Multiplying or dividing the length of each side of a pipe by a constant is the same as multiplying or dividing the equivalent round size by the same constant. Thus, if the circular equivalent of an 80 x 24-in. duct is required, it will be twice that of a 40 x 12-in. duct, or $2 \times 23.3 = 46.6$ in.

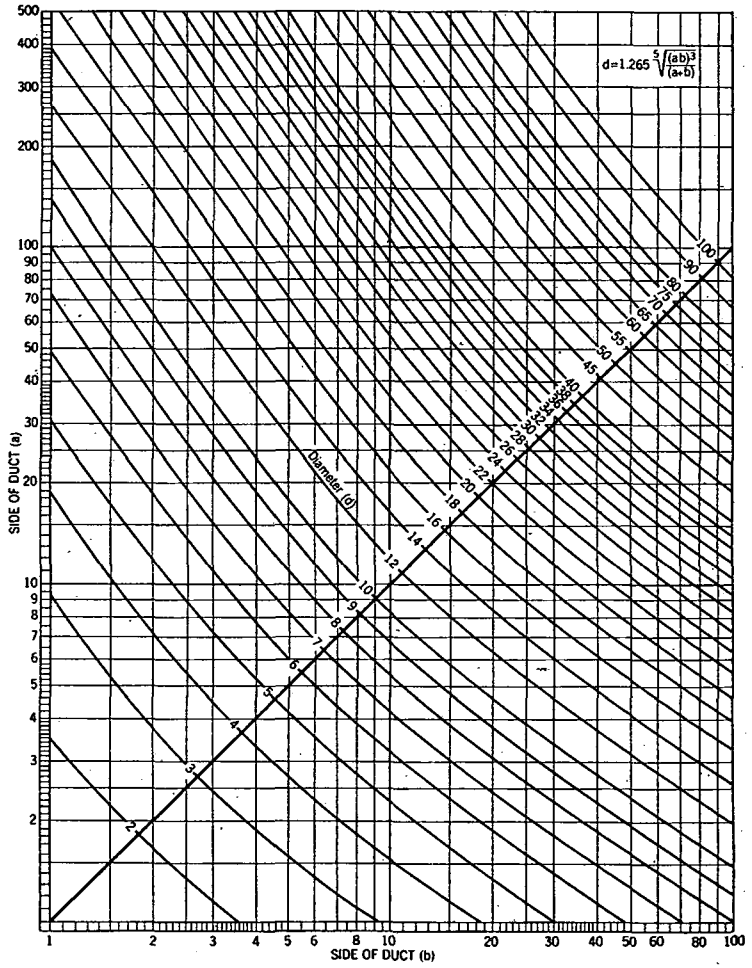


FIG. 4. RECTANGULAR EQUIVALENTS OF ROUND DUCTS

Elbow Friction Losses

It is customary to express the dynamic and friction losses in elbows as equal to a number of diameters of round pipe or a number of widths of rectangular pipe. The curves in Fig. 5 are arranged to read the number

of diameters or widths for determining the lineal feet of pipe having a frictional resistance equivalent to the pressure drop in the elbows. Curves *B* and *C* are based on tests of round and square elbows[3] of ordinary good sheet metal construction having a surface factor of $C = 50$.

Values obtained from Curve *A* should be used when there is any doubt as to quality of duct construction. It is suggested that this curve be used for rectangular elbows and five piece elbows as it will thus allow an additional factor of safety without seriously affecting the design.

As indicated on the chart, long radius elbows will offer much less resistance to the flow of air than short radius elbows. Experience has shown that good results may be expected when the radius to the center

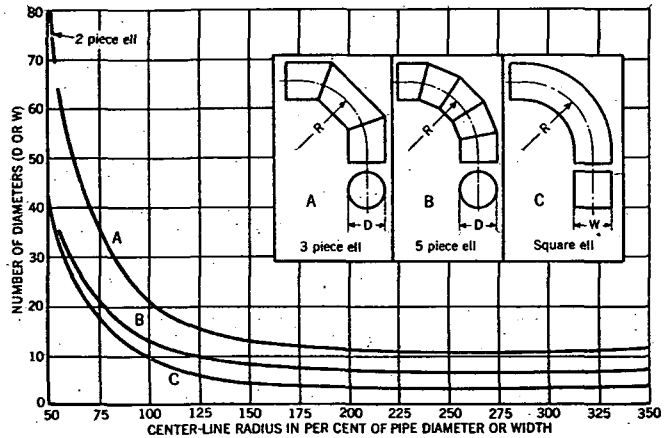


FIG. 5. LOSS OF PRESSURE IN ELBOWS

of the elbow is 1.5 times the pipe diameter or duct width parallel to the radius. Examination of the curve will indicate that little advantage is to be gained by selecting elbows having a centerline radius of more than two

TABLE 1. CIRCULAR EQUIVALENTS OF RECTANGULAR DUCTS FOR EQUAL FRICTION

Side Rectangular Duct	8	8.5	9	9.5	10	10.5	11	11.5	12	12.5	13	13.5	14	14.5	15	15.5	16
3	5.2	5.4	5.5	5.7	5.8	5.9	6.0	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.1
3.5	5.7	5.9	6.0	6.2	6.3	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.9	7.0	7.1	7.3	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.7	7.8
4	6.1	6.3	6.5	6.7	6.8	7.0	7.1	7.2	7.4	7.5	7.7	7.8	7.9	8.1	8.2	8.3	8.4
4.5	6.5	6.7	6.9	7.1	7.2	7.4	7.6	7.7	7.9	8.0	8.2	8.4	8.5	8.6	8.7	8.9	9.0
5	6.9	7.1	7.3	7.5	7.7	7.8	8.0	8.2	8.3	8.5	8.7	8.8	8.9	9.1	9.2	9.4	9.5
5.5	7.3	7.5	7.7	7.8	8.1	8.3	8.5	8.6	8.8	9.0	9.2	9.4	9.5	9.6	9.8	9.9	10.1

[3]Loss of Pressure Due to Elbows in the Transmission of Air Through Pipes or Ducts, by F. L. Busey (A.S.H.V.E. TRANSACTIONS, Vol. 19, 1913, p. 366).