HOW TO SELECT A FLOOR DRAIN

Floor drains are primarily used for inside locations where the flow rate into the drain can be anticipated. Sufficient top size and grate free area to pass the anticipated flow are required. Grate free area is defined as "the total area of the drainage openings in the grate." The drain outlet should be sized large enough to safely discharge the maximum flow through the grate without creating water build-up (ponding). The Design Professional shall determine the required flow rate.

Sizing and Location—For most indoor locations, the grate free area should be 1 1/2 times the transverse area of the connecting pipe. See Table 1. The number and location of drains are determined by the Design Professional based on the configuration of the floor plan, type of operation, location of equipment and other factors known to the Design Professional.

When used to drain small exterior areas, area drains should have an open area equal to twice the transverse area of the connecting pipe. See Table 1. The Design Professional shall determine whether the 2 to 1 ratio is sufficient or if exterior surface flow calculations are required.

SELECTING THE DRAIN

After the top size and anticipated flow are determined by the Design Professional, the following points shall be taken into consideration when selecting the floor drain.

Selection of Grate or Cover (Based on Anticipated Traffic)—ASME A12.6.3 (Floor Drains) ratings are as follows. These are static load ratings and do not take into consideration impact or dynamic loading. These load ratings are general categories and are provided for guide purposes only. The Design Professional shall contact the factory for unusual applications, where conditions of use, load concentration, installations, etc., can affect results and service.

Per ASME A112.6.3 (Formerly ANSI A112.21.1M):

- **LIGHT DUTY:** All grates/covers having a safe live load under 2,000 lbs. (900 KG).
- **MEDIUM DUTY:** All grates/covers having a safe live load between 2,000 lbs. (900 KG) and 4,999 lbs. (2250 KG).
- **HEAVY DUTY:** All grates/covers having a safe live load between 5,000 lbs. (2250 KG) and 7,499 lbs. (3375 KG).
- **EXTRA HEAVY DUTY:** All grates/covers having a safe live load between 7,500 lbs. (3375) and 10,000 lbs. (4500 KG).
- **SPECIAL DUTY:** When the grate safe live load is greater than 10,000 lbs. (4,500 KG).

After the weight capacity is established, a suitable drain can be selected.

It is the responsibility of the Design Professional to contact the factory and obtain specific load ratings for each specific drain whether it is a standard or unusual application.

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**Selection of Top Material—(Unfinished Areas)—**Drains located in heavy traffic areas should be specified with heavy duty cast iron grates. In areas where shock loads are anticipated, a ductile iron grate should be specified in lieu of the cast iron grate.

**Finished Areas—**Most drains are available with nickel bronze or bronze tops to match the surrounding trim in finished areas. Usually finished areas require light duty or medium duty tops.

**Finished Areas with Increased Load—**Many finished floor areas are subject to increased loadings. Examples are convention centers, equipment showrooms and industrial plants. Heavy duty cast iron tractor grates SHALL be specified with bronze or nickel bronze veneered tops.

**Top Shape—**Round, square or rectangular styles are available to blend with all types of construction and floor patterns. The round top is the most flexible type since it can be easily oriented to most floor patterns.

**Body Selection—**Body depth is proportioned to the top size. Many Smith floor drains can be specified with various body depths. The deeper body is desirable when unusually large amounts of water are to be drained or an extra large sediment bucket is required.

Most floor drain bodies are available with a flange for either anchoring the drain in the floor slab or for use as a flashing flange in upper floors and waterproofed areas. Many Smith drains are regularly furnished with a flanged body and a combination "top flashing collar" which can be used to clamp the waterproof membrane.

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**Recommended Grate Free Areas for Various Outlet Pipe Sizes**

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Table 1

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**Grate will not tilt out of drain body when heavy moving loads pass over it.**

**Additional Perimeter Drainage Openings**

**Used As Anchor Flange In One Pour Slab**

**Used As Flashing Flange**

**Removable Flashing Collar**

**SAFE-SET** BUCKET AND GRATE

**BAR-TYPE GRATE**

**DEEP SET TRACTOR GRATE**

**FINISHED FLOOR**

**Used As Flashing Flange**

**Waterproof Membrane**
The Prefix DX designates a wide flange that can be furnished on certain Smith floor drains. This flange receives the membranes and coatings of a waterproof floor covering system. These coverings are thin coatings which are installed in a series of trowel coats. The covering forms its own membrane, flashing and durable traffic surface. The wide flange is regularly furnished 4" wide. The usual covering is approximately 3/16" thick and may be applied over many subsurfaces such as concrete, gypsum or wood decks. This type of covering is particularly adaptable to flat roofs which are used for recreational purposes, balconies, area ways, plazas, sun decks, floors and corridors.

When a DX flange is required on drains other than those shown in this section, the prefix DX must be used with the figure number. The flange will be 4" wide (minimum) with a 3/16" lip regularly furnished. If the waterproof deck covering is greater or less than 3/16", the lip dimension must be specified or the drain has to be set at the proper elevation by the plumbing contractor to compensate for these differences. Roughing dimensions of the body must be adjusted accordingly. Drain body should be set low enough to permit “dimpling” of the area surrounding the drain.

**SOLID SUSPENDED BUCKET WITH PORTED OPENINGS**

This bucket is ideal for drains which are located in areas where a large amount of debris is anticipated. It is particularly useful in areas such as vegetable storerooms where vegetables are pre-cleaned and a considerable amount of leaves and stalks are washed into the drain. The solid bottom of this bucket retains this type of solid matter while the overflow is discharged through the screens in the top of the bucket.

**DEEP SUSPENDED SLOTTED BUCKET**

Used where large leafy objects such as peelings, leaves and paper are to be intercepted. When wetted down, these types of solids will compact at the bottom of the bucket. Slots run completely up the sides of the bucket to offer complete drainage even when the bottom section is filled with debris.

**SOLID FREE STANDING BUCKET**

Used where heavy materials such as sand, stones and chips are to be intercepted and separated from the drainage water. When sand laden drainage water enters the bucket, the sand falls to the bottom and the clear water flows over the top of the bucket into the waste line.

**APPLICATION CHART FOR SPEEDI-SEAL AND SPEEDI-SET GASKETS**

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**OPTIONAL VARIATIONS**

Variations to meet particular job requirements are available. The illustrations shown below are some of the more common variations.

- **Suffix -B** Sediment Bucket
- **Suffix -H** Hinged Grate
  Allows quick access to the line and assures replacement of grate.
- **Suffix -P** Trap Primer Connection
  PO50 (1/2") Regularly Furnished, P075 (3/4") available on request.
- **Suffix -D** Dome Grate
- **Suffix -S** Square Top
- **Suffix -U** Vandal Proof Screws
  Flat Head Socket Machine Screw.

**SPEEDI-SET OUTLET TYPE L**

Speedi-Set drains are available with most bottom outlet models by specifying (L) and piping material used. Service weight (SW) is regularly furnished or specify extra heavy (LXH). The Speedi-Set joint consists of a NO-HUB outlet body and a factory inserted extra heavy or service weight Speedi-Set neoprene gasket. The installer simply lubricates the plain end of the spigot and the inside of the gasket, then presses the drain body down over the pipe until contact is made with the internal stop of the gasket. The installation eliminates the need for hot lead, caulking irons, NO-HUB clamps, etc.
Adjustable Top--The Smith 2005/2010 Series of floor drains are available with over 100 different strainer heads. Strainer heads have a 3 3/4 - 12 threaded shank which threads into flashing collar. This type of drain is particularly adaptable to two-pour construction, such as toilet rooms, shower rooms, locker rooms and other light duty finished areas. Strainer head is easily adjusted when tile floor is being set.

Reversible flashing collar in low position permits adjustment of the strainer to as low as 3/4" (measured from top of body pan to finished floor). This low position is particularly adaptable for installations where ceramic tile is applied directly to the slab. With collar in high position, sufficient adjustment is available for all normal two-pour installations. Usually the normal sand and cement fill and ceramic tile measures approximately 1 1/2". For unusually deep floor fills or unique construction, additional height can be obtained by using a Suffix -X Extension Adaptor.

NOTE: See below for Suffix -X Extension Adaptor.

Adjustable Top and Extension--Smith has available adjustable drains in the 8 1/2" and the 12" top sizes. Both sizes are available with light duty, medium duty, or heavy duty tops. See Table 2 below for variations.

Adjustable drains are particularly useful in areas where the finished floor elevation may vary or is not immediately determined. Additional adjustable extension sleeve is available for extra deep roughing conditions (Specify Suffix -E).

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- REVERSIBLE FLASHING COLLAR designed to receive all variations of SMITH strainer heads. Permits vertical adjustment for strainer and provides positive clamp of waterproofing membrane.
- TURN-STYLE SLOTS permits easy assembly of collar without removal of non-corrosive bolts.
- AUXILIARY INLET PAD tapped for trap primer connection when specified.
- 2 PIECE BODY design eliminates need for separate flashing device.
- SEEPAGE OPENINGS permit seepage into drain body.
- CAULK OUTLET regularly furnished, NO-HUB, Speedi-Set or Threaded Outlets when specified.

EXTENSION ADAPTOR

FUNCTION: Used when a strainer head must be raised to accommodate deeper floor fill.

MATERIALS:
- Cast Bronze XCB
- Galvanized Cast Iron XG

NOTE: Extensions can be stacked for increased maximum adjustment.

2300 SERIES SUFFIX -E ADJUSTABLE EXTENSIONS

Table 2 lists the min.-max. adjustment and drains for which this extension is available.

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