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PREFACE

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This Standard is one of a series which deals with methods of measurement of water flow in open channels. The series when complete will consist of the following parts:

- Part 1: Vocabulary and symbols
- Part 2.1: General—Guidelines for the selection of methods of measurement
- Part 2.2: General—Establishment and operation of a gauging station
- Part 2.3: General—Determination of the stage-discharge relation
- Part 2.4: General—Estimation of uncertainty of a flow-rate measurement
- Part 2.5: General—Guidelines for the selection of flow gauging structures
- Part 3: Velocity-area methods—
 - Method 3.1: Measurement by current-meters and floats (this Standard)
 - Method 3.2: Measurement by moving-boat method
 - Method 3.3: Measurement by slope-area method
 - Method 3.4: Collection and processing of data for determination of errors in measurement
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 - Method 3.7: Measurement by ultrasonic (acoustic) method
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 - Method 4.9: Parshall and Saniiri flumes
 - Method 4.10: End-depth method for estimation of flow in rectangular channels with a free overfall
 - Method 4.11: End-depth method for estimation of flow in non-rectangular channels with a free overfall (approximate method)
- Part 5: Dilution methods—
 - Method 5.1: Constant-rate injection method for the measurement of steady flow
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- Part 6.1: Measuring devices, instruments and equipment—Rotating element current-meters
- Part 6.2: Measuring devices, instruments and equipment—Direct depth sounding and suspension equipment
- Part 6.3: Measuring devices, instruments and equipment—Calibration of rotating element current-meters in straight open tanks
- Part 6.4: Measuring devices, instruments and equipment—Echo sounders for water depth measurements
- Part 6.5: Measuring devices, instruments and equipment—Water level measuring devices
- Part 6.6: Measuring devices, instruments and equipment—Cableway system for stream gauging
- Part 6.7: Measuring devices, instruments and equipment—Ultrasonic (acoustic) velocity meters
- Part 6.8: Measuring devices, instruments and equipment—Position fixing equipment for hydrometric boats

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- (b) Wherever the word 'fluid' appears, it should be read as 'water'.
- (c) Substitute a point (.) for a comma (,) as a decimal marker.
- (d) The references to other publications should be replaced by references to Australian Standards.

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