

Smart Flow Transmitter

Versatile, Powerful Sensing Device

Description

The Smart Flow Transmitter (SFT) extends the versatility and power of the microprocessor to field flow sensing devices. The SFT processes inputs from flow, temperature and pressure sensors and calculates compensated flow data for precision volumetric or mass flow measurements of both liquids and gases.

The SFT accepts low level sine wave, DC pulse and modulated carrier input signals. Pressure and temperature inputs can be either analog current or voltage. Data from the individual sensors can be transmitted, either scaled or unscaled, to a control room for individual sensor observation.

Density and viscosity corrections are performed by the SFT software using Universal Viscosity Curves and Reynolds Number calculations for liquid and gas. Cubic spline or linear interpolation can be selected for optimum flow output linearization.

Two-way communications between the SFT and a handheld terminal or personal computer are achieved via an RS232 port. An operator can monitor process variable information to verify sensor operation, change scale factors and make on-line program alterations. The comprehensive SFT software includes self-diagnostics, which are performed every 60 seconds, and all stored program data are saved in a non-volatile memory.

When using the SFT with turbine flowmeters, the output of the turbine is linearized over the repeatable range of the flowmeter. When used for mass measurement, the combination of a turbine flowmeter and the SFT offers distinct advantages over a coriolis meter. These include better accuracy, shorter response time, lower pressure drop and lower cost. The quick response time offers particular benefits in process mixing and blending by avoiding errors due to long settling times, which are inherent in other methods of measurement.



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Features

- Provides user-selectable K-factor outputs for ease of replacement
- Linearizes output to ±0.1% of reading over maximum repeatable range of flowmeter
- · Conditions modulated carrier or magnetic pickoffs
- Field programmable and configurable
- Accepts low level sine wave, DC pulse and modulated carrier flowmeter inputs
- Corrects for density and viscosity using UVC and Reynolds Number calculations for liquid and gas
- Monitors all process variables, flow rate, pressure and temperature
- Supports a wide variety of flowmeters
- Mass or volumetric flow output
- NEMA 4X enclosure (explosion-proof optional)



Typical System Diagram

Examples of Operation Sequence When Used with Turbine Flowmeters

Liquids

- 1) Determine temperature from input
- 2) Retrieve actual kinematic viscosity from kinematic viscosity versus temperature table
- 3) Measure input flowmeter frequency
- Calculate input frequency ÷ kinematic viscosity (Hz/v)
- 5) Determine K-factor versus Hz/v from user table by user-selected linear interpolation or cubic spline
- Calculate flow rate (input frequency ÷ actual K-factor)

Additional Calculations:

- Determine liquid density from density versus actual temperature table
- 8) Calculate mass flow rate (volumetric flow rate × actual density)

Gases

- 1) Determine temperature from input
- 2) Determine pressure from input
- Retrieve actual absolute viscosity from absolute viscosity versus temperature table
- Calculate density using actual temperature and pressure by ideal gas law
- 5) Calculate kinematic viscosity (absolute viscosity ÷ actual density)
- 6) Measure input flowmeter frequency
- Calculate input frequency ÷ kinematic viscosity (Reynolds Number equivalent, Hz/v)
- 8) Determine K-factor versus Hz/v from user table by user-selected linear interpolation or cubic spline
- 9) Calculate flow rate (input frequency ÷ actual K-factor)

Additional Calculations:

10) Calculate mass flow rate (volumetric flow rate × actual density)





Group B Explosion-Proof



Group C&D Explosion-Proof



NEMA 4X Shown with Universal Display

Drawings not to scale.



Specifications

Standard Inputs

Flow Frequency: Pulse RF Mag Pressure Temperature

Optional Inputs/Outputs

Bi-directional flow, frequency input (external supporting circuitry required)

Standard Outputs

Flow			(unregulated)
Frequency:	Linearized, pulse train,		(150 mA for 4-20 mA drive)
	TTL compatible 0–5 VDC or 0–15 VDC	Optional Power	100 VAC, 120 VAC, 208 VAC, 220/240 VAC ±10%, 50/60 Hz
Analog	Pass through raw frequency	Temperature Range	,
Analog:	(user-selectable)	Operating:	-40° F to +185° F
	4–20 mA, 1–5 VDC, 0–5 VDC, or 0–10 VDC	Storage:	(-40° C to +85° C) -58° F to 212° F (-50° C to +100° C)
Pressure	4–20 mA analog, user-scalable	Housing	NEMA 4X with MS connectors
Temperature	4–20 mA analog, user-scalable		Explosion-proof
Units of Measure	Engineering units are user-defined	Optional	Universal Display mounted integral (see Universal Display data bulletin for
Compensation	Compensates by correcting for changes in fluid density and viscosity using UVC and Reynolds Number techniques.		specifications)

Accessories

Hand-held terminal	06-91978
Terminal cable assembly	19-91979
for hand-held terminal	
Serial cable for SFT to	19-91980
personal computer (9-25 pin)	

Part No. -01-01 -XY*

One input, user-selectable

0-3.5 VDC (minimum), 35 VDC (maximum)

Sensitivity 10 mV p-p

0-5 kHz

10 Hz-5 kHz

1 Hz-5 kHz

One analog input,

user-selectable 4-20 mA, 1-5 VDC,

One analog input, user-selectable

0-5 VDC, or 0-10 VDC

4-20 mA, 1-5 VDC, 0-5 VDC, or 0-10 VDC

Accessories Serial cable for SFT to

Programming

Communications

Hardware

Linearization

Performance

Linearization

Analog:

Analog:

Step Response Frequency:

Temperature Stability

Physical Environment

Standard Power

Frequency:

Flow

Port

personal computer (9-9 pin) Software-Terminal emulator converter for personal computer

Part No. 19-91981-XY*

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**XY* = *Length in Feet*

Specifications are for reference only and are subject to change without notice.

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hand-held terminal, personal computer or laptop computer

RS232 ASCII communication

Program from dumb terminal,

20-point, user-selectable, cubic spline or linear interpolation

 $\pm 0.1\%$ of reading or better over flowmeter's repeatable range $\pm 0.2\%$ of reading or better

50 milliseconds typical 100 milliseconds typical 100 PPM per °C

20-35 VDC at 250 mA