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Introduction

[Clauses 3](#) to [7](#) cover the definitions, symbols and basic theory of electromagnetic flowmeters. This document does not cover insertion type meters, partially filled meters or meters for non-conductive and highly conductive fluids.

[Clause 8](#) covers installation types and practice, the different types of meter construction, transmitters, lay lengths and sizing, in order to achieve the best performance of the electromagnetic flowmeter in the field.

[Clauses 9](#) to [11](#) cover some methods of calibration, verification, evaluation, and uncertainty analysis, which can be useful for users or independent testing establishments to verify manufacturer's relative performance and to demonstrate suitability of application

The tests specified in this document are not necessarily sufficient for instruments specifically designed for unusually difficult duties. Conversely, a restricted series of tests may be suitable for instruments designed to perform within a limited range of conditions.

This document is for users and manufacturers.

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1 Scope

This document applies to industrial electromagnetic flowmeters used for the measurement of flowrate of a conductive liquid in a closed conduit running full. It covers flowmeter types utilizing both alternating current (AC) and pulsed direct current (DC) circuits to drive the field coils and meters running from a mains power supply and those operating from batteries or other sources of power.

This document is not applicable to insertion-type flowmeters or electromagnetic flowmeters designed to work in open channels or pipes running partially full, nor does it apply to the measurement of magnetically permeable slurries or liquid metal applications.

This document does not specify safety requirements in relation to hazardous environmental usage of the flowmeter.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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

3.1

electromagnetic flowmeter

flowmeter which creates a magnetic field perpendicular to the direction of flow, so enabling the flowrate to be deduced from the induced voltage, U_v , produced by the motion of a conducting fluid through the magnetic field

Note 1 to entry: The electromagnetic flowmeter consists of a *sensor* (3.2) and a *transmitter* (3.3).

3.2

sensor

device containing at least the following elements:

- an electrically insulating meter tube through which the conductive fluid to be measured flows;
- one pair of electrodes across which the signal generated in the fluid is measured;
- an electromagnet for producing a magnetic field in the *meter tube* (3.4)

Note 1 to entry: The sensor produces a signal proportional to the flowrate and, in some cases, a *reference signal* (3.9). See 6.2.

Note 2 to entry: For a sensor, the wording primary device or flowtube has previously been used.