0.0169	218.4	22.29
40								6.09
<b>Next Larger Pipe Size 150 DN</b>								
41	Schedule	40		Flow (kg/h)	Reynolds Number	Friction Factor	DeltaP/100 equiv m (m water)	Velocity (m/s)
42	Outside Diameter (mm)	168.27		12,799	63,979	0.0210	0.3	0.04
43	Wall Thickness (mm)	7.112		25,598	127,959	0.0188	1.2	0.13
44	Inside Diameter (mm)	154.05		38,398	191,938	0.0179	2.7	0.27
45	Flow Area (m2)	0.019		51,197	255,918	0.0173	4.6	0.47
46				63,996	319,897	0.0169	7.0	0.72
47				76,795	383,877	0.0167	10.0	1.02
48				89,594	447,856	0.0165	13.4	1.37
49				102,394	511,836	0.0163	17.3	1.77
50				115,193	575,815	0.0162	21.8	2.22
51				127,992	639,795	0.0161	26.7	2.73
52								2.68

**OPTLIQ Worksheet**

When the "Economic" pipe sizing criteria is selected on the Data Input worksheet, the result is calculated on this OPTLIQ sheet.

www.chemengsoftware.com				SELECTED PIPE DIAMETER		
				CLIENT	LINE NO.	
				Sample	HTF-151-0136	
REV	PREPARED BY	DATE	APPROVAL	W.O.	REQUISITION NO.	SPECIFICATION NO.
0	S. Hall	02-Apr-2013		10314		18103
1				UNIT	AREA	PROCURED BY
2				Process	Utilities	INSTALLED BY
<b>General</b>						
1						
2	Fluid Service <b>Combustible Oil</b>					
3	Pipe Specification <b>A: 150 lb Carbon Steel</b>					
4	Surface Roughness (millimeters)	<b>0.04572</b>				
5	Insulation	<b>Fiberglass</b>				
6	Ambient Temperature (deg C)	<b>30</b>				
7						
<b>Process Data</b>						
8						
9	Fluid Pumped	<b>Therminol XP (liquid)</b>				
10	Design Flow Rate (liters/second)	<b>20</b>				
11	Maximum Flow Rate (liters/second)	<b>50</b>				
12	Flowing Temperature (deg C)	<b>270</b>				
13	Nominal Pressure (kPa, absolute)	<b>700</b>				
14	Specific Gravity	<b>0.71107</b>				
15	Viscosity (Pascal-seconds)	<b>0.00046</b>				
16						
<b>Economic Data</b>						
17						
18	Purchase cost of new pipe, 1 inch diameter, \$/ft					\$1.75
19	Ratio of costs for fittings & installation to purch. cost of pipe					5
20	Factor relating pipe cost to diameter (exponential)					1.30
21	Frictional loss due to fittings and bends, % of straight pipe					35%
22	Operation, hours/yr					8,000
23	Cost of electricity, \$/kw hr					\$0.15
24	Efficiency of motor and pump, %					60%
25	Annual fixed charges for maintenance, % of pipe cost					20%
26						
<b>Basis for Sizing: Specified Diameter @ 100 DN</b>						
27						
28	Optimum diameter calculated using Peters & Timmerhaus formula					4.21
29	Closest pipe size from specified material class					4
30						
31		Smaller	Selected	Next Larger		
32		Size	Size	Size		
33	Actual Size	inch nominal size	3	4	6	
34		inch actual inside diame	3.068	4.026	6.065	
35	Velocity	feet/second	13.74	7.98	3.52	
36	Reynolds No.		505,076	384,892	255,495	
37	Friction Factor		0.0183	0.0177	0.0173	
38	Pressure Drop	psi/100 equiv ft	6.466	1.609	0.203	
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40	Calculated Costs, \$ per year per foot of installed piping:					
41			3	4	6	
42	Pumping Cost (power)		\$25.83	\$6.93	\$0.95	
43	Initial Piping (capital expenditure)		\$43.80	\$63.66	\$107.84	
44	Annual Piping (maintenance)		\$8.76	\$12.73	\$21.57	
45	Total		\$34.59	\$19.66	\$22.52	
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50	Reference:	Peters & Timmerhaus				
51		Plant Design and Economics for Chemical Engineers				
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## Equivalent Length Worksheet

This worksheet shows how the equivalent length is calculated.

For most fittings and sizes, the equivalent length is obtained from a table of values (using U.S. units), at Cell Q91 in the worksheet. To edit the values first Unprotect the sheet. If the table lacks the value then the “K” method is used to estimate the equivalent length.

If you don’t know the number of fittings, then a good rule of thumb is to add 35% to 40% to the physical length of pipe to account for the fittings. In this case, first estimate the total length of pipe. Multiply by 1.35 or 1.4. Enter the value on the Data Input worksheet (Cell G47 named “Pipe\_Length”). Put a value of 0 for all fittings.

The results are tabulated in the data sheet on this worksheet.

### *Valves*

The worksheet has instructions and an example for calculating the equivalent length of a valve for which only the flow coefficient (Cv) is known. You can either edit the table of values with the equivalent length of your specific valve, or simply add the calculated equivalent length to the overall pipe length entered on the Data Input worksheet (Cell G47 named “Pipe\_Length”).

### *Equipment*

Equipment manufacturers often provide a pressure drop at specified flow conditions. For example, the tube-side pressure drop for a heat exchanger is reported on the heat exchanger datasheet, at the flow rate given on the datasheet. You can find the equivalent length by entering the flow data (fluid, flow rate, temperature, density, viscosity) on the Data Input worksheet, then change the pipe length (all fittings set to 0) until the calculated pressure drop equals the pressure drop reported by the equipment manufacturer.

If your pressure drop data is for water at 60°F (which is the case for valves – the flow coefficient is the flow rate of water at 60°F, in gpm, that results in a pressure drop of 1 psi), then use the calculator on the Equivalent Length worksheet to determine the equivalent length. This calculator utilizes a Function subroutine called EqLUSa which has four arguments:

Function EqLUSa(W, Pdrop, d, epsilon), where

W = flow rate, lb/h (= gpm x 500)

Pdrop = known pressure drop (reported by equipment manufacturer), psi

d = inside pipe diameter of the pipe segment that the equipment is installed in, inch

epsilon = roughness of pipe that equipment is installed in, ft



				<b>EQUIVALENT LENGTH OF PIPE</b>					
				CLIENT Sample		LINE NO. HTF-151-0136			
REV	PREPARED BY	DATE	APPROVAL	W.O.	REQUISITION NO.	SPECIFICATION NO.			
0	S. Hall	02-Apr-2013		10314		18103			
1				UNIT	AREA	PROCURED BY	INSTALLED BY		
2				Process	Utilities				
1	<b>General</b>								
2	Fluid Service	<b>Combustible Oil</b>							
3	Pipe Specification	<b>A: 150 lb Carbon Steel</b>							
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15		<b>Pipe Size</b>		<b>80 DN</b>		<b>100 DN</b>		<b>150 DN</b>	
16	<b>Fittings</b>	Qty	Equiv. M.	Qty	Equiv. M.	Qty	Equiv. M.	Qty	Equiv. M.
17	90 deg El	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
18	Long Rad. El	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
19	45 deg El	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
20	TEE-Line Flow	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
21	TEE-Branch Flow	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
22	180 deg Bend	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
23	Globe Valve	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
24	Gate Valve	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
25	Ball Valve (red. port)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
26	Butterfly Valve	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
27	Plug Valve	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
28	Angle Valve	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
29	Sw ing Check Valve	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
30	Bell Mouth Inlet	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
31	Square Mouth Inlet	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
32	Re-Entrant Pipe	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
33	Straight Pipe	250		250		250			
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35	Total Equiv Meters	250		250		250			
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41	Equivalent lengths are calculated using a table of values.								
42	If the fitting/size combination does not appear in the table, the "K Value" method is used.								
43	"K Value" data are from the Hydraulic Institute, Pipe Friction Manual, regressed.								
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## Velocities Worksheet

This worksheet tabulates recommended velocities for various services. The information contained on this sheet was compiled from several sources, and is intended to be a simple starting point, not a definitive declaration.

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