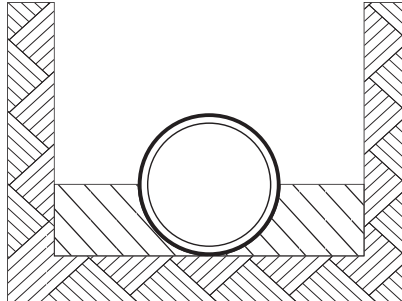
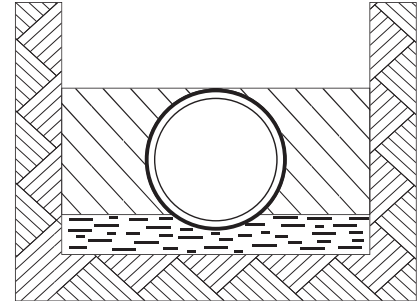


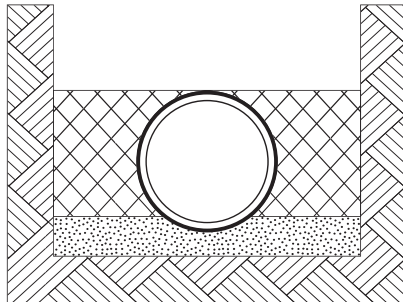
**TYPE 1\***  
Flat-bottom trench.† Loose backfill.



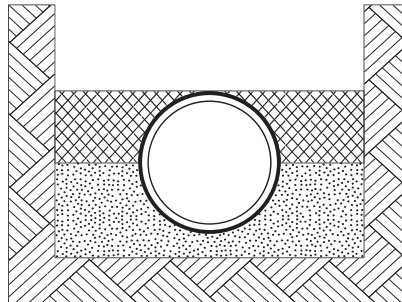
**TYPE 2**  
Flat-bottom trench.† Backfill lightly consolidated to centerline of pipe.



**TYPE 3**  
Pipe bedded in 4 in. (100 mm) minimum of loose soil.++ Backfill lightly consolidated to top of pipe.



**TYPE 4**  
Pipe bedded in sand, gravel, or crushed stone to depth of 1/8 pipe diameter, 4 in. (100 mm) minimum. Backfill compacted to top of pipe. (Approximately 80 percent Standard Proctor, AASHTO T-99.)



**TYPE 5**  
Pipe bedded in compacted granular material to centerline of pipe. Compacted granular or select material++ to top of pipe. (Approximately 90 percent Standard Proctor, AASHTO T-99.)

\* For 14 in. (355-mm) and larger pipe, consideration should be given to the use of laying conditions other than Type 1.

† "Flat-bottom" is defined as undisturbed earth.

++ "Loose soil" or "select material" is defined as native soil excavated from the trench, free of rocks, foreign materials, and frozen earth.

**NOTES:**

Consideration of the pipe-zone embedment conditions included in this figure may be influenced by factors other than pipe strength. For additional information on pipe bedding and backfill, see ANSI/AWWA C600.

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