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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 4064-1:1977), of which has been technically revised.

ISO 4064 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Measurement of water flow in closed conduits — Meters for cold potable water*:

- *Part 1: Specifications*
- *Part 2: Installation requirements*
- *Part 3: Test methods and equipment*

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Measurement of water flow in closed conduits — Meters for cold potable water —

Part 1: Specifications

1 Scope

This part of ISO 4064 deals with terminology, technical characteristics, metrological characteristics and pressure loss.

It applies to water meters of various metrological classes (see clause 5) which can withstand permanent flow-rates from 0,6 m³/h to 4 000 m³/h, maximum admissible working pressures (MAP) equal to or greater than 10 bar¹⁾ and a maximum admissible temperature (MAT) of 30 °C.

The recommendations of this part of ISO 4064 apply to water meters defined as follows: self-contained integrating measuring instruments continuously determining the volume of water flowing through them, employing a direct mechanical process involving the use of volumetric chambers with mobile walls ("volumetric" water meters) or the action of the velocity of the water on the rotation rate of a moving part ("velocity" meters).

Legal requirements take precedence over the recommendations of this part of ISO 4064.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 4064. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 4064 are encouraged to investi-

gate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 228-1:1982, *Pipe threads where pressure-tight joints are not made on the threads — Part 1: Designation, dimensions and tolerances.*

ISO 7005-2:1988, *Metallic flanges — Part 2: Cast iron flanges.*

ISO 7005-3:1988, *Metallic flanges — Part 3: Copper alloy and composite flanges.*

IEC 529:1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code).*

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this part of ISO 4064, the following definitions apply.

3.1 "volumetric" meter: Device, fitted into a closed conduit, which consists of chambers of known volume and a mechanism driven by the flow, whereby these chambers are successively filled with water and then emptied. By counting the number of these volumes passing through the device, the indicating device totals the volume flow.

3.2 "velocity" meter: Device, fitted into a closed conduit, which consists of a moving element set in

1) 1 bar = 10⁵ Pa

motion directly by the velocity of the water flow. The movement of the moving element is transmitted by mechanical or other means to the indicating device, which totals the volume flow.

3.2.1 Woltmann meter: Device consisting of a helical blade which rotates about the axis of flow in the meter.

3.2.2 single-jet and multi-jet meters: Devices consisting of a turbine rotor rotating about the axis perpendicular to the flow of water in the meter. The meter is called a single-jet meter if the jet impinges at a single place on the rotor's periphery, and a multi-jet if the jet impinges simultaneously at several points around the periphery of the rotor.

3.3 flow-rate: Quotient of the volume of water passing through the water meter and the time taken for this volume to pass through the water meter.

3.4 permanent flow-rate, $q_p^{2)}$: Flow-rate at which the meter is required to operate in a satisfactory manner (see 3.6) under normal conditions of use, e.g. under steady and/or intermittent flow conditions.

3.5 overload flow-rate, $q_s^{2)}$: Flow-rate at which the water meter is required to operate in a satisfactory manner (see 3.6) for a short period of time without deteriorating; its value is twice the value of q_p .

3.6 minimum flow-rate, $q_{min}^{2)}$: Lowest flow-rate at which the meter is required to give indications within the maximum permissible error tolerance. It is determined in relation with the numerical value of the meter designation.

3.7 flow-rate range: Range limited by the overload flow-rate, q_s , and the minimum flow-rate, q_{min} , in which the meter indications must not be subject to an error in excess of the maximum permissible errors.

This range is divided into two zones called "upper" and "lower" zones, separated by the transitional flow-rate.

3.8 transitional flow-rate, $q_t^{2)}$: Flow-rate value, occurring between overload and minimum flow-rates, at which the flow-rate range is divided into two zones, the "upper zone" and "lower zone", each characterized by a maximum permissible error in this zone.

3.9 volume flow: Volume of water passing through the water meter, disregarding the time taken.

3.10 indicating device: Device displaying the volume flow.

3.11 nominal pressure (PN): Numerical designation which is a rounded number for reference purposes.

All equipment of the same nominal size (DN) and designated by the same PN number shall have compatible mating dimensions.

3.12 maximum admissible working pressure (MAP): For a water meter, maximum internal pressure that it can withstand permanently at a given temperature.

NOTE 1 For low temperatures between 0 °C and 30 °C, the MAP for materials currently used for the bodies of water meters remains constant. For cold water meters $PN = MAP$.

3.13 nominal size (DN): Numerical designation common to all the components of a pipe system, excluding those designated by their external diameter or by the thread dimension. It is a whole number used for reference only, approximating the constructional dimensions.

3.14 pressure loss: Pressure loss caused by the presence of a water meter in the pipeline at a given flow-rate.

3.15 maximum admissible temperature (MAT): For a water meter, maximum temperature that it can withstand at a given internal pressure.

3.16 meter designation N: Numerical value, preceded by the capital letter N, to designate the meter in relation to tabulated values of dimensions.

4 Technical characteristics

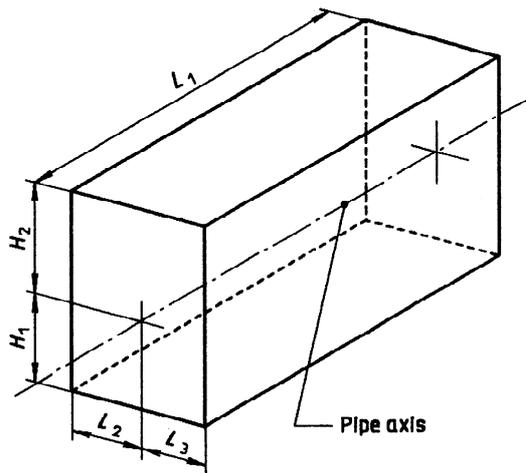
4.1 Meter size and overall dimensions — Meter designation and permanent flow-rate

4.1.1 Meter size and overall dimensions

Meter size is characterized either by the thread size of the end connections or by the nominal size of the flange. For each meter size there is a corresponding fixed set of overall dimensions (see figure 1). The dimensions are given in tables 1 and 2.

For threaded end connections, two minimum dimensions, a and b , are specified (see 4.1.4).

2) Flow-rates to be expressed in cubic metres per hour (m^3/h).



$H_1 + H_2$, L_1 , $L_2 + L_3$ define the height, length and width respectively of a cuboid within which the water meter can be contained (the cover being at right angles to its closed position).

H_1 , H_2 , L_2 , L_3 are maximum dimensions.

L_1 is a fixed value with specified tolerances.

Figure 1 — Meter size and overall dimensions

4.1.2 Relationship between meter designation and permanent flow-rate

The numerical value of the permanent flow-rate, q_p , expressed in cubic metres per hour (m^3/h), shall be at least equal to the meter designation. Where the value is greater than the meter designation, it shall be equal to one of the values given in tables 1 and 2 for meter designation provided that the relationship between meter size and meter designation according to 4.1.3 is maintained.

4.1.3 Relationship between meter size and meter designation

Meter size and hence overall dimensions are in principle linked to the designation of the water meter as specified in tables 1 and 2. For a given meter size, it nevertheless is permitted to adopt the immediately adjacent larger or smaller meter size, provided that the metrological requirements are met. In such a case the meter shall be designated not only by its numerical N value but also by its DN. End connections shall be the same at the water meter inlet and outlet.

Table 1 — Water meters with threaded end connections — Meter designation, meter sizes and dimensions

Dimensions in millimetres

Meter sizes		Meter dimensions						
Meter designation N	Meter size (nominal size of threaded end connection)	Thread	a_{min}	b_{min}	L_1 (tolerance $\begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \end{smallmatrix}$)	L_2_{max} and L_3_{max}	H_1_{max}	H_2_{max}
—	—	G 3/4 B	10	12	80	50	50	180
N 0,6	G 3/4 B ¹⁾	G 3/4 B	10	12	110	50	50	180
N 1	G 3/4 B ¹⁾	G 3/4 B	10	12	130	50	50	180
N 1,5	G 3/4 B ¹⁾	G 3/4 B	10	12	165	50	50	180
N 2,5	G 1 B ¹⁾	G 1 B	12	14	190	65	60	240
N 3,5	G 1 1/4 B	G 1 1/4 B	12	16	260	85	65	260
N 6	G 1 1/2 B	G 1 1/2 B	13	18	260	85	70	280
N 10	G 2 B	G 2 B	13	20	300	105	75	300

1) The thread size of the next larger value is acceptable as an alternative.

Table 2 — Water meters with flanged end connections — Meter designation, meter sizes and dimensions

Dimensions in millimetres

Meter size		Meter dimensions									
Meter designation N	Size		DN ¹⁾	L ₁ [tolerances $\begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \end{smallmatrix}$ (200 ≤ L ₁ ≤ 400), $\begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ -5 \end{smallmatrix}$ (400 < L ₁ ≤ 1 200)]		L ₂ max and L ₃ max		H ₁ max		H ₂ max	
	Volumetric, single-jet and multi-jet	Woltmann		Volumetric, single-jet and multi-jet	Other meters either	or	Volumetric, single-jet and multi-jet	Woltmann	Volumetric, single jet and multi-jet	Woltmann	Volumetric, single-jet and multi-jet
N 15	N 15	50	50	350	300	200	135	115	100	300	390
N 20	N 25	65	65	450	300	200	135	130	110	320	390
N 30	N 40	80	80	500	350	200	135	150	120	320	410
N 50	N 60	100	100	650	350	250	135	215	140	320	440
	N 100	125	125		350	250	135		140		440
	N 150	150	150		500	300	175		180		500
	N 250	200	200		500	350	190		200		500
	N 400	250	250		600	450	210		220		500
	N 600	300	300		800	500	240		250		500
	N 1 000	400	400		800	600	290		320		500
	N 1 500	500	500		1 000	800	365		380		520
	N 2 500	600	600		1 200	1 000	390		450		600
	N 4 000	800	800		1 200	1 200	510		550		700

1) DN: nominal size of flange end connections.

4.1.4 Threaded connection

Values are given in table 1. Threads shall comply with ISO 228-1. Figure 2 defines dimensions a and b .

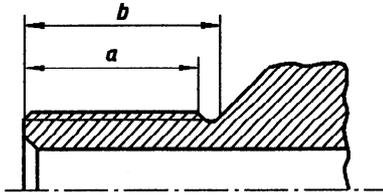


Figure 2 — Thread

4.1.5 Flanged connection

Flanged end connections shall comply with ISO 7005-2 and ISO 7005-3 for a nominal pressure corresponding to that of the water meter. Dimensions are given in table 2.

The manufacturer shall provide a reasonable clearance behind the rear face of the flange to allow access for installation and removal.

4.2 Indicating device

4.2.1 General requirements

4.2.1.1 Function

The indicating device shall provide an easily read, reliable and unambiguous visual indication of the volume flow.

The device shall include visual means for verification and calibration.

The device may include additional elements for verification and calibration by other methods, e.g. automatic.

4.2.1.2 Unit of measurement, symbol and its location

The volume of water measured shall be expressed in cubic metres.

The unit symbol (m^3) shall appear on the dial or immediately adjacent to the numbered display.

4.2.1.3 Indicator range

The indicating device shall be able to record, without passing zero, the volume expressed in cubic metres, corresponding to at least 1 999 h of operation at the permanent flow-rate.

This provision is formulated in table 3.

Table 3 — Indicator range

q_p m^3/h	Indicator range m^3 (min.)
$q_p \leq 5$	9 999
$5 < q_p \leq 50$	99 999
$50 < q_p \leq 500$	999 999
$500 < q_p \leq 4\ 000$	9 999 999

4.2.1.4 Colour coding

The colour black shall be used to indicate cubic metres and its multiples. The colour red shall be used to indicate sub-multiples of cubic metres.

These colours shall be applied to either the pointers, needles, numbers, wheels, disks, dials or aperture frames.

4.2.1.5 Direction of indicator movement

Rotational movement of pointers or circular scales shall be clockwise. Linear movement of pointers or scales shall be left to right. Movement of numbered roller indicators shall be upwards.

4.2.1.6 Incremental change in electronic digital indicator

The incremental change in electronic digital indication shall be instantaneous.

4.2.2 Types of indicating device

The following types of indicators are permissible.

4.2.2.1 Type 1 — Analog device

The volume of water is given by continuous movement of

- one or more pointers moving relative to graduated scales;
- one or more circular scales or drums each passing a pointer.

The value expressed in cubic metres for each scale division shall be of the form 10^n , where n is a positive or negative whole number or zero, thereby establishing a system of consecutive decades. Each scale shall be

- either graduated in values expressed in cubic metres,

— or accompanied by a multiplying factor ($\times 0,001$; $\times 0,01$; $\times 0,1$; $\times 1$; $\times 10$; $\times 100$; $\times 1\ 000$, etc.).

4.2.2.2 Type 2 — Digital device

The volume is given by a line of adjacent digits appearing in one or more apertures.

The advance of any given digital unit shall be completed while the digit of the next lower value is changing from 9 to 0.

The lowest-value decade may have a continuous movement, the aperture being large enough to permit a digit to be unambiguously read.

The visible height of the digits shall be at least 4 mm.

4.2.2.3 Type 3 — Combination of analog and digital devices

The volume is given by a combination of types 1 and 2 indicating devices, and the respective requirements of each shall apply.

The lowest-value decade of the digital indicator may have a continuous movement.

4.2.3 Supplementary devices

In addition to the indicating device already described, the water meter may include supplementary devices which may be permanently incorporated or temporarily added.

The device may be used to detect movement of the measuring device before this is clearly visible on the indicating device.

Where national regulations permit, the device may be used as a control for testing and initial verification of the water meter, provided that other means guarantee the satisfactory operation of the indicating device in accordance with the requirements of 4.3.3.

The device may be used for remote reading of the water meter in accordance with the requirements of 4.6.

The presence of supplementary devices, if temporarily added, and their general manner of use shall not change the metrological characteristics of the water meter.

4.3 Verification device

4.3.1 Control element and verification scale interval

The indicator element having the lowest-value decade is called the control element. Its lowest-value scale division is called the verification scale interval.

The visual verification display may have either a continuous or a discontinuous movement.

Every indicating device shall provide means for visual unambiguous verification and calibration through a control element.

In addition to means of verification with visual display, the indicating device may include complementary elements for rapid control (disks, stars, etc.), read by external electronic means, converting the registered signals into numerical data.

4.3.2 Visual verification displays

4.3.2.1 Value of the verification scale interval

The value of the verification scale interval, expressed in cubic metres, shall be based on the formula:

$$1 \times 10^n, 2 \times 10^n, \text{ or } 5 \times 10^n,$$

where n is a positive or negative whole number or zero.

For analog and digital indicating devices with continuous movement of the control element, the verification scale interval may be formed from the division into two, five or ten equal parts of the interval between two consecutive digits of the control element. Numbering shall not be applied to these divisions.

For digital indicating devices with discontinuous movement of the control element, the verification scale interval is the interval between two consecutive digits or incremental movements of the control element.

4.3.2.2 Form of the verification scale interval

On indicating devices with continuous movement of the control element, the length of the verification scale interval shall be not less than 1 mm and not more than 5 mm.

The scale shall consist either of lines of equal thickness not exceeding one-quarter of the distance between the axes of two consecutive lines and differing only in length, or of contrasting bands of a constant width equal to the length of the scale division.

The width of the pointer tip shall not exceed one-quarter of the verification scale interval length and in no case shall it be greater than 0,5 mm.

4.3.2.3 Maximum value of the measurement uncertainty caused by reading

The sub-divisions of the verification scale shall be small enough for the measurement uncertainty caused by reading the meter not to exceed 0,5 % during the test, and such that at the minimum flow-rate the test shall not take more than 1 h 30 min.

When the display of the control element is continuous, account shall be taken of a possible reading error of not more than half the length of the smallest scale division.

When the display of the control element is discontinuous, account shall be taken of a possible reading error of not more than one digit.

The concepts in 4.3.2 are enumerated in table 4.

4.3.3 Additional verification elements

Additional verification elements may be used, provided that their verification scale interval is small enough for the measurement uncertainty caused by reading the meter not to exceed 0,5 % of the volume flow.

Table 4 — Verification scale interval

Meter designation N	Maximum value of verification scale interval							
	Analog and digital devices with continuous movement of the control element (class I)				Digital devices with discontinuous movement of the control element (Case II)			
	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D
N 0,6	0,000 1	0,000 05	0,000 02	0,000 02	0,000 05	0,000 02	0,000 02	0,000 01
N 1	0,000 2	0,000 1	0,000 05	0,000 05	0,000 1	0,000 05	0,000 02	0,000 02
N 1,5	0,000 2	0,000 2	0,000 1	0,000 05	0,000 2	0,000 1	0,000 05	0,000 02
N 2,5	0,000 5	0,000 2	0,000 1	0,000 1	0,000 2	0,000 1	0,000 05	0,000 05
N 3,5	0,001	0,000 5	0,000 2	0,000 1	0,000 5	0,000 2	0,000 1	0,000 05
N 6	0,001	0,000 5	0,000 2	0,000 2	0,000 5	0,000 2	0,000 2	0,000 1
N 10	0,002	0,001	0,000 5	0,000 5	0,001	0,000 5	0,000 2	0,000 1
N 15	0,005	0,002	0,000 5		0,002	0,001	0,000 2	
N 20	0,01	0,002	0,000 5		0,005	0,002	0,000 2	
N 25	0,01	0,005	0,001		0,005	0,002	0,000 5	
N 30	0,01	0,005	0,001		0,005	0,002	0,000 5	
N 40	0,02	0,005	0,001		0,01	0,002	0,000 5	
N 50	0,02	0,01	0,002		0,01	0,005	0,001	
N 60	0,02	0,01	0,002		0,01	0,005	0,001	
N 100	0,05	0,02	0,002		0,02	0,01	0,002	
N 150	0,05	0,02	0,005		0,02	0,01	0,002	
N 250	0,1	0,05	0,01		0,05	0,02	0,005	
N 400	0,2	0,05	0,01		0,1	0,02	0,005	
N 600	0,2	0,1	0,02		0,1	0,05	0,01	
N 1 000	0,5	0,2	0,02		0,2	0,1	0,02	
N 1 500	0,5	0,2	0,05		0,2	0,1	0,02	
N 2 500	1 ¹⁾	0,5	0,1		0,5 ¹⁾	0,2	0,05	
N 4 000	2 ¹⁾	0,5	0,1		1 ¹⁾	0,2	0,05	

NOTE — In practice, when calibration is carried out by comparison with the volume discharged in a tank (generally of a capacity not exceeding 100 m³, the scale value 0,5 m³ in case I and 0,2 m³ in case II is applied to any meter with q_{min} greater than or equal to

- 66,6 m³/h in case I,
- 53,2 m³/h in case II.

1) Theoretical values obtained by application of the reference formula.

4.4 Adjustment device

Meters may be fitted with an adjustment device allowing adjustment of the indicated volume to volume flow.

4.5 Accelerating device

The use of an accelerating device for increasing the speed of the meter below q_{\min} is prohibited.

4.6 Remote output system

Water meters may be fitted with a remote output system which allows the meter to be read at a distance from the metering site.

Remote output systems consist of a number of elements: remote output, transmission link and remote reading device. The requirements of this part of ISO 4064 relate to certain aspects of the remote output and a later modification is expected to specify details of the data format and protocol of the transmitted signal.

The addition of a remote output device to a water meter shall not alter the metrological performance of the meter.

The remote output device may be incorporated within the body or indicating device of the water meter or it may be fitted externally. Where the device is fitted externally it shall be provided with protective devices and seals in accordance with 4.10.

The remote output device together with cable gland and cable shall be capable of operation under humid conditions with a protection classification of IP65 as defined in IEC 529. Special versions may be necessary, of classification IP68, capable of operation when submerged in water.

4.7 Materials

Water temperature variations, within the working temperature range, shall not adversely affect the materials used in the construction of the water meter. All materials of the water meter which are in contact with the water flowing through the water meter shall be non-toxic and non-tainting. They shall comply with operative national regulations.

The water meter shall be constructed throughout of materials which are resistant to normal internal and external corrosion or which are protected by some suitable surface treatment.

The water meter shall be made of materials of strength adequate for the purpose for which it is to be used.

The indicating device of the water meter shall be protected by a transparent window (glass or other material). Further protection may be provided by a suitable cover.

The water meter shall be provided with means for the removal of condensation, if the latter can occur, on the underside of the window of the indicating device of the water meter.

4.8 Strainer

Volumetric and multi-jet meters shall be provided with an internal strainer located upstream of the measuring element.

4.9 Behaviour in case of flow reversal

Meters which may be subjected to an accidental reversal of flow shall be capable of withstanding it without any deterioration or change in their metrological properties, and at the same time shall record such a reversal.

4.10 Sealing

Water meters shall have protective devices which can be sealed in such a way that after sealing, both before and after the water meter has been correctly installed, there is no possibility of dismantling or altering the water meter or its adjustment device without damaging the protective devices.

4.11 Marking

All water meters shall be clearly and indelibly marked with the following information, either grouped or distributed on the casing, the indicating device dial, an identification plate, or the water meter cover if not detachable:

- a) name or trade mark of the manufacturer;
- b) metrological class, meter designation and pressure loss, in bars; where the numerical value of the permanent flow-rate q_p is not equal to the numerical value of the meter designation N, the value of q_p shall be indicated in addition to the meter designation N.

For example

A N 1,5 1 bar

A N 1,5 / q_p 2,5 1 bar

- c) year of manufacture and serial number;