

Initials or Abbreviations	Feature	Meaning
AX	Access point	Where the drain can be accessed
BT	Buchan Trap	A device made from fireclay in a domestic sewer pipe to prevent vermin entering the pipe
Catch pit	Catch pit	A pit in a drainage system in which matter that might otherwise block a sewer is collected before it is removed.
Cistern	Cistern	For catching and storing rain water.
EYE	Rodding Eye	A removable cover on the opening within a drain pipe that helps remove an obstruction by drain rods
FAI	Fresh Air Inlet	A line of pipe run from the house side of the main trap and opening into the outer air
FG	Floor Gully	Acts as a drain in a floor to take the waste water to the main sewer
Foul Drain	Foul Drain	A drainpipe that carries off waste from a plumbing fixture.
Foul Sewer	Foul Sewer	Designed to carry contaminated wastewater to a sewage works for treatment
FT	Final test (date)	Date final test of system carried out
GB or Grease Trap	Grease Box or trap	Designed to intercept most greases and solids before they enter a wastewater disposal system.
GLY or Gully or GY	Gully	A point that water can enter the drainage system
IB	Internal Branch	The point where a pipe branches and usually becomes individual to one owner
IE	Inspection Eye	A pipe fitting equipped with a plug that can be removed to enable examination or cleaning.
IT	Interceptor Trap	A device in a domestic sewer pipe to prevent vermin entering the pipe
LT	Liverpool Trap	A device in a domestic sewer pipe to prevent vermin entering the pipe
M/H or Manhole	Manhole	The top opening to the sewage system.

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Ogee Joint or O.G.	Ogee Joint	Type of rigid pipe joint - may be used for surface water drains and sewers
Overflow	Overflow pipe	Allows water to escape from water storage tanks when the level is too high.
PVC	Polyvinyl Chloride	Material pipe made from Polyvinyl Chloride material
RE or Rodding Eye	Rodding Eye	A pipe fitting with a removable plug which provides access for inspection or cleaning of the pipe run
RG	Road Gully	Covered by a metal grid and usually found at the edge of a road, it is used to collect and drain water off the paved surface into a piped system or roadside ditch.
RG	Reversible Gully Trap	A type of device in a domestic sewer pipe to prevent vermin entering the pipe
RG	Rectangular gutter	Part of the rainwater goods, rectangular in shape
RP	Rodding Pit	A pipe fitting with a removable plug which provides access for inspection or cleaning of the pipe run
RW	Rainwaste/water	Part of the rainwater goods
Soakaway	Soakaway	Permeable ground suitably prepared to receive water
SHT	Shaft	Shaft
Silt trap	Silt trap	To isolate grit, silt or leaves in surface water before it enters rainwater drainage system.
SLP	Sea Level Pressure	Plumbers must be aware of the atmospheric pressure to ensure that they avoid creating 'negative' pressure or vacuums within pipework systems.
SP	Soil pipe	A sewage or waste-water pipe.
Standpipe (SP)	Standpipe	Old tenements did not have plumbed mains water. There was a standpipe at the stair entrance
Surf.W.	Surface water	Rainwater that falls on the ground, on roofs and roads, pavements and paths.
Surface water sewer	Surface water sewer	A sewer that takes rainwater that falls on ground, roads, roofs and paths.

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SW	Storm Water	Removes and disposes of water from the surface of a pavement.
SVP or SWVP or VP	Soil waste vent pipe	Pipes that run vertically from the below ground drainage system to just above the roof gutter level. SVP vents smells and odours from the drainage system and allows air into the system.
T	Trap	A device in a domestic sewer pipe to prevent vermin entering the pipe
T/E or TE	Testing Eye	Plug that allows access to the inside of a pipe
Trap	Trap	A device in a domestic sewer pipe to prevent vermin entering the pipe
WC	Water Closet	Toilet
WP	Waste pipe	Pipe that takes sink or bath waste water
WVP	Waste and vent pipe	A plumbing system with an oversized waste pipe that also serves as a vent pipe.