METHOD 2D - MEASUREMENT OF GAS VOLUME FLOW RATES IN SMALL PIPES AND DUCTS

NOTE: This method does not include all of the specifications (*e.g.*, equipment and supplies) and procedures (*e.g.*, sampling) essential to its performance. Some material is incorporated by reference from other methods in this part. Therefore, to obtain reliable results, persons using this method should also have a thorough knowledge of at least the following additional test methods: Method 1, Method 2, and Method 2A.

1.0 Scope and Application.

1.1 This method is applicable for the determination of the volumetric flow rates of gas streams in small pipes and ducts. It can be applied to intermittent or variable gas flows only with particular caution.

1.2 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method.

2.1 All the gas flow in the pipe or duct is directed through a rotameter, orifice plate or similar device to measure flow rate or pressure drop. The device has been previously calibrated in a manner that insures its proper calibration for the gas being measured. Absolute temperature and pressure measurements are made to allow correction of volumetric flow rates to standard conditions.

3.0 Definitions. [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences. [Reserved]

5.0 Safety.

5.1 This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies.

Specifications for the apparatus are given below. Any other apparatus that has been demonstrated (subject to approval of the Administrator) to be capable of meeting the specifications will be considered acceptable.

6.1 Gas Metering Rate or Flow Element Device. A rotameter, orifice plate, or other volume rate or pressure drop measuring device capable of measuring the stack flow rate to within ±5 percent. The metering device shall be equipped with a temperature gauge accurate to within ±2 percent of the minimum absolute stack temperature and a pressure gauge (accurate to within ±5 mm Hg). The capacity of the metering device shall be sufficient for the expected maximum and minimum flow rates at the stack gas conditions. The magnitude and variability of stack gas flow rate, molecular weight, temperature, pressure, dewpoint, and corrosive characteristics, and pipe or duct size are factors to consider in choosing a suitable metering device.

6.2 Barometer. Same as Method 2, Section 6.5.

6.3 Stopwatch. Capable of measurement to within 1 second.

7.0 Reagents and Standards. [Reserved]

8.0 Sample Collection and Analysis.

8.1 Installation and Leak Check. Same as Method 2A, Sections 8.1 and 8.2, respectively.

8.2 Volume Rate Measurement.

8.2.1 Continuous, Steady Flow. At least once an hour, record the metering device flow rate or pressure drop reading, and the metering device temperature and pressure. Make a minimum of 12 equally spaced readings of each parameter during the test period. Record the barometric pressure at the beginning and end of the test period. Record the data on a table similar to that shown in Figure 2D-1.

8.2.2 Noncontinuous and Nonsteady Flow. Use volume rate devices with particular caution. Calibration will be affected by variation in stack gas temperature, pressure and molecular weight. Use the procedure in Section 8.2.1 with the addition of the following: Record all the metering device parameters on a time interval frequency sufficient to adequately profile each process cyclical or noncontinuous event. A multichannel continuous recorder may be used.

9.0 Quality Control.

Section	Quality Control Measure	Effect
10.0	Sampling equipment calibration	Ensure accurate measurement of stack gas flow rate or sample volume

10.0 Calibration and Standardization.

Same as Method 2A, Section 10.0, with the following exception:

10.1 Gas Metering Device. Same as Method 2A, Section 10.1, except calibrate the metering device with the principle stack gas to be measured (examples: air, nitrogen) against a standard reference meter. A calibrated dry gas meter is an acceptable reference meter. Ideally, calibrate the metering device in the field with the actual gas to be metered. For metering devices that have a volume rate readout, calculate the test metering device calibration coefficient, Y_m, for each run shown in Equation 2D-2 Section 12.3.

10.2 For metering devices that do not have a volume rate readout, refer to the manufacturer's instructions to calculate the V_m corresponding to each V_r.

10.3 Temperature Gauge. Use the procedure and specifications in Method 2A, Section 10.2. Perform the calibration at a temperature that approximates field test conditions.

10.4 Barometer. Calibrate the barometer to be used in the field test with a mercury barometer prior to the field test.

11.0 Analytical Procedure.

Sample collection and analysis are concurrent for this method (see Section 8.0).

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations.

12.1 Nomenclature.

P_{bar} = Barometric pressure, mm Hg (in. Hg).

P_m = Test meter average static pressure, mm Hg (in. Hg).

Q_r = Reference meter volume flow rate reading, m^3/min (ft^3/min).

Q_m = Test meter volume flow rate reading, m^3/min (ft^3/min).

T_r = Absolute reference meter average temperature, °K (°R).

T_m = Absolute test meter average temperature, °K (°R).

K_1 = 0.3855 °K/mm Hg for metric units,

= 17.65 °R/in. Hg for English units.

12.2 Gas Flow Rate.

$$Q_s = K_1 Y_m Q_m \frac{(P_{bar} + P_m)}{T_m} \qquad \textbf{Eq. 2D-1}$$

12.3 Test Meter Device Calibration Coefficient. Calculation for testing metering device calibration coefficient, Y_m.

$$Y_m = \frac{Q_r T_r P_{bar}}{Q_m T_m (P_{bar} + P_m)} \qquad \textbf{Eq. 2D-2}$$

13.0 Method Performance. [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention. [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management. [Reserved]

16.0 References.

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17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data.

Plant ____
Date ________________________ Run No. _____________________
Sample location ____
Barometric pressure (mm Hg): Start __________ Finish _______
Operators ____
Metering device No. __________ Calibration coefficient _____
Calibration gas ________________ Date to recalibrate _______

Time	Flow rate reading	Static Pressure [mm Hg (in. Hg)]	Temperature	
			°C (°F)	°K (°R)
Average				

Figure 2D-1. Volume flow rate measurement data.