



IN ANY VERTICAL CURVE

$$m = \frac{(G' - G)L}{8}$$

$$m = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\text{Elev. B.V.C.} + \text{Elev. E.V.C.}}{2} - \text{Elev. V} \right)$$

$$d = m \left(\frac{D}{L/2} \right)^2 = \frac{4m}{L^2} D^2$$

$$d = \frac{D^2(G' - G)}{2L}$$

$$X = \frac{100(H - P')}{(G - G')}$$

$$S = G - D \left(\frac{G - G'}{L} \right)$$

$$D_o = \frac{LG}{G - G'}$$

NOTES:

1. Vertical curve is required where difference in road grade is greater than 0.5 %, or where sum of grade breaks within 200' exceeds 0.5 %.
2. Minimum vertical curve length "L" (in feet) shall be 3 times the design speed (in mph). A rising grade carries a plus sign while a falling grade carries a minus sign. Thus in a crest vertical curve as above, G carries a plus sign and G' a minus sign when progressing in the direction of the stationing. When progressing in the opposite direction, G becomes a minus grade and G' a plus grade.

WHERE

- L = Length of curve-100 ft. units or stations.
- G and G' = Grade rates - percent.
- m = Middle ordinate-ft.
- d = Correction from grade line to curve-ft.
- D = Distance from B.V.C. or E.V.C. to any point on curve - stations.
- S = Slope of the tangent to the curve at any point - percent.
- X = distance from P' to V-ft.
- H = Elevation of grade G produced to station of P'.
- P and P' = Elevation on respective grades.
- Do = Distance to low or high point from extremity of curve - stations.
- V = Elevation of intersection point of approach grades.

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