Flow Coefficient (CV)

What is it?
Why is it important?
How do I calculate it?

In the valve world, flow coefficient (O_V) is a measure of the valve's efficiency at allowing fluid flow. The type and sizing of a valve has an important influence on the performance of the assembly for transferring gas or liquids in a system. The formula for calculating a C_V is:

$$\mathbf{C}_{\mathrm{V}} = \mathbf{Q} \sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{G}_{\mathrm{f}}}{\Delta \mathbf{P}}}$$

In order to simplify complex physics lessons touching on the various properties of liquids specifically, Milwaukee Valve has added a C_V calculator to our website.

This valuable tool allows you to gauge the pressure drop (the difference in pressure upstream and downstream of the valve, and the valve C_V required given the flowrate and allowable pressure drop. This leads to a standard calculation to compare valve capacities and sizing for a wide range of applications.

Click on the button below to be taken to the Milwaukee Valve Q₁ calculator.



For questions on valve selection and sizing related to your application, please contact your sales representative or regional manager by clicking **HERE**.



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