
**Measurement of fluid flow by means of
pressure differential devices inserted
in circular cross-section conduits
running full —**

**Part 3:
Nozzles and Venturi nozzles**

*Mesure de débit des fluides au moyen d'appareils déprimogènes
insérés dans des conduites en charge de section circulaire —*

Partie 3: Tuyères et Venturi-tuyères



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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 5167-3:2003), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

— Addition of [Subclause 5.3](#).

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Introduction

ISO 5167, consisting of six parts, covers the geometry and method of use (installation and operating conditions) of orifice plates, nozzles, Venturi tubes, cone meters and wedge meters when they are inserted in a conduit running full to determine the flowrate of the fluid flowing in the conduit. It also gives necessary information for calculating the flowrate and its associated uncertainty.

ISO 5167 (all parts) is applicable only to pressure differential devices in which the flow remains subsonic throughout the measuring section and where the fluid can be considered as single-phase, but is not applicable to the measurement of pulsating flow. Furthermore, each of these devices can only be used within specified limits of pipe size and Reynolds number.

ISO 5167 (all parts) deals with devices for which direct calibration experiments have been made, sufficient in number, spread and quality to enable coherent systems of application to be based on their results and coefficients to be given with certain predictable limits of uncertainty.

The devices introduced into the pipe are called “primary devices”. The term primary device also includes the pressure tapplings. All other instruments or devices required for the measurement are known as “secondary devices”. ISO 5167 (all parts) covers primary devices; secondary devices¹⁾ will be mentioned only occasionally.

ISO 5167 consists of the following six parts.

- a) ISO 5167-1 gives general terms and definitions, symbols, principles and requirements as well as methods of measurement and uncertainty that are to be used in conjunction with ISO 5167-2, ISO 5167-3, ISO 5167-4, ISO 5167-5 and ISO 5167-6.
- b) ISO 5167-2 specifies orifice plates, which can be used with corner pressure tapplings, D and $D/2$ pressure tapplings²⁾, and flange pressure tapplings.
- c) ISO 5167-3 specifies ISA 1932 nozzles³⁾, long radius nozzles, throat-tapped nozzles and Venturi nozzles, which differ in shape and in the position of the pressure tapplings.
- d) ISO 5167-4 specifies classical Venturi tubes⁴⁾.
- e) ISO 5167-5 specifies cone meters.
- f) ISO 5167-6 specifies wedge meters.

Aspects of safety are not dealt within ISO 5167-1 to ISO 5167-6. It is the responsibility of the user to ensure that the system meets applicable safety regulations.

1) See ISO 2186:2007.

2) Orifice plates with “vena contracta” pressure tapplings are not considered in ISO 5167-2.

3) ISA is the abbreviation for the International Federation of the National Standardizing Associations, which was succeeded by ISO in 1946.

4) In the USA the classical Venturi tube is sometimes called the Herschel Venturi tube.

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Part 3: Nozzles and Venturi nozzles

1 Scope

This document specifies the geometry and method of use (installation and operating conditions) of nozzles and Venturi nozzles when they are inserted in a conduit running full to determine the flowrate of the fluid flowing in the conduit.

This document also provides background information for calculating the flowrate and is applicable in conjunction with the requirements given in ISO 5167-1.

This document is applicable to nozzles and Venturi nozzles in which the flow remains subsonic throughout the measuring section and where the fluid can be considered as single-phase. In addition, each of the devices can only be used within specified limits of pipe size and Reynolds number. It is not applicable to the measurement of pulsating flow. It does not cover the use of nozzles and Venturi nozzles in pipe sizes less than 50 mm or more than 630 mm, or where the pipe Reynolds numbers are below 10 000.

This document deals with

- a) three types of standard nozzles:
 - 1) ISA 1932⁵⁾ nozzle;
 - 2) the long radius nozzle⁶⁾;
 - 3) the throat-tapped nozzle
- b) the Venturi nozzle.

The three types of standard nozzle are fundamentally different and are described separately in this document. The Venturi nozzle has the same upstream face as the ISA 1932 nozzle, but has a divergent section and, therefore, a different location for the downstream pressure tapings, and is described separately. This design has a lower pressure loss than a similar nozzle. For all of these nozzles and for the Venturi nozzle direct calibration experiments have been made, sufficient in number, spread and quality to enable coherent systems of application to be based on their results and coefficients to be given with certain predictable limits of uncertainty.

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.

5) ISA is the abbreviation for the International Federation of the National Standardizing Associations, which was superseded by ISO in 1946.

6) The long radius nozzle differs from the ISA 1932 nozzle in shape and in the position of the pressure tapings.

ISO 4006, *Measurement of fluid flow in closed conduits — Vocabulary and symbols*

ISO 5167-1, *Measurement of fluid flow by means of pressure differential devices inserted in circular cross-section conduits running full — Part 1: General principles and requirements*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 4006 and ISO 5167-1 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Principles of the method of measurement and computation

The principle of the method of measurement is based on the installation of a nozzle or a Venturi nozzle into a pipeline in which a fluid is running full. The installation of the primary device causes a static pressure difference between the upstream side and the throat. The flowrate can be determined from the measured value of this pressure difference and from the knowledge of the characteristics of the flowing fluid as well as the circumstances under which the device is being used. It is assumed that the device is geometrically similar to one on which calibration has been carried out and that the conditions of use are the same, i.e. that it is in accordance with this document.

The mass flowrate can be determined by [Formula \(1\)](#):

$$q_m = \frac{C}{\sqrt{1-\beta^4}} \varepsilon \frac{\pi}{4} d^2 \sqrt{2\Delta p \rho_1} \quad (1)$$

The uncertainty limits can be calculated using the procedure given in ISO 5167-1:2003, Clause 8.

Similarly, the value of the volume flowrate can be calculated since

$$q_V = \frac{q_m}{\rho} \quad (2)$$

where

ρ is the fluid density at the temperature and pressure for which the volume is stated;

q_V is the volume flowrate.

Computation of the flowrate, which is a purely arithmetic process, is performed by replacing the different items on the right-hand side of [Formula \(1\)](#) by their numerical values. [Tables A.1](#) to [A.5](#) are given for convenience. [Tables A.1](#), [A.2](#) and [A.4](#) give the values of C as a function of β . [Table A.3](#) gives the values of C as a function of Re_d . [Table A.5](#) gives expansibility (expansion) factors ε . They are not intended for precise interpolation. Extrapolation is not permitted.

The coefficient of discharge C may be dependent on Re_D or Re_d which is itself dependent on q_m and has to be obtained by iteration. (See ISO 5167-1 for guidance regarding the choice of the iteration procedure and initial estimates.)

The diameters d and D mentioned in [Formula \(1\)](#) are the values of the diameters at working conditions. Measurements taken at any other conditions should be corrected for any possible expansion or contraction of the primary device and the pipe due to the values of the temperature and pressure of the fluid during the measurement.