

RotorFlow - RFI-Types, Visual Indicators

Applications - Visual only - RFI

There are varied applications, but some of the more common are:

- ▶ Plastic injection moulding equipment
- ▶ Visual flow on heat exchangers

Applications - Switch/Analogue Output - RFO & RFA

- ▶ Lasers
- ▶ Medical Equipment
- ▶ X-Ray Tubes
- ▶ Computers
- ▶ Robotic Welding Equipment
- ▶ Water Purification/Dispensing Systems
- ▶ Chemical Metering Equipment
- ▶ Water Sampling
- ▶ Ice Making Machinery
- ▶ Water Injection Systems
- ▶ Proof of Delivery Systems

OEMS

Specialist designs are available based on your requirements. Please contact Sales Office for further details on options such as potable water, enhanced chemical capabilities or 4-20mA loop powered units.

This is RotorFlow in its most basic form – a **BRIGHT ORANGE ROTOR** turning with fluid flow. Simple, direct and reliable.

Flow rate is estimated, or simply confirmed, by viewing the speed of the turning rotor. Either port may be used for incoming flow, and new bayonet mounting lens is easily removed for quick cleanout. RFI Type RotorFlow sensors are easy to see, easy to install and easy to afford.

Specifications

Wetted Materials Body

Polypropylene (Hydrolytically Stable, Glass Reinforced), SS or Brass

Rotor pin

Ceramic

Rotor

Moulded Nylon, Colour: High Visibility Orange

Lens

Polysulfone

O-Ring

Buna N (Metal body = Viton)

Adaptor

Acetal (Polypropylene body only)

Max. operating pressure

Polypropylene Body: 7 bar
Metal Body: 14 bar

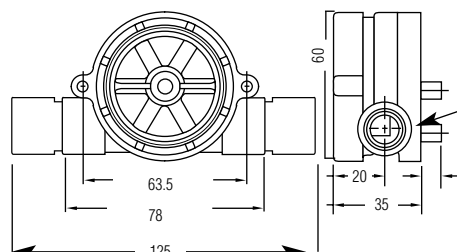
Max. operating temperature

Polypropylene Body: 80°C
Metal Body: 100°C

Typical pressure drop

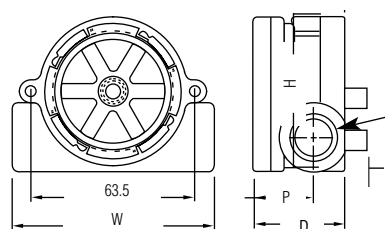
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Polypropylene Bodies



Adaptors, See Note 1

Metal Bodies



T	W	H	D	P
1/4	77	60	35	20
1/2	77	60	35	22
3/4	100	66	51	27
1	100	66	51	27

Notes:

1. Adaptors are supplied fitted to plastic units, sealed using Teflon (PTFE) tape.
2. If NPT thread is required for plastic units discard adaptor.
3. For pressure drop curves see RFS page.

How to Order

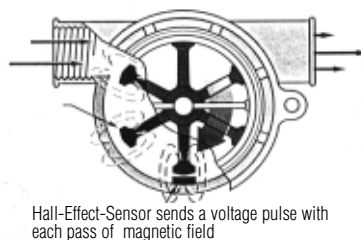
Body Material	Port Size	Flow Ranges (l/min)		Order Number	
		Low Range*	Standard Range	BSP	NPT
Polypropylene	1/4"	0.4 to 4.0	2.0 to 20.0	155420BSPP	155420
	1/2"	6.0 to 45.0	15.0 to 75.0	155480BSPP	155480
Brass	1/4"	0.4 to 4.0	2.0 to 20.0	142541BSPP	142541
	1/2"	6.0 to 45.0	15.0 to 75.0	142542BSPP	142542
	3/4"	---	20 to 112.5	180392BSPP	180392
	1"	---	30 to 225	181681BSPP	181681
Stainless Steel	9/16 x 18 UNF	0.4 to 4.0	2.0 to 20.0	N/A	174596
	1/2"	6 to 45	15.0 to 75.0	173138BSPP	173138
	3/4"	---	20 to 112.5	181682BSPP	181682
	1"	---	30 to 225	181683BSPP	181683

* With use of low flow adaptor supplied

RotorFlow - RFO and RFA Types

4.5 - 24 VDC Pulsed Output - RFO 0 - 10 V, RFA

Gems Sensors popularised the Rotor-Flow's paddlewheel design by combining high visibility rotors with solid-state electronics that are packaged into compact, panel mounting housings. They provide accurate flow rate output with integral visual confirmation ... all with an unprecedented price/performance ratio.



Specifications

Wetted materials	Polypropylene (Hydrolytically Stable, Glass Reinforced), Stainless Steel or Brass		
Body			
Rotor pin	Ceramic		
Rotor	Ryton Composite, Colour: Black		
Lens	Polysulfone		
O-Ring	Buna N (Metal body = Viton)		
Max. operating pressure	Polypropylene Body:	7 bar	
	Metal Body:	14 bar	
Max. operating temperature	Polypropylene Body:	80 °C	
	Metal:	100 °C	
Electronics (both bodies)	65 °C Ambient		
Max. viscosity	45 cSt		
Input power	4.5 to 24 Vdc, (24Vdc Regulated Supply for RFA models)		
Output signal	4.5 to 24 Vdc Pulse, Pulse Rate dependent on Flow Rate, Port Size and Range 0 to 10 V, available (RFA model), consult Sales Office		
Max. current source output	70 mA		
Frequency output range	25 Hz (Low Flow) to 225 Hz (High Flow)		
Electrical termination	AWG 22 PVC-Jacketed Cable, Length 60 cm Colour Code: Red = + Vdc, Black = Ground, White = Signal output		
Typical pressure drop	See Graphs		

How to Order

Body Material	Port Size	Flow Ranges (l/min)		Output (Hz) Approximate	RFO		RFA
		Low Range*	Standard Range		BSP	NPT	
Polypropylene	1/4"	0.4 to 4.0 (±7%)	2.0 to 20.0 (±7%)	15-180	155421BSPP	155421	Consult Factory
	1/2"	6.0 to 45.0 (±7%)	15.0 to 75.0 (±15%)	20-190	155481BSPP	155481	
Brass	1/4"	0.4 to 4.0 (±7%)	2.0 to 20.0 (±7%)	15-180	156261BSPP	156261	Consult Factory
	1/2"	6.0 to 45.0 (±7%)	15.0 to 75.0 (±15%)	20-190	156262BSPP	156262	
	3/4"	---	20 to 112.5 (±15%)	25-210	194761BSPP	194761	
	1"	---	30 to 225 (±15%)	15-180	194762BSPP	194762	
Stainless Steel	9/16 - 18 UNF	0.4 to 4 (±7%)	2 to 20.0 (±7%)	15-180	N/A	165071	Consult Factory
	1/2"	6 to 45 (±7%)	15.0 to 75.0 (±15%)	20-190	165075BSPP	165075	
	3/4"	---	20 to 112.5 (±15%)	25-210	194763BSPP	194763	
	1"	---	30 to 225 (±15%)	15-180	194764BSPP	194764	

* With use of Low-Flow-Adaptor supplied

High Resolution Black Rotor

Ryton composite. Each of the six rotor arms are magnetized.



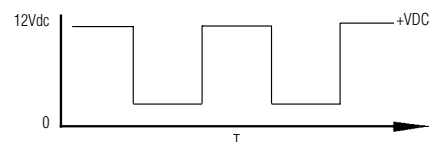
Signal Output

Output signal for RFO Types is an on/off pulse of the DC voltage supplied to the unit, it is compatible with all digital logic families. Input voltage range is 4.5 to 24 Vd.c.

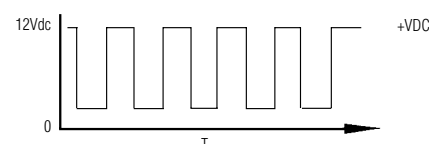
Frequency of the output pulse is proportional to the flow rate and ranges from approximately 25 Hz at low flow to 225 Hz at high flow. See order number for more information.

Following examples are at 12Vdc supply

Low Flow



HighFlow



* With use of Low-Flow-Adapter supplied.

See page 70 for more information.

For dimensions see page RFS

Please consult factory for detailed flow rate / frequency curves.

RotorFlow - RFS Types Flow Setpoint Switching

RotorFlow Switches build an extra level of reliability and protection into your equipment. By principle of operation, the rotor cannot be deceived into indicating a positive flow situation when no flow actually exists. Once set to a desired actuation point, RotorFlow will switch to a 'no-flow' condition should the rotor stop for any reason.

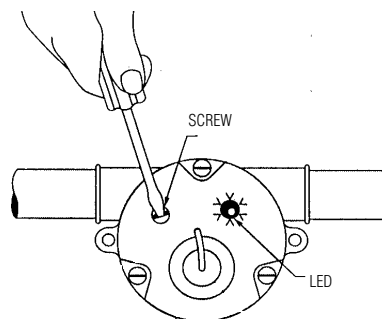
Specifications

Wetted Materials	
Body	Polypropylene, Brass, S Steel (Hydrolytically Stable, Glass Reinforced)
Rotor Pin	Ceramic
Rotor	Ryton Composite, Colour: Black
Lens	Polysulfone
O-Ring	Buna N (Metal Body = Viton)
Max. Operating Pressure	Polypropylene Body: 7 bar Metal Body: 14 bar
Max. Operating Temperature	Polypropylene Body: 80 °C Metal Body: 100 °C
Electronics	65°C Ambient
Max. Viscosity	45 cst
Input Power	24 Vd.c. or 110 Va.c.
Relay Contact Ratings (SPDT)	1A, 24 Vd.c. Resistive 0,5 A, 110 Va.c. (230 V a.c. on request)
Repeatability	2% max. Deviation
Set Point Accuracy (Factory Set)	± 5%
Hysteresis	max. 15%
Electrical Termination	22 AWG PVC-Jacketed Cable, Length 60 cm, Colour Code: Red = +Va.c./Vd.c., Black = Ground, White = N.O., Brown = N.C., Green = Common
Typical Pressure Drop:	See Graphs

Switch Set Point Calibration With LED Signal (RFS Type)

With the unit installed in the line and power supplied, complete the following steps to calibrate switch actuation point with proper flow rate. A small flat-blade screwdriver is the only tool required.

1. Adjust liquid flow in the line to the rate at which switch actuation is desired.
2. Insert screwdriver into opening on backside of housing and fit blade into the potentiometer adjustment screw inside.
3. If LED is not illuminated, slowly turn screwdriver counterclockwise and stop as soon as LED illuminates.
4. If LED is illuminated, turn screwdriver clockwise until LED light goes out. Then, slowly turn screwdriver counterclockwise and stop as soon as LED illuminates.



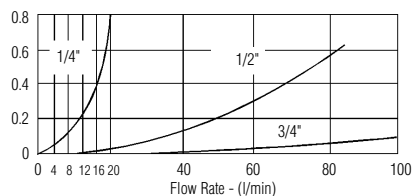
How to Order

Body Material	Port Size	Flow Ranges (l/min)		Input Power	Order Number	
		Low Range*	Standard Range		BSP	NPT
Polypropylene	1/4"	0.4 to 4.0	2.0 to 20.0	24 VDC 110 VAC	155425BSPP 155876BSPP	155425 155876
	1/2"	6.0 to 45.0	15.0 to 75.0	24 VDC 110 VAC	155485BSPP 155886BSPP	155485 155886
Brass	1/4"	0.4 to 4.0	2.0 to 20.0	24 VDC 110 VAC	156265BSPP 156266BSPP	156265 156266
	1/2"	6.0 to 45.0	15.0 to 75.0	24 VDC 110 VAC	156268BSPP 156269BSPP	156268 156269
	3/4"	- - -	20 to 112.5	24 VDC 110 VAC	180395BSPP 180396BSPP	180395 180396
	1"	- - -	30 to 225	24 VDC 110 VAC	181688BSPP 181689BSPP	181688 181689
	9/16" - 18UNF	0.4 to 4	2.0 to 20.0	24 VDC 110 VAC	N/A N/A	165073 165074
Stainless Steel	1/2"	6 to 45	15.0 to 75.0	24 VDC 110VAC	165077BSPP 165078BSPP	165077 165078
	3/4"	- - -	20 to 112.5	24 VDC 110 VAC	181691BSPP 181692BSPP	181691 181692
	1"	- - -	30 to 225	24 VDC 110 VAC	181693BSPP 181694BSPP	181693 181694

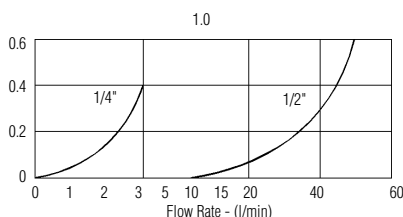
* With use of Low-Flow-Adapter supplied,

Pressure Drop Typical throughout all options

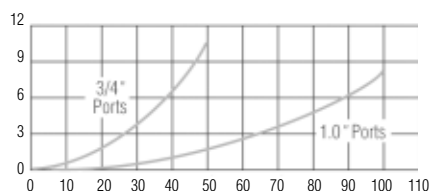
Standard Flow Range Units



Low Flow Range Units

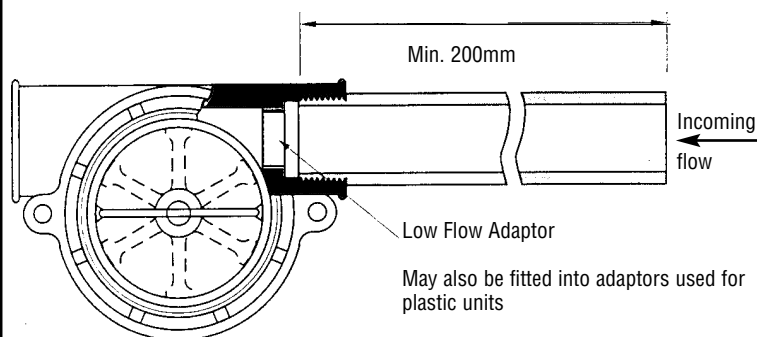


High Flow Units



Installation and Maintenance

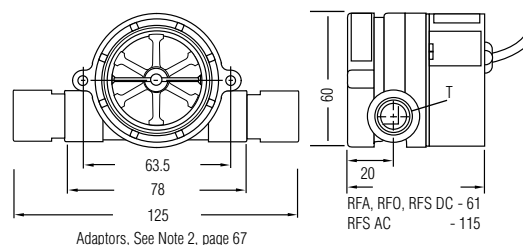
A proper installation will enhance RotorFlow sensor performance. Install using standard pipe fitting tools; horizontal fluid lines are recommended. For further installation and maintenance recommendations, refer to one of the following instruction bulletins: RFO Types - Part Number 157258; RFI Types - Part Number 157259; RFS Types - Part Number 157261. Since their function is to monitor dynamic fluid flow, naturally the rotor will react to turbulence, pulsation, entrained air, and other flow anomalies induced in the flow stream by other process hardware. For optimum performance, install RotorFlow units where nominal flow conditions exist with ports located at the top. Incoming flow may be placed to either port; a minimum of 20 cm of straight pipe on the inlet side is required. When operating in the low flow range, the supplied Low Flow Adapter must be installed in the incoming port.



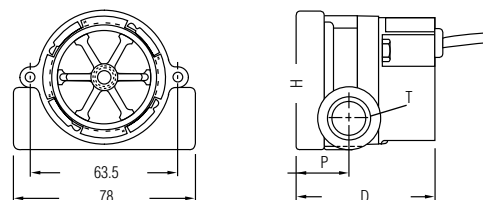
RotorFlow sensors connect to piping via NPT mating thread forms. The use of an appropriate thread sealant is necessary to assure a leak-tight connection. Permatex "No More Leaks" or 2 wraps of Teflon tape are the only sealants recommended for GEMS flow sensors. 150 micron filtration is recommended. However, should foreign particles enter RotorFlow sensor, accumulation is easily cleared by removing the lens from the body. The lens is removed by turning its centre rib 45° counter-clockwise, and then pulling it out. To reinstall the lens, simply reverse the process.

Dimensions (in mm)

RFA, RFO, RFS Polypropylene Bodies



Metal Bodies



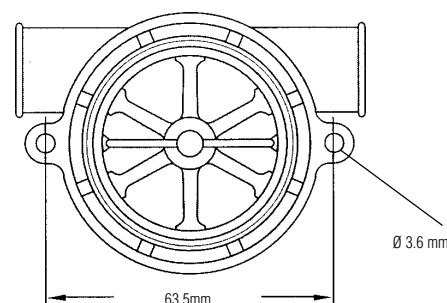
T	W	H	D DC models	D AC models	P
1/4	77	60	61	114	20
1/2	77	60	61	114	22
3/4	100	66	75	121	27
1	100	66	75	121	27

Panel Mounting

Any RotorFlow sensors may be panel mounted using holes integrated into the bodies.

Two (2) mountings ears are provided at the body centre line to receive 3.5mm ϕ self tapping screws (e.g. DIN 7971-B 3, 5 x 19) to accommodate panel mounting of the plastic RotorFlow units.

Note: ANSI T type 23 self-tapping screw are recommended. They may be replaced with standard machine screws if reinstallation should be required.



Important: In either case, pressure must be relieved from the system prior to sensor clean-out.

Low Flow Applications

A low flow adaptor is supplied with all Rotorflow units. It is used to produce accurate response at low flow rates. Install the adaptor, as shown above, in the port selected for incoming flow.