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Positive Displacement Meters

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   Mechanical Output
   Available in 2". The Cyclone Meter is a 2", single case, positive displacement meter designed for the high speed measurement of petroleum products. Its simple design utilizes the rotating crescent principle of operation which allows for high accuracy performance that exceeds requirements found in aircraft refueling, bulk plants, tank truck, and general petroleum applications.

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- BV02 Check Valve
- BV03 Bare Valve
- BV10 & BV11 On/Off
- BV50 Pressure Reducing
- BV60 Back Pressure
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- Bitumen
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- Refractory cement
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- Aviation refueling
- Aviation Turbine Kerosene
- High Octane Aviation Gasoline
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Crude Oil & NGL Production

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Because refined products are being moved around, and high accuracy is needed for Inventory Balance, the Bulk Storage meter plus is especially recommended for this application.

Ship Bunkering

Although Diesel is in widespread use for Marine applications, much of the world’s high tonnage bulk cargo fleet is still powered by various grades of fuel. Diesel Bunker PD meters provide an excellent solution for ship bunkering—whether from shore line or barge.

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Brodie manufactures a range of Aviation refueling meters, which are fabricated from non-ferrous metals (primarily aluminium) to ensure that there is no chance of any corrosion taking place inside the meter. Metals can be supplied either with standard flanges or Victaulic couplings. Mechanical or electronic readouts can be provided, electronic now being favoured, although mechanical pointers are still in use on a global basis.

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Liquid Sulphur Metering

High quality crude oil and natural gas normally needs to be treated (sweetened) prior to shipping, and certainly before loading. This results in large quantities of Sulphur being pro- duced as a byproduct of the process. Sulphur is a valuable product on the world market, being used in the vulcanisation of rubber, the production of sulfuric acid, etc. The Bilrotor meter is the ideal solution for metering of liquid sulphur, at elevated temperatures, at the point of onward shipment.
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