# FLOW METER PIPING REQUIREMENTS

*"Diameters" of straight pipe required for various types of flow meters* 

<b>Diameter (D)</b> = nominal Pipe Size			Fully Open Gate Valve (Unless Another Upstream Fitting Needs More)	Fully Open Globe or Non-Return Valve (Unless Another Upstream Fitting Needs More)	Partially Open Valve or Regulator	
13 Diameters of 6" pipe = 78" 13 Diameters of 10" pipe = 130"		78" 130"				
<b>Beta</b> = (Bore I.D./Pipe I.D.) Bore is the smallest diameter of an orifice or nozzle						
<b>Up</b> = Upstream Diameters <b>Down</b> = Downstream Diameters						
Orifice/Nozzle	Beta = 0.5	Up	6	11	26	
		Down	3	3	3	
	Beta = 0.7	Up	10	15	38	
		Down	4	4	4	
	Beta = 0.5	Up	5	7	7	
Vonturi		Down	2	2	2	
venturi	Beta = 0.7	Up	9	26	26	
		Down	4	4	4	
Vortex		Up	25	25	30	
		Down	5	5	5	
Thermal		Up	15	15	40	
		Down	5	5	5	
Turbine		Up	10	10	10	
		Down	5	5	5	
Annubar		Up	8	9	24	
		Down	3	3	4	

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2. If the indicated straight run is not available, Consult Factory. Detailed Factory analysis will require accurate fluid data, flow data, and a sketch detailing the piping system 50 diameters upstream and 10 diameters downstream from the proposed meter location.

3. Internal straightening vanes can be used to reduce straight pipe length requirements, Consult Factory.

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Diameter (D) = nominal Pipe Size		Two Elbows, > 10 Diameters, Fittings in Different Planes	Two Elbows, < 10 Diameters, Fittings in Different Planes	Reducer or Expander (Unless Another Upstream fitting Needs More)	Atmospheric Intake	
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Orifice/Nozzle	Beta = 0.5	Up	16	20	9	8
		Down	3	3	3	3
	Beta = 0.7	Up	23	30	12	9
		Down	4	4	4	4
Venturi	Beta = 0.5	Up	21	21	5 (reducer), 2 (expander)	_
		Down	2	2	2	—
	Beta = 0.7	Up	21	21	8 (reducer), 4 (expander)	—
		Down	2	2	4	
Vortex Up Down		30	45	25	_	
		Down	5	5	5	
Thermal Up Down		Up	15	40	15 (reducer), 30 (expander)	
		Down	5	10	5 (reducer), 10 (expander)	_
Turbine Up		Up	10	10	10	_
		Down	5	5	5	
Annubar Up Down		9	19	8	_	
		Down	3	4	3	_

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