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## PREFACE

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**1 Scope**

This Technical Report provides a synopsis of the methods of flow gauging that can be deployed in closed conduits flowing part full, i.e. with a free open water surface. It provides a brief description of each method with particular reference to other International Standards where appropriate, the attributes and limitations of each technique, possible levels of uncertainty in the flow determinations and specific equipment requirements. The uncertainties quoted herein are expanded uncertainties with a coverage factor of 2 and an approximate confidence level of 95 %.

**2 Normative references**

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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, *Hydrometric determinations — Vocabulary and symbols*

**3 Terms and definitions**

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 772 and the following apply.

**3.1****free surface flow in closed conduits**

flow within closed conduits, under the influence of gravity only, and normally having a free surface

**4 Characteristics of a closed conduit system****4.1 Physical structure**

Closed conduits can be located below ground (e.g. sewer) or above ground (e.g. culvert). Systems constructed underground usually incorporate a means of access through a suitable sized shaft (manhole) sealed at the surface with a secure, but removable, cover. Access shafts may be provided at frequent intervals along the length of the conduit. It is normal to locate shafts at points of structural change in the system, such as bends, or junctions, or where for some reason, inspection or entry to the system may be required. Access will be subject to strict health and safety conditions and operatives may require special training. Also, access may not be allowed during or following a period of rainfall.