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**Hydrometry — Low cost baffles
to aid fish passage on triangular
profile gauging weirs**

*Hydrométrie — Chicanes à faible coût pour faciliter le passage
des poissons par les déversoirs à profil triangulaire*

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Foreword

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This first edition cancels and replaces (ISO/TR 19234:2016), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- this document has been restructured;
- low-cost baffles on flat-V weirs have been included.

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Introduction

Flow gauging structures such as triangular profile weirs are commonly used for the measurement of open channel flows. This document applies to weirs operating under modular flow conditions, with flow passing through critical depth. To operate under these conditions, such weirs require a sufficient head difference to be generated between upstream and downstream. At structures operating in the modular flow range, flow rate is solely a function of the upstream head.

In recent years, greater emphasis has been placed on environmental issues, including the free migration of fish in watercourses. It is acknowledged that the head drop required to achieve modular flow can inhibit the movement of fish. It has become important, therefore, to consider ways of aiding fish migration without significantly affecting flow measurement accuracy.

Applied research has shown that baffles of suitable form and placement on the downstream face of triangular profile weirs can partially mitigate fish passage impacts while retaining the gauging function.

NOTE The coefficient of discharge of the weir would normally remain the same although it is an option to recalibrate the coefficient to take into account the placement of baffles.

The baffle system described in this document was adapted from an optimal solution for aiding fish passage^[1] [2] on non-gauging sloping weirs commonly used for other purposes (e.g. abstraction, flow diversion, power generation, navigation).

The following Excel¹⁾ spreadsheet tools can be used to design the layout of the baffles according to this document:

- Crump weir spreadsheet (LCB placement sheet for Crump weirs 2023.xlsm);
- Flat-V weir spreadsheet (LCB placement sheet for flat-V weirs 2023.xlsx).

The spreadsheet tools are available at: <https://standards.iso.org/iso/19234//ed-1/en/>

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Hydrometry — Low cost baffles to aid fish passage on triangular profile gauging weirs

1 Scope

This document specifies how to integrate baffles to aid the passage of fish on the downstream face of triangular profile weirs that conform to ISO 4360 (including Crump weirs) and ISO 4377 (flat-V weirs).

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 772, *Hydrometry — Vocabulary and symbols*

ISO 4360, *Hydrometry — Open channel flow measurement using triangular profile weirs*

ISO 4377, *Hydrometric determinations — Flow measurement in open channels using structures — Flat-V weirs*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 772 and the following apply.

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

3.1

anguillid

eel and lamprey

long and cylindrical body-shaped species including eel (*Anguilla anguilla*) and lamprey (*Lampetra fluviatilis* and *Petromizon marinus*)

3.2

non-migratory salmonid

fish of the family Salmonidae that migrates solely in freshwater including brown trout (*Salmo trutta*) and grayling (*Thymallus thymallus*)

3.3

coarse fish

non-salmonid fish found in freshwater habitats

3.4

Crump weir

weir with a triangular profile in the streamwise direction and a horizontal crest in the transverse direction used for gauging

Note 1 to entry: This weir was named after the inventor E.S. Crump. The upstream slope is 1:2 and downstream slope is 1:5 (see ISO 4360).