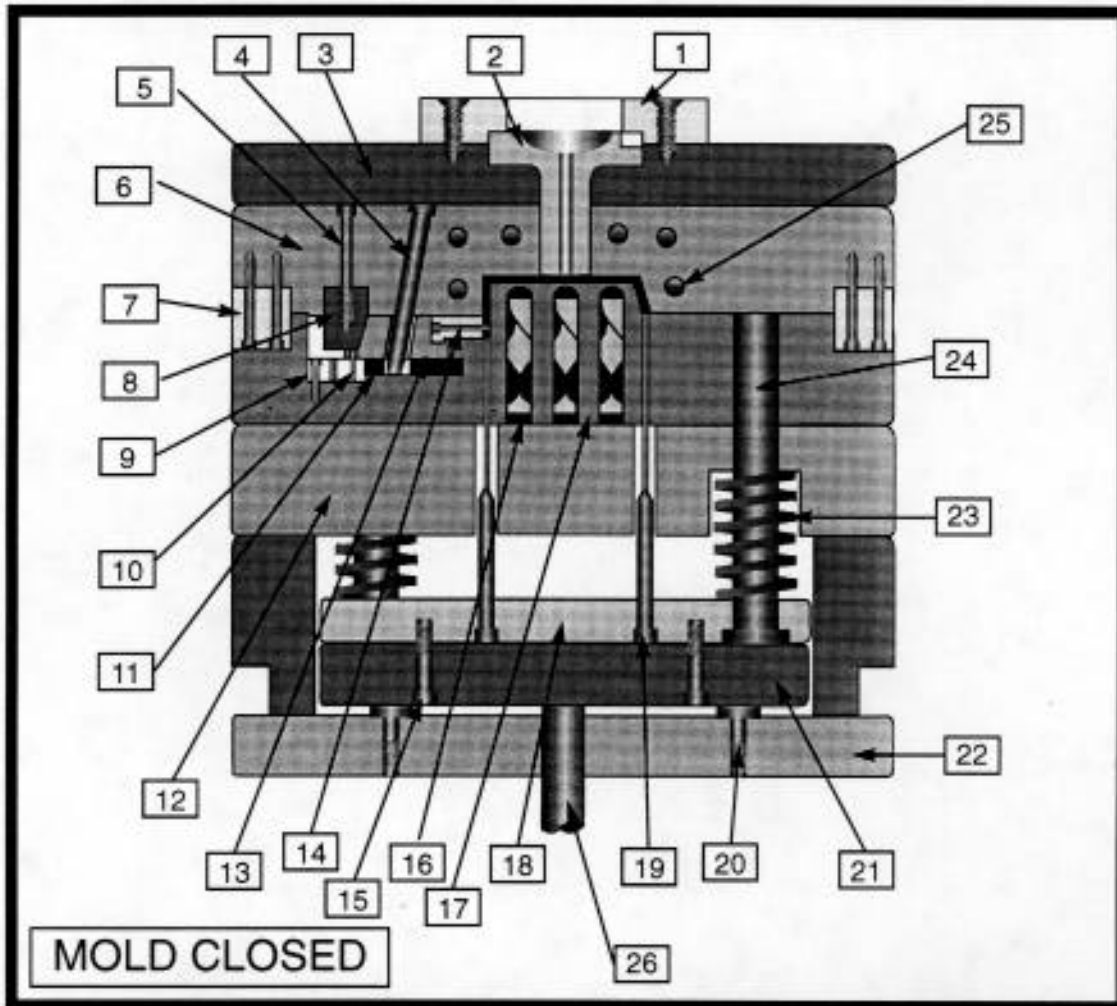




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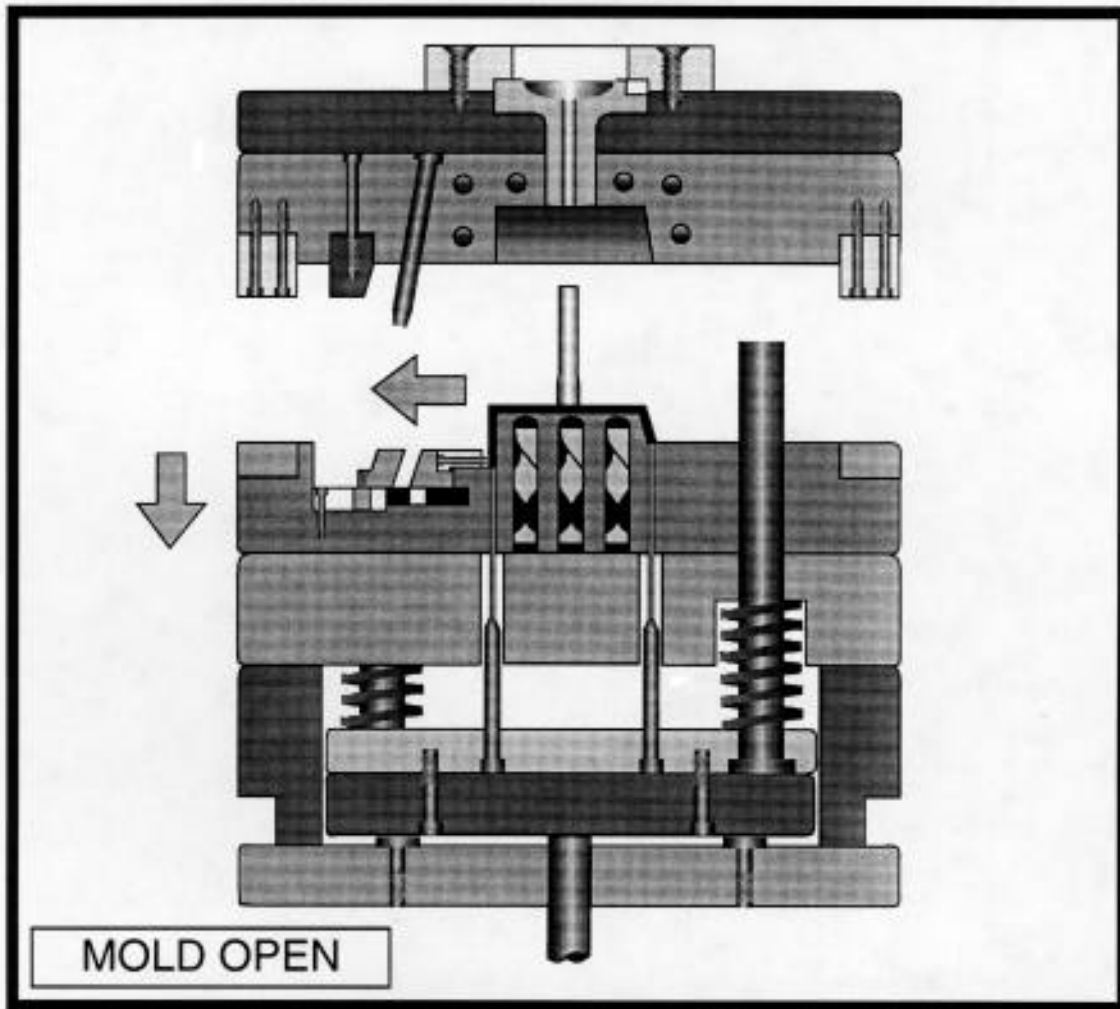
# MOLD DESIGN BASICS



## COMPONENTS

- |                       |                               |                     |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. LOCATING RING      | 11. WEAR PLATE                | 20. STOP PIN        |
| 2. SPRUE BUSHING      | 12. SUPPORT PLATE             | 21. EJECTOR PLATE   |
| 3. TOP CLAMPING PLATE | 13. SLIDE                     | 22. EJECTOR HOUSING |
| 4. ANGLE PIN          | 14. CORE PIN                  | 23. RETURN SPRING   |
| 5. SOCKET HEAD BOLT   | 15. SOCKET HEAD BOLT          | 24. RETURN PIN      |
| 6. A PLATE            | 16. BAFFLE                    | 25. COOLING CHANNEL |
| 7. GUIDE LOCK         | 17. 'B' PLATE                 | 26. EJECTOR SHAFT   |
| 8. WEDGE LOCK         | 18. EJECTOR RETAINER<br>PLATE |                     |
| 9. RETAINER           | 19. EJECTOR PIN               |                     |
| 10. DOWEL PIN         |                               |                     |

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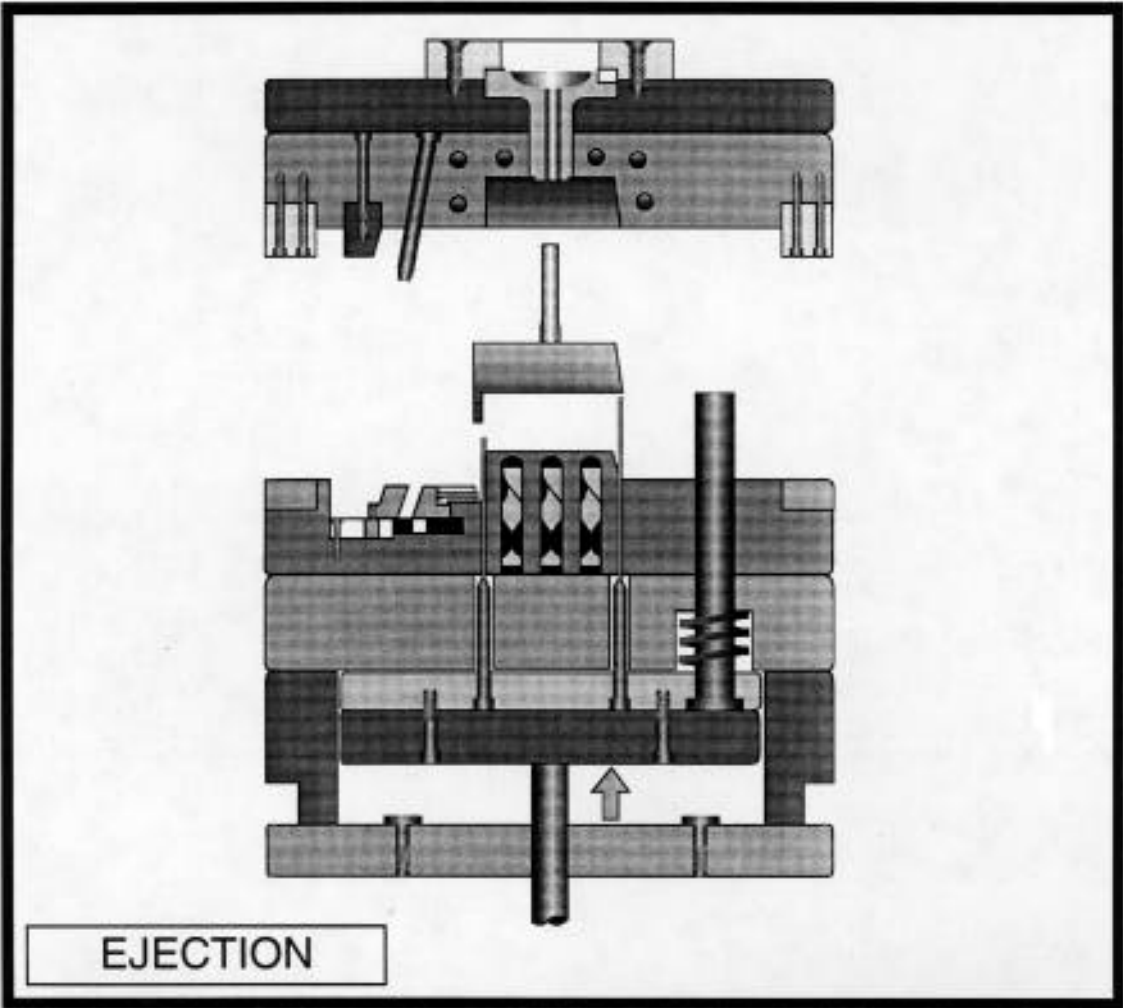


## SEQUENCE

- MOLD SEPARATES AT PARTING LINE
- ANGLE PIN PULLS SLIDE AWAY FROM PART
- DOWEL PIN IS CAPTURED BY RETAINER



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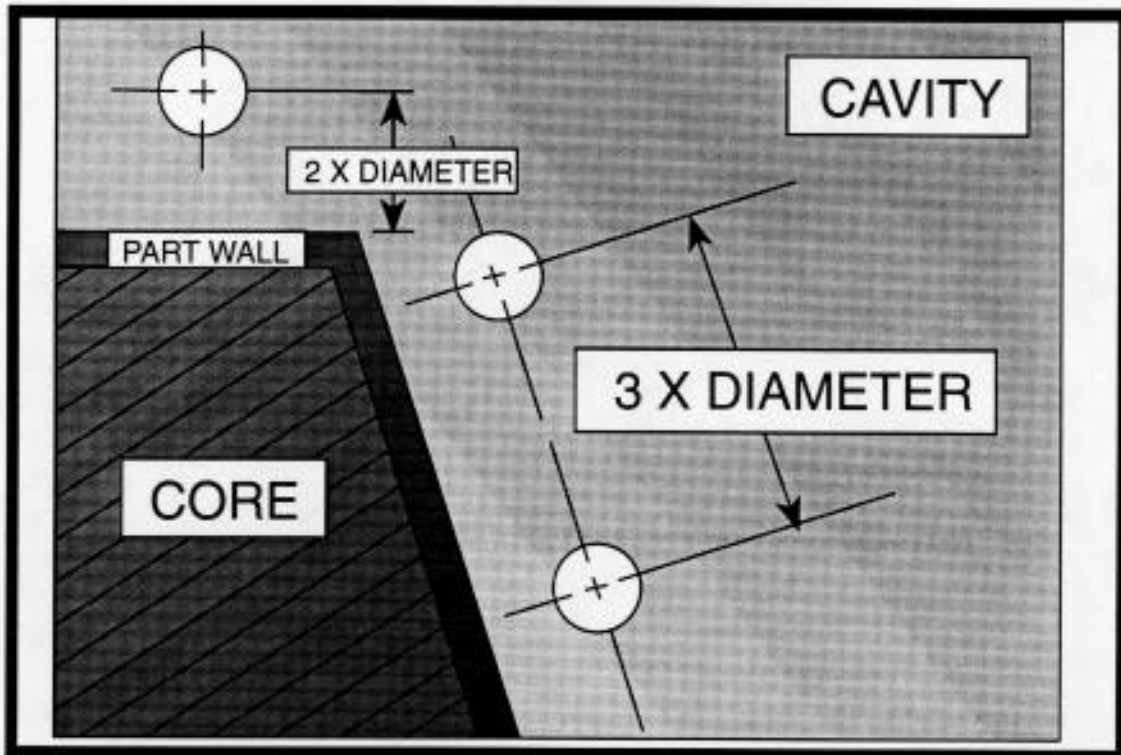
EJECTION

## SEQUENCE

- EJECTOR SHAFT COMES FORWARD
- EJECTOR RETAINER PLATE FORCES PINS FORWARD
- EJECTOR PINS STRIP PART FROM CORE



# CAVITY COOLING



## CRITICAL CONSTRAINTS

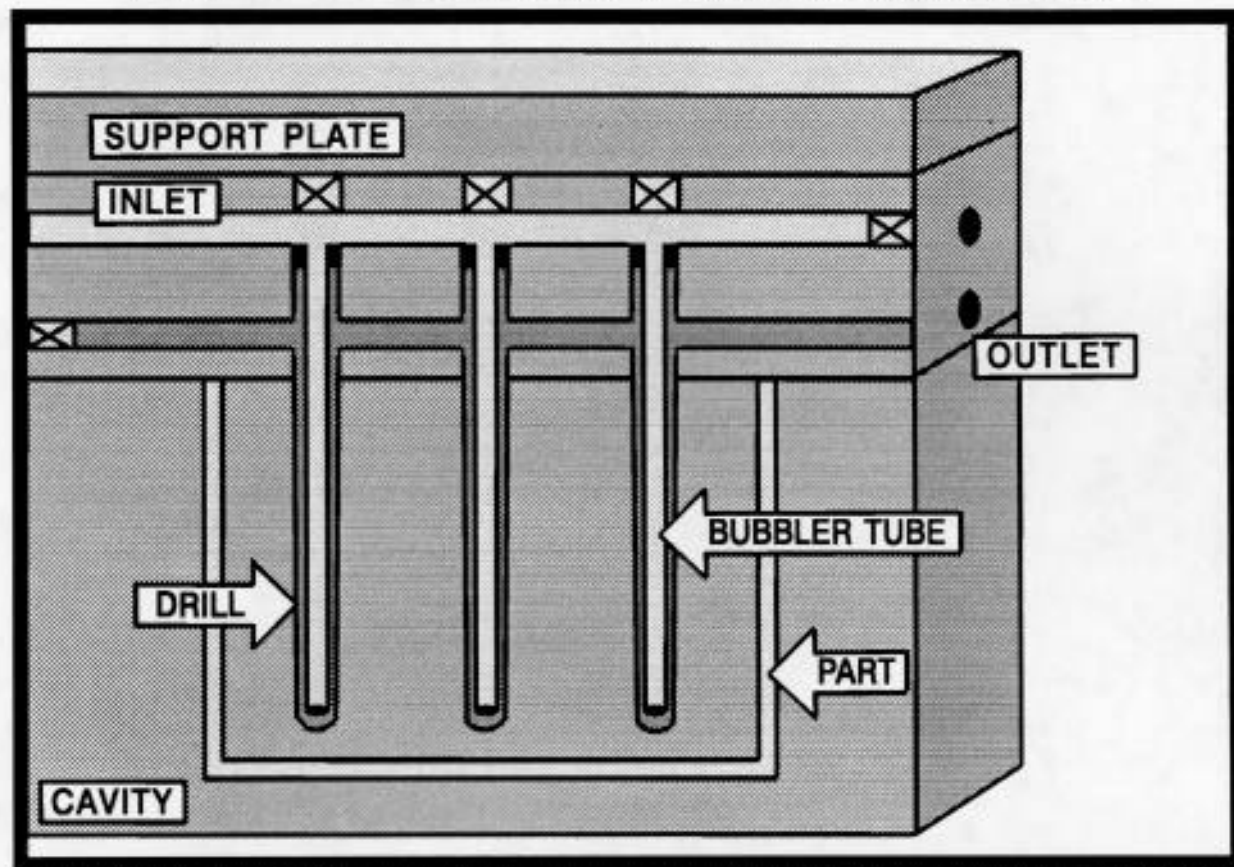
- 2 TIMES LINE DIAMETER FROM EDGE OF STEEL.
- 3 TIMES LINE DIAMETER BETWEEN LINES.

## NOTES

- BALANCED MOLD TEMPERATURE CONTROL PRODUCES LESS MOLDED-IN STRESS, DIFFERENTIAL SHRINKAGE AND WARPAGE.
- GOOD COOLING IS ESSENTIAL FOR MINIMIZATION OF CYCLE TIMES.



# CORE COOLING / BUBBLERS



## CRITICAL CONSTRAINTS

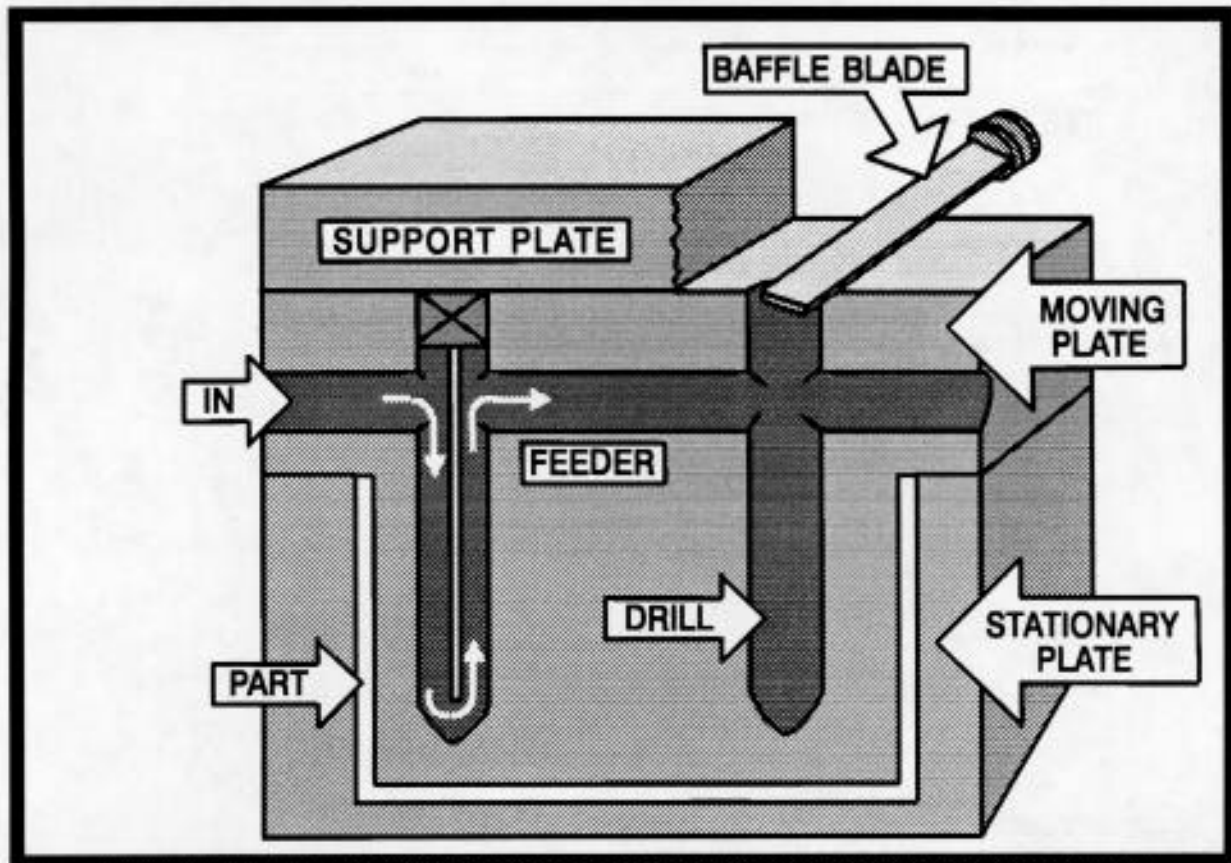
- DRILL DIAMETER, TUBE SELECTION, SUGGESTED FEEDER SIZE AND REQUIRED WATER FLOWRATE.

## NOTES

- INCLUDED IN THE DESIGN AND ENGINEERING HANDBOOK IS A DISKETTE CONTAINING THE FLOWRATE CALCULATOR PROGRAM.
- THE PROGRAM MAY BE USED TO DESIGN NEW LINES OR TROUBLESHOOT EXISTING LINES.



## CORE COOLING / BAFFLES



### CRITICAL CONSTRAINTS

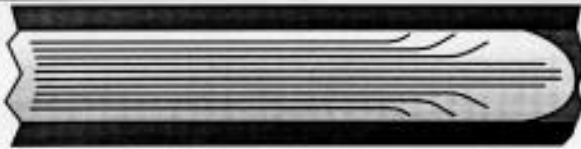
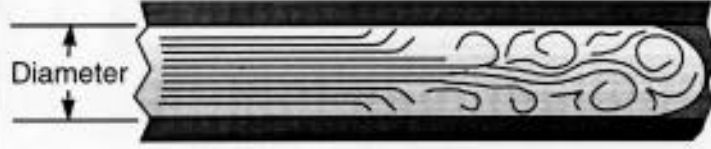
- DRILL DIAMETER, BLADE SELECTION, SUGGESTED FEEDER SIZE AND REQUIRED WATER FLOWRATE.

### NOTES

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# COOLANT FLOW RATE

	<b>REYNOLDS NUMBER FORMULA</b> $Nr = \frac{3160 Q}{Dn}$ <p>Q: Coolant Flow Rate in GPM D: Diameter of Passage in Inches n: Kinematic Viscosity in Centistokes</p>
Laminar Flow Rate Poor Heat Transfer	
	
Turbulent Flow Rate Improved Heat Transfer	

## CRITICAL CONSTRAINTS

- REYNOLDS NUMBER OF 6000 SHOULD ENSURE TURBULENT FLOW RATE
- ETHYLENE GLYCOL SHOULD NOT BE USED AS COOLANT FOR AMORPHOUS POLYESTER MATERIALS DUE TO ITS HIGH VISCOSITY WHICH WOULD REQUIRE EXCESSIVE FLOW RATE TO ACHIEVE TURBULENCE.
- FLOW RATE CALCULATOR PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE GPM REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE TURBULENCE IN STANDARD CHANNEL, BAFFLE AND BUBBLER CONFIGURATIONS.

## NOTES

- INCLUDED IN THE DESIGN AND ENGINEERING HANDBOOK IS A DISKETTE CONTAINING THE FLOW RATE CALCULATOR PROGRAM.



# DRYING CONDITIONS CHECKLIST

## Drying Conditions Checklist

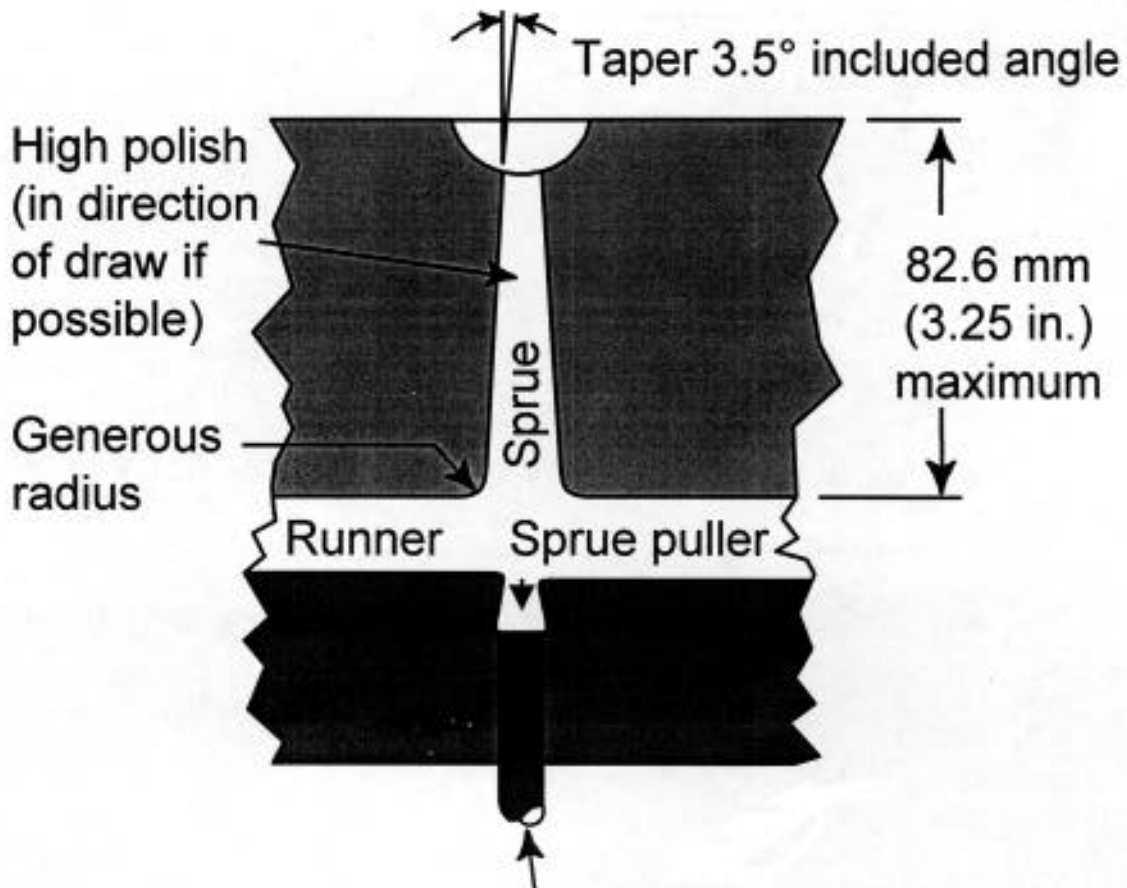
- Acceptable Dew Point
- Return Air Temperature
- All Regeneration Heaters Functional
- All Filters Serviced
- No Holes, Cracks Or Tears In Hoses
- Correct Hoses For Application
- Desiccant Changed Within Last Six Months
- Desiccant Beds Index As Scheduled
- Loader System Maintaining Correct Level  
In Hopper
- No Extreme Temperatures Swings During Drying
- Residence Time
- Air Flow Rate

## CRITICAL CONSTRAINTS

- DRYING IS ESSENTIAL IN PROCESSING POLYESTER MATERIALS.



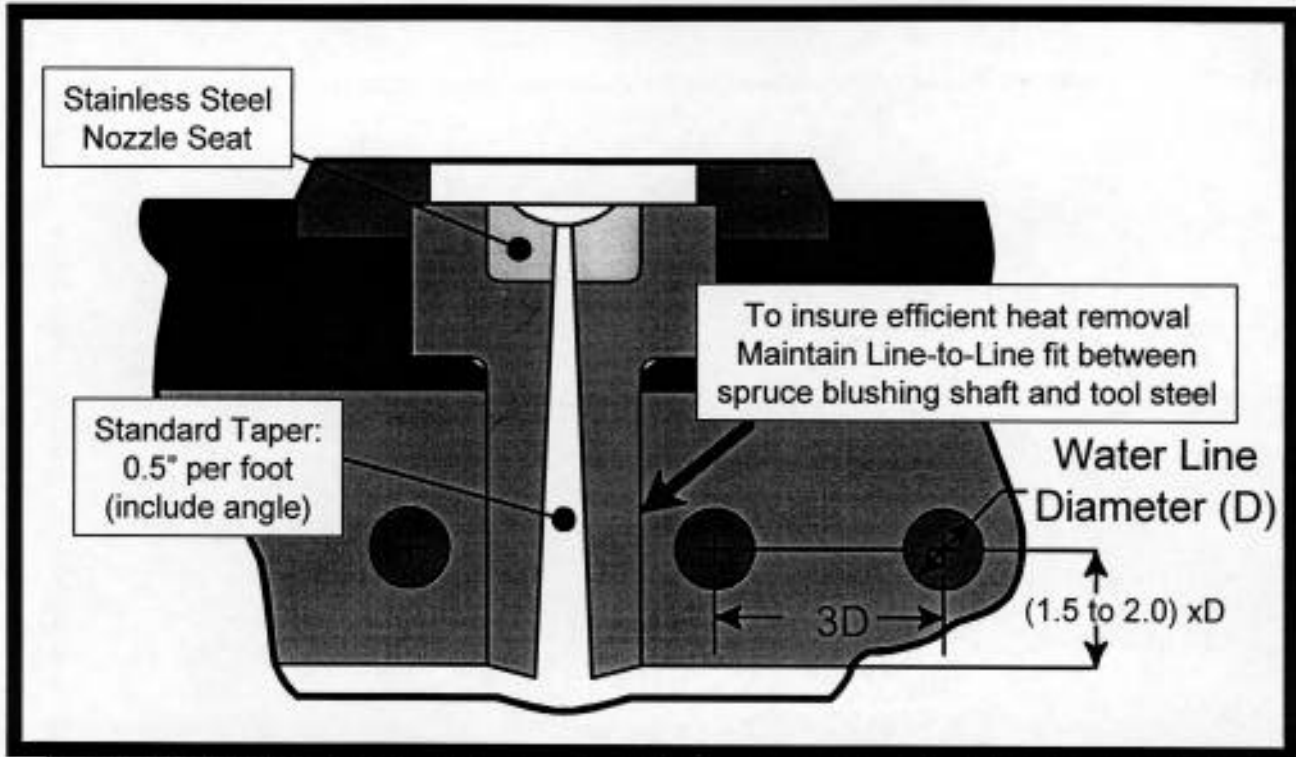
# SPRUE DESIGN



Use ejector pin. Air poppet would cause hot spot and impede cooling.



# AMPCO 940<sup>®</sup> SPRUE BLUSHING



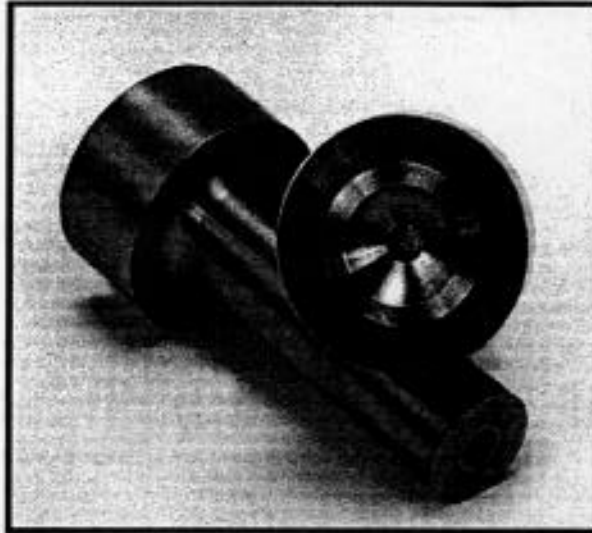
## NOTES

AMPCO 940 THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY IS  
6 TIMES GREATER THAN P20 TOOL STEEL



# COLD SPRUE BUSHING

## Ampcoloy 940 Sprue Bushing



### CRITICAL CONSTRAINTS

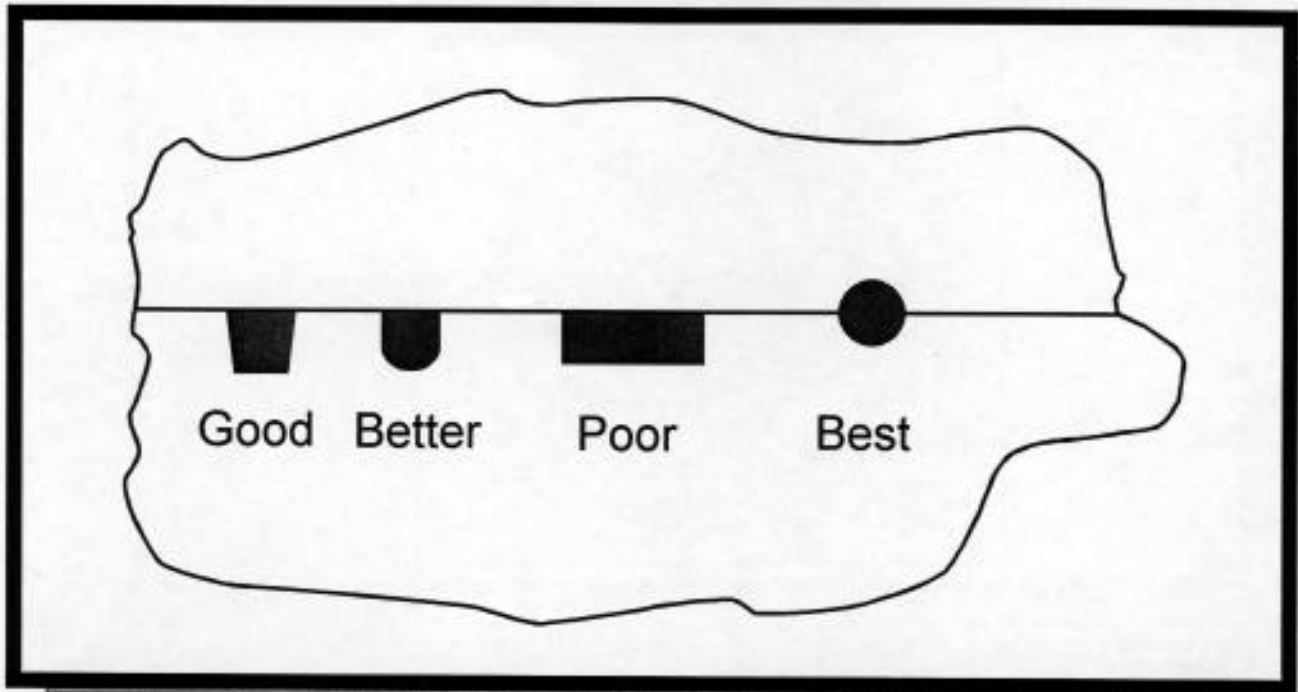
- THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY IS CRITICAL FOR *AMORPHOUS* POLYESTER MATERIALS.

### NOTES

- AMORPHOUS POLYESTER MATERIALS REQUIRE A WELL COOLED SPRUE BUSHING TO MAINTAIN A GOOD CYCLE TIME.
- TYPICALLY THE BASE OF THE SPRUE IS THE THICKEST WALL SECTION ON THE MOLDED PART. ADEQUATE COOLING OF THIS AREA WILL HELP ACHIEVE GOOD CYCLE TIMES.
- THE THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY OF AMPCOLOY 940 IS 6 TIMES THAT OF TOOL STEEL.
- THE AMPCOLOY 940 BUSHING IS SUGGESTED FOR AMORPHOUS POLYESTERS. IT IS AVAILABLE THROUGH D&L INCORPORATED (Ph 1-800-269-6653).



# ***RUNNER DESIGN GUIDELINES***

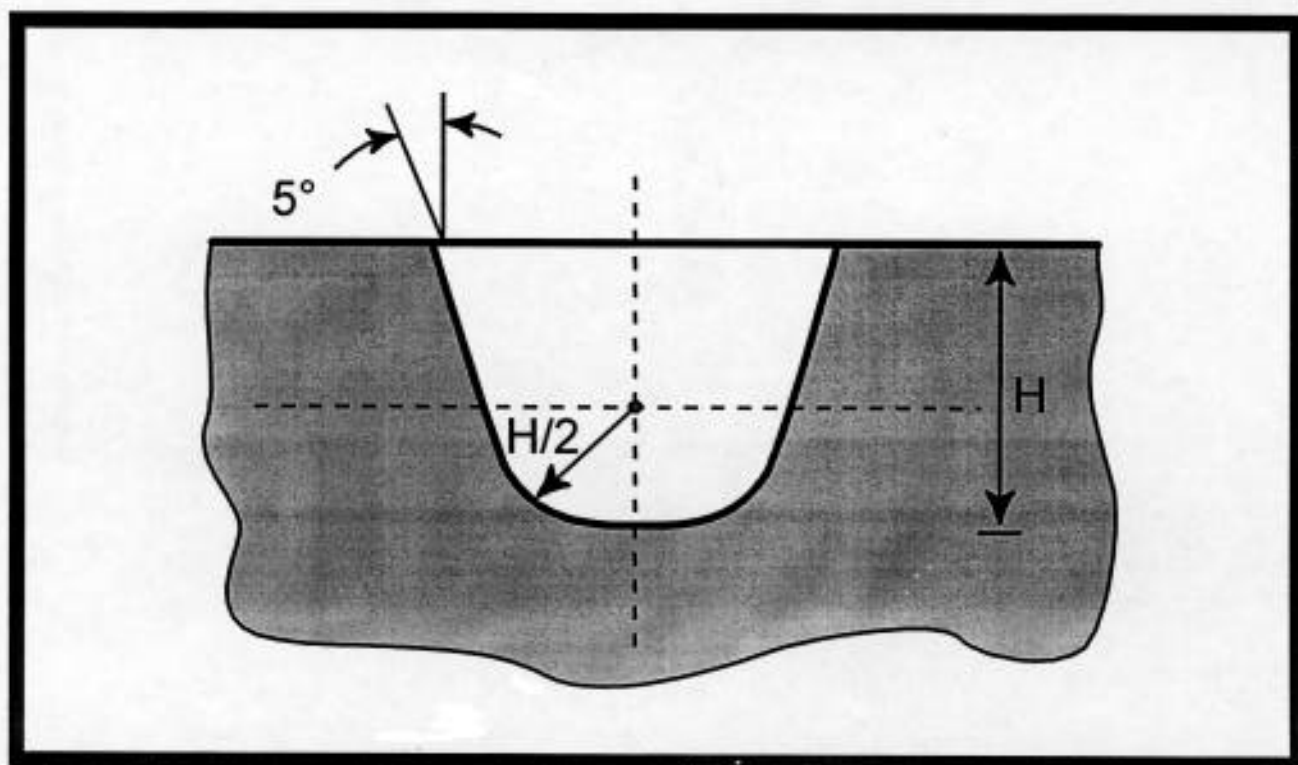


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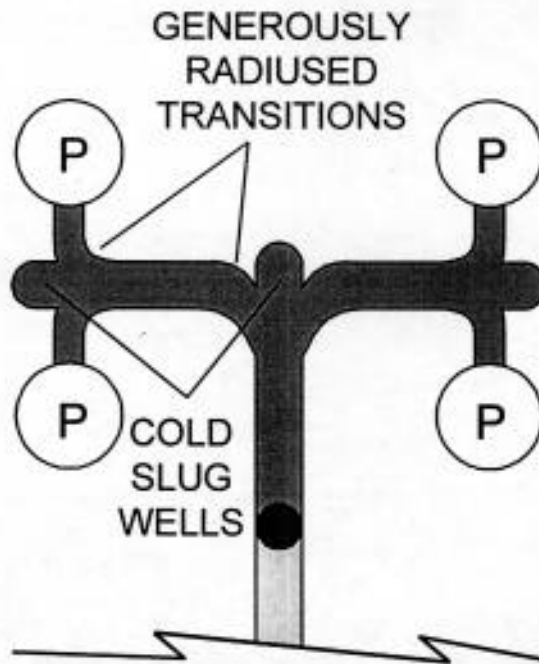
- FLOW EFFICIENCY INCREASES AS THE CROSS-SECTION APPROACHES A CIRCULAR SHAPE



# ***HALF ROUND RUNNER DESIGN***



# ***COLD RUNNER DESIGN***



## **NOTES**

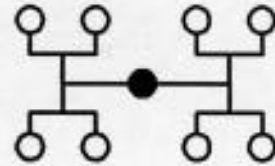
- DESIGN FOR SMOOTH FULLY BALANCED FLOW
- GENEROUSLY RADIUSSED TRANSITIONS TO REDUCE MATERIAL HANG-UP AND SHEAR
- COLD SLUG WELLS TO TRAP MATERIAL AT THE FLOW FRONT



# ***BALANCED RUNNERS***

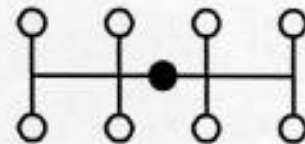
## ■ SYMETRICAL LAYOUT

- EQUAL FLOW LENGTH TO ALL CAVITIES WITHOUT GATE OR RUNNER CORRECTION



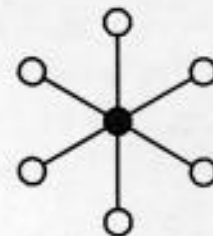
## ■ LAYOUT IN SERIES

- LESS RUNNER SCRAP
- NEED TO BALANCE BY CHANGING RUNNER SEGMENT DIMENSIONS
- MAY BE DIFFICULT WHEN CHANGING MATERIAL

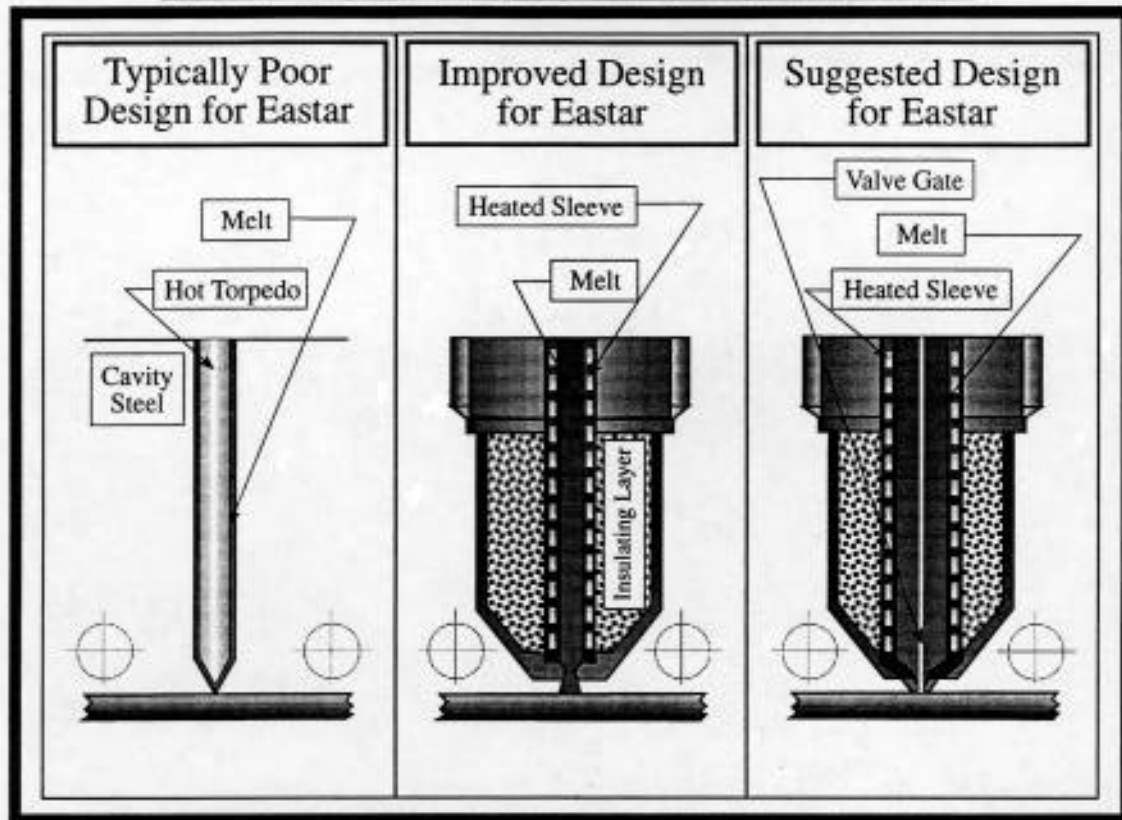


## ■ CIRUCLAR LAYOUT

- LIMITED NUMBER OF CAVITIES



# HOT RUNNER SELECTION



## CRITICAL CONSTRAINTS

- INSULATE MELT FROM COOLED STEEL
- DEDICATED WATER SUPPLY TO TIP
- MECHANICAL VALVE GATE
- NO MATERIAL HOLD-UPS
- DEDICATED THERMAL CONTROLLER FOR EACH TIP

## NOTES

- MELT SHOULD BE INSULATED FROM COOLED STEEL OF CAVITY TO PREVENT PARTIAL FREEZE OFF OF OUTER MELT SKIN, CAUSING HIGH INJECTION PRESSURES AND POTENTIAL DISCOLORATION, STREAKS OR DEGRADATION.

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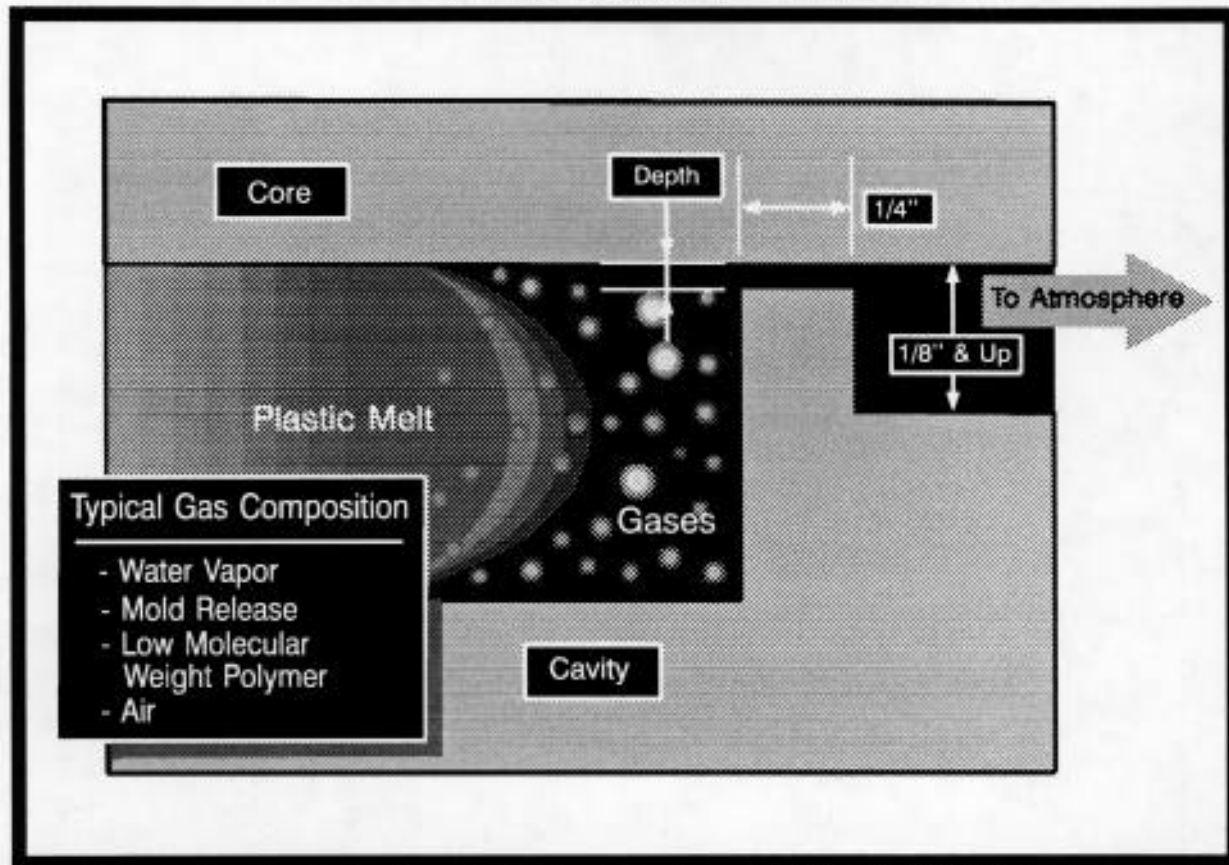
# *HOT RUNNER SELECTION*

## **NOTES**

- DEDICATED WATER LINES ALLOW INCREASED TEMPERATURE CONTROL. GATE MUST BE COOLED QUICKLY TO PREVENT STICKING OR STRINGING.
- A MECHANICAL VALVE GATE ALLOWS USE OF A LARGER GATE WITHOUT LOSS OF GATE AESTHETICS.
- DEDICATED THERMAL CONTROLLER ALLOWS MAXIMUM CONTROL OF PROCESS.
- INVOLVING THE MOLD BUILDER, HOT RUNNER MANUFACTURER AND THE MATERIAL SUPPLIER IN THE DESIGN AND SELECTION OF HOT RUNNER SYSTEMS WILL IMPROVE PROBABILITY OF PROJECT SUCCESS.



# VENTING GAS TRAPS



## CRITICAL CONSTRAINTS

**DEPTH:** DETERMINED BY VISCOSITY OF MATERIAL.  
SUGGESTED VENT DEPTHS FOR EASTMAN MATERIALS  
ON OPPOSITE PAGE.

## NOTES

- UNVENTED GAS TRAPS MAY THERMALLY DEGRADE OR BURN THE MATERIAL.
- UNVENTED GAS TRAPS MAY REQUIRE HIGH PRESSURE TO FILL OUT PARTS OR CAUSE SHORT SHOTS.



## ***SUGGESTED VENT DEPTHS***

Material	Description	Vent Depth (inches)	Vent Depth (mm)
DN004	Copolyester	0.001-0.0012	0.025-0.30
K2000	Copolyester	0.001-0.0012	0.025-0.30
GN005	Copolyester	0.001-0.0012	0.025-0.30
Tenite 576E	Cellulose Acetate Butyrate	0.0005-0.001	0.0125-0.025
Tenite 375A	Cellulose Acetate Propionate	0.0005-0.001	0.0125-0.025
DN101	Copolyester	0.0005-0.001	0.0125-0.025
DA111	Polycarbonate/Polyester Melt Blend	0.0005-0.001	0.0125-0.025
DA105	Polycarbonate/Copolyester Melt Blend	0.0005-0.001	0.0125-0.025
DA107	Polycarbonate/Copolyester Melt Blend	0.0005-0.0015	0.0125-0.025
AG215	15% GFR Copolyester	0.0005-0.0015	0.0125-0.0375
AG230	30% GFR Copolyester	0.0005-0.0015	0.0125-0.0375
CG007	30% GFR Polyester	0.0005-0.0015	0.0125-0.0375
CG907	30% GFR Polyester	0.0005-0.0015	0.0125-0.0375

### **NOTES**

- PARTIAL LISTING ONLY; CONTACT EASTMAN REPRESENTATIVE FOR VENT DEPTHS OF MATERIALS NOT SHOWN
- REFER TO "VENTING GAS TRAPS" FOR ADDITIONAL VENT DIMENSIONS



# *TOOL DESIGN CHECKLIST*

## **MATERIAL FLOW**

- **SPRUE**
  - NON-RESTRICTIVE
  - BALANCED COOLING
- **RUNNER SYSTEM**
  - COLD SLUG WELLS
  - NO SHARP CORNERS
  - GRADUAL SIZE CHANGES
  - BALANCE
- **PART**
  - NO SHARP CORNERS
  - VENTING
  - REFER PART DESIGN CHECKLIST
- **GATING**
  - NON-RESTRICTIVE
  - WELD LINE LOCATIONS

## **COOLING**

- **SPRUE**
  - HIGH THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY
  - BALANCED COOLING
- **FLOWRATE**
  - NON RESTRICTIVE LINES
  - TURBULENT FLOWRATE  
(USE EASTMAN FLOWRATE PROGRAM)
- **LOCATION**
  - BALANCED (WARPAGE CONTROL)
  - CLEARANCE THROUGH TOOL  
(OTHER LINES, PINS, ETC.)
  - ADEQUATE FOR THICK PART WALLS

## **EJECTION**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| ■ <b>STROKE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- LIFTER RELEASE</li><li>- PART EJECTION</li><li>- DRAFT</li></ul> | ■ <b>DRAFT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- STICKING</li></ul> |
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