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FOREWORD

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WARNING — Terms used in this International Standard like "guarantee" or "acceptance" shall be understood in a technical but not in a legal sense. The term "guarantee", therefore, specifies values for checking purposes determined in the contract, but does not say anything about the rights or duties arising, if these values are not reached or fulfilled. The term "acceptance" does not have any legal meaning here, either. Therefore, an acceptance test carried out successfully alone does not represent an "acceptance" in the legal sense.

0 INTRODUCTION

This International Standard is the second of a set of three dealing with acceptance tests of centrifugal, mixed flow and axial pumps[1]; they correspond to three classes of tests A, B and C[2]; class A is the most accurate and class C is the least accurate; the use of classes A and B is restricted to special cases when there is need to have the pump performance more precisely defined.

Attention is drawn to the fact that class B and A tests require more accurate apparatus and methods, which increase the cost of such tests.

The standard arrangements and procedures described are those to be employed for testing a pump individually, without reference to its final installation conditions or the effect upon it of any associated fittings, these being the usual conditions in which a pump is tested at the manufacturer's works.

Pump performance may be affected by conditions of the final site installation, and procedures are described for carrying out "standard tests" on certain types of installations of which an overall performance is required.

The conditions in which pumps are finally installed, however, often do not permit reliable tests measurements, and recommendations are made concerning the procedure to be adopted where the layout precludes tests in conformity with the standards, or where the tests cover the pump and the plant ancillary to the pump itself.

In this test code, all formulae are given in coherent units.

1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard constitutes a code for acceptance testing of pumps, defining the terms and quantities that are used, establishing the methods of testing and the ways of measuring the quantities involved according to class B so as to ascertain the performances of the pump and to compare them with the manufacturer's guarantee.

In general this code applies to any sizes of pumps tested with clean cold water and other liquids behaving as clean cold water such as defined in clause 8.

This code is not concerned with the structural details of the pump nor with the mechanical properties of their components.

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1) In the rest of the text these types of pumps will be simply designated as "pumps".

2) ISO 2548.

2 SYMBOLS

2.1 List of symbols used in the test code

TABLE 1 — Symbols

Reference number in ISO 31[1]	Reference number in ISO 3555	Quantity	Symbol	Dimensions[2]	SI units
3.1.1		Mass	m	M	kg
1.3.1		Length	l	L	m
1.6.1		Time	t	T	s
4.2.1		Temperature	θ	Θ	°C
1.4.1		Area	A	L^2	m^2
1.5.1		Volume	V	L^3	m^3
1.8.1		Angular velocity	ω	T^{-1}	rad/s
1.10.1		Velocity	v	LT^{-1}	m/s
1.11.2		Acceleration of free fall	g	LT^{-2}	m/s^2
2.3.2		Speed of rotation	n	T^{-1}	s^{-1}
3.2.1		Density	ρ	ML^{-3}	kg/m^3
3.11.1		Gauge pressure	p_e	$ML^{-1}T^{-2}$	Pa
3.19.1		Viscosity (dynamic viscosity)	μ	$ML^{-1}T^{-1}$	Pa·s
3.20.1		Kinematic viscosity	ν	L^2T^{-1}	m^2/s
3.22.2		Energy	E	ML^2T^{-2}	J
3.23.1		Power (general term)	P	ML^2T^{-3}	W
12.1		Reynolds number	Re	pure number	
		Diameter	D	L	m
	3.2.1.1	Mass rate of flow	q_m	MT^{-1}	kg/s
	3.2.1.2	Volume rate of flow	q_v	L^3T^{-1}	m^3/s
	3.2.3.2	Distance to reference plane	z	L	m
	3.2.3.8	Pump total head	H	L	m
	3.2.3.6	Inlet total head	H_1	L	m
	3.2.3.7	Outlet total head	H_2	L	m
	3.2.3.9	Specific energy	Y	L^2T^{-2}	J/kg
	3.2.3.10	Loss of head at inlet	H_{J1}	L	m
	3.2.3.11	Loss of head at outlet	H_{J2}	L	m
	3.2.3.12	Net positive suction head	(NPSH)[3]	L	m
		Atmospheric pressure (absolute)	p_b	$ML^{-1}T^{-2}$	Pa
		Vapour pressure (absolute)	p_v	$ML^{-1}T^{-2}$	Pa
	3.2.4.2	Pump power input	P_a	ML^2T^{-3}	W
	3.2.4.1	Pump power output	P_u	ML^2T^{-3}	W
	3.2.4.3	Motor power input	P_{gr}	ML^2T^{-3}	W
	3.2.5.1	Pump efficiency	η	pure number	
	3.2.5.2	Transmission efficiency	η_{int}	pure number	
	3.2.5.3	Motor efficiency	η_{mot}	pure number	
	3.2.5.4	Overall efficiency	η_{gr}	pure number	
	3.2.6	Type number	K	pure number	
	6.2.1.2	Friction factor	λ	pure number	

1) ISO 31 (See annex E.)

2) M = Mass   L = length   T = Time Θ = Temperature

3) An optional symbol for net positive suction head is H_H.

2.2 Alphabetical lists of basic letters and subscripts

TABLE 2 — Letters used as symbols

Symbol	Quantity	SI units
A	Area	m^2
D	Diameter	m
E	Energy	J
g	Acceleration of free fall	m/s^2
H	Head	m
H_J	Losses in terms of head of liquid	m
K	Type number	pure number
k	Absolute roughness	m
l	Length	m
m	Mass	kg
n	Speed of rotation	s^{-1}
(NPSH)	Net positive suction head	m
p	Pressure	Pa
P	Power	W
q_m	Mass rate of flow	kg/s
q_v	Volume rate of flow	m^3/s
Re	Reynolds number	pure number
t	Time	s
v	Velocity	m/s
V	Volume	m^3
X	Tolerance	pure number
y	Specific energy	J/kg
z	Distance to reference plane	m
η	Efficiency	pure number
θ	Temperature	°C
λ	Friction factor	pure number
μ	Dynamic viscosity	Pa·s
ν	Kinematic viscosity	m^2/s
ρ	Density	kg/m^3
ω	Angular velocity	rad/s

TABLE 3 — Letters and figures used as subscripts

Subscript	Meaning
0	value at the specified speed
1	inlet
2	outlet
a	absorbed
av	available
b	atmospheric
e	effective
G	guaranteed
gr	unit (overall)
int	intermediate
J	loss
m	1) general case : mean 2) related to q : mass
M	manometric
mot	motor
P	pump
r	required
S	eye
sp	specified[1]
t	total
u	useful
v	1) general case : vapour 2) related to q : volume

1) This indication applies to the values of quantities relating to the guarantee point.

3 DEFINITIONS

3.1 GENERAL DEFINITIONS

In order to avoid any error of interpretation it has seemed preferable to reproduce here the definitions of quantities and units as given in ISO 31 and to supplement these definitions by some specific information on their use in this test code.

g — **acceleration of free fall.** [1]

n — **speed of rotation** : The quotient of the number of rotations by the time.

ρ — **density** : Mass per unit volume.

p — **pressure** : The quotient of force by area. Unless otherwise specified, all pressures are gauge pressures, i.e. measured with respect to the atmospheric pressure.

μ — **viscosity** (dynamic viscosity, sometimes called absolute viscosity) is defined by the expression :

$$\tau = \mu \frac{u_o}{h}$$

where

u_o is the velocity of a flat plate moving in its own plane while keeping parallel to a fixed flat wall;

h is the distance from the flat plate to the fixed flat wall;

τ is the friction force of the fluid on the unit area of the flat plate during its motion.

NOTE — h should be small enough to obtain laminar flow of the fluid between the flat plate and the fixed flat wall.

ν — **kinematic viscosity** : The quotient of the viscosity (dynamic viscosity) by the density :

$$\nu = \frac{\mu}{\rho}$$

P — **power** : The quotient of the energy transferred during a time interval by the duration of this interval.

Re — **Reynolds number** is defined by the expression :

$$Re = \frac{vD}{\nu}$$

3.2 DEFINITIONS PECULIAR TO THE TEST CODE

This sub-clause gives the definitions of concepts used in this test code, together with the associated symbols, if any have been allocated.

Concepts, even though in current use, which are not strictly necessary to the application of this code are not here defined.

3.2.1 Flow rates

3.2.1.1 q_m — In this test code, **mass rate of flow** designates the external mass rate of flow of the pump, i.e. the rate of flow discharged into the pipe from the outlet branch of the pump.

NOTE — Losses or abstractions inherent to the pump, i.e. :

    a) discharge necessary for hydraulic balancing of axial thrust;

    b) cooling of bearings of the pump itself;

    c) water seal to the packing;

    d) leakage from the fittings, internal leakage, etc.;

are not to be reckoned in the quantity delivered. On the contrary, if they are taken at a point before the flow measuring section, all derived quantities used for other purposes, such as :

    e) cooling of the motor bearings;

    f) cooling of a gear-box (bearings, oil cooler), etc., should be added to the measured rate of flow.

3.2.1.2 q_v — The **outlet volume rate of flow** has the following value :

$$q_v = \frac{q_m}{\rho_2}$$

In this test code, this symbol may also designate the volume rate of flow in a given section [2]; it is the quotient of the mass rate of flow in this section by the density. (The section may be designated by the proposed subscripts.)

3.2.2 v — **Velocity of flow** : The mean velocity of flow equal to the volume rate of flow divided by the pipe cross-section [2] :

$$v = \frac{q_v}{A}$$

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1) For class B tests, the local value of g should be used. Nevertheless, in most cases, a value of 9,81 m/s^2 would not involve significant error.
The local value should be calculated by the formula :

$$g = 9{,}806\ 17\ (1 - 2{,}64 \times 10^{-3} \cos 2\varphi + 7 \times 10^{-6} \cos^2 2\varphi) - 3{,}086 \times 10^{-6} Z$$

where φ and Z are respectively the latitude and the altitude.

2) Attention is drawn to the fact that in this case q_v may vary for different reasons across the circuit.

3.2.3 head : The energy per unit weight of fluid.

3.2.3.1 reference plane : The horizontal plane through the centre of the circle described by the external point of the entrance edges of the impeller blades; in the case of double inlet pumps the plane should be taken through the higher centre.

The manufacturer should indicate the position of this plane with respect to precise reference points on the pump.

3.2.3.2 z designates the difference between the level of the horizontal plane under consideration and the level of the reference plane. Its value is

— positive, if the plane in question is above the reference plane;

— negative, if the plane in question is below the reference plane.

3.2.3.3 p_e **— gauge pressure :** The effective pressure, relative to atmospheric pressure. The head corresponding to this pressure is

$$\frac{p_e}{\rho g}$$

Its value is

— positive if this pressure is greater than the atmospheric pressure;

— negative if this pressure is less than the atmospheric pressure.

3.2.3.4 velocity head : The kinetic energy per unit weight of the liquid in movement. It is expressed by :

$$\frac{v^2}{2g}$$

where v is the mean velocity of the liquid in the section considered.

3.2.3.5 total head : In any section, the total head is given by :

$$z + \frac{p}{\rho g} + \frac{v^2}{2g}$$

This is related to atmosphere. The absolute total head in any section is given by :

$$z + \frac{p}{\rho g} + \frac{p_b}{\rho g} + \frac{v^2}{2g}$$

3.2.3.6 H_1 **— inlet total head :** The total head in the inlet section of the pump :

$$H_1 = z_1 + \frac{p_1}{\rho_1 g} + \frac{v_1{}^2}{2g}$$

3.2.3.7 H_2 **— outlet total head :** The total head in the outlet section of the pump :

$$H_2 = z_2 + \frac{p_2}{\rho_2 g} + \frac{v_2{}^2}{2g}$$

3.2.3.8 H **— pump total head :** The algebraic difference between the outlet total head, and the inlet total head.

$$H = H_2 - H_1$$

If the variation of density of the pumped liquid is not significant,

$$H = z_2 - z_1 + \frac{p_2 - p_1}{\rho g} + \frac{v_2{}^2 - v_1{}^2}{2g}$$

If the variation of density of the pumped liquid is significant, ρ should be replaced by the mean value

$$\rho_m = \frac{\rho_1 + \rho_2}{2}$$

3.2.3.9 y **— specific energy :** The energy per unit mass of liquid. It is given by the equation

$$y = gH$$

3.2.3.10 H_{J1} **— loss of total head at inlet :** The difference between the total head of the liquid at the measuring point, or possibly of the liquid without velocity in the suction chamber, and the total head of the liquid in the inlet section of the pump.

3.2.11 H_{J2} **— loss of total head on delivery :** The difference between the total head of the liquid in the outlet section of the pump, and the total head of the liquid at the measuring point.

3.2.3.12 (NPSH) — net positive suction head : The total inlet head, plus the head corresponding to the atmospheric pressure, minus the head corresponding to the vapour pressure :

$$(NPSH) = H_1 + \frac{p_b}{\rho g} - \frac{p_v}{\rho g}$$

Thus (NPSH), as well as inlet total head, is referred to the reference plane.

It is necessary to make a distinction between

— the (NPSH) *required* at given flow and speed of rotation for a given pump; it is specified by the manufacturer;

— the (NPSH) *available* for the same flow which is determined by the installation.

— the value (NPSH) determined during the cavitation-test. This value is that which causes in the first stage a drop of $(3 + K/2)$ % in total head of the first stage or in efficiency at a given rate of flow, or in a rate of flow or efficiency at a given total head.

Subscripts may be used to differentiate these quantities (for example $(NPSH)_r$ when the required value is concerned and $(NPSH)_{av}$ when the available value is concerned).

3.2.4 Power

3.2.4.1 P_u — **pump power output** : The power transferred to the liquid at its passage through the pump :

$$P_u = q_m g H = q_m y = \rho q_v g H$$

3.2.4.2 P_a — **pump power input** : The power measured at the pump coupling.

3.2.4.3 P_{gr} — **motor power input** : The power absorbed by the pump driver.

3.2.5 Efficiency

3.2.5.1 η — **pump efficiency** :

$$\eta = \frac{\text{Pump power output}}{\text{Pump power input}}$$

3.2.5.2 η_{int} — **transmission efficiency** (shafting, coupling, gears, etc.) :

$$\eta_{int} = \frac{\text{Pump power input}}{\text{Power at motor shaft}}$$

3.2.5.3 η_{mot} — **motor efficiency** :

$$\eta_{mot} = \frac{\text{Power at motor shaft}}{\text{Motor power input}}$$

3.2.5.4 η_{gr} — **overall efficiency** :

$$\eta_{gr} = \eta\, \eta_{int}\, \eta_{mot}$$

$$= \frac{\text{Pump power output}}{\text{Motor power input}}$$

3.2.6 Type number K

The type number, a dimensionless quantity, is defined by the following formula[1] :

$$K = \frac{2\,\pi\,n\,(q'_v)^{1/2}}{(gH')^{3/4}}$$

where

q'_v is the volume rate of flow per eye;

H' is the head per stage.

NOTE — Attention is drawn to the fact that, in this International Standard, the type number applies to the guaranteed flow rate, which is not in conformity with common practice where K is calculated from the flow rate corresponding to the maximum efficiency.

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1) This formula is the same as the basic formula $K = \dfrac{\omega\, q'^{\,1/2}_v}{y'^{3/4}}$

4 GUARANTEES

4.1 Subjects of guarantees

One or more of the following quantities may be guaranteed by the manufacturer under the specified conditions and speed of rotation :

a) total head of the pump, H_G, at the agreed flow rate q_{vG}, or flow rate of the pump q_{vG} at the agreed total head H_G (see 9.4.1);

b) power input or efficiency of the pump or combined pump-motor unit at the guaranteed $q_{vG}H_G$ point;

c) NPSH required by the pump at the agreed flow rate q_{vG};

d) other points of the $q_v H$ curve may be indicated by guaranteeing the total head at a reduced or increased flow rate, in which case separately agreed increased tolerances will apply.

4.2 Other conditions of guarantee

Unless specifically agreed otherwise in the contract, it shall be taken that the following conditions apply to the guarantee values :

a) unless the chemical and physical properties of the liquid are stated, it shall be taken that the guarantee points apply to clean cold water;

b) the relation between the guarantee values under clean cold water conditions and the likely performance under other liquid conditions shall be agreed in the contract;

c) guarantees shall apply only to the pump as tested by the methods and in the test arrangements specified, in this International Standard;

d) the pump manufacturer shall not be responsible for the specification of the guarantee point.

4.3 Fulfilment of guarantee

The nominated guarantee for any quantity shall be deemed to have been met if, when tested according to this International Standard, the measured performance falls within the tolerance specified in clause 9 for the particular quantity. Other points on the $q_v H$ curve shall not be guaranteed unless the points and tolerances for fulfilment of guarantee are agreed in the contract.

5 TESTS

5.1 Organization of tests

5.1.1 *Place of testing*

Acceptance tests shall be carried out at the manufacturer's works, or alternatively at a place to be mutually agreed between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

5.1.2 *Time of testing*

The time of testing shall be mutually agreed by the manufacturer and the purchaser.

When tests are not carried out in the manufacturer's works, time shall be allowed for preliminary adjustments by both the manufacturer and the installer.

5.1.3 *Staff*

Accurate measurements depend not only on the quality of the measuring instruments used but also on the ability and skill of the persons operating and reading the measuring devices during the tests. The staff entrusted with effecting the measurements must be selected just as carefully as the instruments to be used in the test.

Specialists with adequate experience in measuring operations in general shall be charged with operating and reading complicated measuring apparatus. Reading simple measuring devices may be entrusted to such helpers who — upon short prior instruction — can be assumed to effect the readings with proper care and the accuracy required.

A chief of tests shall be appointed, possessing adequate experience in measuring operations. Normally, when the test is carried out at the manufacturer's works, the chief of tests is a staff member of the manufacturing firm.

All persons charged with effecting the measurements are subordinated during the tests to the chief of tests, who conducts and supervises the measurements, reports on test conditions and the results of the tests and then drafts the test report. All questions arising in connection with the measurements and their execution are subject to his decision.

The parties concerned shall provide all assistance that the chief of tests considers necessary.

5.1.4 *Test programme*

Only the guaranteed operational data shall form the basis of the test; other data determined by measurement during the tests shall have merely an indicative (informative) function and it shall be so stated if they are included in the programme.

5.1.5 *Testing equipment*

The chief of tests shall be responsible for the selection and operation of measuring equipment. All of the measuring equipment shall be covered by reports showing, by calibration or by comparison with other International Standards, that it complies with the requirements of 5.4. These reports shall be presented if required.

5.1.6 *Test reports*

All test records and record charts shall be initialled by the chief of tests and by the representatives of both the purchaser and the manufacturer, each of whom shall be provided with a copy of all records and charts.

The evaluation of the test results, including graphical plotting of the pump performance curve, shall be made as far as possible while the tests are in progress and, in any case, before the installation and instrumentation are dismantled in order that suspect measurements can be repeated without delay.

5.2 Test arrangements

5.2.1 *Standard test arrangements*

All practical steps shall be taken to ensure that flow through the measuring section shall result in

a) an axially symmetric velocity distribution;

b) a uniform static pressure distribution;

c) freedom from swirl induced by the installation.

Some methods for ensuring these conditions for standard test arrangements are suggested below.

Acceptance tests may be carried out under standard test conditions for pumps where the type number is less than or equal to 1,5.

When the type number is greater than 1,5, it must be agreed contractually that the results of such tests will be held to apply only to specified conditions. The purpose of such tests will be to provide an assurance that the pump will, if suitably installed, perform the specified duty.

It is recommended that for standard test circuits leading from reservoirs with a free surface, or from large stilling vessels in a closed cicuit, the inlet straight length L shall be determined by the expression :

$$\frac{L}{D} = K + 5$$

where D is the pipe diameter.

This expression is also valid for an arrangement that includes, at a distance L upstream, a simple medium-radius right angle bend that is not fitted with guide vanes. Under these conditions, flow straighteners are not necessary in the pipe between the bend and the pump.

However, in a closed circuit where there is neither a reservoir nor a stilling vessel immediately upstream of the pump, it is necessary to ensure that the flow into the pump is free from swirl induced by the installation and has a normal symmetrical velocity distribution.

Significant swirl can be avoided by :

— careful design of the test circuit upstream of the measurement section;

— judicious use of a flow straightener;

— suitable arrangement of the pressure tappings to minimize their influence on the measurement.

5.2.2 *Simulated test arrangements*

When pumps are tested under simulated site conditions flow straighteners shall not be installed immediately before the pump. It is important that the characteristics of flow to the simulated circuit should be controlled; that the flow should, as far as possible, be free from significant swirl induced by the installation and have a symmetrical velocity distribution. If necessary, the velocity distribution of the flow into the simulated circuit shall be determined by careful pitot tube traverses, in order to establish that the required flow characteristics exist. If not the required characteristics can be obtained by the installation of suitable means, such as the Zanker flow straightener (see figure 1); but care must be taken to ensure that the conditions of test will not be affected by the high, irrecoverable pressure losses associated with efficient straightening devices.

5.2.3 *Pumps tested with fittings*

If specified in the contract, standard tests can be carried out on a combination of a pump and :

1) associated fittings at the final site installation; or

2) an exact reproduction thereof; or

3) fittings introduced for testing purposes and taken as forming part of the pump itself (see for example 5.2.4, 5.2.5, etc.).

Connection on the inlet and outlet sides of the whole combination shall be made in accordance with 6.2.2.

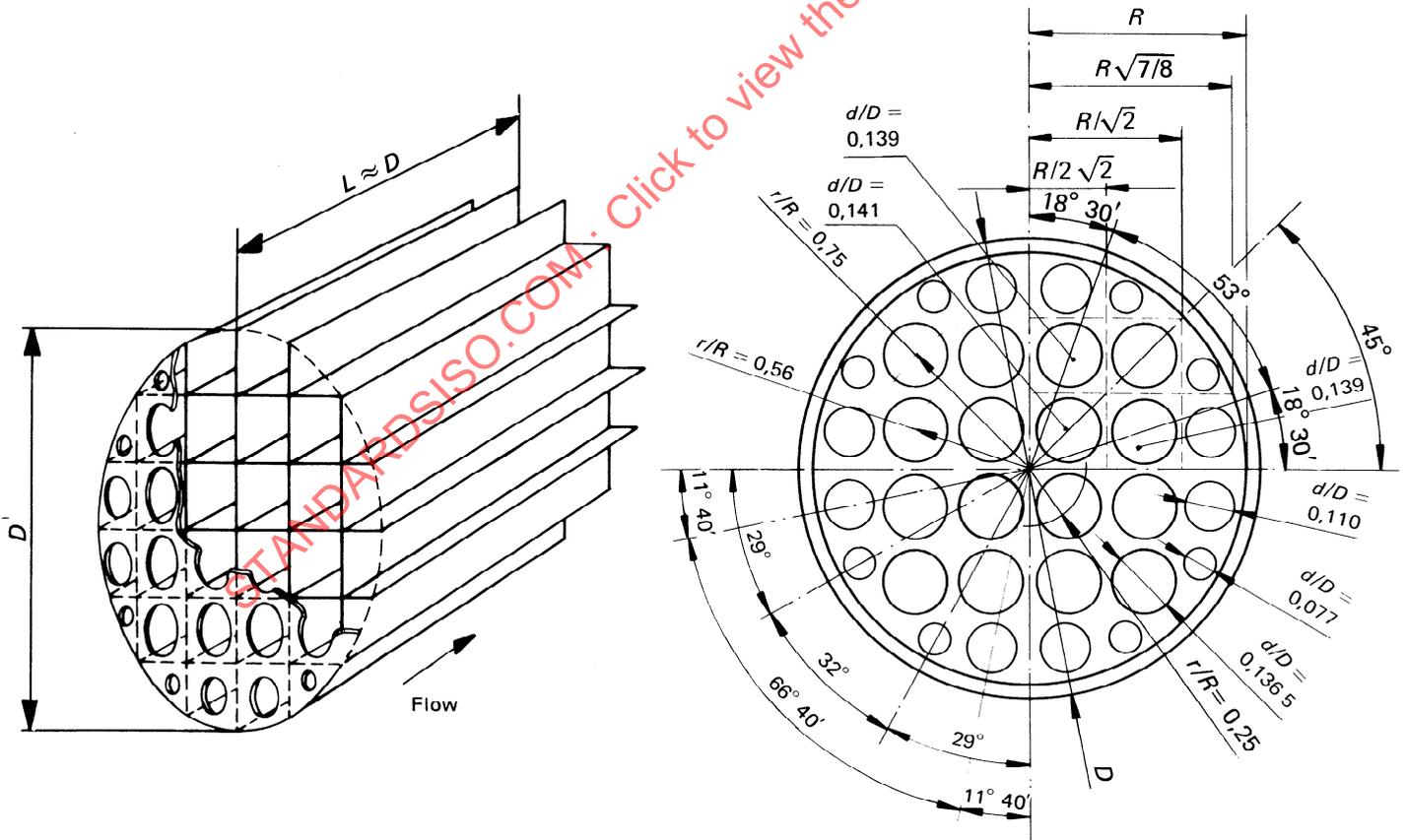Measurements shall then be taken in accordance with 5.3.2.2 and 5.3.2.3.

FIGURE 1 — Zanker flow straightener

5.2.4 *Pumping installation under submerged conditions*

Where a pump, or a combination of a pump and its fittings, is tested or installed in conditions where the standard pipe connection on either inlet or outlet as described in 6.2.2, cannot be made owing to inaccessibility or submergence, measurements shall be taken in accordance with 6.2.1.6.

5.2.5 *Borehole and deep-well pumps*

Borehole and deep-well pumps cannot usually be tested with their complete lengths of delivery main and, consequently, the loss of head in the portions omitted, and the power absorbed by any shafting therein, cannot be measured. Any thrust bearing, would also be more lightly loaded during the test than it would be in the final installation. (See 6.2.1.6.)

5.2.6 *Self-priming pumps*

In principle the priming ability of self-priming pumps shall always be verified at the contractual static suction head with the attached inlet piping equivalent to that in the final installation. When the test cannot be carried out in the described manner, the test arrangement to be used shall be specified in the contract.

5.3 Test conditions

5.3.1 *Execution of tests*

The duration of the test shall be sufficient to obtain consistent results having regard to the degree of accuracy to be achieved.

Where multiple readings are taken to reduce the error margin (see 5.3.2), they shall be taken at unequal intervals of time.

All measurements shall be made under steady conditions of operation but a decision to make measurements when such conditions cannot be obtained shall be a matter of agreement between the parties concerned.

Verification of the guaranteed point shall be obtained by recording at least five points of measurements closely and evenly grouped around the guaranteed point, for example between 0,9 and 1,1 q_{vG}.

Where, for special reasons, it is necessary to determine performance over a range of operating conditions, a sufficient number of measurements points shall be taken to establish the performance within the limits of error stated in 5.4.

5.3.2 *Stability of operation*

5.3.2.1 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this International Standard the following definitions apply :

oscillations : Short-period fluctuations about a mean value during the time that a single reading is being made.

variations : Those changes in value which take place between one reading and the next.

5.3.2.2 PERMISSIBLE OSCILLATIONS IN READINGS AND USE OF DAMPING

Where the construction or operation of a pump is such that oscillations of great amplitude are present, measurements may be carried out by means of an instrument capable of providing an integration over at least one complete cycle of oscillation. The calibration of such an instrument shall comply with the provisions of the appropriate clauses.

Restricted damping may be introduced in measuring instruments and their connecting lines where necessary to reduce the amplitude of oscillations to within the values given in table 4.

TABLE 4 — **Maximum permissible amplitude of oscillations as a percentage of mean value of quantity being measured**

Measured quantity	Maximum permissible amplitude of oscillations %
Rate of flow Head Torque Power	± 3
Speed of rotation	± 1

NOTES

1   When using a differential pressure device to measure flow rate, the maximum permissible amplitude of the oscillations of the observed differential head may be ± 6 %.

2   In the case of inlet total pressure head and outlet total pressure head measurement, the maximum permissible amplitude oscillation is to be calculated individually on the pump total head.

Where it is possible that damping will significantly affect the accuracy of the readings, the tests shall be repeated using a symmetrical and linear damping device, for example a capillary tube.

5.3.2.3 NUMBER OF SETS OF OBSERVATIONS

5.3.2.3.1 Steady conditions

In steady and well controlled test conditions, only one set of readings of individual quantities will be recorded for the specified test condition. This set shall be recorded only after the observers have been satisfied that the oscillations have settled down within the limits specified in tables 4 and 5.

5.3.2.3.2 Unsteady conditions

In such cases where the unsteadiness of test conditions gives rise to doubts concerning the accuracy of the tests, the following procedure shall be followed :

Repeated readings of the measurements shall be made at the guaranteed point, only speed and temperature being

allowed to be controlled. Throttle valve water level, gland, balance water, settings, etc. shall be left completely unaltered. The difference between these repeated readings of the same quantities will be a measure of the unsteadiness of the test conditions, which are at least partly influenced by the pump under test as well as the installation.

A minimum of three sets of readings shall be taken at the guaranteed point, and the value of each separate reading and of the efficiency derived from each set of readings shall be recorded. The percentage difference between the largest and smallest values of each quantity shall not be greater than that given in table 5. It will be noted that a wider tolerance is permitted if the number of readings is increased up to the maximum requirement of nine readings.

These tolerances are designed to ensure that the errors due to scatter, taken together with the systematic error limits given in table 6, will result in overall measurement errors not greater than those given in table 7.

TABLE 5 — **Limits of variation between repeated measurements of the same quantity (based on 95 % confidence limits)**

Number of sets of readings	Maximum permissible difference between largest and smallest readings of each quantity %	
	Rate of flow Head Torque Power	Speed of rotation
3	0,8	0,25
5	1,6	0,5
7	2,2	0,7
9	2,8	0,9

The arithmetic mean of all the readings for each quantity shall be taken as the actual value for the purposes of the test.

If the values given in table 5 cannot be reached, the cause shall be ascertained, the conditions rectified and a new complete set of readings made, i.e., all the readings in the original set shall be rejected. No reading or selection of readings in the set of observations may be rejected because it lies outside the limits.

In the case where the excessive variation is not due to procedure or instrumentation errors, and cannot therefore be eliminated, the limits of error may be calculated by statistical analysis.

5.3.3 *Speed of rotation during test* (see 4.1)

The difference between the specified speed of rotation and the test speed of rotation may be expressed as a percentage as follows : $\left(\dfrac{n - n_{sp}}{n_{sp}}\right) \times 100$. This shall be within the following limits :

5.3.3.1 For flow rate and head : from $\begin{smallmatrix}+\,20\,\%\\-\,50\,\%\end{smallmatrix}$ of the specified value.

5.3.3.2 For pump efficiency : from ± 20 % of the specified value.

For a combined motor-pump unit, the motor efficiency change between specified and test speeds, shall be established at the time of agreeing the contract.

5.3.3.3 For (NPSH) tests : from ± 20 % provided that the pump flow rate during the test lies within 0,50 and 1,20 of the flow rate corresponding to the maximum efficiency.

NOTE — For tests conforming to the requirements of 7.1.1.1, the above-mentioned variation may always be allowed. For tests conforming to the requirements of 7.1.1.2, it may be allowed for pumps with type numbers less than or equal to 2; for pumps with type numbers greater than 2, agreement shall be reached between the parties concerned.

5.3.4 *Control of head*

The test conditions may be obtained, among other methods, by throttling in either or both the inlet and outlet pipes. When throttling in the inlet pipe is used, due consideration shall be given to the possibility of cavitation or of air coming out of the water, which might affect the operation of the pump (see 7.1.2) the flow measuring device (see 6.1.3) or both.

5.4 Accuracy of measurement

The limits of measurement errors[1] laid down in this International Standard are those which refer to measurements taken and to quantities calculated therefrom; they apply to the maximum permissible discrepancies between measured and actual performances (see 9.4).

For the purpose of this International Standard, the tolerance on the measurement of a variable is defined as twice the standard deviation of this variable. The tolerance shall be calculated and indicated as such for any measurement in accordance with this International Standard.

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1) See annex E.

When partial errors, the combination of which gives the tolerance, are independent one from the other, are small and numerous and have a gaussian distribution, there is 95 % probability that the true error is less than the tolerance.

This test code specifies the standard methods of measurement and instruments to be used for the determination of rate of flow, inlet total head, outlet total head, pump total head, speed of rotation and pump power input.

Any device or method which by calibration or comparison with ISO standards[1] has been demonstrated to be capable of measuring with systematic errors not exceeding the limits given in table 7 may be used. The devices or methods shall be agreed upon by both parties concerned.

TABLE 6 — Permissible systematic errors of measuring instruments

Measured quantity	Permissible limit, %
Rate of flow	± 1,5
Pump total head Pump power input Electrical power input (for overall efficiency tests)	± 1,0
Speed of rotation	± 0,35

If the recommendations concerning the systematic errors of instruments as given in table 6 and those concerning the actual test procedure are followed, it shall be assumed that the overall limits of error will not exceed those given below.

TABLE 7 — Maximum limits of overall error

Quantity	Permissible limit, %
Rate of flow	± 2,0
Pump total head Pump power input Electrical power input (for overall efficiency tests)	± 1,5
Speed of rotation	± 0,5
Overall efficiency (computed from the rate of flow, total head and electrical power)	± 2,5
Pump efficiency	± 2,8

6 PROCEDURE FOR MEASUREMENT OF RATE OF FLOW, HEAD, SPEED OF ROTATION AND POWER INPUT

The following methods, among others, may be used.

6.1 Measurement of flow rate

6.1.1 Weighing tank method

This method is capable only of measuring the mean values of the flow rate during the period concerned.

It is subject to the errors of the weighing, of the time-measuring apparatus employed, of the time taken for the diversion of the flow into and from the weighing tank and those involved in the determination of density.

Until the publication of ISO . . ., "Measurement of liquid flow in closed conduits — Weighing method", details of the accuracy obtainable with this method can be obtained from IEC Publication 193.[1]

NOTE — In the case where two tanks are used alternately during the measuring period, the flow being diverted from one to the other, only the times of initial diversion into and final diversion from the measuring system are to be taken into account, not the times of the intermediate diversions from tank to tank.

6.1.2 Volumetric tank method

This method, as in the case of the weighing method, is only capable of measuring the mean value of the flow rate during the period concerned.

In every case a leakage test of the tank shall be carried out and correction made for leakage if necessary. Where possible, initial calibration shall be carried out by weighing a liquid of known density into the measuring tank. Outdoor tanks should be adequately sheltered so that the level and the level-measuring devices are not disturbed by wind or rain.

In the case of big outdoor tanks the method is in general subject to errors in measurement of levels which are not stationary and which may be non-uniform. In such a case the levels shall be simultaneously measured within stilling tubes, at not fewer than four widely separated positions within the tank.

Water levels may be measured with hook gauges, float gauges, piezometer or other instruments capable of maintaining the required accuracy.

Details of the accuracies obtainable with this method are given in the IEC Publication 193[1].

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1) See annex E.

6.1.3 *Orifice plates, venturi tubes and nozzles*

The measurement of flow rate may be carried out using devices designed and installed in accordance with ISO 5167[1] for orifice plates, nozzles and venturi tubes. Minimum straight lengths required upstream from the pressure difference device, especially, are given in tables 3 and 4 of ISO 5167.

For the purpose of this International Standard the pump will be considered to cause a flow disturbance equivalent to a single 90° bend lying in the same plane as the pump volute or the last stage of a multistage pump or the outlet bend of the pump.

The characteristics of these devices are calculated using the International Standard quoted above and calibration is not required.

Care shall be taken to ensure that neither cavitation, nor air is present in the flow measuring devices. Special care should be taken to ensure that the indications of the device are not affected by air coming out of solution at the control valve. The presence of air can usually be detected by operating the air vents on the measuring device.

It shall be possible at any moment to check the equipment for differential pressure measurement using liquid column or dead weight manometers.

ISO 2186[1] gives indications as to the connecting pipes.

6.1.4 *Other flow measurement devices*

Other methods of flow measurement (thin plate weirs, flumes, velocity area methods using current meters or Pitot tubes, tracer methods, etc.) are the subjects of International Standards, for which references are given in annex E and can be used for this International Standard.

Some other methods, such as electromagnetic flowmeters or ultrasounds, can be used only after mutual agreement between the parties concerned on the installation conditions and obtainable accuracy.

6.2 Measurement of head

6.2.1 *Pump total head*

6.2.1.1 The pump total head is calculated in accordance with the definition given in 3.2.3.8. However, in certain cases the pump total head may be measured using one differential pressure device.

This type of installation and the corresponding formulae are given in figure 6.

When this is deemed preferable, the pump total head may be replaced by an expression giving the increase in specific energy of the fluid conveyed by the pump ($y = gH$, see 3.2.3.9).

The "specific energy" increase is obtained by multiplying both sides of the pump total head equation given above by g.

6.2.1.2 Friction losses at inlet and outlet

The guarantees under 4.1 refer to the pump inlet and outlet flanges, and the pressure measuring points are in general at a distance from these flanges (5.2.1 to 5.2.4, and 6.2.2). It may be necessary to add to the measured pump total head, the head losses due to friction (H_{J1} and H_{J2}) between the measuring points and the pump flanges.

Such a correction shall be applied only if

$$H_{J1} + H_{J2} \geqslant 0{,}002\,H$$

If the pipe between the measuring points and the flanges is unobstructed, straight, and of constant circular cross-section

$$H_J = \lambda \frac{l}{D} \times \frac{v^2}{2g}$$

The value of λ shall be derived from

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} = -2\log_{10}\left[\frac{2{,}51}{Re\sqrt{\lambda}} + \frac{k}{3{,}7\,D}\right]$$

where $Re = \dfrac{vD}{v}$ (pure number)

$\dfrac{k}{D} = \dfrac{\text{pipe roughness}}{\text{pipe diameter}}$ (pure number)

Annex C gives guidance on how to check whether a correction need be made, and on how to calculate the correction if necessary.

If the pipe is other than unobstructed, straight, and of constant circular cross section, the correlation to be applied must be the subject of special agreement in the contract.
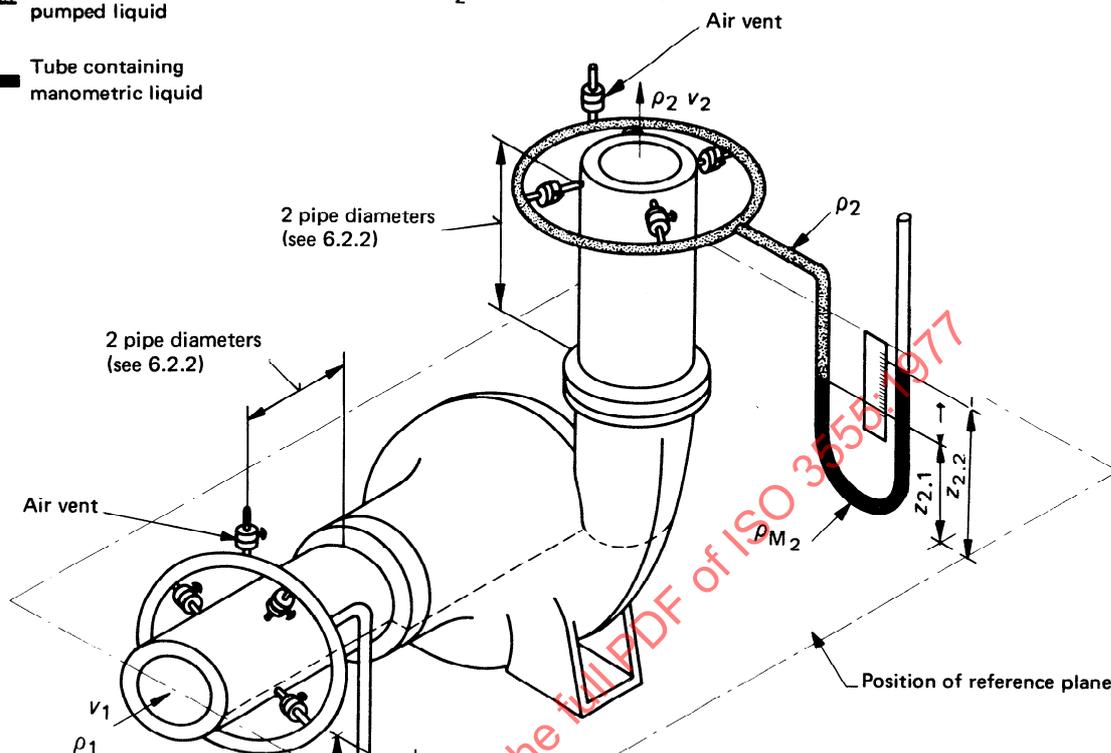
6.2.1.3 Installations in accordance with 5.2.1

These installations and the corresponding formulae are given in figures 2 and 3.
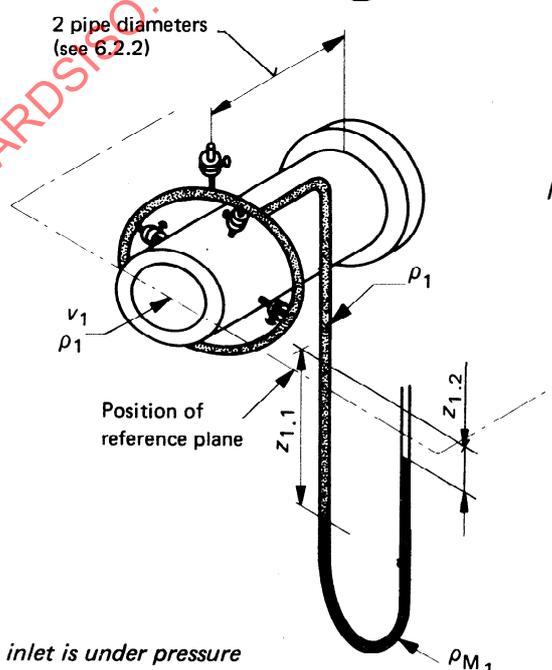
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1) See annex E.

Tube containing air

Tube containing pumped liquid

Tube containing manometric liquid

$$H_2 = z_{2.1} + \frac{\rho_{M2}}{\rho_2}(z_{2.2} - z_{2.1}) + \frac{v_2{}^2}{2g}$$

Air vent

$\rho_2 \; v_2$

2 pipe diameters (see 6.2.2)

ρ_2

2 pipe diameters (see 6.2.2)

Air vent

v_1
ρ_1

ρ_{M2}

$z_{2.1}$

$z_{2.2}$

Position of reference plane

$z_{1.1}$

$z_{1.3}$

$z_{1.2}$

Possible residue of pumped liquid ρ_1

ρ_{M1}

$$H_1 = \frac{\rho_{M1}}{\rho_1}(z_{1.2} - z_{1.1}) + \frac{v_1{}^2}{2g} + (z_{1.1} - z_{1.3})$$

a) *The pump inlet is under vacuum*

2 pipe diameters (see 6.2.2)

v_1
ρ_1

ρ_1

$$H_1 = \frac{\rho_{M1}}{\rho_1}(z_{1.2} - z_{1.1}) + \frac{v_1{}^2}{2g} + z_{1.1}$$

Position of reference plane

$z_{1.1}$

$z_{1.2}$

ρ_{M1}

The drawings show the principles but not full technical details

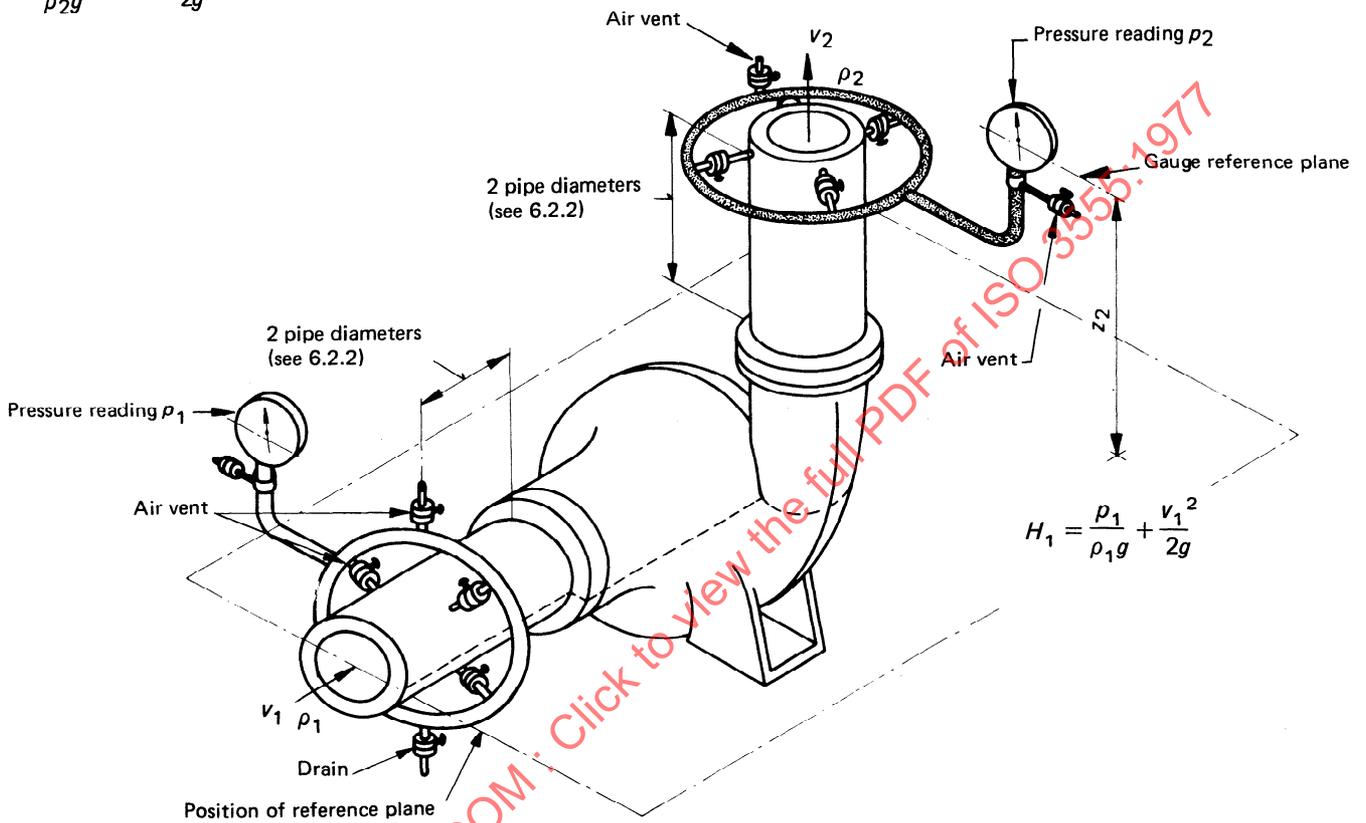b) *The pump inlet is under pressure*

FIGURE 2 — **Test of a centrifugal pump by means of liquid column gauges**

Tube containing pumped liquid

Tube containing air

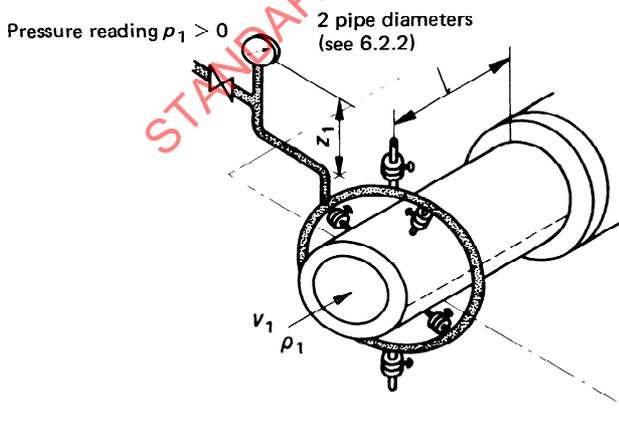a) *Arrangement for determining reference plane of Bourdon type gauge*
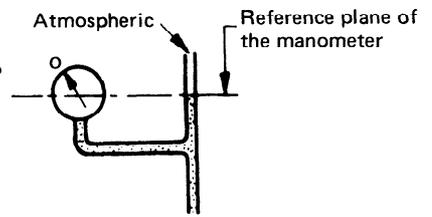
Atmospheric — Reference plane of the manometer

$$H_2 = \frac{p_2}{\rho_2 g} + z_2 + \frac{v_2^2}{2g}$$

Air vent — v_2 — ρ_2 — Pressure reading p_2

2 pipe diameters (see 6.2.2)

Gauge reference plane

2 pipe diameters (see 6.2.2)

Pressure reading p_1

Air vent — z_2

Air vent

$$H_1 = \frac{p_1}{\rho_1 g} + \frac{v_1^2}{2g}$$

v_1 ρ_1

Drain

Position of reference plane

b) *The pump inlet is under vacuum*

Pressure reading $p_1 > 0$ — 2 pipe diameters (see 6.2.2)

z_1

$$H_1 = \frac{p_1}{\rho_1 g} + z_1 + \frac{v_1^2}{2g}$$

The drawings show the principles but not full technical details

v_1 ρ_1

c) *The pump inlet is under pressure*

FIGURE 3 — **Test of a centrifugal pump by means of Bourdon gauges**

$$H_1 = z_1$$

$$H_2 = \frac{p_2}{\rho_2 g} + z_2 + \frac{v_2{}^2}{2g}$$

$$H = \frac{p_2}{\rho_2 g} + z_{1.2} + \frac{v_2{}^2}{2g}$$
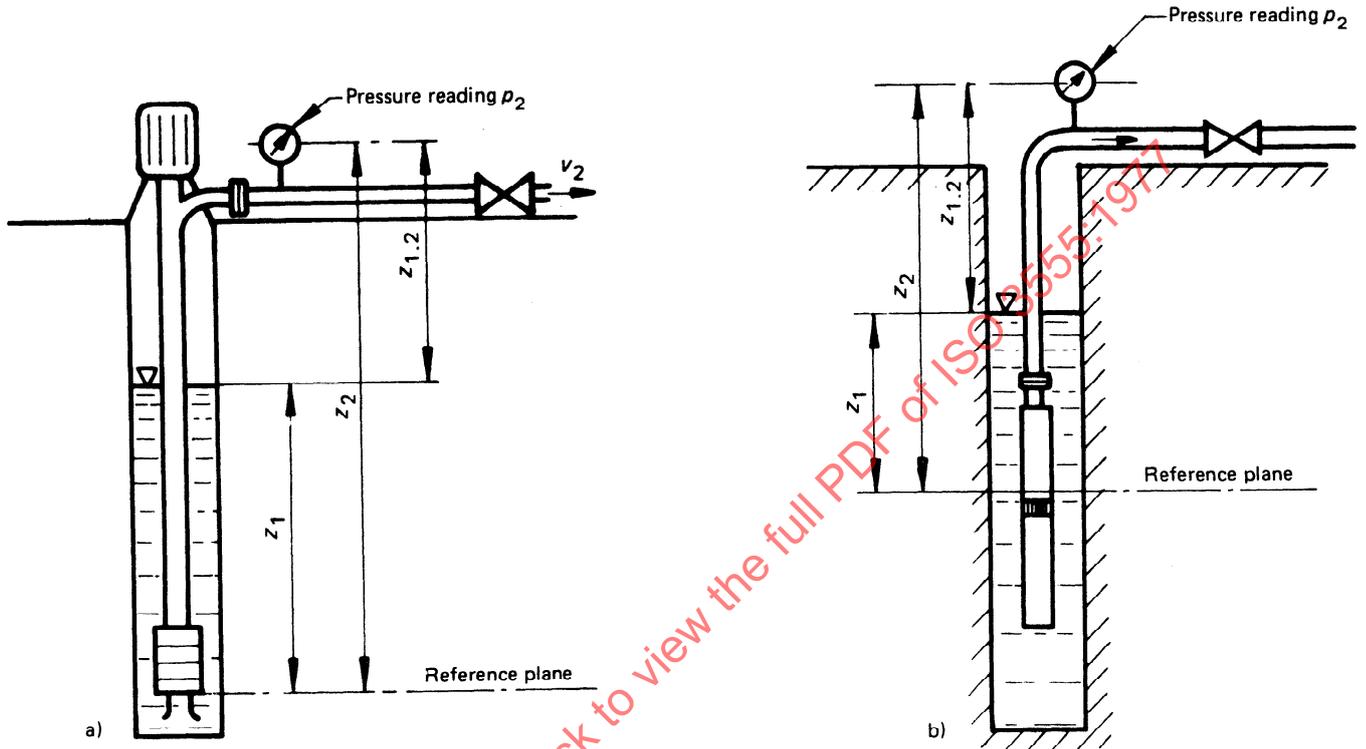
The drawings show the principles but not full technical details

FIGURE 4 — Measurement of pump total head H for various types of submerged pumps

$l \geqslant 2{,}5\,d$, where $d = 2$ to 6 mm or 1/10 pipe diameter whichever value is the less
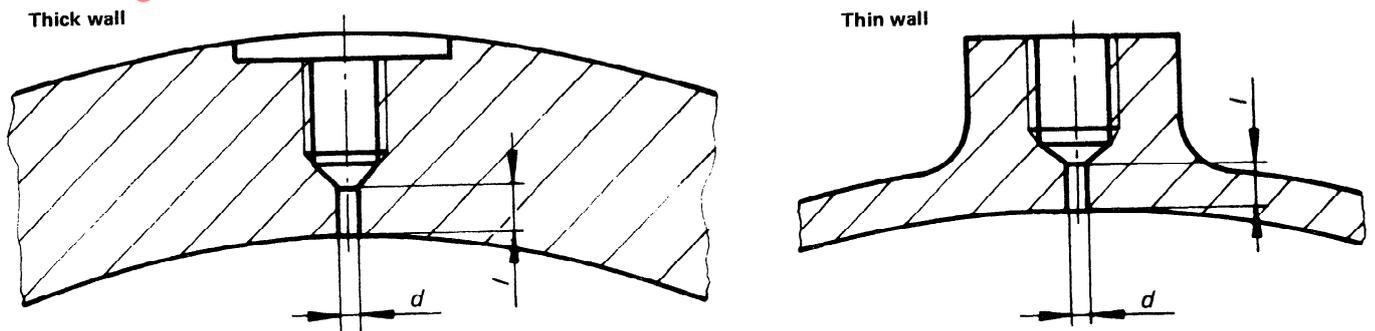
FIGURE 5 — Requirements for static head tappings

6.2.1.4 INSTALLATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH 5.2.2 AND 5.2.3

Where a pump is tested in combination with fittings forming part of the site or test installation, the provisions of 6.2.1.3 shall be applied to the inlet and to the outlet flange of fittings and not to the inlet and outlet of the pump.

This procedure debits against the pump all head losses caused by fittings on the inlet and outlet side.

During the acceptance test, the pump shall be fitted with the pipe arrangements corresponding to the final arrangement at site. In this case the friction losses between the section for measuring the inlet pressure and the inlet flange as well as between the outlet flange and the section for measuring the outlet pressure, shall be determined in accordance with the method mentioned in 6.2.1.2 and added to the sum of the differences of positional head, of pressure head and of velocity head.

6.2.1.5 PUMPS WITH INACCESSIBLE ENDS

If the inlet or outlet or both sides of the pump are inaccessible, the procedure prescribed below shall be followed in measuring the pump's head. Under certain circumstances, friction losses, such as mentioned in 6.2.1.2 and 6.2.1.4, shall be taken into account.

6.2.1.6 INSTALLATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH 5.2.4 AND 5.2.6

These installations and the corresponding formulae are given in figure 4.

However, if the pump discharges into a sump with a free surface the outlet total head is equal to the positional head of the still surface of the liquid into which the pump delivers plus the gauge pressure head.

The inlet total head is equal to the positional head with respect to the reference plane of the still surface of the liquid in which the pump is tested or from which it draws, plus the pressure head equivalent to the gauge pressure on that surface.

This assumption debits against the pump all losses caused by fittings on the inlet and the outlet side.

6.2.1.6.1 Submersible pumps

If the outlet flange of this type of pump is, for practical purposes, defined as placed at a certain distance from the pump proper, and is thus preceded by an outlet pipe length and a bend or bends being always parts of the installation, the measurement of outlet head shall be made in accordance with 5.2.3.

6.2.1.6.2 Deep-well pumps

In this case friction losses between the pressure measuring points and the inlet or outlet flanges, respectively, that may have to be taken into account, shall be determined in accordance with the method given in 6.2.1.2 and annex C.

Friction losses at the inlet are primarily caused by resistance to flow within the inlet strainer, the foot valve, and the inlet pipe. All of these head losses shall as far as possible be indicated at the time the contract is made by the pump manufacturer if he supplies such accessories, or by the purchaser, if they are fitted by the latter. Should it prove impossible to submit such data, the purchaser and the manufacturer, prior to the acceptance test, shall arrive at an agreement concerning the flow resistance data to be applied.

Friction losses at outlet result from resistance to flow within the column-pipe and the outlet bend.

Since deep-well pumps in general are not tested with the entire stand pipe attached, unless the acceptance test is performed at site, the pipe friction losses in regard to the pump total head shall be estimated and stated by the manufacturer to his purchaser.

Should it be considered necessary to verify the data indicated by an acceptance test at site, such a test shall be specified in the supply contract.

For tests on installations conforming to the requirements of 5.2.3, 5.2.4 and 5.2.5 the guarantees also apply to fittings.

6.2.2 *Pressure tappings*

Four static pressure tappings are to be provided symmetrically disposed around the circumference of the inlet and of the outlet pipes. These tappings shall be located at a distance of 2 pipe diameters upstream of the pump inlet flange when the length of this pipe allows it and at a distance of 2 pipe diameters downstream of the pump outlet flange. When the distance of 2 pipe diameters upstream cannot be reached (for example, in the case of a rather short inlet bellmouth) the available straight length shall be divided so as to take the best possible advantage of the local conditions between the upstream and downstream parts of the measuring section.

The pressure tappings shall be connected through shut-off cocks to a ring manifold of cross-sectional area not less than the sum of the cross-sectional areas of the tappings, so that the pressure from any tapping may be measured if required. Before making observations, the pressure with each individual tapping successively open, shall be taken at the normal test condition of the pump. If one of the readings shows a difference of more than 0,5 % of the total head with respect to the arithmetical mean of the four measurements, or if it shows a deviation of more than once the velocity head in the measuring section, the cause of this spread shall be ascertained and the measuring conditions rectified before the test proper is started.

NOTE — When the same pressure tappings are used for (NPSH) measurements, this deviation shall not exceed 1 % of the (NPSH) value or once the dynamic head.

The inlet head shall be determined from the pressure head measured at the ring manifold, the positional head of the point of measurement and the velocity head calculated as though there were uniform velocity in the inlet pipe. For corrections which may be required if swirl exists, see annex A.

The outlet head shall be determined from the pressure head measured at the ring manifold, the positional head of the point of measurement and the dynamic head calculated as though there were uniform velocity in the outlet pipe.

Possible errors of measurement of energy at discharge are caused by swirl and/or variations of local velocity distribution.

Figures 2 to 6 show the application of U-tube and Bourdon type manometers to measure the pressure head plus positional head. Where single-leg manometers, Bourdon or pressure transducers are used, an allowance for the difference in altitude between the manometer reference plane and the mean height of the pressure tappings shall be added to the pressure head as read.

Static pressure tappings shall comply with the requirements shown in figure 5 and shall be free from burrs and irregularities and flush with, and normal to, the inner wall of the pipe.

The diameter of the pressure tappings shall be between 2 and 6 mm or equal to 1/10 of the pipe diameter, whichever is the less. The length of a pressure tapping hole shall not be less than two and a half times its diameter.

The bore of the pipe containing the tappings shall be clean, smooth and resistant to chemical reaction with the liquid being pumped. Any coating such as paint applied to the bore shall be intact. If the pipe is welded longitudinally, the tapping hole shall be displaced as far as possible from the weld.

Pipes connecting pressure tappings to possible damping devices (see 5.3.2.2) and to instruments shall be at least equal in bore to the bore of the pressure tappings. The system shall be free from leaks. It is recommended that transparent tubing be used so as to allow determination of the amount of water or air in the tubing. ISO 2186[1] gives indications as to the connecting pipes.

6.2.3 Instruments for pressure measurement

6.2.3.1 LIQUID-COLUMN MANOMETERS

No calibration is required.

The minimum distance between two scale graduations shall be 1 mm.

If possible, the use of differential liquid columns less than 50 mm high shall be avoided. If this is impossible attention shall be specially drawn to errors of measurement.

The length of the liquid column may be modified by using one manometric liquid in place of another or by an inclined manometer.

For readings below 100 mm of liquid column, the bore of manometer tubes shall be 6 mm at least for mercury and 10 mm for water and other liquids.

The cleanliness of the liquid in the manometer shall be maintained to avoid errors due to variation of surface tension.

The design of the manometers shall be such that parallax errors are minimized.

Water column manometers may be either open ended (for low pressure measurement only) or closed with the air in the column connecting both limbs compressed to the amount required to permit the differential head to be read on the scales.

The use of the liquid column manometer is shown diagrammatically in figures 2 and 6 to which reference shall be made.

Connections between the pipes where pressure is measured and the manometer shall be made as shown diagrammatically in figure 2. ISO 2186 gives indications as the connecting pipes.

It is essential that there is no break in continuity (for example by air pockets through failure to vent properly) of the water between the pipe and the reading surface in the manometer.

6.2.3.2 WEIGHT MANOMETERS

For pressures exceeding the possibilities of the liquid column manometer, a weight or piston manometer is of practical utility whether in its simple or differential form.

The effective diameter d_e of the simple type manometer can be taken equal to the arithmetic mean of the piston diameter d_p, measured directly, and of the cylinder diameter d_c; it can then be used for calculating pressures without further calibration if the following condition is satisfied before testing :

$$\frac{d_c - d_p}{d_c + d_p} \leqslant 0,1 \%$$

Friction between the piston and cylinder may practically be made zero thanks to a rotational movement of the piston at a speed at least equal to 30 rev/min.

It is desirable to check the weight manometer by comparison with a liquid column manometer to determine the effective piston diameter in a pressure range to be as wide as possible.

Similar principles apply to the differential type weight manometer. For the measurement of variable pressures it can be profitable to use a weight manometer mounted in series with a liquid column manometer or a special weight manometer incorporating a liquid column manometer.

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1) See annex E.

6.2.3.3 BOURDON DIAL GAUGES

When this type of gauge is used for inlet and outlet pressure measurements to ascertain pump total head, it is recommended that the difference between two consecutive scale graduations be within 1,5 and 3 mm for both measurements, and that this difference corresponds to not more than 5 % of the pump total head. The calibration of these measuring devices shall be checked for each test.

6.2.3.4 OTHER TYPES OF MANOMETER

Other types of manometer may be used provided the specifications given in 6.1.3 are respected.

6.3 Measurement of the speed of rotation

The speed of rotation shall be measured by counting revolutions for a measured interval of time, by a direct-indicating tachometer, a dynamo or a tachometric alternator, an optical counting and a frequency meter, or in the case of a pump driven by an a.c. motor, from observations of the mean frequency and motor slip data either directly measured (for example using a stroboscope) or supplied by the motor manufacturer.

Where the speed of rotation cannot be directly measured (for example for immersed pumps), it is usually sufficient to check the frequency and voltage.

6.4 Measurement of pump power input

The pump power input shall be derived from measurement of the speed of rotation and torque, or determined from measurements of the electrical power input to an electric motor of known efficiency, directly coupled to the pump.

6.4.1 *Measurement of torque*

Torque shall be measured by a suitable dynamometer or a torque meter, capable of complying with the requirements of 5.4.

6.4.2 *Electric power measurements*

Where the electrical power input to an electric motor coupled directly to the pump is used as a means of determining the pump power input, the following conditions shall be observed :

a) the motor shall be operated only at conditions where the efficiency is known with sufficient accuracy;

b) motor efficiency shall be determined in accordance with the recommendations of IEC Publication 34-2[1].

The electric power input to the a.c. driving motor shall be measured by either the two-wattmeter or the three-wattmeter method. This allows using either single-phase wattmeters or a wattmeter measuring two or three phases simultaneously or integrating watt-hour-meters.

$$H = \Delta H + \frac{v_2^2 - v_1^2}{2g}$$

$$H = \frac{p_M - p_1}{p_1} \Delta H + \frac{v_2^2 - v_1^2}{2g}$$
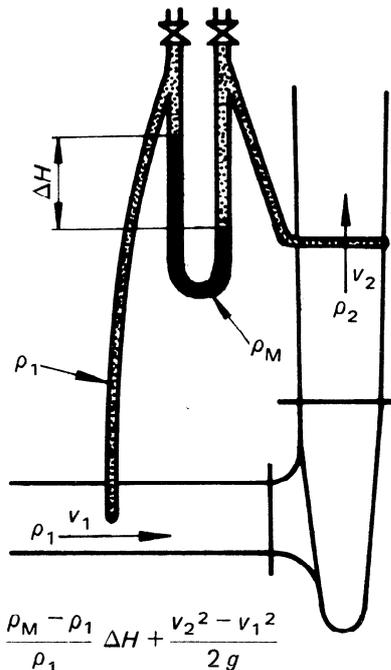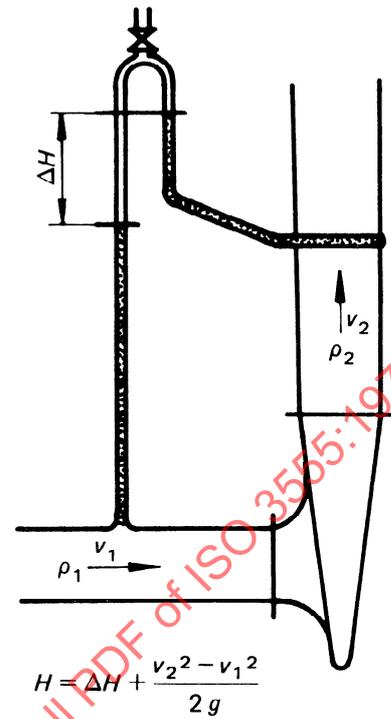
This equation is valid for $p_1 = p_2$ which may be assumed for class B tests.

Only the principle is shown, not all technical details.

FIGURE 6 — **Direct measurement of pump total head**

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1) See annex E.

In the case of a d.c. motor, either a wattmeter, or an ammeter and a voltmeter may be used.

The type and grade of accuracy of the indicating instruments for measuring electrical power shall be in accordance with IEC Publication 51[1].

Where the power input to an electric motor coupled to an intermediate gear, or the speed of rotation and torque measured by a dynamometer between gear and motor are used as a means for determining the pump power input, it shall be stated in the contract in what way the losses of the gear shall be determined.

6.4.3 *Pumps with inaccessible ends*

In the case of combined motor-pump units (for example submersible pumps or monobloc pump; or separate pump and motor with overall efficiency guarantee), the power of the machine unit shall be measured at the motor terminals if accessible. When a submersible pump is involved, the measurement shall be effected at the incoming end of the cables; cable losses shall be taken into account and specified in the contract. The efficiency given shall be that of the combined unit proper, excluding the cable and the starter losses.

6.4.4 *Deep-well pumps*

In this case the power absorbed by the thrust bearing and the vertical shafting and bearings shall be taken into account.

Since deep-well pumps in general are not tested with the entire stand pipe attached, unless the acceptance test is performed at site, the thrust and vertical shaft bearing losses in regard to power and efficiency shall be estimated and stated by the manufacturer to his purchaser.

6.5 Measurement of pumping unit overall efficiency

To determine the efficiency of a pumping unit, only the power input and output are measured, with the driver working under conditions specified in the contract. In this test, the proportion of losses between driving agent and pump is not established, nor any losses associated with intermediate machinery such as gear box or variable speed device.

7 CAVITATION TESTING

7.1 General

When the contract specifies a guaranteed (NPSH), a test may be conducted to verify that the (NPSH) required by the pump is equal to or less than the guaranteed (NPSH).

In no case shall the cavitation tests be used to check that the pump will be free from cavitation erosion during its service life.

7.1.1 *Test types*

There are two distinct possible types of cavitation test :

— a check may be made simply to show that the pump is sufficiently free of cavitation at the specified duty and (NPSH). This type of test is described in 7.1.1.1.

— in the other type, cavitation performance is explored more fully by reducing (NPSH) until measurable effects are noted. This type of test is described in 7.1.1.2.

7.1.1.1 A TEST AT THE SPECIFIED FLOW RATE AND (NPSH)

This test may be made simply to show that the pump is sufficiently free of cavitation at the specified duty and (NPSH).

The pump meets the requirement to be free of the effects of cavitation if another test at a higher (NPSH) gives the same total head at the same rate of flow.

7.1.1.2 A TEST AT THE CAVITATION-TEST-(NPSH) ACCORDING TO 3.2.3.12

During the test a safety margin previously agreed will be added to the cavitation-test-(NPSH). The pump meets the requirement if the (NPSH) resulting from the addition of the cavitation-test-(NPSH) and the agreed safety margin is equal or less than the required (NPSH). From this test the behaviour of the pump at various departures from the specified (NPSH) may be judged. When negotiating the safety margin, account shall be taken of the type of pump, of the number of stages, of the physical properties of the liquid to be pumped and of materials of construction and the operating conditions to be expected.

7.1.2 *Methods of varying the* (NPSH)

The following methods may be used :

7.1.2.1 The pump is installed in a closed pipe loop (figure 7) in which the pressure level or, by an alteration of temperatures, the vapour pressure may be varied without changing the pump head or rate of flow until cavitation occurs in the pump.

Cavitation in outlet and inlet regulating valves may make this test more difficult and special valves may be required.

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1) See annex E.

Arrangements for cooling or heating the liquid in the loop may be needed in order to maintain the required temperature, and a gas separation tank may also be required. The tank shall be of sufficient size and so designed as to prevent the entrainment of gas in the pump inlet flow.

De-aeration of water used for a cavitation test is necessary if the pump is to be used in practice with de-aerated water.

Stilling screens may be needed if $\frac{q_v}{A} > 0,25$ m/s, where A is the cross-sectional area of the tank.

7.1.2.2 The pump draws liquid from a sump in which the level of the free liquid surface may be adjusted through a pipe showing no cross-sectional restriction (figure 8).

7.1.2.3 The pressure of the liquid entering the pump is adjusted by means of a throttle valve installed in the inlet pipe at the lowest practical level (figure 9).

The cavitation induced by the throttle valve can sometimes be avoided by using two or more throttle valves mounted in series or by directly discharging the throttle valve into a closed vessel, or a large diameter pipe interposed between the throttle and the pump inlet. Baffles and a means for extracting air from such a vessel may be needed, especially when the (NPSH) is low.

When the throttle valve is to be partially closed and it is situated at a distance less than 12 inlet diameters from the pump inlet flange, it is necessary to make sure that the pipe is full of liquid at the position of the inlet pressure tappings.

7.2 Determination of (NPSH) required by the pump

Tests described in 7.1.1.2 can be conducted by any of the methods indicated in figures 7 to 9. It is possible to vary two control parameters and thus keep flow rate constant during a test, but this is usually more difficult.

7.3 Limits of error in determination of (NPSH)

The maximum limits of error concerning (NPSH) measurements shall be assumed to be 3,0 % of the measured (NPSH), or 0,15 m, whichever is the greater, provided that the measurements are made with a liquid column manometer.

The case of tests with liquids at high temperature or near their critical points shall be studied with special care in the contract.

7.4 Measurement of pump head, outlet flow rate, speed of rotation, power input (if necessary) and vapour pressure

The requirements of clause 6 regarding the measurement of head, outlet rate of flow, speed of rotation and power input shall also apply during cavitation tests. If the test conditions are so unsteady as to require repeated readings, variations of (NPSH) are permitted up to a maximum of 1,5 times the values given for head in table 5, or 0,15 m, whichever is the greater.

Particular care is needed to ensure that in the flow measurement cavitation does not affect the accuracy of the flowmeter. It is also necessary to take care to avoid the ingress of air through joints and glands.

The vapour pressure of the test liquid entering the pump shall be determined with sufficient accuracy to comply with 7.3. When the vapour pressure is derived from standard data and the measurement of the temperature of the liquid entering the pump, the necessary accuracy of temperature measurement may have to be demonstrated.

The active element of a temperature-measuring probe shall be not less than 1/8 of the inlet pipe diameter from the wall of the inlet pipe. If the immersion of the temperature measuring element in the inlet flow is less than that required by the instrument manufacturer, then a calibration at that immersion depth may be required.

Care shall be taken to ensure that temperature measuring probes inserted into the pump inlet pipe do not influence the measurements of inlet pressure.
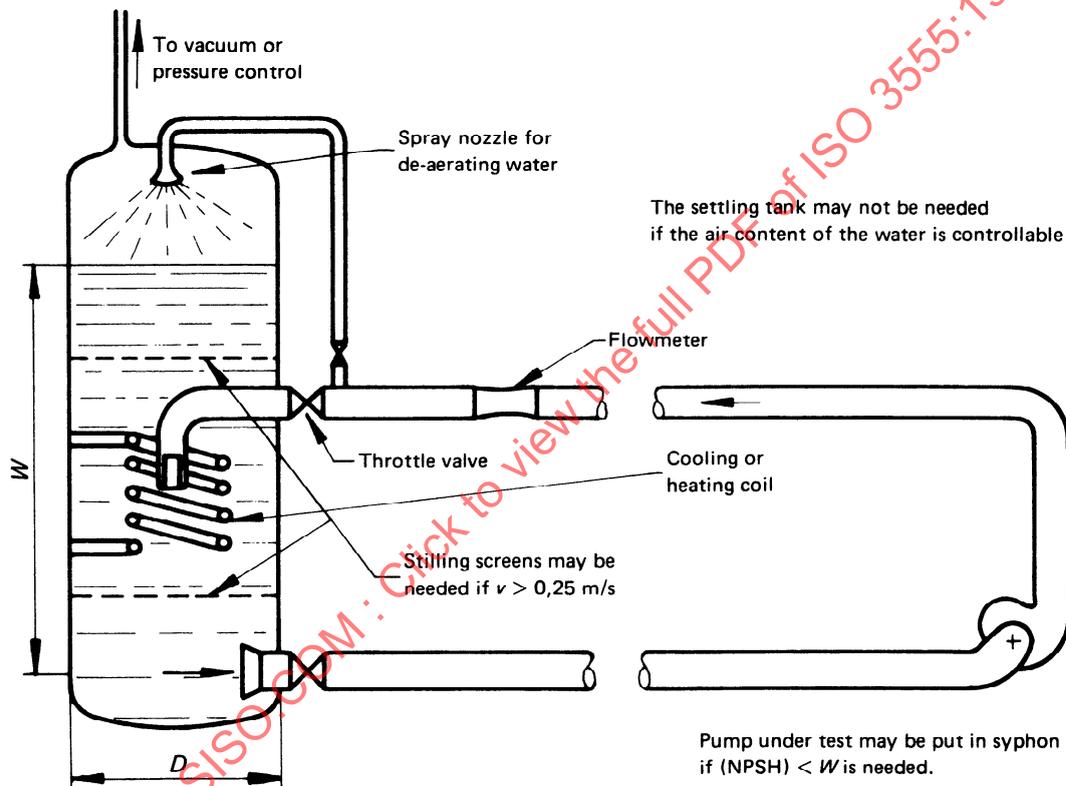
NOTE — Cooling by means of a coil may be replaced by an injection of cool water above the liquid-free surface and an extraction of heated water.
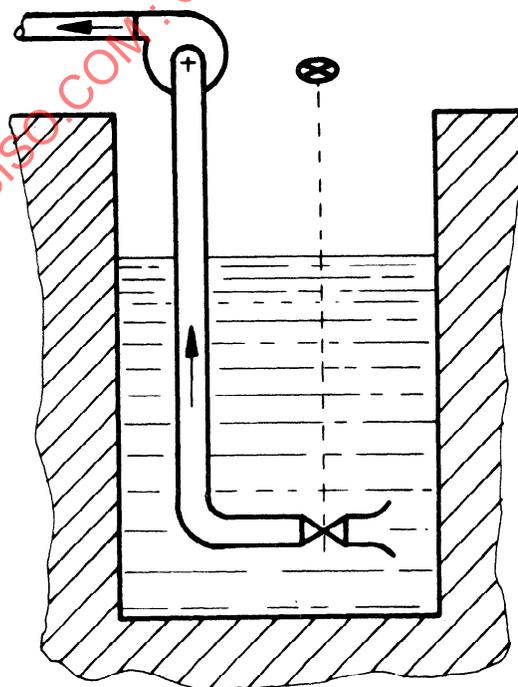
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FIGURE 7 — **Cavitation tests — Variation of (NPSH) by means of a closed loop**
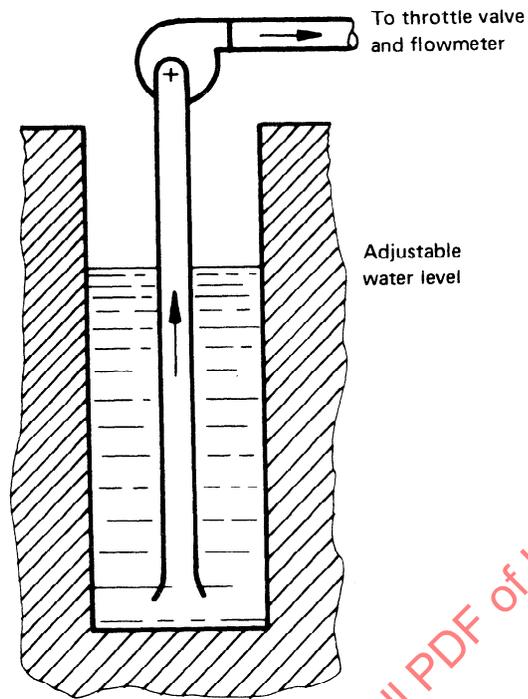
The drawings show the principle but not full technical details

FIGURE 8 — **Cavitation tests — Variation of (NPSH) by control of liquid level at inlet**

The drawings show the principle but not full technical details

FIGURE 9 — **Cavitation tests — Variation of (NPSH) by means of a throttle valve at inlet**

Type of installation	Open sump	Open sump	Closed loop	Closed sump or loop	Open sump	Open sump	Closed loop	Open sump	Closed loop
Independent variable	inlet throttle valve	water level	reference pressure	temperature (vapour pressure)	outlet throttle valve	inlet throttle valve	pressure in the tank	water level	temperature (vapour pressure)
Constant	outlet throttle valve	inlet and outlet throttle valves	inlet and outlet throttle valves		inlet throttle valve	flow rate	flow rate	flow rate	flow rate
Quantities the variation of which is dependent on control	head, flow rate, (NPSH), water level	head, flow rate, (NPSH)	head, flow rate, (NPSH) } after onset of cavitation		head, flow rate, (NPSH), water level	outlet throttle valve (for constant flow rate), head, (NPSH)	head, (NPSH), outlet throttle valve (for constant flow rate, when head begins to drop)	(NPSH), head, outlet throttle valve	(NPSH), head, outlet throttle valve (for constant flow rate, when head begins to drop)
Head characteristic curves versus flow rate and (NPSH)									
(NPSH) characteristic curve versus flow rate									

Graph annotations:

$\left(3 + \dfrac{K}{2}\right) H/100$ (NPSH) 7.1.1.2

$\left(3 + \dfrac{K}{2}\right) H_i/100$, $\left(3 + \dfrac{K}{2}\right) H_j/100$, $\left(3 + \dfrac{K}{2}\right) H_k/100$

$q_{vi} = \text{const}$, $q_{vj} = \text{const} > q_{vi}$, $q_{vk} = \text{const} > q_{vj}$

Axes: H, q_v, q_{vi}, q_{vj}, q_{vk}, H_i, H_j, H_k, (NPSH) measured

FIGURE 10 — Methods of determining required (NPSH) for $\Delta H/H = (3 + x)$ %

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8 TESTS ON PUMPS FOR LIQUIDS OTHER THAN CLEAN COLD WATER

The performance of a pump may vary substantially with the nature of the liquid being pumped. Although it is not possible to give general rules whereby performance with clean cold water can be used to predict performance on another liquid, it is often desirable for the parties to agree on empirical rules to suit the particular circumstances and test the pump with clean cold water.

8.1 Characteristics of "clean cold water"

The characteristics of the water corresponding to what is called in this International Standard "clean cold water" shall be within the limits indicated in table 8.

TABLE 8 — Specification of "clean cold water"

Characteristic	Unit	max.
Temperature	°C	40
Kinematic viscosity	m^2/s	$1{,}75 \times 10^{-6}$
Mass density	kg/m^3	1 050
Non-absorbent free solid content	kg/m^3	2,5
Dissolved solid content	kg/m^3	50

The total dissolved and free gas content of the water shall not exceed the saturation volume corresponding,

— for an open circuit, to the pressure and temperature in the pump sump;

— for a closed loop, to those existing in the tank.

8.2 Characteristics of liquids for which clean cold water tests are acceptable

Pumps for liquids other than clean cold water may be tested for head, flow rate and efficiency, with clean cold water[1] if the liquid is within the specifications in table 9.

TABLE 9 — Characteristics of liquids

Characteristics of liquids	Unit	min.	max.
Kinematic viscosity	m^2/s	no limit	10×10^{-6}
Mass density	kg/m^3	450	2 000
Non-absorbent free solids content	kg/m^3	—	5,0

The total dissolved and free gas content of the liquid shall not exceed the saturation volume corresponding,

— for an open circuit, to the pressure and temperature in the pump sump;

— for a closed loop, to those existing in the tank.

Tests on pumps for liquids other than those specified above shall be subject to special agreement.

In the absence of a special agreement cavitation tests shall be carried out with clean cold water. Attention is drawn to the fact that the results may be affected by this procedure when the liquid to be pumped is not clean cold water.

9 ANALYSIS OF TESTS

9.1 Test data required for the analysis

The quantities required to verify the characteristics guaranteed by the manufacturer are given in 4.1.

Methods for measuring these quantities are given in clause 6.

9.2 Translation of the test results to the guarantee basis

Such translation serves to determine whether the guarantee would have been fulfilled if the tests had been concluded under the same conditions as those on which the guarantee is based.

9.2.1 *Translation of the test results into data based on the specified speed of rotation or frequency*

All test data obtained at the speed of rotation, in deviation from the specified speed of rotation n_{sp}, shall be translated to the basis of the specified speed of rotation n_{sp}.

If the deviations in speed of rotation from the specified speed of rotation n_{sp} do not exceed the permissible variations stated in 5.3.3, the measured data on the discharged flow rate q_v the total head H, the power input P, the net positive suction head (NPSH) and the efficiency η, can be translated as follows :

$$q_{vo} = q_v \left(\frac{n_{sp}}{n} \right)$$

$$H_o = H \left(\frac{n_{sp}}{n} \right)^2$$

$$P_o = P \left(\frac{n_{sp}}{n} \right)^3$$

$$(NPSH)_o = (NPSH) \left(\frac{n_{sp}}{n} \right)^2$$

$$\eta_o = \eta$$

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[1] The usual (NPSH) curves of pump manufacturers are established using clean cold water and the required (NPSH) values are always given for clean cold water.

If the deviations in speed of rotation from the specified speed of rotation n_{sp} exceed the permissible variations stated in 5.3.3 it will be necessary to stipulate the formula for translating the test results to the basis of the specified speed of rotation.

In the case of combined motor-pump units or where the guarantees are with respect to an agreed frequency and voltage instead of an agreed speed (see 4.1), the flow rate, pump total head, power input, and efficiency data are subject to the above-mentioned translation laws, provided that n_{sp} is replaced by the frequency f_{sp} and n by the frequency f. Such translation, however, shall be restricted to the cases where the frequency during the acceptance test varies by no more than 1 % from the frequency prescribed for the characteristics under guarantee. If the voltage used in the acceptance test is no more than 5 % above or below the voltage on which the guaranteed characteristics are based, the other operational data require no change.

If the above-mentioned tolerances, i.e. 1 % for frequency and 5 % for voltage, are exceeded, it will be necessary for the purchaser and the manufacturer to arrive at an agreement.

9.2.2 Tests made with (NPSH) different from that guaranteed

Pump performance at a high (NPSH) cannot be accepted (after correction for speed of rotation within the permitted limits of 5.3.3.2) to indicate performance at a lower (NPSH).

Pump performance at a low (NPSH) can be accepted after correction for speed of rotation within the permitted limits of 5.3.3.2, to indicate performance at a higher (NPSH) provided that the absence of cavitation has been checked in accordance with 7.1.1.1.

9.3 Measuring inaccuracies

Every measurement is inevitably subject to inaccuracies, even if the measuring procedure and the instruments used, as well as the analysis directives, fully comply with prevailing acceptance rules. When comparing the test results with the guaranteed characteristics, these inaccuracies shall be given adequate consideration. The fact should be stressed that the term "measuring inaccuracies" merely covers the errors that are unavoidable with all measurements; they refer in no way to the pump and the guaranteed characteristics. The maximum permissible limits of overall error for the quantities used in class B measurements are defined in table 7.

9.4 Verification of guarantee

9.4.1 Curves $q_v H$ and $q_v \eta$

The guarantee points $q_{vG} H_G$ and $q_{vG} \eta_G$ are plotted on a graph and a continuous curve is then drawn through the measured points $q_v H$ and another through the points $q_v \eta$ of which q_v is measured and η is calculated.
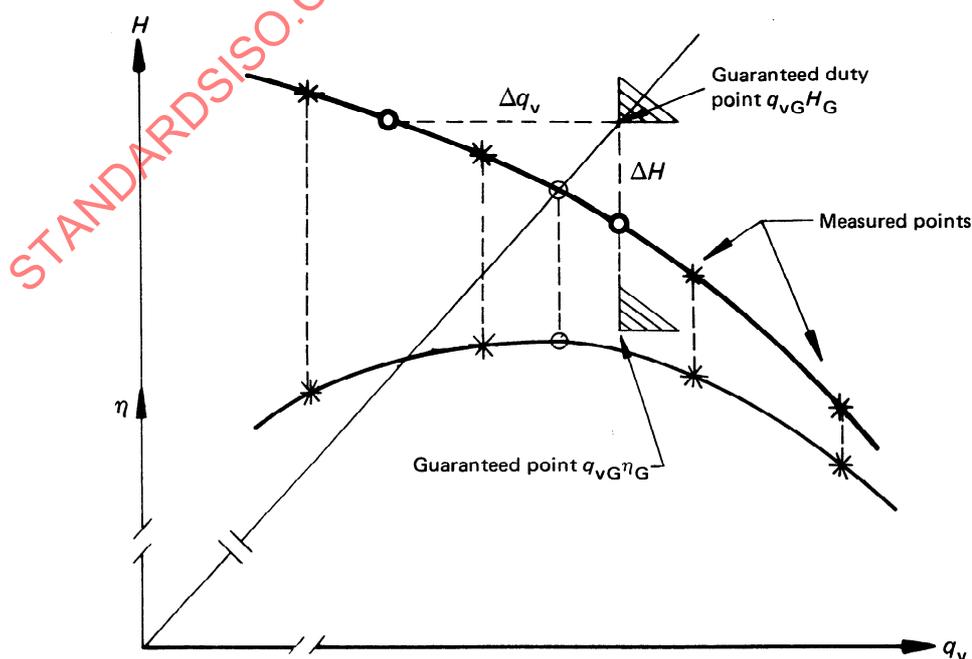

FIGURE 11 — Curve $q_v H$ for the verification of the guarantee

If the test is made at a value of speed that is different from that specified as relevant to the particular guaranteed values, the test values shall be corrected to the specified speed of rotation in accordance with 9.2. Similarly, if the test is made at a value of frequency different from that relevant to the particular guaranteed values, the tests shall be corrected to the specified frequency.

Tolerances $\pm X_{q_v}$ and $\pm X_H$ shall be applied to the guaranteed duty point $q_{vG}H_G$. These tolerances include the maximum permissible limits of overall error e_{q_v} and e_H (see table 7) and the constructional tolerances.

In the absence of a specific agreement as to the values to be used, the following values may be taken :

$$X_{q_v} = \pm 0,04$$
$$X_H = \pm 0,02$$

If the guaranteed point lies at a vertical distance $\pm \Delta H$ and a horizontal distance $\pm \Delta q_v$ from the test curve (see figure 11), the following shall be evaluated :

$$\left(\frac{H_G X_H}{\Delta H}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{q_{vG} X_{q_v}}{\Delta q_v}\right)^2$$

If the amount is greater than or equal to 1 the guarantee condition will be deemed to have been met; but if the total amount is less than 1, the guarantee condition has not been achieved.

NOTE — This quantity expresses the fact that there is at least one point of the test curve within an ellipse of which the centre is the guaranteed duty point and the semi-axes the limiting errors

$$"q_{vG} X_{q_v}" \quad \text{and} \quad "H_G X_H"$$

This, however, does not allow to check that a given flow rate q_v is obtained for the guaranteed head H_G nor that a given head H is obtained for the guaranteed flow rate q_{vG}.

It should actually be noted that checking this relationship does not necessarily imply that

— for the guaranteed flow rate q_{vG}, a head H is obtained such that

$$H_G - H_G X_H \leqslant H \leqslant H_G + H_G X_H$$

— for the guaranteed head H_G a flow rate q_v is obtained such that

$$q_{vG} - q_{vG} X_{q_v} \leqslant q_v \leqslant q_{vG} + q_{vG} X_{q_v}$$

9.4.2 *Efficiency*

The guaranteed efficiency shall be checked for the duty point as defined by the point of intersection of curve q_vH with a straight line passing through the guaranteed duty point $q_{vG}H_G$ and the zero of q_vH axes. The efficiency at this point shall be read on the $q_v\eta$ curve versus the corresponding abscissa.

The efficiency at the point of intersection shall be of at least 0,972 of that specified.

For combined motor-pump units this value is 0,975.

These values result only from the measuring errors (see table 7).

9.4.3 *Pump power input*

The pump power input within the range $q_{vG} \pm X_{q_v}$, $H_G \pm X_H$ defined in 9.4.1, shall not exceed that agreed between the manufacturer and purchaser at the time of contract. This value applies to the conditions of use of the pump as specified in the contract.

Such an arrangement may have to take into account different transmission losses and different gland and seal torques between works test and site operation.

9.5 Test report

After actual scrutiny, the test results shall be summarized in a report, that is signed by the chief of tests alone; or, together, by him and representatives of the manufacturer and of the purchaser.

All parties to the contract must receive a copy of the report as an essential condition for the completion of the contract.

The test report should contain the following information :

a) place and date of acceptance test;

b) manufacturer's name, type of pump, serial number, and possibly year of construction;

c) guaranteed characteristics, operational conditions during the acceptance test;

d) specification of the pump's drive;

e) description of the test procedure and the measuring apparatus used including calibration data;

f) observed readings;

g) evaluation and analysis of test results;

h) conclusions;

1) comparison of the test results with the guarantees;

2) determination whether the guarantees covering certain specific areas were completely or only partly fulfilled or not fulfilled at all;

3) recommendation whether the pump can be accepted or should be rejected and under what conditions;

NOTE — If the guarantees are not fully satisfied the final decision whether the pump can be accepted or not is up to the purchaser;

4) statements arising out of action taken in connection with any special agreements that were made.

A pump test sheet is given for guidance in annex H.

ANNEX A

EFFECT OF PRE-SWIRL INDUCED BY THE PUMP

Errors in the measurement of pump inlet head can occur at part capacity due to pre-swirl. These errors can be detected and corrected on the following basis :

The differential head is measured between the specified inlet measuring section and another position further upstream where the pre-swirl induced by the pump is known to be absent (for example the sump). This differential head should follow a quadratic law with flow; any departure from this law will show the amount by which an inlet head measurement must be corrected for the effect of pre-swirl induced by the pump.
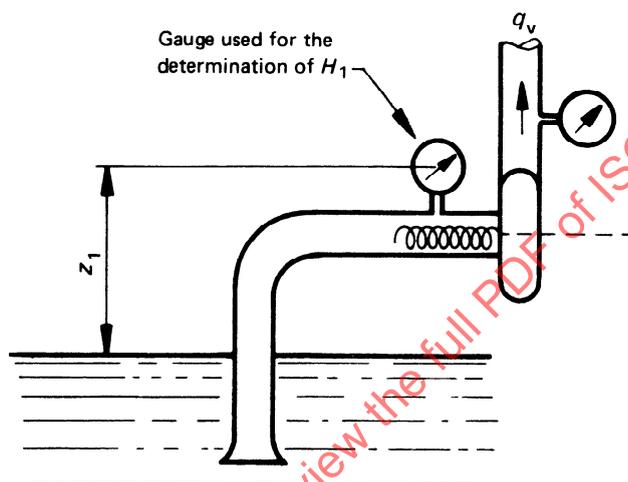
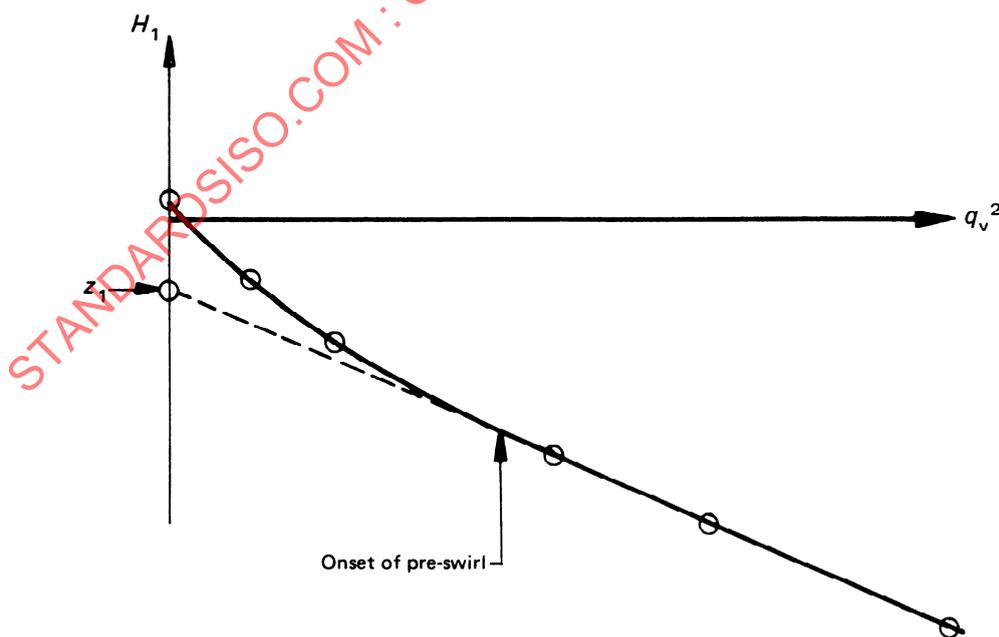FIGURE 12 — Example of installation with pre-swirl

FIGURE 13 — Correction of measured inlet head

ANNEX B

PUMPING INSTALLATION UNDER NON-STANDARD CONDITIONS

Where it is impracticable to test a pump in accordance with the standard test conditions specified in 5.2, or where alternatively it is required to ascertain the performance of a pump, not under standard conditions, but under the conditions in which it will work when installed, or where it is desired to test the performance of a pumping installation including items other than the pump itself, then the following decisions shall be made and recorded with the test results.

1) The precise range of the items to be included in the installation to be tested.

NOTE — Where auxiliary plant is involved, whether the consumption of each individual item is or is not to be debited to the installation.

2) The exact positions in the proposed layout at which inlet head and outlet head (or their difference) are to be measured.

3) The point in the circuit, the flow past which is to be credited to the installation.

4) The nature of the supply of energy (for example mechanical, electric, fuel, steam, hydraulic, pneumatic).

5) The position, or positions, at which the supply of energy is to be measured.

6) The method as laid down in the foregoing specification which is to be used for hydraulic measurements; the method as laid down in other relevant International Standards to be used for measurement of power, fuel, etc., both quantitative and, where necessary, qualitative; the method of measurement to be used where no International Standard exists.

7) The extent to which the conditions pertaining during the tests may vary from the specified conditions.

8) Where lubricating oil or other consumable stores are to be taken into consideration, the methods of measurement to be used for these.

9) The proposed date(s), usually referred to the date of installation, of the tests, their duration and the frequency with which readings are to be taken.

ANNEX C

FRICTION LOSSES

The formula given in 6.2.1.2 for calculating head loss due to friction involves a lengthy calculation, which would lead only in many cases to the conclusion that a correction need not be applied.

Figure 14 may be used as a preliminary check as to whether a calculation needs to be made. It applies to straight steel pipes of constant circular cross-section, handling cold water. Outlet and inlet pipes are assumed of equal diameter, and measuring points 2 diameters upstream and downstream of the inlet and outlet flanges respectively (6.2.2).

If the pipes are of different diameters, the diameter of the smaller pipe should be used. Then if "no correction" is indicated, the calculation need not be made.

If "correction" is indicated, figure 15, which applies only to steel pipes handling cold water, may be used to determine the value of λ.

In cases where pipes are of other material, or the liquid is not cold water the graph by Moody given in figure 16 may be used, or the formula for λ given in 6.2.1.2 may, if preferred, be solved. For the pipe roughness k one may take the values given in table 10.