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Table 2.9 Riprap Apron Sizing Option 1 John Street Feasibility Design Analysis Report		
Culvert Diameter (ft)	Dc	6
Normal Depth	Yn	2
Design Discharge	Q	166
Tailwater depth	Yt	2
	Q/Dc^1.5	11.3
	Da	4.0
Riprap size	D50 (ft)	1.0
Riprap size	D50 (in)	12
	Yt/Da	0.5
	Q/Da^1.5	21
Check: From Figure 9-38 D50 (ft)		
	Type H	
T	1.9	Thickness (ft)
T	24	Thickness (in)

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Circular culvert:

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$$D_s = \frac{(D_c + Y_s)}{2} \quad \text{Equation 9-18}$$

Where the maximum value of D_s shall not exceed D_c , and

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18" - 24"	1'-0"	4'	15'
30" - 36"	1'-6"	6'	20'
42" - 48"	2'-0"	7'	24'
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Figure 9-37. Low tailwater riprap basin

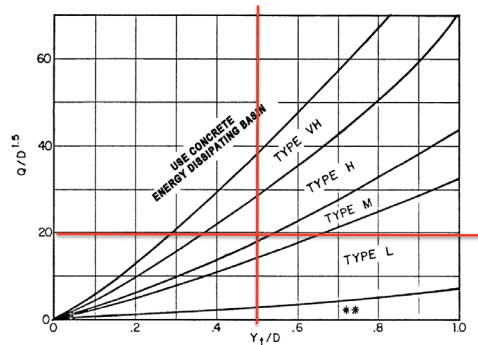


Figure 9-38. Riprap erosion protection at circular conduit outlet (valid for $Q/D_c^{2.5} \leq 6.0$)

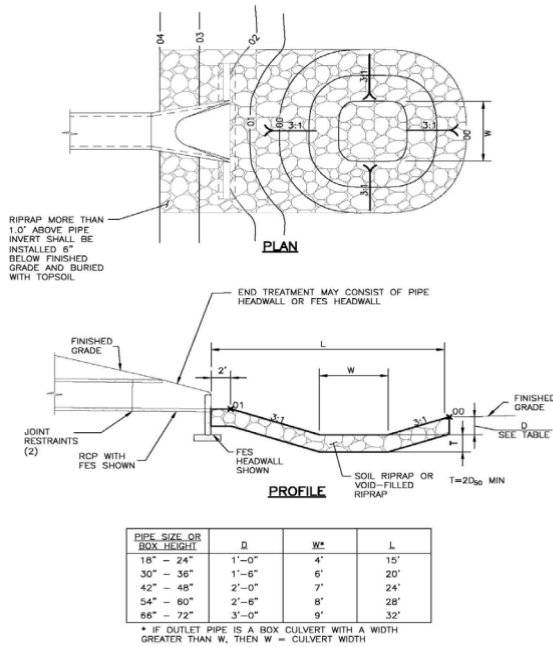


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3.2.2 Low Tailwater Basin

The design of low tailwater riprap basins is necessary when the receiving channel may have little or no flow or tailwater at time when the pipe or culvert is in operation. Figure 9-37 provides a plan and profile view of a typical low tailwater riprap basin.

By providing a low tailwater basin at the end of a storm drain conduit or culvert, the kinetic energy of the discharge dissipates under controlled conditions without causing scour at the channel bottom.

Low tailwater is defined as being equal to or less than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the height of the storm drain, that is:

$$Y_t \leq \frac{D}{3} \quad \text{or} \quad Y_t \leq \frac{H}{3}$$

Where:

Y_t = tailwater depth at design flow (feet)

D = diameter of circular pipe (feet)

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Rock Size

The procedure for determining the required riprap size downstream of a conduit outlet is in Section 3.2.3.

After selecting the riprap size, the minimum thickness of the riprap layer, T , in feet, in the basin is defined as:

$$T = 2D_{50} \quad \text{Equation 9-15}$$

Basin Geometry

Figure 9-37 includes a layout of a standard low tailwater riprap basin with the geometry parameters provided. The minimum length of the basin (L) and the width of the bottom of the basin (W) are provided in a table at the bottom of Figure 9-37. All slopes in the low tailwater basin shall be 3(H):1(V), minimum.

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Provide pipe end treatment in the form of a pipe headwall or a flared-end section headwall. See Section 3.1 for options.

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Type M	70 - 100	21	12**
	50 - 70	18	
	35 - 50	12	
	2 - 10	4	
Type H	70 - 100	30	18
	50 - 70	24	
	35 - 50	18	
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Type VH	70 - 100	41	24
	50 - 70	33	
	35 - 50	24	
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Normal Depth	Yn	4.5
Design Discharge	Q	200
Tailwater depth	Yt	2
	Q/Da ^{1.5}	13.6
	Da	5.3
Riprap size	D50 (ft)	1.2
Riprap size	D50 (in)	15
	Yt/Da	0.4
	Q/Da ^{1.5}	17
Check: From Figure 9-38 D50 (ft)		
Type H		3.2
D50 (ft)		1.2
T	2.3	Thickness (ft)
T	29	Thickness (in)

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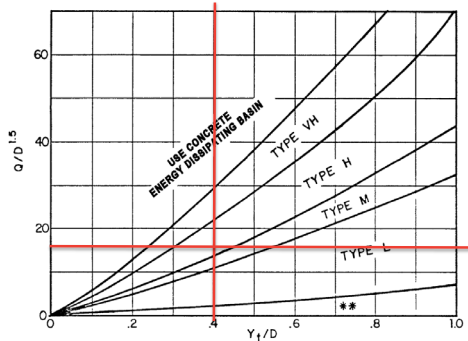
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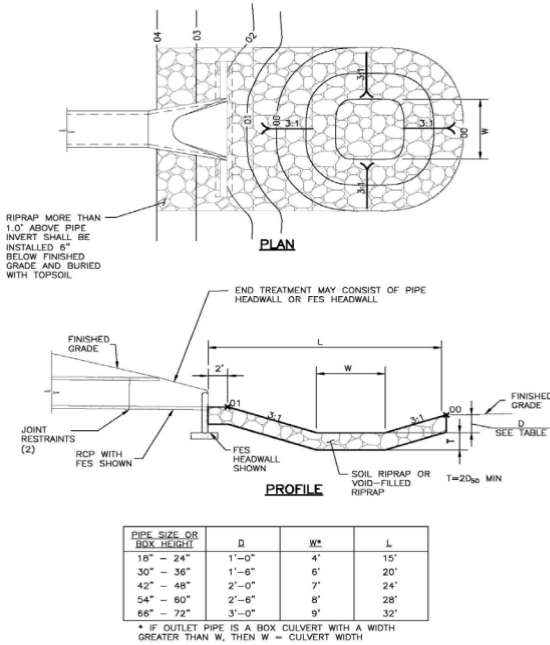


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