

TOTALIZING FURNACEMETER™ INSTALLATION & OPERATION MANUAL

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NOTICE, CAUTIONS, AND WARNINGS

NOTICE

This Bulletin contains important safety information and should be read and understood by all individuals who install, use, or service this equipment.

Failure to follow the precautions and recommendations of this manual may subject personnel and property to dangerous conditions.

WARNING

The valves used for flow control do not provide positive gas shut off. Valve may leak and cause asphyxiation or poisoning to personnel within confined spaces.

It is always recommended that users install appropriate lockable gas shut off valves for positive gas shut off.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Contact Atmosphere Engineering Company with any questions or concerns regarding the installation, operation, or setup of the FurnaceMeter™ mixing system.

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DESCRIPTION

The FurnaceMeter™ is a precision flow measurement and control instrument designed specifically to meet the rugged requirements of industrial flow measurement for heat treating furnace applications. The FurnaceMeter™ utilizes differential pressure flow measurement across a fixed orifice. The differential pressure produced is referenced to a NIST traceable flow measurement transfer standard. The resulting data is programmed into the FurnaceMeter™ control board and is provided in this manual as the “Calibration Curve”. The calibration of the FurnaceMeter™ can be certified in-situ by measuring the actual differential pressure and comparing this value with the attached calibration curve.

SPECIFICATIONS

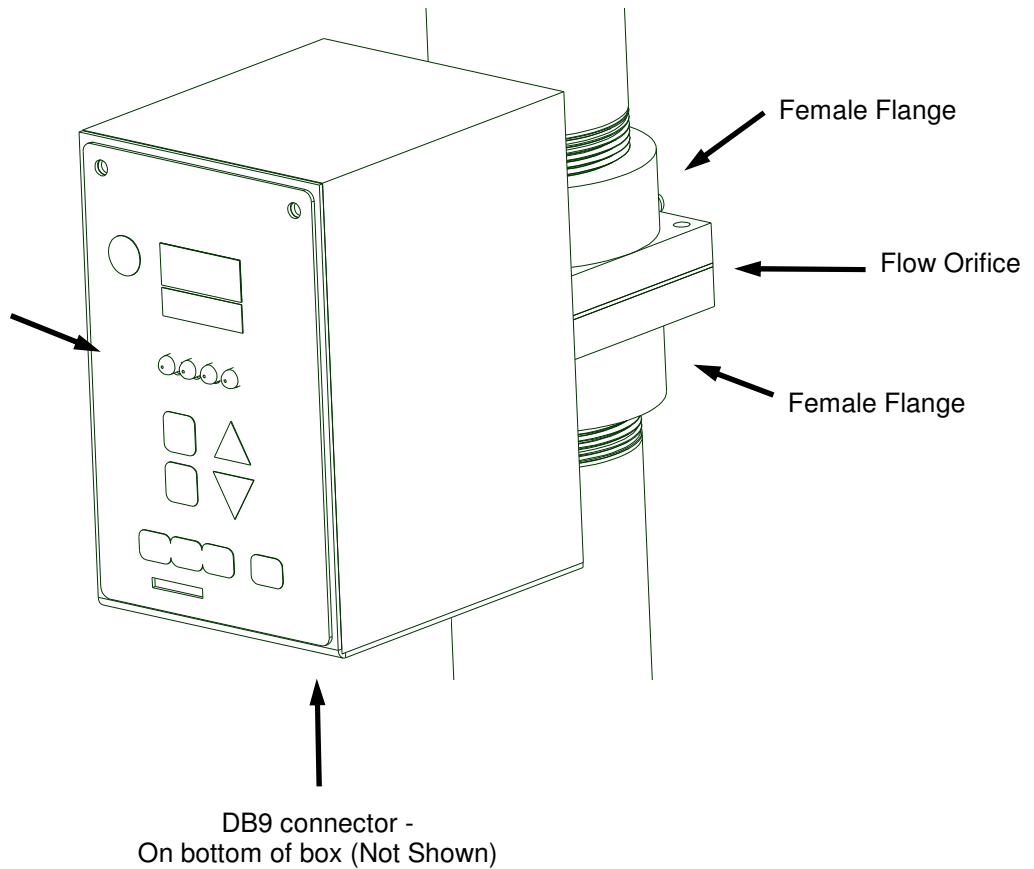
Each FurnaceMeter™ is identified by a serial number. Check the calibration report(s) attached to this manual for specific information about a particular FurnaceMeter™. For additional copies of calibration reports contact Atmosphere Engineering with the meter serial number.

Power Required	24 VDC @ 150 mA
Flow Rate Capacity	See Calibration Report
Accuracy	4%
Repeatability	2%
Turndown Capability	6:1
Medium Temperature Limits	-10°F to 180°F
Ambient Temperature Limits	-10°F to 180°F
Flow Output Signal (Linear)	4-20 mA
Max. Output Signal Load	500Ω Max.
Input Control Signal (Linear)	4-20 mA
Response Time	1-10 seconds
Communications	RS-232, RS-485
Communication Protocol	MODBUS RTU
Pressure Drop @ 100% Capacity	10”wgc (Standard Model) 1 psig (High Pressure Model)
Flow Meter Pressure Limits	5 psig max (Standard Model), 40 psig max (High Pressure Model)

COMPONENT OVERVIEW—FLOW TOTALIZER

Electronic Control
Assembly
Includes:

- Aluminum Enclosure
- Control Board PCB
- Push Buttons
- Identification Label
- Differential Pressure Transducer

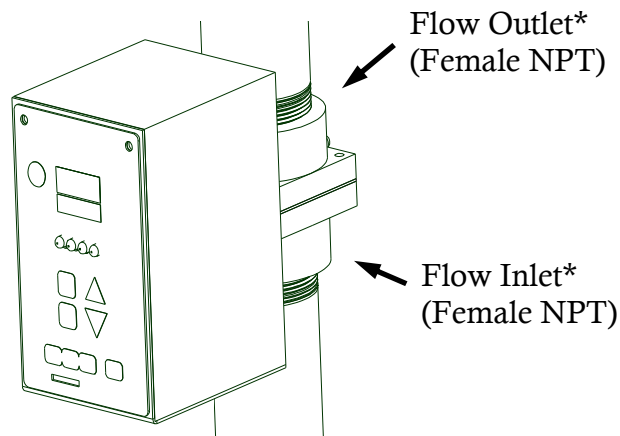


INSTALLATION

MECHANICAL CONNECTION

The FurnaceMeter™ is shipped as a complete unit and ready to be mounted and plumbed per your local codes for the gas or liquid to be measured. It is recommended that the following items be considered to ensure proper mechanical operation.

- Inspect the instrument for any obvious damaged or missing components.
- Secure the meter to a solid surface using the provided mounting holes.
- Attach pipe fittings to the inlet and outlet of the FurnaceMeter™ as identified in Figure 2 below. It is acceptable to utilize bushings or reducers at the FurnaceMeter™ ports to accommodate the desired pipe size. However, undersized piping may limit the maximum flow rate capability. Consult pipe sizing charts or contact Atmosphere Engineering to ensure that the desired flow rates will not be compromised.
- Ensure that the inlet pressure is within the limits of the installed FurnaceMeter™. Note that pressure deviations from that of the calibrated specification will introduce an offset into the flow reading.
- It is recommended that manual isolation valves be installed prior to the FurnaceMeter™ to ensure positive flow rate shut off.



Mounting hole locations may vary.

**Flow direction can be modified (must be specified prior to build)*

Figure 2

INSTALLATION

ELECTRICAL WIRING

The electrical connections are made to the DB9 connector provided on the bottom of the valve assembly enclosure. Alternate connectors are available upon request and will be provided with separate wiring diagram. Below is a reference table that describes each connection. Please review the electrical schematic attached to this manual for more detailed information.

DB-9 Pin#	PC Board Term	Signal Type	Description
1	1	+ VDC	Power Supply 24 VDC (250 mA)
2	2	- VDC	
3	3	+ mA	Output Flow Signal (4 - 20 mA)
4	4	- mA	
5	15	NA	Not Used
6	16	NA	
7	9	+ RS-485	Communications Signal*
8	8	- RS-485	
9	17	24V Sinking Output	Flow Alarm Output

*Communication is MODBUS over RS232 or RS485. RS-232 communications are provided through an alternate DB9 serial connector mounted directly to the PC board.

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MODBUS RTU REGISTER LIST

Modbus RTU registers in the FurnaceMeter internal circuit board (flowboard) can be accessed in order to monitor and modify parameters from a remote location. Below is a table describing each Modbus register and its address.

Modbus register	Description
16	Actual flow
17	Flow Sensor MA input value
18	Flow Setpoint
19	Decimal place for display of flow and setpoint
20	Instrument Modbus address
21	Flow meter full scale value
22	Control gain
23	MA zero value
24	MA span value
25	deadband for control
26	Setpoint zero
27	Setpoint span
28	Not Used
29	Analog output zero in flow units
30	Analog output span in flow units
31	(Not used)
32	Low flow alarm setpoint
33	High flow alarm setpoint
34	Alarms
35	Auto (1) / manual (0) for control
36	(Not used)
37	Reset totalizer values to zero
38	(Not used)
39	Totalizer units (0 to 9999)
40	Totalizer 10K's (0 to 9999 => 0 to 99,990,000)
41	Totalizer 100million's (0 to 9999 => 0 to 999,900,000,000)

OPERATION

The FurnaceMeter is a differential pressure flow meter that utilizes a custom built calibration and control board assembly designed specifically for furnace atmosphere control systems. The calibration and control board assembly has an integrated high and low flow rate alarm along with a flow rate totalizer.

Flow Alarm

The FurnaceMeter is provided with a flow alarm output that can be used to trigger a relay. When in non-alarm state, the relay coil will be energized. Conversely, in the alarm state the relay will be de-energized. A normally open contact could then be used to power an alarm horn. Proper wiring of the alarm output is detailed on the attached wiring diagram. The “ALARM” LED indicates when the flow rate is outside the desired range.

Flow Alarm ON “ALARM” LED = ON
Flow Alarm OK “ALARM” LED = OFF

The flow alarm is on when either the actual flow is greater than the “High Flow Alarm Setpoint” or the actual flow is less than the “Low Flow Alarm Setpoint”. The alarm is not latching. The flow alarm set points can be set either through Modbus communications or by using the FurnaceMeter Configuration Software available on the Atmosphere Engineering website.

Note: As a default, the FurnaceMeter comes preprogrammed with the high and low alarm set points set outside the scale range of the flow meter. This setting essentially deactivates the flow alarm since the flow rate will never trigger an alarm event.

Flow Totalizer

The flow rate totalizer will automatically accumulate the total amount of volume passed through the flow meter. This totalizer is always enabled and can be reset manually.

The maximum totalized value is 999,999,999,999 engineering units (ft³, m³, liters, etc.). This value can be read directly using Modbus communication or it can be displayed manually on the flow rate display LEDs. However, since the control board is only fitted with 4 digits the operator must read the amount in 4 digit increments by pressing the one of the three buttons highlighted in yellow on the display:



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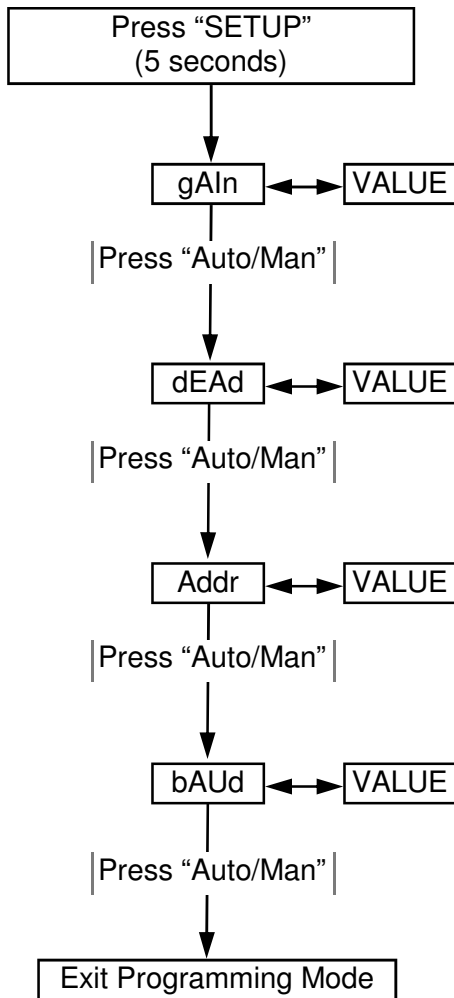
Press the “RESET” button and hold for 5 seconds to reset the totalized amount to zero.

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Programming Mode

The FurnaceMeter programming mode provides access to the most common parameters through the front display LEDs. The programming mode is entered by firmly pressing the “SETUP” button and holding it for 5 seconds. The display LEDs will indicate that programming mode when the display changes to the “GAIN” parameter. To cycle through the available parameters, press the “SETUP” button. To change the displayed parameter value press the Δ or ∇ arrow. See the Programming Overview below for further details.

Programming Overview



Valve Speed Gain (Typical: 100; Range: 10 to 500)

(Not applicable in Totalizer model)

The valve speed gain value can adjust the speed of the motorized valve control motor. The higher the value the faster the response time. However, setting this value too high can result in overshoot.

Deadband (Typical: 1% of Full Scale; Range: 1 to Full Scale)

(Not applicable in Totalizer model)

The deadband dictates how far away from setpoint the actual flow can stray before the valve drives. (e.g.: for a deadband of 5 and setpoint of 50, the valve will close when flow is above 55 and open when flow is below 45).

Modbus Instrument Address (Typical: 1; Range: 1 to 249)

The Modbus instrument address sets the address of the FurnaceMeter on the communications network.

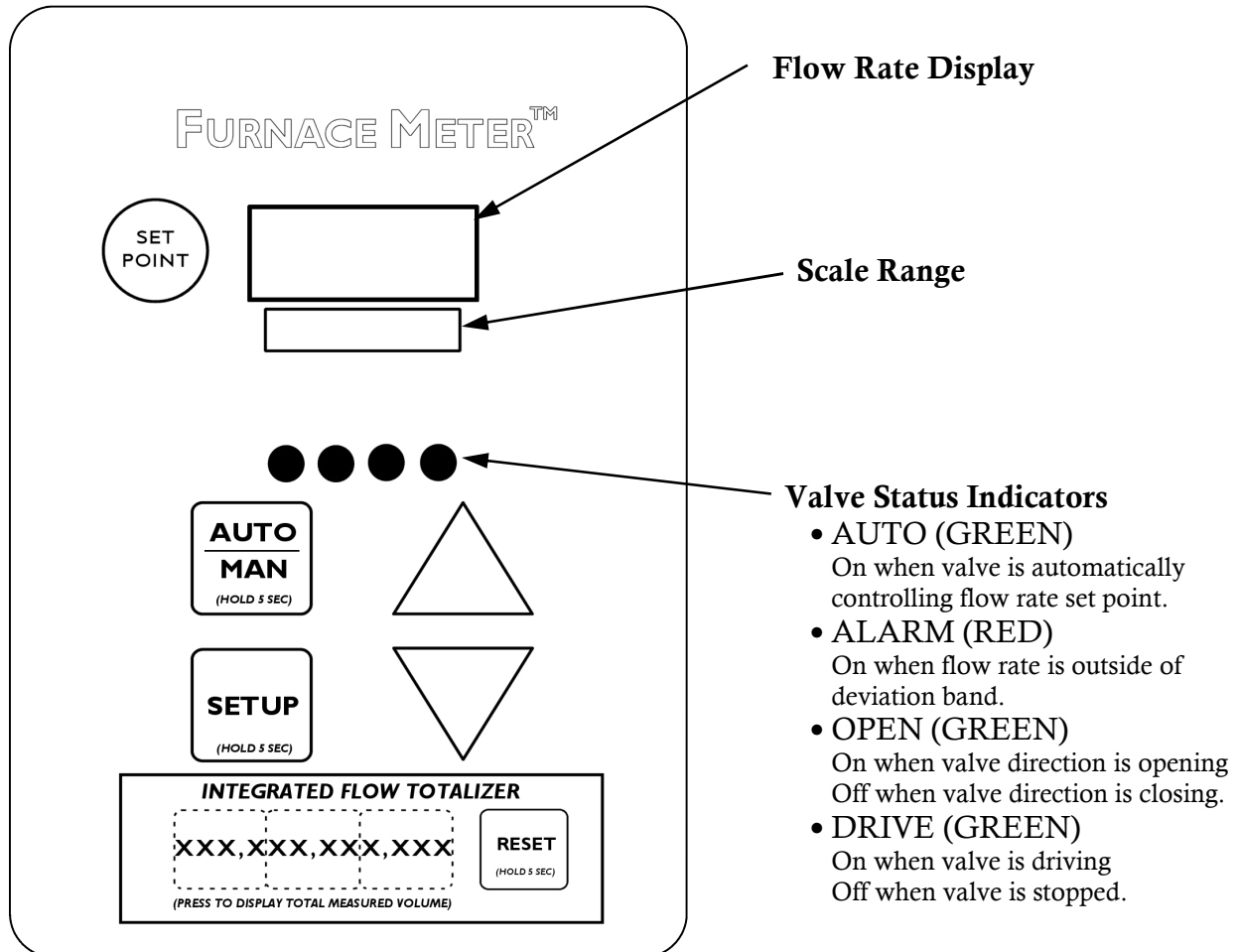
Communications Baud Rate (Typical: 1920; Range: 9600 or 1920)

This value sets the instrument communication baud rate.

Note: 1920 = 19,200

OPERATION

Keypad Interface Overview



Push Button Details

- **SETPOINT** (*Not applicable in Totalizer model*)
Displays Desired Flow Rate Setpoint. If no external signal is utilized this value can be internally set by holding the SETPOINT. button and pressing the up or down arrows to change the desired internal setpoint.
- **AUTO/MAN (HOLD FOR 5 SECONDS)** (*Not applicable in Totalizer model*)
Used to turn the automatic valve control function on and off as indicated by the AUTO LED. When the “AUTO” mode is on the valve will automatically open or close to maintain the desired flow rate setpoint. When the “AUTO” mode is turned off the valve will only respond the UP and DOWN arrow keys to drive the valve motor.
- **SETUP (HOLD FOR 5 SECONDS)**
Used to change parameters through the front display
- **△ (UP ARROW)** (*Not applicable in Totalizer model*)
Used to open the valve when “AUTO” mode is off. Can be used in conjunction with the SETPOINT button to increase the internal setpoint.
- **▽ (DOWN ARROW)** (*Not applicable in Totalizer model*)
Used to close the valve when “AUTO” mode is off. Can be used in conjunction with the SETPOINT. button to decrease the internal setpoint.
- **INTEGRATED FLOW TOTALIZER**
Displays totalized flow rate
- **RESET**
Resets Totalized flow rate
- Used to close the valve when “AUTO” mode is off. Can be used in conjunction with the SETPOINT button to decrease the internal setpoint.

MAINTENANCE

General Preventative Maintenance

The FurnaceMeter is designed to be a generally maintenance-free instrument. To ensure many years of reliable performance it is recommended that precautions be taken to keep the inside of the valve control assembly and pressure transducer enclosures clean and free from carbon or water contamination.

Calibration Certification

The FurnaceMeter is supplied with calibration test ports for added quality control. These ports provide a location to test the actual differential pressure across the integrated flow orifice. This differential pressure can be measured with a portable calibrated instrument and checked against the original calibration certificate attached to this manual to confirm the long term accuracy of the FurnaceMeter differential pressure transducer.

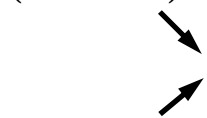
To perform a calibration certification requires the following items:

- Calibrated Handheld Manometer (Minimum: 28" wcd)
- Small Standard Screwdriver (to open and close the test ports)
- Original Calibration Certificate (for the Serial # of the meter to be tested)

Calibration Certification Procedure

1. Open the High and Low Pressure Ports by inserting a small standard screw driver into the port and turning small valve counterclockwise 1 time. *Note: There is a very small flow limiting orifice integrated into the port valve to ensure only a small amount of gas will escape during testing.*
2. Connect a calibrated differential pressure manometer to the test ports. Verify that the "high" and "low" ports of the test instrument are attached to the correct ports on the FurnaceMeter as shown.
3. Set the actual flow to a value on the original calibration certificate.
4. Take a reading of the actual differential pressure at this flow rate and verify this value against the original differential pressure on the calibration certificate. (Rule of Thumb: 0.5" wc deviation = 5% flow error)
5. If actual differential pressure is outside acceptable limits then the zero/span potentiometers within the differential pressure transducer can be accessed by opening the enclosure. *Note: Only small adjustments should ever be necessary to bring the transducer back into calibration. If large adjustments or deviations are found please contact the support staff at Atmosphere Engineering directly.*

Low Pressure
Test Port
(Outlet side)



High Pressure
Test Port
(Inlet side)



ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

- Internal Wiring Drawing
- FurnaceMeter Calibration Curve