



AV-FLOW TRANSMITTER

High performance flow transmitter designed for use as a system component in open channel and part-filled pipe applications.

benefits and features



Powerful, easy to use PC software simplifies transmitter commissioning

Quick to install - no weirs or flumes

Bi-directional velocity measurement for forward and reverse velocities from 10mm/S up to 5m/S

High sensitivity extends applications to 'clean' water

Streamlined velocity probe eliminates fouling and reduces flow disturbances

Real-time processing of velocity signals thereby reducing power consumption

Smart power saving mode - intelligent use of power saving which automatically reduces the measurement time for high flow velocities and high signal qualities and increases the measurement time for low velocities and low signal qualities

External Power monitoring via the UI

Sophisticated ultrasound processing ignores spurious signals

Ultrasound signal quality monitor confirms measurement integrity

Specified (constant) silt level taken into account in area calculation

Velocity correction factor calibration

Automatic recording of velocity signals and histograms for use in performance monitoring

Distances up to 500 m from system unit to velocity and level sensor. 300 m for ATEX velocity and level sensor



measurement principle

Mainstream uses the area-velocity method to give a continuous or time sample measurement of fluid flow. Mainstream uses a streamlined probe that operates immersed in the flowing liquid. The velocity probe transmits ultrasound into the liquid to create a zone of inspection. Bubbles and solid particles carried through this zone by the flow, even when present in only minute quantities, reflect ultrasound back to the probe. Only high quality signals containing verified velocity information is used, thereby ensuring measurement integrity.

This measured frequency shift in the ultrasound signals gives flow velocity. The verified velocity signals produce a histogram of the flow velocities. Analysing this histogram gives the mean flow velocity.

Liquid level is measured by a submerged pressure transmitter or ultrasonic sensor. The flow cross-sectional area is deduced from the liquid level measurement and the stored description of the channel or pipe cross section. The flow rate is the flow velocity multiplied by the flow cross-sectional area.

applications

- Effluent Monitoring
- Waste Water Treatment
- Industrial Flow Measurement
- Irrigation Channels & Canals
- River/Stream Flow Measurement
- Water Distribution
- Sewer Flow Measurement - Inflow & Infiltration, CSO Monitoring
- Portable and Fixed-site Flow Measurement with Weirs & Flumes
- Velocity Probe Mounting Hardware

mainstream's communicator data

- Intuitive point-and-click user interface with pull-down menus and Communicator's dynamic/distinctive button bar for flowmeter configuration, diagnostics and real-time displays
- Library of standard pipe/channel cross-sections
- Simple level sensor calibration procedure
- Real time display of measurements and velocity histogram
- Backup and restore of the Mainstream configuration
- Any combination of measurements including power supply voltages and ultrasound signal quality can be monitored via the UI.



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product specifications

PRODUCT FEATURES

LEVEL MEASUREMENT

Transducer Type:	Any 4:20 mA current loop level sensor
Method :	Pulse activation with configurable sensor warm-up time. Loop current measurement by self-calibrating 16-bit delta-sigma A-D converter
Current Range :	0-30 mA
Resolution :	Better than 1 μ A
Transducer Calibration :	Calibration table (maximum 23 points) with built-in interpolator converts loop current into level measurement. Simple transducer calibration tool included in UI software
Interchangability :	Transducers and calibration data directly interchangeable between Mainstream system units

VELOCITY MEASUREMENT

Transducer Type:	Submerged ultrasonic sensor containing signal generator, transmitter, receiver and decoder electronics
Method :	Phase Coherence time delay measurement determines the time for tracers carried by the flow to travel a fixed distance (~ 0.75 mm)
Velocity Range :	Bi-directional, -5 m/s to -10 mm/s and 10 mm/s to 5 m/s
Resolution :	Better than 1 mm/s
Measurement Integrity :	Ultrasound signal quality monitor gives the percentage of the measurement time that the received ultrasound signal contains useful velocity information
Smart Power Saving :	Each velocity measurement is based on the same quantity of information. Automatically reduces the measurement time for high flow velocities and high signal qualities and increases the measurement time for low velocities and low signal qualities

DERIVED MEASUREMENTS

Area :	Flow cross-sectional area calculated from the level measurement and the dimensions of the pipe or channel. Calculation can take into account a specified (constant) silt level. Flow cross-section specification tools included in UI software
Flow Rate :	Fluid flow rate calculated by multiplying cross-sectional area by flow velocity
Flow Quantity	Three independent flow totalisers calculate forward only, reverse only, and forward-reverse flow quantities. Each totaliser uses separate elements to accumulate hour quantity and total quantity to prevent round-off errors

POWER SUPPLIES

Power Inputs :	Connectors for external 12V and 24V supplies
External 12V supply :	Connection for external 12V
External 24V supply :	Connection for external 24V
Power Supply Monitor :	Power monitoring circuits track supply status. Supply voltages can be viewed via the UI

COMMUNICATIONS

Local :	RS232 and USB compatible interface with automatic baud rate detection. Supports 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 14400, 19200, 38400, 57600 and 115200 baud
Remote :	Optional external SDI or GPRS device
Software :	Mainstream Communicator UI software for system configuration, diagnostics, real-time measurement display and data retrieval. Mainstream Communicator runs on PC platforms under 2000, XP, Vista and Windows 7 with data transmission from device to PC. Data control, processing and export

MEASUREMENT UNITS AND FORMATS

Linear (pipe and channel dimensions):	Selectable from mm, cm, m, in, ft
Level :	Selectable from mm, cm, m, in, ft
Area :	Selectable from m ² , cm ² , mm ² , in ² , ft ²
Velocity :	Selectable from mm/s, cm/s, m/s, in/s, ft/s, ft/min
Flow Rate :	Selectable from l/s
Display Format :	Independently configurable display format for each measurement. Options are integer, fixed point with 1 to 6 decimal places, and scientific (E-format). Display defaults to scientific format if data cannot be correctly represented in selected format
4:20mA Outputs:	One 4:20mA output. Configurable to selected measurands.

PRODUCT HARDWEAR

PTX LEVEL SENSOR

Materials :	Titanium, acetal and polyurethane
Dimensions :	185 mm long x 17.5 mm diameter
Cable :	8 mm diameter vented polyurethane cable with Kelvar strain cord
Weight :	1 kg including standard 10 m cable length
Level Range :	0 to 2 m working. Maximum 8m overrange
Resolution :	Better than 1mm
Combined Accuracy :	Combined effects of non-linearity, hysteresis and repeatability better than 0.25% best straight line. Non-linearity and offsets removed by transducer calibration
Environmental Protection :	Fully encapsulated to IP68
Operating Temperature :	-20°C to 60°C (temperature compensated 2°C to 30°C)

VELOCITY SENSOR

Materials :	Streamlined μ PVC moulding and polyurethane cable
Dimensions :	105 mm long x 50 mm wide x 20 mm high
Cable :	8 mm diameter polyurethane cable with Aramid strain cord. Breaking load 45 kg. Minimum static bend radius 52 mm
Weight :	1 kg including standard 10 m cable length
Maximum Cable Length :	500 m
Environmental Protection :	Totally encapsulated to IP 68
Operating Temperature :	-10°C to 85°C
Minimum Operating Depth :	30 mm

SYSTEM UNIT

Materials :	Ultra pure cast aluminum
Dimensions :	220 mm wide x 120 mm deep x 80 mm high
Weight :	1.65 kg
Environmental Protection :	Enclosure is IP67. Electronic assembly is encapsulated to IP68
Operating Temperature :	-10°C to 70°C

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