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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 8222:2002), which has been technically revised. The main changes to the previous edition are as follows:

- revision of the title and scope to allow the document to cover the design, calibration and use of a wide range of volumetric measures comprising proving tanks, test measures, field and standard measures;
- provision of revised, updated and extended formulae to allow calculation of temperature correction including the addition of formulae for saline water, other liquids and material properties.

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Introduction

Volumetric, or capacity, measures are used to provide an accurate measure of volume, thereby providing a calibration reference for other volume-measuring devices, such as pipe displacement provers or flowmeters.

Volume measures are categorized in terms of capacity, test measures being below 20 l. Measures above 20 l are categorised as prover tanks. Standard measures are designed to comply with regulatory guidance and hence have specified volumes. Other measures have non-standard volumes specifically designed to suit an application, for example measures to accompany a small volume prover.

Volumetric measures can be used to calibrate flowmeters, both duty and reference meters. They can also be used to calibrate secondary volume measures, displacement (pipe) provers and storage tanks.

[Annex A](#) provides the recommended formulae used in the calibration and use of volumetric measures and for other volumetric measurements. This includes pure and saline water properties, the properties of hydrocarbon liquids and the materials of construction of volumetric measuring devices.

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1 Scope

This document describes the design, use and calibration of volumetric measures (capacity measures) which are intended for use in fixed locations in a laboratory or in the field. This document gives guidance on both standard and non-standard measures. It also covers portable and mobile measures. This document is applicable to the petroleum industry; however, it may be applied more widely to other applications.

This document excludes measures for cryogenic liquids and pressurized measures as used for liquid petroleum gas (LPG) and liquefied natural gas (LNG).

Volumetric measures are classified as test measures or prover tanks depending on capacity and design.

Measures described in this document are primarily designed, calibrated and used to measure volumes from a measure which is wetted and drained for a specified time before use and designated to deliver. Many of the provisions, however, apply equally to measures which are used to measure a volume using a clean and dry measure and designated to contain.

Guidance is given regarding commonly expected uncertainties and calibration specifications.

The document also provides, in [Annex A](#), reference formulae describing the properties of water and other fluids and materials used in volumetric measurement more generally.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms, definitions, symbols and units

3.1 Terms and definitions

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