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Milking machine installations — Construction and performance

0 Introduction

The basic requirements for the construction and performance of milking machines for animals are determined by the physiology of the animal and the need for a high standard of hygiene and milk quality. In addition, the equipment must be effective and easy to use and test. This International Standard has been prepared jointly with the International Dairy Federation (IDF) and in consultation with the European Committee of Associations of Manufacturers of Agricultural Machinery (CEMA) and the International Committee on Recording the Productivity of Milk Animals (ICRPMA), and is intended to unify the many national standards which already exist.

During the preparation of this International Standard, it was recognized that for several of the requirements, for example those for pulsator ratio and regulator stability, more research information is necessary in order to establish their scientific basis.

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the minimum performance requirements and certain dimensional requirements for the satisfactory functioning of milking machines. It also specifies requirements for materials, construction and installation.

2 Field of application

This International Standard applies to milking machines intended for milking cows or water buffaloes. The qualitative requirements apply also to installations for milking sheep and goats.

It does not apply to small mobile installations that have an individual vacuum pump for each unit.

It is not expected to apply in every respect to installations with special design features which are (or may be) available, such

as, for example, single-pipe pipeline milking installations, milking installations with double vacuum systems, milk extraction without pulsation, and pulsation pump plants. Any claim for compliance with this International Standard relating to such equipment shall, therefore, indicate any requirements with which it does not comply.

3 References

- ISO 49, *Malleable cast iron fittings threaded to ISO 7/1.*
- ISO 228/1, *Pipe threads where pressure-tight joints are not made on the threads — Part 1 : Designation, dimensions and tolerances.*
- ISO 2037, *Pipes and fittings — Stainless steel tubes for the food industry.*
- ISO 3918, *Milking machine installations — Vocabulary.*
- ISO 4254, *Agricultural tractors and machinery — Technical means for providing safety.*¹⁾
- ISO 6690, *Milking machine installations — Mechanical testing.*¹⁾

4 Definitions

For the purpose of this International Standard, the definitions given in ISO 3918 apply.

5 General

5.1 Tests for compliance

Characteristics established by mechanical testing are based on the tests specified in ISO 6690. Those tests shall, therefore, be used for the purpose of verifying compliance with the requirements of this International Standard.

1) At present at the stage of draft.

5.2 Power failure

Most milking machines depend on a public electricity supply which may occasionally fail. It is most important, therefore, that the installation is designed so that the user can arrange alternative means for operating the machine in cases of emergency.

5.3 Noise

It is important to design and install the equipment so that noise levels in the cowshed or parlour, and in the vicinity, are as low as practicable. Installations shall comply with requirements for noise level in national legislation.

5.4 Safety

All installations shall comply with the requirements for safety in national legislation and the requirements of ISO 4254.

6 Vacuum pumps

6.1 Effective reserve

The vacuum pump shall be of adequate capacity to meet the operating requirements (milking and cleaning) of the milking installation together with all other equipment operating during milking, whether continuously or intermittently, and creating a demand for air. In addition, the pump shall have a minimum effective reserve (ER), at the stated working vacuum, determined by the following formulae, as appropriate:

- a) for pipeline plants, recorder plants, and independent air and milk transport plants:

$$ER^* = 100 + 25 n$$

- b) for bucket and direct-to-can plants:

$$ER = 40 + 25 n$$

where

ER* and ER are the effective reserve, expressed in litres of free air per minute;

n is the number of milking units.

These formulae apply to plants having ten milking units or fewer.

For plants having more than ten units, the required effective reserve is:

- for pipeline recorder and independent air and milk transport plants 350 l/min of free air plus an additional 10 l/min of free air for each additional unit over ten units.
- for bucket and direct-to-can plants 290 l/min of free air plus an additional 10 l/min of free air for each additional unit over ten units.

Examples, rounded to integral values, are given in table 1.

The effective reserve shall be measured with all equipment connected.

Table 1 — Effective reserve

Number of milking units	Effective reserve, l/min of free air	
	Pipeline, recorder and independent air and milk transport plants	Bucket and direct-to-can plants
2	150	90
3	175	115
4	200	140
5	225	165
6	250	190
7	275	215
8	300	240
9	325	265
10	350	290
11	360	300
12	370	310
13	380	320
14	390	330
15	400	340
16	410	350
17	420	360
18	430	370
19	440	380
20	450	390

A calculated figure shall be added to the required effective reserve for equipment which does not operate during testing. For this purpose, the manufacturer shall state the air consumption, in litres per minute, of each component. The number of such components operating simultaneously shall be taken into consideration.

NOTE — For the operation of ancillary equipment, the installation of a separate vacuum system should be considered.

6.2 Vacuum pump capacity

The minimum capacity of the vacuum pump including the effective reserve shall be calculated as follows:

- For milking pipeline, recorder or independent air and milk transport milking machines the minimum capacity shall be 150 l/min plus 60 n l/min of free air for installations up to and including ten units, where n is the number of milking units.
- Where in-place cleaning and disinfection under vacuum is intended the minimum capacity shall be 330 l/min of free air.
- For installations over ten units the minimum capacity shall be 750 l/min plus 45 l/min of free air for each additional unit over ten.
- For bucket milking machines the minimum capacity shall be 50 plus 60 n l/min of free air for installations up to and including ten units, where n is the number of milking units.
- For bucket milking machines with more than ten units the minimum capacity shall be 650 l/min plus 45 l/min of free air for each additional unit over ten.
- To the capacities so obtained shall be added the air consumption of ancillary equipment that is not operated by a separate vacuum system (see 6.1).

Examples of calculations of vacuum pump capacity are given in tables 2 and 3.

Table 2 — Examples of calculations of vacuum pump capacity for pipeline milking machines

Number of units	In-place cleaning and disinfection under vacuum	Capacity l/min	Other methods of cleaning	Capacity l/min
	Calculation		Calculation	
2	330	330	150 + (60 × 2)	270
	Plus ancillary equipment ¹⁾	100	Plus ancillary equipment ¹⁾	100
		430		370
5	150 + (60 × 5)	450	150 + (60 × 5)	450
	Plus ancillary equipment ¹⁾	100	Plus ancillary equipment ¹⁾	100
		550		550
8	150 + (60 × 8)	630	150 + (60 × 8)	630
	Plus ancillary equipment ¹⁾	120	Plus ancillary equipment ¹⁾	120
		750		750
12	750 + (45 × 2)	840	Identical with in-place cleaning	
	Plus ancillary equipment ¹⁾	200		
		1 040		
20	Rotary installation 750 + (45 × 10)	1 200	Identical with in-place cleaning	
	Plus ancillary equipment ¹⁾	100		
		1 300		

1) Assumed value for ancillary equipment (for example for vacuum operated cluster removers, gates, feeders) that is not operated by a separate vacuum system.

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Table 3 — Examples of calculations of vacuum pump capacity for bucket milking machines

Number of units	Calculation	Capacity l/min
6	50 + (60 × 6)	410
12	650 + (45 × 2)	740

6.3 Influence of altitude

In order to fulfil the requirements in 6.1 and 6.2 at altitudes higher than sea level, a vacuum pump with increased capacity, to compensate for the decrease in pump capacity and the increase in air consumption due to the lower atmospheric pressure, shall be installed (see ISO 6690).

For the purposes of this International Standard, the datum levels for atmospheric pressure at various altitudes are as given in table 4.

Table 4 — Atmospheric pressure at various altitudes

Altitude, m	Normal atmospheric pressure, kPa
up to 299	100
300 to 699	95
700 to 1 199	90
1 200 to 1 599	85
1 600 and over	80

6.4 Marking

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The vacuum pump shall be marked with the following information in indelible lettering :

- Range of speed and power consumption, in kilowatts.
- Corresponding range of extraction capacity at 50 kPa, in litres per minute, expressed as free air at an atmospheric pressure of 100 kPa.
- Type and identification, for example serial number or code.
- Recommended lubricant, if used.
- Name of manufacturer or supplier.

6.5 Exhaust

The exhaust from a lubricated vacuum pump should not discharge into a room. The exhaust pipe shall be as short as possible and shall not obstruct the passage of the exhaust air by the presence of sharp bends, T-pieces or unsuitable silencers. If possible, the exhaust pipe shall have a continuous slope away from the vacuum pump. If this cannot be achieved, a suitable moisture trap, with provision for drainage, shall be fitted.

It is recommended that an oil separator is fitted to the exhaust pipe.

6.6 Prevention of reverse rotation

If the vacuum pump is not equipped with a non-return valve, a tap for restoring the vacuum system to atmospheric pressure shall be provided adjacent to the vacuum pump control switch.

6.7 Safety

All exposed moving parts associated with the prime mover and vacuum pump shall be fitted with effective guards. A switch to isolate the prime mover electrically shall be installed at or near the vacuum pump assembly.

6.8 Location

The vacuum pump shall be located as near to the milking installation as possible, shall be positioned in such a way that the speed can readily be measured, and shall be connected so that the extraction capacity can be measured.

Facilities shall be provided for measurement of the vacuum level.

If possible, the vacuum pump should be situated in a separate room.

7 Regulator

7.1 Marking

The regulator shall be marked with the following information in indelible lettering :

- a) Manufacturer's name or supplier.
- b) Designed working vacuum level.
- c) Air flow capacity at the designed working vacuum level.

Adjustable regulators shall also be marked with this information, valid at a vacuum level of 50 kPa.

7.2 Suitability

The regulator or regulators shall be of a design suitable for the installation, of capacity at least equal to the pump capacity, and shall be capable of controlling the vacuum at designed working vacuum level.

7.3 Mounting

The regulator shall be rigidly mounted so as to be as free from vibration as possible, in such a position that moisture from the air pipeline cannot enter the regulator. The regulator of milking pipeline installations, of recorder installations and of independent air and milk transport installations shall be fitted on the interceptor or between the interceptor and receiver. The regulators of bucket milking installations shall be fitted on the interceptor or between the interceptor and the first connection to the air pipeline. The regulators of all installations shall be fitted to a clean and easily accessible spot where, for testing reasons, the air flow gauge can be attached.

To enable testing equipment to be connected into the air pipeline, a T-piece, having a swept branch of the same internal diameter as the air pipeline, shall be fitted in the air pipeline between the regulator and interceptor so that the axis of the branch is not below the horizontal.

NOTE — If more than one regulator is fitted to an installation, there may be a risk of interaction leading to instability. This can usually be overcome by providing each regulator with a separate connection to the air pipeline and spacing the regulators at intervals of not less than 500 mm.

If the regulator is fitted on the interceptor, a connection shall be provided at or near the inlet to the interceptor, of the same internal diameter as the air pipeline for the attachment of test equipment.

7.4 Sensitivity

The regulator shall control the vacuum so that, under testing conditions (see ISO 6690), the vacuum level will not increase by more than 2,0 kPa above that when all units are working.

7.5 Regulator leakage

The total air leakage through the regulator when it is nominally closed should not exceed 35 litres of free air per minute or 8 % of the rated pump capacity, whichever is the greater, at a vacuum level 2,0 kPa below that existing when all units (with the liners stoppered) and accessories, including the regulators, are operating.

NOTE — The relationship between the requirements for sensitivity and leakage, and the definitions of manual and effective reserve and regulator leakage are shown in figure 1, for the purpose of which the slight decrease in component consumption, when the working vacuum decreases, has been neglected.

8 Stability of system vacuum

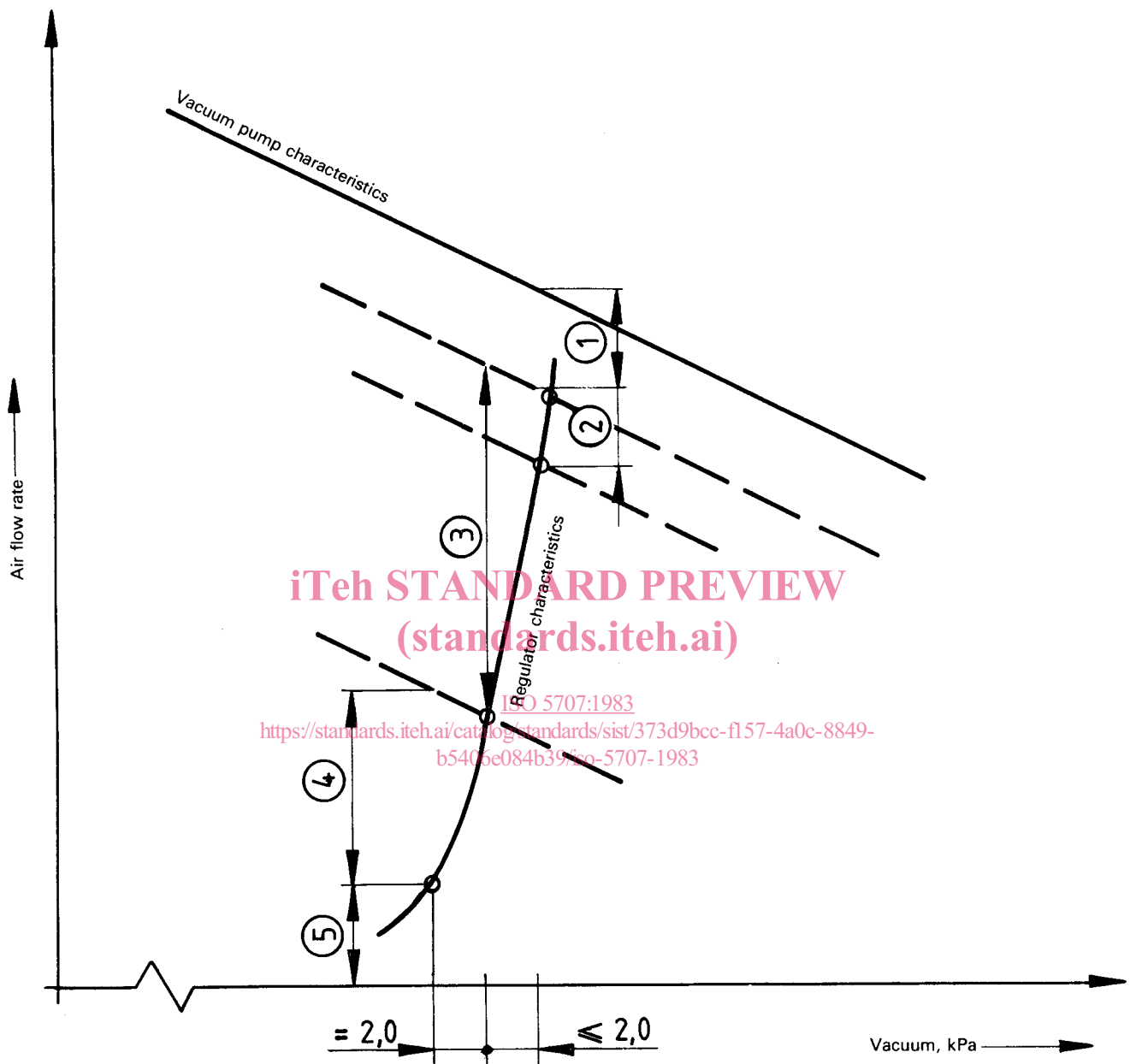
The stability of the vacuum in a milking pipeline machine or a recorder jar milking machine shall be such that, when tested under the conditions specified in ISO 6690, the product of the amplitude of vacuum variation and its duration measured in the short milk tube shall not exceed 20 kPa.s.

For a bucket or direct-to-can machine, the product of the vacuum variation and its duration measured in the vacuum tube shall not exceed 40 kPa.s.

9 Vacuum gauge

9.1 General

The vacuum gauge should not be less than 75 mm in diameter and the operating vacuum level should be indicated by a mark. The gauge shall be graduated at intervals of 2,0 kPa and should be adjustable. The error in vacuum indication with either increasing or decreasing vacuum level at any point above 10 % and below 90 % of the maximum scale value shall not exceed 1,6 % of the maximum scale value.



- ① Air consumption of common components including system leakage
- ② Air consumption of one unit
- ③ Air consumption of all units
- ④ Effective reserve
- ⑤ Regulator leakage
- ④+⑤ Manual reserve

Figure 1 — Relationship between requirements for sensitivity and leakage, and definitions of manual and effective reserve and total regulator leakage