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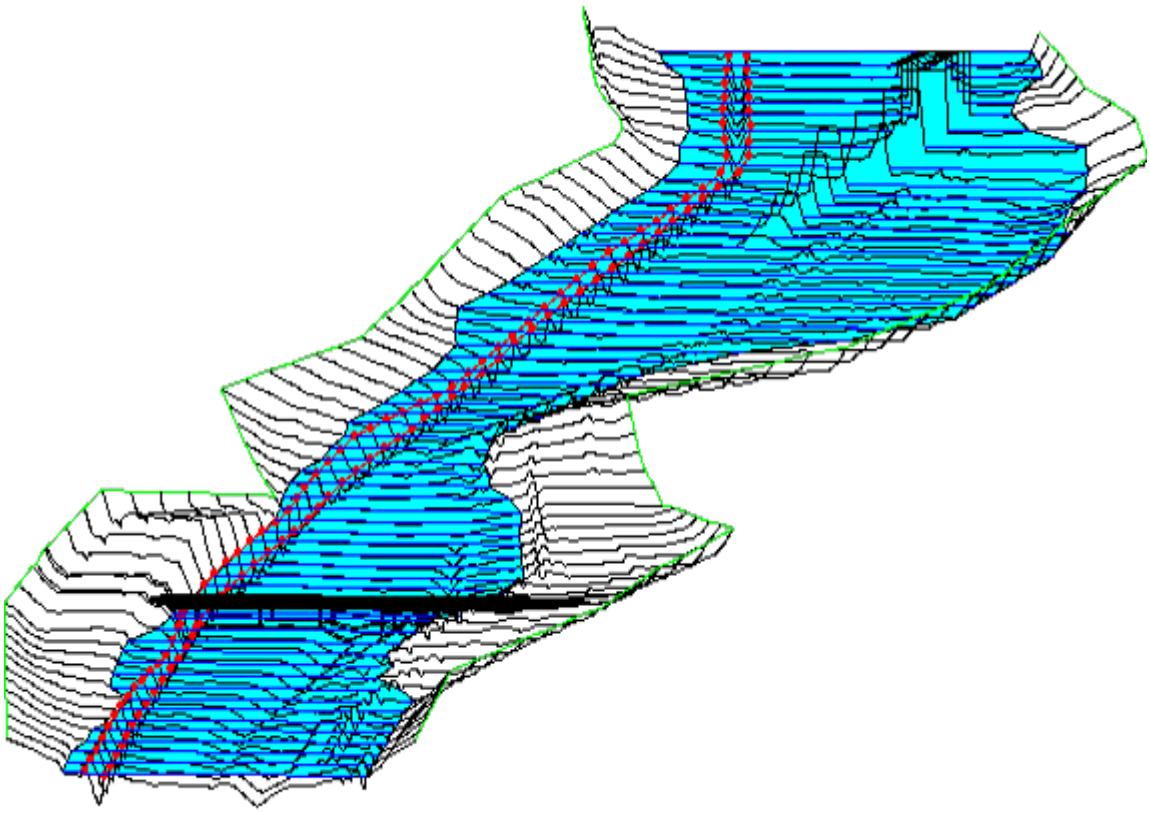

Manning's Roughness Coefficient

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The Manning's roughness coefficients must be entered for each culvert type. HECRAS uses Manning's equation to compute friction losses in the culvert barrel, as described in the section entitled "Culvert Hydraulics" of this chapter. Suggested values for Manning's n values are listed in Table 6-1 and Table 6-2, and in many hydraulics reference books. Roughness coefficients should be adjusted according to individual judgment of the culvert condition.

Table 6-1 Manning's "n" for Closed Conduits Flowing Partly Full

Type of Channel and Description	Minimum	Normal	Maximum
Brass, smooth:	0.009	0.010	0.013
Steel:			
Lockbar and welded	0.010	0.012	0.014
Riveted and spiral	0.013	0.016	0.017
Cast Iron:			
Coated	0.010	0.013	0.014
Uncoated	0.011	0.014	0.016
Wrought Iron:			
Black	0.012	0.014	0.015
Galvanized	0.013	0.016	0.017
Corrugated Metal:			
Subdrain	0.017	0.019	0.021
Storm Drain	0.021	0.024	0.030
Lucite:	0.008	0.009	0.010
Glass:	0.009	0.010	0.013
Cement:			
Neat, surface	0.010	0.011	0.013
Mortar	0.011	0.013	0.015
Concrete:			
Culvert, straight and free of debris	0.010	0.011	0.013
Culvert with bends, connections, and some debris	0.011	0.013	0.014
Finished	0.011	0.012	0.014
Sewer with manholes, inlet, etc., straight	0.013	0.015	0.017
Unfinished, steel form	0.012	0.013	0.014
Unfinished, smooth wood form	0.012	0.014	0.016
Unfinished, rough wood form	0.015	0.017	0.020
Wood:			
Stave	0.010	0.012	0.014
Laminated, treated	0.015	0.017	0.020

Type of Channel and Description	Minimum	Normal	Maximum
Brickwork:			
Glazed	0.011	0.013	0.015
Lined with cement mortar	0.012	0.015	0.017
Sanitary sewers coated with sewage slime with bends and connections	0.012	0.013	0.016
Paved invert, sewer, smooth bottom	0.016	0.019	0.020
Rubble masonry, cemented	0.018	0.025	0.030

[Chow, 1959]

Table 6-2 Manning's “n” for Corrugated Metal Pipe

Type of Pipe and Diameter	Unpaved	25% Paved	Fully Paved
Annular 2.67 x 2 in. (all diameters)	0.024	0.021	0.021
Helical 1.50 x 1/4 in.:			
8 inch diameter	0.012		
10 inch diameter	0.014		
Helical 2.67 x 2 inc.:			
12 inch diameter	0.011		
18 inch diameter	0.014		
24 inch diameter	0.016	0.015	0.012
36 inch diameter	0.019	0.017	0.012
48 inch diameter	0.020	0.020	0.012
60 inch diameter	0.021	0.019	0.012
Annular 3 x 1 in. (all diameters)	0.027	0.023	0.012
Helical 3 x 1 in.:			
48 inch diameter	0.023	0.020	0.012
54 inch diameter	0.023	0.020	0.012
60 inch diameter	0.024	0.021	0.012
66 inch diameter	0.025	0.022	0.012
72 inch diameter	0.026	0.022	0.012
78 inch & larger	0.027	0.023	0.012
Corrugations 6 x 2 in.:			
60 inch diameter	0.033	0.028	
72 inch diameter	0.032	0.027	
120 inch diameter	0.030	0.026	
180 inch diameter	0.028	0.024	

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