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Inside clearance ratio = 
$$\frac{D_s - D_e}{D_e}$$
  
Area ratio =  $\frac{D_w^2 - D_e^2}{D_e^2}$   
 $D_e^2$ 







































a sampling tube for undisturbed soil specimens should have an inside clearance ratio of about 1 percent and an area ratio of about 10 percent or less.

Having an inside clearance ratio of about 1 percent provides for tip relief of the soil and reduces the friction between the soil and inside of the sampling tube during the sampling process. A thin film of oil can be applied at the cutting edge to also reduce the friction between the soil and metal tube during sampling operations.



The purpose of having a low area ratio and a sharp cutting end is to slice into the soil with as little disruption and displacement of the soil as possible. Shelby tubes are manufactured to meet these specifications and are considered to be undisturbed soil samplers.

As a comparison, the California sampler has an area ratio of 44 percent and is considered to be a thick-walled sampler.

Examples of ratios that can be used to assess the possibility of sample disturbance of the actual soil specimen:

the total recovery ratio, specific recovery ratio, gross recovery ratio, net recovery ratio, and true recovery ratio. These disturbance parameters are based on the compression of the soil sample due to the sampling operations.







