

Compressor Monitoring

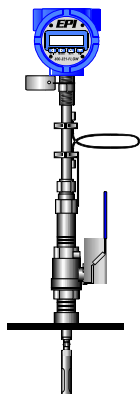
Eldridge Products, Inc. realizes that in many industrial facilities compressed air is one of the primary components of overall energy use. As the cost of energy continues to rise, accurately tracking the use of compressed air with Master-Touch flowmeters can provide direct and immediate benefits by giving you the information you need to establish a program that:



- 1) monitors general usage to encourage energy — and plant cost — conservation;
- 2) tracks peak usage to correctly determine optimum compressor capacity; and
- 3) simplifies your overall instrumentation needs through the use of thermal gas mass flow technology.

Installation of the Master-Touch is simple. For example, an insertion style thermal mass flowmeter merely requires you to tap one hole where monitoring is needed and weld a 3/4" NPT to accept a ball valve retractor assembly or other suitable mounting hardware. Then insert the probe into the pipe to the recommended position (ANSI Point of Average Flow), tighten the compression fitting, and power the flowmeter (24VDC or 115VAC). The mass flow rate for air consumption through that location is now available as 0–5VDC and 4–20mA output signals. The 2-line,

16 character display and keypad gives real-time flow rate and elapsed total readouts as well as complete access to the full compliment of the Master-Touch's powerful features.



Thermal Technology

Thermal mass flowmeters are solid state instruments that use the principle of convective heat transfer to directly measure mass flow. EPI's sensors consist of two resistance temperature detectors (RTDs). A forced null, Wheatstone bridge, preferentially heats one RTD; the other RTD acts as the temperature reference. The process gas flow dissipates heat from the first RTD, causing an increase in the power required to maintain a balance between the RTDs. This increase is directly related to the gas molecular rate of flow.



Our sensors are temperature compensated and insensitive to pressure changes, so no additional instrumentation or calculations are required. The output signal is a true mass flow rate signal which can be directly interfaced with your data acquisition system.

Master-Touch™ Advantages

With a Master-Touch flowmeter, you get a powerful set of features that includes:

- Tracking of overall gas consumption over a turndown ratio of at least 100:1 with an accuracy of $\pm [1\% \text{ of Reading} + (.5\% + .02\%/^{\circ}\text{C of Full Scale})]$;
- Repeatability of 0.2% full scale;
- Extensive diagnostics including time and date stamping of maximum and minimum flow rates;
- User-selectable high or low biasing to optimize long term tracking against supplier metering;
- A 2 line, 16 character display for rate, total, and relay status;



- Up to four independent metering ranges, and the ability to switch between the ranges without interrupting your production process;
- A wide variety of user-selectable engineering units that dynamically convert the flow rate and elapsed total to the new units.

You can control all of these features with the four button touch keypad or via RS232 and RS485 I/O communications.

The double-sided NEMA 4 enclosure gives you convenient access to all power supply input and

sensor signal output connections. Your installation requirements can be easily accommodated by your choice of in-line or insertion models with 115VAC, 230VAC, or 24VDC configurations, and with either integral or remote displays. The remote style AC-powered models only need two conductors from the flow section electronics (5 ohm loop) — no local power is required.

The Master-Touch™ is CE compliant.

Specifications

Linear signal output	0–5 VDC & 4–20 mA
Signal Interface	RS232 & RS485
Accuracy (including linearity)	± [1% of Reading + (.5% Full Scale + .02%/°C)]
Repeatability	± 0.2% of Full Scale
Sensor response time (stainless)	1 second
Turn down ratio	100:1 minimum
Electronics temperature range	0–50° C (32–122° F), extended temperature optional
Gas temperature range	0–200° C (32–392° F), extended range available
Gas temperature effect	.01% /° C
Gas pressure effect	Negligible over ± 20% of absolute calibration pressure
Pressure rating maximum:	
Inline flowmeters	500 PSI Std., > 500 special
Insertion flowmeters .500 O.D.	125 PSI Std., > 125 special
" " .750 O.D.	55 PSI Std., > 55 special
Transmitter power requirements	5 Watts or less
Flow transmitter enclosure	NEMA 4, Class 1, Div 1, Groups B, C, & D, Std.
Wetted materials	316 Stainless Steel (Hastelloy and Monel optional)
Standard temperature & pressure (STP)	70° F & 29.92" Hg (Air .075 lb./cubic foot)
NIST traceable calibration	Standard

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