



# ANSI-15 and ANSI-7 Flow Requirements and TDH



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# Why do We Have These Standards?

ANSI/APSP/ICC-15 @

Energy

ANSI/APSP-7 @ Safety

# Because We Need Them

Before we had the  
ANSI-7 Standard and the ANSI-15 Standard

“garden variety” circulation systems:

- offered little protection against entrapment
- typically wasted vast amounts of energy

# How did we Get Here?

- State law requirement to provide pool and spa energy efficiency
- Florida Building Commission implemented the state law with the 2010 Code & remains with slight changes in the 5<sup>th</sup> edition Code
- FEEC, Chapter 4, Section R403.9 - Residential, along with ANSI/APSP-14 and ANSI/APSP-15
- FEEC, Chapter 5, Section C404.7 - Commercial
- Went into effect in March 15th (2012)
  - ANSI/APSP-7 has been in effect since 2007

# Learning Objectives

- Understanding the difference in flow requirements of the ANSI-15 Energy Standard and the ANSI-7 Suction Entrapment Avoidance Standard.
- Calculating volume and required/desired flow rate(s).
- Sizing the piping system and selecting a pump compliant with ANSI-15.
- Calculating Total Dynamic Head.
- Sizing the piping system, selecting and installing the right cover per ANSI-7.
- Verifying Total Dynamic Head for Safety.

# Three Step Design Process

1<sup>st</sup> APSP-5 Residential Pools



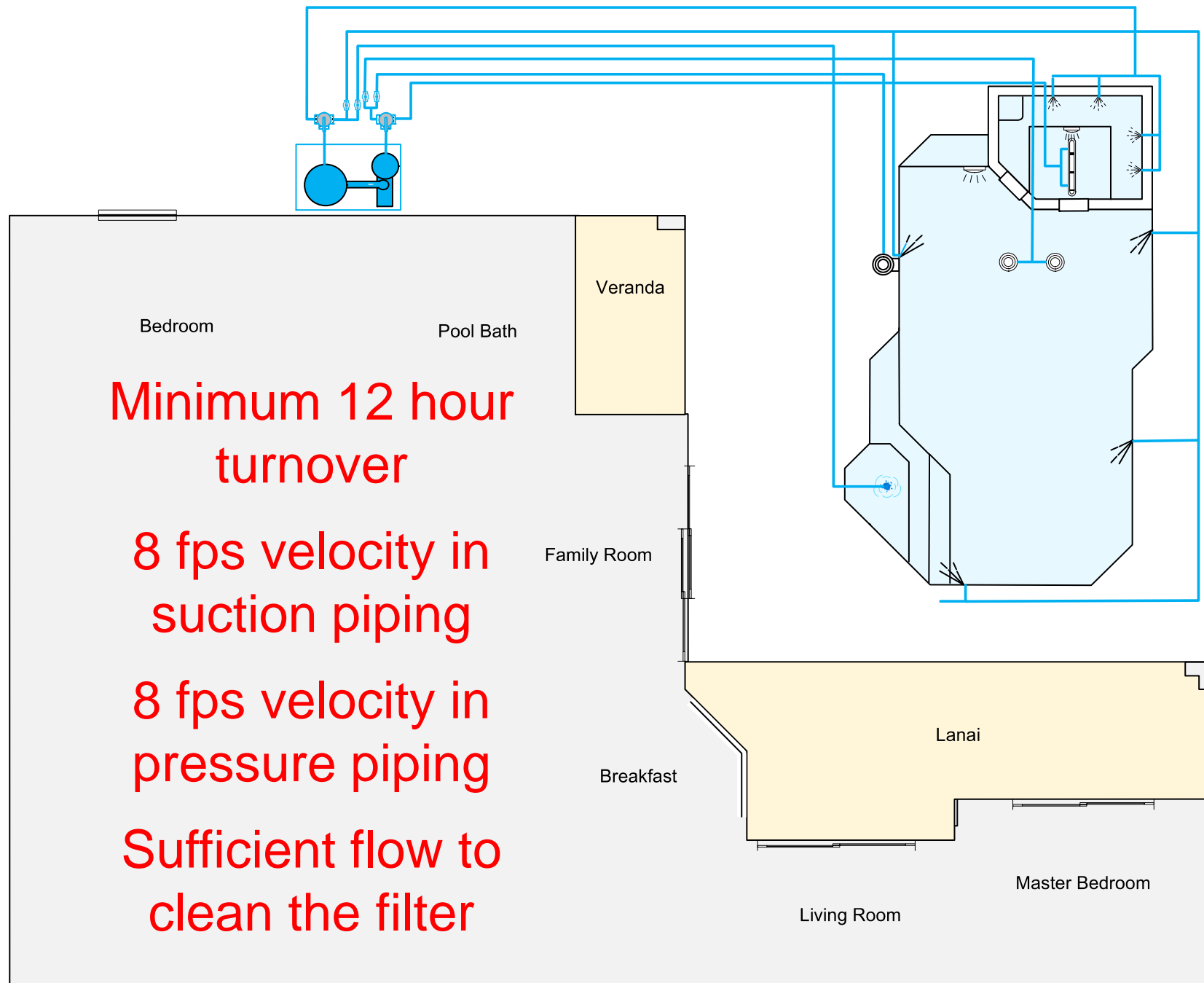
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# Step 1 ANSI-5





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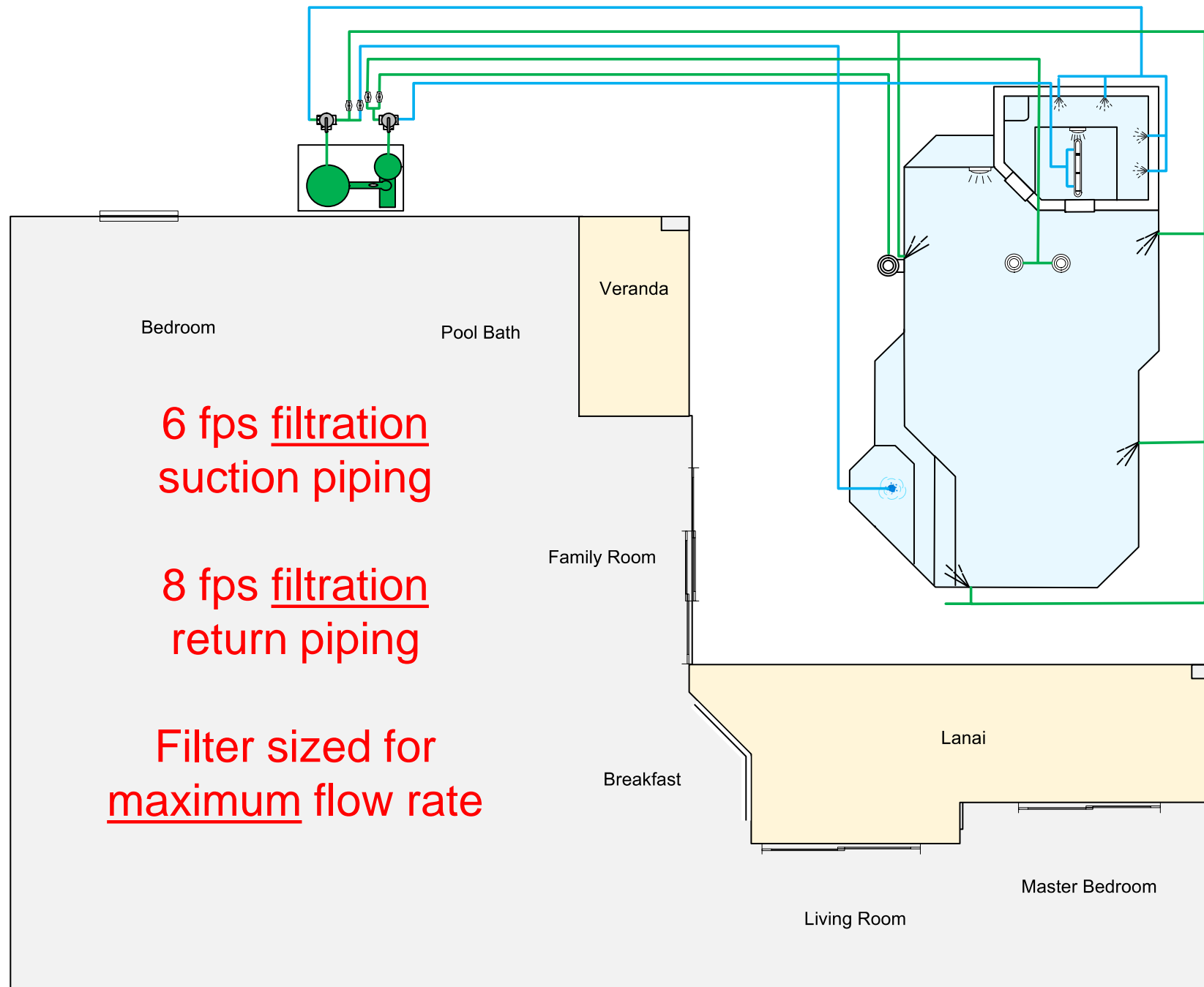
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# Step 2 ANSI-15

Minimum 6 hour filtration cycle,  
longer cycles are encouraged



# Additional Requirements

## ANSI-15

- Specify controller for multi-speed pumps – must default to low speed within 24 hours.
- Show efficiency rating for heaters
- Minimum 4 pipe diameters in front of pump
- Minimum 18” pipe after filter for future solar
- Directional return fittings must be used

# ANSI-15 Design Requirements

## Maximum flow rates per Filter

### Type:

Cartridge ft.	.375 gpm per sq.
Sand	15 gpm per sq. ft.
Diatomaceous Earth	2 gpm per sq. ft.

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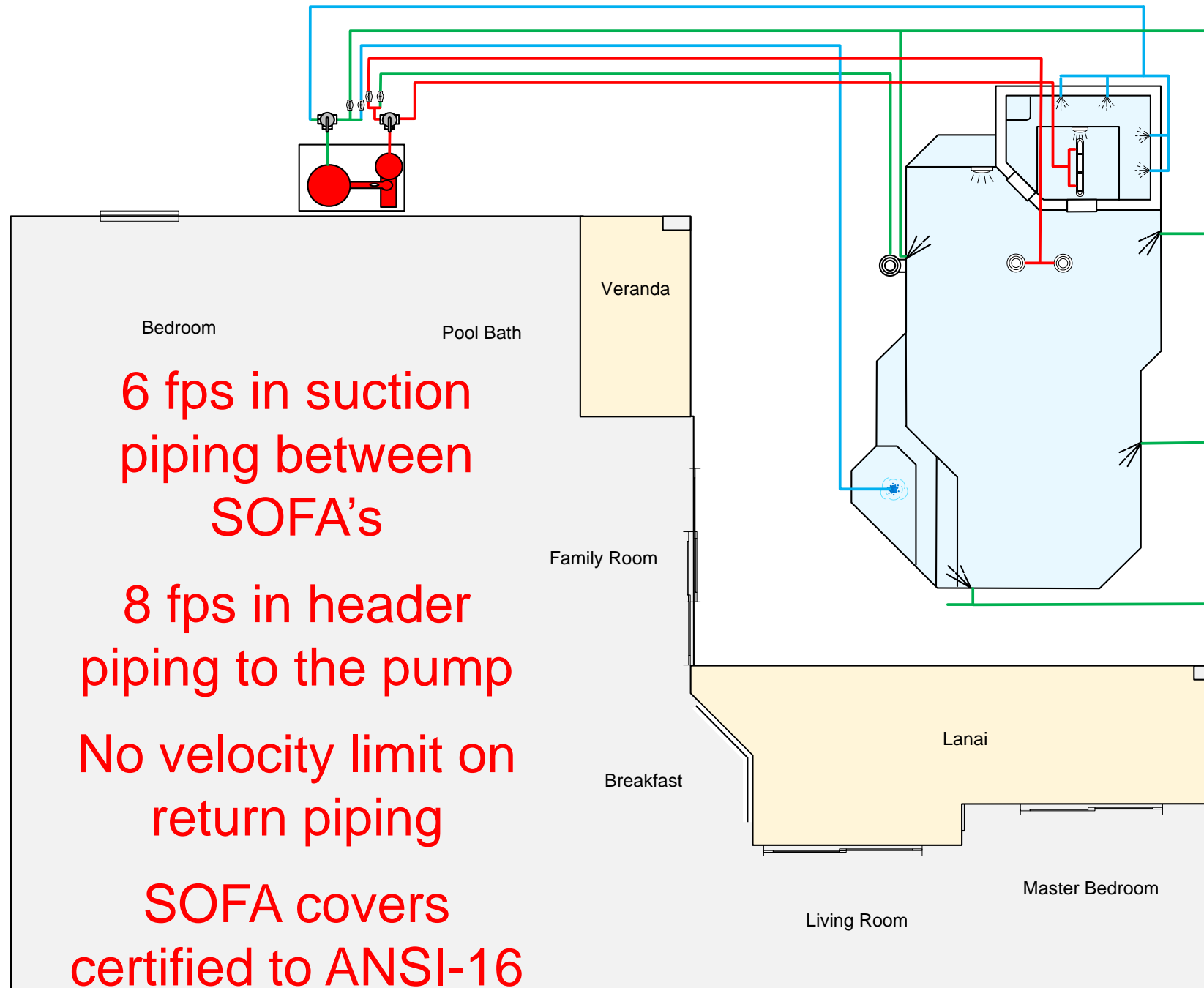


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# Step 3 ANSI-7



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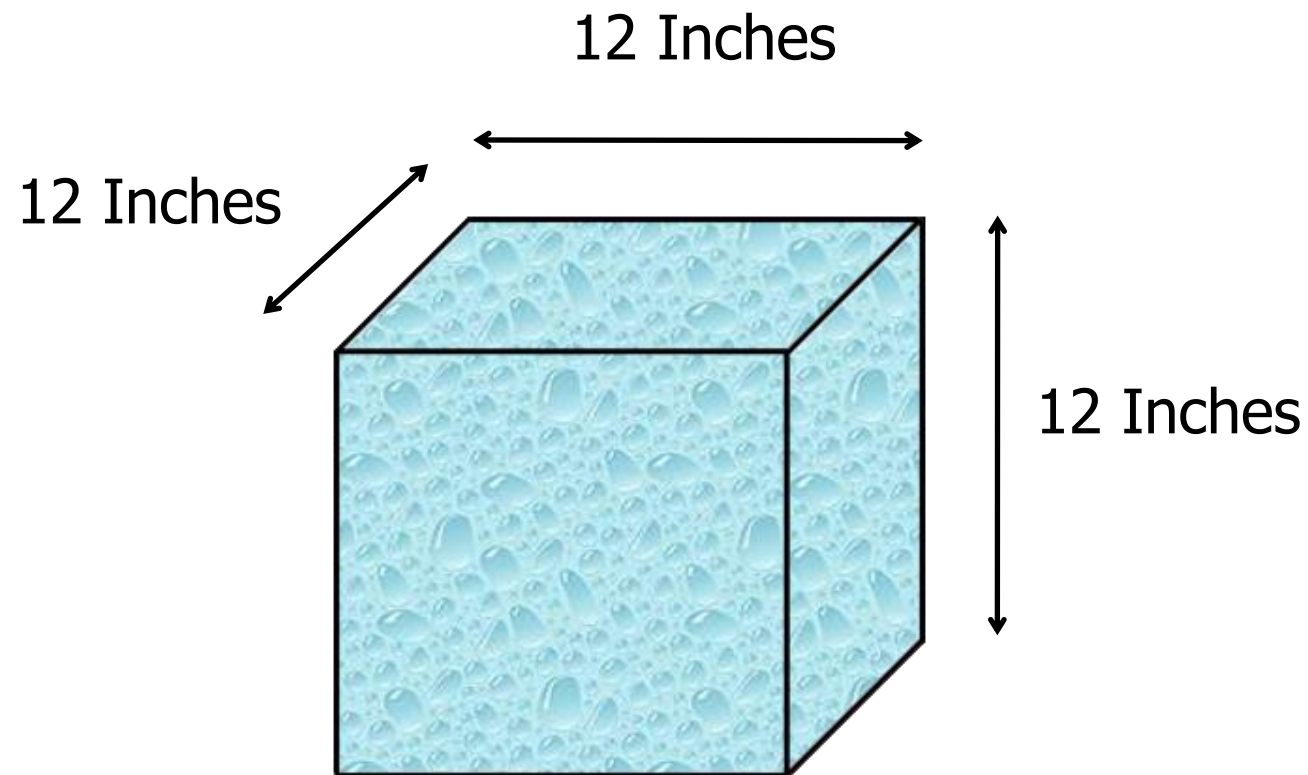
# Lets Start the ANSI-15 Process

## “Design Standard”

- Determine volume
- Calculate filtration flow rate
- Select a pump from the database
- Determine auxiliary flow rate
- Size the piping system and filter

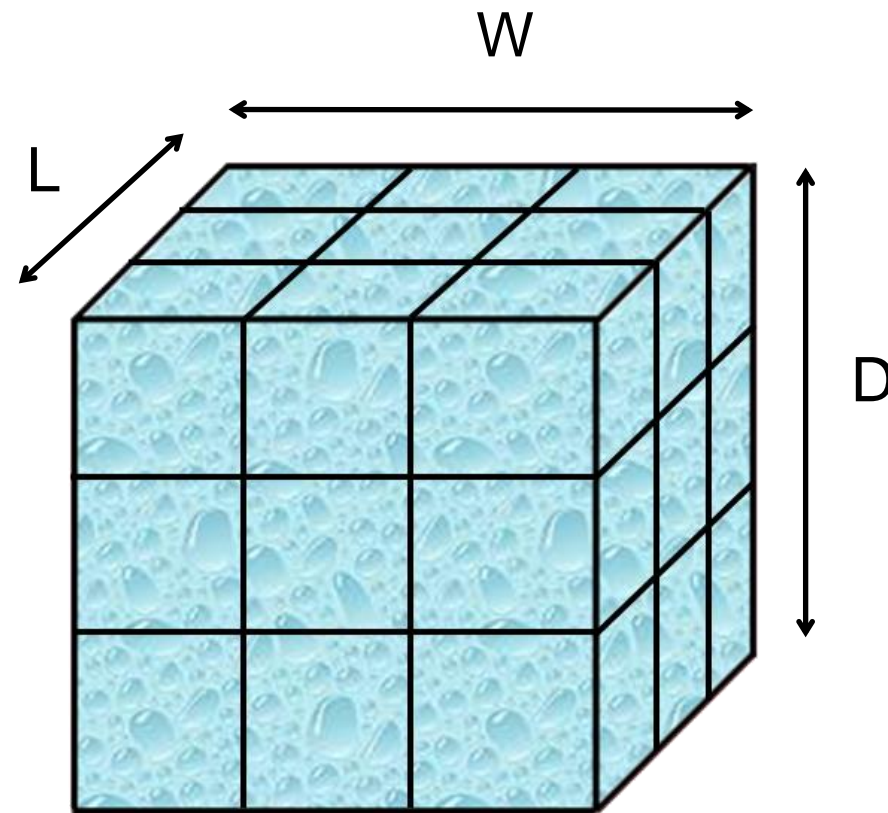


# Calculating volume



1 Cubic Foot = 7.48 Gallons of Water

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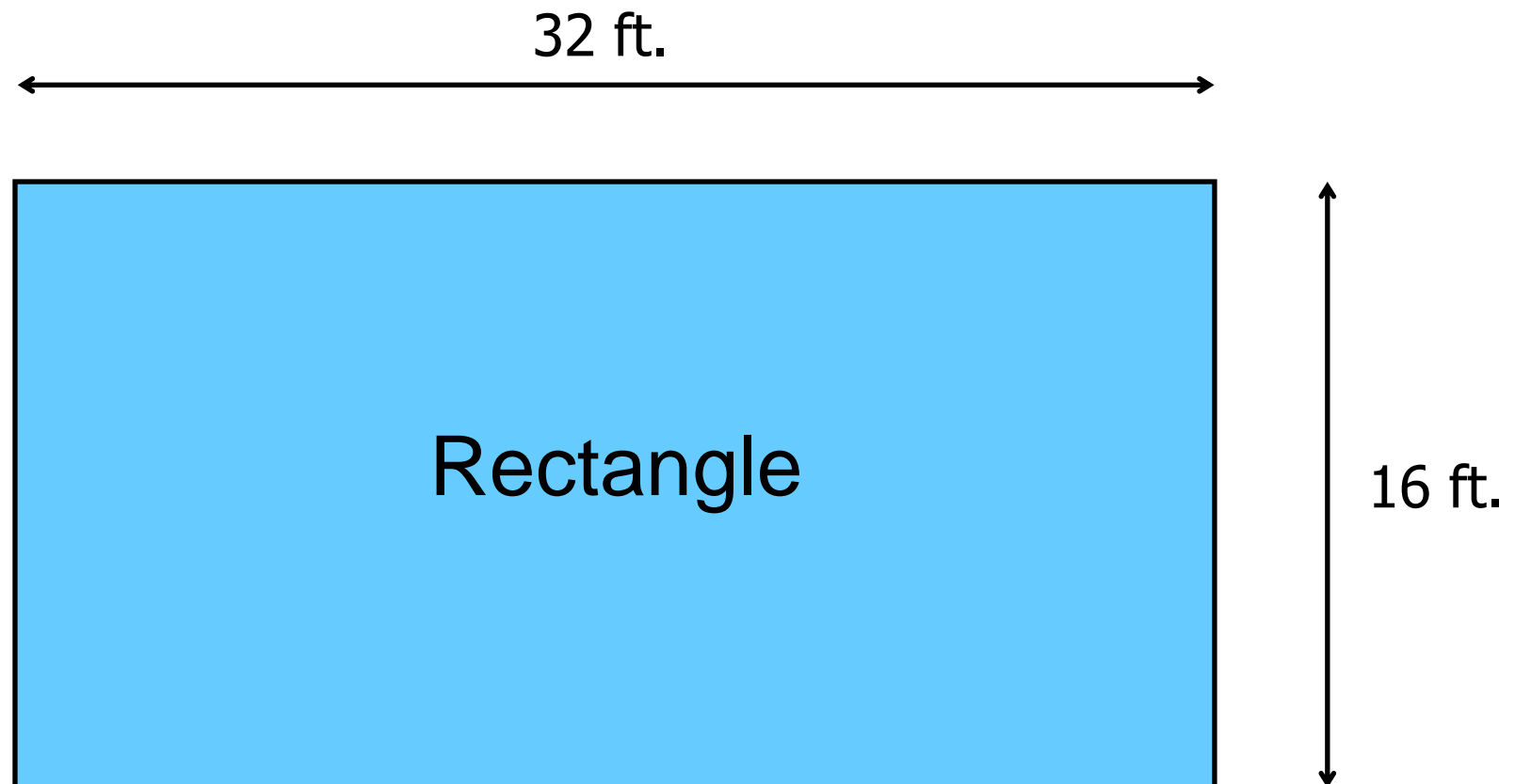


$L \times W \times D = \text{Cubic Feet}$

$27 \times 7.48 = 201.96 \text{ Gallons}$

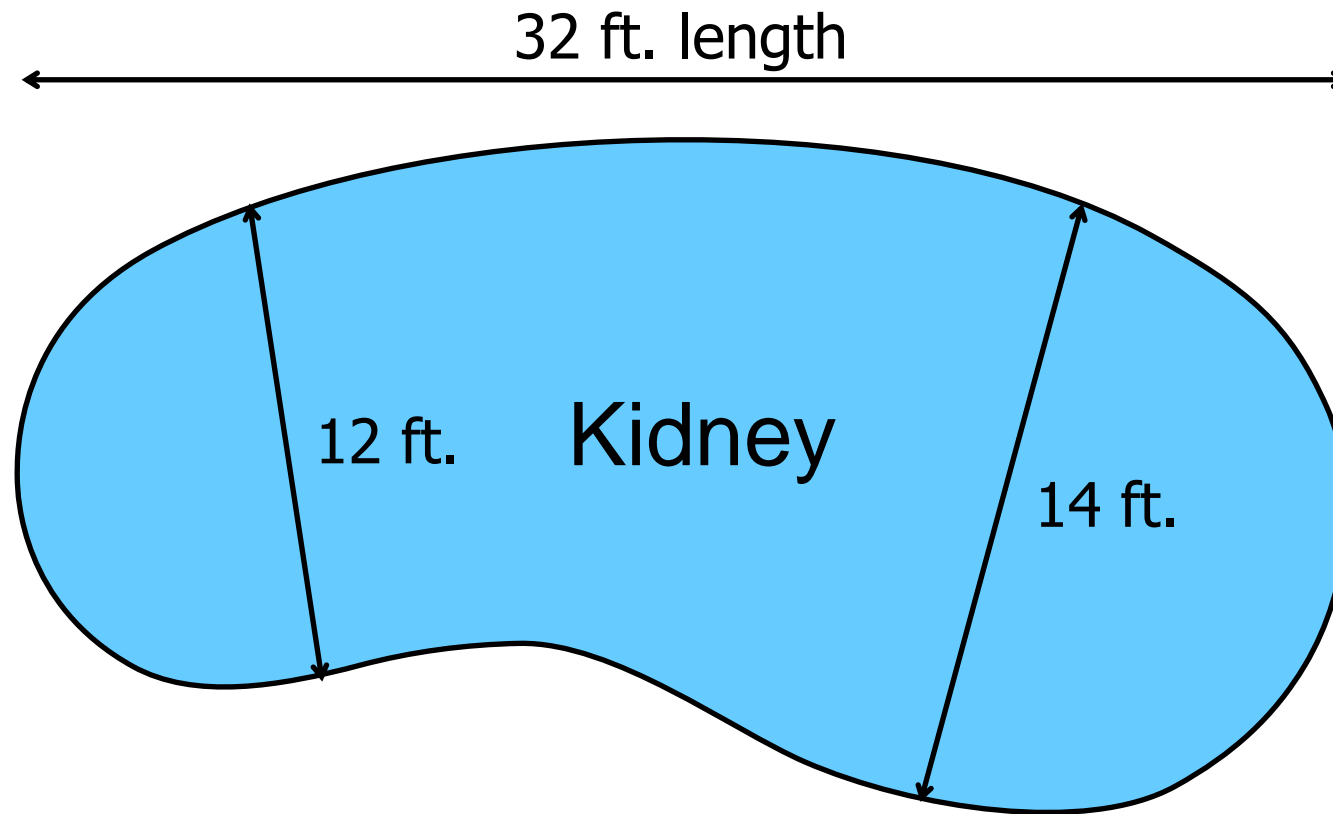
# Calculating pool volume

Start with Surface Area



$$16 \text{ ft.} \times 32 \text{ ft.} = 512 \text{ sq. ft.}$$

# Surface area



$$12 \text{ ft. end} = 6 \times 6 \times 3.14 = 113 \text{ sq ft.} \div 2 = 56.5$$

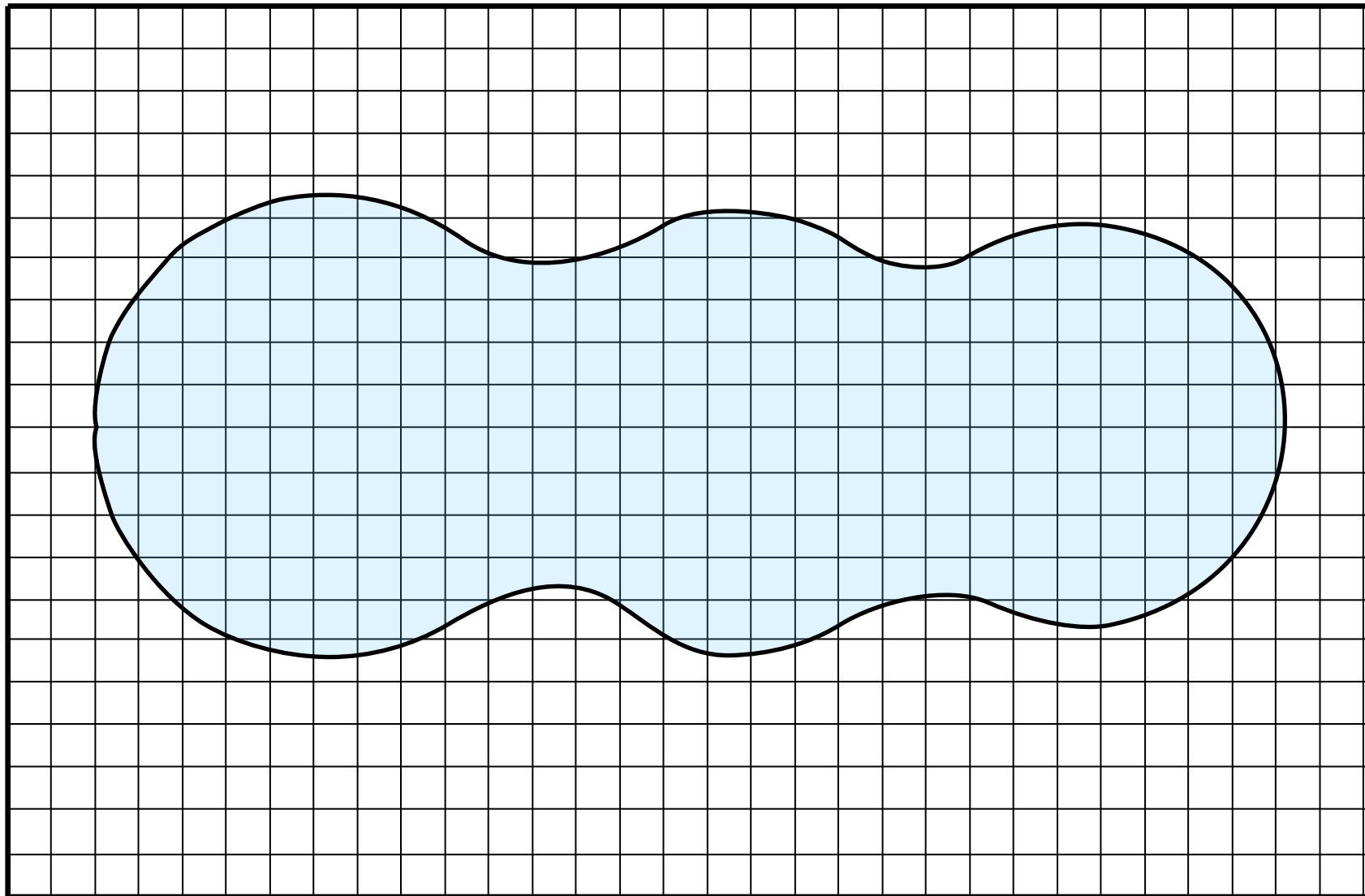
$$14 \text{ ft. end} = 7 \times 7 \times 3.14 = 154 \text{ sq ft.} \div 2 = 77 \text{ sq.ft.}$$

$$32 - 13 (6 + 7) = 19 \times 13 \text{ (avg. width)} = 247$$

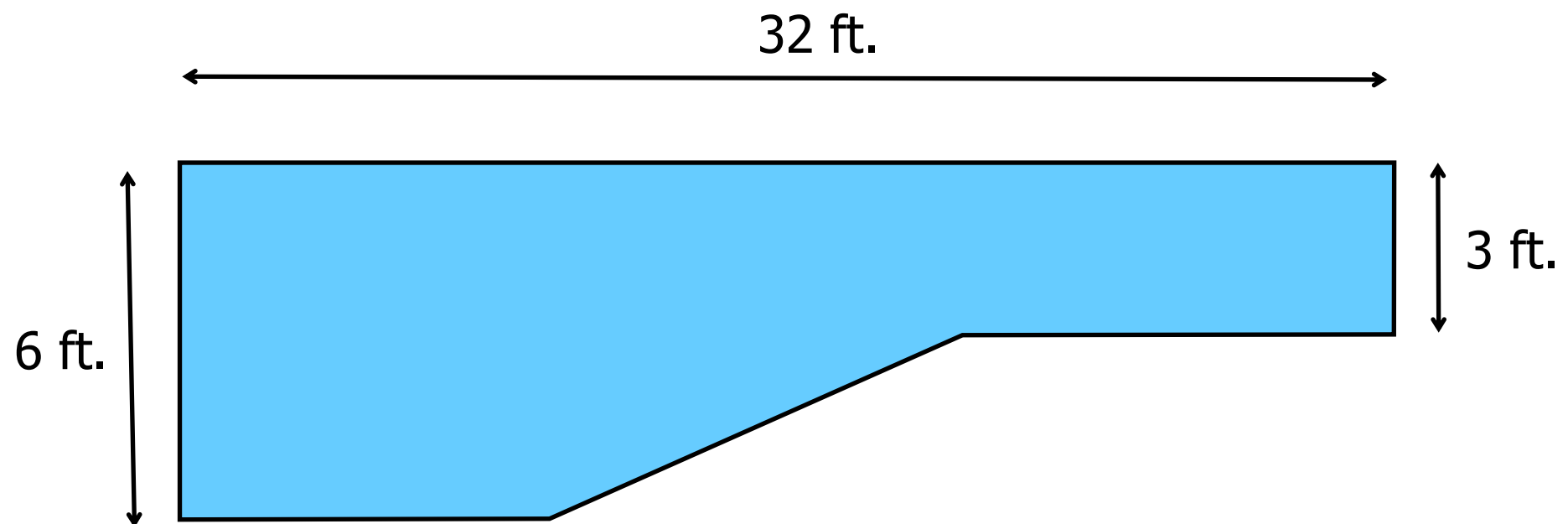
$$56.5 + 77 + 247 = 380.5 \text{ sq. ft. (381)}$$

# Count the squares

1 square = 1 sq. ft.



# Then Average Depth

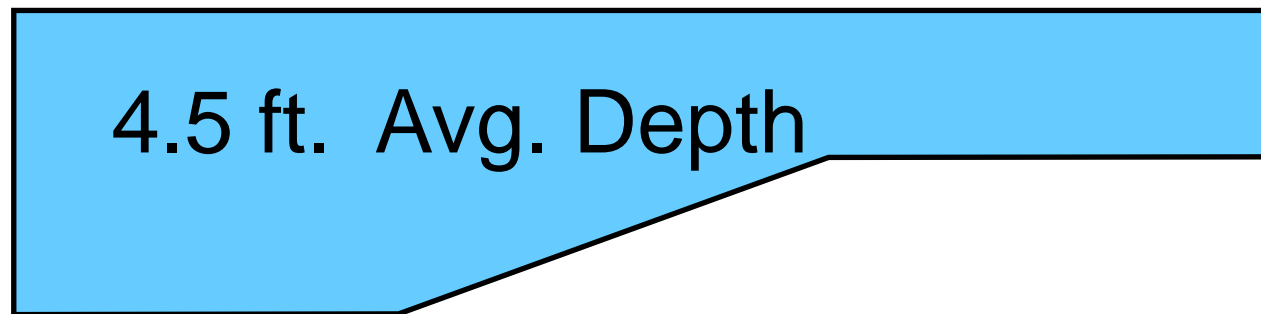
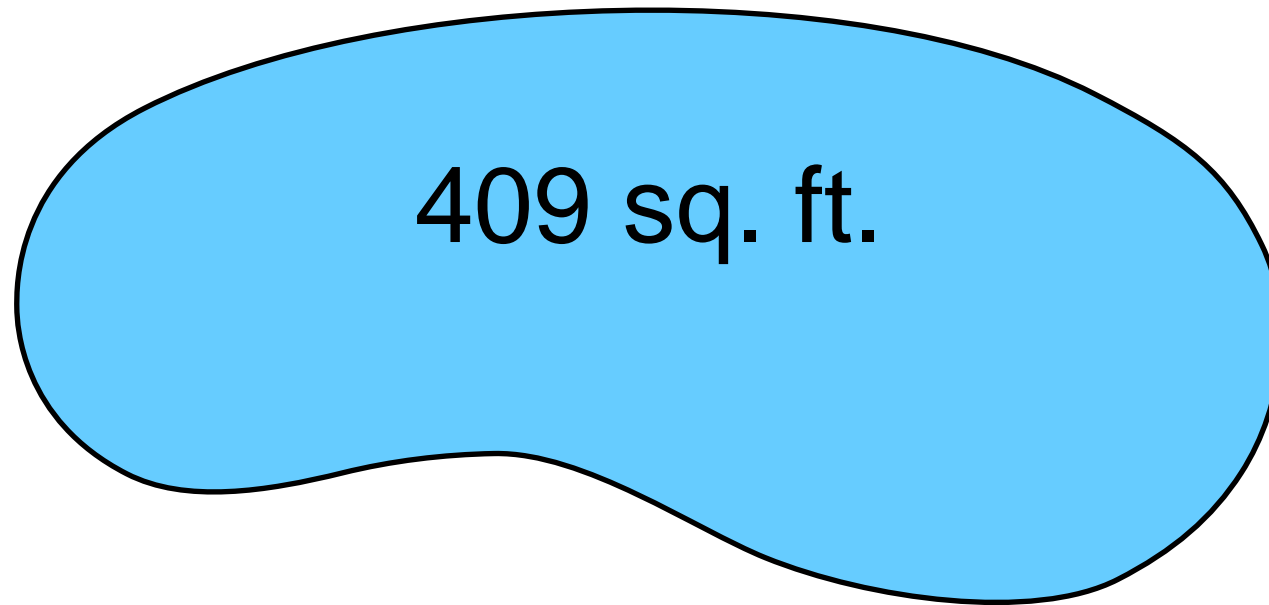


$$6 \text{ ft.} + 3 \text{ ft.} = 9 \text{ ft.} \div 2 = 4.5 \text{ ft. Avg.}$$

Depth

# Then Volume & Turnover

ANSI-15



$$381 \times 4.5 = 1,714 \text{ cubic feet}$$

$$1,714 \text{ cu. ft.} \times 7.48 = 12,820 \text{ gallons}$$

$$12,820 \div 360 = 35.6 \text{ (36 gpm)}$$

# Consider this Example

- Most in the industry size for a single turnover in 8 hours - even though 12 hours (the ANSI-5 minimum) would be more efficient.
- $15,000 \div 12 \div 60 = 21$  gpm. – at 8 hours only 31 gpm is needed.
- For a 15,000 gallon pool, common practice was to install at least a one h.p. pump and run it 8 hours.

Popular 1 h.p. pump draws 7.8 amps  
 $230\text{volts} \times 7.8 \text{ amps} = 1794 \text{ watts} = 1.8 \text{ kwh}$   
 $1.8 \times 8 \text{ hours} \times 365 \text{ days} = 5,256 \text{ kwh}$   
@ .13¢ per kwh = \$683.28 per year

Popular 1 h.p. 2-speed pump draws 2.3 amps (low speed)  
 $230 \text{ volts} \times 2.3 \text{ amps} = 529 \text{ watts} = .529 \text{ kwh}$   
 $.529 \times 12 \text{ hours} \times 365 \text{ days} = 2,317 \text{ kwh}$   
@ .13¢ per kwh = \$301.21 per year

Installing the 1 h.p. single speed was a complete waste of nearly \$ 32.00 a month

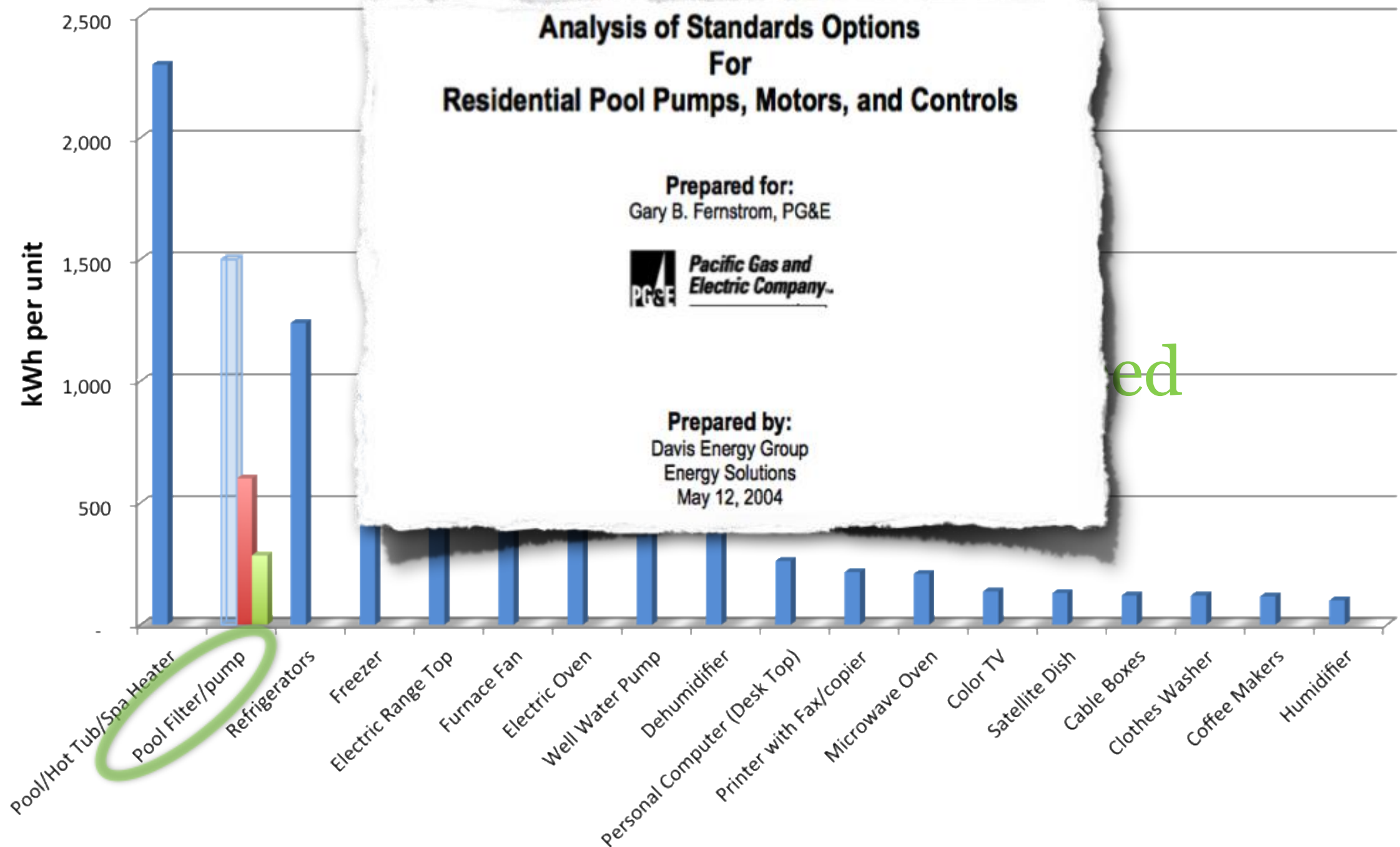


# Here's Why

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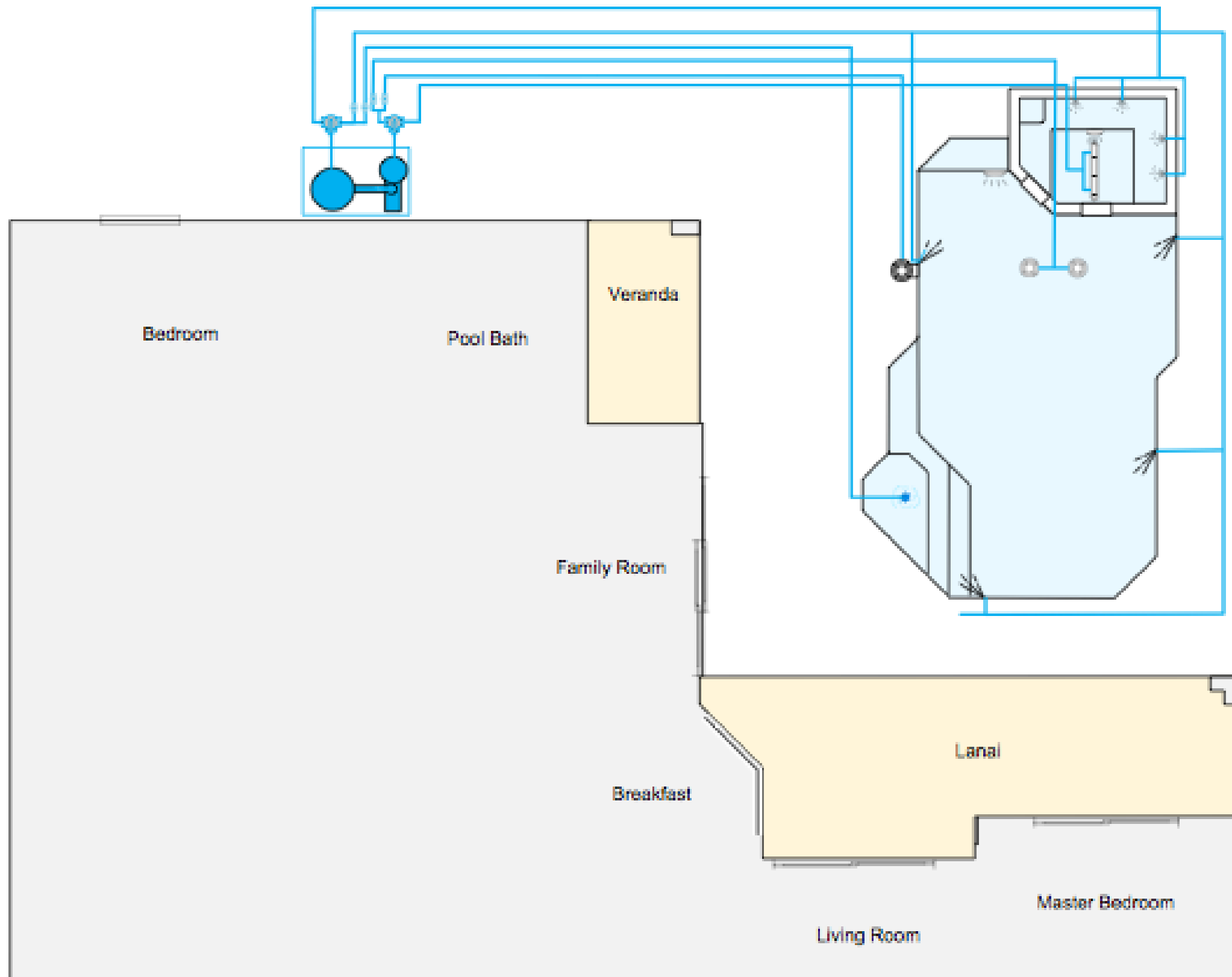
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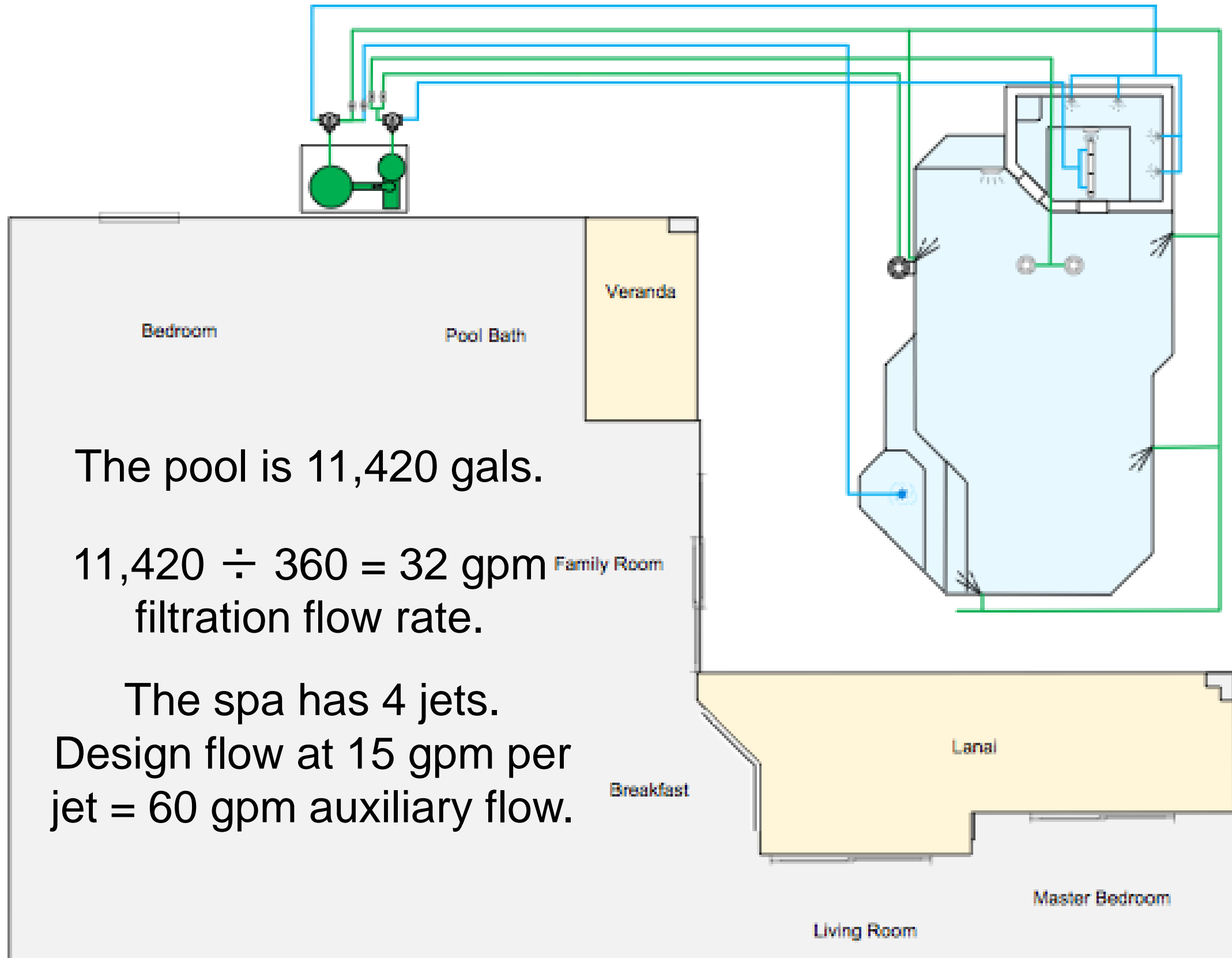
# Step 1: Design



# Sample pool w/piping illustrated



# Sizing for ANSI-15 Compliance



The pool is 11,420 gals.

$$11,420 \div 360 = 32 \text{ gpm}$$

filtration flow rate.

The spa has 4 jets.  
Design flow at 15 gpm per jet = 60 gpm auxiliary flow.

# First, select the pump

Sample pool filtration flow rate: 32 gpm

For multi-speed and variable-speed filter pumps, at least one speed shall have the flow listed for Curve (A or C) that is equal to or less than the maximum filtration flow rate.

For filtration flow rates up to 17,000 gals.

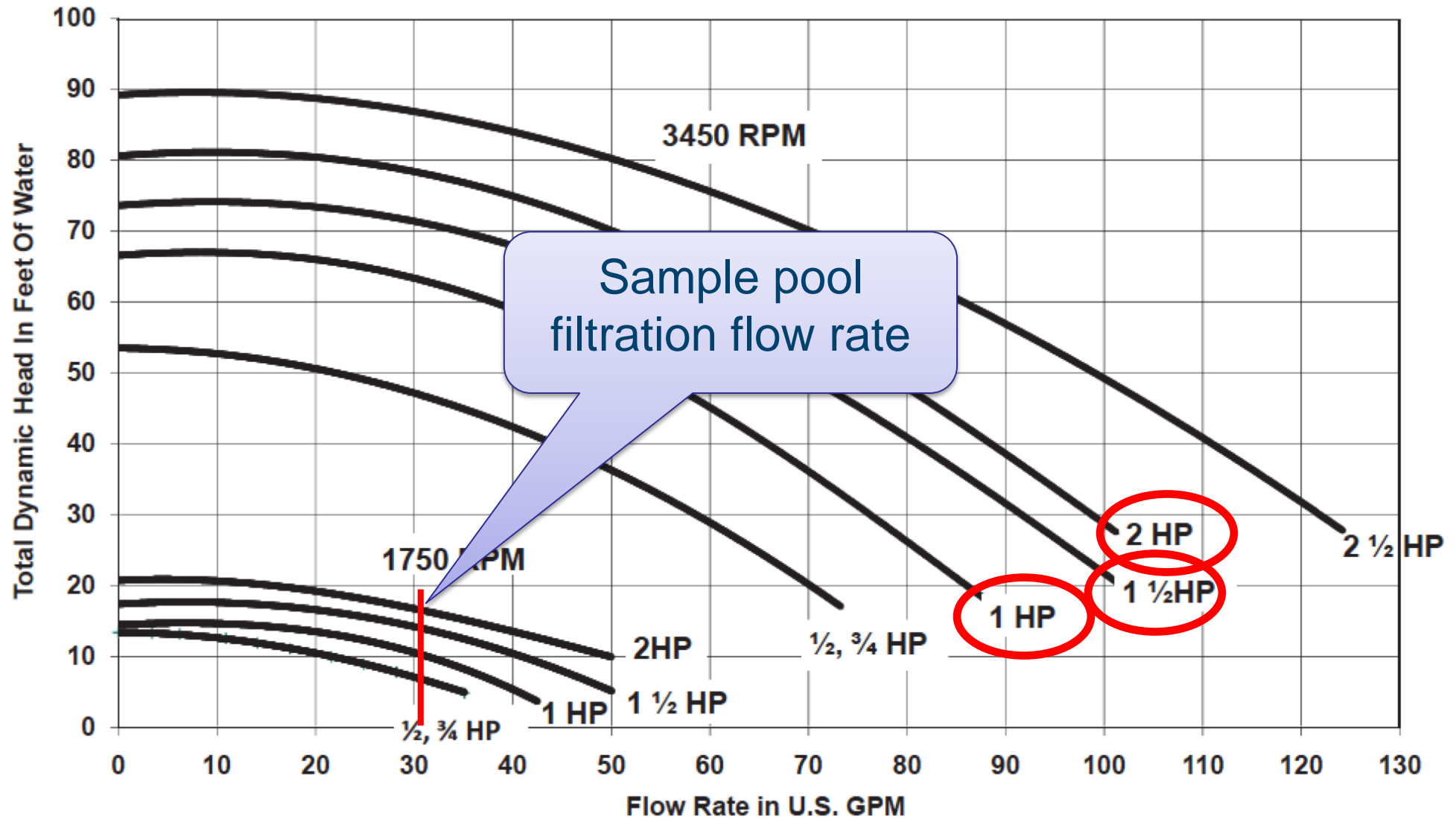
Select pump from Curve A

For filtration flow rates greater than 17,000 gals. Select pump from Curve C

# Appliance Database

APSP Appliance Efficiency Pool Pump Database (Last Revised: May 14, 2012)												
Brand Name	Model Number	Speed RPM	Motor Design	Curve-A gpm Flow	Curve-A Power Watts	Curve-A Energy Factor	Curve-C gpm Flow	Curve-C Power Watts	Curve-C Energy Factor	Motor Construction		
105	Sta-Rite	MPEAA6YG-168L (HIGH SPEED)	3450	Dual-Speed	67	2004	2.01	91	2256	2.42	Capacitor Start - Capacitor Run	
106	Sta-Rite	MPEAA6YG-168L (LOW SPEED)	1725	Dual-Speed	33	418	4.74	55	454	7.27	Capacitor Start - Capacitor Run	
107	Sta-Rite	MPEAA6YG-208L (HIGH SPEED)	3450	Dual-Speed	68	1995	2.05	82	2272	2.17	Capacitor Start - Capacitor Run	
108	Sta-Rite	MPEAA6YG-208L (LOW SPEED)	1725	Dual-Speed	35	368	5.71	49	410	7.17	Capacitor Start - Capacitor Run	
109	Sta-Rite	P2RA5YG-183L (HIGH SPEED)	3450	Dual-Speed	65	1619	2.41	82	1916	2.57	Capacitor Start - Capacitor Run	
110	Sta-Rite	P2RA5YG-183L (HIGH SPEED)	1725	Dual-Speed	33	376	5.27	41	398	6.18	Capacitor Start - Capacitor Run	
111	Sta-Rite	P2RA5YG-183LC (HIGH SPEED)	3450	Dual-Speed	65	1619	2.41	82	1916	2.57	Capacitor Start - Capacitor Run	
112	Sta-Rite	P2RA5YG-183LC (LOW SPEED)	1725	Dual-Speed	33	386	5.13	41	398	6.18	Capacitor Start - Capacitor Run	
113	Sta-Rite	P6RA6YF-206LM (HIGH SPEED)	3450	Dual-Speed	62	1711	2.17	76	1806	2.52	Permanent-split capacitor motor	
114	Sta-Rite	P6RA6YF-206LM (LOW SPEED)	1725	Dual-Speed	31	381	4.88	38	395	5.77	Permanent-split capacitor motor	
115	Sta-Rite	P6RA6YG-207L (HIGH SPEED)	3450	Dual-Speed	63	1941	1.95	83	2146	2.32	Capacitor Start - Capacitor Run	
116	Sta-Rite	P6RA6YG-207L (LOW SPEED)	1725	Dual-Speed	35	415	5.06	45	443	6.09	Capacitor Start - Capacitor Run	
117	Pentair	PFII-P2-1A (HIGH SPEED)	3450	Dual-Speed	55	1341	2.46	70	1418	2.96	Permanent-split capacitor motor	
118	Pentair	PFII-P2-1A (LOW SPEED)	1725	Dual-Speed	31	310	6.00	39	320	7.31	Permanent-split capacitor motor	
119	Sta-Rite	PHK2RAY6D-101L (HIGH SPEED)	3450	Dual-Speed	47	1114	2.53	59	1130	3.13	Permanent-split capacitor motor	
120	Sta-Rite	PHK2RAY6D-101L (LOW SPEED)	1725	Dual-Speed	24	280	5.14	30	280	6.43	Permanent-split capacitor motor	
121	Sta-Rite	PHK2RAY6E-102L (HIGH SPEED)	3450	Dual-Speed	56	1373	2.45	70	1436	2.92	Permanent-split capacitor motor	
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125	Sta-Rite	PHK2RAY6G-104L (HIGH SPEED)	3450	Dual-Speed	64	1970	1.95	83	2130	2.34	Permanent-split capacitor motor	
126	Sta-Rite	PHK2RAY6G-104L (HIGH SPEED)	1725	Dual-Speed	34	428	4.77	45	446	6.05	Permanent-split capacitor motor	
127	Pentair	RSP10C (HIGH SPEED)	3450	Dual-Speed	55	1420	2.32	69	1432	2.89	Permanent-split capacitor motor	
128	Pentair	RSP10C (LOW SPEED)	1725	Dual-Speed	28	291	5.77	35	293	7.17	Permanent-split capacitor motor	
129	Pentair	RSP15C (HIGH SPEED)	3450	Dual-Speed	59	1558	2.27	76	1558	2.93	Permanent-split capacitor motor	
130	Pentair	RSP15C (LOW SPEED)	1725	Dual-Speed	31	343	5.42	39	353	6.63	Permanent-split capacitor motor	
131	Pentair	SF-N2-1-1/2A (HIGH SPEED)	3450	Dual-Speed	59	1738	2.04	76	1857	2.46	Permanent-split capacitor motor	
132	Pentair	SF-N2-1-1/2A (LOW SPEED)	1725	Dual-Speed	29	369	4.72	39	385	6.08	Permanent-split capacitor motor	
133	Pentair	SF-N2-1A (HIGH SPEED)	3450	Dual-Speed	56	1378	2.44	70	1450	2.90	Permanent-split capacitor motor	
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136	Pentair	SF-N2-2A (LOW SPEED)	1725	Dual-Speed	31	403	4.62	41	424	5.80	Permanent-split capacitor motor	
137	Pentair	SF-N2-3/4A HIGH SPEED	3450	Dual-Speed	47	1114	2.53	59	1130	3.13	Permanent-split capacitor motor	
138	Pentair	SF-N2-3/4A LOW SPEED	1725	Dual-Speed	24	280	5.14	30	280	6.43	Permanent-split capacitor motor	
139	Pentair	WFDS-24 (HIGH SPEED)	3450	Dual-Speed	61	1571	2.33	78	1592	2.94	Permanent-split capacitor motor	
140	Pentair	WFDS-24 (LOW SPEED)	1725	Dual-Speed	34	370	5.51	42	380	6.63	Permanent-split capacitor motor	
141	Pentair	SPEED)	3450	Dual-Speed	61	1571	2.33	78	1592	2.94	Permanent-split capacitor motor	
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144	Pentair	WFDS-26 (LOW SPEED)	1725	Dual-Speed	35	428	4.91	45	440	6.14	Permanent-split capacitor motor	
145	Pentair	WFDS-26 WO SWITCH AQUATE (HIGH	3450	Dual-Speed	64	1795	2.14	82	1880	2.62	Permanent-split capacitor motor	
146	Pentair	WFDS-26 WO SWITCH AQUATE (LOW	1725	Dual-Speed	35	428	4.91	45	440	6.14	Permanent-split capacitor motor	
147	Pentair	WFDS-28 (HIGH SPEED)	3450	Dual-Speed	68	2055	1.99	90	2195	2.46	Permanent-split capacitor motor	

# Pump Performance Curve



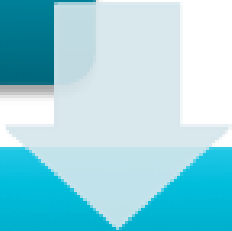
1 1/2 h.p. 2-speed pump

# Selecting the pump - recap

Pool gallons  
(to determine Curve A or C)



Calculate filtration flow rate  
(pool gallons  $\div$  360 minutes)



Select pump from database with Curve  
A or C listed flow rate equal to or less  
than calculated filtration flow rate



# Residential pool pumps and motors:

- Applies only to Residential Pool Filtration Pumps.
- Florida code does not regulate pumps used for other features; booster pumps for cleaners, waterfall pumps, etc. Only pumps that operate the main filtration system are regulated.
- Spa jet pumps are excluded per ANSI-15
- Excludes auxiliary filters not used to maintain water quality, example: fountains, waterfalls...

# Residential pool pumps and motors:

- Prohibits split-phase, shaded-pole or capacitor start-induction run type pump motors.
- Requires pool pumps and pump motors with a total horsepower of 1 h.p. or greater to have the capability of operating at two or more speeds.
- Pool pump motor controls for use with a two-speed or greater pump shall have the capability of operating the pool pump at a minimum of two speeds.

# Filter Sizing

ANSI-15

- Filter shall be sized for 6 hour turnover (pool gallons  $\div$  360) - sample pool = 32 gpm, or maximum flow rate, whichever is greater.
- Sample pool – the spa therapy jet flow rate is 60 gpm (4 jets @ 15 gpm each). This is the maximum flow rate.
- Sample pool filter shall be sized, using the “filter factor” for 60 gpm - the maximum flow rate.

# Filter Factors

ANSI-15

Cartridge .375 gpm per sq. ft.

Sand 15 gpm per sq. ft.

Diatomaceous Earth 2 gpm per sq. ft.

Cartridge Filter: (filtration area)

150 sq. ft. x .375 = 56.25 gpm – **Too small**

200 sq. ft. x .375 = 75 gpm - **Compliant @ 60 gpm**

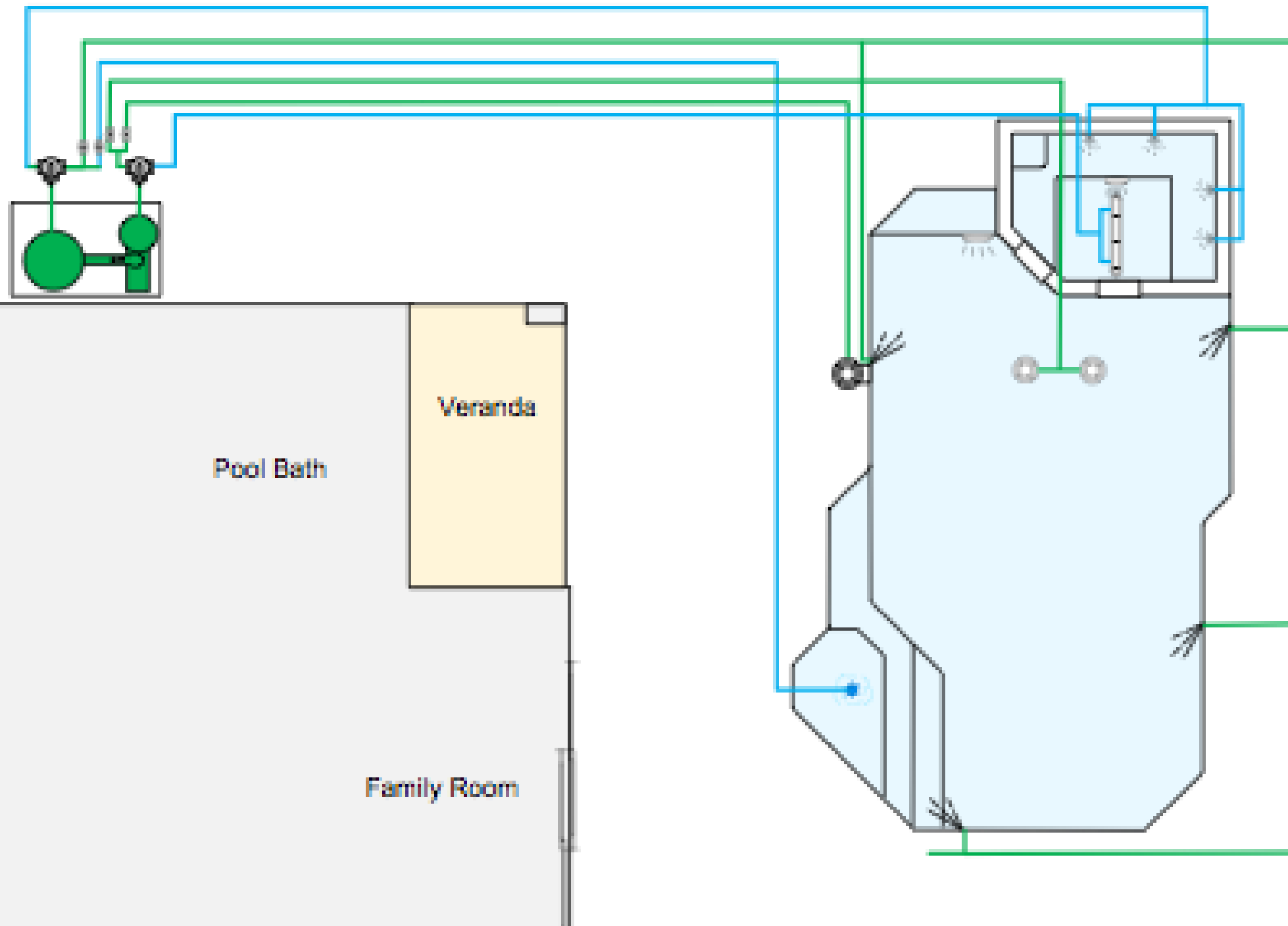
Diatomaceous Earth Filter: (filtration area)

27 sq. ft. x 2 = 54 gpm - **Too small**

36 sq. ft. x 2 = 72 gpm – **Compliant @ 60 gpm**

# Filtration Pipe Sizing

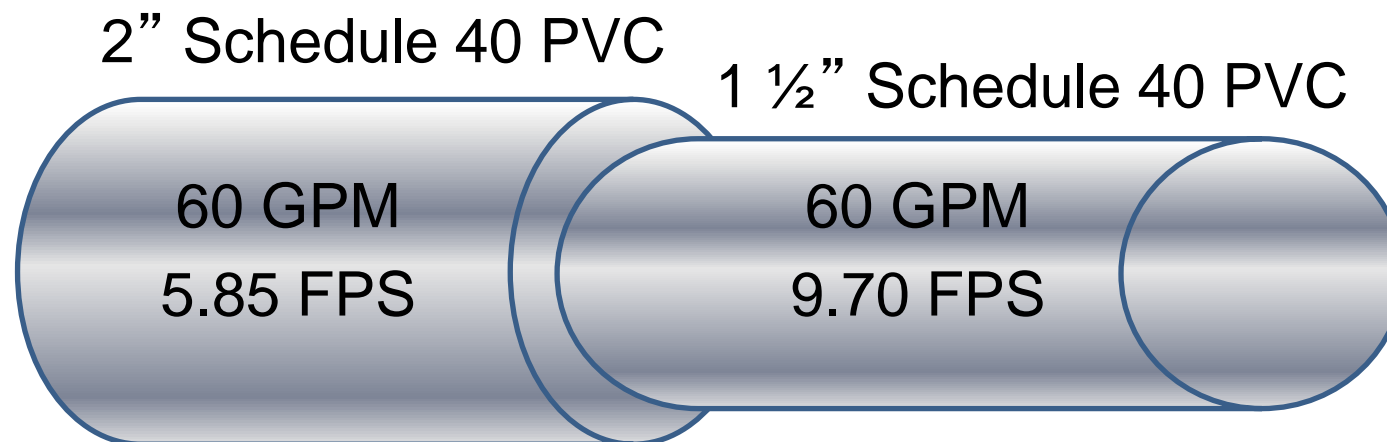
6 fps – suction side    8 fps – return side



# Sizing is based on Velocity

Velocity is a measurement of how fast a liquid moves through pipe. Velocity is expressed in Feet Per Second (FPS)

Velocity changes as pipe size changes



# Filtration Pipe Sizing ANSI-15

Pool piping & fittings shall be sized per table

1 Suction side maximum 6 fps (all suction piping)

Return side maximum 8 fps

Pipe Size	1.5"	2"	2.5"	3"	3.5"	4"	5"	6"
Nominal GPM @ 6fps	38	63	90	138	185	238	374	540
Nominal GPM @ 8fps	51	84	119	184	247	317	499	720

Pipe and fittings do not include equipment connections or internal equipment piping of, but not limited to, suction safety systems, pumps, heaters, and sanitizing devices

# Final steps for compliance

- Multi-speed pumps shall have a controller that defaults to filtration flow rate when no auxiliary load is operating and/or within 24 hours.
- Filtration pump shall have a straight length of pipe at least 4 pipe diameters in front of the intake.
- 18 inches of straight pipe between the filter and heater or connections installed for future solar.
- The pool shall have directional inlets that adequately mix the pool water.



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# ANSI-7 – The Hazards

Hair Entrapment

Body Suction Entrapment

Evisceration (Disembowelment)

Mechanical Entrapment

# ANSI-7 – Root Causes

FLOW – Hair Entrapment

Suction – Body Entrapment &  
Evisceration

Mechanical – Limb Entrapment (jewelry,  
etc.)

# Evisceration – Get drains out of wading pools!



# General Requirements

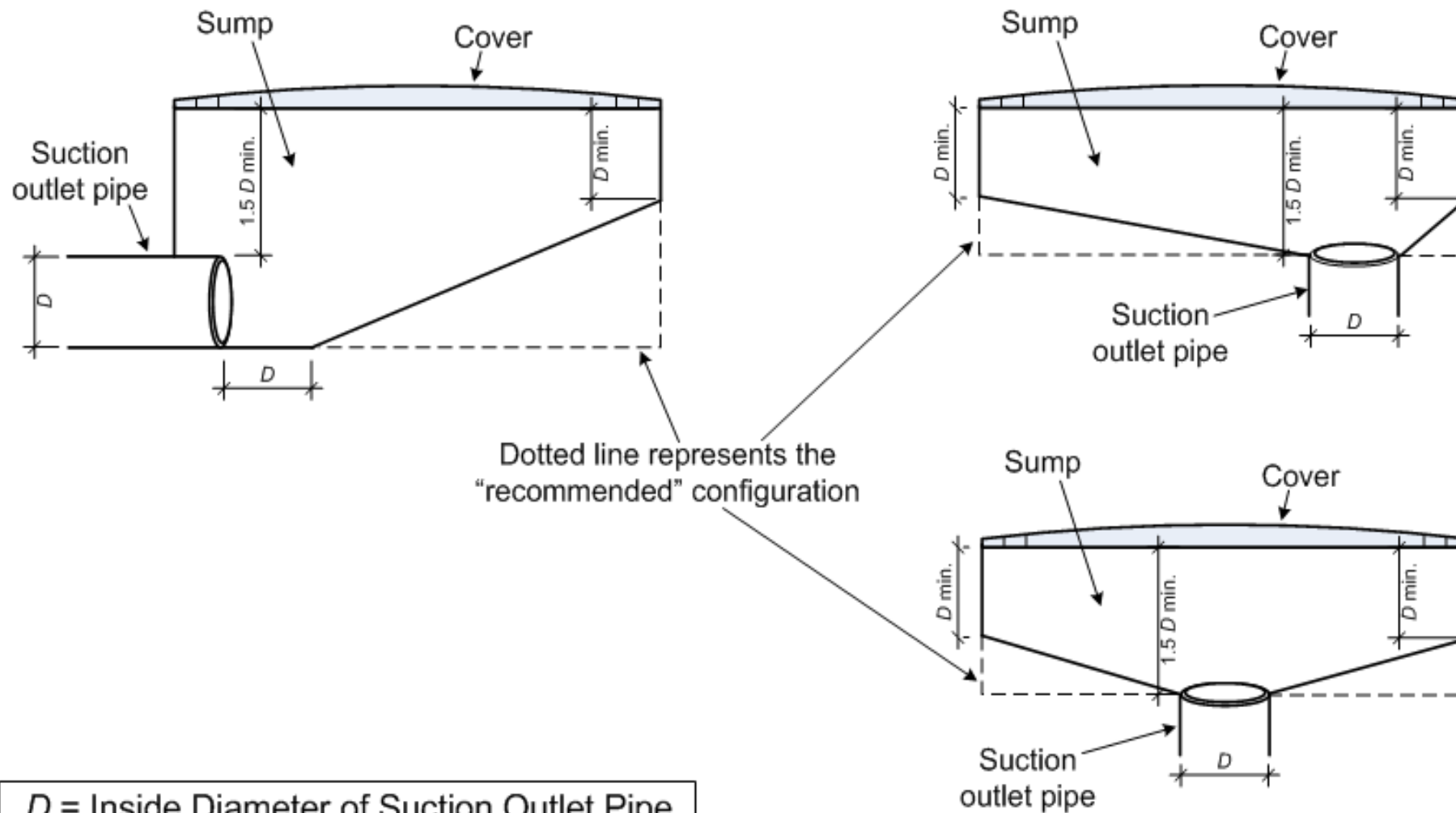
There is no backup for a missing or damaged suction outlet cover/grate. If any cover/grate is found to be damaged or missing, the pool or spa shall be immediately closed to bathers.

# Requirements

Listed suction outlet(s). Suction outlet covers/grates shall be tested and certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory as conforming to the most recent edition of APSP/ANSI-16

A suction fitting is defined in this standard as the cover, attachments and sump  
(Suction Outlet Fitting Assembly – SOFA)

# Field Built Sumps



# Requirements of the Standard

- Listed Safety Covers – what's required & how to comply
- Water Velocity – what's required & how to comply
- Placement of Submerged Suction Outlets (Drains) – what's required & how to comply



# Certified Covers?

- **ASME A112.19.8 – 1987**
  - No test for Finger, Body, or Cover Pull-off
  - UV inhibitors, no UV testing
  - Lock of hair
- **ASME A112.19.8 – 2007 (ANSI/APSP-16)**
  - Finger & Limb Entrapment Test
  - Body Entrapment Test
  - Shear Load & Pull Load Tests
  - UV Weathering before structural test
  - Fastener Test
  - Full Head of Hair Test
  - Pony Tail Test
  - No Size Limit

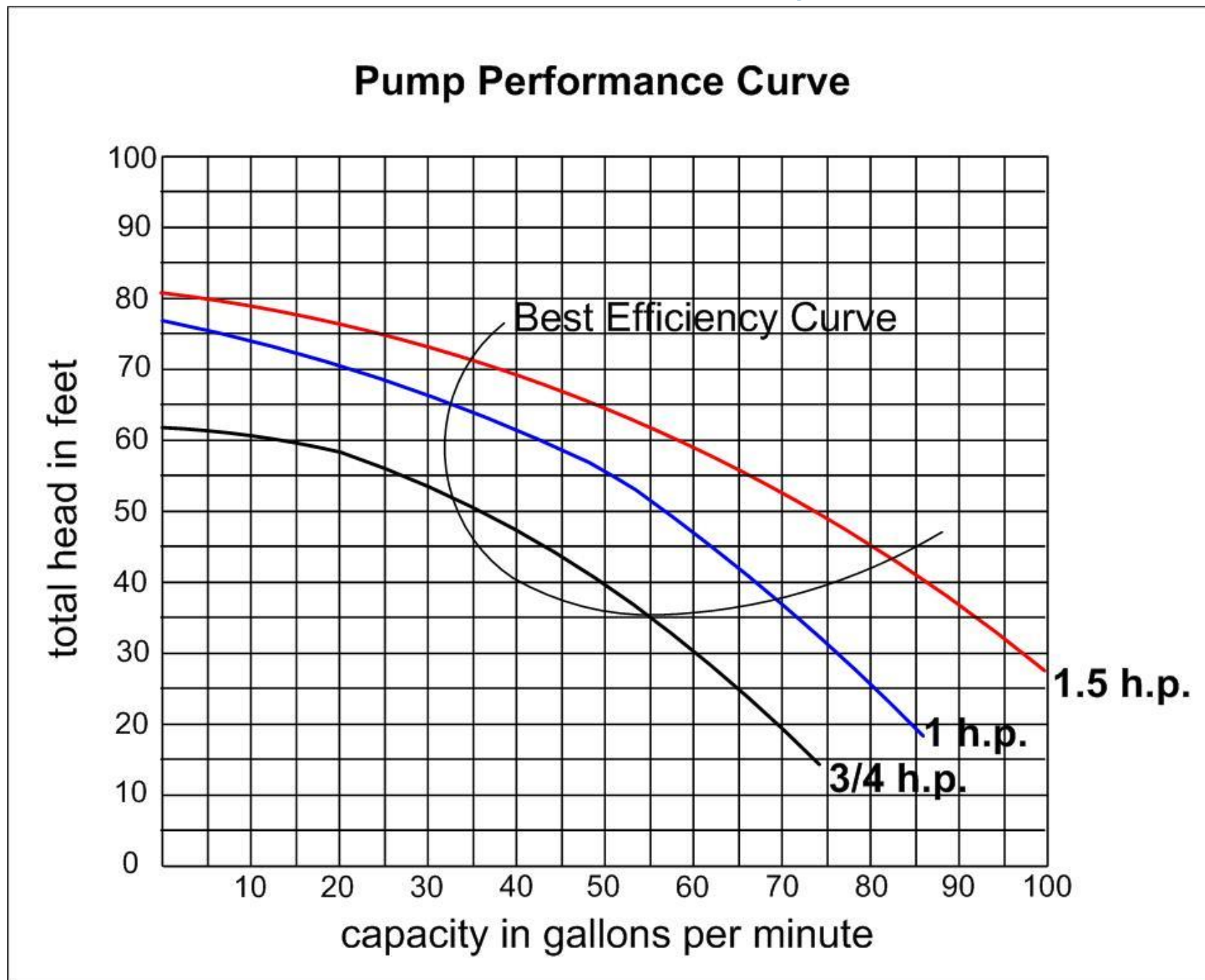
# ANSI-7 Requirements

- Water velocity in field fabricated piping is based on the maximum system flow rate
- Water velocity in branch suction piping is based on maximum system flow rate and shall be limited to 6 feet per second when one of a pair of drains is blocked. In normal operation then, the branch suction piping velocity is 3 feet per second. 8 fps in header piping to the pump.

# Lets Start the Process

- Determine Maximum flow rate
- Calculate resistance (TDH)
- Size the piping system & select a compliant cover

# Pump Efficiency Curve



**Outside the Curve – Not good for the Pump**

# The Calculations for

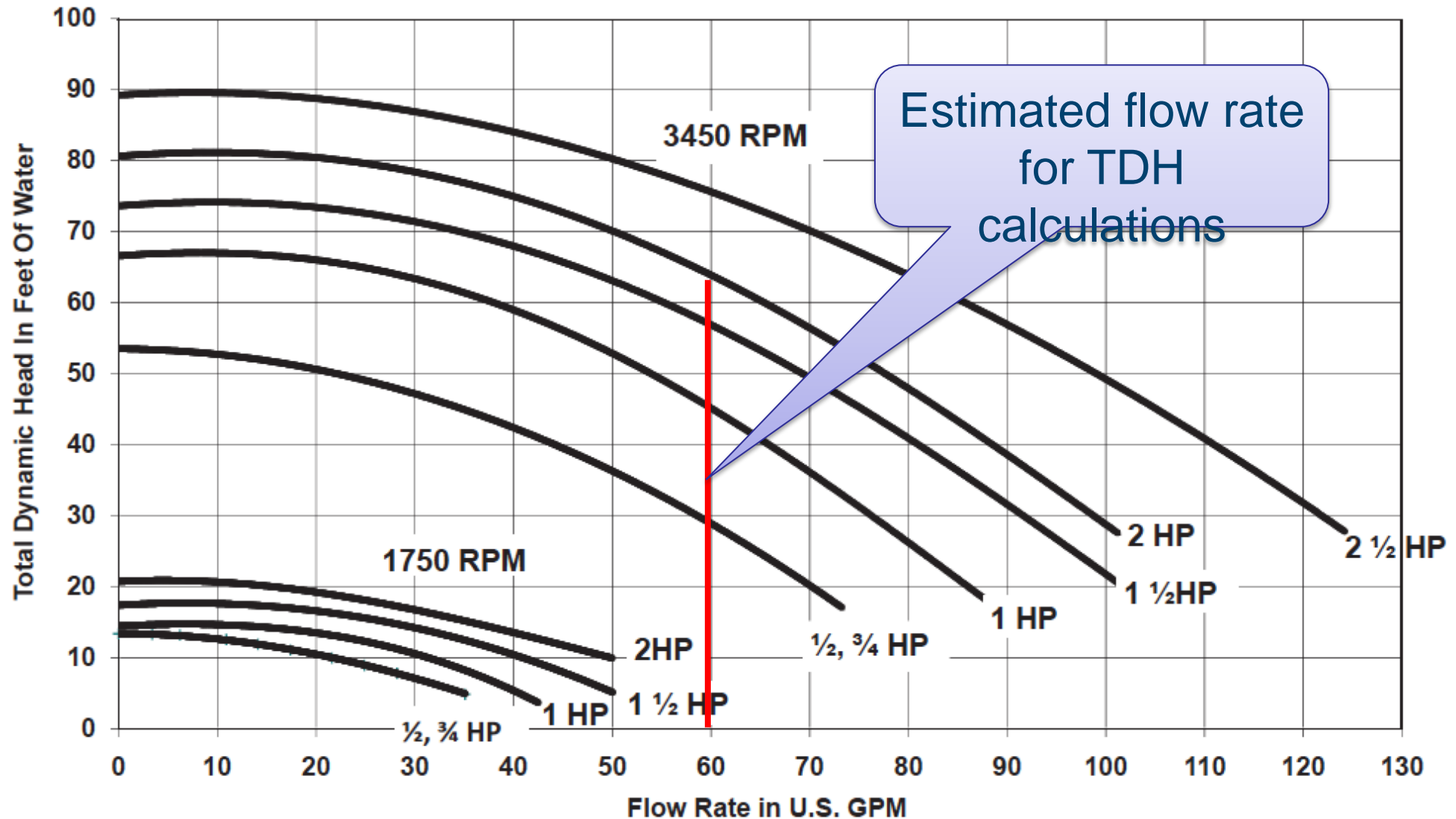
Maximum pump flow: From the manufacturer's pump curve.  
(Large piping system & flow typically outside pump's efficiency curve)

Total dynamic head (TDH): Sum of all resistances in a complete operating system (pipe, fittings, valves, filter, heater, etc.).

(Estimate maximum flow - then perform TDH calculations at estimated flow, this may lead to a smaller piping system than if you use Maximum pump flow - and pump performance closer to it's efficiency curve)

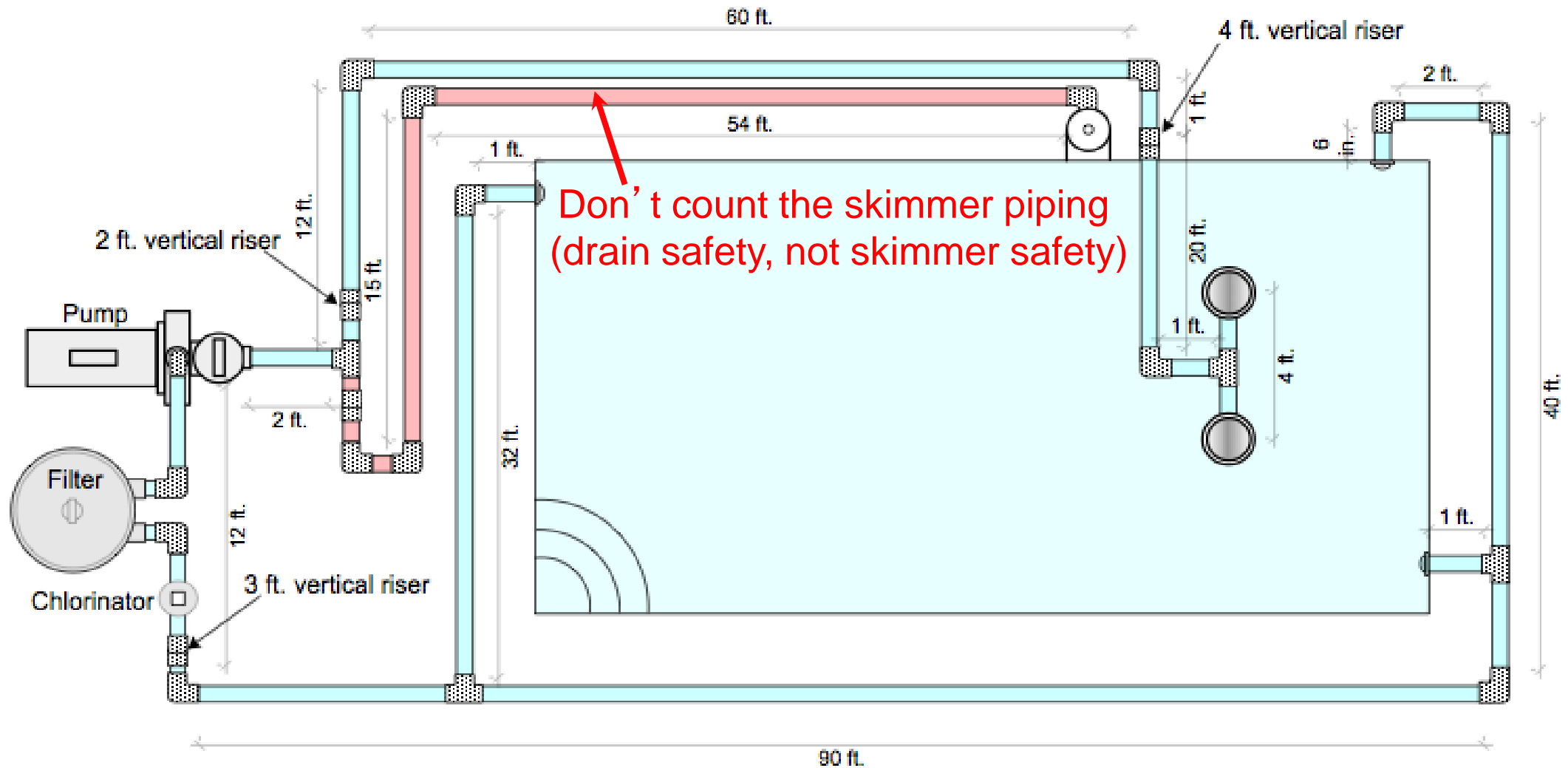
Simplified TDH calculation: Hydraulic calculations using the shortest distance between the pool and the pump, omitting the calculations for fittings/valves, and using the best performance ratings for filters and heaters. (likely won't help)

# Pump Performance Curve



Spa design flow rate at 60 gpm

# Here's how TDH is Calculated



Measure the pipe, count the fittings, valves, equipment, return & drain fittings

# FRICITION LOSS - WATER

## Flow Velocity & Friction Loss — Schedule 40 Pipe

# 3

Gallons/Minute	1/2 in.			3/4 in.			1 in.			1 1/4 in.			1 1/2 in.			2 in.			2 1/2 in.			3 in.		
	Velocity Ft./Second	Friction Loss Ft. Water/100 Ft.	Friction Loss PSI/100 Ft.	Velocity Ft./Second	Friction Loss Ft. Water/100 Ft.	Friction Loss PSI/100 Ft.	Velocity Ft./Second	Friction Loss Ft. Water/100 Ft.	Friction Loss PSI/100 Ft.	Velocity Ft./Second	Friction Loss Ft. Water/100 Ft.	Friction Loss PSI/100 Ft.	Velocity Ft./Second	Friction Loss Ft. Water/100 Ft.	Friction Loss PSI/100 Ft.	Velocity Ft./Second	Friction Loss Ft. Water/100 Ft.	Friction Loss PSI/100 Ft.	Velocity Ft./Second	Friction Loss Ft. Water/100 Ft.	Friction Loss PSI/100 Ft.	Velocity Ft./Second	Friction Loss Ft. Water/100 Ft.	Friction Loss PSI/100 Ft.
1	1.13	2.08	0.90	0.63	0.51	0.22	0.77	0.55	0.24	0.44	0.14	0.06	0.33	0.07	0.03	0.49	0.066	0.029	0.30	0.038	0.016	0.22	0.015	0.007
2	2.26	4.16	1.80	1.26	1.02	0.44	1.93	1.72	0.75	1.11	0.44	0.49	0.81	0.22	0.09	0.69	0.11	0.048	0.49	0.051	0.023	0.31	0.021	0.009
5	5.64	23.44	10.15	3.16	5.73	2.48	2.72	3.17	1.37	1.55	0.81	0.35	1.13	0.38	0.17	0.98	0.21	0.091	0.68	0.09	0.039	0.44	0.03	0.013
7	7.90	43.06	18.64	4.43	10.52	4.56	3.86	6.02	2.61	2.21	1.55	0.67	1.62	0.72	0.31	0.98	0.21	0.091	0.68	0.09	0.039	0.44	0.03	0.013
10	11.28	82.02	35.51	6.32	20.04	8.68	3.86	6.02	2.61	2.21	1.55	0.67	1.62	0.72	0.31	0.98	0.21	0.091	0.68	0.09	0.039	0.44	0.03	0.013
15	4 in.			9.48	42.46	18.39	5.79	12.77	5.53	3.31	3.28	1.42	2.42	1.53	0.66	1.46	0.45	0.19	1.03	0.19	0.082	0.66	0.07	0.030
20	0.51	0.03	0.013	12.65	72.34	31.32	7.72	21.75	9.42	4.42	5.59	2.42	3.23	2.61	1.13	1.95	0.76	0.33	1.37	0.32	0.14	0.88	0.11	0.048
25	0.64	0.04	0.017	5 in.			9.65	32.88	14.22	5.52	8.45	3.66	4.04	3.95	1.71	2.44	1.15	0.50	1.71	0.49	0.21	1.10	0.17	0.074
30	0.77	0.06	0.026	0.49	0.02	0.009	11.58	46.08	19.95	6.63	11.85	5.13	4.85	5.53	2.39	2.93	1.62	0.70	2.05	0.68	0.29	1.33	0.23	0.10
35	0.89	0.08	0.035	0.57	0.03	0.013				7.73	15.76	6.82	5.66	7.36	3.19	3.41	2.15	0.93	2.39	0.91	0.39	1.55	0.31	0.13
40	1.02	0.11	0.048	0.65	0.03	0.013				8.84	20.18	8.74	6.47	9.43	4.08	3.90	2.75	1.19	2.73	1.16	0.50	1.77	0.40	0.17
45	1.15	0.13	0.056	0.73	0.04	0.017	6 in.			9.94	25.10	10.87	7.27	11.73	5.08	4.39	3.43	1.49	3.08	1.44	0.62	1.99	0.50	0.22
50	1.28	0.16	0.069	0.81	0.05	0.022	0.56	0.02	0.009	11.05	30.51	13.21	8.08	14.25	6.17	4.88	4.16	1.80	3.42	1.75	0.76	2.21	0.60	0.26
60	1.52	0.22	0.095	0.97	0.07	0.030	0.67	0.03	0.013				9.70	19.98	8.65	5.85	5.84	2.53	4.10	2.46	1.07	2.65	0.85	0.37
70	1.79	0.30	0.13	1.14	0.10	0.043	0.79	0.04	0.017							6.83	7.76	3.36	4.79	3.27	1.42	3.09	1.13	0.49
75	1.92	0.34	0.15	1.22	0.11	0.048	0.84	0.05	0.022							7.32	8.82	3.82	5.13	3.71	1.61	3.31	1.28	0.55
80	2.05	0.38	0.16	1.30	0.13	0.056	0.90	0.05	0.022							7.80	9.94	4.30	5.47	4.19	1.81	3.53	1.44	0.62
90	2.30	0.47	0.20	1.46	0.16	0.069	1.01	0.06	0.026	8 in.						8.78	12.37	5.36	6.15	5.21	2.26	3.98	1.80	0.78
100	2.56	0.58	0.25	1.62	0.19	0.082	1.12	0.08	0.035	0.65	0.03	0.012				9.75	15.03	6.51	6.84	6.33	2.74	4.42	2.18	0.94
125	3.20	0.88	0.38	2.03	0.29	0.125	1.41	0.12	0.052	0.81	0.035	0.015							8.55	9.58	4.15	5.52	3.31	1.43
150	3.84	1.22	0.53	2.44	0.40	0.17	1.69	0.16	0.069	0.97	0.04	0.017							10.26	13.41	5.81	6.63	4.63	2.00
175	4.48	1.63	0.71	2.84	0.54	0.235	1.97	0.22	0.096	1.14	0.055	0.024	10 in.									7.73	6.16	2.67
200	5.11	2.08	0.90	3.25	0.69	0.30	2.25	0.28	0.12	1.30	0.07	0.030	0.82	0.027	0.012							8.83	7.88	3.41
250	6.40	3.15	1.36	4.06	1.05	0.45	2.81	0.43	0.19	1.63	0.11	0.048	1.03	0.035	0.015							11.04	11.93	5.17
300	7.67	4.41	1.91	4.87	1.46	0.63	3.37	0.60	0.26	1.94	0.16	0.069	1.23	0.05	0.022	12 in.								
350	8.95	5.87	2.55	5.69	1.95	0.85	3.94	0.79	0.34	2.27	0.21	0.091	1.44	0.065	0.028	1.01	0.027	0.012						
400	10.23	7.52	3.26	6.50	2.49	1.08	4.49	1.01	0.44	2.59	0.27	0.12	1.64	0.09	0.039	1.16	0.04	0.017						
450				7.31	3.09	1.34	5.06	1.26	0.55	2.92	0.33	0.14	1.85	0.11	0.048	1.30	0.05	0.022						
500				8.12	3.76	1.63	5.62	1.53	0.66	3.24	0.40	0.17	2.05	0.13	0.056	1.45	0.06	0.026						
750										4.86	0.85	0.37	3.08	0.28	0.12	2.17	0.12	0.052						
1000										6.48	1.45	0.63	4.11	0.48	0.21	2.89	0.20	0.087						
1250													5.14	0.73	0.32	3.62	0.31	0.13						
1500													6.16	1.01	0.44	4.34	0.43	0.19						
2000																5.78	0.73	0.32						
2500																7.23	1.11	0.49						

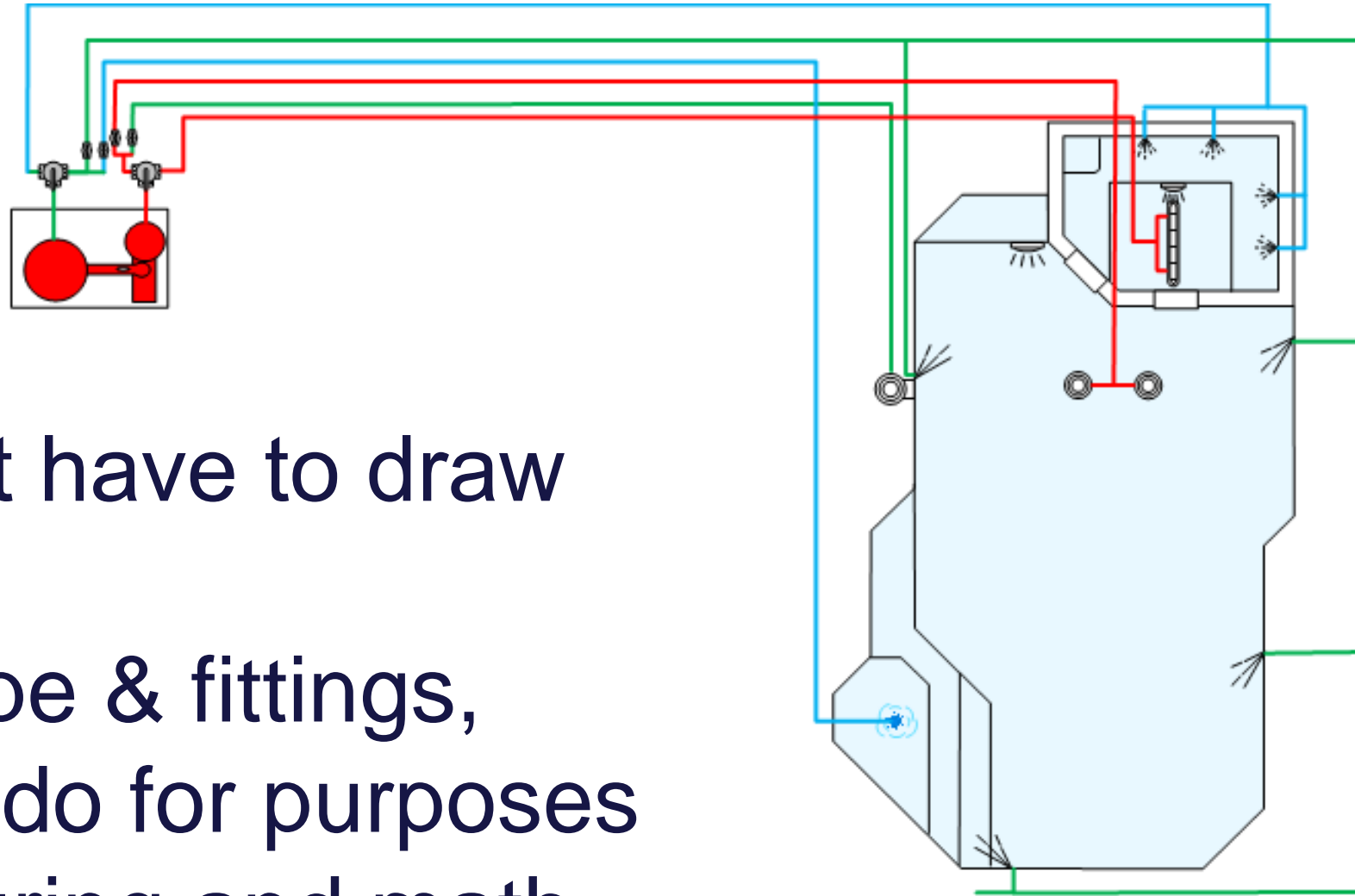


# Friction loss through fittings

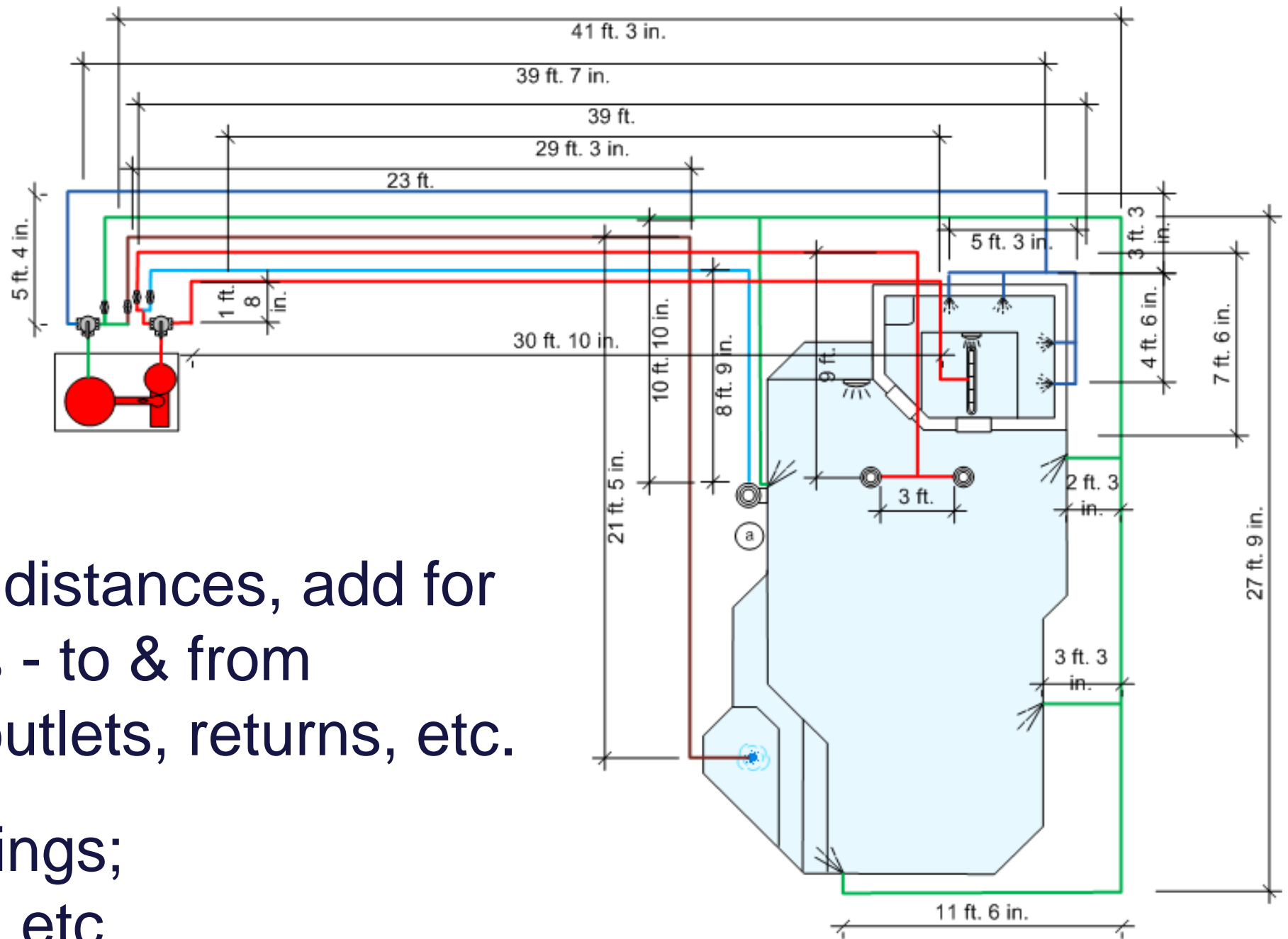
Equivalent length of straight pipe in feet

Pipe Size	1"	1.5"	2"	2.5"	3"	4"	5"	6"	8"
90° elbow	2.5	4.0	5.7	6.9	7.9	11.4	14.5	16.7	21.0
45° elbow	1.4	2.1	2.6	3.1	4.0	5.1	7.0	8.0	10.6
Tee through	1.7	2.7	4.0	4.9	6.1	7.9	9.7	12.3	14.0
Tee branch	6.0	8.4	12.0	14.7	16.4	22.0	26.2	32.7	49.0
Swing Check Valve	11.2	15.2	19.1	22.0	27.0	38.0			

# The Complete Piping System



You don't have to draw the actual pipe & fittings, lines will do for purposes of measuring and math.

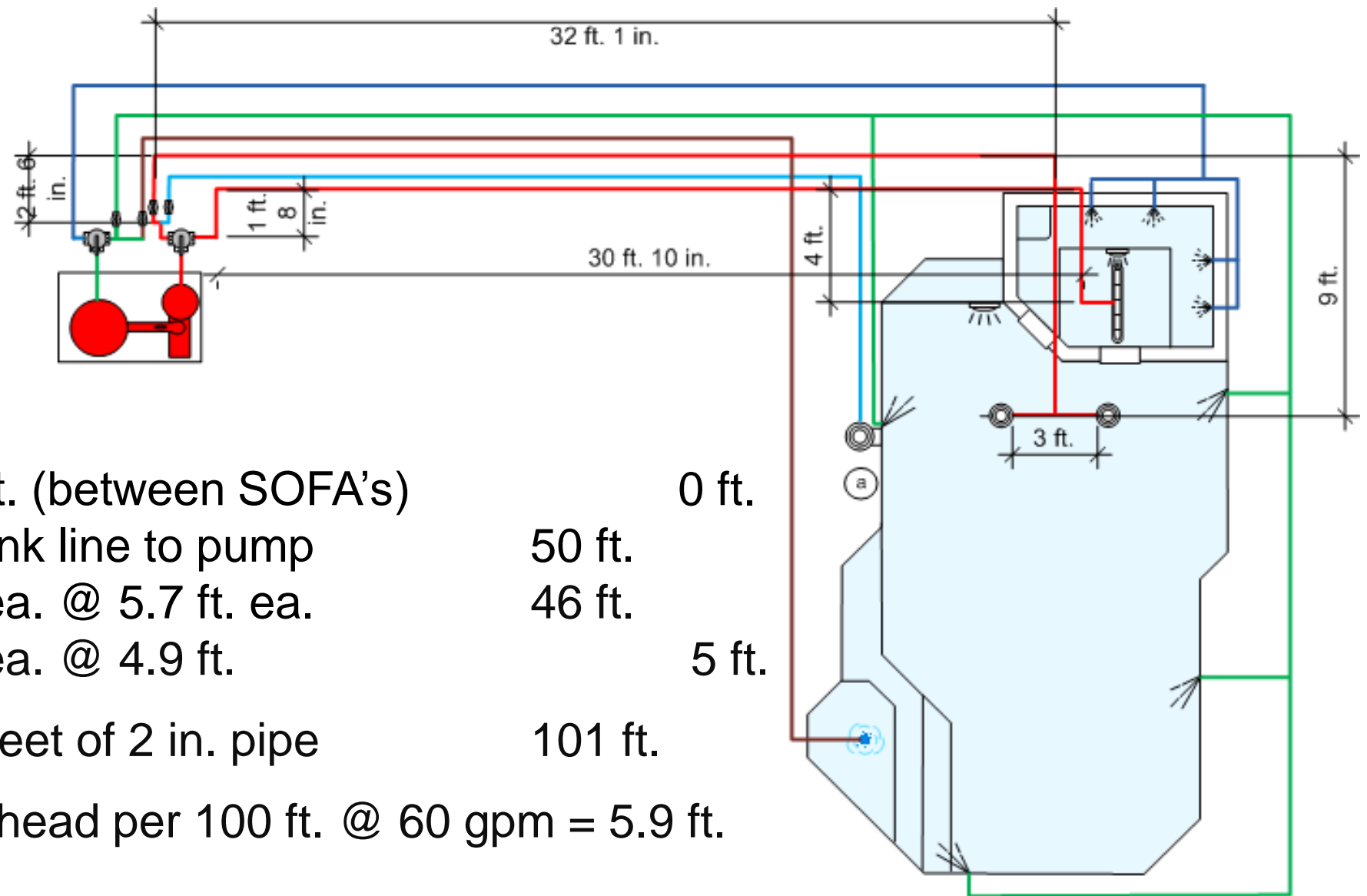


Measure the distances, add for vertical pipes - to & from submerged outlets, returns, etc.

Count the fittings; elbows, tees, etc.

Calculate suction side first to get pipe & fitting size correct – return piping is typically smaller.

# Suction Side – the Pool



## POOL:

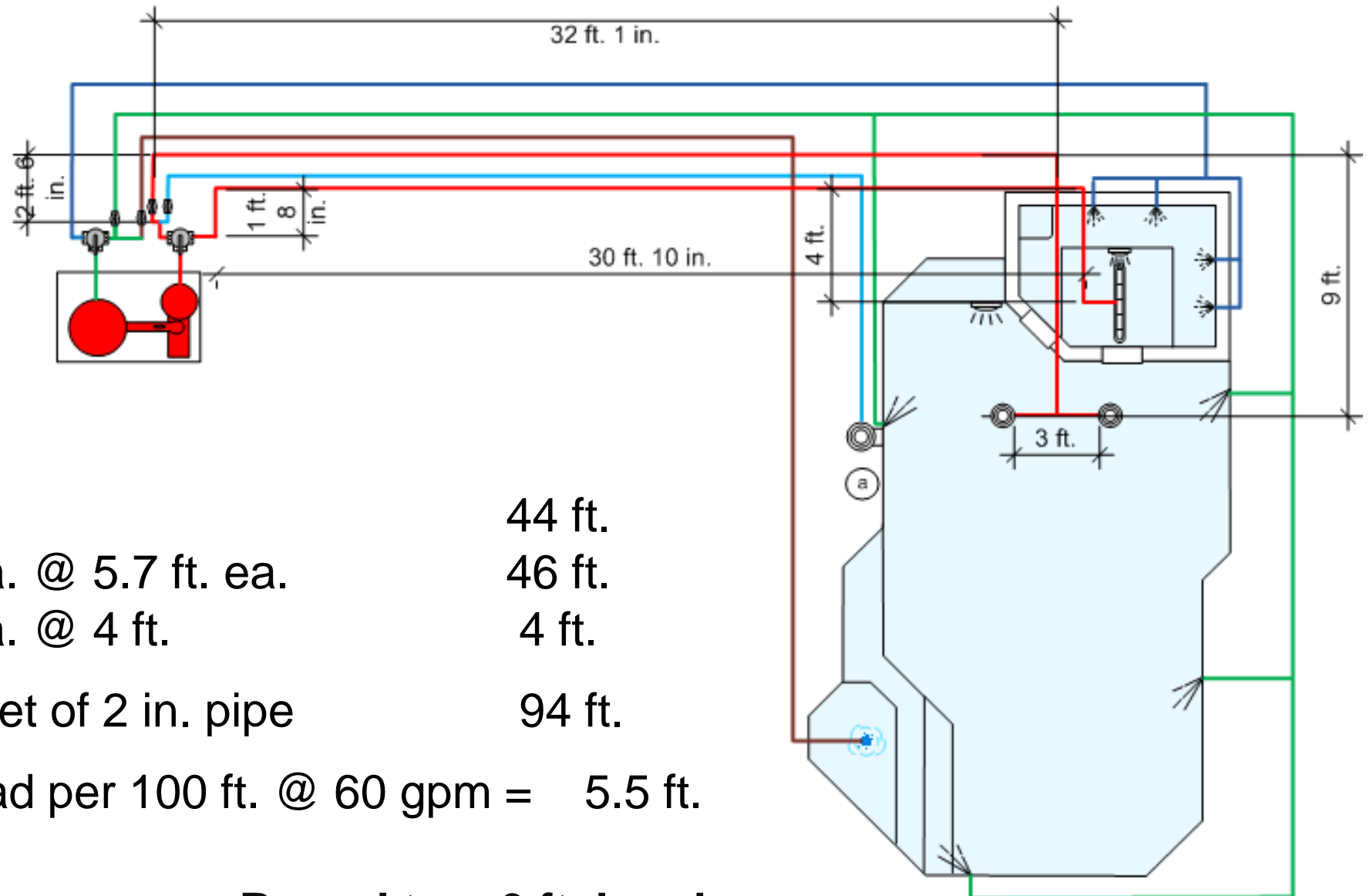
2 ½ " pipe	3 ft. (between SOFA's)	0 ft.
2" pipe	trunk line to pump	50 ft.
2" 90's	8 ea. @ 5.7 ft. ea.	46 ft.
2 1/2" Tee	1 ea. @ 4.9 ft.	5 ft.
Total equivalent feet of 2 in. pipe		101 ft.

1.01 x 5.84 ft. of head per 100 ft. @ 60 gpm = 5.9 ft. head

3 way valve	1 ea. @ 2 ft.	<b>Round to</b>	<b>6 ft. head</b>
2" ball valve	1 ea. @ 1 ft.		2 ft. head
SOFA's	2 ea. @ 2 ft.		1 ft. head
			4 ft. head

**Total Dynamic Head – Pool Suction Side = 13 ft. TDH**

# Suction Side – the Spa

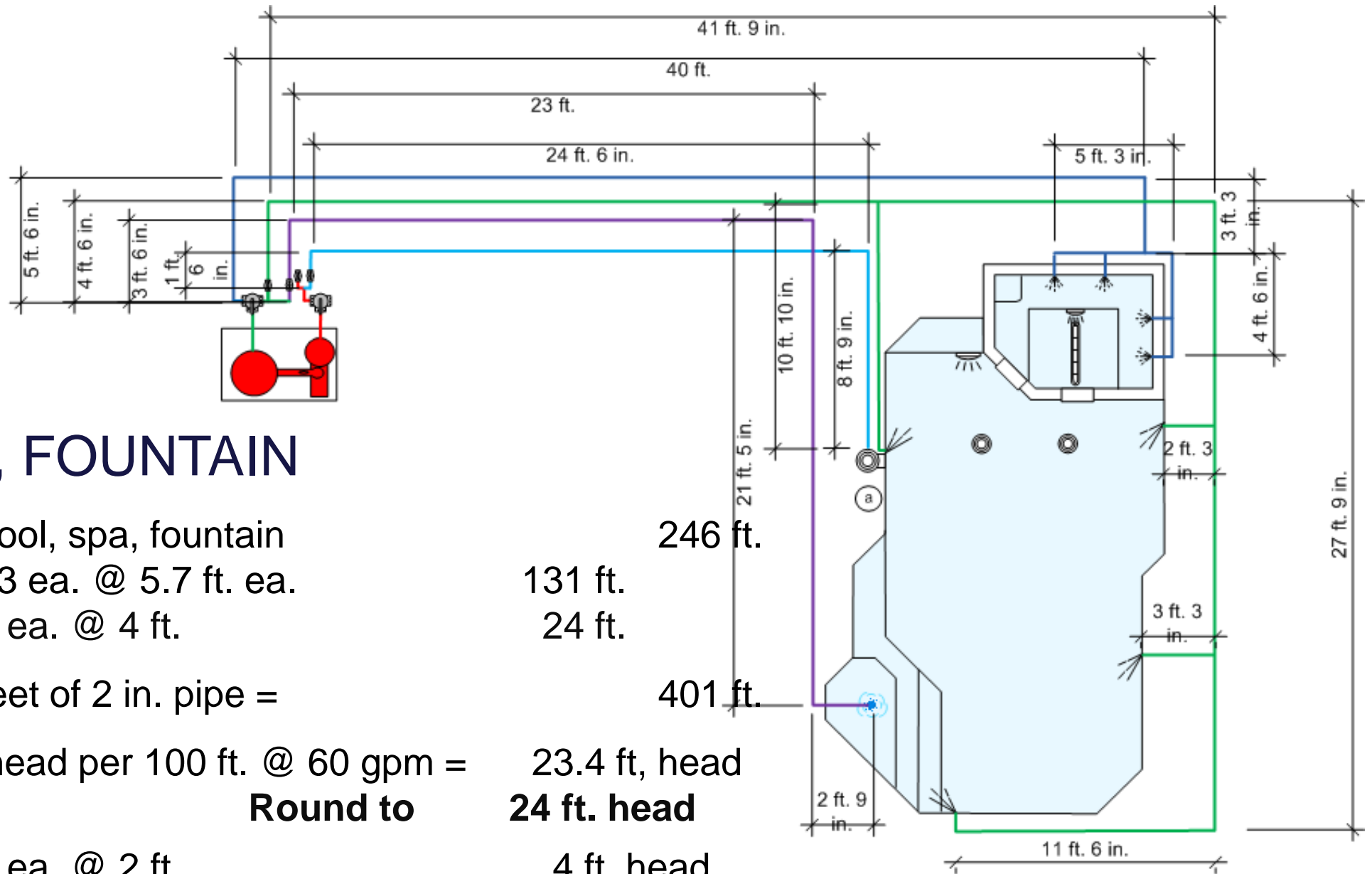


## SPA:

2" pipe		44 ft.
2" 90's	8 ea. @ 5.7 ft. ea.	46 ft.
2" Tee's	1 ea. @ 4 ft.	4 ft.
Total equivalent feet of 2 in. pipe		94 ft.
94 x 5.84 ft. of head per 100 ft. @ 60 gpm =		5.5 ft.
Head		
3 way valve	1 ea. @ 2 ft.	2 ft. head
SOFA	1 ea. @ 1 ft.	1 ft. head
	<b>Round to</b>	<b>6 ft. head</b>

**Total Dynamic Head – Spa Suction Side = 9 ft. TDH**

# Return Side Calculations



## POOL, SPA, FOUNTAIN

2" pipe pool, spa, fountain  
 2" 90's 23 ea. @ 5.7 ft. ea.  
 2" Tee 6 ea. @ 4 ft.

Total equivalent feet of 2 in. pipe =

4.01 x 5.84 ft. of head per 100 ft. @ 60 gpm =  
**Round to**

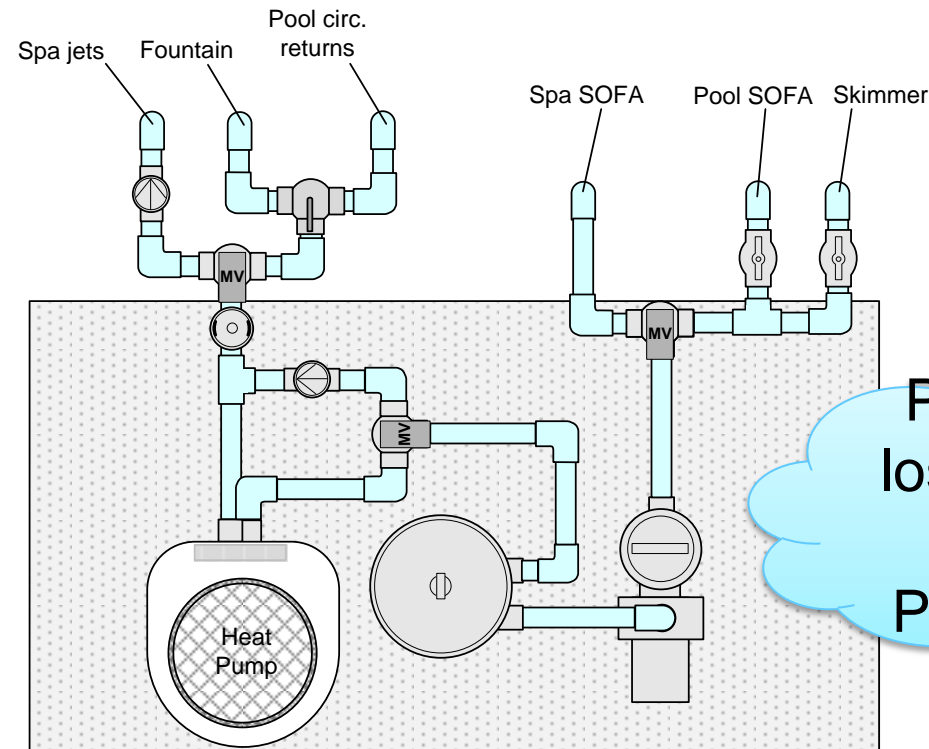
3 way valve 2 ea. @ 2 ft.  
 2" check valve 1 ea @ 2 ft.  
 Chlorinator  
 1 in. pool inlet fittings  
 ¼ in. spa jet fittings

246 ft.  
 131 ft.  
 24 ft.  
 401 ft.  
 23.4 ft, head  
**24 ft. head**  
 4 ft. head  
 2 ft. head  
 1 ft. head  
 1 ft. head  
 4 ft. head

**Total Dynamic Head – Return Side = 36ft. TDH**

**ANSI-7**

# Equipment Loss



Pump head loss is built in to the Pump Curve

Pool/Spa Equipment

Total feet - 2 in. pipe	10 ft.
2 in. 90 degree elbows 10 @ 5.7 ft. ea. =	57 ft.
Total equivalent feet of 2 in. pipe =	67
.67 x 5.84 =	3.9 ft. head
Filter =	3.7 ft. head
Total TDH loss at Equipment =	7.6 ft. head
	<b>Round to 8 ft. head</b>

# TDH Calculations

## **SPA Side TDH**

Total Dynamic Head – Spa Suction Side = 9 ft. TDH

Total Dynamic Head – Return Side = 36 ft. TDH

Total Dynamic Head – Equipment = 8 ft. TDH

**Spa System TDH = 53 ft. Head**

## **POOL Side TDH**

Total Dynamic Head – Pool Suction Side = 13 ft. TDH

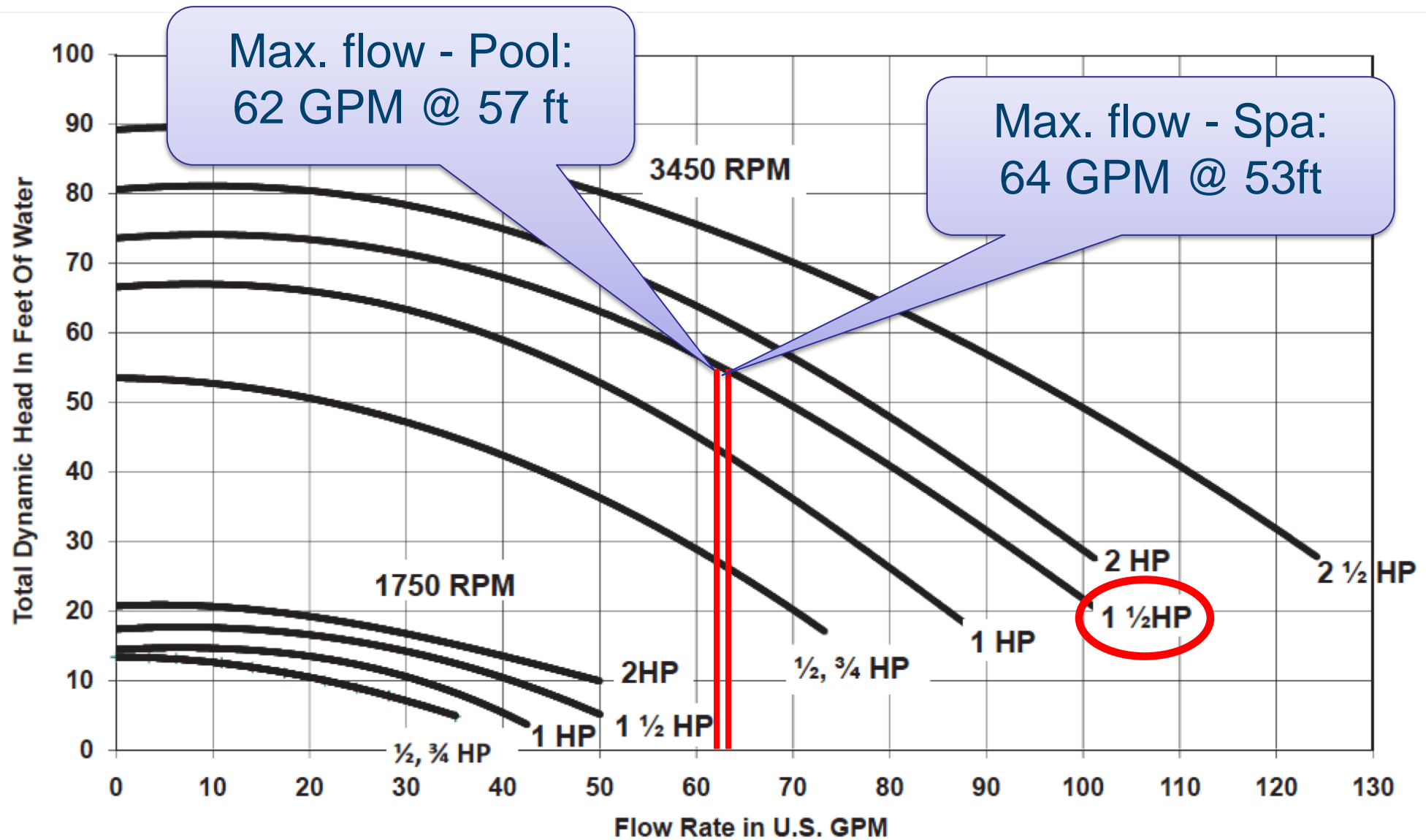
Total Dynamic Head – Return Side = 36 ft. TDH

Total Dynamic Head – Equipment = 8 ft. TDH

**Spa System TDH = 57 ft. Head**



# Pump Performance Curve



Pipe Size	1.5"	2"	2.5"	3"	3.5"	4"	5"	6"
Nominal GPM @ 6fps	38	63	90	138	185	238	374	540
Nominal GPM @ 8fps	51	84	119	184	247	317	499	720

# Simplified TDH

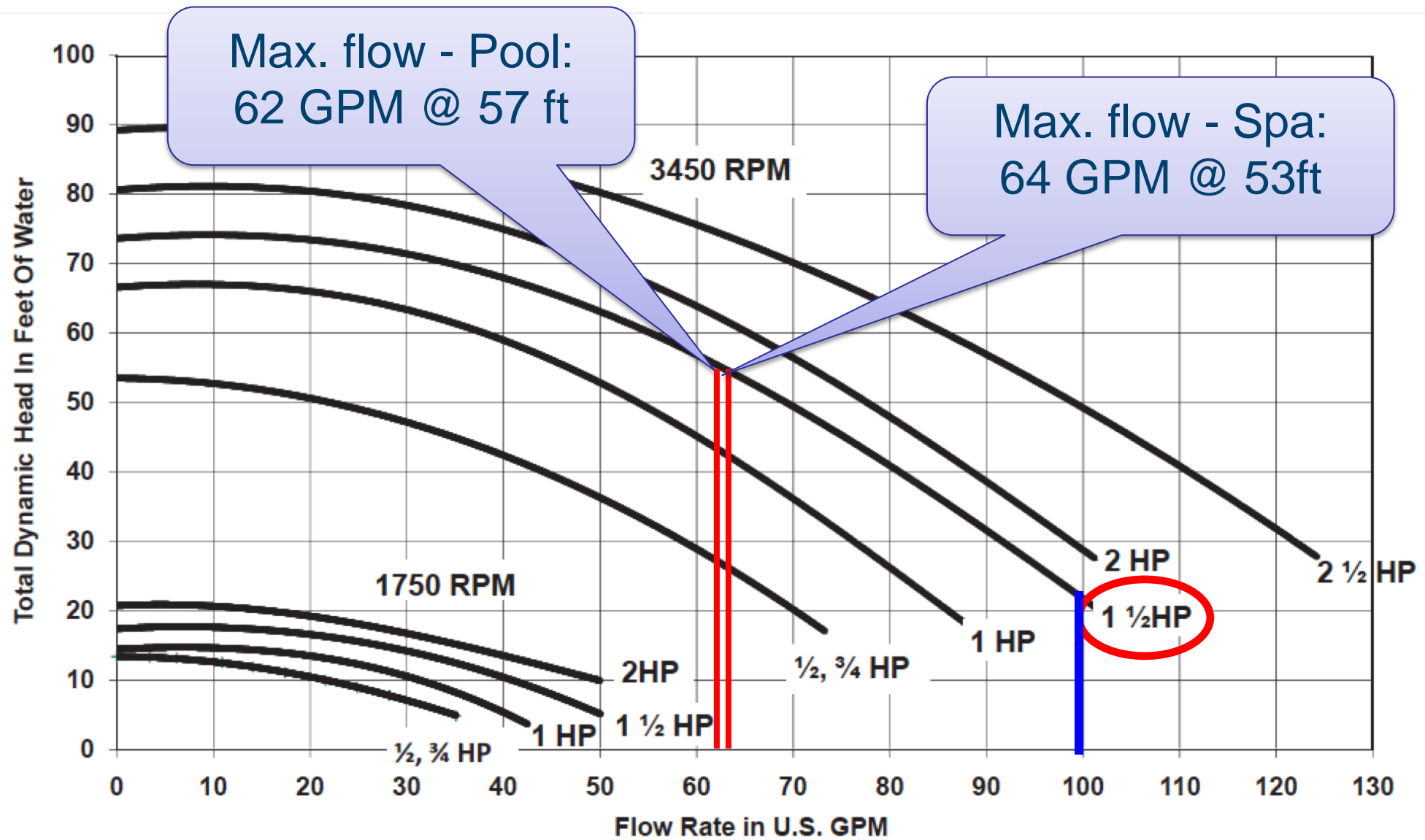
296 ft. of pipe to & from the pool, spa,  
etc.

$2.96 \times 5.84 = 17.3$  ft. head

Filter loss = 3.7 ft. head

Total = 21 ft. head

# Simplified TDH



Pipe Size	1.5"	2"	2.5"	3"	3.5"	4"	5"	6"
Nominal GPM @ 6fps	38	63	90	138	185	238	374	540
Nominal GPM @ 8fps	51	84	119	184	247	317	499	720

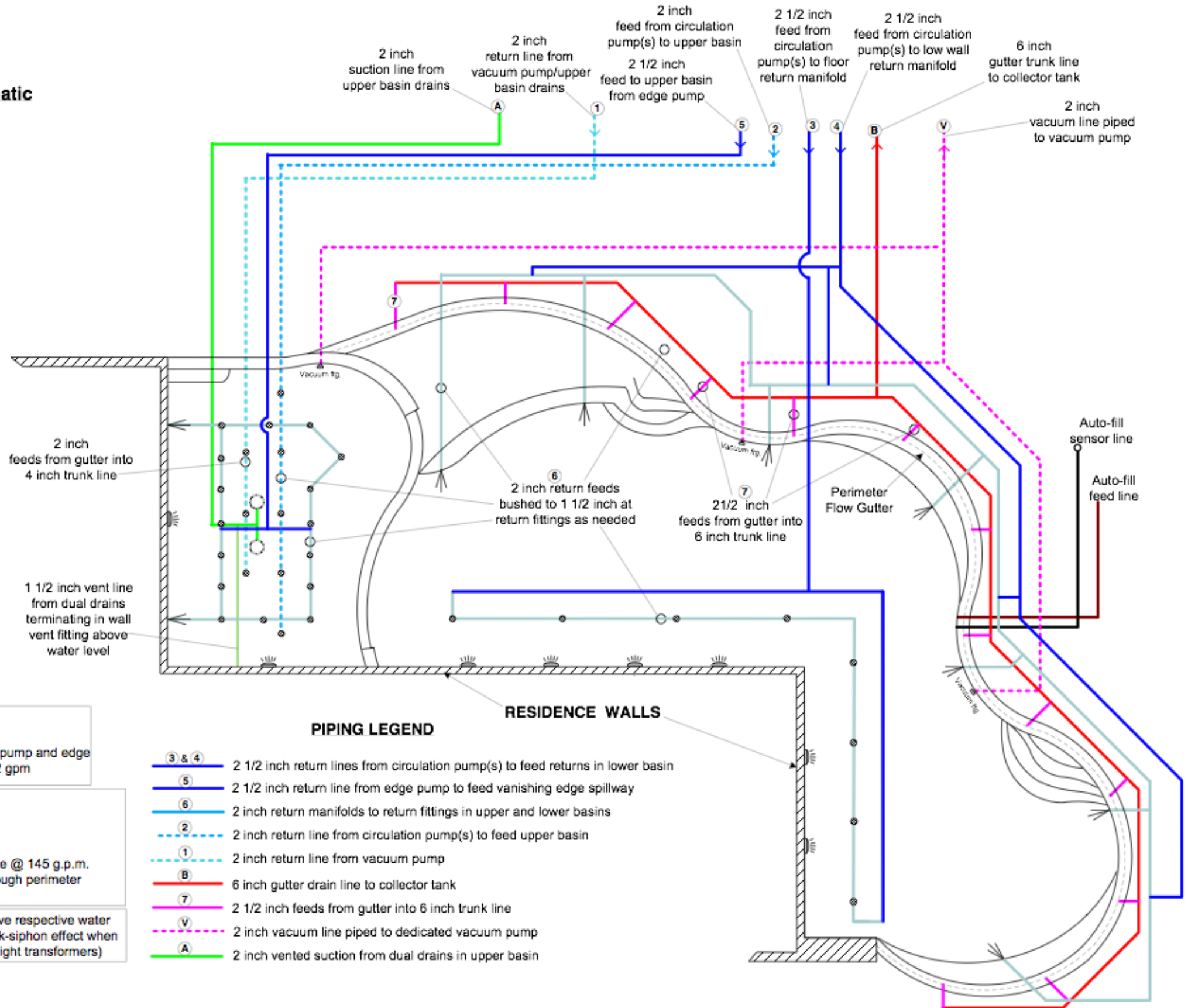
# You can Calculate Big Pools also



2,355 sq.ft. - Split level - Perimeter flow

# Pool Piping Schematic

1/8 in. = 1 ft.



Pool circulation at approx. 250 gpm  
 Edge pump at approx. 132 gpm  
 Total maximum flow with circulation pump and edge pump running full flow approx. = 382 gpm

### VOLUME / FLOW CALCULATIONS

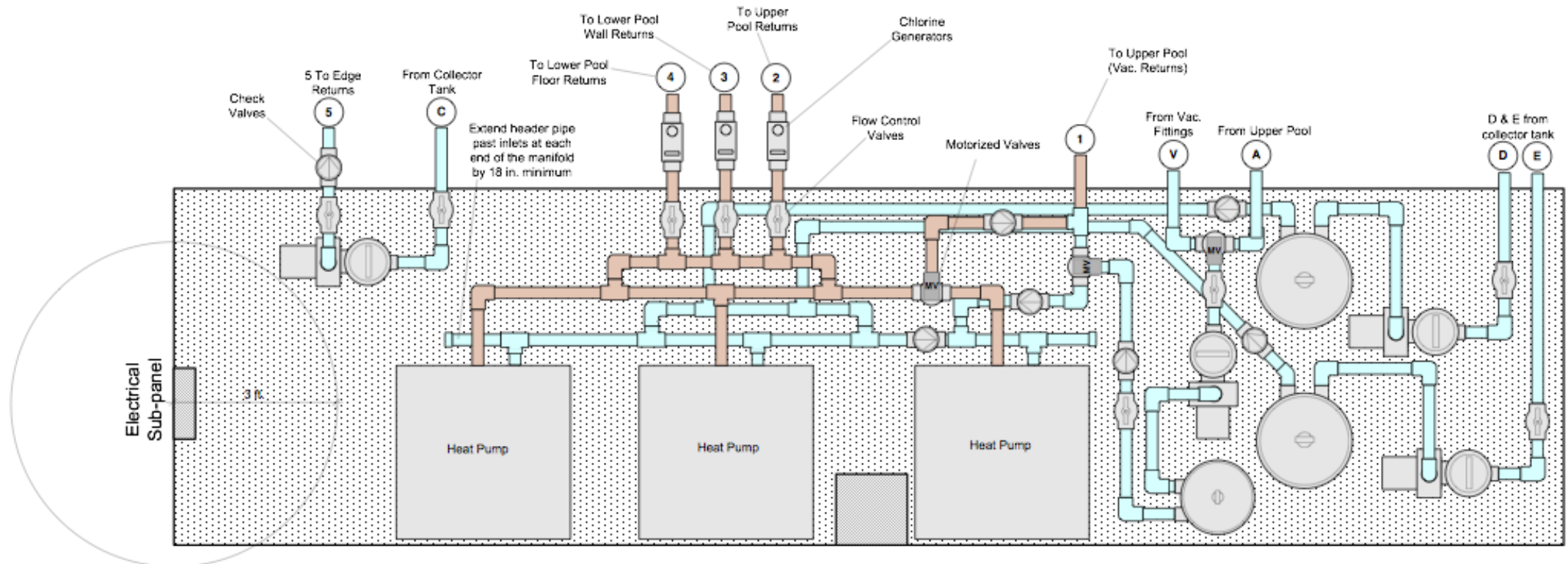
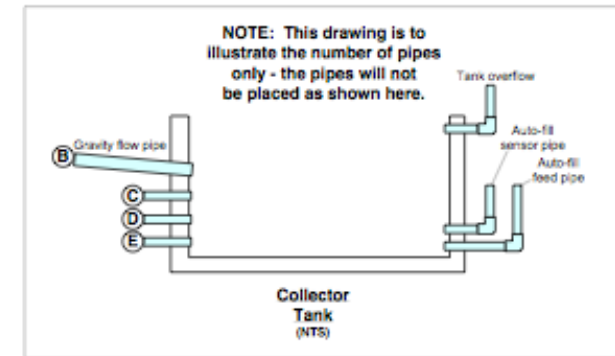
Upper level = approx. 6,800 gal.  
 Lower level = approx. 45,100 gal.  
 Total volume in gallons = approx. 51,900  
 System flow to achieve 6 hour turnover cycle @ 145 g.p.m.  
 Actual system flow @ approx. 250 gpm through perimeter system

**NOTE:** All return lines to be looped up above respective water levels with vacuum breakers to prevent back-siphon effect when pump is off. (Loops are behind wall next to light transformers)

### PIPING LEGEND

- 3 & 4 2 1/2 inch return lines from circulation pump(s) to feed returns in lower basin
- 5 2 1/2 inch return line from edge pump to feed vanishing edge spillway
- 6 2 inch return manifolds to return fittings in upper and lower basins
- 2 2 inch return line from circulation pump(s) to feed upper basin
- 1 2 inch return line from vacuum pump
- B 6 inch gutter drain line to collector tank
- 7 2 1/2 inch feeds from gutter into 6 inch trunk line
- V 2 inch vacuum line piped to dedicated vacuum pump
- A 2 inch vented suction from dual drains in upper basin

# Equipment Layout



Equipment room layout is a piping guideline - precise placement of equipment may be adjusted to accommodate field conditions.

**NOTE:** All equipment room piping is 2 1/2 in. sch. 40 PVC (except vacuum/upper pool low flow pump may be 2 inch).

# Size the Pipe for ANSI-7

Pool drain branch suction piping:

TDH = 62 gpm = 2" @ 6 fps

Pool drain header piping from branch to pump:

TDH = 62 gpm = 2" @ 8 fps

Spa drain header piping from drain to pump (Spa has a channel drain – there is no “branch” piping):

TDH = 64 gpm = 2" @ 8 fps

# Total Dynamic Head

Calculated TDH is the most accurate, least costly method to achieve compliance with  
ANSI-7

For our sample pool, max. flow or simplified TDH would require 3 inch PVC for all suction piping and 2 ½ inch for all return side piping.

More costly to build. Resulting in flow outside the pump's efficiency curve, shortening pump life dramatically and creating a very noisy system.



# How do we Pipe our Sample Pool?

## ANSI-15

Filtration flow rate at 32 gpm

Spa design flow rate at 60 gpm

2 inch piping will be compliant

## ANSI-7 (using TDH)

Potential pool drain flow rate at 62 gpm requires 2”

Spa drain header flow rate at 64 gpm requires 2”

If the spa had one more therapy jet (now needing 75 gpm) the suction piping would have to be 2 ½ inch. ANSI-7 flow restrictions trump ANSI-15 restrictions.

**Safety over Energy Efficiency**

# Design Process

1<sup>st</sup> APSP-5 Residential Pools



2<sup>nd</sup> APSP-15 Energy Efficiency



3<sup>rd</sup> APSP-7 Suction Safety



# Demonstrate Compliance



ANS/APSP/ICC 15 ENERGY EFFICIENCY COMPLIANCE INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTIAL SWIMMING POOLS			
PROJECT NAME: AND ADDRESS:		CONTRACTOR NAME AND ADDRESS:	
OWNER:		CONTRACTOR PHONE:	DATE:

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**1. §5.2.1: Calculated pool volume**

- a. Gallons: \_\_\_\_\_ ; or
- b. Calculated Gallons: \_\_\_\_\_ (surface area) X \_\_\_\_\_ (average depth) X 7.48 (gal/ft<sup>3</sup>) = \_\_\_\_\_

**2. §5.2.1: Calculated maximum filtration flow rate**

(Pool volume ÷ 360 or 35gpm whichever is larger)

**3. §5.2.2: Auxiliary Pool Load: \_\_\_ Yes, \_\_\_ No?**

(Enter the highest "auxiliary pool load" to be powered by the swimming pool filtration pump. Do not add auxiliary pool load flow rates together, only the highest is used.)

**4. Calculated maximum flow rate**

(Item 2 or item 3, whichever is larger.)

**5. §5.5.1: Pipe sizing:**

**a. Minimum suction pipe diameter**

(Enter the smallest pipe size from Table 1 with a 6 fps flow capacity the same or more than item 4.)

**b. Minimum suction branch pipe diameter**

(Calculate: Item 4. \_\_\_\_\_ (gpm) ÷ Branch Pipes \_\_\_\_\_ (quantity) = branch flow rate \_\_\_\_\_ (gpm). Enter the smallest pipe size from Table 1 with a 6 fps flow capacity the same or more than the calculated suction branch flow rate.)

**c. Minimum return pipe diameter**

(Enter the smallest pipe size from Table 1 with a 8 fps flow capacity the same or more than item 4.)

**d. Minimum return branch pipe diameter**

(Calculate: Item 4. \_\_\_\_\_ (gpm) ÷ Branch Pipes \_\_\_\_\_ (quantity) = branch flow rate \_\_\_\_\_ (gpm). Enter the smallest pipe size from Table 1 with a 8 fps flow capacity the same or more than the calculated return branch flow rate.)

**6. §5.4.1: Filter type and size:**

**a. Filter type: {Cartridge, DE, Sand}**

**b. Minimum filter area**

(Calculate: item 4. \_\_\_\_\_ (gpm) ÷ filter factor \_\_\_\_\_)  
Filter factors: Cartridge=0.375, Sand=15, Diatomaceous Earth=2

**7. §5.4.2: Backwash valve: \_\_\_ Yes, \_\_\_ No?**

(When using a backwash valve, enter result of item 5c or 2 inches whichever is larger)

Table 1

Pipe Size:	1.5"	2"	2.5"	3"	3.5"	4"	5"	6"
Nominal GPM @ 6 fps	38	63	90	138	185	238	374	540
Nominal GPM @ 8 fps	51	84	119	184	247	317	498	720

**8. Pump selection:**

§5.3.2.1: Pools 17,000 gallons or less, select pump\* from the database with a Curve-A gpm flow equal to item 2 or less.

§5.3.2.2: Pools 17,001 gallons or more, select pump\* from the database with a Curve-C gpm flow equal to item 2 or less. \*Multi-speed pumps must have one speed listed that satisfies this requirement.

**a. Pump model**

**b. Pump flow**

{§5.3.2.1, 5.3.2.2: Applicable Curve A or C gpm flow listed in database}

1. \_\_\_\_\_ gallons \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ gpm \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ gpm \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ gpm \_\_\_\_\_

5a. \_\_\_\_\_ inches \_\_\_\_\_

5b. \_\_\_\_\_ inches \_\_\_\_\_

5c. \_\_\_\_\_ inches \_\_\_\_\_

5d. \_\_\_\_\_ inches \_\_\_\_\_

6a. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

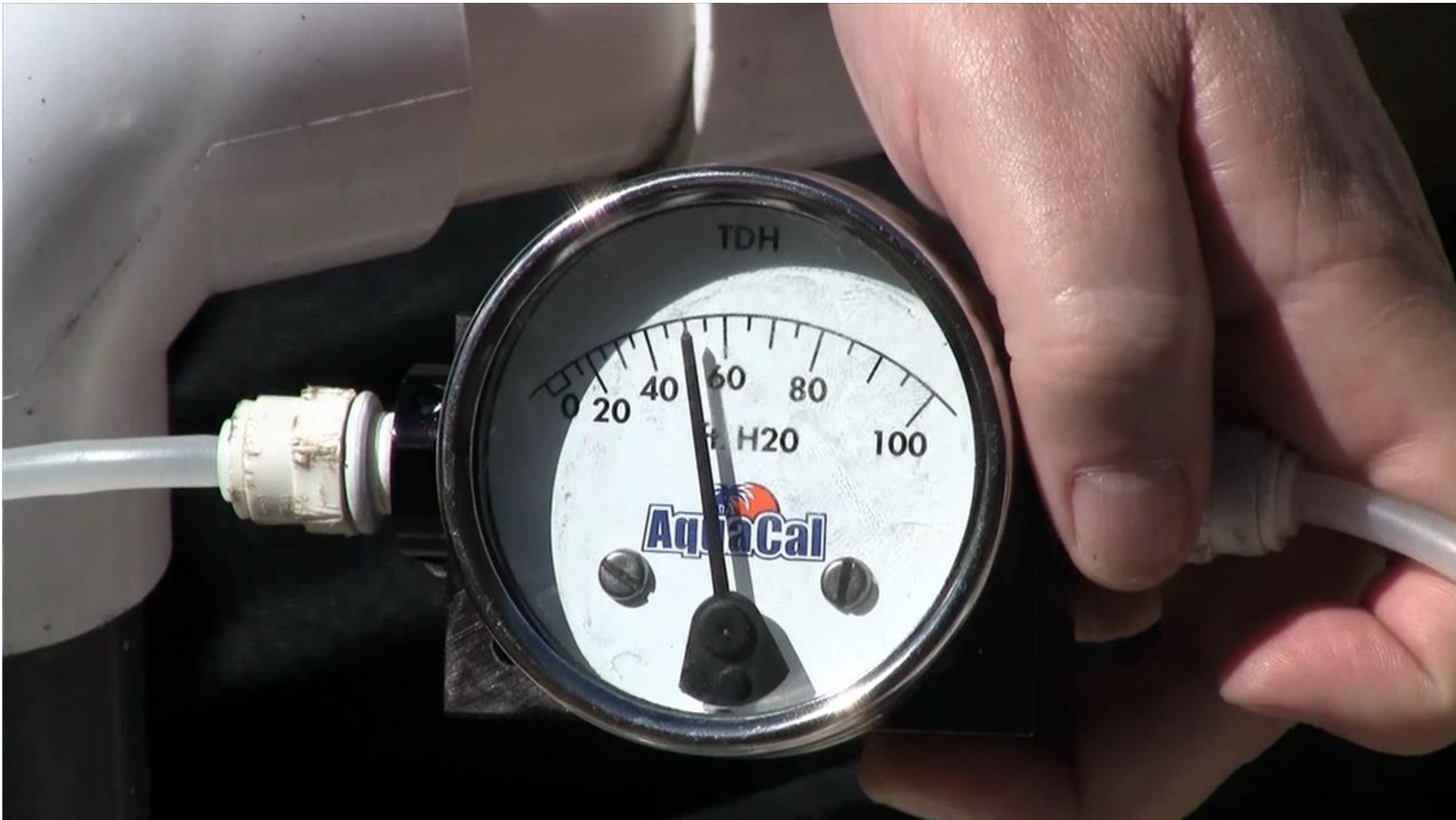
6b. \_\_\_\_\_ sq. ft. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_ inches \_\_\_\_\_

8a. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

8b. \_\_\_\_\_ gpm \_\_\_\_\_

# Verify System Flow



# PROGRESS

Progress: *noun* -  
development or advance  
toward a better, more  
complete, or more modern  
condition.

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# Questions?

