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Foreword

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Supersession

This British Standard supersedes BS 7965:2009, which is withdrawn.

Information about this document

This is a full revision of the standard, and introduces the following principal changes:

- further division of meter sizes into large, medium and small to incorporate meter sizes with a nominal bore <4 inches;
- meters that are not standard in line meters, such as cartridge type meters;
- where appropriate, the standard is aligned with revisions made to other USM documents such as AGA Report No. 9 [1] and BS ISO 17089-1, taking account of results from research and development projects and end-user experience;
- updated in the light of research and user experience since 2009;
- includes a new section covering condition-based maintenance.

Hazard warnings

CAUTION: High gas velocities can cause flow-induced thermowell vibration, which could result in catastrophic metal fatigue failure of the thermowell.

CAUTION: The use of extractor tools to extract ultrasonic transducers without depressurization should only be undertaken by competent personnel.

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1 Scope

This British Standard gives recommendations and guidance on the selection, installation, operation and calibration of transit time ultrasonic flowmeters (USMs) for industrial gas applications (including flare gas).

It is applicable only to those devices in which the entire gas stream flows through the body of the USM and the transducers (wetted or invasive type), or a wetted interface, are in contact with the fluid. This includes full-bore/reduced-bore and insertion type meters employing direct or reflective paths. It is also applicable to "dirty gases", i.e. those contaminated with solids and/or liquids in sufficiently small quantities, depending upon the application.

It is not applicable to clamp-on/externally mounted, domestic or stack/chimney (combustion exhaust) meters.

As an aid to selection, this standard incorporates an uncertainty classification for USMs. This takes into account the components of uncertainty relating to the meter plus those additional uncertainties associated with installation and operation effects. There are four classifications offered. These range from high accuracy applications (Class 1) to process flow indication and control applications (Class 4).

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

Standards publications

BS 7834, *Specification for turbine meters used for the measurement of gas flow in closed conduits*

BS EN ISO/IEC 17025, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*

BS ISO 20765-1:2005, *Natural gas – Calculation of thermodynamic properties – Part 1: Gas phase properties for transmission and distribution applications*

BS ISO/TR 12715:1998, *Measurement of fluid flow in closed circuits – Methods using transit-time ultrasonic flowmeters*

Other publications

(N1) AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING AND MATERIALS. *ASTM E1002-11, Standard practice for leaks using ultrasonics, Book of Standard Volume 03.03.*¹⁾

¹⁾ Available from <<http://www.astm.org/Standard/index.shtml>> [last viewed 14 October 2013].