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Hose Assembly Live Length Calculation Guide



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To calculate the proper length of a hose assembly, you need to:

- 1. Verify that the installation is properly designed (refer to Do's & Don'ts page in our corrugated metal hose catalog)
 - Do not torque the hose
 - Do not overbend the hose
 - Do not compress the hose
- Calculate the live length of the assembly The live length of the assembly is the amount of active (flexible) hose in an assembly; that is, the hose between the braid collars (refer to length formulas in our corrugated metal hose catalog to help calculate live length for a variety of common hose installations).
- 3. Calculate the overall length of the assembly Overall length is equal to the live length plus the lengths of the braid collars and fittings. When adding fitting lengths, be aware that the points from which measurements should be taken vary for different fitting types. When calculating overall length for assemblies with threaded fittings, remember to account for the length of thread that is lost by threading into the mating connection (refer to Thread Allowance chart in our corrugated metal hose catalog).



For assistance in making any calculation or for dimensional information on fittings, please contact Hose Master's Inside Sales Department.



For a hose installed in a constant radius traveling loop (A-Loop), calculate the minimum live length required for 1/2" Annuflex AF4750 traveling 6" (3" above center and 3" below center).

- Formula See Corrugated Catalog (A-Loop) → L = 4R + 1/2T
- Dynamic Minimum Bend Radius (See Corrugated Catalog Annuflex Product Page) → 5.5"
- Minimum Live Hose Length → L = 25"

 $L = 4R + 1/2T \rightarrow L = 4(5.5) + 1/2(6) \rightarrow L = 22 + 3 \rightarrow L = 25$ "

*Remember to add fitting lengths and braid collars to get your overall length (OAL). The installed radius (R) of the loop should be used in the formula, and should never be smaller than the Minimum Dynamic Bend Radius of the hose as shown in the catalog (5.5" for 1/2" AF4750). If movement on one side of the center-line exceeds the movement on the other side of the center-line, use the larger movement in the formula.

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	Explanation of Annuflex Part Numbers AF 7 Material Code Braid Code	Material Codes 4 - T321 Stainless Steel 5 - T316L Stainless Steel 7 - T304L Stainless Steel	Braid Codes 00 - Unbraided 50 - T304 Single Braid 55 - T304 Double Braid T316 Braid available upon request
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Example: AF4750 = T321 stainless steel, annular corrugated metal hose with a single T304 stainless steel braid

Inside Diameter (in.)	Number of Braids (#)	Outside Diameter (in.)	Static Minimum Bend Radius (in.)	Dynamic Minimum Bend Radius (in.)	Maximum Working Pressure (psi)	Burst Pressure (psi)	Weight Per Foot (Ibs.)
1/2	0 1 2	0.77 0.83 0.89	1.5	5.5	70 1186 1779	n/a 4743 7115	0.11 0.22 0.33

Constant Radius Traveling Loop (A-Loop)



Formula L = 4R + 1/2TR = Installation radius in this formula



Example: Variable Radius Traveling Loop (B-Loop)

For a hose installed in a variable radius traveling loop (B-Loop), calculate the minimum live length required for 2" Annuflex AF5750 traveling 2".

- Formula See Corrugated Catalog (B-Loop) → L = 4R + 1.57T
- Dynamic Minimum Bend Radius (See Corrugated Catalog Annuflex Product Page) -> 13"
- Minimum Live Hose Length \rightarrow L = 55.14"

$$L = 4R + 1.57T \rightarrow L = 4(13) + 1.57(2) \rightarrow L = 52 + 3.14 \rightarrow L = 55.14$$
"

*Remember to add fitting lengths and braid collars to get your overall length (OAL). The installed radius (R) of the loop should be used in the formula, and should never be smaller than the Minimum Dynamic Bend Radius of the hose as shown in the catalog (13" for 2" AF5750).

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Inside Diameter (in.)	Number of Braids (#)	Outside Diameter (in.)	Minimum Bend Radius (in.)	Minimum Bend Radius (in.)	Maximum Working Pressure (psi)	Burst Pressure (psi)	Weight Per Foot (Ibs.)
2	0 1 2	2.61 2.69 2.77	5.1	13.0	14 449 674	n/a 1797 2696	0.59 1.11 1.63

Variable Radius Traveling Loop (B-Loop)



Formula L = 4R + 1.57TR = Installation radius in this formula



Calculate the minimum live length required for 6" Annuflex AF4700 to handle a 20 degree angular bend.

- Formula Corrugated Catalog (Angular Deflection) \rightarrow L = 2S + (A/57.3)R, where "S" = hose OD in inches, "A" = the angle of the bend, and "R" = the installed radius of the hose.
- Dynamic Minimum Bend Radius (See Corrugated Catalog Annuflex Product Page) 32"
- Hose OD (See Corrugated Catalog Annuflex Product Page) → 7.01"
- Minimum Live Hose Length → L = 25.188"

$$L = 2S + {\binom{A}{57.3}}R \rightarrow L = 2(7.01) + {\binom{20}{57.3}}32 \rightarrow L = 14.02 + (0.349)32 \rightarrow L = 14.02 + 11.168 \rightarrow L = 25.188"$$

*Remember to add fitting lengths and braid collars to get your overall length (OAL). The installed radius (R) of the loop should be used in the formula, and should never be smaller than the Minimum Dynamic Bend Radius of the hose as shown in the catalog (32" for 6" AF4700).

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Inside Diameter (in.)	Number of Braids (#)	Outside Diameter (in.)	Static Minimum Bend Radius (in.)	Dynamic Minimum Bend Radius (in.)	Maximum Working Pressure (psi)	Burst Pressure (psi)	Weight Per Foot (Ibs.)
6	0 1 2	7.01 7.13 7.25	14.8	32.0	11 210 315	n/a 839 1259	2.69 4.44 6.19

Angular Deflection



Formula: $L = 2S + (\theta/57.3)R$ R = Hose minimum bend radius in this formula

Δ

Calculate the minimum live length required for 2" Masterflex AF5550 to handle a 2" lateral offset.

- Formula See Corrugated Catalog (Lateral Offset) \rightarrow L = $\sqrt{20RxT}$
- Dynamic Minimum Bend Radius (See Corrugated Catalog Masterflex Product Page) → 10.3"
- Minimum Live Hose Length → L = 20.29"

0

1

2

2

2.61

2.69

2.77

$$L = \sqrt{20(10.3)x^2} \rightarrow L = \sqrt{206x^2} \rightarrow L = \sqrt{412} \rightarrow L = 20.29$$

*Remember to add fitting lengths and braid collars to get your overall length (OAL). The installed radius (R) of the hose loop should be used in the formula, and should never be smaller than the Minimum Dynamic Bend Radius of the hose as shown in the catalog (10.3" for 2" AF5550).

MASTERFLEX is manufactured using the same high quality process used to make Annuflex hose, but the number of corrugations per foot is increased to provide for greater flexibility.

Example: AF455	0 = T321 stainlee	Explanation of Ma AF5 Material Code	Braid Code	Numbers Mater 4 - T32 5 - T31 7 - T30	ial Codes 21 Stainless Steel 16L Stainless Steel 04L Stainless Steel 21E T304 stainless s	Braid Cox 00 - Unbra 50 - T304 9 55 - T304 1 T316 Braid a teel braid	des ided Single Braid Double Braid available upon request
Inside Diameter (in.)	Number of Braids (#)	Outside Diameter (in.)	Static Minimum Bend Radius (in.)	Dynamic Minimum Bend Radius (in.)	Maximum Working Pressure (psi)	Burst Pressure (psi)	Weight Per Foot (lbs.)

10.3

14

449

674



4.0

Formula: $L = \sqrt{20R \times T}$ $L_p = \sqrt{L^2 - T^2}$ R = Hose minimum bend radius in this formula



0.88

1.44

1.99

n/a

1797

2696

5

For a hose installed in a vertical loop with movement in two directions (Combination Loop), calculate the minimum live length required for 3" Masterflex AF5550 traveling 4" in direction 1 (T1) and 1.5" in direction 2 (T2)

- Formula See Corrugated Catalog (Combination Loop) \rightarrow L = 4R + 1.57T+ $\left(\frac{T^2}{2}\right)$
- Dynamic Minimum Bend Radius (See Corrugated Catalog Masterflex Product Page) → 14.5"
- Minimum Live Hose Length → L = 65.03"

$$L = 4R + 1.57T1 + \left(\frac{T2}{2}\right) \rightarrow L = 4(14.5) + 1.57(4) + \left(\frac{1.5}{2}\right) \rightarrow L = 58 + 6.28 + 0.75$$

L = 65.03"

*Remember to add fitting lengths and braid collars to get your overall length (OAL). The installed radius (R) of the loop should be used in the formula, and should never be smaller than the Minimum Dynamic Bend Radius of the hose as shown in the catalog (14.5" for 3" AF5550).

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Example: AF455	Explanation of Masterflex Part Numbers Material Code 5 - TG Material Code Braid Code 7 - TG Dele: AF4550 = T321 stainless steel, annular corrugated metal hose with a size		ial Codes 21 Stainless Steel 16L Stainless Steel 04L Stainless Steel gle T304 stainless s	Braid Cox 00 - Unbra 50 - T304 9 55 - T304 1 T316 Braid a	des ided Single Braid Double Braid available upon reques		
Inside Diameter (in.)	Number of Braids (#)	Outside Diameter (in.)	Static Minimum Bend Radius (in.)	Dynamic Minimum Bend Radius (in.)	Maximum Working Pressure (psi)	Burst Pressure (psi)	Weight Per Foot (lbs.)
3	0 1 2	3.88 3.98 4.08	6.3	(14.5)	14 346 519	n/a 1384 2076	1.63 2.50 3.37

Vertical Loop with Movement in Two Directions (Combination Loop)



Formula: $L = 4R + 1.57T_1 + (T_2/2)$ R = Hose installation radius in this formula

