"K" FACTOR TABLE—SHEET 1 of 4

Representative Resistance Coefficients (K) for Valves and Fittings

("K" is based on use of schedule pipe as listed on page 2-10)

PIPE FRICTION DATA FOR CLEAN COMMERCIAL STEEL PIPE WITH FLOW IN ZONE OF COMPLETE TURBULENCE

Nominal Size	½″	¾″	1″	1¼″	1½″	2″	2½, 3″	4″	5″	6″	8-10″	12-16″	18-24″
Friction Factor (f_T)	.027	.025	.023	.022	.021	.019	.018	.017	.016	.015	.014	.013	.012

FORMULAS FOR CALCULATING "K" FACTORS* FOR VALVES AND FITTINGS WITH REDUCED PORT

(Ref: Pages 2-11 and 3-4)

- **Formula 1**

$$K_2 = \frac{0.8\left(\sin\frac{\theta}{2}\right)(1-\beta^2)}{\beta^4} = \frac{K_1}{\beta^4}$$

- **Formula 2**

$$K_2 = \frac{0.5\,(1-\beta^2)\sqrt{\sin\frac{\theta}{2}}}{\beta^4} = \frac{K_1}{\beta^4}$$

- **Formula 3**

$$K_2 = \frac{2.6\left(\sin\frac{\theta}{2}\right)(1-\beta^2)^2}{\beta^4} = \frac{K_1}{\beta^4}$$

- **Formula 4**

$$K_2 = \frac{(1-\beta^2)^2}{\beta^4} = \frac{K_1}{\beta^4}$$

- **Formula 5**

$$K_2 = \frac{K_1}{\beta^4} + \text{Formula 1} + \text{Formula 3}$$

$$K_2 = \frac{K_1 + \sin\frac{\theta}{2}\left[0.8\,(1-\beta^2) + 2.6\,(1-\beta^2)^2\right]}{\beta^4}$$

- **Formula 6**

$$K_2 = \frac{K_1}{\beta^4} + \text{Formula 2} + \text{Formula 4}$$

$$K_2 = \frac{K_1 + 0.5\sqrt{\sin\frac{\theta}{2}}\,(1-\beta^2) + (1-\beta^2)^2}{\beta^4}$$

- **Formula 7**

$$K_2 = \frac{K_1}{\beta^4} + \beta\,(\text{Formula 2} + \text{Formula 4}) \text{ when } \theta = 180^\circ$$

$$K_2 = \frac{K_1 + \beta\left[0.5\,(1-\beta^2) + (1-\beta^2)^2\right]}{\beta^4}$$

$$\beta = \frac{d_1}{d_2}$$

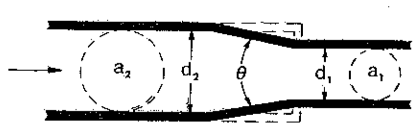
$$\beta^2 = \left(\frac{d_1}{d_2}\right)^2 = \frac{a_1}{a_2}$$

Subscript 1 defines dimensions and coefficients with reference to the smaller diameter.

Subscript 2 refers to the larger diameter.

***Use "K" furnished by valve or fitting supplier when available.**

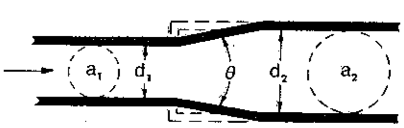
SUDDEN AND GRADUAL CONTRACTION



If: $\theta \leq 45^\circ$ . . . . K_2 = Formula 1

$45^\circ < \theta \leq 180^\circ$ . . . K_2 = Formula 2

SUDDEN AND GRADUAL ENLARGEMENT



If: $\theta \leq 45^\circ$ . . . . K_2 = Formula 3

$45^\circ < \theta \leq 180^\circ$ . . . K_2 = Formula 4

"K" FACTOR TABLE— SHEET 4 of 4

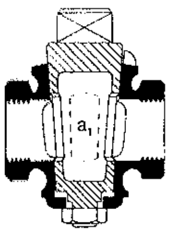
Representative Resistance Coefficients (K) for Valves and Fittings

(for formulas and friction data, see page A-26)

("K" is based on use of schedule pipe as listed on page 2-10)

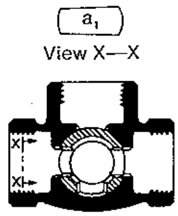
PLUG VALVES AND COCKS

Straight-Way

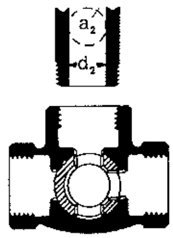


If: $\beta = 1$, $K_1 = 18 f_T$

3-Way



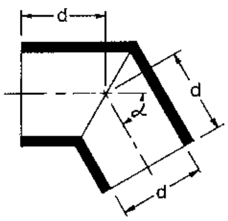
If: $\beta = 1$, $K_1 = 30 f_T$



If: $\beta = 1$, $K_1 = 90 f_T$

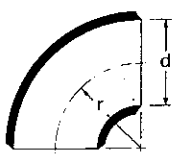
If: $\beta < 1 \ldots K_2 =$ Formula 6

MITRE BENDS



α	K
0°	$2 f_T$
15°	$4 f_T$
30°	$8 f_T$
45°	$15 f_T$
60°	$25 f_T$
75°	$40 f_T$
90°	$60 f_T$

90° PIPE BENDS AND FLANGED OR BUTT-WELDING 90° ELBOWS



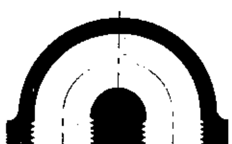
r/d	K	r/d	K
1	$20 f_T$	8	$24 f_T$
1.5	$14 f_T$	10	$30 f_T$
2	$12 f_T$	12	$34 f_T$
3	$12 f_T$	14	$38 f_T$
4	$14 f_T$	16	$42 f_T$
6	$17 f_T$	20	$50 f_T$

The resistance coefficient, K_B, for pipe bends other than 90° may be determined as follows:

$$K_B = (n-1)\left(0.25\ \pi\ f_T \frac{r}{d} + 0.5\ K\right) + K$$

n = number of 90° bends
K = resistance coefficient for one 90° bend (per table)

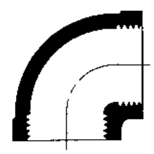
CLOSE PATTERN RETURN BENDS



$K = 50 f_T$

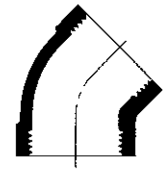
STANDARD ELBOWS

90°



$K = 30 f_T$

45°



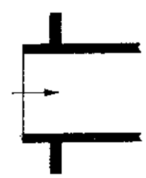
$K = 16 f_T$

STANDARD TEES

Flow thru run....... $K = 20 f_T$
Flow thru branch.... $K = 60 f_T$

PIPE ENTRANCE

Inward Projecting

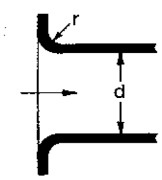


$K = 0.78$

r/d	K
0.00*	0.5
0.02	0.28
0.04	0.24
0.06	0.15
0.10	0.09
0.15 & up	0.04

*Sharp-edged

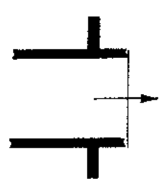
Flush



For K, see table

PIPE EXIT

Projecting



$K = 1.0$

Sharp-Edged

$K = 1.0$

Rounded

$K = 1.0$