

International Plumbing Design and Installation Standards

A BRIEF OVERVIEW

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A Comparison of British and American Plumbing Engineering Standards and Practices

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"A complicating factor is the historic roots of current design guides and standards (including the interpretation of the governing fluid mechanics principles and margins of safety), causing many design differences to exist for the same conditions internationally, such as minimum trap seal retention requirements, stack-to-vent cross-vent spacing, and even stack diameter. "

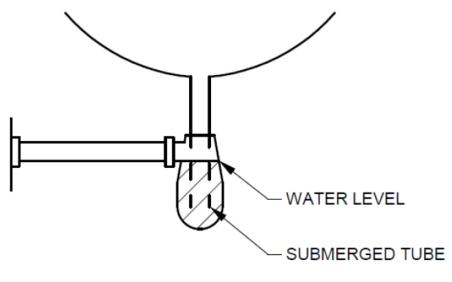
Building Drainage System Design for Tall Buildings: Current Limitations and Public Health Implications

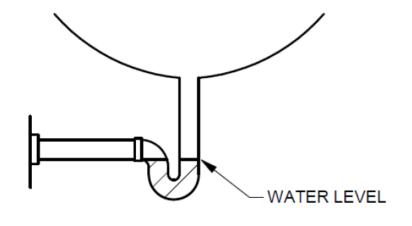




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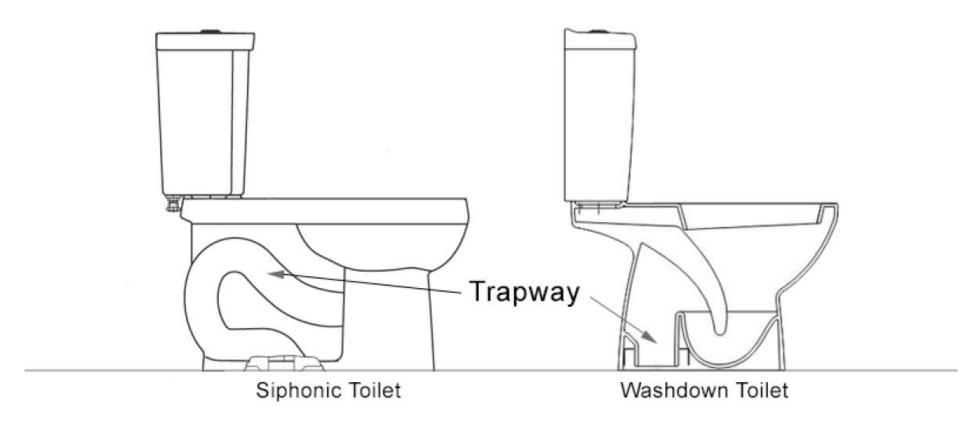
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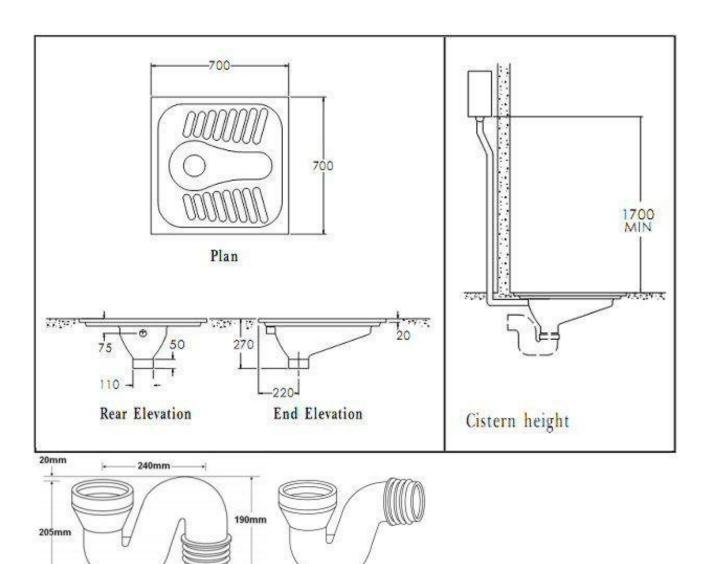
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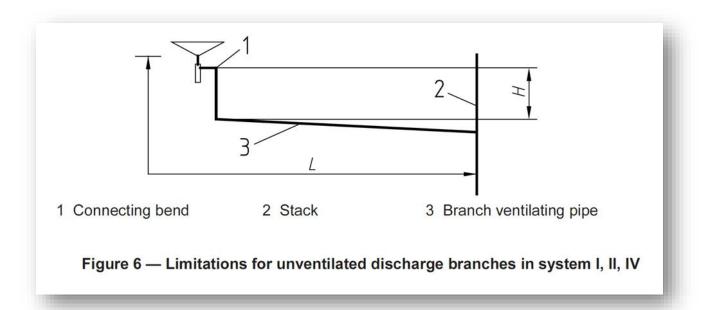
Pedestal Water Closet: Siphonic vs washdown

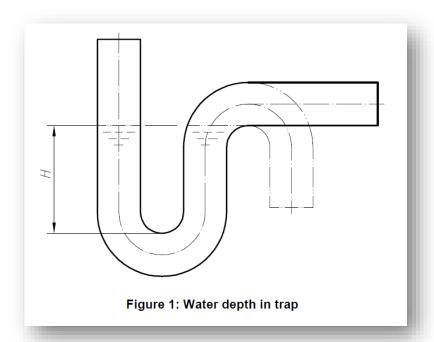
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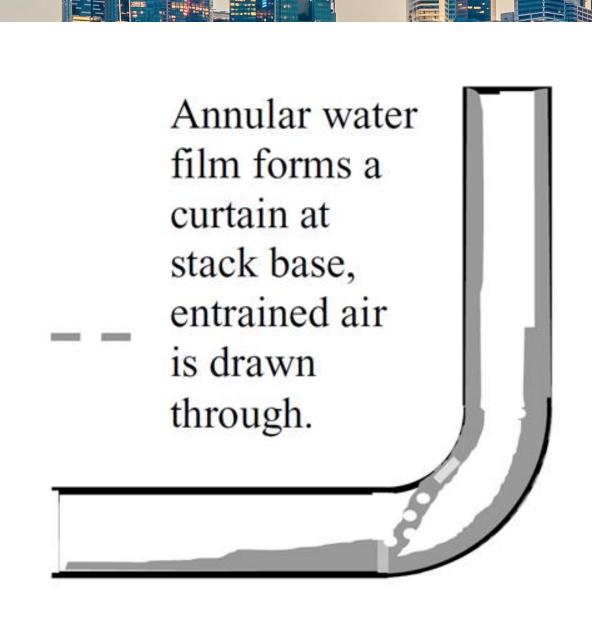
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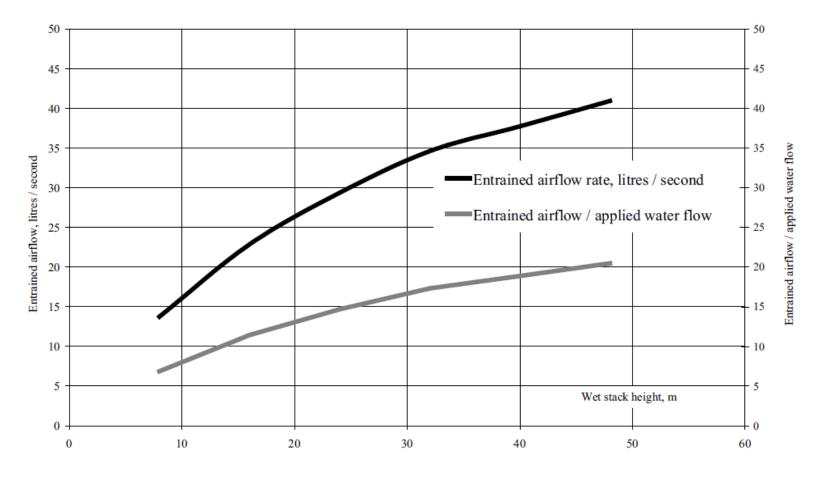


Figure 4.21 Increasing entrained airflow as a direct result of increased wet stack length by introducing a 2 litre/second water inflow further up the stack in a 150 mm diameter single stack system, Figure 4.1(b)

$$L = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + (\lambda + u) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \left(\frac{2}{\gamma - 1}\right) \left[\frac{\lambda}{c} \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + \left(\lambda \frac{u}{c} + c\right) \frac{\partial c}{\partial x}\right] + \frac{4 f u |u|}{2D} = 0$$

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As $u = \theta(x,t)$ and $c = \theta(x,t)$ it follows that

$$\frac{du}{dt} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} \text{ and } \frac{dc}{dt} = \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt}$$

Pressure profile over the single stack height with multiple appliance discharges.

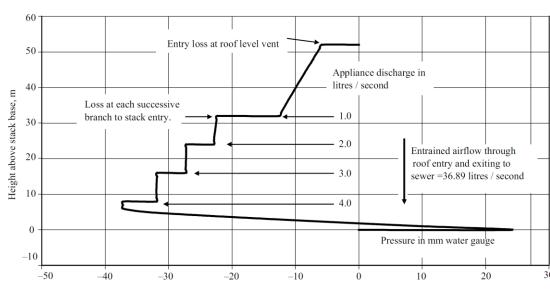
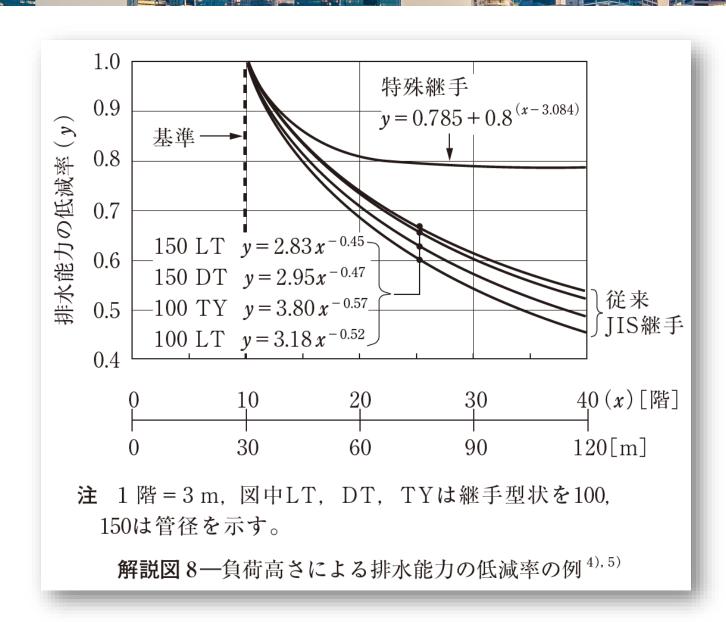


Figure 4.2 Expected air pressure regime within the vertical stack of a single stack system subject to four individual discharging branches

J. A. Swaffield, Transient Airflow in Building Drainage Systems, 2010



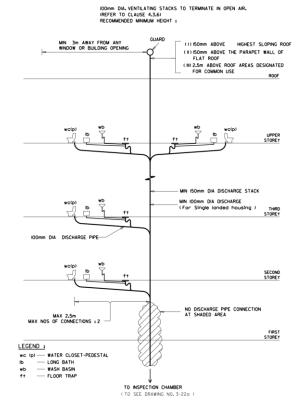
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LEGEND: B = basin Bth = bath FW = floor waste SHr = shower Tr = trough W.C. = water closet

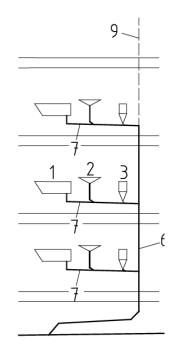
FIGURE 8.1 (in part) SINGLE STACK SYSTEMS

(a) Domestic or residential building (see Table 8.3)

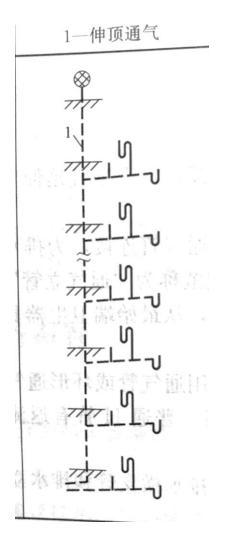
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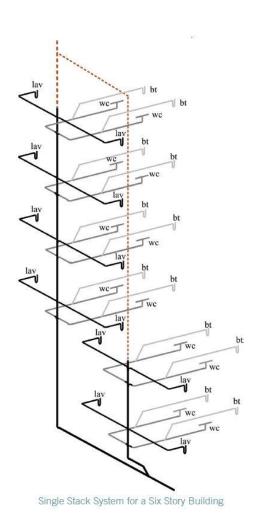
Europe

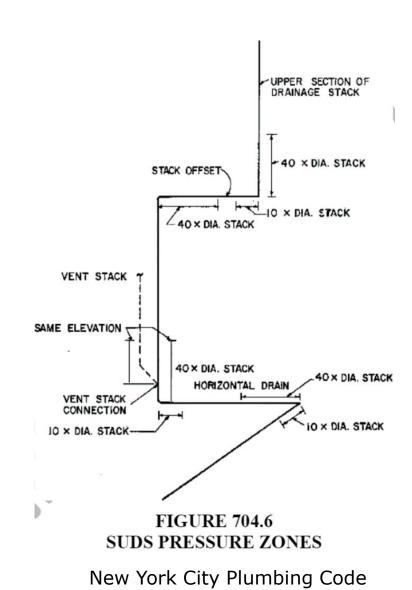


China



US

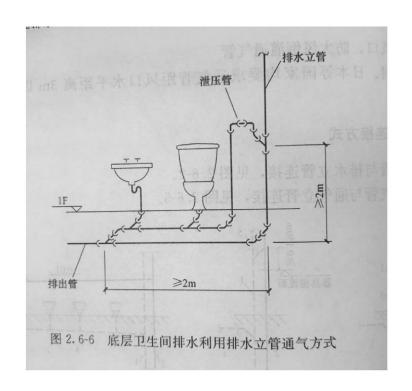




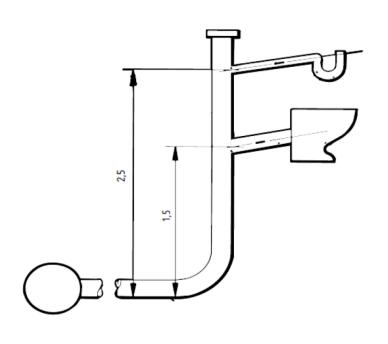
OFFSET FLOOR VENTING IN GERMANY

Falleitungsverziehung Umgehungsleitung Bild 7. Falleitungsverziehung mit Umgehungsleitung

LOWEST FLOOR VENTING IN CHINA



STUB STACK IN UK





EQUATION 1 – Loading calculation in EN 12056 (EUROPE)

 $Q_{ww} = K\sqrt{\Sigma DU}$

 Q_{ww} = waste water flowrate (L/s)

K =Frequency factor

 $\Sigma DU = \text{Sum of discharge Units}$

EQUATION 2 – Loading calculation in GB 50015 (CHINA)

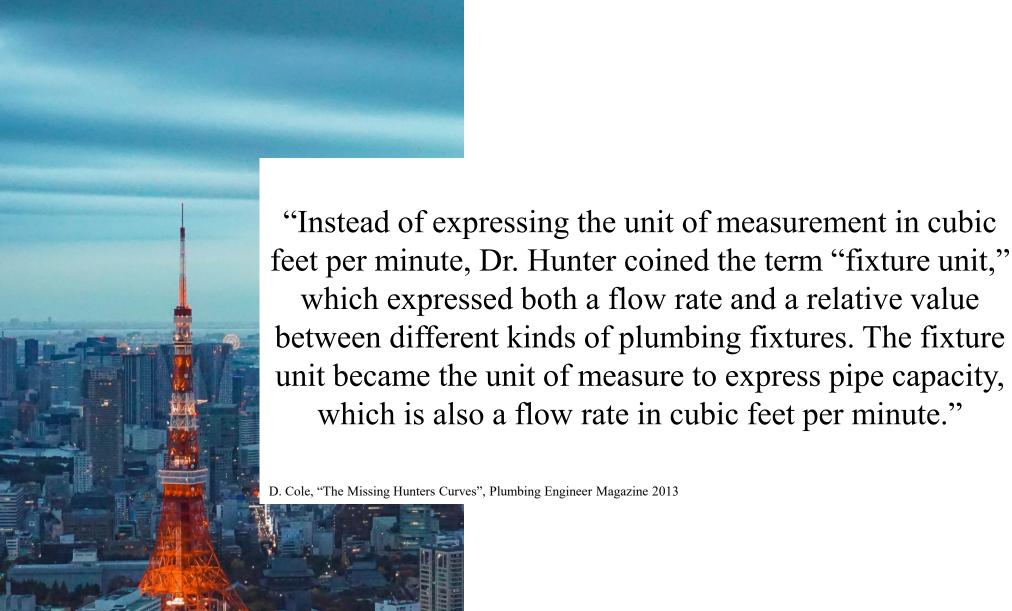
$$q_p = 0.12a\sqrt{N_p} + q_{max}$$

 q_p = Drainage design flowrate (L/s)

 N_p = Sanitary appliance drainage equivalent value

a = Building type coefficient





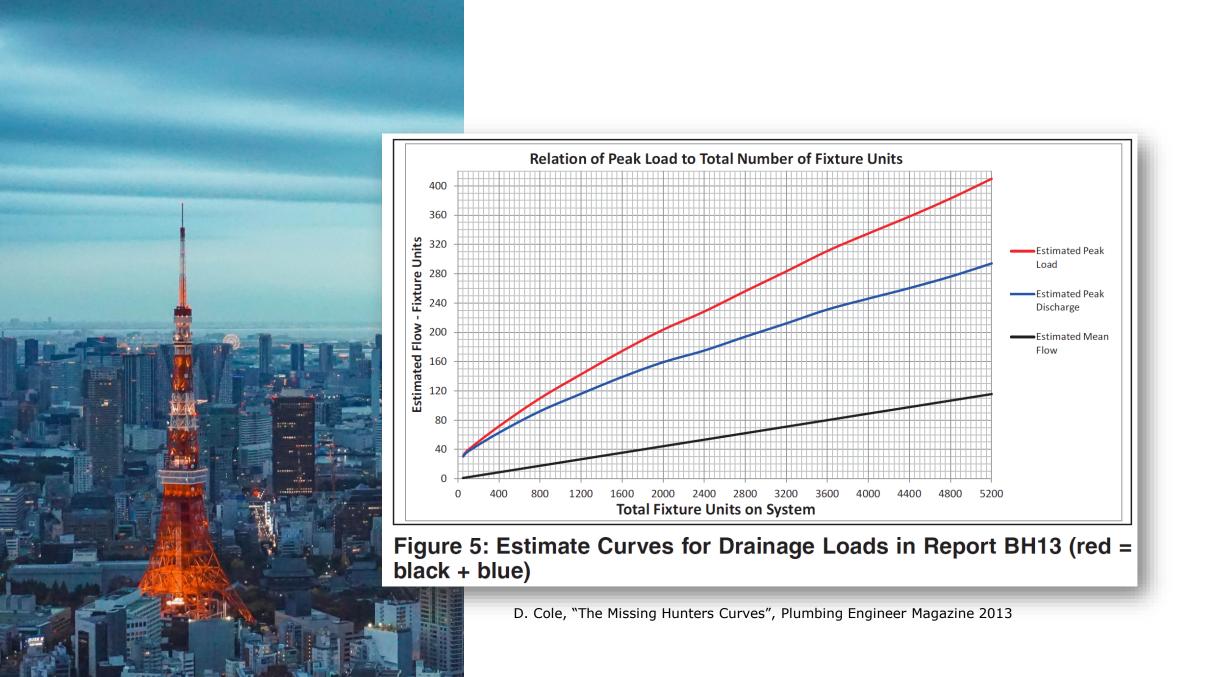




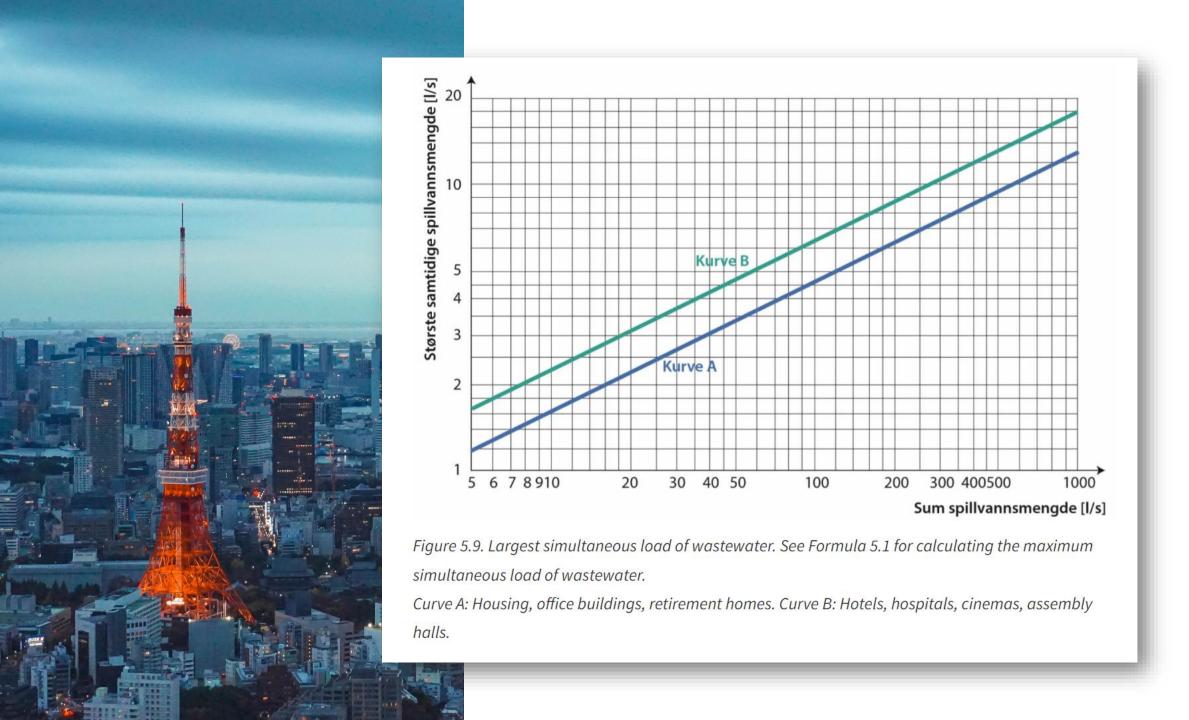
TABLE 710.1(1) BUILDING DRAINS AND SEWERS

DIAMETER OF PIPE (inches)	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DRAINAGE FIXTURE UNITS CONNECTED TO ANY PORTION OF THE BUILDING DRAIN OR THE BUILDING SEWER, INCLUDING BRANCHES OF THE BUILDING DRAIN ^a					
	Slope per foot					
	¹ / ₁₆ inch	¹ / ₈ inch	¹ / ₄ inch	¹ / ₂ inch		
11/4	_	_	1	1		
11/2	_	_	3	3		
2	_	_	21	26		
2 ¹ / ₂	_	_	24	31		
3	_	36	42	50		
4	_	180	216	250		
5	_	390	480	575		
6	_	700	840	1,000		
8	1,400	1,600	1,920	2,300		
10	2,500	2,900	3,500	4,200		
12	3,900	4,600	5,600	6,700		
15	7,000	8,300	10,000	12,000		

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 inch per foot = 83.3 mm/m.

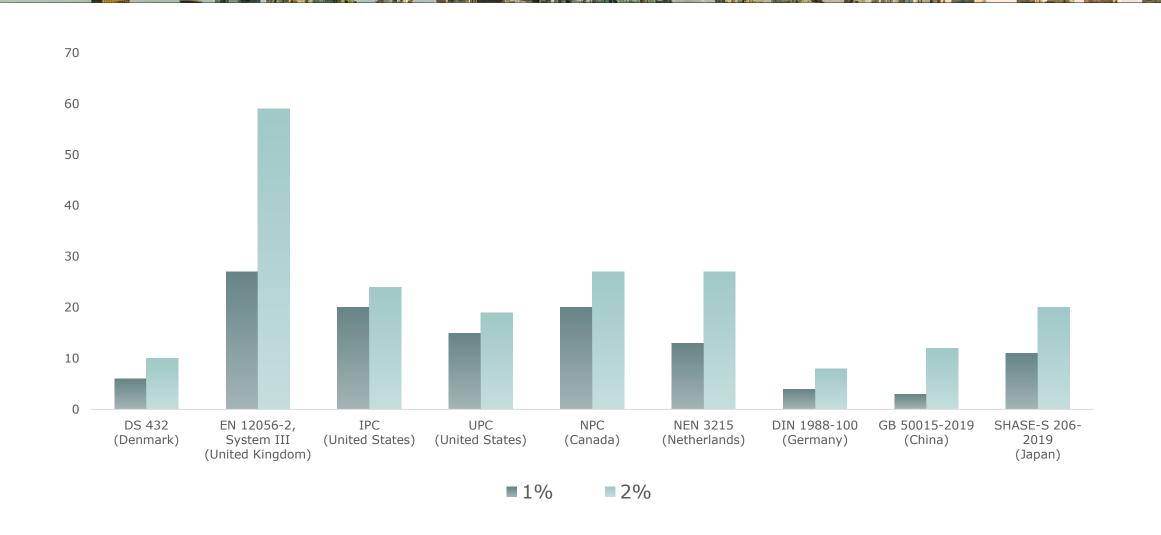
International Plumbing Code

a. The minimum size of any building drain serving a water closet shall be 3 inches.



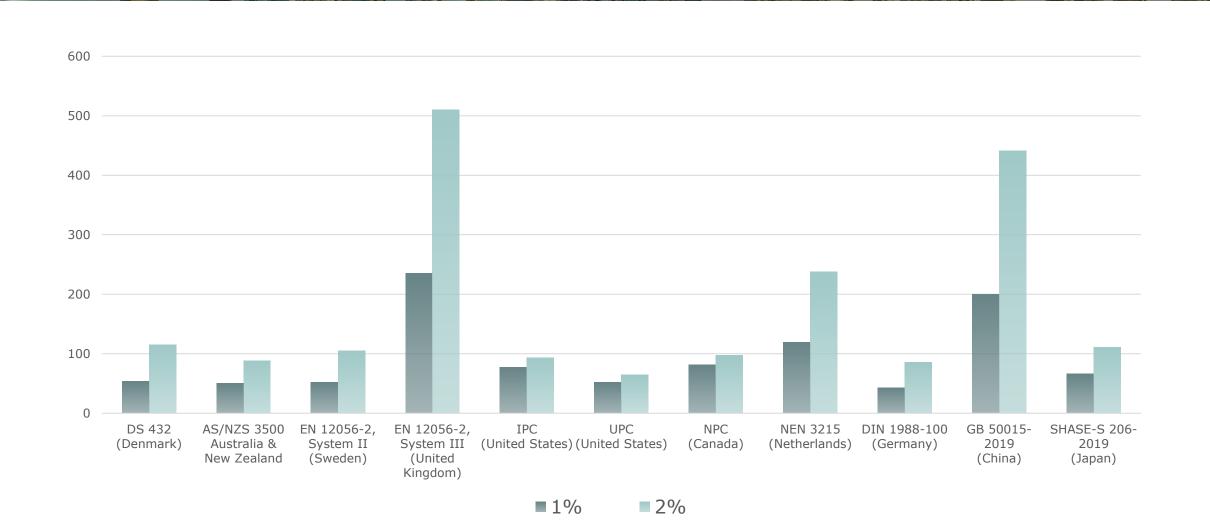
Maximum Dwelling Units on Horizontal Drain (4 inch)

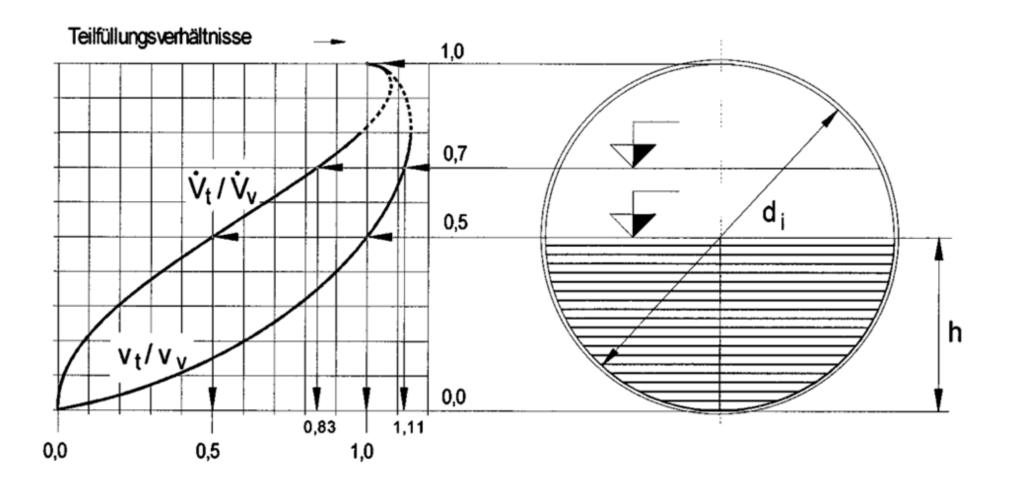
INTERNATIONAL DRAINAGE LOADING COMPARISON



Maximum Dwelling Units Per Horizontal Drain (6 inch)

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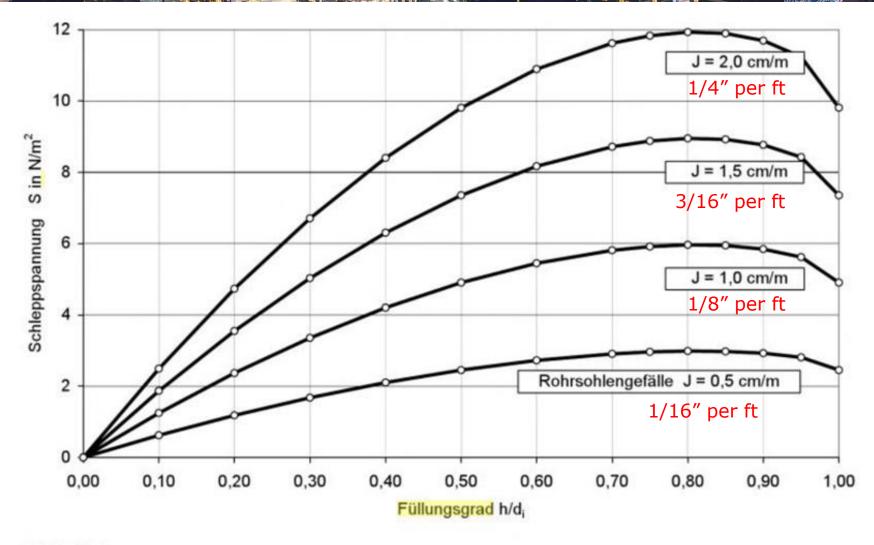


Bild 14-2
Schleppspannung in Abhängigkeit vom Füllungsgrad und vom Rohrsohlengefälle



COUNTRY	Max FLUSH VOLUME	MINIMUM DIAMETER	GRADIENT
United States	1.6 gal 4.8 L	3" (DN 80)	IPC: 1% UPC: 2%
United Kingdom	1.6/1.1 gal (1.23 gal) 6/4 L (4.7 L)	4" (DN 100)	2.5%
Netherlands	Min 1.6 gal 6 L	4" (DN 100)	0.5%
Scandinavia	1.1/0.5 gal (0.7 gal) 4/2 L (2.7 L)	Denmark: 3" (DN 80) Sweden: 4" (DN 100)	2%
Germany	1.2 gal (4.5 L)	3" (DN 80)	2%



Horizontal drain filling height

STANDARD	ORIGIN	MAXIMUM FILLING HEIGHT	
DS 432	Denmark	50%	
DIN 1986-100	Germany	50%	
GB 50015:2019	China (PRC)	60%	
NEN 3215	Netherlands	70%	
BS EN 12056-2	UK	75%	
IPC/UPC	US	50%	



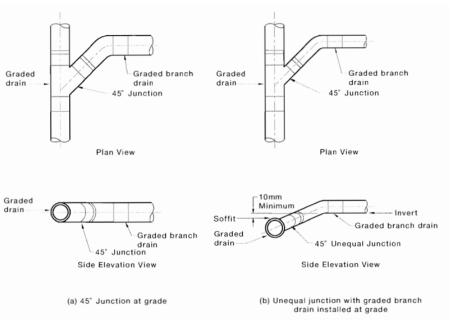


Figure 1 Horizontal junctions in AS/NZS 3500.1

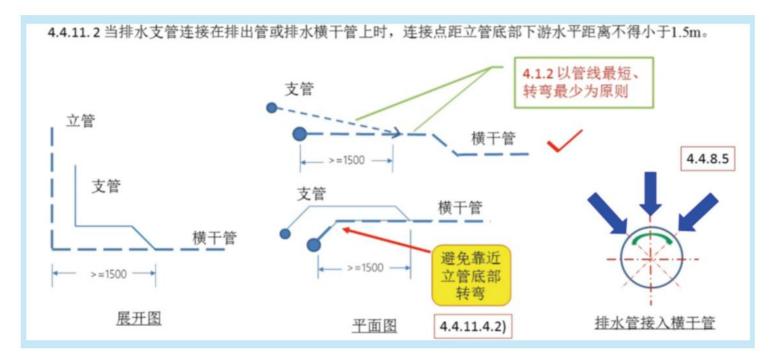
SOFFIT

DISCHARGE FLOW

INVERT

AN ECCENTRIC TAPER FITTING IS:

A REDUCER THAT MAINTAINS LEVEL
SOFFITS IN THE ADJOINING PIPES





Research Report

An assessment of the validity of the loading units method for sizing domestic hot and cold water services

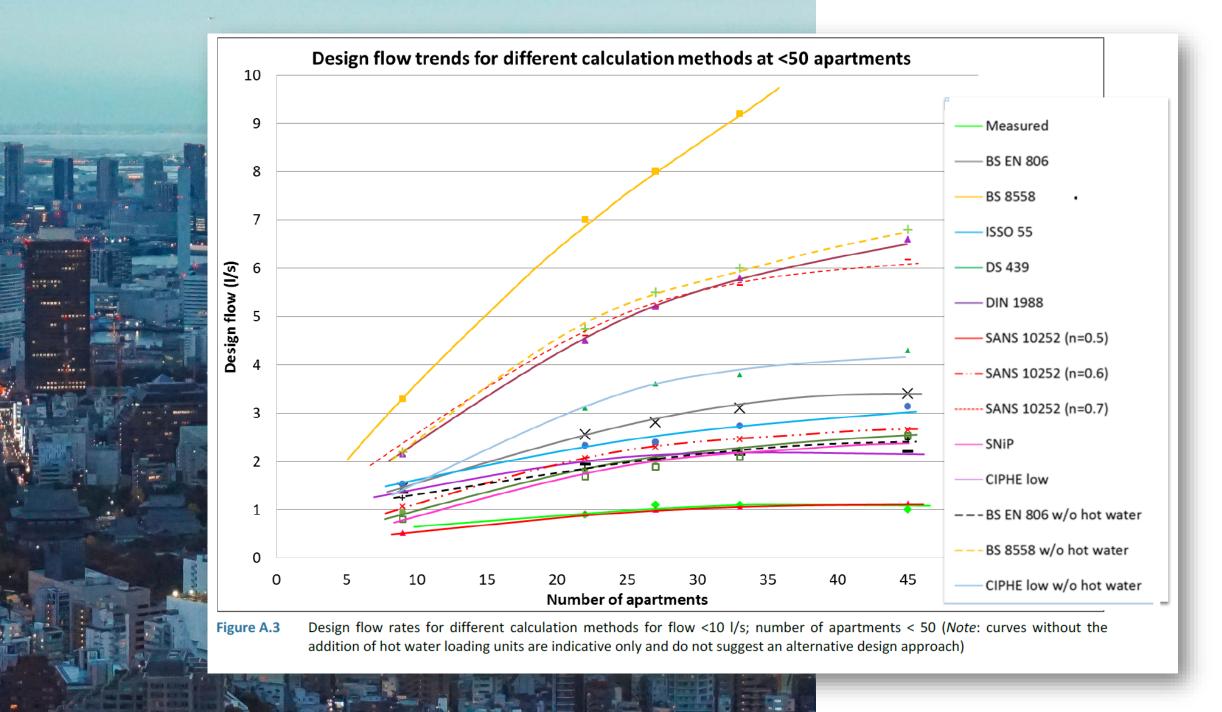




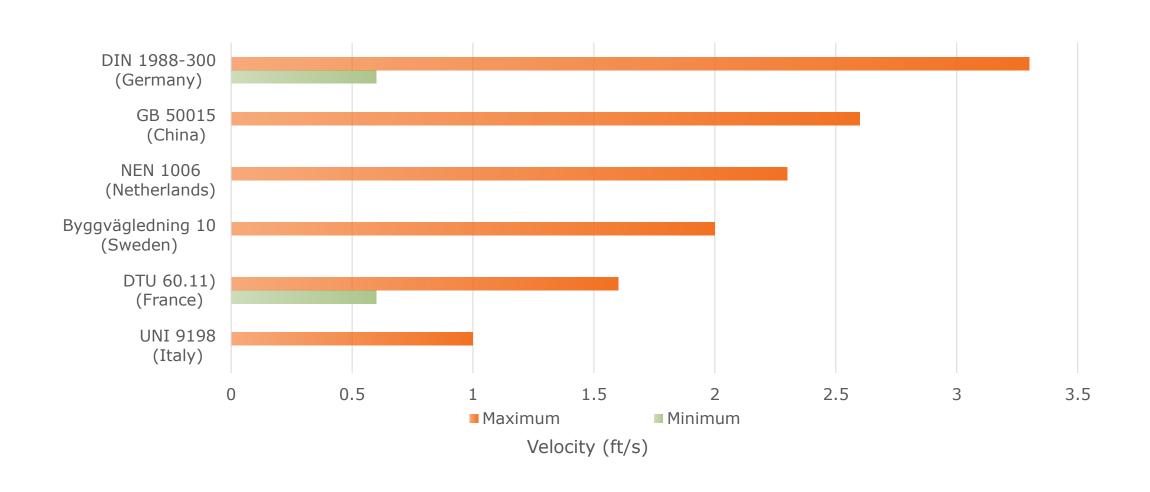


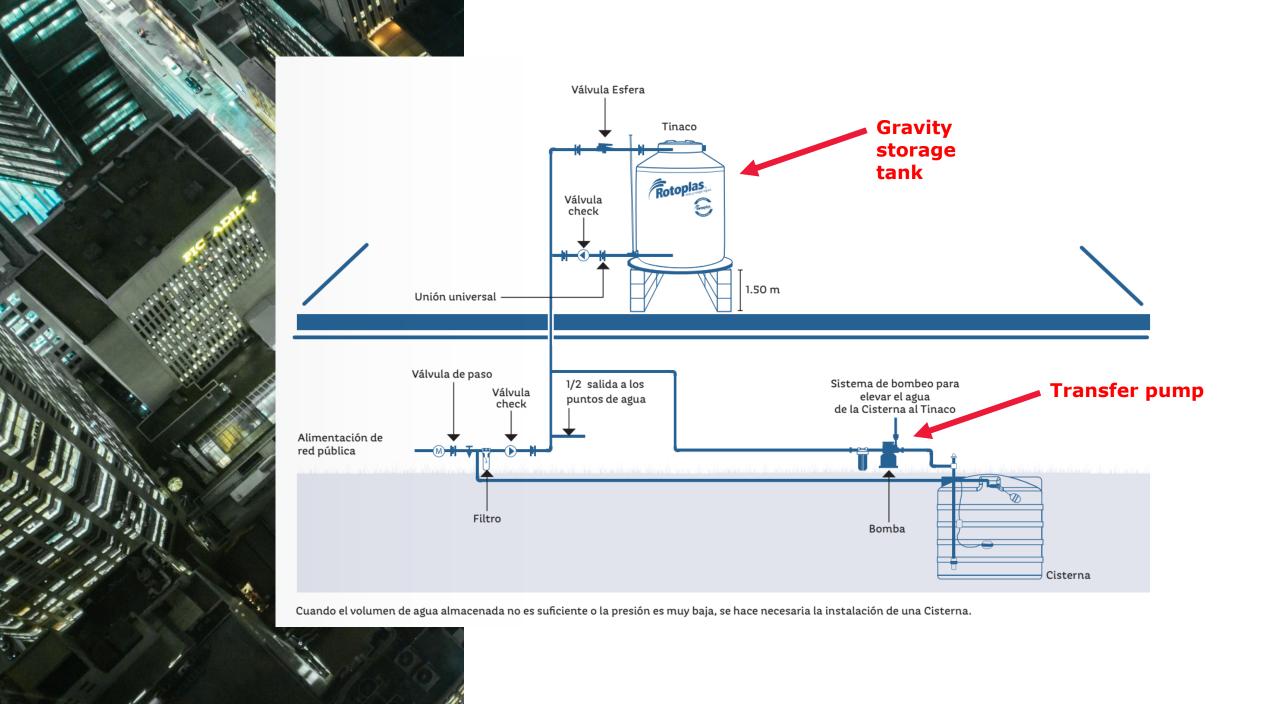


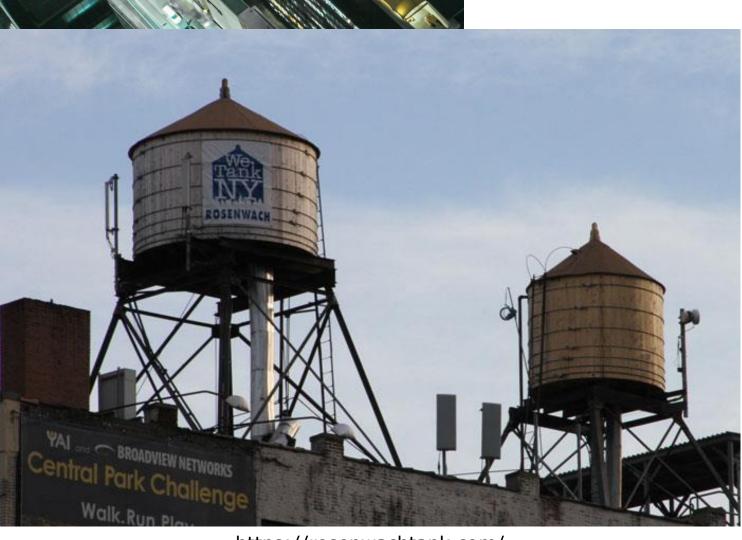




Comparison of Recommended Velocity Ranges in Design Standards for Return Piping







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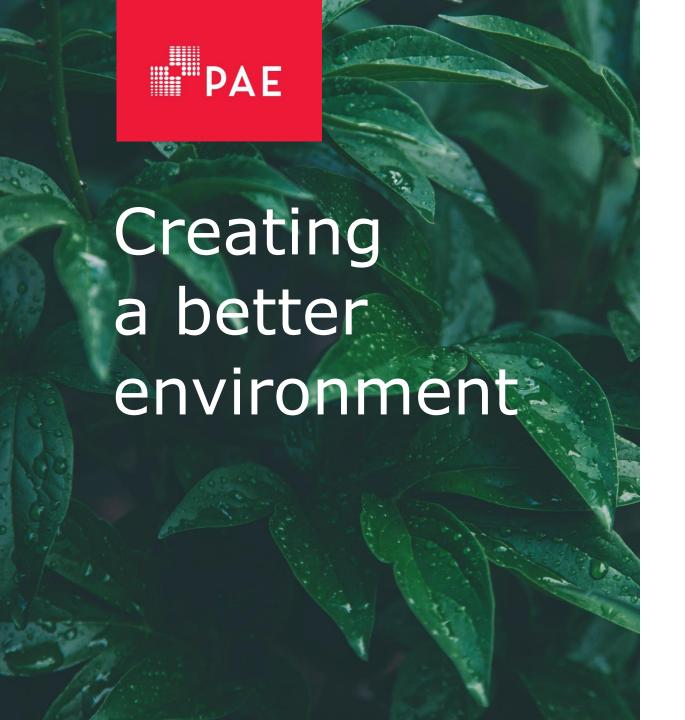
Table 3: Comparison of Standard Temperatures for Domestic Hot Water Circulation Systems							
		Minimum Allowable Circulation Temperatures					
Publication	Region	In Piping	Fixture Outlets	Hot Water Storage Tank			
SANS 10252-1 ⁶⁵	South Africa	45°C (113°F)	N/A	55°C (131°F)			
GB 50015-2019 ⁶⁶	China (PRC)	45°C (113°F)	113°F (45°C) within 15 seconds ^a	60°C (140°F)			
ASHRAE Guideline 12-2020	United States	49°C (120°F)	49°C (120°F) ^b	60°C (140°F)			
HSG 274, BS 8558 ^{67, 68}	United Kingdom	50°C (122°F)	50°C (122°F) within 60 seconds or 0.5 L (0.13 gal)	60°C (140°F)			
BFS 2014:3 ⁶⁹	Sweden	50°C (122°F)	NA	60°C (140°F)			
Legionella and the prevention of legionellosis	World Health Organization	50°C (122°F)	50°C (122°F) within 60 seconds	60°C (140°F)			
Quebec Construction Code (2021) ⁷⁰	Province of Quebec (Canada)	55°C (131°F)	N/A	60°C (140°F)			
AS/NZS 3500.4:2021 ⁷¹	Australia & New Zealand	55°C (131°F)	N/A	60°C (140°F)			
W 551, DIN 1988-200 ^{72, 73}	Germany	55°C (131°F)	55°C (131°F) within 30 seconds	60°C (140°F)			
NEN 1006, ISSO 55.1 ⁷⁴	Netherlands	60°C (140°F)	60°C (140°F) within 15 seconds	60°C (140°F)			
a: 15 seconds for residential occupancies and 10 seconds for healthcare and hotel occupancies							

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b. While no maximum wait-time for hot water or maximum volume of water between circulated main and fixture is listed in ASHRAE 12, FGI Guidelines are applicable for healthcare facilities and establish a limit of 0.7 L (24 ounces), equivalent to 4.9 m (16 ft) for DN 15 (½-inch) piping.







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