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Foreword

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Introduction

This International Standard has been prepared as a guide for those concerned with the selection, testing, inspection, operation, and calibration of Coriolis flowmeters (Coriolis flowmeter assemblies). A list of related International Standards is in the Bibliography.

This International Standard provides the following:

a) description of the Coriolis operating principle;

b) guideline to expected performance characteristics of Coriolis flowmeters;

c) description of calibration, verification, and checking procedures;

d) description of potential error sources;

e) common set of terminology, symbols, definitions, and specifications.

The next paragraphs contain an explanation of when to use the measurement terminology, uncertainty, and accuracy.

The VIM definition (see 3.2) of accuracy: closeness of agreement between a measured quantity value and a "true quantity value" of a measurand. Per the VIM, accuracy is a quality and should not be given a numerical value.

To understand the preceding paragraph, one needs to understand that a "true quantity value" does not exist. The best that can be done is to determine the measured quantity value with measurement instrumentation calibrated with a very good but imperfect reference. Therefore, the measurement is an estimate. Uncertainty is used to define these measurement estimates (see 3.2.2).

Many Coriolis manufacturers use accuracy and zero stability as part of their published performance specifications. The manufacturer's accuracy specification includes repeatability, hysteresis, and linearity but can also include other items that might be different for each manufacturer.

This International Standard will use uncertainty to quantify the results of a flow measurement system. This International Standard will only use accuracy when it is very clear that it is referring to or using all or part of the manufacturers published specifications.

