



# Rotameters

## Area Variable

## Flowmeters



ODIN is a leading manufacturer of flowmeters and fittings in Argentina

It has a wide experience in the chemical, food and oil markets

It designs, manufactures and controls all fittings under strict procedures

It calibrates every meter individually and has its error curve delivered

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## Description

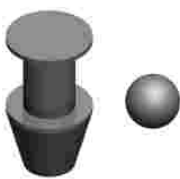
Rotameters are simple, economic and reliable flowmeters. They are made up of three basic elements as shown in the drawing.

It is powered by the fluid itself (liquid, gas or vapor), which pushes the float upwards until the annular area (where a ring lies between the float and the tube) becomes wide/large enough to allow the passage of instantaneous flow. The float goes up as flow increases and it goes down as flow decreases. The various conic shapes available cover a range of 1:10 between the minimum and maximum flow.



## Floats

Various designs are used to obtain the desired gage and minimize their alignment. Some typical profiles are shown below.



For gases



Non viscous liquids



Viscous liquids

## Conic Tubes

They are the most critical components of the equipment because measurement accuracy depends on high quality manufacturing procedures.

ODIN uses three types of conic tubes:

- Acrylic Plastic: CP, CM, CME, CGL Models.
- Boron Silicate Glass: IQM, IQP, GGL Models.
- Stainless Steel: TM Model.

The first two models are used with transparent fluids while metal ones are suitable for opaque fluids in which the float is magnetically attached to an indicator where the metering pin turns around a circular gage.

## Gages

En el mercado argentino, se utilizan de forma excluyente, escalas de lectura directa y en unidades volumétricas, con la excepción del vapor de agua para el que se utilizan gravimétricas.

ODIN gages contain the following data:

- Fluid (name and code)
- G: Specific Gravity
- $\mu$ : Viscosity (for liquids)
- Pf: Operating Pressure
- Tf: Operating Temperature
- Flow unit:  $\frac{\text{Volume}}{\text{Time}}$

Typical units are:

$$\text{CCM} = \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{min}}$$

$$\text{LPM} = \frac{\text{dm}^3}{\text{min}}$$

$$\text{MCM} = \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{min}}$$

$$\text{MCH} = \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{hour}}$$

## Volume Standardization

The ISO 5024 standard series has set the conditions to standardize the volume of fluids and hence the flow.

The cubic meter for liquids is the full volume at 15°C.

There is more diversity for gases:




- SM3: (Standard) Volume measured at 15° C o 288.15 °K and 1 At.A or 101.3 KPa
- NM3: (Normal) Volume measured at 0° C o 273.15 °C and 1 At.A or 101.3 Kpa
- AM3: (Regular) Volume measured at regular temperature and operation pressure.

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MODEL		CP		CPL																																												
FLUID		LIQUIDS AND GASES		LIQUIDS																																												
OPERATING CONDITIONS	Bar (A)	8 BAR	4 BAR	20 BAR																																												
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OPTIONS AND COUPLING DIAMETERS		FLOW CONTROL VALVE CONECTORS COUPLING: 3/8" BSP H REAR. PR.DIF.REG.		FLOW CONTROL VALVE CONECTORS COUPLING: 1/2" o 3/4" BSP REAR - ALARMS																																												
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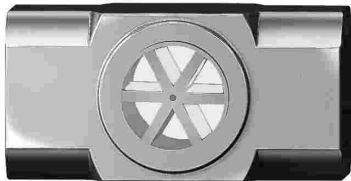
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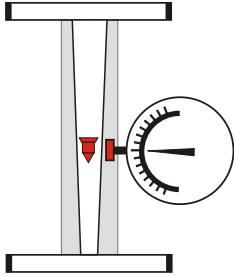
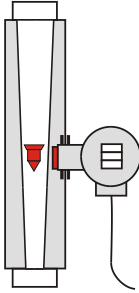
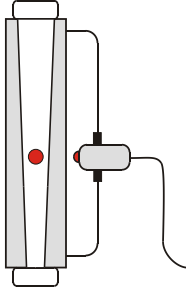
																																																																																																				
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20° C	150° C		20° C	150° C	°C	
PRECISION: ± 0.5% of the read value ACCURACY: ±1% FE			PRECISION: ± 0.5% of the read value ACCURACY: ±1% FE			MAXIMUM ERRORS WITHIN RANGE
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HEAD CAPS	SS 316		HEAD CAPS	SS 316		
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AXIAL COUPLING ¼ , 3/8 , ½"			½", ¾", 1" INTERNAL BSP COUP.			OPTIONALS AND COUPLING DIAMETERS
REAR COUPLING 3/8"			OPTIONAL FLANGED			
DIFERENCIAL PRES. REG.			PIN VALVE OR DIAPHRAGM			
MAX & MIN ALARMS			MAX & MIN ALARMS			
SMALL FLOWS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY			MEDIUM FLOWS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY			MAIN APPLICATION

## Fittings

																																																																									
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## Gage Change

### A. CHANGE IN OPERATING CONDITIONS

The rotameter gage is usually converted into another as a result of some change in the fluid parameters that defined the original design.

$$Q_v = F_{va} (Q_v)_{\text{design}}$$

$F_{va}$  (the conversion factor) is the ratio of original and new densities.

#### 1.- LIQUIDS

$$F_{va} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\rho_f}{\rho_{fl} - \rho_f}\right)_{\text{design}} \cdot \left(\frac{\rho_{fl} - \rho_f}{\rho_f}\right)_{\text{new}}}$$

Where:  $\rho_f$  : Fluid density.

$\rho_{fl}$ : Float density.

This ratio, however, is more practical if specific gravity rather than density is used, and as by definition:

$$G_b = \frac{\rho_b}{\rho_{\text{water}}} \quad 15^\circ\text{C and } 101.325\text{KPa}$$

And replacing the water density, on base conditions:

$$G_b = \frac{\rho_b}{999.0121} \quad \text{or} \quad G_f = \frac{\rho_f}{999.0121}$$

And substituting in the  $F_{va}$  equation, you can obtain:

$$F_{va} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{G_f}{G_{fl} - G_f}\right)_{\text{design}} \cdot \left(\frac{G_{fl} - G_f}{G_f}\right)_{\text{new}}}$$

Example: A rotameter calibrated for the measurement of water at 20°C will be finally used to measure gasoline at 38°C. ¿Which will the gasoline flow be when the instrument displays a 10 Lpm reading?

( $G_f$ ) design = 1 (water at 20°C)

( $G_f$ ) new = 0.725 (gasoline at 38°C)

( $G_{fl}$ ) float SS 316 = 8.02

$$F_{va} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{8.02 - 1}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{8.02 - 0.725}{0.725}\right)} = 1.195$$

Then:

$$Q_v \text{ gasoline} = 1.195 \cdot 10 \text{ LPM} = 11.95 \text{ LPM}$$

#### 2.- GASES

Here, the float density  $\rho_{fl}$  is so large if compared to that one of gas that can be eliminated:  $\rho_{fl} - \rho_f$

$$F_{va} = \sqrt{\frac{\rho_f (\text{design})}{\rho_f (\text{new})}}$$

In gases, the relationship between density and gravity is:

$$\rho_f = 3.483 \cdot \frac{G_f \cdot P_f}{Z_f \cdot T_k}$$

Where:  $P_f$  = Fluid pressure (absolute)

$T_k$  = Fluid temperature (in °K)

$Z_f$  = Compressibility Factor (negligible)

$$F_{va} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{G \cdot P_f}{T_k}\right)_{\text{design}} \cdot \left(\frac{T_k}{G \cdot P_f}\right)_{\text{new}}}$$

In practice, the three parameters can be taken up separately:

$$F_{va} = F_p \cdot F_t \cdot F_g$$

$$F_p = \sqrt{\frac{(P_f)_d}{(P_f)_{\text{new}}}} = \sqrt{\frac{(1.033 + P_{\text{design}}) \text{ Kg/cm}^2}{(1.033 + P_{\text{new}}) \text{ Kg/cm}^2}}$$

$$F_t = \sqrt{\frac{(T_k)_{\text{new}}}{(T_k)_d}} = \sqrt{\frac{273.15 + T_{\text{new}} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}}{273.15 + T_d \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}}}$$

$$F_g = \sqrt{\frac{(G_f)_d}{(G_f)_{\text{new}}}}$$

Example: A rotameter calibrated in ALPM of air at 20°C and 0.5 Kg/cm<sup>2</sup> will be used with oxygen at 15°C and 1 Kg/cm<sup>2</sup>, ¿which will be the oxygen flow be when the rotameter indicates 10 ALPM?

$G_f$  air = 1     $G_f$  oxig. = 1.105     $T_k$  air = 293.15

$T_k$  = 288.15     $P_f$  air = 1.533     $P_f$  oxygen. = 2.033

$$F_p = \sqrt{\frac{1.533}{2.033}} = 0.868 \quad F_t = \sqrt{\frac{288.15}{293.15}} = 0.98$$

$$F_g = \sqrt{\frac{1}{1.105}} = 0.95$$

Then:  $F_{va} = 0.868 \times 0.98 \times 0.95 = 0.808$

And then:  $Q_v$  (oxygen) = 0.808 · 10 ALPM = 8.84 ALPM

### B. CHANGE IN THE VOLUMETRIC STANDARD

If the design gage is made in a standard: S, A or N, and it is to be changed to another standard, the equation should be the following:

$$F_{va} = \left(\frac{G \cdot P_b}{T_{kb}}\right)_{\text{design}} \cdot \left(\frac{T_{kb}}{G \cdot P_b}\right)_{\text{new}}$$

Example 1: Calculate the ALPM gage of the example above in SLPM:

$G_b = G_N = 1.105$      $P_{b_d} = 2.033$      $T_{k_d} = 288.15$

$P_{b_N} = 1.033$      $T_{k_N} = 288.15$

$$F_{va} = \left(\frac{2.033 \cdot 1.105}{288.15}\right)_{\text{design}} \cdot \left(\frac{288.15}{1.105 \cdot 1.033}\right)_{\text{new}} = 1.96$$

$Q_{v_{SLPM}} = 1.96 \times 8.08 = 15.9 \text{ SLPM}$

Example 2: Calculate the previous value in NLPM

$T_{k_N} = 273.15$

$$F_{va} = \left(\frac{1.105 \cdot 1.033}{288.15}\right)_{\text{design}} \cdot \left(\frac{273.15}{1.105 \cdot 1.033}\right)_{\text{new}} = 0.948$$

$Q_{v_{NLPM}} = 0.948 \times 15.9 = 15.07 \text{ NLPM}$



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