City of San Diego
Metropolitan Wastewater Department

Reference Sheet for Estimating Sewer Spills from Overflowing Sewer Manholes

All estimates are calculated in gallons per minute (gpm)

Wastewater Collection Division
(619) 654-4160

5 gpm

25 gpm

50 gpm

100 gpm

150 gpm

200 gpm

225 gpm

250 gpm

275 gpm

All photos were taken during a demonstration using metered water from a hydrant in cooperation with the City of San Diego's Water Department.

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Attachment D - Sample Templates for SSO Volume Estimation

TABLE 'A'

ESTIMATED SSO FLOW OUT OF M/H WITH COVER IN PLACE

24" COVER

Height of spout above M/H rim H in inches	S S O FLOW Q in gpm	S S O FLOW Q in MGD	Min. Sewer size in which these flows are possible
1/4	1	0.001	
1/2	3	0.004	
3/4	6	0.008	
1	9	0.013	
1 1/4	12	0.018	
1 1/2	16	0.024	
1 3/4	21	0.030	
2	25	0.037	
2 1/4	31	0.045	
2 1/2	38	0.054	
2 3/4	45	0.065	
3	54	0.077	
3 1/4	64	0.092	
3 1/2	75	0.107	
3 3/4	87	0.125	
4	100	0.145	
4 1/4	115	0.166	
4 1/2	131	0.189	
4 3/4	148	0.214	
5	166	0.240	
5 1/4	185	0.266	
5 1/2	204	0.294	
5 3/4	224	0.322	6"
6	244	0.352	
6 1/4	265	0.382	
6 1/2	286	0.412	
6 3/4	308	0.444	
7	331	0.476	
7 1/4	354	0.509	
7 1/2	377	0.543	
7 3/4	401	0.578	8"
8	426	0.613	
8 1/4	451	0.649	
8 1/2	476	0.686	
8 3/4	502	0.723	
9	529	0.761	

36" COVER

Height of spout above M/H rim H in inches	S S O FLOW Q in gpm	S S O FLOW Q in MGD	Min. Sewer size in which these flows are possible
1/4	1	0.002	
1/2	4	0.006	
3/4	8	0.012	
1	13	0.019	
1 1/4	18	0.026	
1 1/2	24	0.035	
1 3/4	31	0.044	
2	37	0.054	
2 1/4	45	0.065	
2 1/2	55	0.079	
2 3/4	66	0.095	
3	78	0.113	
3 1/4	93	0.134	
3 1/2	109	0.157	
3 3/4	127	0.183	
4	147	0.211	
4 1/4	169	0.243	
4 1/2	192	0.276	
4 3/4	217	0.312	6"
5	243	0.350	
5 1/4	270	0.389	
5 1/2	299	0.430	
5 3/4	327	0.471	
6	357	0.514	
6 1/4	387	0.558	8"
6 1/2	419	0.603	
6 3/4	451	0.649	
7	483	0.696	
7 1/4	517	0.744	
7 1/2	551	0.794	
7 3/4	587	0.845	10"
8	622	0.896	
8 1/4	659	0.949	
8 1/2	697	1.003	
8 3/4	734	1.057	
9	773	1.113	

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TABLE 'B'

ESTIMATED SSO FLOW OUT OF M/H WITH COVER REMOVED

24" FRAME

Water Height above M/H frame H in inches	S S O FLOW Q in gpm	S S O FLOW Q in MGD	Min. Sewer size in which these flows are possible
1/8	28	0.04	
1/4	62	0.09	
3/8	111	0.16	
1/2	160	0.23	
5/8	215	0.31	6"
3/4	354	0.51	8"
7/8	569	0.82	10"
1	799	1.15	12"
1 1/8	1,035	1.49	
1 1/4	1,340	1.93	15"
1 3/8	1,660	2.39	
1 1/2	1,986	2.86	
1 5/8	2,396	3.45	18"
1 3/4	2,799	4.03	
1 7/8	3,132	4.51	
2	3,444	4.96	21"
2 1/8	3,750	5.4	
2 1/4	3,986	5.74	
2 3/8	4,215	6.07	
2 1/2	4,437	6.39	
2 5/8	4,569	6.58	24"
2 3/4	4,687	6.75	
2 7/8	4,799	6.91	
3	4,910	7.07	

36" FRAME

Water Height above M/H frame H in inches	S S O FLOW Q in gpm	S S O FLOW Q in MGD	Min. Sewer size in which these flows are possible
1/8	49	0.07	
1/4	111	0.16	
3/8	187	0.27	6"
1/2	271	0.39	
5/8	361	0.52	8"
3/4	458	0.66	
7/8	556	0.8	10"
1	660	0.95	12"
1 1/8	1,035	1.49	
1 1/4	1,486	2.14	15"
1 3/8	1,951	2.81	
1 1/2	2,424	3.49	18"
1 5/8	2,903	4.18	
1 3/4	3,382	4.87	
1 7/8	3,917	5.64	21"
2	4,458	6.42	
2 1/8	5,000	7.2	24"
2 1/4	5,556	8	
2 3/8	6,118	8.81	
2 1/2	6,764	9.74	
2 5/8	7,403	10.66	
2 3/4	7,972	11.48	30"
2 7/8	8,521	12.27	
3	9,062	13.05	
3 1/8	9,604	13.83	
3 1/4	10,139	14.6	
3 3/8	10,625	15.3	36"
3 1/2	11,097	15.98	
3 5/8	11,569	16.66	
3 3/4	12,035	17.33	
3 7/8	12,486	17.98	
4	12,861	18.52	
4 1/8	13,076	18.83	
4 1/4	13,285	19.13	
4 3/8	13,486	19.42	

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TABLE 'C'

ESTIMATED SSO FLOW OUT OF M/H PICK HOLE

Height of spout above M/H cover H in inches	SSO FLOW Q in gpm	Height of spout above M/H cover H in inches	SSO FLOW Q in gpm	
1/8	1.0	5 1/8	6.2	
1/4	1.4	5 1/4	6.3	
3/8	1.7	5 3/8	6.3	
1/2	1.9	5 1/2	6.4	
5/8	2.2	5 5/8	6.5	
3/4	2.4	5 3/4	6.6	
7/8	2.6	5 7/8	6.6	
1	2.7	6	6.7	
1 1/8	2.9	6 1/8	6.8	
1 1/4	3.1	6 1/4	6.8	
1 3/8	3.2	6 3/8	6.9	Unrestrained
1 1/2	3.4	6 1/2	7.0	M/H cover will
1 5/8	3.5	6 5/8	7.0	start to lift
1 3/4	3.6	6 3/4	7.1	
1 7/8	3.7	6 7/8	7.2	
2	3.9	7	7.2	
2 1/8	4.0	7 1/8	7.3	
2 1/4	4.1	7 1/4	7.4	
2 3/8	4.2	7 3/8	7.4	
2 1/2	4.3	7 1/2	7.5	
2 5/8	4.4	7 5/8	7.6	
2 3/4	4.5	7 3/4	7.6	
2 7/8	4.6	7 7/8	7.7	
3	4.7	8	7.7	
3 1/8	4.8	8 1/8	7.8	
3 1/4	4.9	8 1/4	7.9	
3 3/8	5.0	8 3/8	7.9	
3 1/2	5.1	8 1/2	8.0	
3 5/8	5.2	8 5/8	8.0	
3 3/4	5.3	8 3/4	8.1	
3 7/8	5.4	8 7/8	8.1	
4	5.5	9	8.2	
4 1/8	5.6	9 1/8	8.3	
4 1/4	5.6	9 1/4	8.3	
4 3/8	5.7	9 3/8	8.4	
4 1/2	5.8	9 1/2	8.4	
4 5/8	5.9	9 5/8	8.5	
4 3/4	6.0	9 3/4	8.5	
4 7/8	6.0	9 7/8	8.6	
5	6.1	10	8.7	

Note: This chart is based on a 7/8 inch diameter pick hole

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SSO VOLUME ESTIMATING WORKSHEET FOR SERVICE CLEANOUTS

1 Determine diameter (d) of service cleanout. = _____ inches
2 Estimate height (h) of flow from service cleanout. = _____ inches
3 Determine estimated flow rate (Q) from charts below. = _____ gpm
4 Estimate time (t) of discharge. = _____ minutes
5 Multiply step 3 & 4 to obtain estimated volume. = _____ Gallons

4" Diameter Cleanout	
h (in)	Q (gpm)
0.25	6
0.5	14
0.75	24
1	35
1.5	60
2	86
2.5	108
3	128
3.5	145
4	160
4.5	173
5	184
6	205
7	223
8	239
9	254
10	268
11	282
12	295
14	320
16	345
18	367
20	388

6" Diameter Cleanout	
h (in)	Q (gpm)
0.25	9
0.5	23
0.75	40
1	58
1.5	100
2	150
2.5	205
3	250
3.5	293
4	330
4.5	365
5	395
6	445
7	485
8	520
9	550
10	585
11	631
12	650
14	705
16	755
18	800
20	850

Time of Arrival:

_____

Time SSO Stopped

_____

*Duration of SSO

_____
Minutes

***DURATION OF SSO**: If the MH is overflowing when crew arrives, the duration of the SSO will be the difference between the crew arrival time and the time SSO stopped (calculated in minutes).*