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OF EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY FOR SMALL
HYDROPOWER STATIONS (SHP)

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Preface

This technical summary is presented as one of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) publications in the Small Hydropower Series. It provides information about the main purpose of the Manual on Typical Design and Fabrication of Equipment and Machineries for Small Hydropower Stations prepared by the Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE) in co-operation with UNIDO. The Manual presents a guide on turbine design for small hydropower as well as provides standardized specifications that take into consideration the industrial set-up and characteristics of potential markets in developing countries. Its contents respond to the need to provide and propagate the technological base required to produce and utilize SHP equipment for various types of turbines and speed regulators.

The Manual comprises six volumes. The first three deal with the design, standardization and manufacture of turbines for medium- and low-head applications, as follows:

- **Volume I** • Michell-Banki turbines
- **Volume II** • Pelton turbines
- **Volume III** • Axial-flow (tubular) turbines

The last three volumes deal with design, standardization and construction of speed regulators of the main types:

- **Volume IV** • Oleomechanical speed regulators
- **Volume V** • Electric-electronic speed regulators with positive load control
- **Volume VI** • Electric-electronic speed regulators with load dissipation

The large amount of knowledge and specific experience gained in developing countries by OLADE has made it possible to develop a technology that is suitable for the fabrication of SHP plants and to promote independent development of energy resources and capacities in these countries. The activities of OLADE and its programmes in this context aim at facilitating SHP development in aspects related to resource assessment, development planning, design and engineering. OLADE also provides advice on designing institutional schemes,
training with respect to the operation and maintenance of SHP stations, and the transfer of experience when dealing with the acquisition of technologies and equipment and design and manufacturing in developing countries.

In order to create awareness of this important technology and facilitate the proper application of the Manual, it was decided to prepare a technical summary for distribution to the developing countries.

It is hoped that this technical summary will serve planners, project engineers, designers and manufacturers of SHP equipment and organizations dealing with design realization and operation of SHP and speed regulation equipment in developing countries to become familiar with the Manual's purpose and application areas and will generate the particular interest of potential users.

The technical summary is available in English, French and Spanish. Requests for additional copies of the technical summary and individual volumes or even the whole set of the comprehensive technical manual which is available in English and Spanish, should be addressed to:

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INTRODUCTION

In the respective introductions to the six volumes of the Manual, OLADE rightly draws attention to the importance of hydro energy development in Latin America, but it is obvious that conditions exist in some African and Asian countries that would be particularly favourable for increased SHP development. The required technology is well-known, experience has been gained in a number of existing plants, project engineering capacity is available and manufacturing and construction capabilities have been developed. However, application of the above know-how has not been made sufficiently well-known. The total cost of realized plants worldwide has been high and has sometimes been too expensive. To date, standardization has only just begun to be recognized as an essential factor to ensuring economic and technical success of SHP.

The six volumes deal with two of the important elements of SHP namely:

(a) Turbines: i.e. the Michell-Banki, Pelton and Axial-flow types;

(b) Turbine speed regulation.

For the sake of clarity and brevity, the following comments do not follow the chapter-by-chapter approach of the OLADE volumes but have been rearranged as follows for both turbines and speed regulation:

- General remarks
- Design
- Standardization
- Manufacturing
- Additional remarks
I. TURBINES

A. General remarks

The three volumes on turbines deal with three of the most likely types of turbines to be utilized in SHP stations, i.e. the Michell-Banki, Pelton and Axial-flow types. The Manual does not include the Francis type of turbine.

If standardization is to be successful, it is essential that agreement be reached that for a given range of head and flow only one type of standardized turbine be chosen; the number of so-called standardized SHPs indicated in the notes is at present high, thus giving the designer a wider variety to choose from.

B. Design

Because of the large amount of information given, the distinction made in the Manual between hydraulic, detailed and mechanical design may at first sight appear unclear. However, taken as a whole, the design chapters intend to give planners, designers and manufacturers an idea of some of the tools they will need in order to realize SHPs. Some information is lacking, for example workshop drawings, while other information, e.g. theoretical calculation considerations, is perhaps too detailed.

However, of particular interest (we shall return to this point further on) is the part in the notes dealing with practical examples, for which use is made of information, calculations and recommendations made in earlier chapters. This point is discussed later.

Tables 1 and 2 list the design information given as follows:
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<td><strong>Michell-Banki Turbines</strong></td>
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<td>Injector geometry</td>
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<td>Runner geometry</td>
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# TABLE 2

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<td><strong>Michell-Banki Turbines</strong></td>
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<td>Injector design and calculation</td>
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<tr>
<td>Injector shaft and guide vanes design</td>
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<td>Runner design and calculation</td>
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<td>Bearing design and calculation</td>
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It would not be practical to describe in more detail the contents of the chapters as indicated in tables 1 and 2. However, the data given are sufficient to allow the calculation of a numerical example for each type of turbine mentioned above. These examples refer to:

- a 200 kW Michell-Banki Turbine
- a 500 kW Pelton Turbine
- a 700 kW Axial-flow Turbine

A few typical drawings and diagrams referring to the above machines taken from the notes are presented as annex 1 as follows:

(a) Michell-Banki Turbine: Drawings 1/34, 2/34, 3/34, 4/34, 5/34, 6/34, and 10/34. Fig. 15-1 (diagram).

(b) Pelton Turbine: Drawings 2/18, 3/18, 4/18, 7/18, 10/18, and 13/18. Figs. 16 and 17 (diagrams).

(c) Axial-flow Turbine: Drawings TT 01 01 and TT 06 01, Fig. 24 (diagram) Table No. 11 (dimensions).

C. Standardization

Standardization is one, if not the only, crucial factor affecting the future success of SHPs. Without standardization the costs of SHPs become prohibitive in most cases. The part of the notes relating to standardization is concentrated on the manufacturing side of the issue. It is addressed mainly to manufacturers who are usually reluctant to fully participate in standardization efforts. Individually designed and manufacturing units are more to their liking.

On the one hand, it is evident that some of the manufacturing considerations in the notes will help local manufacturers to produce some parts - simple parts initially - as will be seen further in the section dealing with manufacturing (Section D, below).

On the other hand, it would appear to those who have dealt in more detail with standardization that it would be essential to make a
serious effort to reduce the number of "standard" units mentioned in the notes further.

Effectively, figure 15-1 (see annex I) taken from volume I indicates six "zones" for which six different runner diameters for the Michell-Banki turbines would be applicable. Runners of 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, and 70 cms diameter are proposed.

For the Pelton types, figs. 16 and 17 indicate eight different standardized sizes, whereby a further distinction is made between machines driving generators via belts or gears and direct drives for a speed of 600 rpm.

It is suggested that the drive via belts or gears should be selected as being the most adaptable.

Figure 24 indicates the number and range of application of standardized Tubular turbines within a power range of 100 to 500 kW. Eight different types are presented. Table 11, in which the basic dimensions of this type of turbine are given, is useful.

D. Manufacturing

The notes in volumes I, II, and III rightly point out the difficulties inherent to manufacturing if the necessary know-how and facilities are not available. They emphasize the necessity of reasonably well-equipped workshops being available. For instance, casting, welding and galvanizing, and surface treating facilities are not available everywhere.

Useful information on the three types of units is given, such as materials, standards, manufacturing equipment and procedures to be used etc. Comments are also made on packing, lubrication, and erecting.

The parts for which corrosion-resistant alloys are to be used are indicated.

Also covered is the question of laboratory and test facilities, whereby, for instance, the necessity of testing the quality of the available water is emphasized. A list of applicable standards is given.

Amusing, but also useful, are the remarks made under the heading:
"For a suitable installation, what not to do"!

E. Additional remarks

As pointed out in the foregoing, all of the OLADE turbine volumes include one practical example per turbine type. This is possibly their most important part, because the step-by-step approach ensures that effective help is given to determine the main dimensions of SHP turbine units. The above procedure should at least enable the project engineer of a SHP to check his own considerations. In addition, reference is made to useful manufacturing information. For example, the part relating to the calculation of runner blades for Axial-flow turbines (see Annex 2).

A collection of detailed drawings applicable to the above three types of turbine, some of which were already mentioned in section B is to be found at the end of the respective volume. For manufacturing purposes, these drawings will have to be suitably completed and adapted to the specific needs of the manufacturer. Samples of those "manufacturing" drawings included in annex 1 are:

(a) for the Michell-Banki turbines: Drawing 10/34

(b) for the Pelton turbines: Drawings 7/18 10/18 and 13/18

(c) for the Axial-flow turbines: Drawing TT 01/01

(very few "manufacturing" drawings are available for the Axial-flow type of machine).
II. TURBINE SPEED REGULATORS DESIGN

A. General remarks

Volumes IV, V and VI dealing with speed regulation represent a considerable effort in dealing with a subject that technically has great importance for operating SHPs. It is clear that in areas where experienced operation staff are scarce, it is all the more important that speed regulation is reliable. It should also be simple to operate and, if difficulties occur, remedies should be easy to apply. Under the above circumstances, the amount of information contained in the three volumes will nonetheless be helpful to those organizations dealing with the design, realization and operation of SHPs' speed regulation equipment.

In connection with the subject of regulation, the question may also be asked whether, for the relatively small cost of the regulation equipment as compared to the total cost of the plants, it would not be advisable - and more economical - in specific cases to purchase the item from one of several reliable manufactures of such equipment.

B. Design

The main types of speed regulation equipment commented upon in the three volumes are:

(a) Oleomechanical speed regulation (volume IV);

(b) Electric/electronic speed regulation with positive load control, (volume V);

(c) Electric/electronic speed regulation with load dissipation (volume VI).

Table 3 summarizes the information given in relation to the three types of regulating equipment
TABLE 3

<table>
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<th>Regulating Equipment</th>
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<tr>
<td>Oleomechanical regulator</td>
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<td>with positive load control</td>
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| • General notions                     |
| • Functional design                   |
| • Mechanical calculations and regulator design |
| • General description and types       |
| • Functional design                   |
| • Mechanical control parts            |
| • Electronic parts                    |
| • General description                 |
| • Functional design                   |

All three volumes go into detail regarding the function and main characteristics of the regulators and their calculation and design. Some components of the regulators are examined in detail. Mathematical models are also presented and described.

C. Standardization

Standardization of a small, but adequate, number of regulators for the three turbine types considered earlier will simplify design, construction, installation\(^1\) and operation; regulator standardization should, however, also take into account Francis turbines. Their specific application for a specific size and type of turbine and/or mode of operation is, however, somewhat unclear, probably on account of the wealth of details presented in the notes.

The three basic standardized components of the regulators are indicated as:

(a) The information processor, common to all standardized speed regulators;

(b) The electrical part, consisting of the power circuits or the electronic trigger circuits;

\(^1\)Note: It is believed that in most cases oleomechanical regulation should be given preference for SHPs.
(c) The pilot and hydraulic servo-motors, which are highly dependent upon the type and power produced by the turbine sets.

In the case of regulation with load dissipation, part C of volume VI deals mainly with considerations relating to load resistances.

As already mentioned in the introduction to this chapter (Section A, General remarks), speed regulation and its standardization could be simplified by the users to facilitate the selection, design and operation of SHPs, according to their particular needs. The aim should be to have no more than four to five "standardized" regulating items of equipment per turbine type, as detailed in volumes I, II and III. This standardization may, however, only apply partially to the mechanical equipment transmitting the regulation impulses to the turbine.

D. Manufacturing

All three volumes (IV, V and VI) foresee the local fabrication of components such as tachometers, pilot valves, servo-motors, pumps, springs, pistons, consoles etc., apart from the electrical and electronic components. Although such fabrication may be possible in a few selected countries, the view has already been expressed that the equipment should be purchased as a unit from specialized firms. However, it is clear that, if standardization of only a few types of regulating equipment were made possible, one should investigate which of the components could be manufactured locally, with perhaps only one or two countries supplying the rest. Also, there may be some simple mechanical parts such as levers, valves and casings that would be suitable for local manufacture. However, one should make sure that the manufacture of such parts is economical.
E. Additional remarks

For the first two types of regulators (volumes IV and V) an example as to how a speed regulator should be designed and calculated is to be found in the annexure of the corresponding volume.

In the respective appendices, detailed drawings will also be found, including simulation programs and computer calculations programs.
Annex 1

TECHNICAL DRAWINGS
FIGURES AND TABLES
NOTE: THE BEARING SUPPORT SHOWN HERE IS NOT THE SAME AS THE ONE ON DRAWING 1/34.
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PART No. 10 - LEFT HUB
MATERIAL: CAST STEEL OR STAINLESS STEEL

PART No. 10 - SPLIT WASHER TO FASTEN THE RUNNER TO THE MAIN SHAFT
MATERIAL: STAINLESS STEEL

PART No. 1d - VIEW OF THE RUNNER BLADE
MATERIAL: STAINLESS STEEL

PART No. 1d - RIGHT HUB
MATERIAL: CAST STEEL OR STAINLESS STEEL

CROSS SECTION "G" G

CROSS SECTION "H" H

RUNNER COMPONENTS

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FIGURE 15-1
STANDARDIZATION OF MICHELL BANKI TURBINES USING HYDRAULIC AND MECHANICAL CRITERIA
EXAMPLE OF PELTON TURBINE STANDARDIZATION FOR TRANSMISSION BY BELTS OR GEARS

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EXAMPLE OF PELTON TURBINE STANDARDIZATION FOR DIRECT COUPLING

Figure No. 17
SINGLE INJECTOR TURBINE

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AXIAL SECTION OF THE RUNNER

RUNNER CASING
CROSS-SECTION A-A

CROSS-SECTION OF THE RUNNER
CYLINDRICAL BLADE DEVELOPMENT

RUNNER AND RUNNER CASING
AXIAL-FLOW (TUBULAR) TURBINES

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TABLE No. 11
BASIC DIMENSIONS OF STANDARDIZED AXIAL FLOW TURBINES

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<th>1250</th>
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<td>Runner Length</td>
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<td>1050</td>
<td>1200</td>
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<td>Discharge Length</td>
<td>5000</td>
<td>6250</td>
<td>7000</td>
<td>8750</td>
<td>10000</td>
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<td>Discharge Depth</td>
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<td>3750</td>
<td>4500</td>
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<td>6000</td>
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<td>Shaft Length</td>
<td>3000</td>
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<td>13920</td>
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ANNEX 2

Selection of the Profile of the Runner Blades
(Drawing No. TT-00-01)

[Example (Volume III, page 59 No. 2.4, English version)]

According to Table No. 1, *) the number of blades should be comprised between 3 and 4. Four blades have been chosen because the turbine must work with a nominal head of 14 m. For cast blades, Nos. 622, 623, 624 and 625 profiles of the Gottingen series are convenient. For purposes herein, No. 624, of a medium thickness, will be chosen; its characteristics are as follows:

\[ y_{\text{max}} = 16\% \, L \]
\[ \varepsilon = 0.012 + 0.052 \left( \frac{y_{\text{max}}}{L} \right) \] (42)

Initial value of \( C_L = 2 \pi \sin (\alpha + \delta') \), where \( \delta' = \beta_c - \beta_o \).

For the middle section and the periphery, the profile has been made 60% thinner and the hub profile 80% thinner.

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<th>Dimensions of the Gottingen 624 Profile (%L.)</th>
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<td>( Y_b )</td>
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<td>( \bar{Y} )</td>
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The values for \( \bar{Y} \) represent the ordinates of the middle line of the profile. Joining the initial and end points of the middle line yields the profile chord which forms an angle \( \Theta \) with the axis of the abscissa. Likewise, by joining the middle point and the end point of the middle line, the angle \( \Theta' \) is formed between the shaft and the probable direction of the zero axis. Finally, \( \alpha' \) the angle formed between the tangent of the discharge and the shaft of the abscissa, may be calculated using the ordinate for the point located at 95% L.
Thus:

\[ \Theta = \beta_e - \beta_c = \arctan \left( \frac{4.00}{100} \right) = 2.29^\circ \]

\[ \Theta' = \beta_e - \beta_c = \arctan \left( \frac{7.03}{50} \right) = 8.00^\circ \]

\[ \alpha' = \beta_e - \beta_2 = \arctan \left( \frac{1}{5} \right) = 11.31^\circ \]

Once the angles \( \alpha \) and \( \delta' \) are known, it is possible to determine the value of output \( Z \) in each runner section. To do this, the following procedure should be adopted:

- Preliminary estimate of the value for \( C_L \).
- Evaluation of the coefficient \( \varepsilon \) by replacing \( \frac{y_{\text{max}}}{L} \).
- Evaluation of the factor \( K_\lambda \) on the basis of the values for \( \varepsilon \) and \( \beta_m \).
- Calculation of the product \( (\sigma \cdot K_L) \) on the basis of Formula No. 27.
- Evaluation of the factors of the product \( (\sigma \cdot K_L) \) given by Figure No. 11 for each value of \( \beta_0 \).
- Obtention of the final value for \( C_L \) with the value for \( (\sigma \cdot K_L) \) replaced in Formula 27.
- Calculation of the value for the \( C_1 \) coefficient with Formula 38.
- Verification of the value for \( \sigma \) with Formula 37.
- Verification of the value for \( \psi \) with Formula 40.
- Verification of runner efficiency with Formula 45.
- Verification of the hydraulic efficiency of the turbine with Formula 47 when \( \eta_d = 80\% \).
- Determination of the pitch \( t \) and the chord length \( L \).

Note *)

**TABLE No. 1**

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<th>CHARACTERISTIC VALUES FOR AXIAL-FLOW HYDRAULIC TURBINES</th>
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<td>Head ( (H) ), in m</td>
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<td>No. of Blades</td>
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<td>( \frac{D_g}{D_h} )</td>
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<td>( n_s ) (approx.)</td>
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