



HORIZONTAL INSTALLATION			
EQUIVALENT ROUND SIZE INCHES	SPAN X RISE INCHES	MAX. HEIGHT OF COVER IN FEET	
		CLASS	
		HE - III	HE - IV
18	23 x 14	13'	21'
24	30 x 19	13'	21'
27	34 x 22	13'	21'
30	38 x 24	13'	21'
33	42 x 27	13'	21'
36	45 x 29	13'	21'
39	49 x 32	13'	21'
42	53 x 34	13'	21'
48	60 x 38	13'	21'
54	68 x 43	13'	21'
60	76 x 48	13'	21'
66	83 x 53	13'	21'
72	91 x 58	13'	21'
78	98 x 63	13'	21'
84	106 x 68	13'	21'

VERTICAL INSTALLATION			
SPAN X RISE INCHES	CLASS	MAX. HEIGHT OF COVER IN FEET	
		VE - III	VE - IV
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29 x 45	13	21	29
32 x 49	13	21	29
34 x 53	13	21	29
38 x 60	13	21	29
43 x 68	13	21	29
48 x 76	13	21	29
53 x 83	13	21	29
58 x 91	13	21	29
63 x 98	13	21	29
68 x 106	13	21	29

NOTES:

- COVER HEIGHTS INDICATED IN TABLES ARE FOR FINISHED CONSTRUCTION.
- TO PROTECT PIPE DURING CONSTRUCTION, MINIMUM HEIGHTS OF COVER PRIOR TO ALLOWING CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC TO CROSS INSTALLATION ARE TO BE 1/2 SPAN OR 3', WHICHEVER IS GREATER. THE COVER SHALL EXTEND THE FULL LENGTH OF THE PIPE. THE APPROACH FILL RAMP IS TO EXTEND A MINIMUM OF 10(SPAN + 36") ON EACH SIDE OF THE PIPE OR TO THE INTERSECTION WITH A CUT.
- STANDARD MINIMUM FINISHED HEIGHT OF COVER FOR ALL PIPES SHALL BE 2.0' OR 1/2 SPAN, WHICHEVER IS GREATER. IN CASES IN WHICH THESE COVER HEIGHTS CANNOT BE ACHIEVED, AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM FINISHED COVER HEIGHT OF 1.0' WILL BE ALLOWED ONLY IF ALL POSSIBLE MEANS TO OBTAIN THE STANDARD VALUE HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED. MINIMUM FINISHED HEIGHT OF COVER FOR PIPE UNDER ENTRANCES IS 9".
- SEE STANDARD PB-1 FOR PIPE BEDDING AND BACKFILL REQUIREMENTS.

SPECIFICATION REFERENCE
302 232

REINFORCED ELLIPTICAL CONCRETE PIPE HEIGHT OF COVER TABLES FOR H-20 LIVE LOAD

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