
**Liquid hydrocarbons — Volumetric
measurement by displacement meter**

*Hydrocarbures liquides — Mesurage volumétrique au moyen de
compteurs à chambre mesureuse*





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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 2714:1980), which has been technically revised.

Introduction

This document gives recommendations on the design, installation, operation and maintenance of positive displacement meter systems used for liquid measurement. This widens the application scope from the previous document, which was primarily aimed at hydrocarbon custody transfer applications. The guidance now applies to all suitable liquids measured across different applications and industry sectors.

Displacement meters are extensively used in general fluid measurement in addition to fiscal, custody transfer and legal metrology applications involving hydrocarbon and non-hydrocarbon products. These can range from the light products such as gasoline, through to higher viscosity fluids.

The document has an extended scope from the first edition to cover applications for a wider range of liquids and duties and to remove restriction to hydrocarbon liquids. It now provides guidance, rather than mandatory requirements, on performance to allow meters to be specified and verified to meet relevant regulatory, fiscal and custody transfer specifications. The document also now includes additional meter designs. This revision has been achieved through the participation of ISO/TC 30 in the preparation, hence, providing a single standard for the measurement of flowing liquids using positive displacement flowmeters.

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1 Scope

This document describes and discusses the characteristics of displacement flowmeters. Attention is given to the factors to be considered in the application of positive displacement meters to liquid metering. These include the properties and nature of the liquid to be metered, the correct installation and operation of the meter, environmental effects, and the wide choice of secondary and ancillary equipment. Aspects of meter proving and maintenance are also discussed.

This document is applicable to the metering of any appropriate liquid. Guidance is given on the use of positive displacement meters in the metering of two-component mixtures of the same phase such as water and oil.

It is not applicable to two-phase flow when gases or solids are present under metering conditions (i.e. two-phase flow). It can be applied to the many and varied liquids encountered in industry for liquid metering only. It is not restricted to hydrocarbons.

Guidance on the performance expected for fiscal/custody transfer applications for hydrocarbons is outlined.

This document is not applicable to cryogenic liquids such as liquefied natural gas (LNG) and refrigerated petroleum gas. It does not cover potable water and fuel dispenser applications.

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/IEC Guide 99, *International vocabulary of basic and general terms in metrology (VIM)*

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

3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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