

COMPUTERIZED KAPLAN TURBINE BENCH

Mod. TUR-K/EV

INTRODUCTION

The bench TUR-K/EV is a computerized table-top unit for the study of the technical characteristics of the Kaplan hydraulic turbine. The unit is real and totally operational: in fact, it allows to modify the operation conditions and to compare the practical data with the theory. A real-time data acquisition and analysis system is included that also features an automatic data acquisition for further in-depth study of the topic.

TRAINING PROGRAM

The unit allows to vary the rotational speed to determine:

- Hydraulic power curve vs. rpm and shutter opening
- Electrical generator power vs. rpm and shutter opening
- Efficiency as a function of the rpm and shutter opening
- Axial torque characteristic

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Hydraulic section: a centrifugal pump elevates the flow to turbine, simulating the waterfall. The pump motor speed is frequency-controlled by an inverter. By measuring the water flow and pressure, it is possible to calculate the hydraulic power (Ph) supplied to the turbine.

Mechanical section: the turbine is coupled to a permanent magnets DC generator simulating a variable brake. The electrical power is dissipated in a resistive load. By measuring the generator electrical parameters (V, I, rpm) it is possible to calculate and plot the electrical power (Pe). The efficiency (%) is then calculated with Ph and Pe.

Electro-Hydraulic section:

- Centrifugal pump: 0,75 kW; 2900 giri/min; $Q = 110 \div 250$ l/min; $\Delta H = 18 \div 14$ m
- Stainless steel tank, approx. 60 litres
- Flow transducer 25-250 l/min - 4...20 mA output
- Pressure transducer 0-4 bar - 4...20 mA output
- Pressure gauge with dial 0 ÷ 4 bar
- Guidable blades distributor
- Stainless steel Kaplan turbine
- Permanent magnets DC generator, performing as variable electrical brake. Nominal parameters: 48 V, 210 W at 3000 rpm
- Digital rpm transducer



Control section with signal conditioning and A/D conversion:

- Centrifugal pump supervision: programmable inverter for rpm control
- Electronic board with display to check: pump flow rate and pressure; DC generator electrical parameters: V, I, rpm; Ph, Pe and efficiency (the DC generator losses are provided by the manufacturer)
- Signals conditioning unit with 12 bit A/D conversion. The board is connected to a PC via USB port.
- Data acquisition and analysis software running under Windows: it automatically acquires data in real-time from the system transducers that are also used for fault simulation. The software can also display, save and print the unit performance diagrams.
- Resistive load for the DC generator

Power supply: 230 Vac 50 Hz single-phase - 1,3 kVA
(Other voltage and frequency on request)

Dimensions: 1400 x 700 x 1000 (h) mm (main unit)
600 x 400 x 400 (h) mm (control unit)

Tot weight: about 115 kg

REQUIRED

PERSONAL COMPUTER
- NOT INCLUDED -



UTILITIES (PROVIDED BY THE CUSTOMER)

- Tap water: a sufficient quantity to fill the tank

SUPPLIED WITH

THEORETICAL - EXPERIMENTAL HANDBOOK

