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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
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- Part 2.2: General—Establishment and operation of a gauging station
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- Part 3: Velocity-area methods—
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  - Method 3.3: Measurement by slope-area method
  - Method 3.4: Collection and processing of data for determination of errors in measurement
  - Method 3.5: Investigation of total error (this Standard)
  - Method 3.6: Measurement of flow in tidal channels
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  - Method 4.5: Triangular profile weirs
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  - Method 4.8: Trapezoidal profile weirs for free discharge
  - 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
  - Method 5.2: Integration method for the measurement of steady flow
- 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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- (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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ISO	AS
	3778 Measurement of water flow in open channels
748 Liquid flow measurement in open channels—Velocity-area methods	3778.3.1 Part 3: Velocity-area methods—Method 3.1: Measurement by current-meters and floats

- 1088 Liquid flow measurement in open channels—Velocity-area methods—Collection and processing of errors in measurement
- 3778.3.4 Part 3: Velocity-area methods—Method 3.4: Collection and processing of data for determination of errors in measurement

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