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Drainage Design Flexibility In Tall Buildings

Design for modern building requirements Technical concepts and considerations High Rise solutions

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Velocity

• Falling velocity in stacks

• Basis for the determination of terminal velocity in drainage stacks is the Equation of Bernoulli:

 $p_{1} + \rho g h_{1} + \frac{\rho}{2} v_{1}^{2} = p_{2} + \rho g h_{2} + \frac{\rho}{2} v_{2}^{2} + \Delta p_{L}$ $p = pressure, \quad \rho = density, \quad h = height, \quad g = gravity, \quad v = velocity, \quad \Delta p_{L} = pressure \ loss$

• For a free fall, the falling velocity increases as a function of the height of fall h: $v_2 = \sqrt{2gh_1}$

v=velocity, h=height, g=gravity

• For a fully filled vertical pipe, the falling velocity stays almost constant after a certain height of fall. The falling velocity of a fully filled vertical pipe can be determined by the Equation of Bernoulli :

$$\rho g h_1 = \frac{\rho}{2} v_2^2 + \Delta p_L = \frac{\rho}{2} v_2^2 + \lambda \frac{h}{d} \frac{\rho}{2} v_2^2 \to v_2 = \sqrt{\frac{2gh}{1 + \lambda \frac{h}{d}}}$$

v=velocity, h=height, g=gravity, d=pipe diameter, λ =f(Re, d, k), Re=Reynolds number k=roughness

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THE ISSUES

- 1. Do increasingly large buildings require increasingly complex drainage designs and hydraulic calculations?
- 2. What are the actual functions of a drainage system?
- 3. How to minimise pipe sizing concerns to release more architectural freedom
- 4. Discussions of potential drainage and hydraulic problems and how to mitigate them
- 5. Increasing sizes for ventilation pipes when common venting within the roof spaces



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Considerations of a drainage system (BS EN 12056 – 1)









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The function of drainage systems

The **main** requirement of a drainage system is that waste-water (solids and liquids) should be carried away quickly, without blockage and without the escape of foul air into the building.



- A Air
- B Effluent / Solids
- C Water

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Purpose of drainage systems







Once the hydraulics are optimised... these concerns can be addressed

- Space is limited and expensive
- Planning is often very complex
- Installation can be time-consuming

System Types (BS EN 12056-2)

System I (German / Swiss / Austrian Practice)

- Single stack system with partly filled branch discharge pipes.
- Sanitary appliances are connected to partly filled branch discharge pipes, are designed with a filling degree of 0.5 (50%) and are connected to a single discharge stack.

System II (Scandinavian Practice)

- Single discharge stack with small bore discharge branch pipes.
- Sanitary appliances are connected to small discharge pipes. The small bore discharge pipes are designed with a filling degree of 0.7 (70%) and are connected to a single discharge stack.

System III (UK Practice)

- Single stack system with full bore branch discharge pipes.
- Sanitary appliances are connected to full bore discharge pipes. The full bore branch discharge pipes are designed with a filling degree of 1.0 (100%) and each branch discharge pipe is separately connected to a single discharge stack.

System IV (French Practice)

• Drainage systems type I, II & III may also be divided into black water stack serving WC's and urinals and a grey water stack serving other appliances.





BRITISH STANDARD

Gravity drainage systems inside buildings —

Part 2: Sanitary pipework, layout and calculation

BS EN 12056-2:2000



Legend:

- $L \ge 450$ mm (for single houses up to three storeys high)
- or $L \ge 740$ mm (for multi-storey systems up to five storeys high)
- or $L \ge$ one storey height (for multi-storey systems higher than five storeys), i.e. no connections on ground floor level

ND.3.5.3 Branches at the base of stacks (primary ventilated stack system)

Generally, for systems up to five storeys, the distance between the lowest branch connections and the invert of the drain should be at least 750 mm, but 450 mm is adequate for low rise single dwellings. For larger multi-storey systems, it is better to connect the ground floor appliances to their own stack or the horizontal drain and not directly to the main stack. For buildings over 20 storeys high, it may be necessary to connect both the ground and first floor appliances in the same manner.

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Primary vent

• The bare minimum requirements



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Secondary vent	 Required under guidelines in (BS) EN 12056-2 to allow for higher flow rates without increasing size System III (UK) has values for square and swept entries Main stack sizes may need to increase as well as adding in a secondary vent 	
	For increased volume flow requirements	
	The bare minimum requirements	

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Air admittance valve	 Mechanical – often used as retro-fit when systems are not functioning correctly When designed in, are used in relief lines and in floors above direction changes
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In-line pressure relief valve	 Mechanical - pressure attenuation devices manages pressure fluctuations Mitigates pressure issues in a malfunctioning system Used in conjunction with air admittance valves
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Flow	optimisation chnology	 Advanced geometry in design of fittings allows stack sizes to remain at DN 100 Maintains higher flow rates of water in direction changes Design circumnavigates unanticipated malfunctions Allows continuous free air movement instead of relying on reactive mechanical devices
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Choosing the right drainage system

1 Single Stack system 2 Parallel vented svstem - direct THUR PRT THUR PRTT 2 Parallel vented 3 Flow optimisation system - indirect system 799 77 JI III 57

Drainage system	Dimension d	Dimension d of the secondary ventilation	Maximum load in DU (K = 0.5)	Maximum load in l/s
	110	-	64	4.0
1: Stack vent system with 88.5° branch	125	-	135	5.8
nung	160	-	361	9.5
	110	-	108	5.2
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nung swept entry	160	-	615	12.4
	110	56	108	5.2
2: Secondary ventilation system, direct or indirect, with 88.5° branch fitting	125	75	231	7.6
	160	90	615	12.4
2: Secondary ventilation system, direct or	110	56	185	6.8
indirect, with 88.5° branch fitting swept	125	75	400	10.0
entry	160	90	1037	16.1
3: Flow optimisation with engineered	110	-	576	12.0
branches and bends	160	-	1156	17.0

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Terminal velocity of drainage stacks

- Bernoulli proved that for a fully filled vertical pipe the falling velocity stays almost constant after a certain height of fall.
- Compared with a fully filled vertical pipe in a drainage stack the waste water flows along the pipe wall as a water jacket, creating an air core in the middle.
- Due to pipe friction and air resistance the terminal velocity is reached after the terminal length of the stack pipe. The terminal velocity in a drainage stack is lower than the terminal velocity in a fully filled pipe.
- The following two parameters influence the terminal velocity:
 - Pipe diameter d
 - Volumetric flow rate Qmax





Bernoulli theoretical velocities and achieved velocities



Terminal Velocity 13.5 m/s

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Velocity

Flow diagrams

This fitting ensures a **continuous air column** in stacks.

- The **flow divider** directs the water when it enters the fitting.
- The special shape of this fitting leads to a **swirl effect** and the water continues to flow along the wall.
- The **annular flow** in the stack continues without interruption.



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Function Advanced geometry base of stack bend

This bend ensures a **continuous air column** in stacks.

- The **flow divider** directs the water when it enters the bend. The water curtain in the stack breaks just before the change of direction.
- The **optimised bend** guides the water. Water isn't dammed (or backed) up and therefore a high-pressure fluctuation is prevented.
- Maintained velocities prevent build-up of silt
- A change in direction causes the wall of water to break and the annular flow to become a layered flow without disrupting the column of air.





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Function Advanced geometry transition to vertical bend

Advanced geometry bends ensure a **continuous air column** in stacks.

- At the end of the stack offset, the **layered flow** of waste-water is directed back into an **annular flow** and the column of air remains intact.
- The **special shape** of this bend guides the water flow along the wall. This leads to an optimised transition from the horizontal to the vertical pipe.



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Comparative water volumes flow rates



88.5° branch fitting with or without mechanical venting

88.5° Swept Entry with or without mechanical venting

Flow optimisation – no requirement for mechanical venting





Consider the rules of installation

Drainage optimised

• With these fittings, more design freedom is possible for the entire structure

- Possibility of less pipework, and in tighter duct spaces, no additional vent requirements
- Brackets reduced due to fewer stacks

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- Built in redundancy on branches if something changes in design during or after construction
- Client/building owner can future proof the buildings application as the system has the potential for large flows with the same size pipe
- Installation itself has proven to be simple for contractors. It is possible to overcome tricky installation parameters that are not usually picked up until actual installation.







Greater hydraulic capacity with a d110 stack

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GEBERIT HDPE ABOVE GROUND DRAINAGE SYSTEM

This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet⁽¹⁾ relates to the The Geberit HDPE Above Ground Drainage System, comprising pipes, adaptors and fittings for the conveyance of surface water and sewage in domestic, commercial and public buildings.

(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

CERTIFICATION INCLUDES:

- factors relating to compliance with Building Regulations where applicable
- factors relating to additional non-regulatory information where applicable
- independently verified technical specification
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- design considerations
 installation guidance
- regular surveillance of production
- formal three-yearly review.

KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

Strength — the system has adequate strength to resist the loads associated with installation and subsequent use (see section 6).

Performance of joints — the connections between the pipes and fittings are watertight under normal service conditions (see section 7).

How characteristics — the system using the pipes, couplings and fittings will have satisfactory flow characteristics (see section 8).

Resistance to elevated temperatures — the system has adequate resistance to the temperatures likely to be found in domestic waste water (see section 10).

Durability — the system will have a service life in excess of 50 years (see section 13).

The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the system described herein. This system has been assessed by the BBA as being fit for its intended use provided it is installed, used and maintained as set out in this certificate

Plakes

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On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

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- Single stack, same as primary vented, across many many more floors
 - Buildings aren't getting shorter; space is a cost premium; service space is fully utilised
 - The ability to keep stacks at d110 but having a higher volume flow allows for much less dead space; i.e. more saleable space for the building owner.
 - Having a greater hydraulic capacity allows for more architectural freedom in building design
 - The ventilation branch fittings can be used throughout on their own; the flow optimised bends, which must be paired, can be added where off-sets are required





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SECTION 11 REDUCED VELOCITY AERATOR STACK SYSTEM

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11.1 SCOPE OF SECTION

This Section specifies design and installation requirements for the reduced velocity aerator stack system for sanitary plumbing.

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- Developer: Meriton Group
- Architects: Woods Bagot
- Hydraulics: Ilias Design Group
- Plumber: K-MAC Plumbing
- Plumbing Supplies: Reece Group
- Height: 186 and 211 m
- Floors: 56 and 67 floors 123 total
- Buildings: 2 towers
- Completion: 2022

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THE CHALLENGES

- ICONIC, LANDMARK DESTINATION the tallest buildings in Western Sydney.
- LANDMARK DESTINATION = LANDMARK STYLE and PRICE. Beyond 5-star accommodation.
- 522 Luxury apartments views of the Parramatta River and the CBD (between Au\$ 600K – Au\$ 4m
- Living Space m³ needs to maximised increased revenue, and increased end user satisfaction





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THE CHALLENGES

60 stack offsets

2 bathrooms per apartment min. demanding discharge environments.

Optimised flow performance without encroaching on space.

Out of sight out of mind





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Traditional Solution







160mm SVP, 110mm Vent.

Offsets require separate pressure relief=3 pipes

2 floor penetrations

3 floor penetrations

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The Geberit Solution

Space saving in high-rise buildings

Increase of net floor area Increase of room height

Easy planning

Time saving in the planning and coordination process

Fast installation

Smaller pipe dimension

No ventilation pipe





Increase of net floor area and room height with Geberit SuperTube







Only 21 stacks

Ceiling void reduced from 400mm to 200mm

110mm single pipe throughout – no upsizing



180 GEORGE Parramatta

134m² gain per apartment

Stack shaft sizes reduced from 0.39m³ to 0.21m³ – 46% space saving





Single pipe – huge reduction on slab penetrations Use of prefab – one electrofusion joint per floor per stack

Subsequent reduction on fire collars

Simple Installation









Greater design flexibility

Significant gains in living space



Significant cost savings, on materials and installation

Greater durability, longevity and sustainability with an HDPE system

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