
**Gas analysis — Preparation of
calibration gas mixtures using
dynamic methods —**

**Part 7:
Thermal mass-flow controllers**

*Analyse des gaz — Préparation des mélanges de gaz pour étalonnage
à l'aide de méthodes dynamiques —*

Partie 7: Régulateurs thermiques de débit massique



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Gas analysis — Preparation of calibration gas mixtures using dynamic methods —

Part 7: Thermal mass-flow controllers

1 Scope

ISO 6145 is a series of documents dealing with various dynamic methods used for the preparation of calibration gas mixtures. This document specifies a method for continuous preparation of calibration gas mixtures, from nominally pure gases or gas mixtures by use of thermal mass-flow controllers. The method is applicable to preparation of mixtures of non-reacting species, i.e. those which do not react with any material of construction of the flow path in the thermal mass-flow controller or the ancillary equipment.

If this method is employed for preparation of calibration gas mixtures the optimum performance is as follows: the relative expanded measurement uncertainty U , obtained by multiplying the standard uncertainty by a coverage factor $k = 2$, is not greater than 2 %.

If pre-mixed gases are used instead of pure gases, mole fractions below 10^{-6} can be obtained. The measurement of mass flow is not absolute and the flow controller requires independent calibration.

The merits of the method are that a large quantity of the calibration gas mixture can be prepared on a continuous basis and that multi-component mixtures can be prepared as readily as binary mixtures if the appropriate number of thermal mass-flow controllers is utilized.

NOTE Gas blending systems, based upon thermal mass-flow controllers, and some including the facility of computerization and automatic control, are commercially available.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 6143, *Gas analysis — Comparison methods for determining and checking the composition of calibration gas mixtures*

ISO 6145-1, *Gas analysis — Preparation of calibration gas mixtures using dynamic volumetric methods — Part 1: Methods of calibration*

ISO 7504, *Gas analysis — Vocabulary*

ISO 12963, *Gas analysis — Comparison methods for the determination of the composition of gas mixtures based on one- and two-point calibration*

ISO 19229, *Gas analysis — Purity analysis and the treatment of purity data*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 7504 apply.