Advanced Math & Problem Solving

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**Formula Terms & Equations**

**a** = sectional area of airway measured in square feet (ft.²)

- **Rectangle or square**……..height x width = area

- **Trapezoid** …………………top width + bottom width \( \frac{x}{2} \) x height = area

- **Circle**……………………..\( \pi \times r^2 \) = area

  **Note:** \( \pi = 3.1416 \)

**v** = velocity of air current measured in feet per minute (fpm)

- **Smoke tube**………………..distance \( \frac{distance}{decimal \ time} \)

- **Anemometer**………………

- **Magnehelic**………………..V.P. = 4003 \( \times \sqrt{i} \)  
  (Velocity Pressure)  
  note: see page 6

**q** = quantity of air, in cubic feet per minute (cfm)

- **Quantity of air (cfm)**……………….. q = a x v

- **Velocity of air**……………….. \( \frac{v = q}{a} \) or \( \frac{v}{a} \)

- **Area (when velocity and quantity are known)**………….. a = q \( \frac{v}{A} \)

**l** = length of airway measured in linear feet
\( o \) = perimeter of airway measured in linear feet

- **Rectangle or Square**……….. Top width + bottom width + side 1 + side 2
- Circle…………………………… \( \pi \times \text{diameter} \)
- Trapezoid……………………… \( Z = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2} \)

(Pythagoras’s Theorem) to find side Then: Top width + bottom width + side 1 + side 2

\[ \text{Note: see page 5} \]

\( s \) = rubbing surface measured in square feet (\( \text{ft}^2 \))

- **Rubbing surface**…………………………… \( s = lo \)

\( k \) = coefficient of friction,
(The resistance of one square foot of rubbing surface to an air current with a velocity of one foot per minute) \(0.0000002\)

\( i \) = inches of water gauge; also given as w.g.

- **Water gauge**…………………………………… \( i = \frac{p}{5.2} \)

\( P \) = total ventilating pressure, in pounds (lbs.)

- **Total pressure**…………………………………… \( P = pa \)

\( p \) = unit ventilating pressure, in pounds per square feet (\( \text{lb./ft.}^2 \))

- **Unit pressure, lbs. per sq ft**……………………\( p = \frac{ksv^2}{a} \)

\( R \) = total resistance of an airway, in pounds; equals \( P \)

- **Resistance, lbs**…………………………………… \( R = pa = P \)
\( u = \text{units of work, in foot-pounds per minute} \)

- **Units of power, ft lbs per min.** \( u = ksv^3 \)  
  (The work performed each minute by a current of air with a velocity of a certain number of feet per minute.)

\( h = \text{horsepower; also given as h.p. or H.P.} \)

  (One horsepower can move: 33,000 lbs. One foot vertically in one minute  
  : 330 lbs. 100 feet vertically in one minute  
  : 33 lbs. 1,000 feet vertically in one minute)

\[ h = \frac{u}{33,000} \]

  1 horsepower = 746 watts/electricity

  1 horsepower = .746 kilowatts/electricity

\( Hg = \text{inches of mercury} \)

- **Atmospheric air pressure**  
  (Depth of Shaft)

\[ 1 \text{ (mercury) inch} = 876 \text{ feet in air column} \]

\( \text{Barometric pressure} \)

\[ \text{Equivalent orifice} = 0.0004 \times Q_{\text{New}} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{i}} \]

**Water (gallons)**  
1 cubic foot = 7.5 gallons

**Water (weight)**  
1 cubic foot = 62.5 lbs.

**Temperature conversion**

  *Fahrenheit to Centigrade*  
\[ C^\circ = 32 - F^\circ \text{ temp.} \times 0.555 \]

  *Centigrade to Fahrenheit*  
\[ F^\circ = C^\circ \times 1.8 + 32 \]

**Barrier Pillar Formula**

\[ 2 \times \left( 10' + (2' \text{ for every foot or part of a foot of seam height}) + (5' \text{ for every } 100' \text{ or part of } 100' \text{ of cover}) \right) \]
**TRAPEZOID**

![Diagram of a trapezoid with labels: Top, Bottom, Z, Height = Y, and X.]

**PYTHAGORAS’S THEOREM**

\[ Z = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2} \]

This formula is used to find the angle side of a right triangle. The height is given and the top and bottom portion of the trapezoid are given.

To find “X”, use the following:

\[ \frac{\text{BOTTOM - TOP}}{2} = X \]

Complete by finding the perimeter by adding the top + the bottom + the right side + the left side.
Taking an air reading using a Magnehelic and a Pitot tube: When high velocity air movement will damage the anemometer.

![Ventilation Tube Diagram]

Take magnehelic reading (inches of water), and then use the formula:

\[ 4003 \times \sqrt{i.} = \text{V.P. or ventilation pressure, which is in fpm} \]
**FORMULAS FOR METHANE EVALUATION**

\[ Q_G = \text{Quantity of Methane Gas (cfm)} \quad Q_R = \text{Quantity of Return Air (cfm)} \]

\[ %_G = \text{Percentage of Gas (methane detector reading)} \quad Q_r = \text{Quantity of Intake Air (cfm)} \]

**METHANOMETER CONVERSION (2 decimal places)**

(detector) \quad (decimal equivalent)

\[ .5\% \text{ of methane} = .005 \]

\[ 1.0\% \text{ of methane} = .01 \]

For quantity of methane in a 24 hour period:

\[ Q_G \times 60 \text{ (minutes)} \times 24 \text{ (hours)} = \text{CF/CH}_4/24 \]

The formula to find the quantity of gas when the percent of gas and the quantity of return air are known:

\[ Q_G = Q_R \times %_G \]

The formula to find the percent of gas when the quantity of gas and the quantity of return air are known:

\[ %_G = \frac{Q_G}{Q_R} \]

The formula to find the quantity of return air when the quantity of gas and the percent of gas are known:

\[ Q_R = \frac{Q_G}{%_G} \]

The formula to find the quantity of return air when the quantity of gas and quantity of intake air are known:

\[ Q_R = Q_G + Q_r \]

**Dilution Formula**

The formula to find the amount of **air to add** to reduce the percent of gas in an air current:

\[ \text{Air to add} = \frac{Q_G}{%_G(\text{new gas reading})} - Q_R \]

To find the **total volume** of air, do not subtract the return air volume.