

Duct Design

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Duct design

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Air Flow in Ducts

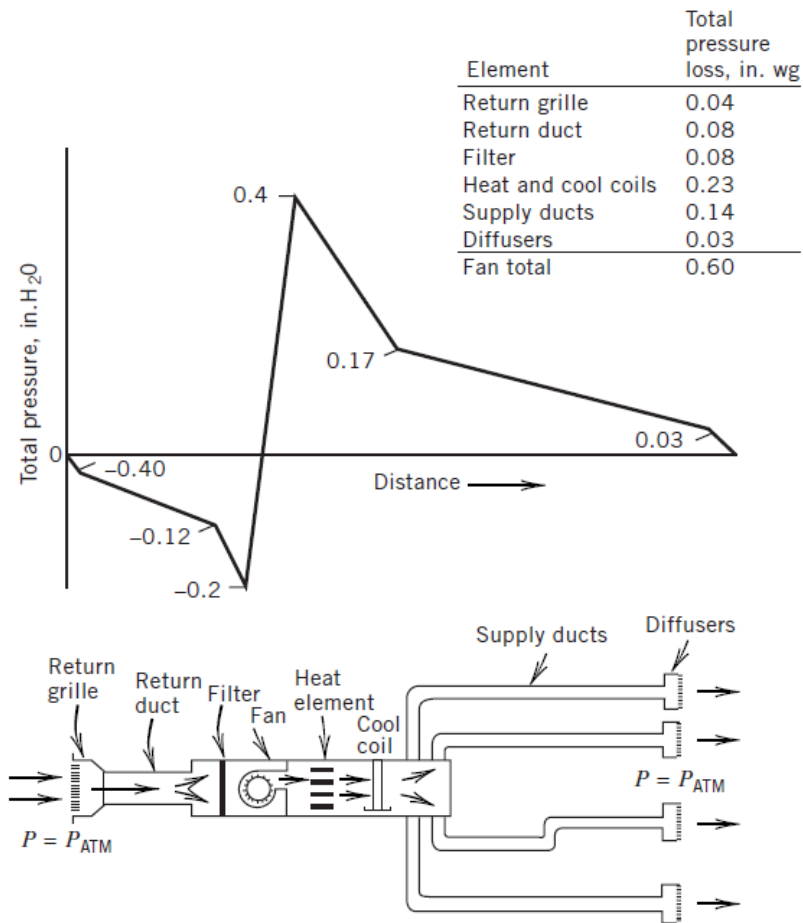


Figure 12-26 Total pressure profile for a simple unitary system.

Internal, External, and Total Static Pressure Drop

Internal Static Pressure losses occur within mechanical equipment and are usually calculated by the manufacturer. Examples include

- Dampers
- Filters
- Coils
- Heat exchangers
- Heat recovery devices (such as wheels, heat pipes)

External Static Pressure (ESP) losses occur within the system outside of the mechanical equipment and are usually calculated by the mechanical consultant. Examples include

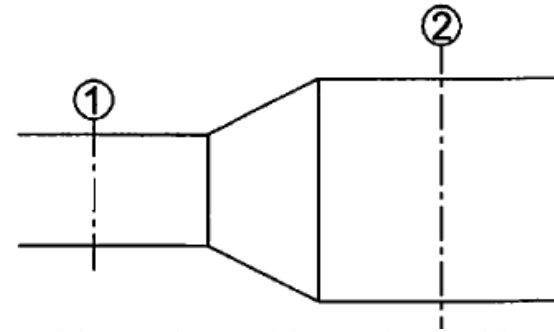
- Louvers
- Dampers (motorized, balancing, backdraft...)
- Duct fittings
- Duct transitions and elbows
- Air terminals
- Air valves and VAV boxes
- Filters

Total Static Pressure (TSP) loss is the sum of the internal and external losses in the system.

Steady Flow Equation

Volume flow rate = Area x
air velocity

$$A_1 \times V_1 = A_2 \times V_2$$

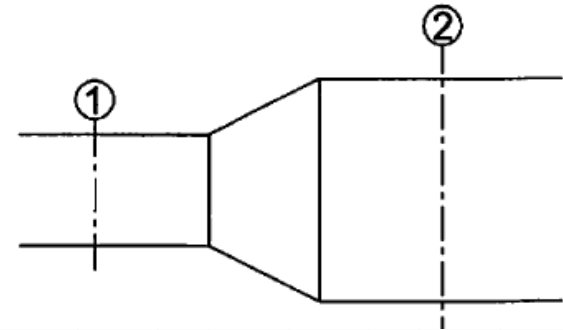


Example 1: Calculating Air Flow

An airflow velocity through a duct with an area of 1ft² is 1,000 fpm. Determine the new airflow velocity when the area is increased to 4 ft².

$$V_2 = \frac{A_1 \times V_1}{A_2}$$

$$V_2 = \frac{1 \text{ ft}^2 \times 1,000 \text{ ft/min}}{4 \text{ ft}^2} = 500 \text{ fpm}$$



Steady Flow Energy Equation

$$P_{s1} + P_{V1} + P_{e1} + P_p - P_f = P_{s2} + P_{V2} + P_{e2}$$

$$P_{s1} + P_{V1} + P_p - P_f = P_{s2} + P_{V2} + P_{e2}$$

$$P_{s1} + (V_1^2/2g) + P_p - P_f = P_{s2} + (V_2^2/2g)$$

P_{s1} = Static Pressure of air at section 1 [ft]

V_1^2 = Velocity at section 1 [ft/sec]

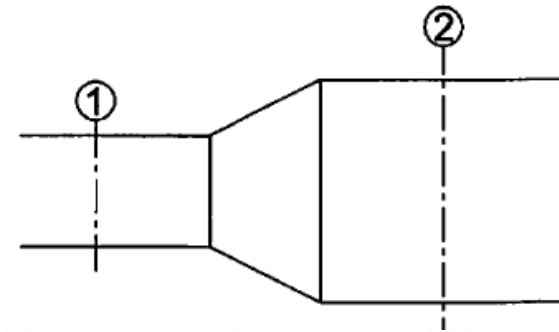
P_{e1} = Elevations at section 1 [ft]

P_p = Pressure added by the fan [ft]

G = gravitational constant [32.2 ft/sec²]

P_f = Pressure loss in duct by friction [ft]

P_{s2} = Static Pressure of air at section 2 [ft]



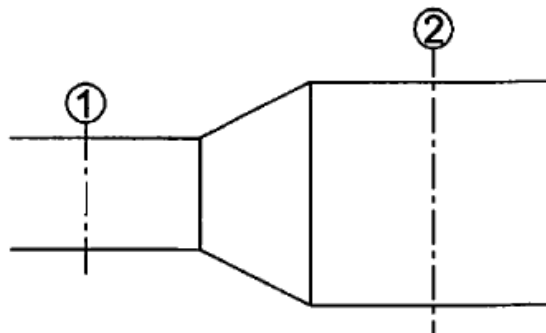
Example 2: Calculating Static Pressure Drop

Given the Volume Flow Rate through a duct is 8,000 cfm, the friction loss from point 1 to point 2 is 0.5" WC. and the static pressure at point 1 is 2" WC.

$$Q_1 = 8,000 \text{ cfm}$$

$$A_1 = 4 \text{ ft}^2$$

$$P_1 = 2" \text{ WC}$$



$$Q_1 = 8,000 \text{ cfm}$$

$$A_2 = 16 \text{ ft}^2$$

$$P_2 = ?$$

$$P_{s1} + (V_1^2/2g) + P_{e1} + P_p - P_f = P_{s2} + (V_2^2/2g) + P_{e2}$$

Velocity air pressure, P_v

$$P_v = \rho \left(\frac{V^2}{1097} \right) = \left(\frac{V}{4005} \right)^2$$

P_v in in water and V in ft/min

$$P_v = \rho \left(\frac{V^2}{1.414} \right) = \left(\frac{V}{1.29} \right)^2$$

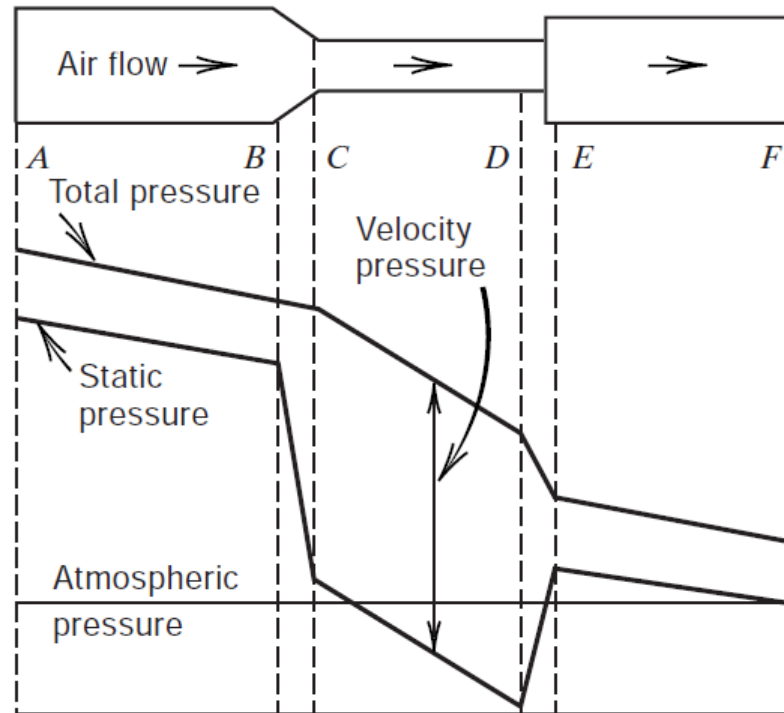
P_v in Pa and V in m/s

Mass Density ρ

62.4 lbm/ft³ and 999 kg/

Alternate units: Ft

$$P_{\text{Velocity}} = \frac{V^2}{2g} \quad [\text{ft}], V = \text{ft/sec}$$



Pressure changes during flow in ducts.

TOTAL Pressure

$$P_{\text{Total}} = P_{\text{Velocity}} + P_{\text{Static}}$$

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Friction Loss

- Tedious task to solve by equations
- Pressure Loss Charts have been prepared.

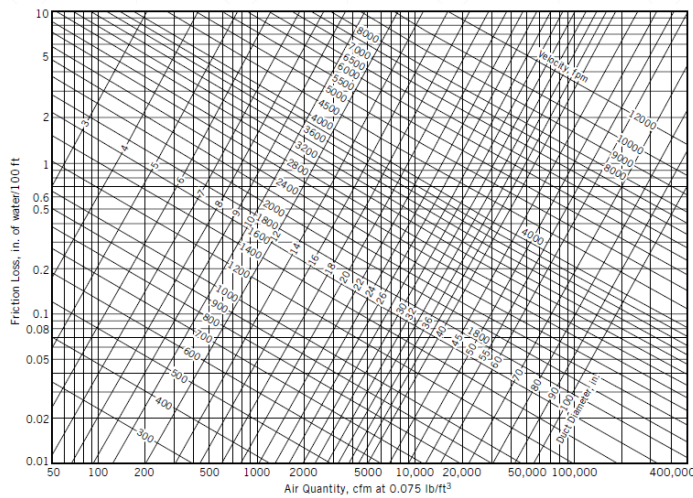
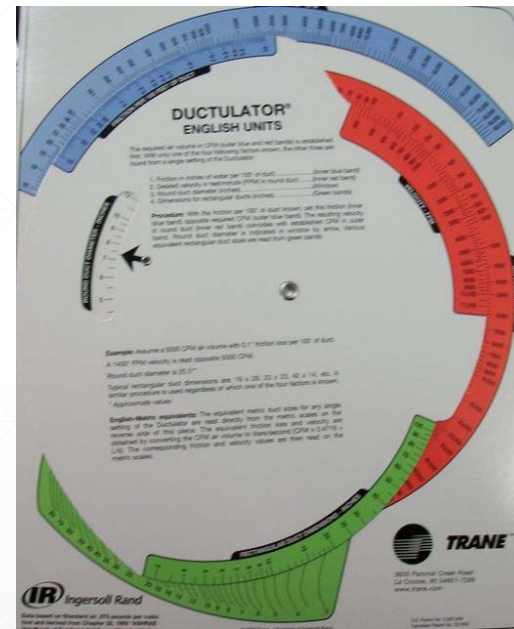


Figure 12-21 Pressure loss due to friction for galvanized steel ducts, IP units. (Reprinted by permission from ASHRAE Handbook, Fundamentals Volume IP, 1997.)



Friction Loss

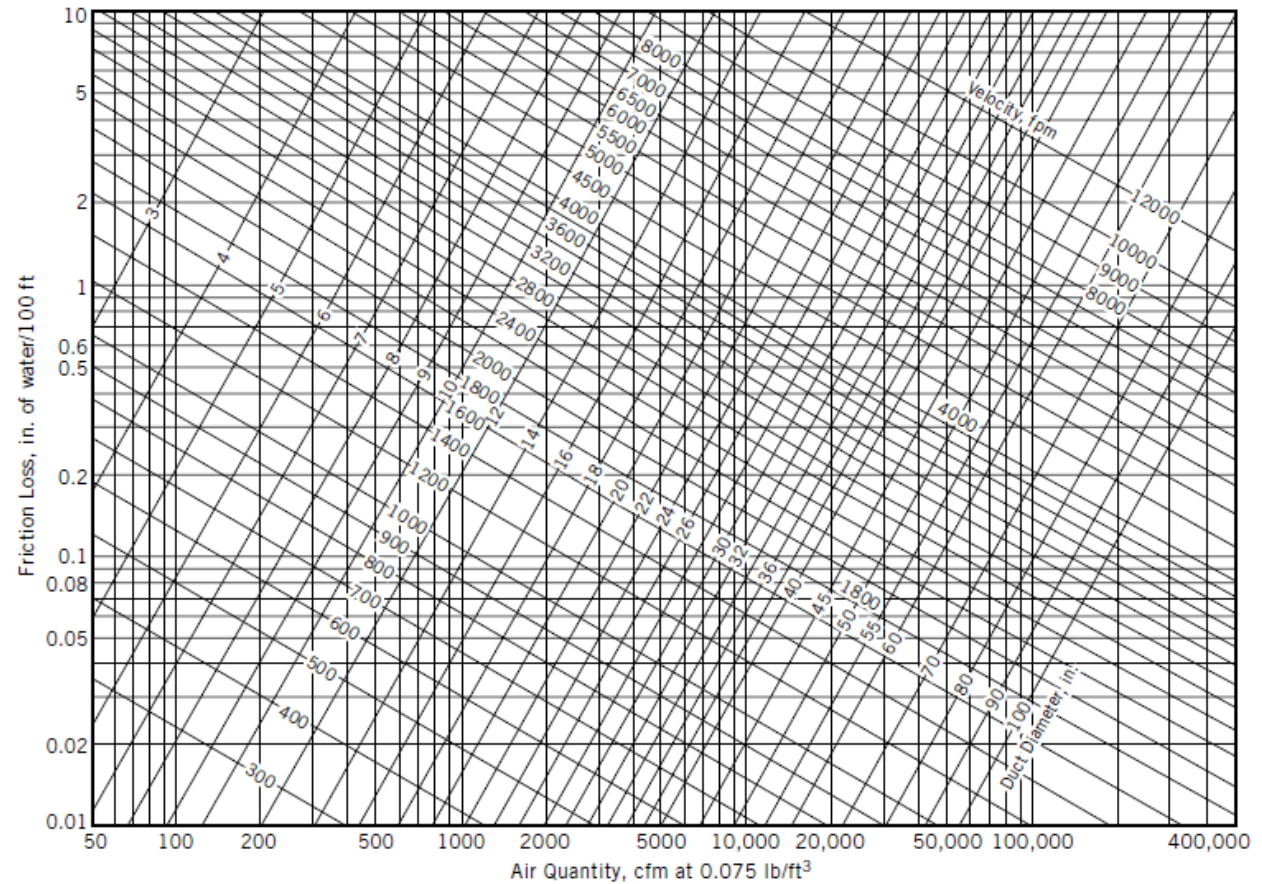


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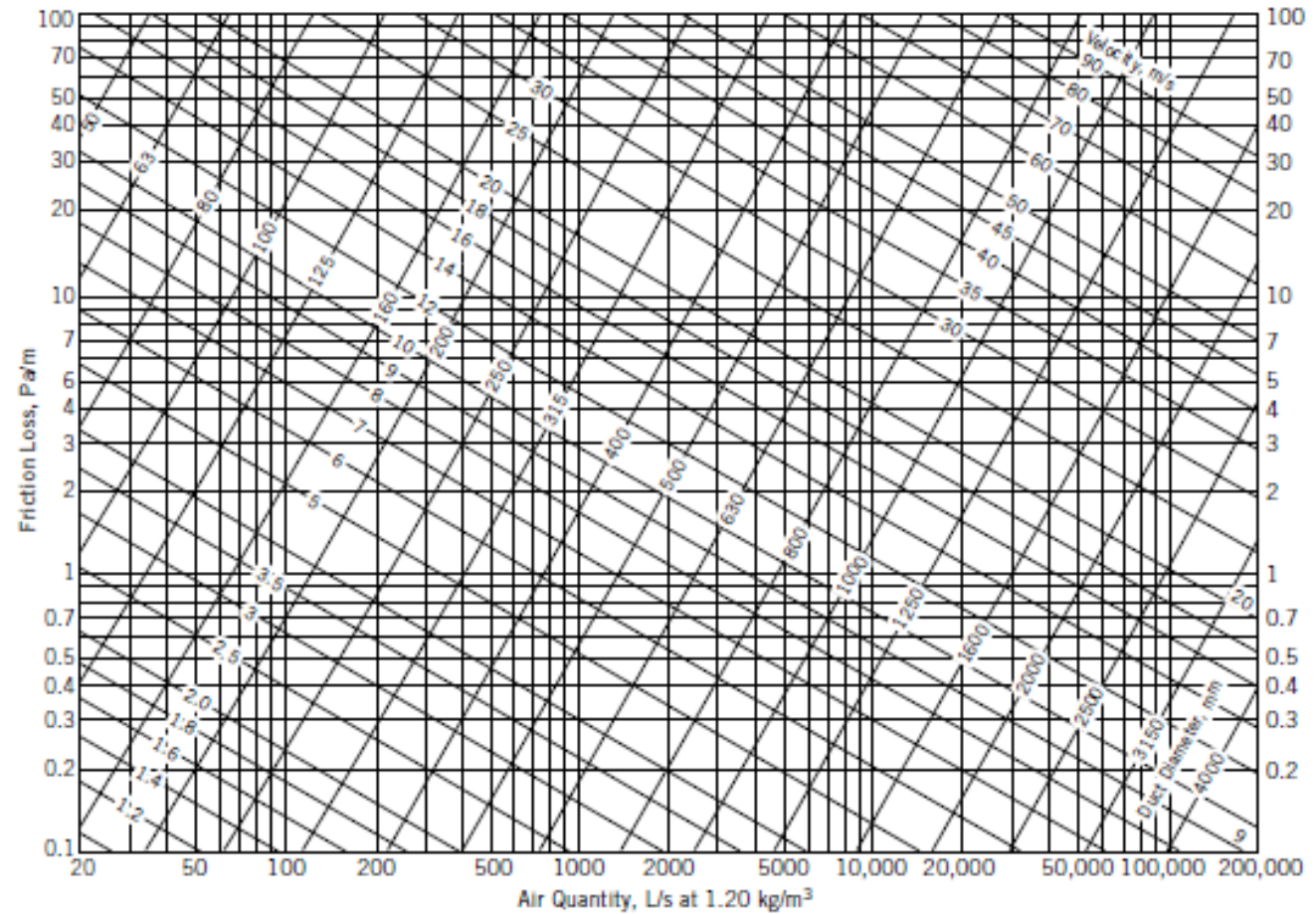


Figure 12-22 Pressure loss due to friction for galvanized steel ducts, SI units. (Reprinted by permission from *ASHRAE Handbook, Fundamentals Volume SI*, 1997.)

Equivalent of a circular duct

$$D_e = 1.3 \frac{(ab)^{5/8}}{(a+b)^{1/4}}$$

D_h = Hydraulic diameter
a and b are the dimension of a rectangular duct

Equivalent of a circular duct

Table 12-7 Circular Equivalents of Rectangular Ducts for Equal Friction and Capacity—Dimensions in Inches, Feet, or Meters

Side <i>a</i> of Rectangular Duct	Diameter D_e of Circular Duct																	
	<i>b</i> = 6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	22	24	
6	6.6																	
7	7.1	7.7																
8	7.5	8.2	8.8															
9	8.0	8.6	9.3	9.9														
10	8.4	9.1	9.8	10.4	10.9													
11	8.8	9.5	10.2	10.8	11.4	12.0												
12	9.1	9.9	10.7	11.3	11.9	12.5	13.1											
13	9.5	10.3	11.1	11.8	12.4	13.0	13.6	14.2										
14	9.8	10.7	11.5	12.2	12.9	13.5	14.2	14.7	15.3									
15	10.1	11.0	11.8	12.6	13.3	14.0	14.6	15.3	15.8	16.4								
16	10.4	11.4	12.2	13.0	13.7	14.4	15.1	15.7	16.3	16.9	17.5							
17	10.7	11.7	12.5	13.4	14.1	14.9	15.5	16.1	16.8	17.4	18.0	18.6						
18	11.0	11.9	12.9	13.7	14.5	15.3	16.0	16.6	17.3	17.9	18.5	19.1	19.7					
19	11.2	12.2	13.2	14.1	14.9	15.6	16.4	17.1	17.8	18.4	19.0	19.6	20.2	20.8				
20	11.5	12.5	13.5	14.4	15.2	15.9	16.8	17.5	18.2	18.8	19.5	20.1	20.7	21.3	21.9			
22	12.0	13.1	14.1	15.0	15.9	16.7	17.6	18.3	19.1	19.7	20.4	21.0	21.7	22.3	22.9	24.1		
24	12.4	13.6	14.6	15.6	16.6	17.5	18.3	19.1	19.8	20.6	21.3	21.9	22.6	23.2	23.9	25.1	26.2	
26	12.8	14.1	15.2	16.2	17.2	18.1	19.0	19.8	20.6	21.4	22.1	22.8	23.5	24.1	24.8	26.1	27.2	
28	13.2	14.5	15.6	16.7	17.7	18.7	19.6	20.5	21.3	22.1	22.9	23.6	24.4	25.0	25.7	27.1	28.2	
30	13.6	14.9	16.1	17.2	18.3	19.3	20.2	21.1	22.0	22.9	23.7	24.4	25.2	25.9	26.7	28.0	29.3	
32	14.0	15.3	16.5	17.7	18.8	19.8	20.8	21.8	22.7	23.6	24.4	25.2	26.0	26.7	27.5	28.9	30.1	
34	14.4	15.7	17.0	18.2	19.3	20.4	21.4	22.4	23.3	24.2	25.1	25.9	26.7	27.5	28.3	29.7	31.0	
36	14.7	16.1	17.4	18.6	19.8	20.9	21.9	23.0	23.9	24.8	25.8	26.6	27.4	28.3	29.0	30.5	32.0	
38	15.0	16.4	17.8	19.0	20.3	21.4	22.5	23.5	24.5	25.4	26.4	27.3	28.1	29.0	29.8	31.4	32.8	
40	15.3	16.8	18.2	19.4	20.7	21.9	23.0	24.0	25.1	26.0	27.0	27.9	28.8	29.7	30.5	32.1	33.6	

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Example 3: Calculate Pressure Loss

Compute the lost pressure in a 6 in., 90-degree pleated elbow that has 150 cfm of air flowing through it. The ratio of turning radius to diameter is 1.5. Assume standard air.

Table 12-8: the loss coefficient: 0.43

$$\bar{V} = \frac{\dot{Q}}{A} = \frac{\dot{Q}}{(\pi/4)D^2} = \frac{(150)(4)(144)}{\pi(36)} = 764 \text{ ft/min}$$

$$\Delta P_0 = C_0 \left(\frac{\bar{V}}{4005} \right)^2 = 0.43 \left(\frac{764}{4005} \right)^2 = 0.016 \text{ in. wg}$$

$$\bar{V} = \frac{\dot{Q}}{A} = \frac{4.25}{(\pi/4)(0.1524)^2(60)} = 3.88 \text{ m/s}$$

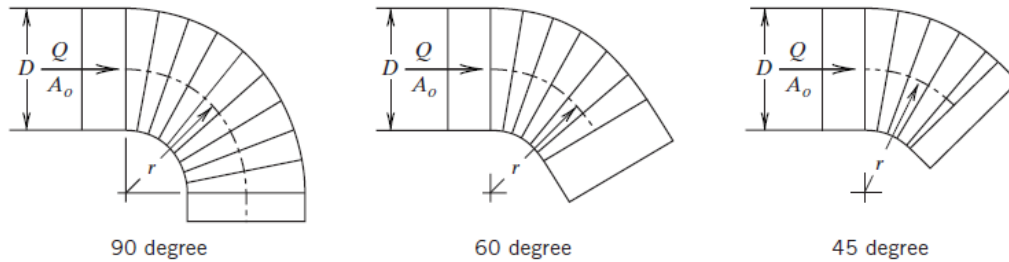
$$\Delta P_0 = C_0 \left(\frac{\bar{V}}{1.29} \right)^2 = 0.43 \left(\frac{3.88}{1.29} \right)^2 = 3.89 \text{ Pa}$$

1" Water Guage = 248.84 Pa

Friction Loss Fitting Table

Table 12-8 Total Pressure Loss Coefficients for Elbows

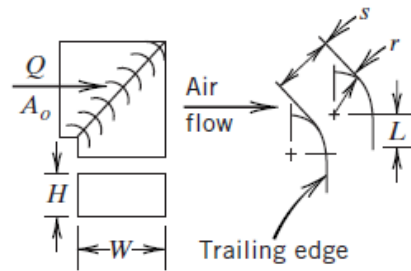
A. Elbow, Pleated, $r/D = 1.5$



Angle	C_0 at D , in. (mm)						
	4 (100)	6 (150)	8 (200)	10 (250)	12 (300)	14 (350)	16 (400)
90	0.57	0.43	0.34	0.28	0.26	0.25	0.25
60	0.45	0.34	0.27	0.23	0.20	0.19	0.19
45	0.34	0.26	0.21	0.17	0.16	0.15	0.15

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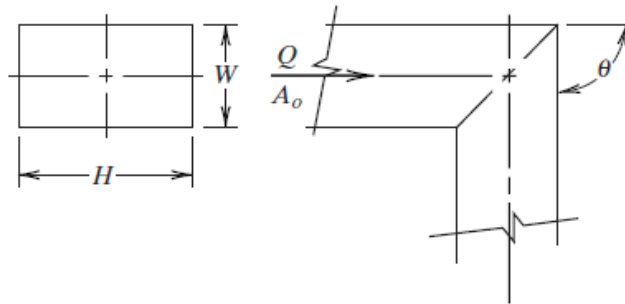
B. Elbow, Mitered, with Single-Thickness Vanes, Rectangular



Design No.	Dimensions, in. (mm)			C_0
	r	s	L	
1	2.0 (50)	1.5 (40)	0.0	0.11
2	2.0 (50)	1.5 (40)	0.75 (20)	0.12
3	4.5 (110)	2.25 (60)	0.0	0.15
4	4.5 (110)	3.25 (80)	0.0	0.33

Friction Loss Fitting Table

C. Elbow, Mitered, Rectangular



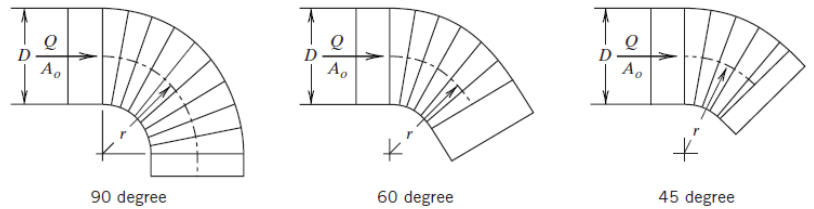
θ , deg	C_0										
	H/W = 0.25	0.5	0.75	1.0	1.5	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	8.0
20	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.05
30	0.18	0.17	0.17	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.13	0.13	0.12	0.12	0.11
45	0.38	0.37	0.36	0.34	0.33	0.31	0.28	0.27	0.26	0.25	0.24
60	0.60	0.59	0.57	0.55	0.52	0.49	0.46	0.43	0.41	0.39	0.38
75	0.89	0.87	0.84	0.81	0.77	0.73	0.67	0.63	0.61	0.58	0.57
90	1.30	1.30	1.20	1.20	1.10	1.10	0.98	0.92	0.89	0.85	0.83

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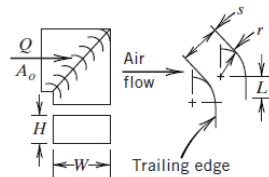
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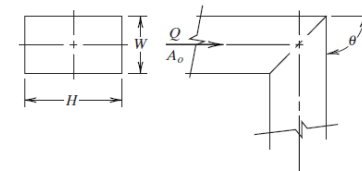
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45	0.34	0.26	0.21	0.17	0.16	0.15	0.15

B. Elbow, Mitered, with Single-Thickness Vanes, Rectangular



Design No.	Dimensions, in. (mm)			C_0
	r	s	L	
1	2.0 (50)	1.5 (40)	0.0	0.11
2	2.0 (50)	1.5 (40)	0.75 (20)	0.12
3	4.5 (110)	2.25 (60)	0.0	0.15
4	4.5 (110)	3.25 (80)	0.0	0.33

C. Elbow, Mitered, Rectangular



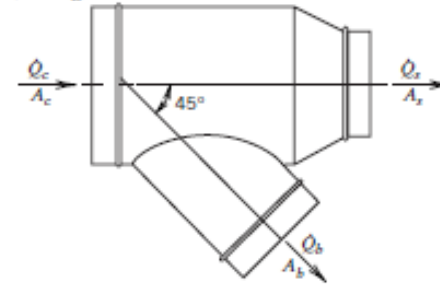
θ , deg	C_0										
	H/W = 0.25	0.5	0.75	1.0	1.5	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	8.0
20	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.05
30	0.18	0.17	0.17	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.13	0.13	0.12	0.12	0.11
45	0.38	0.37	0.36	0.34	0.33	0.31	0.28	0.27	0.26	0.25	0.24
60	0.60	0.59	0.57	0.55	0.52	0.49	0.46	0.43	0.41	0.39	0.38
75	0.89	0.87	0.84	0.81	0.77	0.73	0.67	0.63	0.61	0.58	0.57
90	1.30	1.30	1.20	1.20	1.10	1.10	0.98	0.92	0.89	0.85	0.83

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Friction Loss Fitting Table

Table 12-11 Total Pressure Loss Coefficients for Diverging Flow Fittings

A. Diverging Wye, Round, 45 deg



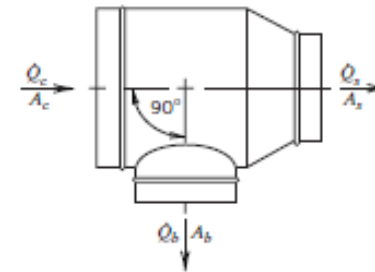
		Branch, C_b							
A_b/A_c	$Q_b/Q_c = 0.1$	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	
0.1	0.38	0.39	0.48						
0.2	2.25	0.38	0.31	0.39	0.46	0.48	0.45		
0.3	6.29	1.02	0.38	0.30	0.33	0.39	0.44	0.48	
0.4	12.41	2.25	0.74	0.38	0.30	0.31	0.35	0.39	
0.5	20.58	4.01	1.37	0.62	0.38	0.30	0.30	0.32	
0.6	30.78	6.29	2.25	1.02	0.56	0.38	0.31	0.30	
0.7	43.02	9.10	3.36	1.57	0.85	0.52	0.38	0.31	
0.8	57.29	12.41	4.71	2.25	1.22	0.74	0.50	0.38	
0.9	73.59	16.24	6.29	3.06	1.69	1.02	0.67	0.48	

		Main, C_s							
A_s/A_c	$Q_s/Q_c = 0.1$	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	
0.1	0.13	0.16							
0.2	0.20	0.13	0.15	0.16	0.28				
0.3	0.90	0.13	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.16	0.20		
0.4	2.88	0.20	0.14	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.16	
0.5	6.25	0.37	0.17	0.14	0.13	0.14	0.14	0.15	
0.6	11.88	0.90	0.20	0.13	0.14	0.13	0.14	0.14	
0.7	18.62	1.71	0.33	0.18	0.16	0.14	0.13	0.15	
0.8	26.88	2.88	0.50	0.20	0.15	0.14	0.13	0.13	
0.9	36.45	4.46	0.90	0.30	0.19	0.16	0.15	0.14	

Friction Loss Fitting Table

Table 12-11 Total Pressure Loss Coefficients for Diverging Flow Fittings (*continued*)

B. Diverging Tee, Round



		Branch, C_b								
A_b/A_c	$Q_b/Q_c = 0.1$	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	
0.1	1.20	0.62	0.80	1.28	1.99	2.92	4.07	5.44	7.02	
0.2	4.10	1.20	0.72	0.62	0.66	0.80	1.01	1.28	1.60	
0.3	8.99	2.40	1.20	0.81	0.66	0.62	0.64	0.70	0.80	
0.4	15.89	4.10	1.94	1.20	0.88	0.72	0.64	0.62	0.63	
0.5	24.80	6.29	2.91	1.74	1.20	0.92	0.77	0.68	0.63	
0.6	35.73	8.99	4.10	2.40	1.62	1.20	0.96	0.81	0.72	
0.7	48.67	12.19	5.51	3.19	2.12	1.55	1.20	0.99	0.85	
0.8	63.63	15.89	7.14	4.10	2.70	1.94	1.49	1.20	1.01	
0.9	80.60	20.10	8.99	5.13	3.36	2.40	1.83	1.46	1.20	

		Main, C_s								
A_s/A_c	$Q_s/Q_c = 0.1$	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	
0.1	0.13	0.16								
0.2	0.20	0.13	0.15	0.16	0.28					
0.3	0.90	0.13	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.16	0.20			
0.4	2.88	0.20	0.14	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.16	0.34	
0.5	6.25	0.37	0.17	0.14	0.13	0.14	0.14	0.15	0.15	
0.6	11.88	0.90	0.20	0.13	0.14	0.13	0.14	0.14	0.15	
0.7	18.62	1.71	0.33	0.18	0.16	0.14	0.13	0.15	0.14	
0.8	26.88	2.88	0.50	0.20	0.15	0.14	0.13	0.13	0.14	
0.9	36.45	4.46	0.90	0.30	0.19	0.16	0.15	0.14	0.13	

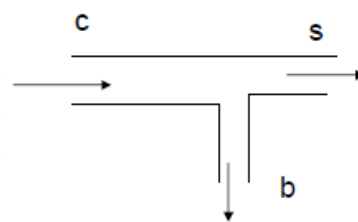
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Example 4: Pressure Loss

Compute the loss in total pressure for a round 90-degree branch and straight-through section, a tee.

The common section is 12 in. in diameter, and the straight-through section has a 10 in. diameter with a flow rate of 1100 cfm.

The branch flow rate is 250 cfm through a 6 in. duct.



Straight section

$$V_s = \frac{Q_s}{A_s} = 1558 \text{ ft/min}$$

$$\frac{Q_s}{Q_c} = \frac{850}{1100} = 0.77$$

$$\frac{A_s}{A_c} = 0.69$$

From fig. 12.11B

$$C_s = 0.14$$

Branch section

$$V_b = \frac{Q_b}{A_b} = 1273 \text{ ft/min}$$

$$\frac{Q_b}{Q_c} = \frac{250}{1100} = 0.23$$

$$\frac{A_b}{A_c} = 0.25$$

$$C_b = 1.55$$

$$\Delta P_{0s} = C_s \left[\frac{V_s}{4005} \right]^2 = 0.021 \text{ in H}_2\text{O} \quad \Delta P_{0b} = C_b \left[\frac{V_b}{4005} \right]^2 = 0.16 \text{ in H}_2\text{O}$$

Equivalent lengths

$$\frac{L}{D} = \frac{C}{f}$$

Table 12-13 Friction Factors for Various Galvanized Steel Ducts

Diameter		Darcy Friction Factor
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8	20	0.023
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12	30	0.019
14	36	0.017
16	40	0.016
20	50	0.015
24	60	0.014

Example 5: Friction Loss Example

Compute the equivalent lengths for the fittings in the duct system below.

The fittings are an entrance, a 45-degree wye, the straight-through section of the wye fitting, a 45-degree elbow, and a 90-degree elbow.

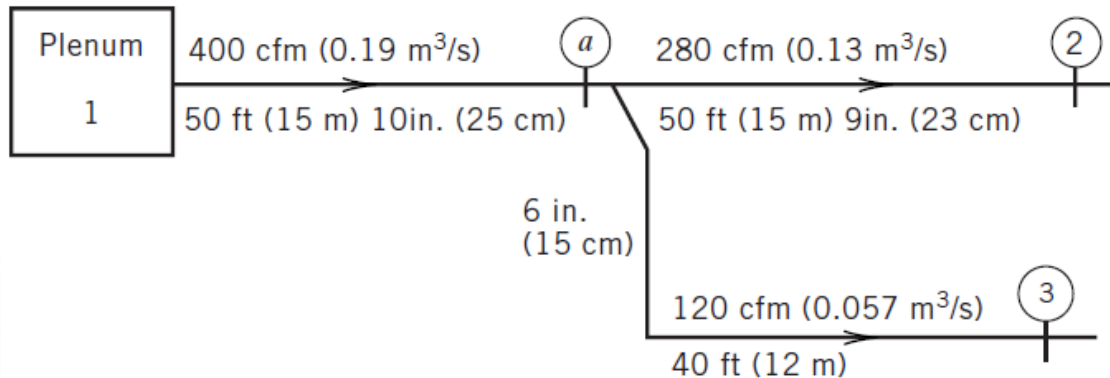
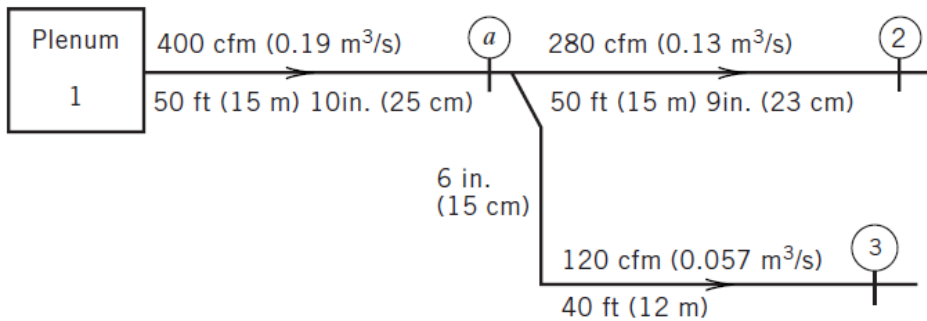


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Friction Loss Example



Path 1: 1-a-2

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_e &= L_i + 50 + L_{\text{wye,S}} + 50 \\
 &= 19 + 50 + 4.4 + 50 \\
 &= \mathbf{123.4 \text{ ft}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Path 2: 1-a-3

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_e &= L_i + 50 + L_{\text{wye,Br}} + L_{\text{elbow-90}} + 40 \\
 &= 19 + 50 + 11 + 7.7 + 40 \\
 &= \mathbf{127.4 \text{ ft}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example:

What is the total pressure loss on the critical path?

Critical Path: 1-a-3 with Equivalent length of 127.4 ft

We pick average pressure (friction) loss for duct and calculate the total pressure loss for the system.

Friction loss to be designed for = 0.08"/100ft

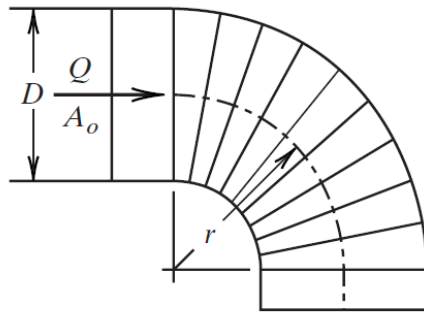
$$P = 127.4 \text{ ft} \times 0.08"/100\text{ft} = \mathbf{0.102"}$$

Duct Accessories

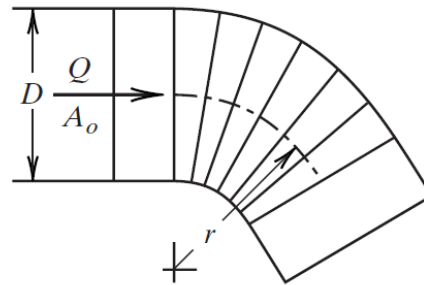
1. Turning vanes
 - Linear
 - Airfoil (More efficient)
2. Dampers
 - Parallel blades (open/close)
 - Opposed blades (modulate airflow)
 - Balancing
 - Motorized
 - Backdraft
3. Fire dampers
 - Type A (blades inside air stream)
 - Type B (blades outside air stream)
4. Electric duct heaters

Turning Vanes

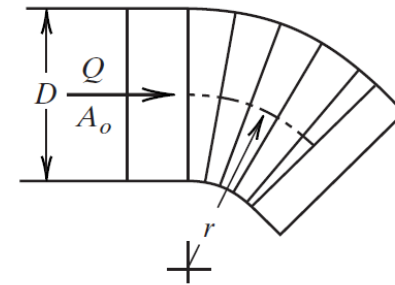
A. Elbow, Pleated, $r/D = 1.5$



90 degree

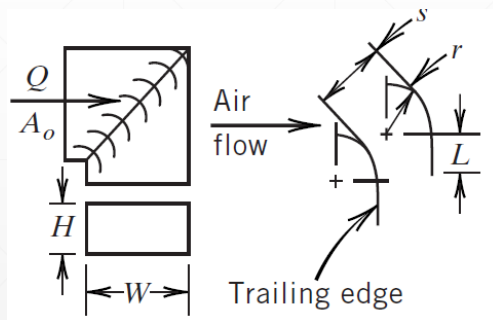


60 degree

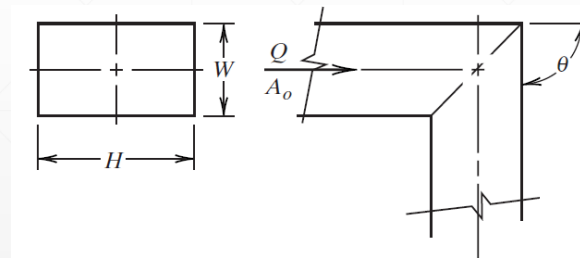


45 degree

B. Elbow, Mitered, with Single-Thickness Vanes, Rectangular



C. Elbow, Mitered, Rectangular



Dampers

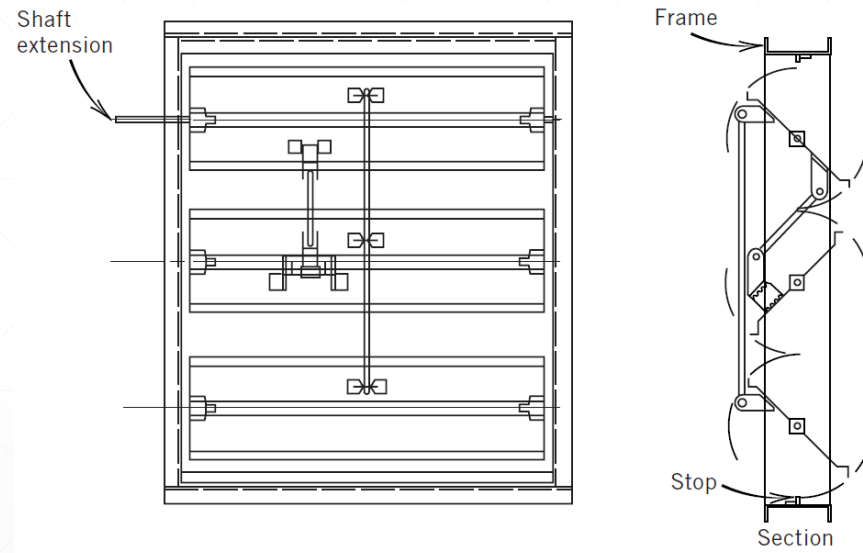


Figure 12-25 Typical opposed blade damper assembly.

Air Flow in Ducts

Volume (Q) is a function of cross sectional

area (A) and velocity (V)

$$Q=AV$$

however, momentum, friction and turbulence must also be accounted for in the sizing method

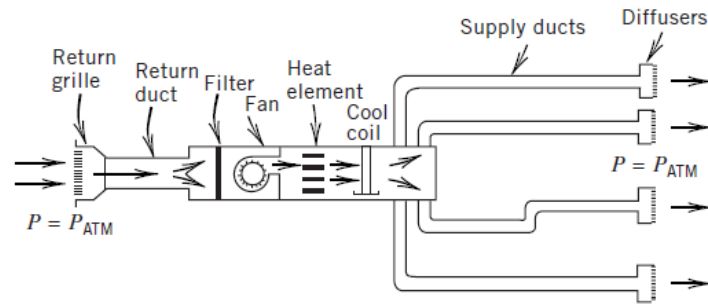
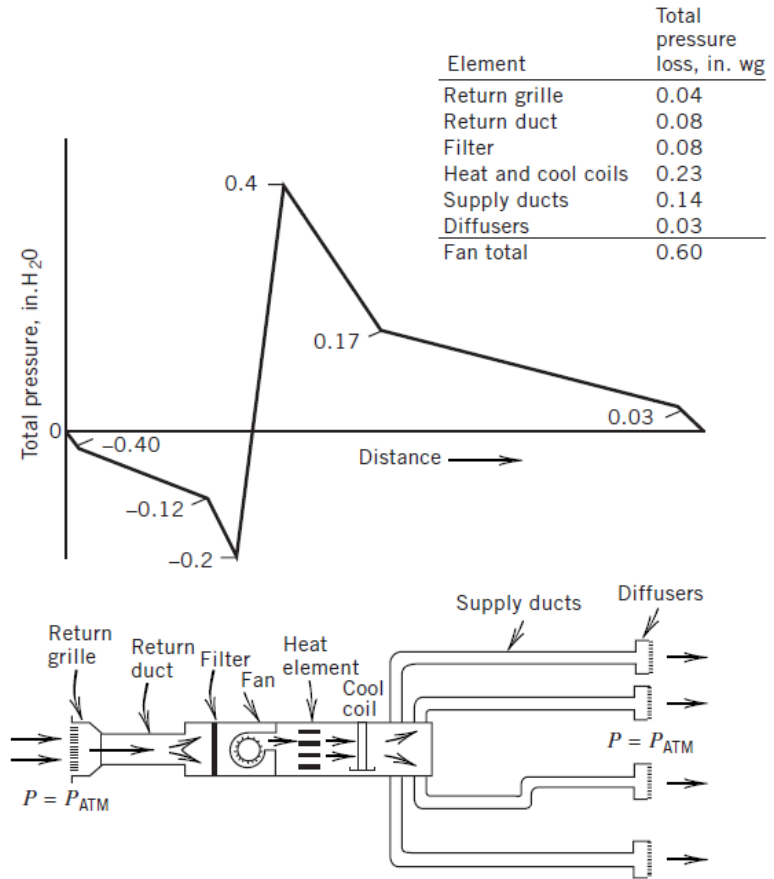


Figure 12-26 Total pressure profile for a simple unitary system.

Static Pressure

- Force required to overcome friction and loss of momentum due to turbulence
- As air encounters friction or turbulence, static pressure is reduced
- Fans add static pressure
- Static pressure is measured in **Inches-water gauge**
 - Positive pressure pushes air
 - Negative pressure draws air
- Straight ducts have a pressure loss of **“w.g./100’**
based on diameter and velocity

Equivalent Length

- Describes the amount of static pressure lost in a fitting that would be comparable to a length of straight duct

Duct Construction

- Round ductwork is the most efficient but requires greater depth
- Rectangular ductwork is the least efficient but can be reduced in depth to accommodate smaller clearances
- **Avoid aspect ratios greater than 5:1**

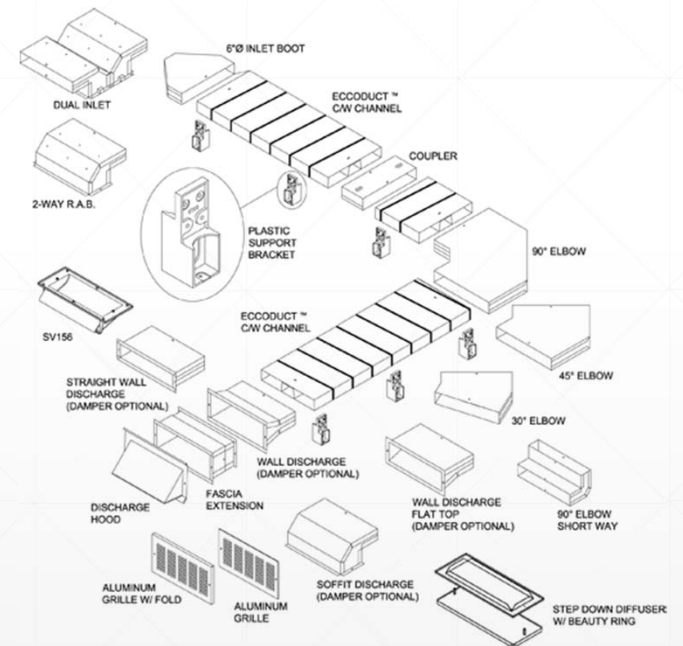
Flex Ducts

- Used to dampen noise when connecting to air terminals or mechanical equipment (i.e. bathroom fans)
- Typically only used for a max 5 foot length.
- Long runs of flex duct and elbows create large pressure drops in your system.



In-Slab Ducts

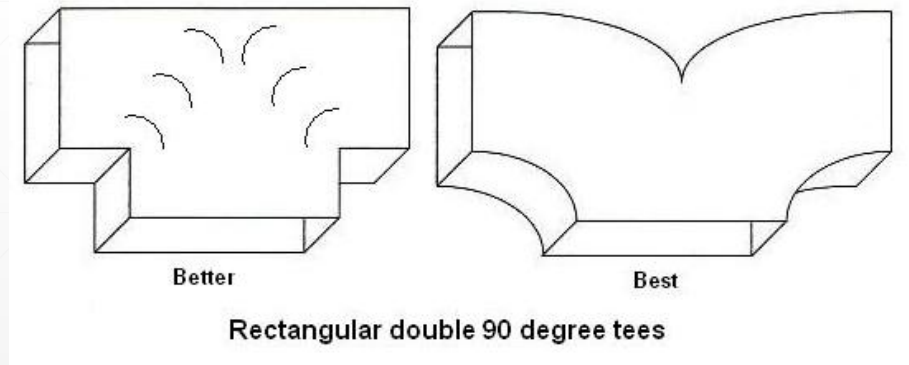
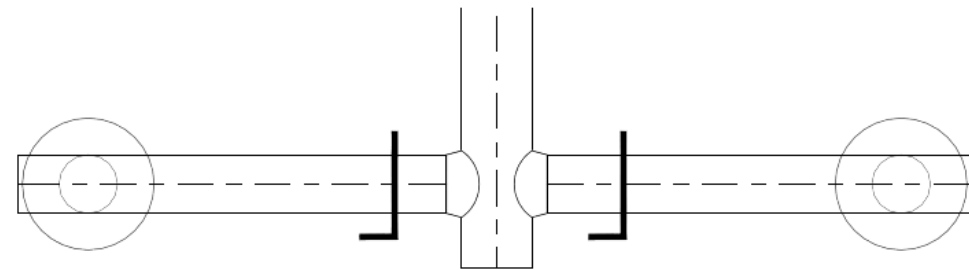
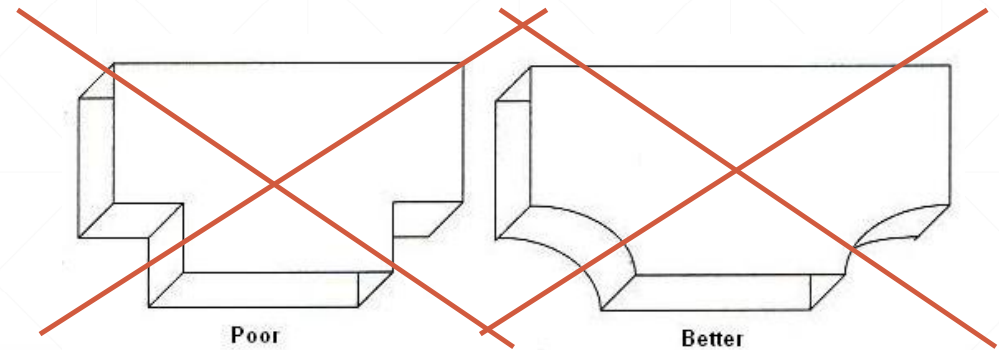
- Typically seen in high rise buildings where no dropped ceilings are given near building exterior.
- Used to vent oven ranges, dryers, and sometimes bathroom fans.
- Can handle little airflow (approx. 50 CFM) due to size.
- Elbows always shown as two 45° joints to minimize pressure drop.
- Must be minimum of 2'-0" from structural bearing entities (columns, walls).



No “Bull Head” Tees

Airflow does not travel well when there is no clear path to follow. Instead

- show the duct continuing onward past the branch (as shown below),
- add turning vanes.
- use “pant leg” or wye type fitting (best option but most expensive)



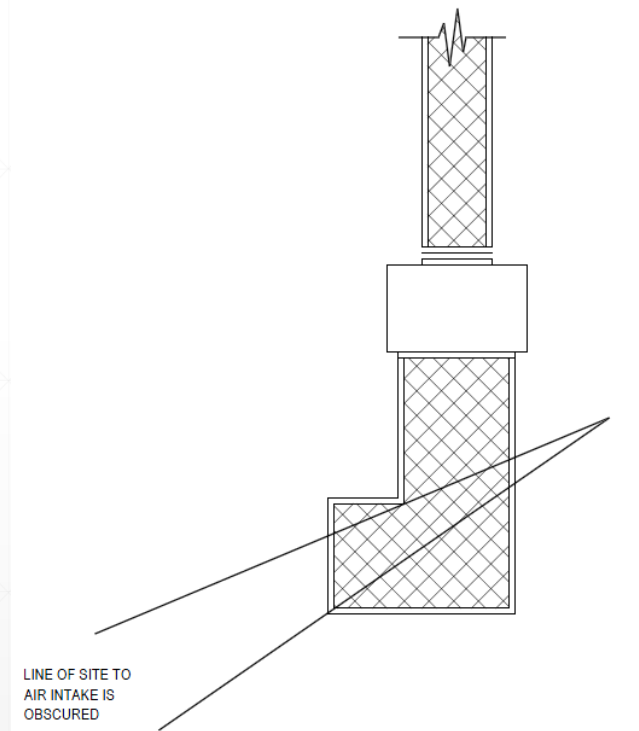
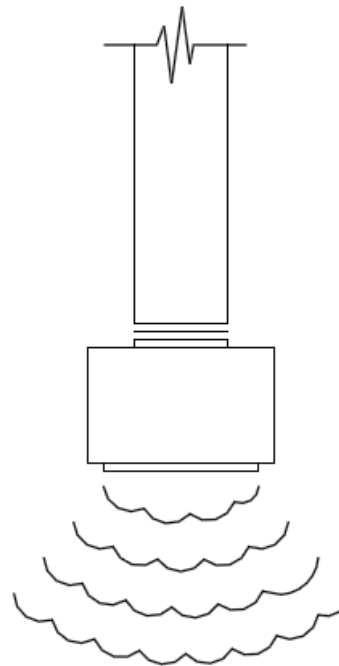
Return Air Boot

Used to reduce noise emanating from mechanical equipment in and adjacent to occupied spaces.

Should completely obscure line of sight to the air inlet. This forces the sound to bounce

Specified with 1" acoustic insulation.

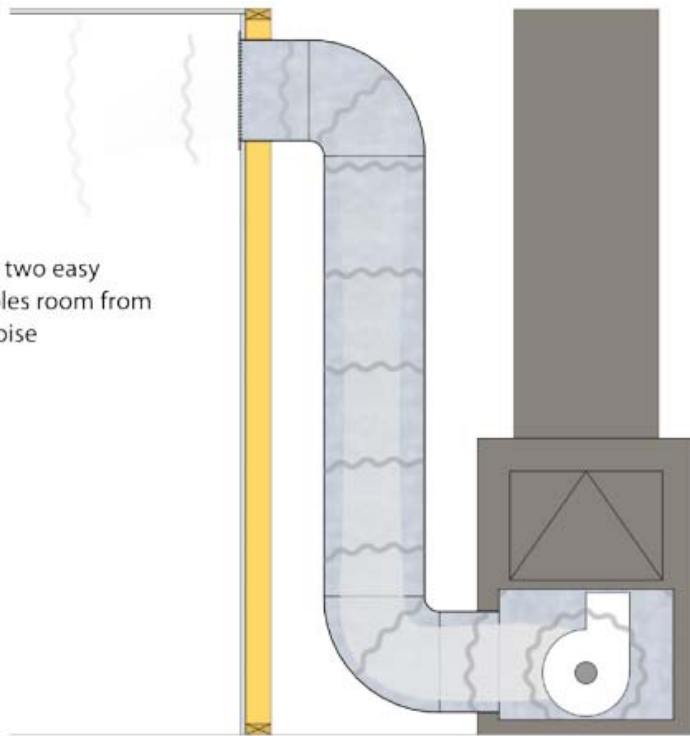
Typical "L" shaped boot is shown to the right.



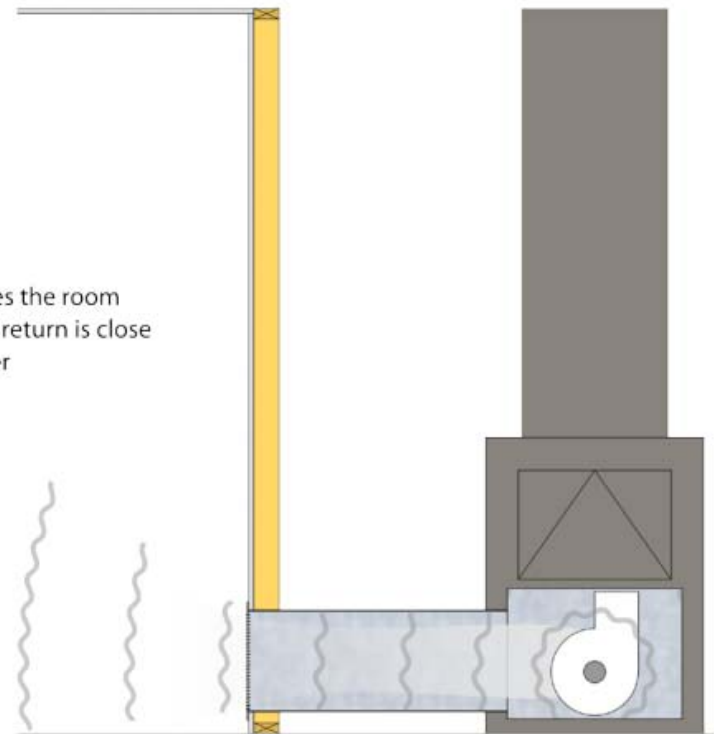
Z-Shape Return Air Boot

Less common but more effective.

A return with two easy turns decouples room from the blower noise



Noise reaches the room because the return is close to the blower



Pressurized Plenum with Home Run Ducting

Can be used where there are multiple duct diffusers with similar airflow requirements.

Each “home run” should be approximately the same length with the same pressure drop.

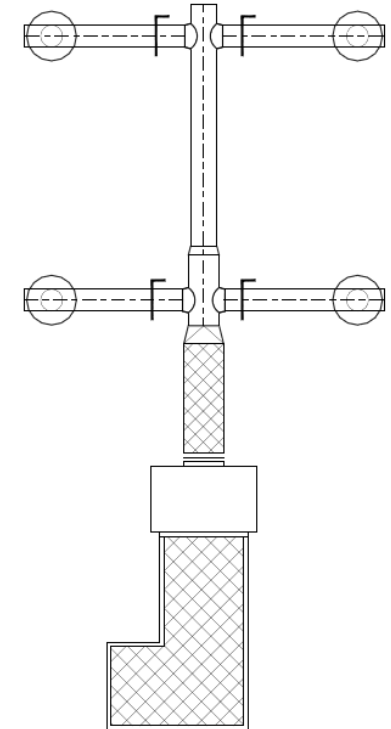
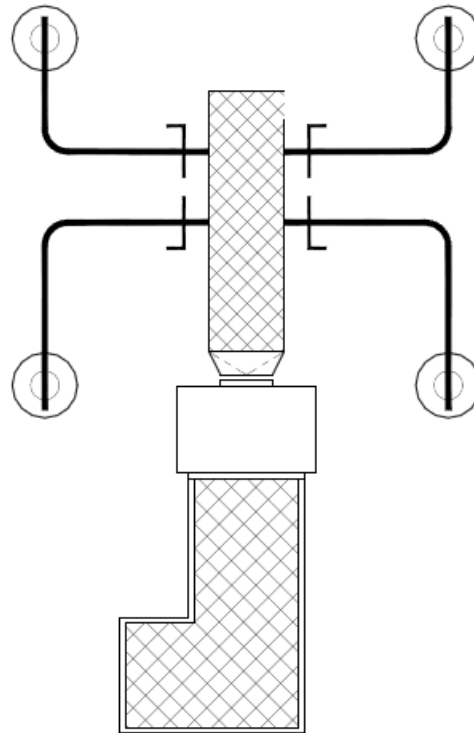
Do not take off ducts close to fan coil or at end of plenum.

Advantages:

- Can be used where there is very little ceiling height (i.e. running four 6"Ø ducts as opposed to one 10"Ø / 10"x8")
- Requires less overall space

Disadvantages

- Cannot handle large pressure drops



Questions?

Equal Friction Method

- Presumes that friction in ductwork can be balanced to allow uniform friction loss through all branches

1. Find effective length (EL) of longest run
2. Establish allowed static pressure loss/100'

$$\Delta P = 100(SP)/E_L$$

3. Size ducts
4. Repeat for each branch

Note: velocity must be higher in each upstream section

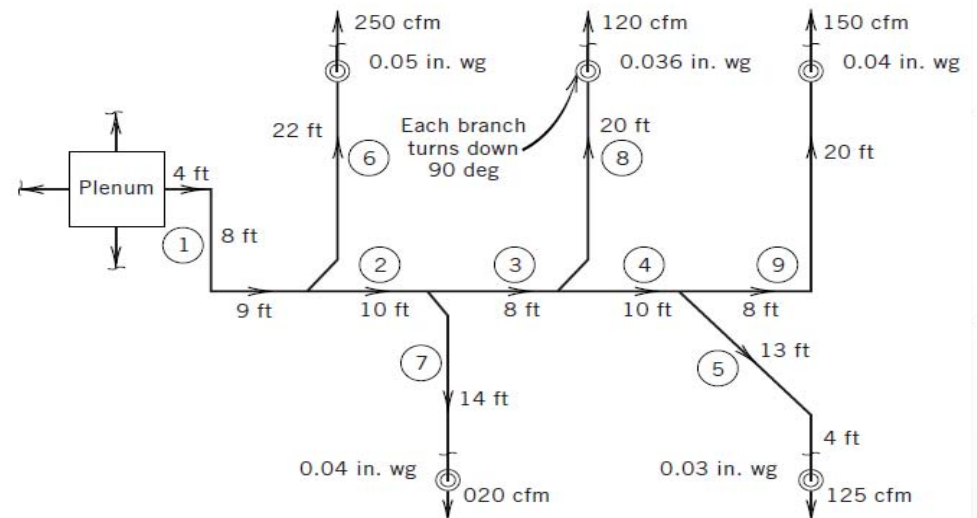
Assignment #2: Equal Friction Method

Given:

- The system shown is supplied air by a rooftop unit that develops 0.25 in. wg total pressure external to the unit.
- The return air system requires 0.10 in. wg.
- The ducts are to be of round cross section, and the maximum velocity in the main run is 850 ft/min, whereas the branch velocities must not exceed 650 ft/min.

Size:

- The ducts using the equal-friction method.
 - Show the location of any required dampers.
- Compute the total pressure loss for the system.



Equal Friction Method - Example

