

Series DFMT Digital Paddlewheel Flowmeter

Specifications - Installation and Operating Instructions







Α	В
6″ 152 mm	4-3/4" 121 mm
6″ 152 mm	5-1/8" 130 mm
6-1/4" 158 mm	5-5/8" 142 mm
6-1/4" 158 mm	5-1/2" 141 mm
6-5/8" 168 mm	6-7/8″ 175 mm
7-1/4" 184 mm	6-7/8″ 175 mm
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The Series DFMT Digital Paddlewheel Flow Transmitter provides instantaneous, as well as totalizing flow monitoring, making it ideal for commercial and industrial systems. The large backlit LCD display makes navigating through the menu structure simple. The Series DFMT uses high accuracy paddlewheel technology, offers a user selectable 4 to 20 mA or pulse output, and has a corrosion resistant PVDF sensor giving it long life. Users can reset the totalizer at any time and set a security password protecting the setting from unauthorized changes.

Installation Instructions

The accuracy of these flowmeters can be affected by disturbances such as pumps, elbows, tees, and valves that are in the flow stream. To reduce the error caused by these disturbances, pick a section of pipe that is at a distance from any pumps, bends or valves. The recommended distance away from elbows and pumps is shown in Figure 1.



Mounting Location

To reduce the possibility of causing damage to the Series DFMT, it is recommended that the meter be mounted in a full flow pipe. Vertical mounting is acceptable, provided the liquid is flowing up through the meter, or a sufficient back pressure exists on the downward flow. On horizontal mountings, it is recommended that the meter be mounted perpendicular to the pipe. For systems that may have small air pockets at the top of the pipe, the meter can be mounted up to 45° off the vertical normal.

SPECIFICATIONS

Service: Compatible clean liquids.

Range: See model chart.

Wetted Materials:

Sensor and Impeller: PVDF; Shaft: Ceramic;

O-Rings: Fluoroelastomer.

Accuracy: ±1.5% FS.

Repeatability: ±0.5% FS.

Output:

Analog: 4 to 20 mA (750 Ω max. loop resistance); Pulse: NPN square wave output; Frequency: 0 to 2 kHz (adjustable); Pulse width: 0 to 1000 ms (adjustable). Electrical Connections: Removable screw terminal. **Temperature Limits:** Process: -4 to 194°F (-20 to 90°C); Ambient: -4 to 149°F(-20 to 65°C). Pressure Limit: 145 psi (1.0 MPa). Power Requirements: 12 to 24 VDC. Power Consumption: 2 W. Display: 2.38 x 1.25" (60.33 x 31.75 mm) LCD. Totalizing Display Maximum: 9,999,999,999. Process Connection: See model chart.

Enclosure Rating: IP65.

Enclosure Material: ABS plastic.

Weight: See model chart.

Model	Range GPM (m ³ /h)	Weight Ib (kg)	Connection
DFMT-10A	0.44 to 7.93 (0.1 to 1.8)	1.06 (0.48)	3/8" NPT
DFMT-15A	0.88 to 17.61 (0.2 to 4)	1.10 (0.50)	1/2" NPT
DFMT-20A	1.32 to 26.42 (0.3 to 6)	1.15 (0.52)	3/4" NPT
DFMT-25A	2.20 to 52.83 (0.5 to 12)	1.23 (0.56)	1″ NPT
DFMT-40A	6.61 to 105.67 (1.5 to 24)	1.46 (0.66)	1-1/2" NPT
DFMT-50A	8.81 to 176.11 (2 to 40)	1.68 (0.76)	2″ NPT

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ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS



4 to 20 mA Output

The Series DFMT can provide a variable current output that is proportional to the detected flow rate. This output can be used in a range of external interface devices, and can be calibrated to suit a particular flow range. The maximum load resistance is 750 Ω , including the cables used to connect.



Pulse (Frequency) Output

The Series DFMT offers a frequency pulsed output that can be configured as a linear flow proportional frequency output or a standard pulsed output via the unit software. The maximum pulse output frequency is 5 kHz with a pulse amplitude of 24V and a maximum load current of 0.2A. The pulse output frequency is adjustable from 100-5000 Hz (please refer to "To Change The Maximum Frequency" under "Pulse Output Setup").

When utilizing the unit with a linear proportional frequency output, the liter/pulse option must be set to 0.0 (please refer to "To Change the Pulse/Liters" under the "Pulse Output Setup") and the frequency output signal scaled to the desired range within the units capability (please refer to "To Set Qmax" under the "System Setup Menu" to scale frequency output signal).

When utilizing the unit as a standard pulsed output (please refer to "Pulse Output Setup" under the "System Setup Menu").



RS485 Communication Output (Optional)

The Series DFMT features optional RS485 Communication. This must be specified at time of order and will not function otherwise. The RS data communication option will remain visible in the unit's software and on the terminal board but will not be functional. Please contact factory for RS485 communication output capable units.

USING THE SERIES DFMT

When first turned on, the Series DFMT will initialize, and then it will turn to the measurement reading screen.



The top number is the instantaneous flow reading, followed by the total amount of liquid passed. The bottom bar shows the percentage of flow in relation to the maximum flow rate.

To access the menu, press the key on the keypad. Navigate through the menu using the and to select a sub menu, and the key to enter a sub menu. To return to the measurement reading screen, or to return from a sub menu, press the key.

Unit Adjustment

The Series DFMT can display flow units of L/s, L/min, L/h, m^3/s , m^3/min , m^3/h , US gal/s, US gal/min, and US gal/h. The totalization units can be displayed in L, m^3 , and US gallons.

To change flow units:

Steps	Operation Instructions	Display
1	From the menu, select "Basic".	→ Basic → System → Calibration → Test →
2	Select "PV Units".	PV Units PV Decimal Total Units Total Decimal
3	Use and t o change the desired flow units.	PV Units L/h
4	Press 🗲 to select units.	m²/h
5	Press to confirm the change, or press to cancel the change	PV Units L/h m²/h

To change totalization units:

Steps	Operation Instructions	Display
1	From the menu, select "Basic".	→ Basic → System → Calibration → Test →
2	Select "Total Units".	PV Units PV Decimal Total Units Total Decimal
3	Use and to change the desired flow units.	Total Units L
4	Press 🗨 to select units.	m ³
5	Press to confirm the change, or press to cancel the change.	Total Units ← ENT ESC → L m ³

Resolution

The Series DFMT has a selectable resolution of up to 3 decimal points for both the flow and totalization units.

To change flow resolution:

Steps	Operation Instructions	Display
1	From the menu, select "Basic".	→ Basic → System → Calibration → Test →
2	Select "PV Decimal".	PV Units PV Decimal Total Units Total Decimal
3	Use and to change the desired flow resolution.	PV Decimal
4	Press t o select resolution.	3
5	Press to confirm the change, or press to cancel the change.	PV Decimal + ENT ESC + 2

To change totalization resolution:

Steps	Operation Instructions	Display
1	From the menu, select "Basic".	→ Basic → System → Calibration → Test →
2	Select "Total Decimal".	PV Units PV Decimal Total Units ↓→ Total Decimal
3	Use and to change the desired totalization resolution.	Total Decimal
4	Press to select resolution.	3
5	Press to confirm the change, or press to cancel the change.	Total Decimal + ENT ESC + 2

Damping Factor

The Series DFMT has the capability to introduce a damping factor allowing the user to delay the response time of the display and output. This function is used to smooth out a reading of flows that has rapid spikes or dips in the flow rate.

To adjust the damping factor:

Steps	Operation Instructions	Display
1	From the menu, select "Basic".	→ Basic → System → Calibration → Test →
2	Select "Damping".	↑ PV Decimal Total Units Total Decimal → Damping(s)
3	Use , , and b to change the desired flow resolution.	Damping(s) 02.0
4	Press to select resolution.	Min: 0.1 02.0
5	Press to confirm the change, or press to cancel the change.	Damping(s) 02.0 ← ENT ESC → 03.0

SYSTEM SETUP MENU

Password Protection

The Series DFMT has a system setup menu that is password protected. The password must be entered each time a user accesses the system setup menu. The unit is initially setup to have a password of 0200.

To change the password:



PERCENTAGE RANGE

The user can configure the percentage of flow display bar to show a specified range within the products allowable range. The option "Qmax(m³/h)" in the system setup menu allows the user to set a flow rate at which the bar will show 100%. The option "Low Cutoff%" allows the user to set a flow rate at which the Series DFMT to display zero, and set any outputs to zero.

To set Qmax:

Steps	Operation Instructions	Display
1	From the menu, select "System".	Basic → → System → Calibration → Test →
2	Use , , , and to input current password. Press to enter password.	Password *2**
3	Select "Signal".	New Password Language → Signal Pulse Output
4	Select "Qmax(m3/h)"	→ Qmax (m²/h) Low Cutoff%
5	Use 🛕 , 💙 and 🕨 to create the desired Qmax.	Qmax (m ² /h) 100.0
6	Press d to select the desired value.	Max: 99999999 Min: 0.000100 120.0
7	Press to confirm the change, or press to cancel the change.	Qmax (m ³ /h) 100.0 ← ENT ESC → 120.0

To change low cutoff:

Steps	Operation Instructions	Display
1	From the menu, select "System".	Basic → → System → Calibration → Test →
2	Use , , , and to input current password. Press to enter password.	Password *2**
3	Select "Signal".	New Password Language Signal Pulse Output
4	Select "Low Cutoff%"	Qmax (m³/h) → Low Cutoff%
5	Use A , Y and b to input desired cutoff %.	Low Cutoff% Max: 9.9 1.0
6	Press ◀ to select value.	1.0
7	Press to confirm the change, or press to cancel the change.	Low Cutoff% 1.0 ← ENT ESC → 2.0

PULSE OUTPUT SETUP

The Series DFMT has a customizable pulse output option. The user can configure this output's maximum frequency, the number of liters per pulse, the pulse width, and whether the pulse level is active low or active high.

To change the maximum frequency:

Steps	Operation Instructions	Display
1	From the menu, select "System".	Basic → → System → Calibration → Test →
2	Use , , , and to input current password. Press to enter password.	Password *2**
3	Select "Pulse Output".	New Password Language Signal Pulse Output
4	Select "Freq Max(Hz)".	→ Freq Max(Hz) Liter/Pulse PulseWidth(ms) Pulse Level
5	Use , V and to input desired frequency upperlimit.	Freq Max(Hz) Max: 5000.0 Min: 100.0 5000.0
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7	Press d to confirm the change, or press b to cancel the change.	Freq Max(Hz) 4000.0 ENT ESC 5000.0

To change the liters/pulse:

Steps	Operation Instructions	Display
1	From the menu, select "System".	Basic → → System → Calibration → Test →
2	Use , , , and to input current password. Press to enter password.	Password *2**
3	Select "Pulse Output".	New Password Language Signal Pulse Output
4	Select "Liter/Pulse".	Freq Max(Hz) → Liter/Pulse PulseWidth(ms) Pulse Level
5	Use , T and to input desired liters per pulse ratio.	Liter/Pulse Max:0.00000 Min: 0.00055 0.01000
6	Press d to select value.	
7	Press to confirm the change, or press to cancel the change.	Liter/Pulse 4000.0 ENT ESC 5000.0

To change the pulse width:

Steps	Operation Instructions	Display
1	From the menu, select "System".	Basic → → System → Calibration → Test →
2	Use , , , and to input current password. Press to enter password.	Password *2**
3	Select "Pulse Output".	New Password Language Signal Jap Pulse Output
4	Select "PulseWidth(ms)".	Freq Max(Hz) Liter/Pulse → PulseWidth(ms) Pulse Level
5	Use A , Y and b to input desired pulse width.	Pulse Width (ms) 0000.0 Max: 1000.0
6	Press 🗲 to select value.	Min: 0.0 0000.0
7	Press d to confirm the change, or press to cancel the change.	Pulse Width (ms) 0000.0 + ENT ESC - 0050.0

PULSE LEVEL

The pulsed output on the Series DFMT can be programmed to be active high or active low.

To change pulse level:

Steps	Operation Instructions	Display
1	From the menu, select "System".	Basic → → System → Calibration → Test →
2	Use , , , and to input current password. Press to enter password.	Password *2**
3	Select "Pulse Output".	New Password Language Signal J Pulse Output
4	Select "Pulse Level".	Freq Max(Hz) Liter/Pulse PulseWidth(ms) → Pulse Level
5	Use and to select active high or active low.	Pulse Level Active L
6	Press 🗲 to select value.	Active H
7	Press to confirm the change, or press to cancel the change.	Pulse Level Active L ENT ESC Active H

RS485 COMMUNICATIONS OUTPUT (OPTIONAL) The Series DFMT also has a RS485 communications output capability. The user can alter the protocol, baud rate, parity, stop bit, and the device address. The RS485 output works on 8 data bits.

To set protocol:

Steps	Operation Instructions	Display
1	From the menu, select "System".	Basic → → System → Calibration → Test →
2	Use , , , and to input current password. Press to enter password.	Password *2**
3	Select "RS485 Output".	Signal Pulse Output RS485 Output Total Set
4	Select "RS485 Protocol".	
5	Use A, Y and Y to select MODBUS.	RS485 Protocol MODBUS-RTU
6	Press 🗲 to select value.	MODBUS-ASC
7	Press to confirm the change, or press to cancel the change.	RS485 Protocol MODBUS-RTU ENT ESC MODBUS-ASC

To change baud rate:

Steps	Operation Instructions	Display
1	From the menu, select "System".	Basic System Calibration Test
2	Use , , , and to input current password. Press to enter password.	Password *2**
3	Select "RS485 Output".	Signal Pulse Output RS485 Output Total Set
4	Select "Baudrate".	RS485 Protocol → Baudrate Data Bit ↓ Parity
5	Use (A), (V) and (F) to select desired baud rate.	Baudrate 9600 19200
6	Press < to select value.	
7	Press to confirm the change, or press to cancel the change.	Baudrate 9600 ← ENT ESC → 4800

To set parity:

Steps	Operation Instructions	Display
1	From the menu, select "System".	Basic System Calibration Test
2	Use , , , and to input current password. Press to enter password.	Password *2**
3	Select "RS485 Output".	Signal Pulse Output RS485 Output Total Set
4	Select "Parity".	RS485 Protocol Baudrate Data Bit ↓→ Parity
5	Use A , Y and > to select parity type.	Parity
6	Press 🗲 to select value.	EVEN
7	Press d to confirm the change, or press b to cancel the change.	Parity NONE + ENT ESC + EVEN

To set stop bit:

Steps	Operation Instructions	Display
1	From the menu, select "System".	Basic System Calibration Test
2	Use , , , and to input current password. Press to enter password.	Password *2**
3	Select "RS485 Output".	Signal Pulse Output RS485 Output Total Set
4	Select "Stop Bit".	Data Bit Parity → Stop Bit ↓ Dev Address
5	Use A , Y and > to choose the stop bit.	Stop Bit 1
6	Press < to select value.	
7	Press to confirm the change, or press to cancel the change.	Stop Bit + ENT ESC + 2

To set device address:

Steps	Operation Instructions	Display
1	From the menu, select "System".	Basic → → System → Calibration → Test →
2	Use , , , and to input current password. Press to enter password.	Password *2**
3	Select "RS485 Output".	Signal Pulse Output RS485 Output Total Set
4	Select "Dev Address".	Data Bit Parity Stop Bit ↓→ Dev Address
5	Use , T and to input desired device address.	Dev Address 000
6	Press 🗨 to select value.	101
7	Press to confirm the change, or press to cancel the change.	Dev Address 000 + ENT ESC + 101

Clear and set totalizer

The Series DFMT has a totalizing function that is displayed on the main screen. This value can be cleared or set to a predetermined value.

To clear totalizer:

Steps	Operation Instructions	Display
1	From the menu, select "System".	Basic → → System → Calibration → Test →
2	Use , , , and to input current password. Press to enter password.	Password *2**
3	Select "Iotal Set".	Signal Pulse Output RS485 Output
4	Select "Clear Total".	→ Clear Total FWD Preset(m²)
5	Use b to select "Yes" or "No".	Clear Total NO Yes
6	Press d to select value.	
7	Press to confirm the change, or press to cancel the change.	Clear Total NO ♦ ENT ESC → Yes

To preset totalizer:

Steps	Operation Instructions	Display
1	From the menu, select "System".	Basic → → System → Calibration → Test →
2	Use , , , and to input current password. Press to enter password.	Password *2**
3	Select "Total Set".	Signal Pulse Output RS485 Output → Total Set
4	Select "Clear Total".	Clear Total → FWD Preset(m²)
5	Use b to select "Yes" or "No".	FWD Preset(m ³) 000.000000 Max: Min:
6	Press 🗲 to select value.	500.000000
7	Press to confirm the change, or press to cancel the change.	FWD Preset(m ³) + ENT ESC + 500.000000

MAINTENANCE/REPAIR

Upon final installation of the Series DFMT, no routine maintenance is required. The Series DFMT is not field serviceable and should be returned if repair is needed. Field repair should not be attempted and may void warranty.

WARRANTY/RETURN

Refer to "Terms and Conditions of Sale" in our catalog and on our website. Contact customer service to receive a Return Goods Authorization number before shipping the product back for repair. Be sure to include a brief description of the problem plus any additional application notes.

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