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breakthrough flowmeter technology







The Titan pedigree

With over 40 years experience in flowmeter innovation and manufacture, Titan's company philosophy of "pushing the envelope by trying to do things a little different and better" has resulted in sales of over 250,000 products into 40 countries worldwide and a repeat purchase percentage of 95% - something which founder Trevor Forster is justly proud of.

Today Titan supplies innovative flow measurement solutions into a broad range of sectors, including medical, industrial, food & drink, laboratory and pharmaceutical. Its latest innovation, the Atrato flowmeter range, is set to challenge conventional flowmeter thinking the world over. The culmination of eight years research and development in collaboration with the Department of Process & Engineering at Cranfield University, it can handle low flows from laminar to turbulent and is largely immune from viscosity. It has excellent turndown, repeatability and linearity and can monitor flow over a range of 200:1. Accuracy is better than +/-1.5%.



Atrato is a genuine step change in flowmeter technology.





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The Atrato Flowmeter range

Utilising patented technology that enables it to operate with excellent accuracy over very wide flow ranges, across the whole span, the Atrato range of inline flowmeters is a genuine breakthrough in flowmeter technology. Its rugged, clean bore construction makes the Atrato ideal for a whole range of low flow applications and its USB port allows software connectivity at literally the touch of a button. Its signal processing system permits flow measurement across the whole Reynolds number range allowing both viscous and nonviscous products to be metered accurately.



A powerful Measuring System

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The time of flight measuring system measures both the upstream and downstream flight times and half the difference is the velocity of the fluid. Our patented system measures these time differences to an accuracy of better than 250 picoseconds giving our excellent meter performance.

As the pipe geometry is known the resulting pulse output is accurate for the volume passed. This performance is further enhanced by our primary signal to noise ratio which is typically 1000:1 and at times as high as 3000:1.



Features

Through bore High reliability Choice of materials ±1.5% of reading No moving parts ±0.1% repeatability 3 Flow ranges Pulse output **USB** interface 10 Bar rating Viton seals as std. Choice of end fittings 8-24 V dc 60°C Max (110°C in development) Flow switch/4-20mA option Rate & total option 200:1 turndown Non metallic options

Computer Interface

The USB connection permits the user to directly monitor the rate and total on their laptop as well as altering some of the operating parameters such as the pulse resolution and units. If the rate and total or the analogue boards are used their programming and operation can be accessed directly. At a later date data logging and operation statistics will be possible.



Heritage

The development of the flowmeter began in 2001 with a corporate decision to develop the best noninvasive small bore meter in the world as part of a long term strategic plan. One of the foremost fluid engineering establishments (The Cranfield Institute of Technology) was commissioned to develop the device along with Titan and this joint project has been continuous since that date. Titan have exclusive global rights for the technology which is subject to 2 granted patents and 2 more applications will be made in the near future.





"The use of low frequency ultrasound and advanced signal processing to interrogate the flow ensures that the flowmeter provides high accuracy over a wide turndown range. In addition the technology developed for the Atrato has the flexibility to provide the basis of a family of flowmeters suitable for an even wider range of flows and applications."

> Professor Mike Sanderson Emeritus Professor of Fluid Instrumentation, Cranfield University

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How it works

The Atrato system uses the well proven time of flight measuring method which is far more reliable and accurate than Doppler shift measurement where reflected signals are required from irregularities in the liquid. The Atrato crystals are plain disks with a hole in the centre forming a washer, which are excited in such a way that they oscillate radially as opposed to the normal mode of excitement which is across the thickness of the ceramic. This strong radial signal sends symmetrical pulses directly into the tube.

Because of these annular ring crystals the sound travelling down the pipe can be considered as a plain wave. The signal to noise ratio is remarkable as there is little background noise and high signal strengths. At times the signal to noise ratio is as high as 3000:1. As the system is fully balanced at zero flows the two signals are identical and cancel each other out. This gives a very stable zero flow condition and is the basis of the flowmeters high ratio between minimum and maximum flows. As the flow increases these signals go out of phase and we measure this phase shift to an accuracy equivalent to 250 picoseconds.

In addition, the sound waves travelling down the tube in the Atrato operating system are symmetrical and as a result any changes in the fluid's velocity profile across the pipe diameter will be averaged out by the signal as it passes from the transmitter to the receiver. It is therefore irrelevant whether the fluid velocity profile is fully formed with turbulent flow or completely laminar with a classic parabolic profile. In practice this gives the Atrato an excellent immunity to Reynolds number changes and a good high viscosity performance.









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E.G. 760V 0 O-A is a flow range of 0.1 to 20 L/Min, viton seal, 3/8" John Guest fitting, PEEK body with 316 stainless steel tube flowmeter with a 4 - 20mA analogue output

Standard Materials of Construction

Body & tube - PEEK/St St 'O' Ring seal - Viton Output - Pulse End fittings - 1/2" BSP

Flow Range Linearity & 710 0.002 - 0.5 1.5 12000 400 740 0.02 - 5.0 1.5 400 4800 760 0.1 - 20.0 1.5 400 1200



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Ultrasonic Flowmeter Range

Technical specifications

	Linearity	±1.5% of reading over flow range
	Repeatability	±0.1% from 25% to 100%
		±0.5% from 0 -25%
	Housing	IP54
	Temperature range	-10 to 60°C non condensing
	Fluid temperature range	-10 to 60°C (110°C model in development)
	Storage temperature	-20 to 100°C
	Pulse output	PNP or NPN maximum frequency 400 Hz
	Relay	24 Vdc 500 mA max non inductive
	PIN 6 Transistor O/P	PNP 24 V @ 20 mA max
	Input	Pull down resistor required (10K Ohm)
	PIN 7 Transistor O/P	NPN 24 V @ 20mA maximum
	Input	Pull up resistor required (10K Ohm)
	LCD display	Reflective
		6 X 8mm high main characters
		2.5mm enunciators
		Gal. cc. Kg. gms. Ltr. /min /Hr /Sec
	4 – 20 MA output	into 250 Ohm maximum
		14 Bit resolution
		±0.1% linearity (plus flowmeter accuracy)
	0 – 10 Volt output	14 Bit resolution (14 V dc min supply voltage)
		±0.1% linearity (plus flowmeter accuracy)
	0 – 5 Volt output	12 Bit resolution
	USB	Type A connector Windows XP or later
	Wiring Terminals	1mm maximum
	Power supply	10 – 24 V dc (15 -24V dc for 4-20mA or 0-10V)
	Power consumption	110 mA (plus analogue output current)
	Connections	1/2" BSP male
		Alternative - 3/8" John Guest push in
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