City of Salisbury Appendix B

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Low Pressure Sewer Line Air Testing Specifications

Pipe	Minimum	Specification Time for Length (L) Shown, Min:s							
Diameter Inches	Time Minutes	100 ft	150 ft	200 ft	250 ft	300 ft	350 ft	400 ft	450 ft
4	1:53	1:53	1:53	1:53	1:53	1:53	1:53	1:53	1:53
6	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	3:12
8	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:26	5:04	5:42
10	4:43	4:43	4:43	4:43	4:57	5:56	6:55	7:54	8:54
12	5:40	5:40	5:40	5:40	7:08	8:33	9:58	11:24	12:50
15	7:05	7:05	7:05	8:54	11:08	13:21	15:35	17:48	20:00
18	8:30	8:30	9:37	12:49	16:00	19:14	22:26	25:38	28:50
21	9:55	9:55	13:05	17:27	21:49	26:11	30:30	34:54	39:15
24	11:20	11:24	17:57	22:48	28:30	34:11	39:53	45:35	51:15
27	12:45	14:25	21:38	28:51	36:05	43:15	50:30	57:42	64:54
30	14:10	17:48	26:43	35:37	44:30	53:25	62:20	71:13	80:07
36*	17:00	25:39	38:28	51:17	64:06	76:55	89:44	102:34	115:23

Table 1 Minimum Time Required for a 0.5 psig Pressure Drop for Size and Length of Pipe IndicatedTest Pressure for start of test 4.0 psig

* Consult with pipe manufacturer for maximum test pressure for pipe size greater than 30 in. in diameter

Safety Precautions:

This low pressure air test may be dangerous to personnel if, through lack of understanding or carelessness, a line is over pressurized or plugs/caps are installed or restrained improperly. It is extremely important that the various plugs be properly installed to prevent the sudden expulsion of a poorly installed or partially inflated plug.

Observe the following minimum safety precautions:

- 1. No one shall be allowed in the manhole during testing
- 2. Contractor to install and restrain all caps and plugs securely.
- 3. When lines are tested, it is mandatory that all caps and plugs be braced as an added safety factor.
- 4. Do not over pressurize the lines. Do not exceed 9.0 psig.
- 5. A regulator or relief valve set no higher than 9 psi shall be included on all pressurizing equipment.