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Automatic steam traps — Determination of discharge capacity — Test methods

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1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies two test methods to determine the discharge capacity of automatic steam traps to ISO 6552.

2 References

- ISO 651, *Solid-stem calorimeter thermometers.*
- ISO 652, *Enclosed-scale calorimeter thermometers.*
- ISO 653, *Long solid-stem thermometers for precision use.*
- ISO 654, *Short solid-stem thermometers for precision use.*
- ISO 4185, *Measurement of liquid flow in closed conduits — Weighing method.*
- ISO 5167, *Measurement of fluid flow by means of orifice plates, nozzles and Venturi tubes inserted in circular cross-section conduits running full.*
- ISO 5168, *Measurement of fluid flow — Estimation of uncertainty of a flow-rate measurement.*

ISO 6552, *Automatic steam traps — Definition of technical terms.*

3 Test arrangements

The test arrangements for condensate capacity determination are shown in figures 1 and 2.

All piping and equipment shall be insulated to a value of

$$R > 0,75 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C} \cdot \text{h}}{\text{J}}$$

to reduce thermal losses to a minimum.

The instruments used for the measurements shall comply with International Standards, if such standards exist, e.g.

- ISO 651, ISO 652, ISO 653 and ISO 654 for temperature measurements;
- ISO 4185, ISO 5167 and ISO 5168 for flow measurements.

The condensate removal device shall not be modified in any way from its commercial form.

4 Test method A

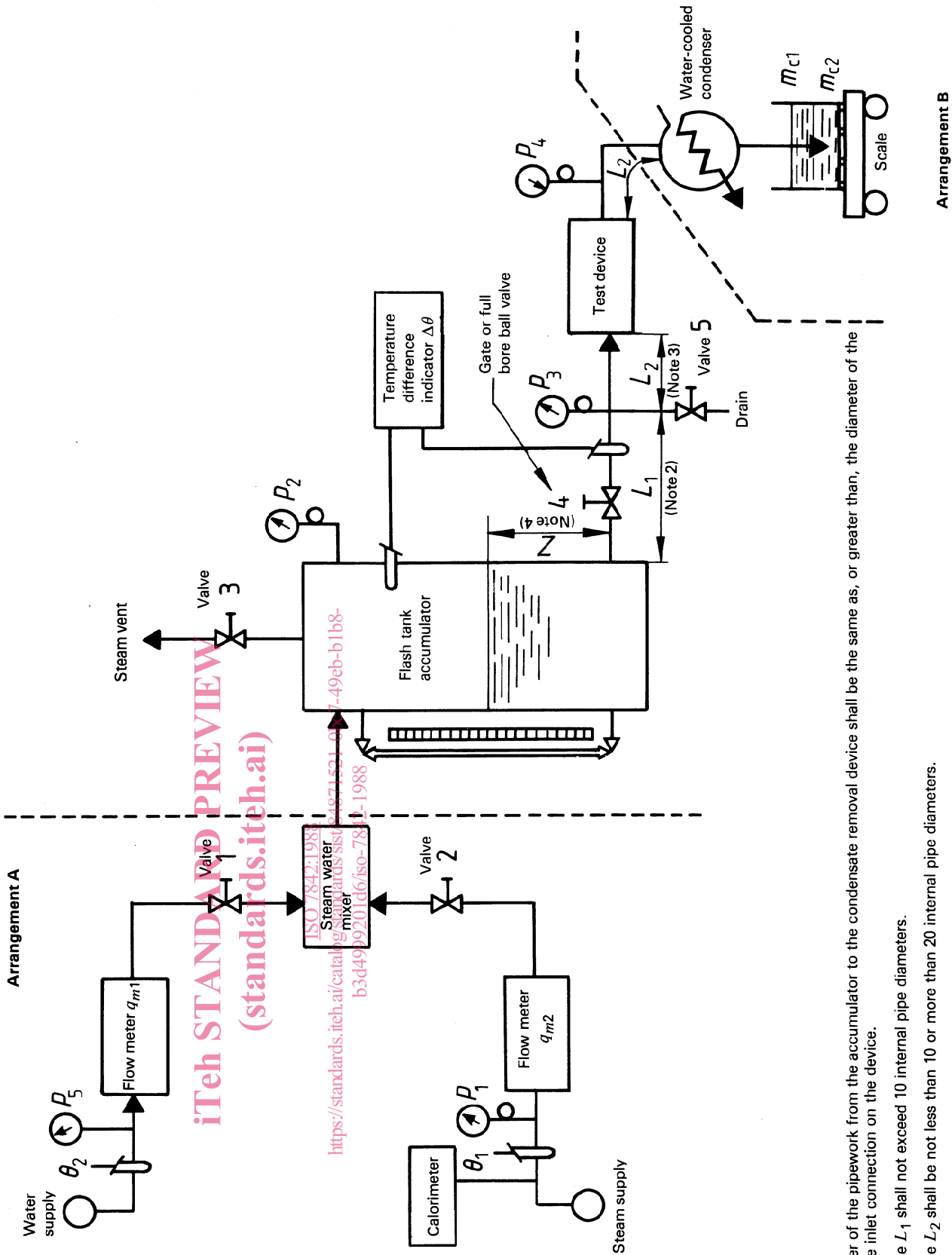


Figure 1 — Test arrangement for test method A

NOTES

- 1 The diameter of the pipework from the accumulator to the condensate removal device shall be the same as, or greater than, the diameter of the pipework to the inlet connection on the device.
- 2 The distance L_1 shall not exceed 10 internal pipe diameters.
- 3 The distance L_2 shall be not less than 10 or more than 20 internal pipe diameters.
- 4 The distance Z shall be measured vertically from the centre of the inlet connection of the condensate removal device.

4.1 Procedure

NOTE — Test method A is applicable only to continuous discharge measurement.

Start with all valves closed.

4.1.1 Warm up the system by gradually opening valves 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

4.1.2 Adjust valves 1, 2 and 3 with valve 4 wide open and valve 5 closed to bring the system into equilibrium. Equilibrium is defined as a steady water level in the accumulator with the vent valve 3 partially open and a difference of 3 °C or less showing on the temperature differential indicator.

4.1.3 Observe and record the following data as appropriate depending on the method of condensate determination :

- p_1 = steam supply pressure, in bars¹⁾;
- p_2 = accumulator steam pressure, in bars;
- p_3 = trap inlet pressure, in bars;
- p_4 = trap outlet pressure, in bars;
- θ_1 = steam supply temperature, in degrees Celsius;
- θ_2 = water supply temperature, in degrees Celsius;
- $\Delta\theta$ = temperature differential (subcooling) between steam in the accumulator and fluid entering the trap, in degrees Celsius;
- X = steam supply quality, in per cent;
- Z = accumulator water level, in metres;
- Δt = time interval, in hours, minutes or seconds;
- q_{m1} = water supply flow-rate, in kilograms per hour;
- q_{m2} = steam supply flow-rate, in kilograms per hour;
- m_{c1} = mass of condensate and tank at start, in kilograms;
- m_{c2} = mass of condensate and tank at end, in kilograms.

It is emphasized that figure 1 shows two alternative test arrangements for condensate measurement and that the choice is left to the test laboratory.

4.1.4 Record the data specified in 4.1.3 at 5 min intervals for a minimum total of five sets of observations.

4.1.5 During the test period observations as appropriate shall not exceed the following limits :

- a) the difference between the maximum and minimum tank level shall not exceed 50 mm;
- b) the maximum value of the tank level shall not exceed 450 mm at any time during the test;

c) the maximum temperature differential ($\Delta\theta$) shall not exceed 3 °C during the test;

d) no individual trap inlet pressure (p_3) observation shall vary by more than 1 % of the average of all observations;

e) the calculated vent steam flow-rate (q_{m6}) shall not exceed a maximum value equal to an exit velocity of 0,31 m/s in the tank.

4.1.6 Repeat the operations specified in 4.1.1 to 4.1.5 as necessary to produce three sets of observations which result in three calculated capacity ratings, none of which varies from the average by more than 10 %.

4.2 Flow calculations

$$q_{mf} = (q_{m1} + q_{m3} - q_{m4}) \pm q_{m8}$$

or

$$q_{mf} = \frac{(m_{c2} - m_{c1})}{\Delta t} \times 3\,600$$

where

q_{mf} is the discharge flow, in kilograms per hour;

q_{m1} is the water flow, in kilograms per hour;

q_{m3} is the steam flow to heat water supply (q_{m1}), in kilograms per hour;

$$q_{m3} = q_{m1} \times \frac{(h_3 - h_1)}{(h_2 - h_3)}$$

q_{m4} is the flash steam flow in the accumulator, in kilograms per hour;

$$q_{m4} = (q_{m1} + q_{m3}) \times \frac{(h_3 - h_5)}{(h_4 - h_5)}$$

$$q_{m4, \max} = \frac{\pi}{4} \times \frac{D^2}{v_1} \times 0,31 \times 3\,600$$

q_{m8} is the accumulator storage rate, in kilograms per hour;

$$q_{m8} = \frac{\pi}{4} \times D^2 \times \frac{(Z_1 - Z_2)}{\Delta t} \times \frac{3\,600}{v_2}$$

m_{c1} and m_{c2} are as given in 4.1.3;

h_1 is the specific enthalpy of the supply water, in kilojoules per kilogram;

h_2 is the specific enthalpy of the supply steam, in kilojoules per kilogram;

h_3 is the specific enthalpy of saturated water at the supply pressure, in kilojoules per kilogram;

h_4 is the specific enthalpy of saturated steam in the accumulator, in kilojoules per kilogram;

1) 1 bar = 10⁵ Pa

h_5 is the specific enthalpy of saturated water in the accumulator, in kilojoules per kilogram;

v_1 is the specific volume of saturated steam in the accumulator, in cubic metres per kilogram;

v_2 is the specific volume of saturated water in the accumulator, in cubic metres per kilogram;

Δt is the time interval, in seconds;

D is the inside diameter of the accumulator, in metres;

Z_1 is the initial accumulator tank level, in metres;

Z_2 is the final accumulator tank level, in metres.

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4.3 Data sheet

Test Method A

General information

- 1 Test No. :
- 2 Date of test :
- 3 Calculation by :
- 4 Manufacturer's name :
- 5 Serial No. :
- 6 Size :
- 7 Description and type of device :
- 8 Inside diameter of accumulator, D : m

Averaged and corrected test data

- 9 Steam supply pressure, p_1 = bar
- 10 Accumulator steam pressure, p_2 = bar
- 11 Trap inlet pressure, p_3 = bar
- 12 Trap outlet pressure, p_4 = bar
- 13 Steam supply temperature, θ_1 °C
- 14 Water supply temperature, θ_2 °C
- 15 Subcooled temperature, $\Delta\theta$ = °C
- 16 Steam supply quality, X = %
- 17 Change in accumulator level, $Z_1 - Z_2$ = m
- 18 Water supply flow-rate, q_{m1} = kg/h
- 19 Steam supply flow-rate, q_{m2} = kg/h
- 20 Elapsed time, Δt = s

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Thermodynamic properties

- 21 Reference used for steam/water data :
- 22 Specific enthalpy of water supply, h_1 = kJ/kg
- 23 Specific enthalpy of steam supply, h_2 = kJ/kg
- 24 Specific enthalpy of saturated liquid at steam supply pressure, h_3 = kJ/kg
- 25 Specific enthalpy of saturated vapour at accumulator pressure, h_4 = kJ/kg
- 26 Specific enthalpy of saturated liquid at accumulator pressure, h_5 = kJ/kg
- 27 Specific volume of saturated vapour at accumulator pressure, v_1 = m³/kg
- 28 Specific volume of saturated liquid at accumulator pressure, v_2 = m³/kg

Calculations

- 29 Steam to heat water supply, q_{m3} = kg/h

$$\text{Item 18} \times \frac{\text{Item 24} - \text{Item 22}}{\text{Item 23} - \text{Item 24}}$$
- 30 Flash steam flow in accumulator, q_{m4} = kg/h

$$\frac{(\text{Item 18} + \text{Item 29})(\text{Item 24} - \text{Item 26})}{\text{Item 25} - \text{Item 26}}$$
- 31 Water flow-rate to accumulator, q_{m5} = kg/h

$$\text{Item 18} + \text{Item 29} - \text{Item 30}$$
- 32 Steam flow to vent, q_{m6} = kg/h

$$\text{Item 19} - \text{Item 29} + \text{Item 30}$$

33 Maximum uncorrected steam flow to vent, $q_{m7} = \dots\dots\dots$ kg/h

$$\frac{2\,827 \times (\text{Item } 8)^2}{\text{Item } 27}$$

34 Vent fraction of maximum, $R = \dots\dots\dots$

$$R = \frac{\text{Item } 32}{\text{Item } 33} \text{ (shall be } \leq 1 \text{ for test to be valid)}$$

35 Accumulator storage rate, $q_{m8} = \dots\dots\dots$ kg/h

$$\frac{2\,827 \times (\text{Item } 8)^2 \times \text{Item } 17}{\text{Item } 20 \times \text{Item } 28}$$

36 Discharge flow, $q_{mf} = \dots\dots\dots$ kg/h
(Item 18 + Item 29 – Item 30) \pm Item 35

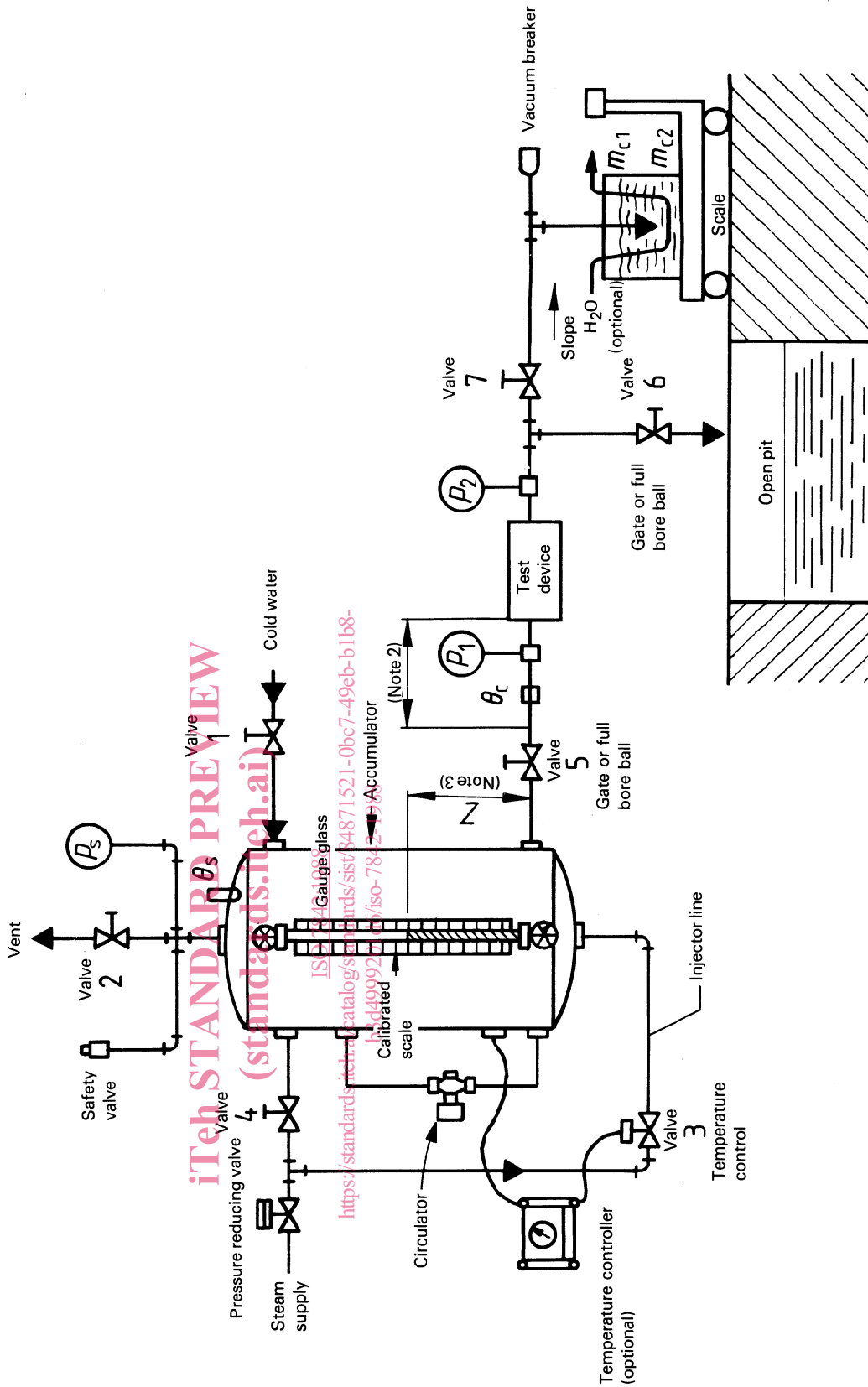
37 The trap capacity determined by this test is Item 36 for

- an inlet pressure of Item 11
- a discharge pressure of Item 12, and
- a subcooling at the trap inlet of Item 15.

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5 Test method B



NOTES

- 1 The piping from the accumulator to the test device shall be of the same diameter as the inlet connection on the test device. This inlet to the piping from the accumulator shall be well-rounded.
- 2 The distance between the sensors and the test device shall not exceed 20 internal pipe diameters.
- 3 The distance Z shall be measured vertically from the centre of the inlet pipe connection of the test device and shall not exceed the distance shown in figure 3.
- 4 The diagram indicates the use of a steam injector for heating the water in the accumulator. It could equally be achieved by the use of a steam circulating coil inside the accumulator or any other means.

Figure 2 — Test arrangement for test method B — Continuous and intermittent flow