FL500 Series

In-Line Flowmeters and Switch Kits

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WARNING: These products are not designed for use in, and should not be used for, patient connected applications.
FLUID Temp. | Max. Pressure
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| Liquid | Air |
| PSIG | kPa | PSIG | kPa |
PVC
70 °F (21 °C) | 200 | 1379 | 100 | 690 |
100 °F (38 °C) | 100 | 690 | 50 | 345 |
125 °F (52 °C) | 75 | 517 | 35 | 241 |
150 °F (65 °C) | 50 | 345 | 25 | 172 |
POLYSULPHONE
230 °F (110 °C) | 250 | 1724 | 125 | 862 |

(Minimum temperature: -20 °F.)

### HOW IT WORKS

Fluid enters at end marked “IN” and forces the piston to move with it, against spring pressure, enough to pass given flow around piston periphery. The knife edge of the piston is visible through the transparent housing; its position under the printed scale gives the flow rate.

*Flow tube is PVC or polysulphone plastic*

### INSTALLATION

Inlet and outlet ends are marked on the flow meter body, and an arrow on the printed scale indicates flow direction. Insite flow meters can be mounted in any convenient orientation (vertical, horizontal or anything in-between) without affecting performance. The end fittings are connected to the plastic body with O-ring sealed straight threads and don't need to be highly torqued to prevent leakage. These fittings accept pipe with tapered threads (NPT). Teflon tape should be used on the pipe threads and standard torques applied, to make leak-free connections. Put your wrench only on the end fitting when piping on. **Do not apply wrenches on the plastic body alone when connecting to pipe.**

Many users find that a disconnect fitting, installed upstream of the flow meter, makes for easier removal of the flow meter, for cleaning internals. Control valves should be installed downstream of the flow meters.

Two scales are provided. One for liquid and one for air/nitrogen gasses. Air/nitrogen gas meters are calibrated in SCFM. The air/nitrogen scale is calibrated at 90 PSI pressure and 70°F temperature. If the flow meter is used with air at pressures and/or temperatures that differ from the above, correction factors can be applied to a 90-psi air scale readings to get correct SCFM values. See Tables.

High pressure air vented to atmosphere through the Insite flow meter may result in erratic readings. When used to measure high pressure air, it is recommended that a vent valve be installed downstream of the flow meter.

### MAINTENANCE

Normally, the only servicing required is a periodic cleaning of the tube and three internal parts. Use wrenches on the end fittings to remove the flow meter from the line. **Do not apply wrenches to the plastic body alone when breaking pipe connections.**

With the flow meter out of the line, completely remove the end fitting from the outlet end of the tube. Use a bent wire of other hook to grab the plastic shaft, piston and spring and remove from tube. Inspect all parts for damage. The interior of the tube can be swabbed out, and the parts wiped off, with a soft dry cloth. If dirt or residue cannot be removed with a dry cloth, use water and a mild non-abrasive soap. **DO NOT USE SOLVENT OF ANY KIND.** Replace any worn or damaged parts.

When reassembling the flow meter, be sure the piston is installed as shown in the drawing. Don’t put in upside down. Inspect O-rings for damage and replace if necessary.
For Electric Signalling

Model FL-505, FL-510, and FL-515 flow meters can be equipped with one or two electric switches so that any flow rate within the range of the meter can be made to trigger a signal (or signals). Switch settings are easily adjusted. They are supplied in kit form for installation in the field. Order No. FL-500-R1.

Model FL-530, FL-540 and FL-550 require switch kit #FL-500-R2. Each switch kit consists of a ring shaped ceramic magnet that fits around the flow meter piston, and a proximity switch in a housing that clamps to the body of the flow meter. As the magnet moves with the piston, its field trips the proximity switch. An adjustment screw changes the actuation point by moving the switch.

8 Watts @ 120 VAC/100 VDC. DO NOT EXCEED 300 MILLIAMPS BELOW 26 VAC/26VDC. Switch has three wires: Black for normally open, blue for normally closed, and white for common.

NOTE: Switch has a 25% of full scale operating band. Within the band, the switch activates. Above and below the band, the switch deactivates. Thus, one switch can be used as a deviation alarm.

SWITCH INSTALLATION

Step 1. Install the magnet. You must disassemble the flow meter to do this. Follow instructions found under the heading “Maintenance” on page 3. Remove piston from the shaft and place the magnet between piston and spring. Be sure that the piston is installed as in the drawing, and the spring is seated on the magnet and piston. Insert into tube and replace outlet end fittings.

Step 2. Install the foam gasket. It has an adhesive on one side, covered with a protective paper. Peel off and press the gasket firmly into place on the switch housing.

Step 3. Install the switch housing on the flow meter body.

(A) If you are installing only one switch, push the capscrews through the switch housing tabs, and thread them into the half-collars, as shown. Use the washers provided. The nuts may be discarded.

(B) If you are installing two switches, match up the tabs on the two switch housings and push the capscrews through both collar tabs. Put the nuts on the threaded ends of the capscrews and tighten. Use the washers provided. (The half-collars and extra magnet may be discarded.)

NOTE: There is no “wrong orientation” of the switch housing. If you are installing two switch housings, they can both be oriented the same way, as in the photo, or one “up” and the other “down”. Install to suit your needs in wiring and switch adjustment.

SETTING THE SWITCH POINTS

With flow meter installed:
Simply adjust the amount of flow to move the piston to the level on the indicator where a switch signal is desired, then turn the switch adjustment screw until switch actuates. (Switch moves toward the adjustment screw head as you turn it clockwise. Use an ohmmeter to determine actuation.) Repeat for second switch, if you are using two switches.

With flow meter NOT installed:
Simulate flow by pushing the eraser-end of a pencil (or a similar tool) through the inlet end of the tube, contacting the float, and moving it against the spring pressure until the knife edge of the float is at the desired reading on the scale. (If your unit has a 1/2 in. pipe fitting, remove it to gain better access.) Then, turn the switch adjustment screw till the switch actuates. (Switch moves toward the adjustment screw head as you turn it clockwise. Use an ohmmeter to determine actuation.) Repeat for a second switch, if you are using two switches.

When connecting the switch wires, leave enough lead length (as a pigtail) to allow full travel of the switch.

SWITCH PARTS DESCRIPTION

1. Housing
2. Gasket
3. Magnet
4. Half-collars (2)
5. Capscrews (4)
6. Capscrew nuts (4)
7. Switch
8. Switch carrier
9. Adjustment screw
10. O-ring (2)
11. Retainer clip
12. Lockwashers (4)

SWITCH REPLACEMENT PARTS

MAGNET (ONLY)
Part # 1122

SWITCH (ONLY)
Part # 1127
## Replacement Parts

### DIMENSIONS
Models FL-505 thru FL-515 are 7 inches long, 2 inches across the wrench flats.
Models FL-530 thru FL-550 are 7 inches long, 3 inches across the wrench flats.

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