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Lightning! How thick is a lightning stroke? It is very difficult to determine this from effects of the stroke on the earth. But it has been satisfactorily measured by a moving camera that separated the stroke images. The most difficult requirement is that the picture must be taken fairly close to the flash. This was done at Johannesburg, South Africa. The observer was stunned, the flash being only between 700 and 900 feet away. The average diameter of the strokes was 6.4 inches, varying between 4.4 inches and 9.2 inches.

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