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FLOW THROUGH AN ORIFICE

A cylindrical tank with an adjustable diffuser that demonstrates flow through different orifices for different flow rates.

KEY FEATURES

• Direct measurement of total head, head loss and diameter of a vertical water jet
• Integral Pitot traverse with blade to measure head in the jet and diameter of jet
• Includes a sharp-edged circular, triangular and square orifices. Also converging/diverging, angled entrance and exit, curved entrance (parallel throat) nozzles
• Works with TecQuipment’s Digital Hydraulic Bench (H1F)* for easy installation

KEY SPECIFICATIONS

• Includes 13 mm diameter sharp-edged orifice
• Integral Pitot traverse
• Study of the characteristics of different orifices

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Investigations into a variety of orifices over a range of flow rates, including:

• Determination of contraction and velocity coefficients
• Calculation of discharge coefficient
• Determination of actual discharge coefficient, and comparison with calculated values
• Determination of the various coefficients over a range of flow rates to demonstrate the influence of Reynolds number
• Study of the characteristics of different orifices, using a set of four circular orifices (nozzles). Each has the same minimum throat diameter but a different length. Each has a different approach and discharge section. Also included are additional square and triangular orifices.
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Description
TecQuipment’s Flow through an Orifice apparatus allows students to measure:

- Decrease in flow
- Contraction of the stream
- Energy loss

They find these measurements as water leaves an orifice. Students can also use the apparatus to study different shapes of orifice.

The apparatus works with TecQuipment’s Digital Hydraulic Bench (H1F, available separately)*, and stands on the hydraulic bench worktop. The equipment has a transparent cylindrical tank, with a mounting in the base for different orifices. TecQuipment supplies the apparatus with a sharp-edged orifice already mounted.

Water flows from the hydraulic bench and into the cylindrical tank through an adjustable diffuser. The flow rate and an overflow pipe set the water level. To change the level in the tank (and so the head on the orifice), students adjust the flow to the diffuser. Water leaves the tank through the orifice. The jet that leaves the orifice discharges back into the hydraulic bench.

A Pitot assembly holds a sharp blade and a Pitot tube which students can position anywhere in the jet. The blade accurately measures the jet diameter, to allow students to find the contraction coefficient.

Manometers connect to the Pitot tube and a tapping in the base of the cylindrical tank to measure the total head on the orifice and in the jet.

Standard Features
- Supplied with a comprehensive user guide
- Five-year warranty
- Manufactured in accordance with the latest European Union directives
- ISO9001 certified manufacturer
- Set of Orifices – A set of six orifices. Four circular orifices (nozzles), each with the same minimum throat diameter but with different length. Each has different approach and discharge section. Additional square and triangular orifice.

Essential Base Unit
- Digital Hydraulic Bench (H1F)*

*This product will also work with existing TecQuipment Gravimetric and Volumetric Hydraulic Benches (H1 and H1D)
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TYPICAL WORK ASSIGNMENT
HEAD AND FLOW RELATIONSHIPS
This experiment tests the relationship between head of water above the orifice and flow. The results produce charts of head and flow. They also produce the coefficient of discharge for the orifice over a range of flow.

[Diagram showing flow vs. head for a sharp-edged orifice]
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DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS – H4

TecQuipment is committed to a programme of continuous improvement; hence we reserve the right to alter the design and product specification without prior notice.

NETT DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHT:
670 mm high x 400 mm x 350 mm and 12.5 kg

APPROXIMATE PACKED DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHT:
0.18 m³ and 15 kg

SHARP-EDGED ORIFICE:
13 mm diameter

CIRCULAR ORIFICE DIMENSIONS:
- Length 13 mm, with 60° contraction and 60° diverging section
- Length 13 mm, with 29 mm diameter bell-mouth approach to 60° diverging section
- Length 60 mm, with 29 mm diameter bell-mouth approach to 51 mm long parallel section
- Length 60 mm, with 29 mm diameter bell-mouth approach, to 30° diverging section and 25 mm long parallel section

TRIANGULAR ORIFICE DIMENSIONS:
Each side nominally 12.1 mm, including 1.5 mm corner radius

SQUARE ORIFICE DIMENSIONS:
9 mm square

ORIFICE MATERIAL:
Aluminium

OPERATING CONDITIONS

OPERATING ENVIRONMENT:
Laboratory

STORAGE TEMPERATURE RANGE:
−25°C to +55°C (when packed for transport)

OPERATING TEMPERATURE RANGE:
+5°C to +40°C

OPERATING RELATIVE HUMIDITY RANGE:
80% at temperatures < 31°C decreasing linearly to 50% at 40°C