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Foreword

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This fifth edition cancels and replaces the fourth edition (ISO 748:2007), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared with the previous edition are as follows:

— the document has been updated to take account of technological developments;

— Clause 7 has been revised to reduce uncertainties in measurements;

— ISO 9196 regarding measurement under ice conditions has been incorporated.

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Hydrometry — Measurement of liquid flow in open channels — Velocity area methods using point velocity measurements

1 Scope

This document specifies methods for determining the velocity and cross-sectional area of water flowing in open channels and for calculating the discharge employing point velocity measurement devices.

It is applicable to methods using rotating-element current meters, acoustic doppler velocimeters (ADVs), acoustic doppler current profiler (ADCP) stationary method, surface velocity measurement including floats and other surface velocity systems.

Although some general procedures are discussed, this document does not describe in detail how to use or deploy these systems.

NOTE For detailed procedures, refer to guidelines from instrument manufacturers and the appropriate public agencies.

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 25377:2020, *Hydrometric uncertainty guidance (HUG)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 772 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 https://www.electropedia.org/

4 Principle of the methods of measurements

The principle depends upon determining velocity and cross-sectional area.

This is characterized as shown by Formula (1):

$$Q = \bar{V}\mathrm{A} \tag{1}$$

where

Q is the flow (m^3/s);

$\bar{V}$ is the mean velocity (m/s) (averaged over the cross-section);