

Metrology for Hydrogen Vehicles 2 : " *OIML R139:2018 and shortcomings* "

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Road Map

- Introduction
- Contents of OIML R139:2018
- Requirements on HRS
- Tests programs
- Shortcomings



- **OIML (Organisation Internationale de Métrologie Légale) = International Organization for Legal Metrology www.oiml.org**
- **Aim: global recommendations for worldwide equal requirements and testing methods in legal metrology**
- **Different kind of documents (guides, basic docs, recommendations etc.)**
- **OIML-D general description of special issues**
 - ❖ **D 11 General requirements for measuring instruments -Environmental conditions**
 - ❖ **D 32 General requirements for software-controlled measuring instruments**
- **All member states are invited to use recommendations as basis for national legislation**
- **New certification system "OIML-CS" has started for **improved mutual recognition of test results****

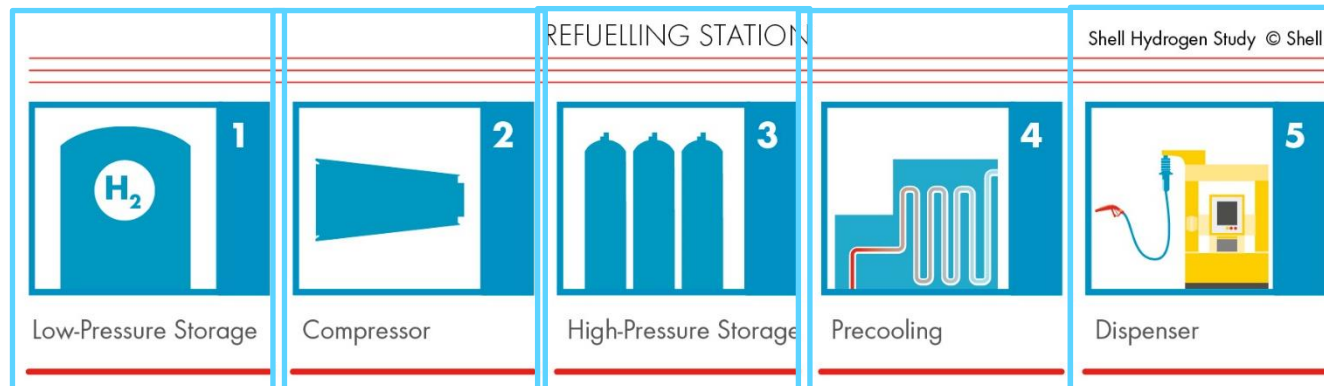
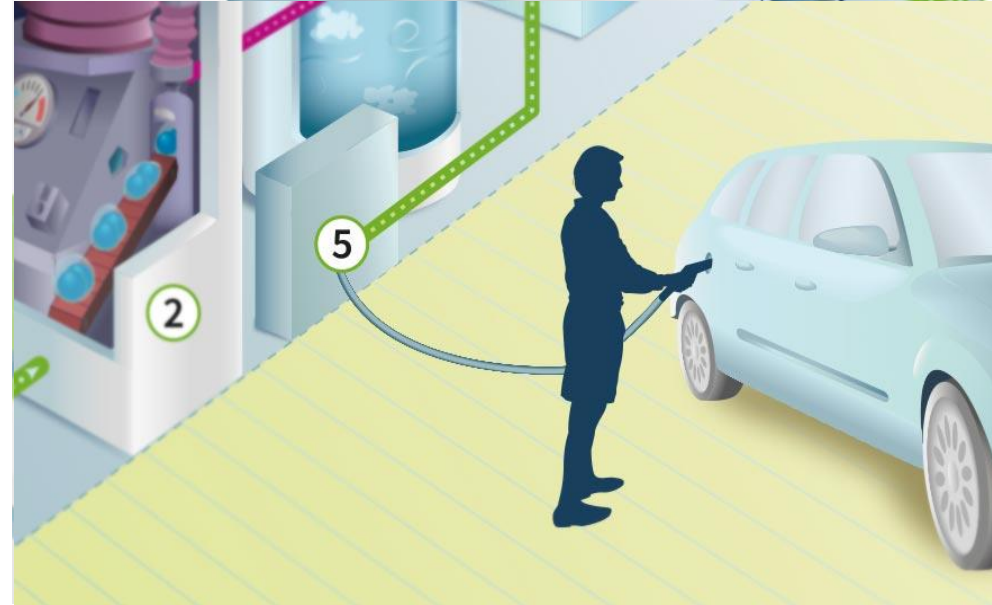
- Currently managed by OIML TC8/SC7 (secretariat : M. VAN DER WIEL, NL)
- OIML R139:2014 -> ' Compressed gaseous fuel measuring systems for vehicles'
but ... all parameters were adapted to CNG only
- R139 was amended in 2018 for integration of HRS measuring systems (Hydrogen Refueling Stations)
 - Necessity of additional MPE (Max Permissible Errors) because of H₂ high pressure (70 MPa) and gas temperature
 - No changes of other parts planned, but finally some changes were done like for durability test.
- ❑ Part 1: Metrological and technical requirements
- ❑ Part 2: Metrological controls and performance tests
- ❑ Part 3: Test report format

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Special features for Hydrogen Refueling Stations

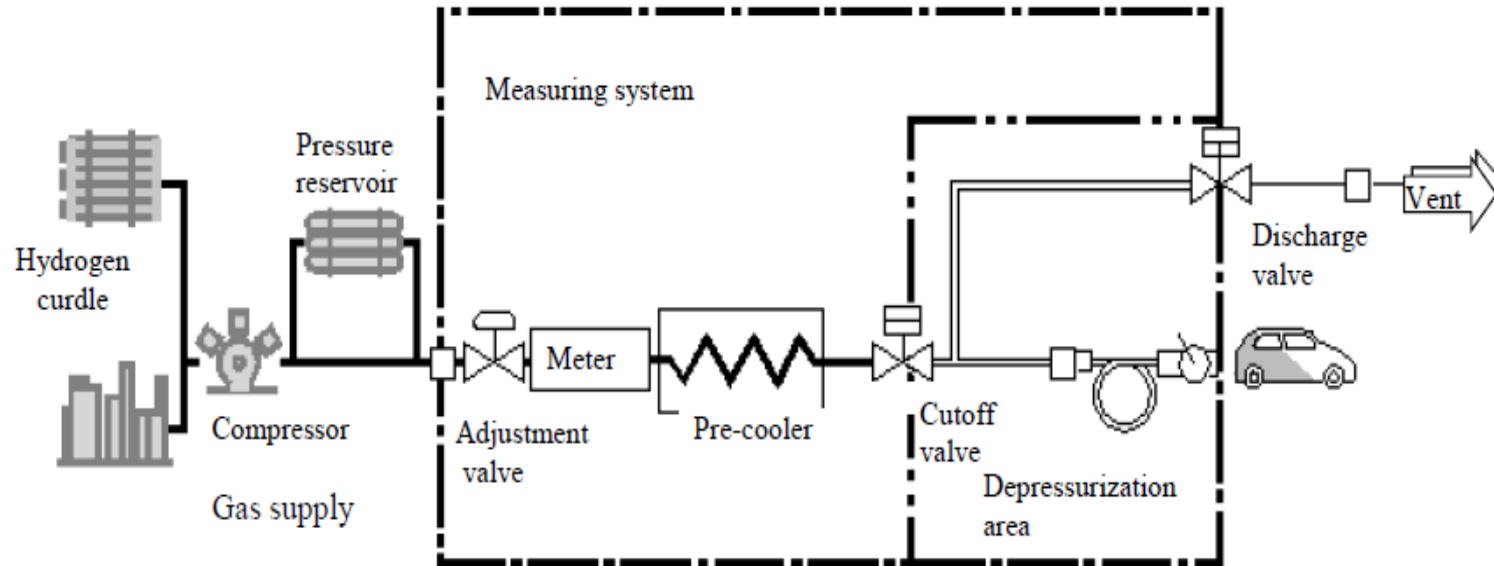


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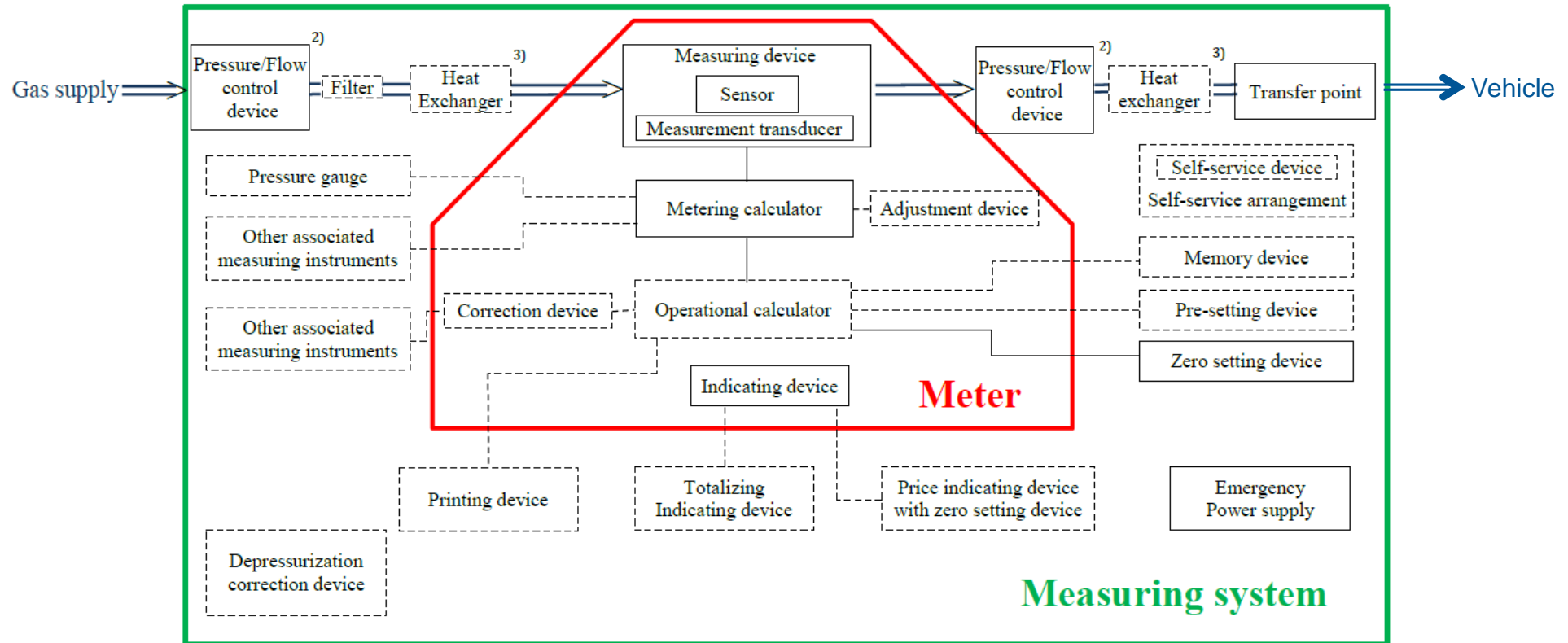
- According to (usual) refueling protocol (SAEJ2601-1), hydrogen shall reach **-40 °C after 30 seconds** for "H70" dispensers (and for some H35 ones) in order to allow maximum filling capacity, whereas it is at ambient temperature for CNG
- Pressure control valve is used to generate pressure ramp (APRR, Average Pressure Ramp Rate, MPa/min) at the nozzle (depending on parameters like current ambient temperature, tank volume)
- Venting quantity could matter greatly (depending on architecture) , compared for instance to 3.5 kg of H₂ for a full filling @ 70 MPa in a LDV 100L tank

OIML R139-1 : Main points

1. Introduction
2. Scope
3. Terminology
4. Description of the measuring system and its constituents
5. Metrological requirements for the measuring system
 - 5.1 Presentation of the measurement result
 - 5.2 Maximum permissible error (MPE) and MMQ (Minimum Measured Quantity)
 - 5.3 Measuring range
 - 5.8 Durability
6. Technical requirements for the measuring system
7. to 10: Markings, documentation...
11. Suitability for testing
15. Additional requirements for specific modules
 - 15.1 Meter
 - Annex B : Typical methods for correction of the depressurization quantity for hydrogen CGF (Compressed Gas Flowmeter) measuring systems

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section 4 / measuring system and its constituents



- Constituents of a typical compressed gaseous fuel measuring system for vehicles

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section 5.2 / MPE, Maximum Permissible Error

Accuracy class		MPE for the meter [in % of the measured quantity value]	MPE for the complete measuring system [in % of the measured quantity value]	
			at type evaluation, initial or subsequent verification	in-service inspection under rated operating conditions
For general application	1.5	1	1.5	2
For hydrogen only	2	1.5	2	3
	4	2	4	5

- New MPEs classes have been created for hydrogen only
- Class 2 are usually targeted by the national authorities, but class 4 could be accepted
- *Quick comment : there is currently no capability in the world to calibrate the meter separately with H₂ at 875 bar up to 3.6 kg/min (Cars) or 7.2 kg/min (LDV)*

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section 5.2 & 5.3 / MMQ (Minimum measured quantity) for H2

- MMQ for all types of Hydrogen CGF measuring systems is at 1 kg MAX
not proportional to the delivered quantity : 1 kg for car (4kg of H2), 1kg for trucks (40 to targeted 100kg of H2)
- for MMQ, MPE is twice the one defined for H2 mass > 1 kg

Accuracy class	E_{min} [g; kg]		
	for the meter	for the complete measuring system	
		at type evaluation, initial or subsequent verification	at in-service inspection
1.5	0.02 MMQ	0.03 MMQ	0.04 MMQ
2	0.03 MMQ	0.04 MMQ	0.06 MMQ
4	0.04 MMQ	0.08 MMQ	0.1 MMQ

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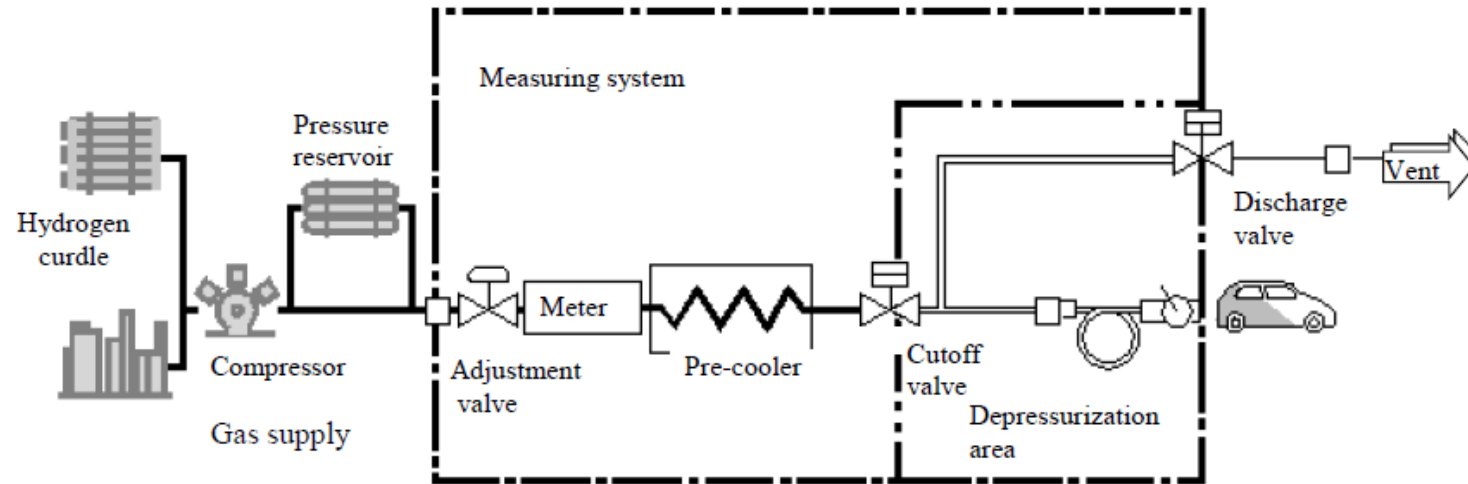
section 5.8 / Durability

- ❖ After at least 100 hours of operation at 0.8 Qmax, the meter shall not drift more than ± 1 % of the measured quantity
- ❖ durability performance criterion is the satisfactory completion of 2000 deliveries
- ❖ For meters without moving parts : << Coriolis meters
 - providing documented information showing the fulfilment of the durability performance criterion

Remark : Documented information may be a lifetime estimation based on test results...

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Annex B / methods for correction of the depressurization quantity



- **Evaluation by different methods permitted :**
 - calculation based on relevant (estimated) values of p , T and V
 - calculation based on measured flow or p and T values

Note: depending on the location of the flow meter the venting quantity can be on the same order of the MPEs (applies mostly for older HRS design)

OIML R139-2 : Main points

1. Metrological controls
 - 1.3 Uncertainty
 2. Instrument evaluation
 - 2.2.5 Performance tests on the measuring system/ preconditions
 3. Type evaluation
 - 3.5.3 Measuring systems specific for Hydrogen fuel
 4. Initial verification (measuring system)
 - 4.6 Tests at initial verification
 - 4.6.7 Alternative procedure for Hydrogen CGF measuring systems
 - 4.6.6 Alternative procedure
 5. Subsequent verification (measuring system)
 - 5.2 Tests at subsequent verification
- Annex A minimum test quantities for measuring systems and devices
 - Annex B Test methods for influence quantities for Coriolis meters

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section 1.3 / Test facility uncertainty U_e ($k=2$)

For type approval → less than 1/5 of the applicable MPE → **primary standard required**

For verifications → less than 1/3 of the applicable MPE → **secondary standard could be used**

If the above-mentioned criteria cannot be met than reduced acceptance criterion shall be applied

For type approval → $\pm (6/5 \text{ MPE} - U)$

For verifications → $\pm (4/3 \text{ MPE} - U)$

Reaching a comparable confidence interval, a measuring is not outside MPE

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section 2.2.5 / preconditions for performance tests

Test receiver volume	Meter capacity					Unit
	$Q_{\max} \leq 4$	$4 < Q_{\max} \leq 12$	$12 < Q_{\max} \leq 30$	$30 < Q_{\max} \leq 70$	$Q_{\max} > 70$	
V_{\min}	10	30	90 ¹⁾	300	600	L

Note that distinction should be made between Q_{\max} for the meter (could be larger) and Q_{\max} for the measuring system (could be related to fueling protocols)

This table indicates that the *Test receiver volume must* allow the maximum flow rate defined for the dispenser.

But according this table:

3.6 kg/min H₂ (for cars & LDV @ 700 bar or normal fueling of LDV @ 350 bar, cf SAE J2601-1) -> V_{\min} receiver = 10 L,

7.2 kg/min H₂ (for fast fueling of LDV @ 350 bar, cf SAE J2601-2) -> V_{\min} receiver = 30 L !

Obviously, this OIML table has not been duly revised for Hydrogen testing, while SAE J2601 demands minimum tank volume (CHSS; Compressed Hydrogen Storage System) for allowing refuelling process

Table 4 - CHSS capacity categories

Pressure Class	Total Amount of Hydrogen in CHSS at 100% SOC (kg)	Water Volume of CHSS (L)	CHSS Capacity Category Identifier
H35	1.19 to 2.39	49.7 to 99.4	A
H35	2.39 to 4.18	99.4 to 174.0	B
H35	4.18 to 5.97	174.0 to 248.6	C
H70	2.00 to 4.00	49.7 to 99.4	A
H70	4.00 to 7.00	99.4 to 174.0	B
H70	7.00 to 10.00	174.0 to 248.6	C
H70	>10.00	>248.6	D

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section 3.5.3: Type Evaluation of measuring system / Tests program for H2

Test #	Initial state
Test 4	Initial test receiver pressure of 0 kPa or higher if so required for safety reasons Initial station storage pressure at P_{st}
Test 5	Initial test receiver pressure of $0.5 P_v$ Initial station storage pressure at P_{st}
Test 7 (minimum measured quantity)	The conditions for test 3 or 6 are adapted in order to test the minimum measured quantity. For this purpose, the pressure does not have to be P_v in the test receiver at the end, but may be any pressure (as close as practical to P_v) such that the quantity of transferred gas shall be at least the minimum measured quantity.



$U_{e(k=2)}$ of reference < 1/5 MPE

#4,#5,#7,#4,#5,#7,#4,#5 → 8 tests

For MMQ (1 kg max) , the test should be realized close to P_v

P_{st} = maximum station storage pressure, P_v = Allowed maximum gas pressure in the receiver

Note: Today, Gravimetric reference for tests => Type IV tanks => **2 days for this Test Program** (including facility installation, scale calibration, flushing and preparation for departure) , largely due to **precautious defueling and cleaning of tanks after each tests** (estimated around 1h30 per test)

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section 4.6.7: Initial Verification of measuring system / Tests /

" Alternative procedure for Hydrogen CGF measuring systems "

Test #	Initial state
Test 4	Initial test receiver pressure of 0 kPa or higher if so required for safety reasons Initial station storage pressure at P_{st}
Test 5	Initial test receiver pressure of $0.5 P_v$ Initial station storage pressure at P_{st}
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U_e ($k=2$) of reference < **1/3 MPE**

#4,#5,#7,#4,#5,#7,#4,#5 → 8 tests

For MMQ (1 kg max) , the test should be realized close to P_v

P_{st} = maximum station storage pressure, P_v = Allowed maximum gas pressure in the receiver

Note 1 : R139 defines in § 4.6.5 a 'Preferred procedure', but which has never been evaluated by NMIs, considering its very specific and constraining requirements

*Note 2 : Today, Gravimetric reference for tests => Type IV tanks => **2 days for this Test Program** (including facility installation, scale calibration, flushing and preparation for departure) , largely due to precautious defueling and cleaning of tanks after each tests (estimated around 1h30 per test)*

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section 4.6.6: Initial Verification of measuring system / Tests / "Alternative procedure" (where gas is not specified !)

Test #	Initial state
Test 4	Initial test receiver pressure of 0 kPa or higher if so required for safety reasons Initial station storage pressure at P_{st}
Test 5	Initial test receiver pressure of $0.5 P_v$ Initial station storage pressure at P_{st}



U_e ($k=2$) of reference < 1/3 MPE

#4,#5,#4,#5 → 4 tests

Note : this test program could be much faster and should be considered for subsequent verification*

** Subsequent verification tests of a petrol dispenser = approx. 30 minutes ...*

Issue : Recommendation defines a theoretical maximum flow rate available in the refueling station and requires to reach 80% of this flow rate (stated in the Type approval certificate) during verification.

But experience shows that :

- Conditions for verification are sometimes not relevant to reach 80% of max flow rate
- Theoretical flowrate on site is difficult to define (depending on architecture)
- Flowrate to be reached depends on the size of the testing capacity (type IV tanks)

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section 5.2: Subsequent Verification of measuring system / Tests /

5.2 Tests at subsequent verification

5.2.1 Subsequent verification tests shall be carried out as specified in 4.6.

=> Regulation (when exists) can decide of a Test program among those defined for Initial Verification, i.e : § 4.6.5, § 4.6.6, § 4.6.7



$Ue_{(k=2)}$ of reference < **1/3** MPE

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Shortcomings

R139-1&2

Recommandation distinguishes 2 configurations with and without sequential control. Regarding experience with CNG this distinction which leads to distinguish type and verification tests should be rediscussed since :

**there is no evidence of critical impact,
imposing sequential control makes controls more complicated to organize**

R139-1 §5.4.(1&2) + R139-2 §3.5.2.1

The repeatability error of the meter and of the measuring system shall not exceed two thirds (2/3) of the applicable MPE. This requirement concerning repeatability shall be met durably, which shall be demonstrated during the type evaluation. Repeatability should be realized on test 4,5 and 6 (even test 6 cannot be performed with H2)

Template in R139-3 present repeatability evaluation on test 7 which is not requested

R139-1 §6.12.3.1.1

Printing of the customer's receipt is mandatory.

But in fact, agreement between two parts (BtoB) does not require a printing (record of the measurement seems to be enough).

R139-2 §4.5

Control of « printing device and type of paper » should be optional

Future dispensers will use less printings and paper.

Printing device and type of paper (R 139-1, 6.2.9.6); but the 6.2.9.6 does not exist. It probably refers to R139-1, 6.2.8.6

OIML R139 : CONCLUSION (1/3)

There is a clear need for revision of the OIML R139 for hydrogen application...

However, if some OIML P-Members asked for a revision in 2022 from OIML TC8/SC7 secretariat , the final decision was to reconduct the text as it is

Country (P-Members)	Reconfirm	Revise	Update
NL	X		
UK		X	
FR		X	
NO		X	
DK			X
JP	X		
AU	X		
CH		X	

NB : A request for revision shall be accepted when two-thirds of the votes cast by the P-members of the TC or SC are in favor

There is a clear need for revision of the OIMLR139 for hydrogen application...

The revision can be realized every 2 years – it should be at the beginning of 2024

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There is a clear need for revision of the OIML R139 for hydrogen application...

We ask for an agreement for ALL involved parties to request a revision of OIML R139 to their national authorities by the end of the year/ beginning of 2024 and a harmonization of initial and subsequent verifications (see final talk of this workshop).

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