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Section 1 - Introduction

The FMA900A series measures air velocities up to 12,000 FPM (60.9 m/sec). It provides either a 0 to 5 Vdc or 4/20 mA analog output corresponding to the airflow range and one SPST relay contact closure corresponding to high alarm set point. The alarm set point is adjustable from 0 to 100% of the airflow range. This unit can be used in HVAC applications, R&D labs, exhaust/ventilation hoods and other manufacturing processes.

The sensor is designed based on RTD elements. The air velocity is measured by the heat loss from the RTD sensor as it cools down by the air flow. The sensor is housed in a 1/4" OD x 12" long 304 Stainless Steel tube with inch marks for ease of insertion depths. The sensor probe comes in three configurations:

- Fixed mount probe
- 12" long remote probe connected via 15 feet of shielded cable
- 3.75" Short Probe

The following table shows all the models of this product.

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Where,

*- Specify output type, add suffix “V1” for 0 to 5 Vdc, “MA” for 4 to 20 mA
**- Add suffix “S” for 95mm (3.75”) short probe
The FMA900A air velocity transmitter is not explosion proof, nor is it intrinsically safe. Do not use for flammable or hazardous gases, or in Hazardous areas.

The FMA900A series air velocity switch is intended for use with clean air or Nitrogen ONLY. Do not use with other gases, as it will produce an error in measurement. In addition, air carrying dust or oil (such as found in blower/compressor systems that utilize oil) can lead to coating of the sensor and thus inaccurate readings.

Refer to the Maintenance section for information on cleaning the sensor. The FMA900A is a bi-directional device, meaning the air flow in the forward or reverse direction provides the same readings. The FMA900A can be mounted vertically or horizontally without shift in calibration.
Section 2 - Installation

1. Remove the protective cap from the sensor tip.

2. Run a length of straight pipe before and after the flow sensor probe. The amount of upstream straight pipe required depends on the type of obstruction which is immediately upstream of the flow sensor. See Table 1 for specific requirements. Downstream of the flow sensor, in all situations, run 5 diameters of straight pipe regardless of the downstream obstruction.

3. Align the sensor probe with the air flow. Make sure the air flow is perpendicular to the sensor window. The score line on the sensor tubing is another way of aligning the sensor to the flow stream. The score line starts from the center of the sensor window and as a result it can be aligned properly.

4. One way of installing the sensor probe into a flow stream is to utilize a compression fitting such as Omega’s SSLK-14-14 stainless steel compression fitting with PTFE ferrule, which allows adjustment of the insertion depth of the probe.

5. Connect your wirings to the terminal block in the back of the unit. Figure 1 shows the back plate. The back plate has the terminal block for wiring connections, and one potentiometer adjustment for high alarm set point. It also has one red LED alarm indication, and the green LED for power indication. Figure 2 shows a typical wiring diagram.
## Table 1. Piping Requirements

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Note: Straight pipe length on the downstream side to be 5 pipe diameters minimum.
Note: D – Pipe internal diameter
Figure 2-1. FMA900A Back Plate View

Figure 2-2. Typical Wiring Diagram
Figure 2-3 shows the FMA900A general dimensions with the fixed mount probe. Figure 2-4 shows the FMA900A with remote probe.
Section 3 - Operations

Connection to the power supply, analog output, and the relay output should be made by qualified personnel only. When the relay connection is made to voltages greater than 40 Vac, extreme care must be taken to avoid injury, and the transmitter should be operated in an enclosure as provided by your local BOCA code. The relay load should be resistive (eg. Not a torque motor).

The FMA900A measures the air velocity and provides either a 0 to 5 Vdc or 4 to 20 mA analog output. It has a built-in SPST NO relay for high alarm operation. Here is the procedure to operate this unit:

- After completing the wiring connections, use a regulated DC power supply (15 to 24 Vdc) to power the device.

- Measure the high alarm set point voltage using a DVM (Digital Volt-meter). This voltage is measured from terminal block # 5 to # 7. The air flow range is based on 0 to 5 Vdc. For example, if you have a 0 to 5000 FPM range unit, and want to adjust the high alarm set point to 3500 FPM, you will adjust the high alarm potentiometer on the back plate (HAL ADJ) so that the DVM measures 3.5 volts.

- Now you are ready to operate the unit. The analog output is measured between terminal block # 6 & # 7. When the air flow goes above 3500 FPM, the relay will energize and will provide a contact closure. The red LED alarm indicator will also turn on.

Maintenance

Except for intermittent removal of the sensor from the line for cleaning, there is no routine maintenance. If the sensor probe becomes coated with dust, blow the dust away with clean air. If the sensor probe is coated with sticky material, clean it with water or alcohol (Ethanol) using an artist’s brush.

Calibration

Each FMA900A is individually calibrated in a NIST traceable wind tunnel. For calibration certification or calibrating to a new air flow range, the unit must be returned back to the factory.
### Specifications

**Section 4 - Specifications**

- **Air Velocity Range:**
  - 0 to 500 (0 to 2.54), 0 to 1000 (0 to 5.08), 0 to 2000 (0 to 10.16), 0 to 5000 (0 to 25.4), 0 to 10,000 (0 to 50.8), 0 to 12,000 (0 to 60.9) FPM (m/sec)

- **Accuracy:** 2% of Full Scale

- **Sensor Probe**
  - **Standard:** 6.3 OD x 305 mm (1/4 OD x 12") – 304 Stainless Steel
  - **Remote:** Standard probe connected via 15' of shielded cable
  - **-S (Short Probe):** 6.3 OD x 95 mm (1/4 OD x 3.75") – 304 Stainless Steel

- **Velocity Sensor:** One 100 ohms RTD, Two 1000 ohms RTD

- **Response Time:** 250 msec, 0 to 90% of final value

- **Analog Output**
  - **Voltage:** 0 to 5 Vdc, 1K min. Load
  - **Current:** 4 to 20 mA, 400 Ohms Load Max.

- **High Alarm Set Point:** 0 to 100% adjustable, 0 to 5 Vdc

- **Alarm Indication:** Red LED

- **Alarm Deadband:** 5% of FS

- **Built-in Relay:** One 12V SPST NO relays

- **Contact Rating:** 10A @ 24 Vdc, 10A @ 250 Vac (Resistive)

- **Operating Ambient Temperature**
  - **Sensor Probe:** -40 to 93°C (-40 to 199°F)
  - **Electronic Case:** 0 to 50°C (32 to 122°F)

- **Power:** 15 to 24 Vdc @ 200 mA

- **Power Indicator:** Green LED

- **Dimensions:** 89 H x 32 mm W x 51 mm D (3.5 x 2 x 1.25")

- **Weight:** 160 g (5.6 oz)
NOTES:
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