

TX80 Series Flow Sensor Instructions

General Information

The TX80 Series are turbine-type insertion meters designed for use in pipe sizes 1" to 8". High-quality jewel bearings and nickel-bound tungsten carbide shaft are used for maximum life and extreme low friction. Bodies are machined from solid rod for maximum precision. Lowflow performance is superior. The rotation of the rotor is detected by a non-drag Hall-effect sensor. Output is a pulse-type square wave, which can be sent long distances (up to 2,000 feet) without a transmitter. This signal can be connected directly to SeaMetrics controls, as well as PLC's, counters, and computer cards.

SeaMetrics TX80 meters are ideal for chemical proportioning applications. If no display is required, a simple divider such as the PD10 provides adjustable pump pacing. For rate and total display, as well as pump pacing, the FT420 flow indicator can be mounted directly on the TX80 Series, or remotely on a wall or panel.

The TX80 Series require special fittings, since they are not depth-adjustable, installation in the fitting ensures correct depth placement in the pipe. Fittings are available in PVC, brass, and stainless steel. Sensors are available in brass, 316 stainless steel, and polypropylene. In plastic pipe 3"-8", use an IP82 sensor, which is 1.00" longer than the IP81 to accommodate the larger fittings.

Specifications

Sensor								
	Hall Effect Sens			or 12 VDC current sinking pulse				
Materia	ls							
	Sensor Body			Polypro, Brass, 316 SS				
	Rotor			Polypro, PVDF optional				
	Shaf	it		Nicke	el-bou	nd tur	ngsten	
				carbi	de,zir	conia	ceramic)
				optio	nal			
	Bearings			Ruby				
Range				0.2 - 30 FPS (0.06-9.14M/s)				M/s)
Acuracy				± 1% FS				
Maximu	um P	ressu	re					
	Poly	pro		175 p	osi @	75° F	(12 bar)
	Brass			200 (14 bar)				
316 SS			250 psi (17 bar)					
Maximu	um Te	empe	rature	e				
	Poly	pro		130°	F (55	°C) a	t 0 psi	
Brass, SS			200° F (93° C)					
Power				6-24VDC, 8 mA				
Nominal K-factor				11 Hz/FPS (3.6 HzM/s)				
Cable				#22 A	AWG :	3-con	18' (6m)
Maximu	um C	able	Run	2,000)' (65	50m)		
Flow Range (GPM)								
	1"	1-1/2"	2"	3"	4"	6"	8"	
Min.	0.8	1.9	3.1	6.9	12	27	47	
Max.	80	190	314	691	1200	2700	4700	



Installation



These water meters are not recommended for installation downstream of the boiler feedwater pump where installation fault may expose the meter to boiler pressure and temperature. Maximum recommended temperature is 130°F (Plastic),

200°F (Metal).



Fitting Installation. TX80 Series meters require special fittings. The meter fitting must first be installed in the pipeline. Straight pipe of at least ten times the diameter upstream of the meter and five diameters downstream are strongly recommended. Inadequate straight pipe, especially downstream of an elbow, change in pipe diameter, or partially-opened valves, can result in signifi-



Caution: Never remove the uclip retainer when the pipe is under pressure. Always remove pressure from the pipe before attempting to remove the meter.

Removal under pressure may result in damage or serious injury.

cant inaccuracy. Typically this inaccuracy is in the form of the meter reading "high". TX80 Series meter fittings are supplied with some upstream straight pipe. In the larger sizes, the length provided is less than ten diameters upstream and five downstream. It is not advisable to connect directly to the end of these fittings with a flowdisturbing device such as a valve or elbow. If possible, straight pipe should be added to these fittings.

A PVC fitting is usually installed by solvent welding. The stainless steel and brass meter fittings have female pipe threads, requiring the appropriate male threaded fittings. Saddle fittings (size 3" and above) require a hole to be cut in the pipe. The recommended hole size is 1-3/4".



Meter Installation. After the meter fitting is installed in the pipeline, the meter can be installed in the fitting. Press the meter into the fitting as far as it will go. Then retain the meter in place by inserting the u-pin. This pin can be installed from either side. It is sometimes necessary to rotate the probe back and forth slightly to start the pin into the slots on the probe. Slide the pin in as far as it will go.

Meter Connection. See the "TX80 Series Connections" diagram for meter connections. Unless the meter is supplied pre-connected to a meter-mounted FT420 flow indicator, three leads must be connected. These three leads are color coded. The red wire is positive, the black is negative, and the white wire is the signal lead.

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K-factor. If the TX80 Series meter is ordered with its fitting, the meter is factory calibrated in the fitting. A Kfactor (meter factor) is indicated on the side of the fitting. This represents the actual number of pulses per gallon the meter produced during the factory flow test. This number can entered into an FT420 or FT520 flow indicator to make it read properly. If a pulse divider is being used, the K-factor is the starting point for calculating the divider number.

Maintenance and Repair

Rotor Replacement. It is unusual for a rotor to require replacement due to damage sustained in normal service. More commonly, the meter is dropped while it is out of the pipe. Another reason for rotor replacement is shaft wear after long service. Rotors are easily fieldreplaced. Shaft and rotor are not a single unit, if they are using Kynar/ceramic. If replacement is due only to normal shaft wear, bearing replacement is probably not necessary. If the rotor has been damaged by impact, the bearings should also be replaced. Rotor and bearings can be ordered as a kit, Part No.25930. To install a rotor, follow these steps:

1. Unscrew the threaded bearing housings to expose the shaft ends. If bearings are being replaced, back them completely out.

2. Remove the rotor. Put the new rotor in its place.

3. Thread in one bearing housing part way, then the other. Take care to start the end of the shaft into the bearing hole before tightening further.

4. Screw in bearing housings until they bottom. **Note: Do not use excessive force.**

5. Check for free spin. Blowing lightly on the rotor should result in it spinning rapidly and coasting to a smooth stop.

Sensor Replacement. It is very unusual for a sensor to require replacement in normal use. The primary cause of sensor failure is overvoltage (inadvertent connection of line voltage, for example) or incorrect polarity on hookup. The sensor is replaced by removing the strain relief, then threading out the sensor retainer plug. Remove the entire sensor capsule by pulling on the cable. The new sensor capsule can then be installed. It is important to orient the sensor capsule properly. Replace the retainer plug, and then replace and tighten the strain relief.

Spare Parts List			
Part No.	Description		
25930	Rotor repair kit(tungsten carbide)		
25945	Rotor repair kit (ceramic)		
25946	Rotor & shaft assy. (tungsten carbide)		
25947	Rotor & shaft assy. (ceramic)		
11015	Sensor assy.		
16439	O-Ring, Viton		
16455	O-Ring, Viton		
25081	O-Ring, EPDM		

Troubleshooting Guide					
Problem	Probable Cause	To Check	To Repair		
No signal after installation	Insufficient flow	See Min. GPM for size	Contact SeaMetrics		
	Bad connections to control electronics	Check connections at control. Check polarity: red (+), black (-), white (signal)	Re-connect if necessary		
	Incompatible control	Does control: 1) provide 6-24VDC power; 2) accept current sinking inputs	Contact SeaMetrics		
	Damaged or missing rotor	Remove meter and check visually for free spinning	Obtain new rotor and replace		
Inaccurate metering	Not enough straight pipe between meter and flow disturbance	See recommendations, measure	Move meter away from flow disturbance or field calibrate		







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1	Upper housing	26181
2	Gasket	26211
3	Lower housing	29930
4	Housing screw	26229
5	Plug, steel	26073
6	Plug, plastic	26079
7	Strain relief	7655
8	Sensor retaining screw	25321
9	Sensor	26310
10	O-ring	25081
11	Bearing assembly (standard)	25901
12	Shaft screw (optional ceramic shaft)	16710
13	Turbine rotor (standard)	25946
13	Turbine rotor (optional-use with #12)	25947
14	U-clip	15527

Fittings Compatibility Chart				
Material	TX81	TX82		
Bronze	1"-4" Tee	3"-8" Braze fitting		
PVC	1/2"-2" Tee	3"-8" Saddle		
Polypro	N/A	3"-8" Tee		
Stainless steel	1/2"-2" Tee	3"-8" Weld fitting		
Carbon steel	1/2"-2" Tee	3"-8" Weld fitting		



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