

SUMMARY OF KEY DISTRIBUTION OPERATOR MATH FORMULAS

GENERAL

1. **Lbs/Day** = (Vol, MGD) x (Dosage, mg/l) x 8.34 lbs/gal
2. **Removal, Percent** = $\frac{(\text{In} - \text{Out})}{\text{In}} \times 100$

VOLUMES

3. **Rectangular Basin Volume, gal** = (Length, ft) x (Width, ft) x (Height, ft) x 7.48 gal/cu.ft.
4. **Right Cylinder** = $(0.785) \times (D^2, \text{ft}) \times (\text{Height, Length, or Depth, in ft.}) \times 7.48 \text{ gals/cu.ft}$
5. **Trapezoid, Volume cu.ft.** = $\frac{(B_1 + B_2) \times \text{Height, ft} \times \text{Length, ft}}{2} \times 7.48 \text{ gals/cu.ft}$
6. **Gals / Day** = (Population) x (Gals/Capita/Day)
7. **GPD** = $\frac{(\text{Meter Read 2, Gals} - \text{Meter Read 1, Gals})}{(\text{Number of Days})}$
8. **Time, Hrs.** = $\frac{(\text{Volume, gallons})}{(\text{Pumping Rate, GPM, x 60 Min/Hr})}$
9. **Supply, Hrs. (Full to Tank Dry)** = $\frac{(\text{Storage Volume, Gals})}{(\text{Flow In, GPM} - \text{Flow Out, GPM}) \times 60 \text{ min/hr.}}$

CHLORINATION

10. **Gas Feed, Lbs/Day** = (Vol, MGD) x (Dosage, mg/l) x (8.34 lbs/gal)
11. **Dosage, mg/l** = $\frac{(\text{Feed, lbs/day})}{(\text{Vol, MGD}) \times 8.34 \text{ lbs/gal}}$
12. **Dosage, mg/l** = (Demand, mg/l) + (Residual, mg/l)
13. **HTH, lbs/Day** = $\frac{(\text{Vol, MGD}) \times (\text{Dosage, mg/l}) \times (8.34 \text{ lbs/gal})}{(0.65)}$
14. **GPD** = $\frac{(\text{Vol, MGD}) \times (\text{Dosage, mg/l}) \times (8.34 \text{ lbs/gal})}{\frac{\%}{100} \times 8.34 \text{ lbs/gal} \times \text{S.G.}}$

SOLUTIONS

15. **Lbs/Gal** = $\frac{(\text{Solution Percentage})}{100} \times 8.34 \text{ lbs/gal} \times \text{S.G.}$
16. **Lbs Chemical** = Specific Gravity x 8.34 lbs/gallons x Gallons of Solution
17. **Specific Gravity** = $\frac{(8.34 \text{ lbs/gallon} + \text{Chemical Wt. Lbs/gallon})}{(8.34 \text{ lbs/gallon})}$
18. **Specific Gravity Lbs/gallon** = (S.G. x 8.34 lbs/gal) - (8.34 lbs/gal)
19. **% Percent of Chemical in Solution** = $\frac{(\text{Dry Chemical, Lbs})}{(\text{Dry Wt. Chemical, Lbs}) + (\text{Water, Lbs})} \times 100$
20. **Two-Normal Equations:**
a) $C_1 V_1 = C_2 V_2$ b) $\frac{Q_1}{V_1} = \frac{Q_2}{V_2}$
21. **Three Normal Equations:**
a) $(C_1 V_1) + (C_2 V_2) = (C_3 V_3)$
22. **GPD** = $\frac{(\text{Vol, MGD}) \times (\text{Conc., mg/l}) \times (8.34 \text{ lb/gal})}{(\frac{\%}{100} \times 8.34 \text{ lbs/gal} \times \text{S.G. Lbs/gal})}$
23. **GPD** = $\frac{(\text{Feed, ml/min.} \times 1,440 \text{ min/day})}{(1,000 \text{ ml/L} \times 3.785 \text{ L/Gal})}$
24. **ml/min** = $\frac{(\text{GPD} \times 1,000 \text{ ml/L} \times 3.785 \text{ L/Gal})}{(1,440 \text{ min/day})}$

PRESSURE

25. **PSI** = $\frac{(\text{Head, ft.})}{1.31 \text{ Ft./psi}}$
26. **PSI** = Head, ft. x 0.433 PSI/ft.
27. **lbs Force** = $(0.785) (D, \text{ft.})^2 \times 144 \text{ sq.in./sq.ft.} \times \text{PSI.}$

SCADA

28. **Ft. Water** = $\frac{(\text{Process Variable, mA} - 4.0 \text{ mA})}{(20 \text{ mA} - 4.0 \text{ mA})} \times \text{Tank Height, ft.}$

PUMPING

28. **Volume, Gals** = GPM x Time, minutes
30. **Water Horsepower** = $\frac{(\text{GPM}) \times (\text{Total Head, ft.})}{(3,960)}$
31. **Brake Horsepower** = $\frac{(\text{GPM}) \times (\text{Total Head, ft.})}{(3,960) \times (\% \text{ Efficiency})}$
32. **% Overall Effic. (Pump/Motor)** = (Motor, % Effic. x Pump % Effic.)
33. **Cost, \$** = $\frac{(\text{BHp}) \times (0.746 \text{ Kw/Hp}) \times (\text{Operating Hrs.}) \times \text{\$/Kw-Hr}}{100}$
34. **Drawdown, ft.** = Pumping Level, ft. - Static Level, ft.
35. **Specific Capacity, GPM/ft.** = $\frac{\text{Well Yield, GPM}}{\text{Drawdown, ft.}}$

VELOCITY

36. **Q, cfs** = (Area, sq. ft.) x (Velocity, fps)
 $\frac{(\text{GPM})}{(448.8 \text{ GPM/cfs})} = (0.785) \times (D, \text{ft.})^2 \times \frac{(\text{Distance, ft.})}{(\text{Time, seconds})}$
37. **Velocity, fps** = $\frac{(Q, \text{cfs})}{(\text{Area, sq. ft.})}$

COST

38. **(\$ Cost / day** = Lbs/day x (\$ Cost/lb
39. **(\$ Cost per day** = Lbs / day Used x $\frac{(\$ \text{ Cost per Ton})}{2,000 \text{ lbs/Ton}}$
40. **Temperature:**
F° = (C° x 1.8) + 32°
C° = $\frac{(F° - 32°)}{(1.8)}$
41. **Langelier Index** = (pH - pH, Saturated)

ADDITIONAL KEY WATER PLANT OPERATOR MATH FORMULAS

FILTRATION

42. **Filtration Rate, GPM** =
$$\frac{(\text{Filter Area, sq.ft.}) \times (\text{GPM/sq.ft.})}{\text{Loading Rate}}$$
43. **Loading Rate, GPM/sq.ft.** =
$$\frac{(\text{Flow Rate, GPM})}{(\text{Filter Area, sq.ft.})}$$
44. **Filtration Rate = Rate, GPD** =
$$(\text{Filter Area, sq.ft.}) \times (\text{GPM/sq.ft.}) \times 1,440 \text{ min/day}$$
45. **Backwash Pumping = Rate, GPM** =
$$(\text{Filter Area, sq.ft.}) \times (\text{Backwash Rate, GPM/sq.ft.}) \times (15 - 17)$$
46. **Backwash Volume, Gallons** =
$$(\text{Filter Area, sq.ft.}) \times (\text{Backwash Rate, gpm/sq.ft.}) \times (\text{Time, min.})$$
47. **Backwash Rate, GPM/sq.ft.** =
$$\frac{(\text{Backwash Volume, gpm})}{(\text{Filter Area, sq.ft.})}$$
48. **Backwash, GPM** =
$$(\text{Filter Area, sq.ft.}) \times (\text{Height, Rise/Fall/Drop, ft/min}) \times (7.48 \text{ gals/cu.ft.})$$
49. **Rate of Rise, GPM/Sq. Ft.** =
$$(\text{Height, Rise/Fall/Drop, ft/min}) \times (7.48 \text{ gals/cu.ft.})$$
50. **Rate of Rise, GPM/sq.ft.** =
$$(\text{Time, min}) \times (\text{Height, ft.}) \times 7.48 \text{ gals/cu.ft.}$$

SEDIMENTATION

51. **Surface Loading Rate, GPD/sq ft.** =
$$\frac{(\text{Total Flow, GPD})}{(\text{Surface Area, sq.ft.})}$$

Design Data: 800 - 1,200 GPD/Sq.ft.
52. **Detention Time, Hrs.** =
$$\frac{(\text{Volume, gals}) \times (24 \text{ Hrs./day})}{(\text{Total 24 Hr. Flow, Gals/day})}$$

Design Data: 1 - 4 Hours; Average 2.5 Hrs.
53. **Flow, GPD** =
$$\frac{(\text{Volume, gals}) \times (24 \text{ Hrs./day})}{(\text{Detention Time, Hrs.})}$$
54. **Weir Overflow Rate, GPD/L.F.** =
$$\frac{(\text{Flow, GPD})}{(\text{Weir length, ft.})}$$

Design Data: 10,000 - 40,000 GPD/LF, Average 20,000 GPD/L.F.

C•T CALCULATIONS

55. **C•t** =
$$(\text{Chlorine Residual, mg/L}) \times (\text{Time, minutes})$$
56. **Time, minutes** =
$$\frac{(\text{C•t})}{(\text{Chlorine Residual, mg/L})}$$
57. **Chlorine Residual, mg/L** =
$$\frac{(\text{C•t})}{(\text{Time, minutes})}$$
58. **Inactivation Ratio** =
$$\frac{(\text{Actual System C•t})}{(\text{Table "E" C•t})}$$
59. **C•t Calculated** =
$$\frac{T_{10} \text{ Value, minutes} \times \text{Chlorine Residual, mg/L}}{100}$$
60. **Log Removal** =
$$\frac{(1.0 - \% \text{ Removal})}{100} \times \text{Log key} \times (-)$$

FLUORIDATION

61. **Feed, Lbs/day** =
$$(\text{MGD}) \times \frac{(\text{mg/L})}{(\frac{\% \text{ Purity}}{100} \times \frac{\% \text{ Fluoride}}{100})} \times 8.34 \text{ lbs/gallon} \times \text{S.G.}$$
62. **Adjusted Feed, Lbs/day** =
$$(\text{MGD}) \times \frac{(\frac{\text{Desired mg/L}}{\frac{\% \text{ Purity}}{100}} - \frac{\text{Existing mg/L}}{\frac{\% \text{ Fluoride}}{100}})}{100} \times 8.34 \text{ lbs/gallon} \times \text{S.G.}$$
63. **Dosage, mg/L** =
$$\frac{(\text{Feed, Lbs/day}) \times \frac{\% \text{ Purity}}{100} \times \frac{\% \text{ Fluoride}}{100}}{(\text{MGD}) \times 8.34 \text{ lbs/gallon} \times \text{S.G.}}$$
28. **Feed, GPD** =
$$(\text{MGD}) \times \frac{(\text{mg/L})}{(\frac{\% \text{ Purity}}{100} \times \frac{\% \text{ Fluoride}}{100})} \times 8.34 \text{ lbs/gallon} \times \text{S.G.}$$

CONVERSION FACTORS

Measurement	
62.4 Lbs/cu.ft.	5,280 Ft./Mile
7.48 gallons/cu.ft.	12 inches / foot
8.34 Lbs/gallon	27 Cu.ft. / Cu. Yard
1,000 mg/Gram	2,000 Lbs/ton
1,000 ml/Liter	
1,000 ug/L / mg/L	2.31 Ft/PSI
3.785 L/gallon	0.746 Kw/BHP
3,785 ml/Gallon	0.433 PSI / Head foot
43,560 sq.ft. / Acre	
325,828 gallons / Ac-ft.	
3.07 Ac.ft./MGD	
	454 grams/Lb
	17.1 mg/L/Grain per gal.
448.8 GPM/CFS	
1.55 CFS /MGD	
694.4 GPM /MGD	
60 seconds/minute	60 minutes/ Hour
1,440 minutes/Day	24 Hours / day
7 Days / week	30 Days / month
365 Days / year	