

## Carlson® Rigid Nonmetallic Conduit (RNC), Fittings & Accessories

Carlson® manufactures the most complete line of nonmetallic conduits and fittings in the electrical industry. Carlson Schedule 40 and Schedule 80 conduits are designed for use aboveground and underground as described in the National Electrical Code. Specify only Carlson conduits and fittings to insure raceway system integrity.

### Features

**Ease of Installation** Nonmetallic conduits are 1/4 to 1/5 the weight of metallic systems, can be installed in less than half the time, and are easily fabricated on the job.

**Safety** Nonmetallic conduits are nonconductive, assuring a safe system.

**Impact Resistant** Carlson Schedule 40 and Schedule 80 nonmetallic conduits are resistant to sunlight and are listed for exposed or outdoor usage. The use of expansion fittings allows the system to expand and contract with temperature variations.

**Corrosion Resistant** Carlson conduits and fittings are nonmetallic and will not rust or corrode.

Carlson nonmetallic Schedule 40 and Schedule 80 conduits and elbows are manufactured to NEMA TC-2, Federal specification WC1094A and UL 651 specifications. Fittings are manufactured to NEMA TC-3, Federal specification WC1094A and UL514B. Both conduit and fittings carry respective UL or ETL Listings and UL or ETL labels.

## Schedule 40 PVC Rigid Nonmetallic Conduit (RNC). (Heavy Wall EPC)

Listed for underground applications encased in concrete or direct burial. Also for use in exposed or concealed applications aboveground.

- Sunlight resistant • Rated for use with 90°C conductors • Superior weathering characteristics



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### Schedule 40 Heavy Wall

With Integral Bell\*



| Part No.  |           |           | Std. Crate Qty. |       | Wt. Per | Dimensions |       |      |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-------|---------|------------|-------|------|
| 10'       | 20'       | Nom. Size | 10'             | 20'   | 100'    | O.D.       | I.D.  | Wall |
| 49005-010 |           | 1/2"      | 6000'           |       | 17      | .840       | .622  | .109 |
| 49007-010 | 49007-020 | 3/4"      | 4400'           | 8800' | 23      | 1.050      | .824  | .113 |
| 49008-010 | 49008-020 | 1"        | 3600'           | 7200' | 34      | 1.315      | 1.049 | .133 |
| 49009-010 | 49009-020 | 1 1/4"    | 3300'           | 6600' | 46      | 1.660      | 1.380 | .140 |
| 49010-010 | 49010-020 | 1 1/2"    | 2250'           | 4500' | 55      | 1.900      | 1.610 | .145 |
| 49011-010 | 49011-020 | 2"        | 1400'           | 2800' | 73      | 2.375      | 2.067 | .154 |
| 49012-010 | 49012-020 | 2 1/2"    | 930'            | 1860' | 124     | 2.875      | 2.469 | .203 |
| 49013-010 | 49013-020 | 3"        | 880'            | 1760' | 163     | 3.500      | 3.068 | .216 |
| 49014-010 | 49014-020 | 3 1/2"    | 630'            | 1260' | 196     | 4.000      | 3.548 | .226 |
| 49015-010 | 49015-020 | 4"        | 570'            | 1140' | 232     | 4.500      | 4.026 | .237 |
| 49016-010 | 49016-020 | 5"        | 380'            | 760'  | 315     | 5.563      | 5.047 | .258 |
| 49017-010 | 49017-020 | 6"        | 260'            | 520'  | 409     | 6.625      | 6.065 | .280 |

Rigid nonmetallic conduit is normally supplied in standard 10' lengths, with one belled end per length. For specific requirements, it may be produced in lengths shorter or longer than 10', with or without belled ends.

**Use RNC Fittings with Schedule 40 and Schedule 80 Conduit.**

- Notes:** 1. Special fittings and conduit sizes will be quoted on request.  
2. DON'T FORGET TO ORDER CEMENT.  
3. Carlson reserves the right to ship to the nearest unitized quantity.

## Schedule 80 PVC Rigid Nonmetallic Conduit (RNC) (Extra Heavy Wall EPC-80)

Listed for use in aboveground and belowground applications that are subject to physical damage.

- Sunlight resistant • Rated for use with 90°C conductors • Superior weathering characteristics
- For use in areas subject to physical damage



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to UL 651 in  
compliance  
to the NEC



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With Integral Bell\*



### Schedule 80 Extra Heavy Wall

| Part No.  |           | Nom. Size | Std. Crate Qty. Wt. Per |        |      | Dimensions |       | Wall |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|--------|------|------------|-------|------|
| 10'       | 20'       |           | 10'                     | 20'    | 100' | O.D.       | I.D.  |      |
| 49405-010 | 49405-020 | 1/2"      | 6000'                   | 12000' | 21   | .840       | .546  | .147 |
| 49407-010 | 49407-020 | 3/4"      | 4400'                   | 8000'  | 30   | 1.050      | .742  | .154 |
| 49408-010 | 49408-020 | 1"        | 3600'                   | 7200'  | 44   | 1.315      | .957  | .179 |
| 49409-010 | 49409-020 | 1 1/4"    | 3300'                   | 6600'  | 60   | 1.660      | 1.278 | .191 |
| 49410-010 | 49410-020 | 1 1/2"    | 2250'                   | 3600'  | 72   | 1.900      | 1.500 | .200 |
| 49411-010 | 49411-020 | 2"        | 1400'                   | 2800'  | 101  | 2.375      | 1.939 | .218 |
| 49412-010 | 49412-020 | 2 1/2"    | 930'                    | 1880'  | 154  | 2.875      | 2.323 | .276 |
| 49413-010 | 49413-020 | 3"        | 880'                    | 1760'  | 210  | 3.500      | 2.900 | .300 |
| 49415-010 | 49415-020 | 4"        | 570'                    | 1140'  | 308  | 4.500      | 3.826 | .337 |
| 49416-010 | —         | 5"        | 380'                    | —      | 428  | 5.563      | 4.813 | .375 |
| 49417-010 | 49417-020 | 6"        | 260'                    | 520'   | 588  | 6.625      | 5.761 | 4.32 |

Rigid nonmetallic conduit is normally supplied in standard 10' lengths, with one belled end per length. For specific requirements, it may be produced in lengths shorter or longer than 10', with or without belled ends.

Use RNC Fittings with Schedule 40  
and Schedule 80 Conduit.

Notes: 1. Special fittings and conduit sizes will be quoted on request.  
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## Support of Carlon Rigid Nonmetallic Conduit in Aboveground Installations

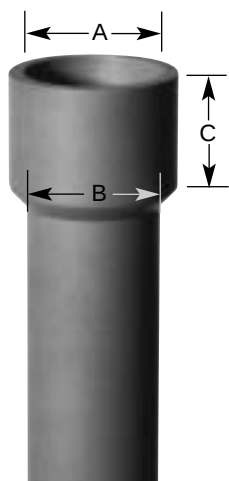
Table 352.30(B) NEC shows the support requirements for Schedule 40 and Schedule 80 rigid PVC nonmetallic conduit.

Plastic conduit should always be installed away from steam lines, etc. Support straps should allow for lineal movement caused by expansion and contraction.

Maximum ambient temperature is 122°F (50°C).

Table 352.30(B), NEC

| Trade Size | Maximum Spacing Between Supports (feet) |
|------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1/2 - 1    | 3                                       |
| 1 1/4 - 2  | 5                                       |
| 2 1/2 - 3  | 6                                       |
| 3 1/2 - 5  | 7                                       |
| 6          | 8                                       |



### Acceptable Dimensions in Inches of Integral Bell per UL 651

| Trade Size | A                 |         | B               |         | C     |
|------------|-------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|-------|
|            | At Entrance (in.) | Minimum | At Bottom (in.) | Minimum |       |
| 1/2        | 0.860             | 0.844   | 0.844           | 0.828   | 1.375 |
| 3/4        | 1.074             | 1.054   | 1.056           | 1.036   | 1.500 |
| 1          | 1.340             | 1.320   | 1.320           | 1.300   | 1.750 |
| 1 1/4      | 1.689             | 1.665   | 1.667           | 1.643   | 1.875 |
| 1 1/2      | 1.930             | 1.906   | 1.906           | 1.882   | 2.750 |
| 2          | 2.405             | 2.381   | 2.381           | 2.357   | 3.250 |
| 2 1/2      | 2.905             | 2.875   | 2.883           | 2.853   | 3.250 |
| 3          | 3.530             | 3.500   | 3.507           | 3.477   | 3.875 |
| 3 1/2      | 4.065             | 3.965   | 4.007           | 3.977   | 3.875 |
| 4          | 4.565             | 4.465   | 4.506           | 4.476   | 4.625 |
| 5          | 5.643             | 5.543   | 5.583           | 5.523   | 5.625 |
| 6          | 6.708             | 6.608   | 6.644           | 6.584   | 6.375 |

# Rigid Nonmetallic Conduit – Technical Information

## Typical Properties of Conduit Raw Material Compound

### Thermal

|                                                                      | ASTM Test | Typical Values          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Co-efficient of Thermal Expansion-inch/inch/°F (properties @ 73.4°F) | D696      | 3.38 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> |
| Heat Distortion °F at 264 psi                                        | D648      | 160°F                   |
| Thermal Conductivity BTU (hr.) (ft.) (°F/in.)                        | N/A       | 1.3                     |

### Electrical

|                                   | ASTM Test | Typical Values |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Dielectrical Strength volts/mil   | D149      | 1100           |
| Dielectric Constant 60 CPS @ 30°C | D150      | 4.00           |
| Power Factor 60 CPS @ 30°C        | D150      | 1.93           |

### Mechanical

|                                  | ASTM Test | Typical Values |
|----------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Specific Gravity                 | D792      | 1.43 - 1.6     |
| Tensile Strength (psi) @ 73.4°F  | D638      | 5,000-6,500    |
| Izod Impact ft lbs./in. of notch | D256      | 0.65 - 1.5     |
| Flexural Strength (psi)          | D790      | 12,500         |
| Compressive Strength (psi)       | D695      | 9,000          |
| Hardness (Durometer D)           | D2240     | 85             |

### Impedance (Volts lost per ampere per 100 feet)

|               | 3Ø90% P.F. | 80% P.F. | 1Ø90% P.F. | 80% P.F. |
|---------------|------------|----------|------------|----------|
| Steel Conduit | .0118      | .0123    | .0136      | .0142    |
| Schedule 40®  | .0105      | .0106    | .0121      | .0122    |

Using 250 KCMil Cu. conductor, comparable values for other conductor sizes.

## Wire Fill

Maximum number of conductors in Schedule 40 PVC conduit

(Based on Table 1, Chapter 9 of the NEC)

| Type Letters         | Conductor Size AWG, MCM | 1/2 | 3/4 | 1  | 1 1/4 | 1 1/2 | 2   | 2 1/2 | 3   | 3 1/2 | 4   | 4 1/4 | 5   | 6   | 8   |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-----|-----|----|-------|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|
| THWN                 | 14                      | 13  | 24  | 39 | 69    | 94    | 154 |       |     |       |     |       |     |     |     |
|                      | 12                      | 10  | 18  | 29 | 51    | 79    | 114 | 164   |     |       |     |       |     |     |     |
|                      | 10                      | 6   | 11  | 18 | 32    | 44    | 73  | 194   | 160 |       |     |       |     |     |     |
|                      | 8                       | 3   | 5   | 9  | 19    | 22    | 36  | 51    | 71  | 106   | 136 |       |     |     |     |
| THHN                 | 6                       | 1   | 4   | 6  | 11    | 15    | 26  | 37    | 57  | 76    | 98  | 125   | 154 |     |     |
|                      | 4                       | 1   | 2   | 4  | 7     | 9     | 16  | 22    | 35  | 47    | 60  | 75    | 94  | 137 | 236 |
| FEP (14 thru 2)      | 3                       | 1   | 1   | 3  | 6     | 8     | 13  | 19    | 29  | 39    | 51  | 64    | 90  | 116 | 201 |
|                      | 2                       | 1   | 1   | 3  | 5     | 7     | 11  | 16    | 25  | 33    | 43  | 54    | 67  | 97  | 169 |
| FEPB (14 thru 8)     | 1                       | 1   | 1   | 1  | 3     | 5     | 9   | 12    | 18  | 25    | 32  | 49    | 59  | 72  | 125 |
|                      | 1/0                     |     | 1   | 1  | 3     | 4     | 7   | 10    | 15  | 21    | 27  | 33    | 42  | 61  | 105 |
| PFA (14 thru 4/0)    | 2/0                     |     | 1   | 1  | 2     | 3     | 6   | 8     | 13  | 17    | 22  | 28    | 35  | 51  | 88  |
|                      | 3/0                     |     | 1   | 1  | 1     | 3     | 5   | 7     | 11  | 14    | 18  | 23    | 29  | 42  | 73  |
|                      | 4/0                     |     | 1   | 1  | 1     | 2     | 4   | 6     | 9   | 12    | 15  | 19    | 24  | 35  | 61  |
| PFAH (14 thru 4/0)   | 250                     |     |     | 1  | 1     | 1     | 3   | 4     | 7   | 10    | 12  | 16    | 20  | 28  | 49  |
|                      | 300                     |     |     | 1  | 1     | 1     | 3   | 4     | 6   | 8     | 11  | 13    | 17  | 24  | 42  |
|                      | 350                     |     |     | 1  | 1     | 1     | 2   | 3     | 5   | 7     | 9   | 12    | 15  | 21  | 37  |
|                      | 400                     |     |     | 1  | 1     | 1     | 3   | 5     | 6   | 8     | 10  | 13    | 19  | 33  |     |
| XHHW (4 thru 500MCM) | 500                     |     |     |    | 1     | 1     | 1   | 2     | 4   | 5     | 7   | 9     | 11  | 16  | 27  |
|                      | 600                     |     |     |    | 1     | 1     | 1   | 1     | 3   | 4     | 5   | 7     | 9   | 13  | 22  |
|                      | 700                     |     |     |    |       | 1     | 1   | 1     | 3   | 4     | 5   | 6     | 8   | 11  | 19  |
|                      | 750                     |     |     |    |       | 1     | 1   | 1     | 2   | 3     | 4   | 6     | 7   | 11  | 19  |
| XHHW                 | 6                       | 1   | 3   | 5  | 9     | 13    | 21  | 30    | 47  | 63    | 81  | 102   | 128 | 185 | 320 |
|                      | 600                     |     |     |    | 1     | 1     | 1   | 1     | 3   | 4     | 5   | 7     | 9   | 13  | 22  |
|                      | 700                     |     |     |    |       | 1     | 1   | 1     | 3   | 4     | 5   | 6     | 7   | 11  | 19  |
|                      | 750                     |     |     |    |       | 1     | 1   | 1     | 2   | 3     | 4   | 6     | 7   | 10  | 18  |

Maximum number of conductors in Schedule 80 PVC conduit

(Based on Table 1, Chapter 9 of the NEC)

| Conductor Size AWG, MCM |      | 1/2 | 3/4 | 1  | 1 1/4 | 1 1/2 | 2   | 2 1/2 | 3   | 4   | 5   |
|-------------------------|------|-----|-----|----|-------|-------|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|
| # 14                    | THW  | 4   | 8   | 13 | 24    | 34    | 57  | 82    | 128 |     |     |
|                         | THHN | 10  | 19  | 33 | 58    | 81    | 135 | 194   | 0   |     |     |
| 12                      | THW  | 3   | 6   | 11 | 20    | 28    | 47  | 67    | 105 | 183 |     |
|                         | THHN | 8   | 14  | 24 | 43    | 60    | 100 | 144   | 0   |     |     |
| 10                      | THW  | 3   | 5   | 9  | 16    | 22    | 37  | 54    | 85  | 148 |     |
|                         | THHN | 5   | 9   | 15 | 27    | 38    | 64  | 92    | 143 |     |     |
| 8                       | THW  | 1   | 2   | 4  | 8     | 11    | 19  | 28    | 44  | 77  | 121 |
|                         | THHN | 1   | 4   | 7  | 13    | 18    | 31  | 45    | 70  | 123 | 195 |
| 6                       | THW  | 1   | 1   | 3  | 6     | 8     | 14  | 20    | 32  | 56  | 88  |
|                         | THHN | 1   | 3   | 5  | 9     | 13    | 22  | 32    | 50  | 88  | 140 |
| 4                       | THW  | 0   | 1   | 2  | 4     | 6     | 10  | 15    | 24  | 42  | 66  |
|                         | THHN | 1   | 1   | 3  | 6     | 8     | 13  | 20    | 31  | 54  | 86  |
| 3                       | THW  | 0   | 1   | 1  | 4     | 5     | 9   | 13    | 20  | 36  | 57  |
|                         | THHN | 1   | 1   | 2  | 5     | 7     | 11  | 17    | 26  | 46  | 73  |
| 2                       | THW  | 0   | 1   | 1  | 3     | 4     | 8   | 11    | 17  | 31  | 49  |
|                         | THHN | 1   | 1   | 1  | 4     | 5     | 9   | 14    | 22  | 38  | 61  |
| 1                       | THW  | 0   | 1   | 1  | 1     | 3     | 5   | 8     | 13  | 22  | 35  |
|                         | THHN | 0   | 1   | 1  | 3     | 4     | 7   | 10    | 16  | 28  | 45  |
| 0                       | THW  | 0   | 0   | 1  | 1     | 2     | 4   | 7     | 11  | 19  | 30  |
|                         | THHN | 0   | 1   | 1  | 2     | 3     | 6   | 8     | 13  | 24  | 38  |
| 00                      | THW  | 0   | 0   | 1  | 1     | 1     | 4   | 6     | 9   | 16  | 26  |
|                         | THHN | 0   | 1   | 1  | 1     | 3     | 5   | 7     | 11  | 20  | 32  |
| 000                     | THW  | 0   | 0   | 1  | 1     | 1     | 3   | 5     | 8   | 14  | 22  |
|                         | THHN | 0   | 0   | 1  | 1     | 2     | 4   | 6     | 9   | 16  | 26  |
| 0000                    | THW  | 0   | 0   | 1  | 1     | 1     | 3   | 4     | 6   | 11  | 18  |
|                         | THHN | 0   | 0   | 1  | 1     | 1     | 3   | 5     | 8   | 14  | 22  |
| 250                     | THW  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 1     | 1     | 1   | 3     | 5   | 9   | 14  |
|                         | THHN | 0   | 0   | 0  | 1     | 1     | 2   | 4     | 6   | 11  | 18  |
| 300                     | THW  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 1     | 1     | 1   | 3     | 4   | 8   | 13  |
|                         | THHN | 0   | 0   | 0  | 1     | 1     | 1   | 3     | 5   | 9   | 15  |
| 350                     | THW  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 1     | 1     | 1   | 2     | 4   | 7   | 11  |
|                         | THHN | 0   | 0   | 0  | 1     | 1     | 1   | 3     | 4   | 8   | 13  |
| 400                     | THW  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0     | 1     | 1   | 1     | 3   | 6   | 10  |
|                         | THHN | 0   | 0   | 0  | 1     | 1     | 1   | 2     | 4   | 7   | 12  |
| 500                     | THW  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0     | 1     | 1   | 1     | 3   | 5   | 8   |
|                         | THHN | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0     | 1     | 1   | 1     | 3   | 6   | 10  |
| 600                     | THW  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0     | 0     | 1   | 1     | 1   | 4   | 7   |
|                         | THHN | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0     | 1     | 1   | 1     | 3   | 5   | 8   |
| 700                     | THW  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0     | 0     | 1   | 1     | 1   | 3   | 6   |

## Weight Comparison

Carlson Schedule 40® rigid nonmetallic conduit compared to other rigid conduit in pounds per 100 feet (approx.)

| Nom. Size | Carlson Schedule 40® Rigid Nonmetallic Conduit | Carlson Schedule 80® Rigid Nonmetallic Conduit | Aluminum | Electrical Metallic Tubing (EMT) | Inter-mediate Metal Conduit (IMC) | Rigid Metal Conduit (RMC) |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1/2       | 18                                             | 22                                             | 27       | 30                               | 57                                | 79                        |
| 3/4       | 23                                             | 29                                             | 36       | 46                               | 78                                | 105                       |
| 1         | 35                                             | 43                                             | 53       | 66                               | 112                               | 153                       |
| 1 1/4     | 48                                             | 60                                             | 70       | 96                               | 114                               | 201                       |
| 1 1/2     | 57                                             | 72                                             | 86       | 112                              | 176                               | 246                       |
| 2         | 76                                             | 100                                            | 116      | 142                              | 230                               | 334                       |
| 2 1/2     | 125                                            | 153                                            | 183      | 230                              | 393                               | 527                       |
| 3         | 164                                            | 212                                            | 239      | 270                              | 483                               | 690                       |
| 3 1/2     | 198                                            |                                                | 288      | 350                              | 561                               | 831                       |
| 4         | 234                                            | 310                                            | 340      | 400                              | 625                               | 982                       |
| 5         | 317                                            | 431                                            | 465      | Not Made                         | Not Made                          | 1344                      |
| 6         | 412                                            | 592                                            | 612      | Not Made                         | Not Made                          | 1770                      |

## Expansion and Contraction

### Temperature Considerations for Rigid Nonmetallic Conduit Compensation for Linear Expansion

Like all construction materials, PVC will expand or contract with variations in temperatures. The coefficient of linear expansion in PVC conduit is  $3.38 \times 10^{-5}$  in./in./°F as compared to  $1.2 \times 10^{-5}$  for aluminum and  $0.6 \times 10^{-5}$  for steel. An expansion coupling is needed whenever the change in length due to temperature variation will exceed 1/2 in.

Add 30°F to the estimated temperature range when conduit is installed in direct sunlight to allow for radiant heating.

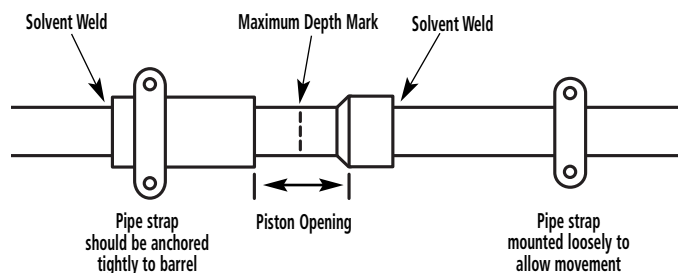
An expansion coupling consists of two sections of conduit, one telescoping inside another. When installing expansion couplings, alignment of piston and barrel is important. Be sure to mount expansion joint level for best performance.

For a vertical run, the expansion coupling must be installed close to the top of the run with the barrel jointing down, in order that rain water does not run into the opening. The lower end of the conduit run must be secured at the bottom so that any length change due to temperature variation will result in an upward movement.

#### Expansion Characteristics of PVC Rigid Nonmetallic Conduit

Coefficient of Thermal Expansion =  $3.38 \times 10^{-5}$  in./in./°F

| Temperature Change in Degrees F | Length Change in inches per 100 Ft. of PVC Conduit | Temperature Change in Degrees F | Length Change in inches per 100 Ft. of PVC Conduit | Temperature Change in Degrees F | Length Change in inches per 100 Ft. of PVC Conduit | Temperature Change in Degrees F | Length Change in inches per 100 Ft. of PVC Conduit |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 5                               | 0.2                                                | 55                              | 2.2                                                | 105                             | 4.2                                                | 155                             | 6.3                                                |
| 10                              | 0.4                                                | 60                              | 2.4                                                | 110                             | 4.5                                                | 160                             | 6.5                                                |
| 15                              | 0.6                                                | 65                              | 2.6                                                | 115                             | 4.7                                                | 165                             | 6.7                                                |
| 20                              | 0.8                                                | 70                              | 2.8                                                | 120                             | 4.9                                                | 170                             | 6.9                                                |
| 25                              | 1.0                                                | 75                              | 3.0                                                | 125                             | 5.1                                                | 175                             | 7.1                                                |
| 30                              | 1.2                                                | 80                              | 3.2                                                | 130                             | 5.3                                                | 180                             | 7.3                                                |
| 35                              | 1.4                                                | 85                              | 3.4                                                | 135                             | 5.5                                                | 185                             | 7.5                                                |
| 40                              | 1.6                                                | 90                              | 3.6                                                | 140                             | 5.7                                                | 190                             | 7.7                                                |
| 45                              | 1.8                                                | 95                              | 3.8                                                | 145                             | 5.9                                                | 195                             | 7.9                                                |
| 50                              | 2.0                                                | 100                             | 4.1                                                | 150                             | 6.1                                                | 200                             | 8.1                                                |



### Determine the Piston Opening

The expansion joint must be installed to allow both expansion and contraction of the conduit run. The correct piston opening for any installation condition should use the following formula:

$$O = \left[ \frac{T_{\text{max}} - T_{\text{installed}}}{\Delta T} \right] E$$

Where:

- O = Piston opening (in.)
- T max = Maximum anticipated temperature of conduit (°F)
- T inst. = Temperature of conduit at time of installation (°F)
- Δ T = Total change in temperature of conduit (°F)
- E = Expansion allowance built into each expansion coupling (in.)

### Example

380 ft. of conduit is to be installed on the outside of a building exposed to the sun in a single straight run. It is expected that the conduit will vary in temperature from 0°F in the winter to 140°F in the summer (this includes the 30°F for radiant heating from the sun.) The installation is to be made at a conduit temperature of 90°F. From the table, a 140°F temperature change will cause a 5.7 in. length change in 100 ft. of conduit. The total change for this example is  $5.7 \times 3.8 = 21.67$ " which should be rounded to 22". The number of expansion couplings will be  $22 \times$  coupling range (4" for Carlon trade sizes 1/2" through 1-1/2", and 8" for sizes 2" through 6"). If the E945D coupling is used, the number will be  $22 \times 4 = 5.50$  which should be rounded to 6. The coupling should be placed at 62 ft. intervals ( $380 \times 6$ ). the proper piston setting at the time of installation is calculated as explained above.

$$O = \left[ \frac{140 - 90}{140} \right] 4.0 = 1.4 \text{ in.}$$

Insert the piston into the barrel to the maximum depth. Place a mark on the piston at the end of the barrel. To properly set the piston, pull the piston out of the barrel to correspond to the 2.1 in. calculated above. See drawing at lower left.

### Summary

1. Anticipate expansion and contraction of PVC conduit in aboveground, exposed installation.
2. Use an expansion coupling when length change due to temperature variation will exceed 1/2".
3. PVC conduit expands 4.1" for each 100 feet of run and a 100°F temperature change.
4. Align expansion coupling with the conduit run to prevent binding.
5. Follow the instructions to set the piston opening.
6. Rigidly fix the outer barrel of the expansion coupling so it cannot move. Mount the conduit connected to the piston loosely enough to allow the conduit to move as the temperature changes.

## Corrosion Resistance of Carlon Schedule 40 and Schedule 80 PVC Conduit and Fittings

Carlon Schedule 40 and Schedule 80 are generally acceptable for use in environments containing the chemicals below. These environmental resistance ratings are based upon tests where the specimens were placed in complete submergence in the reagent listed. Schedule 40 and Schedule 80 can be used in many process areas where

chemicals not on this list are manufactured or used because worker safety requirements dictate that any air presence or splashing be at a very low level.

**If there are any questions for specific suitability in a given environment, prototype samples should be tested under actual conditions.**

|                                       |                                   |                                     |                               |                               |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Acetic Acid 0-20%                     | Butyl Alcohol                     | Fluorine Gas – Wet                  | Mercurous Nitrate             | Sodium Arsenite               |
| Acetic Acid 20-30%                    | Butyl Phenol                      | Fluorine Gas – Dry                  | Mercury                       | Sodium Benzoate               |
| Acetic Acid 30-60%                    | Butylene                          | Fluoroboric Acid                    | Methyl Sulfate                | Sodium Bicarbonate            |
| Acetic Acid 80%                       | Butyric Acid                      | Fluorosilicic Acid                  | Methylene Chloride            | Sodium Bisulfate              |
| Acetic Acid – Glacial                 | Calcium Bisulfite                 | Formaldehyde                        | Mineral Oils                  | Sodium Bisulfite              |
| Acetic Acid Vapors                    | Calcium Carbonate                 | Formic Acid                         | Naphthalene                   | Sodium Bromide                |
| Acetylene                             | Calcium Chlorate                  | Fructose                            | Nickel Chloride               | Sodium Chlorate               |
| Adipic Acid                           | Calcium Chloride                  | Gallic Acid                         | Nickel Nitrate                | Sodium Chloride               |
| Alum                                  | Calcium Hydroxide                 | Gas – Coke Oven                     | Nitric Acid, Anhydrous        | Sodium Cyanide                |
| Aluminum Chloride                     | Calcium Hypochlorite              | Gas – Natural (Dry)                 | Nitric Acid 20%               | Sodium Dichromate             |
| Aluminum Fluoride                     | Calcium Nitrate                   | Gas – Natural (Wet)                 | Nitric Acid 40%               | Sodium Ferricyanide           |
| Aluminum Hydroxide                    | Calcium Sulfate                   | Gasoline – Sour                     | Nitric Acid 60%               | Sodium Ferrocyanide           |
| Aluminum Oxychloride                  | Carbonic Acid                     | Gasoline – Refined                  | Nitrobenzene                  | Sodium Fluoride               |
| Aluminum Nitrate                      | Carbon Dioxide Gas – Wet          | Glucose                             | Nitrous Oxide                 | Sodium Hydroxide              |
| Aluminum Sulfate                      | Carbon Dioxide – Aqueous Solution | Glycerine (Glycerol)                | Oils and Fats                 | Sodium Hypochlorite           |
| Ammonia-Dry Gas                       | Carbon Monoxide                   | Glycol                              | Oils – Petroleum – (See Type) | Sodium Nitrate                |
| Ammonium Bifluoride                   | Caustic Potash                    | Glycolic Acid                       | Oleic Acid                    | Sodium Nitrite                |
| Ammonium Carbonate                    | Caustic Soda                      | Green Liquor (Paper Industry)       | Oxalic Acid                   | Sodium Sulfate                |
| Ammonium Chloride                     | Chloracetic Acid                  | Heptane                             | Palmitic Acid 10%             | Sodium Sulfide                |
| Ammonium Hydroxide 28%                | Chloral Hydrate                   | Hexanol, Tertiary                   | Perchloric Acid 10%           | Sodium Sulfite                |
| Ammonium Metaphosphate                | Chlorine Gas (Dry)                | Hydrobromic Acid 20%                | Phenylhydrazine Hydrochloride | Sodium Thiosulfate (Hypo)     |
| Ammonium Nitrate                      | Chlorine Gas (Moist)              | Hydrochloric Acid 0% - 25%          | Phosgene, Gas                 | Stannic Chloride              |
| Ammonium Persulfate                   | Chlorine Water                    | Hydrochloric Acid 25% - 40%         | Phosphoric Acid – 0-25%       | Stannous Chloride             |
| Ammonium Phosphate – Neutral          | Chlorosulfonic Acid               | Hydrocyanic Acid or                 | Phosphoric Acid – 25-50%      | Stearic Acid                  |
| Ammonium Sulfate                      | Chromic Acid 10%                  | Hydrogen Cyanide                    | Phosphoric Acid – 50-85%      | Sulfur                        |
| Ammonium Sulfide                      | Chromic Acid 30%                  | Hydrofluoric Acid 10%               | Photographic Chemicals        | Sulfur Dioxide – Gas Dry      |
| Ammonium Thiocyanate                  | Chromic Acid 40%                  | Hydrofluorosilicic Acid             | Plating Solutions             | Sulfur Trioxide               |
| Amyl Alcohol                          | Chromic Acid 50%                  | Hydrogen Phosphide                  | Potassium Bicarbonate         | Sulfuric Acid – 0-10%         |
| Anthraquinone                         | Citric Acid                       | Hydrogen Sulfide – Dry              | Potassium Bichromate          | Sulfuric Acid – 10-75%        |
| Anthraquinonesulfonic Acid            | Copper Chloride                   | Hydrogen Sulfide – Aqueous Solution | Potassium Borate              | Sulfuric Acid – 75-90%        |
| Antimony Trichloride                  | Copper Cyanide                    | Hydroquinone                        | Potassium Bromide             | Sulfurous Acid                |
| Aqua Regia                            | Copper Fluoride                   | Hydroxylamine Sulfate               | Potassium Carbonate           | Tannic Acid                   |
| Arsenic Acid 80%                      | Copper Nitrate                    | Iodine                              | Potassium Chloride            | Tanning Liquors               |
| Arylsulfonic Acid                     | Copper Sulfate                    | Kerosene                            | Potassium Chromate            | Tartaric Acid                 |
| Barium Carbonate                      | Cottonseed Oil                    | Lactic Acid 28%                     | Potassium Cyanide             | Titanium Tetrachloride        |
| Barium Chloride                       | Cresylic Acid 50%                 | Lauric Acid                         | Potassium Dichromate          | Triethanolamine               |
| Barium Hydroxide                      | Crude Oil – Sour                  | Lauryl Chloride                     | Potassium Ferricyanide        | Trimethyl Propane             |
| Barium Sulfate                        | Crude Oil – Sweet                 | Lauryl Sulfate                      | Potassium Ferrocyanide        | Trisodium Phosphate           |
| Barium Sulfide                        | Demineralized Water               | Lead Acetate                        | Potassium Fluoride            | Turpentine                    |
| Beet – Sugar Liquor                   | Dextrin                           | Lime Sulfur                         | Potassium Hydroxide           | Urea                          |
| Benzene Sulfonic Acid 10%             | Dextrose                          | Linoleic Acid                       | Potassium Nitrate             | Vinegar                       |
| Benzoic Acid                          | Diglycolic Acid                   | Linseed Oil                         | Potassium Perborate           | Whiskey                       |
| Bismuth Carbonate                     | Disodium Phosphate                | Lubricating Oils                    | Potassium Perchlorite         | White Liquor (Paper Industry) |
| Black Liquor (Paper Industry)         | Ethyl Alcohol                     | Magnesium Carbonate                 | Potassium Permanganate 10%    | Wines                         |
| Bleach – 12.5% Active CL <sub>2</sub> | Ethylene Glycol                   | Magnesium Chloride                  | Potassium Persulfate          | Zinc Chloride                 |
| Borax                                 | Fatty Acids                       | Magnesium Hydroxide                 | Potassium Sulfate             | Zinc Chromate                 |
| Boric Acid                            | Ferric Chloride                   | Magnesium Nitrate                   | Propene                       | Zinc Cyanide                  |
| Brine                                 | Ferric Nitrate                    | Magnesium Sulfate                   | Propyl Alcohol                | Zinc Nitrate                  |
| Breeder Pellets – Dane. Fish          | Ferric Sulfate                    | Maleic Acid                         | Silicic Acid                  | Zinc Sulfate                  |
| Bromic Acid                           | Ferrous Chloride                  | Malic Acid                          | Silver Cyanide                |                               |
| Bromine – Water                       | Ferrous Sulfate                   | Mercuric Chloride                   | Silver Nitrate                |                               |
| Butane                                |                                   | Mercuric Cyanide                    | Silver Plating Solutions      |                               |
| Butadiene                             |                                   |                                     | Sodium Acetate                |                               |

## Suggested Format for Specifying Carlon Nonmetallic Conduit, Conduit Fittings and Junction Boxes

- A.** The Carlon rigid nonmetallic conduit system shall be installed as indicated on the drawings and as specified herein.
- B.** All wiring shall be installed in Carlon rigid nonmetallic conduit. All conduit shall be secured by means of proper fittings. All fittings shall be Carlon.
- C.** Carlon outlet boxes, fittings and junction boxes shall be used for all outlets, pull boxes and junction points. (Lighting fixtures shall not be supported or hung from PVC junction boxes but be supported in position by other means.)
- D.** Exposed conduits shall be mounted securely by suitable hangers or straps with the maximum spacing of points of supports not greater than indicated by Section 352.30 of the NEC.
- E.** Except where embedded in concrete or direct buried, Carlon conduit shall be supported to permit adequate lineal movement to allow for expansion and contraction of conduit due to temperature change.
- F.** For aboveground installations where temperature change in excess of 14°C (25°F) is anticipated, expansion joints shall be installed. See Table 352.44(A) NEC for expansion characteristics.
- G.** Proper care shall be taken when field bending is employed to maintain the internal diameter and wall thickness of the conduit.

