

**Objective:** Determine rip-rap outfall apron size, gradation and thickness that will decrease discharge velocities and prevent downstream erosion.

**Methodology:** U.S. Federal Highway Administration, 2006, Hydraulic Design of Energy Dissipators for Culverts and Channels, Hydraulic Engineering Center Circular No. 14. (section 10.2 Riprap Apron)

**Design**

**Criteria:**

Location		Pipe Diameter (ft)	*Design Flow Q (cfs)
(Point Discharge)	HW-1	1.25	6.40

25-yr, 24-hr, type III

\*Refer to HydroCAD 25-year storm for determination of Q (cfs)

Location		**Velocity (ft/sec)	**TW (ft)
(Point Discharge)	HW-1	8.1	0.8

\*\*Refer to HydroCAD 25-year storm for determination of V (fps) and TW

**Calculations:** **Riprap Apron Stone Sizing** (Use Fractured Stone Only w/ S.G of 2.65 or similar)

$$d50 = 0.2 * Dia * (Q/g * Dia^{2.5})^{4/3} * (Dia/TW)$$

Where:

- d50 = Median Stone Diameter
- TW = Tailwater Height (ft)
- Dia = Pipe Diameter (ft)
- Q = Flow (cfs)
- g = acceleration due to gravity (32.2 ft/sec<sup>2</sup>)

Tailwater Check: Min TW is 0.4D

Min. TW 0.4 (1.25ft) 0.50 ft

**Use TW = 0.5 ft**

Location		D50 (ft)	D50 (in)
(Point Discharge)	HW-1	0.188	2.256

**Use d50 = 6.0 in**

**Use d50 = 6.0 in** (Min. Size) Apron Depth (in): Min. 3x(d50)

**Use d = 18.0 in**

**Apron Dimensions:** L=1.8Q/Dia<sup>1.5</sup> + 7Dia

Apron Length (ft): 14.89

**Use L = 16.0 ft**

Where:

- Dia = Pipe Diameter (ft) W = Dia + 0.4L
- L = Apron Length Min 3x(Dia.)
- W = Apron Width
- d = Apron Depth

Gradation Summary: d50 = 6.0 inch

% Passing	Stone Size
100	9.0
50-70	8.0
35-50	6.0
0 - 35	3.0

**Use W = 8.0 ft**

**Design Summary:**

Location		Apron Dimensions			
		Length (ft)	Width (ft)	Depth (in)	d50 (in)
(Point Discharge)	HW-1	16.0	8.0	18.0	6.0

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