

DATA FORM FOR CALCULATING FLOW

$$\text{Solving the equation: Flow} = \frac{A L C}{T}$$

Where:

A = Average cross-sectional area of the stream. L = Length of the stream reach measured (usually 6.5 meters).
C = A coefficient or correction factor (0.8 for rocky-bottom streams or 0.9 for muddy-bottom streams). T = Time, in seconds, for the float to travel the length of L.

A: Average Cross-Sectional Area

Transect #1 (upstream)

Interval width (meters)	Depth (meters)
A to B = _____	_____ (at B)
B to C = _____	_____ (at C)
C to D = _____	_____ (at D)
D to E = _____	_____ (shoreline)
Totals 	 ÷ 4
= Avg. depth m	

Cross-sectional area of Transect #1

= Total width (m) X Avg. depth (m)
 X = m²

Transect #2 (downstream)

Interval width (meters)	Depth (meters)
A to B = _____	_____ (at B)
B to C = _____	_____ (at C)
C to D = _____	_____ (at D)
D to E = _____	_____ (shoreline)
Totals 	 ÷ 4
= Avg. depth m	

Cross-sectional area of Transect #2

= Total width (m) X Avg. depth (m)
 X = m²

(Cross-sectional area of Transect #1 + Cross-sectional area of Transect #2) ÷ 2 = Average Cross-sectional area

$$A = (\text{ } m^2 + \text{ } m^2) \div 2 = \text{ } m^2$$

L: Length of Stream Reach

m

T: Travel Time

Travel Time
of Float (sec.)

Trial #1 _____

Trial #2 _____

Trial #3 _____

Total ÷ 3

= Avg. time sec.

C: Coefficient

$$\text{Flow} = \frac{A L C}{T} = \frac{ \text{ } \text{ } \text{ } }{ \text{ } } = \text{ } m^3/\text{sec.}$$