

**Contractors' Corner**

# Built System vs. Figure 8: Let's Compare!

Too many contractors are still using built systems when a figure fitting would save both time and money. Here's a breakdown of the typical costs for installing a system the old fashioned way, compared with using a Figure 8 fitting. The results may surprise you.

### Cost of a Standard Built System

<u>Materials</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1 - 4" Combi	\$ 55.30
1 - 4 x 2 Figure 5	\$161.60
5 - 4" Couplings	\$102.00
1 - 2" Coupling	\$ 14.45
<b>Total Materials</b>	<b>\$333.35</b>
<b>MCAA Flat Rate</b>	<b>3.07 hrs</b>
<b>Height of System</b>	<b>19.75"</b>



**For More Pricing Info, Contact AB&I at 800-GOT-IRON**

### Cost of a Figure 8 Double System

<u>Materials</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1 - 4" x 2" Figure 8 Fitting	\$277.40
4 - 4" No-Hub Couplings	\$ 81.60
1 - 2" Coupling	\$ 14.45
<b>Total Materials</b>	<b>\$373.45</b>
<b>MCAA Flat Rate</b>	<b>1.76 hrs</b>
<b>Height of System</b>	<b>6.5"</b>

**For each installed system, you save 1.31 hours labor! 13.25" in space! With fewer joints to leak!**

Example shown is for a horizontal piping system under the first floor of a building.



**For more technical information about figure fittings and how they can save you time and money on your next job, call Gary Wickham at 510/501-5756. Never used a figure fitting before? No problem, Gary can walk you through the entire process and get you started.**

## CISPI Publishes Details on Acceptable Uses of Stimulus Funds for Construction

The "Buy American" provision of *The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*, aka The Obama Stimulus Plan, is pretty clear. **"None of the funds** appropriated by this Act may be used for a project for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public building or public work **unless all of the iron, steel, or manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States."**

The Cast Iron Soil Pipe Institute, the trade organization representing pipe foundries in the United States, warns that many importers of foreign-made pipe products claim that their products meet the standard for inclusion on stimulus-funded projects, when in fact, they do not. Specifiers and contractors are cautioned to verify that any product used on a stimulus-funded project truly meets this "Buy American" provision.

For a complete description of the ARRA, readers may go to [www.cispi.org/uploads/Scan%20IMG.pdf](http://www.cispi.org/uploads/Scan%20IMG.pdf).

## Prefer to Get Your Items Newsletter via Email? No Problem!

To better serve our customers, AB&I makes its monthly newsletter, *ITEMS*, available in downloadable .pdf format, delivered direct to your email inbox. This electronic version will be *in addition* to the printed copies customers and others have received for over four decades.

To begin receiving the *ITEMS* in electronic format, simply send an email to [graphics@volcano.net](mailto:graphics@volcano.net) with your request. You'll begin receiving your electronic *ITEMS* with the very next edition.

If you don't want the electronic newsletter, but still want to continue receiving your printed version, simply do nothing. Your printed newsletter will continue arriving in your mailbox, just as before.

