WATERMAN

TYPE "A"
AND

TYPE "B"

CONSTANT DOWNSTREAM LEVEL CONTROL GATES

- AUTOMATIC
- NO OPERATOR, NO MOTOR
- SIMPLE, ACCURATE, FAST AND RELIABLE
- FOR FLOOD CONTROL
- FOR WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS
- FOR IRRIGATION
- CONSTANT DOWNSTREAM LEVEL CONTROL

TYPE "A" FOR OPEN CHANNEL FLOWS

TYPE "B" FOR ORIFICE APPLICATIONS
WATERMAN

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CONSTANT DOWNSTREAM LEVEL CONTROL GATES

Automatic gates provide constant downstream water level control regardless of upstream level conditions or downstream demands.

This remarkably constant control is achieved without any operators, without motors or power supply, and irrespective of upstream level conditions.

These Waterman Type "A" and Type "B" gates are designed to respond automatically and instantly to downstream level changes to maintain a constant downstream water level. They are ideally suited for:
- "Demand control" on open canals
- Canal and network automation
- Control of detention basins and reservoirs
- Flood Control
- Channel water level maintenance
- "Constant source" flow for cooling and recirculation systems and water and wastewater treatment facilities.
- Constant downstream discharge when used with a Waterman baffle distributor
- Control of head (headbreaking)

Type "B" gate located on the outlet of a large storm water detention basin.

Type "A" gate located as a regulator on a small irrigation canal.
PRINCIPLE OF OPERATION

With the downstream water level at the pivot axis, the gate is balanced so that the moment caused by the center of gravity about the hinge is equal to the moment caused by the upthrust of the float. Any change in the water level alters this stability, causing the gate to rotate, thereby increasing or decreasing the discharge to restore the water level to the pivot centerline. If the water level falls, the reduced flotation couple allows the gate to open increasing the discharge into the downstream channel. Conversely, if the water level rises, the increased flotation couple shuts the gate, decreasing the discharge and maintaining the water level at the pivot centerline.

TYPE "A"
Maximum upstream head 6.5 Ft. for largest gates
No breastwall
Designed for continuous canal lengths with upstream level variations relatively small.

TYPE "B"
Maximum upstream head 36 Ft. for largest gates
Breastwall or other orifice needed
Designed for higher heads and greater upstream level requirements working against breastwall or other opening.

GATE CONSTRUCTION

The Waterman Type "A" and Type "B" constant downstream level gates basically consist of a radial leaf of trapezoidal shape, a float that is rigidly fixed to the moving frame downstream of the pivot axis, a float shield tank in which the inlet butterfly valve is fixed, a counterweight tank and a frame structure which consists of the main shaft with bearings and beams connecting the float to the gate leaf.

The walkway is a standard feature for all larger sizes of Waterman Type "A" and Type "B" gates. Waterman Type "A" gate has a damper on the upstream surface of the leaf and bottom/sides metal seats. Waterman Type "B" gate has an embedded metal intake structure.
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TYPE "A"

Waterman Type "A" gates are designed to maintain a constant downstream water level irrespective of the upstream variations, provided that the upstream level variations are small enough to be satisfied by a surface gate.

Two Type "A" configurations are available. The low head has a wider gate leaf of lesser height, while the high head gate leaf is not as wide, but has greater height. At equal loss of head, a Waterman Type "A" low head gate allows a bigger flow, but the maximum permissible head is less.

GATE SELECTION
Selection is based on the required hydraulic performance of the installation.

The gate to be selected is the smallest one (smallest index number) whose head-discharge curve, represented on the selection charts, encompasses all possible head/discharge operating points which may be encountered for the installation.

For example, the following differential \(1\) under which the maximum discharge \(2\) must still be delivered.

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4 & \text{ to be delivered under this maximum head differential.}
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3 & \text{ and } 4 \text{ define point B} \\
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See following page.
TYPE "A"
LOW HEAD
GATE SELECTION CHART

CUBIC FEET PER SECOND

HEAD IN FEET

CUBIC FEET PER SECOND

TYPE "A"
HIGH HEAD
GATE SELECTION CHART

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- desired Constant Level in canal: 100.00 ft.

Point A is defined by:
1. \(100.90 - 100.00 = 0.90\) ft.
2. \(250\) cfs

Point B is defined by:
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2. \(250\) cfs

The Type B-16 is the smallest gate whose characteristics encompass A and B and is therefore the gate to be selected.

Note that no Type "A" gate will answer the problem: the Type B-21 could, but this gate is much larger than the Type B-16.

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EXAMPLE II:
A control structure is to be installed in a canal to maintain a constant downstream water level irrespective of the discharge in the canal.

- desired constant downstream level: 180.00 ft.
- at maximum flow of 100 cfs the water level in the canal upstream of the structure is 180.10 ft.
- at minimum flow of 30 cfs the water level in the canal upstream of the structure is 183.00 ft.

Point A is defined by:
1. \(180.10 - 180.00 = 0.10\) ft.
2. \(100\) cfs

Point B is defined by:
1. \(183.00 - 180.00 = 3.00\) ft.
2. \(30\) cfs.

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2. **SUBMITTALS**

2.1 **Shop Drawings.** Shop drawings shall be submitted in accordance with the SPECIAL CLAUSES. Submittals shall include a complete list of equipment and materials, including manufacturer's descriptive and technical literature, performance charts and curves, catalog cuts, and installation instructions. Drawings shall show proposed layout and anchorage of the system and appurtenances, design of structure to receive gates and equipment relationship to other parts of the work including clearances for maintenance and operation. Manufacturer's descriptive data and installation instructions shall be submitted for approval.

2.2 **Certificate of Compliance.** A certificate of compliance that the gates furnished are in conformance with the drawings and specifications shall be submitted to the project engineer.

2.3 **Operating Instructions.** The manufacturer shall furnish the engineer with six (6) complete copies of operating characteristics and instructions outlining the step-by-step procedure required for system start-up and system operation. The instructions shall include the manufacturer's name, model number, service manual, parts list, and brief description of all equipment and their basic operating features.

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5. **MATERIALS.**

5.1 **General.** The automatic level control gate shall be constant downstream level, Waterman Type "A", and be completely self-operating with an integrated float-ballast design. The gate shall be manufactured by Waterman Industries, Inc., or an approved equal in quality, characteristics and performance.

5.2 **Steel.** Steel shall be ASTM A-36.
5.3 **Standard Products.** Materials and equipment shall be the standard product of a manufacturer regularly engaged in the manufacture of this type of product and shall essentially duplicate items that have been in satisfactory service for more than five (5) years prior to bid opening. Substitute manufacturer may submit alternate design which has been tested and certified by an independent laboratory. All materials used in construction of the gate shall be new and selected according to the best engineering practice for this type of equipment. Equipment shall be supported by a service organization that is, in the opinion of the engineer, reasonably convenient to the site.

6. **OPERATION REQUIREMENTS.** The gate shall operate automatically, regulating the downstream water level with no external power, motor or level sensors and hoists, and no manual intervention, under the following conditions:

(insert your particulars here, such as elevations, head differential and flows)

6.1 Within the above specified limits, the downstream level shall be controlled irrespective of the upstream level conditions, gate opening and discharge rates.

7. **GATE CONSTRUCTION.**

7.1 The gates shall be fabricated from materials as per paragraph 5, Materials, and designed to withstand the pressure forced produced by the upstream water level at its maximum elevation, with no tailwater (and, as the case may be, by the exceptional maximum tailwater level).

7.2 The gates shall mainly consist of a radially shaped faceplate, suitably reinforced and matching trapezoidal-shaped sluice way, a framework including the float and ballasting compartments, and two roller bearings enclosed in sealed housings to be anchored in the concrete structure.

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8.0 **SURFACE PREPARATION AND PAINTING.** Surface preparation shall consist of near white blast cleaning of all surfaces (SSPC SP-10). Mechanical surfaces shall be protected by appropriate masking. Protective coating shall consist of:

a. On machined surfaces, one coat of gasoline-soluble, rust-preventing compound.

b. On all other surfaces, including surfaces to be grouted in, two coats of factory applied coal tar epoxy paint (SSPC PS 11.01) for corrosion protection from water and corrosive environment.

c. Coating touch-up kit.

(Alternate surface preparations and coatings may be specified.)
THE WATERMAN

TYPE "B"

AUTOMATIC DOWNSTREAM LEVEL
CONTROL GATE

Waterman Type "B" gates are designed for sluice installations, usually controlling an orifice set in a breastwall, and permitting a higher upstream head.

GATE SELECTION

Selection is based on the required hydraulic performance of the installation.

The gate to be selected is the smallest one (smallest index number) whose head-discharge curve, represented on the selection charts, encompasses all possible head/discharge operating points which may be encountered for the installation.

For example, the following data are typical and define two significant operating points, A and B:

Minimum head differential $1$ under which the maximum discharge $2$ must be delivered. $1$ and $2$ define point A.

Maximum head differential $3$ and largest discharge $4$ to be delivered under this maximum head differential. $3$ and $4$ define point B.

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2  250 cfs

Point B₁ is defined by:
3  107.00 - 100.00 = 7.00 ft.
4  250 cfs

The Type B-16 is the smallest gate whose characteristics encompass A₁ and B₁ and is therefore the gate to be selected.

Note that no Type "A" gate will answer the problem: the Type B-21 could, but this gate is much larger than the Type B-16.

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Point A₂ is defined by:
1  180.10 - 180.00 = 0.10 ft.
2  100 cfs

Point B₂ is defined by:
3  183.00 - 180.00 = 3.00 ft.
4  30 cfs

The Type A-18, Type A-7, Type B-18 and Type B-21 have characteristics which encompass A₂ and B₂. However, since the Type A-7 is the smallest, it is the gate to be selected.

### TYPE B Gates

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NORMAL FLOW CONDITION

The Type "B" Gate is fully open and remains conveniently out of the flow. Large cross section area of the sluice minimizes chances of clogging. As long as the runoff does not exceed the downstream canal full capability the detention basin is kept empty, its storage capacity available to its maximum value.

FLOOD CONDITION

When, and only when, the incoming runoff exceeds the canal capacity does the Type "B" Gate back up the excess flow in the detention basin. Maintaining a constant water line at the head of the canal the Type "B" Gate releases only the discharge that can be handled.

TYPE "A" / TYPE "B" Gate Applications

- Demand - The headworks to an open canal can be automated with the use of Waterman Type "A"/Type "B" downstream level control gates providing required flows "on demand."
- Irrigation Canals - Automatic canal check gates for reliable turnout control at "demand" flows.
- Flood Control - Control of detention basin outlets. Basins are kept empty until the runoff exceeds the downstream canal full capability at which time the Waterman Type "A"/Type "B" gates will back up the flow in the detention basin. The gates release only the discharge that can be handled.
- Constant Source Flow - Provides needed supply to cooling water recirculation systems or wet-wells for pump stations.
- Wastewater Treatment - Flow through the headworks can be equalized during peak and off-peak hours by using a Waterman Type "A"/Type "B" downstream control gate as the main influent gate. During peak flows the excess will be retained upstream of the gate and during off-peak flows the gate would remain open.
- By using the Waterman Type "A"/Type "B" gate as a "demand control" device sedimentation basin levels can be automatically regulated during fluctuating flow rates.
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TYPICAL DETENTION BASIN APPLICATION

Redbank Creek detention basin.

Downstream side of dam showing outlet control structure.

Upstream side of dam showing manual sluice gates which are used when complete shut-off is desired.