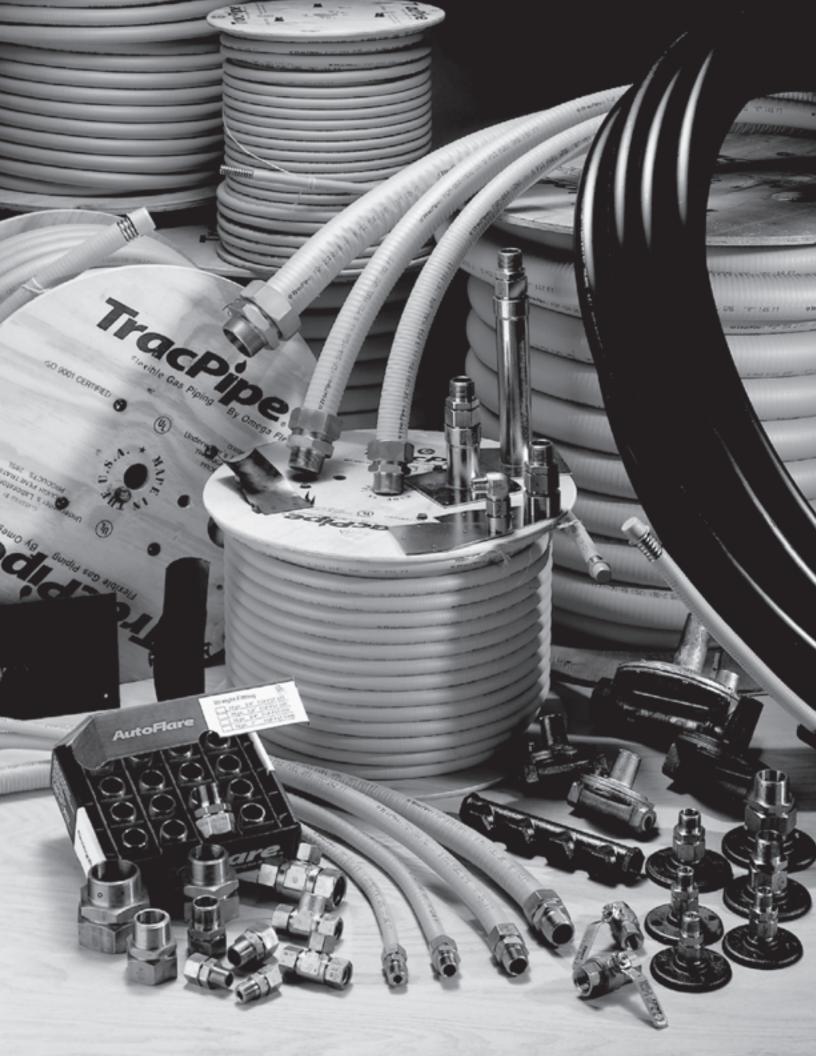


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# CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

# WARNINGS

SECTION 1.0 — USER WARNINGS The TracPipe® gas piping material (CSST-Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing ) must only be installed by a qualified person who has been trained or otherwise qualified through the TracPipe Gas Piping Installation Program. Any installer must also meet qualifications in accordance with state and/or local requirements as established by the administrative authority which enforces the plumbing or mechanical code where the gas piping is installed.

This document provides general instructions for the design and installation of fuel gas piping systems using gas piping material CSST. The guide must be used in conjunction with state and local building codes. Local codes will take precedence in the event of a conflict between this guide and the local code. In the absence of local codes, installation must be in accordance with the current edition of National Fuel Gas Code, ANSI Z223.1/NFPA 54, the National Standard of Canada, Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code, CSA B149.1, the International Fuel Gas Code, the Federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards, ICC/ANSI 2.0 or the Standard on Manufactured Housing, NFPA 501, as applicable

Sound engineering principles and practices must be exercised for the proper design of fuel gas piping systems, in addition to compliance with local codes. The installation instructions and procedures contained in this Design Guide must be strictly followed in order to provide a safe and effective fuel gas piping system or system modification. All installations must pass customary inspections by the local official having authority prior to having the gas service turned on. All requirements of the local natural gas utility or propane supplier must also be met.

Only the components provided or specified by *OMEGAFLEX* as part of the approved piping system are to be used in the installation.

The use of *TracPipe* tubing or fittings with tubing or fittings from other flexible gas piping manufacturers is strictly prohibited and may result in serious bodily injury or property damage.

# WARNING !

If this system is used or installed improperly, fire, explosion or asphyxiation may result. The installation instructions and applicable local codes must be strictly followed.







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# SECTION 1.1 — APPLICABLE CODES AND STANDARDS REGIONAL /MODEL CODES LISTING CSST AS AN ACCEPTABLE GAS PIPING

MATERIAL AS OF JULY 2005:

- a. ANSI/IAS LC-1 CSA 6.26 Standard
- b. CANADA-CSA B149.1 Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code
- c. NFPA 54/ANSI Z 223.1 National Fuel Gas Code
- d. ICBO-Uniform Mechanical Code
- e. BOCA-National Mechanical Code
- f. CABO-1 and 2 Family Dwelling Code
- g. SBCCI-Standard Gas Code
- h. ICC-International Mechanical Code
- i. IAPMO Listing FILE 3682
- j. IAPMO Listing FILE 4665 TracPipe PS-II

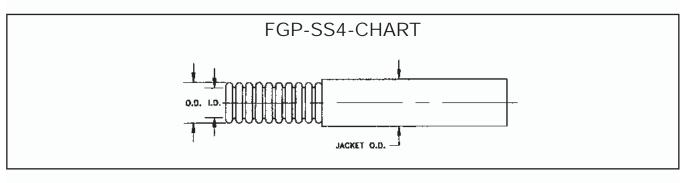
- k. ICBO Evaluation Services ER-5412.
- I. Factory Mutual "Flexible Piping Systems for Flammable Gases."
- m. California Mechanical and Plumbing Codes
- n. ICC-International Fuel Gas Code
- o. NFPA 58 LP-Gas Code
- p. UPC-Uniform Plumbing Code 2003
- q. UL Through Penetration Firestop Systems Classified (see Appendix A)
- r. Tested to Code Requirements per ASTM E84 (UL 723)

This Design and Installation Guide has been written in accordance with the most current edition of ANSI LC1 CSA 6.26, Fuel Gas Piping Systems using Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing (CSST).

WHILE EVERY EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO PREPARE THIS DOCUMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REGIONAL MODEL CODES IN EFFECT AT ITS PRINTING, OMEGAFLEX CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT THE LOCAL ADMIN-ISTRATIVE AUTHORITY WILL ACCEPT THE MOST RECENT VERSION OF THESE CODES.

THE INSTALLER IS ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE TO DETERMINE SUITABILITY AND ACCEPTANCE OF ANY BUILDING COMPONENT, INCLUDING GAS PIPING. OMEGAFLEX ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR MATERIALS OR LABOR FOR INSTALLATIONS MADE WITHOUT PRIOR DETERMINATION OF LOCAL CODE AUTHORITY ACCEPTANCE.

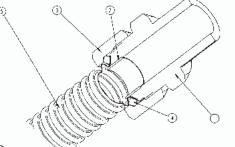
# *TracPipe*<sup>®</sup> specification data sheet



<i>TracPipe<sup>®</sup> part no.</i>	FGP-SS4-375	FGP-SS4-500	FGP-SS4-750	FGP-SS4-1000	FGP-SS4-1250	FGP-SS4-1500	FGP-SS4-2000
Size (inch)	3/8"	1/2"	3/4"	1"	1-1/4"	1-1/2"	2"
EHD (AGA size)	15	19	25	31	37	46	62
Jacket O.D. (max.)	.668	.868	1.108	1.383	1.665	1.920	2.590
Inside Diameter (nom)	.440	.597	.820	1.040	1.290	1.525	2.060
Wall Thickness (in.)	.01	.01	.01	.01	.012	.012	.012

\*EHD (Effective Hydraulic Diameter) A relative measure of Flow Capacity; This number is used to compare individual sizes between different manufacturers. The higher the EHD number the greater flow capacity of the piping.

# STRAIGHT AUTO-FLARE FITTINGS



- 1. ADAPTER Brass
- 2. INSERT Stainless Steel
- 3. NUT—Brass
- 4. SPLIT-RINGS Brass or Stainless Steel
- AVAILABLE IN SIZES Tube size 3/8" 1/2" 3/4" 1-1/4" 1-1/2" 2" NPT Thread 1/2"or 3/8" 1/2"or 3/4" 3/4"or 1/2" 1"or 3/4' 1-1/4" 1-1/2 2'
- 5. FLEXIBLE PIPE Stainless Steel

# FLANGE MOUNT AUTO-FLARE FITTINGS

- 1. ADAPTER Brass
- 2. INSERT Stainless Steel
- 3. FLANGE NUT Brass
- 4. SPLIT-RINGS Brass or Stainless Steel
- 5. FLANGE Malleable Iron/Brass
- 6. FLEXIBLE PIPE Stainless Steel

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}	AVAILABLE IN SIZES							
	Tube Size	3/8"	1/2"	3/4"	1"	1-1/4"		
	NPT Thread	1/2"or 3/8"	1/2"	3/4"	1"	1-1/4"		

# CHAPTER 2 DESCRIPTION of SYSTEM and COMPONENTS

# SECTION 2.0 — *TracPipe* FLEXIBLE GAS PIPING MATERIAL DESCRIPTION

# 1. TUBING

The *TracPipe* fuel gas piping system consists of corrugated, semi-rigid stainless steel tubing with brass mechanical attachment fittings terminating in NPT pipe fittings for easy attachment to traditional black iron pipe systems and direct connections to gas appliances.

Tubing is available in sizes 3/8 inch, 1/2 inch 3/4 inch, 1 inch, 1-1/4 inch, 1-1/2 inch, and 2 inch.

The 300 series stainless steel tubing is jacketed, with a non-metallic cover which provides ease of running through joists, studs, and other building components. The jacket is

marked at one foot intervals with the amount of tubing left on the reel, for quick measurement.



# 2. FITTINGS

Straight NPT pipe fittings are standard and are available in sizes shown above to fit all tubing. Additional fittings include termination mount and flange-mount straight and 90 degree elbow fittings for termination of gas lines near movable appliances; and meter termination accessories for support of *TracPipe* at utility meter sets on building exteriors and roof penetrations. Tee fittings are available for addition of branch lines into tubing runs; reducer tees are available in popular sizes and pipe outlet tees terminate in pipe threads on the outlet leg for size changes utilizing available black iron reducer fittings.

# 3. ACCESSORIES

Accessories are available for expansion of the flexible piping material and additions to existing fuel gas piping systems. These accessories include:

A. Manifolds — allow parallel installations with "home runs" to each appliance.
1/2 inch female NPT outlets and 3/4 inch

and 1/2 inch female NPT inlets. Large size manifolds are also available



for use with commercial size TracPipe.

B. Pressure Regulators: pounds to inches for use in elevated pressure system installations (over 14 inches water column

- one half psi) to reduce pressure to standard low pressure for appliances.



Available regulators include 1/2 and 3/4 inch sizes for natural and propane use and 1-1/4 inch size for natural gas. Regulators include approved vent limiters except 1-1/4" size.

C. Protection Devices-for use where flexible piping passes through studs, joists and

other building materials and is restricted from moving to avoid nails, screws and other puncture threats.



There are four striker plate configurations made from stamped steel and specially hardened to resist penetration from screws and pneumatic nail guns. These are quarter-striker, half striker fullstriker and 6" X 17" flat plate striker. Spiral wound galvanized steel "floppy" conduit is available for use as additional protection.

D. Shut-off Valves-for use in elevated pressure installations: 2 psi up to 5 psi.

(Standard gas-cocks should be used at appliance stub outs and other low pressure areas of the piping system.) Brass



lever-handle ball valves supplied by *OmegaFlex* are rated for 5 psi use and are available in 1/2 inch and 3/4 inch sizes.

# SECTION 2.1 — MATERIAL USE AND LIMITATIONS

This Design and Installation Guide has been written in accordance with the most current edition of ANSI LC 1 CSA 6.26, FUEL GAS PIPING SYSTEMS USING COR-RUGATED STAINLESS STEEL TUBING (CSST).

This Design Guide is intended to aid the professional gas pipe installer in the design, installation and testing of flexible fuel gas piping systems for residential, commercial and industrial buildings. It is not possible for this guide to anticipate every variation in construction style, building configuration, appliance requirement, or local restriction. This document will not therefore cover every application. The user should either exercise his own engineering judgment on system design and installation, or seek technical input from other gualified sources. Additional information pertaining to gas piping systems is available from your local gas utility or propane supplier.

Some of the special usage features of *TracPipe* gas piping are outlined below:

- 1. Flexible gas piping is used to provide safe, efficient, timely installation of fuel gas piping within buildings, residential, commercial, and industrial, or for outdoor connections to appliances that are attached or in close proximity to the building.
- 2. Flexible gas piping can be routed in most locations where traditional gas piping materials are installed: inside hollow wall cavities, along or through floor joists in basements, on top of the joists in attics, on roof tops or along soffits or in chases outside of buildings. *TracPipe* gas piping has been tested and is listed by CSA International for both outdoor and indoor use.
- 3. *TracPipe* is listed by CSA International for fuel gas use in the USA and Canada for pressures up to 25 psi. For local gas utility approved use only, *TracPipe* has been tested for use up to 125 PSI for sizes 3/8" up to 1-1/4", and for use up to 25 psi for sizes 1-1/2" and 2".
- 4. In North America, the most common pressure for Natural Gas is 6-7 inches water column, standard low pressure. Elevated pressures of either 2 psi or one half psi are also available from utilities in most areas for new residential construction. 5 PSI systems are commonly installed in commercial or industrial buildings. Elevated pressures allow the use of smaller diameter piping, while providing for increased loads and longer length runs.
- 5. Flexible gas piping can be used for Natural gas and propane (Liquefied Petroleum gas) and other fuel gases recognized in NFPA 54 National Fuel Gas Code.
- 6. *TracPipe* CSST with the yellow polyethylene jacket has been tested by Underwriters Laboratory to UL723 (ASTM E84) Surface Burning Characteristics with flame spread and smoke density ratings meeting the

requirements of ANSI/CSA LC-1 for use in air ducts and plenums. It is mandatory, however, to follow fire and building code requirements in all installations. CounterStrike with black jacket requires removal of the jacket for use in air ducts or plenums.

- 7. For underground or under slab burial the flexible gas piping run must be encased in a sleeve of polyethylene, or other approved water resistant material. See Section 4.9, Underground Installations. Sleeved runs under concrete slabs beneath buildings must be installed as required by local codes. Most codes require venting of the sleeves under buildings to the outdoors. This can be accomplished using Pre-sleeved *TracPipe PS* or *PS-II with available accessories*.
- Flexible gas piping can be used in conjunction with steel pipe (black iron or galvanized) in either new construction or renovation and replacement piping installations. All *TracPipe* fittings terminate in standard NPT male or female pipe threads to interface with appliances, valves, unions and couplings.
- 9. For retrofit installations, *TracPipe* can be snaked through hollow wall cavities without major restoration as is typical when running rigid pipe through existing construction. The replacement or addition of gas appliances, fireplaces, and gas logs is greatly facilitated with flexible piping on reels requiring no special tooling or oily threading equipment.
- 10. *TracPipe* gas piping can be run directly to the shut off valves of most fixed appliances without installing an appliance connector. For moveable appliances such as ranges or dryers, the use of an approved flexible appliance connector is required in most jurisdictions. *TracPipe* cannot be substituted as a connector for

this use when the appliance is free to move for cleaning, etc.

11. *TracPipe AutoFlare*<sup>®</sup> fittings have been tested by CSA International (formerly the American Gas Association Laboratories ) and are listed for use in concealed locations as defined in NFPA 54 National Fuel Gas Code, The Uniform Plumbing Code, and The International Fuel Gas Code. This facilitates installation of the key valves required for gas fireplaces in many jurisdictions. Concealed fittings are also desirable when adding tees for branch runs in series configurations and in other installation situations where locating a *TracPipe* fitting in an accessible location is not practical.

# SECTION 2.2 — SYSTEM COMPONENTS *TracPipe* Flexible Gas Piping

Component	Material	Description/Dimensions							
	Corrugated Stainless	0.D.							
TracPipe	Steel					CKET 0.0			
Flexible	(300 Series)	part no. Size (inch)	3/8"	1/2"	FGP-SS4-750 3/4"	1"	1-1/4"	FGP-SS4-1500 1-1/2"	2"
Gas	with	EHD (AGA size)	15	19	25	31	37	46	62
Piping	Polyethylene	Jacket O.D. (max.)	.668	.868	1.108	1.38	1.665	1.920	2.590
	Jacket	Inside Dia. (nom)	.440	.597	.820	1.040	1.290	1.525	2.060
		*EHD (Effective Hy pare individual siz capacity of the pip	es between						
<i>TracPipe</i> on Reels	Plywood Reels for packaging	No Pipe Si			_	actuation actuation ovailable el Lengt	upon re	equest. Weigh Long Re	
		3/8 inc	h	25	0 feet 1	00 feet		29 poun	ds
		1/2 inc		500	) feet D feet	250 feet 50 feet		87 poun	
		3/4 inc	h		250 fe 100 fe			55 poun	ds
		1 inch			180 fe 100 fe	et		60 poun	
		1-1/4 ir			250 fe 150 fe	et		115 pour	
		1-1/2 ir	ich		250 fe 150 fe	et		125 pour	ıds
		2 inch	ı		150 f€	eet		92 poun	ds

# AutoFlare® Fittings

Component	Material	Description/Dimensions
<i>TracPipe PS</i> & <i>PS-II</i> Accessories	Black Polyethylene Sleeved TracPipe	PS PS-II PS-II Vent Tee Heat Shrink Cuff Vent Coupling Nut Split Adaptor Rings
Straight Mechanical Fitting Reducer Fitting	Brass Fitting Autoflare Insert	Sizes: 3/8, 1/2, 3/4, 1, 1-1/4, 1-1/2 and 2 inch Note size 3/8 fitting has either 1/2" NPT or 3/8" NPT Thread
Termination and Flange Mount Fittings Straight and 90 Elbow	Brass Fitting Autoflare Insert Malleable Iron or Brass Flange	Sizes: 3/8, 1/2, 3/4, 1 inch and 1-1/4 inches Note size 3/8 fitting has either 1/2" NPTor 3/8" NPT Thread Elbow Sizes: 3/8 in. and 1/2 in.
Meter Termination Fitting Stud Bracket	Brass Fitting Autoflare Insert Galv. steel Mounting Bracket	
Flange Mounting Bracket	Galv. Steel	One size fits all: Size 3/8 through 1-1/4 inches
Tee Fitting & Coupling	Brass Tee Fitting & Coupling Autoflare Insert	Sizes: 3/8, 1/2, 3/4 and 1 inch Reducer tees available for 1/2, 3/4 and 1 inch sizes

# TracPipe Accessories

Component	Material	Description/Dimensions
Load Center Manifold Bracket	Painted Steel Galvanized Steel	
Multi- Port Manifolds	Malleable Iron Poly Coated	
Pressure Regulators	Cast Housing Suitable for Outdoor Use	Sizes: 1/2 inch & 3/4 inch & 1-1/4 inch Regulator includes approved vent lim- iting device for REG 3 (1/2 in.) and REG 5A (3/4 in.).Note: Stainless steel High Pressure tags are available for use where required by code
Shut Off Valves	Brass Housing with Stainless Steel Ball	Sizes: 1/2 inch & 3/4 inch

# *TracPipe* Accessories

Component	Material	Description/Dimensions
Full Striker Plate	Carbon Steel Hardened	size: 3" x 12"
Half Striker Plate	Carbon Steel Hardened	size: 3" x 7"
Quarter Striker Plate	Carbon Steel Hardened	size: 3" x 2"
6 x 17 Striker Plate	Carbon Steel Hardened	size: 6" x 17"
Floppy Strip Wound Conduit	Type RW Galvanized Steel	sizes: Fits 3/8", 1/2", 3/4", 1", 1-1/4", 1-1/2" and 2" TracPipe

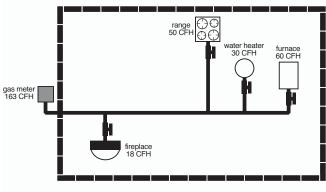
# CHAPTER 3 SYSTEM CONFIGURATIONS AND SIZING

# SECTION 3.1 — SYSTEM CONFIGURATIONS

There are several piping system options available to the installer using *TracPipe* gas piping material. This flexibility of design is one of the major benefits of CSST.

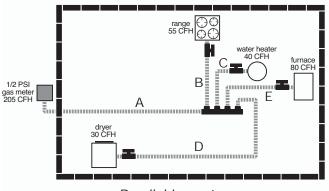
# 3.1A — LOW PRESSURE SYSTEMS

1. SERIES: A series layout is the most common arrangement utilized for black iron pipe. This consists of a main run with tees branching off to each appliance.



Series Layout

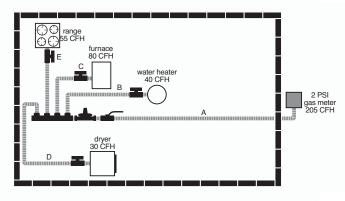
2. PARALLEL: A parallel system consists of a central distribution manifold with branch runs to the appliances. This is usually accomplished by providing a main supply line to a manifold and installing "home runs" to each appliance location. In the parallel system shown below the pressure is not elevated above 1/2 pound and no regulator is required.



Parallel Layout

# 3.1B — DUAL PRESSURE SYSTEMS

Elevated pressure systems (2 psi for residential and up to 5 psi for commercial installations) are usually piped with one or more house line regulators (pounds-to-inches) followed by a manifold and runs to each of the appliances. It is possible that these runs to appliances may contain tees branching off to an additional appliance where gas loads permit.



Dual Pressure System Layout

### NOTE:

HYBRID SYSTEMS - FLEXIBLE GAS PIPE and RIGID BLACK PIPE COMBINA-TIONS. In low or medium pressure systems, it is often advantageous to use both corrugated stainless steel tubing and rigid pipe in the same system. This is the case when a larger diameter main branch is required to provide for the total appliance load in a parallel system. TracPipe is certified for use in combination with black iron pipe and copper tube gas piping systems. For additional information on Hybrid Systems see examples showing the method for sizing hybrid systems using both *TracPipe* and black iron pipe These are included in the SIZING EXAMPLES section of this manual. Refer to Section 3.2C

# SECTION 3.1C — SYSTEM DESIGN

- Prepare a sketch or layout of the gas piping system you are about to install. The information you will need is the location of each appliance, the point of delivery (location of utility meter or second stage LP regulator), appliance load demands, and possible pipe routing locations. The load demand data is usually available on the appliance manufacturer's nameplate, or can be provided by the builder.
- 2. Determine local piping restrictions prior to installing flexible gas piping. The major code bodies in North America have written Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing into the latest revisions of their mechanical codes, but local and state adoption of these codes often lags behind. <u>CONFIRM THAT</u> <u>THE LOCAL CODE AUTHORITY HAS</u> <u>ACCEPTED THE USE OF FLEXIBLE GAS</u> <u>PIPING.</u> Your *TracPipe* distributor should be able to provide that information but confirmation by the installer should be made where there is a question.

# SECTION 3.1D — SYSTEM PRESSURE CHOICES

- 1. NATURAL GAS-Determine the delivery pressure provided by the Local Distribution Utility where the piping will be installed.
  - a. LOW PRESSURE-6 to 7 inches water column-equivalent to 4 ounces or 1/4 pound is the standard pressure supplied by natural gas utilities in the USA and Canada.
  - b. MEDIUM PRESSURE-1/2 POUND-12 to 14 inches water column-Is available from many natural gas utilities as an enhanced pressure supply. The increase in pressure provides for reductions in pipe size and does not require a pressure regulator. Most natural gas appli-

ances manufactured for use in the US and Canada are designed to operate up to a maximum of 14 inches water column.

- c. ELEVATED PRESSURE-2 PSI -Is the highest natural gas pressure usually supplied within residential buildings in North America. This pressure always requires the installation of a poundsto-inches house line regulator between the utility meter set and the appliances.
- 2. PROPANE (LP GAS)-Is typically supplied within residential buildings at 11 inches water column, set at the second stage regulator mounted outside the building. Propane can also be utilized at mediumpressure, with the use of a 13-14 inch setting. For 2 PSI Propane elevated pressure the Maxitrol regulator used is FGP-REG-3P.(which is factory set at 11 inches water column.) A second stage regulator which reduces 10 psi from the tank to 2 psi must be used. (e.g. Fisher model R312E).

NOTE: *TracPipe* has been tested by CSA International (formerly AGA Laboratories) for a working pressure of 125 PSI for sizes 3/8" through 1-1/4" and 25 PSI for sizes 1-1/2 & 2".

PRESS	URE	CONVER	SIO	N CHART
1/4 PSI	=	7" w.c.	=	4 oz.
1/2 PSI	=	14" w.c.	=	8 oz.
1 PSI	=	28" w.c.	=	16 oz.
2 PSI	=	56" w.c.	=	32 oz.

# SECTION 3.2 SIZING METHODS and EXAMPLES

# SECTION 3.2A — USE OF SIZING TABLES

This Chapter includes flexible gas piping sizing procedures for both low pressure and elevated pressure systems. Every piping system introduces pressure loss to the fluid flowing within. The amount of loss depends on the piping size and the gas flow, expressed in cubic feet per hour (and converted to BTU's). The object of the sizing exercise is to determine the smallest size piping which will introduce the allowed pressure loss or drop within the length of piping required. Sizing Tables (Capacity Charts) provide the maximum flow capacity for a given length of run for each pipe size. A different sizing table is used for each system pressure and pressure drop combination.

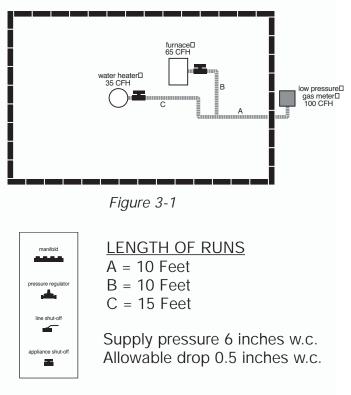
- The low pressure series system (standard arrangement) is sized in the same way as a conventional low pressure black iron pipe system using *TracPipe* sizing tables or tables found in National Fuel Gas Code NFPA 54. This method is known as the "Branch Length Method". Pressure drop in a low pressure system is usually limited to 1/2 inch water column over the system.
- 2. Elevated pressure systems incorporate two operating pressures downstream of the utility meter set. The first pressure, set by the service regulator at the meter, is usually 2 PSI. This part of the system is sized separately and ends at the pounds-to-inches regulator. The allowable pressure loss for this part of the system must be added to the effect of the regulator to determine the available pressure at the regulator outlet. The chart in Section 4.8B shows pressure losses for maximum loads through the regulator.
- For a 2 PSI system, the proper drop is usually 1 PSI for this part of the system; this allows for the approximate 3/4 PSI regulator drop downstream and provides the 1/4 PSI (6-7 inches w.c.) necessary for appliances. The regulator reduces the pressure from pounds to 8 inches water column.

This part of the system is sized the same as a low pressure system, except that a special table N-3 is used allowing 3 inches of water column drop. These lines are typically sized for only one appliance load installed as a "home run" from the manifold.

# SECTION 3.2B — SIZING EXAMPLES BRANCH LENGTH METHOD

To size each of the following systems, determine the required size for each section and outlet. To size each section of the system, determine both the total gas load for all appliances and the maximum distance (longest length) in which a particular section delivers gas.

# EXAMPLE 1 LOW PRESSURE SYSTEM SERIES ARRANGEMENT



1. The system presented in figure 3-1 is typical of a single family installation in which there are a limited number of appliances located in one general area. The supply pressure is 6 inches water column and the allowable drop is 1/2 inch.

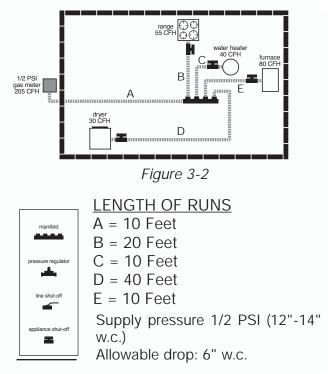
- 2. To size section A, determine the longest run from the meter that includes section A and the total gas load it must deliver:
  - Meter to Furnace is 20 ft. (A+B)
  - Meter to Water Heater is 25 ft. (A+C). This is the longest run.
  - Determine the maximum load transported by Section A
  - Furnace plus Water Heater = 100 cfh (100,000 BTU)
  - Select Table N-1 "Low Pressure 6 inches- 1/2 inch w.c. drop"
  - Using the longest run method, select the column showing the measured length, or the next longest length if the table does not give the exact length. Referring to table N-1 the column for 25 feet of piping shows that sizes 3/8 and 1/2 are too small and the next available size is 3/4 supplying 132 cfh.
  - The correct size is 3/4".
- 3. To size Section B, determine the length of run from the meter to the Furnace and the load delivered:
  - Length is 20 ft (A+B) and load is 65 cfh (65,000 BTU)
  - Table N-1 shows that size 1/2" supplies 67 cfh
  - The correct size is 1/2".
- 4. To size Section C, determine the length of run from the meter to the Water Heater and the load delivered:
  - Length is 25 ft (A+C) and load is 35 cfh (35,000 BTU)
  - Table N-1 shows that size 1/2" is required, because size 3/8" only supplies 27 cfh (27,000 BTU)
  - The correct size is 1/2"

### EXAMPLE 2 MEDIUM

PRESSURE 12-14 INCHES W.C. (1/2 PSI)

1. The system shown in Figure 3-2 is typical of a single family installation with several appliances. The arrangement chosen is

parallel. The MEDIUM PRESSURE SYSTEM (1/2 PSI) allows a higher pressure drop (6 inches Water column) than is available with low pressure systems.



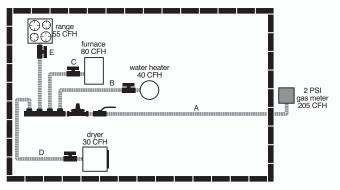
- 2. To size SECTION A, determine the LONGEST RUN from the meter to the furthest appliance.
  - Meter to dryer is 50 feet (10+40) A+D
  - Determine maximum load transported by section A
  - Dryer + Range + Water heater + Furnace = 205 cfh ( 205,000 BTU)
  - Select table N-4 "Medium Pressure 1/2 PSI with 6 inch drop". Table N-4 shows that 1/2" size is too small for 205 cfh at 50 ft. but 3/4" can handle 315 cfh.
  - The correct size is 3/4"
- 3. To size SECTION B, the distance from the meter to the range is 30 ft (10+20) A+B
  - Load is 55 cfh ( 55,000 BTU )
  - Table N-4 shows that 3/8" size can handle 90cfh
  - The correct size for section B is 3/8"
- 4. To size SECTION C, the distance from the meter to the water heater is 20 ft (10+10) A+C
  - Load is 40 cfh (40,000 BTU)
  - Table N-4 shows that that 3/8" size

can handle 112cfh

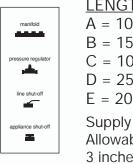
- The correct size for section C is 3/8"
- 5. To size SECTION D, the distance from the meter to the dryer is 50 ft (10+40) A+D
  - Load is 30 cfh ( 30,000 BTU )
  - Table N-4 shows that that 3/8" size can handle 69cfh at 50 feet
  - The correct size for section D is 3/8"
- 6. To size SECTION E, the distance from the meter to the furnace is 20 ft (10+10) A+E
  - Load is 80 cfh (80,000 BTU)
  - Table N-4 shows that that 3/8" size can handle 112cfh at 20 feet
  - The correct size for section E is 3/8"

### EXAMPLE 3 ELEVATED PRESSURE 2 PSI SYSTEM PARALLEL ARRANGEMENT

- 1. The system shown in figure 3-3 is adapted for multifamily or single family application with an extended (100 feet) tubing run from the meter to the regulator The 2 PSI system is well adapted to handle the long runs required in multifamily buildings with centralized meter banks.
- 2. To size section A determine the entire gas load it will deliver







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LENGTH OF RUNS
A = 100 Feet
B = 15 Feet
C = 10 Feet
D = 25 Feet
E = 20 Feet
Supply pressure 2 PSI Allowable drop: 1 PSI up to reg. 3 inches w.creg. to appliance

- furnace + water heater + dryer + range = 80 cfh + 40 cfh + 30 cfh + 55cfh = 205 cfh (205,000 BTUH) Select Table N-5 "Elevated Pressure 2 PSI with 1 PSI drop" This is the standard table chosen to stay within the Maxitrol 325-3 regulator capacity. See note below.
- Length is 100 ft.
- Table N-5 shows that 3/8" size is too small for 205 cfh but 1/2" can handle 222cfh.
- The correct size is 1/2"
- 3. To size each of the other sections:

Select Table N-3 " Regulator Outlet 8.0 inches w.c with a drop of 3.0 inches w.c

- Section B is 15 feet with a 40 cfh load 3/8" has a capacity of 90 cfh
- Section C is 10 feet with a 80 cfh load 3/8" has a capacity of 112 cfh
- Section D is 25 feet with a 30 cfh load 3/8" has a capacity of 69 cfh
- Section E is 20 feet with a 55 cfh load 3/8" has a capacity of 78 cfh
- The correct size for all these runs is 3/8"

NOTE: at 250 cfh gas flow the FGP-REG-3 regulator contributes 3/4 PSI drop to the system. (see chart below). The low pressure part of the system downstream of the regulator requires the standard 1/4 PSI to power appliances. Deducting the 3/4 psi drop and the 1/4 psi load the maximum allow-able drop for the meter run is 1 psi. Start with 2 PSI - 3/4 drop for regulator - 1/4 left for Appliance = 1 PSI drop for section A.

### **Capacities and Pressure Drop**

Pressure Drop through Regulator Based on flow in cubic feet per hour

P/N	7" w.c.	1/2 psi	3/4 psi	1 psi
FGP-REG-3	145	204	250	289
FGP-REG-5A	338	476	583	673
FGP-REG-7L	690	972	1191	1375

### EXAMPLE 4 MEDIUM PRESSURE 12-14 INCHES W.C. 1/2 PSI) PARALLEL SYSTEM WITH A SERIES BRANCH

 The system shown in Figure 3-4 has a barbeque installed nearby the range. A parallel arrangement was chosen for the medium pressure system (12 inch W.C. with 6 inches W.C. drop) with a single run feeding both range and barbeque in series.

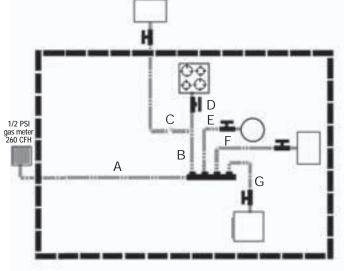
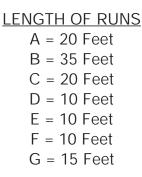


Figure 3-4



- 2. To size SECTION A, determine the length of the longest run from the meter and the entire gas load it must deliver:
  - Range + Barbeque + Water heater + Furnace +Dryer = 260 CFH (260,000 BTUH).
  - Meter to barbeque is 75 ft (A+B+C) This is the longest length
  - Select Table N-4 Medium Pressure. Table N-4 shows that 1" is required for 260 CFH at 75 ft (using next longer distance 80 ft column)
  - The correct size is 1"

3. To size SECTION B, the line from the manifold serves both the range and the barbeque.

- Total load is 105 CFH (105,000 BTUH)
- Longest length is 75 feet (A+B+C) from the meter to the barbeque
- Table N-4 shows that size 1/2" can handle 116 CFH at 80 ft
- The correct size is 1/2"

4. To size SECTION C, the distance from the meter to the barbeque is 75 ft (A+B+C)

- Load is 55 CFH (55,000 BTUH).
- Table N-4 shows that size 3/8" can only handle 54 CFH at 80 ft
- The correct size is 1/2"

5. To size SECTION D, the distance from the meter to the range is 65 ft (A+B+D)

- Load is 50 CFH (50,000 BTUH).
- Table N-4 shows that size 3/8" can handle 58 CFH at 70 ft
- The correct size is 3/8"

6. To size SECTION E, the distance from the meter to the water heater is 30 ft (A+F)

- Load is 40 CFH (40,000 BTUH).
- Table N-4 shows that size 3/8" can handle 81 CFH at 70 ft
- The correct size is 3/8"

7. To size SECTION F, the distance from the meter to the furnace is 30 ft (A+E)  $\,$ 

- Load is 80 CFH (80,000 BTUH).
- Table N-4 shows that size 3/8" can handle 81 CFH at 30 ft
- The correct size is 3/8"

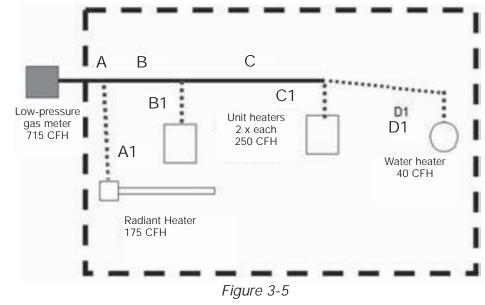
8. To size SECTION G, the distance from the meter to the dryer is 35 ft (A+G)

- Load is 35 CFH (35,000 BTUH).
- Table N-4 shows that size 3/8" can handle 78 CFH at 40 ft
- The correct size is 3/8"

# SECTION 3.2C — SIZING HYBRID SYSTEMS

(Black Iron and *TracPipe* Combination)

To size a commercial or a residential system with a rigid black iron trunk line and flexible *TracPipe* branches feeding the appliances, you will need both the standard gas piping capacity tables for black iron printed in many plumbing and mechanical codes (and contained in both National and International Fuel Gas Code) and the *TracPipe* Capacity Tables printed later in this manual.



LENGTH OF RUNS A = 15 Feet C = 20 Feet A1 = 45 Feet C1 = 5 Feet B = 15 Feet D1 = 20 Feet B1 = 10 Feet

EXAMPLE 5 LOW PRESSURE HYBRID SYS-TEM (Black Iron and *TracPipe* Combination) SERIES ARRANGEMENT

- 1. The system shown in figure 3-5 is a typical commercial building with 4 appliances. The gas pressure for this example is standard low pressure with 6-inch supply pressure and 0.5-inch pressure drop.
- 2. To determine rigid pipe size (section A) determine the longest run from the meter to the furthest appliance:

Meter to Water Heater Add A + B + C + D1 = 70 ft.

Total Load is 715 CFH (715,000 BTU)

Section A correct size is 1 1/2 inch black pipe

- To determine rigid pipe size (section B) reduce load by the load carried in section A1 to Radiant Heater (175 CFH). Use same number for length: 70 ft. is longest run. Load for this section is 540 CFH Section B correct size is 1 1/2 inch black pipe
- 4. To determine rigid pipe size (section C)

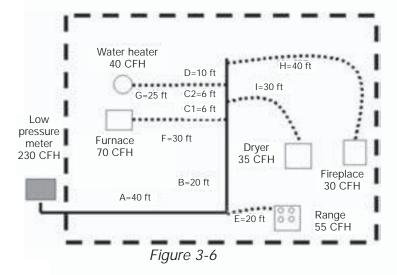
reduce load further by the load carried in section B1 to first unit heater (250 CFH). Use same number for length: 70 ft. is longest run.

Load for this section is 290 CFH

Section C correct size is 1 1/4 inch black pipe

- 5. To determine *TracPipe* sizing for the branch runs the length to be used is the total length of black pipe plus TracPipe from the meter to that appliance. The load used is the load of the individual piece of equipment.
- To determine the size of *TracPipe* (section D1) the length is 70 ft and the load is 40 CFH. Using Table N-1: Section D correct size is 3/4 inch
- To determine the size of *TracPipe* (section C1) the length is 55 ft and the load is 250 CFH. Using Table N-1: Section C1 correct size is 1 1/2 inch
- To determine the size of *TracPipe* (section B1) the length is 40 ft and the load is 250 CFH. Using Table N-1: Section B1 correct size is 11/4 inch
- 9. To determine the size of *TracPipe* (section A1) the length is 60 ft and the load is 175 CFH. Using Table N-1: Section A1 correct size is 11/4 inch

EXAMPLE 6 LOW PRESSURE HYBRID SYS-TEM (Black Iron and *TracPipe* Combination) SERIES ARRANGEMENT

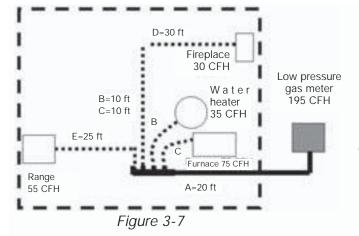


- 1. The system presented in figure 3-6 is a typical residence with 5 appliances. The supply pressure is 7 inches w.c. The allowable drop is 1-inch w.c. total. (black iron drop is 0.5 in. w.c. and *TracPipe* drop is 0.5 in. w.c.) Note: Check with your local inspection department and/or gas utility before sizing any low-pressure system with a total drop of more than 0.5 in. w.c.
- 2. The black iron trunk line (A+B+C1+C2+D) will first be sized for a drop of 0.5 in., w.c. in accordance with the standard method (longest total run) and each *TracPipe* branch run to an appliance will then be sized for 1.0 in w.c. drop based on the length from that appliance back to the meter. The maximum pressure drop to each appliance will be 1.0-inch w.c.
- The longest total run is 120 ft. (total length of all black iron sections and *TracPipe* section to the furthest appliance). The total load is 70+40+55+35+30=230 CFH. Correct size for A is 1-1/4"
- Section B, the longest run remains 120 ft but the load is reduced to 175 CFH. Correct size is 1".

- 5. Section C1, the longest run is 120 ft and load is reduced to 105. Correct size is 1".
- 6. Section C2, the longest run is 120 ft and load is reduced to 70. Correct size is 3/4".
- 7. Section D, the longest run is 120 ft and load is reduced to 30. Correct size is 1/2".
- Section E, length is 60 ft and the load is 55 CFH. From Table N-1 the correct size is 3/4".
- Section F, length is 90 ft and the load is 70 CFH. From Table N-1 the correct size is 3/4".
- 10. Section G, length is 95 ft and the load is 40 CFH. From Table N-1 the correct size is 3/4".
- 11. Section H, length is 120 ft and the load is 30 CFH. From Table N-1 the correct size is 3/4".
- 12. Section I, length is 95 ft and the load is 35 CFH. From Table N-1 the correct size is 3/4".

EXAMPLE 7 LOW PRESSURE HYBRID STEEL PIPE AND *TRACPIPE*-PARALLEL ARRANGE-MENT-MANIFOLD-USING THE LONGEST RUN METHOD

1. The system presented in figure 3-7 is typical of a residential installation with four appliances. The supply pressure is 7-8 inches water column. The system will be sized with 0.5 inches w. c. drop for the steel pipe trunk line and 1 inch w.c. drop for the *TracPipe* branches. (Note: confirm that pressure drops larger than 0.5 inches water column are permitted in your jurisdiction)



- 2. To size the steel pipe trunk line, determine the longest run from the meter to any appliance and the total load. The longest run is to the fireplace.
  - Meter to fireplace is 50 ft (A + D)

• Total load is 195 CFH (75 + 35 + 30 + 55) Using steel pipe Table SP-1 (page 77) following the 50 ft column down, the correct size for the steel pipe is 1".

- 3. To determine the size of the *TracPipe* run "C" to the furnace use the load through that branch (75 CFH) and calculate the length from the meter to the furnace.
  - Meter to furnace is 30 ft (A + B)

• Furnace load is 75 CFH

Using Table N-2A the 1.0-inch w.c. pressure drop chart for *TracPipe*. Follow the 30 ft column down, the correct size for the furnace branch line "C" is 1/2".

- 4. To determine the size of the *TracPipe* run "B" to the water heater use the load through that branch (35 CFH) and calculate the length from the meter to the water heater.
  - Meter to water heater is 30 ft (A + C)
  - Water heater load is 35 CFH

Using Table N-2A the 1.0-inch w.c. pressure drop chart for *TracPipe*. Follow the 30 ft column down, the correct size for the water heater branch line "B" is 1/2".

5. To determine the size of the *TracPipe* run "D" to the fireplace use the load through that branch (30 CFH) and calculate the length from the meter to the fireplace.

- Meter to fireplace is 50 ft (A + D)
- Fireplace load is 30 CFH

Using Table N-2A the 1.0-inch w.c. pressure drop chart for *TracPipe*. Follow the 50 ft column down, the correct size for the fireplace branch line "D" is 1/2".

- 6. To determine the size of the *TracPipe* run "E" to the range use the load through that branch (30 CFH) and calculate the length from the meter to the range.
  - Meter to range is 45 ft (A + E)
  - Range load is 55 CFH

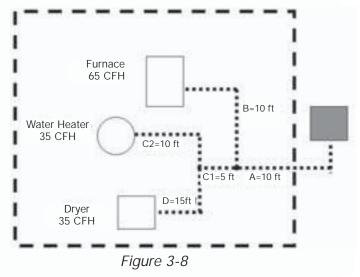
Using Table N-2A the 1.0-inch w.c. pressure drop chart for *TracPipe*. Follow the 50 ft column down, the correct size for the range branch line "D" is 1/2".

# SECTION 3.2D — ALTERNATE SIZING METHOD: SUM OF PRESSURE LOSS CALCULATIONS

1. In addition to the longest run sizing method, there is another approach to pipe sizing, which yields results closer to the actual friction loss results (obtained from testing) for each section of an installed gas piping system. This engineered "Sum of Pressure approach Loss Calculations" avoids the simplified, conservative approximations of the longest run method. Mechanical engineers who design piping systems understand that placing a building's entire load (theoretically) at the farthest equipment outlet is not only inaccurate but will often yield pipe sizes which are larger than necessary. The longest run method was devised at a time when gas utilities could not always guarantee a constant pressure at every meter during times of high demands; it is a conservative approach and, although it is the customary sizing approach in North America, other engineered calculations are permitted by most codes.

- 2. Pressure Loss Calculations which sum up friction losses in each section of a gas piping system can provide a system design with more accurate and possibly smaller piping diameters than the traditional longest run method. These calculations utilize pressure loss charts for each size of CSST, which have been developed from actual test results. The maximum flow capacity is predicted with more precision than with the longest run method. The Sum of Pressure Loss method is described below with tables providing pressure loss per foot based upon the total load supplied by that length of pipe with all appliances operating.
- 3. The system designer has simply to determine the load and the length for each run. A tentative size is chosen and pressure loss in that leg is determined by multiplying the loss per foot (inches w.c. from the chart) by the length. Starting at the meter and working outward the pressure loss for each leg is then summed up until the farthest appliance is reached. The total calculated loss is then compared with the allowable loss, which must not be exceeded from the meter to the farthest appliance. The allowable pressure loss for each system is the responsibility of the system designer, based on model codes and on the available pressure at the meter set (or second stage regulator) and the pressure required for each appliance (usually found on the manufacturer's data plate.) Current language in many model codes states: The allowable loss under maximum probable flow conditions, from the point of delivery to the inlet connection of the appliance, shall be such that the supply pressure at the appliance is greater that the "minimum inlet pressure" as stated on the appliance manufacturers data plate. If the initial proposed design calculation yields a total pressure loss, which is higher than allowed, simply go back and calculate again with larger sizes, starting from the meter.

USING SUM OF PRESSURE LOSS METHOD



EXAMPLE 8 LOW PRESSURE SYSTEM SERIES ARRANGEMENT

- The system presented in figure 3-8 is similar to that in 3-1, a single-family installation with the addition of one more appliance, a dryer. The supply pressure is 6 inches water column and the allowable pressure drop is 1/2 inch.
- 2. To size section A, calculate the load carried by that section:

• Furnace plus Water Heater plus Dryer = 135 CFH (135,000 BTU) Using Table PD-1 find pressure loss at 135 MBTU load through 3/4" *TracPipe* Average of .019 and .022 is .021. Drop per foot is 0.021; multiply by length 10 feet = 0.21 drop

3. To size section B find the drop per foot for the load carried by that section:
65 CFH (MBTU)
Using Table PD-1 find pressure loss at 65 MBTU through 1/2" *TracPipe*Use the average of loss between 60 and 70 MBTU: Average of .019 and .027 is .023 ; Drop per foot is 0.023 Multiply by length 10 feet = 0.23 drop
Sum pressure loss meter to Furnace 0.21 + 0.23 = .44 inches w.c
This leg is sized properly at 1/2" because sum of loss is less than .5 in. w.c.

4. To size section C1 find the drop per foot for the load carried by that section:
70 CFH (MBTU)
Using Table PD-1 find pressure loss at 70 MBTU load through 1/2"
TracPipe
Drop per foot is .027; length is 5

ft; 5 X .027 is .135

 To size section C2 find the drop per foot for the load carried by that section: 35 CFH (MBTU)

Using Table PD-1 find pressure loss at 35 CFH load through 1/2" *TracPipe* 

Average of .008 and .004 is .006; length is 10 ft; 10X .006 is .06 Sum pressure loss to water heater 0.21 + .135 + .06 = .405 inches w.c

This leg is sized properly at 1/2" because sum of loss is less than .5 in. w.c.

6. To size section D find the drop per foot for the load carried by that section: 35 CFH (MBTU) Using Table PD-1 find pressure loss at 35 MBTU through 1/2" *TracPipe* Drop per foot is .006 (see number 4 above); Multiply by length 15 feet = .09 Sum pressure loss to dryer 0.21 + 0.135 + .09 = .435 inches w.c.

This leg is sized properly at 1/2" because sum of loss is less than .5 in. w.c.

The sum of pressure loss method allows the addition of an appliance without increasing trunk line size.

EXAMPLE 9 LOW PRESSURE HYBRID SYS-TEM (Steel Pipe and *TracPipe* Combination) SERIES ARRANGEMENT USING SUM OF PRESSURE LOSS METHOD

1. The system presented in figure 3-9 is identical to that in Figure 3-6: a singlefamily installation with 5 appliances. Low pressure 6-7 inches and a pressure drop of 0.5 inches water column. NOTE: in Example 6 this system was sized using the longest run method. Here we will use the sum of pressure loss method discussed in section 3.2D.

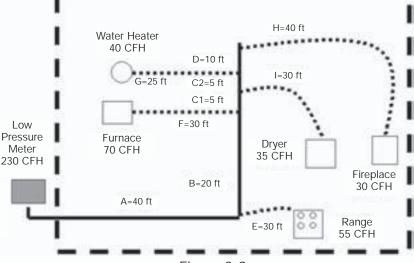


Figure 3-9

- 2. Begin by using pipe sizes determined in Example 6 and determine if these are correct with this method. It is possible that smaller pipe sizes may be sufficient; this will be determined by calculating the sum of pressure losses from the meter to each appliance. To use this method a tentative size will be assigned to each run and this size will be confirmed or revised by the calculation. The sum total loss of a run from the meter to the appliance cannot exceed the allowable pressure loss.
- 3. To determine pressure loss through section A (steel pipe trunk), use the load through that section (230 CFH) and find pressure loss per foot from the steel pipe Schedule 40 Pressure Drop Curves Graph Table SP-1. The 1 1/4 inch pipe diameter line intersects the 230 CFH line at a pressure drop of .18 inches w.c. per 100 feet of length. Multiply the length: 40 feet by the loss per foot: 0.0018. The pressure loss for this section is 0.072.
- 4. To determine pressure loss through section B we use the load through that section (175 CFH). Find pressure loss for 1" size from the steel pipe graph in Table SP-1 - 0.6 per 100 feet. Multiply the length: 20 feet by the loss per foot: 0.006. The pressure loss for this section is 0.12.

- To determine pressure loss through section C1 we use the load through that section (105 CFH). Find pressure loss for 1" size from the steel pipe graph 0.2 per 100 feet. Multiply the length: 5 feet by the loss per foot: 0.002. The pressure loss for this section is 0.01.
- To determine pressure loss through section C2 we use the load through that section (70 CFH). Find pressure loss for 3/4" size from the steel pipe graph 0.38 per 100 feet. Multiply the length: 5 feet by the loss per foot: 0.0038. The pressure loss for this section is 0.019.
- To determine pressure loss through section D we use the load through that section (30 CFH). Find pressure loss for 1/2" size from the steel pipe graph 0.31 per 100 feet. Multiply the length: 10 feet by the loss per foot: 0.0031. The pressure loss for this section is 0.031.
- 8. To determine pressure loss through section E (*TracPipe* drop to the range), use the load through that section (55 CFH) and find pressure loss from Table PD-1 Pressure Drop per Foot for *TracPipe*. Trying the 3/4 inch column we find .004 inches per foot length (there is no 55 CFH load listed, so we use 60 CFH). Multiply the length: 30 feet by the loss per foot .004. The pressure loss for this section is 0.12. Add the loss of section A to the loss of section E for total loss from the meter to range. 0.072 + 0.12 = 0.192. Since this is less than the 0.5 allowable drop the correct size for section E is 3/4".
- To determine pressure loss through section F (*TracPipe* drop to the furnace), use the load (70 CFH) and find pressure loss from Table PD-1. In the 3/4" column we find 0.005. Multiply the length: 30 feet by 0.005. The pressure loss for this section is 0.15.

Add the loss of sections A + B to the loss of section F for total loss from meter to furnace. 0.072 + 0.12 + 0.15 = 0.342. The correct size for section F is 3/4".

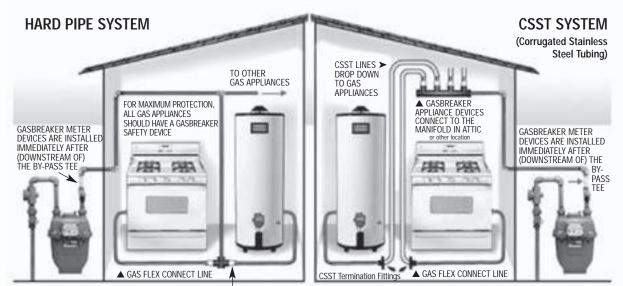
- 10. To determine pressure loss through section G (*TracPipe* drop to the water heater), use the load (40 CFH) and find pressure loss from Table PD-1. In the 1/2" column we find 0.008. Multiply the length: 25 feet by 0.008. The pressure loss for this section is 0.20. Add the loss of sections A + B + C1 + C2 to the loss of section G for total loss from meter to furnace. 0.072 + 0.12 + 0.01 + 0.019 + 0.20 = 0.421. The correct size for section G is 1/2".
- 11. To determine pressure loss through section H (*TracPipe* drop to the fireplace), use the load (30 CFH) and find pressure loss from Table PD-1. In the 1/2" column we find 0.004. Multiply the length: 40 feet by 0.004. The pressure loss for this section is 0.16. Add the loss of sections A + B + C1 + C2 + D to the loss of section H for total loss from meter to furnace. 0.072 + 0.12 + 0.01 + 0.019 + 0.031 + 0.16 = 0.412. The correct size for section H is 1/2".
- 12. To determine pressure loss through section I (*TracPipe* drop to the dryer), use the load (35 CFH) and find pressure loss from Table PD-1. In the 1/2" column we find 0.006. Multiply the length: 30 feet by 0.006. The pressure loss for this section is 0.18. Add the loss of sections A + B + C1to the loss of section I for total loss from meter to dryer. 0.072 + 0.12 + 0.01 + 0.18 = 0.382. The correct size for section I is 1/2". Using the Sum of Pressure Loss Method we calculate that three of the five *TracPipe* sections (when compared with the longest length method) can utilize reduced sizes to deliver the necessary load with a pressure loss equal to or less than the allowable 0.5 inches water column. This enables the installer to use 1/2" *TracPipe* on all but the furnace and range drops, which remain 3/4".

# SECTION 3.3 — GASBREAKER<sup>®</sup> EXCESS FLOW DEVICES FOR CSST AND STEEL PIPE GAS SYSTEMS

GasBreaker excess flow devices protect against residential and commercial gas line breaks. GasBreakers work in conjunction with *TracPipe* and other brands of CSST at the gas meter as well as at the appliance manifold. GasBreakers should be connected directly to the manifold at the point between the manifold and the appliance gas lines, which will offer increased safety for the building occupants. The charts used to size CSST systems below are for use with TracPipe flexible gas piping only. (For other CSST brands, size the piping by assuming that the load for that section of pipe is the maximum load of the excess flow device chosen).

1. GASBREAKER LOW PRESSURE DEVICES EXCESS FLOW FOR GAS PROPANE AND NATURAL SERVICE. An excess flow device is a protective device to help control the discharge of fuel gas in the event of a complete breakage of pipe lines or flex connector rupture. Excess Flow Devices have been of help in limiting gas loss in many incidents involving breakage of piping. Thus, they do provide a useful safety function in gas systems. This section explains what protection Excess Flow Devices can offer, points out conditions which can interfere with that protection, and offers suggestions for effective Excess Flow Device installation.

- 2. INSTALLATION OF GASBREAKER DEVICES ON GAS METERS. The GasBreaker device can be installed downstream of the gas company meter and bypass tee outlet using standard pipe fittings and procedures. GasBreaker Meter Devices must be installed within 5 degrees of the vertical position with the flow arrow pointing upward in the direction of flow.
- 3. INSTALLATION OF GASBREAKER **APPLIANCE** DFVICES. GasBreaker devices should be connected directly to the manifold at the point between the manifold and the gas appliance lines. If there is no manifold, the devices could be located at the tee or fitting where the appliance drop attaches to the trunk line. All GasBreaker devices except series 120 appliance device must be installed in the vertical position (within 5 degrees) with the flow arrow pointing upward in the direction of flow. The series 120 appliance device can be installed in a vertical or horizontal position with the flow arrow pointing in the direction of flow.



GASBREAKER APPLIANCE SAFETY DEVICES ARE INSTALLED WHERE THE HARD PIPE CONNECTS TO THE APPLIANCE GAS FLEX LINES

# SECTION 3.4 — SIZING INSTRUCTIONS FOR GASBREAKER DEVICES USED WITH CSST/TRACPIPE SYSTEMS

SECTION 3.4A — METER DEVICES (SERIES FGP-GB300, FGP-GB400, FGP-GB600)

- 1. Choose the GasBreaker Meter Device from Table 3.1 based on the total capacity of the gas piping system served by that meter.
- 2. Using the appropriate GasBreaker Capacity Chart "Table N-1GB GasBreaker Low Pressure" or "Table N-5GB GasBreaker (2psi system)" based upon system pressure; determine the size of CSST, which will supply the necessary total capacity of that meter. This size of CSST is designed to allow the GasBreaker device to act as a safety shut-off device in the event of a complete breakage of the main downstream trunk line piping. Note: GasBreakers installed at the meter are not designed to protect against breakage of piping downstream that has been reduced from the initial size or appliance branch piping.

# SECTION 3.4B — APPLIANCE DEVICES (SERIES FGP-GB090, FGP-GB120, FGP-GB150)

- 1. Elevated Pressure 2 PSI system (Manifold with parallel arrangement)
- a. Choose the appropriate size device ("Max. Load Capacity (BTU/hr)" column) for each manifold outlet from Table 3.1. Select a device with sufficient capacity to supply the appliance(s) connected to the outlet.
- b. Using GasBreaker Capacity Chart "Table N-3GB GasBreaker Dual Pressure System" determine size of TracPipe CSST which will carry the required load for the distance from the manifold to the appliance(s). This size of CSST is designed to allow the GasBreaker device to act as a safety shut-off device in the event of a complete breakage of downstream pipe lines or flex connector rupture.

- 2. Series System Low Pressure
  - a. When there is no manifold, the devices should be located at the tee or fitting where the appliance drop attaches to the trunk line. If this is a concealed location, follow local codes.
  - b. Choose the appropriate size device ("Max. Load Capacity (BTU/hr)" column) for each appliance from Table 3.1. Select a device with sufficient capacity to supply the appliance(s) connected to that drop.
  - c. Using GasBreaker Capacity Chart "Table N-1GB GasBreaker Low Pressure" determine size of TracPipe CSST which will carry the required load for the distance from the meter to the appliance(s). This size of CSST is designed to allow the GasBreaker device to act as a safety shut-off device in the event of a complete downstream breakage of pipe lines or flex connector rupture.

# SECTION 3.4C — SIZING INSTRUCTIONS FOR GASBREAKER DEVICES WITH STEEL PIPE SYSTEMS

- 1. Choose the GasBreaker Device (Appliance or Meter) from Table 3.1, based upon either the capacity of the appliance or the total capacity of the gas piping system served by the meter.
- 2. Using GasBreaker Capacity Chart "Table SP-1GB GasBreaker Steel Pipe Low Pressure" determine the size of CSST, which will supply the necessary capacity of that appliance or meter. This size of CSST will allow the GasBreaker device to act as a safety shut-off device in the event of a complete downstream breakage of pipe lines or flex connector rupture.

Gas Breaker's published limitations, based upon black pipe sizing (*Pipe break open to atmosphere*) are:

Series 300:	For up to 60' of 3/4" and 190'
<b>a</b> 1 1 4 <b>a</b> a	of 1" pipe.
Series 400:	For up to 200' of 1 1/4" pipe
	and 500' of 1 1/2" pipe.
Series 600	

	GasE	Breaker Mod		<i>.</i> es
Product Name	TracPipe Part #	Valve Inlet x Outlet Male - NPT	Max. Load Capacity (BTU/hr)	Maximum Device Closure Flow Rate (SCFH)
GasBreaker	FGP-GB090-075	3/4 x 3/4	70,000	100
GasBreaker	FGP-GB120-050	1/2 x 1/2"Flare	90,000	125
GasBreaker	FGP-GB120-075	3/4 x 5/8"Flare	90,000	125
GasBreaker	FGP-GB150-075	3/4 x 3/4	125,000	160
GasBreaker	FGP-GB300-075	3/4 x 3/4	275,000	320
GasBreaker	FGP-GB300-100	1 X 1	275,000	320
GasBreaker	FGP-GB400-100	1 X 1	375,000	450
GasBreaker	FGP-GB600-100	1 X 1	500,000	660

### TABLE 3.1 Low Pressure Excess Flow Devices GasBreaker Models

Notes:

1) Flow Rates given for 0.6 Specific Gravity Natural Gas with an avg. heating value of 1000 BTU / cu. ft.

2) Abbreviations: "w.c. = inches water column

- SCFH = Standard Cubic Feet per Hour
- 3) Equivalent length pipe calculations MUST use the Maximum  $\Delta P$  across device at Trip AND the Maximum Device Closure Flow Rate to insure that the GasBreaker EFD will act as a safety shut-off device ("Trip" or "Close") under a given set of design conditions. Other  $\Delta P$  values may be found in TABLE 3.2.

# TABLE 3.2 Low Pressure Excess Flow Devices Pressure drop $\Delta P("w.c.)$ at Flow Rates\*

FLOW		Gas	Breaker	MODEL	
(SCFH)	GB090	GB150	GB300	GB400	GB600
50	0.1				
60	0.2	0.1			
70	0.4	0.2			
80	0.6	0.3			
90	0.7	0.4			
100		0.5	0.2		
110		0.7			
120		0.8			
130		1.0			
140		1.2			
150		1.3	0.4		
200			0.7	0.1	0.1
250			1.1	0.3	
300			1.7	0.5	0.5
350				0.8	
400				1.3	1.0
500					1.8
600					2.7

\*Note: When calculating pipe lengths use TABLE 3.1 to insure that the EFD will operate as a safety shut-off device.

Charts	
Capacity	
GasBreaker	

Table N-1GB GasBreaker-TracPipe (Low Pressure System 6-7 in w.c.)

Determine CSST size based upon the GasBreaker Device Chosen and Length of CSST Run Standard Low Pressure (6-7 in w.c.)—Pressure Drop 0.5 in w.c.

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TracPipe P/N	Max.Capacity 0-10 Feet <15 <20 <25 <40 <50 <60 <90 <100 <150 <200 <250	0-10 Feet	<15	<20	<25	<40	<50	<60	06>	<100	<150	<200	<250	<300
Appliance Series					_									
FGP-GB090	70,000	<sup>1</sup> /2"CSST	<sup>1</sup> /2"	3/4"	<sup>3</sup> /4"	3/4"	3/4"	3/4"	3/4"	=	=	=	=	1 <sup>1/4"</sup>
FGP-GB120	000'06	<sup>1</sup> /2"CSST	3/4"	3/4"	<sup>3</sup> /4"	3/4"	3/4"	=	=	=	=	1 <sup>1</sup> /4"	1 <sup>1/4"</sup>	1 <sup>1/4"</sup>
FGP-GB150	125,000	<sup>3</sup> /4"CSST	3/4"	3/4"	<sup>3</sup> /4"	=	=	=	=	1 <sup>1/4</sup> "	1 <sup>1</sup> /4"	1 <sup>1</sup> /2"	1 <sup>1</sup> /2"	1 <sup>1</sup> /2"
Meter Series					_									
FGP-GB300	275,000	1"CSST		1 <sup>1</sup> /4"	1 <sup>1/4</sup> "	1 <sup>1</sup> /4 "	1 <sup>1</sup> /2"	1 <sup>1</sup> /2"	1 1/2"	11/2"	11/2"	1 <sup>1</sup> /2"	2"	2"
FGP-GB400	375,000	1"CSST	1 <sup>1/4</sup> "	1 <sup>1</sup> /4"   1 <sup>1</sup> /2"	1 <sup>1</sup> /2"	11/2"	11/2"	1 <sup>1</sup> /2"	11/2"	11/2"	2"	2"	2"	2"
FGP-GB600	500,000	1 <sup>1/4</sup> "CSST 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	1 <sup>1</sup> /2"	11/2"	11/2"	11/2"	11/2"	11/2"	2"	2"	2"	2"	2"	2"

Distance Range – Length in Feet

NOTE: If you are installing a brand of CSST other than TracPipe, size each run to supply the Max Capacity of the GasBreaker device instead of the capacity of appliances on that run.

Table N-3GB GasBreaker-TracPipe (Dual Pressure System-8 in w.c. -Regulator outlet @ manifold)

Determine CSST size based upon the GasBreaker Device Chosen and Length of CSST Run Regulator Outlet for 2-psi system (8 in w.c. with a Pressure Drop of 3 in w.c.)

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TracPipe P/N	Max. Capacity 0-10 Feet BTU	0-10 Feet	1	<15 <20	<25 <30	<30	<40 <50		<60 <80		06>	<100	<150	<90 <100 <150 <200	<250	<300
Appliance Series																
FGP-GB090	70,000	<sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> "CSST	3/8"	3/8"	<sup>1</sup> /2"	1/2"	<sup>1</sup> /2"	1/2"	<sup>1</sup> /2"	1/2"	1/2"	<sup>1</sup> /2"	<sup>3</sup> /4"	3/4"	3/4"	3/4"
FGP-GB120	000'06	<sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> "CSST	3/8"	<sup>1</sup> /2"	1/2"	1/2"	1/2"	<sup>1</sup> /2"	<sup>1</sup> /2"	3/4"	3/4"	3/4"	3/4"	3/4"	3/4"	3/4"
FGP-GB150	125,000	<sup>1</sup> /2"CSST	1/2"	<sup>1</sup> /2"	<sup>1</sup> /2"	1/2"	3/4"	3/4"	3/4"	3/4"	3/4"	3/4"	<sup>3</sup> /4"	=	=	=
Meter Series																
FGP-GB300	275,000	<sup>3</sup> /4"CSST	3/4"	3/4"	3/4"	3/4"	=	-	-	=	-		1 <sup>1/4</sup> "	1 <sup>1</sup> /4"	11/4"	11/2"
FGP-GB400	375,000	<sup>3</sup> /4"CSST	3/4"	-	-	=		-	-	1 <sup>1</sup> /4"	1 <sup>1</sup> /4"	1 <sup>1/4</sup> "	11/2"	1 <sup>1</sup> /2"	11/2"	1 <sup>1</sup> /2"
FGP-GB600	500,000	1"CSST		=		=	1 <sup>1/4</sup> "	1 <sup>1/4</sup> "	11/4"	1 <sup>1</sup> /4"	1 <sup>1</sup> /2"	11/2"	1 <sup>1</sup> /2"	11/2"	1 <sup>1</sup> /2"	1 <sup>1</sup> /2"

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NOTE: If you are installing a brand of CSST other than TracPipe, size each run to supply the Max Capacity of the GasBreaker device instead of the capac-ity of appliances on that run.

GasBreaker Capacity Charts

Table N-5GB GasBreaker-TracPipe (2-psi system)

Determine CSST size based upon the GasBreaker Device Chosen and Length of CSST Run Meter Outlet for 2-psi system (Elevated Pressure) – Pressure Drop 1-psi

<200 <250 <300 <400 <500		3/4" 3/4" 1" 1" 1"	1" 1"	1" 1" 1" 1 <sup>1</sup> /4" 1 <sup>1</sup> /4"
<100<150 <2			3/4"	
<75 <80			<sup>3</sup> /4" <sup>3</sup> /4"	
<50 <		1/2"		
0 < 40		'' 1/2"		
<25 <30		<sup>1</sup> /2" <sup>1</sup> /2"	<sup>1</sup> /2" <sup>1</sup> /2"	<sup>3</sup> /4" <sup>3</sup> /4"
0-10 Feet <.		<sup>3</sup> /8"CSST <sup>1</sup> /	<sup>1</sup> /2"CSST <sup>1</sup> /	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "CSST <sup>3</sup> /
Max. Capacity 0-10 Feet <		275,000	375,000	500,000
TracPipe P/N	Meter Series	FGP-GB300	FGP-GB400	FGP-GB600

Distance Range - Length in Feet

NOTE: If you are installing a brand of CSST other than TracPipe, size each run to supply the Max Capacity of the GasBreaker device instead of the capac-ity of appliances on that run.

Table SP-1GB GasBreaker Steel Pipe Low Pressure

Determine pipe size based upon the GasBreaker Device Chosen and Length of Run Standard Low Pressure 0.5 psi or less (6-7 in w.c.)—Pressure Drop 0.5 in w.c.

	<300		-	-	1 <sup>1</sup> /4"		11/2"	2"	2"
	<250		=	=	1 <sup>1/4</sup> "		11/2"	1 <sup>1</sup> /2"	2"
	<90 <100 <125 <150 <200		3/4"				1 <sup>1</sup> /4"	11/2"	2"
	<150		3/4"	-1	-		1 <sup>1</sup> /4"	1 <sup>1</sup> /2"	1
	<125		<sup>3</sup> /4"	<sup>3</sup> /4"	=		1 <sup>1/4</sup> "	11/2"	1 <sup>1</sup> /2"
	<100		3/4"	3/4"	=		1 <sup>1/4</sup> "	· 1 <sup>1</sup> /4" ·	1 <sup>1</sup> /2"
	<90		3/4"	3/4"			1 <sup>1</sup> /4"	11/4	$1^{1}/_{2}$
Distance Range – Length in Feet	<60 <70		3/4"	3/4"	3/4"			11/4"	11/2"
ngth II	<60		<sup>3</sup> /4"	<sup>3</sup> /4"	<sup>3</sup> /4"		1 <sup>1</sup> /4"	11/4	1 <sup>1</sup> /4" 1 <sup>1</sup> /4" 1 <sup>1</sup> /4" 1 <sup>1</sup> /4"
e – Le	<20 <30 <40 <50		1/2"	3/4"	3/4"			1 <sup>1</sup> /4"	1 <sup>1/4</sup> "
Kange	<40		1/2"	1/2"	3/4"		-	1 <sup>1</sup> /4"	1 <sup>1</sup> /4"
ance	<30		<sup>1</sup> /2"	<sup>1</sup> /2"	3/4"		-		1 <sup>1/4</sup> "
DISt	<20		<sup>1</sup> /2"	<sup>1</sup> /2"	3/4"		-	=	11/4"
	0-10 Feet		<sup>1</sup> /2"Pipe	<sup>1</sup> /2"Pipe	<sup>1</sup> /2"Pipe		<sup>3</sup> /4"CSST	1"CSST	1"CSST 1
	Max. Capacity 0-10 Feet		70,000	000'06	125,000		275,000	375,000	500,000
	TracPipe P/N	Appliance Series	FGP-GB090	FGP-GB120	FGP-GB150	Meter Series	FGP-GB300	FGP-GB400	FGP-GB600

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# Propane GasBreaker Charts

Table A PROPANE — GasBreaker Low Pressure Excess Flow Devices

OPANE		Nom. Closing		56	93		187	249	373
cu.ft. PR(	SCFH	Max Load		44	78		171	233	311
20 BTU/4		Typ. Load		44	62		109	156	187
GasBreaker Flow Rates in 1.55 S.G./2520 BTU/cu.ft. PROPANE		Typ. Load Max Load Nom. Closing Typ. Load Max Load Nom. Closing		139,988	233,314		466,628	622,171	933,257
kates in 1	Btu/hr	Max Load		108,880	155,543 194,428		272,200 427,743	583,285	466,628 777,714
er Flow F		Typ. Load		108,880	155,543		272,200	388,857 583,285	466,628
GasBreak	TracPipe	P/N	Appliance Device	FGP-GB090 108,880 108,880	FGP-GB150	Meter Devices	FGP-GB300	FGP-GB400	FGP-GB600

Table P-1GB GasBreaker (Propane Low Pressure System 11 in w.c.)-TracPipe

Determine CSST size based upon the GasBreaker Device Chosen and Length of CSST Run Standard Propane Low Pressure (11 in w.c.)—Pressure Drop 0.5 in w.c.

Feet
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Length
Т
Range
Distance

	00		1 <sup>1/4</sup> "	1 <sup>1</sup> /2"		= .	2"	2"
	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~		1-			2	2	7
	<250		-	11/2"		2"	2"	2"
	<200		=	11/2"		1 <sup>1</sup> /2"	2"	2"
	<150		=	1 <sup>1/4</sup> "		11/2"	2"	2"
	<100		=	11/4"		1 <sup>1</sup> /2"	11/2"	2"
	< 90		=	=		1 <sup>1</sup> /2"	11/2"	2"
ממו	<60		3/4"			1 <sup>1</sup> /4"   1 <sup>1</sup> /4"   1 <sup>1</sup> /2"   1 <sup>1</sup> /2"   1 <sup>1</sup> /2"   1 <sup>1</sup> /2"	11/2"	11/2"
חואנשורה המוועה - בהוועווו וו הכו	<50		3/4"			11/2"	1 <sup>1</sup> /2"	11/2"
La La	<40		3/4"	=		1 <sup>1/4</sup> "	1 <sup>1</sup> /2"	1 <sup>1</sup> /2"
ו חחמ	<25		' <sup>3</sup> /4"	3/4"		1 <sup>1/4</sup> "	1 <sup>1/4</sup> "	1 <sup>1</sup> /2"
	<20		<sup>3</sup> /4"	<sup>3</sup> /4"		1 <sup>1/4</sup> "	1 <sup>1/4</sup> "	1 <sup>1</sup> /2"
וווטוכוי	<15		1/2"	<sup>3</sup> /4"		-	1 <sup>1</sup> /4"	11/2"
	0-10 Feet <15 <20 <25 <40 <50 <60 <90 <100 <150 <200 <250 <300		<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "CSST <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	<sup>3</sup> /4"CSST		1"CSST	1"CSST   1 <sup>1</sup> /4"   1 <sup>1</sup> /4"   1 <sup>1</sup> /2"   1 <sup>1</sup> /2"   1 <sup>1</sup> /2"   1 <sup>1</sup> /2"   1 <sup>1</sup> /2"	11/4"CSST 11/2" 11/2" 11/2" 11/2" 11/2" 11/2"
	Max. Capacity BTU		108,880	194,428		427,743	583,285	777,714
	TracPipe P/N	Appliance Series	FGP-GB090	FGP-GB150	Meter Series	FGP-GB300	FGP-GB400	FGP-GB600

# CHAPTER 4 INSTALLATION PRACTICES

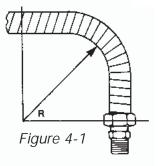
# SECTION 4.1 — GENERAL INSTALLATION PRACTICES

Precautions must be taken to ensure that any exposed flexible piping is not damaged or abused during building construction. All system hardware should be stored in a secure, dry location prior to installation.

- 1. The piping system is for use with fuel gas at operating pressures up to 25 PSI (USA and Canada restriction). *TracPipe* gas piping (3/8" up to 1-1/4" sizes) has been tested and is approved for pressures up to 125 PSI, and may ONLY be used at this pressure with the consent of the local gas utility and code authority. 1-1/2" & 2" size *TracPipe* gas piping has been tested and are approved for pressures up to 25 PSI. Pressure tests up to 125 PSI are permitted on sizes up to 1-1/4".
- 2. Only components provided by OMEGA FLEX or specified as part of the *TracPipe* piping system are to be used in the installation.

DO NOT USE *TRACPIPE* TUBING OR FIT-TINGS WITH TUBING OR FITTINGS OF ANY OTHER MANUFACTURER. INTERMIXING OF CSST TUBING OR FITTING COMPONENTS BETWEEN CSST MANUFACTURERS IS PROHIBITED. CONNECTIONS BETWEEN TWO DIFFERENT BRANDS OF CSST MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED USING STANDARD MALLEABLE IRON FITTINGS.

- 3. Ends of the piping are to be temporarily capped, plugged or taped closed prior to installation and pulling through structure to prevent entrance of dirt, or other debris.
- 4. Contact with sharp objects or harmful substances is to be avoided. <u>Contact with</u> <u>any chemicals containing chlorides or</u> <u>ammonia must be followed by thorough</u> <u>rinse and wipe dry.</u> Typical chloride based chemicals include fluxes used for soldering copper tubes and acid based cleaners such as muriatic acid used for cleaning brickwork. <u>Use only non-corrosive leak</u> <u>detection fluids.</u>
- 5. BENDING *TRACPIPE* Undue stress or strain on the tubing or fittings is to be avoided. Bending flexible gas piping is one feature which contributes to the speed of installation. The recommend-



ed bend radius for general routing of tubing is listed in Table 4-1. Multiple tight bends can restrict the gas flow and increase pressure drop. The tightest bend allowed for each size of *TracPipe* is shown in the chart below. Typical locations

RECOMMENDED MINIMUM BENDING RADIUS FOR FLEXIBLE GAS PIPING	
Table 4-1	

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TUBING SIZE	ABSOLUTE MINIMUM	RECOMMENDED MINIMUM
	BEND RADIUS R	BEND RADIUS R
3/8 inch	9/16 inch	3 inches
1/2 inch	3/4 inch	3 inches
3/4 inch	1 inch	3 inches
1 inch	3 inches	5 inches
1-1/4 inch	3 inches	5 inches
1-1/2 inch	3 inches	5 inches
2 inch	4 inches	6 inches

requiring tight bends are termination mount installations in hollow stud walls.

# 6. SUPPORTING TRACPIPE

Piping shall be supported in a workmanlike manner with pipe straps, bands, brackets or hangers suitable for the size and weight of the piping. *TracPipe* which passes over or through a structural member is considered to be supported by that member.

### 6A. VERTICAL RUNS

Spacing of supports is not to exceed 10 feet, requiring hangers only where the height of each floor is greater than 10 feet.

## 6B. HORIZONTAL RUNS

Spacing of supports Hangers, supports and anchors-Piping shall be supported at intervals not to exceed those shown in Table 4-2. It is acceptable to use standard pipe straps or tubing clips available in metal or plastic materials, OMEGAFLEX has found that the use of two-attachment point plastic clips or metal EMT pipe straps is advisable.

Some plastic clips, especially the "Jclips" designed to support plastic tubing are susceptible to breakage upon subsequent handling by other trades.

### HORIZONTAL OR INCLINED RUNS Table 4-2

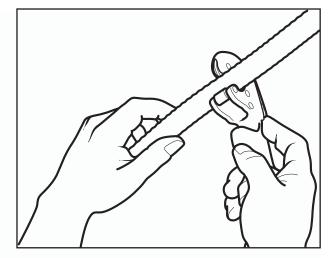
PIPING SIZE	SPACING OF SUPPORTS	
3/8 inch	4 FEET	
1/2 inch	6 FEET	
3/4 inch	8 FT. (USA) 6 FT. (CANADA)	
1 inch	8 FT. (USA) 6 FT. (CANADA)	
1-1/4 inch	8 FT. (USA) 6 FT. (CANADA)	
1-1/2 inch	8 FT. (USA) 6 FT. (CANADA)	
2 inch	8 FT. (USA) 6 FT. (CANADA)	

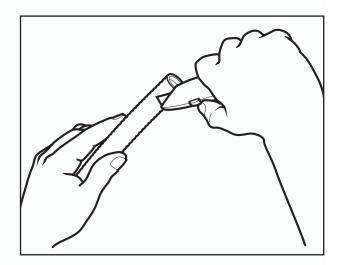
# SECTION 4.2 HOW TO ASSEMBLE *TracPipe* AUTO-FLARE FITTINGS

# INSTRUCTIONS for making Fitting Connections to Flexible Gas Piping

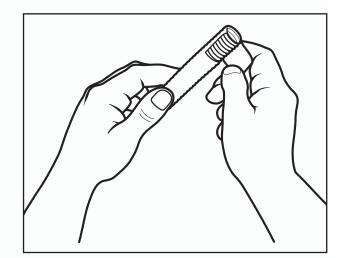
1. CUT-TO-LENGTH: Determine proper length. Cut through plastic jacket and stainless tube using a tube cutter with a sharp wheel. Cut must be centered between two corrugations. Use full circular strokes in one direction and tighten roller pressure slightly (a quarter turn) after each revolution. DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN ROLLER, which may flatten tube.

NOTE: Due to the large diameter and depth of corrugation on sizes over 1", tubing must be cut with a standard tubing cutter RIDGID<sup>TM</sup> 152 or equal using a *TracPipe* cutting wheel no. FGP-E-5272 (P/N E-5272 or equal). CAUTION: Use of a small cutting wheel may flatten the first corrugation and make cutting and/or sealing of fittings difficult.

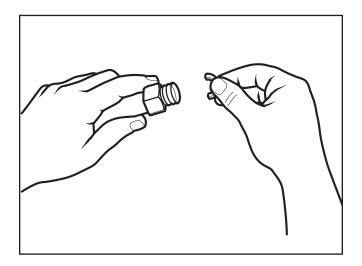




2. STRIP JACKET: Using a utility knife, strip back the jacket approximately one inch to allow assembly of fittings. <u>Caution: For your</u> <u>personnal safety--Knife blade and cut tube ends</u> <u>are both sharp. Use care when cutting the jacket and handling the tube.</u>



INSTRUCTIONS for making Fitting Connections to Flexible Gas Piping (Continued)



4. WRENCH FITTING: Place the adapter into the nut and engage threads. Note that the AutoFlare<sup>®</sup> fitting is designed to form a leak tight seat on the stainless tubing as you tighten the fitting. (The piloting feature of the adapter will not always enter the bore of the tubing before the tightening operation, but will center the fitting when tightened). Using appropriate wrenches, tighten the fitting until adapter bottoms and the resistance to wrenching increases greatly. The flare has now been created on the tubing end.

CAUTION- DO NOT USE ANY THREAD SEALANTS FOR THIS CONNECTION. SEALANTS ARE TO BE USED ON THE PIPE THREAD ONLY.

Flexible Pipe Size	Fitting	Torque Value
3/8" FGP-SS4-375	FGP-FST-375	40 ftlb.
1/2" FGP-SS4-500	FGP-FST-500	42 ftlb.
3/4" FGP-SS4-750	FGP-FST-750	45 ftlb.
1" FGP-SS4-1000	FGP-FST-1000	75 ftlb.
1-1/4" FGP-SS4-1250	FGP-FST-1250	150-200 ftlb.
1-1/2" FGP-SS4-1500	FGP-FST-1500	200-250 ftlb.
2" FGP-SS4-2000	FGP-FST-2000	250-300 ftlb.

Table 4-3

- 5. FINAL TORQUE: Tighten nut and adapter to the torque values shown in Table 4-3. For field installations use the following method: Tighten nut and adaptor as though you were making up a flared tubing joint. Note relation between hex flats at this point and continue to tighten for two additional hex flats (one-third turn) to obtain required torque and final leak-tight seal.

3. INSTALL FITTING NUT: Slide nut over cut end: place two split-rings into the first corrugation next to the tube cut. Slide nut forward to trap the rings.



AutoFlare<sup>®</sup> (Patented) – The Fitting is the Flaring Tool

# SECTION 4.2A — TROUBLE SHOOTING FITTING CONNECTIONS

- 1. The tubing cut is the critical step in the fitup procedure. Always cut in a straight section of piping, rather than an area you have bent. Use light roller pressure applied on every revolution to cut tube evenly around its surface. Remember that this tube has a thinner wall than the copper tube you are accustomed to cutting. A sharp blade is very important, and it will be helpful to reserve one cutter for stainless steel only.
- 2. If the fitting connection cannot be made to seal upon applying torque per the instructions in Section 4.2, continue to tighten an additional quarter to a half turn. If leakage continues, <u>do not continue to apply torque</u>. Disassemble the fitting and inspect the sealing surfaces. The most likely cause of leakage is foreign material on the sealing surfaces. Wipe both fitting and tubing flare with a clean cloth. Inspect the formed flare on the tubing end, which should appear round when compared with the split ring washers and the nut in place. If any deformation is

noted, the tubing can be recut and the fitting re-attached. The patented Autoflare fitting has an insert which is self piloting and <u>does not require special tooling to make a</u> <u>leak proof fitting.</u>

3. REASSEMBLY - When reattaching the AutoFlare fitting, it is only necessary to reinsert the split rings into the space between the first two corrugations and to pull the nut back over the rings into position. The adapter can then be conveniently re-threaded into the nut and torqued as before. If the nut cannot be pulled into place, examine the split-rings, which may have been "coined" by the first torque operation. If this is the case, simply reverse the split-rings positioning to align with the nut and continue the assembly process. If the fitting is reattached more than three times, or if the nut cannot be pulled over the rings in any position, then the split-rings must be replaced. Packets of spare splitrings are available (P/N FGP-RING-SIZE) and the remaining fitting parts can be reused.

#### SECTION 4.3 — ROUTING

Depending on local building codes and construction practice, Flexible gas piping can be routed:

- 1. <u>Beneath floor joists, through floor and ceiling joists, along side of floor and ceiling</u> joists. This is the typical location for residences and commercial buildings with basements and for multi-floor systems.
- 2. <u>Inside hollow interior wall cavities.</u> This is the preferred location for vertical sections of piping, rather than horizontal sections.
- 3. <u>Through approved conduit under ground</u> <u>or under building slabs.</u> When piping runs are located below grade or under a concrete slab, the *TracPipe* shall be routed within a non-metallic water-tight conduit. No tubing joints are permitted within the conduit. Gas piping runs beneath building slabs must be both sleeved and vented to the atmosphere. See Underground Installations Section 4.9 for underground use of *TracPipe PS* and *TracPipePS-II*. *TracPipe PS* and *TracPipePS-II* meet code requirements for underground and under building slab installation.
- 4. Clearance holes for routing the piping through studs, joists, plates etc. shall have a diameter at least 1/2 inch larger than the outside diameter of the piping. When a structural member must be drilled, conformance to building codes must be followed. No structural member shall be seriously weakened or impaired by cutting, notching or otherwise altering the member. Minimum drill hole sizes are listed in Table 4-4.

TUBING SIZE	DRILL HOLE SIZE			
3/8 inch	1-1/8 inch			
1/2 inch	1-3/8 inch			
3/4 inch	1-1/2 inch			
1 inch	1-3/4 inch			
1-1/4 inch	2-1/4 inch			
1-1/2 inch	2-1/2 inch			
2 inch	3 inch			

Table A\_A

For installations involving horizontal runs through galvanized steel studs, the use of plastic grommets supplied by the stud manufacturer is recommended. The use of these grommets will reduce the likelihood of damage to the tubing non-metallic jacket.

#### SECTION 4.3A — CONCEALED LOCATIONS FOR FITTINGS — GENERAL PROVISIONS

The AutoFlare<sup>®</sup> mechanical attachment fittings have been tested and are listed per the requirements of ANSI LC1 and CSA 6.26 Standard (USA and CANADA) This specification provides test requirements which certify fittings for concealed installations and connections to appliances where concealing the fittings is the only practical alternative.

These guidelines address some of the known situations which may require the use of a concealed fitting. While accessibility of fittings may be desirable there are often situations where concealing the fittings is the only practical option. This guide cannot address all applications of concealed fittings but provides instead typical instructions to demonstrate the principles which apply to fittings listed for installation in concealed locations (Ref National Fuel Gas Code NFPA54 Chapter 6).

#### EXCLUSIONS:

1. Manifold Stations (for 2 PSI systems) which include the multiport manifold, shut off valve, and pressure regulator <u>shall not</u> <u>be installed in concealed locations</u> regardless of the qualifications of tubing fittings.

#### NEW INSTALLATIONS:

- 1. CSST may be connected to steel piping systems through threaded pipe connections. This can be a stub-out to an appliance connection or outdoors to a meter, etc.
- 2. Flexible piping connections to fireplace "key valves" can be located in a concealed location, when accessibility is not readily

provided. See Illustrations 1 & 2 for typical key valve mountings.

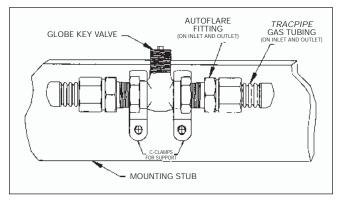


Illustration 1

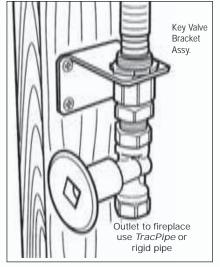


Illustration 2

 Multiple gas outlets – when multiple outlets are supplied from a single run of piping, each downstream outlet branch can be connected to the main run using a tee fitting which can be located in a concealed location.

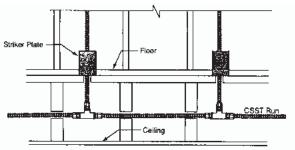


Figure 4-2 Multiple outlets along main tubing run

### MODIFICATIONS TO INSTALLED SYSTEMS:

1. New ceilings in unfinished rooms/basements-

Flexible piping fittings originally installed in accessible ceiling locations can be concealed at a later date in the event that a ceiling is installed. Precautions shall be taken to ensure that the newly concealed piping and fittings are adequately protected from accidental puncture in accordance with the instructions in this guideline.

- 2. Extensions to existing tubing runs-A tubing run can be modified to permit an extension to another appliance location provided there is sufficient capacity to supply both appliances at the same time. If an accessible location for the modification is not available, the existing tubing run can be modified with a tee fitting, resulting in a concealed fitting.
- 3. **Repairs to existing tubing runs**-Damaged tubing runs shall be repaired in accordance with instructions in this guide (Section 5.2). The repair can result in a line splice which may ultimately be located in a concealed location.

#### SECTION 4.3B — OUTDOOR INSTALLATION ISSUES

The following section provides instructions for the use of *TracPipe* in systems in which portions of the piping are exposed to the outdoors as required to make connections to gas meters or appliances which are attached to, mounted on, or located in close proximity to the building structure. ANSI/IAS LCI-CSA 6-26-1997 contains test requirements determining suitability for exposure of CSST piping systems to outdoor environments. *TracPipe* is certified to this standard and is fully qualified for outdoor installations. The *TracPipe* yellow jacket contains UV inhibiters to retard jacket degradation when exposed to long periods of sunlight.

1. When installed outdoors, the plastic jacketing shall remain intact as much as practical for the given installation. Any portions of exposed stainless steel shall be wrapped with self bonding silicone tape sealing the fitting connection to prevent later corrosive attack by acid wash or chloride based compounds. (See Figures 4-3A & 4-3B)

- 2. When *TracPipe* is installed in a swimming pool mechanical room or exposed to a corrosive environment which may be harmful to the tubing, all exposed portions of the stainless steel tubing shall be wrapped with selfbonding tape. (See Figures 4-3A & 4-3B)
- 3. When installed along the side of a structure (between the ground and a height of 6 feet) in an exposed condition, the *TracPipe* shall be installed in a location which will not subject the piping to mechanical damage or be protected inside a conduit.

#### NOTE: For support and protection, OmegaFlex recommends that outside runs along the side of a building be clipped securely to the wall or other structural component.

- 4. *TracPipe* shall not be buried directly in the ground or embedded in concrete unless it is sleeved inside of a non-metallic (PVC or *TracPipe PS* or *PS-II* Polyethylene) water tight conduit. The conduit shall be sealed at any exposed end to prevent water from entering. See instructions for underground installations Section 4.9.
- 5. When installed underneath mobile homes or in crawl spaces, *TracPipe* shall be installed in accordance with these standard outdoor instructions.

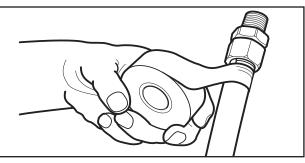


Figure 4-3A Wrapping with self bonding silicone tape - begin on jacket.

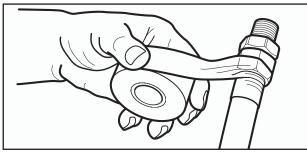


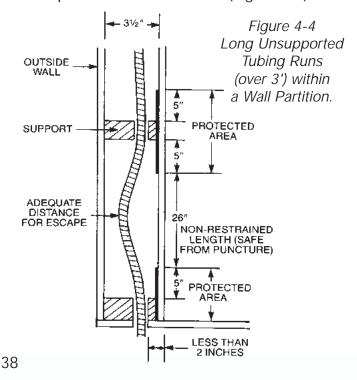
Figure 4-3B Wrapping with self bonding silicone tape - end on nut.

#### SECTION 4.4 — PROTECTION

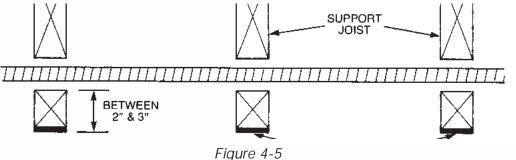
The flexible gas piping must be adequately protected from puncture, shear, crush or other physical damage threats. The tubing shall be protected at points of support and when passing through structural members such as studs, joists and plates in accordance with this section. PROTECTION IS REQUIRED WHENEVER THE TUBING IS CONCEALED, RESTRAINED, AND WITHIN 3 INCHES OF A POTENTIAL THREAT. If the tubing requires protection, the following measures should be taken.

#### SECTION 4.4A — STRIKER PLATE REQUIREMENTS

- Install shielding devices i.e. striker plates to protect the tubing from penetration by drill bits, nails, screws, etc. in those areas where the tubing will be concealed and will not be free to move to avoid such puncture threats.
   NOTE: Only CSA approved hardened striker plates listed for CSST systems may be used.
  - a. At support points and points of penetration less than 2 inches away from any edge of a stud, joist, plate, etc. shielding is required at the area of support and within 5 inches of each side (if appropriate). Use a half striker or a full striker plate in these locations. (Figure 4-4)



 b. At support points and points of penetration 2 to 3 inches from any edge of stud, joist plate, etc. shielding is required throughout area of support. Use a quarter striker plate in these locations. (Figure 4-5) include: (but are not limited to) outside walls of buildings with sheathing in place, between floors with enclosed joist areas, and retrofits in existing buildings with walls in place. Steel pipe having an inner diameter at least one-



Shielding Requirements at Support Area when Points of Penetration are 2-3 inches from any Edge of a Stud, Joist, Plate, etc.

c. Hardened steel striker plates provide the required protection through building structures as described above. Type RW Floppy steel conduit shall be installed as additional protection at termination points. (Figure 4-7)

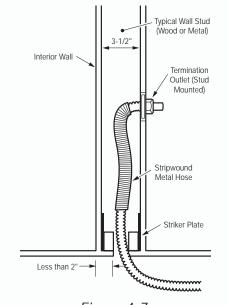


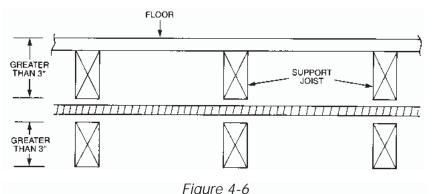
Figure 4-7

- d. When tubing is routed horizontally between studs, install quarter striker plates at each stud and floppy galvanized steel conduit (spiral metal hose) along the entire length.
- e. Schedule 40 steel pipe has been tested by CSA International and found acceptable for puncture protection. Steel pipe can be used where standard striker plates cannot reasonably be installed. Examples of this type of use

half inch larger than the *TracPipe* O.D. is approved by CSA International for this use as an alternate to striker plates. Protection must extend 5 inches beyond the penetration of the structural member(s). A 12 inch pipe length is appropriate for penetration of a single stud. Omegaflex recommends the use of standard striker plates where the building construction permits their installation. See Chart for pipe sizes.

TracPipe Size	Steel PipeSize
3/8 inch	1-1/4 inch
1/2 inch	1-1/4 inch
3/4 inch	1-1/2 inch
1 inch	2 inch
1-1/4 inch	2-1/2 inch
1-1/2 inch	2-1/2 inch
2 inch	3-1/2 inch

- 2. The best protection is to install the tubing in those out of the way areas where testing has shown no protection is necessary, for example:
  - a. Where the tubing is supported more than 3 inches from any outside edge of a stud, joist, plate, etc. or wall surface. (Figure 4-6)
  - b. Where any non-restrained tubing can be displaced from the direction of potential penetration at least 3 inches.



No Shielding Requirement at Support Area when Points of Penetration are greater than 3 inches from any Edge of a Stud, Joist, Plate, etc.

- c. When tubing is supported under the joists in basements or crawl spaces and is not concealed by wallboard or ceilings.
- 3. *TracPipe* with its specially formulated yellow polyethylene jacket has been tested to the flame spread and smoke density requirements of ASTM E84 and meets ANSI LC-1 limits imposed for this criteria.

NOTE: For *TracPipe* tubing version with Black outer jacket, the installer shall meet local building codes with respect to flame spread and smoke density regulations for non-metallic materials. Omegaflex recommends either removing the black jacket or transitioning to the standard yellow jacketed product when passing through areas such as drop ceiling return plenums.

- 4. For through-penetration fire stop instructions refer to the UL classification requirements shown in appendix A. When passing through a fire stop (2hr. wall) the YELLOW jacket does not have to be removed. Seal between building and *TracPipe* with an approved 3M type CP-25 or equivalent caulk. The BLACK jacket shall be removed for 2 ft. on each side of the penetration when passing through a fire stop.
- 5. *TracPipe* has thru-penetration UL Classifications for 1,2,3 and 4 hour requirements depending on materials and type of construction. See Appendix A.

#### SECTION 4.5 — METER CONNECTIONS

- 1. Meters which depend on the service and house piping for support shall not be directly connected to the flexible piping. Instead, use a meter termination fitting or termination mount fitting with steel pipe for the outdoor portion of the connection. For mounting of meters, all fastener locations should be used when installing the flange or mounting plate. (Figure 4-8)
- 2. Meters which are independently supported with a bracket can be directly connected outdoors with TracPipe. If practical, direct connections shall include a 3 to 6 inch additional length of tubing to accommodate differential settling and meter movement. No mechanical protection of the tubing is required for outdoor connections. PRIOR TO INSTALLING TracPipe DIRECTLY TO A METER, ENSURE THAT THE LOCAL UTILITY ALLOWS THIS PRACTICE as some utilities have regulations specifying meter attachments. Any exposed sections of stainless steel piping must be wrapped with a silicone self-bonding tape. This is especially important with masonry construction. (Figure 4-9) A PVC Sleeve is recommended for TracPipe penetration of both masonry and wood frame construction.

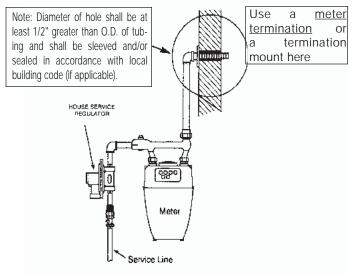


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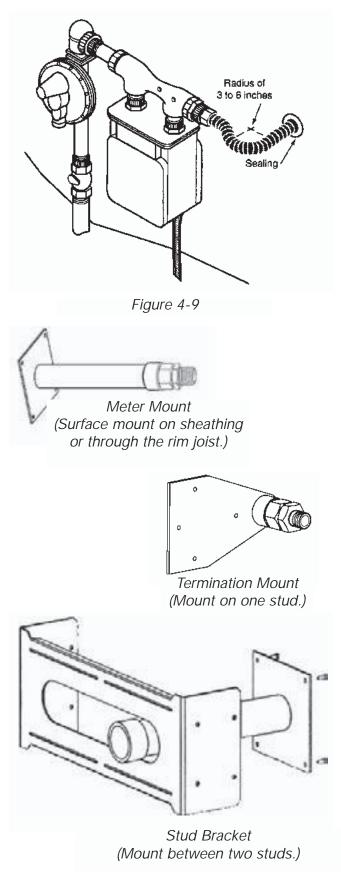


Figure 4-10 Meter Mounting Accessories

#### SECTION 4.6 — APPLIANCE CONNECTIONS

A listed termination outlet (termination mount or flange fitting) shall be installed and secured to the structure at all floor & hollow wall piping outlets used for moveable appliances and quick disconnect devices. The termination outlets are designed to simplify the installation of gas connections for movable appliances and minimize the need for concealed fittings. The flange fitting or plate shall be securely fastened in place during rough-in. It may be attached to a brace spanning between studs for a wall location, or directly to the floor. (Figure 4-11) The flange may also be mounted with a flange L- bracket, which is nailed or screwed to the stud.

When a moveable appliance is in a location where a termination outlet cannot be readily installed through the structure, the *TracPipe* can be transitioned to black pipe at a suitable location and the black iron pipe fastened to the block walls or concrete. Another option is to use termination mounting bracket fastened to the block wall and make the drop with *TracPipe*. Final connection is with a flexible appliance connector.

- MOVABLE APPLIANCE CONNECTIONS (SUCH AS RANGES AND DRYERS) SHALL BE MADE USING APPROVED FLEXIBLE APPLIANCE CONNECTORS. (Figure 4-12) See also recessed wall box Section 4.6-3.
- 2. FIXED APPLIANCE CONNECTIONS MAY BE DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO THE FLEXIBLE GAS PIPING SYSTEMS (in most jurisdictions). When the fixed appliance is located in a secure, dedicated space, such as a basement, attic, garage or utility closet, the flexible piping may be directly connected to the appliance shut-off valve without installation of a flange fitting or flexible appliance connector.

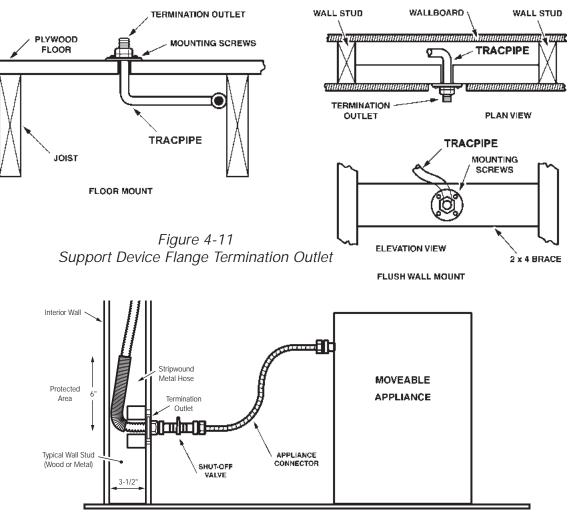
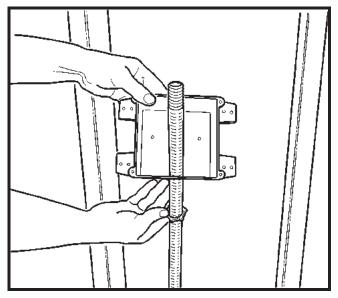


Figure 4-12 Stainless Steel Gas Connector Connection to a Movable Gas Appliance

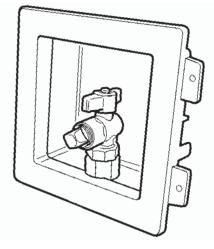
3. RECESSED WALL BOX *TracPipe* Part Number FGP-WBT-500

Product Description: TracPipe Recessed Wall Box makes possible appliance stub outs with zero clearance for a finished appearance in laundry rooms, kitchens and mechanical rooms. This accessory provides a rigid attachment point for appliance connectors serving movable appliances.

- 3A. Wall Box Installation Instructions
  - 1. Install *TracPipe* gas pipe and cut to desired length using a tubing cutter with sharp wheel. Strip yellow jacket back approximately 2". Inspect pipe for a clean cut without tears.



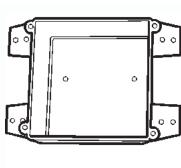
2. Remove box cover and slip locknut and box over end of pipe.

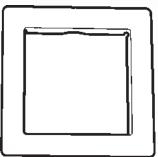


Caution: This is not a fire rated box. Before installing on a fire wall, consult your local code authority for acceptable installation practices. This box has been designed for use with *TracPipe* Flexible Gas Piping as an appliance termination and is not suitable for connection to any other CSST brand or black iron pipe. Installers must be trained on *TracPipe* before installing this product.

BOX

COVER





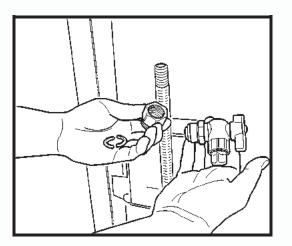




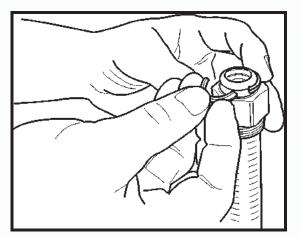


VALVE

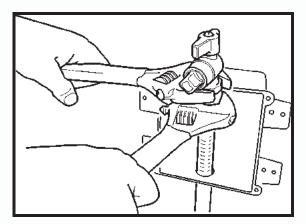
NUT SPLIT LOCKNUT RINGS



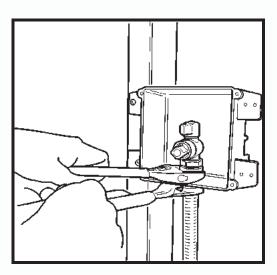
3. Disassemble valve and split rings from nut.



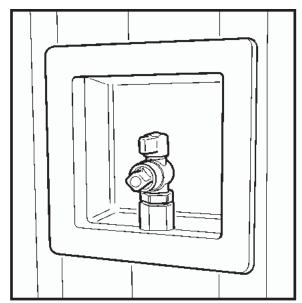
4. Slip nut over end of pipe and insert split rings into valley of the first corrugation.



5. Thread 90 degree ball valve onto nut and tighten so valve outlet faces forward. It is recommended that crescent wrenches be used to avoid damaging valve or nut. Do not use thread sealants on this connection.



- 6. Slide box up and over the threads on the bottom of the nut and mount box to stud.
- 7. Secure valve assembly to box with locknut.



8. Install box cover after completion of drywall.

#### SECTION 4.6A — PAD MOUNTED EQUIPMENT, ROOF TOP EQUIPMENT

1. Gas appliances mounted on concrete pads or blocks, such as gas air conditioners heat pumps, pool heaters and NGV refueling stations, shall be connected to the *TracPipe* system at a termination fitting using either rigid pipe or an approved outdoor appliance connector. Direct connection of *TracPipe* to pad mounted equipment is permitted when the CSST is securely supported and located where it will be protected from physical damage. Follow local and state codes.

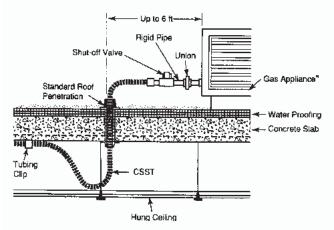


Figure 4-13 Short (1-6 foot) outdoor connection to roof mounted equipment

2. No special mechanical protection of the piping is required for connection to roof top equipment. Whenever possible, roof penetrations shall be located within 6 feet of the equipment to be connected as shown in figure 4-13. Long runs of tubing shall be supported with non-metallic blocks at the support interval listed in Table 4-2, and raised above the roof a distance determined by local code/practice.

3. TracPipe may be supported with strut/channel running from block to block beneath the flexible gas pipe. Galvanized shallow channel (13/16") with splice plates at joints and bends provides a secure, damage resistant "track". With metallic strut support, blocks can be reduced to every 8 feet. The TracPipe should be firmly attached to each block with metallic clamps designed for the strut or appropriate fastening mechanism. (See Figure 4-15) Black cable ties (UV resistant) at intermediate points facilitate rolling out the TracPipe. The blocks are to be attached to the roof surface in accordance with the roofing manufacturer's instructions.

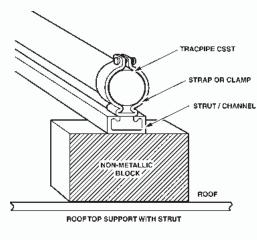


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4. Piping run vertically up the side of the building shall be protected in accordance with the General Provisions section of the outdoor use guidelines (section 4.3B).

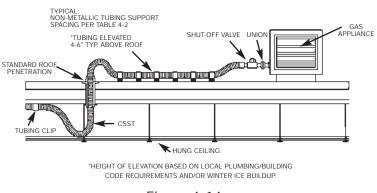
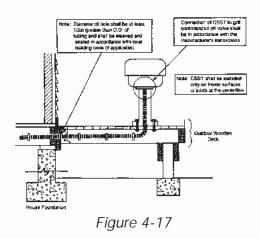


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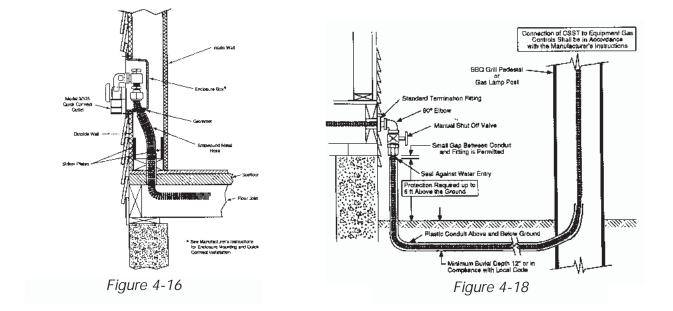
#### SECTION 4.6B — OUTDOOR APPLIANCES — BARBEQUE GRILL AND GAS LIGHT CONNECTIONS

- Movable Grills shall be connected using an approved outdoor appliance connector which shall be attached to the flexible piping system at either a termination mount fitting, a transition to a steel nipple, or a quick -connect device such as the M. B. Sturgis Model 3/375 shown in figure 4-16. The quick-connect outlet shall be installed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- 2. Permanently mounted grills located on decks shall be connected with the *TracPipe* system as shown in figure 4-17 and in accordance with this guide. The outdoor portion of the piping shall be supported against the side of any of the inside deck joists. If the elevation of the deck is below the top of the foundation, any exposed piping shall be protected using water-tight non-metallic conduit.

3. Permanently mounted lights located on decks shall be connected to the piping system the same as permanently mounted grills shown in figure 4-17 and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

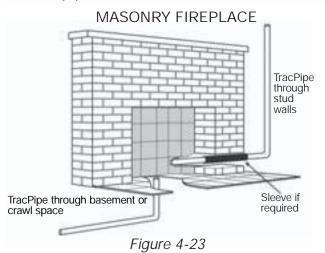


4. Yard mounted lights shall be connected to the *TracPipe* system as shown in figure 4-18. All piping installed below grade shall be protected by non-metallic, water-tight conduit or *TracPipe PS* or *TracPipe PS-II* for underground use. Exposed ends of the conduit shall be sealed against water entry.



# Section 4.6C — FIREPLACE

- TracPipe may be used to deliver gas directly to the valve for a gas fireplace. This is approved for decorative and heat generating fireplaces and for gas logs used in masonry and pre-fabricated fireplaces. DO NOT use *TracPipe* to connect gas log lighters or gas wands for use in all-fuel (woodburning) fireplaces.
- 2. Most gas fireplaces and gas logs (Refer to ANSI Z24.60) fall into the definition of fixed appliances which can be directly connected to TracPipe without the use of a flange mount fitting. The attachment is generally to the shut-off valve which may be located in the control area beneath the burner unit or at the side of the log set. TracPipe can be run into the lower control area for attachment without removal of the polyethylene jacket. In vented fireplaces, attachment to gas logs is best accomplished by removal of the jacket inside the fire box. This precludes direct flame contact with the polyethylene jacket. Stainless Steel melting temperatures (2000° F) are consistent with black iron.
- 3. For gas log lighter installations in all-fuel fireplaces, the *TracPipe* run MUST be terminated at the key valve or another location outside the fireplace. The final attachment should be made using black iron pipe.



- 4. When it is necessary to install TracPipe through sheet metal enclosures, such as those commonly used in decorative gas fireplaces, the manufacturer's recommendation is to leave the protective yellow polyethylene jacket in place through the sheet metal penetration. The TracPipe should be clipped to the building structure at a suitable location outside the fireplace to limit the amount of motion after installation. If additional protection is required, such as an installation with a source of vibration (fan, etc.) which may cause abrasion, then a short piece of floppy conduit or PVC pipe may be used between the jacket and the enclosure.
- 5. In masonry fireplace installations of decorative gas appliances (log sets) it is recommended to leave the polyethylene jacket in place throughout the masonry penetration providing a non-metallic sleeve for the flexible stainless steel. Caulking can then take place between the jacket and the penetration at interior and/or exterior locations. Remove the jacket inside the firebox. If additional protection is required, the *TracPipe* may be sleeved using PVC pipe in addition to the included jacket.
- The FGP-FPT may be used in all applications where it is desirable not to penetrate the enclosure with tubing. (See figure 4-24)

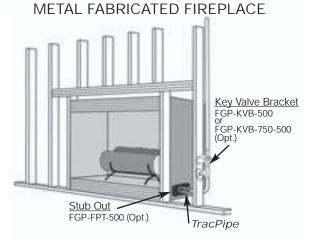
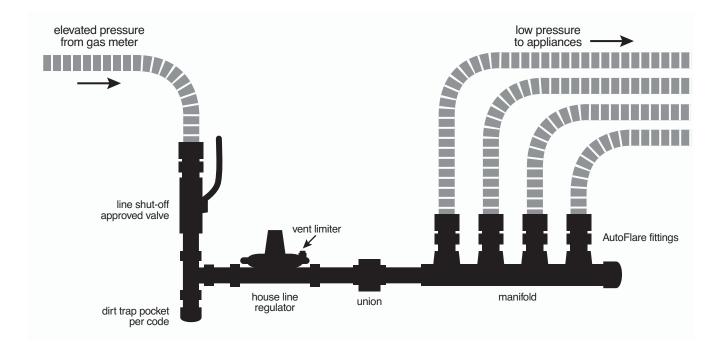


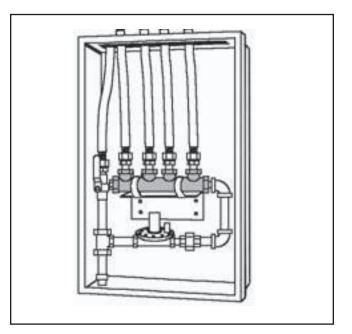
Figure 4-24



# SECTION 4.7 — MANIFOLD & REGULATOR STATION

The use of a central manifold and regulator station is recommended for elevated pressure systems which are typically installed in a parallel arrangement to take advantage of the capacity of the regulator, which is sufficient for several appliances. Manifolds are available with the *TracPipe* system, or the use of black iron pipe and tee fabricated manifolds is permitted with this system. The manifold/regulator station should be located nearby the largest gas consuming appliances, typically the furnace or boiler and the water heater in order to allow short runs to these units.

The manifold station MUST be located in an accessible location because of the shut-off valve(s) and regulator it contains. The manifold station may be contained in an enclosure box called a gas load center. Optional gas shut-off valves may be mounted on the manifold for each appliance run.



Gas Load Center

#### SECTION 4.8— REGULATORS AND ELEVATED PRESSURE SYSTEMS

A tubing system used at gas pressures exceeding 1/2 PSI but serving appliances rated for 1/2 PSI maximum, shall contain a pounds-to-inches regulator to limit the downstream pressure to no more than 1/2 PSI. The regulator must incorporate a lock-up feature limiting downstream pressure to 1/2 PSI under no flow conditions. The regulator shall comply with the applicable provisions of ANSI Z21.18 or CAN 1-6.3-M82.-ANSI Z21.80

Regulators used to reduce elevated system pressures for use by appliances must also conform to the following:

1. Must be sized to supply the required appliance load.(see chart below)

Pressure Drop through Regulator						
P/N 7" w.c. 1/2 psi 3/4 psi 1psi						
FGP-REG-3	145	204	250	289		
FGP-REG-5A	338	476	583	673		
FGP-REG-7L	690	972	1191	1375		

- Capacities and Pressure Drop Nat. Gas 0.64 Specific Gravity Pressure Drop through Regulator
- Must be equipped with an acceptable vent limiting device, supplied by the manufacturer, or be capable of being vented to the outdoors. The vent-limiting device can be used when the regulator is installed in a ventilated area. OMEGAFLEX ships all REG-3 & REG-5A regulators with vent-limiters installed. Vent-limiters are not available for REG-7 series regulators.

NOTE: For outdoor venting, the line must be at least the same size as the regulator vent connection, and cannot exceed a length of 30 feet. The vent shall be designed to prevent entry of water, insects or other foreign materials that could cause blockage of the line. DO NOT VENT TO APPLIANCE FLUE OR BUILDING EXHAUST SYSTEM. DO NOT VENT TO PILOT LIGHT.

3. MUST BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MANUFACTURERS INSTRUC- TIONS. WHEN A VENT-LIMITER IS USED THE REGULATOR MUST BE MOUNTED IN AN UPRIGHT POSITION. INSTALL THE REGULATOR PROPERLY WITH GAS FLOWING AS INDICATED BY THE ARROW ON THE CASTING.

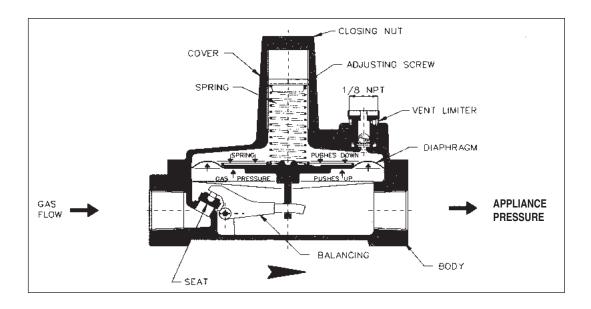
- 4. Must be installed in a fully accessible area with an approved shut off valve ahead of regulator. An optional union will enable removal of the regulator if the location does not otherwise permit removal for servicing. The ability of the autoflare fitting to allow dissasembly and reattachment provides for regulator removal in most instances.
- 5. Line regulators do not vent gas under normal operating conditions. Any regulator found to be venting gas should be replaced immediately. Vent-limiters are required to limit venting in the event of a diaphram failure, within the regulator, to limits identical to those imposed on a gas appliance control valve.
- 6. An area is considered to be ventilated if the combustion, ventilation or dilution air is obtained from the occupied areas of the building, or from outside, or from both, into the common areas of the appliance locations. Reference applicable codebook for details.
- 7. For outdoor installations remove the vent limiter and mount regulator with the vent outlet pointing down to prevent the entrance of water. A plastic cap FGP-CAP-3 is available for outdoor installations permitting regulator to be mounted in an upright position.

# SECTION 4.8A REGULATOR ADJUSTMENTS

- 1. Regulators can be adjusted to deliver different outlet pressures within a limited range. The range is determined by the spring installed.
- 2. Adjustment can be accomplished by first removing the regulator seal cap to expose the adjusting screw. Turning the screw clock-

wise will increase outlet pressure, turning it counter-clockwise will decrease pressure.

3. If spring adjustment will not produce desired outlet pressure, check to make sure supply pressure is at least equal to desired outlet pressure plus pressure drop of the regulator. If supply pressure is adequate, consult factory if adjustment still can not be made. Do not continue to turn regulator adjusting screw clockwise if outlet pressure readings do not continue to increase. THIS MAY RESULT IN OVER-FIR-ING DUE TO LOSS OF PRESSURE CON-TROL, SHOULD THERE BE A SUBSE-QUENT INCREASE IN INLET PRESSURE.



# SECTION 4.8B — REGULATOR CAPACITIES AND PRESSURE DROP FOR MULTIPLE APPLIANCES

#### Natural Gas 0.64 Specific Gravity 1. PRESSURE DROP ACROSS 2 PSI REGULATOR: expressed in CFH (m<sup>3</sup>/h) (0.64 Specific Gravity Gas)

Part Number	NPT SIZE	7.0" w.c. (17 mbar)	1/2 psi (34 mbar)	3/4 psi (52 mbar)	1 psi (69 mbar)
FGP-REG-3	1/2"	145	204	250	289
FGP-REG-3P		(4.0)	(5.8)	(7.0)	(8.2)
FGP-REG-5A	3/4"	338	476	583	673
FGP-REG-5P		(9.6)	(13.5)	(16.5)	(19.1)
FGP-REG-7L	1-1/4"	690 (19.5)	972 (27.6)	1191 (33.8)	1375 (39.0)

Maximum Individual Load:FGP-REG-3 OR -3P OR -3X140 CFHFGP-REG-5A OR -5P OR -5AX300 CFHFGP-REG-7L900 CFH

Recommended column for *TracPipe* installations Refer to table N-5 page 68

#### 2. PRESSURE DROP ACROSS 5 PSI REGULATOR: expressed in CFH (m<sup>3</sup>/h) (0.64 Specific Gravity Gas)

Part Number	NPT SIZE	7.0" w.c. (17 mbar)	1/2 psi (34 mbar)	3/4 psi (52 mbar)	
FGP-REG-3X	1/2"	145 (4.0)	204 (5.8)	250 (7.0)	
FGP-REG-5AX	3/4"	338 (9.6)	476 (13.5)	583 (16.5)	

Consult factory or regulator manufacturer for the capacities and pressure drop for a combination of 5 psi regulator and OPD.

#### Propane 1.53 Specific Gravity 3. PRESSURE DROP ACROSS 2 PSIG REGULATOR: expressed in CFH (m<sup>3</sup>/h) PROPANE (1.53 Specific Gravity Gas)

Part Number	NPT SIZE	7.0" w.c. (17 mbar) 1/2 psi (34 mbar)		3/4 psi (52 mbar)	1 psi (69 mbar)	
FGP-REG-3P	1/2"	94 (2.6) (237 MBTUH)	132 (3.8) (333 MBTUH)	161 (4.5) (406 MBTUH)	186 (5.3) (469 MBTUH)	
FGP-REG-5P	3/4"	218 (6.2) (549 MBTUH)	307 (8.7) 376 (10.7) (774 MBTUH) (948 MBTUH		434 (12.4) (1094 MBTUH)	
FGP-REG-7L	1-1/4"	445 (12.6) (1121 MBTUH)	627 (17.9) (1580 MBTUH)	768 (21.9) (1935 MBTUH)	887 (24.2) (2235 MBTUH)	

Maximum Individual Load:

90 CFH FGP-REG-3P OR -3X FGP-REG-5P OR -5X 194 CFH FGP-RFG-7I 581 CFH

Recommended column for TracPipe installations Refer to table P-3 page 70

#### 4. PRESSURE DROP ACROSS 5 PSIG REGULATOR: expressed in CFH (m<sup>3</sup>/h) PROPANE (1.53 Specific Gravity Gas)

Part Number	NPT SIZE	7.0" w.c. (17 mbar)	1/2 psi (34 mbar)	3/4 psi (52 mbar)	
FGP-REG-3X	1/2"	94 (2.6) (237 MBTUH)	132 (3.8) (333 MBTUH)	161 (4.5) (406 MBTUH)	
FGP-REG-5AX	3/4"	218 (6.2) (549 MBTUH)	307 (8.7) (774 MBTUH)	376 (10.7) (948 MBTUH)	

CAUTION: RECENT CODE CHANGES REQUIRE the use of 5 PSI LABELED REGULATORS IN 5 PSI SYSTEMS. REGULATORS LABELED 2 PSI ARE NOT APPROVED FOR 5 PSI USE.

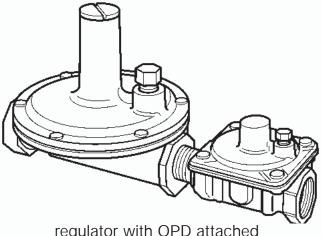
NOTE: At supply pressures in excess of 2 PSI, the new ANSI Z21.80 Line Regulator Standard requires a means (an Over-Pressure protection Device / OPD) - approved and tested with 5-PSI or 2-5 PSI Labeled regulator - to limit the downstream pressure to 2-PSI maximum, in the event of regulator failure. CONSULT THE FACTORY OR THE REGULATOR MANUFACTURER FOR THE CAPACITIES & PRESSURE DROP FOR A COMBINATION OF 5-PSI REGULATOR & OPD.

#### SECTION 4.8C — OVER-PRESSURE PROTECTION

At supply pressures in excess of 2-psi the ANSI Z21.80 line regulator standard requires a means - an over-pressure protection device (OPD)-approved and tested with the regulator- to limit the downstream pressure to 2-psi maximum, in the event of regulator failure.

To comply with the ANSI Standard and with all codes adopted in the US and Canada, all installations exceeding 2-psi (primarily 5-psi systems, but including all other elevated pressure installations higher than 2-psi nominal) require a tested and approved overpresprotection device for use with the sure pounds-to-inches regulator. This requirement applies to line regulators but not to appliance regulators.

Regulators for 5 PSI Systems must be shipped as an assembled unit from our factory, regulator with OPD attached. Consult the current TracPipe Price List for information regarding part numbers and capacity.



regulator with OPD attached

# SECTION 4.9 — UNDERGROUND INSTALLATIONS

#### 1. CODE REQUIREMENTS

When gas piping runs are located below grade in contact with earth or other material that could corrode the piping, codes require that the gas piping shall be protected against corrosion.

When piping is installed underground beneath buildings, codes require that the piping shall be encased in a conduit sealed inside of the building and vented above grade to the outside. The conduit shall be designed to withstand the superimposed loads. NO FITTINGS OR COU-PLINGS ARE PERMITTED BENEATH BUILDINGS.

#### 2. REGIONAL/MODEL CODES

*TracPipe PS (patented)* and *PS-II (patent-pending)* installations conform to the underground fuel gas installation requirements of:

The National Fuel Gas Code NFPA 54 The International Fuel Gas Code The Uniform Plumbing Code 2003 UPC<sup>®</sup>

#### SECTION 4.9A — GUIDELINES FOR UNDERGROUND INSTALLATIONS

1. Lay *TracPipe PS/PS-II* in a trench. Install the gas piping on a continuous solid surface per code to the appropriate burial depth as defined in Table 4-6.

WARNING: TracPipe PS and PS-II Systems must only be installed by a qualified person who has been trained through the TracPipe Gas Piping Installation Program. All installations must comply with local code requirements and the instructions contained in the TracPipe Design and Installation Guide.

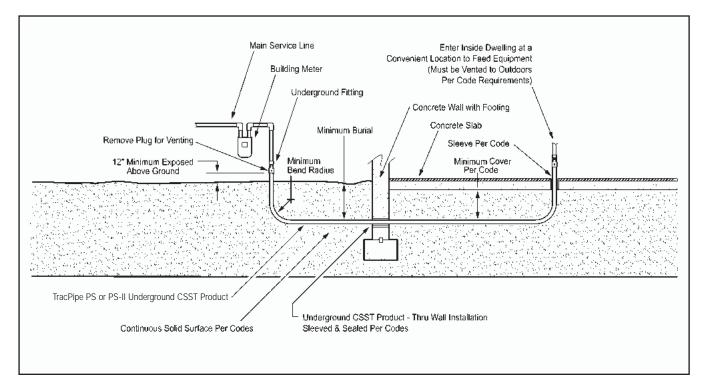


Figure 4-19

2. When transitioning TracPipe PS/PS-II from below grade or under slab to above grade, use the recommended minimum bend radius as shown in Figure 1 and depicted in Table 4.7 below.

TABLE	4.7

RECOMMENDED MINIMUM BENDING RADIUS FOR <i>TracPipe PS/PS-II</i>				
Tubing Size	Minimum Bend	d Radius R		
	PS	PS-II		
3/8 inch	18 inches	6 inches		
1/2 inch	18 inches	6 inches		
3/4 inch	24 inches	8 inches		
1 inch	30 inches	10 inches		
1-1/4 inch	36 inches	12 inches		
1-1/2 inch	48 inches	16 inches		
2 inch	54 inches	18 inches		

Note: For TracPipe PS Installations requiring a tighter bend radius than shown above, Flexible Poly Tubing is available. See Flexible Poly Tubing Instructions later in this document.

- 3. Recommended exposed clearance height (height to the *TracPipe* fitting above grade) is 24 inches minimum when terminating at this point. For vertical runs up the outside of a building in traffic areas, protect the TracPipe as explained in Section 4.3B.
- 4. Avoid bending the above grade vertical

Under minimum of 4-in. thick concrete exterior slab with no

One and two family dwelling driveways and parking lots and

In or under airport runways, including adjacent areas where

vehicular traffic and the slab extending not less than 6-in

Under streets, highways, roads, alleys, driveways, and

beyond the underground installation

used only for dwelling-related purposes

parking lots

trespassing prohibited

portion of the TracPipe PS/PS-II piping beyond the Minimum Bend radius in Table 2. To make a tighter bend in order to line up for a wall penetration, use a rigid fitting such as a malleable iron 90.

- 5. TracPipe PS/PS-II is suitable for above ground installations and is resistant to U.V. exposure. Portions rising above grade should be rigidly supported by direct attachment to a wall or independent support, (e.g. metallic strut) or by connection to rigid downstream piping or fittings (e.g. at a meter or Propane second stage regulator)
- 6. When installing TracPipe PS-II through a foundation wall the space between the gas piping and the building shall be sealed to prevent entry of gas or water.
- 7. TracPipe PS-II can penetrate directly through a concrete slab unless other requirements are established by local codes concerning slab penetrations and firestop requirements.
- 8. TracPipe PS-II can be transitioned to standard *TracPipe* piping above grade using TracPipe AutoFlare<sup>®</sup> fittings with a TracPipe PS-II Coupling P/N FGP-UGC-SIZE. Remove the black plastic vent coupling on the standard *TracPipe* side.

4 inches

24 inches

18 inches

18 inches

Minimum cover requirements for TRACPIPE PS/PS-II, Burial in inches (cover is defined as the shortest distance measured between a point on top surface of the outer sleeve and the top surface of finished grade, concrete or similar cover) Location of buried TracPipe PS/PS-II Minimum cover for direct burial without concrete encasement 18 inches In trench below 2-in thick concrete or equivalent 12 inches Under a building with interior slab 4 inches

TABLE 4.6

All locations not specified below

Note: When encased in concrete, the concrete envelope shall not be less than 2 inches thick.

Alternatively use a malleable iron coupling for the transition.

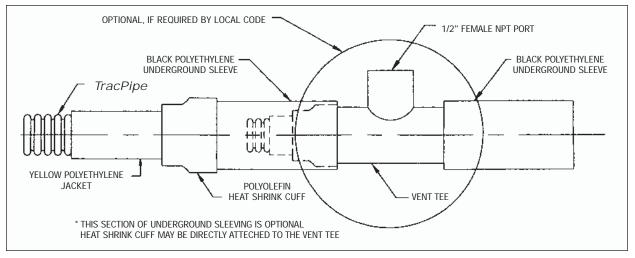
- 9. *TracPipe PS-II* must be transitioned above ground to standard *TracPipe* when routing through plenums or through penetration firestop installations. The black sleeve is not qualified for these locations.
- 10. Venting of *TracPipe PS/PS-II* shall be designed per local codes to prevent the entrance of water, insects or foreign materials.
- 11. Typical underground installations for Corrugated Stainless Steel tubing include, but are not limited to:
  - Pool and Spa Heaters
  - School Science Laboratories
  - Gas service to Outbuildings
  - Gas Lampposts and Grills

#### SECTION 4.9B — *TracPipe PS* FITTING ATTACHMENT INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. *TracPipe PS* uses standard *AutoFlare* fittings. To assemble fittings follow instructions found in the *TracPipe* Design Guide and Installation Instructions Section 4.2.
- To install *TracPipe PS* for underground service, cut the black polyethylene sleeve in the same manner you would cut the 1-1/4" thru 2" size *TracPipe* product, with a standard tubing cutter Ridgid<sup>™</sup> 152 or equal,

and a cutting wheel Ridgid<sup>TM</sup> catalog no. 33195 (Poly Wheel) (P/N E:5272). Note: For the 1-1/4" thru 2" size black polyethylene sleeving, the larger tubing cutter Ridgid<sup>TM</sup> no. 152 must be used due to the diameter of the sleeving. CAUTION: Do <u>NOT</u> use a hacksaw or other sawing device to cut the black polyethylene sleeving as it may damage the inner *TracPipe* gas piping.

- 3. Cut the *TracPipe* gas piping using the same tubing cutter per standard instructions in the Design and Installation Guide.
- 4. Slip the required heat shrink polyolefin cuff over the TracPipe gas piping to each end of the black polyethylene sleeving and heat shrink the polyolefin cuff to the gas piping and the black polyethylene using a heat gun or other suitable heat source. NOTE: Omegaflex<sup>®</sup>, Inc. recommends the use of a heat gun. Extreme care should be taken when applying heat to the polyolefin cuff as not to damage the *TracPipe* gas piping yellow jacket.
- 5. Where local codes require venting, slide plastic tee (P/N: FGP-VT-SIZE) over end of *TracPipe* and insert into end of the black polyethylene sleeve on the end of the run which is nearest to the outside wall of the building. Heat shrink the polyolefin tubing to the vent tee and to the TracPipe gas pipe.



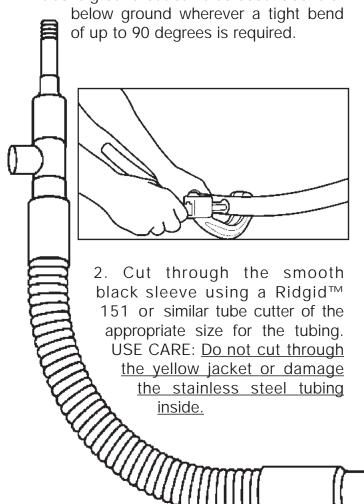


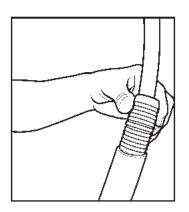
#### SECTION 4.9C — UNDERGROUND PS WITH FLEXIBLE POLY TUBING

Product Description: Flexible, corrugated polyethylene tubing in sizes to fit *TracPipe PS* (patented) underground gas piping. Poly tubing is easy to bend, providing flexibility at the ends of a length of *TracPipe PS* to facilitate transition to above ground. Use with available heat shrink cuffs and couplings to provide a completely sleeved underground gas piping system that can be easily vented when required by codes.

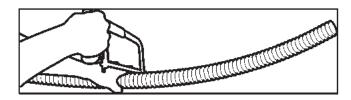
#### Installation Instructions

1. Determine the location where the smooth black sleeve will make the transition to flexible poly tubing. This is typically the transition point from below ground to above ground but can also occur above or

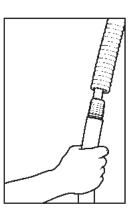




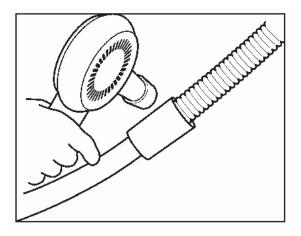
 Insert a barbed coupling by sliding it over the exposed length of TracPipe and pushing firmly into the smooth black sleeve until all barbs are covered up to the coupling's center.



4. Cut flexible poly tube with a hack saw to approximately 1-1/2 times the trench depth. This will leave about one foot exposed above ground after backfill.



5. Slide cut section of flexible poly tube over the remaining barbs on the coupling.



- 6. Position a section of heat shrink cuff material to cover the coupled smooth sleeve and corrugated sleeve. This cuff should be centered over the plastic barbed coupling and cover roughly two (2) inches of each black sleeve. NOTE: This cuff is internally treated with a thermal adhesive and cannot be removed without damage after the heat shrink operation.
- Carefully shrink the cuff using a heat gun. As cuff is heated it will conform to the diameters of the sleeves and the thermal adhesive will set to lock the combined materials.
- 8. Above Ground, follow the preceding steps to install a plastic barbed tee for vented systems, or shrink a cuff directly onto the exposed *TracPipe* for non-vented installations. (Most codes require underground sleeving to be vented for under building slab installations such as island ranges).

#### TracPipe PS

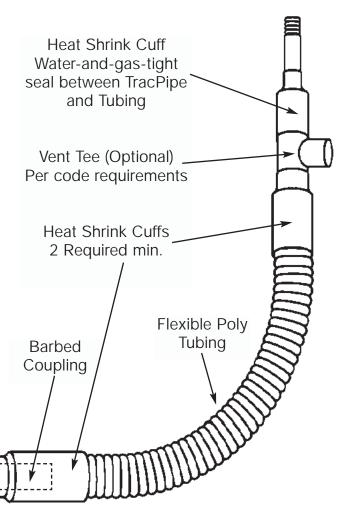
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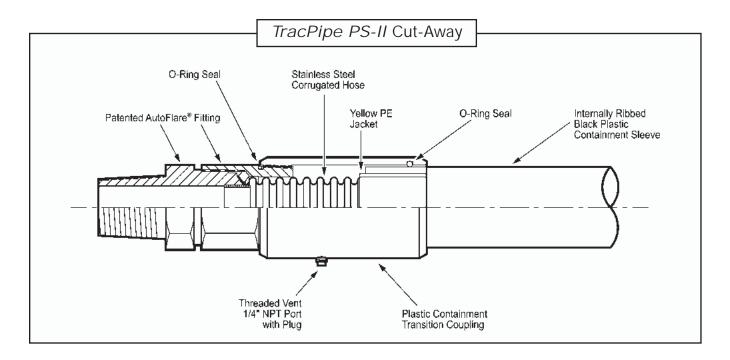
#### Sizing Chart for Flexible Poly Tubing

Part #	Description	Used In Con- junction With
FGP-UGFX-1.25	1-¼″ Flexible Poly Tubing	3/8″ & 1/2″ TracPipePS
FGP-UGFX-1.50	1½" Flexible Poly Tubing	3/4" & 1" TracPipePS
FGP-UGFX-2.00	2″ Flexible Poly Tubing	1¼″ TracPipePS
FGP-UGFX-3.00	3″ Flexible Poly Tubing	1-1/2" & 2" TracPipePS

All sizes available in maximum 100 foot coils

#### Typical Underground Installation using Flexible Poly Tubing

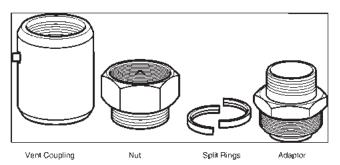




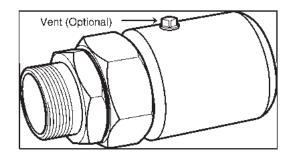
#### SECTION 4.9D — TRACPIPE PS-II

- 1. *TracPipe PS-II* uses plastic containment transition fittings specifically designed to provide vent capability at either end of a piping run where required by code.
- 2. *TracPipe PS-II* is supplied in standard lengths on reels or custom cut lengths. Standard reel lengths are 250 and 150 feet.
- 3. *TracPipe PS-II* lengths can be spliced together by using available couplings. All metallic portions of the fittings underground shall be mastic-wrapped to conform to local codes for under ground piping. Be certain prior to back- filling that no metallic portions of the piping system will be exposed to earth. No fittings or couplings are permitted under building slabs.
- 4. **NOTE:** When pressure testing *TracPipe PS-II*, it is necessary to remove at least one fitting vent plug to insure proper test results on the stainless steel tubing.

#### SECTION 4.9E — TRACPIPE PS-II FITTING ATTACHMENT



1. *TracPipe PS-II* is constructed from Omegaflex standard TracPipe Stainless Steel Flexible Gas Pipe sleeved in a fully vent-capable polyethylene sleeve.



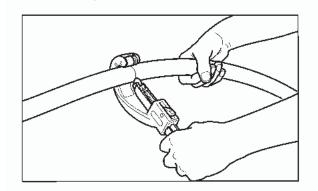
- TracPipe PS-II fittings are constructed from TracPipe patented AutoFlare fittings with a plastic containment coupling and 1/4" NPT vent port. Fittings assemble without special tools.
- 3. **NOTE:** When pressure testing *TracPipe PS-II*, it is necessary to remove at least one fitting vent plug to insure proper test results on the stainless steel tubing.

#### Tools Required for Assembly

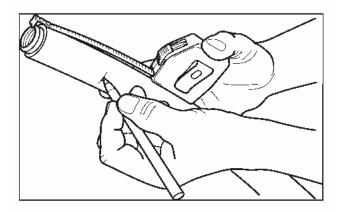
- \* Utility knife with sharp blade
- \* Appropriate size Adjustable or Monkey Wrenches \* Tubing Cutter:

For up to 3/4" -#151 Ridgid<sup>®</sup> Tubing Cutter (FGP-TC-151) w/TracPipe Cutting Wheel (FGP-E-5272)

<u>For 1" and up</u> -#152 Ridgid<sup>®</sup> Tubing Cutter (FGP-TC-152) w/TracPipe Cutting Wheel (FGP-E-5272) Reciprocating Saw or Hacksaw



 Unreel pipe into trench or on the ground and cut to desired length-plus one foot. Cutting up to 1" size can be done with a large tubing cutter. For 1-1/4" - 2" sizes, a reciprocating saw is recommended.

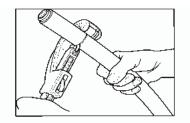


2. Mark the sleeve at specified length on the Strip Length Chart (below) - plus 2".

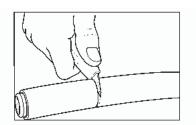
Size	3/8	1/2	3/4	1	1-1/4	1-1/2	2
Jacket Strip Length	1-1/2"	1-1/2"	1-3/4"	2"	2-1/4"	2-1/2"	2-3/4"
Fitting Torque Value	40 ft-lb	42 ft-lb	45 ft-lb	75 ft-lb	150 ft-lb	200 ft-lb	250 ft-lb
Max. Superimposed Loading <i>psf</i>	9640	7254	5409	4203	3390	2901	2124

	Table 4-8
Jacket Strip Length / Fitting	Torque / Superimposed Loading Chart

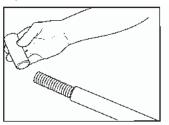
Notes: 1. Super-imposed loading includes all dead load and live load combinations. 2. Maximum buried depth of 36"; 3. Soil Density : 120 pcf; 4. Factor of safety used: 4.



3. Using the appropriate tubing cutter with TracPipe #FGP-E-5272 cutting wheel, score the black sleeve approximately half of the way through. Use extreme care not to cut or score the stainless corrugated pipe! Typically, no more than two turns in on the cutter is sufficient.

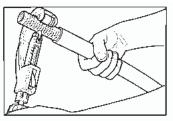


4. Finish cutting through the sleeve down to the stainless corrugated pipe using a sharp utility knife.

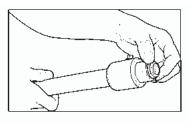


 Using a twisting motion, remove the black sleeve and yellow jacket from the pipe. It may be necessary to cut sleeve longitudinally and peel off for larger sizes.

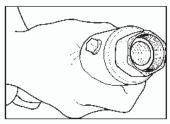
Inspect stainless pipe for scoring from the tubing cutter.



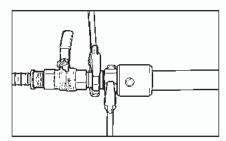
6. Using the tubing cutter, trim corrugated pipe to strip length specified on chart. Cut slowly in the root of the corrugation in the same manner you would cut copper tubing. Inspect end of pipe for a clean cut without tears in corrugation.



7. Remove adapter and split rings from fitting. Attach adapter to equipment. Slip coupling and nut over end of pipe all the way to expose first corrugations of pipe. Insert split rings into first corrugation as shown.



8. Holding the black coupling, slide fitting up to capture split rings into nut. Be sure split rings slip all the way to the base of the internal threads. Assembly is now ready to be attached to the adapter on the equipment.



9. Thread nut onto adapter previously installed on the equipment. Using appropriate wrenches, hold adapter and tighten nut to proper torque specified. <u>Do not</u> <u>over tighten or use any pipe dope or</u> <u>thread sealants on this connection. This is</u> <u>a metal-to-metal seat and will not seal if</u> <u>pipe dope or thread sealants are used.</u> <u>Sealants are to be used on the NPT connection to the equipment only!</u>

NOTE: When installing coupling FGP-UGC-SIZE the same instructions apply, except metallic parts of the fitting must be wrapped in a code approved manner (e.g. mastic used for wrapping metallic pipe).

#### SECTION 4.10 — ELECTRICAL BONDING/GROUNDING

- 1. The piping system is not to be used as a grounding conductor or electrode for an electrical system. In accordance with The National Fuel Gas Code NFPA 54/ANSI Z223, "each above ground portion of a gas piping system upstream from the equipment shutoff valve shall be electrically continuous and bonded to any grounding electrode, as defined by the *National Electrical Code*, ANSI/NFPA 70 1999 Edition."
- For bonding of the *TracPipe* system, a bonding clamp must be attached to the brass AutoFlare fitting adapter (adjacent to the pipe thread area — see Figure 4-21) or to a black pipe component connected to an AutoFlare fitting. The corrugated stainless steel portion of the gas piping system SHALL NOT be used as the bonding attachment point under any circumstances. Bonding electrode conductor sizing shall be in accordance with Article 250 (Table 250-66) of ANSI/NFPA 70 1999 Edition. The bonding is a requirement of the National Electrical Code.

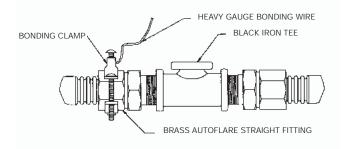
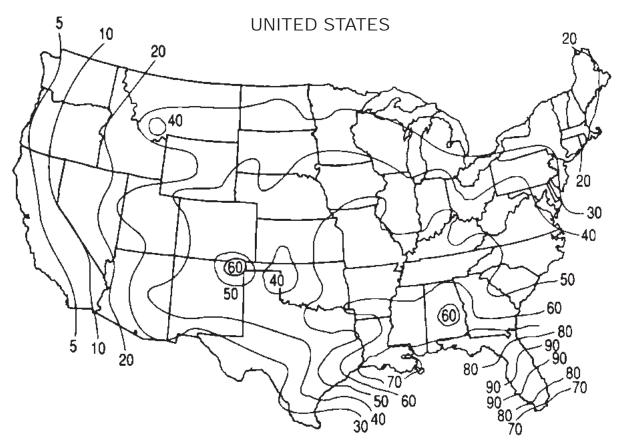


Figure 4-21

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TracPipe AutoFlare	BONDING CLAMP	PART NO. OR EQUAL
FITTINĠ SIZE RANGE	SIZE	(Bridge Port)
3/8" & 1/2" & 3/4"	1/2" & 3/4"	1309-B
1"	1-1/4"	1313-B
1-1/4"	2"	1314-B
1-1/2"	2-1/2"	1314-B
2"	3"	1315-B

BRASS BONDING CLAMPS

- 3. Definitions:
  - a. Grounding: The process of making an electrical connection to the general mass of the earth. This is most often accomplished with ground rods, ground mats or some other grounding system. Low resistance grounding is critical to the operation of lightning protection techniques.
  - b. Bonding: The process of making an electrical connection between the grounding electrode and any equipment, appliance, or metal conductor: pipes, plumbing, flues, etc. Equipment bonding serves to protect people and equipment in the event of an electrical fault.
  - c. Equipotential Bonding: The process of making an electrical connection between the grounding electrode and any metal conductor: pipes, plumbing, flues, etc., which may be exposed to a lightning strike and can be a conductive path for lightning energy towards or away from the grounding electrode.
- Lightning strike density varies considerably around the United States. The highest density is experienced in the Gulf Coast and Florida. The lowest lightning strike density is the Pacific Coast states. See map of the United States (Figure 4.22) for the average number of thunderstorm days per year for a specific region or state.



Average Number of Thunderstorm Days per Year Figure 4-22

Section 4.10A — CounterStrike<sup>®</sup> Installation Instructions

- 1. <u>Equipotential Bonding of the gas piping</u> <u>system is recommended</u> using shortest distance possible.
- An equipotential bonding/grounding connection shall be made between the fuel gas piping system and the electrical service grounding electrode. The bonding jumper should be sized in accordance with NEC Table 250.66 (based on the main service conductor size), or in accordance with NFPA 780 Paragraphs 4.14.1.2 thru 4.14.1.4 (main-size lightning conductors) Tables 4.1.1.1(A) and (B): Class I and Class II wire size. Bonding and grounding connections are to be made by a qualified technician.

If the building to be piped is in a high lightning flash density area or a region with a high number of thunderstorm days per year, consideration should be given to utilizing the Lightning Risk Assessment method given in Annex L of NFPA 780 for a determination of the need for a lightning protection system.

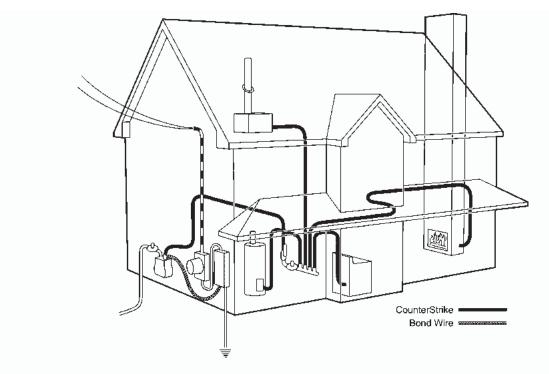
Notes:

- a. If possible, avoid running the bonding jumper a long distance through the building. <u>The connection should be as</u> <u>short as possible</u>. Gas meter should be near the electrical service if possible. If not, the bond can be connected at any point in the system per (Figure 4-21).
- b. Lightning induced voltages seeking ground are subject to impedance; utilize a braided or stranded bonding jumper for greater surface area, rather than solid wire.
- c. Upon completion of the *TracPipe* CounterStrike Gas Piping System installation and prior to gas service initiation, check to see if the bonding has been completed.

- 3. Routing of gas piping should be as low in the structure as reasonably possible for best performance.
- 4. *TracPipe* CSST runs, including CounterStrike, should be installed with a bend radius of 8 inches or more whenever possible; this will reduce the possibility that energy will jump from the piping to other conductive surfaces.
- 5. For CounterStrike with BLACK outer jacket installations, the installer shall meet local building codes with respect to flame spread and smoke density regulations for non-metallic materials. If run through return air plenums, black jacket shall be removed.
- 6. For through penetration fire stop systems per UL classification requirements, remove the BLACK outer jacket when

passing through a fire stop.

- 7. The instructions for cutting the tubing and for making fitting connections to CounterStrike are identical to those for the standard yellow-jacketed TracPipe.
- 8. The use of *TracPipe PS-II* should be considered for use as the trunk line under the building slab from the meter set to the manifold station. This practice routes the elevated pressure portion of a 2 PSI system completely away from any potential contact with other building metallic systems which can become energized in the event of a nearby lightning strike.
- 9. Optional: Install GasBreaker excess flow devices at the meter and appliance locations. See *TracPipe* design and Installation Guide Section 3.3. (Mandatory where required by code.)



Note: Illustration may not represent actual installation and is for reference only.



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#### CHAPTER 5 INSPECTION, REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT

SECTION 5.1 — MINIMUM INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS
TracPipe <sup>®</sup> Inspection Checklist Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing CSST
All installations shall be inspected by the jurisdiction having authority in accordance with state and local mechanical/plumbing codes and the National Fuel Gas Code NFPA 54 (ANSI Z 223.1).
Installer Qualified per state and/or local requirements.
Installer has <i>TracPipe</i> Training Certification card.
Inspection and pressure test completed at rough in.
Strike protection in place where required.
<i>TracPipe</i> Flexible Gas Piping OMEGAFLEX® INC.
451 Creamery Way, Exton, PA 19341-2509 1-800-671-8622, (610) 524-7272, Fax: (610) 524-7282

# SECTION 5.2 — REPAIR OF DAMAGED PIPING

If the tubing is damaged, refer to the following sections to determine the severity of damage and, if necessary, the method of repair.

- 1. No repairs or replacement of the tubing is necessary if the tubing is only slightly dented due to impact or crushing as indicated in Figure 5-1.
- 2. The tubing must be replaced under the following circumstances:
  - a. The tubing has been significantly crushed or dented (Figure 5-2)
  - b. The tubing has been damaged by puncture of any kind, i.e., nails, screws, drill bits, etc.
  - c. The tubing has been bent beyond its minimum bend radius so that a crease or kink remains. (Figure 5-3)

#### METHOD OF REPAIR

A line splice can be made using an autoflare coupling, but if the tubing run is short and easily accessible, the preferred repair method is to replace the entire length. Tubing run can often be replaced faster than repairing the damaged section with a splice and this does not add any additional fitting joints to the system. The Auto Flare fittings can be re-attached to the new tubing run

1. Where repairs or replacements involve Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing systems of different manufacturers, the systems can be joined again through standard pipe couplings and the appropriate CSST fittings.

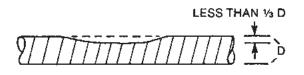


Figure 5-1 – Repair Unnecessary. No Significant Damage to the Tubing Due to Impact or Crushing

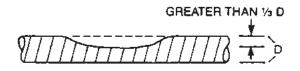


Figure 5-2 – Repair Necessary. Significant Damage to the Tubing Due to Impact or Crushing

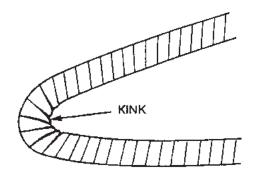
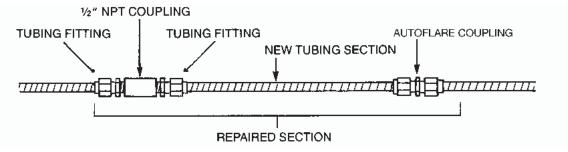
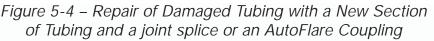


Figure 5-3 – Repair Necessary. Damage Due to Bending Beyond Minimum Bend Radius





#### CHAPTER 6 PRESSURE/LEAKAGE TESTING

#### SECTION 6.0 — PRESSURE TEST PROCEDURE

The final installation must be inspected and tested for leaks at 1 1/2 times the maximum working pressure, but not less than 3 PSI, using the procedures specified in Part 4 "Inspection, Testing and Purging" of the National Fuel Gas Code\*, NFPA 54/ANSI Z223. 1-1996\* or subsequent editions of this code in effect at the time of the test. Pressure test according to these guidelines or to local codes. When local codes are more stringent, local codes must be followed. If no local codes apply, test according to the National Fuel Gas Code. The installer should never pressure test above 10 PSI with the pounds-to-inches regulator installed. This may damage the regulator.

- 1. Pressure testing should be performed during rough construction of the facility before interior walls are finished. This will permit a more complete inspection of the piping system during the pressure testing, and save costly rework in the event of leaks or other problems. *TracPipe* is not responsible for repairs necessary to correct defects discovered after interior walls are finished.
- 2. Do not connect appliances or pressurize the system with fuel gas until after the pressure test is completed.
- 3. All gas outlets for appliance connections should be capped during pressure testing.
- 4. USE ONLY NON-CORROSIVE LEAK CHECK SOLUTIONS. Rinse with water and dry the tubing thoroughly after leak detection.

\*To obtain a copy of the National Fuel Gas Code write to: National Fire Protection Association, Battery March Park, Quincy, MA 02269-9904 or call: 1-800-344-3555

- 5. Most utilities perform a leak test after setting the gas meter and prior to turning on the gas. This test is performed after the final construction is complete and finished interior walls are in place. This test is performed to assure no damage was done to the tubing during the closing-in construction process.
- 6. **NOTE:** When pressure testing *TracPipe PS-II*, it is necessary to remove at least one fitting vent plug to insure proper test results on the stainless steel tubing.

SECTION 6.1 — Pressure Test for Elevated Pressure Systems

#### NOTE: DO NOT SUBJECT *TracPipe* SIZES 1-1/2" OR 2 INCH TO EXCESSIVE PRESSURE.

Pressure Test 1-1/2" and 2" sizes to local code requirements <u>but not to</u> <u>exceed 40 psi</u>. In the absence of code rquirements, test to 1-1/2 times actual working pressure, <u>not to exceed 40 psi</u>.

The 2-5 PSI system requires a two-part pressure test. (See Figure 6-1) The first part is performed on the elevated pressure section, between the meter connection and the pounds-to inches house line regulator.

The second part is performed on the low pressure section, between the pounds-to-inches house line regulator and the gas appliance outlet. If a steel pipe "jumper" is inserted in place of the house line regulator the entire system can be pressure tested in one step.

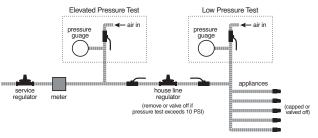


Figure 6-1 – Pressure Test Requirement for a 2 PSI System

#### SECTION 6.1A — APPLIANCE CONNECTION LEAKAGE CHECK PROCEDURE

- 1. After the final pressure test, inspection and final construction is complete (finished interior walls) connect the appliances to the tubing system.
- 2. This final connection can be accomplished by a stainless steel flexible connector, direct connection with CSST tubing or with rigid black pipe. See section 4.6 for installation details and guidelines.
- 3. Turn the gas on at the meter and inspect for leakage before operating the appliances.
- 4. Connections made at the appliances should be leak checked with a bubble solution. Before placing the appliances in operation the tubing system should be purged. This displaces the air in the system with fuel gas. Be sure to bleed tubing system into a well ventilated area.

NOTE: Leak test solutions may cause corrosion to some types of material in the gas tubing system. Be sure to water rinse after the test and thoroughly dry all contacted material. Also, the vent limiter should not be leak tested with a liquid test solution. This will contaminate the internal ball check mechanism or plug the breathing hole, resulting in erratic regulator operation.

#### SECTION 6.1B — REGULATOR PERFORMANCE

- A. Load Response
- 1. A performance test should be conducted while operating all appliances at full load.

This will insure adequate pressure to each appliance under full-load conditions. To accomplish this, measure the line pressure at the appliance connection while operating the appliance.

2. The inlet pressure for typical natural gas appliances should measure between 4 and 6 inches water column under full-load conditions. If this pressure can not be obtained a slight adjustment to the pounds-to-inches regulator may be necessary to increase the line pressure. Do not set any system regulator over the system design pressure (2 PSI).

#### B. Spring Adjustment

- The 2 PSI system pounds-to-inches house line regulator can be adjusted with an outlet pressure ranging between 7 and 11 inches of water column. The regulator must be adjusted according to the manufacturer's recommended procedure. A pressure gauge mounted just downstream of the regulator can monitor the set pressure under various loads.
- 2. The regulator is typically set when the system is operating at approximately 75 percent of maximum load.
- 3. The average natural gas appliance is designed to operate at 3 to 4 inches water column manifold pressure, and a pressure difference of 1 to 2 inches of water column across the appliance regulator which will prevent slow regulator response. Thus, the appliance regulator will operate best at 5 to 6 inches water column inlet pressure. In this case, the 2 PSI house line regulator should be reset to deliver approximately 8 to 10 inches of water column outlet pressure under load to allow for 3 inches of water column pressure drop in the tubing. Some appliances may have different inlet pressure requirements.

#### CHAPTER 7 CAPACITY TABLES

#### SECTION 7.0 — SIZING TABLES

for *TracPipe* Flexible Gas Piping

#### STANDARD TABLES

Natural Gas	6-7 in. w.c. / 0.5 in. w.c. drop
	8 in. w.c. / 3 in. w.c. drop
	12-14 in. w.c. / 6 in. w.c. drop
	2 psi / 1 psi drop
	5 psi / 3.5 psi drop
Propane	11 in. w.c. / 0.5 in.w.c. drop
	2 psi / 1 psi drop
	5 psi / 3.5 psi drop

#### ADDITIONAL TABLES

Natural Gas	6-7 in. w.c. / 1 in. w.c. drop
	8 in. w.c. /2 in. w.c. drop
	11 in. w.c. / 5 in. w.c. drop
	2 psi / 1.5 psi drop
Propane	12-14 in. w.c. / 2.5 in. w.c. drop
	2 psi / 1.5 psi drop

#### SECTION 7.1 — PRESSURE DROP PER FOOT TABLES

for TracPipe Flexible Gas Piping - Natural Gas\*

#### \*Note: For propane (LP) gas applications:

- 1. Convert propane BTU load to CFH propane (divide by 2520 BTU per cubic foot).
- 2. Multiply CFH propane (1.52 SG) value by 1.5916 to obtain equivalent CFH Natural Gas (0.6 SG) value.
- 3. Find pressure drop per foot using CFH Natural Gas value from Step 2. This is the pressure drop per foot for Propane at the given BTU load.
- 4. Follow Sum of Pressure Loss instructions.

Convert 1,000 BTU values to CFH (Propane) using the formula: Propane = 2520 BTU/Cu.Ft.

SECTION 7.2 — SIZING TABLE FOR STEEL PIPE Natural Gas 0.5 PSI or less / 0.5 in. w.c. drop

#### SECTION 7.2A — PRESSURE DROP PER 100 FOOT OF STEEL PIPE

Table N-1 Low Pressure (Standard)

Maximum Capacity of OmegaFlex TracPipe in Cubic Feet per Hour Natural Gas (1,000 BTU approx)

Pressure Drop: 0.5 in. W.C. (based on a 0.6 Specific Gravity Gas) Gas Pressure: 6-7 in. W.C.

	300	ω	18	39	66	95	226	540	
	250	ω	20	43	73	133	247	591	
	200	6	22	48	81	148	277	661	
	150	11	26	55	94	171	320	762	
	100	13	31	67	115	208	393	933	
	06	14	33	71	121	219	415	983	
	80	15	35	75	129	232	440	1042	
Ē	70	16	37	80	138	248	471	1114	
H (FEE	09	17	40	86	149	267	509	1203	
ENGT	50	19	44	94	163	292	559	1317	
TUBING LENGTH (FEET)	40	21	48	105	183	325	625	1472	
TUE	30	24	56	121	211	374	723	1698	
	25	27	61	132	231	409	793	1860	
	20	30	68	147	259	456	888	2078	
	15	34	78	169	299	524	1027	2398	
	10	42	94	206	366	639	1261	2934	
	വ	58	131	288	518	901	1790	4142	
	(EHD)	15	19	25	31	37	46	62	
	Size	3/8"	1/2"	3/4"	1"	1-1/4"	1-1/2"	2"	

see notes below\*

EHD (Effective Hydraulic Diameter) A relative measure of Flow Capacity; This number is used to compare individual sizes between different manufacturers. The higher the EHD number the greater flow capacity of the piping.

Table N-2A Low Pressure (Canada & USA 1 inch drop)

Maximum Capacity of OmegaFlex TracPipe in Cubic Feet per Hour Natural Gas (1,000 BTU approx)

Pressure Drop: 1.0 in. W.C. (based on a 0.6 Specific Gravity Gas) Gas Pressure: 6-7 in. W.C.

\* NOTES: Tables above include losses for four 90-degree bends and two end fittings. Tubing runs with larger numbers of bends and/or fittings shall be increased by an equivalent length of tubing to the following equation: L= 1.3n where L is additional length of tubing and n is the number of additional fittings and/or bends.

Table N-2B Low Pressure (Canada & USA 2 inch drop)

Maximum Capacity of OmegaFlex TracPipe in Cubic Feet per Hour Natural Gas (1,000 BTU approx)

Gas Pressure: 7 in. W.C.

TIIRING LENGTH (FEET)

Pressure Drop: 2 in. W.C. (based on a 0.6 Specific Gravity Gas)

Size         (HD)         5         10         15         20         25         30         40         50         60         70         80         90         100         150         200         250         300           3/8"         15         115         82         67         58         52         48         42         37         34         32         30         72         19         17         15           3/8"         15         145         182         150         131         118         108         94         85         78         72         68         64         61         50         44         39         36           3/4"         25         564         403         331         288         237         206         157         147         139         132         108         94         84         77           1"14"         37         1938         734         599         518         463         327         299         214         231         189         163         146         133           1-1/4"         37         1948         1324         1057         147         137         149 <th></th>										
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(EHD)     5     10     15     20     25     30       15     115     82     67     58     52     48       19     254     182     150     131     118     10       25     564     403     331     288     258     233       31     1038     734     599     518     463     423       37     1944     1324     1057     901     797     720       46     3607     2541     2070     1790     1599     145       62     8257     5848     4780     4142     3707     338	ENG.	50	37	85	185	327	542	1126	2626	
(EHD)     5     10     15     20     25     30       15     115     82     67     58     52     48       19     254     182     150     131     118     10       25     564     403     331     288     258     233       31     1038     734     599     518     463     423       37     1944     1324     1057     901     797     720       46     3607     2541     2070     1790     1599     145       62     8257     5848     4780     4142     3707     338	בואק ר	40	42	94	206	366	614	1261	2934	
(EHD)     5     10     15     20       15     115     82     67     58       19     254     182     150     131       25     564     403     331     288       31     1038     734     599     518       37     1944     1324     1057     901       46     3607     2541     2070     1790       62     8257     5848     4780     4142		30	48	108	237	423	720	1458	3386	
(EHD)     5     10     15       15     115     82     67       19     254     182     150       25     564     403     331       31     1038     734     599       37     1944     1324     1057       46     3607     2541     2070       62     8257     5848     4780		25	52	118	258	463	797	1599	3707	
(EHD)     5     10       15     115     82       19     254     182       25     564     403       31     1038     734       37     1944     1324       46     3607     2541       62     8257     5848		20	58	131	288	518	901	1790	4142	
e     (EHD)     5       15     115     115       19     254     254       31     1038     31       37     1944     46       46     3607       62     8257		15	67	150	331	599	1057	2070	4780	
e (EHD) 15 19 31 31 37 62 62		10	82	182	403	734	1324	2541	5848	
		വ	115	254	564	1038	1944	3607	8257	
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		Size	3/8"	1/2"	3/4"	1"	1-1/4"	1-1/2"	2"	

see notes below\*

EHD (Effective Hydraulic Diameter) A relative measure of Flow Capacity; This number is used to compare individual sizes between different manufacturers. The higher the EHD number the greater flow capacity of the piping.

Table N-3 Regulator Outlet (8 inches W.C.)

Maximum Capacity of OmegaFlex TracPipe in Cubic Feet per Hour Natural Gas (1,000 BTU approx)

Gas Pressure: 8 in. W.C.

Pressure Drop: 3 in. W.C. (based on a 0.6 Specific Gravity Gas)

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District call (FEL I)           Size         (EHD)         5         10         15         20         25         30         40         50         70         80         70         100         150         200         250         300           3/8"         15         160         112         90         78         69         63         54         48         44         41         38         36         34         27         23         21         19           3/4"         25         687         491         147         134         116         104         95         88         82         77         73         60         52         46         42           3/4"         25         687         491         147         134         116         104         95         88         82         77         73         60         52         46         42           3/4"         31         1365         958         546         471         421         383         355         331         311         295         240         207         184         168           1-1/4"         37         243         373 <th></th>										
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Perform     EHD     5     10     15       15     160     112     90       19     327     231     189       25     687     491     403       31     1365     958     778       37     2433     1657     1324       46     4428     3119     2541       62     10103     7156     5848		25	69	147	315	599	997	1963	4536	
Perform     EHD     5     10       15     160     112       19     327     231       25     687     491       31     1365     958       37     2433     1657       46     4428     3119       62     10103     7156		20	78	164	351	672	1129	2197	5069	
e     (EHD)     5       15     160       19     327       25     687       31     1365       37     2433       46     4428       62     10103		15	90	189	403	778	1324	2541	5848	
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		വ	160	327	687	1365	2433	4428	10103	
Size 3/8" 3/4" 1/2" 1-1/4" 1-1/2" 2"			15	19	25	31	37	46	62	
		Size	3/8"	1/2"	3/4"	1"	1-1/4"	1-1/2"	2"	

see notes below\*

EHD (Effective Hydraulic Diameter) A relative measure of Flow Capacity; This number is used to compare individual sizes between different manufacturers. The higher the EHD number the greater flow capacity of the piping.

Table N-3A 3P Regulator Outlet (11 inches W.C.)

Maximum Capacity of OmegaFlex TracPipe in Cubic Feet per Hour Natural Gas

Gas Pressure: 11 in. W.C.

Pressure Drop: 5 in. W.C. (based on a 0.6 Specific Gravity Gas) TIIRING I ENGTH (FEET)

	300	24	54	120	216	334	723	1698	
	250	26	60	131	237	369	793	1860	
	200	30	67	146	266	418	888	2078	
	150	35	77	168	308	490	1027	2398	
	100	43	94	205	379	614	1261	2934	
	06	45	66	216	400	651	1330	3092	
	80	48	105	228	425	695	1411	3279	
_	70	52	113	244	456	748	1510	3504	
	60	56	122	263	493	815	1632	3783	
UBING LENGIH (FEE	50	62	133	287	542	901	1790	4142	
פוואק ר	40	70	149	320	607	1020	2004	4629	
	30	81	172	368	704	1196	2317	5341	
	25	89	188	402	773	1324	2541	5858	
	20	100	210	448	867	1498	2844	6535	
	15	116	242	515	1005	1757	3290	7541	
	10	144	297	627	1237	2199	4038	9227	
	വ	207	419	878	1766	3229	5732	13026	
	(EHD)	15	19	25	31	37	46	62	
	Size	3/8"	1/2"	3/4"	1"	1-1/4"	1-1/2"	2"	

see notes below\*

EHD (Effective Hydraulic Diameter) A relative measure of Flow Capacity; This number is used to compare individual sizes between different manufacturers. The higher the EHD number the greater flow capacity of the piping.

# Table N-4 Medium Pressure

# Maximum Capacity of OmegaFlex TracPipe in Cubic Feet per Hour Natural Gas (1,000 BTU approx)

Gas Pressure: 1/2 PSI (12-14 inches W.C.) Pressure Drop: 6 in. W.C. (based on a 0.6 Specific Gravity Gas)

\* NOTES: Tables above include losses for four 90-degree bends and two end fittings. Tubing runs with larger numbers of bends and/or fittings shall be increased by an equivalent length of tubing to the following equation: L= 1.3n where L is additional length of tubing and n is the number of additional fittings and/or bends.

Table N-5 Elevated Pressure 2psi

in Cubic Feet per Hour Natural Gas (1,000 BTU approx) Maximum Capacity of OmegaFlex TracPipe

Gas Pressure: 2 psi

Pressure Drop: 1 psi (based on a 0.6 Specific Gravity Gas)

		3/8"	1/2"	3/4"		1-1/4"	1-1/2"	2"
	500	46	100	216	404	650	1329	3089
	400	52	111	241	453	736	1487	3452
	300	61	129	277	525	863	1720	3983
	250	67	141	303	576	955	1886	4362
	200	75	157	338	645	1080	2111	4874
	150	87	182	388	748	1267	2442	5624
H (FEE <sup>-</sup>	100	107	222	473	920	1586	2997	6881
<b>TUBING LENGTH (FEET</b>	80	120	249	527	1031	1795	3355	7689
JBING	75	124	257	543	1066	1861	3467	7940
Ĩ	50	154	314	661	1311	2329	4255	9715
	40	172	351	737	1470	2636	4763	10855
	30	200	405	847	1703	3092	5509	12526
	25	220	444	926	1869	3420	6041	13715
	10	353	700	1444	2986	5683	9599	21637
	(EHD)	15	19	25	31	37	46	62
	Size	3/8"	1/2"	3/4"	1"	1-1/4"	1-1/2"	2"

\* NOTES: Table does not include effect of pressure drop across the line regulator. If regulator loss exceeds 3/4 PSI (based on 8 inch outlet pressure) Do not use this chart. Pressure drops across a regulator vary with flow rate. FGP-REG-3 has a 3/4 PSI pressure drop at a flow of 250 cubic feet per hour. CAUTION: Capacities shown in table may exceed maximum capacity for a selected regulator. EHD (Effective Hydraulic Diameter) A relative measure of Flow Capacity. This number is used to compare individual sizes between different manufacturers. The higher the EHD number the greater flow capacity of the piping.

Table N-5A Elevated Pressure 2psi

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in Cubic Feet per Hour Natural Gas (1,000 BTU approx) Maximum Capacity of OmegaFlex TracPipe

Gas Pressure: 2 psi Pres

Pressure Drop: 1.5 psi (based on a 0.6 Specific Gravity Gas)

		3/8"	1/2"	3/4"	1"	1-1/4"	1-1/2"	2"
	500	56	122	264	495	814	1631	3780
	400	64	136	294	555	921	1826	4224
	300	74	157	338	644	1080	2111	4874
	250	81	172	369	707	1195	2315	5337
	200	91	193	411	793	1353	2592	5963
	150	106	222	473	919	1586	2997	6881
H (FEE <sup>-</sup>	100	131	272	576	1131	1986	3679	8419
<b>TUBING LENGTH (FEET</b>	80	148	304	642	1268	2248	4119	9408
JBING	75	153	314	662	1311	2329	4255	9715
F	50	189	384	806	1614	2916	5223	11886
	40	212	429	899	1810	3300	5847	13282
	30	247	495	1033	2098	3870	6762	15326
	25	271	542	1129	2304	4282	7415	16781
	10	438	855	1761	3687	7114	11782	26473
	(EHD)	15	19	25	31	37	46	62
	Size	3/8"	1/2"	3/4"	1=	1-1/4"	1-1/2"	2"

Table N-6 Elevated Pressure 5psi

in Cubic Feet per Hour Natural Gas (1,000 BTU approx) Maximum Capacity of OmegaFlex TracPipe

Gas Pressure: 5 psi

Pressure Drop: 3.5 psi (based on a 0.6 Specific Gravity Gas)

		3/8"	1/2"	3/4"		1-1/4"	1-1/2"	2"
	500	89	186	397	766	1302	2503	5762
	400	100	208	443	858	1473	2802	6439
	300	116	240	509	955	1728	3240	7430
	250	128	263	556	1092	1912	3553	8135
	200	143	294	620	1224	2163	3977	0606
	150	166	339	713	1418	2537	4600	10489
<b>TUBING LENGTH (FEET</b>	100	205	415	868	1744	3176	5646	12834
LENGTI	80	230	463	967	1955	3594	6320	14341
JBING	75	238	479	998	2021	3725	6530	14809
μ	50	293	586	1214	2486	4664	8015	18119
	40	329	654	1353	2786	5277	8972	20246
	30	382	755	1556	3228	6189	10377	23361
	25	420	827	1699	3543	6847	11378	25580
	10	672	1304	2650	5659	11376	18080	40353
	(EHD)	15	19	25	31	37	46	62
	Size	3/8"	1/2"	3/4"	1"	1-1/4"	1-1/2"	2"

\* NOTES: Table does not include effect of pressure drop across the line regulator. If regulator loss exceeds 3/4 PSI (based on 8 inch outlet pressure) Do not use this chart. Pressure drops across a regulator vary with flow rate. FGP-REG-5 has a 1 PSI pressure drop at a flow of 6/3 cubic feet per hour. CAUTION: Capacities shown in table may exceed maximum capacity for a selected regulator.

# Table P-1 Propane Low Pressure (Standard)

Maximum Capacity of OmegaFlex TracPipe<sup>TM</sup> in Thousands of BTU per Hour Propane Gas

Gas Pressure: 11 in. W.C.

Pressure Drop: 0.5 in. W.C. (based on a 1.52 Specific Gravity Gas)

	300	11	26	62	107	147	357	854
	250	12	30	68	117	163	390	934
	200	14	33	76	129	183	438	1045
	150	15	36	87	143	217	506	1205
	100	20	47	106	186	270	621	1475
	06	22	50	112	197	286	656	1554
	80	23	52	118	208	307	696	1647
(F	70	25	57	126	222	330	745	1761
LENGTH (FEET)	60	26	60	136	241	359	805	1902
ENGT	50	30	66	149	265	397	884	2082
<b>FUBING L</b>	40	33	74	166	297	449	988	2327
TUI	30	39	87	191	344	528	1143	2684
	25	42	94	209	379	583	1254	2940
	20	49	106	232	425	661	1404	3285
	15	55	121	267	490	775	1623	3791
	10	69	150	325	605	971	1993	4638
	വ	66	211	456	863	1424	2830	6547
	(EHD)	15	19	25	31	37	46	62
	Size	3/8"	1/2"	3/4"	1"	1-1/4"	1-1/2"	2"

EHD (Effective Hydraulic Diameter) A relative measure of Low Capacity; This number is used to compare individual sizes between different manufacturers. The higher the EHD number the greater flow capacity of the piping. see notes below\*

Table P-2 Propane Medium Pressure

Maximum Capacity of OmegaFlex TracPipe in Thousands of BTU per Hour Propane Gas Pressure Drop: 2.5 in. W. C. (based on a 1.52 Specific Gravity Gas) Gas Pressure: 1/2 psi (12-14 in. W. C.)

	300	30	70	136	320	359	805	1902
	250	33	76	164	352	397	884	2082
	200	37	85	183	398	449	988	2327
	150	43	97	210	470	528	1143	2684
	100	52	118	256	596	661	1404	3285
	06	55	124	269	632	700	1481	3462
	80	58	131	285	673	748	1571	3671
(F	70	62	140	304	719	805	1682	3923
H (FEE	60	67	150	328	771	877	1818	4236
ENGT	50	73	164	358	825	971	1993	4638
TUBING LENGTH (FEET)	40	81	182	399	883	1099	2230	5183
TUI	30	93	209	459	976	1288	2580	5980
	25	102	228	501	1106	1424	2830	6547
	20	114	254	559	1343	1612	3168	7317
	15	131	290	642	1720	1891	3663	8443
	10	159	353	782	1863	2368	4496	10330
	വ	222	491	1094	2512	3476	6383	14586
	(EHD)	15	19	25	31	37	46	62
	Size	3/8"	1/2"	3/4"	1"	1-1/4"	1-1/2"	2"

NOTES: Tables above include losses for four 90-degree bends and two end fittings. Tubing runs with larger numbers of bends and/or fittings shall be increased by an equivalent length of tubing to the following equation: L=1.3n where L is additional length of tubing and n is the number of additional fittings and/or bends.

u Table P-3 Propane Elevated Pressure 2psi

Maximum Capacity of OmegaFlex TracPipe<sup>TM</sup> in Thousands of BTU per Hour Propane Gas

Gas Pressure: 2 psi

Pressure Drop: 1 psi (based on a 1.52 Specific Gravity Gas)

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		3/8"	1/2"	3/4"	1"	1-1/4"	1-1/2"	2"
	500	72	158	342	638	1027	2101	4883
	400	82	175	381	716	1163	2351	5457
	300	96	203	439	829	1364	2719	6296
	250	105	222	479	910	1510	2981	6895
	200	118	248	534	1019	1707	3337	7705
(_	150	137	287	614	1182	2003	3860	8890
H (FEE <sup>-</sup>	100	169	350	713	1454	2507	4738	10877
<b>TUBING LENGTH (FEET)</b>	80	189	393	833	1629	2837	5303	12154
UBING	75	196	406	859	1685	2942	5480	12551
F	50	243	496	1046	2072	3682	6726	15357
	40	271	554	1165	2323	4167	7529	17159
	30	316	640	1340	2692	4888	8708	19801
	25	347	701	1464	2954	5406	9549	21680
	10	558	1106	2282	4720	8683	15174	34203
	(EHD)	15	19	25	31	37	46	62
	Size	3/8"	1/2"	3/4"	1"	1-1/4"	1-1/2"	2"

\* NOTES: Table does not include effect of pressure drop across the line regulator. If regulator loss exceeds 3/4 PSI (based on 8 inch outlet pressure) Do not use this chart. Pressure drops across a regulator vary with flow rate. FGP-REG-3P has a 3/4 PSI pressure drop at a flow of 161 cubic feet per hour. CAUTION: Capacities shown in table may exceed maximum capacity for a selected regulator. EHD (Effective Hydraulic Diameter) A relative measure of Flow Capacity; This number is used to compare individual sizes between different manufacturers. The higher the EHD number the greater flow capacity of the piping.

Table P-3A Propane Elevated Pressure 2 psi

Maximum Capacity of OmegaFlex TracPipe<sup>TM</sup> in Thousands of BTU per Hour Propane Gas

Gas Pressure: 2 psi

Pressure Drop: 1.5 psi (based on a 1.52 Specific Gravity Gas)

		3/8"	1/2"	3/4"	1"	1-1/4"	1-1/2"	2"
	500	124	262	560	1078	1287	2578	5975
	400	138	290	619	1198	1456	2886	6677
	300	159	331	705	1372	1707	3337	7705
	250	173	360	765	1495	1889	3659	8436
	200	193	399	845	1661	2139	4097	9426
	150	222	456	962	1903	2507	4738	10877
rubing length (feet)	100	269	550	1153	2305	3139	5816	13308
LENGT	80	300	609	1275	2561	3554	6511	14872
JBING	75	310	628	1312	2641	3682	6726	15357
F	50	376	757	1574	3198	4609	8256	18789
	40	419	839	1739	3553	5216	9243	20996
	30	481	957	1978	4070	6118	10689	24227
	25	525	1041	2147	4436	6769	11721	26527
	10	817	1588	3237	6838	11245	18624	41847
	(EHD)	15	19	25	31	37	46	62
	Size	3/8"	1/2"	3/4"	1"	1-1/4"	1-1/2"	2"

Table P-4 Propane Elevated Pressure 5psi

Maximum Capacity of OmegaFlex TracPipe<sup>TM</sup> in Thousands of BTU per Hour Propane Gas

Gas Pressure: 5 psi

Pressure Drop: 3.5 psi (based on a 1.52 Specific Gravity Gas)

		3/8"	1/2"	3/4"	1"	1-1/4"	1-1/2"	2"
	500	140	294	629	1210	2058	3957	9108
	400	158	328	700	1356	2328	4429	10178
	300	183	379	805	1572	2732	5122	11745
	250	202	416	880	1726	3022	5616	12859
	200	226	464	980	1934	3419	6287	14369
	150	262	535	1127	2241	4010	7271	16581
H (FEE7	100	324	656	1310	2756	5020	8925	20287
TUBING LENGTH (FEET)	80	363	731	1529	3090	5681	0666	22670
JBING	75	376	757	1577	3194	5888	10322	23409
ΪĹ	50	463	926	1920	3929	7373	12670	28642
	40	520	1033	2139	4404	8342	14183	32004
	30	603	1193	2459	5102	9783	16403	36928
	25	664	1307	2686	5600	10823	17986	40436
	10	1065	2061	4189	8945	17983	28580	63788
	(EHD)	15	19	25	31	37	46	62
	Size	3/8"	1/2"	3/4"	1"	1-1/4"	1-1/2"	2"

\* NOTES: Table does not include effect of pressure drop across the line regulator. If regulator loss exceeds 3/4 PSI (based on 8 inch outlet pressure) Do not use this chart. Pressure drops across a regulator vary with flow rate. Maxitrol FGP-REG-5 has a 1 PSI pressure drop at a flow of 434 cubic feet per hour. CAUTION: Capacities shown in table may exceed maximum capacity for a selected regulator.

Section 7.1 — Table PD-1 Pressure Drop per foot for *TracPipe* (Natural Gas) (For Propane See Below)

3/8" C	SST	1/2	2" CSST		3/4" (	CSST		1" C	SST
CFH	"W.C.	CFF			CFH	"W.C.	1	CFH	"W.C.
20	0.011	20	0.002		30	0.001	1	50	0.001
30	0.025	30	0.004		40	0.002	1	60	0.001
40	0.045	40	0.008		50	0.003	1	70	0.002
50	0.071	50	0.013		60	0.004	1	80	0.002
60	0.104	60	0.019		70	0.005	1	90	0.003
70	0.143	70	0.027		80	0.007	1	100	0.004
80	0.188	80	0.035		90	0.009	1	110	0.005
90	0.240	90	0.045		100	0.011	1	120	0.005
100	0.299	100	0.056		110	0.014	1	130	0.006
110	0.364	110	0.069		120	0.016	1	140	0.007
120	0.436	120	0.082		130	0.019	1	150	0.008
130	0.515	130	0.098		140	0.022	1	160	0.010
140	0.600	140	0.114		150	0.026	1	170	0.011
150	0.693	150			160	0.030		180	0.012
160	0.792	160			170	0.034		190	0.013
170	0.897	170			180	0.038		200	0.015
180	1.010	180			190	0.042	]	210	0.016
190	1.130	190			200	0.047		220	0.018
200	1.257	200			210	0.052		230	0.020
210	1.390	210			220	0.057		240	0.021
220	1.531	220			230	0.063		250	0.023
230	1.678	230			240	0.068		260	0.025
240	1.833	240			250	0.074		270	0.027
250	1.995	250			260	0.081		280	0.029
260	2.163	260			270	0.087	-	290	0.031
270	2.339	270			280	0.094		300	0.034
280	2.522	280			290	0.101	-	310	0.036
290	2.712	290			300	0.108	-	320	0.038
300	2.910	300		-	310	0.116	-	330	0.041
310	3.114	310		_	320	0.124	-	340	0.043
320	3.326	320		-	330	0.132	-	350	0.046
330	3.544	330		-	340	0.140	-	360	0.048
340	3.770	340		-	350	0.149	-	370	0.051
350	4.004	350		-	360	0.158	-	380	0.054
360	4.244	360		-	370	0.167	-	390	0.057
370	4.492	370		-	380	0.176	-	400	0.060
380	4.747	380		-	390	0.186	-	410	0.063
390	5.009	390		-	400	0.196	-	420	0.066
400	5.279	400		-	410	0.206	-	430	0.069
<u>410</u> 420	5.556 5.840	410		-	420 430	0.217	-	440 450	0.072
				-			-		
430	6.132	430		-	440	0.239	-	460	0.079
<u>440</u> 450	6.431 6.737	440		-	450	0.250	-	470 480	0.082
		450		-	460 470		-	480	0.086
<u>460</u> 470	7.051	460		-	470	0.274	-	<u>    490    </u> 500	
470	7.372	470		-	480	0.286	-	500	0.093
	7.701			-		0.298	-		
<u>490</u> 500	8.037 8.380	490		-	500 510	0.311	-	520 530	0.100
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	CSST		<u>CSST</u>		CSST
CFH	"W.C.	CFH	"W.C.	CFH	"W.C.
80	0.001	210	0.001	510	0.001
90	0.002	220	0.002	520	0.002
100	0.002	230	0.002	530	0.002
110	0.002	240	0.002	540	0.002
120	0.003	250	0.002	560	0.002
130	0.003	260	0.002	570	0.002
140	0.003	270	0.002	580	0.002
150	0.004	280	0.003	590	0.002
160	0.004	290	0.003	600	0.002
170	0.005	300	0.003	610	0.002
180	0.005	310	0.003	620	0.002
190	0.006	320	0.003	630	0.002
200	0.007	330	0.004	640	0.002
210	0.007	340	0.004	650	0.002
220	0.008	350	0.004	660	0.002
230	0.008	360	0.004	670	0.003
240	0.009	370	0.004	680	0.003
250	0.010	380	0.005	690	0.003
260	0.011	390	0.005	700	0.003
270	0.011	400	0.005	710	0.003
280	0.012	410	0.005	720	0.003
290	0.013	420	0.006	730	0.003
300	0.014	430	0.006	740	0.003
310	0.015	440	0.006	750	0.003
320	0.015	450	0.007	760	0.003
330	0.016	460	0.007	770	0.003
340	0.017	470	0.007	780	0.003
350	0.018	480	0.007	790	0.004
360	0.019	490	0.008	800	0.004
370	0.020	500	0.008	810	0.004
380	0.021	510	0.008	820	0.004
390	0.022	520	0.009	830	0.004
400	0.023	530	0.009	840	0.004
410	0.024	540	0.009	850	0.004
420	0.025	560	0.010	860	0.004
430	0.025	570	0.010	870	0.004
440	0.020	580	0.010	880	0.004
450	0.027	590	0.011	890	0.004
460	0.027	600	0.011	900	0.005
470	0.030	610	0.011	910	0.005
470	0.031	620	0.012	920	0.005
490	0.032	630	0.012	930	0.005
500	0.033	640	0.013	930	0.005
510	0.034	650	0.013	940	0.005
520	0.030	660	0.013	960	0.005
530	0.037	670	0.014	970	0.005
530	0.038	680	0.014	970	0.005
	0.040			980	
560		690	0.015		0.006
570	0.044	700	0.016	1000	0.006

# Table PD-1 Pressure Drop per foot for TracPipe (Natural Gas) (For Propane See Below)

Pressure Drop	per foot for	TracPipe (	Natural Gas)	(For Pro	pane See Below)

1/2"	CSST	3/4" (	CSST	1" C	SST
CFH	"W.C.	CFH	"W.C.	CFH	"W.C.
510	1.735	520	0.337	540	0.108
520	1.807	530	0.351	560	0.117
530	1.881	540	0.364	570	0.121
540	1.957	560	0.393	580	0.125
560	2.113	570	0.407	590	0.129
570	2.193	580	0.422	600	0.134
580	2.275	590	0.437	610	0.138
590	2.358	600	0.453	620	0.143
600	2.443	610	0.469	630	0.147
610	2.529	620	0.485	640	0.152
620	2.618	630	0.501	650	0.157
630	2.707	640	0.517	660	0.162
640	2.798	650	0.534	670	0.167
650	2.891	660	0.551	680	0.172
660	2.986	670	0.569	690	0.177
670	3.082	680	0.586	700	0.182
680	3.180	690	0.604	710	0.187
690	3.279	700	0.622	720	0.192
700	3.380	710	0.641	730	0.198
710	3.482	720	0.660	740	0.203
720	3.586	730	0.679	750	0.209
730	3.692	740	0.698	760	0.214
740	3.799	750	0.718	770	0.220
750	3.908	760	0.738	780	0.226
760	4.019	770	0.758	790	0.232
780	4.244	780	0.778	800	0.237
790	4.360	790	0.799	810	0.243
800	4.477	800	0.820	820	0.249
810	4.596	810	0.841	830	0.256
		820	0.863	840	0.262
		830	0.885	850	0.268
		840	0.907	860	0.274
		850	0.929	870	0.281
		860	0.952	880	0.287
		870	0.975	890	0.294
		880	0.998	900	0.300
		890	1.022	910	0.307
		900	1.045	920	0.314
		910	1.070	930	0.321
		920	1.094	940	0.328
		930	1.119	950	0.335
		940	1.144	960	0.342
		950	1.169	970	0.349
		960	1.194	980	0.356
		970	1.220	990	0.363
		980	1.246	1000	0.371
		990	1.273	1010	0.378
		1000	1.299	1020	0.386
	-	1010	1.326	1030	0.393

Pressure Drop p	er foot for	TracPipe (Natura	l Gas) (For Pro	pane See Below)
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1 1/4"		1 1/2"			2" C		
CFH	"W.C.	CFH	"W.C.		CFH	"W.C.	
580	0.045	710	0.016		1010	0.006	
590	0.046	720	0.016		1020	0.006	
600	0.048	730	0.017		1030	0.006	
610	0.049	740	0.017		1040	0.006	
620	0.051	750	0.018		1050	0.006	
630	0.052	760	0.018		1060	0.006	
640	0.054	770	0.019	]	1070	0.007	
650	0.055	780	0.019	]	1080	0.007	
660	0.057	790	0.020	1	1090	0.007	
670	0.058	800	0.020	1	1100	0.007	
680	0.060	810	0.021	1	1200	0.008	
690	0.062	820	0.021	1	1300	0.010	
700	0.063	830	0.022	1	1400	0.011	
710	0.065	840	0.022	1	1500	0.013	
720	0.067	850	0.023	1	1600	0.015	
730	0.068	860	0.023		1700	0.017	
740	0.070	870	0.024		1800	0.019	
750	0.072	880	0.025	-	1900	0.021	
760	0.073	890	0.025		2000	0.023	
770	0.075	900	0.026	-	3000	0.052	
780	0.077	910	0.026		4000	0.093	
790	0.079	920	0.020		5000	0.146	
800	0.081	930	0.027		6000	0.210	
810	0.082	940	0.027		7000	0.210	
820	0.084	950	0.020		8000	0.375	
830	0.086	960	0.027		9000	0.476	
840	0.088	970	0.027		10000	0.588	
850	0.000	980	0.030		11000	0.712	
860	0.070	990	0.030	-	12000	0.848	
870	0.072	1000	0.031		13000	0.040	
880	0.094	1000	0.032	-	14000	1.156	
890	0.078	1010	0.032	-	15000	1.328	
900	0.098	1020	0.033	-	16000	1.520	
910	0.100	1030	0.033		17000	1.708	
920	0.102	1040	0.034	-	18000	1.915	
930	0.104	1050	0.035		19000	2.135	
930	0.108	1080	0.035		20000	2.135	
940	0.108	1070	0.038	-	20000	2.307	
			0.037	-			
960	0.112	1090			22000	2.867 3.707	
970	0.114	1100	0.038		25000		
980	0.116	1200	0.045		28000	4.655	
990	0.118	1300	0.053	-	30000	5.348	
1000	0.120	1400	0.061	-	32000	6.089	
1010	0.123	1500	0.070		35000	7.290	
1020	0.125	1600	0.080		38000	8.601	
1030	0.127	1700	0.090		40000	9.535	
1040	0.129	1800	0.101		42000	10.517	
1050	0.132	1900	0.112				
1060	0.134	2000	0.124				

## Pressure Drop per foot for *TracPipe* (Natural Gas) (For Propane See Below)

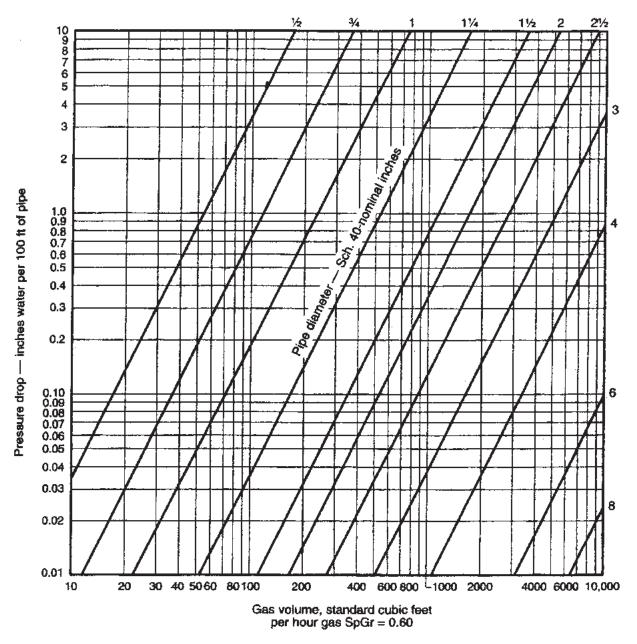
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	CSST	1" C		-		CSST	-		CSST
CFH	"W.C.	CFH	"W.C.	-	CFH	"W.C.	-	CFH	"W.C.
1020	1.354	1040	0.401	-	1070	0.136	-	2500	0.193
1030	1.381	1050	0.409	-	1080	0.138	-	3000	0.278
1040	1.409	1060	0.416	-	1090	0.141	-	3500	0.377
1050	1.437	1070	0.424	-	1100	0.143	-	4000	0.490
1060	1.465	1080	0.432	-	1200	0.167	4	4500	0.619
1070	1.494	1090	0.440	-	1300	0.193	-	5000	0.763
1080	1.523	1100	0.448		1400	0.221	4	5500	0.921
1090	1.552	1200	0.534		1500	0.250	1	6000	1.094
1100	1.582	1300	0.626		1600	0.281		6500	1.281
1200	1.893	1400	0.726		1700	0.314		7000	1.484
1300	2.233	1500	0.833		1800	0.348		7500	1.701
1400	2.601	1600	0.947		1900	0.384		8000	1.933
1500	2.999	1700	1.069		2000	0.421		8500	2.179
1600	3.427	1800	1.199		2500	0.630		9000	2.440
1700	3.883	1900	1.335		3000	0.875		10000	3.005
1800	4.369	2000	1.479		3500	1.156		11000	3.629
1900	4.885	2500	2.309		4000	1.471		12000	4.311
2000	5.430	2600	2.497		5000	2.201		13000	5.050
2100	6.005	2800	2.896		6000	3.058		14000	5.848
2200	6.610	2900	3.106		7000	4.040	]	15000	6.703
2300	7.245	3000	3.323		8000	5.141	1	16000	7.616
2400	7.910	3500	4.521	1	9000	6.358	1	17000	8.587
2500	8.605	4000	5.902		10000	7.690	1	18000	9.615
2600	9.330	4500	7.466	1	11000	9.134	1		
		5000	9.213	1	12000	10.687	1		
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SECTION 7.2

Table SP-1 Maximum Capacity of Pipe in Cubic Feet of Gas per Hour for Gas Pressures of 0.5 psi or Less and a Pressure Drop of 0.5 Inch Water Column (Based on a 0.6 Specific Gravity)

	200	8	19	35	72	135	280	430	800	1,280	2,280	4,600
	175	6	20	37	77	145	300	460	850	1,370	2,450	5,000
	150	10	22	40	84	160	325	500	950	1,500	2,650	5,500
	125	11	24	44	93	175	360	550	1,020	1,650	2,950	6,000
	100	12	27	50	103	195	400	620	1,150	1,850	3,250	6,700
	06	13	29	53	110	205	430	650	1,220	1,950	3,450	7,200
e (Feet)	80	14	31	57	118	220	460	690	1,300	2,050	3,700	7,500
Length of Pipe (Feet)	70	15	33	61	125	240	490	750	1,400	2,250	3,900	8,100
Ler	60	16	36	66	138	260	530	810	1,520	2,400	4,300	8,800
	50	18	40	73	151	285	580	900	1,680	2,650	4,750	9,700
	40	20	45	82	170	320	660	066	1,900	3,000	5,300	10,900
	30	24	52	97	200	375	770	1,180	2,200	3,520	6,250	12,800
	20	29	65	120	250	465	950	1,460	2,750	4,350	7,700	15,800
	10	43	95	175	360	680	1,400	2,100	3,950	6,300	11,000	23,000
Internal Diameter	(inches)	.364	.493	.622	.824	1.049	1.380	1.610	2.067	2.469	3.068	4.026
Normal Iron Pipe Size		1/4	3/8	1/2	3/4	-	1 1/4	1 1/2	2	2 1/2	3	4
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# SECTION 7.2A



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# CHAPTER 8 DEFINITION OF TERMINOLOGY

#### A.G.A. – American Gas Association

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**Appliance** (Equipment) – Any device which utilizes natural gas or propane as a fuel or raw material to produce light, heat, power, refrigeration or air conditioning.

**Approved** – Acceptable to the authorities having jurisdiction.

**Authority Having Jurisdiction** – The organization, office or individual responsible for "approving" equipment, an installation or a procedure.

**Btu** – Abbreviation for British Thermal Unit, which is the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of one pound of water one degree Fahrenheit.

Cfh – Gas flow rate stated in cubic feet per hour.

**Clothes Dryer** – A device used to dry wet laundry by means of heat derived from the combustion of natural gases.

**Design Pressure** – The maximum operating pressure permitted by this document, as determined by the design procedures applicable to the materials involved.

**Drip Leg** – The container (dirt trap pocket) placed at a low point in a system of piping to collect foreign material or condensate and from which it may be removed.

**EHD (Effective Hydraulic Diameter)** – A relative measure of Flow Capacity; This number is used to compare individual sizes between different manufacturers. The higher the EHD number the greater flow capacity of the piping.

**Full Lockup** – The capability of totally stopping the flow of gas if the load goes to zero, thus preventing the downstream pressure from increasing

more than a certain upper limit pressure above the set point.

**Header (manifold)** – A pipe or fitting to which a number of branch lines are connected.

**ID** – Inside diameter of pipe or tubing.

**Inches (") W.C.** – Method of stating pressure measured in inches of water column by a manometer or pressure gauge. Commonly used in the gas industry when the pressure is less than one (1) PSI.

**1 PSI** = 28 in. W.C. approximately

**1/2 PSI** = 14 in. W.C.

**1/4 PSI** = 7 in. W.C.

**Load** – The amount of gas in Cfh required by an appliance, or group of appliances, per their rating plate.

**L. P. Gas** – Fuel gas that is stored and transported in a liquid state, i.e., propane, butane, and mixtures of these and other heavier hydrocarbons.

**Meter** – An instrument installed to measure the volume of gas delivered through a piping system.

**Manometer** – A "U" shaped tube filled with water, or mercury where the pressure applied to one leg of the "U" will push the liquid column a measurable distance. Also known as a "U" gauge.

**OD** – Outside Diameter of pipe or tubing.

**1/2 PS**I – A shortened way of stating 1/2 pounds per square inch gauge. Also the name of a low pressure piping system supplying gas from the meter at 1/2 PSI to each appliance pressure regulator.

**Piping** – As used in this document, either pipe or tubing, or both.

- a. pipe Rigid conduit of iron, steel, copper, brass or aluminum.
- b. tubing Semi rigid conduit of corrugated stainless steel.

**Pressure** – Unless otherwise stated, is expressed in pounds per square inch above atmospheric pressure, i.e. gage pressure (PSI).

**Pressure Drop** – The loss in static pressure of gas due to friction or obstruction in tubing, valves, fittings, regulators and burners.

**Pressure Regulator** – A valve which reduces and controls pressure. It automatically opens and closes in response to changing pressure conditions in the downstream piping.

**PSI** – Pounds per square inch gauge. The pressure, as read from a measurement gage or device. Gauge pressure is pressure above atmospheric pressure.

**Purge** – To displace the original air, or gas, or a mixture of gas and air in a gas conduit with a new air/gas mixture.

**Regulator, Appliance (inches w.c.** – inches w.c.) – A device for controlling and maintaining a uniform pressure to the manifold of gas burning equipment. This valve is typically part of the appliance. It reduces the pressure from 5.5" w.c. to the manifold pressure in the appliance. (approximately 3.5" w.c.).

**Regulator, House Line (PSI – inches w.c.)** – A device placed in a gas line between the service regulator and the appliance regulator for controlling, maintaining or reducing the pressure in that portion of the piping system downstream of the device. This valve reduces the house line pressure (Typically 2 PSI) to the regulator manifold pressure (Typically 8-10" w.c.). **Regulator, Service (PSI – PSI or inches w.c.)** – A device installed by the serving gas supplier to reduce and limit the service line gas pressure. This valve reduces the service pressure to the metering pressure. It is located upstream of the gas meter.

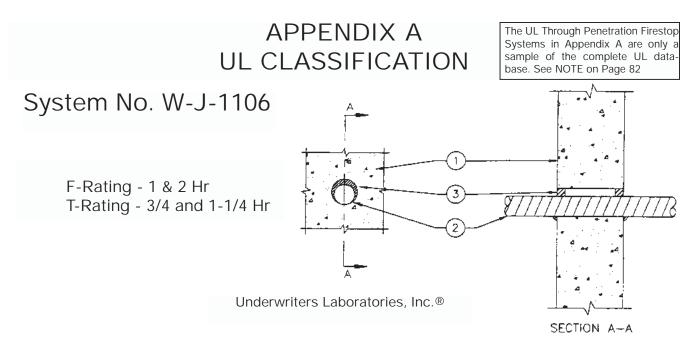
**Regulator Vent** – The opening in the atmospheric side of the regulator housing permitting the in and out movement of air to compensate for the movement of the regulator diaphragm.

**Specific Gravity** – As applied to gas, the ratio of the weight of a given volume to that of the same volume of air, both measured under the same conditions.

**2 PSI** – A shortened way of stating 2 pounds per square inch gauge pressure. Also the name of a piping system supplying gas at 2 PSI to a house line regulator which then reduces the pressure to inches W.C. upstream of the appliance regulator.

**Valve, Manual Shut-off** – A valve (located in the piping system and readily accessible and operable by the consumer) used to shut off individual equipment.

**Vent Limiter Device** – Restriction/orifice type device in the vent outlet of a pressure regulator that controls or limits leakage, in the event of a diaphragm leak. It also allows the diaphragm to move freely to control pressure.



- 1. Wall Assembly- Min 4-7/8 in. or 6-1/8 in. thick lightweight or normal weight (100-150 pcf) concrete for 1 or 2 hr rated assemblies, respectively. Wall may also be constructed of any UL Classified Concrete Blocks\*. Max diam of opening is 3-1/2 in.
- See Concrete Blocks (CAZT) category in the Fire Resistance Directory for names of manufacturers.
- 2. Through Penetrating Products\*-Flexible Metal Piping-Nom. 2 in. diam (or smaller) steel flexible metallic piping. Max one flexible metal piping to be installed either concentrically or eccentrically within opening. The annular space between piping and periphery of opening shall be min 0 (point contact) in. to max 1 in. Piping to be rigidly supported on both sides of wall assembly. Plastic covering on piping may or may not be removed on both sides of wall assembly. Omegaflex Inc.—*TracPipe* Flexible Gas Piping.
- 3. Fill, Void, or Cavity Material\*-Sealant -Min. 5/8 and 1 in. thickness of fill material for 1 and 2 hr fire-rated wall assemblies, respectively, applied within the annulus, flush with both surfaces of wall. An additional 1/2 in. diam of fill material applied at gypsum board/penetrant interface at point contact location on both surfaces of wall. Johns Manville International, Inc. Firetemp<sup>™</sup> CI

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Floor or Wall Assembly-Min 4-1/2 in. thick lightweight or normal weight (100 to 150 pcf) concrete. Wall may also be constructed of any UL Classified Concrete Blocks\*. Diam of opening in floor or wall assembly to be min 3/4 in. to max 1-1/2 in. Larger than diam of flexible metal piping (Item 2) installed in through opening. Max diam of opening is 4 in. See Concrete Block (CAZT) category in the Fire Resistance Directory for names of manufacturers.

Through-Penetrant\*-Omegaflex Gas Piping-Nom 2 in. diam (or smaller) flexible gas piping. One flexible gas piping to be installed either cocentrically or eccentrically within the firestop system. The annular space between gas piping and periphery of opening shall be min 0 in. (point contact) to max. 1-1/2 in. Gas piping to be rigidly supported on both sides of floor or wall assembly. Plastic covering on piping may or may not be removed on both sides of floor or wall assembly. OmegaFlex, Inc.-*TracPipe* Flexible Gas Piping

Firestop System The firestop system shall consist of the following:

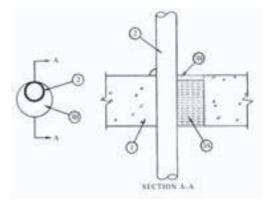
A. Packing Material-Min 3-3/4 in. thickness of min 4 pcf mineral wool batt insulation firmly packed into opening as a permanent form. Packing material to be recessed from top surface of floor or from both surfaces wall as required to accomodate the required thickness of fill material.

B. Fill, Void or Cavity Material\* -Sealant Min 3/4 in. thickness of fill material applied within the annulus, flush with top surface of floor or both surfaces of wall. Min 1/2 in. diam bead of caulk applied to the penetrant/concreteor pene-

trant/concrete interface at the point contact location between penetrant and periphrey of opening. Passive Fire Protection Partners--4800DW

XHEZ Through Penetration Firestop systems

System No. C-AJ-1340 F-Rating - 4 Hr T-Rating - 2 1/4 Hr



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# SYSTEM NO. W-L-1195

1. Wall Assembly- The 1 or 2 hr fire rated gypsum wallboard/stud wall assembly shall be constructed of the materials and in the manner described in the individual U300 or U400 Series Wall and Partition Designs in the UL Fire Resistance Directory and shall include the following construction features:

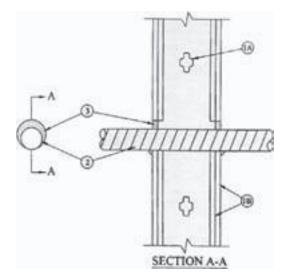
A. Studs- Wall framing may consist of either wood studs or steel channel studs. Wood studs to consist of nom 2 by 4 in. lumber spaced 16 in. OC with nom 2 by 4 in. Lumber end plates and cross braces. Steel studs to be min 3-5/8 in. wide by 1-3/8 in. deep channels spaced max 24 in. OC.

B. Wallboard, Gypsum\*-Thickness, type, number of layers and fasteners as required in the individual Wall and Partition Design. Max diam of opening is 3-1/2 in.

The UL Through Penetration Firestop Systems in Appendix A are only a sample of the complete UL database. See NOTE below.

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Through-Penetration Firestop Systems System No. W-L-1195 F Rating - 1 & 2 hr (See Item 1) T Rating - 3/4 & 1-1/4 hr(See Item 1)



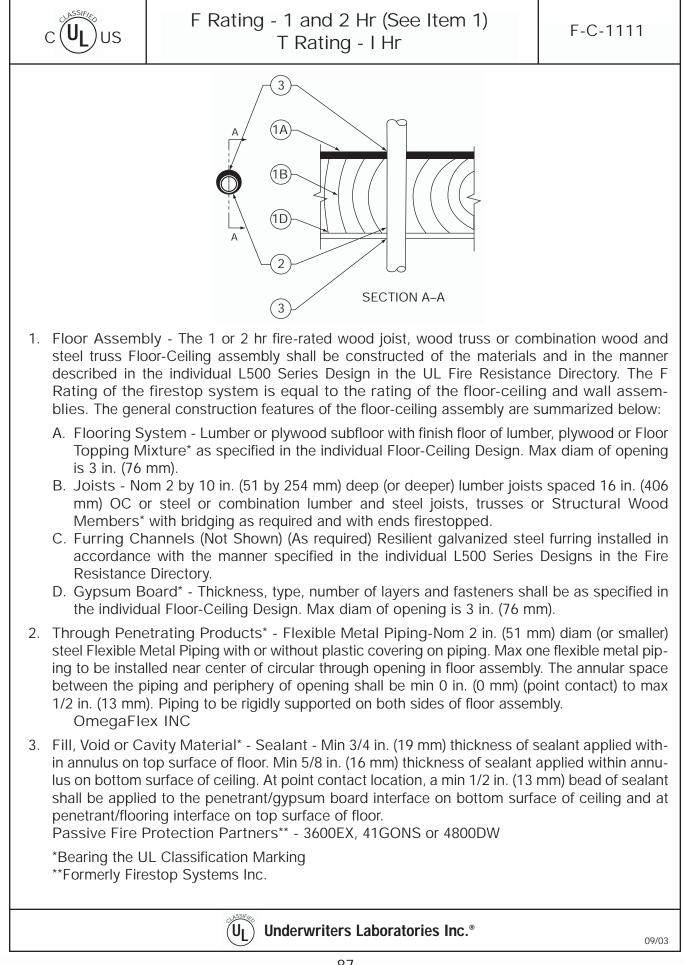
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- 1. The hourly F rating of the firestop system is equal to the hourly fire rating of the wall assembly in which it is installed. The hourly T rating is 3/4 hr and 1-1/4 hr for 1 and 2 hr rated assemblies, respectively.
- 2. Through-Penetrating Product\*-Flexible Metal Piping-Nom 2 in. diam (or smaller) steel Flexible Metal Piping. Max one flexible metal piping to be installed either concentrically or ecentrically within opening. The annular space between pipe and periphery of opening shall be min 0 in. (point contact)to max 1 in. Piping to be rigidly supported on both sides of wall assembly. Plastic covering on piping may or may not be removed for a distance of 2 ft. on both sides of wall assembly. OmegaFlex, Inc.- *TracPipe* Flexible Gas Piping
- 3. Fill, Void, or Cavity Material\*-Sealant Min 5/8 and 1 in. thickness of fill material for 1 and 2 hr fire-rated wall assemblies, respectively, applied within the annulus, flush with both surfaces of wall. An additional 1/2 in diameter of fill material applied at gypsum board/penetrant interface at point contact location on both surfaces of wall. Johns Manville International, Inc - Firetemp<sup>™</sup>CI

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NOTE: to access the complete UL Through Penetration Firestop Systems database online:

- 1. Go to website <u>www.ul.com</u>
- 2. Click on : "CERTIFICATIONS" in left hand panel
- 3. Click on : "Company name/location" under General Search
- 4. Fill in OmegaFlex inc (3 words) in "Company Name" box
- 5. All approved systems are shown



#### APPENDIX B MANUFACTURED HOUSING GUIDELINES

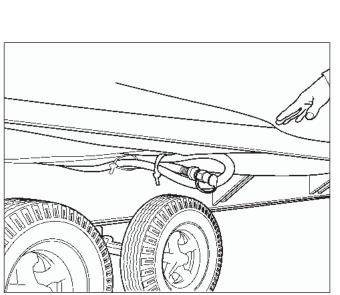
#### A. CODE AND ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

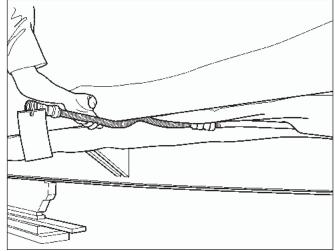
- 1. Manufactured homes and mobile homes bearing an insignia or required to bear an insignia must comply with Title VI 24 Code of Federal Regulations, The National Manufactured Housing Act of 1974 Part 3280. In most jurisdictions this requirement remains in force *when the structural, electrical plumbing or mechanical systems are altered.* The Code of Federal Regulations, Housing and Urban Development, Part 3280 *Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards* is applicable throughout the USA for manufactured housing construction (also known as "HUD code" housing).
- 2. There are other types of factory-built housing that do not fall directly under the classification "HUD code" which must also be reviewed for special installation considerations when designing a CSST gas piping system or appliance retrofit. Some examples of this type of housing are Assembly Buildings, Panelized, Modular, and Production Build. *TracPipe* should not be considered for RVs, which are subject to over the road use and not just initial placement or repositioning.
- 3. Part 3280 *Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards 1994* has not been revised or updated for several years. There has been an effort by both NFPA and CABO (now a part of the ICC) to have the US Congress adopt a new Manufactured Housing Code. The latest version of the CABO Code *ICC/ANSI 2.0 Manufactured Housing Construction Safety Standards* is available but has not been adopted by Congress.
- 4. Omegaflex has obtained a written opinion from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding the use of *TracPipe* CSST. This HUD decision states "CSST, such as *TracPipe*, is allowed to be used in HUD manufactured homes (based upon incorporation of *NFPA 54-1992 ANSI 223.1 The National Fuel Gas Code* into Section 3280.703 Minimum Standards)." This opinion shall be confirmed with State authorities responsible for inspections of HUD Code buildings prior to installing *TracPipe* after the home has left the factory. For factory installations, approval by the DAPIA (Manufacturer's Design Approval Primary Inspection Agency) is normally required for the piping system design. Contact Omegaflex for specification data and a copy of the HUD decision letter.

#### B. PIPING SYSTEM DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

1. The primary information for any *TracPipe* installation is contained in the *TracPipe Design Guide and Installation Instructions* (latest edition). This guide provides manufacturer's instructions that are a requirement of the ANSI/CSA LC-1 Standard governing certification and test requirements for Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing. <u>Manufacturer's instructions must be followed</u>.

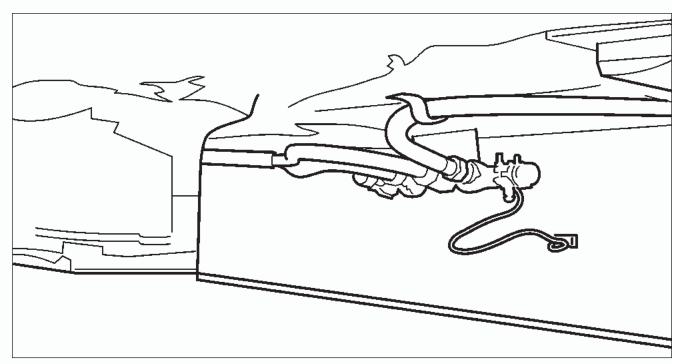
- 2. Sizing for gas piping systems in HUD Code homes must be performed in accordance with Part 3280 (Natural Gas piping system acceptable for LP-gas). System sizing is to be done with Low Pressure Capacity Charts utilizing 0.5-inch water column drop. (see Chart N-1 in the *TracPipe* Design Guide)
- 3. The natural gas supply connections shall not be less than the size of the gas piping but shall not be smaller than 3/4-inch nominal pipe size. Gas supply connection shall <u>not</u> be beneath an exit door. Gas supply connection shall be rigidly anchored to a structural member within 6 inches of supply connection. All exterior openings around piping shall be sealed to resist the entrance of rodents.
- 4. Where fuel gas piping is to be installed in more than one section of an expandable or multiple-unit home, crossover connections between sections of the home shall be constructed by one of the following methods:
  - A. Listed quick disconnect device, designed to provide a positive seal of the supply side of the gas piping system when such device is separated.
  - B. Flexible connectors listed for exterior use and a shutoff valve of the non-displaceable rotor type conforming to ANSI Z21.15, installed on supply side.
  - C. Direct plumbing (CSST) sized in accordance with Natural Gas Low Pressure Capacity Chart N-1 (see above).
- 5. The flexible connector, direct plumbing pipe or "quick-disconnect" device shall be provided with protection from mechanical and impact damage and located to minimize the possibility of tampering. For gas line crossover connections made with CSST or flexible connectors, the crossover points shall be capped on the supply side to provide a positive seal and covered on the other side with a suitable protective covering.
- 6. All points of crossover shall be accessible from the exterior of the home.





#### C. INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1. The preferred location for CSST flexible gas piping is beneath the floor and inside or above the I-beam flange. This location will provide the best protection from transit damage. Appliance stub-outs are easily made utilizing termination mounts or flange mounts rigidly attached to the floor. Final connections can be made with approved flexible appliance connectors downstream from the appliance shut-off valve. All floor penetrations shall be sealed to resist the entrance of rodents. All CSST should be within the envelope or rigidly attached to the I-beam flange.
- 2. Where CSST must cross an I-beam flange, <u>the piping shall be securely attached to the house flange to protect the CSST</u>. <u>Angle iron, C-channel or a wooden block are recommended means of attachment</u>. <u>It is preferred to drill through a wooden structural member if possible to avoid crossing the flange</u>.
- 3. In open joist construction, routing should be within the open web portion of the fabricated joist wherever possible. This location provides necessary support points at each joist location.
- 4. In all locations, CSST must be supported in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions (every 4 feet-3/8 size, 6 feet-1/2 size, 8 feet-3/4 size and 1 inch size) Support should be with metal EMT conduit straps or two-point attachment plastic clips suitable for the size of the tubing.



5. If a manifold is used, it shall be rigidly mounted to the I-beam flange. This applies to parallel system layouts. Gas pressure in HUD Code homes is limited to 14 inches water column maximum. Line pressure regulators are not necessary for this pressure and should not be used.

- 6. The gas piping shall be bonded to the frame of the home by the use of:
  - a. Solderless type grounding terminal with a star washer bolted to the chassis;
  - b. Grounding clamp attached to a gas piping fitting. (For attachment of clamp to *TracPipe* fitting, refer to Section 4.10 Electrical Bonding/Grounding. <u>Do not clamp</u> to the stainless steel portion under any circumstances.); and
  - c. A bonding conductor of #8 copper wire.
- 7. Concealed tubing: CSST shall not be run inside walls, partitions or roofs. Where tubing passes through walls, floors, partitions, roofs, or similar installations, such tubing shall be protected by the use of weather resistant grommets that shall snugly fit both the tubing and the hole through which the tubing passes. DO NOT remove the yellow polyethylene jacket in any penetrations.
- 8. All CSST tubing joints shall have any exposed sections of stainless steel piping wrapped with silicone self-bonding tape. The under-floor portion of the manufactured home is considered an outdoor location. Proper support (per item 4 above) is required under the floor.
- 9. Retrofit of appliances:
  - a. <u>The gas supply connection shall be rigidly anchored to a structural member within 6 inches of supply connection</u>.
  - b. <u>CSST shall be supported and protected per manufacturer's instructions</u>. (See items <u>4 and 7 above</u>.)
  - c. <u>Pressure test gas piping per Item D 1 below before operating appliance</u>.
- D. INSPECTION AND TEST REQUIREMENTS
  - 1. Pressure test in accordance with Part 3280.705k (8) testing for leakage (8 i) before appliances are connected and (8 ii) after appliances are connected.

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