



FIREGROUND HYDRAULICS
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OBJECTIVES

- Introduce the basics of fire ground Hydraulics to all participants.
- Ensure proper pump pressure and GPM delivery to hose lines on the fire ground.
- Prepare the student for the Driver Operator (DO) Hydraulics Exam.



INTRODUCTION

- There will be a timed (20 minute), 10 question Final Hydraulics Exam
- The passing score is 80%.
- Each participant must pass this exam in order to continue to Session IV.
- You will have two opportunities to pass the exam.



REFERENCES

- IFSTA Pumping Apparatus Driver/Operator Handbook -Second Edition.
- SDFD Drill Manual, Chapter 13
- Ervens - Fire Fighting Apparatus and Procedures Third Edition

These are the basic concepts that you need to understand.



DETERMINE PUMP PRESSURE

Pump pressure is the amount of pressure in pounds per square inch (PSI) indicated on the pressure gauge or any discharge gauge.

In fire ground hydraulics, the basic pump pressure formula for a level lay is:

Pump Pressure = Nozzle Pressure + Total Friction Loss

This equation is : **PP = NP + TFL**

FACTS NECESSARY TO DETERMINE PUMP PRESSURE



- NOZZLE PRESSURE**
- GPM FLOWING (or SIZE OF THE NOZZLE)**
- SIZE OF HOSE**
- LENGTH OF HOSE IN LAY**
- ELEVATION DIFFERENTIAL**
- APPLIANCE LOSS**
- SPRINKLER (or STANDPIPE) SYSTEM LOSS**
- LADDER SYSTEM LOSS**



DETERMINE PUMP PRESSURE

**PUMP PRESSURE = NOZZLE PRESSURE +
TOTAL FRICTION LOSS**

$$\mathbf{PP = NP + TFL}$$



DETERMINE NOZZLE PRESSURE

POTENTIAL NOZZLE PRESSURES

FOG NOZZLE S.O.F. - HANDLINES

FOG NOZZLE S.O.F. - MASTER STREAMS

ELKHART PHANTOM HIGH RISE NOZZLE

SMOOTH BORE TIPS – HANDLINES

SMOOTH BORE TIPS – MASTER STREAMS

SPINKLER HEAD



DETERMINE NOZZLE PRESSURE

FOG NOZZLE S.O.F. – HANDLINES

100 P.S.I.



DETERMINE NOZZLE PRESSURE

FOG NOZZLE – MASTER STREAMS

100 P.S.I.

Or

80 P.S.I



DETERMINE NOZZLE PRESSURE

ELKHART PHANTOM HIGH RISE NOZZLE

75 P.S.I.



DETERMINE NOZZLE PRESSURE

SMOOTH BORE TIPS – HANDLINES

50 P.S.I.



DETERMINE NOZZLE PRESSURE

SMOOTH BORE TIPS – MASTER STREAMS

80 P.S.I.



DETERMINE NOZZLE PRESSURE

SPRINKLER HEAD

25 P.S.I.



DETERMINE PUMP PRESSURE

$$\mathbf{PP = NP + TFL}$$

TOTAL FRICTION LOSS

$$\mathbf{TFL = FLR \times L}$$



TOTAL FRICTION LOSS

**TOTAL FRICTION LOSS =
FRICTION LOSS RATE x LENGTH**

$$\mathbf{TFL = FLR \times L}$$



DETERMINE FRICTION LOSS RATE

$$\text{FLR} = 2Q^2$$

BASED ON 2 1/2" HOSE



DETERMINE FRICTION LOSS RATE

Q = QUANTITY

$$Q = \frac{\text{GPM}}{100}$$



DETERMINE FRICTION LOSS RATE

QUANTITY - EXAMPLE – $2Q^2$

250 G.P.M. S.O.F. FOG NOZZLE

$$Q = \frac{\text{GPM}}{100}$$

$$Q = \frac{250}{100}$$

$$Q = 2.5$$

$$2Q^2 \quad (2)2.5^2 \quad 2.5 \times 2.5 = 6.25 \quad 2 \times 6.25 = 12.5$$

$$\text{FLR} = 13$$



DETERMINE LENGTH

$$\text{TFL} = \text{FLR} \times \text{L}$$

$$\text{L} = \underline{\text{TOTAL LENGTH}}$$

100

LENGTH (100') INCREMENTS

$$100' = 1$$

$$50' = .5$$



DETERMINE LENGTH

EXAMPLE

150' OF 2 ½" HOSE

$$L = \underline{150}$$

100

$$L = 1.5$$

DETERMINE TOTAL FRICTION LOSS



$$\mathbf{TFL = FLR \times L}$$

$$\mathbf{FLR = 13}$$

$$\mathbf{L = 1.5}$$

$$\mathbf{TFL = 13 \times 1.5}$$

$$\mathbf{13 \times 1.5 = 19.5}$$

$$\mathbf{TFL = 20}$$



DETERMINE PUMP PRESSURE

$$\mathbf{PP = NP + TFL}$$

250 G.P.M. S.O.F. FOG NOZZLE - HANDLINE 150' 2 ½" HOSE

$$\mathbf{NP = 100}$$

$$\mathbf{TFL = FLR \times L}$$

$$\mathbf{TFL = 13 \times 1.5}$$

$$\mathbf{TFL = 19.5 \text{ (round to closest)}}$$

$$\mathbf{TFL = 20}$$

$$\mathbf{PP = 100 + 20}$$

$$\mathbf{PP = 120 \text{ P.S.I.}}$$



EQUIVALENT FLOWS

$2Q^2$ BASED ON FLOW THROUGH 2 1/2" HOSE

**ALL FLOW RATES THROUGH VARIOUS SIZE
HOSES MUST BE CONVERTED TO AN
EQUIVALENT FLOW (EF) AS IF IT WERE
FLOWING THROUGH 2 1/2" HOSE**



EQUIVALENT FLOWS (EF)

AFTER THE EQUIVALENT FLOW IS COMPUTED, IT IS TREATED AS 2 ½" HOSE. THIS FLOW IS ROUNDED OFF AS 2 ½" HOSE TO THE NEAREST 10 GPM.



EQUIVALENT FLOWS

**TO CALCULATE FRICTION LOSS
THROUGH HOSE LARGER AND
SMALLER THAN 2 1/2" HOSE EACH
SIZE HOSE HAS A CORRESPONDING
CONVERSION FACTOR (CF)**



EQUIVALENT FLOWS

HOSE SIZE

CONVERSION FACTOR

3/4"

25

1"

9

1 1/2"

3.6

1 3/4"

2

3"

.67

3 1/2"

.4

4"

.25



EQUIVALENT FLOWS

EXAMPLE:

1 3/4" HANDLINE 150 G.P.M. S.O.F. FOG NOZZLE

1 3/4" HOSE – CONVERSION FACTOR OF **2**

$$150 \text{ G.P.M.} \times 2 = (\text{EF}) 300 \text{ G.P.M.}$$

$$2Q^2 \quad Q = \underline{300}$$

$$100$$



EQUIVALENT FLOWS

EXAMPLE:

**1000 G.P.M. FOG NOZZLE MASTER STREAM
SUPPLIED BY 4" LINE**

1000 G.P.M. – 4" CONVERSION FACTOR **.25**

$$1000 \times .25 = (\text{EF}) 250 \text{ GPM}$$

$$2Q^2 \quad Q = \frac{250}{100}$$



G.P.M. FLOWS

G.P.M. FLOWS

FOG NOZZLES

SMOOTH BORE TIPS

SPRINKLER HEADS



GPM FLOWS FOR FOG NOZZLES

Handheld Fog Nozzles:

**GPM FLOWS ARE ADJUSTABLE
AND FOUND LABELED ON THE
NOZZLE.**



GPM FLOWS FOR FOG NOZZLES

Master Stream Fog Nozzles:

**Are not adjustable they are
Automatic with GPM Labeled on
the nozzle**



GPM FLOWS FOR FOG NOZZLES

When pumping to a hose line used for an **INTERIOR ATTACK** and the GPM setting is not known, you should consider **150 GPM** as your maximum GPM flow.

When pumping to a hose line used for an **EXTERIOR ATTACK** and the GPM is not known, you should consider **200 GPM** as your maximum GPM flow.

When the GPM settings and the use of the attack line are **BOTH UNKNOWN**, you should pump to the **HIGHEST GPM** setting for that nozzle.



G.P.M. FLOWS

SPRINKLER HEAD

30 G.P.M.



GPM SMOOTH BORE TIP

SMOOTH BORE TIP FORMULA

$$\mathbf{GPM = 30 d^2 \sqrt{NP}}$$

GPM FLOWS FOR SMOOTH BORE TIPS



$$\mathbf{GPM = 30 d^2 \sqrt{NP}}$$

d = DIAMETER

NP = NOZZLE PRESSURE

ONLY TWO SQUARE ROOTS ARE USED

$\sqrt{50}$ PSI (HANDLINE SMOOTH TIP) = 7

$\sqrt{80}$ PSI (MONITOR/MASTER STREAM) = 9

GPM FLOWS FOR SMOOTH BORE TIPS



- **THE DIAMETER OF THE TIP AND THE NOZZLE PRESSURE DETERMINE GPM FLOW.**

1 1/4" TIP @ 50 PSI = 330 GPM

1 1/4" TIP @ 80 PSI = 400 GPM

GPM FLOWS FOR SMOOTH BORE TIPS



$$\text{GPM} = 30 d^2 \sqrt{NP}$$

**ROUND OFF ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING
RULES:**

1/4" TO 3/8" TIPS - NEAREST 1 GPM

1/2" TO 1 1/4" TIPS - NEAREST 10 GPM

1 3/8" TO 2" TIPS - NEAREST 100 GPM

GPM FLOWS FOR SMOOTH BORE TIPS



**EXAMPLE:
3/8" SMOOTH BORE TIP**

$$\text{GPM} = 30 d^2 \sqrt{NP}$$

$$\text{GPM} = (30) 3/8^2 (7)$$

$$\text{GPM} = (30) .375 \times .375 (7)$$

$$\text{GPM} = (30) .1406 (7)$$

$$\text{GPM} = 4.218 (7)$$

$$\text{GPM} = 29.52$$

$$\text{ROUNDED } 29.52 = 30$$

GPM FLOWS FOR SMOOTH BORE TIPS



EXAMPLE:

1 1/8" SMOOTH BORE TIP HANDLINE

$$\mathbf{GPM = 30 d^2 \sqrt{NP}}$$

$$\mathbf{GPM = (30) 1.125 X 1.125 (7)}$$

$$\mathbf{GPM = (30) 1.266 (7)}$$

$$\mathbf{GPM = 37.98 (7)}$$

$$\mathbf{GPM = 265.86}$$

(ROUNDED TO NEAREST 10 GPM) = 270 GPM

GPM FLOWS FOR SMOOTH BORE TIPS



EXAMPLE

1 1/2" SMOOTH BORE TIP LADDER PIPE

$$\text{GPM} = 30 d^2 \sqrt{NP}$$

$$\text{GPM} = (30) 1.5 \times 1.5 (9)$$

$$\text{GPM} = (30) 2.25 (9)$$

$$\text{GPM} = 67.5 (9)$$

$$\text{GPM} = 607.5$$

**607.5 (ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100 GPM) = 600
GPM**



MAXIMUM PUMP PRESSURES

BOOSTER LINE - 400 PSI

SINGLE JACKET (Wildland) - 300 PSI

DOUBLE JACKET (Attack Line) - 300 PSI

DOUBLE JACKET (High Pressure) - 600 PSI

HARD SUCTION - 150 PSI

ELEVATION DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN PUMP AND NOZZLE



WATER WEIGHS 8.35 POUNDS PER GALLON

**A COLUMN OF WATER THAT IS ONE FOOT
HIGH BY ONE SQUARE INCH WEIGHS .434
POUNDS.**

**FOR FIRE GROUND HYDRAULICS, THIS WEIGHT
HAS BEEN ROUNDED OFF TO .5 POUNDS.**

ELEVATION DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN PUMP AND NOZZLE



WHEN CALCULATING GRAVITY LOSS IN A HIGH-RISE BUILDING, CALCULATE 5 POUNDS PER FLOOR.

REMEMBER

GRAVITY LOSS (GL) = ADD PRESSURE

GRAVITY GAIN (GG) = SUBTRACT PRESSURE

ELEVATION DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN PUMP AND NOZZLE



EXAMPLE:

250 G.P.M. S.O.F. FOG NOZZLE – HANDLINE 150' 2 ½" HOSE

PP = 120 P.S.I.

250 G.P.M. S.O.F. FOG NOZZLE – HANDLINE 150' 2 ½" HOSE

3RD FLOOR

5 POUNDS PER FLOOR

PP = 130 P.S.I.



INITIAL PUMP PRESSURE

OFTEN, AN ENGINEER WILL GET THE REQUEST FOR WATER BEFORE ACCURATE HYDRAULIC CALCULATIONS CAN BE MADE. IN THIS SITUATION, THE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE IS TO PUMP THE PRESSURES GIVEN BELOW FOR THE FOLLOWING CASES:



INITIAL PUMP PRESSURE

**HAND LINES:
NOZZLE PRESSURE + GL or - GG**

**ELEVATED STREAMS
150 P.S.I.**

**SPRINKLER and STANDPIPE SYSTEMS
150 P.S.I.**

HYDRAULICS SET-UP AND CALCULATIONS



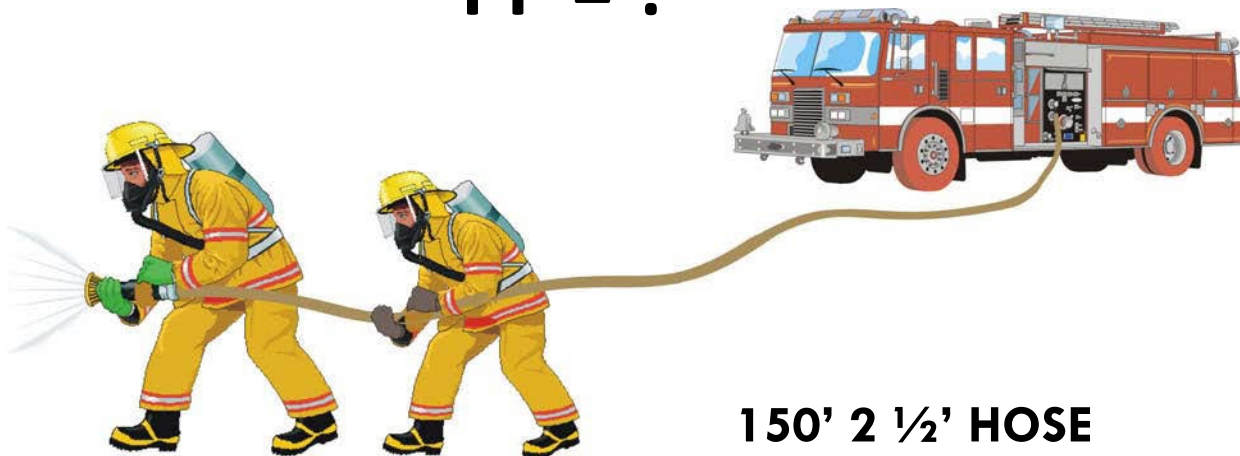
**THE FOLLOWING EXAMPLES SHOW HOW
FIREGROUND HYDRAULICS IS EXPRESSED IN
WRITTEN HYDRAULICS**



HYDRAULICS SET-UP AND CALCULATIONS

250 GPM S.O.F. NOZZLE, 150' 2 ½' HOSE

PP = ?



250 GPM
S.O.F.
NOZZLE

150' 2 ½' HOSE

INITIAL PUMP PRESSURE = 100 P.S.I.

HYDRAULICS SET-UP AND CALCULATIONS



HYDRAULICS FORMULA FOR A LEVEL LAY

$$PP = NP + TFL$$

$$TFL = FLR \times L$$

$$FLR = 2Q^2$$

$$Q = \frac{GPM}{100}$$

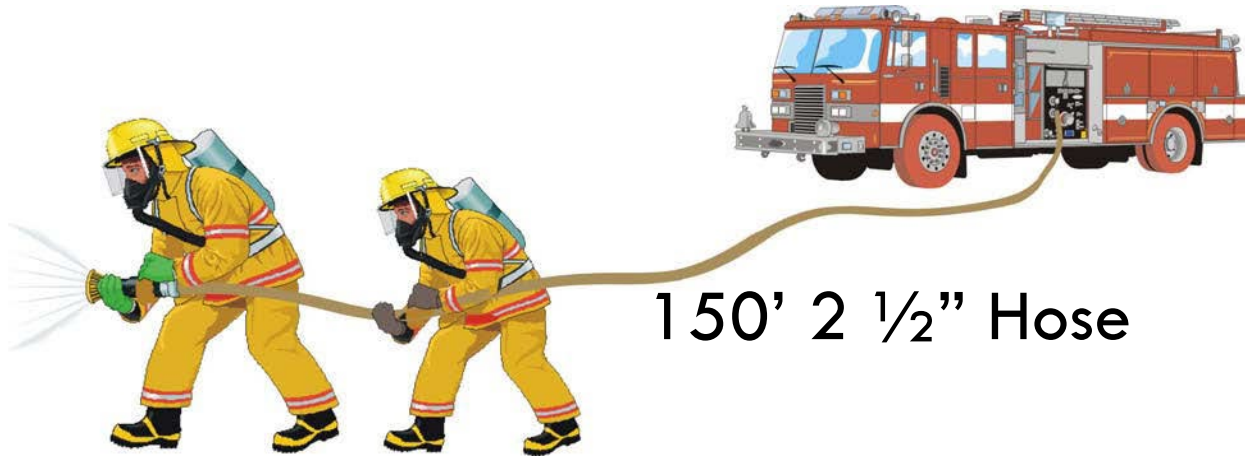
HYDRAULICS SET-UP AND CALCULATIONS



STEP ONE: DETERMINE NOZZLE PRESSURE

NP=100

250 GPM
S.O.F.
NOZZLE



150' 2 1/2" Hose

HYDRAULICS SET-UP AND CALCULATIONS



STEP TWO: DETERMINE GPM FLOW 250 GPM

250 GPM
S.O.F.
NOZZLE



150' 2 1/2" Hose

HYDRAULICS SET-UP AND CALCULATIONS



STEP THREE:

CALCULATE THE FRICTION LOSS RATE (FLR)

HYDRAULICS SET-UP AND CALCULATIONS



$$FLR = 2Q^2$$

$$FLR = 2 \frac{(250)^2}{100}$$

$$FLR = 2(2.5)^2$$

$$FLR = 2(2.5 \times 2.5)$$

$$FLR = 2(6.25)$$

$$FLR = 12.5$$

$$FLR = 13$$

RULE OF TWELVE

FOR 2 ½" FLOWS BETWEEN
180 AND 320 SUBTRACT 12
FROM THE FIRST TWO
NUMBERS

250 GPM

$$\underline{250} - 12 = 13$$

HYDRAULICS SET-UP AND CALCULATIONS



STEP FOUR: DETERMINE LENGTH

$$L = \frac{\text{TOTAL FEET}}{100}$$

$$L = \frac{150}{100}$$

$$L = 1.5$$

250 GPM
S.O.F.
NOZZLE



150' 2 1/2" Hose

HYDRAULICS SET-UP AND CALCULATIONS



STEP FIVE:

CALCULATE TOTAL FRICTION LOSS (TFL)

$$\text{TFL} = \text{FLR} \times \text{L}$$

$$\text{TFL} = 13 \times 1.5$$

TFL = 19.5 ROUND UP

$$\text{TFL} = 20$$

HYDRAULICS SET-UP AND CALCULATIONS



STEP SIX:

DETERMINE PUMP PRESSURE

**ADD NOZZLE PRESSURE (NP) AND TOTAL
FRICTION LOSS (TFL)**

$$PP = NP + TFL$$

$$PP = 100 + 20$$

$$PP = 120 \text{ P.S.I.}$$

HYDRAULICS SET-UP AND CALCULATIONS



SMOOTH BORE TIP:

$$PP = NP + TFL$$

**1" SMOOTH
BORE TIP**



200' 2 1/2" HOSE

INITIAL PUMP PRESSURE = 50 P.S.I.

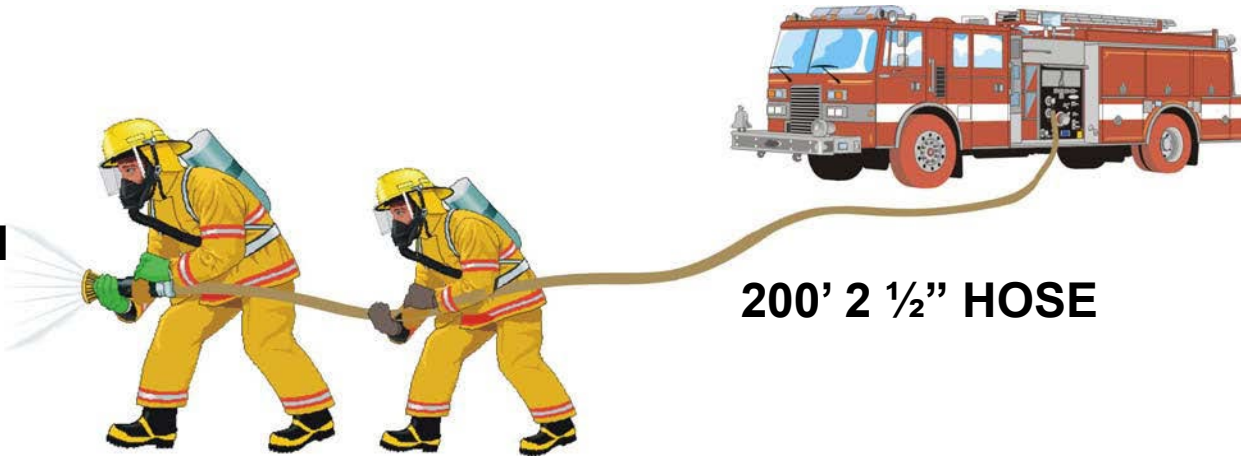
HYDRAULICS SET-UP AND CALCULATIONS



STEP ONE: DETERMINE NOZZLE PRESSURE

NP= 50

**1" SMOOTH
BORE TIP**



200' 2 1/2" HOSE

INITIAL PUMP PRESSURE = 50 P.S.I.

HYDRAULICS SET-UP AND CALCULATIONS



STEP TWO:

DETERMINE GPM FLOW

$$\mathbf{GPM = 30 d^2 \sqrt{NP}}$$

HYDRAULICS SET-UP AND CALCULATIONS



$$\text{GPM} = 30 d^2 \sqrt{NP}$$

1" SMOOTH BORE TIP

$$30 (1)^2 \sqrt{50}$$

$$30 \times 1 \times 7$$

$$\text{GPM} = 210$$

HYDRAULICS SET-UP AND CALCULATIONS



STEP THREE:

CALCULATE THE FRICTION LOSS RATE (FLR)

$$\mathbf{FLR = 2Q^2}$$

HYDRAULICS SET-UP AND CALCULATIONS



$$FLR = 2Q^2$$

$$FLR = 2(\underline{210})^2$$

100

$$FLR = 2(2.1)^2$$

$$FLR = 2(2.1 \times 2.1)$$

$$FLR = 2(4.41)$$

$$FLR = 8.82$$

$$FLR = 9$$

RULE OF TWELVE

**FOR 2 1/2" FLOWS
BETWEEN 180 AND 320
SUBTRACT 12 FROM THE
FIRST TWO NUMBERS**

210 GPM

$$\underline{210} - 12 = 9$$



HYDRAULICS SET-UP AND CALCULATIONS

STEP FOUR:

DETERMINE LENGTH

$$L = \frac{\text{TOTAL FEET}}{100} \quad L = \frac{200}{100} \quad L = 2$$



INITIAL PUMP PRESSURE = 50 P.S.I.

HYDRAULICS SET-UP AND CALCULATIONS



STEP FIVE:

CALCULATE TOTAL FRICTION LOSS (TFL)

$$\text{TFL} = \text{FLR} \times \text{L}$$

$$\text{TFL} = 9 \times 2$$

$$\text{TFL} = 18$$

HYDRAULICS SET-UP AND CALCULATIONS



STEP SIX:

DETERMINE PUMP PRESSURE

**ADD NOZZLE PRESSURE (NP) AND TOTAL
FRICTION LOSS (TFL)**

$$PP = NP + TFL$$

$$PP = 50 + 18$$

$$PP = 68 \text{ P.S.I.}$$



CONVERTING TO 2 1/2" HOSE

Step one:

Determine Flow = 125 GPM

EF = Conversion Factor x GPM

CF for 1 3/4" hose = 2

EF = 2 x 125

EF = 250

125 GPM
S.O.F.
NOZZLE



200' of 1 3/4" Hose



CONVERTING TO 2 1/2" HOSE

Step Two:

$$FLR=2Q^2$$

$$FLR=2 \frac{(gpm)^2}{100}$$

$$FLR=2 \frac{(250)^2}{100} = 2.5$$

$$FLR=2 (2.5)^2$$

$$FLR= 2 \times 6.25 = 12.5$$

Round off to 13 PSI

125 GPM
S.O.F.
NOZZLE



200' of 1 3/4" Hose



CONVERTING TO 2 1/2" HOSE

Step Three:

$$L = \underline{\text{Total Feet}}$$

100

$$L = \underline{200}$$

100

$$L = 2$$

125 GPM
S.O.F.
NOZZLE



200' of 1 3/4" Hose



CONVERTING TO 2 1/2" HOSE

Step Four:

$$TFL = FLR \times L$$

$$TFL = 13 \times 2$$

$$TFL = 26 \text{ PSI}$$

$$PP = NP + TFL$$

$$PP = 100 + 26$$

$$PP = 126 \text{ PSI}$$

125 GPM
S.O.F.
NOZZLE



200' of 1 3/4" Hose



MULTIPLE LINES

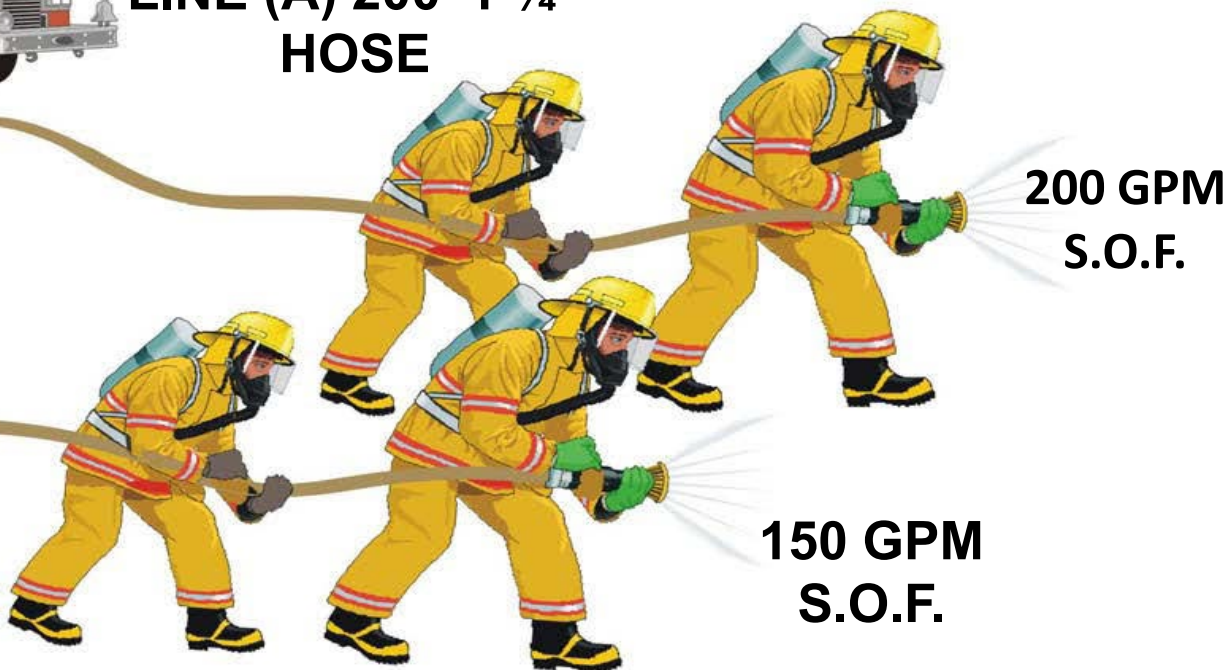
**PUMP TO THE HIGHEST LINE AND
GATE DOWN THE SECOND**



MULTIPLE LINES



**LINE (A) 200' 1 3/4"
HOSE**



**200 GPM
S.O.F.**

**LINE (B) 150' 1 3/4"
HOSE**

**150 GPM
S.O.F.**



MULTIPLE LINES

LINE (A)

PP = NP = TFL

NP = 100

INITIAL PP = 100

LINE (B)

PP = NP = TFL

NP = 100

INITIAL PP = 100



MULTIPLE LINES

STEP TWO:

**1 3/4" HOSE REQUIRES CONVERSION TO
DETERMINE EQUIVILANT FLOW (EF)**



MULTIPLE LINES

LINE (A)

**(EF) = CONVERSION
FACTOR X GPM**

FLOW = 200 GPM

1 3/4" CF = 2

200 X 2 = 400

EF = 400

LINE (B)

**(EF) = CONVERSION
FACTOR X GPM**

FLOW = 150 GPM

1 3/4" CF = 2

150 X 2 = 300

EF = 300



MULTIPLE LINES

**STEP THREE:
DETERMINE FRICTION LOSS RATE
(FLR)**



MULTIPLE LINES

LINE (A)

$$\text{FLR} = 2Q^2$$

$$\text{FLR} = 2(\underline{400})^2$$

100

$$\text{FLR} = 2(4)^2$$

$$\text{FLR} = 2(4 \times 4)$$

$$\text{FLR} = 2(16)$$

$$\text{FLR} = 32$$

LINE (B)

$$\text{FLR} = 2Q^2$$

$$\text{FLR} = 2(\underline{300})^2$$

100

$$\text{FLR} = 2(3)^2$$

$$\text{FLR} = 2(3 \times 3)$$

$$\text{FLR} = 2(9)$$

$$\text{FLR} = 18$$



MULTIPLE LINES

STEP FOUR:

DETERMINE LENGTH

$$L = \frac{\text{TOTAL FEET}}{100}$$

100



MULTIPLE LINES

**DETERMINE LENGTH
LINE (A)**

$$L = \frac{200}{100}$$

$$L = 2$$

**DETERMINE LENGTH
LINE (B)**

$$L = \frac{150}{100}$$

$$L = 1.5$$



MULTIPLE LINES

STEP FIVE:

CALCULATE TOTAL FRICTION LOSS (TFL)



MULTIPLE LINES

**TOTAL FRICTION
LOSS**

LINE (A)

$$\text{TFL} = \text{FLR} \times \text{L}$$

$$\text{TFL} = 32 \times 2$$

$$\text{TFL} = 64$$

**TOTAL FRICTION
LOSS**

LINE (B)

$$\text{TFL} = \text{FLR} \times \text{L}$$

$$\text{TFL} = 18 \times 1.5$$

$$\text{TFL} = 27$$



MULTIPLE LINES

STEP SIX:

DETERMINE PUMP PRESSURE

**ADD NOZZLE PRESSURE (NP) AND
TOTAL FRICTION LOSS (TFL)**



MULTIPLE LINES

**DETERMINE PUMP PRESSURE
LINE (A)**

$$PP = NP + TFL$$

$$PP = 100 + 64$$

$$PP = 164$$

**PUMP LINE (A) AT 164
P.S.I.**

**DETERMINE PUMP PRESSURE
LINE (B)**

$$PP = NP + TFL$$

$$PP = 100 + 27$$

$$PP = 127$$

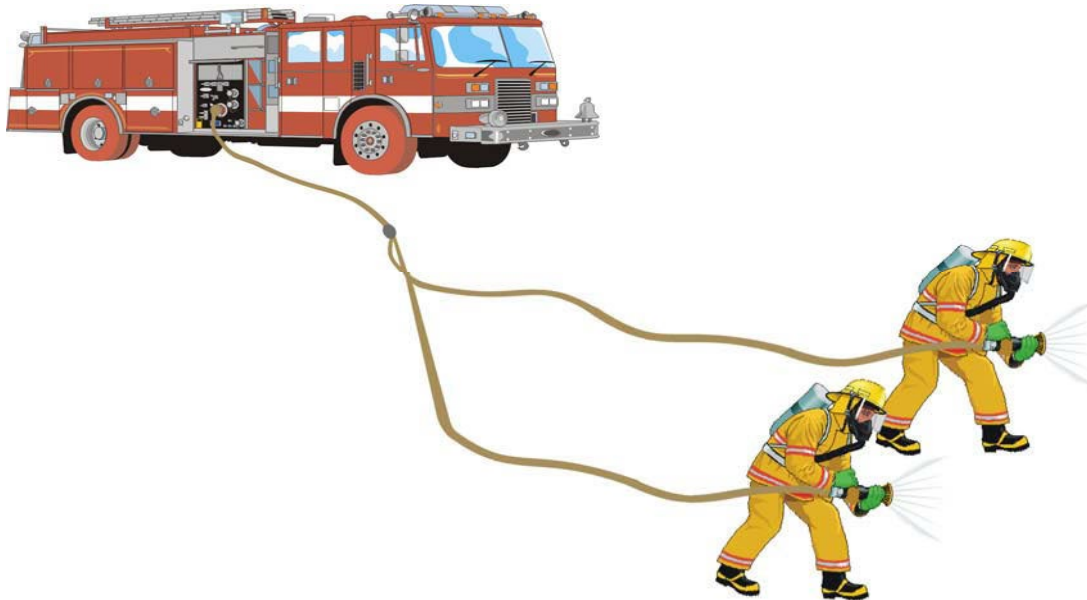
**GATE DOWN LINE (B)
TO 127 P.S.I.**

WYED LINES (EQUAL LENGTH AND FLOW)



EXAMPLE:

(2) 250 GPM S.O.F. NOZZLES, (2) 2 1/2" HOSE LINES
EACH 100' LONG, WYED FROM (1) 2 1/2" HOSE
200' LONG.



WYED LINES (EQUAL LENGTH AND FLOW)



200' 2 1/2" HOSE

**Line (A) 100' 2 1/2"
HOSE**

**Line (B) 100' 2 1/2"
HOSE**

**250 GPM
S.O.F. NOZZLE**

**250 GPM
S.O.F. NOZZLE**



WYED LINES ***(EQUAL LENGTH AND FLOW)***



STEP ONE:
DETERMINE NOZZLE PRESSURE
NP = 100 P.S.I.

WYED LINES (EQUAL LENGTH AND FLOW)



STEP TWO:

DETERMINE FLOW

**TO DETERMINE FLOW IN SUPPLY LINE COMBINE
NOZZLE FLOWS**

FLOW THROUGH LINE (A) = 500

FLOW THROUGH ONE WYED LINE = 250

WYED LINES ***(EQUAL LENGTH AND FLOW)***



STEP THREE:
DETERMINE FRICTION LOSS RATE (FLR)

$$\text{FLR} = 2Q^2$$

WYED LINES (EQUAL LENGTH AND FLOW)



LINE (A)

$$\text{FLR} = 2Q^2$$

$$\text{FLR} = 2(\underline{500})^2$$

100

$$\text{FLR} = 2(5 \times 5)$$

$$\text{FLR} = 2(25)$$

$$\text{FLR} = 50$$

LINE (B)

$$\text{FLR} = 2Q^2$$

$$\text{FLR} = 2(250)^2$$

$$\text{FLR} = 2(2.5 \times 2.5)$$

$$\text{FLR} = 2(6.25)$$

$$\text{FLR} = 13$$

WYED LINES (EQUAL LENGTH AND FLOW)



STEP FOUR:

DETERMINE LENGTH

$$L = \frac{\text{TOTAL FEET}}{100}$$

100

LINE (A)

$$200'' = \frac{200}{100}$$

100

$$\text{LINE (A)} = 2$$

LINE (B)

$$100'' = \frac{100}{100}$$

100

$$\text{LINE (B)} = 1$$

WYED LINES

(EQUAL LENGTH AND FLOW)



STEP FIVE:

DETERMINE TOTAL FRICTION LOSS (TFL)

$$\mathbf{TFL = FLR (A) \times L (A) + FLR (B) \times L (B)}$$



WYED LINES

(EQUAL LENGTH AND FLOW)

$$\text{TFL} = \text{FLR (A)} \times \text{L (A)} + \text{FLR (B)} \times \text{L (B)}$$

LINE (A)

FLR 50 X 2

50 X 2

100

LINE (B)

FLR 13 X 1

13 X 1

13

$$\text{TFL} = 100 + 13$$

$$\text{TFL} = 113$$

WYED LINES

(EQUAL LENGTH AND FLOW)



STEP SIX:

DETERMINE PUMP PRESSURE

$$PP = NP + TFL$$

$$PP = 100 + 113$$

$$PP = 213$$



WYED LINES



CALCULATION POSSIBILITIES:



EQUAL LENGTH AND FLOW



EQUAL LENGTH DIFFERENT GPM FLOW



DIFFERENT LENGTH EQUAL GPM FLOW



DIFFERENT LENGTH AND FLOW



ELEVATION CHANGES BETWEEN LINES



DIFFERENT HOSE SIZES

SIAMESE LINES (EQUAL LENGTH)



**FOR EQUAL LENGTH DIVIDE FLOW AND
CALCULATE FOR ONE LINE**

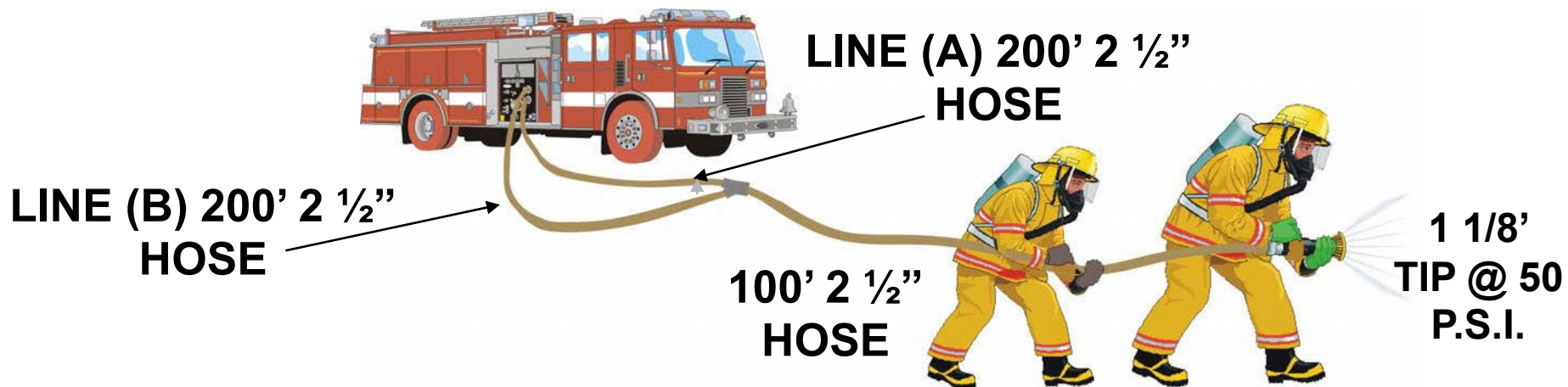


SIAMESE LINES (EQUAL LENGTH)

EXAMPLE:

**1 1/8" TIP, 50 P.S.I., (2) 200' LINES OF 2 1/2", INTO (1)
100" LINE OF 2 1/2"**

PP = ?



SIAMESE LINES (EQUAL LENGTH)



$$PP = NP + TFL$$

STEP ONE:

DETERMINE NOZZLE PRESSURE

50 P.S.I.

SIAMESE LINES (EQUAL LENGTH)



**STEP TWO:
DETERMINE GPM FLOW**

$$\mathbf{GPM = 30 d^2 \sqrt{NP}}$$

SIAMESE LINES (EQUAL LENGTH)



$$\text{GPM} = 30 d^2 \sqrt{NP}$$

1 1/8" TIP @ 50 P.S.I.

$$30 (1.125)^2 \times 7$$

$$30 (1.27) \times 7$$

$$38.1 \times 7 = 266.70$$

ROUNDED 270 GPM

SIAMESE LINES (EQUAL LENGTH)



FOR EQUAL LENGTH DIVIDE FLOW AND CALCULATE
FOR ONE LINE

$$\text{GPM } \frac{270}{2} = 135$$

135 ROUNDED TO NEAREST 10 = 140

LINE (A) GPM = 140

SIAMESE LINES (EQUAL LENGTH)



STEP THREE :
CALCULATE FRICTION LOSS RATE (FLR)

SIAMESE LINES (EQUAL LENGTH)



LINE (A)

140 GPM

$$\text{FLR} = 2Q^2$$

$$\frac{2 (140)^2}{100}$$

$$2 (1.4)^2$$

$$2(1.96) = 3.92$$

$$\text{FLR} = 4$$

LINE (B)

270 GPM

$$\text{FLR} = 2Q^2$$

$$\frac{2(270)^2}{100}$$

$$2(2.7)^2$$

$$2(7.29) = 14.58$$

$$\text{FLR} = 15$$

SIAMESE LINES (EQUAL LENGTH)



STEP FOUR: DETERMINE LENGTH L = LENGTH

LINE (A)

200"

L = 200

100

LINE (A) L = 2

LINE (B)

100"

L = 100

100

LINE (B) L = 1

SIAMESE LINES (EQUAL LENGTH)



STEP FIVE:

DETERMINE TOTAL FRICTION LOSS

$$\mathbf{TFL = FLR (A) \times L (A) + FLR (B) \times L (B)}$$

SIAMESE LINES (EQUAL LENGTH)



LINE (A)

$$\text{TFL} = \text{FLR} \times \text{L}$$

$$\text{FLR} = 4$$

$$\text{L} = 2$$

$$\text{TFL} = 4 \times 2$$

$$\text{TFL} = 8$$

LINE (B)

$$\text{TFL} = \text{FLR} \times \text{L}$$

$$\text{FLR} = 15$$

$$\text{L} = 1$$

$$\text{TFL} = 15 \times 1$$

$$\text{TFL} = 15$$

$$\text{TFL} = \text{FLR (A)} \times \text{L (A)} + \text{FLR (B)} \times \text{L (B)}$$

$$\text{TFL} = 8 + 15$$

$$\text{TFL} = 23$$

SIAMESE LINES (EQUAL LENGTH)



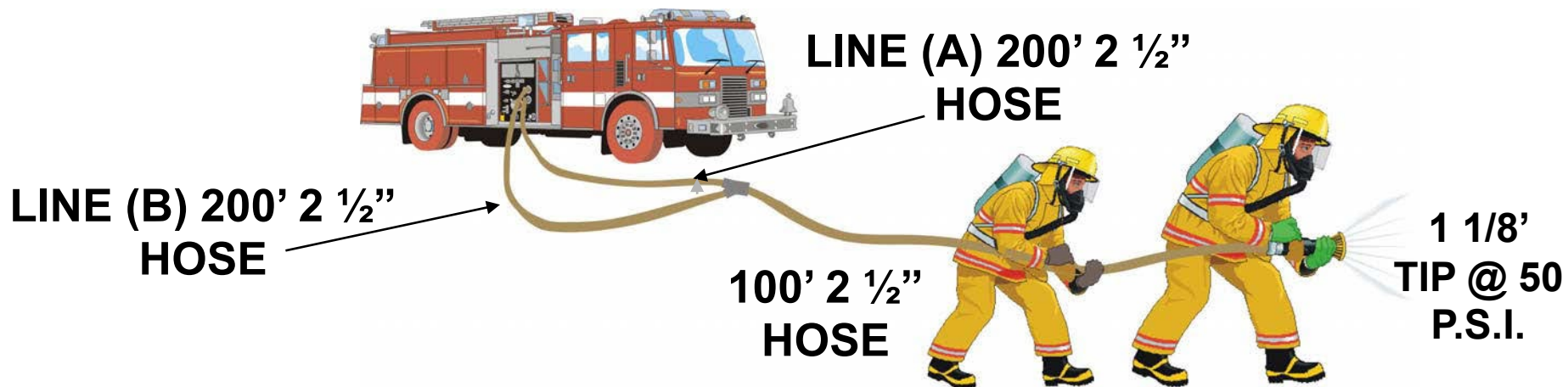
STEP SIX:

DETERMINE PUMP PRESSURE

$$PP = NP + TFL$$

$$PP = 50 + 23$$

$$PP = 73$$



SIAMESE LINES (UNEQUAL LENGTH)



**AVERAGE THE LENGTHS AND
CALCULATE FLOW**

SIAMESE LINES (UNEQUAL LENGTH)

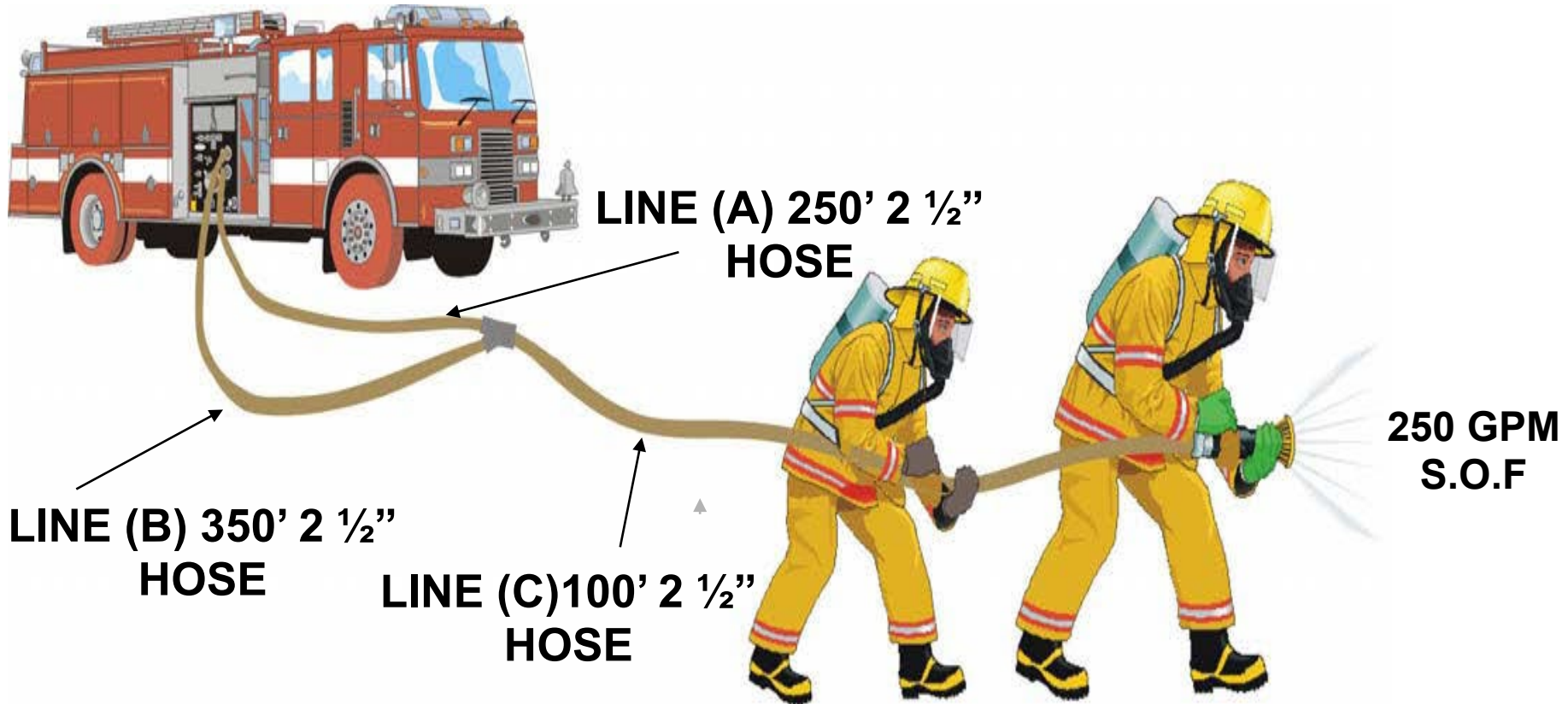


EXAMPLE:

250 GPM S.O.F. NOZZLE CONNECTED TO 100 OF
2½" HOSE AND TWO SIAMESE LINES.

SIAMESE LINE(A) 250" OF 2 ½" HOSE SIAMESE LINE
(B) 350" OF 2 ½" HOSE

SIAMESE LINES (UNEQUAL LENGTH)



LINE (A) 250' 2 1/2"
HOSE

LINE (B) 350' 2 1/2"
HOSE

LINE (C) 100' 2 1/2"
HOSE

250 GPM
S.O.F

SIAMESE LINES (UNEQUAL LENGTH)



$$\mathbf{PP = NP + TFL}$$

STEP ONE:

DETERMINE NOZZLE PRESSURE

$$\mathbf{NP = 100 P.S.I.}$$

SIAMESE LINES (UNEQUAL LENGTH)



STEP TWO:

DETERMINE GPM FLOW

$$\mathbf{LINE(C) \text{ GPM} = 250}$$

FLOW THROUGH ONE SIAMESE LINE

TOTAL FLOW

2

250

2

LINE(AB) FLOW = 125 GPM

**ROUNDED GPM FLOW THROUGH ONE SIAMESE LINE =
130 GPM**

SIAMESE LINES (UNEQUAL LENGTH)



**STEP THREE:
DETERMINE FRICTION LOSS RATE
(FLR)**

$$\text{FLR} = 2Q^2$$

SIAMESE LINES (UNEQUAL LENGTH)



SIAMESE LINE (AB)

$$\text{FLR} = 2Q^2$$

$$\text{FLR} = 2 \frac{(130)^2}{100}$$

$$\text{FLR} = 2(1.3)^2$$

$$\text{FLR} = 2(1.3 \times 1.3)$$

$$\text{FLR} = 2(1.69)$$

$$\text{FLR} = 3.38$$

$$\text{FLR} = 3$$

LINE (C)

$$\text{FLR} = 2Q^2$$

$$\text{FLR} = 2 \frac{(250)^2}{100}$$

$$\text{FLR} = 2(2.5)^2$$

$$\text{FLR} = 2(6.25)$$

$$\text{FLR} = 12.5$$

$$\text{FLR} = 13$$

SIAMESE LINES (UNEQUAL LENGTH)



STEP FOUR:

**DETERMINE AVERAGE LENGTH OF SIAMESE
LINES**

**WHEN AVERAGE COMES TO A $\frac{1}{4}$ OR $\frac{3}{4}$
ROUND OFF TO $\frac{1}{2}$ OR 1 RESPECTIVELY**

SIAMESE LINES (UNEQUAL LENGTH)



AVERAGE LENGTH OF SIAMESE LINES:

$$\frac{L(A) + L(B)}{2}$$

2

$$\text{LENGTH } 250 + 350 = 600$$

$$\frac{600}{2}$$

2

$$\text{AVERAGE LENGTH} = 300$$

$$L = 3$$

SIAMESE LINES (UNEQUAL LENGTH)



STEP FIVE:

DETERMINE TOTAL FRICTION LOSS (TFL)

SIAMESE LINES (UNEQUAL LENGTH)



$$\text{TFL} = \text{FLR}(\text{AB}) \times \text{L}(\text{AB}) + \text{FLR}(\text{C}) \times \text{L}(\text{C})$$

SIAMESE LINES (UNEQUAL LENGTH)



LINE (AB)

FLR(AB) X L(AB)

3 X 3

9

LINE (C)

FLR(C) X L(C)

13 X 1

13

$$\text{TFL} = \text{FLR(AB)} \times \text{L(AB)} + \text{FLR(C)} \times \text{L(C)}$$

$$\text{TFL} = 9 + 13$$

$$\text{TFL} = 22$$

SIAMESE LINES (UNEQUAL LENGTH)



STEP SIX:

DETERMINE PUMP PRESSURE

$$PP = NP + TFL$$

$$PP = 100 + 22$$

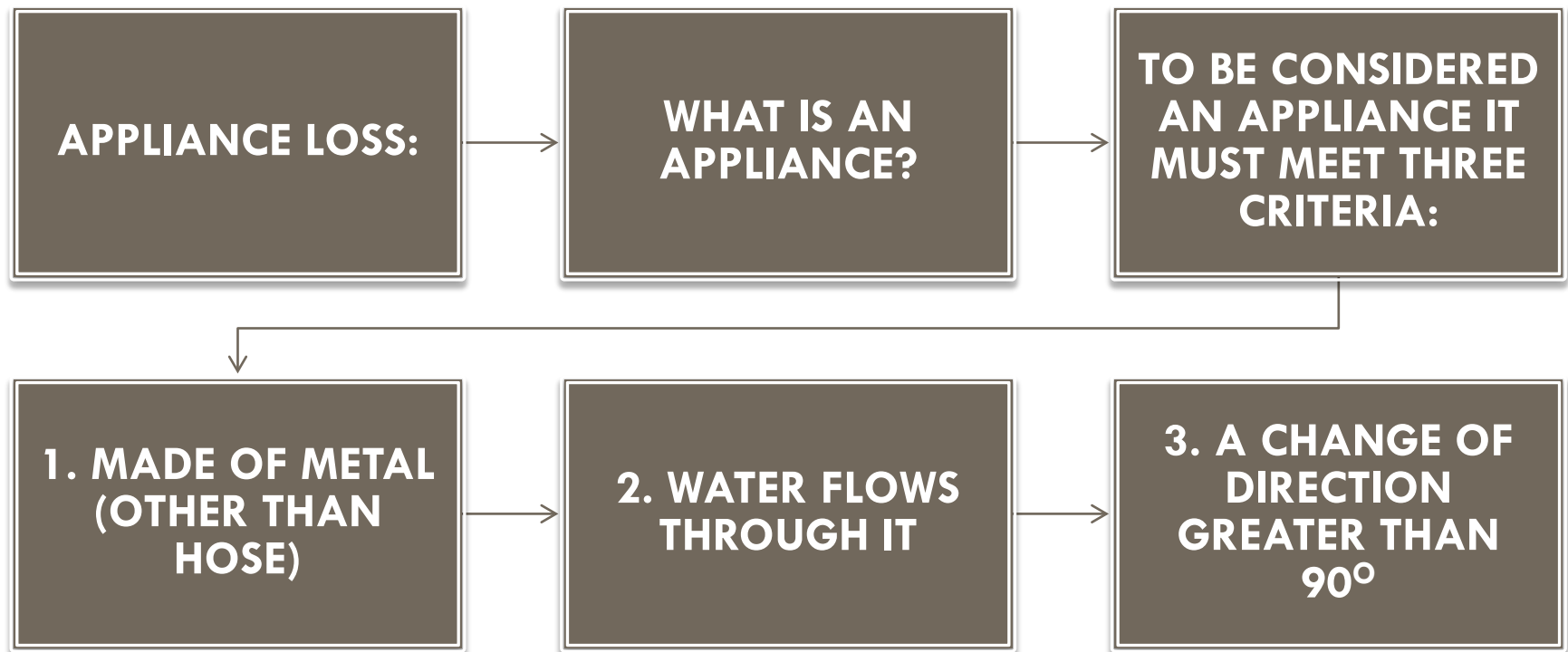
$$**PP = 122**$$

OTHER FACTORS NECESSARY TO DETERMINE PUMP PRESSURE



- NOZZLE PRESSURE**
- GPM FLOWING (or SIZE OF THE NOZZLE)**
- SIZE OF HOSE**
- LENGTH OF HOSE IN LAY**
- ELEVATION DIFFERENTIAL**
- APPLIANCE LOSS**
- SPRINKLER (or STANDPIPE) SYSTEM LOSS**
- LADDER SYSTEM LOSS**

OTHER FACTORS NECESSARY TO DETERMINE PUMP PRESSURE



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APPLIANCE LOSS:

**ALLOW 15 P.S.I. APPLIANCE
LOSS WHEN USING A
DELUGE SET OR MONITOR**

OTHER FACTORS NECESSARY TO DETERMINE PUMP PRESSURE



STANDPIPE SYSTEM LOSS:

ALLOW 25 P.S.I. FOR STANDPIPE SYSTEM SYSTEM LOSS (SL) REGARDLESS OF SIZE

ADD **5** GRAVITY LOSS (GL) PER FLOOR INCLUDING THE FLOOR THE NOZZLE IS ON.

DO NOT COUNT THE FIRST FLOOR

OTHER FACTORS NECESSARY TO DETERMINE PUMP PRESSURE



SPRINKLER SYSTEM LOSS SYSTEM LOSS:

ALLOW **25 P.S.I.** FOR STANDPIPE SYSTEM SYSTEM LOSS (SPR. L)

ADD **5** GRAVITY LOSS (GL) PER FLOOR

INCLUDING THE FIRST FLOOR

OTHER FACTORS NECESSARY TO DETERMINE PUMP PRESSURE



LADDER SYSTEM LOSS:

ALLOW **25** P.S.I. FOR LADDER SYSTEM LOSS (LSL)

PRE-PLUMBED TRUCKS ONLY

NOT PRE-PLUMBED IS AN APPLIANCE



APPLIANCES

**ALLOW 15 PSI APPLIANCE LOSS WHEN USING
A DELUGE SET OR APPLIANCE NOZZLE**



APPLIANCES

DISCHARGE IS DIRECTLY OFF THE PUMP.

NO HOSE FRICTION LOSS
CALCULATIONS NEED TO BE MADE



APPLIANCES

**EXAMPLE: 1 ¾" TIP FROM APPARATUS
MOUNTED DECK GUN**





APPLIANCES

**EXAMPLE: 1 3/4" TIP FROM APPARTUS
MOUNTED DECK GUN**

INTIAL PUMP PRESSURE: 80 PSI





APPLIANCES

$$PP = NP + AL$$

$$NP = 80 \quad AL = 15$$

$$PP = 95$$





The End