



## SERIES 40 DOWNWARD-OPENING WEIR GATES

*Can be supplied in a multitude of shapes  
The self adjusting sealing system allows precise flow measurement  
Low-maintenance*

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### General Description

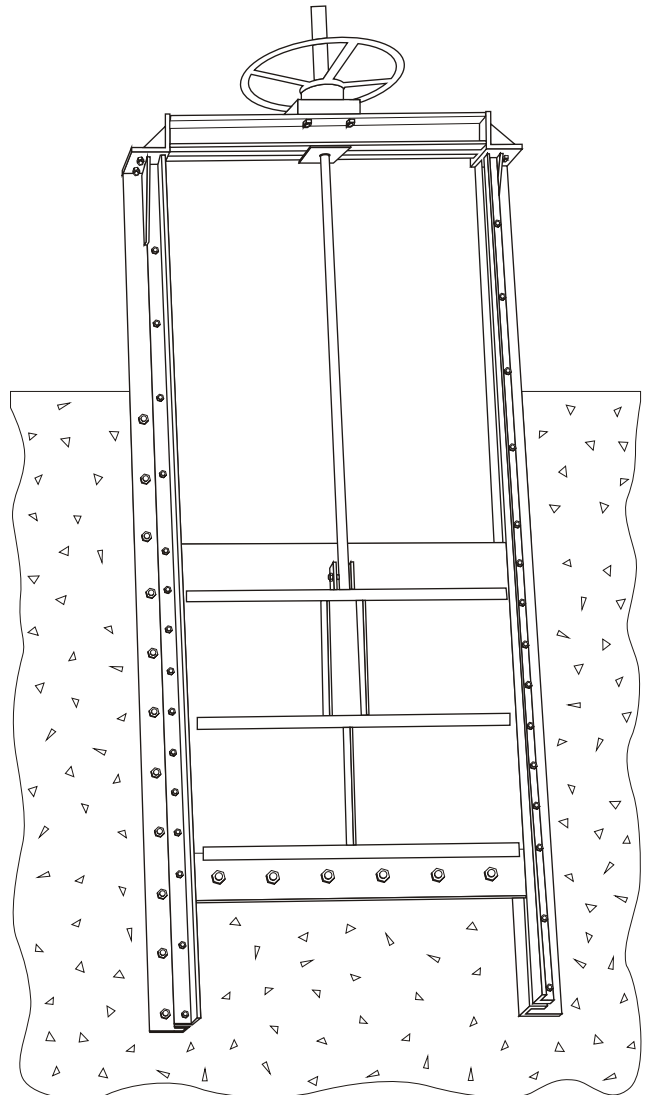
The Fontaine SERIES 40 weir gate is used to control flows in different applications by opening downwards and allowing water flow over the stainless steel plate. The SERIES 40 sealing system design is similar to that of the SERIES 20.

### Stainless Steel Construction

Because of its stainless steel construction, the SERIES 40 has high corrosion and erosion resistance, and can be operated many years with a minimum maintenance. Stainless steel allows the weir to be fabricated in a multitude of shapes to measure precise flows. The most common shapes used for measuring flows are the rectangular weir, the 90 degree V-notch weir, the Cipoletti weir, and the Sutro weir.

### AWWA Standards

SERIES 40 gates are built to meet or exceed AWWA C513 standards pertaining to the design safety factors, stem and stem couplings, stem guides positioning, manual lifting devices, and leakage. As specified in the AWWA standard, all Fontaine SERIES 40 weir gates are tested for operation before shipping.





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No.	Part	Material
1	Frame	Stainless steel ASTM A-240 Type 304L or 316L
2	Guides, side seals	Ultra high molecular weight polyethylene (UHMWPE) ASTM D-4020
3	Compression cord	Nitrile ASTM D-2000 M6BG 708, A14, B14, E014, E034
5	Slide	Stainless steel ASTM A-240 Type 304L or 316L
6	Bottom seal	Ultra high molecular weight polyethylene (UHMWPE) ASTM D-4020

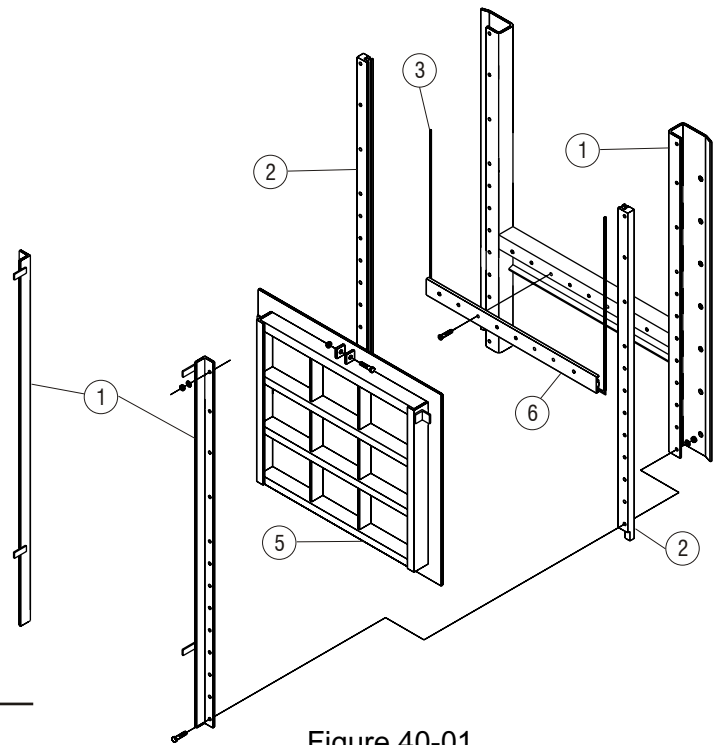
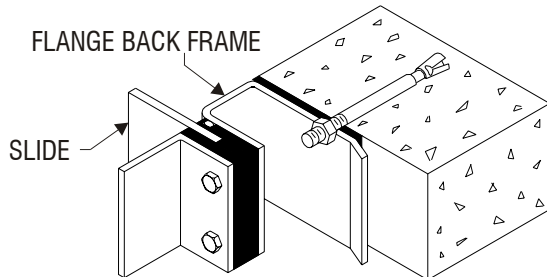


Figure 40-01  
Exploded view of a Series 40

**Flange Back Frame**

The stainless steel frame on the SERIES 40 is a flange back type (Detail 40-01) available in open or self-contained configurations, providing a solid one-piece gate. The rigidity provided by the frame makes it easier to handle in transportation and installation, with less risk of distortion. The flange can be modified in order for the gate to be installed on many applications.



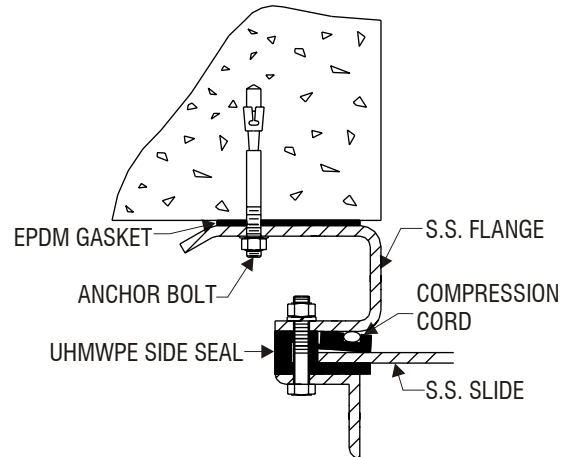
Detail 40-01  
Flange back frame

**Reinforced Slide**

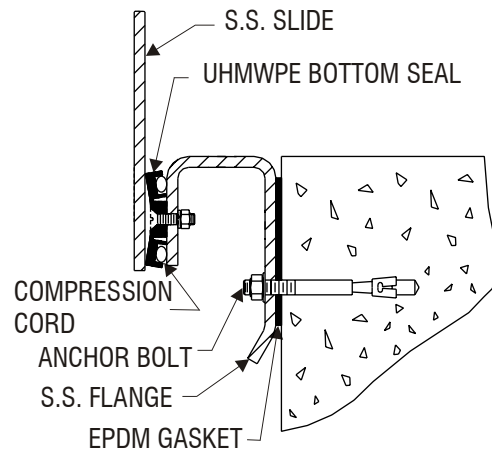
The slide consists of a stainless steel plate reinforced with horizontal members welded to the plate, making it a solid one-piece slide. It can be fabricated in various shapes to control and calculate the flow of water.

**UHMWPE Seals  
(U.S. and Canadian Patents)**

The side and bottom seals (Detail 40-02, 03) are the same as on the SERIES 20, allowing no metal-to-metal contact. They are made of a self-lubricating ultra high molecular weight polyethylene (UHMWPE). With a friction coefficient of less than 0.2, the seals make the gate easier to operate even after a long period of inactivity. The self-adjusting quality is obtained by a continuous compression cord which guarantees a perfectly watertight seal between the slide and the frame in both seating and unseating conditions. The bottom seal (Detail 40-03) is a UHMWPE piece with continuous compression cord, allowing contact between the slide and seal at all times.



Detail 40-02  
Section "A-A" of the side frame



Detail 40-03  
Section "B-B" of the bottom frame

**Mountings**

Figure 40-02 shows the most common Series 40 mounting (for more mounting details, refer to "Mountings" in the "Introduction" section).

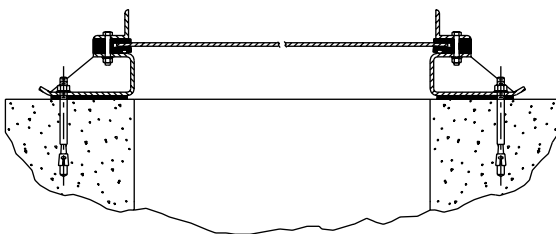
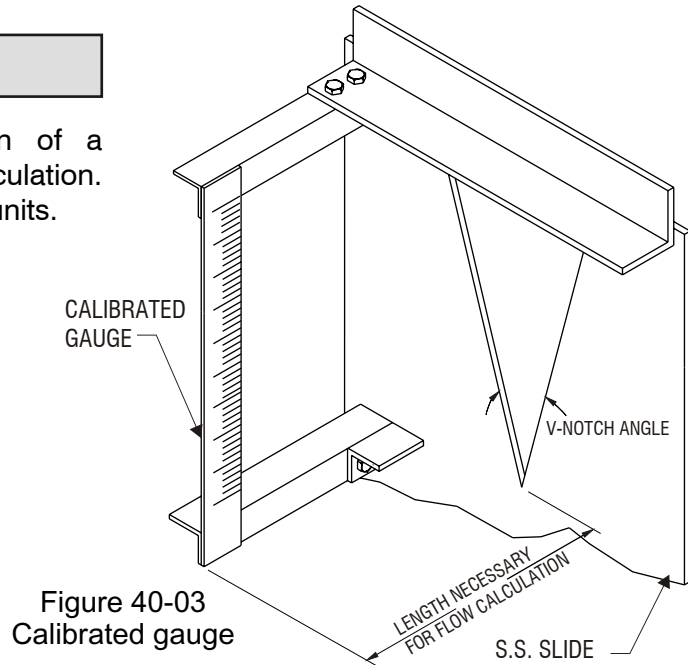


Figure 40-02  
Directly on a concrete wall  
(CW)

*(Details 40-02, 03 refer to figures 40-08 , 09, 10, 11 on pages 5, 6, 7 and 8)*

**Calibrated Gauge**

Figure 40-03 shows the installation of a calibrated gauge necessary for flow calculation. The calibrated gauge is available in any units.



**Weir Types**

Figures 40-04 through 40-06 show a few examples of the different weir shapes possible.

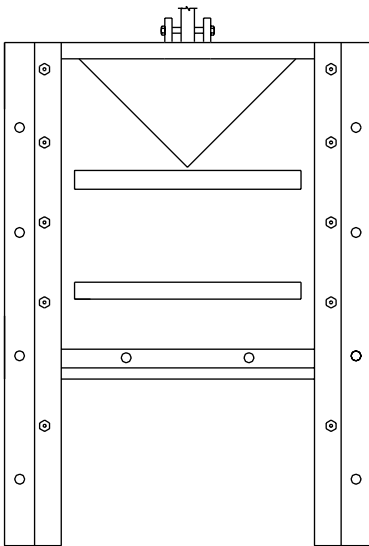


Figure 40-04  
90 degree V-NOTCH

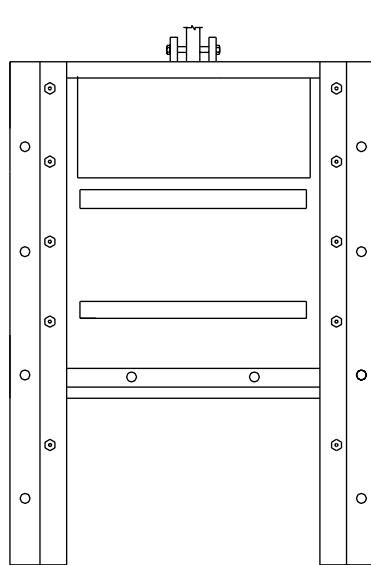


Figure 40-05  
Rectangular weir

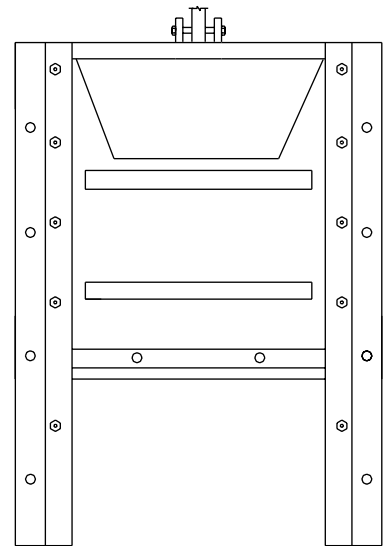


Figure 40-06  
Cipoletti weir

**Frame and Stem Configurations**

Figures 40-07 through 40-10 show the most common frame and stem configurations.

**Model 404**

Concrete wall mounted (CW)  
with pedestal-mounted  
gear box and crank operator  
(MNEP) Rising stem (RS1)

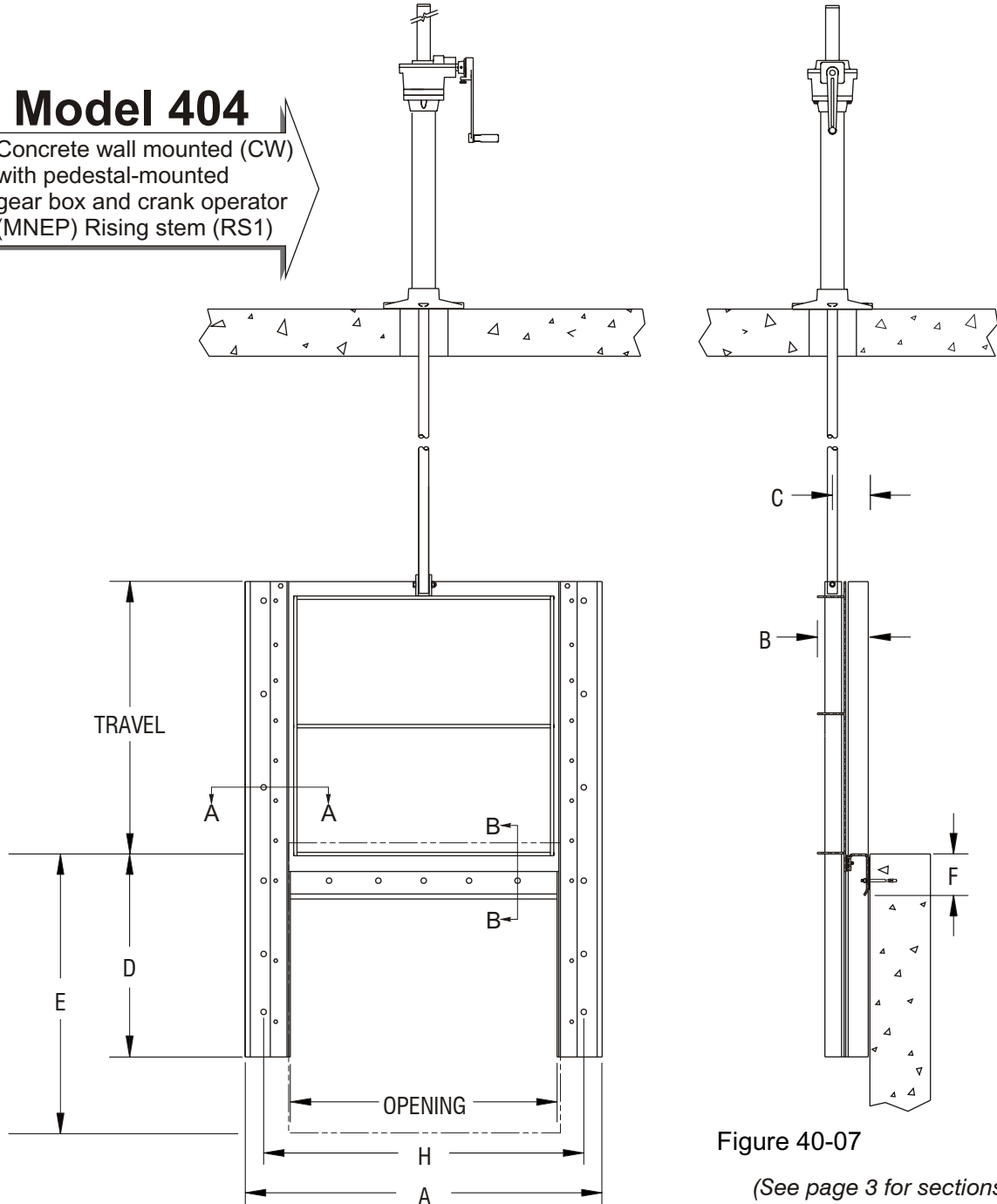


Figure 40-07

(See page 3 for sections A, B)

**Frame and Stem Configurations**

**Model 403**

Concrete wall-mounted (CW)  
with yoke-mounted  
gearbox and crank (MNE)  
Rising stem (RS2)

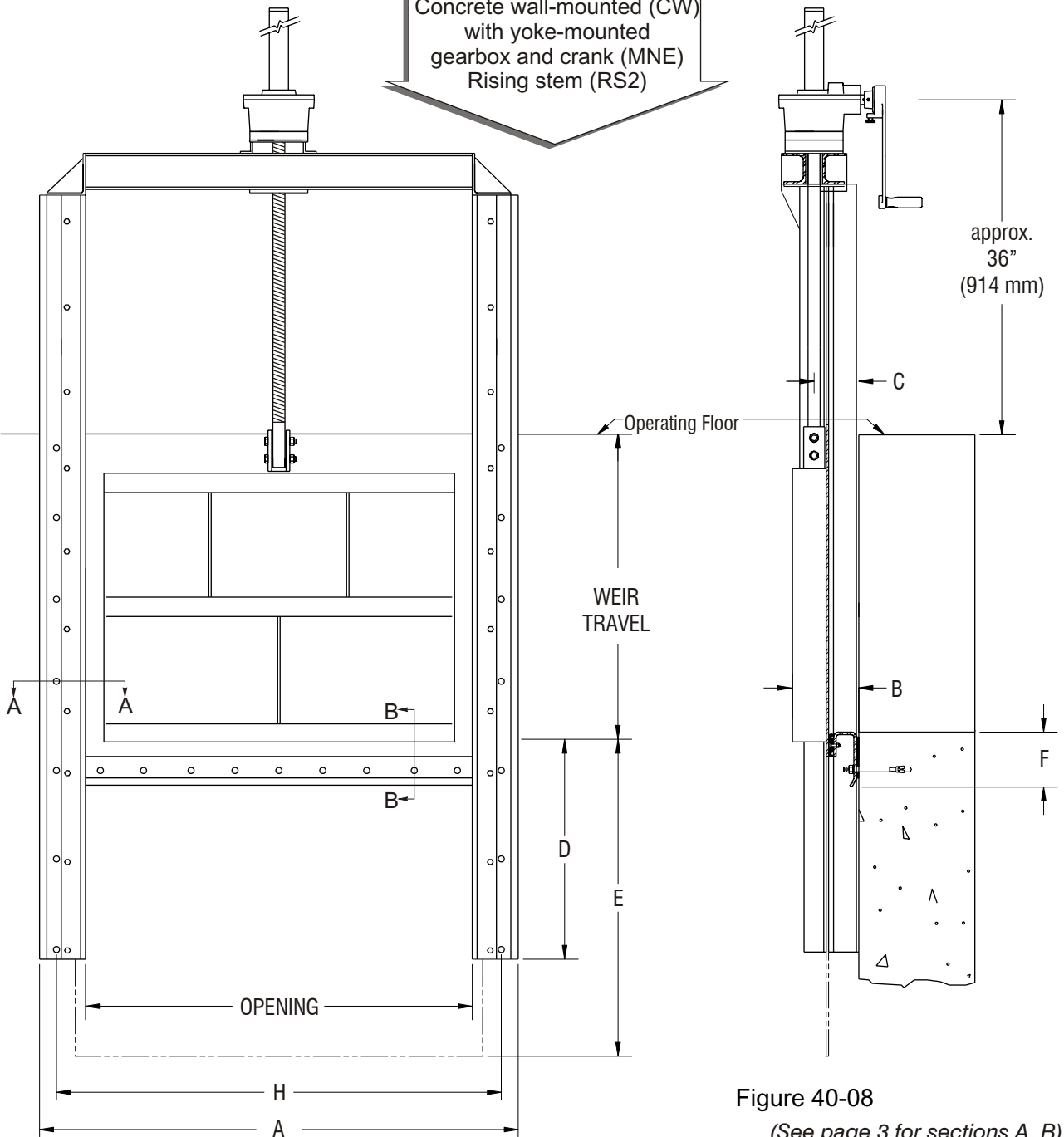


Figure 40-08  
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**Frame and Stem Configurations**

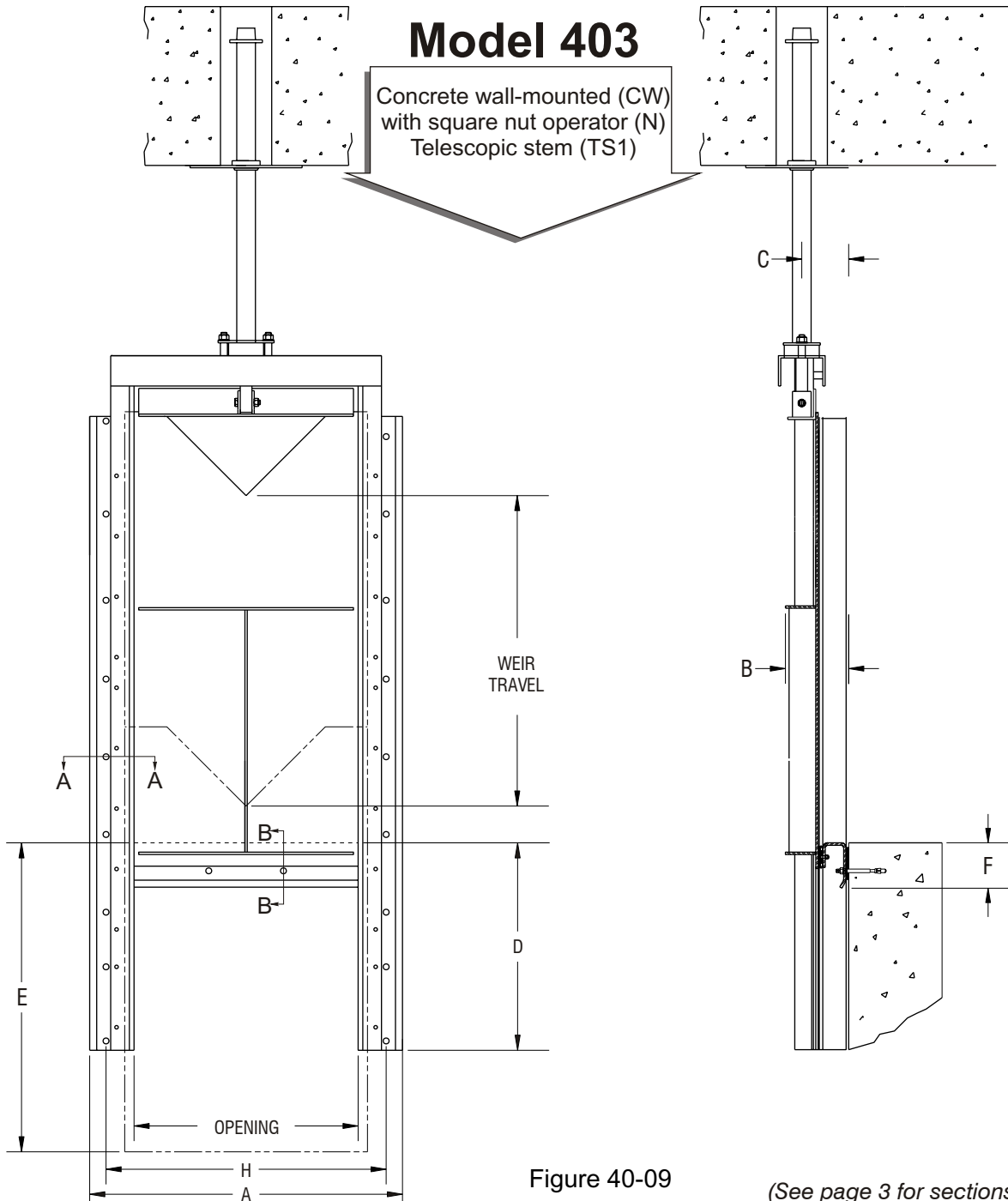


Figure 40-09

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**Frame and Stem Configurations**

Figure 40-10 shows a dual stem arrangement for wide weirs.

**Model 403**

Concrete wall-mounted (CW)  
with dual gearbox and crank  
arrangement (D-MNE)  
Dual rising stem (RS2)

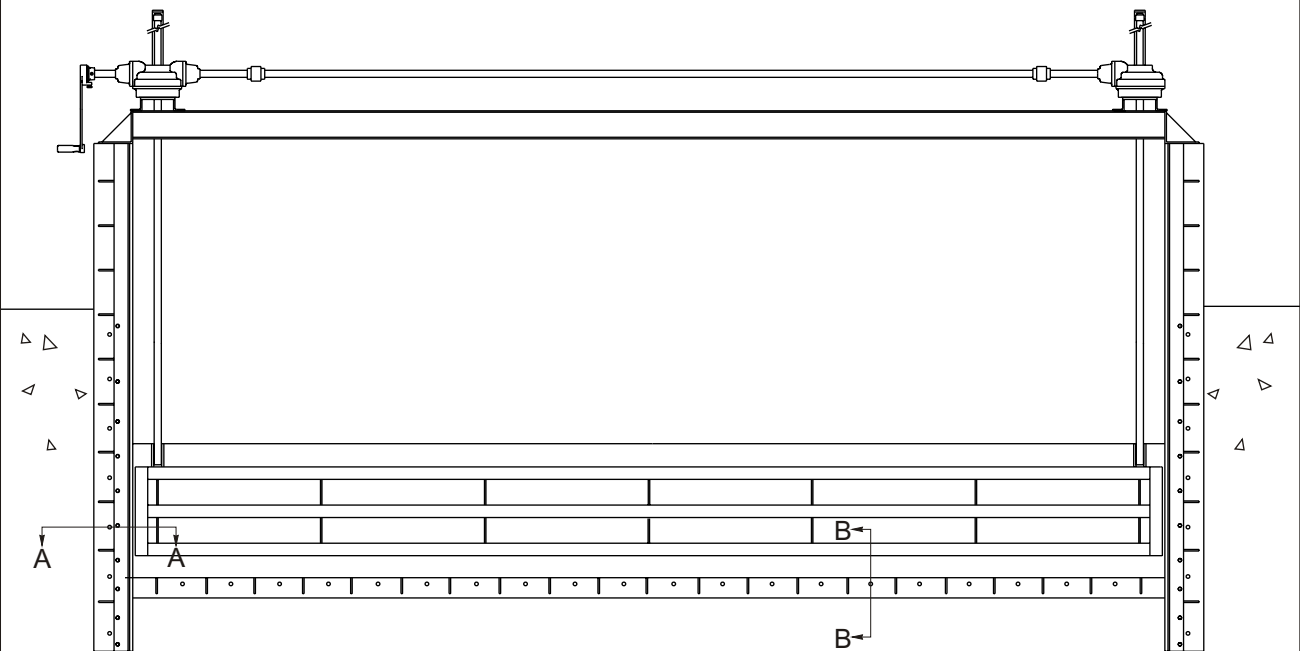


Figure 40-10

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**Dimensional Chart\***

FOR STANDARD CONCRETE WALL MOUNTED GATES (CW)

Gate size (**) inches / mm	A	B	C		D	E	F	H
			Rising stem	Non-rising stem				
6 x 6 150 x 150	15 1/2 392	6 152	4 3/4 121	4 3/4 121	6 1/2 164	8 1/2 214	4 3/4 121	12 303
8 x 8 200 x 200	17 1/2 442	6 152	4 3/4 121	4 3/4 121	7 7/8 197	10 1/2 264	4 3/4 121	14 353
10 x 10 250 x 250	19 1/2 491	6 152	4 3/4 121	4 3/4 121	9 1/8 231	12 1/2 314	4 3/4 121	16 402
12 x 12 300 x 300	21 1/2 541	6 152	4 3/4 121	4 3/4 121	10 1/2 264	14 1/2 364	4 3/4 121	18 452
14 x 14 350 x 350	23 1/2 591	6 152	4 3/4 121	4 3/4 121	11 7/8 297	16 1/2 414	4 3/4 121	20 502
15 x 15	24 1/2	6	4 3/4	4 3/4	12 1/2	17 1/2	4 3/4	21
16 x 16 400 x 400	25 1/2 642	6 152	4 3/4 121	4 3/4 121	13 1/8 331	18 1/2 464	4 3/4 121	22 553
18 x 18 450 x 450	27 1/2 692	6 152	4 3/4 121	4 3/4 121	14 1/2 364	20 1/2 514	4 3/4 121	24 603
20 x 20 500 x 500	29 1/2 741	6 152	4 3/4 121	4 3/4 121	15 7/8 397	22 1/2 564	4 3/4 121	26 652
21 x 21	30 1/2	6	4 3/4	4 3/4	16 1/2	23 1/2	4 3/4	27
22 x 22 550 x 550	31 1/2 791	6 152	4 3/4 121	4 3/4 121	17 1/8 431	24 1/2 614	4 3/4 121	28 702
24 x 24 600 x 600	33 1/2 841	6 152	4 3/4 121	4 3/4 121	18 1/2 464	26 1/2 664	4 3/4 121	30 752
26 x 26 650 x 650	35 1/2 892	6 152	4 3/4 121	4 3/4 121	19 7/8 497	28 1/2 714	4 3/4 121	32 803
28 x 28 700 x 700	37 1/2 942	6 152	4 3/4 121	4 3/4 121	21 1/8 531	30 1/2 764	4 3/4 121	34 853
30 x 30 750 x 750	39 1/2 991	6 152	4 3/4 121	4 3/4 121	22 1/2 564	32 1/2 814	4 3/4 121	36 902
32 x 32 800 x 800	41 1/2 1041	6 152	4 3/4 121	4 3/4 121	23 7/8 597	34 1/2 864	4 3/4 121	38 952
34 x 34 850 x 850	43 1/2 1091	6 152	4 3/4 121	4 3/4 121	25 1/8 631	36 1/2 914	4 3/4 121	40 1002
36 x 36 900 x 900	45 1/2 1142	6 152	4 3/4 121	4 3/4 121	26 1/2 664	38 1/2 964	4 3/4 121	42 1053
38 x 38 950 x 950	47 1/2 1192	7 1/4 184	4 3/4 121	5 1/4 133	27 7/8 697	40 1/2 1014	4 3/4 121	44 1103

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(\*\*) Fontaine Gates are also available for rectangular openings and in sizes other than those specified in this chart.

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**Dimensional Chart\***

CONT'D FOR STANDARD  
CONCRETE WALL MOUNTED GATES (CW)

Gate size (**) inches / mm	A	B	C		D	E	F	H
			Rising stem	Non-rising stem				
40x40 1000x1000	49 1/2 1241	7 1/4 184	4 3/4 121	5 1/4 133	29 1/4 731	42 1/2 1064	4 3/4 121	46 1152
42x42 1050x1050	51 1/2 1291	7 1/4 184	4 3/4 121	5 1/4 133	30 1/2 764	44 1/2 1114	4 3/4 121	48 1202
44x44 1100x1100	53 1/2 1341	7 1/4 184	4 3/4 121	5 1/4 133	31 7/8 797	46 1/2 1164	4 3/4 121	50 1252
46x46 1150x1150	55 1/2 1392	7 1/4 184	4 3/4 121	5 1/4 133	33 1/8 831	48 1/2 1214	4 3/4 121	52 1303
48x48 1200x1200	57 1/2 1441	7 1/4 184	4 3/4 121	5 1/4 133	34 1/2 864	50 1/2 1264	4 3/4 121	54 1352
50x50 1250x1250	59 1/2 1491	7 1/4 184	5 127	5 1/2 140	35 7/8 897	52 1/2 1314	4 3/4 121	56 1402
54x54 1400x1400	63 1/2 1641	7 1/4 184	5 127	5 1/2 140	38 1/2 997	56 1/2 1464	4 3/4 121	60 1552
60x60 1500x1500	69 1/2 1741	7 3/4 197	5 127	5 1/2 140	42 1/2 1064	62 1/2 1564	4 3/4 121	66 1652
66x66 1700x1700	75 1/2 1942	7 3/4 197	5 127	5 1/2 140	46 1/2 1197	68 1/2 1764	4 3/4 121	72 1853
72x72 1800x1800	81 1/2 2041	7 3/4 197	5 127	5 1/2 140	50 1/2 1264	74 1/2 1864	4 3/4 121	78 1952
78x78 2000x2000	90 1/2 2318	8 1/2 216	5 3/4 146	***	54 5/8 1397	80 5/8 2064	6 1/4 159	86 2203
84x84 2100x2100	96 1/2 2417	8 3/4 222	5 3/4 146	***	58 5/8 1464	86 5/8 2164	6 1/4 159	92 2303
90x90 2300x2300	102 1/2 2618	10 254	5 3/4 146	***	62 5/8 1597	92 5/8 2364	6 1/4 159	98 2503
96x96 2400x2400	108 1/2 2718	11 279	6 152	***	66 5/8 1664	98 5/8 2464	6 1/4 159	104 2604
102x102 2600x2600	114 1/2 2917	11 279	6 152	***	70 5/8 1797	104 5/8 2664	6 1/4 159	110 2803
108x108 2700x2700	120 1/2 3018	12 305	6 152	***	74 5/8 1864	110 5/8 2764	6 1/4 159	116 2903
114x114 2900x2900	126 1/2 3217	12 1/2 318	6 1/8 156	***	78 5/8 1997	116 5/8 2964	6 1/4 159	122 3103
120x120 3000x3000	132 1/2 3318	12 1/2 318	6 1/4 159	***	82 5/8 2064	122 5/8 3064	6 1/4 159	128 3203

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## Typical Specifications

### 1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

**1.1. SCOPE.** This section covers Stainless Steel Downward Opening Weir Gates and operators.

**1.2. GENERAL.** The equipment provided under this section shall be fabricated, assembled, erected, and placed in proper operating condition in full conformity with the drawings, specifications, engineering data, instructions and recommendations of the equipment manufacturer unless exceptions are noted by the engineer.

Gates and operators shall be supplied with all the necessary parts and accessories indicated on the drawings, specified or otherwise required for a complete, properly operating installation and shall be the latest standard product of a manufacturer regularly engaged in the production of water control gates.

Weir gates supplied under this section shall be Series 40 Stainless Steel Downward Opening Weir Gates as manufactured by H.Fontaine Ltd.

**1.3. GOVERNING STANDARDS.** Except as modified or supplemented herein, all gates and operators shall conform to the applicable requirements of AWWA C513, latest edition.

#### **1.4. QUALITY ASSURANCE**

**1.4.1.** The manufacturer shall have experience in the production of substantially similar equipment, and shall show evidence of satisfactory operation in at least 50 installations. The manufacturer's shop welds, welding procedures and welders shall be qualified and certified in accordance with the requirement of the latest edition of ASME, Section IX.

**1.4.2.** Weir gates shall be shop inspected for operation before shipping.

**1.4.3.** The manufacturer shall be ISO 9001 : 2000 certified.

**1.5. SUBMITTALS.** The manufacturer shall submit, for approval by the purchaser, drawings showing the principal dimensions, general construction and materials used in the gate and lift mechanism.

### 2. PERFORMANCE

**2.1. LEAKAGE.** Weir gates shall be substantially watertight under the design head conditions. Leakage shall not exceed 0.05 U.S. gallon per minute per foot (0.60 l/min per meter) of seal periphery under the design seating head and 0.1 U.S. gallon per minute per foot (1.25 l/min per meter) of seal periphery for the design unseating head.

**2.2. DESIGN HEAD.** Weir gates shall be designed to withstand the design head (maximum design head shall be taken as the height of the slide unless otherwise shown in the schedule).

**2.3. SEAL PERFORMANCE TEST.** The weir gate's sealing system should have been tested through a cycle test in an abrasive environment and should show that the leakage requirements are still obtained after 25,000 cycles with a minimum deterioration.

### 3. PRODUCT

#### **3.1. WEIR GATES**

**3.1.1. GENERAL DESIGN.** Weir gates shall be either self-contained or non self-contained, and of the rising stem or non-rising stem configuration, as indicated on the gate schedule.

**3.1.3. FRAME.** The gate frame shall be constructed of structural members or formed plate welded to form a rigid one-piece frame. The frame shall be of the flange back design, suitable for mounting on a concrete wall (CW). The guide slot shall be made of UHMWPE (ultra high molecular weight polyethylene).

**3.1.4. SLIDE.** The slide shall consist of a flat plate reinforced with formed plates or structural members to limit its deflection to 1/720 of the gate's span under the design head.



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**3.1.5 GUIDES AND SEALS.** The guides shall be made of UHMWPE (ultra high molecular weight polyethylene) and shall be of such length as to retain and support at least two thirds (2/3) of the vertical height of the slide in the fully open position.

The bottom and side seals shall be made of UHMWPE (ultra high molecular weight polyethylene) of the self adjusting type. A continuous compression cord shall ensure contact between the UHMWPE guide and the gate in all positions. The sealing system shall maintain efficient sealing in any position of the slide and let the water flow only in the open part of the gate.

Seals shall maintain the specified leakage rate in both seating and unseating conditions.

### 3.2. OPERATORS AND STEM

**3.2.1. STEM AND COUPLINGS.** The operating stem shall be of stainless steel designed to transmit in compression at least two (2) times the rated output of the operating manual mechanism with a 40 lbs (178 N) effort on the crank or handwheel.

The stem shall have a slenderness ratio (L/r) less than 200. The threaded portion of the stem shall have machine cut threads of the Acme type.

Where a hydraulic, pneumatic or electric operator is used, the stem design force shall not be less than 1.25 times the output thrust of the hydraulic or pneumatic cylinder, with a pressure equal to the maximum working pressure of the supply or 1.25 times the output thrust of the electric motor in the stalled condition.

**3.2.1.1.** For stems in more than one piece and with a diameter of 1 3/4 inches (45 mm) and larger, the different sections shall be joined together by solid bronze couplings. Stems with a diameter smaller than 1 3/4 inches, shall be pinned to an extension tube.

The couplings shall be grooved and keyed and shall be of greater strength than the stem.

**3.2.1.2.** Gates having width equal to or greater than two times their height shall be provided with two lifting mechanisms connected by a tandem shaft.

**3.2.2. STEM GUIDES.** Stem guides shall be fabricated from type 304L (or 316L) stainless steel. The guide shall be equipped with an UHMWPE bushing. Guides shall be adjustable and shall be spaced in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation. The L/r ratio shall not be greater than 200.

**3.2.3. STEM COVER.** Rising stem gates shall be provided with a clear polycarbonate stem cover. The stem cover shall have a cap and condensation vents as well as a clear mylar position indicating tape. The tape shall be field applied to the stem cover after the gate has been installed and positioned.

**3.2.4. LIFTING MECHANISM.** Manual operators of the types listed in the schedule shall be provided by the gate manufacturer.

All bearings and gears shall be totally enclosed in a weather tight housing. The pinion shaft of crank-operated mechanisms shall be constructed of stainless steel and supported by roller or needle bearings.

Each manual operator shall be designed to operate the gate under the maximum specified seating and unseating heads by using a maximum effort of 40 lbs (178 N) on the crank or handwheel, and shall be able to withstand, without damage, an effort of 80 lbs (356 N).

The crank shall be removable and fitted with a corrosion resistant rotating handle. The maximum crank radius shall be 15 inches (381 mm) and the maximum handwheel diameter shall be 24 inches (610 mm).

**3.2.5. YOKE.** Self-contained gates shall be provided with a yoke made of structural members or formed plates. The maximum deflection shall be 1/360 of the gate's span.


**4. MATERIALS**

Part	Material
Frame, yoke, stem guides, slide, stem extension	Stainless steel ASTM A-240 Type 304L or 316L
Guides, side and bottom seals, stem guide liner	Ultra high molecular weight polyethylene (UHMWPE) ASTM D-4020
Compression cord	Nitrile ASTM D-2000 M6BG 708, A14, B14, E014, E034
Threaded stem	Stainless steel ASTM A-276 Type 303 MX or 316
Fasteners	ASTM F593 and F594 GR1 for type 304 and GR2 for type 316
Pedestal, handwheel, crank	Tenzaloy aluminum
Gasket (between frame and wall)	EPDM ASTM 1056
Stem cover	Polycarbonate ASTM D-3935
Lift nut, couplings	Manganese bronze ASTM B584 UNS-C86500

**5. SCHEDULE**

<b>Gate Identification</b>		
<b>Gate Type</b>		
<b>Size</b> Width x Height		
<b>Operating Floor Elevation</b>		
<b>Invert Elevation</b>		
<b>Head</b> (Seating / Unseating)		
<b>Mounting</b>		

Gate Type: Open or self-contained

Mounting: CW - Mounted concrete wall

**6. EXECUTION**

**6.1. INSTALLATION.** Gates and appurtenances shall be handled and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

**6.2. FIELD TESTS**

**6.2.1.** Following the completion of each gate installation, the gates shall be operated through at least two complete open/close cycles. If an electric or hydraulic operator is used, limit switches shall be adjusted following the manufacturer's instructions.

**6.2.2.** Gates should be checked for leakage by the contractor (refer to the "Performance" section for approval criteria).