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1. Introduction

The FLSC-C1-LIQ is a microprocessor based loop powered transmitter. The transmitter accepts a low-level frequency signal on the input and provides a 4-20mA analog output proportional to the flow rate. FLSC-C1-LIQ is compatible with FTB100 and FTB200 Series Omega turbine flowmeters as well as the FTB3000 series positive displacement flowmeters.

The FLSC-C1-LIQ model provides for 20-point linearization of the flow input signal and outputs a linearized analog current. FLSC-C1-LIQ is fully configurable via an RS232 communications port located under the top plate. FLSC-C1-LIQ configuration software is a Windows based application that provides the interface for entering K-factors, frequencies, the timebase for rate measurement, and calibration of the analog output. Configuration and remote monitoring can also be performed using any PC based communications program (e.g., HyperTerminal) or ASCII terminal.

The standard unit is packaged in an extruded aluminum enclosure for wall mounting or may be mounted directly on a flowmeter using an optional NEMA 4X or EX enclosure. An optional bracket is also available for mounting on standard DIN rail.

2. Specifications

Specifications

Input Signal Type:	Magnetic pick up, Contact Closure
Input frequency range:	0.2 Hz to 4 KHz
Signal level:	10 mV rms to 30 Vdc
Power supply:	Loop Power 8-30 Vdc Reverse polarity protection
Analog Output:	4-20 mA 24 mA overflow condition
Load resistance:	Max 650 Ohms at 24 Vdc
Accuracy:	+/- 0.02% of full scale @ 20° C
Temperature drift:	40ppm/deg C
Communications	RS232 port for Configuration and diagnostics
Operating temperature:	-40° to 85° C
Humidity:	0-90% Non-condensing
Enclosure:	Extruded aluminum, DIN rail mount, or Explosion Proof
Regulatory:	CE compliant

Options

20 point linearization

3. Principle of Operation

The FLSC-C1-LIQ consists of two printed circuit boards and four main functional blocks: the Preamplifier, Microcontroller, Loop Driver, and Communications Interface.



3-1 Functional Blocks

3-1-1 Preamplifier

The Preamplifier, located on PCA180, accepts the input from the flowmeter. The Preamplifier applies amplification, low-pass filtering, and wave-shaping to the input signal. The wave shaping function converts the signal into a square-wave before sending it to the Microcontroller.

3-1-2 Microcontroller

The Microcontroller, located on PCA183, accepts the squarewave output of the preamplifier and performs all of the calculations that are required to control the Loop Driver. After measuring the frequency of the square-wave, the Microcontroller uses the following equations to compute the flow rate and current.

$$flowrate = \frac{frequency}{Kfactor} x60^{FM} xCF$$

Where:

- Kfactor = Is dependent on the Flow Calculation Method setting and is either the Average K-Factor or the Linearized K-Factor from the Frequency / K-Factor table.
- FM = Is the Flow rate Units setting of 0, 1, or 2. Where "0" is for Seconds, "1" is for Minutes, and "2" is for Hours.
- CF = Is the Correction Factor setting.

$$current = 4mA + \left(16mAx\frac{flowrate}{AF}\right)$$

Where:

AF = Is the 20 mA maximum Flow rate value.

If the calculated flowrate is greater than the AF setting, the current will be set to 24mA to indicate an "Over-range" condition. After calculating the current, the Microcontroller digitally sends the current information to the Loop Driver.

3-1-3 Loop Driver

The loop driver, located on PCA183, uses the digital information sent to it by the Microcontroller to set the current of the loop. The Loop Driver also supplies power to the Microcontroller.

3-1-4 Communications Interface

The Communications Interface, located on PCA183, provides an RS232C port to the Microcontroller. The connector for the communication interface may be accessed by removing the top plate. The external terminal device provides power for the Communication Interface. The Communications Interface is used to configure and trouble-shoot the transmitter.

3-2 System Response Time

The analog output response time to reach steady state due to a change in the flow rate is approximately two (2) seconds. When flow stops, the time for the analog output to return to 4 mA will be between 3 and 12 seconds, depending on the Maximum Sample Time (MST) setting. MST is adjusted using the NB= (DATA) command, where NB is a value between 1 and 80. The default MST setting is NB= 1. Adjusting the MST is only recommended for low flow applications where the minimum input frequency is below 1 Hz.

4. Installation

4-1 Typical Connections

Loop powered with MAG Coil Installation



Dip Switch Settings



4-2 Communications Connections

The RS232 serial port connector is located under the top plate of FLSC-C1-LIQ and may be accessed by removing the two screws from the top plate. FLSC-C1-LIQ unit has to be powered from external supply in order to be able to communicate. Additional power for FLSC-C1-LIQ communication circuitry is supplied by the RS232 serial port of the computer/terminal. COM port settings must be set as follows:



Communications Cable P/N FLSC-C-CABLE



4-3 Wiring

When installing the FLSC-C1-LIQ, it is good practice to use shielded cable. The shield should be connected to earth ground near the instrument. The other end of the shield should not be connected.

In order to comply with the requirements for Electromagnetic Compatibility, as per EMC-Directive 89/336/EEC of the Council of European Community, this wiring practice is mandatory.

Appendix A – Default Configuration

Factory default configuration:

FIELD	Value
DN	1000000
FC	0 (Average)
KD	3
AK	1.00
NP	20
F01	4999.981
F02	4999.982
F03	4999.983
F04	4999.984
F05	4999.985
F06	4999.986
F07	4999.987
F08	4999.988
F09	4999.989
F10	4999.990
F11	4999.991
F12	4999.992
F13	4999.993
F14	4999.994
F15	4999.995
F16	4999.996
F17	4999.997
F18	4999.998
F19	4999.999
F20	5000.000
K01	1.00
K02	1.00
K03	1.00
K04	1.00
K05	1.00
K06	1.00
K07	1.00
K08	1.00
K09	1.00
K10	1.00
K11	1.00
K12	1.00
K13	1.00
K14	1.00
K15	1.00

FIELD	Value
K16	1.00
K17	1.00
K18	1.00
K19	1.00
K20	1.00
TU	100 (GAL)
FM	1 (MIN)
NB	01
PA	1234
OC	0 (<i>Rate</i>)

Appendix B – Communications

Message Format and Timeout

Communication messages consist of a string of ASCII characters terminated by a carriage return character. The maximum message length received by FLSC-C1-LIQ is 20 characters, including the carriage return. The FLSC-C1-LIQ will transmit no more than 35 characters before transmitting a carriage return.

If a message longer than A 20 characters command is sent, the instrument responds with

```
"Command Sequence is Too Long!<NL>"
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If an unrecognized or invalid command is sent, the instrument responds with

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"Invalid Command! <NL>"
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The sending unit RS232C serial port configuration must be configured as follows:

Baud rate:	2400
Data bits:	8
Parity:	none
Stop bits:	1
Handshaking:	none

The FLSC-C1-LIQ echoes all received messages and then transmits a response string terminated with a carriage return. If the sending unit takes longer than one minute to send a message, the FLSC-C1-LIQ aborts the message by clearing the receive buffer.

If the sending unit (PC or other such device) wishes to change a setting on the FLSC-C1-LIQ, the sending unit shall follow the command with an equal sign ("=") with the data following immediately after the equal sign. The carriage return terminates the message.

Any FLSC-C1-LIQ response that sends data back to the sending unit shall have an equal sign ("=") followed by the data. Space is allowed between the equal sign and the data on the return message, but the total message length is limited to 35 characters.

READ Example:

If the sending unit wishes to read the number of points that the FLSC-C1-LIQ has in the K-factor table, the sending unit shall send

"NP<CR>"

The FLSC-C1-LIQ echoes the sent message, and responds with

"NUM PTS = 2<CR>"

WRITE Example:

If the sending unit wishes to change the number of points to 20 in the K factor table, the sending unit shall send

"NP=20<CR>"

The FLSC-C1-LIQ echoes the sent message and responds with

"NUM PTS = 20<CR>".

The FLSC-C1-LIQ checks the ranges for data and rejects writes that are not within the allowed range. If the sending unit sends data that is not within the allowed range, the FLSC-C1-LIQ echoes the sent message and responds with the value that is currently stored in the FLSC-C1-LIQ.

Example:

If the sending unit wishes to change the max sample time to 2000 from the previous setting of 10, the sending unit shall send

"NB=2000<CR>"

The FLSC-C1-LIQ echoes the sent message, and responds with

"MAX M TIME= 10<CR>".

Messages

Commands Supported By Communications Messages

Command	Description/Allowed Data/Response	
DN	Tag Number "0" to "99999999"	
	"TAG NUM = (DATA)"	
	The first three digits are the units code for total. Changing these digits will change the TU settings.	
FC	Linearization "0" = Average K factor "1" = Linearization table "F C METHOD = AVG" for Average K factor or "F C METHOD = LIN" for Linearization table	
KD	 K Factor Decimal Point Location "0" for 00000000. "1" for 0000000.0 and all K Factors are less than 9999999.9, otherwise not allowed "2" for 000000.00and all K Factors are less than 999999.99, otherwise not allowed "3" for 00000.000 and all K Factors are less than 99999.999, otherwise not allowed "K-EAC_DECL=(DATA)" 	
AK	Average K Factor "0.001" to "999999.999" if KD = 3 "9999999.99" if KD = 2 "99999999.9" if KD = 1 " 99999999" if KD = 0	
NP	"AVG KFAC = (DATA)" Number Points in the Table "2" to "20" "NUM PTS = (DATA)"	

Command	Description/Allowed Data/Response
F##	Frequency 1-20 F01 has a range of "0.000" to the value of F02 minus 0.001; F20 has a range of the value from F19 plus 0.001 to "5000.000"; Frequencies F02 to F19 must be 0.001 greater than the previous frequency and 0.001 less than the next frequency.
	"FREQ ## = (DATA) " for F01 through F20. Data to fixed three decimal places.
K##	K-Factor 1-20 "K-FACT # = (DATA)" for K01 through K09. "K-FACT ## = (DATA)" for K10 through K20. DATA to decimal places as per KD command.
TU	Total Units "100" for gallons "140" for liters "110" for cubic feet "150" for cubic meters "180" for barrels All other integer values from 0 and less than 999 will map to custom units "TOT UNITS = (DATA)" (DATA) shall be: "GAL" for gallons "LIT" for liters "FT3" for cubic feet "M3" for cubic feet "M3" for cubic meters "BBL" for barrels "CUS" for custom These three numbers will be the same as the first three digits of the tag number. Changes to this menu shall cause the changes to the tag number.

Command	Description/Allowed Data/Response	
FM	Rate Units "0" for seconds "1" for minutes "2" for hours "3" for days	
	"FLOW UNITS=(DATA)" (DATA) shall be:	
	"SEC" for seconds "MIN" for minutes "HR " for hours "DAY" for days	
NB	Max Sample Time "1" to "80"	
	"MAX M TIME=(DATA)"	
LF	Out Low "0.000" to a maximum value of the Out High setting	
	"4mA FLOW =(DATA)"	
AF	Out High Minimum is the Out Low Setting (LF) to a maximum of the following:	
	" 99999999" if RD = 0	
	"20mA FLOW =(DATA)"	
РА	Password "0" to "9999" "PASS WORD = (DATA)"	
OC	Current Out "0" - Current output follows rate. "1" - Current output set to 4mA. "2" - Current output set to 12mA. "3" - Current output set to 20mA. For "0", response = " Output equal to input." For "1", response = " Output is 4mA."	
	For "2", response = " Output is 12mA." For "3", response = " Output is 20mA."	

System Command	Description/Response/Comments
OI	Output 4mA " Output is 4mA."
	Current output set to 4mA.
МО	Output 12mA " Output is 12mA."
	Current output set to 12mA.
ОМ	Output 20mA " Output is 20mA."
	Current output set to 20mA.
OF	Output = Rate (Input) " Output equal to input."
	Current output follows rate.
AA	Auto Data "F (DATA) R (DATA) T (DATA)"
	The response, not the echo, is sent every two seconds until it receives another message from the master. The (DATA) following the F denotes the frequency of the pulses to a precision of three places past the decimal, the (DATA) following the R denotes the rate to a precision of three places past the decimal, and the (DATA) following the T denotes the total to a precision of three places past the decimal.
DA	Dump All All of the responses in previous table.
	The FLSC-C1-LIQ gives all responses except for the CL command.
UI	Unit Identification "UNIT MODEL=HIT2A XX YY.ZZ"
	Model and software number for the unit. XX is the hardware revision number, YY.ZZ is the software revision where YY is the major software revision and ZZ is the minor software revision.

System Commands Supported by Communications Messages

System Command	Description/Response/Comments
RR	Read Rate "FLOW = (DATA)" (DATA) = "0" to the following maximums: "999999.999" if RD = 3 "9999999.99" if RD = 2 "99999999.9" if RD = 1 "999999999" if RD = 0
CN	Adjust 4mA output point "CN=#(DATA)" (DATA) is the integer value that the FLSC-C1-LIQ sends to the 4-20mA converter to output 4mA This parameter is passed to the FLSC-C1-LIQ to adjust the 4mA output point of the device. This value is used in production at the test step to calibrate the 4mA output point.
	"CN" will cause an Invalid Command response and absence of the # symbol will cause the FLSC-C1-LIQ to ignore the data.
СМ	Adjust 20mA output point "CM=#(DATA)" (DATA) is the integer value that the FLSC-C1-LIQ sends to the 4-20mA converter to output 20mA This parameter is passed to the FLSC-C1-LIQ to adjust the 20mA output point of the device. This value is used in production at the test step to calibrate the 20mA output point. "CM" will cause an Invalid Command response and absence of the # symbol will cause the FLSC-C1-LIQ to ignore the data.



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