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

**Part 2:
Orifice plates**

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

Partie 2: Diaphragmes



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Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a technical committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take part in the work. ISO collaborates closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on all matters of electrotechnical standardization.

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This second edition of ISO 5167-2 cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 5167-2:2003), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- a revised maximum orifice edge thickness is given for $\beta < 0,2$;
- a correction has been made to the required spacing between two 45° bends for which the straight length upstream of an orifice plate is stated;
- a clearer specification has been given for the tee for which the straight length upstream of an orifice plate is stated;
- flow calibration of orifice plates is included;
- there is improved wording of the rules for spacing of multiple fittings but no change in actual requirements.

A list of all parts in the ISO 5167 series can be found on the ISO website.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at www.iso.org/members.html.

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 flow rate of the fluid flowing in the conduit. It also gives necessary information for calculating the flow rate 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 uncalibrated in accordance with this standard within specified limits of pipe size and Reynolds number, or alternatively they can be used across their calibrated range.

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. ISO 5167 also provides methodology for bespoke calibration of differential pressure meters.

The devices introduced into the pipe are called primary devices. The term primary device also includes the pressure tapings. All other instruments or devices required to facilitate the instrument readings are known as secondary devices, and the flow computer that receives these readings and performs the algorithms is known as a tertiary device. ISO 5167 (all parts) covers primary devices; secondary devices (see ISO 2186) and tertiary devices will be mentioned only occasionally.

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

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Part 2: Orifice plates

1 Scope

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

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

This document is applicable to primary devices having an orifice plate used with flange pressure tapings, or with corner pressure tapings, or with D and $D/2$ pressure tapings. Other pressure tapings such as “vena contracta” and pipe tapings are not covered by this document. This document is applicable only to a flow which remains subsonic throughout the measuring section and where the fluid can be considered as single phase. It is not applicable to the measurement of pulsating flow^[1]. It does not cover the use of orifice plates in pipe sizes less than 50 mm or more than 1 000 mm, or where the pipe Reynolds numbers are below 5 000.

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 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*

ISO 5168, *Measurement of fluid flow — Procedures for the evaluation of uncertainties*

ISO/IEC Guide 98-3, *Uncertainty of measurement — Part 3: Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM:1995)*

3 Terms, definitions and symbols

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

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