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

**Part 5:  
Cone meters**

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

*Partie 5: Cônes de mesure*





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## Foreword

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This second edition of ISO 5167-5 cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 5167-5:2016), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- this document is consistent with ISO/IEC Guide 98-3;
- errors in [Figure 2](#) and in [5.2.7](#) have been corrected;
- the expansibility uncertainty is given as a relative uncertainty for ease of use with ISO 5167-1 (the calculated flow rate uncertainty is unchanged).

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

## 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 in the conduit. It also gives necessary information for calculating the flow rate and its associated uncertainty. ISO 5167 (all parts) also provides methodology for bespoke calibration of differential pressure meters.

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, 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.

The devices introduced into the pipe are called primary devices. The term primary device also includes the pressure tappings. 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 (all parts). It is the responsibility of the user to ensure that the system meets applicable safety regulations.

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

## Part 5: Cone meters

### 1 Scope

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

As the uncertainty of an uncalibrated cone meter might be too high for a particular application, it might be deemed essential to calibrate the flow meter in accordance with [Clause 7](#).

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 only to cone meters in which the flow remains subsonic throughout the measuring section and where the fluid can be considered as single-phase. Uncalibrated cone meters can only be used within specified limits of pipe size, roughness,  $\beta$ , and Reynolds number,  $Re$ . This document is not applicable to the measurement of pulsating flow. It does not cover the use of uncalibrated cone meters in pipes sized less than 50 mm or more than 500 mm, or where the pipe Reynolds numbers are below  $8 \times 10^4$  or greater than  $1,2 \times 10^7$ .

A cone meter is a primary device which consists of a cone-shaped restriction held concentrically in the centre of the pipe with the nose of the cone upstream. The design of cone meter defined in this document has one or more upstream pressure tapplings in the wall, and a downstream pressure tapping positioned in the back face of the cone with the connection to a differential pressure transmitter being a hole through the cone to the support bar, and then up through the support bar.

Alternative designs of cone meters are available; however, at the time of writing, there is insufficient data to fully characterize these devices, and therefore, these meters shall be calibrated in accordance with [Clause 7](#).

### 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*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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