

# Industrial-process control valves —

## Part 1: Control valve terminology and general considerations

The European Standard EN 60534-1:2005 has the status of a  
British Standard

ICS 23.060.40; 25.040.40

## National foreword

This British Standard is the official English language version of EN 60534-1:2005. It is identical with IEC 60534-1:2005. It supersedes BS EN 60534-1:1993, which is withdrawn.

The UK participation in its preparation was entrusted by Technical Committee GEL/65, Measurement and control, to Subcommittee GEL/65/2, Elements of systems, which has the responsibility to:

- aid enquirers to understand the text;
- present to the responsible international/European committee any enquiries on the interpretation, or proposals for change, and keep the UK interests informed;
- monitor related international and European developments and promulgate them in the UK.

A list of organizations represented on this subcommittee can be obtained on request to its secretary.

### Cross-references

The British Standards which implement international or European publications referred to in this document may be found in the *BSI Catalogue* under the section entitled “International Standards Correspondence Index”, or by using the “Search” facility of the *BSI Electronic Catalogue* or of British Standards Online.

This publication does not purport to include all the necessary provisions of a contract. Users are responsible for its correct application.

**Compliance with a British Standard does not of itself confer immunity from legal obligations.**

This British Standard was published under the authority of the Standards Policy and Strategy Committee on 31 March 2005

### Summary of pages

This document comprises a front cover, an inside front cover, the EN title page, pages 2 to 13 and a back cover.

The BSI copyright notice displayed in this document indicates when the document was last issued.

### Amendments issued since publication

Amd. No.	Date	Comments
15662 Corrigendum No. 1	19 April 2005	Correction to supersession details

© BSI 19 April 2005

ISBN 0 580 45696 X

EUROPEAN STANDARD

**EN 60534-1**

NORME EUROPÉENNE

EUROPÄISCHE NORM

February 2005

ICS 23.060.40; 25.040.40

Supersedes EN 60534-1:1993

English version

**Industrial-process control valves**  
**Part 1: Control valve terminology and general considerations**  
(IEC 60534-1:2005)

Vannes de régulation des processus  
industriels  
Partie 1: Terminologie des vannes  
de régulation et considérations générales  
(CEI 60534-1:2005)

Stellventile für die Prozessregelung  
Teil 1: Begriffe und allgemeine  
Betrachtungen  
(IEC 60534-1:2005)

This European Standard was approved by CENELEC on 2005-02-01. CENELEC members are bound to comply with the CEN/CENELEC Internal Regulations which stipulate the conditions for giving this European Standard the status of a national standard without any alteration.

Up-to-date lists and bibliographical references concerning such national standards may be obtained on application to the Central Secretariat or to any CENELEC member.

This European Standard exists in three official versions (English, French, German). A version in any other language made by translation under the responsibility of a CENELEC member into its own language and notified to the Central Secretariat has the same status as the official versions.

CENELEC members are the national electrotechnical committees of Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom.

**CENELEC**

European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization  
Comité Européen de Normalisation Electrotechnique  
Europäisches Komitee für Elektrotechnische Normung

**Central Secretariat: rue de Stassart 35, B - 1050 Brussels**

## Foreword

The text of document 65B/543/FDIS, future edition 3 of IEC 60534-1, prepared by SC 65B, Devices, of IEC TC 65, Industrial-process measurement and control, was submitted to the IEC-CENELEC parallel vote and was approved by CENELEC as EN 60534-1 on 2005-02-01.

This European Standard supersedes EN 60534-1:1993.

The main changes with respect to EN 60534-1:1993 are an update of the definitions given in EN 60534-1 in order to harmonize them with current terminology.

The following dates were fixed:

- latest date by which the EN has to be implemented  
at national level by publication of an identical  
national standard or by endorsement (dop) 2005-11-01
- latest date by which the national standards conflicting  
with the EN have to be withdrawn (dow) 2008-02-01

Annex ZA has been added by CENELEC.

---

## Endorsement notice

The text of the International Standard IEC 60534-1:2005 was approved by CENELEC as a European Standard without any modification.

In the official version, for Bibliography, the following note has to be added for the standard indicated:

ISO 6708      NOTE      Harmonized as EN ISO 6708:1995 (not modified).

---

## CONTENTS

1	Scope .....	4
2	Normative references .....	4
3	Component terminology .....	4
4	Functional terminology.....	7
5	Testing requirements .....	11
5.1	Production testing.....	11
5.2	Type testing .....	11
6	Prediction methods.....	11
6.1	Valve sizing.....	11
6.2	Noise levels.....	11
	Bibliography .....	13
	Annex ZA (normative) Normative references to international publications with their corresponding European publications .....	12

## INDUSTRIAL-PROCESS CONTROL VALVES –

### Part 1: Control valve terminology and general considerations

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60534 applies to all types of industrial-process control valves (hereinafter referred to as control valves). This part establishes a partial basic terminology list and provides guidance on the use of all other parts of IEC 60534.

#### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60534 (all parts), *Industrial-process control valves*

#### 3 Component terminology

##### 3.1

##### **control valve**

power-operated device which changes the fluid flow rate in a process control system. It consists of a valve connected to an actuator that is capable of changing the position of a closure member in the valve in response to a signal from the controlling system

##### 3.1.1

##### **control valve with a linear motion closure member**

##### 3.1.1.1

##### **diaphragm valve**

valve in which a flexible closure member isolates the line fluid from the actuating mechanism and provides a seal to the atmosphere

##### 3.1.1.2

##### **gate valve**

valve whose closure member is a flat gate that moves in a direction parallel to the plane of the seat

##### 3.1.1.3

##### **globe (angle) valve**

valve in which the closure member moves in a direction perpendicular to the plane of the seat(s)

**3.1.2**  
**control valve with a rotary motion closure member**

**3.1.2.1**  
**ball valve**

valve with a closure member that is a sphere with an internal passage. The centre of the spherical surface is coincident with the axis of the shaft.

**3.1.2.2**  
**segmented ball valve**

valve with a closure member that is a segment of a sphere. The centre of the spherical surface is coincident with the axis of the shaft

**3.1.2.3**  
**butterfly valve**

valve with a circular body and a rotary motion disk closure member, pivotally supported by its shaft. The shaft and/or closure member may be centred or offset

**3.1.2.4**  
**plug valve**

valve with a closure member that is cylindrical or conical, with an internal passage

**3.1.2.5**  
**eccentric plug valve**

valve with an eccentric closure member that may be in the shape of a spherical or conical segment

**3.2**  
**valve**

assembly forming a pressure retaining envelope containing a closure member for changing the flow rate of the process fluid

**3.2.1**  
**valve body**

part of the valve which is the main pressure retaining boundary. It provides the fluid-flow passageways and the pipe-connecting ends

**3.2.2**  
**bonnet**

portion of the valve which closes an opening in the body and through which passes the stem connecting the closure member to the actuator

**3.2.3**  
**end connection**

valve body configuration provided to make a pressure tight joint to the pipe carrying the fluid to be controlled

**3.2.3.1**  
**flanged ends**

end connections incorporating flanges which allow pressure seals by mating with corresponding flanges on the piping

**3.2.3.2**  
**flangeless ends**

end connections where no flanges are incorporated on the valve body. Valve body ends incorporate facings which mate with corresponding facings on flanges attached to the connecting piping. Installation is accomplished by clamping the valve between the pipe flanges

**3.2.3.3**

**threaded ends**

end connections incorporating threads, either male or female

**3.2.3.4**

**welded ends**

end connections where valve body ends have been prepared for welding to the line pipe or other fittings. Such connections may be of the butt-weld or socket-weld types

**3.2.4**

**valve trim**

functional components of the valve, excluding the body, bonnet and blind head (if present), which are in contact with the fluid

**3.2.4.1**

**valve seats**

corresponding sealing surfaces within a control valve which make full contact when the control valve is in the closed position

**3.2.4.2**

**seat ring**

part assembled in the valve body to provide a removable valve seat

**3.2.4.3**

**closure member**

movable part of the valve which is positioned in the flow path to restrict the flow through the valve. A closure member may be a plug, ball, disk, vane, gate, diaphragm, etc.

**3.2.4.4**

**valve stem (or shaft)**

component extending through the bonnet which connects the actuator to, and positions, the closure member. For rotary valves, the word shaft should be used in place of stem

**3.3**

**actuator**

device or mechanism which transforms a signal into a corresponding movement controlling the position of the internal regulating mechanism (closure member) of the control valve. The signal or energizing force may be pneumatic, electric, hydraulic, or any combination thereof

**3.3.1**

**actuator power unit**

that part of the actuator which converts fluid, electrical, thermal or mechanical energy into actuator stem motion to develop thrust or torque

**3.3.2**

**yoke**

structure which rigidly connects the actuator power unit to the valve. It can be an integral part of the bonnet or actuator

**3.3.3**

**actuator stem**

component which transmits motion from the actuator power unit to the valve stem (or shaft)



### 3.4

#### **fitting**

any device such as a reducer, expander, elbow, T-piece, or bend which is either close-coupled or attached direct to an end connection of a control valve

## 4 Functional terminology

### 4.1

#### **nominal size**

##### **DN**

alphanumeric designation of size for components of a pipework system, which is used for reference purposes. It comprises the letters DN followed by a dimensionless whole number which is related direct to physical size, in millimetres, of the bore or outside diameter of the end connections

NOTE 1 It is designated by the letters DN followed by a number from the following series: 10; 15; 20; 25; 32; 40; 50; 65; 80; 100; 125; 150; 200; 250; 300; 350; 400; etc.

NOTE 2 The number following the letters DN does not represent a measurable value and should not be used for calculation purposes except where specified in the relevant standard.

NOTE 3 The definition of nominal size is in accordance with ISO 6708.

### 4.2

#### **nominal pressure**

##### **PN**

numerical designation which is a convenient rounded number for reference purposes. All equipment of the same nominal size (DN) designated by the same PN number shall have compatible mating dimensions

NOTE 1 The maximum allowable pressure depends upon materials, design and working temperatures and should be selected from the pressure/temperature rating tables in the appropriate standards.

NOTE 2 It is designated by the letters PN followed by the appropriate reference number from the following series: 2,5; 6; 10; 16; 20; 25; 40; 50; etc. (see ISO 7268 and EN 61333).

NOTE 3 The definition of nominal pressure is in accordance with ISO 7268.

### 4.3

#### **NPS**

numeric designation of size for components of a pipework system, which is used for reference purposes. It comprises the letters NPS followed by a dimensionless number. NPS is related to nominal size DN as follows:

DN	10	15	20	25	32	40	50	65	80	100
NPS	3/8	1/2	3/4	1	1 1/4	1 1/2	2	2 1/2	3	4

NOTE For NPS greater than 4, the equivalence is DN = 25 times NPS.

### 4.4

#### **class**

convenient round number used to designate pressure-temperature ratings

NOTE It is designated by the word Class followed by the appropriate reference number from the following series: 125; 150; 250; 300; 600; 900; 1 500; 2 500.

### 4.5

#### **closure member position**

##### 4.5.1

##### **closed position**

position of the closure member when a continuous surface or line of contact is established with the valve seat. For non-seating valves, the closed position is obtained when the flow passageway is minimum

**4.5.2****travel**

displacement of the closure member from the closed position

**4.5.3****rated travel**

displacement of the closure member from the closed position to the designated full open position

**4.5.4****relative travel**

$h$

ratio of the travel at a given opening to the rated travel

**4.5.5****overtravel**

displacement of the actuator stem, or shaft, beyond the closed position. For some valve designs, overtravel may occur as the closure member moves to a mechanical stop position after full exposure of the flow restricting orifice(s)

**4.6****flow coefficient**

basic coefficient used to state the flow capacity of a control valve under specified conditions. Flow coefficients in current use are  $K_v$  and  $C_v$  depending upon the system of units

NOTE 1 It will be noted that the dimensions and units on each of the following defined flow coefficients are different. However, it is possible to relate these flow coefficients numerically. This relationship is as follows:

$$\frac{K_v}{C_v} = 0,865 \quad (1)$$

NOTE 2 The flow coefficient definitions for  $K_v$  and  $C_v$  include some units, nomenclature, and temperature values which are not consistent with other parts of IEC 60534. These inconsistencies are limited to this subclause and are only used to show the unique relationships traditionally used in the control valve industry. These inconsistencies do not affect the other parts of IEC 60534.

**4.6.1****flow coefficient**

$K_v$

flow coefficient  $K_v$  in cubic metres per hour is a special volumetric flow rate in cubic metres per hour (capacity) through a valve at a specified travel and in the following conditions:

- the static pressure loss ( $\Delta p_{k_v}$ ) across the valve is  $10^5$  Pa (1 bar),
- the fluid is water within a temperature range of 278 K to 313 K (5 °C to 40 °C),
- the unit of the volumetric flow rate is the cubic metre per hour.

The value of  $K_v$  can be obtained from test results with the help of the following equation:

$$K_v = Q \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta p_{k_v}}{\Delta p}\right) \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_w}\right)} \quad (2)$$

where

$Q$  is the measured volumetric flow rate in  $m^3/h$ ;

$\Delta p_{k_v}$  is the static pressure loss of  $10^5$  Pa (see above);

$\Delta p$  is the measured static pressure loss across the valve in Pa;

$\rho$  is the density of the fluid in kg/m<sup>3</sup>;

$\rho_w$  is the density of water (see above) in kg/m<sup>3</sup> (1 000 kg/m<sup>3</sup>).

Equation (2) is valid when the flow is turbulent, no cavitation or flashing occurs, and the DN (NPS) of the valve is equal to the DN (NPS) of the pipe

#### **4.6.2 flow coefficient**

$C_v$

the flow coefficient  $C_v$  is a non-SI control valve coefficient which is in widespread use worldwide. Numerically,  $C_v$  is represented as the number of US gallons of water, within a temperature range of 40 °F to 100 °F, that will flow through a valve in 1 min when a pressure drop of 1 psi exists. For conditions other than these,  $C_v$  can be obtained using the following equation:

$$C_v = Q \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta p_{Cv}}{\Delta p}\right) \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_w}\right)} \quad (3)$$

where

$Q$  is the measured volumetric flow rate in US gallons per minute (1 US gallon per minute = 6,309 × 10<sup>-5</sup> m<sup>3</sup>/s);

$\rho$  is the density of the flowing fluid in pounds per cubic foot (1 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> = 16,018 kg/m<sup>3</sup>);

$\rho_w$  is the density of water within a temperature range of 40 °F to 100 °F (4 °C to 38 °C) in pounds per cubic foot;

$\Delta p$  is the measured static pressure loss across the valve in psi (1 psi = 6894,8 Pa);

$\Delta p_{Cv} = 1$  psi.

Equation (3) is valid when the flow is turbulent and no cavitation or flashing occurs

#### **4.6.3 rated flow coefficient**

value of the flow coefficient at the rated travel

#### **4.6.4 relative flow coefficient**

$\phi$

ratio of the flow coefficient at a relative travel to the rated flow coefficient

#### **4.7 rated valve capacity**

rate of flow of a fluid (compressible or incompressible) that will pass through a valve at the rated travel under stated conditions

#### **4.8 seat leakage**

rate of flow of a fluid (compressible or incompressible) passing through an assembled valve in the closed position under specified test conditions (specifications for seat leakage classifications are contained in IEC 60534-4)

**4.9****inherent flow characteristic**

relationship between the relative flow coefficient,  $\Phi$ , and the corresponding relative travel,  $h$ , independent of the means of actuation (see IEC 60534-2-4)

**4.9.1****ideal inherent linear flow characteristic**

characteristic in which equal increments of relative travel,  $h$ , yield equal increments of relative flow coefficient,  $\Phi$

Mathematically

$$\Phi = \Phi_0 + mh \quad (4)$$

where

$\Phi_0$  is the relative flow coefficient corresponding to  $h = 0$ ,

$m$  is the slope of the straight line.

**4.9.2****ideal inherent equal percentage flow characteristic**

characteristic which equal increments of relative travel,  $h$ , yield equal percentage increments of the relative flow coefficient,  $\Phi$ .

Mathematically

$$\Phi = \Phi_0 e^{nh} \quad (5)$$

where

$\Phi_0$  is the relative flow coefficient corresponding to  $h = 0$ ;

$n$  is the slope of the inherent equal percentage flow characteristic when  $\log_e \Phi$  is plotted against  $h$ . Thus when  $\Phi = 1$ ,  $h = 1$  and  $n = \log_e (1/\Phi_0)$ .

**4.10****installed flow characteristic**

relationship between the flow rate and the closure member travel as it is moved from the closed position to rated travel as the pressure drop across the valve is influenced by the varying process conditions

**4.11****inherent rangeability**

ratio of the largest flow coefficient to the smallest flow coefficient within specified deviations (see IEC 60534-2-4)

**4.12****installed rangeability**

ratio between maximum and minimum flow passing through a control valve under actual operating conditions and where the slope of the installed flow characteristic stays within limits specified by the user

**4.13****choked flow**

limiting, or maximum, flow condition which either incompressible or compressible fluids can reach in passing through control valves. With either type of fluid and with fixed inlet (upstream) conditions, choked flow is evidenced by the failure of increasing pressure differentials to produce further increases in the flow rate

**4.14****critical differential pressure ratio**

maximum ratio of differential pressure to inlet absolute pressure that is effective in all valve sizing equations for compressible fluids. Choked flow as defined in 4.13 occurs when this maximum ratio has been reached

**5 Testing requirements****5.1 Production testing**

Minimum requirements for production test routines are given in IEC 60534-4 which also delineates a basis for inspecting control valves at a manufacturer's premises. Additional requirements shall be subject to normal negotiation depending upon the severity of the hazards expected, the service duty involved, and the design of the control valve to be used.

**5.2 Type testing****5.2.1 Flow-capacity testing**

For the purpose of evaluating control valve capacity, testing shall follow the procedures given in IEC 60534-2-3. These tests provide the information necessary for the determination of flow coefficients and related factors for both compressible and incompressible fluids which, in turn, permit prediction of gas, vapour or liquid flow rates under installed conditions.

**5.2.2 Laboratory noise testing**

Laboratory testing for the purpose of determining sound pressure levels shall follow the procedures given in IEC 60534-8-1 for gases and IEC 60534-8-2 for liquids.

**6 Prediction methods****6.1 Valve sizing**

The determination of a control valve size, required for a given flow rate under specified pressure and temperature conditions, shall be carried out in accordance with IEC 60534-2-1. The prediction of the flow rate achievable for a specific size and style of control valve under specified pressure and temperature conditions shall be carried out by the corresponding procedures in this standard.

**6.2 Noise levels**

The sound pressure level to be expected at a point adjacent to an individual control valve when operating under specified conditions of pressure and temperature shall be determined using the procedure given in IEC 60534-8-3 for compressible fluids and IEC 60534-8-4 for incompressible fluids.

**Annex ZA**  
(normative)**Normative references to international publications  
with their corresponding European publications**

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

NOTE Where an international publication has been modified by common modifications, indicated by (mod), the relevant EN/HD applies.

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
IEC 60534	Series	Industrial-process control valves	EN 60534	Series

## **Bibliography**

ISO 6708:1995, *Pipework components – Definition and selection of DN (nominal size)*.

ISO 7268:1983, *Pipe components – Definition of nominal pressure  
Amendment 1 (1984)*

EN 61333:1998, *Marking on U and E ferrite cores*

---

---

---

## BSI — British Standards Institution

BSI is the independent national body responsible for preparing British Standards. It presents the UK view on standards in Europe and at the international level. It is incorporated by Royal Charter.

### Revisions

British Standards are updated by amendment or revision. Users of British Standards should make sure that they possess the latest amendments or editions.

It is the constant aim of BSI to improve the quality of our products and services. We would be grateful if anyone finding an inaccuracy or ambiguity while using this British Standard would inform the Secretary of the technical committee responsible, the identity of which can be found on the inside front cover.  
Tel: +44 (0)20 8996 9000. Fax: +44 (0)20 8996 7400.

BSI offers members an individual updating service called PLUS which ensures that subscribers automatically receive the latest editions of standards.

### Buying standards

Orders for all BSI, international and foreign standards publications should be addressed to Customer Services. Tel: +44 (0)20 8996 9001.  
Fax: +44 (0)20 8996 7001. Email: [orders@bsi-global.com](mailto:orders@bsi-global.com). Standards are also available from the BSI website at <http://www.bsi-global.com>.

In response to orders for international standards, it is BSI policy to supply the BSI implementation of those that have been published as British Standards, unless otherwise requested.

### Information on standards

BSI provides a wide range of information on national, European and international standards through its Library and its Technical Help to Exporters Service. Various BSI electronic information services are also available which give details on all its products and services. Contact the Information Centre.  
Tel: +44 (0)20 8996 7111. Fax: +44 (0)20 8996 7048. Email: [info@bsi-global.com](mailto:info@bsi-global.com).

Subscribing members of BSI are kept up to date with standards developments and receive substantial discounts on the purchase price of standards. For details of these and other benefits contact Membership Administration.  
Tel: +44 (0)20 8996 7002. Fax: +44 (0)20 8996 7001.  
Email: [membership@bsi-global.com](mailto:membership@bsi-global.com).

Information regarding online access to British Standards via British Standards Online can be found at <http://www.bsi-global.com/bsonline>.

Further information about BSI is available on the BSI website at <http://www.bsi-global.com>.

### Copyright

Copyright subsists in all BSI publications. BSI also holds the copyright, in the UK, of the publications of the international standardization bodies. Except as permitted under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 no extract may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system or transmitted in any form or by any means – electronic, photocopying, recording or otherwise – without prior written permission from BSI.

This does not preclude the free use, in the course of implementing the standard, of necessary details such as symbols, and size, type or grade designations. If these details are to be used for any other purpose than implementation then the prior written permission of BSI must be obtained.

Details and advice can be obtained from the Copyright & Licensing Manager.  
Tel: +44 (0)20 8996 7070. Fax: +44 (0)20 8996 7553.  
Email: [copyright@bsi-global.com](mailto:copyright@bsi-global.com).