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The information contained in this edition of Chapter 4 supersedes the information contained in the previous edition (First Edition, May 1978), which is no longer in print. It also supersedes the information on proving systems contained in API Standard 1101, *Measurement of Petroleum Liquid Hydrocarbons by Positive Displacement Meter* (First Edition, 1960); API Standard 2531, *Mechanical Displacement Meter Provers*; API Standard 2533, *Metering Viscous Hydrocarbons*; and API Standard 2534, *Measurement of Liquid Hydrocarbons by Turbine-Meter Systems*, which are no longer in print.

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- Section 1, "Introduction"
- Section 2, "Conventional Pipe Provers"
- Section 3, "Small Volume Provers"
- Section 4, "Tank Provers"
- Section 5, "Master-Meter Provers"
- Section 6, "Pulse Interpolation"
- Section 7, "Field-Standard Test Measures"
- Section 8, "Operation of Proving Systems"

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