# APPLICATION METHOD FOR THE GEOMETRIC DESIGN OF THE TSHWANE TYPE KERB INLET.

## TERMINOLOGY

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| Kerb Inlet | - | Catchpit with upstream and downstream transition sections. |
| Effective inlet length | - | The combined length contributing to the inlet capacity of the kerb inlet, which comprise the catchpit (CP) and the downstream catchpit transition (DCT). See adjacent drawing. |
| Actual length of the structure (LENGTH) | - | Effective inlet length + 0,5m based on findings from Grobler (1994). See adjacent drawing. |
| Downstream catchpit transition (DCT) | - | Length always equals 1,0m for design purposes, based on findings from Grobler (1994), even where a 2,0m-catchpit transition section is constructed at sloping kerbs. See adjacent drawing. |
| Upstream catchpit transition (UCT) | - | Length to be calculated according to Table A. Maximum length of transition section also according to Table A. See adjacent drawing. |
| Catchpit (CP) | - | Length to be calculated according to Table A. Minimum length of catchpit section is 1,5m. Maximum length is 6,0m. See adjacent drawing. |

## EXAMPLE 1

Determine the length of a kerb inlet to intercept a kerb flow of 98 l/s in a road with a longitudinal slope op 4%.

STEP 1: Determine the EFFECTIVE INLET LENGTH for a kerb flow of 98 l/s from the design curves. Effective inlet length = 8,5m

STEP 2: Determine the ACTUAL LENGTH OF THE STRUCTURE.

LENGTH = Effective inlet length + 0,5m
= 9,0m

STEP 3: Determine the CATCHPIT LENGTH and UPSTREAM CATCHPIT TRANSITION LENGTH.
Calculate the Froude number and from Table A calculate the CATCHPIT LENGTH as follows:

$$\frac{UCT}{CP} < 6$$

Therefore UCT < 6 x CP

| LENGTH | = | UCT | + | CP | + | DCT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9,0m | = | (6 x CP) | + | CP | + | 1,0m |
| CP | = | 1,14m | | | | |

Always round up to the nearest 0,5m with CP (minimum) = 1,5m.

Thus CP = 1,5m

Calculate the UPSTREAM CATCHPIT TRANSITION LENGTH:

| LENGTH | = | UCT | + | CP | + | DCT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9,0m | = | UCT | + | 1,5m | + | 1,0m |
| Thus UCT | = | 6,5m | | | | |
| However UCT (maximum) | = | 6,0m | | | | |

Recalculate the CATCHPIT LENGTH:

| LENGTH | = | UCT | + | CP | + | DCT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9,0m | = | 6,0m | + | CP | + | 1,0m |
| CP | = | 2,0m | | | | |

RESULT:
- UPSTREAM CATCHPIT TRANSITION LENGTH (UCT) = 6,0m
- CATCHPIT LENGTH = 2,0m
- DOWNSTREAM CATCHPIT TRANSITION LENGTH (UCT) = 1,0m or 2,0m depending on type of adjoining kerb.

## EXAMPLE 2

Determine the capacity of a kerb inlet comprising a 3,0m - upstream catchpit transition, a 3,0m - catchpit section and a 2,0m - downstream catchpit transition in a road with a longitudinal slope of 2%.

STEP 1: Determine the ACTUAL LENGTH OF THE STRUCTURE

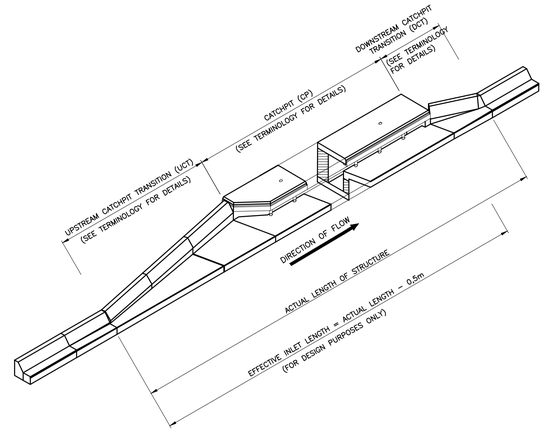
| LENGTH | = | UCT | + | CP | + | DCT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | = | 3,0m | + | 3,0m | + | 1,0m (not 2,0m) |
| | = | 7,0m | | | | |

STEP 2: Determine the EFFECTIVE INLET LENGTH

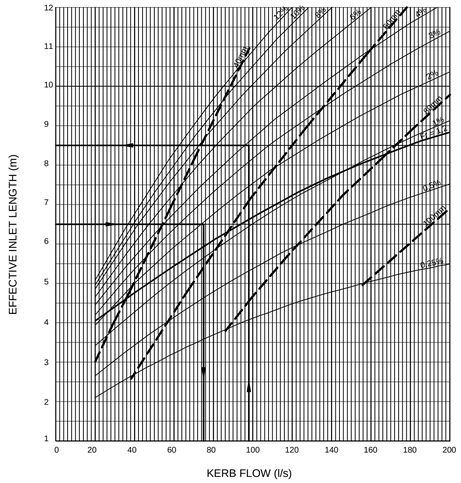
| Effective inlet length | = | LENGTH | - | 0,5m |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | = | 7,0m | - | 0,5m |
| | = | 6,5m | | |

STEP 3: Determine the kerb flow for an EFFECTIVE INLET LENGTH of 6,5m from the design curves.

RESULT: - Kerb Flow = 75 l/s




## ELAVATION OF KERB INLET COMPRISING CATCHPIT AND TRANSITION SECTIONS




## DESIGN CURVES FOR TSHWANE TYPE STORMWATER KERB INLET

**TABLE A: DESIGN CRITERIA FOR UPSTREAM CATCHPIT TRANSITION LENGTH**

| | FROUDE NUMBER < 1,2 | FROUDE NUMBER > 1,2 LONGITUDINAL SLOPE OF ROAD | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | < 3% | > 3% |
| MAXIMUM RATIO: Upstream Catchpit Transition length / Catchpit length (UCT/CP) | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| MAXIMUM Upstream Catchpit Transition length (UCT maximum) | 4m | 5m | 6m |

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