

# Flow Alarms FLMG, FLMH and FLMW Series with -R1 or -R2 Option



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NOTE: Refer to Omega's "Operation & Maintenance Guide" for installation, operation and cleaning instructions for the basic flow monitor cartridge. The following instructions are specifically for monitors with electrical switches for flow alarms. This is an addendum to the basic flow monitor instructions.

# General Information

Omega's Flow Alarms are typically used to make or break a set of electrical contacts to signal a limit setting. They may be used to turn on a warning light, sound a bell or horn, or even to shut down a process. The switches on the alarm can be configured to open or close a contact for an increasing or decreasing set point. Decreasing flow set points may be located anywhere in the lower 2/3 of the scale while increasing set points may be located anywhere in the upper 2/3 of the scale.

#### Overview

**Illustration 1** shows the primary mechanism for a single-switch flow alarm. Dual-switch flow alarms contain two sets of these same components, but have a slightly different electrical wiring diagram (Wiring to the DIN connector is described on page 3.) The factory default configuration for the alarm switch is for decreasing flow, as shown in

**Illustration 1**. If an increasing flow alarm is desired, it should be specified when the unit is ordered.

The **follower** moves in unison with an orifice plate inside of the unit's pressure vessel via a magnetic coupling in order to indicate flow rate. As the follower moves with changes in flow rate, the flow rate is determined by relating the position of the **flow indicator line** to the increments on the **flow rate scale**.



The **pointer** indicates the set point for the **alarm switch**. In **Illustration 1**, the switch will be actuated at all flow rates below 4 GPM. To change the set point, simply loosen the **switch glide screw** one (1) turn and slide the switch to the desired position along the flow rate scale. When the **pointer** is pointing to the desired flow rate, retighten the **switch glide screw**.



#### Switches

The switch is a simulated roller, lever operated low force microswitch. The specifications for this switch are listed on page 4. The switch is actuated when movement of the follower causes the switch lever to be lifted. In **Illustration 2**, the switch has not yet been actuated, and the electrical circuit is through the normally closed (NC) contact. **Illustration 3** shows the switch after it has been actuated. In this scenario, the electrical circuit is through the normally open (NO) contact.

#### Precautions

- Be certain to properly ground the unit via the ground (G) pin located on the unit's din connector.
- In order to avoid accidentally removing the switch glide screw, never loosen it by more than one or two turns. This screw can be difficult to replace if accidentally removed.
- Avoid over tightening the switch glide screw.
- When the switch adjustments are complete, make certain that the wires that are attached to the switch have not been moved into a location that will interfere with the follower or the switch lever.
- Do not make any modifications to the unit's internal wiring.

# Switches Specifications

Туре	Form C, dry contact
UL/CSA Rating	10 & 1/4 hp, 125 or 250 VAC 1/2 A, 125 VDC & 1/4A, 250 VDC 3A, 125 VAC "L" lamp load
Mechanical Life	>10,000,000 cycles
Actuating Mechanical	Simulated roller, lever operated, low force
Connectors	3/16" tab
Double Break Switch (Special)	Form Z - 10A &1/2hp, 125/250 VAC

# **Electrical Connections**

Standard Flow Alarms are pre-wired with 4pin Hirschmann-type DIN connectors which consist of a male section as shown in **Illustration 4** and the female section shown





in **Illustration 5**. To open the female section, first remove the screw, then lift the connector portion out of the casing by inserting the head of a screwdriver into the slot marked for that purpose. **Illustration 6** shows the disassembled female section.



**Illustration 7** shows the connections for a standard, single switch Flow Alarm as they are shipped from the factory. The wiring for other types of connections are outlined in the tables below. For additional details, please consult the factory or your authorized distributor.

Alternates to the standard Hirchmann-type DIN connector are available on a custom basis. The Flow Alarm may be outfitted with a variety of different electrical connections including conduit fittings, cable-type connectors and cord grip/pigtail interfaces. Almost any commercially available electrical connector may be used. If an alternate connector is desired, please consult Omega.



# Wiring Code: Standard Single Switch

White - Common	Terminal #1of DIN
Black - N.O. Contact	Terminal #2 of DIN
Red - N.O Contact	Terminal #3 of DIN
Green - Enclosure Ground	Terminal "G" of DIN

#### Wiring Code: Dual Switch Alarm

White - Both Common	Terminal #1of DIN
Black - Decreasing N.O. Contact	Terminal #2 of DIN
Red - Increasing N.O. Contact	Terminal #3 of DIN
Green - Enclosure Ground	Terminal "G" of DIN









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