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Foreword (Not part of Standard)

HI 40.6 *Methods for Rotodynamic Pump Efficiency Testing* was developed as a normative standard for the testing of rotodynamic pump efficiency. This standard is in harmony with ANSI/HI 14.6-2011 *Rotodynamic Pumps for Hydraulic Performance Acceptance Tests* and ISO 9906-2012 *Rotodynamic pumps – Hydraulic performance acceptance tests – Grades 1, 2 and 3*. Efficiency testing is performed in accordance with grade 2.

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40.6 Methods for rotodynamic pump efficiency testing

40.6.1 Scope

This standard covers testing of rotodynamic pumps, up to 150 kW (200 hp), hereafter in this document referred to as *pumps*, establishing minimum testing protocols for verification of pump efficiency conforming to US Department of Energy (DOE) regulations.

HI 40.6 is intended to be used for efficiency testing at accredited pump test facilities, such as manufacturers' pump test facilities or laboratories only. Industry experience shows that it is very difficult to perform measurements accurate enough to satisfy the requirements in this standard when testing is performed in the field. Therefore field-testing is not permitted as a method of efficiency testing per this standard.

This standard applies to a bare pump by itself without any fittings, unless fittings are an integral part of the pump. In that case, the losses for these components must be included in the performance of the pump. A bare pump is defined as a rotodynamic machine constructed with fluid inlet and outlet sections and input shaft to drive it. The exception is a vertically suspended pump where this includes only the bowl assembly. A fitting is an upstream or downstream component that is not integral to the construction of the pump.

This standard is not intended for production pump testing. Refer to ANSI/HI 14.6 *Rotodynamic Pumps for Hydraulic Performance Acceptance Tests* and ANSI/HI 11.6 *Rotodynamic Submersible Pumps for Hydraulic Performance, Hydrostatic Pressure, Mechanical, and Electrical Acceptance Tests* for production pump testing.

40.6.2 Terms and definitions

40.6.2.1 Introduction

For the purposes of this standard, the quantities, definitions, symbols, and units given here apply.

Table 40.6.2.1 gives definitions of quantities used in this standard.

Table 40.6.2.2a gives an alphabetical list of symbols used, and Table 40.6.2.2b gives a list of subscripts.

In this standard all formulae are given in coherent metric units. For conversion of other units to metric units, see Appendix E.

Table 40.6.2.1 — List of quantities, terms, and definitions

Row	Quantity	Definition	Symbol	Dimension	Unit ^a
1	Mass	The inertial resistance of a body to acceleration. A quantitative measure of inertia.	<i>m</i>	M	kg (lbm)
2	Length	The measurement of something from end to end.	<i>L</i>	L	m (ft)
3	Acceleration due to gravity	The acceleration of a body due to the influence of the pull of gravity alone. It is sufficient to use a value of 9.81 m/s ² .	<i>g</i>	LT ⁻²	m/s ² (ft/s ²)
4	Speed of rotation	Number of rotations per unit time. (Commonly referred to as <i>revolutions per minute, rpm</i> .)	<i>n</i>	T ⁻¹	s ⁻¹ min ⁻¹ rpm
5	Density	Mass per unit volume.	ρ	ML ⁻³	kg/m ³ (lbm/ft ³)