

This accessory is designed to introduce students to three basic types of flow meter: **Venturi meter**

Variable area flowmeter (Rotameter)

Orifice plate

- 8 pressure tapping are connected and displayed on the manometer bank to visualise pressure profiles

Experimental content

- To investigate the operation and characteristics of a Venturi meter, variable area flowmeter and orifice plate including accuracy and energy losses
- Comparison of pressure drops across each flow measurement device
- Calibrating each flow meter using the volumetric measuring tank of the hydraulics bench
- Application of the Bernoulli equation for incompressible fluids

Description

The equipment consists of a Venturi meter, variable area flowmeter and orifice plate installed in a series configuration to permit direct comparison.

A flow control valve permits variation of the flow rate through the circuit. Pressure tapping are incorporated so that the head loss characteristics of each flow meter may be measured. These tapping are connected to an eight-tube manometer bank incorporating a manifold with an air bleed valve.

Pressurisation of the manometers is facilitated by a hand pump.

The circuit and manometer are attached to a support framework, which stands on the working top of the hydraulics bench.

The hydraulics bench is used as the source of water supply and for volumetrically calibrating each flow meter.

Technical specifications

Manometer range 0-400mm

Number of manometer tubes 8

Orifice plate diameter 17mm

Variable area meter 2-20 l/min

Venturi dimensions

Throat diameter 14mm

Upstream pipe diameter 26mm

Upstream taper 21° inclusive

Downstream taper 9° inclusive

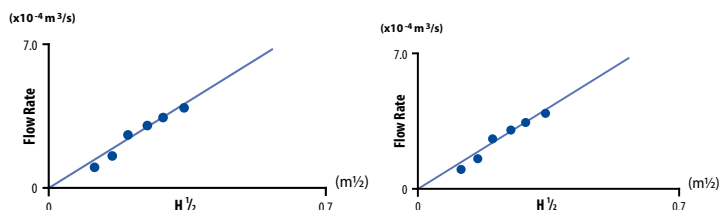
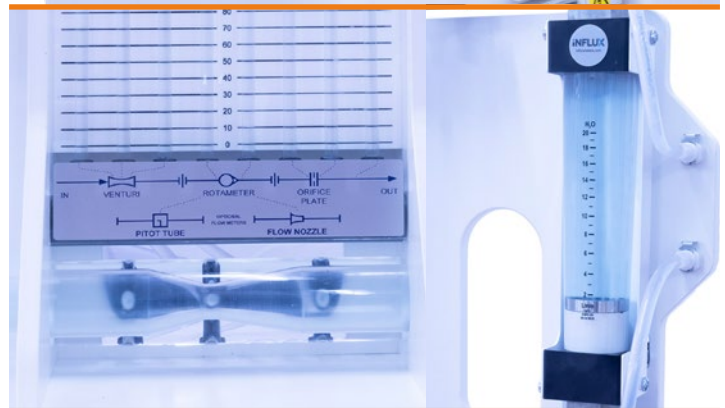
Requires Hydraulics Bench Service unit F1-10/F1-10-2

Overall dimensions

Length 0.68m

Width 0.33m

Height 0.83m



Ordering codes

- F1-21