

# Orifice Plate Discharge coefficient @ model

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A ratio between actual [volumetric flowrate](#) through the real [orifice](#) and [volumetric flowrate](#) estimate through the ideal [orifice](#):

(1) 
$$C_d = \frac{q}{q_{ideal}}$$

where

(2) 
$$q_{ideal} = \epsilon \cdot \frac{\pi d^2}{4} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot \Delta p}{\rho \cdot (1 - \beta^4)}}$$

and

|                       |                                                                            |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $\Delta p$            | pressure drop on the <a href="#">choke</a> , $\Delta p = p_{in} - p_{out}$ |
| $\beta = \frac{d}{D}$ | <a href="#">orifice</a> narrowing ratio                                    |
| $d$                   | <a href="#">orifice</a> diameter                                           |
| $D$                   | <a href="#">pipe</a> diameter                                              |
| $\epsilon$            | <a href="#">expansion factor</a>                                           |

The deviation from ideal estimation (2) arise from fluid friction with choke elements and possible flow turbulence.

The [discharge coefficient](#)  $C_d$  is a function of a [choke](#) narrowing ratio  $\beta$  and [Reynolds number](#)  $Re$  in the pipe:

(3) 
$$C_d = C_d(\beta, Re)$$

where

(4) 
$$Re = \frac{v \cdot D}{\nu} = \frac{4 q}{\pi D \nu}$$

where

|       |                                                 |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------|
| $\nu$ | <a href="#">kinematic viscosity</a>             |
| $v$   | cross-sectional average flow velocity in a pipe |

It can be estimated for popular [choke](#) types or tabulated in laboratory.

The most popular engineering correlation covering various tapping arrangements is given by [ISO5167](#):

(5) 
$$C_d = 0.5961 + 0.0261 \cdot \beta^2 - 0.216 \cdot \beta^8 + 0.000521 \cdot \left( \frac{10^6 \beta}{Re} \right)^{0.7}$$

## See also

[ Orifice Plate Expansion Factor @ model ]

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