

LOW PRESSURE AIR TEST

A. AFTER BACKFILLING, THE AIR TEST SHALL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN TWO CONSECUTIVE MANHOLES. ALL PIPE OUTLETS MUST BE PLUGGED IN THE SECTION BEING TESTED WITH SUITABLE TEST PLUGS. ONE OF THE PLUGS USED AT A MANHOLE MUST BE TAPPED AND EQUIPPED FOR AN AIR INLET CONNECTION FOR FILLING THE LINE FROM THE AIR COMPRESSOR. AIR SHALL BE SUPPLIED SLOWLY TO THE TEST SECTION UNTIL THE INTERNAL PRESSURE REACHES APPROXIMATELY 4 PSI. IF THE PIPE IS BELOW EXISTING GROUNDWATER LEVEL, THE INTERNAL PRESSURE SHALL BE INCREASED BY THE AVERAGE BACK PRESSURE OF ANY GROUNDWATER THAT MAY BE OVER THE PIPE, BUT IN NO CASE SHOULD THE INTERNAL PRESSURE EVER EXCEED 5 PSI.

B. AT LEAST 2 MINUTES SHALL BE ALLOWED FOR THE AIR PRESSURE TO STABILIZE. WHEN THE PRESSURE HAS STABILIZED AND IS AT OR ABOVE 3.5 PSI, THE AIR SUPPLY SHALL BE DISCONNECTED AND TIMING SHALL BEGIN WITH A STOP WATCH. THE STOP WATCH SHALL BE ALLOWED TO RUN UNTIL THE PRESSURE HAS DROPPED 1.0 PSI. IF THE TIME SHOWN ON THE STOP WATCH IS GREATER THAN THE SPECIFIED MINIMUM TIME, THE SECTION SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE PASSED THE TEST. TIME MAY BE INTERPOLATED FROM THE FIGURES LISTED BELOW.

DEFLECTION TEST

A. DEFLECTION TESTS SHALL BE PERFORMED BY THE CONTRACTOR ON ALL FLEXIBLE PIPE. THE TEST SHALL BE CONDUCTED AFTER THE FINAL BACKFILL HAS BEEN IN PLACE AT LEAST 30 DAYS TO PERMIT STABILIZATION OF THE SOIL-PIPE SYSTEM.

B. NO PIPE SHALL EXCEED A DEFLECTION OF 5%. IF DEFLECTION EXCEEDS 5%, REPLACEMENT OR CORRECTION SHALL BE ACCOMPLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF APPROVING AGENCY.

C. THE RIGID BALL OR MANDREL USED FOR THE DEFLECTION TEST SHALL HAVE A DIAMETER NOT LESS THAN 95% OF THE BASE INSIDE DIAMETER OR AVERAGE INSIDE DIAMETER OF THE PIPE DEPENDING ON WHICH IS MANUFACTURED. THE PIPE SHALL BE MEASURED IN COMPLIANCE WITH ASTM D-2122 STANDARD TEST METHOD OF DETERMINING DIMENSIONS OF THERMOPLASTIC PIPE AND FITTINGS. THE TEST SHALL BE PERFORMED WITHOUT MECHANICAL PULLING DEVICES.

MANHOLE VACUUM TEST

ALL SANITARY SEWER MANHOLES SHALL BE VACUUM TESTED BY THE CONTRACTOR USING THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES FROM ASTM C-1244.

A. PREPARATION OF THE MANHOLE

1. ALL LIFT HOLES SHALL BE PLUGGED.
2. ALL PIPES ENTERING THE MANHOLE SHALL BE TEMPORARILY PLUGGED TAKING CARE TO SECURELY BRACE THE PIPES AND PLUGS TO PREVENT THEM FROM BEING DRAWN INTO THE MANHOLE.

B. PROCEDURE

1. THE FIRST HEAD SHALL BE PLACED AT THE TOP OF THE MANHOLE IN THE CASTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. A VACUUM OF 10" OF MERCURY (4.9 PSI) SHALL BE DRAWN ON THE MANHOLE, THE VALVE ON THE VACUUM LINE OF THE TEST HEAD CLOSED, AND THE VACUUM PUMP SHUT OFF. THE TIME SHALL BE MEASURED FOR THE VACUUM TO DROP TO 9" OF MERCURY (4.4 PSI).

3. THE MANHOLE SHALL PASS IF THE TIME FOR THE VACUUM READING TO DROP FROM 10" OF MERCURY (4.9 PSI) TO 9" OF MERCURY (4.4 PSI) MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE VALUES INDICATED ON THE TABLE.

4. IF THE MANHOLE FAILS THE INITIAL TEST, NECESSARY REPAIRS SHALL BE MADE BY AN APPROVED METHOD. THE MANHOLE SHALL THEN BE RETESTED UNTIL A SATISFACTORY TEST IS OBTAINED.

PIPE DIA. (IN.)	Time for Longer Length (sec)	Specified Minimum for Length (L) Shown (min:sec)						
		100 FT.	150 FT.	200 FT.	250 FT.	300 FT.	350 FT.	400 FT.
6	0.854L	5:40	5:40	5:40	5:40	5:40	5:40	5:42
8	1.520L	7:34	7:34	7:34	7:34	7:36	8:52	10:08
10	2.374L	9:26	9:26	9:26	9:53	11:52	13:51	15:49
12	3.418L	11:20	11:20	11:24	14:15	17:05	19:56	22:47
15	5.342L	14:10	14:10	17:48	22:15	26:42	31:09	35:36
18	7.692L	17:00	19:13	25:38	32:03	38:27	44:52	51:16
21	10.470L	19:50	26:10	34:54	43:37	52:21	61:00	69:48
24	13.674L	22:47	34:11	45:34	56:58	68:22	79:46	91:10

SPECIFICATION TIME FOR LENGTH (L) SHOWN (MIN-SEC)

*ALL TESTS SHALL BE WITNESSED BY A CITY OF URBANA ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE.

DIAMETER, INCHES

DEPTH (FT.)	48 60 72		
	TIME, SECONDS		
8 OR LESS	20	26	33
10	25	33	41
12	30	39	49
14	35	46	57
16	40	52	67
18	45	59	73
20	50	65	81
22	55	72	89
24	59	78	97
26	64	85	105
28	69	91	113
30	74	98	121

MINIMUM TEST TIMES FOR VARIOUS MANHOLE DIAMETERS

CITY OF URBANA

SANITARY SEWER TESTING NOTES

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