

Tracer[®]_{VM} with User Interface

Flowmeter with FCI (Fluid Characteristic Indication)

Operating Instructions

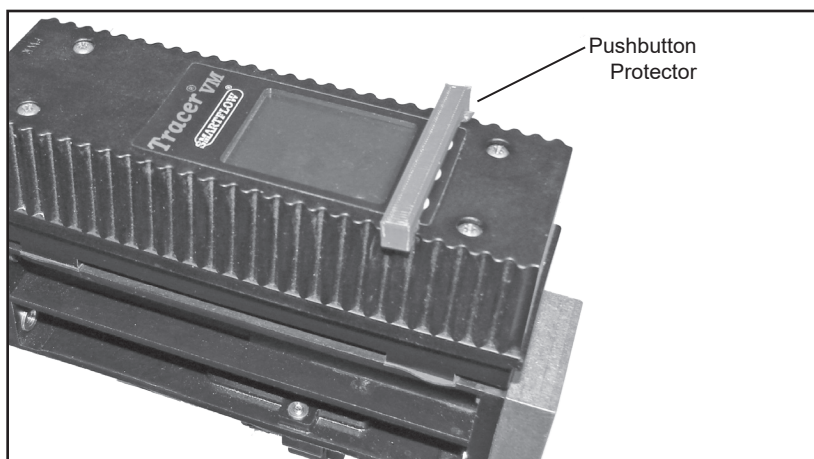
General

The Tracer_{VM} Flowmeter provides:

- 0.5 to 3.5V, 0 to 5V or 0 to 10V Selectable Analog Flow Output
- 0.5 to 4.1V, 0 to 5V or 0 to 10V Selectable Analog Temperature Output
- 1A, 30VAC/30VDC Programmable Alarm Switch for High or Low Temperature and/or Flow. Switch can be set for Turbulent Flow instead of programmed settings.
- Fluid Flow Rate Display in gallons per minute (GPM) or liters per minute (LPM), selectable
- Fluid Temperature Display (°F or °C), selectable
- BTU's per Minute Display
- FCI Display (Turbulent Flow or "TF" on display)
- Volume Totalizer Display
- Reynolds Number Display
- Rechargeable Battery for temporary portable operation (up to 8 hrs)
- Glycol Scale Options, 0%, 10%, 20% or 30% (for FCI Calculation)

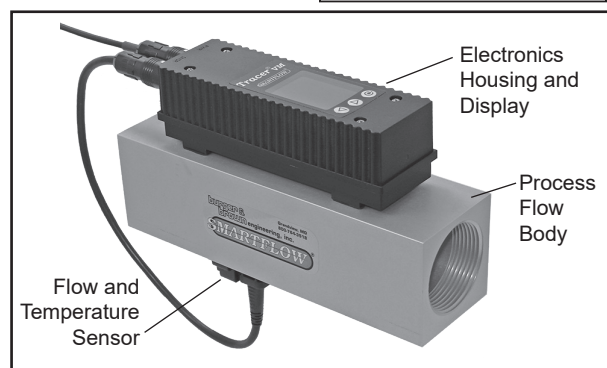
Pushbutton Protector

Remove and discard Pushbutton Protector before first use.



Tracer_{VM} Interface and Sensor are calibrated as a matched pair. Separating the pair voids the calibration.

RoHS Compliant



Temperature

Operating Range32 to 248°F (0 to 120°C)

Accuracy ±2% of Display Value

Repeatability ±1% of Display Value

Component Materials

Sensing Element.....Silicon-Based MEMS Sensor

Seal (sensor to housing).....EPDM Rubber

Flow Path Insert.....PPA 40 GF

3/8" & 1/2" Body Sizes.....Glass-Filled Nylon Flow Body with Brass or Nylon End Caps

3/4" thru 1-1/2" Body Sizes Anodized Aluminum or Stainless Steel (optional)

Electronics Cover.....Nylon

Cable9-Conductor, 24AWG, 4.8M long

Operating

Internal Relay.....30VAC/30VDC

Power Required.....8 to 28VDC

Maximum Pressure10.3bar (150 psi)

Output Signals.....Ratiometric

Available Flow Ranges and Accuracy

Body Size	Range (LPM)	Range (GPM)	Flow Accuracy (Full Scale)
3/8" & 1/2"	1 to 15	.3 to 4	±1.5%/3%*
3/8" & 1/2"	2 to 40	.5 to 10.6	±1.5%/3%*
3/4" & 1"	5 to 100	1.3 to 26.4	±1.5%
1" & 1-1/2"	10 to 200	2.6 to 52.8	±1.5%

* In the center of the flow range, accuracy is ±1.5%. At the low and high ends of the flow range, accuracy is ±3%.

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BTU Basics

To obtain the most accurate BTU/m calculation, use the Tracer_{VM} to measure the supply side water temperature (in °F) before installing in a cooling water return line.

BTU's per minute calculation is based on the increase in water temperature multiplied by the flow rate. The Tracer_{VM} calculates this information based on supply side temperature entered manually. Due to inherent differences in most thermometers, the most accurate BTU calculation will result from using the same thermometer (inside the Tracer_{VM}) to measure supply and return line temperatures. Record the supply side temperature and enter it using the "Set BTU/m Input Temperature" instructions on page 5.

Turbulent Flow

"TF" notification appears on the display when Turbulent Flow is likely inside the cooling circuit of the selected size.

Turbulent flow is the mixing and swirling of water inside a cooling line that provides optimum heat transfer. Water flow rate greater than the point of Turbulent Flow provides diminishing benefits with increased pumping. Turbulent flow tracking allows technicians to apply mathematical cooling principles to all machines in a water system. Visit the Technical Documents section of www.smartflow-usa.com for a detailed discussion of Turbulent Flow.

Input the percentage of glycol (0, 10, 20 or 30% only) in cooling water for accurate Turbulent Flow Indication (default value is 0). See Setup Mode option on page 6. Antifreeze compounds of ethylene glycol are sometimes added to cooling water. Glycol compounds have much higher viscosity than water. As a result, higher flow rates are required to reach Turbulent Flow when glycol is used.

Turbulent Flow Indicator is based on Reynolds Number of 4000.

Reynolds Number

Reynolds Number displayed by the Tracer_{VM} flowmeter is calculated using the inside diameter of the flow passage. Factory preset "Pipe Diameter" matches the Nominal Thread Size of the meter. "Pipe Diameter" setting may be changed in the Setup Mode if needed (see page 5).

Flow Passage Inside Diameter Program Reference		
Nominal Thread Size	Drill Diameter	Drill Diameter
0.25"	.438"	11.1mm
0.38"	.578"	14.7mm
0.50"	.703"	17.9mm
0.75"	.922"	23.4mm
1.0"	1.156"	29.4mm
1.5"	1.734"	44.0mm

Pipe Configuration

For best performance, install a straight run of pipe equal to 10 pipe diameters on the inlet side of the Tracer_{VM} flowmeter and a straight run of pipe equal to 5 pipe diameters on the outlet side of the flowmeter. Use appropriate pipe sealant to prevent leakage on inlet and outlet sides of the flowmeter.

Power

When using Cable Assembly (EFM-CBL-OPC-A, connector one end only), attach the power and switching connections to the bare wires of the cable according to the chart below. Individual wires are 24AWG stranded copper. Attach 8 to 28VDC power to the unit for correct operation.

In normal operation, the internal relay is energized. If power to the unit is lost, or if unit is turned off, relay state changes to signal an alarm.

Cable with 120VAC adapter (CBL-VMI-WWA) does not have Analog or Relay Output connections.

**Battery Charging:
Unit must be turned ON to charge the battery.**

Power supply other than 8 to 28VDC may damage the electronics! Ensure that power supply provides Earth Ground (0V) and not a reference. Earth Ground is required for reliable flow and temperature outputs. Cable with 120VAC Wall adapter (CBL-VMI-WWA) is intended for off-line battery charging purposes only. Do not use this cable for permanent processing installations. User Interface must be ON for the battery to accept a charge.

9-Conductor Cable Color Chart

Wire Color	Function
Black	DC Ground (Earth)
Yellow	+DC Input (8 to 28VDC)
Red	not used
Blue	Analog Output Ground (-)
Orange	Flow Analog Voltage Output (+)
Violet	Temp. Analog Voltage Output (+)
Green	Relay Common
Brown	Relay Normally Open
Gray/White	Relay Normally Closed

EMI/RFI Interference

Care should be taken to route power and signal cable away from motors and pumps. Signal integrity may be adversely affected by close proximity of the wiring to machinery producing high frequency emissions.

Cable

Maximum effective signal cable length is 4.8M (16ft) as supplied. Splicing extra length to the cable is not recommended.

Flow and Mounting Direction

Orient the Tracer_{VM} so the flow direction of the process fluid matches the directional arrow on the body of the meter. Flow in the opposite direction of the arrow will yield inaccurate voltage output. The presence of air bubbles in the process fluid will also create an inaccurate voltage output.

Maintenance Instructions

Copper Plumbing Alert

DO NOT connect an aluminum body flowmeter directly to copper plumbing. Galvanic corrosion is very likely to occur. Stainless steel body material is strongly recommended for this application.

Operating Instructions

Modes of Operation

There are three modes of operation for the Tracer_{VM} Flowmeter:

User Mode, Setup Mode and Calibration Mode.

User Mode displays all available process information:

- Flow rate
- Temperature
- Turbulent Flow Indication “TF”
- Reynolds Number
- Alarm Indication (when configured in Setup Mode)
- BTU’s per minute (when input temperature is provided in Setup Mode)
- Total volume (when configured in Setup Mode)

Setup Mode configures the flowmeter for:

- Volume totalizer on/off
- Unit selection (English or Metric)
- Switching set points (alarm)
- BTU/m temperature input
- Automatic shut off time
- Pipe diameter (factory set to match body size)
- Glycol scale options (0%, 10%, 20% or 30%)
- Analog Output: Temperature (4.1V, 5V, 10V, off)
- Analog Output: Flow (3.5V, 5V, 10V, off)
- Relay settings (alarm, turbulent flow, off)


Calibration Mode configures the flowmeter for:

- Flow sensor selection
- Temperature sensor selection
- Temperature and Flow Calibration
- Available Battery Voltage (display only)
- Firmware information and updates
- Factory default settings

*Users should not make changes within Calibration Mode.
Accidental loss of factory calibration may occur.*



User Mode

Press  to enter User Mode. User Mode is display only.


Press Δ or ∇ buttons to scroll through displays of flow rate, temperature, Reynolds Number and BTU/m.

BTU/m is automatically disabled until input temperature is entered within User Mode.




Totalizer function is off when shipped. See Setup Mode instruction to enable and zero Total Volume display. When totalizer is enabled, total flow volume will be visible on all User Mode screens. When the display is off, totalizer does not add to the total volume.

To exit User Mode, press  to power down the meter.



Setup Mode

The display must be off to enter Setup Mode. Press and hold ∇ button, then hold down . "Setup Mode" appears in the upper left corner of the display. Press Δ or ∇ buttons to scroll through the list of selectable options.



Volume Totalizer calculates total flow volume from "on" point. For best results, disable "Automatic Display Shut-off" (page 5) when using the Volume Totalizer. Total volume updates only when the display is on. (Maximum value is approximately 42,949,000 liters or 11,338,000 gallons. Display will reset to zero and restart.)

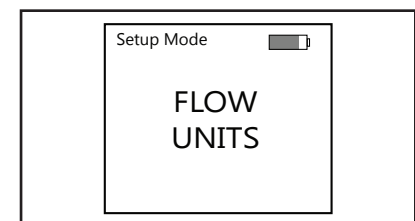
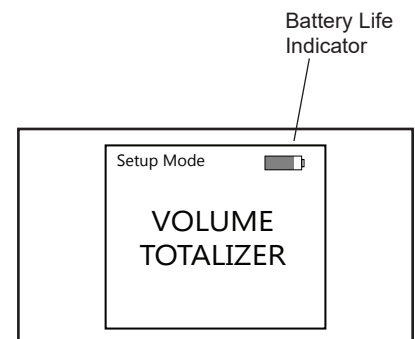
Press  to select. Press Δ or ∇ to enable or disable then press  to select. If enabled, Press  then Δ or ∇ buttons to select On, Off or Reset. At ON/OFF/RST screen, press Δ or ∇ to move through next menu options.

Flow Units select LPM (liters per minute) or GPM (gallons per minute).

Press  to change units. Press Δ or ∇ buttons to select LPM or GPM unit. Press  to select.

Temperature Units select °F or °C.





Press  to change units. Press Δ or ∇ buttons to select °F or °C unit. Press  to select.







Relay Set Point Programming (Alarm)

Note: If no relay switching is desired, set all alarms to “OFF” and set “Relay Settings” function to “ALARM” (see page 6).





Alarm Temperature High causes relay to change state when the set point temperature is exceeded.

Press  to view or change. Press  or  buttons to select desired high temperature point between 32°F - 248°F (0°C - 120°C). Press  to select. To disable, set temperature setting to “OFF”.





Alarm Temperature Low causes relay to change state when the process temperature falls below the set point.

Press  to view or change. Press  or  buttons to select desired low temperature point between 32°F - 248°F (0°C - 120°C). Press  to select. To disable, set temperature setting to “OFF”.





Alarm Flow High causes relay to change state when the set point flow rate is exceeded.

Press  to view or change. Press  or  buttons to select desired high flow point from 1 - 66 GPM (2 - 250 LPM). Press  to select. To disable, set flow rate setting to “OFF”.





Alarm Flow Low causes relay to change state when the process flow rate falls below the set point.

Press  to view or change. Press  or  buttons to select desired low flow rate from 1 - 66 GPM (2 - 250 LPM). Press  to select. To disable, set flow rate setting to “OFF”.





Set BTU/m Input Temperature

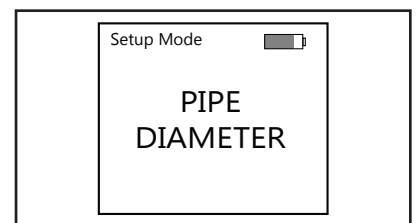
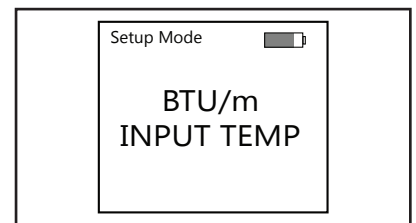
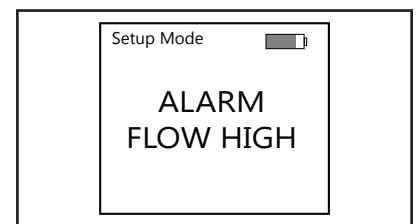
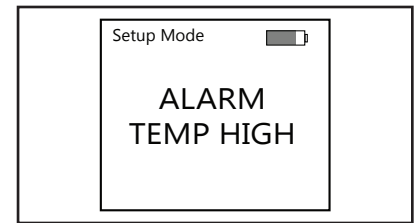
Press  to view or change. Press  or  buttons to select input temperature point between 40°F - 220°F (4.4°C - 104.4°C). Press  to select. To disable, select “OFF”. (For the most accurate calculation, measure the input temperature using Tracer_{VM} flowmeter. Then move the flowmeter to the output side of the circuit using the measured temperature input.)

Automatic Display Shut-off

Press  to view or change. Press  or  buttons to select shut-off time between 15 and 240 seconds, or select “DISABLE” for continuous display. Press  to select.



Pipe Diameter

Press  to view or change. Press  or  buttons to select nominal thread size. (See “Reynolds Number” explanation on page 2 for details.) This is pre-set at the factory during calibration to match meter body. It is not usually necessary to change this. Press  to select.



Setup Mode (continued)

Percentage of Glycol is used to calculate Turbulent Flow.

Press  to view or change. Press \triangle or ∇ buttons to select appropriate percentage of glycol present in the process water. Options are: 0%, 10%, 20% and 30%. This is pre-set at the factory to 0%. Higher flow rate is required to achieve Turbulent Flow when glycol is present. Press  to select.

Analog Temperature Output

Press  to view or change. Press \triangle or ∇ buttons to select:

- 0.5V - 4.1V (0.5 to 4.1Volts Scale)
- 5VS (0 to 5Volts Scale)
- 10VS (0 to 10Volts Scale)
- DISABLED

Press  to select.

Analog Flow Output

Press  to view or change. Press \triangle or ∇ buttons to select:

- 0.5V - 3.5V (0.5 to 3.5Volts Scale)
- 5VS (0 to 5Volts Scale)
- 10VS (0 to 10Volts Scale)
- DISABLED

Press  to select.

Relay Settings


Note: If no relay switching is desired, set all Relay Set Point alarms to “OFF” (see page 3) and set “**Relay Settings**” function to “ALARM”.

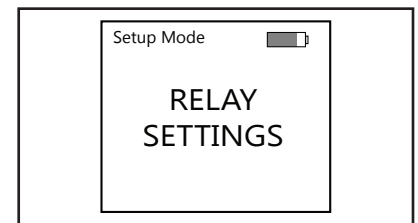
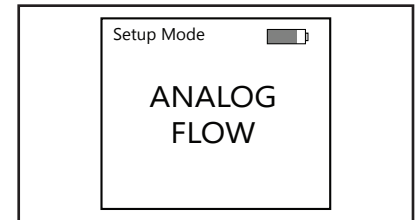
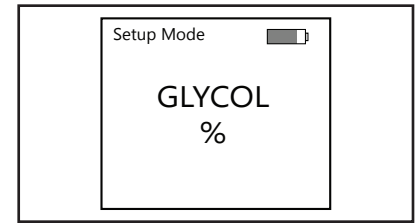
Press  to view or change. Press \triangle or ∇ buttons to select:

- TFLOW (change state when Turbulent Flow is not present)
- ALARM (change state using programmed temp. and flow settings)

Press  to select.

EXIT/OFF


Press  to power down.




For valuable Mold Cooling Articles and Turbulent Flow Calculation Tools, visit the Technical Documents page of the SMARTFLOW-USA web site:
<http://www.smartflow-usa.com/documents.htm>

Calibration Mode


Users should not make changes in Calibration Mode unless directed by Burger & Brown Engineering. Loss of Factory Calibration May Result.

The display must be off to enter Calibration Mode. Press and hold \triangle button, then press  to enter Calibration Mode. "Calibration Mode" appears in the upper left corner of the display. Press \triangle or ∇ buttons to scroll through the list of selectable options.


Flow Sensor

Press \triangle or ∇ buttons to change the value. Press  to select.
This value is set at the factory to match flow range of the sensor.


Temperature Calibration

Calibration Value appears in this screen. Do not change it unless you have calibrated the Tracer_{VM} according to the temperature calibration procedure. Press \triangle or ∇ buttons to change the value.
Press  to select.


Flow Calibration

Calibration Value appears in this screen. Do not change it unless directed by the factory. Press \triangle or ∇ buttons to change the value.
Press  to select.

Analog Temperature Calibration

Calibration Value appears in this screen. Do not change it unless directed by the factory. Press \triangle or ∇ buttons to change the value.
Press  to select.

Analog Flow Calibration

Calibration Value appears in this screen. Do not change it unless directed by the factory. Press \triangle or ∇ buttons to change the value.
Press  to select.

Battery

Press  to display available battery voltage.

Firmware Info

Press  to display program version.

Factory Only


Factory use only.

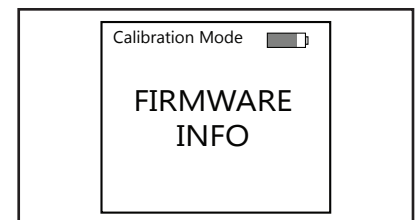
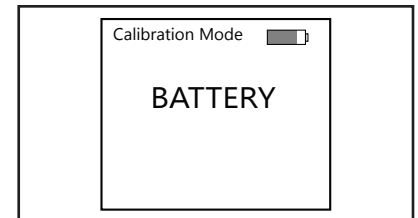
Factory Default



WARNING! This function returns the meter to factory settings before calibration. A password is needed to change this setting, it is not user-serviceable.

EXIT/OFF

Press  to power down.



Troubleshooting

Display	Resolution
ERR	Memory Error, Contact the Factory, not user serviceable.
Flow and Temperature readings are 0.00	Check cable between sensor and electronics housing is plugged in both places. Re-seat connections.
Flow and Temperature readings are erratic	Electronics are calibrated for each specific sensor. Check that electronics circuitry has not been mixed with a different sensor.
	Size of supply and return pipe should be the same as the Tracer _{VM} flow path.
	Check flow sensor value (Calibration Mode) matches the rate code in the model number.
	Check power supply for voltage between 8 & 28VDC with Earth Ground.
No display	Check for connection to power supply
	Check that battery is charged and plugged into the circuit board. Unit must be "ON" to charge the battery.

Replacement Parts	
Part Number	Description
CU-J934-A	Replacement rechargeable battery with cable and connector
CBL-VMI-OCL	Cable Assembly - 14" long cable for flow sensor to electronics housing
EFM-CBL-OPC-A	Cable Assembly - 16ft long cable for electronics housing, 9 internal conductors, one connector end, bare wires opposite end - See page 2 for color chart
CBL-VMI-WWA	Cable Assembly - 10ft long cable for electronics housing with 120VAC adapter installed, one connector end, 120V adapter connected to opposite end Note! This cable is use for charging the battery only and not for use in a permanent installation. There are no flow or temperature output leads on this cable.
EFM-CBL-OPC-O-A	Cable Assembly - 16ft long cable for electronics housing for eDart, one connector end with cylindrical connectors on opposite end

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