

Exhaust System CFM Calculation

$$\text{CFM} = \frac{\text{Cubic Inches}}{\text{Conversion Factor}} \times \text{Efficiency Factor} \times \text{Constant} \times \frac{\text{Exhaust Temp.}}{\text{Ambient Temp.}} \times \frac{\text{rpm}}{2}$$

$$\text{CFM} = \frac{\text{in}^3}{1728} \times 0.80 \times 1.06 \times \frac{(459 + \text{TE})}{(459 + \text{TI})} \times \frac{\text{rpm}}{2}$$

Conversion Factor = 1728 cubic inches / cubic foot

Efficiency Factor = airflow efficiency less frictional losses

Efficiency = 0.80 for standard diesel engines

Efficiency = 0.90 for diesel engines with turbo charger

NOTE: Turbo-charger reduces exhaust temperature for diesel engines

Turbo-charger increases exhaust temperature for gasoline engines.

Temperature measured in °F convert to (°K) Absolute scale = °F + 460 = °K

$\frac{\text{rpm}}{2}$: for a 4 cycle engine

Note: For 2 cycle engines, do not divide in half.

Calculation indicates exhaust volume (cfm) generated by the engine.

General Guidelines:

Cars 235 cfm

Trucks 600 cfm

Engines > 900 cubic inches Utilize calculations x2

Airflow design value: cfm = engine idle exhaust volume x 2

To prevent engine exhaust from overwhelming fan sizing, design airflow must exceed engine cfm generated by a minimum of 20% at maximum rpm.

Sample:

13.5 liter or 823 c.i. Diesel Engine; Operating @ 2300 rpm with 1200 degree exhaust

$$\text{CFM} = \frac{823}{1728} \times 0.90 \times 1.06 \times \frac{(459+1200)}{(459+70)} \times \frac{\text{rpm}}{2}$$

$$.476 \times 0.90 \times 1.06 \times 3.15 \times 1150 = 1,644 \text{ cfm (20\% Safety Factor)} = 1973 \text{ cfm}$$