The differential pressure-based NuFlo Cone Meter is a process control and multi-fluid meter that provides accurate, repeatable and cost optimized measurement solutions. Designed to work in unprocessed and processed applications, the NuFlo Cone Meter is ideal for upstream, midstream and downstream applications that present a wide range of measurement challenges.

Supported by decades of experience – and a broad and complementary base of instrumentation capabilities – the NuFlo Cone Meter strengthens Cameron’s capability to provide the best solution for any measurement situation.

The NuFlo Cone Meter guarantees a unique solution outside the scope of traditional technologies, due to the hydrodynamic shape of the cone.
Wide Rangeability

The NuFlo Cone Meter is designed to operate over large turndowns which allows differential pressures to be measured down to < 1 inch water column. The cone meter also generates a low noise differential pressure signal at the center and back of the cone.

High Performance Characteristics

The NuFlo Cone Meter achieves accuracies of up to ± 0.5% of reading (Reynolds Number and fluid dependent) with a nominal repeatability of 0.1% under many conditions and modes of operation. The meter can operate with turndowns nominally up to 10-1. These specifications meet custody transfer performance requirements for natural gas transmission measurements with sizes to > 36 inches. (Contact Cameron for exact rangeability per process fluid.)

Technical Flexibility

The NuFlo Cone Meter can be manufactured in diameters from 1 in. to 48 in with flanges ranging from Class 150 to 1500 in accordance with ASME B31.3. This sizing flexibility, plus the availability of special materials (duplex stainless steel and hastelloy) offers a new solution for specialty fluid metering requirements.

Space Savings and Weight Reduction

Differential pressure systems usually require long upstream and downstream lengths which add high overall cost to most metering installations. The NuFlo Cone Meter has the ability to re-distribute and change the velocity profile upstream of its cone. This “flow conditioning” allows for the use of a shorter meter run which in turn reduces installation and setup costs. This is especially significant in the offshore environment where space and weight issues are relevant and where “real estate” is at a premium.

Low Cost of Ownership

The NuFlo Cone Meter has no moving parts nor does it require the replacement of primary spare parts for the operational life of the unit. The meter is constructed from high grade traceable materials and both high quality welding and NDT techniques are strictly applied throughout in the manufacturing process.

Minimum wear occurs at the beta edge of the cone because this edge is downstream of the flow which helps to maintain a constant stable geometry through the meter’s operating life.

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Oil and Gas: Downstream

- Gas Processing
- Butane
- CO2
- Liquid Natural Gas (LNG)

Waste-Water

- Municipal Water
- Pharmaceutical

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**Differential Pressure Measurement Principles**

When a cross sectional area of a closed conduit (or pipe) is reduced by a diametric change or by the use of a differential producer element, the velocity of fluids passing through the conduit are increased across the boundary change area (continuity equation). Pressure decreases (Bernoulli equation), and a differential pressure is generated across the reduction or producer (A1-A2 shown in the diagram at right).

The differential pressure (DP) and flow rate (Qv) have a proportional relationship such that \( Qv \propto K \cdot \sqrt{\Delta P/ \rho} \) and it is by this universal relationship that flow rate can be determined.

While this principle is used by other differential pressure flow meters the NuFlo Cone Meter generates a differential pressure by creating an area of reduction using a cone-shaped flow element located on the center line of a pipe section as opposed to a reduced diameter pipe wall or orifice.

**Basic Equations**

1.0 Effective Area Ratio \((A_t)\), Velocity of Approach \((E)\), and Beta Ratio \((\beta)\) defined as:

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A_t = \frac{\pi}{4} (D^2 - d^2)
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E = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^4}}
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\beta = \frac{D^2 - d^2}{D^2}
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2.0 Volumetric Flow defined as:

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Q_v = C_d A_t E \varepsilon \sqrt{\frac{2 \Delta P}{\rho}}
\]

3.0 Mass Flow defined as:

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Q_m = C_d A_t E \varepsilon \sqrt{2 \rho \cdot \Delta P}
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Where:

- \( Q_v \) = Volumetric Flow
- \( Q_m \) = Mass Flow
- \( C_d \) = Coefficient of Discharge
- \( E \) = Velocity of Approach
- \( A_t \) = Meter Throat (Minimum Cross Section Area A)
- \( \varepsilon \) = (Y-Factor) Expansibility Coefficient (gaseous fluids only)
- \( \rho \) = Fluid Density
- \( \Delta P \) = Differential Pressure \((P_1 - P_2)\)

**Calibration and Coefficient of Discharge [C.d.] Determination**

Each NuFlo Cone Meter is pre-calibrated with water to four points at the factory to determine its Coefficient of Discharge \((C.d.)\) which allows for enhanced performance. Further enhanced C.d. determination is available at various approved laboratories in the USA and Europe. This enables higher Reynolds numbers to be determined. (Larger meter sizes may be limited by test laboratory flow rates and uncertainties.)
Cameron Measurement Systems division designs, manufactures and distributes measurement and control instrumentation for the global oil & gas and process control industries. The company was established in 2003 as a result of the acquisition and merger of three well-known and well-respected companies: Barton Instrument Systems, Halliburton Measurement Systems and PMC Global Industries. Since then Cameron has acquired North Star Flow Products and the technology of PolarTek 2000 Ltd. In January 2006, in an effort to continue to expand the breadth of its measurement capabilities, Cameron acquired Caldon, Inc. a premier supplier of ultrasonic meters for the oil and gas and nuclear markets. Each of these companies brings to Cameron decades of experience, a loyal customer base and a combination of competitive strengths which include field-proven product brands, worldwide sales and distribution channels and globally situated teams of instrumentation professionals. This synergistic merger leverages the competitive strengths of each company and in doing so has created a single, worldwide leader in instrumentation technologies, products and services.

The Cameron Approach to Measurement

The NuFlo Cone Meter is a valuable addition to Cameron’s “system” of measurement solutions. The Company’s in-depth understanding of measurement and its knowledge of its customers’ requirements differentiates Cameron from its competitors.

From simple sensors to complex automation and custody transfer projects, Cameron has been measuring and controlling the flow and level of oil and gas, and collecting, transmitting, analyzing and reporting data since the early 1950’s. The NuFlo Cone Meter represents the on-going refinement of these core capabilities.

Cameron and Quality

The NuFlo Cone Meter is manufactured in a facility registered to ISO 9001. All equipment is subject to rigorous QA plans and all sub-contractors or suppliers are Quality Audited to ensure that Cameron continues to either meet or exceed product standards. This philosophy is applied to all facets of the supply chain, including but not limited to material selection and traceability, welding and NDT inspections.

Specifications subject to change without notice.