

# Sanitary Sewer Testing Specifications

## A. Testing and Inspection for Acceptance of Sanitary Sewers

Testing and inspection of sanitary sewers for acceptability shall be conducted by the developers and results submitted to Village of Mundelein for approval.

1. Exfiltration of air under pressure.
2. Deflection of flexible Thermoplastic Pipe.
3. Televising.

The method(s) of testing shall be specified in the Special Provisions or on the plans.

## B. Testing Technique

All Testing Methods: All wyes, tees, and stubs shall be plugged with flexible jointed caps, or acceptable alternate, securely fastened to withstand the internal test pressure. Such plugs or caps shall be readily removable.

1. Air Testing Method Procedures: The section of sewer to be tested shall have been trench backfilled and cleared. Pneumatic plugs (having a sealing length equal to or greater than the diameter of the pipe to be tested) placed in both ends of the pipe to be tested shall be inflated to 25 psig. The sealed sewer pipe shall then be pressurized to four (4) psig above the average back pressure of groundwater over the sewer pipe and the air pressure allowed to stabilize for at least two (2) minutes.

After the stabilization period the line shall be pressurized to three and a half (3.5) psig and the time in minutes measured for pressure to drop to two and a half (2.5) psig. If groundwater is present, the air pressure within shall be increased to three and a half (3.5) psig above the level of the groundwater and the drop of one (1) pound of air pressure measured in minutes.

Air testing techniques shall be in accordance with the latest ASTM Standard Practice for testing sewer lines by low-pressure air test method for the appropriate pipe material, except that the time shall not be less than that shown in the Air Test Table contained in Section 31-1.11 C of the Standard Specifications for Water and Sewer Main Construction.

2. Deflection Testing for Flexible Thermoplastic Pipe:
  - a. The pipeline shall be tested for excess deflection by pulling a “go/no go” mandrel through the pipe from manhole to manhole. The mandrel shall be sized in accordance with Section 31-1.11 C (4) and as specified in the Special Provisions. A “deflectometer” may also be used to check and record deflection.
  - b. Wherever possible and practical, the testing shall initiate at the downstream lines and proceed towards the upstream lines.
  - c. Where deflection is found to be in excess of allowable testing limits, the Contractor shall excavate to the point of excess deflection and carefully compact around the point where excess deflection was found. The line shall then be retested for deflection. However, should after the initial testing the deflected pipe fail to return to the original size (inside diameter), the line shall be replaced.



3. Televising Standards

- a. The main sanitary sewer shall be televised prior to acceptance. A videotape, CD, or DVD (along with a paper report) shall be submitted to the Village of Mundelein Engineering Department. The paper reports shall include the following: Date, time, street name, manhole numbers from and to, manhole depths, pipe size, pipe type, direction televised, surface conditions, clock position of services, final distances in feet, and observation details with footage. (Include still photos for each observation that is indicated.) The contractor without delay shall perform all necessary corrective work.

<b>AIR TEST TABLE</b>									
SPECIFICATION TIME (MIN:SEC) REQUIRED FOR PRESSURE DROP FROM 30 TO 20 PSIG WHEN TESTING ONE PIPE DIAMETER ONLY									
PIPE DIAMETER, Inches									
Length of Sewer Pipe in Inches	4	6	8	10	12	15	18	21	24
25	0:04	0:10	0:18	0:28	0:40	1:02	1:29	2:01	2:38
50	0:09	0:20	0:35	0:55	1:19	2:04	2:58	4:03	5:17
75	0:13	0:30	0:53	1:23	1:59	3:06	4:27	6:04	7:55
100	0:18	0:40	1:10	1:50	2:38	4:08	5:56	8:05	10:34
125	0:22	0:50	1:28	2:18	3:18	5:09	7:26	9:55	11:20
150	0:26	0:59	1:46	2:45	3:58	6:11	8:30		
175	0:31	1:09	2:03	3:13	4:37	7:05			
200	0:35	1:19	2:21	3:40	5:17				12:06
225	0:40	1:29	2:38	4:08	5:40			10:25	13:36
250	0:44	1:39	2:56	4:35			8:31	11:35	15:07
275	0:48	1:49	3:14	4:43			9:21	12:44	16:38
300	0:53	1:59	3:31				10:12	13:53	18:09
350	1:02	2:19	3:47			8:16	11:54	16:12	21:10
400	1:10	2:38			6:30	9:27	13:36	18:31	24:12
450	1:19	2:50			6:48	10:38	15:19	20:50	27:13
500	1:28			5:14	7:34	11:49	17:01	23:09	30:14

