

TABLE 10.5 Loss Coefficients for Various Transitions and Fittings

Description	Sketch	Additional Data	K	Source	
Pipe entrance $h_L = K_e V^2/2g$		r/d 0.0 0.1 >0.2	K_e 0.50 0.12 0.03	(10) [†]	
Contraction $h_L = K_C V_2^2/2g$		D_2/D_1 0.00 0.20 0.40 0.60 0.80 0.90	K_C $\theta = 60^\circ$ 0.08 0.08 0.07 0.06 0.06 0.06	K_C $\theta = 180^\circ$ 0.50 0.49 0.42 0.27 0.20 0.10	(10)
Expansion $h_L = K_E V_1^2/2g$		D_1/D_2 0.00 0.20 0.40 0.60 0.80	K_E $\theta = 20^\circ$ 0.30 0.25 0.15 0.10	K_E $\theta = 180^\circ$ 1.00 0.87 0.70 0.41 0.15	(9)
90° miter bend		Without vanes	$K_b = 1.1$	(15)	
90° smooth bend		With vanes r/d 1 2 4 6 8 10	$K_b = 0.2$ $K_b = 0.35$ 0.19 0.16 0.21 0.28 0.32	(15) (16) and	
Threaded pipe fittings	Globe valve—wide open Angle valve—wide open Gate valve—wide open Gate valve—half open Return bend Tee Straight-through flow Side-outlet flow 90° elbow 45° elbow		$K_v = 10.0$ $K_v = 5.0$ $K_v = 0.2$ $K_v = 5.6$ $K_b = 2.2$ $K_t = 0.4$ $K_t = 1.8$ $K_b = 0.9$ $K_b = 0.4$	(15)	

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