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

## Part 6: Wedge meters

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

*Partie 6: Débitmètres à coin*



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## Foreword

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## Introduction

ISO 5167, divided into six parts, covers the geometry and method of use (installation and operating conditions) of orifice plates, nozzles, Venturi tubes, cone and wedge meters when they are inserted in a conduit running full to determine the flow rate of the fluid flow in the conduit. It also gives necessary information for calculating the flow rate and its associated uncertainty.

ISO 5167 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 it 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.

ISO 5167 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. However, for wedge meters calibrated in accordance with [Clause 7](#), a wider range of pipe size,  $\beta$  and Reynolds number can be considered.

The devices introduced into the pipe are called 'primary devices'. The term primary device also includes the pressure tapplings. All other instruments or devices required for the measurement are known as 'secondary devices'. ISO 5167 covers primary devices; secondary devices<sup>1)</sup> are mentioned only occasionally.

ISO 5167 is divided into the following six parts.

- a) Part 1 gives general terms and definitions, symbols, principles and requirements as well as methods of measurement and uncertainty that are to be used in conjunction with Part 2 to Part 6 of ISO 5167.
- b) Part 2 specifies requirements for orifice plates, which can be used with corner pressure tapplings,  $D$  and  $D/2$  pressure tapplings<sup>2)</sup>, and flange pressure tapplings.
- c) Part 3 specifies requirements for ISA 1932 nozzles<sup>3)</sup>, long radius nozzles and Venturi nozzles, which differ in shape and in the position of the pressure tapplings.
- d) Part 4 specifies requirements for classical Venturi tubes<sup>4)</sup>.
- e) Part 5 specifies requirements for cone meters, and includes a section on calibration.
- f) Part 6 specifies requirements for wedge meters, and includes a section on calibration.

NOTE This document is complementary to ISO 5167-1:2003, ISO 5167-2:2003, ISO 5167-3:2003, ISO 5167-4:2003 and ISO 5167-5:2015.

1) See ISO 2186<sup>[1]</sup> and also ISO/TR 9464<sup>[4]</sup>.

2) Orifice plates with 'vena contracta' pressure tapplings are not considered in ISO 5167.

3) ISA is the abbreviation for the International Federation of the National Standardizing Associations, which was succeeded by ISO in 1946.

4) In the USA the classical Venturi tube is sometimes called the Herschel Venturi tube.