



Type GE50A

ELASTOMER SEALED, DIGITAL MASS FLOW CONTROLLER

The GE50A is a general purpose, elastomer sealed MFC well suited for a wide variety of applications requiring flow control capability from 10 sccm to 50 slm FS, N₂ equivalent. The GE50A incorporates the latest in digital flow control electronics along with a well proven, patented thermal sensor and mechanical design.

The GE50A digitally controlled MFC is available with either RS485 or DeviceNet I/O. The digital control electronics utilize the latest in MKS control algorithms providing fast and repeatable response to setpoint throughout the device control range. Typical response times are on the order of 500 milliseconds. Included is a digital calibration that yields 1% of setpoint accuracy on the calibration gas. The I/O protocols are designed so that the GE50A can easily replace the RS485 and DeviceNet versions of the 1179A with minor coding required.

The GE50A utilizes the standard 3-inch footprint most often used by MFCs in the 10 sccm to 50 slm flow rate range enabling its use without the need to modify existing gas line configurations. The design of the GE50A incorporates a minimal use of elastomers. There is only one external elastomer seal and elastomer valve plug. Otherwise, all wetted surfaces are of metal. The GE50A comes standard with Viton® seals along with options for Buna, Neoprene® or Kalrez® allowing for the device's use with gases requiring one of these alternatives.

Features & Benefits

- Patented thermal sensor design provides exceptional zero stability
- Percent of setpoint accuracy (calibration gas) enables precise process control
- Embedded user interface provides the ability to
 - Easily change device range and user gas reducing inventory requirements
 - Monitor device functionality and collect performance data in-situ
- Compatible RS485 and DeviceNet™ profiles allow the GE50A to replace its 1179A counterparts
- CE Mark and RoHS Compliance – meeting requirements for the European Union

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Performance

Full Scale Flow Ranges (N_2 equivalent)	10 - 50000 sccm (consult factory for available flow ranges)
Maximum Inlet Pressure	150 psig (can not exceed pressure differential requirement across MFC)
Normal Operating Pressure Differential (N_2 F.S.) (with atmospheric pressure at the MFC outlet)	10 to 5000 sccm; 10 to 40 psid 10000 to 20000 sccm; 15 to 40 psid 30000 to 50000 sccm; 25 to 40 psid
Proof Pressure	1000 psig
Burst Pressure	1500 psig
Control Range	2% to 100% of F.S. (range on mech.)
Typical Accuracy (with N_2 calibration gas)	$\pm 1\%$ of setpoint for 20 to 100% F.S. $\pm 0.2\%$ of F.S. for 2 to 20% F.S.
Repeatability	$\pm 0.3\%$ of Reading
Resolution	0.1% of Full Scale
Temperature Coefficients	
Zero	< 0.05% of F.S./°C
Span	< 0.08% of Rdg./°C
Inlet Pressure Coefficient	< 0.02% of Rdg./psi
Typical Controller Settling Time (per SEMI Guideline E-17-0600)	< 500 msec., typical above 5% F.S.
Warm-up Time (to within 0.2% of F.S. of steady state performance)	< 30 min
Operating Temperature Range (Ambient)	10°C to 50°C
Storage Humidity	0 to 95% Relative Humidity, non-condensing
Storage Temperature	-20° to 80°C (-4° to 149° F)

Mechanical

Fittings (compatible with)	Swagelok® 4 VCR®, Swagelok VCO®, or Swagelok
Leak Integrity	
External (scc/sec He)	< 1×10^{-9}
Through closed valve	Up to 10K valve <0.1% of FS at 40 psig to atmosphere 20K - 50K valve <1.0% of FS at 40 psig to atmosphere (To assure no flow-through, a separate positive shut-off valve is required.)
Wetted Materials	
Standard	316L S.S. VAR (equivalent to 316 S.S. SCQ for semiconductor quality), 316 S.S., Elgiloy®, Nickel
Seals and Valve Seat	Viton, Buna-N, Neoprene
Surface Finish	16 μ inch average Ra
Weight	less than 3 lbs (1.4kg)



Ordering Information

Ordering Code Example: GE50A013502R6V010	Code	Configuration
Type MFC Mass Flow Controller GE50A	GE50A	GE50A
Gas (Per Semi Standard E52-0703)		
For example: 013 = Nitrogen = N ₂ 029 = Ammonia = NH ₃ 110 = Sulfur Hexafluoride = SF ₆	013 029 110	013
Flow Range Full Scale*		
10 sccm 20 sccm 50 sccm 100 sccm 200 sccm 500 sccm 1000 sccm 2000 sccm 5000 sccm 10000 sccm 20000 sccm 30000 sccm 50000 sccm	101 201 501 102 202 502 103 203 503 104 204 304 504	502
Fittings (compatible with)		
Swagelok 4 VCR male Swagelok 4 VCO male ¼" Swagelok	R G S	R
Connector		
DeviceNet™ RS485 (uses 9 pin connector) Profibus™	6 5 4	6
Seal Materials**		
Viton Buna-N Neoprene	V B N	V
Reserved for MKS Future Use		
Standard	0	0
Firmware		
Unless otherwise specified, MKS will ship firmware revision current to date	10	10

* The Full Scale Flowrate is designated by a 3 digit number. The first two digits represent the significant digits of the FS flow rate separated by a decimal point. The third digit is the exponent of the power of ten.

Example Flowrate code:

254 is 2.5 x 10⁴ or 25000 sccm

153 is 1.5 x 10³ or 1500 sccm

601 is 6.0 x 10¹ or 60 sccm

** The user should consult with their gas supplier on the appropriate elastomer which is compatible with the selected gas.



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