

Industrial and Commercial Measurement

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Dresser Meters & Instruments



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Overview

Application Guidelines

- Sizing

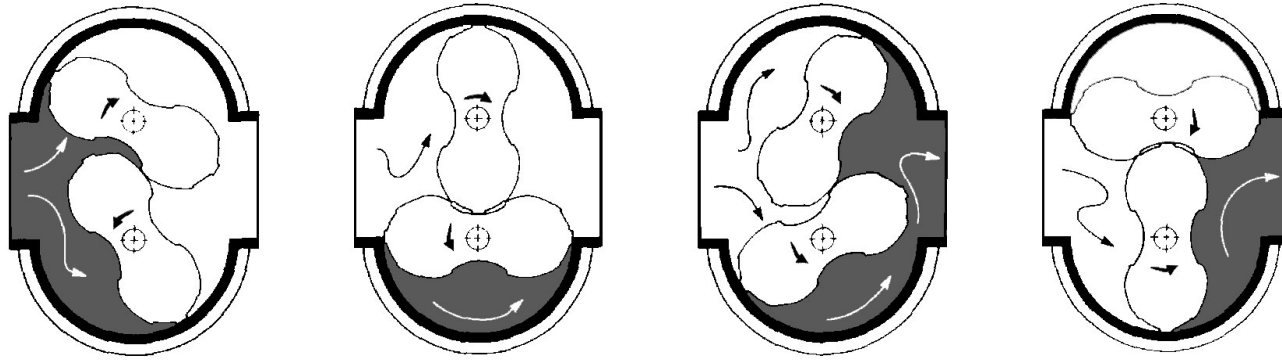
Installation Recommendations

- Meter set design
- Mounting & start-up

Maintenance Techniques

- Inspection
- Testing

Rotary Meter Operating Principle



- **Gas enters meter, turning the impellers, and fills the cylinder.**
- **Bottom & top impellers trap fixed volumes of gas.**
- **With each full turn of the impeller shafts, four measured volumes of gas are swept through the meter to the right.**
- **As impeller RPM increases, gas slippage rapidly decreases**

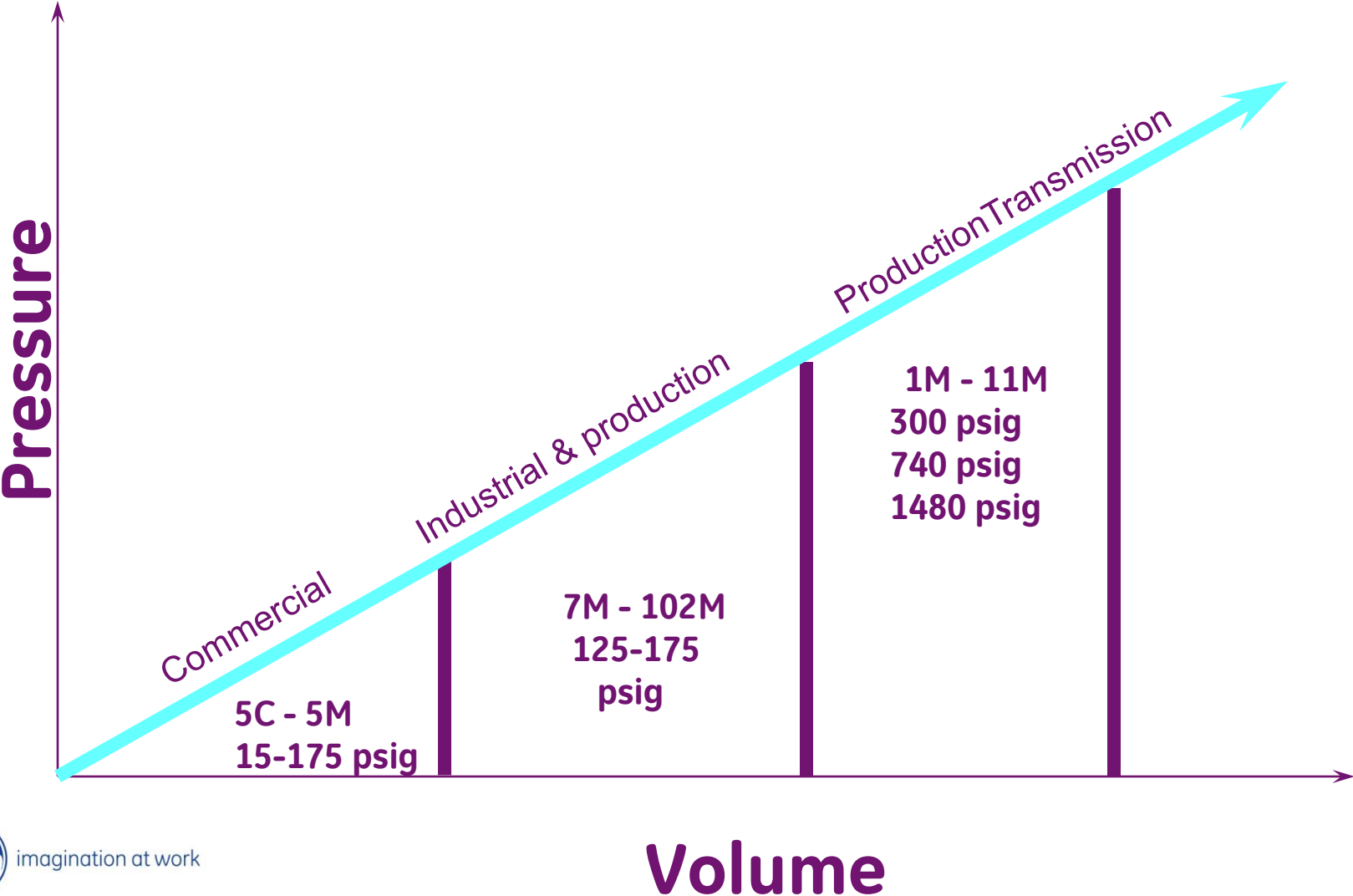
Application Guidelines

Production

Transmission

Distribution

Rotary Meter Applications



Sizing Rotary Meters

Minimum parameters:

- Minimum operating pressure
- Total connected load

Apply diversity factors when permissible and/or required

Sizing Example

For 4,400 scfh (4.4 million BTU/hr.) load at 25 psig, select meter:

- a. 5M175
- b. 3M175
- c. 2M175
- d. 15C175
- e. 8C175

Imperial Sizing Charts

Line Mounted														
Model	8C175*	11C175*	15C175*	2M175*	3M175*	5M175*	7M175	11M175	16M175	23M175	23M232	38M175	56M175	102M125
*Also available in 200 PSIG Rating														
Rating	800	1100	1500	2000	3000	5000	7000	11000	16000	23000	23000	38000	56000	102000
PSIG	Corrected Capacity at Metering Pressure – in MSCFH													
1	0.84	1.15	1.57	2.09	3.1	5.2	7.3	11.5	16.7	24.0	24.0	39.7	58.5	106.6
3	0.95	1.30	1.77	2.36	3.5	5.9	8.3	13.0	18.9	27.2	27.2	44.9	66.2	120.5
5	1.05	1.45	1.98	2.63	4.0	6.6	9.2	14.5	21.1	30.3	30.3	50.0	73.8	134.3
10	1.33	1.82	2.48	3.31	5.0	8.3	11.6	18.2	26.5	38.1	38.1	62.9	92.8	168.9
15	1.60	2.20	2.99	3.99	6.0	10.0	14.0	22.0	31.9	45.9	45.9	75.8	111.8	203.6
20	1.87	2.57	3.50	4.67	7.0	11.7	16.3	25.7	37.4	53.7	53.7	88.7	130.8	238.2
25	2.14	2.94	4.01	5.35	8.0	13.4	18.7	29.4	42.8	61.5	61.5	101.6	149.8	272.9
30	2.41	3.32	4.52	6.03	9.0	15.1	21.1	33.2	48.2	69.3	69.3	114.5	168.8	307.4
40	2.95	4.06	5.54	7.39	11.1	18.5	25.9	40.6	59.1	84.9	84.9	140.3	206.8	376.7
50	3.50	4.81	6.56	8.74	13.1	21.9	30.6	48.1	70.0	100.6	100.6	166.1	244.8	445.9
60	4.04	5.56	7.58	10.10	15.2	25.3	35.4	55.6	80.8	116.2	116.2	191.9	282.9	515.2
70	4.58	6.30	8.59	11.46	17.2	28.6	40.1	63.0	91.7	131.8	131.8	217.7	320.9	584.5
80	5.13	7.05	9.61	12.82	19.2	32.0	44.9	70.5	102.5	147.4	147.4	243.5	358.9	653.7

Sizing Example

For 4,400 scfh (4.4 million BTU/hr) load at 25 psig, select meter using chart



5M175 Oversize



3M175 Oversize



2M175



15C175 10% Over-speed OK*

8C175 Undersize



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Selection Criteria

Gas Quality

Line Pressure

Line Temperature

Flow Rate

Gas Quality

Clean & dry

Wet or sour gas

Frozen condensation

Heavy solids

Meter Selection

Standard version meter

**Stainless Steel
components**

Catalytic Heater

Fluid shut-off device

Line Pressure

Maximum meter
operating pressure

*Factor in meter
pressure rating*

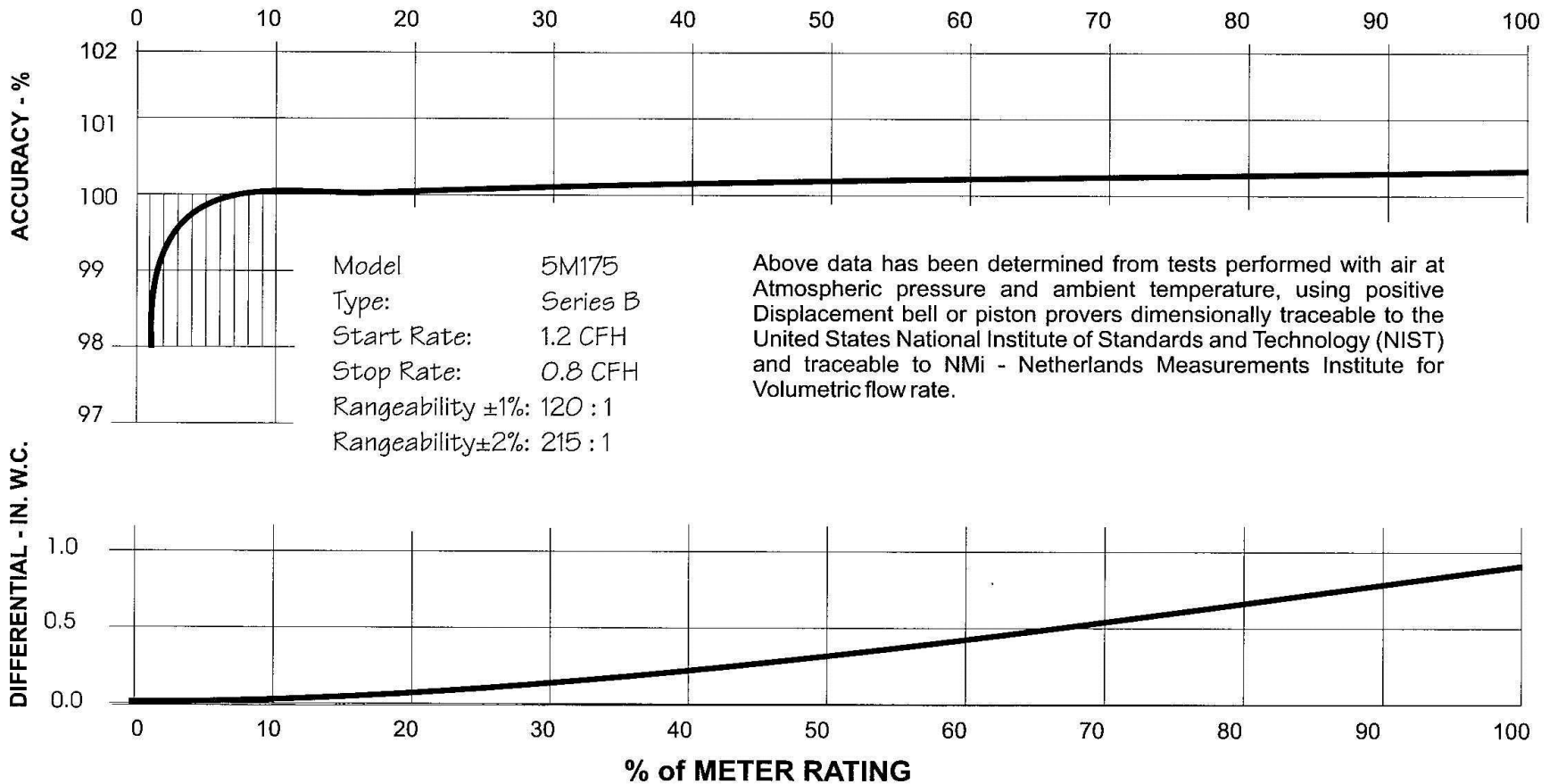
Minimum meter
operating pressure

*Factor in maximum
flow rate (capacity)*

Pressure control

Impact meter accuracy

Typical Accuracy Curve



Rotary Accuracy Characteristics

- **At the start rate, meter accuracy is typically at 80 to 90%**
- **As flow increases, the accuracy curve quickly flattens out at a nominal 100.35%**
- **Displacement accuracy is permanent, it never changes**

Line Temperature

Actual flow increases 1% for each 5° F. increase

Temperature compensated indexes

Meter temperature operating range

-40° to +140° F.

TC operating range

-20° to +100° F.

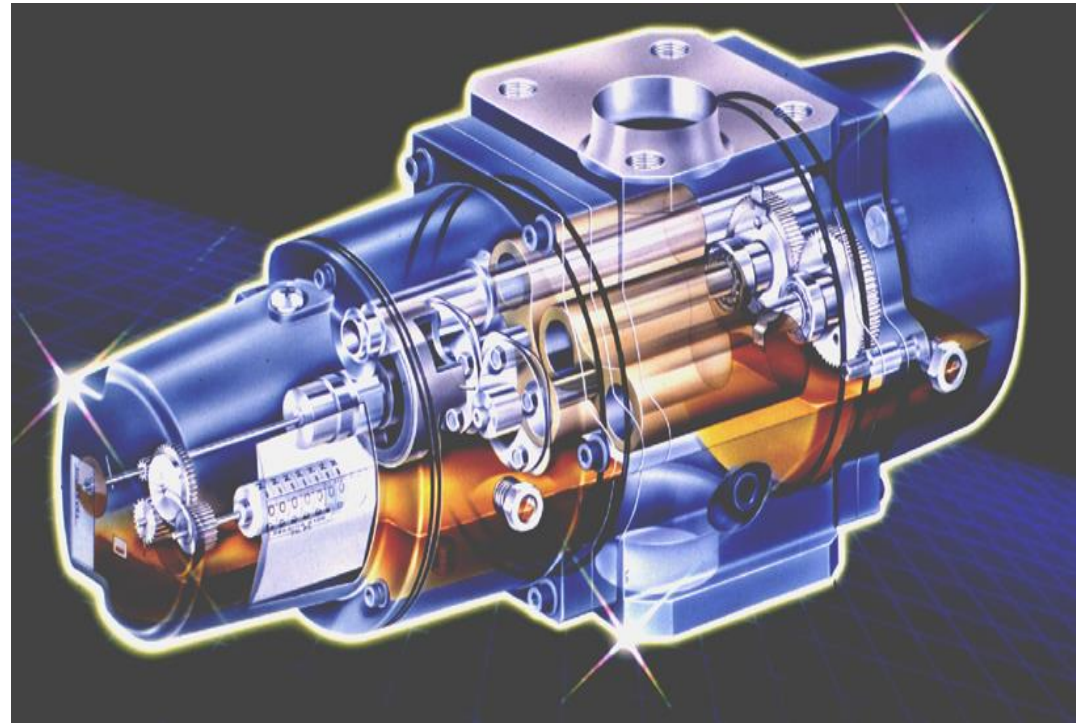
Flow Rate

Over-speed protection

- Restricting flow orifice plate
 - Request Dresser Form RM-52

Splash Lubrication

- 10% of flow once every few weeks



Sizing Summary

Identify minimum operating pressure and maximum flow rate

Consider selecting smallest possible meter for your load

Include adequate equipment in your meter set design

Installation Suggestions

Basic meter set design ideas

Mounting the meter in your set

Starting-up your rotary meter

Meter Set Design

Adequate support piping for meter flanges

Ensure meter is level

Include hard bypass

When possible design top inlet flow



Meter Set Design



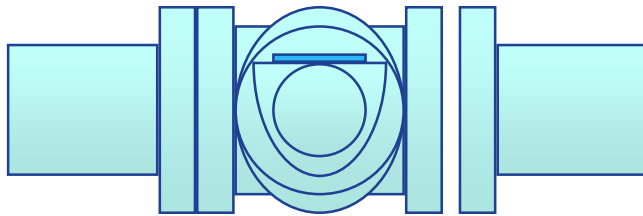
Install strainer or filter when conditions merit

Avoid placing meter at the low point of a meter set

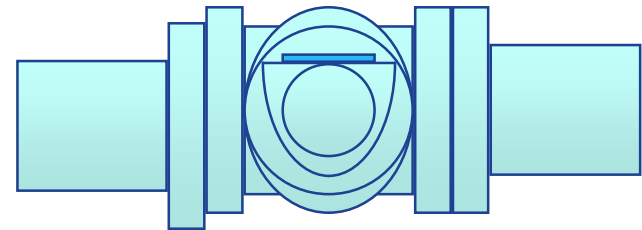
Meter Set Design

support piping

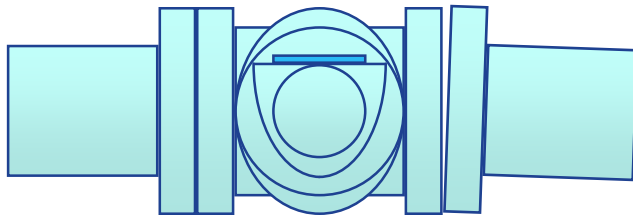
Flange Spacing



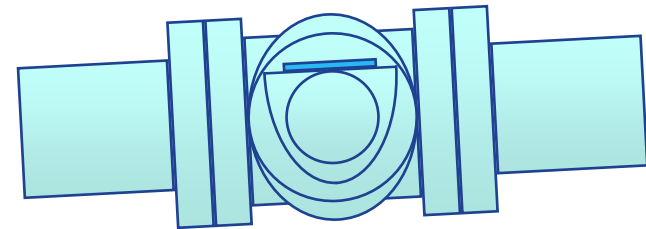
Pipe Alignment



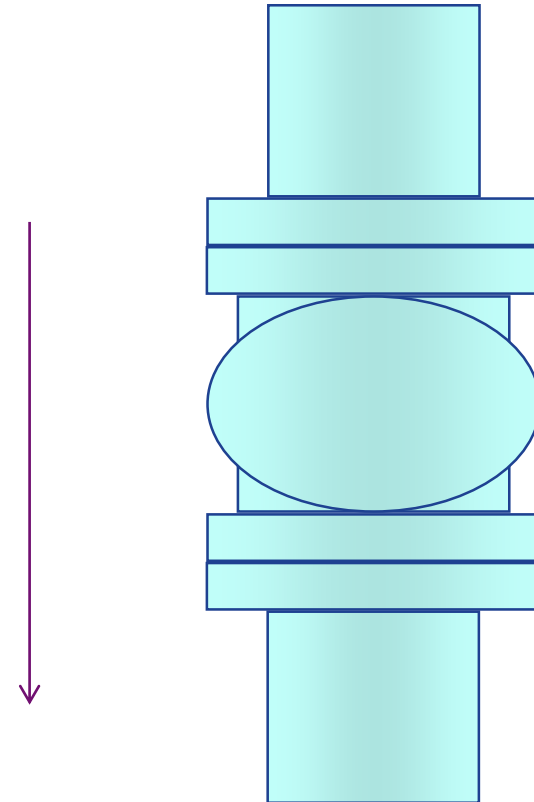
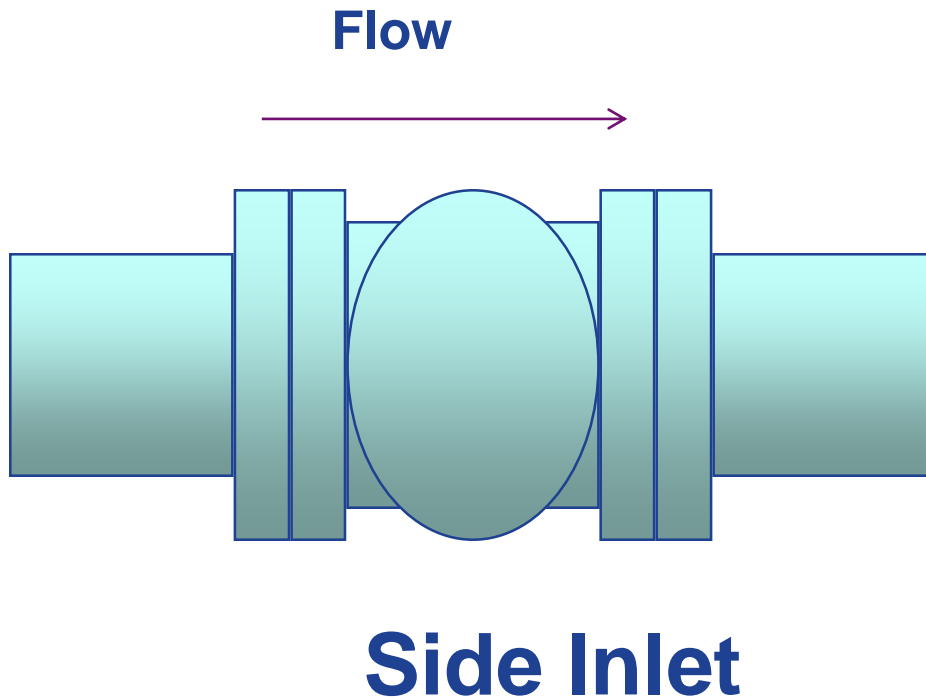
Flanges Parallel



Pipe Level



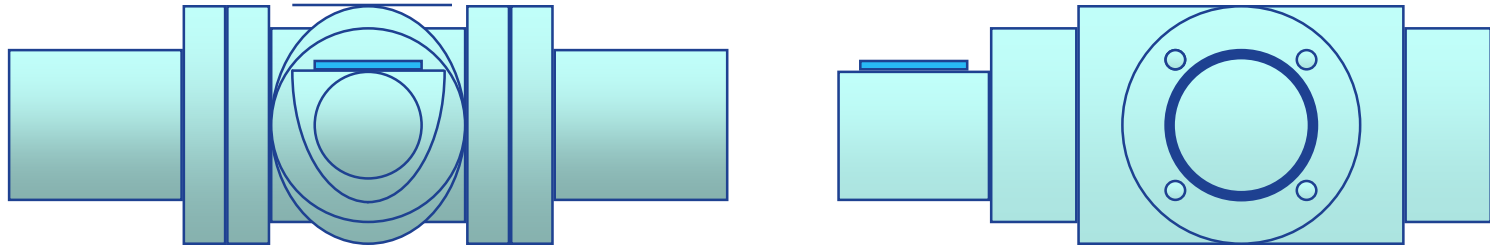
Meter Set Design



**Top Inlet
(Preferred)**

Meter Set Design

Level within 1/16"/ft.



Mounting In Your Set



Blow down the meter set

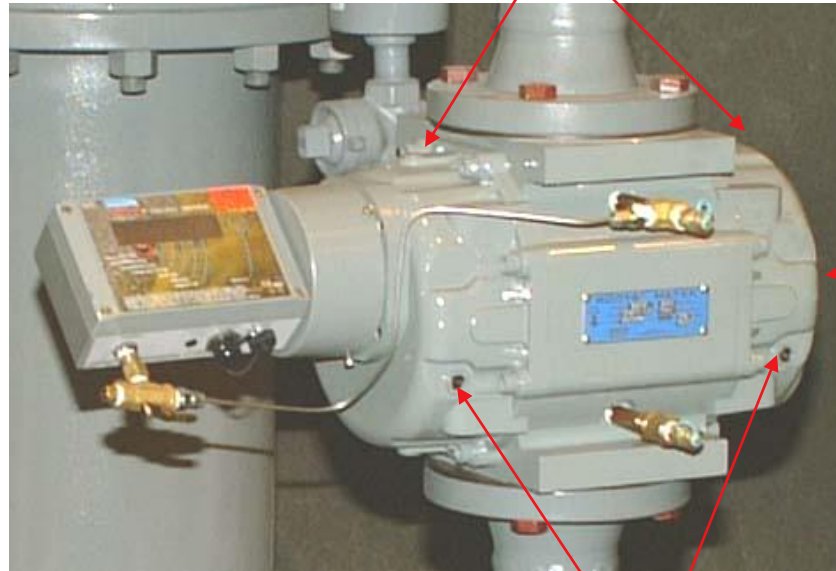
Utilize proper flange gaskets



Follow manufacturer's torque recommendations

Start-up preparation

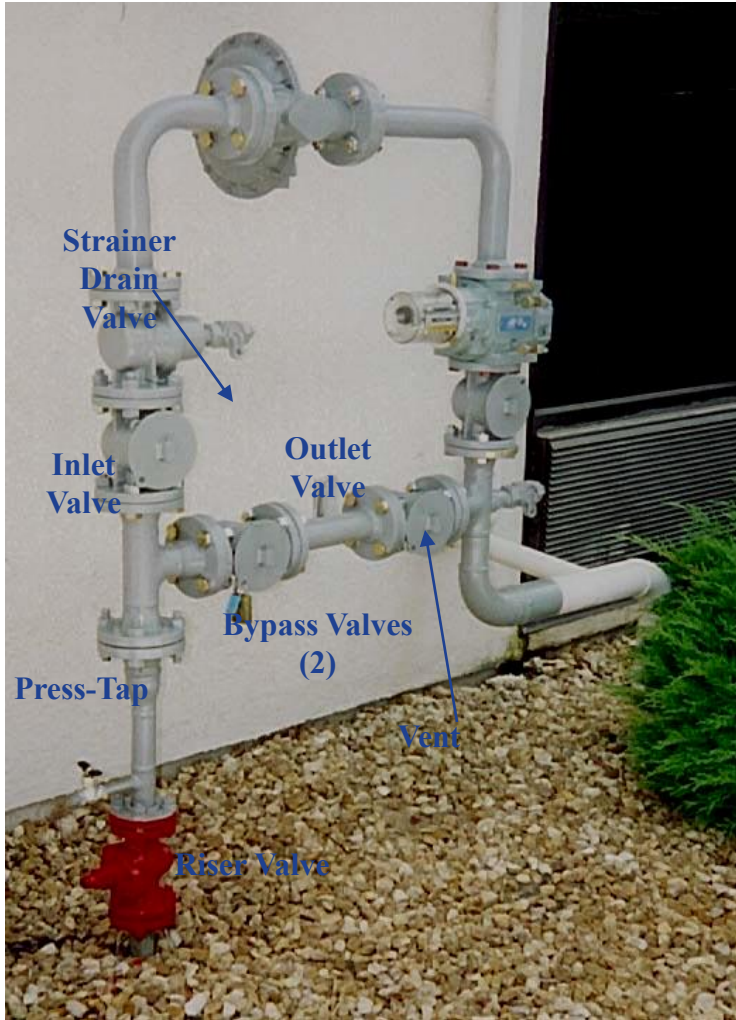
Oil Fill Plugs (2)



**Remote
Access Plug
(on Right-End
Cover)
Rotate Impeller
Shaft
clockwise
using
Screwdriver or
Allen Wrench
to check for
free rotation**

**Oil Sight Glasses (2)
Carefully Fill to Center**

Start-Up



Close all valves, taps, & vents

Open riser & inlet valves and check for leaks

Slowly open outlet valve

Close bypass valves

Don't pressurize more than 5 psig per second

Maintenance



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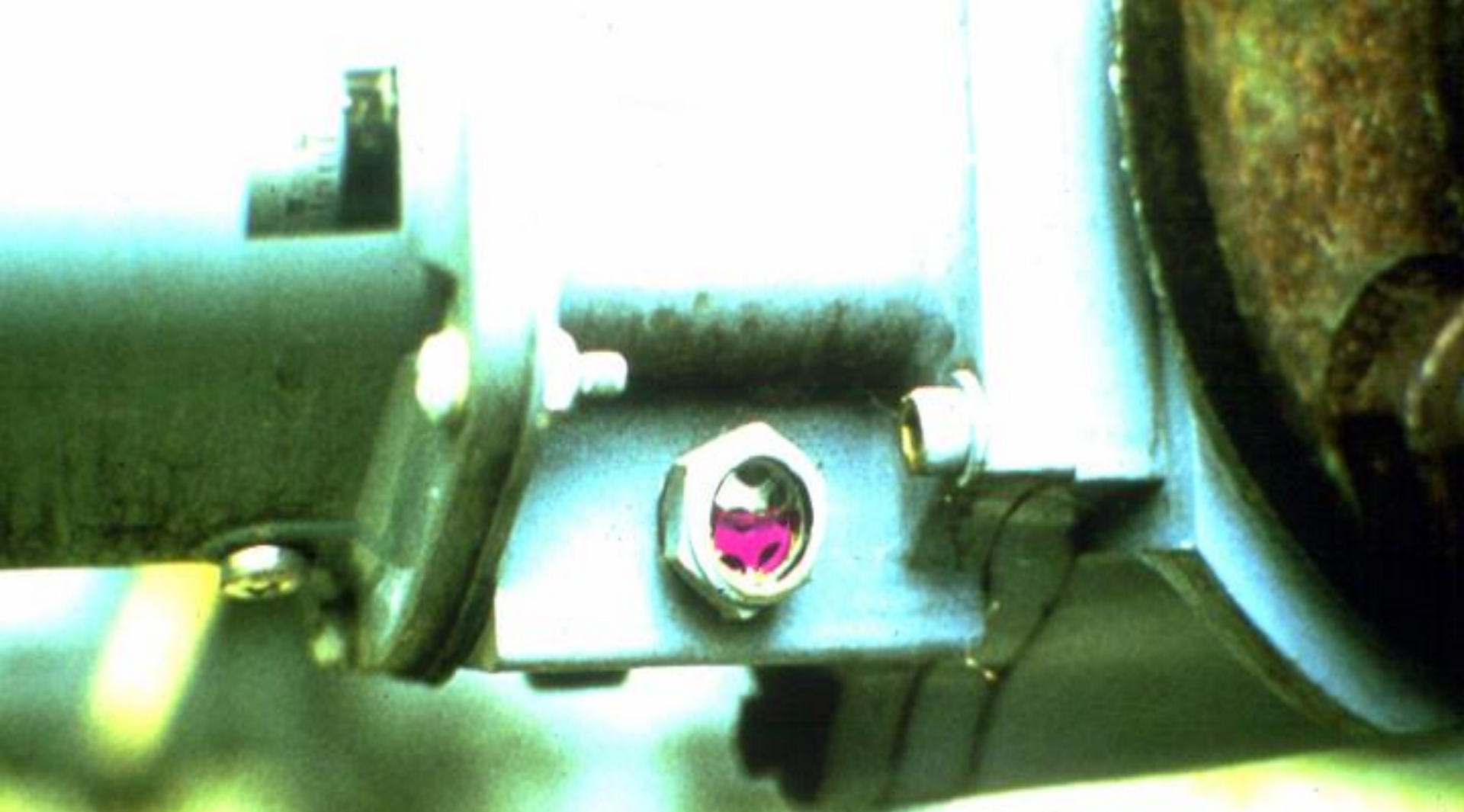
Routine Maintenance

**Remove
Bowl
& Clean
Screen
as Needed**



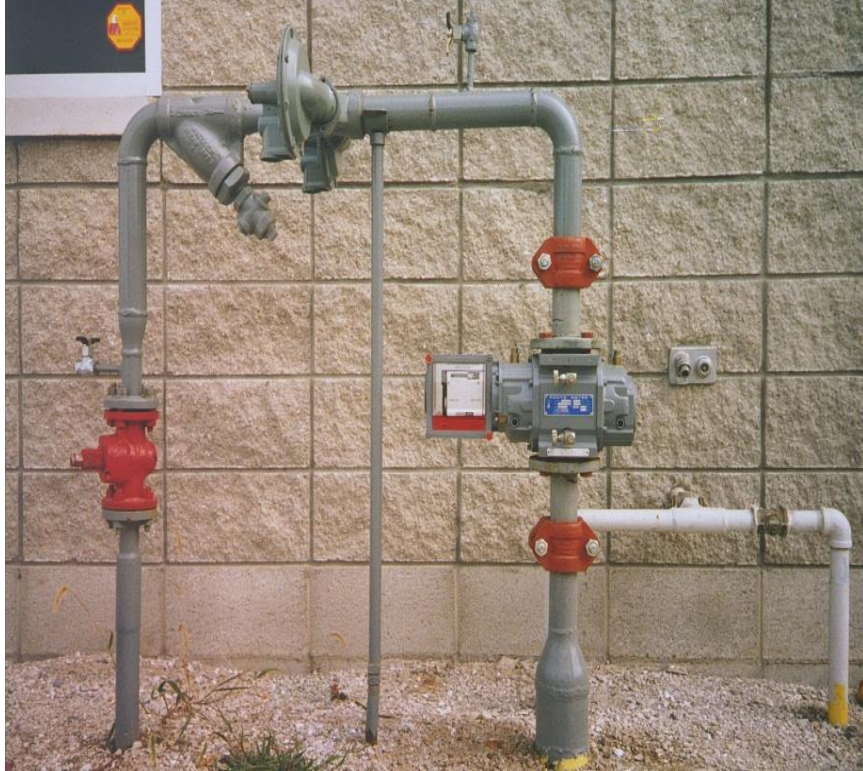
**Drain Excess
Liquids
as Needed**

**Check Oil
Level &
Color
Drain &
Replace**



Oil sight gauge showing proper level and condition of oil

Routine Maintenance



- **Meter registration**
- **Oil color & level**
- **Oil leaks**
- **Condensation in index**
- **Abnormal meter noise**
- **Meter set level**
- **Strainer sump**
- **Gas leaks**

Rotary Meter Testing

Differential testing

Transfer prover testing

In-service performance testing

Differential Testing

Low Equipment Cost

Quick & Easy

Reliable

An Inferential Test (i.e. Spin Testing for Turbines)

Recognized by NIST since 1948

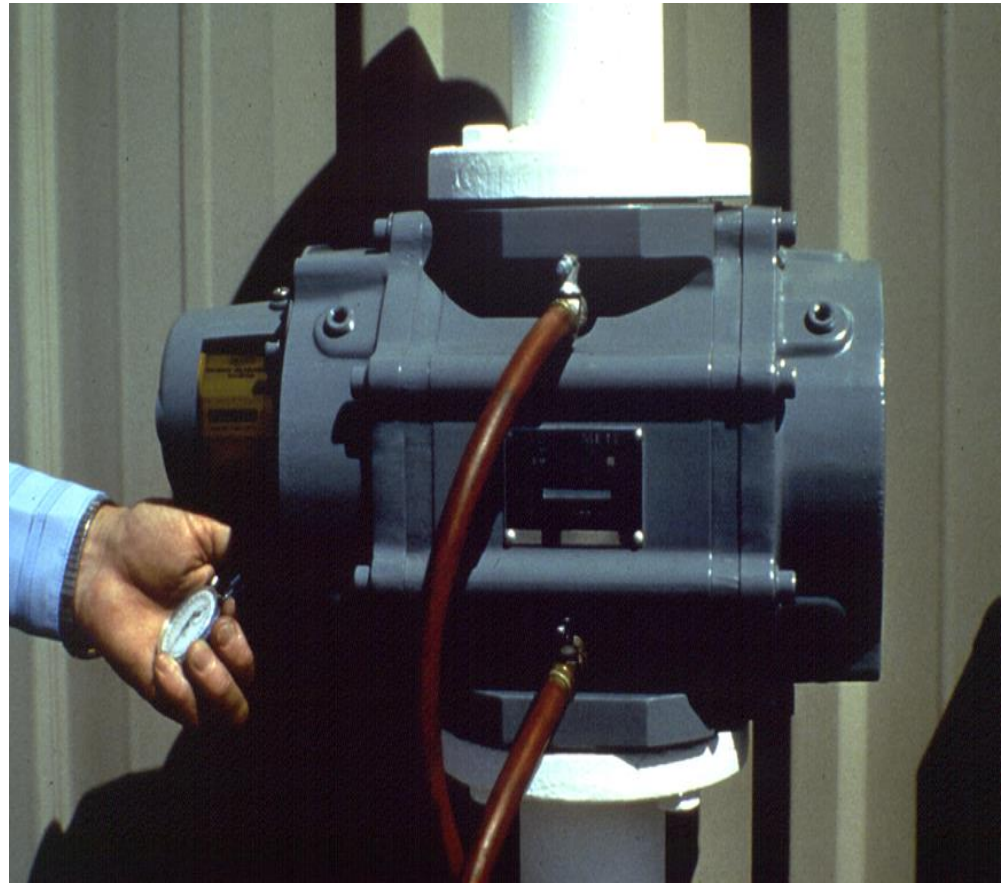
Recognized by AGA (ANSI B109.3)

Used by Gas Companies across the U.S.



Differential Pressure

ANSI B109.3: “pressure loss across a rotary meter at specified index rate, specific gravity, & pressure is indicative of the meter’s condition.”



Differential Pressure Varies With:

Flow rate

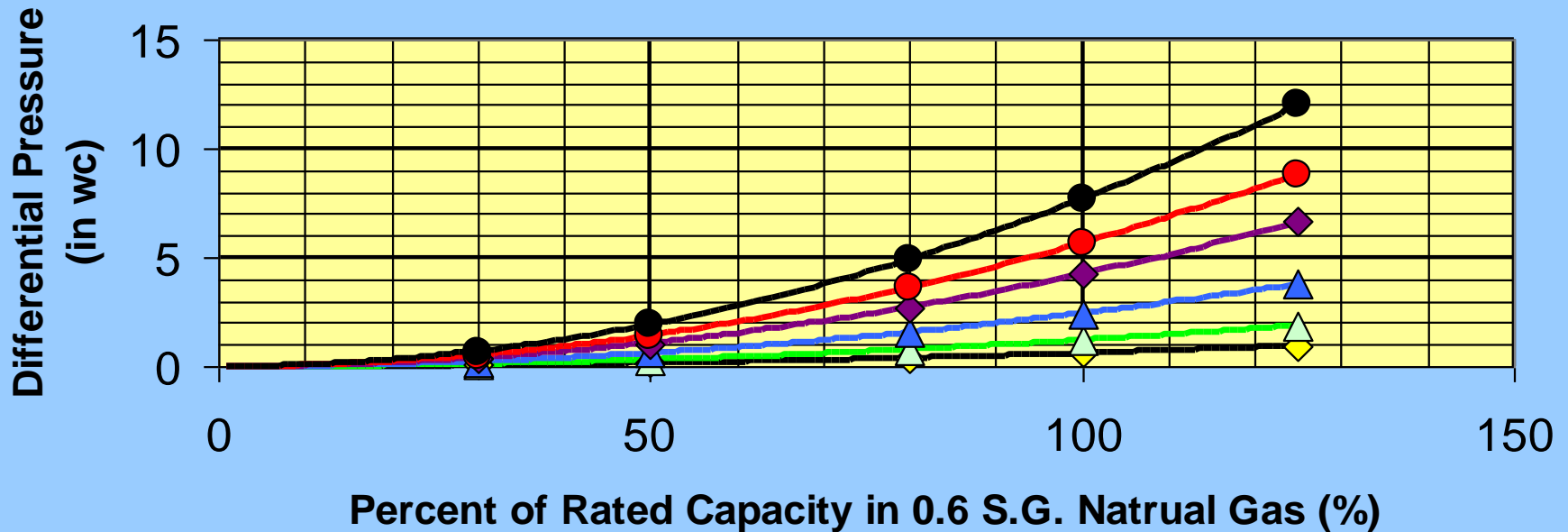
Pressure

Specific gravity

Internal friction

Differential Pressure

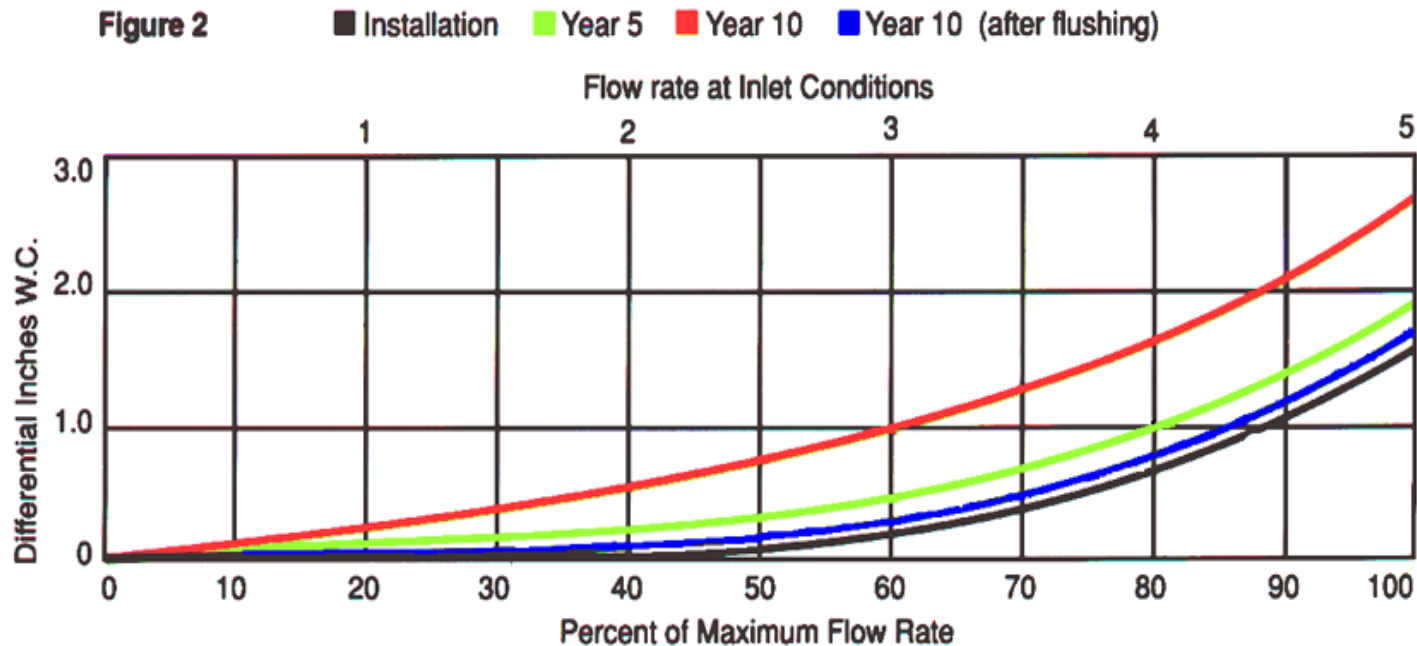
5M B3 Differential Pressure at Meter Taps
in 0.6 S.G. Natural Gas



◆ 8" wc △ 15 psig ▲ 45 psig ◆ 90 psig ● 125 psig ● 175 psig

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Differential Testing



Look for 50% increase

Try flushing meter with approved solvent to restore meter condition and accuracy

Transfer Proving



- Higher equipment cost than Differential Testing
- Limited to 10 MACFH
- Not for Hazardous Locations
- Reliable
- A Volumetric rather than an Inferential Test providing direct Accuracy results
- Compares volume of Master Meter to Field Meter
- Measures and compensates for inlet pressures and temperatures
- Tertiary Standard traceable to NIST

Rotary Meter Advantages



Compact installations.

Accurate operational range.

Maintains accuracy after several years of service.

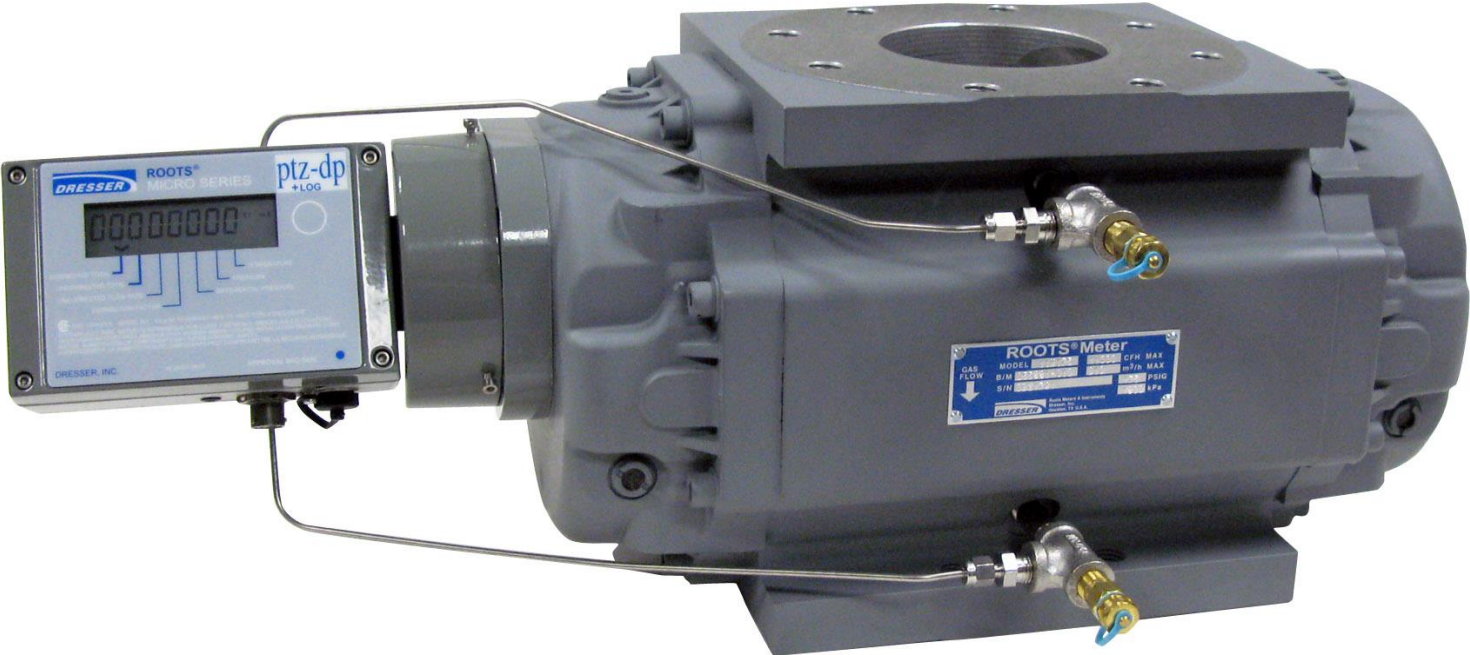
Mechanical design provides long service life.

Low cost maintenance.

Large number of installations throughout the world.

What's New?

Self Diagnostics IMC-DPX



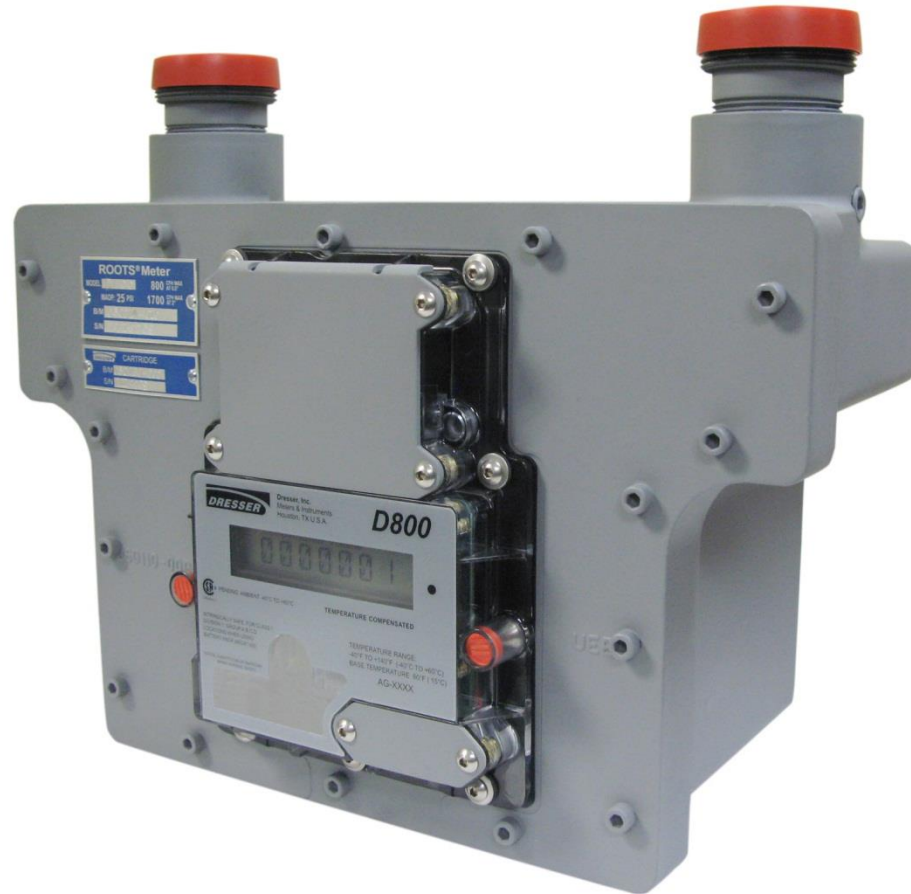
Electronic TC Meter



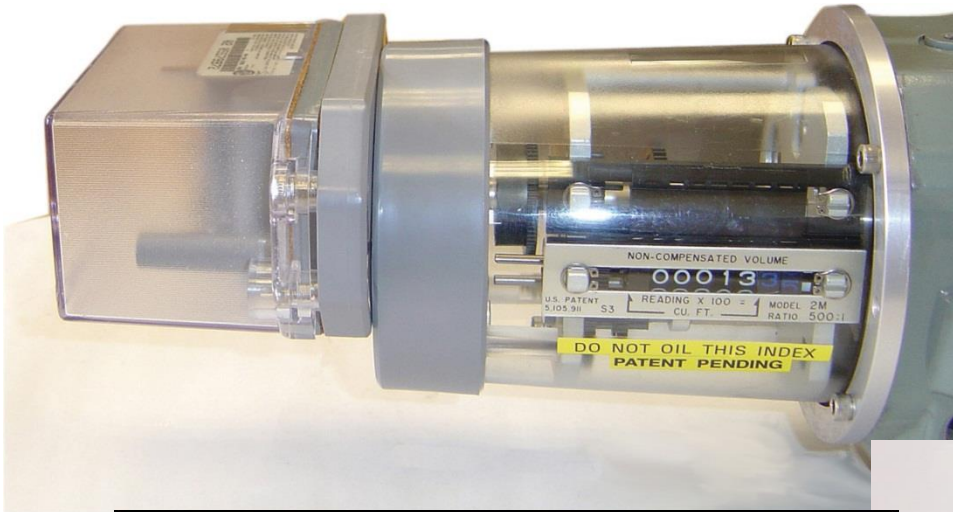
Dresser ETC



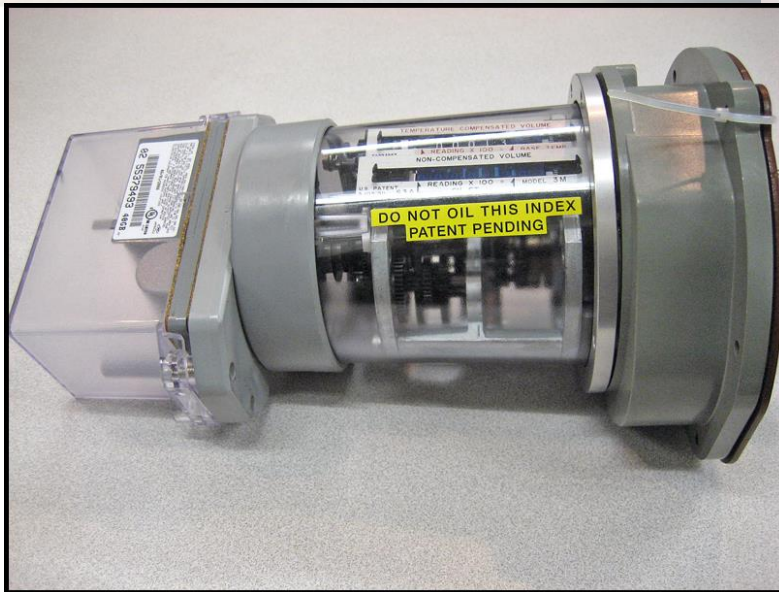
D800 and D1000 Commercial Service Meter



AMR Devices



Series B3 meter with Itron Residential AMR



ERT can be mounted on either LMMA or S3A Accessory Units

Thank you.





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