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INTRODUCTION

The inspection and verification of the individual measurements and controls in conjunction with the control systems used to monitor these devices (DCS, PLC, etc.) is referred to as loop check. In industry, numerous methods and philosophies are used to check the instrumentation and controls after mechanical installation within projects for modified or new facilities.

This standard was created to provide a better understanding of what loop check consists of and also to provide a standard methodology for executing loop check.

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1 Scope

This International Standard describes the steps recommended to complete a loop check, which comprises the activities between the completion of the loop construction (including installation and point-to-point checks) and the start-up of cold commissioning. This standard is applicable for the construction of new plants and for expansion/retrofits (i.e. revamping) of E&I installations in existing plants (including PLC, BAS, DCS, panel-mounted and field instrumentation). It does not include a detailed checkout of power distribution systems, except as they relate to the loops being checked (i.e. a motor starter or a power supply to a four-wire transmitter).