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## Foreword

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## Introduction

Wherever the capacity of a manufacturer's test facility is not appropriate to realise the necessary physical preconditions for testing a pump at realistic flow/head conditions the alternative of a model pump is taken. By means of the similitude theory, a model pump is used to assess and calculate the ability of the real pump to be built. The option using such model pump or prototype pump is chosen

- when the capacity of the pump, namely its flow rate and/or its power input (e.g. flow rate  $\geq 35,000 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$ , and  $P_2 \geq 5,000 \text{ kW}$ ), exceeds the limitations of the test facility, or
- one part or parts of the pump should be constructed by concrete walls and reproduction of the whole assembly is impractical.

In consideration of these given facts the application of a model pump for the hydraulic performance acceptance test is an efficient and effective alternative. The advantages using a model pump may also include:

- a higher precision due to the difference in measurement uncertainties;
- minimising costs in respect to material and other resources;
- and shorter delivery period(s) of the prototype pump(s).

For many years, manufacturers have developed and specified independent calculation approaches and collected experiences to handle the similitude theory for pumps and their specifics. Several calculation models are described in the pertinent literature. This document describes testing methods using model pumps for hydraulic performance acceptance tests in addition to other testing methods given in ISO 9906 as hydraulic performance acceptance tests for prototype pumps.

This document has been initially established based on prior standards such as the Japanese Industrial Standard JIS B 8327. This document combined with ISO 9906 presents new testing methods for hydraulic acceptance tests of pumps.



# Rotodynamic pumps — Hydraulic performance acceptance test using a model pump

## 1 Scope

This document describes hydraulic performance tests (including cavitation tests) using a small size pump (centrifugal, mixed flow or axial pump, hereinafter referred to as a “model pump”).

This document is used for pump acceptance tests with a geometrically similar model pump to guarantee the performance of a large size pump manufactured for practical use (hereinafter, a “prototype pump”). This document, however does not preclude a temporary assembly inspection or other tests on the prototype pump. Moreover, it is preferable to conduct the tests with prototype pumps unless

- the capacity of the pump, namely its flow rate and/or its power input, is beyond the limitations of the test facility, though it is difficult to set a criterion for carrying out a model pump test instead of the prototype pump test in terms of the volume rate of flow or the power input,
- a part of the pump is to be constructed by concrete walls and reproduction of the whole assembly is impractical,
- model tests are specified by the purchaser, or
- it is difficult to carry out the prototype pump test due to any other reasons.

This document applies to performance tests under steady operating conditions corresponding to the prototype pump.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 17769-1, *Liquid pumps and installation — General terms, definitions, quantities, letter symbols and units — Part 1: Liquid pumps*

ISO 17769-2, *Liquid pumps and installation — General terms, definitions, quantities, letter symbols and units — Part 2: Pumping system*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 17769-1 and ISO 17769-2 and the following apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1 General terms

#### 3.1.1

##### performance test

test to examine the performance of a pump in a state free from the influence of cavitation