

Symbol	Definition	Units
A	Area of cross section of flow	m ²
AHW	Allowable HW	m
B	Barrel width	mm or m
BW	Backwater	m
D	Culvert diameter or barrel height	mm or m
d	Depth of flow	m
d _C	Critical depth of flow	m
g	Acceleration due to gravity	m/s ²
H	Sum of H _E + H _f + H _O	m
H _b	Bend headloss	m
H _E	Entrance headloss	m
H _f	Friction headloss	m
H _L	Total energy losses	m
H _O	Outlet or exit headloss	m
H _V	Velocity head	m
h _O	Hydraulic grade line height above outlet invert	m
HW	Headwater depth (subscript indicates section)	m
K _E	Entrance loss coefficient	-
L	Length of culvert	m
n	Manning's roughness coefficient	-
P	Wetted perimeter	m
Q	Rate of discharge	m ³ /s
R	Hydraulic radius (A/P)	m
S	Slope of culvert	m/m
TW	Tailwater depth above invert of culvert	m
V	Mean velocity of flow with barrel full	m/s
V _d	Mean velocity in downstream channel	m/s
V _O	Mean velocity of flow at culvert outlet	m/s
V _U	Mean velocity in upstream channel	m/s
γ	Unit weight of water	N/m ³
τ	Tractive force	Pa

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