

Basket and screen data

Wire mesh specifications

Eaton strainers are available with woven wire mesh screens. Wire mesh provides smaller openings for very fine straining applications down to 40 microns. Eaton baskets and screens use monofilament mesh possessing equal wire size and wire count in both directions to produce square openings. Other types of mesh such as Dutch (or Hollander) are also available. Dutch weave has a greater quantity of wires in one direction and fewer wires of a larger diameter in the other direction. This creates a rectangular opening. As with perforated sheet, the best wire mesh selection is a balance of open area, wire diameter and type of weave.

Openings

Standard wire mesh liners for Eaton baskets and screens are available from 20 to 400 mesh. For any size mesh, there are different open area selections based on the diameter of the wires used. Twenty mesh means 20 wires per inch in both a vertical and horizontal direction. Therefore, as the wire size increases, the hole size decreases. Eaton baskets offer wire mesh with openings from 0.034" to 0.0015" (20 mesh to 400 mesh).

Open area

The open area of wire mesh is a function of both the weave and the wire diameter. Eaton uses a plain square weave in most cases because its straight-through flow path creates the least pressure drop. The mesh is

reinforced with a perforated metal backing possessing greater than a 60% open area. This combination affords the greatest degree of strength, yet offers a lower pressure drop than other types of wire mesh. In certain instances, such as Y strainer in steam applications, the increased pressure drop resulting from the use of a Dutch weave is not as critical as the retention of small particles. Therefore, in applications that involve steam, Eaton suggests the use of weave such as the 30 x 160 size that can withstand a much higher differential pressure without bursting. Eaton can supply baskets and screens with open areas from 14% to 46%

Plain square weave

Woven in an over and under pattern of wire having the same diameter, this weave produces a square opening with excellent flow characteristics.

Plain dutch weave

Woven in an over and under pattern in one direction in which the horizontal wires are larger in diameter than the vertical wires, which are driven close and crimped at each pass. This weave produces greater strength, but lower flow rates, than a square weave. Most often used in steam applications.

Mesh liners available

The number of openings per linear inch determines the size of mesh liners. The standard sizes Eaton can furnish are 20, 40, 60, 80, 100, 200, 325 and 400.

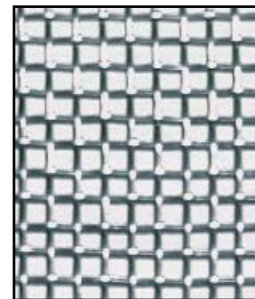
Perforated basket sheet specifications

Perforation size inches	Sheet thickness uss gauge #	Hole pattern	% Open area
0.020	26 (0.018 mm)	Straight	16.0
1/32	26 (0.018 mm)	Straight	28.0
3/64	26 (0.018 mm)	Straight	30.2
0.045	26 (0.018 mm)	Straight	37.0
1/16	26 (0.018 mm)	Straight	31.0
1/8	26 (0.018 mm)	Staggered	40.0
5/32	26 (0.018 mm)	Staggered	63.0
1/4	26 (0.018 mm)	Staggered	42.0
3/8	26 (0.018 mm)	Staggered	52.0
1/2	26 (0.018 mm)	Staggered	47.9

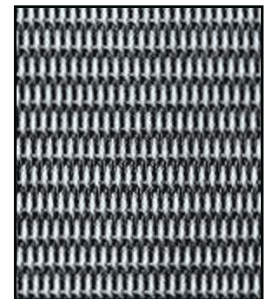
Mesh basket sheet specifications

Mesh size	Wire diameter inches	Mesh opening inches	Mesh opening microns	% Open area
20	0.016	0.0340	864	46.2
40	0.010	0.0150	381	36.0
60	0.0075	0.0092	234	30.5
80	0.0060	0.0065	165	27.0
100	0.0045	0.0055	140	30.3
200	0.0021	0.0029	74	33.6
325	0.0014	0.0017	43	30.0
400	0.0010	0.0015	38	36.0

Wire mesh weaves



Plain square weave



Plain dutch weave

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Standard Cast Pipeline Strainers

Basket effective area

Strainer model	Pipe size (in)	Perforation size (in)	Nominal area of pipe (sq in)	Gross screen area (sq in)	Free area (sq in)	Ratio free area to pipe area
85	1/4	.045	.10	5.0	1.8	18.0
85	3/8	.045	.19	5.0	1.8	9.5
85	1/2	.045	.30	5.0	1.8	6.0
85	3/4	.045	.53	7.1	2.6	4.9
85	1	.045	.86	10.4	3.7	4.3
85	1-1/4	.045	1.49	15.1	5.5	3.7
85	1-1/2	.045	2.03	21.7	7.8	3.8
85	2	.045	3.35	30.4	10.9	3.3
85	2-1/2	.045	4.78	43.2	15.5	3.2
85	3	.045	7.39	70.7	25.5	3.4
85	4	.045	12.73	106.8	38.4	3.0
85	6	.045	28.70	241.7	87.0	3.0
85	8	.045	50.02	414.6	149.2	3.0
85	10	.045	71.80	652.2	234.8	3.3
30R	1-1/2	5/32	2.03	35.4	22.3	11.0
30R	2	5/32	3.35	50.9	32.1	9.6
30R	2-1/2	5/32	4.78	84.7	53.4	11.2
30R	3	5/32	7.39	84.7	53.4	7.2
30R	4	5/32	12.73	114.5	72.1	5.6
30R	5	5/32	20.0	158.1	99.6	5.0
30R	6	5/32	28.9	180.9	113.9	4.0
30R	8	5/32	50.03	275.6	171.8	3.4
50	5	3/16	20.0	216.1	106.0	5.4
50	6	3/16	28.9	265.4	132.7	4.6
50	8	3/16	50.02	506.7	253.4	5.1
52	10	3/16	78.8	800	400	5.1
52	12	3/16	113.1	1200	600	5.3
52	14	3/16	137.9	2000	1000	7.3
52	16	3/16	182.6	2000	1000	5.5
52	18	3/16	182.6	2000	1000	5.5
53BTX	3/4	1/32	0.53	19.8	5.5	10.4
53BTX	1	1/32	0.86	19.8	5.5	6.4
53BTX	1-1/4	1/8	1.49	45.0	22.0	14.4
53BTX	1-1/2	1/8	2.03	45.0	22.0	10.6
53BTX	2	1/8	3.35	65.0	31.0	9.3
53BTX	2-1/2	1/8	4.78	65.0	31.0	6.5
53BTX	3	3/16	7.39	110.3	55.1	7.4
53BTX	4	3/16	12.73	152.0	76.0	5.9

Strainer model	Pipe size (in)	Perforation size (in)	Nominal area of pipe (sq in)	Gross screen area (sq in)	Free area (sq in)	Ratio free area to pipe area
72	3/8	1/32	0.19	12.7	3.4	18.0
72	1/2	1/32	0.30	12.7	3.4	11.3
72	3/4	1/32	0.53	19.5	5.2	9.9
72	1	1/32	0.86	19.5	5.2	6.1
72	1-1/4	1/8	1.49	30.1	14.4	9.7
72	1-1/2	1/8	2.03	49.7	19.0	9.4
72	2	1/8	3.35	50.9	24.4	7.3
72	2-1/2	1/8	4.78	80.2	38.4	8.0
72	3	3/16	7.39	114.5	57.2	7.8
72	4	3/16	12.73	168.3	84.1	6.6
72	5	3/16	20.0	265.4	132.7	6.6
72	6	3/16	28.9	324.2	162.1	5.6
72	8	3/16	50.02	555.3	277.7	5.6
73	10	3/16	78.8	800	400	5.1
73	12	3/16	113.1	1200	600	5.3
73	14	3/16	137.9	2000	1000	7.3
73	16	3/16	182.6	2000	1000	5.5
73	18	3/16	182.6	2000	1000	5.5

Alloy data

Metal alloys used in Eaton strainers

Carbon steel – ASTM A-216 grade WCB

Tensile strength: 70,000 lb/sq
(480 N/mm²)
Yield: 36,000 lb/sq in (245 N/mm²)
Elongation: 22%
Chemical composition:
C (Carbon) 0.30%
Si (Silicon) 0.60%
P (Phosphorus) 0.04%
S (Sulfur) 0.045%
Mn (Manganese) 1.00%
Residual Elements 1.00% max

Aluminum bronze – ASTM B-148 grade C95400

Tensile strength: 75,000 lb/sq in
(517 N/mm²)
Yield: 30,000 lb/sq in (206 N/mm²)
Elongation: 12%
Chemical composition:
Cu (Copper) 85%
Fe (Iron) 4%
Al (Aluminum) 11%

Stainless steel – ASTM A-351 grade CF8M

Tensile strength: 70,000 lb/sq in
(480 N/mm²)
Yield: 30,000 lb/sq in (206 N/mm²)
Elongation: 30%
Chemical composition:
C (Carbon) 0.08% max
Si (Silicon) 1.5%
P (Phosphorus) 0.040%
Cr (Chromium) 18.0 - 21.0%
Ni (Nickel) 9.0 - 12.0%
Mn (Manganese) 1.50%
S (Sulfur) 0.04%
Mo (Molybdenum) 2.0 - 3.0%

Cast iron – ASTM A-126 class B

Tensile strength: 31,000 lb/sq in
(214 N/mm²)
Compressive strength: 109,000 lb/sq in
(750 N/mm²)
Tensile modulus: 15 x 10⁶ lb/sq in
Chemical composition:
C (Carbon) 3.20 - 3.40 %
Si (Silicon) 2.10 - 2.30%
P (Phosphorus) 0.15 - 0.30%
S (Sulfur) 0.08 - 0.12%
Mn (Manganese) 0.50 - 0.80%

Ductile iron – ASTM A-395 grade 60-40-18

Tensile strength: 60,000 lb/sq in
(413 N/mm²)
Yield: 40,000 lb/sq in
(275 N/mm²)
Elongation: 18%
Chemical composition:
C (Carbon) 3.20 - 4.0%
Si (Silicon) 1.80 - 2.80%
P (Phosphorus) 0.08% max.
S (Sulfur) 0.03% max.
Mn (Manganese) 0.03% max.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Standard Cast Pipeline Strainers

Pressure drop calculations

Pressure drops for Eaton strainers are shown on each product page. The curves are based on the flow of water through clean, perforated baskets or screens. For mesh-lined baskets or screens and/or for fluids other than water, use the correction factors listed on this page. To accurately calculate the pressure loss for filters and strainers in a pipeline, proceed as follows:

1. First calculate pressure loss using C_V factor formula at right.
2. Take the pressure loss figure obtained in (1) and recalculate it using the appropriate correction factor from the following table.

Correction factors for mesh-lined baskets

First – Multiply the pressure drop for water shown in charts by the specific gravity of the liquid.

Second – Multiply the corrected pressure drop figure by the following correction factors for more viscous liquids. (Water has a viscosity of 30 SSU.)

Viscosity (SSU)	Unlined perforated basket	40 Mesh lined basket	60 Mesh lined basket	80 Mesh lined basket	100 Mesh lined basket	200 Mesh lined basket	325 Mesh lined basket
30 (water)	1	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.7	2.0	2.5
500	1.6	1.9	2.1	2.4	2.6	3.1	3.6
1000	1.7	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.8	3.3	3.8
2000	1.9	2.4	2.7	2.9	3.2	3.8	4.0
3000	2.0	2.6	2.9	3.2	3.5	4.1	4.3
5000	2.2	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.3	6.3
10000	2.5	3.5	4.2	5.0	6.0	7.1	8.5

Strainer basket opening equivalents

Mesh	Inches	Millimeters	Microns	Perf	Inches	Millimeters	Microns
400	0.0015	0.0381	38	1/32	0.033	0.838	838
300	0.0018	0.0457	45	3/64	0.045	1.143	1143
250	0.0024	0.0609	60	1/16	0.070	1.778	1776
200	0.0027	0.0686	68	3/32	0.094	2.387	2387
150	0.0041	0.1041	104	1/8	0.125	3.175	3175
100	0.0065	0.1651	165	5/32	0.150	3.810	3810
80	0.007	0.1778	177	3/16	0.1875	4.762	4762
60	0.009	0.2286	228	1/4	0.250	6.350	6350
40	0.015	0.8636	380	3/8	0.375	9.525	9525
20	0.034	0.8636	862	1/2	0.500	12.700	12700

Pressure loss calculation using C_V factor

Metric units

$$\Delta p = \left[\frac{Q}{C_V} \right]^2 (133.6)$$

Δp = Pressure drop in kPa

Q = Flow in m³/h

C_V = Flow coefficient

Standard units

$$\Delta p = \left[\frac{Q}{C_V} \right]^2$$

Δp = Pressure drop in psi

Q = Flow in gpm

C_V = Flow coefficient

The pressure loss across a strainer can be calculated using the system's flow rate and the C_V factor for that strainer.

For example, a 1" Model 72 simplex strainer with a perforated basket has a C_V factor of 22.5. In water service with a 30 gpm (6.8 m³/h) flow rate, it will have a 1.7 psi (117 mbar) pressure drop $(30 \div 22.5)^2 = 1.7$. For mesh-lined baskets and/or fluids with a viscosity greater than water, multiply the pressure drop by the correction factors in the chart "Correction factors for mesh-lined baskets."

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