however, can be given since hood and duct dimensions are determined by the characteristics of the operations to which they are applied. When a tentative decision regarding the set-up has been made, it is then necessary to obtain the suction and air velocities required to effect control. At this point the designer must rely upon the prevailing practice and on such physical data relating to hoods, duct systems and collectors as are available. The fan speed must be sufficient to maintain the estimated suction and air velocities in the system. In general, the most important requirements[4] of an efficient exhaust and collecting system are:

1. Hoods, ducts, fans, motors and collectors should be of adequate size and type.
2. The air velocities should be sufficient to control and convey the materials collected.
3. The hoods and ducts should be placed so as not to interfere with the operation of a machine or any working part.
4. The system should do the required work with a minimum power consumption.
5. When inflammable dusts and fumes are conveyed, the piping should be provided with an automatic damper in passing through a fire-wall.
6. Ducts and all metal parts should be grounded to reduce the danger of dust explosions by static electricity.
7. The exhaust system should be readily accessible for inspection and care.

HOOD SUCTION AND INDRAFT VELOCITIES

The removal of dust or waste by means of an exhaust hood requires a movement of air at the point of origin sufficient to carry it into a collecting system. The air velocities necessary to accomplish this depend upon the physical properties of the material to be eliminated and the direction and speed with which it is thrown off. If the dust to be removed is already in motion, as is the case with high-speed grinding wheels, the hood must be installed in the path of the particles so that a minimum air volume may be used effectively. It is always desirable to design and locate a hood so that the volume of air necessary to produce results is as small as possible. This will reduce the size of equipment, the power required by the system, and also the heating load requirements in winter.

Air Flow from Static Readings

The static suction at the throat of a hood is frequently used in practice as a measure of the effectiveness of control. Where the hood coefficient is known the volume of air flow through any hood may be determined from the equation:

$$Q = 4005 f A \sqrt{h_t} \qquad (1)$$

where

Q = volume of air flow, cubic feet per minute.
A = area of connecting duct, square feet.
h_t = static suction measured 3 diameters from throat of hood, inches of water.
f = orifice or restriction coefficient which varies from 0.6 to 0.9 depending on the shape of the hood.

An average value of f is 0.71, although for a well-shaped opening a value of 0.8 may be used. The factor f is determined from the equation:

$$f = \sqrt{\frac{h_v}{h_t}} \qquad (2)$$

where h_v is the velocity head in the connecting duct.

The *static suction* is not a good measure of the effectiveness of a hood unless the area of the opening and the location of the operation with

respect to the hood are known. This is clearly indicated by Equation 3 which shows that the velocity at any point along the axis varies approximately inversely as the square of the distance. This formula coupled with Equation 1 should serve to indicate the velocity conditions to be expected when operations are conducted externally to the hood opening.

Design Based on Total Air Flow

Where the foregoing factors are not known, the usual method of designing an exhaust system is to base the air flow through the system on rates of flow through each hood which have been found by experience to provide adequate control. For woodworking systems the rates of flow given in Table 1, calculated on the basis of a branch velocity of 4000 fpm, are adequate for control. Using these air flow rates, Table 2 gives the size of pipe connections to be used with the more common woodworking machines. Properly designed grinding and buffing wheel hoods have been found to be adequately controlled when the rates of air flow given in Table 3, calculated on the basis of a branch velocity of 4500 fpm, are used. Table 4 gives the minimum branch pipe sizes to be used on the more common sizes of grinding and buffing wheels.

In some states grinding, polishing and buffing wheels are subject to regulation by codes. The static suction requirements, which range from 1½ to 5 in. water displacement in a *U*-tube, must be followed in such states although in several instances they appear to be excessive. Frequently, in these operations, a large part of the wheel must be exposed and the dust-laden air within the hood is thrown outward by the centrifugal action of the wheel, thus counteracting useful inward draft. This tendency may be diminished by locating the connecting duct so as to create an air flow of not less than 200 fpm past the lower edge of the wheel.

Controlling Air Velocities

Exact determinations of hood control velocities are not available, but it is safe to assume that for most dusty operations velocities should not be less than 200 fpm at the point of origin. Recommended air velocities through hood openings for various processes are given in Table 5. For granite dust generated by pneumatic devices, velocities from 150 to 200 fpm, depending on the type of hood used, are recommended as sufficient for safe control[5]. Considering the character of the industry, air velocities of this order may be extended to similar dusty operations. The method for approximately determining these velocities in terms of the velocity at the hood opening is given in Equation 3.

No set rule can be given regarding the shape of a hood for a particular operation, but it is well to remember that its essential function is to create an adequate velocity distribution. The fact that the zone of greatest effectiveness does not extend laterally from the edges of the opening may frequently be utilized in estimating the size of hood required. Where complete enclosure of a dusty operation is contemplated, it is desirable to leave enough free space to equal the area of the connecting duct. Hoods for grinding, polishing and buffing should fit closely, but at the same time should provide an easy means for changing the wheels. It is advisable to design these hoods with a removable hopper at the base to capture the heavy dust and articles dropped by the operator. Such provisions are of assistance in keeping the ducts clear. Air volumes used to control many dust discharges may often be reduced by effective baffling or partial