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Introduction

This European Standard is one of a series of European Standards dedicated to heat exchangers.

If a performance measurement of a heat exchanger is to be meaningful it is necessary to measure with well-known instruments, transducers and methods.

The standard deals with different instruments, transducers and methods for measuring temperatures, flow-rates, pressures and fluid quality for heat exchangers.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the methods and accuracy of measurement for temperature, pressure, fluid quality and massflow of different fluids and how to determine the pressure drops across a heat exchanger.

Measurements are restricted to those necessary for establishing the performance of heat exchangers classified in prEN 247 using the fluids listed in prEN 247.

This European Standard applies when reference by the various branch application standards. The specific application European Standards shall be the prime reference documents.

2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated references, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

prEN 247	<i>Heat exchangers — Terminology</i>
prEN 305	<i>Heat exchangers — Definitions of performance of heat exchangers and the general test procedure for establishing performance of all heat exchangers</i>
prEN 307	<i>Heat exchangers — Guidelines to prepare instructions required to maintain the performance of each type of heat exchanger</i>
EN ISO 9000	<i>Quality management and quality assurance standards</i>
ISO 2186	<i>Fluid flow in closed circuits — Connections for pressure signal transmission between primary and secondary elements</i>

ISO 5167-1	<i>Measurement of fluid flow by means of pressure differential devices — Part 1: Orifice plates, nozzles and Venturi tubes inserted in circular cross conduits running full</i>
ISO 5221	<i>Air distribution and air diffusion — Rules to methods of measuring air flow rate in an air handling duct</i>

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this European Standard, the following definitions apply.

3.1 Measurement of temperature

3.1.1 temperature

A measurement of the average kinetic energy of fluid particles due to their random motion in a fluid in thermodynamic equilibrium

3.1.2 total temperature

Fluid temperature including the temperature rise at a point of stagnation in a fluid flow.

3.1.3 inlet temperature

The average total temperature at the standard inlet point of a heat exchanger.

3.1.4 outlet temperature

The average total temperature at the standard outlet point of a heat exchanger.

3.1.5 working temperatures

The inlet temperature on the primary and secondary sides respectively.

3.2 Measurement of flow-rate

3.2.1 flow rate of a fluid through a cross-section of a conduit

The amount of fluid flowing through the cross-section of a conduit in unit time.

3.2.2 flowmeter

A device for measuring the flow rate.

3.2.3 straight length

A portion of a conduit whose axis is straight, and in which the cross-sectional area and cross-sectional shape are constant; the cross-sectional shape is usually circular.

3.2.4 fully-developed velocity distribution

A velocity distribution that does not change between two cross-sections of a flow. It is generally obtained after passing a sufficient straight length of a conduit.

3.2.5 regular velocity distribution

The distribution of velocities which sufficiently approaches that established in a long straight length of the closed conduit to permit an accurate measurement of the flow-rate to be made.

3.2.6 flow straightener

- a) Device inserted in a conduit to eliminate or reduce circumferential velocity components which produce swirl (swirl remover).
- b) Device inserted in a conduit to reduce the straight length required to achieve a regular velocity distribution (profile regulator).

3.2.7 steady flow¹⁾

Flow in which the flow-rate through a measuring section does not vary significantly with time.

3.2.8 pulsating flow of mean constant flow-rate²⁾

Flow in which the flow-rate in a measuring section is a function of time but has a constant mean value when averaged over a sufficiently long period of time.

3.2.9 unsteady flow³⁾

Flow in which the flow-rate in a measuring section fluctuates randomly with time.

3.2.10 hydraulic diameter⁴⁾

Four times the wetted cross-sectional area divided by the wetted perimeter.

3.2.11 laminar flow⁵⁾

Flow under conditions where forces due to viscosity are significant in comparison to the forces due to inertia.

3.2.12 turbulent flow

Flow under conditions where forces due to viscosity are small in comparison to the forces due to inertia.

3.2.13 transition flow⁶⁾

Flow lying between a laminar flow and a turbulent flow.

3.2.14 Reynolds number⁷⁾

A dimensionless parameter expressing the ratio between the inertia and viscous forces. It is given by the formula

$$Re = \frac{u \cdot l}{V}$$

where:

- u is the average spatial fluid velocity expressed in metre per second;
- l is a characteristic dimension of the system in which the flow occurs expressed in metres;
- V is the kinematic viscosity of the fluid expressed in square metre per second.

3.3 Measurement of pressure

3.3.1 pressure

Ratio of force and area.

3.3.2 static pressure

Pressure caused by the random motion of fluid particles. In fluid flows static pressure is determined in such a way that the flow does not affect the determination of static pressure.

3.3.3 dynamic pressure

Pressure caused by the systematic motion of fluid particles in a fluid flow.

3.3.4 total pressure

The sum of static pressure and dynamic pressure in a fluid flow (equivalent to the ratio of mechanical energy and volume).

3.3.5 stagnation pressure

Sum of the static pressure and the dynamic pressure. It characterizes the state of the fluid when its flow energy is completely transformed into pressure. For an element of fluid at rest, the static pressure and the stagnation pressure have the same numerical value.

3.3.6 effective (gauge) pressure

The difference between the local absolute pressure of the fluid and the atmospheric pressure at the place and time of the measurement.

3.3.7 pressure loss

The static pressure loss caused by the presence of a heat exchanger in the conduit.

¹⁾ The steady flows observed in conduits are in practice flows in which quantities such as velocity, pressure, mass density and temperature vary in time about mean values independent of time; these are actually statistically steady flows

²⁾ Two types of pulsating flow are found:

- periodic pulsating flow
- random pulsating flow

³⁾ The time interval being considered is to be long enough to exclude from this definition the random components of the turbulent flow itself

⁴⁾ For a circular conduit running full, the hydraulic diameter is equal to the diameter of the conduit

⁵⁾ Laminar flow may be unsteady but is completely free from turbulent mixing. Poiseuille flow is an example of steady laminar flow in a circular conduit

⁶⁾ As a guide, the Reynolds number for the transition flow of a Newtonian fluid, when referred to the conduit diameter, is generally between a lower limit of 2 000 and upper limit which varies between 7 000 and 12 000 according to the conduit roughness and other factors

⁷⁾ When specifying a Reynolds number, one should indicate the characteristic dimension on which it has been based (for example diameter of the conduit, diameter of the differential pressure device, diameter of a Pitot tube head, etc.)

3.3.8 piezometer ring

A pressure equalization enclosure linking together two or more pressure tappings installed on one cross-section, and to which a pressure transducer can be connected.

It can either lie outside or be integral with the conduit.

3.3.9 annular chamber

Piezometer ring integral with the conduit or the primary device. This implies the use of annular pressure tappings.

3.3.10 wall (pressure) tapping

Annular or circular hole drilled in the wall of a conduit in such a way that, its edge is flush with the internal surface of the conduit, the tapping being such that the pressure within the hole is the static pressure at that point in the conduit.

3.4 Measurement of fluid quality

3.4.1 fluid quality (x)

Term describing multicomponent fluids or multi-phase fluids by the mass ratio of a particular component of fluid phase and the fluid mixture.

For example:

x_v is the vapour ratio of humid air expressed as mass of vapour per mass of dry air;

x_R is the vapour ratio of refrigerants expressed as mass of vapour phase per total mass of refrigerant.

Measuring fluid quality also includes other quantities which can affect the performance of the heat exchanger.

3.5 General definitions

3.5.1 influence quantity

Quantity which is not the object of the measurement but which can affect the result of a measurement.

3.5.2 measurement

Procedure in order to determine the value of a given quantity.

3.5.3 inaccuracy of measurement

The inaccuracy expressed by the totality of the overall limiting errors of measurement including all the systematic errors as well as the limiting random errors.

3.5.4 repeatability of measurements

The closeness of the agreement between the results of successive measurements of the same quantity carried out by the same method, by the same observer, with the same measuring instruments, in the same laboratory, at quite short intervals of time.

3.5.5 reproducibility of measurements

The closeness of the agreement between the results of measurements of the same quantity, where the individual measurements are made:

- by different methods, with different measuring instruments;
- by different observers, in different laboratories;
- after quite long intervals of time compared with the duration of a single measurement under different normal conditions of use of the instruments employed.

3.5.6 error of measurement

The discrepancy between the result of the measurement and the true value of the quantity measured. This can be expressed as an absolute error,

$$E_a = M - T$$

or as a relative error

$$E_r = \frac{(M - T)}{T} 100 \%$$

where:

- E_a is an absolute error of measurement;
- E_r is a relative error of measurement in percent;
- M is the value as result of a measurement;
- T is the true or as true considered value.

3.5.7 measuring instrument

Technical device for measuring a quantity.

3.5.8 measuring transducer

Device which converts the value of one quantity to a value of another quantity or to a different value of the same quantity.

3.5.9 sensor

Part of a measuring instrument which receives information about a quantity. The sensor is the first element of a measuring transducer.

3.5.10 sensing element

Sensing part of sensor which is under direct influence of a quantity to be measured.

3.5.11 fluid

Liquid, gas or vapour. In this standard priority is given to water, air, steam or any fluid used for heat transfer.

3.5.12 primary fluid

Fluid acting as the heat source.

3.5.13 secondary fluid

Fluid acting as the heat sink.

3.5.14 single-phase fluid

A fluid in single-phase can be liquid or gas.

3.5.15 multi-phase fluid

A fluid with two or more phases can be liquid and gas.

3.5.16 primary refrigerant

Fluid producing low temperature by absorbing heat during evaporation at low pressure and rejecting heat during condensation at a high pressure.

3.5.17 secondary refrigerant

Fluid conveying heat from the low temperature source to the evaporating primary refrigerant.