

Problem 4A-5_4, Determining Peak Flow Values

Determine the peak flow for a 10-year recurrence interval for an intake located on a Primary Highway with a 31 ft back-to-back pavement (two 12 ft. lanes with 3 ½ ft curb and gutter section using 6" curbs).

Location: Jewel, Iowa.

Drainage area consists of the following:

Lawn, 2.5% slope Bermuda grass (no buildings, driveways, or sidewalk areas)

A = 0.25 Acres (approximately 40' × 265')

C = 0.25 for a 10-year recurrence interval

Average Slope of Surface, S = 2.5%

T_c and I have already been determined to be:

T_c = 8 min. (When calculating T_c, time runoff in the gutter was assumed to be negligible.)

I = 5.74 in/hr for a 10-year recurrence interval

Pavement:

A = 0.09 acres of new PCC (15 ½ ft × 265 ft). Runoff flows from crown to gutter.

C = 0.95 for a 10-year recurrence interval

Pavement Cross Slope, S_x = 2.0%

Gutter Cross Slope, S_w = 2.0%

Length in Gutter = 265 ft.

Longitudinal Slope, S_L = 1.5%

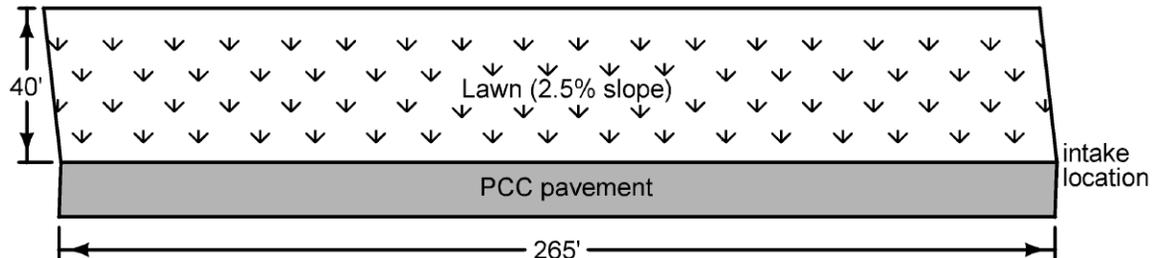
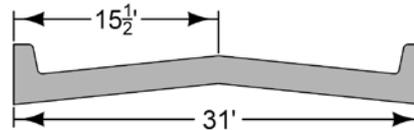
Manning's Coefficient, n = 0.016

T_c and I have already been determined to be:

T_c = 5 min. (Actual T_c was determined to be less than 5 min.; however, to determine I, a minimum

T_c of 5 min. is required.)

I = 6.12 in/hr 10-year recurrence interval



Jewel is located in Section Code 5 (see Table 2 of Section [4A-5](#) for English units).

1) Lawn

Calculate peak flow using Equation 4A-5_1:

$$Q = CIA = 0.25 \times 5.74 \times 0.25 = 0.36 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}.$$

2) Paved area.

Calculate peak flow using Equation 4A-5_1:

$$Q = CIA = 0.95 \times 6.12 \times 0.09 = 0.52 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$$

3) Combined area.

To calculate peak flow for the combination of the lawn and the paved area, use the flowpath associated with the longest T_c. In this situation, the lawn has the longest T_c (8 min). Use Equation 4A5-2 to calculate a weighted C value.

$$C = \frac{(0.25 \times 0.25) + (0.95 \times 0.09)}{0.25 + 0.09} = 0.44$$

Calculate the peak flow for the combined area ($T_c = 8$ min., so $I = 5.74$ in/hr):

$$Q = CIA = 0.44 \times 5.74 \times (0.25 + 0.09) = 0.89 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}.$$

The combined area produces the largest peak flow. Use this value when determining the final size of the intake.