How to read your gas meter

Your gas meter tells how much gas you've used and helps to give you accurate energy bills. Reading your gas meter is easy once you know how. Use the simple instructions to find out how your gas meter works.

Imperial meters

If your meter measures in cubic feet (ft³) the display panel will show four digits before the decimal point.

Metric meter

If your meter measures in cubic metres (m³) the display panel will show five digits before the decimal point.

Digital meter

If you have a digital meter please remember the following points when you take a reading:

- Record main digits only – main digits will be shown in black on a white background, or in white on a black background
- Ignore red digits
- Ignore digits inside a red border
- Ignore printed zeros – 0
- Ignore any numbers after a decimal point

For example, the reading for the digital meter shown below should be recorded as 6653.
Dial meter

If you have a dial meter, please remember the following points when you take a reading:

- Adjacent dials rotate in opposite directions
- Ignore dials marked ‘100 per rev’ and the large dial
- Ignore red dials
- Read the other dials from left to right; write down the number that the hand has passed
- If the pointer falls between two figures, write down the lower figure. If the pointer falls between 9 and 0, write down 9

For example, the reading for the dial meter shown above should be recorded as 6653.