

33.26 A pump supplies 200gpm of water to a reservoir 30ft above the pump via a 50ft long 4in nominal diameter standard weight steel pipe. The discharge piping has two elbows, each with a K value of 1, and a fully open globe valve with a K value of 2.5. The friction factor is .02. What are the total losses in the discharge piping?

- A. 1ft
- B. 2ft
- C. 3ft
- D. 4ft

Major losses are typically calculated using the **Darcy-Weisbach Equation**. In this scenario, it is also necessary to account for **Fittings Losses**, sometimes referred to as minor losses. The equations for the major and minor losses may be added together to find the total losses. Factor out the common terms.

$$h_{f,major} = \frac{fLv^2}{2Dg}$$

$$h_{f,minor} = K \left(\frac{v^2}{2g} \right)$$

$$h_{f,total} = h_{f,major} + h_{f,minor} = \frac{fLv^2}{2Dg} + K \left(\frac{v^2}{2g} \right)$$

$$h_{f,total} = \left(\frac{fL}{D} + K \right) \left(\frac{v^2}{2g} \right)$$

Use the **Steel Pipe Friction Tables** to obtain the diameter of nominal 4in pipe and the velocity for 200gpm of volume flow rate flowing through a pipe of this size.

$$D = 4.026in$$

$$v = 5.04 \frac{ft}{s}$$

The value for K must be the total of the individual K values for all valves and fittings, in this case (2) elbows and (1) globe valve. Often times obtaining these values involves using lookup tables, however the K values have been given in this problem. Calculate K_{total} .

$$K_{total} = 2(1) + 2.5 = 4.5$$

Determine the total losses.

$$h_{f,total} = \left[\frac{(0.02)(50ft)}{\left(\frac{4.026in}{12 \frac{in}{ft}} \right)} + 4.5 \right] \left[\frac{\left(5.04 \frac{ft}{s} \right)^2}{2 \left(32.2 \frac{ft}{s^2} \right)} \right] = 2.95ft$$

Answer C