MULTIPLE TANK CAR UNLOADING SYSTEMS

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PUMP FROM WHERE TO WHERE
THROUGH WHAT
START WITH WHAT WILL WORK

WWW.FREECALC.COM/FRICFRAM.HTM

ON Line Friction Piping Loss-FreeCalc


**“SIZE MATTERS!”**

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<th>Pipe Size</th>
<th>Flow Rate</th>
<th>Pressure Drop</th>
<th>Head Loss</th>
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*Based on FreeCalc.com*
COMPARE PIPE BY DIAMETER

3” PIPE INTERNAL IS 7.0686 SQUARE INCHES

4” PIPE INTERNAL IS 12.5664 SQUARE INCHES
   4” IS 5.4978” LARGER, 78% LARGER THAN 3”

6” PIPE INTERNAL IS 28.2744 SQUARE INCHES
   6” IS 15.708” LARGER, 2.25 TIMES LARGER THAN 4”

8” PIPE INTERNAL IS 50.2656 SQUARE INCHES
   8” IS 21.991” LARGER, 78% LARGER THAN 6”
IT’S NOT GUESSING, IT’S ENGINEERING
DESIGNS BASED ON FLOW CALCULATIONS
ALWAYS START WITH BASIS FOR DESIGN

- Flow Diagram, no dimensions from where to where with all valves indicated
Flow Capacity desired.

Maximum cars on spur

Volume divided by the elapsed time desired

Flow capacity multiplied by design factor. Such as 110% or 125%

Marginal Systems work at marginal capacity.
BASIS FOR DESIGN

• HOW MANY CARS
• CAR SPACING, CENTER TO CENTER
• RAILROAD REGULATIONS FOR SET BACK OF EQUIPMENT. NOZZLE HEIGHT USUALLY NOT AN ISSUE. KEEP LOW.
• SELECT MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION, TYPE PIPE
• PIPE SIZE (From FreeCalc.Com)
DESIGN SOMETHING

- BASED ON DESIRED FLOW AND DISTANCE
- SELECT A PUMP
- SELECT A PIPE SIZE
- CALCULATE OVERALL DISTANCE INCLUDING TANK HEIGHT
- COUNT AND ADD FITTINGS, 90° ELBOWS, VALVES AND T’s. Add to length
- CONFIRM WITH FreeCalc.com
The less Feet The Less Friction

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Fittings add to the overall length. They must be calculated in the flow capacity.
DESIGN SOMETHING

• INDIVIDUAL CAR CONNECTIONS
• SELECT VALVE SIZE
Wrong & Right
CENTER TO CENTER

PUMP SUCTION: INLET PIPE MINIMUM LENGTH IS TWO TIMES SUCTION SIZE
USE FLEX HOSE CONNECTION

28 FEET TO CENTERLINE OF SYSTEM

56 FEET, CENTER TO CENTER

• Confirm Car Sizes with Local RR representative

END CONNECTION TERMINATES IN A BLIND FLANGE FOR FUTURE CONNECTIONS
OTHER LITTLE THINGS

* Separate the header at the pump,
  Allows isolation of less than full number of cars
* Add and air elimination valve at the pump suction
* Add hose racks to minimize spill from hoses
* Drip Pans under cars
More Things

- Two Rail System

- Move Big Tank to Small Tanks
One More

304 Stainless Steel Construction
built in 3 sections, bolt together with gasket. Lag bolt to the crosstie at each end.

Quick Coupler Higher Than Pan.

Empty Pan with Railcar System Pump

J. May Equipment Group
800-286-8485
250 Gallon Railcar Drip Pan
SPUR MANAGEMENT

- Car Position, Full & Empty, Liquid or Dry
DRISCO, It Grows

• Drisco Pipe, Polyethylene

• [www.performancepipe.com](http://www.performancepipe.com)

• Approximately 1” per 10°F per 100 feet

• 600’ Pipe and a 30°F Temp Rise = 18” Increase in Length

• It has to go Somewhere. Stress on Pipe, Pump and Fittings
OTHER OPTIONS

• Add suction valves to unload trucks
• Add discharge valves to load trucks direct from the railcar
• **Air Blowout** will clear lines.... And blow up the system. Use Extreme Caution with air blowout, anywhere, anytime
• Place air blowout where air cannot be trapped
RUBBER LINED TANKS
INLET STRAINER
Top Load or Bottom
Alternate System

Meter Railcars or Trucks, In or Out
ONE SYSTEM, UNLOAD EVERYTHING
Discharge manifolds should be compact and expandable
THINGS TO REMEMBER

• Center to Center of cars
• Your design factors
• How fast you want to go is highly determined by your pocket book
• Check with tank Manufacturer for tank vent calculations. Don’t blow or collapse a tank
• Labor Costs more than good equipment
• NOT JUST A PUMP & PIPE
• REQUIRES DESIGN AND PLANNING
• WORK WITH A COMPETENT COMPANY AND EQUIPMENT SUPPLIER
• “Don’t plan vast projects with half vast equipment”

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