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Bilateral comparison to determine the effective area of the piston cylinder unit by cross-floating

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FINAL REPORT

Project no	EURAMET 1207		
Participant(s)	MIKES (FI), MCCAA (MT)		
Transfer standard	Gas piston cylinder unit - Manufacturer: - Model:	DHI	50 kPa/kg
Type of comparison	Determination of the effective area by cross-floating method		
Range of the comparison	Nominal area 196 mm ² with nominal operational range 0.025 MPa to 1.75 MPa		
Date of measurements	23. September 2009 12. - 15. February 2012	(MIKES)	(MCCAA)
Completion date of the comparison	21.3.2013		

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Participants

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Centre for Metrology and Accreditation (nowadays VTT MIKES)	MIKES	Tekniikantie 1 02151 Espoo, Finland
Malta Competition and Consumer's Affairs Authority	MCCAA	Kordin Business Incubation Centre, Corradino Industrial Estate, Kordin, PLA 3000, Malta

Nominal measurement points

In this comparison, laboratories determined the effective area of the piston cylinder unit using the cross-floating method. The nominal effective area is 196 mm². MIKES performed measurements at nominal pressures 0.025 MPa, 0.070 MPa, 0.100 MPa, 1.120 MPa and 1.150 MPa. MCCAA measurements were performed at nominal pressures 0.5 MPa, 0.75 MPa, 1.0 MPa, 1.25 MPa, 1.5 MPa and 1.75 MPa. Four measurements were performed at each nominal pressure both in ascending and descending pressures. Detailed results are given in the calibration certificates in Appendix A.

Note. MIKES measurements cover only the lowest part of the operating range of the transfer standard. However, the results are in good agreement with the results from a calibration at MIKES in August 2009 performed in the range from 0.5 MPa to 1.75 MPa.

Reference equipment used in the comparison

Laboratory	Equipment id.	Description
MIKES	PG7607 p/c 451	<p>Pressure balance DHI PG7607 no. 397:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Piston cylinder unit no. 451 - Mass set DHI no. 2229 - Mass carrier DHI no. 626 <p>Traceability to the international system of units (SI) is provided as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The piston cylinder effective area and the masses are traceable to Finnish national standards <p>Uncertainty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Effective area uncertainty is 34 ppm - Mass uncertainty is 3 ppm <p>Measurement uncertainties are estimated according to GUM using the coverage factor $k = 2$, which for a normal distribution corresponds to a probability of approximately 95 %.</p>
MCCAA	PG7202 p/c 1371	<p>Pressure balance DHI PG7202 no. 825:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Piston cylinder unit no. 1371 <p>Traceability to the international system of units (SI) is provided via calibration at</p>

		pressure balance manufacturer FLUKE (calibration certificate FLUKE DHI 1284544524).
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Transfer standard

Model	Serial number
Gas piston cylinder unit	620

Comparison scheme

	Laboratory	Date
1.	MIKES	23. September 2009
2.	MCCAA	12. - 15. February 2012

Both laboratories performed the measurements in the gauge mode using cross-floating method, where the equilibrium state of the two piston cylinder units are found with the help of the trim masses.

During the measurements at MIKES, the transfer standard PCU was mounted to a pressure balance basement DHI PG7601 no. 149 (owned by MIKES). During the measurements at MCCAA, the transfer standard PCU was mounted to a pressure balance basement DHI PG7601 no. 806 (owned by MCCAA).

Stability of the transfer standard

The stability of the transfer standard was estimated from MIKES calibration results. The transfer standard is owned by MIKES since 2006 and it is calibrated three times using cross-floating methods. The value used for uncertainty due to instability of the effective area is ± 4 ppm.

Method for analyzing the results

Comparison of the laboratories

The analysis was carried out in the following way:

Laboratories determined the effective areas of the piston cylinder units according to their own calculation procedures.

The difference between the laboratories (D_{lab}) was then determined as follows:

$$D_{lab} = A_{eff\ MCCAA} - A_{eff\ MIKES} \quad (1)$$

The uncertainty of the difference was taken as the combined uncertainty of the both laboratories and the estimated stability of the transfer standard:

$$u(D_{lab}) = \sqrt{u^2(A_{eff\ MCCAA}) + u^2(A_{eff\ MIKES}) + u_{stab}^2} \quad (2)$$

The standard uncertainty due to instability of the transfer standard (u_{stab}) during the comparison was taken into account as type B uncertainty component, rectangular distribution.

Significance of the observed differences

To analyse the significance of the differences calculated with equation (1), normalized error values (E_n) were calculated by dividing the difference with its expanded uncertainty ($k=2$)

$$E_{n,\text{lab}} = \frac{D_{\text{lab}}}{U(D_{\text{lab}})} = \frac{D_{\text{lab}}}{2u(D_{\text{lab}})} \quad (3)$$

If $-1 < E_n < 1$, the estimate for the difference is smaller than its expanded uncertainty. In this case, there is no statistically significant difference between the results obtained by the laboratories.

Results of the comparison

Final results obtained with the transfer standard are presented in Table 1 and Figure 1.

Table 1. Results obtained with the transfer standard. The uncertainty includes the estimated instability of the transfer standard.

Nominal effective area A_{eff} (mm ²)	MCCAA - MIKES D_{LabX} (ppm)	Normalized error E_n
196	-0,5	-0,01
	$41,7$	

1) Expanded uncertainty with the coverage factor of 2.

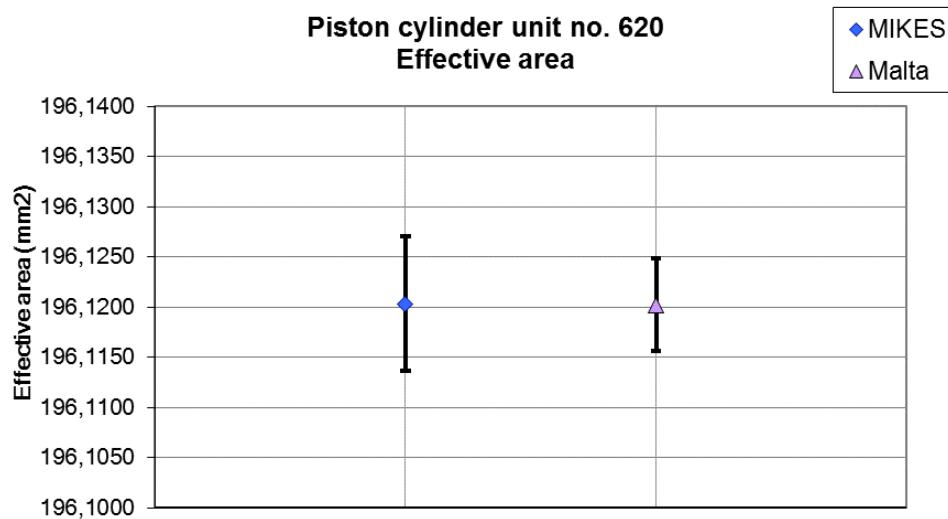


Figure 1. Results of the comparison. Error bars show the estimated expanded uncertainty ($k = 2$).

All the calculated E_n values are $-1 < E_n < 1$, which means there are no statistically significant differences between the results obtained by the laboratories.

Conclusions and discussion

All results agreed within the stated expanded uncertainties.

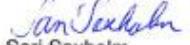
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APPENDIX A: Calibration results reported by the laboratories

KALIBROINTITODISTUS

KALIBRERINGSBEVIS

CERTIFICATE OF CALIBRATION

Nro nr • no.	M-09P115 <i>Calibration in the range from 0,025 MPa to 0,15 MPa</i>
Tilaaja Uppdragsgivare • Customer	Centre for Metrology and Accreditation (MIKES) P.O. Box 9 (Tekniikantie 1) FI-02151 Espoo
Kalibroitu laite Kalibrerat instrument • Calibrated instrument	Piston cylinder unit of a gas pressure balance
Valmistaja Tillverkare • Manufactured by	DH Instruments, Inc.
Typpi Typ • Model	0,05 MPa/kg, range from 0,025 MPa to 1,75 MPa
Sarjanumero Serienummer • Serial number	620
Kalibrointipäivä Kalibreringsdatum • Date of calibration	23.9.2009 (MR)
Päiväys Datum • Date	5.10.2009
Allekirjoitukset Underskrifter • Signatures	 Markku Rantanen Senior research scientist  Sari Saxholm Research scientist
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Kalibroidun laitteen kunto**Kondition av kalibrerat instrument • Condition of calibrated instrument**

The following information about the piston cylinder unit was available:

Manufacturer:	DH Instruments
Piston cylinder assembly:	s/n 620 (nominal pressure range 25kPa ... 1,75 MPa)
Thermal expansion coefficient for the effective area:	0,000009 1/°C (value given by the manufacturer)
Mass of the piston:	0,199998 kg, cal. 22.11.2007 MIKES, cert. M-07M070
Value used for the density of the piston:	6910 kg/m ³

The piston cylinder unit was mounted to a balance body DH Instruments PG7601 nro 149 of MIKES, and a weight carrier and a weight set of MIKES were used for the measurements.

Reference level:	Marked on the balance body
Weight set:	639411, masses cal. 12.5.2009 MIKES, tod. M-09M013
Weight carrier:	249, mass cal. 18.3.2008 MIKES, tod. M-08M018
Density of weights:	8000 kg/m ³
Density of carrier:	4970 kg/m ³

The calibrated piston cylinder assembly and the pressure balance body were in good working order.

Kalibrointimenetelmä**Kalibreringsmetod • Calibration method****Measurements**

The piston cylinder unit and the pressure balance were allowed to stabilise in the laboratory room for more than 16 hours before starting the measurements. The piston cylinder unit was cleaned and mounted to the balance body. The pressure balance was placed on a table close to the measurement standard. The levelling was checked with a libel. The reference level of the object pressure balance was 4,2 cm lower than that of the standard.

Measurements were made on five nominal pressures. The weight combinations are given in Appendices 3 and 4. At each of the nominal pressures the object and the standard were cross-floated and trimmed with adjustment weights until the equilibrium was reached.

Measurements were made both in increasing and decreasing direction of pressure. Both pistons were rotated clockwise by hand.

The temperature of both piston-cylinder units were measured using a Pt-100 element installed in the balance body.

Calculation of results

Pressure p_{obj} generated by the object piston-cylinder unit can be calculated using the formula

$$p_{obj} = \frac{m g (1 - p_o/p_m) + \Sigma M g (1 - p_o/p_m)}{S_{(20,0)} [1 + 2\alpha (t - 20^\circ\text{C})]}, \quad (1)$$

where

- m is the mass of the piston;
- ρ_m is the density of the piston;
- ΣM is the mass of the weights on the piston;
- g is the local gravity;
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- ρ_a is the density of the ambient air;
 ρ_M is the density of weights;
 $S_{(20,p)}$ is the effective area of the piston cylinder unit at 20°C at pressure p;
 2α is the thermal expansion coefficient of the piston cylinder unit; and
 t is the temperature of the piston cylinder unit.

When the object balance and the standard are interconnected

$$p_{obj} = p_{stand} - (\rho_f - \rho_a) g \Delta h,$$

where p_{obj} is the pressure at the reference level of the object and p_{std} is the pressure at the reference level of the standard.

Factor $(\rho_f - \rho_a)g\Delta h$ is the hydrostatic pressure due to the difference of the reference levels, where

- ρ_f is the density of the pressurised medium
 ρ_a is the density of surrounding air
 g is the local gravity
 Δh is the height difference of the reference levels (positive if the object is higher)

The effective area of the piston-cylinder unit $S_{(20,p)}$ at 20 °C can be calculated for each equilibrium pressure using the formula (1) if the masses of the weights, piston-cylinder temperature and the measurement conditions are known.

$$S_{(20,p)} = \frac{m g (1 - \rho_a / \rho_m) + \sum M_i g (1 - \rho_a / \rho_m)}{p_{obj} [1 + 2\alpha (t - 20^\circ C)]}.$$

As the uncertainty of the pressure generated by the standard increases as pressure decreases the results $S_{(20,p)}$ may be weighted with factors w_i :

$$w_i = U_{pmax} / U_{pi}$$

Generally, the result of the calibration of a piston cylinder unit is given as the effective area $S_{(20,0)}$ (at 20 °C and at $p = 0$) and the linear pressure distortion coefficient λ . Values $S_{(20,0)}$ and λ are determined by plotting the area values $S_{(20,p)}$ against pressure values and finding the best fitting straight line.

The results and the calculated effective area values are shown in Appendices 1 and 2.

The effective area at temperature t and pressure p is calculated as

$$S_{(t,p)} = S_{(20,0)} [1 + 2\alpha(t - 20^\circ C)] (1 + \lambda p).$$

Kalibroinnissa käytetyt mittanormaalit ja jäljitettävyyys Mätnormalerna som använts i kalibrering och spårbarhet • Measurement standards used in calibration and traceability

Pressure balance DHI PG7607 gas pressure balance s/n 397 equipped with

Piston cylinder unit nro 451 for the gauge or absolute pressure range 5 kPa to 190 kPa,
calibrated at MIKES 21.8.2009 (certificate M-09P098)
Weight set nro 2229, calibrated at MIKES 11.5.2009 (certificate M-09M014).
Weight carrier nro 626, calibrated at MIKES 18.3.2008 (certificate M-08M018)

The best measurement capability of the standard is 1 Pa + 0,0022 % of measured pressure ($k = 2$).

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Kalibrointiolirosuhteet Kalibreringsförhållanden • Calibration conditions

The measurements were made in the pressure laboratory of the Centre for Metrology and Accreditation (MIKES) 22.-23.8.2009 by Markku Rantanen and the pressure training team from the Malta Standards Authority.

Ambient temperature:	$20,5^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$
Atmospheric pressure:	22.9.2009: 1008 hPa ± 2 hPa 23.9.2009: 996 hPa ± 2 hPa
Relative humidity:	$47\% \pm 10\%$
Local gravity:	$9,81907 \text{ m/s}^2$
Pressure transfer medium:	Nitrogen

Kalibrointituloset ja mittausepävarmuus Kalibreringsresultat och mätsäkerhet • Calibration results and measurement uncertainty

The effective area corresponding to the temperature 20°C is

$$S_{(20,p)} = 196,1203 \text{ mm}^2 \pm 0,0067 \text{ mm}^2 \quad (k = 2)$$

The effective area can be taken as independent of pressure ($A = 0$, measurement in the gauge pressure range 0,025 MPa ... 0,15 MPa).

The uncertainty of the effective area was calculated according to the document EA-4/02 using coverage factor $k=2$. For a normal distribution this corresponds to a coverage probability of 95%.

The dominating sources of uncertainty are presented in the following table:

	Relative uncertainty in parts per million ppm (1 s) Uncertainty factor
Standard deviation of the results	11
Uncertainty of the standard	12
Uncertainty of the weights	3
Uncertainty of the PCU temperature ($\pm 0,2^{\circ}\text{C}$)	3
Uncertainty in levelling-	3
Combined uncertainty	---
Expanded uncertainty ($k = 2$)	17
	34 ppm

Huomautukset Anmärkningar • Remarks

The result and the uncertainty calculation refer to the condition of the instrument during calibration. No allowance for future changes is included in the figures.

The calibration covers only the lowest part of the operating range of the object instrument. However, the result is in a good agreement with the result from a calibration at MIKES in August 2009 in the range from 0,5 MPa to 1,75 MPa (certificate M-09P092, dated 10.8.2009).

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EFFECTIVE AREA IN A GAS PRESSURE BALANCE
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 APP 1

File: 90923A

OBJECT: Pressure balance DHI PG7601, nro 149

Piston/cylinder unit 620, 0,025 ... 1,75 MPa

Piston mass 0,199998 kg Density 6910 kg/m³Carrier mass 0,299996 kg Density 4970 kg/m³Weight set 639411 Density 8000 kg/m³

Cal. 12.5.2009, cert. M-09M013

Temperature coefficient for eff. area: 0,000009 1/C

Reference level compared to standard: -4,2 cm +/- 0,2 cm

STANDARD: Pressure balance DHI PG7607 nro 397

Piston/cylinder unit nro 451, KN = 0,005 MPa/kg (gas)

Cal. 21.8.2009, cert. M-09P098, MIKES

Floating cylinder mass 0,700085 kg Density 9703 kg/m³

Mass cal 22.11.2007, cert. M-07M070

Carrier 626

Carrier mass 0,299999 kg Density 5013 kg/m³ Cal. 18.3.2008, cert. M-08M018Weight set 2229 Density 8000 kg/m³ Cal. 11.5.2009, cert. M-09M014**CONDITIONS:** Location: MIKES pressure lab.

Date: 22.-23.9.2009 Operators: Malta team, MR

Temperature: 20,5 C +/- 1 C Rel.humidity: 45% +/- 10%

Atm.pressure: 22.9.2009 1008 hPa +/- 2 hPa Value used for air

23.9.2009 density: 1,192 kg/m³ 22.9.2009Gravity, g: 9,819073 m/s²Medium: Nitrogen 1,177 kg/m³ 23.9.2009**RESULTS: STANDARD:****OBJECT INSTRUMENT:**

Nominal pressure MPa	Trim Tempe- weights rature			Trim Tempe- weights rature			Pressure to object MPa	Calculated eff.area Result mm ² weight
	Masses kg	kg	C	Masses kg	kg	C		
0,025	5,000121	0,000000	22,4	0,499994	0,000120	21,7	0,025032	196,1316 0,50
0,025	5,000121	0,000000	22,4	0,499994	0,000095	21,8	0,025032	196,1219 0,50
0,025	5,000121	0,000000	22,5	0,499994	0,000100	21,9	0,025032	196,1238 0,50
0,025	5,000121	0,000000	22,5	0,499994	0,000095	21,9	0,025032	196,1218 0,50
0,070	14,000198	0,000000	22,3	1,400022	0,000145	21,7	0,070089	196,1200 0,88
0,070	14,000198	0,000000	22,5	1,400022	0,000145	21,8	0,070089	196,1201 0,88
0,070	14,000198	0,000000	22,5	1,400022	0,000145	21,8	0,070089	196,1200 0,88
0,070	14,000198	0,000000	22,5	1,400022	0,000145	21,9	0,070089	196,1200 0,88
0,100	20,000228	0,000000	22,3	2,000025	0,000185	21,6	0,100126	196,1190 0,95
0,100	20,000228	0,000000	22,5	2,000025	0,000185	21,8	0,100126	196,1191 0,95
0,100	20,000228	0,000000	22,5	2,000025	0,000190	21,8	0,100126	196,1195 0,95
0,100	20,000228	0,000000	22,5	2,000025	0,000190	21,9	0,100126	196,1194 0,95
0,120	24,000261	0,000000	22,3	2,400010	0,000260	22,1	0,120151	196,1204 0,98
0,120	24,000261	0,000000	22,5	2,400010	0,000235	21,8	0,120152	196,1191 0,98
0,120	24,000261	0,000000	22,4	2,400010	0,000240	21,9	0,120152	196,1194 0,98
0,120	24,000261	0,000000	22,6	2,400010	0,000240	21,9	0,120151	196,1194 0,98
0,150	30,000293	0,000000	22,3	3,000013	0,000310	22,0	0,150189	196,1203 1,00
0,150	30,000293	0,000000	22,5	3,000013	0,000300	21,8	0,150189	196,1202 1,00
0,150	30,000293	0,000000	22,6	3,000013	0,000295	21,9	0,150189	196,1199 1,00

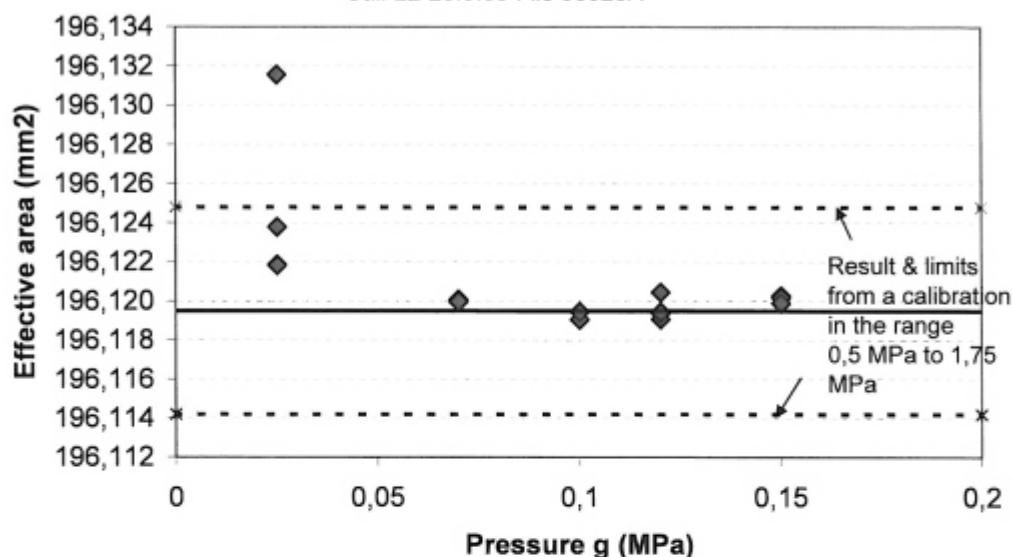
 Weighted average 196,1203 mm²
 Weighted std.deviation 0,0022 mm²
 Relative weighted std.deviation 11,0 ppm

Best fitting straight line	Effective area S(20,0) 196,1241 mm ²
	Pressure dependency -0,03615 mm ² /MPa
	Press.ditortion coeff. lambda -1,8E-04 1/MPa
	Relative std. deviation 12,0 ppm

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Appendix 2

DHI piston/cylinder unit nro 620

Cal. 22-23.9.09 File 90923A



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Piston/cylinder unit, carrier and weight set: **11116**

• 2229

Rotating cylinder:	451	Cal 21.8.2008, cert. M-050908,
$\lambda_{\text{K}} \text{ MPa} \text{kg}/\text{J}$ =	0.005	MassCalc 22.11.2007, cert. M-07MD070
Carrier	826	Cal 18.3.2008, cert. M-08MD016
Weight set 1:	2229	Cal 11.5.2008, cert. M-08MD14
Weight set 2:	-	-

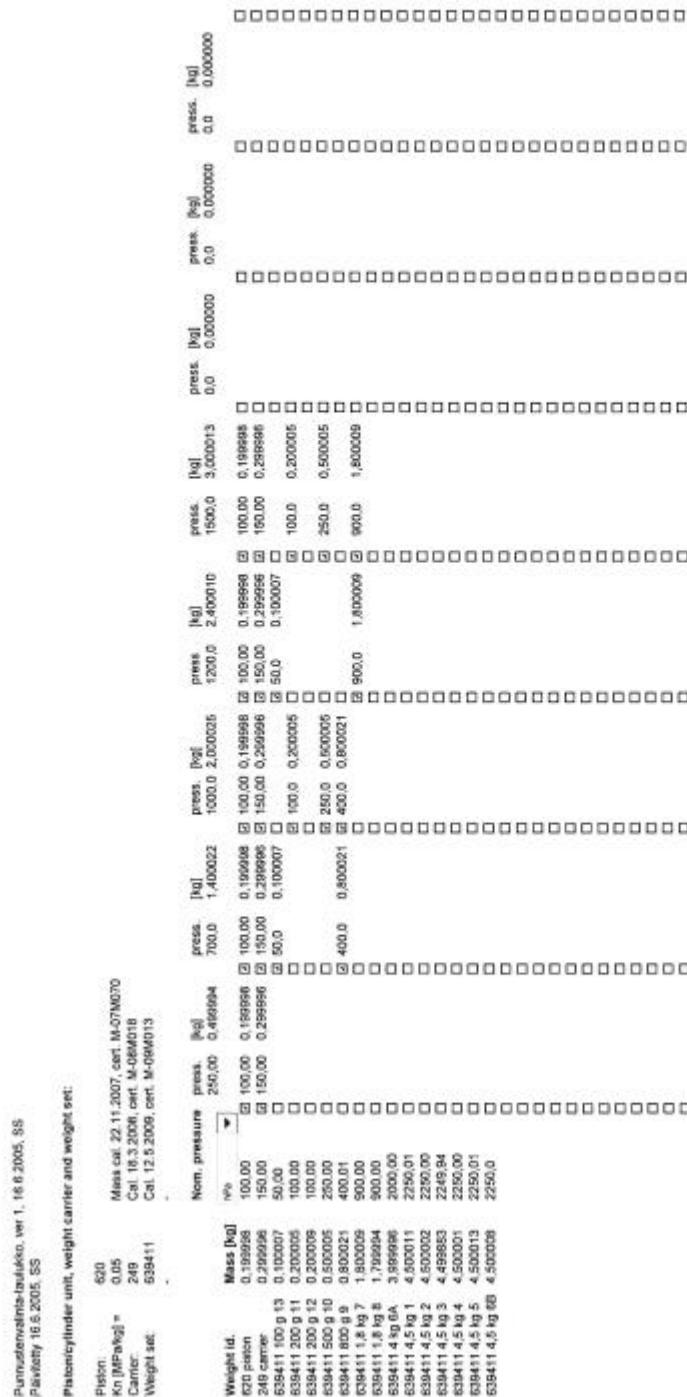
Weight id	Weight	Mass [kg]	Norm. pressure [Pa]	press. [Pa]
151 housing cyl.	0.700085	5.0000121	250.0	5.0000121
1265 carrier	0.298988	15.0	35.0	0.700085
12298 200 9.1	0.100000	5.0	15.0	0.298988
12298 200 9.2	0.200001	10.0		
12229 60009	0.500002	25.0		
12229 1 Kg	1.000015	50.0		
12229 2 Kg 1	2.000019	100.0		
12229 2 Kg 2	2.000018	100.0		
12229 4.5 Kg	4.500003	225.0		
12229 5 Kg 1	5.000045	250.0		
12229 5 Kg 2	5.000045	250.0		
12229 5 Kg 3	5.000027	250.0		
12229 5 Kg 4	5.000036	250.0		
12229 5 Kg 5	5.000029	250.0		

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Determination of the Effective Area of a Piston–Cylinder Assembly

1. DUT

1.1 Piston–Cylinder Module

Model	DHI
Manufacturer	
Serial no.	620
KN nominal	50 kPa/kg
Nominal area	196 mm ²

1.2 Platform

Model	PG-7601-CE
Manufacturer	DHI
Serial no.	806

2. REF

2.1 Piston–Cylinder Module

Model	PC-7200-200
Manufacturer	DHI
Serial no.	1371
KN nominal	200 kPa/kg
Nominal area	49 mm ²
Calibration certificate no.	FLUKE DHI 1284544524
Last Calibration date	October 2010

2.2 Platform

Model	PG-7202-CE
Manufacturer	DHI
Serial no.	825

3. MEASUREMENT PROCEDURE

3.1 Cross–Floating

3.2 Gauge Mode

3.3 Nitrogen

3.4 Nominal Pressure Range: 0.5 MPa – 1.75 MPa, increments of 0.25 MPa

3.5 (4) cycles; each cycles up and down

3.6 Date Measurements: 12–15/02/2012

4. EVALUATION AND UNCERTAINTY

4.1 Based on EURAMET Guide no. cg-3 v 1.0

5. RESULTS

5.1

Nominal Pressure (g) [10^6 Pa]	Mean [10^{-6} m ²]	Repeatability of Effective Area (20°C) [10^{-6} m ²]	Standard Uncertainty of Effective Area (20°C) [10^{-6} m ²]
0.5	196.1206	0.0009	0.0023
0.75	196.1206	0.0007	0.0021
1	196.1202	0.0007	0.0020
1.25	196.1202	0.0006	0.0020
1.5	196.1197	0.0005	0.0019
1.75	196.1201	0.0005	0.0019

5.2 No dependence of the Effective Area on Pressure. Effective Area evaluated as arithmetic mean of values at different pressures:

$$\text{Effective Area } [20^\circ\text{C}; (0.5 - 1.75) \times 10^6 \text{ Pa (g)}] = (196.1202 \pm 0.0046) \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2 (k = 2)$$

Summary of participant's results in terms of effective areas and corresponding uncertainties.

MIKES

Effective area (mm ²)	Uncertainty <i>k</i> = 2	
	(mm ²)	(ppm)
196,1203	0,0067	34

MCCAA

Effective area (mm ²)	Uncertainty <i>k</i> = 2	
	(mm ²)	(ppm)
196,1202	0,0046	23