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Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a technical committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take part in the work. ISO collaborates closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on all matters of electrotechnical standardization.

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ISO 15970 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 193, *Natural gas*.

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Introduction

The transmission of natural gas can involve passage across national boundaries; at border stations and elsewhere, knowledge of the physicochemical properties of the fluid is of great operational and economic importance. The energy flow and properties of the gas are required at several stages of the overall production and custody transfer process: production, blending, transmission, metering, distribution and supply.

International standardization of the performance specifications for various types of measuring instruments can facilitate comparison of, and increase confidence in, measurement results for contracting partners. In many cases, it is possible to calculate the properties of natural gas with sufficient accuracy, given the composition. However, it is often also possible to measure the property using techniques that do not require a compositional analysis for their implementation.

This International Standard considers only those methods for determining physical properties of natural gas that do not rely upon a detailed component analysis of the gas. Such measurements consider the “whole” sample of the gas.

This International Standard defines performance characteristics necessary to specify instrumentation for measurement of some natural gas properties. It provides guidelines for the installation, traceable calibration, performance, operation, maintenance and acceptance testing of these measurement instruments.

The principle of measurement of various properties included in this International Standard is typical for a number of applications.

It is required that the calibration of the instruments dealt with in this International Standard be traceable to national standards or International Standards.

It is required that the measuring instruments, including their installation and the devices used for field calibration, verification and maintenance comply with local legal regulations on application in hazardous areas.

Annex A presents general guidelines for instrument selection, instrument test and operational procedures of the instruments considered in this International Standard.

Annex B lists the data of particular importance for the instrument documentation.

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1 Scope

This international Standard gives requirements and procedures for the measurement of the properties of natural gas that are used mainly for volume calculation and volume conversion: density at reference and at operating conditions, pressure, temperature and compression factor.

Only those methods and instruments are considered that are suitable for field operation under the conditions of natural gas transmission and distribution, installed either in-line or on-line, and that do not involve the determination of the gas composition.

This International Standard gives examples for currently used instruments that are available commercially and of interest to the natural gas industry.

NOTE Attention is drawn to requirements for approval of national authorization agencies and to national legal regulations for the use of these devices for commercial or official trade purposes.

The density at reference conditions (sometimes referred to as normal, standard or even base density) is required for conversion of volume data and can be used for other physical properties.

Density at operating conditions is measured for mass-flow measurement and volume conversion using the observed line density and can be used for other physical properties. This International Standard covers density transducers based on vibrating elements, normally suitable for measuring ranges of 5 kg/m³ to 250 kg/m³.

Pressure measurement deals with differential, gauge and absolute pressure transmitters. It considers both analogue and smart transmitters (i.e. microprocessor based instruments) and, if not specified otherwise, the corresponding paragraphs refer to differential, absolute and gauge pressure transmitters without distinction.

Temperature measurements in natural gas are performed within the range of conditions under which transmission and distribution are normally carried out (253 K < T < 338 K). In this field of application, resistance thermometer detectors (RTD) are generally used.

The compression factor (also known as the compressibility factor or the real gas factor and given the symbol Z) appears, in particular, in equations governing volumetric metering. Moreover, the conversion of volume at metering conditions to volume at defined reference conditions can properly proceed with an accurate knowledge of Z at both relevant pressure and relevant temperature conditions.

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 2186, *Fluid flow in closed conduits — Connections for pressure signal transmissions between primary and secondary elements*

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