

(c) If you use a subsonic venturi or ultrasonic flow meter for raw exhaust flow measurement, we recommend that you calibrate it as described in §1065.340.

#### §1065.340 Diluted exhaust flow (CVS) calibration.

(a) *Overview.* This section describes how to calibrate flow meters for diluted exhaust constant-volume sampling (CVS) systems.

(b) *Scope and frequency.* Perform this calibration while the flow meter is installed in its permanent position, except as allowed in paragraph (c) of this section. Perform this calibration after you change any part of the flow configuration upstream or downstream of the flow meter that may affect the flow-meter calibration. Perform this calibration upon initial CVS installation and whenever corrective action does not resolve a failure to meet the diluted exhaust flow verification (*i.e.*, propane check) in §1065.341.

(c) *Ex-situ CFV and SSV calibration.* You may remove a CFV or SSV from its permanent position for calibration as long as it meets the following requirements when installed in the CVS:

(1) Upon installation of the CFV or SSV into the CVS, use good engineering judgment to verify that you have not introduced any leaks between the CVS inlet and the venturi.

(2) After ex-situ venturi calibration, you must verify all venturi flow combinations for CFVs or at minimum of 10 flow points for an SSV using the propane check as described in §1065.341. Your propane check result for each venturi flow point may not exceed the tolerance in §1065.341(f)(5).

(3) To verify your ex-situ calibration for a CVS with more than a single CFV, perform the following check to verify that there are no flow meter entrance effects that can prevent you from passing this verification.

(i) Use a constant flow device like a CFO kit to deliver a constant flow of propane to the dilution tunnel.

(ii) Measure hydrocarbon concentrations at a minimum of 10 separate flow rates for an SSV flow meter, or at all possible flow combinations for a CFV flow meter, while keeping the flow of propane constant. We recommend se-

lecting CVS flow rates in a random order.

(iii) Measure the concentration of hydrocarbon background in the dilution air at the beginning and end of this test. Subtract the average background concentration from each measurement at each flow point before performing the regression analysis in paragraph (c)(3)(iv) of this section.

(iv) Perform a power regression using all the paired values of flow rate and corrected concentration to obtain a relationship in the form of  $y = a \cdot x^b$ . Use concentration as the independent variable and flow rate as the dependent variable. For each data point, calculate the difference between the measured flow rate and the value represented by the curve fit. The difference at each point must be less than  $\pm 1\%$  of the appropriate regression value. The value of  $b$  must be between  $-1.005$  and  $-0.995$ . If your results do not meet these limits, take corrective action consistent with §1065.341(a).

(d) *Reference flow meter.* Calibrate a CVS flow meter using a reference flow meter such as a subsonic venturi flow meter, a long-radius ASME/NIST flow nozzle, a smooth approach orifice, a laminar flow element, a set of critical flow venturis, or an ultrasonic flow meter. Use a reference flow meter that reports quantities that are NIST-traceable within  $\pm 1\%$  uncertainty. Use this reference flow meter's response to flow as the reference value for CVS flow-meter calibration.

(e) *Configuration.* Do not use an upstream screen or other restriction that could affect the flow ahead of the reference flow meter, unless the flow meter has been calibrated with such a restriction.

(f) *PDP calibration.* Calibrate a positive-displacement pump (PDP) to determine a flow-versus-PDP speed equation that accounts for flow leakage across sealing surfaces in the PDP as a function of PDP inlet pressure. Determine unique equation coefficients for each speed at which you operate the PDP. Calibrate a PDP flow meter as follows:

(1) Connect the system as shown in Figure 1 of this section.

(2) Leaks between the calibration flow meter and the PDP must be less

than 0.3% of the total flow at the lowest calibrated flow point; for example, at the highest restriction and lowest PDP-speed point.

(3) While the PDP operates, maintain a constant temperature at the PDP inlet within  $\pm 2\%$  of the mean absolute inlet temperature,  $\bar{T}_{in}$ .

(4) Set the PDP speed to the first speed point at which you intend to calibrate.

(5) Set the variable restrictor to its wide-open position.

(6) Operate the PDP for at least 3 min to stabilize the system. Continue operating the PDP and record the mean values of at least 30 seconds of sampled data of each of the following quantities:

(i) The mean flow rate of the reference flow meter,  $\bar{n}_{ref}$ . This may include several measurements of different quantities, such as reference meter pressures and temperatures, for calculating  $\bar{n}_{ref}$ .

(ii) The mean temperature at the PDP inlet,  $\bar{T}_{in}$ .

(iii) The mean static absolute pressure at the PDP inlet,  $\bar{p}_{in}$ .

(iv) The mean static absolute pressure at the PDP outlet,  $\bar{p}_{out}$ .

(v) The mean PDP speed,  $\bar{f}_{nPDP}$ .

(7) Incrementally close the restrictor valve to decrease the absolute pressure at the inlet to the PDP,  $\bar{p}_{in}$ .

(8) Repeat the steps in paragraphs (e)(6) and (7) of this section to record data at a minimum of six restrictor positions ranging from the wide open restrictor position to the minimum expected pressure at the PDP inlet.

(9) Calibrate the PDP by using the collected data and the equations in § 1065.640.

(10) Repeat the steps in paragraphs (e)(6) through (9) of this section for each speed at which you operate the PDP.

(11) Use the equations in § 1065.642 to determine the PDP flow equation for emission testing.

(12) Verify the calibration by performing a CVS verification (*i.e.*, propane check) as described in § 1065.341.

(13) Do not use the PDP below the lowest inlet pressure tested during calibration.

(g) *CFV calibration.* Calibrate a critical-flow venturi (CFV) to verify its

discharge coefficient,  $C_d$ , at the lowest expected static differential pressure between the CFV inlet and outlet. Calibrate a CFV flow meter as follows:

(1) Connect the system as shown in Figure 1 of this section.

(2) Verify that any leaks between the calibration flow meter and the CFV are less than 0.3% of the total flow at the highest restriction.

(3) Start the blower downstream of the CFV.

(4) While the CFV operates, maintain a constant temperature at the CFV inlet within  $\pm 2\%$  of the mean absolute inlet temperature,  $\bar{T}_{in}$ .

(5) Set the variable restrictor to its wide-open position. Instead of a variable restrictor, you may alternately vary the pressure downstream of the CFV by varying blower speed or by introducing a controlled leak. Note that some blowers have limitations on non-loaded conditions.

(6) Operate the CFV for at least 3 min to stabilize the system. Continue operating the CFV and record the mean values of at least 30 seconds of sampled data of each of the following quantities:

(i) The mean flow rate of the reference flow meter,  $\bar{n}_{ref}$ . This may include several measurements of different quantities, such as reference meter pressures and temperatures, for calculating  $\bar{n}_{ref}$ .

(ii) The mean dewpoint of the calibration air,  $\bar{T}_{dew}$ . See § 1065.640 for permissible assumptions during emission measurements.

(iii) The mean temperature at the venturi inlet,  $\bar{T}_{in}$ .

(iv) The mean static absolute pressure at the venturi inlet,  $\bar{p}_{in}$ .

(v) The mean static differential pressure between the CFV inlet and the CFV outlet,  $\Delta\bar{p}_{CFV}$ .

(7) Incrementally close the restrictor valve or decrease the downstream pressure to decrease the differential pressure across the CFV,  $\Delta\bar{p}_{CFV}$ .

(8) Repeat the steps in paragraphs (f)(6) and (7) of this section to record mean data at a minimum of ten restrictor positions, such that you test

the fullest practical range of  $\Delta\bar{p}_{CFV}$  expected during testing. We do not require that you remove calibration components or CVS components to calibrate at the lowest possible restrictions.

(9) Determine  $C_d$  and the lowest allowable pressure ratio,  $r$ , according to §1065.640.

(10) Use  $C_d$  to determine CFV flow during an emission test. Do not use the CFV below the lowest allowed  $r$ , as determined in §1065.640.

(11) Verify the calibration by performing a CVS verification (*i.e.*, propane check) as described in §1065.341.

(12) If your CVS is configured to operate more than one CFV at a time in parallel, calibrate your CVS by one of the following:

(i) Calibrate every combination of CFVs according to this section and §1065.640. Refer to §1065.642 for instructions on calculating flow rates for this option.

(ii) Calibrate each CFV according to this section and §1065.640. Refer to §1065.642 for instructions on calculating flow rates for this option.

(h) *SSV calibration.* Calibrate a subsonic venturi (SSV) to determine its calibration coefficient,  $C_d$ , for the expected range of inlet pressures. Calibrate an SSV flow meter as follows:

(1) Connect the system as shown in Figure 1 of this section.

(2) Verify that any leaks between the calibration flow meter and the SSV are less than 0.3% of the total flow at the highest restriction.

(3) Start the blower downstream of the SSV.

(4) While the SSV operates, maintain a constant temperature at the SSV inlet within  $\pm 2\%$  of the mean absolute inlet temperature,  $\bar{T}_{in}$ .

(5) Set the variable restrictor or variable-speed blower to a flow rate greater than the greatest flow rate expected

during testing. You may not extrapolate flow rates beyond calibrated values, so we recommend that you make sure the Reynolds number,  $Re^\#$ , at the SSV throat at the greatest calibrated flow rate is greater than the maximum  $Re^\#$  expected during testing.

(6) Operate the SSV for at least 3 min to stabilize the system. Continue operating the SSV and record the mean of at least 30 seconds of sampled data of each of the following quantities:

(i) The mean flow rate of the reference flow meter  $\bar{n}_{ref}$ . This may include several measurements of different quantities, such as reference meter pressures and temperatures, for calculating  $\bar{n}_{ref}$ .

(ii) Optionally, the mean dewpoint of the calibration air,  $\bar{T}_{dew}$ . See §1065.640 for permissible assumptions.

(iii) The mean temperature at the venturi inlet,  $\bar{T}_{in}$ .

(iv) The mean static absolute pressure at the venturi inlet,  $\bar{p}_{in}$ .

(v) Static differential pressure between the static pressure at the venturi inlet and the static pressure at the venturi throat,  $\Delta\bar{p}_{ssv}$ .

(7) Incrementally close the restrictor valve or decrease the blower speed to decrease the flow rate.

(8) Repeat the steps in paragraphs (g)(6) and (7) of this section to record data at a minimum of ten flow rates.

(9) Determine a functional form of  $C_d$  versus  $Re^\#$  by using the collected data and the equations in §1065.640.

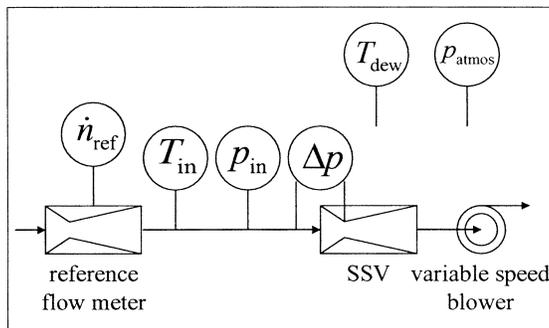
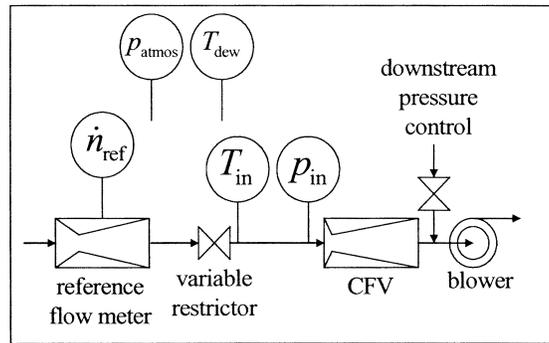
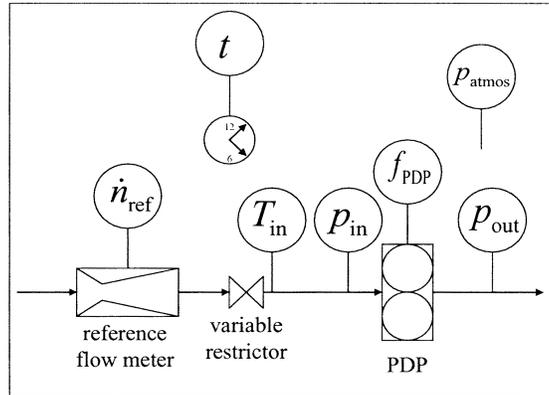
(10) Verify the calibration by performing a CVS verification (*i.e.*, propane check) as described in §1065.341 using the new  $C_d$  versus  $Re^\#$  equation.

(11) Use the SSV only between the minimum and maximum calibrated flow rates.

(12) Use the equations in §1065.642 to determine SSV flow during a test.

(i) *Ultrasonic flow meter calibration.* [Reserved]

Figure 1 of 1065.340 CVS calibration configurations.



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## § 1065.341

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### § 1065.341 CVS, PFD, and batch sampler verification (propane check).

(a) A propane check serves as a CVS verification to determine if there is a discrepancy in measured values of diluted exhaust flow. You may use the same procedure to verify PFDs and batch samplers. For purposes of PFD and batch sampler verification, read the term CVS to mean PFD or batch sampler as appropriate. A propane check also serves as a batch-sampler verification to determine if there is a discrepancy in a batch sampling system that extracts a sample from a CVS, as described in paragraph (g) of this section. Using good engineering judgment and safe practices, this check may be performed using a gas other than propane, such as CO<sub>2</sub> or CO. A failed propane check might indicate one or more problems that may require corrective action, as follows:

(1) *Incorrect analyzer calibration.* Recalibrate, repair, or replace the FID analyzer.

(2) *Leaks.* Inspect CVS tunnel, connections, fasteners, and HC sampling system, and repair or replace components.

(3) *Poor mixing.* Perform the verification as described in this section while traversing a sampling probe across the tunnel's diameter, vertically and horizontally. If the analyzer response indicates any deviation exceeding ±2% of the mean measured concentration, consider operating the CVS at a higher flow rate or installing a mixing plate or orifice to improve mixing.

(4) *Hydrocarbon contamination in the sample system.* Perform the hydrocarbon-contamination verification as described in § 1065.520.

(5) *Change in CVS calibration.* Perform a calibration of the CVS flow meter as described in § 1065.340.

(6) *Flow meter entrance effects.* Inspect the CVS tunnel to determine whether the entrance effects from the piping configuration upstream of the flow meter adversely affect the flow measurement.

(7) *Other problems with the CVS or sampling verification hardware or software.*

Inspect the CVS system, CVS verification hardware, and software for discrepancies.

(b) A propane check uses either a reference mass or a reference flow rate of C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub> as a tracer gas in a CVS. Note that if you use a reference flow rate, account for any non-ideal gas behavior of C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub> in the reference flow meter. Refer to § 1065.640 and § 1065.642, which describe how to calibrate and use certain flow meters. Do not use any ideal gas assumptions in § 1065.640 and § 1065.642. The propane check compares the calculated mass of injected C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub> using HC measurements and CVS flow rate measurements with the reference value.

(c) Prepare for the propane check as follows:

(1) If you use a reference mass of C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub> instead of a reference flow rate, obtain a cylinder charged with C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub>. Determine the reference cylinder's mass of C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub> within ±0.5% of the amount of C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub> that you expect to use.

(2) Select appropriate flow rates for the CVS and C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub>.

(3) Select a C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub> injection port in the CVS. Select the port location to be as close as practical to the location where you introduce engine exhaust into the CVS. Connect the C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub> cylinder to the injection system.

(4) Operate and stabilize the CVS.

(5) Preheat or precool any heat exchangers in the sampling system.

(6) Allow heated and cooled components such as sample lines, filters, chillers, and pumps to stabilize at operating temperature.

(7) You may purge the HC sampling system during stabilization.

(8) If applicable, perform a vacuum side leak verification of the HC sampling system as described in § 1065.345.

(9) You may also conduct any other calibrations or verifications on equipment or analyzers.

(d) If you performed the vacuum-side leak verification of the HC sampling system as described in paragraph (c)(8) of this section, you may use the HC contamination procedure in § 1065.520(f) to verify HC contamination. Otherwise, zero, span, and verify contamination of the HC sampling system, as follows: