

# ORIFICE THEORY

## UNDERSTANDING AN ORIFICE - DIAMETER VERSUS AREA

The flow of an orifice CAN NOT be interpolated by the ratio of the diameter, an .080" diameter orifice does not flow twice that of a .040" (see FLOW THROUGH AN ORIFICE on Page #199).

However flow can be interpolated by the ratio of the area in square inches of an orifice.

The diameter can be converted by the formula:  
 $(\text{radius} \times \text{radius}) \times 3.14159 (\text{Pi}) = \text{area}$

The area of .040" is .001257 in<sup>2</sup> and .080" is .00527 in<sup>2</sup>  
 (see below quick reference chart).

$$\frac{.005027 \text{ in}^2 (.080" \text{ dia.})}{.001257 \text{ in}^2 (.040" \text{ dia.})} = 3.999 \text{ ratio}$$

So an .080" diameter orifice flows 3.999 times more than a .040" diameter orifice.

This formula can be used for Kinsler's electric enrichment or lean-out valve (see Pages #89 and #168 about this valve).

Example for lean-out valve; If a .116" main jet is good for the basic mid-range and .124" is best when on transbrake, two-step, etc. You can calculate the K-jet for the lean-out by the following:

$$.012076 \text{ in}^2 (\text{area of } .124") - .010568 \text{ in}^2 (\text{area of } .116") = .001508 \text{ in}^2 (\text{the difference in area of the two jets}).$$

Go to the chart and find area close to .001508 in<sup>2</sup> which is approximately .044".

This is the jet to install in the lean-out valve.



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| Dia.  | Area    | Dia.  | Area    | Dia.  | Area    | Dia.  | Area    | Dia.  | Area    |
|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|
| .005" | .000020 | .041" | .001320 | .077" | .004657 | .113" | .010029 | .150" | .017672 |
| .006" | .000028 | .042" | .001385 | .078" | .004778 | .114" | .010207 | .151" | .017908 |
| .007" | .000038 | .043" | .001452 | .079" | .004902 | .115" | .010387 | .152" | .018146 |
| .008" | .000050 | .044" | .001521 | .080" | .005027 | .116" | .010568 | .153" | .018385 |
| .009" | .000064 | .045" | .001590 | .081" | .005153 | .117" | .010751 | .154" | .018627 |
| .010" | .000079 | .046" | .001662 | .082" | .005281 | .118" | .010936 | .155" | .018869 |
| .011" | .000095 | .047" | .001735 | .083" | .005411 | .119" | .011122 | .156" | .019113 |
| .012" | .000113 | .048" | .001810 | .084" | .005542 | .120" | .011310 | .157" | .019359 |
| .013" | .000133 | .049" | .001886 | .085" | .005675 | .121" | .011499 | .158" | .019607 |
| .014" | .000154 | .050" | .001964 | .086" | .005809 | .122" | .011690 | .159" | .019856 |
| .015" | .000177 | .051" | .002043 | .087" | .005945 | .123" | .011882 | .160" | .020106 |
| .016" | .000201 | .052" | .002124 | .088" | .006082 | .124" | .012076 | .161" | .020358 |
| .017" | .000227 | .053" | .002206 | .089" | .006221 | .125" | .012272 | .162" | .020612 |
| .018" | .000254 | .054" | .002290 | .090" | .006362 | .126" | .012469 | .163" | .020867 |
| .019" | .000284 | .055" | .002376 | .091" | .006504 | .127" | .012668 | .164" | .021124 |
| .020" | .000314 | .056" | .002463 | .092" | .006648 | .128" | .012868 | .165" | .021383 |
| .021" | .000346 | .057" | .002552 | .093" | .006793 | .129" | .013070 | .166" | .021642 |
| .022" | .000380 | .058" | .002642 | .094" | .006940 | .130" | .013273 | .167" | .021904 |
| .023" | .000415 | .059" | .002734 | .095" | .007088 | .131" | .013478 | .168" | .022167 |
| .024" | .000452 | .060" | .002827 | .096" | .007238 | .132" | .013685 | .169" | .022432 |
| .025" | .000491 | .061" | .002922 | .097" | .007390 | .133" | .013893 | .170" | .022698 |
| .026" | .000531 | .062" | .003019 | .098" | .007543 | .134" | .014103 | .171" | .022966 |
| .027" | .000573 | .063" | .003117 | .099" | .007698 | .135" | .014314 | .172" | .023235 |
| .028" | .000616 | .064" | .003217 | .100" | .007854 | .136" | .014527 | .173" | .023506 |
| .029" | .000661 | .065" | .003318 | .101" | .008012 | .137" | .014741 | .174" | .023779 |
| .030" | .000707 | .066" | .003421 | .102" | .008171 | .138" | .014957 | .175" | .024053 |
| .031" | .000755 | .067" | .003526 | .103" | .008332 | .139" | .015175 | .176" | .024329 |
| .032" | .000804 | .068" | .003632 | .104" | .008495 | .140" | .015394 | .177" | .024606 |
| .033" | .000855 | .069" | .003739 | .105" | .008659 | .141" | .015615 | .178" | .024885 |
| .034" | .000908 | .070" | .003848 | .106" | .008825 | .142" | .015837 | .179" | .025165 |
| .035" | .000962 | .071" | .003959 | .107" | .008992 | .143" | .016061 | .180" | .025447 |
| .036" | .001018 | .072" | .004072 | .108" | .009161 | .144" | .016277 | .181" | .025730 |
| .037" | .001075 | .073" | .004185 | .109" | .009331 | .145" | .016513 | .182" | .026015 |
| .038" | .001134 | .074" | .004301 | .110" | .009503 | .146" | .016742 | .183" | .026302 |
| .039" | .001195 | .075" | .004418 | .111" | .009677 | .147" | .016972 | .184" | .026590 |
| .040" | .001257 | .076" | .004536 | .112" | .009852 | .148" | .017203 | .185" | .026880 |
|       |         |       |         |       |         | .149" | .017437 | .186" | .027172 |