This standard device shall measure air flow at standard conditions with an accuracy of ±1 percent. Standard conditions are defined as 68 °F (20 °C) and 29.92 in. Hg (101.3 kPa). A critical flow orifice, a bellmouth, or a laminar flow element is recommended as the standard device.

(b) Flow air through the calibration system at the sample flow rate used for particulate testing and at the backpressure which occurs during the sample test.

(c) When the temperature and pressure in the system have stabilized, measure the gas meter or instrument indicated volume over a time period of at least 5 minutes and until a flow volume of at least ±1 percent accuracy can be determined by the standard device. Record the stabilized air temperature and pressure upstream of the gas meter or instrument being calibrated and as required for the standard device.

(d) Calculate air flow at standard conditions as measured by both the standard device and the gas meter or instrument being calibrated.

(e) Repeat the procedures of paragraphs (b) through (d) of this section using flow rates which are 10 percent above the nominal sampling flow rate and 10 percent below the nominal sampling flow rate.

(f) If the air flow at standard conditions measured by the gas meter or instrument being calibrated differs by more than ±1 percent from the standard measurement at any of the three measured flow rates, then a correction shall be made by either of the following two methods:

(1) Mechanically adjust the gas meter or instrument so that it agrees within 1 percent of the standard measurement at the three specified flow rates, or

(2) Develop a continuous best fit calibration curve for the gas meter (as a function of the standard device flow measurement) from the three calibration points that represents the data to within 1 percent at all points to determine corrected flow.

(g) *Other systems.* A bell prover may be used to calibrate the gas meter if the procedure outlined in ANSI B109.1–1973 is used. Prior approval by the Administrator is not required to use the bell prover.

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§ 86.120–94 Gas meter or flow instrumentation calibration; particulate, methanol and formaldehyde measurement.

(a) Sampling for particulate, methanol and formaldehyde emissions requires the use of gas meters or flow instrumentation to determine flow through the particulate filters, methanol impingers and formaldehyde impingers. These instruments shall receive initial and periodic calibrations as follows:

(1)(i) Install a calibration device in series with the instrument. A critical flow orifice, a bellmouth nozzle, a laminar flow element or an NBS traceable flow calibration device is required as the standard device.

(ii) The flow system should be checked for leaks between the calibration and sampling meters, including any pumps that may be part of the system, using good engineering practice.

(2) Flow air through the calibration system at the sample flow rate used for particulate, methanol, and formaldehyde testing and at the backpressure which occurs during the test.

(3) When the temperature and pressure in the system have stabilized, measure the indicated gas volume over a time period of at least five minutes or until a gas volume of at least ±1 percent accuracy can be determined by the standard device. Record the stabilized air temperature and pressure upstream of the instrument and as required for the standard device.

(4) Calculate air flow at standard conditions as measured by both the standard device and the instrument(s). (Standard conditions are defined as 68 °F (20 °C) and 29.92 in Hg (101.3 kPa).)

(5) Repeat the procedures of paragraphs (a)(2) through (4) of this section using at least two flow rates which bracket the typical operating range.

(6) If the air flow at standard conditions measured by the instrument differs by ±1.0 percent of the maximum operating range or ±2.0 percent of the point (whichever is smaller), then a correction shall be made by either of the following two methods:

(i) Mechanically adjust the instrument so that it agrees with the calibration measurement at the specified flow rates using the criteria of paragraph (a)(6) of this section; or

(ii) Develop a continuous best fit calibration curve for the instrument (as a function of the calibration device flow measurement) from the calibration points to determine corrected flow. The points on the calibration curve relative to the calibration device measurements must be within ±1.0 percent of the maximum operating range of ±2.0 percent of the point (whichever is smaller).

(b) Other systems. A bell prover may be used to calibrate the instrument if the procedure outlined in ANSI B109.1–1973 is used. Prior approval by the Administrator is not required to use the bell prover.

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§ 86.121–82 Hydrocarbon analyzer calibration.

The hydrocarbon analyzers shall receive the following initial and periodic calibration. The HFID shall be operated at a temperature of 375±10 °F (191±6 °C).

(a) *Initial and periodic optimization of FID and HFID response.* Prior to its introduction into service and at least annually thereafter, the FID and HFID hydrocarbon analyzers shall be adjusted for optimum hydrocarbon response. Alternate methods yielding equivalent results may be used, if approved in advance by the Administrator.

(1) Follow the manufacturer's instructions or good engineering practice for instrument startup and basic operating adjustment using the appropriate fuel and zero-grade air.

(2) Optimize on the most common operating range. Introduce into the analyzer a propane in air mixture with a propane concentration equal to approximately 90 percent of the most common operating range.

(3) One of the following is required for FID or HFID optimization:

(i) For all FIDs and HFIDs, the procedures specified by the applicable FID or HFID manufacturer.

(ii) For Beckman 400 FIDs only, implementation of the recommendations outlined in Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) paper No. 770141, "Optimization of Flame Ionization Detector for Determination of Hydrocarbons in Diluted Automobile Exhaust;" author, Glenn D. Reschke.

(iii) For HFIDs only, the following peaking procedure. (A) With the fuel and air flow rates set at the manufacturer's recommendations, determine the analyzer response from the difference between the span-gas response and the zero gas response. Incrementally adjust the fuel flow above and below the manufacturer's specification. Record the span and zero response at these fuel flows. A plot of the difference between the span and zero response versus the fuel flow will be similar to the one shown in Fig. B87–11. Adjust the fuel-flow rate to the highest setting that produces the maximum analyzer response.

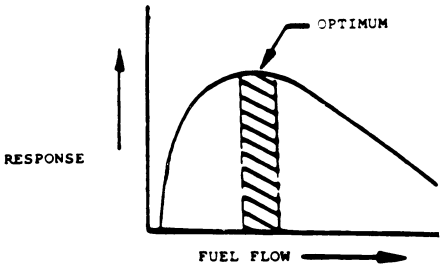

FIGURE B87-11 RESPONSE VS. FUEL FLOW

(B) To determine the optimum air flow, use the fuel flow setting determined in paragraph (a)(3)(iii)(A) of this section and vary air flow.

(iv) Alternative procedures may be used if approved in advance by the Administrator.

(4) After the optimum flow rates have been determined, record them for future reference.

(b) *Initial and periodic calibration.* Prior to its introduction into service and monthly thereafter the FID or HFID hydrocarbon analyzers shall be calibrated on all normally used instrument ranges. Use the same flow rate as when analyzing samples.

(1) Adjust analyzer to optimize performance.

(2) Zero the hydrocarbon analyzer with zero-grade air.