

# APPLICATION METHOD FOR THE GEOMETRIC DESIGN OF THE TSHWANE TYPE KERB INLET.

## TERMINOLOGY

- Kerb Inlet** - Catchpit with upstream and downstream transition sections.
- Effective inlet length** - The combined length contributing to the inlet capacity of the kerb inlet, which comprise the catchpit (CP) and the downstream catchpit transition (DCT). See adjacent drawing.
- Actual length of the structure (LENGTH)** - Effective inlet length + 0,5m based on findings from Grobler (1994). See adjacent drawing.
- Downstream catchpit transition (DCT)** - Length always equals 1,0m for design purposes, based on findings from Grobler (1994), even where a 2,0m-catchpit transition section is constructed at sloping kerbs. See adjacent drawing.
- Upstream catchpit transition (UCT)** - Length to be calculated according to Table A. Maximum length of transition section also according to Table A. See adjacent drawing.
- Catchpit (CP)** - Length to be calculated according to Table A. Minimum length of catchpit section is 1,5m. Maximum length is 6,0m. See adjacent drawing.

## EXAMPLE 1

Determine the length of a kerb inlet to intercept a kerb flow of 98 l/s in a road with a longitudinal slope of 4%.

**STEP 1:** Determine the EFFECTIVE INLET LENGTH for a kerb flow of 98 l/s from the design curves. Effective inlet length = 8,5m

**STEP 2:** Determine the ACTUAL LENGTH OF THE STRUCTURE.

$$\text{LENGTH} = \text{Effective inlet length} + 0,5\text{m} = 9,0\text{m}$$

**STEP 3:** Determine the CATCHPIT LENGTH and UPSTREAM CATCHPIT TRANSITION LENGTH. Calculate the Froude number and from Table A calculate the CATCHPIT LENGTH as follows:

$$\frac{\text{UCT}}{\text{CP}} < 6$$

Therefore  $\text{UCT} < 6 \times \text{CP}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LENGTH} &= \text{UCT} + \text{CP} + \text{DCT} \\ 9,0\text{m} &= (6 \times \text{CP}) + \text{CP} + 1,0\text{m} \\ \text{CP} &= 1,14\text{m} \end{aligned}$$

Always round up to the nearest 0,5m with CP (minimum) = 1,5m.

Thus  $\text{CP} = 1,5\text{m}$

Calculate the UPSTREAM CATCHPIT TRANSITION LENGTH:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LENGTH} &= \text{UCT} + \text{CP} + \text{DCT} \\ 9,0\text{m} &= \text{UCT} + 1,5\text{m} + 1,0\text{m} \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\text{UCT} = 6,5\text{m}$

However  $\text{UCT (maximum)} = 6,0\text{m}$

Recalculate the CATCHPIT LENGTH:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LENGTH} &= \text{UCT} + \text{CP} + \text{DCT} \\ 9,0\text{m} &= 6,0\text{m} + \text{CP} + 1,0\text{m} \\ \text{CP} &= 2,0\text{m} \end{aligned}$$

**RESULT:** - UPSTREAM CATCHPIT TRANSITION LENGTH (UCT) = 6,0m  
 - CATCHPIT LENGTH = 2,0m  
 - DOWNSTREAM CATCHPIT TRANSITION LENGTH (UCT) = 1,0m or 2,0m depending on type of adjoining kerb.

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 VERIFICATION OF THE INLET CAPACITIES OF MODIFIED STORMWATER KERB INLETS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW DESIGN CURVES, GROBLER, JP (1994)  
 MEng (Civil) Thesis at the University of Stellenbosch, March 1994

## EXAMPLE 2

Determine the capacity of a kerb inlet comprising a 3,0m - upstream catchpit transition, a 3,0m - catchpit section and a 2,0m - downstream catchpit transition in a road with a longitudinal slope of 2%.

**STEP 1:** Determine the ACTUAL LENGTH OF THE STRUCTURE

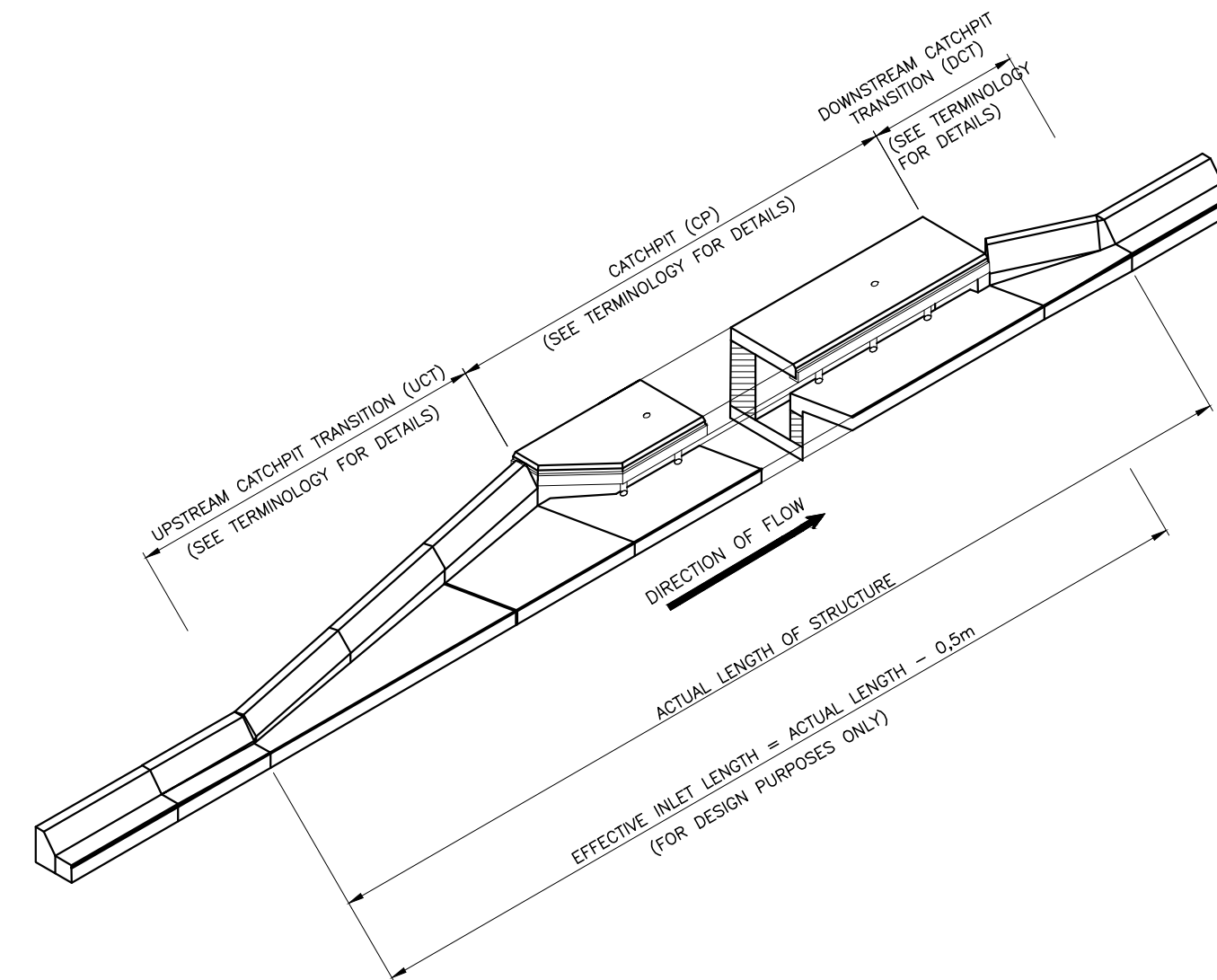
$$\begin{aligned} \text{LENGTH} &= \text{UCT} + \text{CP} + \text{DCT} \\ &= 3,0\text{m} + 3,0\text{m} + 1,0\text{m (not 2,0m)} \\ &= 7,0\text{m} \end{aligned}$$

**STEP 2:** Determine the EFFECTIVE INLET LENGTH

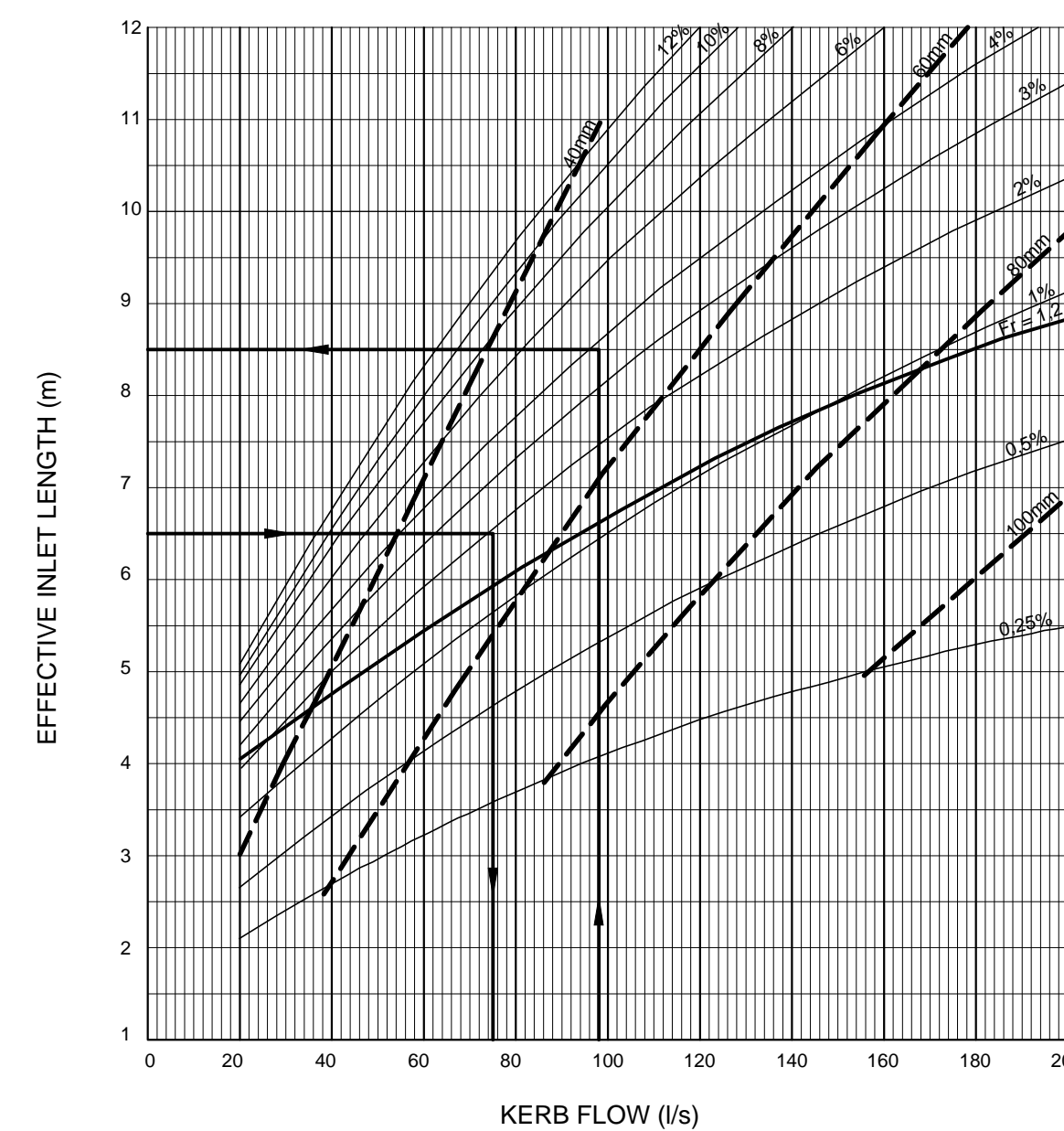
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Effective inlet length} &= \text{LENGTH} - 0,5\text{m} \\ &= 7,0\text{m} - 0,5\text{m} \\ &= 6,5\text{m} \end{aligned}$$

**STEP 3:** Determine the kerb flow for an EFFECTIVE INLET LENGTH of 6,5m from the design curves.

**RESULT:** - Kerb Flow = 75 l/s



## ELEVATION OF KERB INLET COMPRISING CATCHPIT AND TRANSITION SECTIONS



**LEGEND:**  
 - - - - - EFFECTIVE KERB INLET LENGTH AT SPECIFIED ROAD GRADIENT  
 - - - - - DEPTH OF FLOW AT KERB (mm)  
 - - - - - FROUDE NUMBER = 1,2  
 CURVES DEPICT 80% INTERCEPTION AT SPECIFIED STREETFLOW

**TABLE A: DESIGN CRITERIA FOR UPSTREAM CATCHPIT TRANSITION LENGTH**

	FROUDE NUMBER < 1,2	FROUDE NUMBER > 1,2	
		LONGITUDINAL SLOPE OF ROAD	
		< 3%	> 3%
MAXIMUM RATIO: Upstream Catchpit Transition length / Catchpit length (UCT/CP)	2	2	6
MAXIMUM Upstream Catchpit Transition length (UCT maximum)	4m	5m	6m

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**TSHWANE TYPE KERB INLET**  
 DESIGN CURVES AND APPLICATION METHOD

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## DESIGN CURVES FOR TSHWANE TYPE STORMWATER

### KERB INLET