

Figures RA-1 through RA-12 and the 3-hour point precipitation is distributed evenly over the period of 185 minutes to 360 minutes.

Table RA-2—Design Storm Distributions of 1-Hour NOAA Atlas Depths

Time Minutes	Percent of 1-Hour NOAA Rainfall Atlas Depth				
	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	25- and 50-Year	100- and 500-Year
5	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.3	1.0
10	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.0
15	8.4	8.7	8.2	5.0	4.6
20	16.0	15.3	15.0	8.0	8.0
25	25.0	25.0	25.0	15.0	14.0
30	14.0	13.0	12.0	25.0	25.0
35	6.3	5.8	5.6	12.0	14.0
40	5.0	4.4	4.3	8.0	8.0
45	3.0	3.6	3.8	5.0	6.2
50	3.0	3.6	3.2	5.0	5.0
55	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.2	4.0
60	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.2	4.0
65	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.2	4.0
70	2.0	3.0	3.2	2.4	2.0
75	2.0	2.5	3.2	2.4	2.0
80	2.0	2.2	2.5	1.8	1.2
85	2.0	2.2	1.9	1.8	1.2
90	2.0	2.2	1.9	1.4	1.2
95	2.0	2.2	1.9	1.4	1.2
100	2.0	1.5	1.9	1.4	1.2
105	2.0	1.5	1.9	1.4	1.2
110	2.0	1.5	1.9	1.4	1.2
115	1.0	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.2
120	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.2
Totals	115.7	115.7	115.7	115.6	115.6

3.2 Adjustment to Rainfall Distribution for Watershed Size

The NOAA Atlas provides guidelines for adjusting the rainfall depths with increasing catchment area. Area-depth adjustments are given in the Atlas for durations of ½-, 1-, 3-, 6- and 24-hours. Figure RA-14 was based on a similar figure in the NOAA Atlas. The 15-minute curve was extrapolated by the District from the information shown for other storm durations on Figure RA-14. The fast response times of urbanized watersheds and sharp rainstorm distribution gradients in the Denver area require adjustments of rainfall depths for storm durations that are less than ½-hour.