

**HYDROVEX<sup>®</sup> VHV/SVHV**  
**Vertical Vortex Flow Regulator**  
*CSO, SSO, Stormwater Management*

**WATER TECHNOLOGIES**

# HYDROVEX® VHV / SVHV Vertical Vortex Flow Regulator

## Application

One of the major problems of urban wet weather flow management is the runoff generated by heavy rainfall. During a storm event, uncontrolled flows may overload the drainage system and cause flooding. Wear and deterioration on the network are increased dramatically as a result of increased flow velocities. In a combined sewer system, the wastewater treatment plant will experience a significant increase in flows during storms, thereby losing its treatment efficiency. A simple means of managing excessive storm water runoff is to control the flows at their point of origin, the manhole.

The HYDROVEX® VHV / SVHV line of vortex flow regulators is ideal for point source control of low to medium stormwater flows in manholes, catch basins and other retention structures. The HYDROVEX® VHV / SVHV design is based on the fluid mechanics principle of the forced vortex. The discharge is controlled by an air-filled vortex which reduces the effective water passage area without physically reducing orifice size. This effect grants precise flow regulation without the use of moving parts or electricity, and allows for larger inlet and outlet openings compared to the basic orifice. Although the concept is quite simple, many years of research and testing have been invested to optimize the performance of our vortex technology.

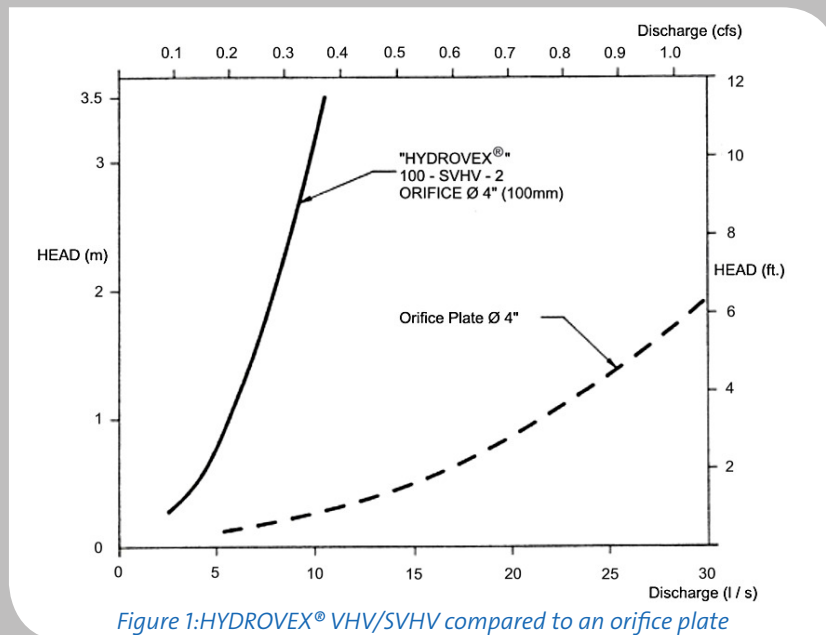


Figure 1: HYDROVEX® VHV/SVHV compared to an orifice plate

Vortex valves have openings typically 4 to 6 times larger than an orifice plate for the same design. Larger opening sizes decrease the chance of blockage caused by sediments and debris found in storm water flows. Figure 1 shows

the discharge curve of a vortex regulator compared to an equally sized orifice plate. For an identical opening size, the flow is approximately four times smaller than the orifice plate for the same upstream water pressure.

## Advantages

- Large inlet/outlet openings reduce the chance of clogging
- Openings typically 4-6 times larger than the basic orifice (Figure 1)
- Outlet orifice always equal or larger than inlet
- Ideal for precise control of low to medium stormwater flow applications
- Submerged inlet for floatables control
- No moving parts or electricity required
- Durable and robust stainless steel construction
- Minimal maintenance
- Easy to install

## Selection

Selecting a VHV/SVHV regulator is easily achieved using Figure 3. Each selection is made using the maximum allowable flow rate and the maximum allowable upstream water pressure (head). The area in which the design point falls will designate the required model. The maximum design head is defined

as the difference between the maximum upstream water level and the invert of the outlet pipe. All selections should be verified by a John Meunier Inc. representative prior to fabrication.

Design example:

- Maximum discharge: 6 L/s (0.2 cfs)\*
- Maximum design head 2m (6.56 ft.)\*\*
- Using Figure 3, model 75 VHV-1 is selected

*\*The selection chart provided assumes free flowing downstream conditions. Should the outlet pipe be >80% full at design flow, a larger pipe diameter should be used. In the above example, the minimum outlet pipe diameter and slope would be 150mm (6in), 0.3%.*

*\*\*The design head is defined as the difference between the maximum upstream water level and the outlet pipe invert.*

The HYDROVEX® VHV / SVHV vortex flow regulators can be installed in circular or square manholes. The table below lists the minimum dimensions and clearances required for each

regulator model. It is imperative to respect the minimum clearances shown to ensure ease of installation and proper functioning of the regulator.

| Model     | Regulator Diameter A (mm) [in] | CIRCULAR<br>Minimum Manhole Diameter B (mm) [in] | SQUARE<br>Minimum Chamber Width B (mm) [in] | Minimum Outlet Pipe Diameter C (mm) [in] | Minimum Clearance H (mm) [in] |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--|---|--|-------------------------------|
| 25 SVHV-1 | 125 [5]                        | 600 [24]   | 600 [24]                                    | 150 [6]                                  | 150 [6]                       |
| 32 SVHV-1 | 150 [6]                        | 600 [24]   | 600 [24]                                    | 150 [6]                                  | 150 [6]                       |
| 40 SVHV-1 | 200 [8]                        | 600 [24]   | 600 [24]                                    | 150 [6]                                  | 150 [6]                       |
| 50 VHV-1  | 150 [6]                        | 600 [24]   | 600 [24]                                    | 150 [6]                                  | 150 [6]                       |
| 75 VHV-1  | 250 [10]                       | 600 [24]   | 600 [24]                                    | 150 [6]                                  | 150 [6]                       |
| 100 VHV-1 | 325 [13]                       | 900 [36]   | 600 [24]                                    | 150 [6]                                  | 200 [8]                       |
| 125 VHV-2 | 275 [11]                       | 900 [36]   | 600 [24]                                    | 150 [6]                                  | 200 [8]                       |
| 150 VHV-2 | 350 [14]                       | 900 [36]   | 600 [24]                                    | 150 [6]                                  | 225 [9]                       |
| 200 VHV-2 | 450 [18]                       | 1200 [48]  | 900 [36]                                    | 200 [8]                                  | 300 [12]                      |
| 250 VHV-2 | 575 [23]                       | 1200 [48]  | 900 [36]                                    | 250 [10]                                 | 350 [14]                      |
| 300 VHV-2 | 675 [27]                       | 1600 [64]  | 1200 [48]                                   | 250 [10]                                 | 400 [16]                      |
| 350 VHV-2 | 800 [32]                       | 1800 [72]  | 1200 [48]                                   | 300 [12]                                 | 500 [20]                      |

Figure 2a: Minimum dimensions and clearances, circular manhole

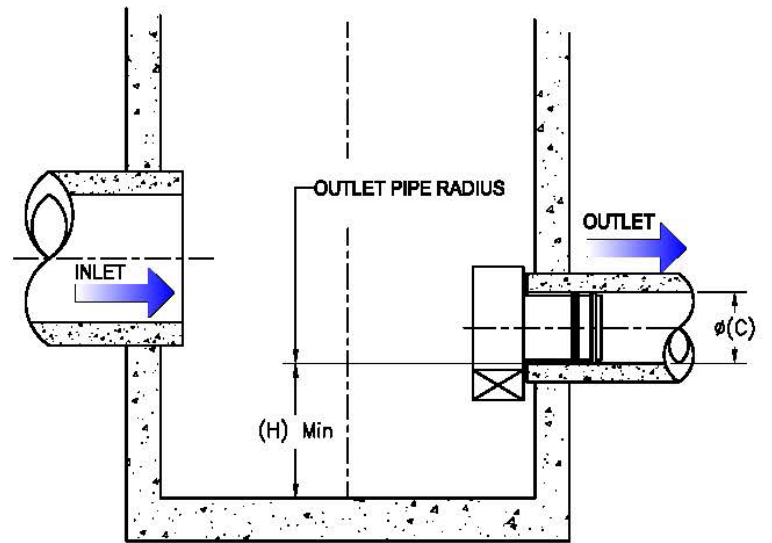
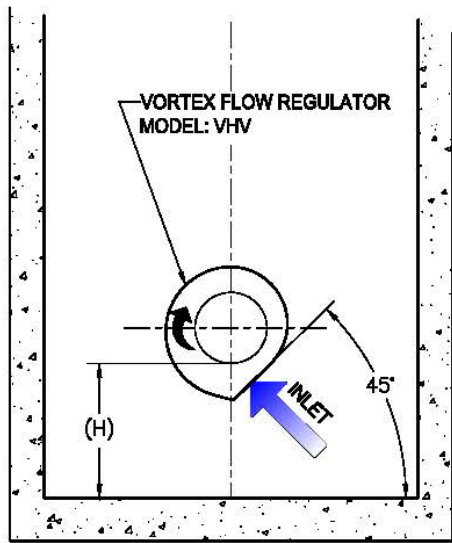
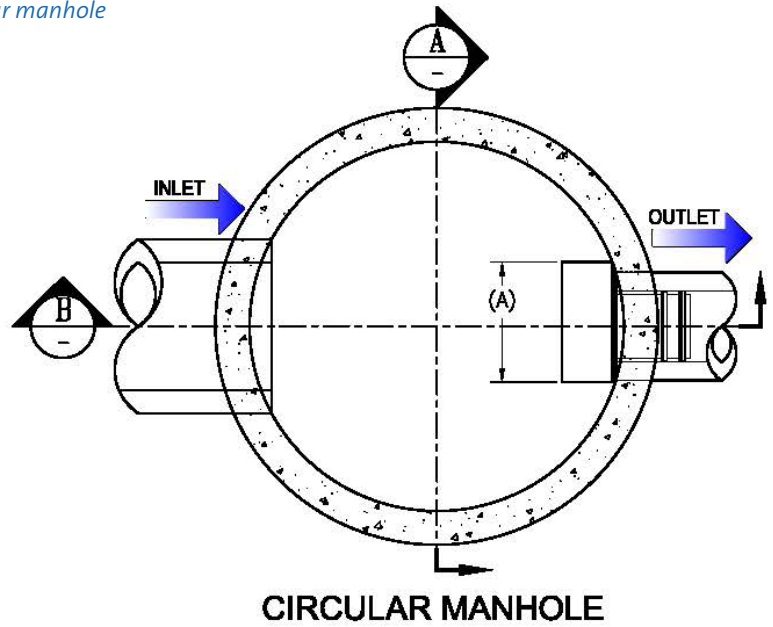
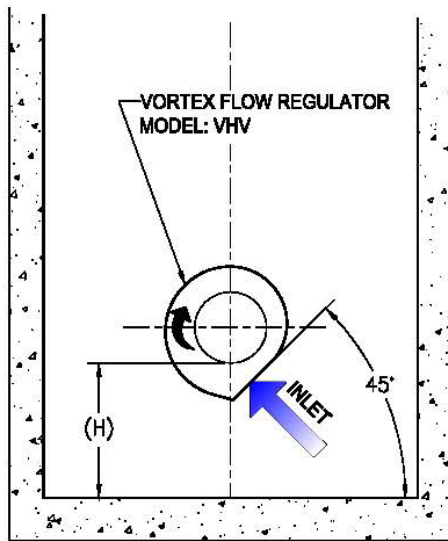
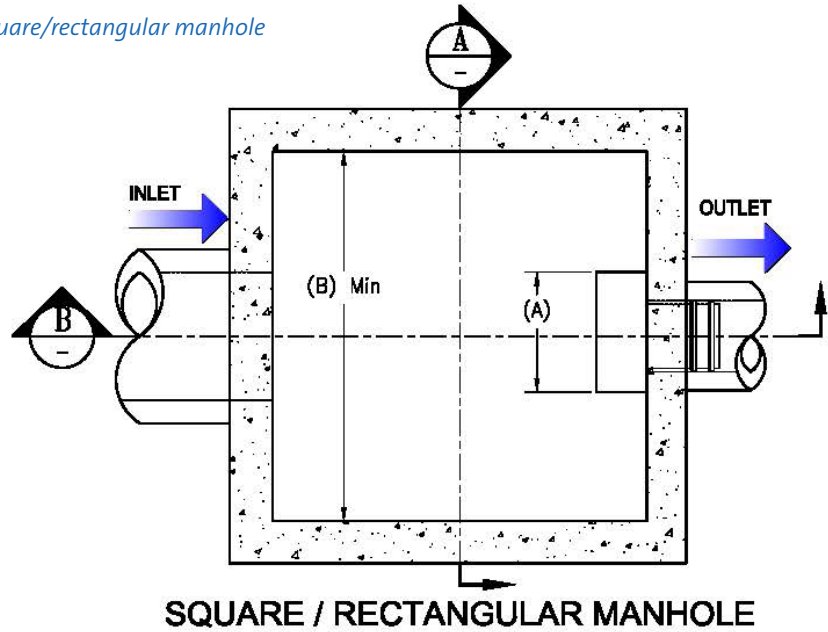
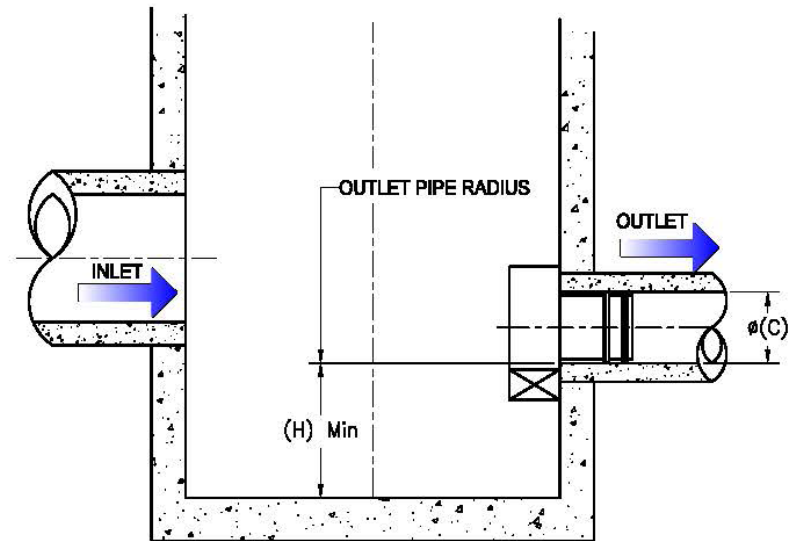


Figure 2b: Minimum dimensions and clearances, square/rectangular manhole



**SECTION A**



**SECTION B**

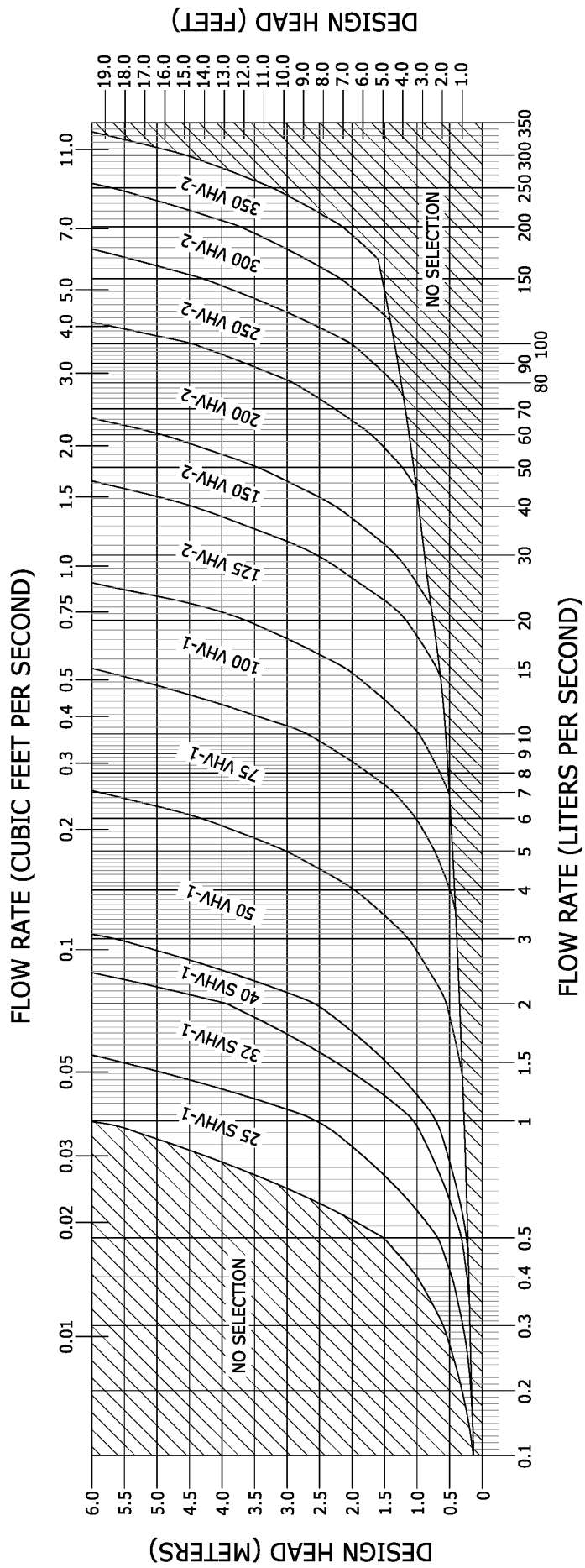


Figure 3 : HYDROVEX® VHV/SVHV Selection Chart

## Options

A variety of options are available for the HYDROVEX® VHV / SVHV vortex flow regulators, including:

- Type O: extended inlet for odor control
- FV-VHV: sliding plate mounted
- Gooseneck: for shallow or no sump installations
- Vent: for low slope applications

DT: roof drainage applications

## Specifications

In order to specify a HYDROVEX® VHV/SVHV flow regulator, the following parameters must be clearly indicated:

- Model number, ex: 75-VHV-1
- Outlet pipe diameter and type, ex:  $\varnothing$  150mm [6"], SDR 35
- Design discharge rate, ex: 6.0 L/s [0.21 CFS]
- Design head, ex: 2.0 m [6.56 ft] \*
- Manhole diameter, ex:  $\varnothing$  900 mm [ $\varnothing$  36"]
- Minimum clearance "H", ex: 150 mm [6 in]
- Construction material type (304 stainless steel standard)

*\*The design head is defined as the difference between the maximum upstream water level and the outlet pipe invert.*

## Installation

The installation of a HYDROVEX® VHV/SVHV flow regulator can be accomplished quickly and does not require any special tools. The sleeve of the vortex flow regulator is simply inserted into the outlet pipe of the manhole and the unit is then secured to the concrete wall using the supplied anchor.

## Maintenance

HYDROVEX® regulators are designed to minimize maintenance requirements. We recommend a periodic visual inspection in order to ensure that the unit is free of debris. The manhole sump beneath the unit should be inspected and cleaned with a vacuum truck periodically to remove accumulated sediments.

## Guaranty

The HYDROVEX® line of VHV / SVHV regulators are guaranteed against both design and manufacturing defects for a period of 5 years after sale. The unit will be modified or replaced should it be found to be defective within the guarantee period.

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