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A. Introduction

1. Unpacking

All units are suitably packaged to prevent damage during shipping. If external damage is noted upon receipt of the package, please contact Omega Engineering immediately.

Open the package from the top, taking care not to cut too deeply into the package. Remove all the documentation and contents. Take care to remove all the items and check them against the packing slip. The products should also be checked for any concealed shipping damage. If any shortages or damage is noted, please contact Omega Engineering to resolve the problem.

Typical Contents of Box: Controller, Calibration Certificate & Manual

FMA 3200/3200ST shown; FMA 3400/3400ST have an integrated display.

Caution: Take care not to drop your controller. Read the installation section of this manual before providing power or tubing connections to the unit. Any damage caused by improper installation or careless handling will not be repaired under warranty (see limited warranty on page 25 for more details).

2. Product Overview and Principle of Operation

The FMA 3200/3400 Series Mass Flow Controllers from Omega Engineering are capable of measuring and controlling the flow of virtually any clean, dry gas as low as 0-20 sccm or as high as 0-10 l/min. Repeatable results are achieved using a patented thermal mass flow
sensor design. This proven design minimizes zero drift while maintaining fast response and linear outputs with virtually no maintenance.

The FMA 3200/3400 Series utilizes thermal flow sensing technology. A portion of the gas flowing through the unit is redirected into a small sensor tube. This tube has two coils on the outside. The first coil introduces a small amount of heat into the gas stream. As the gas passes through the tube heat is transferred from one coil to the other. The flow rate is proportional to the amount of heat transfer. Smart electronics analyze the amount of temperature change in the second coil and provide a linearized analog output. A patented system insures that the zero remains stable and the sensor is extremely repeatable.

Flow in the FMA 3200/3400 Series is controlled by a proportional solenoid valve with active servo electronics. The flow measurement signal is analyzed by micro-processor controlled electronics and compared to a set-point. Adjustments are then made to the valve in order to achieve the required flow rate. The set point can be either externally input via a 0-5VDC signal or in the case of the FMA 3400/3400ST Series it can be input manually on the unit.

The output of the thermal mass flow sensor is directly related to the specific heat characteristic of the gas being measured. A sensor is calibrated for one gas but may be used with other gases by applying a correction factor to the output. The calibration gas for each specific flow controller is detailed on the product label.

B. Installation

Caution: Do not exceed the pressure, temperature or power operating ranges detailed in the SPECIFICATIONS section of this manual. Omega Engineering shall not be liable for any damage or injury caused by incorrect operation of their products.

1. General Considerations

It is recommended that a safety shut-off valve be installed upstream (before) of the controller.

All wetted parts should be checked for compatibility with the gas to be used. If there are any incompatibilities eg. highly corrosive gas, then the
unit may be damaged or fail prematurely. Such damage will not be repaired under warranty.

Units should be installed in a clean, dry environment with an ambient temperature that is as stable as possible. Avoid areas with strong magnetic fields, strong air flows or excessive vibration.

In order to operate the differential pressure across the controller should be in the range 15-45 psid (1-3 bar). For optimum performance a differential pressure of 25 psid is recommended.

For Example, consider the following system:

The differential pressure across the flow controller in this system would be 100 psi – 14 psi = 86 psid. Consequently the flow controller would NOT be able to control flow. For the unit to operate at optimum performance the supply pressure from the gas cylinder would need to be lowered to 39 psig to give 39 psi -14 psi = 25 psid.
2. **Mounting the Flow Controller.**

The FMA 3200/3400 Series controllers have no particular orientation or installation requirements so may be mounted in any convenient position.

It is recommended that units be fixed to a suitable substrate using the two 4-40 mounting holes provided.

3. **Tubing Connections**

All tubing must be clean, dry and purged with clean dry air before installation of the FLO-CONTROLLER®.

If the gas to be used may contain particles then a filter (20 microns or less) should be installed upstream of (before) the unit.

When connecting the sensor to the tubing, take care not to over-tighten the fittings or leaking may occur.

**Caution:** Only use the fittings factory installed on the unit. If the fittings are removed the calibration of the unit may be effected and leaking may occur. If different fittings are required please contact the Omega Engineering Customer Service Department for assistance.
4. Electrical Connections

**Caution:** Incorrect wiring may cause severe damage to the unit. Applying an AC voltage (115VAC or 230VAC) directly to the unit will cause damage. Read the following instructions carefully before making any connections.

a) Overview

The FMA 3200/3400 Series provides a 0-5VDC analog output proportional to the flow rate. This output may be connected to a display, data acquisition system or voltmeter with an impedance of greater than 2.5 kΩ (kilo ohms).

The flow controller needs to be supplied with a 0-5 VDC set point signal to enable control. On the FMA 3400/3400ST Series this may be generated internally by altering the set-point potentiometer on the front panel of the unit.

A stable D.C. power supply is required to operate the unit. The voltage and current requirements depend on the configuration of the unit. Full details may be found in the Specification section of this manual.

Connecting wires should be as short as possible to avoid voltage drops. Twisted conductor cable should be used if the length of the wiring is to be longer than 2 meters.

Units are supplied with either a 6 pin mini DIN type connector (requires mating cable assembly), a 9 Pin D Sub connector or 15 Pin D Sub connector.

**Caution:** Cutting off the integrated connectors on the unit IS NOT RECOMMENDED and will void the product warranty. Mating cables should be ordered along with each unit.

Electrical connections to the units are made as detailed in the following sections.
b) Connecting The 6 Pin Mini Din Connector

Using a suitable mating connector the pins of the integrated connector should be wired as follows:

**Connecting To The Integrated 6 Pin Connector**

- **Pin 2** should be connected to the Positive of the power source.
- **Pin 6** should be connected to the Negative (Ground) of the power source.
- **Pin 3** provides the signal output and should be connected to the positive terminal of the display, data acquisition system or voltmeter.
- **Pin 1** is the signal negative (ground) and should be connected to the negative (Ground) terminal of the display, data acquisition system or voltmeter.
- **Pin 4** provides the input signal and should be connected to the positive terminal of the voltage source. The (0-5VDC) voltage control signal should be supplied from a low impedance source.
- **Pin 5** is the input signal negative (ground) and should be connected to the negative (Ground) terminal of the voltage source.

**Caution:** Avoid high voltage static discharges to the input signal connection. Do not short the input/output signal wires or allow them to contact the power wires at any time. DAMAGE WILL RESULT!
c) Connecting The 6 Pin Mini Din Connector & FMA 3000C Cable

The two mating connectors should be pushed together and the pigtail leads wired as follows:

*Connecting To The Integrated 6 Pin Connector Using A FMA 3000C Cable*

The **RED** wire should be connected to the Positive of the power source.

The **BLACK** wire should be connected to the Negative (Ground) of the power source.

The **ORANGE** wire provides the signal output and should be connected to the positive terminal of the display, data acquisition system or voltmeter.

The **BROWN** wire is the signal negative (ground) and should be connected to the negative (Ground) terminal of the display, data acquisition system or voltmeter.

The **YELLOW** wire provides the input signal and should be connected to the positive terminal of the voltage source. The (0-5VDC) voltage control signal should be supplied from a low impedance source.

The **GREEN** wire is the input signal negative (ground) and should be connected to the negative (Ground) terminal of the voltage source.

The wire colors above describe the pigtail leads of the FMA 3000C cable assembly and may not correspond with the internal wiring of your flow sensor.

**Caution:** Avoid high voltage static discharges to the input signal connection. Do not short the input/output signal wires or allow them to contact the power wires at any time. DAMAGE WILL RESULT!
d) Connections For The 9 Pin D Sub Connector

Using a suitable mating connector the pins of the integrated connector should be wired as follows:

**Connecting To The Integrated 9 Pin Connector**

PIN 3 should be connected to the Positive of the power source.

PIN 4 should be connected to the Negative (Ground) of the power source.

PIN 2 provides the signal output and should be connected to the positive terminal of the display, data acquisition system or voltmeter.

PIN 8 is the signal negative (ground) and should be connected to the negative (Ground) terminal of the display, data acquisition system or voltmeter.

Pin 6 is the input signal and should be connected to the positive terminal of the voltage source. The (0-5VDC) voltage control signal should be supplied from a low impedance source.

Pin 7 is the input signal negative (ground) and should be connected to the negative (Ground) terminal of the voltage source.

Pins 1, 5, and 9 are not used.

**Caution:** Avoid high voltage static discharges to the input signal connection. Do not short the input/output signal pins or allow them to contact the power connections at any time. DAMAGE WILL RESULT!
e) Connections For The 15 D Sub Connector

Using a suitable mating connector the pins of the integrated connector should be wired as follows:

**Connecting To The Integrated 15 Pin Connector**

**PIN 7** should be connected to the Positive of the power source.

**PIN 5** should be connected to the Negative (Ground) of the power source.

**PIN 2** provides the signal output and should be connected to the positive terminal of the display, data acquisition system or voltmeter.

**PIN 10** is the signal negative (ground) and should be connected to the negative (Ground) terminal of the display, data acquisition system or voltmeter.

**Pin 8** is the input signal and should be connected to the positive terminal of the voltage source. The (0-5VDC) voltage control signal should be supplied from a low impedance source.

**Pin 1** is the input signal negative (ground) and should be connected to the negative (Ground) terminal of the voltage source.

Pins 3, 4, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 are not used.

**Caution:** Avoid high voltage static discharges to the input signal connection. Do not short the output signal pins or allow them to contact the power connections at any time. DAMAGE WILL RESULT!
f) Using a 0-5VDC Input / Output Power Adapter Package.

An optional 0-5VDC Input / Output Power Adapter Package is available for use with the FMA 3200/3400 Series. This consists of a power source (115VAC or 230VAC), a connection hub and two cable assemblies with pigtail (soldered wire) ends. This should be assembled as shown in the following diagram.

![Assembling a FMA 3215PW Power Adapter Package](image)

The RED connector should be inserted in the RED socket on the connection hub. The WHITE connector should be inserted in the WHITE socket on the connection hub.

The cable with a RED connector provides the input signal. The RED wire of this cable should be connected to the positive terminal of the voltage source. The (0-5VDC) voltage control signal should be supplied from a low impedance source. The bare wire of this cable assembly is the input signal negative (ground) and should be connected to the negative (Ground) terminal of the voltage source.

The cable with a WHITE connector provides the signal output. The WHITE wire should be connected to the positive terminal of the display, data acquisition system or voltmeter with an impedance of greater than 2.5 kΩ (kilo ohms). The bare wire of this cable assembly is the signal negative (ground) and should be connected to the negative (Ground) terminal of the display, data acquisition system or voltmeter.

**Caution:** Avoid high voltage static discharges to the input signal connection. Do not short the output signal wires or allow them to contact the power wires at any time. DAMAGE WILL RESULT!
C. **Operation**

1. **Warm Up**

   Before applying power to the unit check all tubing and electrical connections. Once correct installation is verified switch on the power. The unit should then be allowed to warm up for 5 minutes before gas pressure is applied.

2. **Verification of Zero**

   Flow through the unit should be stopped by sealing or capping the inlet of the controller. It is not adequate to only stop flow by turning off the gas supply or closing a valve as there may be a leak in the system. This would give a false reading.

   After 5 minutes, the zero should be stable when there is no flow through the unit. If after 10-15 minutes the output is still not zero volts (within ±0.05 volts) the unit should be adjusted as detailed in section C part 6.

   It should be noted that power supply voltage variations and changes in ambient temperature can have an effect on zero readings.

3. **Flow Readings**

   Each controller is factory calibrated for a specific flow range and gas (or gas mixture). The calibration gas and flow range are shown on the unit’s label and calibration certificate.

   By monitoring the voltage output signal it is possible to determine the flow rate of the gas. Units are configured so that an output signal of 5.0VDC is provided when the maximum flow (i.e. Full Scale flow) is passing through the unit. The output signal is linear and scaleable enabling calculation of flow rates within the sensor’s range. For example:

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<th>Flow Range</th>
<th>Output Signal</th>
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<td>0-500sccm</td>
<td>5VDC</td>
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   For a flow range of 0-500sccm:

   At 500sccm the output signal would be 5VDC

   If the output signal were 3.5VDC then the flow rate would be:

   \[
   \frac{500}{5} \times 3.5 = 350\text{sccm}
   \]

   If the maximum flow rate is exceeded non-linear and inaccurate readings will result.

   Units may be used for gases other than the calibration gas. In this case a "K Factor" would need to be applied and a corrected value calculated using the following formula:
\[
\frac{Q_1}{Q_2} = \frac{K_1}{K_2}
\]

\(Q_1\) is the flow rate of the new gas
\(Q_2\) is the flow rate of the original calibration gas
\(K_1\) is the K factor of the new gas
\(K_2\) is the K factor of the original calibration gas

\[Q_1 = \left(\frac{K_1}{K_2}\right) Q_2\]

If \(K_2\) is larger than \(K_1\) then linear results will only be achieved if the unit does not exceed \(5\left(\frac{K_1}{K_2}\right)\) VDC for the full scale output.

**Example 1**
For a 0-200sccm unit calibrated for air the flow at 5.0VDC would be 200sccm. The K factor for air is 1. If the unit is used with Helium (K factor 1.454 relative to air) then the flow at 5VDC (i.e. the maximum flow) would be \(\left(\frac{1.454}{1}\right)200 = 290.8\) sccm

**Example 2**
For a 0-10.0 l/min unit calibrated for Argon the flow at 5.0VDC would be 10.0l/min. The K factor for Argon is 1.45. If the unit is used with Carbon Dioxide (K factor 0.74) then the flow rate 5.0VDC would be \(\left(\frac{0.74}{1.45}\right)10.0 = 5.10\) l/min

The accuracy of readings using K factors is not as good as that achieved for the calibration gas. The accuracy obtained (typically ±3% for K factors similar to the calibration gas) depends on the gas being used and the flow rate.

For a list of common K Factors see Section J.

4. **Changing The Flow Rate Set-Point (Using An External Voltage Source)**

The required flow rate is selected by adjusting the set-point voltage. The normal control signal voltage is 0-5VDC with 0VDC corresponding to zero flow and 5VDC being equivalent to the maximum rated flow of the unit. This input is linear and scaleable allowing different flow rates within the range of the unit to be selected. For example:

For a flow range of 0-500sccm:
A 5 VDC Input Signal would correspond to a flow rate of 500sccm
If a flow rate of 300sccm were required then the set-point would be:
\[(300 \div 500) \times 5 = 3.0\text{VDC}\]
If a gas other than the calibration gas is used then the adjusted maximum (full scale) flow for the unit should be calculated using the K Factor for that gas (see section C3 above).

A zero or negative set-point voltage will cause the solenoid valve to close fully. Whilst closed, the valve is configured to withstand pressures up to 60 psig (higher pressures on request).

Caution: The flow controller valve will open if the pressure exceeds 60psig. For safety it is recommended that a separate positive shut-off valve is installed upstream of the controller.

5. Changing The Flow Rate Set-Point - FMA3400/3400ST Series Only

On the FMA 3400/3400ST Series the set-point may be input from an external source or be supplied internally.

For an external set-point, dip switch 1 should be OFF and dip switch 2 ON. See section C4 above for details of how to adjust the set-point using an external voltage source.

For an internal set-point, dip switch 1 should be ON and dipswitch 2 OFF. Adjustment of the internal set-point is made by turning the coarse and fine set-point potentiometers on the front panel of the display, with the gas is flowing, until the desired flow rate is achieved.

FMA 3400/3400ST Series Set-Point Potentiometers

6. Power Save Mode.

To improve valve performance and reliability over time, the FMA 3200/3400 Series features a Power Save Mode. This is activated after a prolonged application of a zero or negative set-point. When a control voltage greater than 0 VDC is applied after the Power Save Mode has been initiated there may be a short delay (1-2 secs) before the valve actuates.
7. **Zero Adjustments**

The zero should be checked as detailed in section C part 2. If an adjustment is needed the Zero Potentiometer should be carefully turned until the output (VDC) becomes zero.

**Caution:** Do NOT adjust the Gain Potentiometer when adjusting the zero or the unit will need to be recalibrated.

*Making Zero Adjustments Using a Small Flathead Screwdriver*

Care should be taken to only make small adjustments to the zero potentiometer. If too much of an adjustment is made and difficulties are being experienced in achieving a zero reading then turn the potentiometer fully anti-clockwise and begin making small clockwise adjustments until a zero reading is obtained.

8. **Recalibration**

If recalibration is required please contact the Omega Engineering Customer Service Department.

9. **Changing the Calibration Gas - FMA 3400/ 3400ST Series Only**

The FMA 3400/3400ST Series may be calibrated for up to three gases. These gases, their corresponding flow ranges and accuracy specifications are detailed on the calibration certificate.

The calibration gas required is determined by selecting the corresponding dip switch on the front panel of the display.
Dip switch 4 is allocated to the primary calibration gas.
Dip switch 5 is allocated to the second calibration gas (if applicable).
Dip switch 6 is allocated to the third calibration gas (if applicable).

To select the gas, the dip switch should be turned **ON**. All other switches allocated to gases (i.e. 4, 5 or 6 except the required switch/gas) should be set to **OFF**.

**D. Maintenance and Product Care**

1. **General**

   Inlet filters should be periodically checked and cleaned or replaced as necessary.

   Regularly check all electrical and process connections for damage or deterioration.

   If the sensor is to be stored, keep both the inlet and outlet ports sealed.

   Do not allow any liquid or moisture to enter the sensor or damage will occur.

2. **Returning Units for Repair or Recalibration**

   To return a unit for repair or recalibration please contact the Omega Engineering Customer Service Department. An Authorized Return (AR) number will then be issued. The AR number should then be noted on the outside of the package and on any correspondence. Further details may be found on page 25 of this manual.
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<td>73/23/EEC Low Voltage Directive</td>
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*Specifications from 10-100% of rated flow. Linearity is best fit straight line. All calibrations performed with air unless otherwise stated on calibration certificate.
F. Dimensions

ALL DIMENSIONS IN INCHES (MILLIMETERS IN BRACKETS)

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## G. Gas K Factors

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These K Factors are given for reference only and are not intended as a recommendation of application suitability. Accuracy and response will be affected depending on the gas and flow range. Check the compatibility of all wetted materials before using any gas other than the calibration gas for the unit.
# Troubleshooting Guide

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<td>Unit in error mode</td>
<td>Check there is sufficient pressure and that the flow path is not restricted or blocked</td>
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<td>No response</td>
<td>Unit wired incorrectly</td>
<td>Check wiring is according to Section B5</td>
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<td>Loose connection</td>
<td>Check all connectors and wiring</td>
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<td>Damaged connector pins</td>
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<td>Blocked flow path</td>
<td>Check flow path for obstructions.</td>
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<td>Piping leak before sensor</td>
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<td>Flow too low for the unit</td>
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<td>Unit damaged or faulty</td>
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<td>Inaccurate control</td>
<td>Particles in flow path</td>
<td>Add filtration before the sensor.</td>
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<td>Flow path obscured</td>
<td>Remove any debris or blockage in the flow path eg. PTFE tape.</td>
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<td>Unit calibrated for a different gas</td>
<td>Check calibration certificate and apply a “K” Factor to readings if necessary.</td>
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<td>Gas composition is variable</td>
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<td>Fittings have been changed</td>
<td>Replace the factory installed fittings</td>
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<td>Moisture in gas</td>
<td>Ensure gas is clean and dry</td>
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<td>Insufficient warm-up period</td>
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<td>Zero drift</td>
<td>Verify the zero and adjust as necessary as explained in Section C</td>
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<td>The gain potentiometer has been adjusted</td>
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<td>Check the stability of the pressure regulation and improve if necessary.</td>
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<td>Ambient temperature too high or too low</td>
<td>Place the unit in a suitable environment</td>
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<td>Problems with rezeroing</td>
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<td>Ensure there is no flow through the unit. The easiest way to do this is to plug both the inlet and outlet.</td>
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<td>Severe fluctuations in the ambient temperature e.g. unit in direct sunlight</td>
<td>Carry out the rezero procedure in a stable environment</td>
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