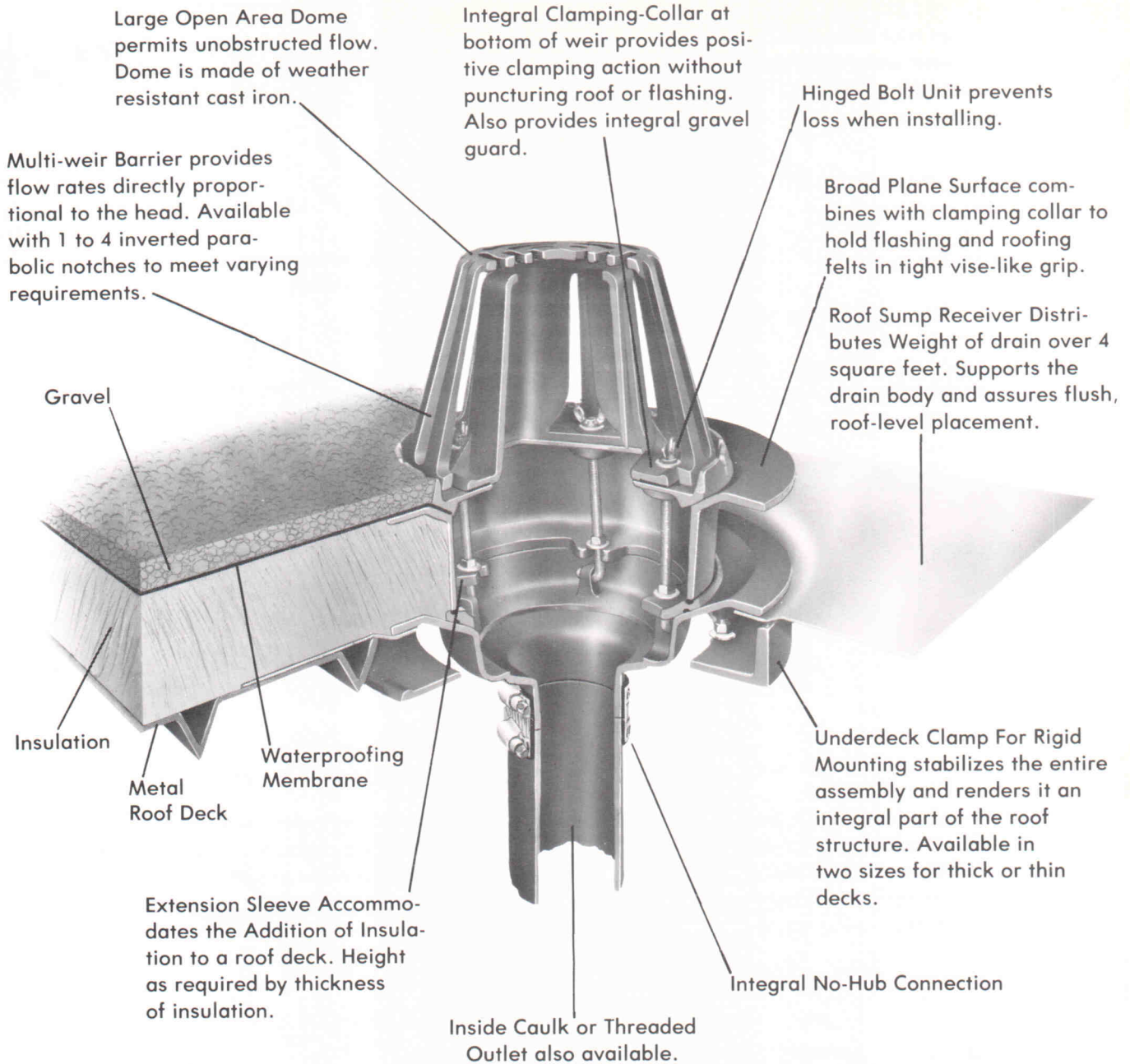


"Control-Flo"® Roof Drains



W-3504-DF/FCS/D/BP

The "Control-Flo" Method:

"Control-Flo" is a new way to remove rain water from dead-level or sloped roofs. Ordinary roof drains are designed with maximum openings to drain off storm water as quickly as it falls on the roof's surface; a practice which can result in occasional flooding, back-flows, or an overtaxed storm drainage system. "Control-Flo" drains the roof at controlled flow rates. Excess water accumulates on the roof under controlled conditions, and drains off at a predetermined

rate, after a storm has passed.

With a "Control-Flo" roof drainage system, fewer roof drains with smaller diameter piping, smaller sewer sizes and corresponding lower installation costs are possible because every roof becomes a temporary storage reservoir.

By reducing the rate of water drain from roof tops, the specifier lightens the total load on combination sewers and reduces the probability of

flooding and consequent backflow into basements and other low areas.

How it Works

Predetermined flow rates determine shape and size of notches on a special weir. Sides are formed by parabolic curves to provide flow rates directly proportional to the head, and assure permanent regulation of drainage flow rates for specific geographic locations and rainfall intensities.

Level Roof Application

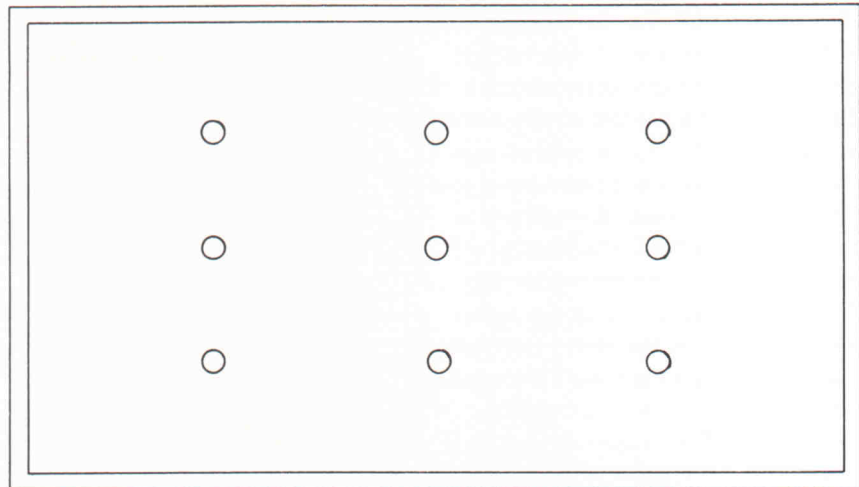
General Recommendations/ Level Roofs

On level roofs, design for a 3" depth for the 10-year storm. In this case, even the 100-year storm will not result in a maximum depth of 6". (A 6" depth represents a roof load of 31.2 pounds per square foot which approximates the 30 pounds per square foot factor commonly used in roof design.)

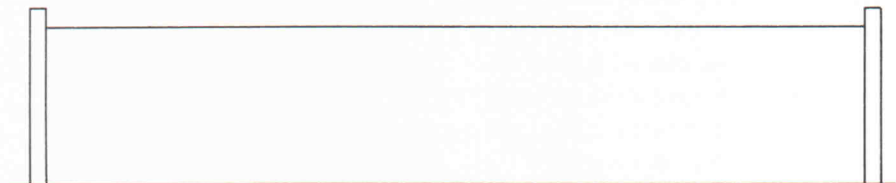
Roofing design should include protection to prevent roof overloading by specifying adequate overflow scuppers in parapet walls.

NOTE: A conservative practice used by some engineers in the past has been to design for a 3" depth with the 25, 50, or even 100-year storm; and also to lower scuppers to 5" or 4" above roof level. In either case, the final determination rests with the design engineer.

Level roof - A level roof for purposes of applying Wade "Control-Flo" drainage principles is one with zero slope across its entire surface.

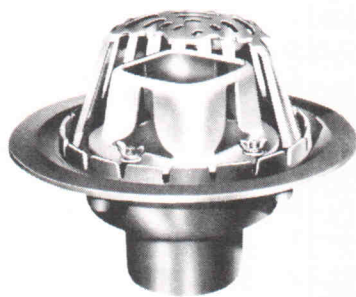


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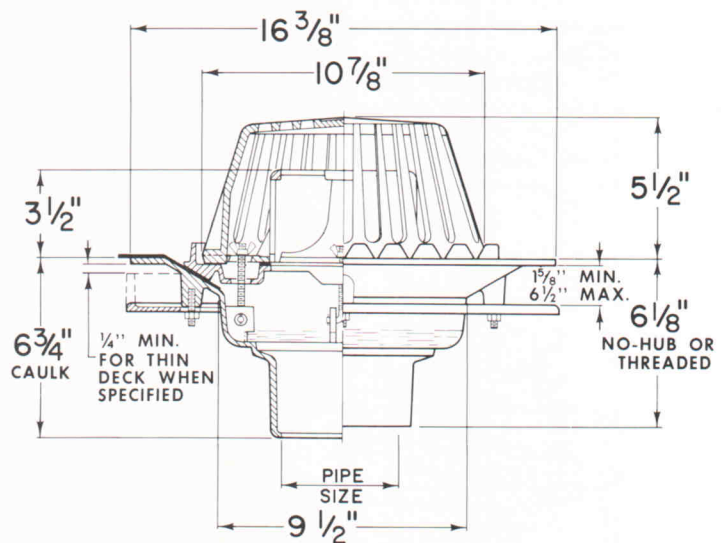


(section view)

Typical level roof plan



W-3500-FC



Specification Data/Level Roofs

Engineering Specification - Wade W-3500-FC (number of notches) "Control-Flo" cast iron roof drain with low-silhouette dome strainer, multi-weir barrier with integral clamping collar and gravel guard, and large protected sump. Available when specified with extension (DF), roof sump receiver (BP) and underdeck clamp (D).

Sloped Roof Application

General Recommendations / Sloped Roofs

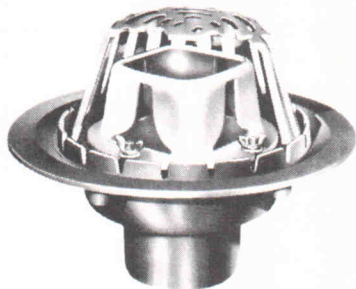
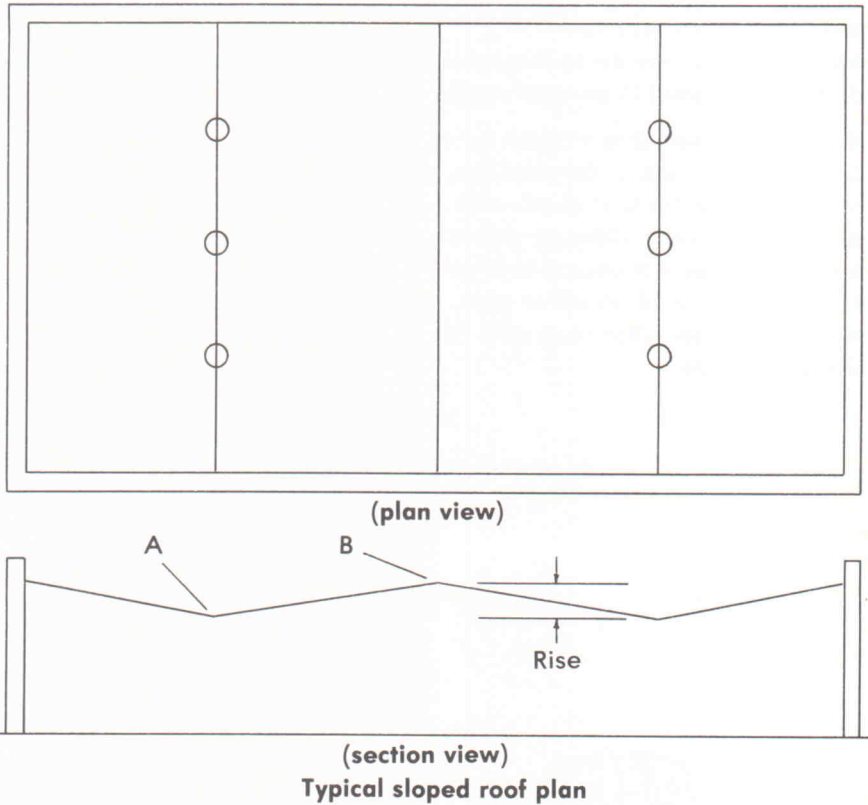
On sloping roofs, we again recommend a 3" design depth for the 10-year storm, but by 3" we refer to an equivalent depth of 3". An equivalent depth is the depth of water attained at the drains that results in the same roof stresses as those realized on a dead-level roof. In all cases this equivalent depth is almost equal to that attained by using the same notch area rating for the different rises to 6". With the same depth of water at the drain the roof stresses will decrease with increasing total rise. Therefore, it would be possible to have a depth in excess of 6" at the drain on a sloping roof without exceeding stresses normally encountered in a 6" depth on a dead-level roof. However, it is recommended that scuppers be placed to limit the maximum water depth on any roof to 6" to prevent the over flow of the weirs on the drains and consequent overloading of drain piping.

NOTE: An equivalent depth is that depth of water attained at the drains at the lowest line or valley of the roof with all other conditions such as notch area and rainfall intensity being equal. For Galveston, Texas a notch area of 1800 square feet results in a 3" depth on a **dead-level** roof for a 10-year storm. For the same notch area and a 10-year storm, equivalent depths for a 2", 4", and 6" rise respectively on a **sloped roof** would be 3.4", 3.8", and 4.6". Roof stresses will be approximately equal in all cases.

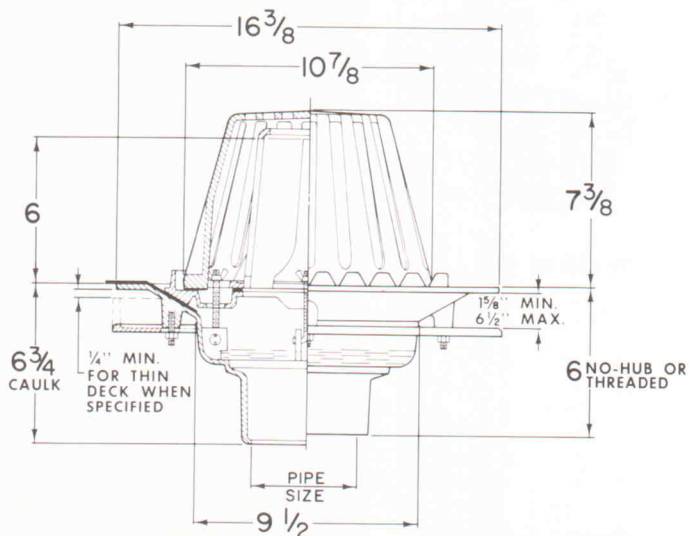
Sloped roof - A sloped roof is one with a shallow slope. The Wade "Control-Flo" drainage system can be applied to any slope which results in a total rise up to 6"; and data can be calculated for rises exceeding 6".

Total Rise of a roof as calculated for "Control Flo" application is the vertical increase in height from the low point or valley of a sloping roof (A) to the top of the sloping section (B).

Example: A roof that slopes $\frac{1}{8}$ " per foot having a 24' span would have a rise of $24 \times \frac{1}{8}$ or 3".



W-3500-FCS



Engineering Specification - Wade W-3500-FCS (number of notches) "Control-Flo" cast iron roof drain with extra large dome strainer, multi-weir barrier with integral clamping collar and gravel guard, and large protected sump. Available when specified with extension (DF), roof sump receiver (BP), and underdeck clamp (D).

Rainfall Data

"Control-Flo" drainage uses large roof areas to temporarily store maximum amounts of rain water without overloading average roofs or creating excessive drainage delays during heavy rains. The data in the roof drain selector takes these factors into consideration, and represents only one point on a series of curves prepared for each location.

Roof Loading and Run-Off Rates

The values for notch areas selected from the design curves are based on a **3" head on a level roof for a 10-year storm.**

In low rainfall regions, the area per notch is limited to 25,000 square feet. This keeps the draindown time within reasonable limits. The same area was used for the various roof rises for sloping roofs. Stresses due to water load on a sloping roof for any fixed set of conditions are very nearly the same as those on a level roof. A sloping roof tends to concentrate more water in the valleys and increase water depth at this point. The greater depth around the drain causes faster run-off rates, particularly a faster early run-off. So, there is less total volume of water stored on the roof, and less total load on a sloping roof. Roof stresses caused by increased water depth in the valleys is offset by the decrease in the total load because less water is stored. Maximum roof stresses are approximately the same for any single span, rise, and fixed set of conditions. (A fixed set of conditions would be the same notch area, the same frequency storm and the same locality.)

Notch Flow and Water Depth

The flow of each notch of the "Control-Flo" weir is 10 GPM per inch of head.

To compute the depth of water in inches at the drain, obtain the total flow for any fixed set of conditions and locale from the Roof Drain Selector and divide by 10. For example, in Dallas, Texas the discharge rates are 30, 36, 40 and 44 GPM for 10, 25, 50 and 100-year storms on a level roof. Since the possibility of exceeding 4.4" of water exists only once every 100 years, the drains can be sized to carry 44 GPM per notch and the scuppers can be set at a height of 4.4" above the roof to prevent overloading the drains if a worse than 100-year storm occurs. The same method applies for drain pipe sizing and scupper height selection for various roof slopes and storm frequencies.

Additional Notch Ratings

The Roof Drain Selector along with Tables 1 and 2 allows the engineer to select "Control-Flo" drains and drain pipe sizes for most applications. Tables 1 and 2 are computed for a proportional flow weir sized for 10 GPM per inch of head. This data can be applied to other sizes of proportional flow weirs by multiplying or dividing. For example, if a similar weir sized for 5 GPM per inch is substituted, the notch area and discharge in GPM would be divided by two.

Drain Location

On level roofs, drains should be located no further than 50 feet from each edge of the roof to assure good run-off regardless of wind direction. Weir should be flush with roof surface, not recessed.

On sloping roofs, drains should be located in the valleys at a distance no greater than 50 feet from each end of the valleys. Weir should be flush with the valley roof surface, not recessed.

On large roof areas, drains should not be spaced at a distance greater than 200 feet.

Parapets, Flashing and Curbs

A 3" water level for the 10-year storm represents a roof load of approximately 15 lbs. per sq. ft. This is only half the usual minimum design roof load rating. However, since it is desirable to contain the design depth of water on the roof in high wind conditions, it is recommended that roof construction, parapets, flashing and curbs should be high enough to prevent flooding over them.

Water-Cooled Roofs

The "Control-Flo" principle can be used on water cooled roofs. An adjustable collar on the drain body will retain a pool of water 0 to 3" deep. A 3" "Control-Flo" weir on top of the adjustable collar will control storm water falling on this pool. This restricts the maximum depth on the roof to 6" and scuppers should be located at this height. Since the weirs are 3" high on this drain they should be selected for a 3" head based on the 100-year frequency storm.

Special Considerations for Structural Safety

Roofing members and understructures, weakened by seepage and rot resulting from improper drainage and roof construction can give way under the weight of rapidly accumulated water during flash storms. It is recommended and often required by building codes that scuppers and overflow drains be installed in parapet type roofs. Properly selected and sized scuppers and overflow drains are vital to a well engineered drainage system to prevent excessive loading, erosion, seepage and rotting.

How to Use the Roof Drain Selector

The Roof Drain Selector (pages 15, 16, 17, 18) in combination with the steps below, should save countless hours of engineering specification time. This data permits the proper selection of drains for over 200 cities. If a city does not appear in this tabulation, choose the nearest listed city and select the proper drain using these factors.

Follow These Six Steps

(Example uses Anniston, Alabama; the first city listed in the Roof Drain Selector Guide.)

1. Determine total roof area (individual areas when roof is divided by expansion joints or peaks of sloping roof.)
2. Divided roof area or individual areas by Wade Notch Area Rating to determine the total number of notches required.
3. Determine the total number of drains required (do not exceed maximum spacing dimensions in the preceding instructions.)
4. Divide total number of notches required to determine the number of notches per drain.
5. Note flow rate for the 100-year storm and divide by 10 to determine maximum water depth at drain and use this dimension to determine scupper height. (Maximum scupper height to be used if 6".)
6. Use the flow rate from step 5 to size leaders and drain lines.

Three Typical Examples for Applications of "Control-Flo" Drains on Level and Sloping Roofs

Level Roof

1. Roof Area:
192 ft. x 500 ft. = 96,000 sq. ft.
2. Notch Area Rating for Anniston, Alabama = 13,300 from Roof Drain Selector.
Total Notches Required = $\frac{96,000 \text{ sq. ft. roof area}}{13,300 \text{ sq. ft. notch area}} = 7.2$ notches — USE 8 PER AREA.
3. Six drains required. Three along each side within 50 ft./200 ft./200 ft./50 ft.
4. Two drains must have two notches for a total of eight notches. Locate at opposite corners.
5. Flow rate for the 100-year storm is 43 GPM. Maximum water depth and scupper height equals 4.3".
6. Size leaders from single notch drains for 43 GPM and leaders from double notch drains for 86 GPM.

Sloped Roof, 4 Inch Rise

1. Three individual roof areas:
64 ft. x 500 ft. = 32,000 sq. ft.
Valleys 500 ft. long
3 x 32,000 ft. = 96,000 sq. ft.
2. Wade Notch Area Rating for Anniston, Alabama = 13,300 from Roof Drain Selector.
Total Notches Required = $\frac{32,000 \text{ sq. ft. roof area}}{13,300 \text{ sq. ft. notch area}} = 2.4$ notches — USE 3 PER AREA.
3. Three drains per area required located in the valleys 50 ft. from each end with one in the middle.
4. All Drains will have one notch.
5. Flow rate for the 100 year storm is 59 GPM maximum. Water depth and scupper height equals 5.9".
6. Size leaders for 59 GPM.

Sloped Roof, 6 Inch Rise

1. Two Individual Roof Areas:
98 ft. x 500 ft. = 48,000 sq. ft.
Valleys 500 ft. long
2 x 48,000 = 96,000 sq. ft.
2. Wade Notch Area Rating for Anniston, Alabama = 13,300 from Roof Drain Selector.
Total Notches Required = $\frac{48,000 \text{ sq. ft. roof area}}{13,300 \text{ sq. ft. notch area}} = 3.6$ notches — USE 4 PER AREA.
3. Three drains per area required located in the valleys 50 ft. from each end with one in the middle.
4. Four notches are required therefore one drain must have two notches. Locate this one in the middle.
5. Flow rate for the 100-year storm is 67 GPM. Locate scuppers at 6" and use 60 GPM as the maximum flow rate and 6" for the maximum depth. The probability of water flowing out scuppers is now less than once every 50 years instead of every 100 years.
6. Size leaders for 60 GPM.

Vertical Drain Leader Selection

While the flow rate for any design condition can be determined from the data on the preceding pages, tabulations below and on the following page can be used to simplify specification of drain line diameters.

Table 1 — Suggested Relation of Drain Outlet and Vertical Leader Size to Wade "Control-Flo" Roof Drains (Based on National Plumbing Code ASA-A40.8 Data on Vertical Leaders.

Table 1 illustrates gallons per minute from each notch that can be carried off by various leader sizes.

Once the drains are selected for a given roof per this manual, read the GPM flow per notch from the chart, refer to Table 1 and select the smallest drain line that will accommodate that flow. Drain pipes should be sized for the 100-year storm unless scuppers are located at a height that will not permit a 100-year storm depth of water to accumulate on the roof.

Table 1

| No. of Notches In Drain | Max. Flow per Notch in GPM | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| | Pipe Size, Inches | | | |
| | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1 | 30 | 60* | — | — |
| 2 | 15 | 46 | 60* | — |
| 3 | — | 31 | 60* | — |
| 4 | — | 23 | 48 | 60* |

*Maximum flow obtainable from 1 notch.

| LOCATION | Notch Area | DEAD-LEVEL | | | | | | | | 2 INCH RISE | | | | 4 INCH RISE | | | | 6 INCH RISE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|------------|---------------------|---------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|----------|---------------------|---------|---------|----------|---------------------|---------|---------|----------|---------------------|---------|---------|----------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|------|----|-----|----|-----|
| | | Discharge G.P.M. | | | | | | | | Discharge G.P.M. | | | | Discharge G.P.M. | | | | Discharge G.P.M. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | 10 Yrs. | 25 Yrs. | 50 Yrs. | 100 Yrs. | 10 Yrs. | 25 Yrs. | 50 Yrs. | 100 Yrs. | 10 Yrs. | 25 Yrs. | 50 Yrs. | 100 Yrs. | 10 Yrs. | 25 Yrs. | 50 Yrs. | 100 Yrs. | 10 Yrs. | 25 Yrs. | 50 Yrs. | 100 Yrs. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tyler, Tex. | 5,800 | 30 | 11 | 36 | 12 | 40 | 13 | 44 | 13.8 | 37 | 10 | 41 | 10.5 | 45 | 11 | 49 | 11.5 | 44 | 6.5 | 49 | 7.5 | 53 | 8 | 57 | 9 | 52 | 5.4 | 57 | 5.9 | 60 | 6.2 | 64 | 6.6 |
| Modena, Utah | 25,000 | 16 | 29 | 18 | 32 | 20 | 34 | 22 | 36 | 24 | 27 | 27 | 31 | 30 | 34 | 32 | 36 | 32 | 20 | 36 | 23 | 38 | 24 | 40 | 25 | 38 | 16 | 42 | 17.5 | 46 | 19 | 50 | 21 |
| Salt Lake City, Utah | 25,000 | 13 | 23 | 15 | 28 | 16 | 30 | 17 | 32 | 18 | 22 | 20 | 23 | 22 | 25 | 24 | 27 | 25 | 15 | 28 | 17 | 30 | 18 | 32 | 20 | 31 | 13 | 34 | 14 | 36 | 14 | 38 | 16 |
| Burlington, Vt. | 25,000 | 22 | 36 | 25 | 39 | 28 | 42 | 32 | 46 | 26 | 30 | 29 | 33 | 32 | 36 | 35 | 38 | 34 | 21 | 38 | 24 | 40 | 25 | 42 | 26 | 40 | 17 | 44 | 18 | 46 | 19 | 49 | 20 |
| Northfield, Vt. | 25,000 | 26 | 40 | 31 | 45 | 36 | 49 | 41 | 52 | 31 | 35 | 36 | 39 | 40 | 43 | 45 | 46 | 38 | 24 | 43 | 26 | 47 | 29 | 51 | 32 | 45 | 19 | 50 | 21 | 54 | 23 | 57 | 24 |

For example, if your installation is in Tyler, Texas, on a level roof the data for the 100-year storm shows a discharge of 44 GPM per notch. For this applications scuppers would be located at a 4.4" height. Using Table 1, a 3" drain pipe or vertical leader would be used for a drain with one or two notches. A 4" leader would be used for a drain with three or four notches.

For Tyler, Texas, and a roof with a 2" rise, the 100-year storm shows a flow rate of 49 GPM. In this case scuppers should be located at a height of 4.9". A 3" leader would be used with a single notch drain, a 4" leader with a two or three notch drain. The same type of selection would be made for a roof with a 4" rise; for Tyler, Texas, the flow rate for the 100-year storm is 57 GPM per notch.

For the roof with a 6" rise, the data for Tyler, Texas, shows a flow rate greater than 60 GPM for the 100-year storm. In these cases the scuppers will be located at the maximum recommended height of 6" and the vertical leaders will be sized for a maximum flow rate of 60 GPM per notch.

In the few cases where data shows a flow rate in excess of 60 GPM for the 100-year storm, if all drains and drain lines are sized according to the recommendations, the only consequence will be a brief flow through the scuppers about once every 100 years.

Horizontal Storm Drain Piping Selection

Table 2 is similar to Table 1 but is used to determine the size of the building storm drain. Use the same flow rate established for sizing the vertical leaders to size the storm drain. Count the total number of notches feeding any one drain or branch to the drain. Enter the table at the total number of notches, and under the proper storm drain slope, select the column that gives a flow rate equal to or larger than the established notch flow rate. Read the storm drain size required at the top of this column.

Table 2 — Suggested Relation of Horizontal Storm Drain Size to Wade "Control-Flo" Roof Drainage. (Based on National Plumbing Code ASA-A40.8 Data on Horizontal Storm Drains with 1/8", 1/4" and 1/2" per foot slope.)

| Total No. of Notches Discharging to Storm Drain | MAX. FLOW PER NOTCH IN GPM | | | | | | | | MAX. FLOW PER NOTCH IN GPM | | | | | | | | MAX. FLOW PER NOTCH IN GPM | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | Storm Drain Size 1/8" per ft. slope | | | | | | | | Storm Drain Size 1/4" per ft. slope | | | | | | | | Storm Drain Size 1/2" per ft. slope | | | | | | | |
| | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 15 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 15 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 15 |
| 1 | 34 | 60* | — | — | — | — | — | — | 48 | 60* | — | — | — | — | — | — | 60* | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 2 | 17 | 39 | 60* | — | — | — | — | — | 24 | 55* | 60* | — | — | — | — | — | 34 | 60* | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 3 | 11 | 26 | 46 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 16 | 37 | 60* | — | — | — | — | — | 22 | 52* | 60* | — | — | — | — | — |
| 4 | 8 | 19 | 34 | 55 | 60* | — | — | — | 12 | 28 | 49 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 17 | 39 | 60* | — | — | — | — | — |
| 5 | — | 15 | 28 | 44 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 22 | 39 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 13 | 31 | 60* | — | — | — | — | — |
| 6 | — | 13 | 23 | 37 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 18 | 33 | 52* | 60* | — | — | — | 11 | 26 | 46 | 60* | — | — | — | — |
| 7 | — | 11 | 20 | 32 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 16 | 28 | 45 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 22 | 39 | 60* | — | — | — | — |
| 8 | — | — | 17 | 28 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 14 | 25 | 39 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 19 | 36 | 55* | 60* | — | — | — |
| 9 | — | — | 15 | 25 | 53 | 60* | — | — | — | 12 | 22 | 35 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 17 | 30 | 49 | 60* | — | — | — |
| 10 | — | — | 14 | 22 | 48 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 20 | 31 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 15 | 27 | 44 | 60* | — | — | — |
| 11 | — | — | 12 | 20 | 43 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 18 | 29 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 14 | 25 | 40 | 60* | — | — | — |
| 12 | — | — | — | 18 | 40 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 16 | 26 | 56 | 60* | — | — | — | 13 | 23 | 37 | 60* | — | — | — |
| 13 | — | — | — | 17 | 37 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 15 | 24 | 52 | 60* | — | — | — | 12 | 21 | 34 | 60* | — | — | — |
| 14 | — | — | — | 16 | 34 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 14 | 22 | 48 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 19 | 31 | 60* | — | — | — |
| 15 | — | — | — | 15 | 32 | 57 | 60* | — | — | — | 13 | 21 | 45 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 18 | 29 | 60* | — | — | — |
| 16 | — | — | — | 14 | 30 | 54 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 20 | 42 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 17 | 27 | 60* | — | — | — |
| 17 | — | — | — | 13 | 28 | 51 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 18 | 40 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 16 | 26 | 56 | 60* | — | — |
| 18 | — | — | — | 12 | 26 | 48 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 17 | 37 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 15 | 24 | 53 | 60* | — | — |
| 19 | — | — | — | — | 25 | 45 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 16 | 35 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 14 | 23 | 50 | 60* | — | — |
| 20 | — | — | — | — | 24 | 43 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 16 | 34 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 13 | 22 | 47 | 60* | — | — |
| 23 | — | — | — | — | 20 | 37 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 14 | 29 | 53 | 60* | — | — | — | 12 | 19 | 41 | 60* | — | — |
| 25 | — | — | — | — | 19 | 34 | 55 | 60* | — | — | — | 13 | 27 | 49 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 17 | 38 | 60* | — | — |
| 30 | — | — | — | — | 16 | 28 | 46 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 22 | 40 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 14 | 31 | 57 | 60* | — |
| 35 | — | — | — | — | 13 | 24 | 39 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 19 | 35 | 56 | 60* | — | — | — | 12 | 27 | 49 | 60* | — |
| 40 | — | — | — | — | 12 | 21 | 34 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 17 | 30 | 49 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 23 | 43 | 60* | — |
| 45 | — | — | — | — | — | 19 | 31 | 55* | — | — | — | — | 15 | 27 | 44 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 21 | 38 | 60* | — |
| 50 | — | — | — | — | — | 17 | 27 | 49* | — | — | — | — | 13 | 24 | 39 | 60* | — | — | — | — | 19 | 34 | 55 | 60* |
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| 60 | — | — | — | — | — | 14 | 23 | 41* | — | — | — | — | — | 20 | 32 | 58* | — | — | — | — | 15 | 28 | 46 | 60* |
| 65 | — | — | — | — | — | 13 | 21 | 38* | — | — | — | — | — | 18 | 30 | 54* | — | — | — | — | 14 | 26 | 42 | 60* |
| 70 | — | — | — | — | — | 12 | 20 | 35* | — | — | — | — | — | 17 | 28 | 50* | — | — | — | — | 13 | 24 | 39 | 60* |

*Maximum flow obtainable from 1 notch.

Special Considerations for Structural Safety

RIGID ROOF DESIGN

Normal practice of roof design calls for a roof load rating of 30 lbs. per sq. ft. This factor should definitely be kept in mind as a prime requirement for assuring a structurally sound roof. Otherwise, roof deflection may minimize the advantage of a well-designed roof drainage system.

Failure to recognize the adverse effects of roof deflection, even with conventional roof drainage, may lead to roof failure. If severe deflection is permitted, rain water will simply seek low areas and intensify the degree of deflection. It is extremely important that flat roofs are designed in accordance with normal load factors so that deflection will be slight enough in any bay to prevent progressive deflection which could cause water depths to load the roof beyond its design limits.