

## **Confined Space Purging and Ventilation Reference Chart:**

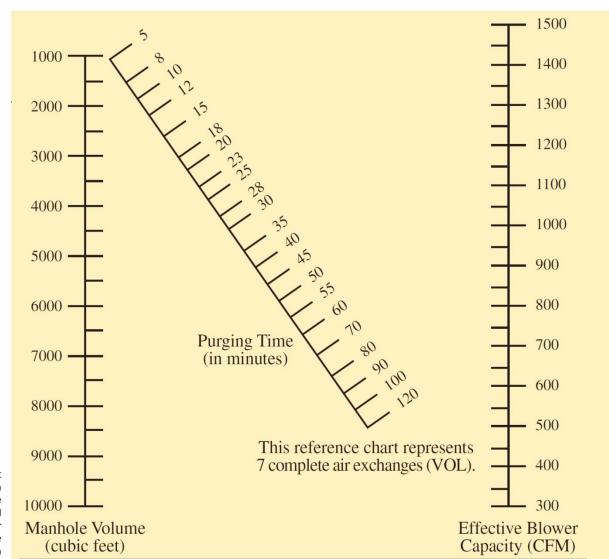
## Recommended Purge Time Recommended Ventilation

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**How to use the Alignment Chart:** 

- 1. Place a straightedge on the manhole volume (left edge of the scale).
- Place other end of straightedge on blower capacity (right edge of scale.
- Read the required purging time, shown in minutes, on diagonal scale.
- If two blowers are used, add the two capacities, then proceed as above.
- 4. When toxic gases are encountered, increase purging time 50%.
- 5. Effective blower capacity is measured with one or two 90° bends in standard 15-foot blower hose.

Note: The above calculations are a guide line for use in non permit required Confined Space Entries. This is a general rule of thumb use in the Telecommunications industry and recommended by the T.A. Pelsue Company. OSHA regulation (1926.800(k) (2)) for Underground Construction states a minimum of 200 cubic feet of fresh air per minute shall be supplied for each person underground. As always, the atmospheric conditions should be met before any person(s) enter a confined space. (OSHA 1910.146). Use of a gas detection monitor is suggested when working in confined spaces.





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- the recommended Purge Time would be 15 minutes
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