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100

5 x tile diameter inches plus 50

= minimum percent grade.

EXAMPLE

The minimum percent grade for a 4" tile is: -

$$\frac{100}{5 \times 4 \text{ plus } 50} = 1.43\%$$

i.e. the trench must be grated to have a pitch of 1.43 feet per 100 lineal feet toward the outlet. Where this pitch is not available it will be often necessary to use a larger size of tile, for the larger the tile the lesser pitch is needed.

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