

POLYETHYLENE CORRUGATED PIPE (PE) (SEE NOTE 6)		
DIAMETER INCHES	AREA SQ. FT.	MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF COVER FEET
12	0.8	21
15	1.2	21
18	1.8	20
24	3.1	20
30	4.9	19
36	7.1	18
42	9.6	18
48	12.6	17
54	15.9	16
60	19.6	16


POLYVINYLCHLORIDE RIBBED PIPE (PVC)		
DIAMETER INCHES	AREA SQ. FT.	MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF COVER FEET
18	1.7	20
21	2.3	19
24	3.0	19
30	4.7	18
36	6.9	18
48	12.3	18

POLYPROPYLENE PIPE (PP) (SEE NOTE 7)		
DIAMETER INCHES	AREA SQ. FT.	MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF COVER FEET
12	0.8	21
15	1.2	21
18	1.8	20
24	3.1	20
30	4.9	19
36	7.1	18
42	9.6	18
48	12.6	17

**NOTES:**

- COVER HEIGHTS INDICATED IN TABLES ARE FOR FINISHED CONSTRUCTION.
- TO PROTECT PIPE DURING CONSTRUCTION, MINIMUM HEIGHT OF COVER TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH TABLE A PRIOR TO ALLOWING CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC TO CROSS INSTALLATION. THE COVER SHALL EXTEND THE FULL LENGTH OF THE PIPE. THE APPROACH FILL IS TO EXTEND A MINIMUM OF 10(DIAMETER + 1/2 DIAMETER) ON EACH SIDE OF THE PIPE OR TO THE INTERSECTION WITH A CUT.
- STANDARD MINIMUM FINISHED HEIGHT OF COVER FOR ALL PIPES, EXCEPT THOSE UNDER ENTRANCES, SHALL BE 2.0' OR 1/2 DIAMETER WHICHEVER IS GREATER. FOR 12" THROUGH 48" DIAMETER PIPE INSTALLATIONS WHERE THE 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. THE MINIMUM FINISHED HEIGHT OF COVER FOR PIPES UNDER ENTRANCES IS 9" FOR PIPE DIAMETERS LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 24", AND 12" FOR PIPE DIAMETERS GREATER THAN 24". WHERE THE SURFACE OVER THE TOP OF THE PIPE WILL BE ASPHALT, A MINIMUM OF 6" OF CLASS 1 BACKFILL MATERIAL IS TO BE PLACED BETWEEN THE TOP OF THE PIPE AND THE BOTTOM OF THE ASPHALT.
- SEE STANDARD PB-1 FOR PIPE BEDDING AND BACKFILL REQUIREMENTS.
- THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF COVER SHOWN IN THE TABLES IS BASED ON A SOIL MODULUS OF 700 PSI. ALL OTHER DESIGN CRITERIA ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AASHTO SPECIFICATIONS AND VDOT MODIFICATIONS FOR SOIL THERMOPLASTIC PIPE INTERACTION SYSTEMS.
- HEIGHT OF COVER VALUES FOR 12" THROUGH 36" DIAMETER APPLY TO TYPE C OR S. HEIGHT OF COVER VALUES FOR 42" THROUGH 60" APPLY TO TYPE S ONLY.
- HEIGHT OF COVER VALUES FOR 12" THROUGH 30" DIAMETER APPLY TO TYPE S. HEIGHT OF COVER VALUES FOR 36" THROUGH 48" APPLY TO TYPE D ONLY.

TABLE A	
PIPE DIAMETER	MINIMUM COVER HEIGHT DURING CONSTRUCTION (SEE NOTE 2)
12" TO 30"	18"
36" AND ABOVE	1/2 DIAMETER

SPECIFICATION REFERENCE	A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL SEALED AND SIGNED STANDARD DRAWING IS ON FILE IN THE CENTRAL OFFICE	<p align="center"><b>PLASTIC PIPE</b> <b>HEIGHT OF COVER TABLES FOR H-20 LIVE LOAD</b></p> <p align="center">VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</p>	 ROAD AND BRIDGE STANDARDS	REVISION DATE	SHEET 16 OF 18
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