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

2. 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).


JIC/SAE-type fittings are measured from the seat of the fitting


Elbows and other fittings with a radius are measured from the centerline of the fitting


Flanges are measured from the flange face or from the face of the stub end if one is used


Threaded fittings are measured to the end of the fitting

## Example : Constant Radius Traveling Loop (A-Loop)

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

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L=4 R+1 / 2 T \rightarrow L=4(5.5)+1 / 2(6) \rightarrow L=22+3 \rightarrow L=25 "
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*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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## Constant Radius Traveling Loop (A-Loop)



Formula L = 4R + 1/2T
$R=$ 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) $\rightarrow \mathrm{L}=4 \mathrm{R}+1.57 \mathrm{~T}$
- Dynamic Minimum Bend Radius (See Corrugated Catalog Annuflex Product Page) $\rightarrow 13$ "
- Minimum Live Hose Length $\rightarrow \mathrm{L}=55.14$ "

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L=4 R+1.57 T \rightarrow L=4(13)+1.57(2) \rightarrow L=52+3.14 \rightarrow L=55.14 "
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*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 <br> (\#) | Outside Diameter (in.) | Static Minimum Bend Radius (in.) | Dynamic Minimum Bend Radius (in.) | Maximum Working Pressure (psi) | Burst Pressure (psi) | Weight Per Foot (lbs.) |
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| 2 | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.61 \\ & 2.69 \\ & 2.77 \end{aligned}$ | 5.1 | 13.0 | $\begin{gathered} 14 \\ 449 \\ 674 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { n/a } \\ 1797 \\ 2696 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.59 \\ & 1.11 \\ & 1.63 \end{aligned}$ |

Variable Radius Traveling Loop (B-Loop)


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

## Example: Angular Deflection

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

- Formula - Corrugated Catalog (Angular Deflection) $\rightarrow \mathrm{L}=2 \mathrm{~S}+(\mathrm{A} / 57.3) \mathrm{R}$, 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) $\rightarrow 32$ "
- Hose OD (See Corrugated Catalog Annuflex Product Page) $\rightarrow$ 7.01"
- Minimum Live Hose Length $\rightarrow \mathrm{L}=25.188^{\prime \prime}$

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\begin{aligned}
& L=2 S+\left(\frac{A}{57.3}\right) R \rightarrow L=2(7.01)+\left(\frac{20}{57.3}\right) 32 \rightarrow L=14.02+(0.349) 32 \rightarrow L=14.02+11.168 \rightarrow \\
& L=25.188^{\prime \prime}
\end{aligned}
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*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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Explanation of Annuflex Part Numbers


Material Codes
4 - T321 Stainless Steel
5 - T316L Stainless Steel
7 - T304L Stainless Steel

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## Angular Deflection



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

## Example: Lateral Offset

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

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

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L=\sqrt{20(10.3) \times 2} \rightarrow L=\sqrt{206 \times 2} \rightarrow L=\sqrt{412} \rightarrow L=20.29
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## Lateral Offset



## Example: Combination Loop

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) $\rightarrow \mathrm{L}=4 \mathrm{R}+1.57 \mathrm{~T}+\left(\frac{\mathrm{T} 2}{2}\right)$
- Dynamic Minimum Bend Radius (See Corrugated Catalog Masterflex Product Page) $\rightarrow 14.5$ "
- Minimum Live Hose Length $\rightarrow \mathrm{L}=65.03$ "
$L=4 R+1.57 T 1+\left(\frac{T 2}{2}\right) \rightarrow L=4(14.5)+1.57(4)+\left(\frac{1.5}{2}\right) \rightarrow L=58+6.28+0.75$
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 ( $14.5^{\prime \prime}$ for $3^{\prime \prime}$ AF5550).

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| Explanation of Masterflex Part Numbers Material Codes |  |  |  |  |
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| AF |  |  |  |  |
| Material Code <br> Braid Code |  |  |  | $4-$ T321 Stainless Steel |
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## Vertical Loop with Movement in Two Directions (Combination Loop)



