

Liquid Flow Meter

Application Information

STANDARD FLOW SCALES:

Standard liquid flow scales are calibrated in gpm and lpm at 0.876 specific gravity for petroleum-based fluids, 1.18 s.g. for phosphate ester based fluids and 1.0 s.g. for water and water-based fluids. For field conversion of the standard scale to other fluids, see liquid propane example listed below.

SPECIAL FLOW SCALES:

Special scales are available for liquids and gases in any measurement unit, and other fluid viscosities and/or specific gravities.

VISCOSITY EFFECT (SUS/cSt):

Hedland's design utilizes a precision machined, sharp-edged orifice and biasing calibration spring that assures operating stability and accuracy over the wide viscosity range common to many fluids. Generally, high flow models of each meter size provide good accuracy over a viscosity range of 40 to 500 SUS (4.2 to 108 cSt).

DENSITY EFFECT (specific gravity):

Any fluid density change from stated standards has a proportion effect on meter accuracy. Special scales can be supplied if actual specific gravity decreases accuracy beyond application limits.

Corrections for more or less dense fluids can be made to standard scales using the following correction factor:

$$\sqrt{1.0 / \text{specific gravity, for water/water-based meters}}$$

$$\sqrt{0.876 / \text{specific gravity, for petroleum-based meters}}$$

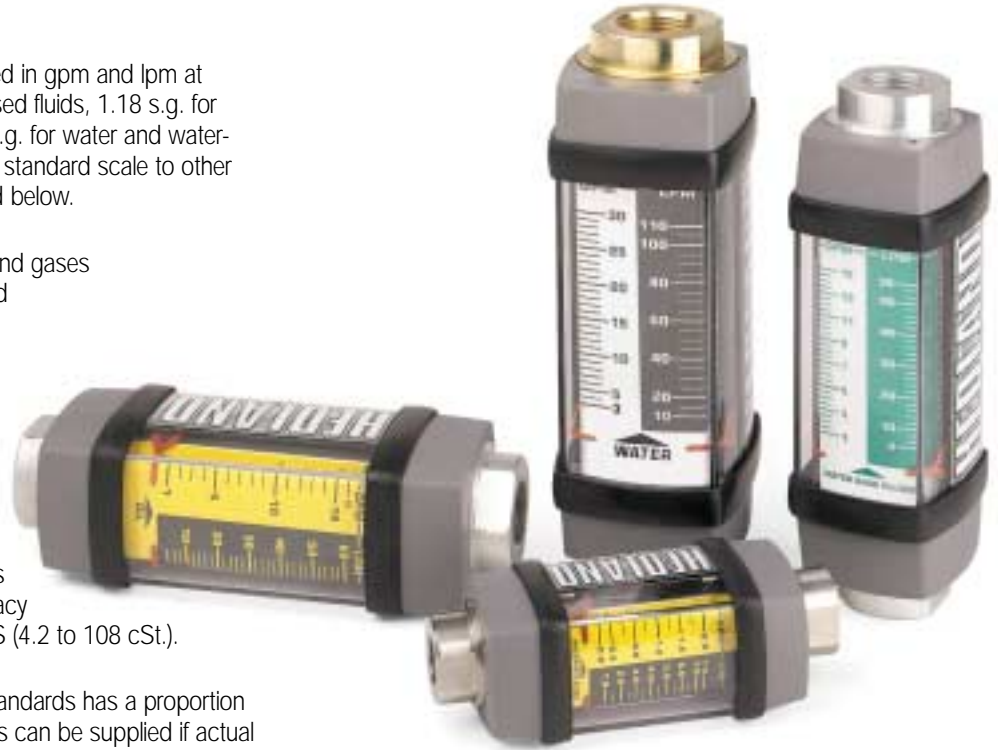
Example: Measuring liquid propane with petroleum meter

Fluid - Liquid Propane (LPG)

Scale Measured Flow ~ 28.5 gpm

1. Select (LPG) specific gravity from the Fluid Selection Chart: = 0.51
2. Since petroleum meter is utilized, select petroleum formula
3. Divide 0.876 by 0.51 = 1.72
4. Take square root of 1.72 = 1.31 (correction factor)
5. Multiply scale reading by 1.31, 28.5 (indicated flow) x 1.31 (correction factor) = 37.3 gpm (actual flow of liquid propane).

This correction may be ignored for petroleum-based hydraulic fluids.



Fluid Selection Chart

Fluid	Specific Gravity	Correction Factor of Standard Scale		Internal Body Material				External Press. Seals		Dust Guard		
		Oil	Water	Aluminum	Brass	T316 SST	T303 SST	Viton®	EPR	Polycarbonate	Nylon	Pyrex™
Acetic Acid (Air Free)	1.06	0.909	0.971	C	N	R	R	R	R	C	N	R
Acetone	0.79	1.053	1.125	R	R	R	R	N	R	N	R	R
Alcohol Butyl (Butanol)	0.83	1.027	1.098	C	C	R	R	C	R	R	R	R
Alcohol Ethyl (Ethanol)	0.83	1.027	1.098	C	C	R	R	C	R	R	N	R
Ammonia	0.89	0.992	1.060	R	C	R	R	N	R	N	C	R
Benzine	0.69	1.127	1.204	C	R	C	R	C	R	N	R	R
Carbon Disulphide	1.26	0.834	0.891	R	N	R	R	R	N	N	R	R
Castor Oil	0.97	0.950	1.015	C	R	R	C	R	N	C	C	R
Cotton Seed Oil	0.93	0.970	1.037	C	R	R	R	R	N	R	R	R
Ethylene Glycol 50/50	1.12	0.884	0.945	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	C	R
Freon II	1.46	0.774	0.828	R	R	R	R	R	N	R	R	R
Gasoline	0.70	1.119	1.195	R	R	R	R	R	N	C	R	R
Glycerin	1.26	0.834	0.891	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	C	R
Kerosene	0.82	1.033	1.104	R	R	R	R	R	N	R	R	R
Liquid Propane (LPG)	0.51	1.310	1.400	R	R	R	R	R	N	N	R	R
Mineral Oil	0.92	0.976	1.042	R	N	R	R	R	N	R	R	R
Naphtha	0.76	1.074	1.147	R	N	R	R	R	N	C	R	R
Perchloroethylene	1.62	0.735	0.786	C	N	R	R	R	N	N	N	R
Petroleum Oil	0.876	1.000	1.068	R	R	R	R	R	N	R	R	R
Phosphate Ester	1.18	0.862	0.921	R	R	R	R	N	R	N	R	R
Phosphate Ester Base	1.26	0.833	0.891	R	R	R	R	N	R	N	R	R
Phosphoric Acid (Air Free)	1.78	0.701	0.749	N	N	R	N	R	N	R	N	R
Sea Water	1.03	0.922	0.985	N	N	C	C	N	R	R	R	R
Synthetic Petroleum Base	1.00	0.936	1.000	R	C	R	R	R	R	N	R	R
Water	1.00	0.936	1.000	N	R	R	R	N	R	R	R	R
Water Glycol 50/50	1.07	0.905	0.967	R	R	R	R	R	N	R	R	R
Water-in-oil	0.93	0.970	1.037	R	R	R	R	N	R	R	R	R

R - Recommended N - Not Recommended C - Consult Factory

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