

Pressure Drop Calculations

Pressure drops for Eaton strainers are shown on each product page. The curves are based on the flow of water through clean, perforated baskets or screens. For mesh-lined baskets or screens and/or for fluids other than water, use the correction factors listed on this page. To accurately calculate the pressure loss for filters and strainers in a pipeline, proceed as follows:

1. First calculate pressure loss using C_v factor formula at right.
2. Take the pressure loss figure obtained in (1) and recalculate it using the appropriate correction factor from the following table.

Correction Factors for Mesh-lined Baskets

First – Multiply the pressure drop for water shown in charts by the specific gravity of the liquid.

Second – Multiply the corrected pressure drop figure by the following correction factors for more viscous liquids. (Water has a viscosity of 30 SSU.)

Viscosity (SSU)	Unlined Perforated Basket	40 Mesh Lined Basket	60 Mesh Lined Basket	80 Mesh Lined Basket	100 Mesh Lined Basket	200 Mesh Lined Basket	325 Mesh Lined Basket
30 (water)	1	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.7	2.0	2.5
500	1.6	1.9	2.1	2.4	2.6	3.1	3.6
1000	1.7	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.8	3.3	3.8
2000	1.9	2.4	2.7	2.9	3.2	3.8	4.0
3000	2.0	2.6	2.9	3.2	3.5	4.1	4.3
5000	2.2	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.3	6.3
10000	2.5	3.5	4.2	5.0	6.0	7.1	8.5

Strainer Basket Opening Equivalents

Mesh	Inches	Millimeters	Microns	Perf	Inches	Millimeters	Microns
400	0.0015	0.0381	38	1/32	0.033	0.838	838
300	0.0018	0.0457	45	3/64	0.045	1.143	1143
250	0.0024	0.0609	60	1/16	0.070	1.778	1776
200	0.0027	0.0686	68	3/32	0.094	2.387	2387
150	0.0041	0.1041	104	1/8	0.125	3.175	3175
100	0.0065	0.1651	165	5/32	0.150	3.810	3810
80	0.007	0.1778	177	3/16	0.1875	4.762	4762
60	0.009	0.2286	228	1/4	0.250	6.350	6350
40	0.015	0.8636	380	3/8	0.375	9.525	9525
20	0.034	0.8636	862	1/2	0.500	12.700	12700

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Pressure Loss Calculation Using C_v Factor

Metric Units

$$\Delta P = \left[\frac{Q}{C_v} \right]^2 (133.6)$$

ΔP = Pressure Drop in kPa
 Q = Flow in M³/hr
 C_v = Flow Coefficient

Standard Units

$$\Delta P = \left[\frac{Q}{C_v} \right]^2$$

ΔP = Pressure Drop in psi
 Q = Flow in gpm
 C_v = Flow Coefficient

The pressure loss across a strainer can be calculated using the system's flow rate and the C_v factor for that strainer.

For example, a 1" Model 72 simplex strainer with a perforated basket has a C_v factor of 22.5. In water service with a 30 gpm flow rate, it will have a 1.7 psi pressure drop $(30 \div 22.5)^2 = 1.7$. For mesh-lined baskets and/or fluids with a viscosity greater than water, multiply the pressure drop by the correction factors in the chart "Correction Factors for Mesh-lined Baskets."