

**LEGEND**

**H** = MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE HEIGHT OF COVER OVER THE TOP OF THE PIPE, EXCLUDING PAVEMENT THICKNESS.

FILL HEIGHTS AND DESIGN ASSUMPTIONS ARE BASED ON AASHTO LRFD BRIDGE DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS, 4TH EDITION, SECTION 12, FOR 900 PSI LONG TERM STRENGTH OF HDPE, AND AASHTO T180 MINIMUM RELATIVE COMPACTION OF 95% OR 90%.

FILL HEIGHTS ARE BASED ON AASHTO M294 FOR POLYETHYLENE AND AASHTO M330 FOR POLYPROPYLENE, TYPE S PIPES WITH OUTER, CORRUGATED WALLS AND SMOOTH INNER LINEARS.

FILL HEIGHTS, FOR INSTALLATION WITH HIGH WATER TABLE, REQUIRE A SPECIAL DESIGN. THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT IN HIGHWATER LOCATIONS SHOULD BE 15 FEET OR BASED ON AASHTO LRFD DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS.

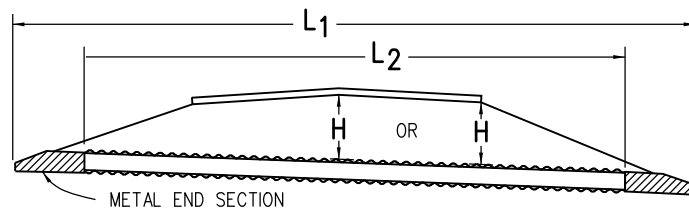
THE MINIMUM COVER SHALL BE AS SHOWN ON THESE TABLES OR CONFORM TO AASHTO REQUIREMENTS, WHICHEVER IS GREATER. THE MINIMUM COVER FOR PIPE IS MEASURED FROM THE TOP OF THE PIPE TO THE BOTTOM OF THE PAVEMENT: HMA OR PCCP.

THE MINIMUM COVER IS MEASURED FROM THE TOP OF THE PIPE TO THE TOP OF THE SUBGRADE DURING CONSTRUCTION. THE MINIMUM COVER IS BASED ON DUAL AXLE LOADS UP TO 50,000 POUNDS.

**L<sub>1</sub>** = LENGTH OF PIPE TO BE MEASURED WHEN PLACED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 624.

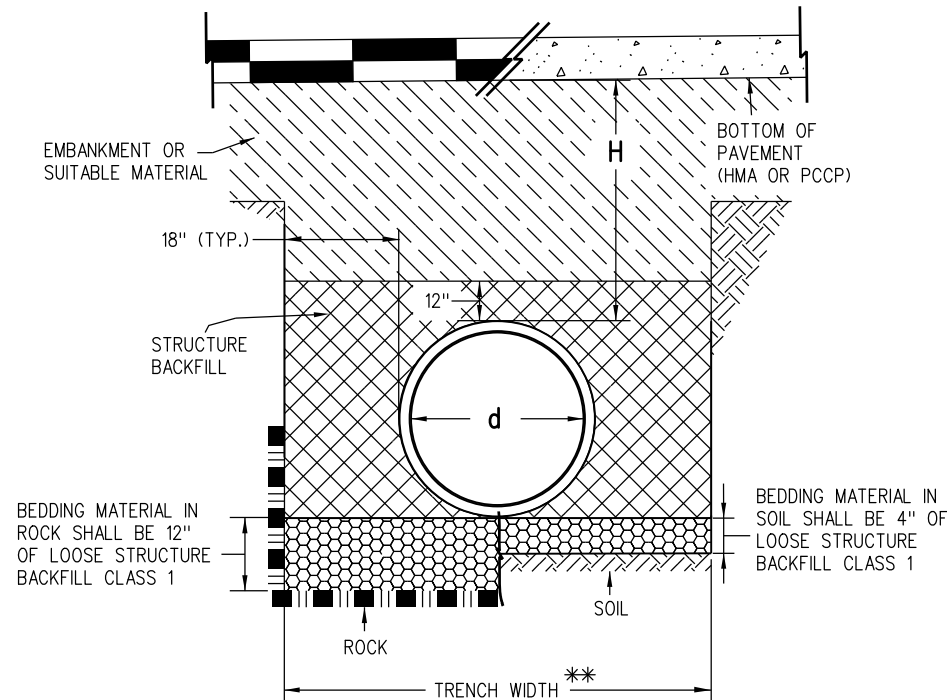
**L<sub>2</sub>** = LENGTH OF PIPE TO BE MEASURED WHEN PLACED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 603.

**+** = THE MINIMUM SPACING BETWEEN THE OUTSIDE WALLS OF MULTIPLE PIPES OR END SECTIONS IS 18" OR 1/2(d), WHICHEVER IS GREATER.

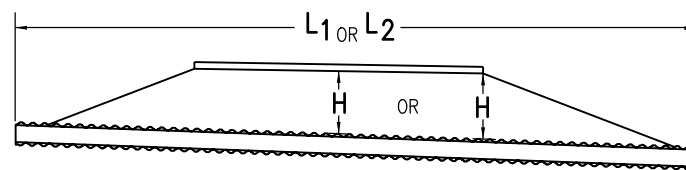


NOTE: USE THE **H** THAT IS GREATER FOR MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE FILL HEIGHT.

**PIPE WITH END SECTIONS**

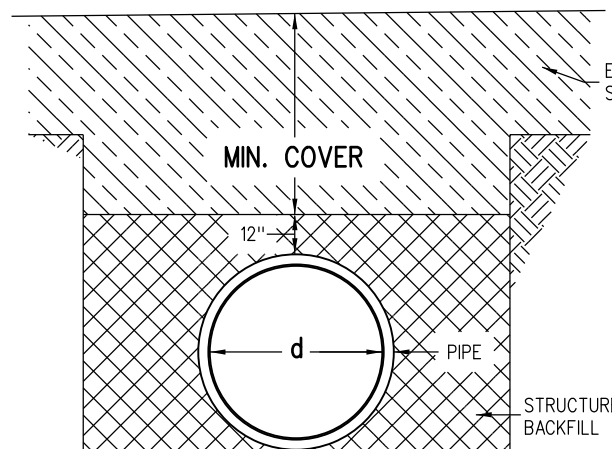


**INSTALLATION OF PIPE**



NOTE: USE THE **H** THAT IS GREATER FOR MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE FILL HEIGHT.

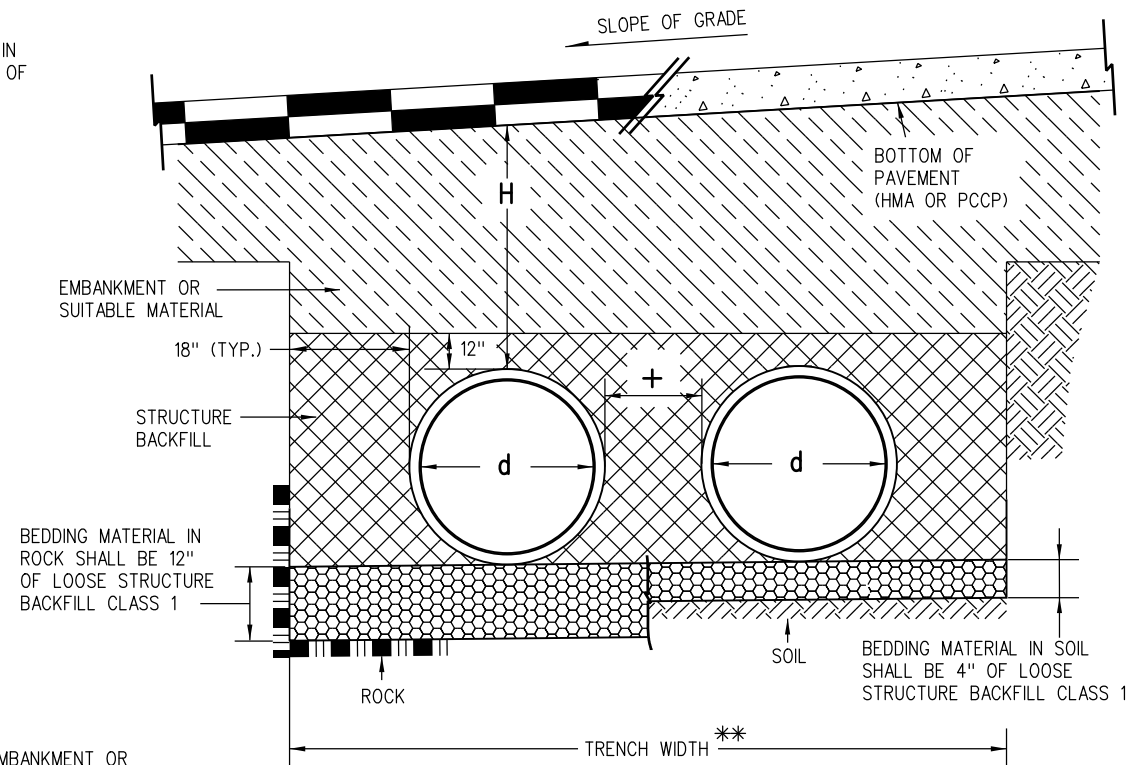
**PIPE WITHOUT END SECTIONS**



**CONSTRUCTION MINIMUM COVER FOR PIPE**

**GENERAL NOTES**

1. ALL PIPES SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF AASHTO M294 FOR POLYETHYLENE AND AASHTO M330 FOR POLYPROPYLENE, TYPE S FOR HIGH DENSITY CORRUGATED POLYETHYLENE PIPE (HDPE) AND POLYPROPYLENE PIPE (PP) RESPECTIVELY, WITH SMOOTH INNER SURFACE.
2. WHEN A PIPE IS TO BE EXTENDED, THE SAME PIPE MATERIAL AND SIZE AS IN THE ORIGINAL INSTALLATION SHALL BE USED.
3. MINIMUM COVER SHALL BE PROVIDED DURING CONSTRUCTION TO PROTECT THE PIPE FROM DAMAGE.
4. WHEN INSTALLING A GUARDRAIL OR A SIGN POST DIRECTLY ABOVE A PIPE, THE POST'S BOTTOM MUST BE AT LEAST 1 FOOT ABOVE THE TOP OF THE PIPE. THE HOLE FOR THE POST SHALL BE DRILLED INTO THE SOIL.
5. STRUCTURE BACKFILL MATERIAL SHALL BE CLASS 1.
6. FOR PIPES 24 INCHES OR LESS IN DIAMETER, H MIN. MAY BE REDUCED TO ONE FOOT FOR LOW VOLUME APPROACH ROADS NOT ON STATE HIGHWAYS.



**INSTALLATION OF MULTIPLE PIPES**

\*\* TRENCH WIDTH ASSUMES STABLE IN-SITU SIDE WALL

PIPE DIAMETER, d (IN.)	H MINIMUM HEIGHT OF COVER (FT.)		H MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF COVER (FT.)			
	95% COMPACTION	90% COMPACTION	95% COMPACTION	90% COMPACTION	95% COMPACTION	90% COMPACTION
12	2	2	27	25	19	17
15	2	2	29	27	20	20
18	2	2	24	23	17	17
24	2	2	21	20	15	14
30	2	2	18	23	12	17
36	2	2	20	20	13	14
42	2	2	19	18	13	13
48	3	2	17	20	12	13
60	3	2.5	20	21	13	14

NOTE: THE VALUES FOR POLYPROPYLENE PIPES (AASHTO M330) ARE SHOWN IN ITALICS.

**MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM COVER**

NOMINAL PIPE DIAMETER (IN.)	MINIMUM COVER (IN.) FOR INDICATED AXLE LOADS (KIPS)			
	18.0-50.0	50.0-75.0	75.0-110.0	110.0-150.0
24 - 36	24.0	30.0	36.0	36.0
42 - 48	36.0	36.0	42.0	48.0
54 - 60	36.0	36.0	42.0	48.0

**AASHTO MINIMUM COVER FOR CONSTRUCTION LOADS**

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**CORRUGATED  
 POLYETHYLENE PIPE (AASHTO M294)  
 AND  
 POLYPROPYLENE PIPE (AASHTO M330)**

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