

Technical Datasheet



ZHM KL Series

Gear Flow Meters with Ball Bearing
for lubricating and non abrasive fluids

Overview

With more than 50 years of experience in the flow measurement field and numerous innovative and customer-specific product developments, we are a qualified and competent contact for flow measuring technology and calibration. KEM offers a broad selection of measuring principles for this purpose. We develop, produce, and deliver high quality Gear Flow Meters, Turbine Flow Meters, Helical Flow Meters and Micro Flow Meters as well as Coriolis Mass Flow Meters worldwide. Specific accessories complement the product range.

This document provides information, technical details and typical applications concerning the ZHM KL Gear Flow Meter Series.

Series	Application	Process Medium	Attributes
ZHM ST	Flow measurement	Polyol + isocyanat, glue, epoxy resins Abrasive, less lubricating Medium/high viscosity	Stainless steel body Tungsten carbide sleeve bearing Bigger tolerances
ZHM KL	Filling processes	Lubricants, oils, grease Lubricating Medium/high viscosity	Stainless steel body Stainless steel ball bearing Bigger tolerances
ZHM MK	Dosing & consumption	Diesel, Skydrol, AdBlue, odorant (Less) lubricating Low viscosity	Stainless steel body Stainless steel ball bearing Small tolerances
ZHA KL	Test bed monitoring (Hydraulics)	Hydraulic fluid, ATF Lubricating Medium viscosity	Aluminum body Stainless steel ball bearing Bigger tolerances
ZHM CT	Dosage control (Paint shops)	Paints, waxes, amine Less lubricating Medium viscosity	Stainless steel body Tungsten carbide sleeve bearing Ball bearing (optional)
ZHM HP	Flow measurement (High Pressure)	Lubricants, coolant, inhibitors Abrasive, less lubricating Medium/high viscosity	Stainless steel body Stainless steel ball bearing Tungsten carbide sleeve bearing (optional)
ZHM CI	Dosage control (Oil & Gas)	Inhibitors, glycol, hydraulic control fluids Abrasive, less lubricating Low/medium viscosity	Stainless steel body Stainless steel ball bearing Tungsten carbide sleeve bearing (optional)

Please contact KEM Sales for additional information on our Flow Meters or for advisory purposes related to your individual application needs. For KEM Sales contact details see the document's last page.



Description

The ZHM KL gear flow meter series (ball bearing design) are flow meters which are mainly used in lubrication and non-lubrication liquids. They are equally suitable for filled, viscous and abrasive media.

Only high-grade steels that even withstand corrosive liquids are used in the production of gear flow meters. Combined with the use of high-quality precision ball and hybrid bearings, the ZHM KL guarantees optimum measurement accuracy and a long service life under even the toughest application conditions. The ball bearing facilitates a very low starting torque of the measuring element. This way even the lowest flow rates at low viscosities can be accurately measured.

The combination of various gear dimensions and modules allows a wide range of sizes that can cover a huge measuring range. This makes the ZHM KL ideal for a variety of applications in the field of metering as well as for monitoring, mixing and dosing.

Short response times, very dynamic performance and high measurement accuracy ensure accurate regulation and control of flow rates in demanding applications.

For applications in hazardous areas, we offer intrinsically safe sensors and amplifiers with Ex protection in accordance with ATEX, IECEx, CSA and other standards. Additional certifications such as EAC (TR-CU) are available.

Principle and Design

Gear flow meters (ZHM) are positive displacement meters. Two precise gears rotate freely inside the measuring chamber.

Sealed cavities are created between the gears and the housing. The measured media causes the rotation of the gears. The flowing medium is distributed evenly in the measuring chamber and causes the rotation of the gears. The gear wheels rotate freely and undamped in the media flow. Their rotational frequency is proportional to the flow rate and is measured by non-intrusive sensors (pickups) through the housing wall.

The sensor system can be variably adjusted to meet the requirements of the application. This allows, for example, providing even very high resolutions or also a signal for determining the direction of flow.

Pulses per unit of volume are available for analysis. The calibration factor (K-factor) of the flow meter describes the exact pulse rate per unit of volume. In order to determine the individual calibration factor of a flow meter, we calibrate each of our meters in house prior to delivery. The operating viscosity specified by the customer is taken into account for calibration. A corresponding calibration certificate is included with every flow meter we supply.

These meters are suitable for accurate measurement of different liquids with viscosities of approximately 1 to 25,000 mm²/s.

Thanks to a high output frequency, excellent resolution and short response times, our gear flow meters are outstanding for measuring pulsing flows, for consumption measurement and for dosing of liquids.

Applications

- Hydraulic applications
- Cylinder monitoring
- Filling systems
- Fuel measurement
- Coolant circuit monitoring
- Dosing systems
- Lubrication monitoring
- Additive dosing

Features

- High measuring accuracy up to $\pm 0.1\%^{(1)}$
- Exceptional repeatability of $\pm 0.05\%$
- Measuring range up to 1:150
- Short response times
- Pressure-resistant up to 420 bar [6,000 psi]
- Medium temperature up to 180 °C [356 °F]
- Robust construction and long lifetime
- Applicable for electrostatic/ESTA applications

⁽¹⁾ Under laboratory conditions; incl. linearization; viscosity ≥ 30 mm²/s.

Technical Data – Sizes

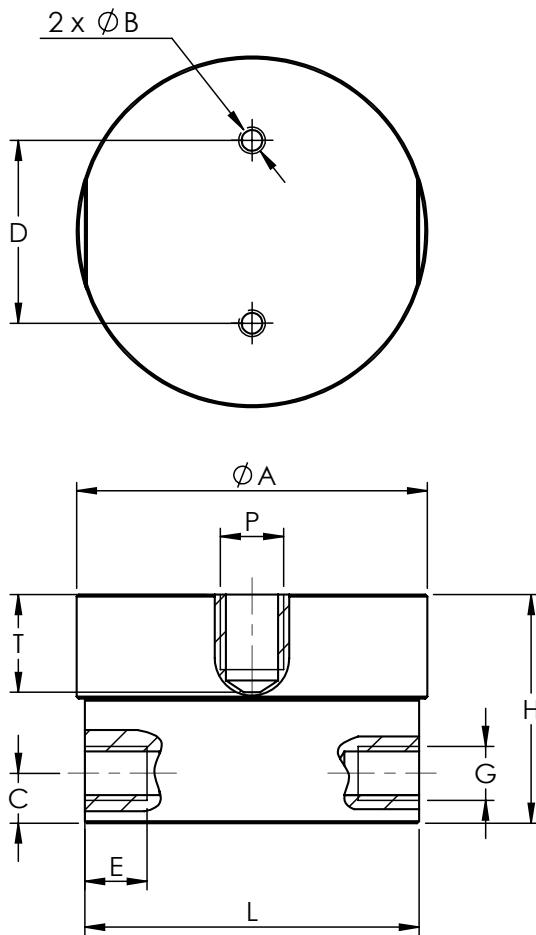
ZHM Type ²⁾	Measuring Range (l/min)	K-Factor ³⁾ (pulses/l)	max. Pressure (bar/psi)		Frequency ³⁾ (Hz)		Weight (kg)
			Bolts ISO 4762	Bolts AISI 316			
ZHM 01/2	0.02 to 3.0	14,000	420 [6,000]	160 [2,320]	4.6 to 700	1.6	
ZHM 02	0.1 to 7.0	4,200	420 [6,000]	160 [2,320]	7 to 490	2.2	
ZHM 03	0.5 to 25.0	1,740	420 [6,000]	160 [2,320]	14 to 730	2.9	
ZHM 04	0.5 to 70.0	475	420 [6,000]	160 [2,320]	4 to 560	8.5	
ZHM 05	5.0 to 150	134	250 [3,600]	100 [1,450]	11 to 340	23	
ZHM 06/1	5.0 to 250	106	250 [3,600]	100 [1,450]	8.8 to 450	27	
ZHM 06	10.0 to 500	53	250 [3,600]	100 [1,450]	18 to 450	35	
ZHM 07	50.0 to 1,000	24	250 [3,600]	100 [1,450]	20 to 400	66.5	

Technical Data – General

Measuring Accuracy	Up to $\pm 0.1\%$ ⁴⁾
Repeatability	$\pm 0.05\%$ (under the same conditions)
Linearity	$\pm 0.5\%$ of actual flow (viscosity $\geq 30\text{ mm}^2/\text{s}$)
Materials	Housing: as per DIN 1.4305 [AISI 303], 1.4404 [AISI 316L] Gears: as per DIN 1.4122 Bearing: Stainless Steel Ball bearing (ZHM 01/2-06/1) Chrome roller bearing (ZHM 06-07) Seals: FKM, PTFE (others on request)
Medium Temperature	-40 °C up to +180 °C [-40 °F up to +356 °F] (others on request)
Dimensions	See dimensional drawing (page 5 to 6)

²⁾ Exact type designation see ordering code (page 7).³⁾ Average values for single sensors, dual pickups and higher resolution available.⁴⁾ Under laboratory conditions; incl. linearization; viscosity $\geq 30\text{ mm}^2/\text{s}$.

Dimensional Drawing – ZHM 01/2 to 05

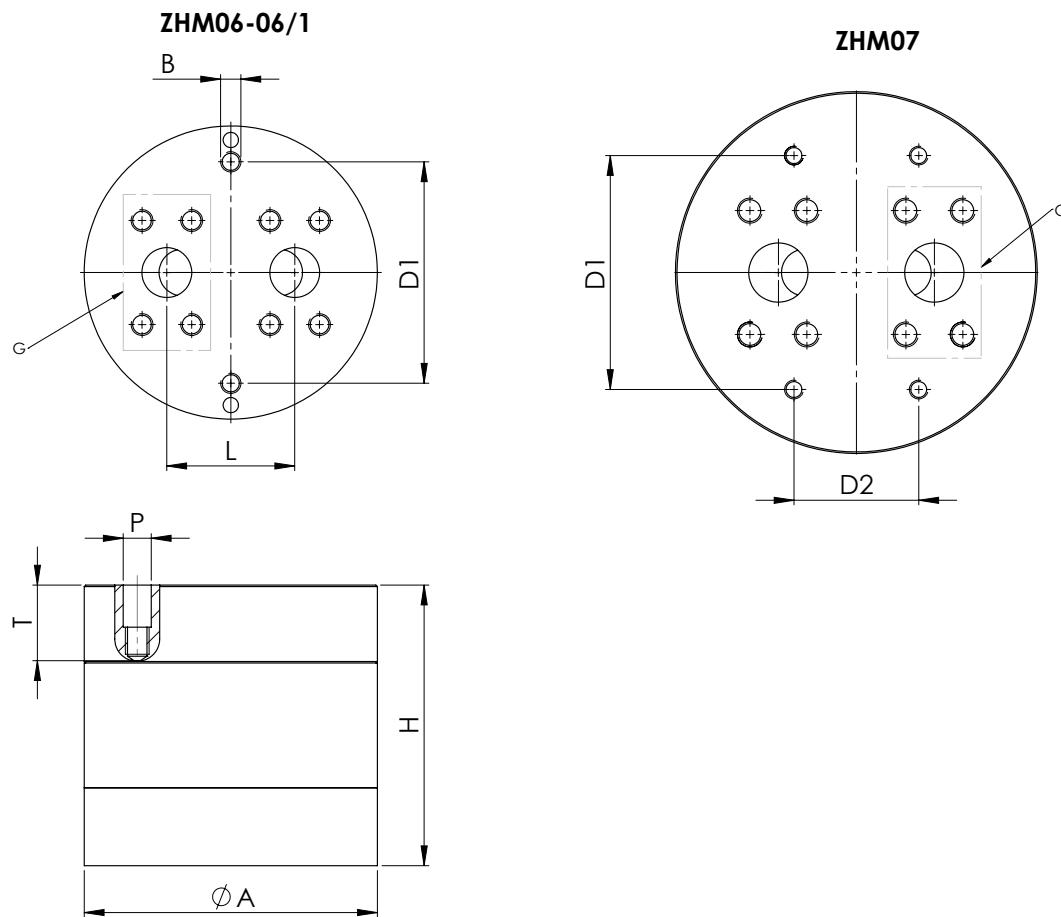


ZHM Type	Ø A	B	C	D	E	G ⁵⁾	H	L	P ⁶⁾	T ⁶⁾
ZHM 01/2	76 mm [2.99 in]	M6 \downarrow 10	12 mm [0.47 in]	44 mm [1.73 in]	14 mm [0.55 in]	G $\frac{1}{4}$ " $\frac{1}{4}$ " NPT	50 mm [1.97 in]	72 mm [2.83 in]	E/D	18 mm [0.71 in]
ZHM 02	84 mm [3.31 in]	M6 \downarrow 10	12 mm [0.47 in]	44 mm [1.73 in]	14 mm [0.55 in]	G $\frac{1}{4}$ " $\frac{1}{4}$ " NPT	55 mm [2.17 in]	80.5 mm [3.17 in]	E/D	23.5 mm [0.93 in]
ZHM 03	84 mm [3.31 in]	M6 \downarrow 10	12 mm [0.47 in]	44 mm [1.73 in]	14 mm [0.55 in]	G $\frac{1}{4}$ " $\frac{1}{4}$ " NPT	67 mm [2.64 in]	80.5 mm [3.17 in]	E/D	23.5 mm [0.93 in]
ZHM 04	125 mm [4.92 in]	M6 \downarrow 10	17 mm [0.67 in]	60 mm [2.36 in]	14 mm [0.55 in]	G $\frac{1}{2}$ " $\frac{1}{2}$ " NPT	96 mm [3.78 in]	121 mm [4.76 in]	E/D	30.5 mm [1.20 in]
ZHM 05	175.5 mm [6.91 in]	M8 \downarrow 15	22.5 mm [0.89 in]	100 mm [3.94 in]	18 mm [0.71 in]	G 1" 1" NPT	133 mm [5.24 in]	170 mm [6.69 in]	E/D	43.5 mm [1.71 in]

⁵⁾ Others on request.⁶⁾ Only applies for single pickup holes of type „E“.

Attention: the total installation height is the result of the height (H) and the height of the electronics (dimensions in separate datasheet).

Dimensional Drawing – ZHM 06/1 to 07



ZHM Type	Ø A	B	D1	D2	G	H	L	P ⁷⁾	T ⁷⁾
ZHM 06/1	188.5 mm [7.42 in]	M12 ↓ 25	142 mm [5.59 in]	—	SAE 1 1/4" ISO 6162-2	138 mm [5.43 in]	82 mm [3.23 in]	E	48.5 mm [1.91 in]
ZHM 06	188.5 mm [7.42 in]	M12 ↓ 25	142 mm [5.59 in]	—	SAE 1 1/4" ISO 6162-2	180 mm [7.09 in]	82 mm [3.23 in]	E	48 mm [1.89 in]
ZHM 07	233 mm [9.17 in]	M12 ↓ 25	150 mm [5.90 in]	80 mm	SAE 1 1/2" ISO 6162-2	220 mm [8.66 in]	100 mm [3.94 in]	E	63 mm [2.48 in]

⁷⁾ Only applies for single pickup holes of type „E“.

Attention: the total installation height is the result of the height (H) and the height of the electronics (dimensions in separate datasheet).

Ordering Code

ZHM - XX - XX - X - X

Measuring Range

0.02 - 3.0 l/min	01/2
0.1 - 7.0 l/min	02
0.5 - 25 l/min	03
0.5 - 70 l/min	04
5.0 - 150 l/min	05
5.0 - 250 l/min	06/1
20.0 - 500 l/min ⁸⁾	06
50.0 - 1,000 l/min ⁸⁾	07

Meter Attributes

Housing	Gears	Bearing	Bolts	Thread	
1.4305 [AISI 303]	1.4122	ball bearing	ISO 4762	BSPP	KL
1.4305 [AISI 303]	1.4122	ball bearing	ISO 4762	NPT	A1
1.4305 [AISI 303]	1.4122	roller bearing	ISO 4762	SAE flanges ⁸⁾	KR
1.4404 [AISI 316L]	1.4122	ball bearing	AISI 316	BSPP	SK
1.4404 [AISI 316L]	1.4122	ball bearing	AISI 316	NPT	SN
1.4404 [AISI 316L]	1.4122	roller bearing	AISI 316	SAE flanges ⁸⁾	SR

Sensor Ports

M14x1.5	E
Plug-in (frequency doubling, bidirectional measurement)	D

Sealing Options

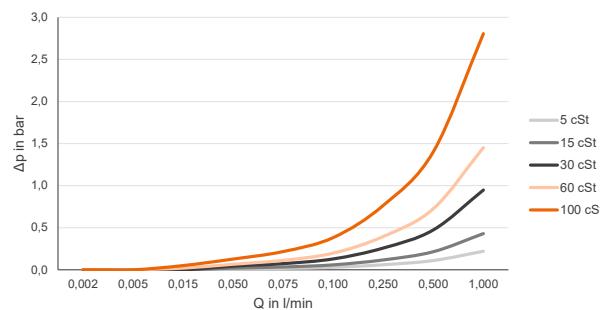
FKM (Viton®)	V
PTFE (Teflon®)	T



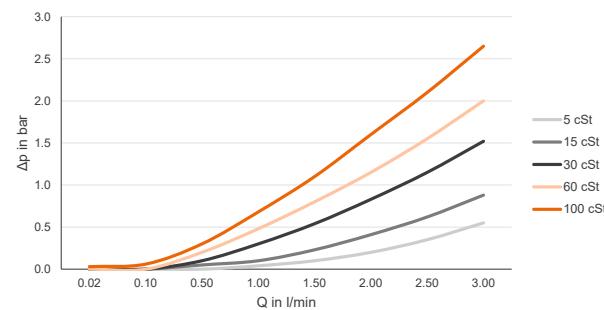
⁸⁾ Preselect „KR/SR“ version (SAE flanges, O-ring and bolt kit required).

Pressure Drop Curves

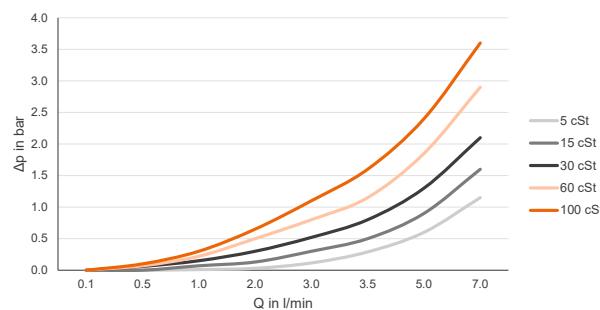
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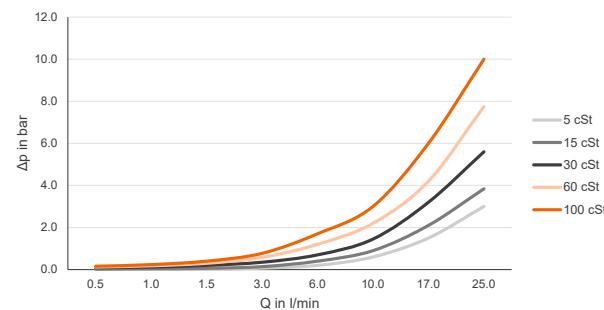
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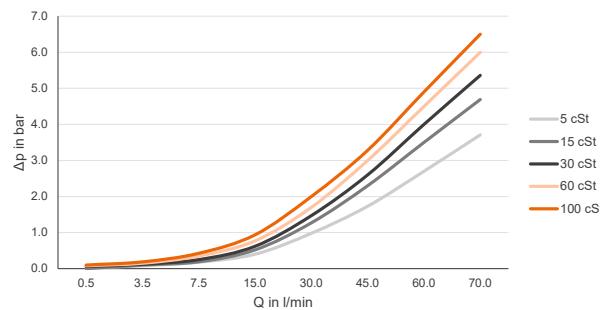
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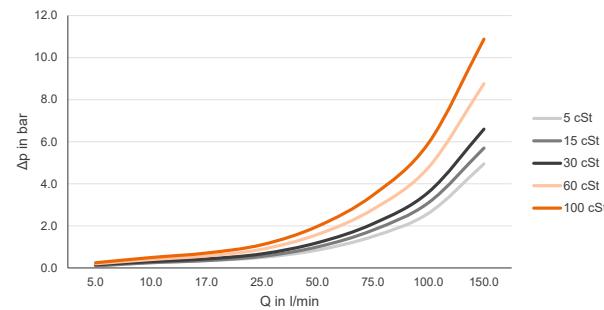
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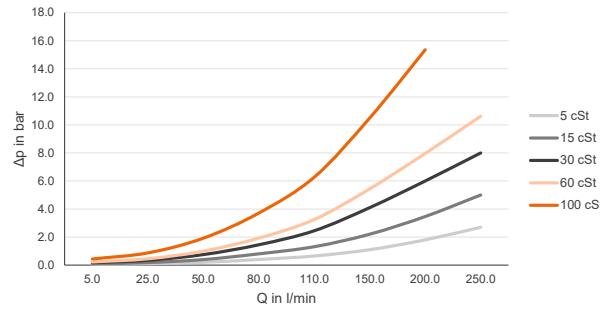
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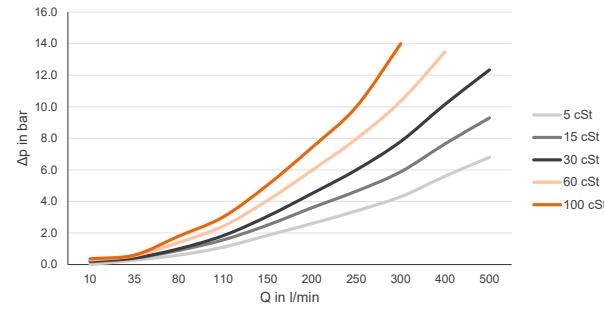
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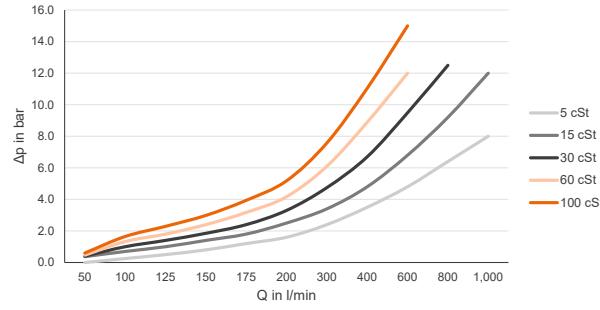
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ZHM 06



ZHM 07



Calibration

In-house calibration is performed on volumetric calibration rigs or at the wishes of the customer in our DAkkS calibration laboratory.

The KEM calibration lab uses a high-precision load cell system. With an accuracy of 0.05 % for the mass and 0.1 % for the volume of flowing liquids, we occupy a leading position worldwide. The German Accreditation Body (DAkkS) has accredited the laboratory with engineers, processes and measuring equipment in accordance with the international standard DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025:2018.

The KEM calibration certificate not only verifies the accuracy of a flow meter, but also guarantees its traceability to national standards as well as ensuring all requirements according to international quality standards are met.

The calibrations are performed with different hydrocarbons. This ensures the optimum simulation of changing operating conditions in density and viscosity even when temperatures change. This way the primary viscosity for the use of the flow meter can be specifically taken into account when viscosity fluctuations occur in a customised application.

The calibration result is the specified calibration factor (K-factor) in pulses per litre. This K-factor accordingly applies only at a certain flow velocity or a certain flow rate.

The calibration factor varies only very slightly at different volume flow rates. The individual measuring points provide the calibration curve of the flow meter from which the average K-factor is determined. The average calibration factor applies to the entire measuring range.

The linearity error specification (percentage deviation) refers to the average K-factor. To further increase the measurement accuracy in onsite use, the specific K-factors can be used to calculate the flow rate. For this, KEM also supplies optional special electronics.

Calculation of volume flow

The flow is directly dependent on the measured frequency and the associated calibration factor:

$$Q = \frac{f * 60}{K} \text{ l/min}$$

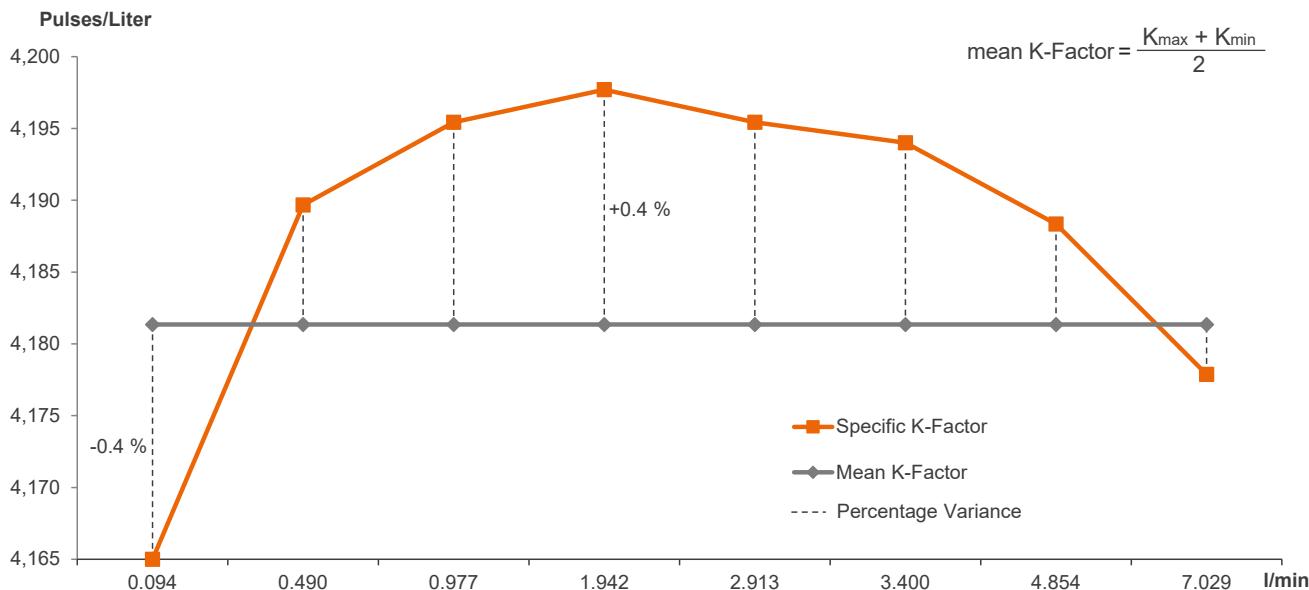
Q = Volume Flow

f = Measuring frequency

K = Specific K-Factor

Calibration protocol

Example: ZHM 02 KL (0.1 to 7 l/min)



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