AG90 Series

Electromagnetic Insertion Flow Meter











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The **AG90** battery powered, insertion electromagnetic flow meter is designed for use with conductive fluids in 4"–12" pipe. The AG90's stainless steel body allows the meter to operate in a wide range of temperatures, pressure, and corrosive or dirty environments.

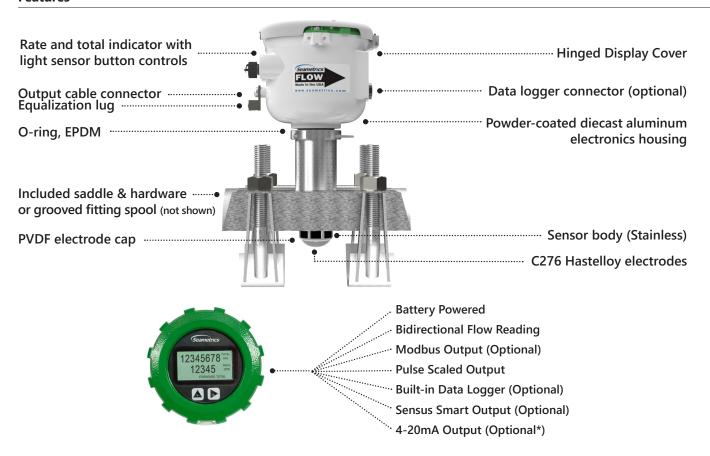
The AG90 is highly suitable for difficult applications. With no moving parts, over-run conditions will not degrade the life of the AG90. It is resistant to wear from debris found in surface or ground water and there are no bearings to wear out or propellers to damage.

Rate and total units can be set via the front panel touch key

pad by the user. Bidirectional flow is standard with totals available in forward, reverse, net, batch forward and batch reverse.

The AG90 is battery powered and an output cable is available for transmitting the pulse or Modbus signal to remote devices. The AG90 is also available as externally powered for use with 4-20mA loop output. The AG90 can be ordered with a saddle, weld fitting or grooved spool, designed to accommodate a wide range of pipe sizes and types while ensuring correct placement in the pipe. In addition, an optional internal data logger allows local storage of flow history.

Features



Quickly and easily change Total Volume Units, Flow Rate Units, Pulse Output Scaling, and many other settings using the two light sensor button controls on the display panel.

Flow Rate (4" - 12")

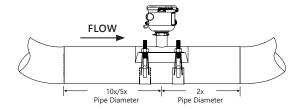
Nominal Pipe Size	4"	6"	8"	10"	12"
Low Flow Cutoff GPM	19.3	43.11 2.72	77.1	120.5	173.5
Low Flow Cutoff LPS	1.22		4.86	7.6	10.95
Min GPM	64.3	144.6	257	401.6	578.3
Min LPS	4.1	9.1	16.2	25.3	36.5
Max GPM	578	1301	2313	3614	5204 328.3
Max LPS	36.5	82.1	145.9	228	

Specifications*

D: C:		4" + 12"				
Pipe Size		4" to 12"				
Materials	Sensor Body	316 SS				
	Electrodes	Hastelloy Powder-coated diecast aluminum PVDF (Kynar®)				
	Housing					
	Electrode Cap					
	O-Ring	EPDM				
Temperature	Operating	10° to 140° F (-12° to 60° C)				
	Storage	-40° to 158° F (-40° to 70° C)				
	Fluid Temp.	32° to 200° F (0° to 93° C)				
Meter Pressure		200 psi (14 bar)				
Flow Rate		0.5 - 4.5 m/sec (1.64 - 14.8 ft/sec) (Low flow cutoff .	15 m/sec; .49 ft/sec)		
Calibration Accuracy	0.5 - 4.5 m/s (1.64-14.76 ft/sec)	+/- 2% of reading				
	0.3 - 0.5 m/sec (0.98 - 1.64 ft/sec)	+/- (2% of reading + 0.25% of fu	ll scale)			
Display	Туре	128x64 dot-matrix LCD				
	Digits	5 Digit Rate		8 Digit Total		
	Units	Rate Volume Units	Rate Time Units	Total Volume Units		
	Please Note: All meters are factory set for gallons per minute (GPM) rate and acre foot total. If other units are required, they can be set in the field.	Gallons Liters Barrels (42 gallons) Cubic Feet Cubic Meters Million Gallons¹ Mega Liters¹ Imperial Gallons Million Imperial Gallons¹	Second Minute Hour Day	Gallons Gallons x 10 Gallons x 100 Gallons x 1000 Million Gallons Liters Kilo Liters Mega Liters Barrels (42 gallons) Cubic Meters	Cubic Meters x 1000 Cubic Feet Cubic Feet x 1000 Million Cubic Feet Imperial Gallons Imperial Gallons x 1000 Million Imperial Gallons Acre Inch Acre Foot Fluid Ounce	
	Bidirectional	Forward Total, Reverse Total, Net Reverse Total ²	Total, Batch Forwa	rd Total, Batch		
Power		One lithium 7.2V 'D' size battery DC Power available for 4-20mA c	pack, replaceable. output meters			
Scaled Pulse	Signal	Current sinking pulse, isolated, 30	6 Vdc at 10 mA ma	x		
Output	Pulse Rates	User-scalable from 0.1 to 99,999.9 volume units/pulse. Pulse width varies with output frequency, 150 pulses/sec max				
Options	4-20Ma Current Loop	Isolated, passive, 24Vdc, 650 Ω m	naximum current lo	op (External DC powe	ered units only)	
	Serial Communications	tions Isolated, asynchronous serial RS485, Modbus® RTU protocol				
	Sensus Smart Output	Connects to Sensus SmartPoint 510M only				
Cable	Optional Output Cable	20ft (6m) standard length polyurethane jacketed cable—for power and outputs. (Lengths up to 200' (60 m) available.)				
Conductivity		>20 microSiemens/cm				
Empty Pipe Det	Empty Pipe Detection Hardware/software, conductivity-based					
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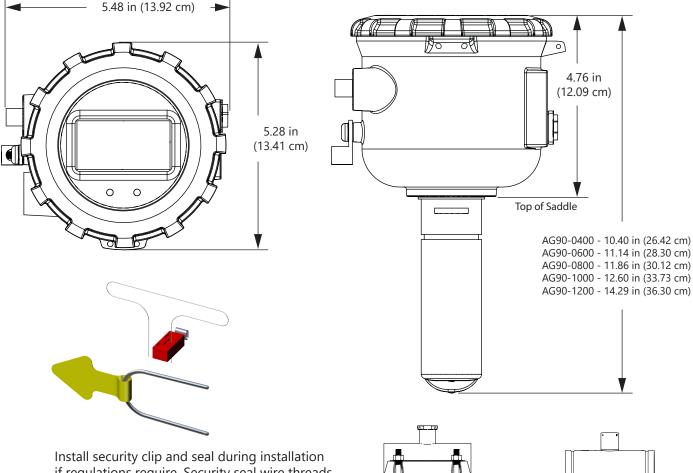
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- * Specifications subject to change. Please consult our website for the most current data (seametrics.com).
- ¹ Rate Time Unit is available in Day only.
- ² Forward & reverse flow totals are non-resettable. Batch forward total & batch reverse total can be reset. Kynar is a registered trademark of Arkema, Inc.



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Dimensions



Install security clip and seal during installation if regulations require. Security seal wire threads through hole in security clip.

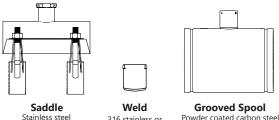


Install display security tab during installation if regulations require.





Install display security seal and captive screw security wire during installation if regulations require.



316 stainless or carbon steel with stainless steel insert

Saddle Size	Saddle Range	Grooved Spool Size	Grooved Spool Diameter	Grooved Spool Length	Grooved Spool+Meter Weight (lbs.)
4"	4.00"- 4.90"	4"	4.50"	8"	12
6"	6.00"- 6.90"	6"	6.63"	9"	15
8"	8.00" - 9.05"	8"	8.63"	12″	22
10"	10.00" - 11.10"	10"	10.75"	15″	32
12"	12.10" - 13.20"	12"	12.75"	18″	47

Consult factory if your OD does not match.

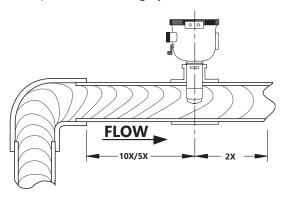


CAUTION: Ensure that the U-clip is installed and **never remove the U-clip retainer when the pipe is under pressure**. Always remove pressure from the pipe before you attempt to remove the meter. Removal under pressure may result in damage or serious injury.

Fitting Installation

AG90-Series meters require a special saddle, weld-o-let or grooved spool to ensure that the flow sensor is installed to the correct depth. The fitting must be installed in the pipeline before the meter can be installed. For best results, see straight pipe and full pipe information on pages 8 and 9.

If there is not enough straight run to smooth out the turbulence caused by valves, fittings, and changes in direction, some decrease in accuracy may result. This does not mean that the flow meter's reading is meaningless however. In some applications (control systems, valve operation, chemical addition) a repeatable reading may be more important than a highly accurate one.

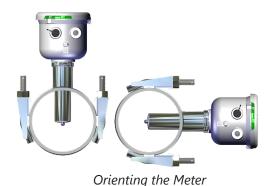


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Meter Installation

After the saddle, weld-o-let or grooved spool is installed in the pipeline, the meter can be installed in the fitting. After noting the direction of the flow arrow, press the meter into the fitting as far as it will go. Retain the meter in place by inserting the U-clip. The pin can be installed from either side. It may be 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.

Side (3 o'clock), top (12 o'clock) installations are acceptable.



Chemical Injection

When any magmeter, by any manufacturer, is used in a chemical injection application (including fertigation), the chemical injection point must be placed downstream of the magmeter OR far enough upstream for complete mixing to occur before the fluid reaches the meter. When unmixed chemical or fertilizer alternates with water passing through the meter, the rapid changes in conductivity may cause sudden spikes and drops in the meter's reading, resulting in inaccurate measurement. The magmeter will restabilize, however, with a steady flow of fluid of uniform conductivity.

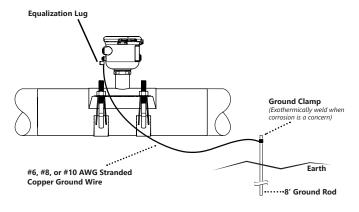


Caution: In chemical injection applications, install chemical injection point downstream of magmeter, or far enough upstream to allow complete mixing of fluids before the meter.

Grounding

For All Installations. Although not necessarily required in every circumstance, to aid with the reduction of electrical noise, static, and induced or transient voltages, every AG90 installation will benefit by connecting the ground lug of the meter to a 5/8" x 8' independent ground rod dedicated to the meter using at least a 10 GA ground wire.

Electronically Noisy Installations. When the AG90 is installed in an electrically noisy system, such as near a VFD etc. an independent ground rod is always recommended to help with the reduction of the electrical noise and to help protect against any large electrical spikes. In electrical noisy installations, always confirm the rest of the equipment is also well grounded. Do not connect VFD ground rods to any other equipment.



Saddle Installation

BEFORE INSTALLING measure & record inside diameter (ID) of pipe.

2. Place saddle top over gasket.

1. Clean the mounting surface, remove any roughness from the area that would prevent the gasket from sealing. For new installations, cut a 1.75" hole into pipe. Place gasket centered over pipe opening.

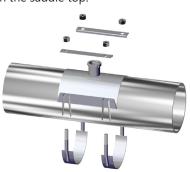


3. Make sure saddle top covers entire gasket.





4. Place the saddle clamps under the pipe and align with the clamp guides on the saddle top.



5. Place saddle plates over saddle clamp threads. Attach nuts and tighten as shown below. Torque to 75 ft-lb in cross pattern.



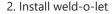
6. Insert the AG90 sensor into the saddle fitting and secure with mounting clip or attach security clip and seals if required.



Weld-o-let Installation

BEFORE INSTALLING measure & record inside diameter (ID) of pipe.

1. Clean the mounting surface, remove any roughness from the area and cut a 1.75" hole into pipe. Place gasket centered over pipe opening.



6. Insert the EX90 sensor into the weld-o-let fitting and secure with mounting clip or attach security clip and seals if required.







Grooved Spool Installation



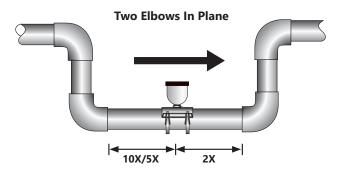
Straight Pipe Recommendations (X = diameter)

Installing a meter after a pump. Most meters will be installed in systems with some sort of pump, and while the pump is unlikely to have a negative effect on meter performance, there are some situations where understanding the effect the pump has on the flow profile, and by extension on the meter will be of utmost importance.

Air vents should be installed in the same unobstructed pipe run as the meter and should be located relatively close to the meter. Constant bleed air vents are recommended because simple check type air vents will not open once the system is under pressure and an accumulation of air can build up behind them. Significant amounts of air entrained in the flow of water, wildly erratic flow profiles and water that travels through the pipe with significant swirl will cause the meter to read erratically, sometimes very erratically, or not read at all. Therefore, the designer or installer must reduce or eliminate these issues when they are likely to occur.

Every installation is different, but we can offer some general guidelines when it comes to the placement of your pump and meter. And again, in most cases, the pump will have no, or very little effect on the meter's performance, but some care should be taken to assure your installation has the best chance for success.

Confirm there is adequate head to insure a full pipe of water through the meter (a valve downstream of the meter may be required).



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See programming setup for details.

Vertical Turbine Pumps drawing from deep wells, or from well under the surface of the water will generally have very little effect in the flow profile of the water by the time the water reaches the meter.

Short Coupled Lift Pumps can, but will not necessarily, cause an erratic or swirling flow profile. Care must be taken during system layout to avoid these issues. The inlet of these pumps will be located near the surface of the water supply and can both suck air from the surface and swirl the water around the pump. This swirling water itself may be a contributing factor of poor flow profile and also lower the surface of the water over the pump inlet.

The absolute minimum depth of the inlet of the pump can be calculated using this formula,

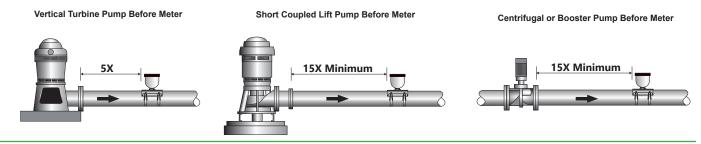
S=D+(0.574Q/D^1.5)
Where
S=Submergence in inches
D=Pump bell diameter in inches
Q=Flowrate in gallons per minute

Note: to raise D to the power of 1.5 (3/2) as shown in D^1.5 Take the square root of D and cube the result.

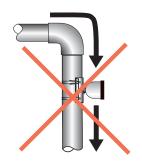
Be sure to calculate from the minimum water level during all seasons of pump operation.

If the water supply will be located in a confined area such as canal turn out, and especially if the turnout ends in a cylindrical vault, the motion of the pump can result in significant swirl of the water being sucked through the pump and this will cause the meter to perform poorly. Be sure to take steps to keep the water from swirling or meter performance will be affected.

Booster Pumps before the meter can also cause swirl or an erratic flow profile. If a booster pump is located before the meter, it must be located far enough upstream that the flow profile has a chance to return to normal. Every case will be different, but we recommend a minimum of at least 10 pipe diameters after the booster pump and before the meter. By the very nature of their purpose, booster pumps will also cause low pressure in the pipe upstream of the pump. If this low pressure falls low enough, it may open any air vent upstream of the pump which will cause air to enter the water stream. In this case, the entrained air will likely cause the meter to go into an empty pipe state.

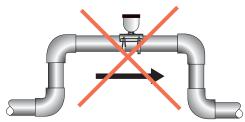


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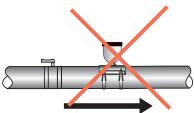
Can create air pocket at sensor

Possible Problem



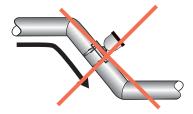
Allows air pockets to form at sensor

Possible Problem



Post-valve cavitation can create air pocket

Possible Problem



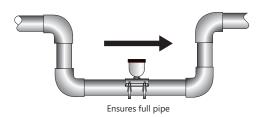
Air can be trapped

Better Installation

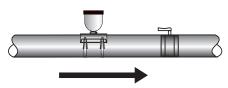


Allows air to bleed off

Better Installation

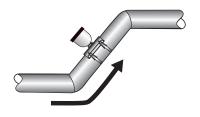


Better Installation



Keeps pipe full at sensor

Better Installation



Allows air to bleed off

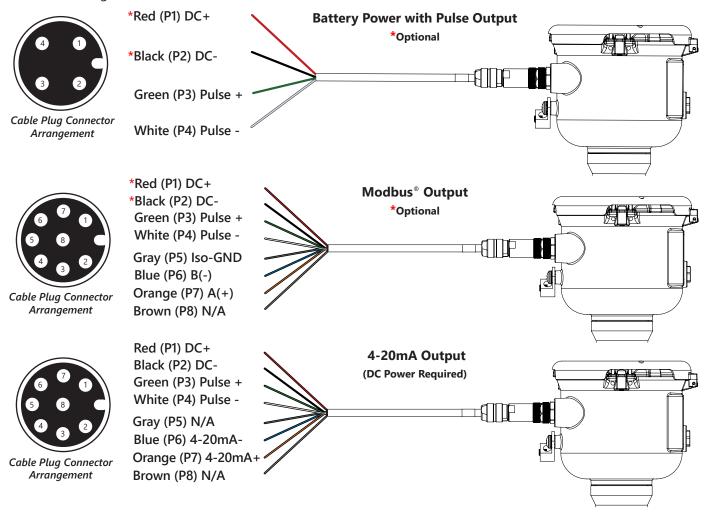


NOTICE:

Do not install a magmeter downstream of a pressure or proportional control valve.

AG90 General Cable Information

The AG90 meter has two power/output cables that can be installed. The 4-pin cable contains the wires for DC power and pulse output. The 8-pin cable contains the wires for DC power and pulse, 4-20 mA or Modbus® output options when ordered. See diagrams below for details.



Option IDs

O ID POWER SOURCE / OUTPUT(S)

BXX = BATTERY POWER / PULSE SCALED

BXS = BATTERY POWER / PULSE SCALED / MODBUS® **D1L/D2L** = DC POWER / PULSE SCALED AND 4-20mA

Cable Shield. In general, the cable shield and its bare drain wire should be left unconnected at the user equipment end of the cable to minimize "ground loop" problems.

Pulse Output Configuration. A pulse output is standard on all models. Since this is an isolated output, the external equipment must include a DC power source to regenerate the pulse from the open-collector output (transistor equivalent of a contact closure). A pull-up or pull-down resistor may be needed if not included in the user equipment. Both the power source and resistor may be supplied internally in some types of control and monitoring devices. If not, as for most PLC discrete input modules, they must be added externally at the module input terminals. The pulse output rate in volume units/pulse can be set by the user via the SETP tab on the meter's setup menus.

Because the pulse output of an AG90 meter is set by the user, care must be taken to assure the output pulses do not exceed the maximum frequency of the meter while also ensuring a reasonable resolution.

K-factor. Remember that SETP is expressed in units totaled per output pulse (G/P if using gallons) while K-factors are expressed in pulses per gallon (P/G.) To determine K-factor from SETP, divide 1 by SETP (if SETP is expressed in gallons.) Conversely, 1 divided by the K-factor equals SETP

AG90 battery powered units have a maximum output frequency of 150 Hz.

Because all pulse outputs (SETP) are configured in (rate) units totaled per pulse, all sizes of meters can be configured with the same SETP values

For example, if your rate is chosen as gallons per minute (GPM) the table below applies. If your rate is different, simply use your rate label in place of (GPM.) The numerical values will remain the same.

Lower frequency output pulses (1 pulse for some particular number of gallons) can also be set.

Any output frequency can be determined by:

Rate (units/minute) ÷ SETP (units/pulse) = pulse/minute

 $Hz = pulse/minute \div 60 seconds / minutes$

SETP	Flow Rate at 1 Hz (GPM)	Flow Rate at 150 Hz (GPM) Battery Powered Meters
0.1	6	900
0.2	12	1800
0.3	18	2700
0.4	24	3600
0.5	30	4500
0.6	36	5400
0.7	42	6300
0.8	48	7200
0.9	54	8100
1.0	60	9000

Pulse Units. The units of measure of SETP are independently selectable and are not tied to rate or total. Upon change of the SETP unit, the pulse output may take up to 10 seconds, or the duration of one pulse (whichever is longer) to take effect.

If Pulse Output is Inconsistent. The PDAMP filter may need to be increased.

Pulse Width Timing. The unit and value of SETP must be chosen to keep the duration between meter pulse outputs to less than 500 seconds.

Pulse Timing in Battery Powered Units. The output pulse width in battery powered units is short and varies with pulse frequency. (See table)

Output Pulse Width of Battery Powered Units				
Output Pulse Frequency	Output Pulse Width as a Percentage of the Pulse Period (Pulse period = 1000 milliseconds/fre- quency)			
Zero to 1 Hz	Multiply the pulse period by 0.01	= Output Pulse Width (ms)		
>1 to 20 Hz	Multiply the pulse period by 0.05	= Output Pulse Width (ms)		
>20 to 100 Hz	Multiply the pulse period by 0.1	= Output Pulse Width (ms)		
>100 to 150 Hz	Multiply the pulse period by 0.15	= Output Pulse Width (ms)		

Example: If frequency = 20 Hz then the pulse period = 50 milliseconds and pulse width = $(.05 \times 50 \text{ milliseconds}) = 2.5 \text{ ms}$

Analog Output (4-20mA) Configuration.

(Not available on battery only units.)

Since the meter's analog output is isolated and passive, loop power must be supplied externally as shown on next page. (In addition, an external resistor R_L will be needed to convert the loop current to voltage for voltage-only input devices.)

The meter's loop transmitter minimum voltage drop is 6Vdc which, with wiring resistance and loop power supply voltage, will determine the maximum resistance for R_L.

The flow rates corresponding to 4 and 20mA can be set by the user via the SET 4 and SET20 tabs on the meter's setup menus.

Note: As configured by the factory, any alarm state will force 22.8mA on the loop.

This can be changed to 3.2mA - see Technical Bulletin: 'iMAG4700/AG3000: Changing the 4-20mA Alarm'

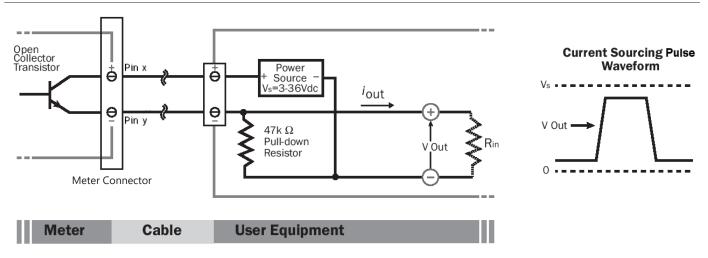
Modbus® Serial Communication Configuration

(factory configured)

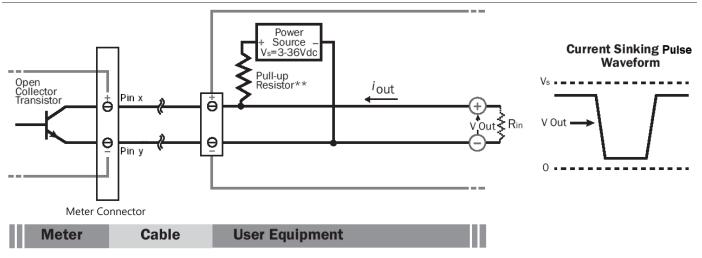
These connections provide a half-duplex, isolated, RS485 serial communications port using the Modbus® messaging protocol. The TXD connection is the transmitted data output from the meter and RXD is the received data input to the meter. See Seametric's Modbus® Interface Description, LT-103393 (available at www.seametrics.com) for supported Modbus® message protocol and electrical interface specifications.

A 120-ohm termination resistor is built into the Modbus® option board but is shipped in the unused position. To engage the termination resistor, move the jumper on JP1 from position 3-4 to position 1-2.

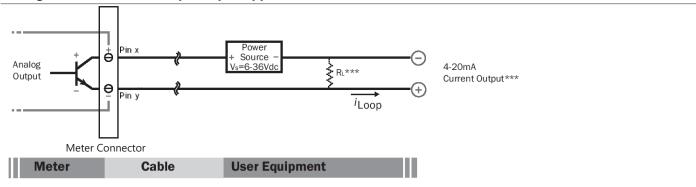
Pulse Output Application - Sourcing Mode (Recommended for Rin < 30kΩ)



Pulse Output Application - Sinking Mode (Recommended for Rin > 30kΩ)



Analog (4-20mA Current Loop) Output Application



^{**} Minimum resistor value is (100 x Vs) ohms. Higher resistances maybe used depending on frequency and cable length. Longer cables and high frequencies require lower resistance.

^{***} Resistor RL converts 4-20mA current to voltage for voltage input only devices.

Minimum Flow

As with any other flow sensor, there is a rate below which the AG90-Series sensor cannot read. Check the table below for the minimum flow rate detectable by the sensor for a given pipe size.

Nominal Pipe Size	4"	6"	8"	10"	12"
Low Flow Cutoff GPM	19.3	43.11	77.1	120.5	173.5
Low Flow Cutoff LPS	1.22	2.72	4.86	7.6	10.95
Min GPM	64.3	144.6	257	401.6	578.3
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Max GPM	578	1301	2313	3614	5204 328.3
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Filtering

The software of the AG90-Series filters out electrical noise and averages sudden variations in the flow to smooth the output. It takes a matter of seconds for the flow sensor to get up to full output after flow begins.

Electrode Coating

Grease or other adhering, non-conductive materials can stop flow detection if the electrodes become heavily coated. To clean the electrodes, remove the sensor from the pipe and gently wipe off the electrodes (three silver bumps) on the reading face of the flow sensor. A mild soap (dish washing liquid for example) can be used to aid the cleaning process.

Standard Menu Options

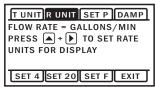
T UNIT

View or change TOTAL volume units



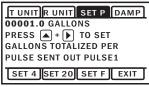
R UNIT

View or change flow RATE units



SET P

View or change pulse output scaling



DAMP

View or change # of samples for rolling average.



SET 4

View or change flow rate corresponding to 4mA. (Externally powered units only)

SET 20

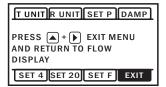
View or change flow rate corresponding to 20mA. (Externally powered units only)

EXIT

Return to HOME SCREEN or enter SUBMENU



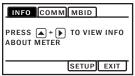




Special SUBMENU for Further Options

The EXIT tab in the MAIN MENU has a second function. If, instead of using the hold and tap sequence to return to the HOME screen, you tap five times, you will be redirected to a SUBMENU screen from which you can access several more options.

Navigation in this SUBMENU is the same as for the MAIN MENU. Whenever you wish, go to the EXIT tab in the SUBMENU and perform the hold and tap sequence to return to the MAIN MENU.



Sub-Menu

INFO: Meter model number, serial number, and

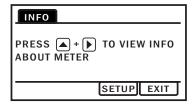
firmware version.

COMM: Modbus® baud rate and parity.

MBID: Modbus® address

SAMP: Sample rate (Battery powered version only.)

EXIT: Return to MAIN MENU or enter next submenu.



Sub-Menu - Battery Only Version

Initial Setup



INITIAL SETUP OF ID, HOLE, AND PIPE IS REQUIRED FOR THE METER TO OPERATE PROPERLY.

When you remove the meter from the box, it will prompt you to perform initial SETUP of ID, Hole and PIPE before you can proceed to other menu functions or return to the HOME screen.

SETUP Menu Functionality

The SETUP menu works slightly different than other menus inside the AG90. The black square highlighting the left most text is similar to a cursor on a computer. It lets you know where you are within the menu. Press Up 1x and the menu category will change. The categories are as follows:

ID (Internal Diameter in inches)

HOLE (Hole Size Cut into Pipe for Inserting Meter)

PIPE (Piping Configuration Selection)

ID

The Internal Diameter (or I.D.) of the Pipe in which the AG90 is installed is critical to the meter's performance. The AG90 senses a local velocity around the electrodes and uses that information to extrapolate the flow over the entire pipe section. The ID is also used 'under the hood' to scale many critical values such as Low Flow Cutoff, Max Flow Rate, etc. The installer should measure the ID in the most accurate way possible prior to saddle installation.

HOLE

You must change setting from the default N/A to one of the following:

SMALL

New Installations will cut a 1.75" hole into the pipe. This is considered a "SMALL" hole. In this type of installation, the meter is flush to the diameter of the hole. This represents an ideal installation condition, because the cross-sectional area at the measurement point is equal to the I.D. of the pipe.

LARGE

Retrofit installations already have a hole cut into the pipe. Typically they are quite large (especially when replacing mechanical meters), although the exact size depends on the pipe size. These are considered "LARGE" holes. In this

type of installation, the meter has significant room between it and the hole cut into the pipe. When water flows by the meter, it fills this extra cross sectional area while flowing past the measurement point. This means that unlike the "SMALL" hole case, the cross sectional area at the point of measurement is not equal to the I.D. of the pipe. When this menu is selected, the AG90 will compensate for this condition.

PIPE

The PIPE menu is used to compensate for altered velocity profiles in various piping configurations. When obstructions or disturbances are introduced to straight pipe (particularly upstream of the meter), the velocity profile changes shape. Since the AG90 measures a relatively small cross section of the velocity profile, large distortions of this profile can lead directly to measurement error. The pipe menu has distinct pipe configuration compensation built into the AG90 allowing you to select the closest condition to your actual pipe and allows the AG90 to operate at peak performance.

You must change setting from the default N/A to one of the following:

STRAIGHT

Straight Pipe is a relative term. For this configuration, the AG90 considers the pipe to be straight if there are 15+ diameters of straight pipe upstream from the meter and at least 2 diameters downstream from the meter from any obstruction in the pipe.

10/2 ELB

This selection represents an install condition in which there exists a single in plane elbow 10 diameters upstream from the meter and 2 diameters downstream from the meter.

5/2 ELB

This selection represents an install condition in which there exists a single in plane elbow 5 diameters upstream from the meter and 2 diameters downstream from the meter.

ADJ

The adjustment menu is for installers and regulating bodies. This menu allows manual adjustment of the rate (on a % of reading basis) in installations outside of the scope of this document. This menu should be used when a known reference is temporarily (or otherwise) installed into the system and adjustment can be made with high confidence and reliability.

Changing Flow Meter Settings

Home Screen and General Navigation

The HOME Screen displays flow volume, direction of the flow total and flow RATE along with status conditions such as Empty Pipe. Two buttons below the LCD display are used to access menu screens for viewing and changing meter setup parameters.



These two buttons are light sensors which can detect when a finger is covering them and operate upon release. Only three button touch actions are needed to control navigation through the menus, settings changes and back to the home screen.

HORIZONTAL SCROLLING:

Tap right button to scroll horizontally through menu tabs or move horizontally within a tab dialog when applicable.



VERTICAL SCROLLING:

Tap left button to change a highlighted item within a tab dialog.



SELECT/ENTER/EXIT:

Hold left button while tapping right button once to enter or exit a tab dialog or to navigate between the HOME and other menu screens. Continue to hold the left button until the right button is released.



Changing Total Direction/Resetting Batch Totalizers

On the Main screen, hold \triangleright and tap \triangleright 7 times to scroll through the total direction options. Release \triangleright to select a total direction.

Once BATCH FORWARD or BATCH REVERSE is selcted, tap **()** four times to reset batch totalizer.

To Enter the Menu System perform the hold and tap sequence. The Passcode entry screen will display. The default passcode is 000000. If a different passcode has previously been set, use the ▲ and ▶ to enter that passcode. In either case, hold and tap again to move into the menu system. (*If you enter the*



wrong passcode, hold and tap again to return to the previous screen. See page 16 for information on how to change a passcode.)

Making Selections

Once in the Menu System, move from tab to tab by tapping the right button. (See the next page for details on the various available tabs.)



Select the Parameter. In the screen for the highlighted tab you will see the current parameter value for that tab. Tapping the right button, move to the tab for the parameter you want to change.

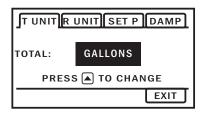


In this example, the first line indicates that the current unit for the TOTAL is GALLONS. The next two lines tell you what to do next.



If you would like to change the TOTAL units, just perform the hold and tap sequence to bring up a screen to change the setting.





Scroll Through Setting. Select the new setting by scrolling through a list of selections by tapping the left button to find a different TOTAL unit.



Accept Changes. To accept any changes you have made, perform the hold and tap sequence.



When Finished Making Changes. When you are finished making changes, move to the EXIT tab using the right button.



To return to the HOME screen, perform the hold and tap sequence.



Programming Passcode and Tamper Prevention

To prevent tampering or changes to the program, *after initial set-up*, either enter a security pass-code, or remove the display lid and place a security tab over one of the arrows before installing the housing security seal.

Placing a security tab over either display button will prevent additional changes to the program, while allowing someone to wake the display from sleep mode. Placement over the right button will also allow scrolling through the flow direction feature. Placement over the left button will prevent changes to the flow direction. In either position, non-resettable totals will not be affected.

The AG90 has a passcode system for restricting access to the menus. The AG90 comes from the factory with the passcode set to 000000. When a user attempts to enter the menu system (see details on page 14), the passcode entry screen will be displayed.

ENTER PASSCODE

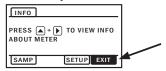
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PRESS AND TO CHANGE

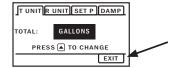
The default passcode is 000000. If a different passcode has previously been set, then the user must enter that passcode at this time. After entering the passcode, or leaving it at 000000 if using the default passcode, the user does the hold and tap sequence to move into the menu system.

To change the passcode, you must use the THIRD MENU screen. Access the THIRD MENU screen as follows:

Enter the main menu system, as described above.



On the main menu, tab over to the EXIT tab and tap the up arrow five times. A SUBMENU screen will display.



On the SUBMENU screen tab over to the EXIT tab and tap the up arrow five times. The THIRD MENU screen will display.



To set the code, hold and tap SETCD and then use the \triangle and \triangleright to enter the new code.

Hold and tap again to return to the THIRD MENU screen.

Tab to EXIT, and then hold and tap to return to the SUBMENU.

To change the number of decimal places in the total

To set the decimal point, hold and tap on SETD and then use the \triangleright to move the decimal point.

Hold and tap again to return to the THIRD MENU screen.

Tab to EXIT, and then hold and tap to return to the SUBMENU.

TEST

TEST allows the user to initiate a fully functional, artificial flow rate for the purpose of testing other connected equipment. When TEST is applied, all features of the meter will function at the stated flow rate (in gallons per second).

For TEST to function, the meter must be filled (not EMPTY PIPE).

To enter a value into the TEST feature, navigate to the TEST tab and enter a flow rate value in the VAL screen (in gallons per second only,) then to the VAL box and to the ON screen. This will initiate the TEST feature. The next would bring you to the OFF screen, but you can 'hold and tap' the arrows to return you to the sub menu while the feature operates.

After use, the TEST feature must be turned OFF. If the TEST feature is not turned OFF, the stated static flow rate (in gallons per second) will be shown any time the meter is full or in a flowing condition. Flow values recorded by the meter while the TEST feature is operating are permanently recorded in the displayed TOTAL. It may be useful to note that these values are only written to permanent memory every 15 minutes and cycling all power within this 15 minute time frame will return the meter to its previous total.

PDAMP

PDAMP is used to view or change the number of samples for rolling average of pulse output.

Power Indicators

A power indicator is displayed in the lower left of the main display window.

Any meter powered from an external power source will display a power plug icon when running on external power. If the connection to external power is lost, the meter will switch to the backup battery and the power icon will switch to a battery symbol.

OK on the battery indicator means battery voltage is above 6.4 volts.

LO on the battery indicator means the battery is low and should be replaced soon.



Being powered by external DC or AC



Being powered by battery - voltage is sufficient



Being powered by battery - voltage is low



If display reads, 'BATT END' replace battery immediately.

Battery Powered Units

To 'wake up' a battery powered meter, you may need to hold the up arrow for 5 seconds and release.

The AG90 meter comes configured with a 7.2V 'D' size lithium battery pack. In this configuration, the scaled pulse output comes standard. Be sure to set your SETP value such that the meter will function properly over the flow range in your application (see page 11 for details). The sample rate of the meter is user selectable through the SAMP tab in the meter's sub-menu. Sample periods of 1/5, 1/3, 1, 3, 5, 15, 30, and 60 seconds can be selected. (A sample period of 15 seconds - 5.5 year battery life - is the default.)

Larger sample periods will yield longer battery life but slower response time. Care must be taken to select a sample period that is suitable for your application. See the table below for the expected battery life as a function of sample period.

DAMP/Filtering

The DAMP Filter allows multiple readings to be averaged over time, thus reducing the meters sensitivity to minor changes in flow rate. The DAMP Filter is extremely useful for situations where the flow is not perfectly steady (pulsating flows, turbulent flows, etc.)

The DAMP Filter works differently depending on the SAMP selection:

SAMP < 1 second

When the SAMP setting is less than 1 second, the DAMP filter is defined on a "per second" basis. The DAMP filter always utilizes at least 1 second of data for its filter. Then, it adds however many seconds you've selected in the DAMP menu setting to that 1 second of data. For instance, if you set the DAMP menu to 7, your AG90 meter will utilize 7+1=8 seconds of data within the filter. This means that the filter will average readings for 8 seconds prior to displaying a reading. After the first reading is displayed, the filter kicks out the oldest 1 second of data, adds the newest 1 second of data, recomputes the average flow rate, and displays it to the screen/output. In this way, it is considered a "running average".

SAMP > 1 second

When the SAMP menu is set to a number greater than 1 second, the DAMP menu is defined on a "per reading" basis. Again, the DAMP filter must always use at least 1 reading to generate a flow rate, so the filter will add 1 to your selection. For instance, if SAMP is set to 15, and DAMP is set to 7, the DAMP filter will utilize 7+1=8 readings worth of data for the filter. This means that the filter will average 8 readings for the display.

Battery Life/Sample Period

Sensor sample period(s) (Seconds)	Expected battery life*	
1/5 (0.2)	4.5 Months	
1/3 (0.33)	7 Months	
1	1.5 years	
3	3.25 years	
5	4 years	
15	5.5 years	
30	6 years	
60	6.25 years	

^{*}Based on 85% battery capacity at room temperature.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Probable Causes	Things to try
Blank Display	Battery has not been plugged in Dead battery	Plug in the battery Replace battery
Flow rate reading fluctuates excessively when flow is unchanging	Excessively turbulent or unsteady flow due to partially closed valves or other flow obstructions	Eliminate or minimize causes of flow disturbances or increase meter damping
	Pipe not full	Provide back pressure or other means to ensure pipe is filled
	Pulsing flow due to combining multiple upstream flow sources	Move connection point further upstream
	Insufficient mixing of upstream chemicals	Move chemical injection downstream from meter
	Low fluid conductivity < 20 µS/cm	Replace with different type of meter
	Noisy electrical environment Shared grounds Too close to VFD Faulty or poor power supply Cable length Shared conduit	Improve grounding at meter and nearby potentially noisy electrical equipment. Increase distance between meter and electrical noise sources.
	Unshielded cable	Try power reset
Flow Rate appears correct but pulse/ frequency output is low, erratic or absent	External device input impedance too low Cable too long	Use sourcing rather than sinking interface connection Reduce interface pull-up resistance
Flow Rate appears correct but pulse/frequency output is erratic and/or too high	Electrical noise sources interfering with pulse frequency signal	Isolate, remove or reduce noise sources. Move meter control cable away from noise sources.
	Wrong type of cable	Use only twisted pair cable and ensure both signal wires are on same twisted pair
	Grounding problem	Improve or try different grounding method
Flow rate steadily reads	Pipe ID not set	Program ID of pipe
zero when there is flow	Flow is below cutoff (very low)	Reading will resume when flow increases
	Air in the pipe	Reposition meter for full pipe
Flow rate intermittently drops when there is flow	Air in the pipe	Reposition meter for full pipe
Jumpy reading	Improperly grounded	Check for proper grounding
	Pulsing flow	Increase DAMP value
		Use external power source (allows more flow averaging)
		Try power reset

Error Messages

Under certain conditions an error message may be displayed.

Message	Description	Notes
INIT	Initialization is occurring during power up.	
EMPTY PIPE	Fluid is not detected between the sensing electrodes.	
LO in battery icon	Battery is getting low, replace soon. Meter still functions.	Above 6.4V, OK appears in icon
BATT END	Battery is very low (approx. 6.1V). Totalizer stops updating.	
COIL FAIL	Coil current too high or too low (short or open).	
COMM FAIL	Communication between transmitter and sensor board fails.	
OVER RANGE	Rate exceeds number of digits that can be displayed. Adjust units.	
SET ID	Pipe ID has not been set.	
SET HOLE	Installation hole type (small, large) has not been set.	
SET PIPE	Pipe setting has not been selected.	
INIT FAIL	Initialization has failed. Ribbon cable plugged in AFTER power, or there is no communication between transmitter & sensor board.	Try power reset

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