

37.67 A 1600rpm centrifugal pump with an 8 inch impeller requires 7.5bhp when delivering 250gpm of water at a head of 75ft. What is the new capacity when the impeller diameter is increased to 12 inches?

- A. 250GPM
- B. 305GPM
- C. 375GPM
- D. 560GPM

Make a table to organize the given information. Distinguish the two operational states as Case 1 and Case 2. There is more information about Case 1 than required to solve the problem. There is also more that could be specified about Case 2 than is necessary.

Case 1	Case 2
$n_1 = 1600rpm$	$n_2 = n_1$
$D_1 = 8in$	$D_2 = 12in$
$bhp_1 = 7.5hp$	
$Q_1 = 250gpm$	$Q_2 = ?$
$\Delta h_1 = 75ft H_2O$	

Look up **Pump Affinity Laws** in the reference handbook and select the equation which relates volume flow rate and diameter. The relationship is linear; i.e. a 50% increase in the diameter of the impeller drives a 50% increase in the volume flow rate, provided all other parameters remain unchanged. Substitute and solve for Q_2 .

$$\frac{Q_2}{Q_1} = \frac{D_2}{D_1} \rightarrow Q_2 = Q_1 \left(\frac{D_2}{D_1} \right)$$

$$Q_2 = (250gpm) \left(\frac{12in}{8in} \right) = 375gpm$$

Answer C