## Technical Note

## TN 1.01 Dual Wall HDPE Perforation Patterns

## Overview

Perforated pipe plays an integral role in many applications of HDPE pipe. Generally, perforated pipe is used to accelerate the removal of subsurface water in soils or to allow storm water to percolate into the soil. Currently, two classifications of perforations are specified in the AASHTO material specifications for HDPE pipe: Class I, and Class II. The Class Il perforation pattern comes standard when perforated pipe is ordered. Class One perforated pipe has limited availability. Please check with a local representative to determine availability. Both classes are explained in more detail in the AASHTO materials specifications (M294 and M252). AASHTO M252 covers pipe diameters 3through 10 -inch ( $75-250 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) while M294 covers 12 -inch through 60-inch ( $300-1500 \mathrm{~mm}$ ).

## Standard Perforation Patterns

## AASHTO Class // Perforation

The following terminology for perforations is derived from the applicable AASHTO specification. Differences between the specifications are covered in the table below. Class II perforations shall be located in the outside valleys of the corrugations, be circular and/or slotted and evenly spaced around the circumference and length of the pipe. The perforations shall be located in the outside valleys of the corrugations. The water inlet area shall be no less than 0.945 $\mathrm{in}^{2} / \mathrm{ft}\left(20 \mathrm{~cm}^{2} / \mathrm{m}\right)$ for pipe diameters 4 - through 10 -inch ( $100-250 \mathrm{~mm}$ ), $1.42 \mathrm{in}^{2} / \mathrm{ft}\left(30 \mathrm{~cm}^{2} / \mathrm{m}\right)$ for pipe diameters 12 through 18-inch ( $300-450 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) and $1.89 \mathrm{in}^{2} / \mathrm{ft}\left(40 \mathrm{~cm}^{2} / \mathrm{m}\right.$ ) for pipe diameters larger than and equal to 24 inches ( 600 mm ). Table 1 below represents ADS standard perforation patterns for AASHTO Class II.

| Nominal I.D. | Perforation Type | Maximum Slot Length or Diameter | Maximum Slot Width | Minimum Inlet Area |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4" (100 mm) | Slot | 0.875 " (22 mm) | $0.125^{\prime \prime}$ (3 mm) | $1.0 \mathrm{in}^{2} / \mathrm{ft}\left(21 \mathrm{~cm}^{2} / \mathrm{m}\right)$ |
| 6" (150 mm) | Slot | $0.875^{\prime \prime}(22 \mathrm{~mm})$ | $0.125^{\prime \prime}$ ( 3 mm ) | $1.0 \mathrm{in}^{2} / \mathrm{ft}\left(21 \mathrm{~cm}^{2} / \mathrm{m}\right)$ |
| 8" (200 mm) | Slot | 1.18 " (30 mm) | $0.125^{\prime \prime}$ ( 3 mm ) | $1.0 \mathrm{in}^{2} / \mathrm{ft}\left(21 \mathrm{~cm}^{2} / \mathrm{m}\right)$ |
| 10" (250 mm) | Slot | 1.18 " (30 mm) | $0.125^{\prime \prime}$ ( 3 mm ) | $1.0 \mathrm{in}^{2} / \mathrm{ft}\left(21 \mathrm{~cm}^{2} / \mathrm{m}\right)$ |
| 12" (300 mm) | Circular | $0.313^{\prime \prime}$ ( 8 mm ) | - | $1.5 \mathrm{in}^{2} / \mathrm{ft}\left(32 \mathrm{~cm}^{2} / \mathrm{m}\right)$ |
| $15^{\prime \prime}(375 \mathrm{~mm})$ | Circular | $0.313^{\prime \prime}$ ( 8 mm ) | - | $1.5 \mathrm{in}^{2} / \mathrm{ft}\left(32 \mathrm{~cm}^{2} / \mathrm{m}\right)$ |
| 18" (450 mm) | Circular | $0.313^{\prime \prime}$ ( 8 mm ) | - | $1.5 \mathrm{in}^{2} / \mathrm{ft}\left(32 \mathrm{~cm}^{2} / \mathrm{m}\right)$ |
| 24" (600 mm) | Circular | $0.313^{\prime \prime}$ ( 8 mm ) | - | $2.0 \mathrm{in}^{2} / \mathrm{ft}(42 \mathrm{~cm} 2 / \mathrm{m})$ |
| $30 "$ (750 mm) | Circular | $0.375^{\prime \prime}(9.5 \mathrm{~mm})$ | - | $2.0 \mathrm{in}^{2} / \mathrm{ft}\left(42 \mathrm{~cm}^{2} / \mathrm{m}\right)$ |
| 36 " (900 mm) | Circular | $0.375^{\prime \prime}(9.5 \mathrm{~mm})$ | - | $2.0 \mathrm{in}^{2} / \mathrm{ft}\left(42 \mathrm{~cm}^{2} / \mathrm{m}\right)$ |
| $42^{\prime \prime}(1050 \mathrm{~mm})$ | Circular | $0.375^{\prime \prime}$ ( 9.5 mm ) | - | $2.0 \mathrm{in}^{2} / \mathrm{ft}\left(42 \mathrm{~cm}^{2} / \mathrm{m}\right)$ |
| 48 " (1200 mm) | Circular | $0.375^{\prime \prime}$ ( 9.5 mm ) | - | $2.0 \mathrm{in}^{2} / \mathrm{ft}(42 \mathrm{~cm} 2 / \mathrm{m})$ |
| $54 "$ ( 1350 mm ) | Circular | $0.375^{\prime \prime}$ ( 9.5 mm ) | - | $2.0 \mathrm{in}^{2} / \mathrm{ft}(42 \mathrm{~cm} 2 / \mathrm{m})$ |
| 60 " (1500 mm) | Circular | 0.375 " ( 9.5 mm ) | - | $2.0 \mathrm{in}^{2} / \mathrm{ft}\left(42 \mathrm{~cm}^{2} / \mathrm{m}\right)$ |

Figure 1
AASHTO Class II Perforation Patterns
Note: Actual pattern may vary by region, however all patterns meet the AASHTO and ASTM minimum requirements for the open inlet area.


## PIPE DIAMETERS



2 AT EVERY $45^{\circ}$
** NUMBER OF HOLES AROUND CIRCUMFERENCE VARIES BASED ON DIAMETER AND REGION**


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2 \text { AT EVERY } 45^{\circ}
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