# **AG90 Series**

**Electromagnetic Insertion** Flow Meter











Free battery replacement at year four with warranty registration!

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The **AG90-series** 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 signal to remote devices. The AG90 includes a Seametrics saddle which has been 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** ..... Rate and total indicator with light sensor button controls Hinged Display Cover -----User access lid ------Output cable port access ..... ..... Data logger connector (optional) Equalization lug -----..... Powder-coated diecast aluminum electronics housing O-ring, EPDM -----...... Sensor body (Stainless) PVDF electrode cap ..... ..... Battery Powered Bidirectional Flow Reading ····· Pulse Scaled Output ····--- Built-in Data Logger (Optional)

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.

Saddle Included

# **Specifications\***

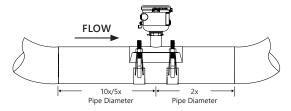
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Pipe Size		4" to 12"				
Materials	Sensor Body	316 SS				
	Electrodes	Hastelloy Powder-coated diecast aluminum				
	Housing					
	Electrode Cap	PVDF (Kynar®)				
	O-Ring	EPDM				
Temperature	Operating	10° to 140° F (-12° to 60° C)				
	Storage	-40° to 158° F (-40° to 70° C)				
	Fluid Temp.	32° to 200° F (0° to 93° C)				
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	ıll 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	Total, Batch Forwa	rd, Batch Reverse		
Power		One lithium 7.2V 'D' size battery	pack, replaceable.			
Scaled Pulse	Signal	Current sinking pulse, isolated, 3	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				
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 Detection Hardware/software, conductivity-based						
Regulatory		C € (EN 61326) Pending				
Environmental		IP67				

<sup>\*</sup> Specifications subject to change. Please consult our website for the most current data (seametrics.com).

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# Flow Rate (4" - 12")

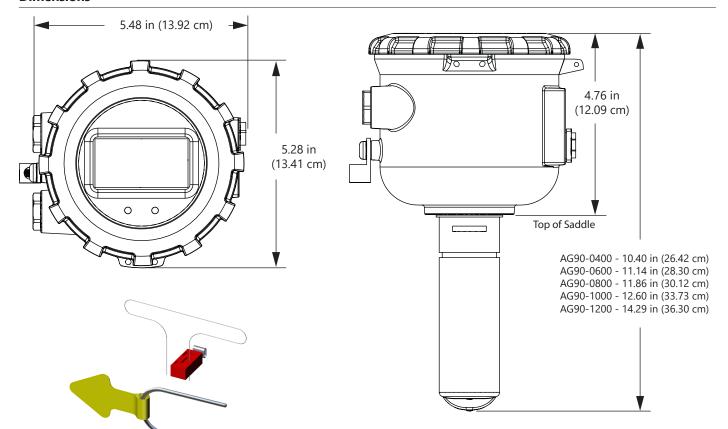
Nominal Pipe Size	4"	6"	8"	10"	12"
Low Flow Cutoff GPM	19.3	<b>43.11</b> 2.72	77.1	120.5	173.5
Low Flow Cutoff LPS	1.22		4.86	7.6	10.95
Min GPM	64.3	144.6	257	401.6	578.3
Min LPS	4.1	9.1	16.2	25.3	36.5
Max GPM	578	1301	2313	3614	<b>5204</b> 328.3
Max LPS	36.5	82.1	145.9	228	



Upstream straight pipe is selected during initial setup. Upstream options are 5X or 10X the diameter and are based on the amount of straight pipe available in either new or propeller meter replacement installation. Downstream straight pipe requirement is 2X the diameter. See programming setup for details.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Rate Time Unit is available in Day only.

#### **Dimensions**



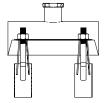
Install security clip and seal during installation if regulations require. Security seal wire threads through hole in security clip.



Install display security tab during installation if regulations require.



Install display security seal during installation if regulations require.



Saddle Size	Range
4"	4.00"- 4.90"
6″	6.00"- 6.90"
8″	8.00" - 9.05"
10"	10.00" - 11.10"
12"	12.10" - 13.20"

Consult factory if your OD does not match.

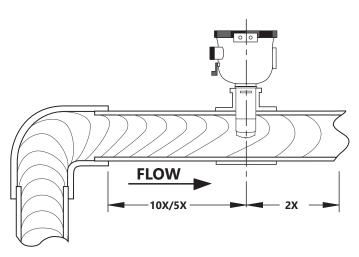


**CAUTION:** Ensure that the U-clip is installed and **never remove the U-clip retainer when the pipe is under pressure**. Always remove pressure from the pipe before you attempt to remove the meter. Removal under pressure may result in damage or serious injury.

#### **Fitting Installation**

AG90-Series meters require special saddles that ensure that the flow sensor is installed to the correct depth. The saddle 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.



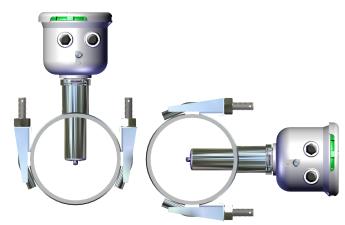
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Downstream straight pipe requirement is 2X the diameter.
See programming setup for details.

#### **Meter Installation**

After the saddle 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.

NOTE: Install U-clip security seal if regulations require.

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



Orienting the Meter

# Flow Straightening Vanes/Conditioners

- 1. If you have the bolt-in, 3-vane style they may be removed or left in place. They do not affect performance.
- 2. If you have the 6-vane, bolt-in style with a cone, it should be removed.
- 3. For 6-vane, weld-in style installed in a spool, turn the spool 180° and reinstall with the vanes behind the meter.
- 4. Orifice, tube or Vortab style conditioners will not affect performance.

## **Chemical Injection or Fertigation**

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

#### **New Installation**

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

1. Clean the mounting surface, remove any roughness from the area.



2. Cut a 1.75" hole into pipe.

3. Place gasket centered over pipe opening.



4. Place saddle top over gasket. Make sure saddle top covers entire gasket. Place the saddle clamps under the pipe and align with the clamp guides on the saddle top.

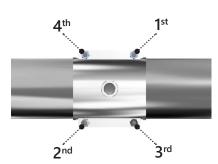


5. Place saddle plates over saddle clamp threads. Attach nuts and tighten as shown below. Torque to 75 ft-lb in cross pattern.



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







# **Propeller Replacement Installation**

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

2. Place saddle top over gasket.

1. Clean the mounting surface, removing any roughness which would prevent the gasket from sealing. 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.



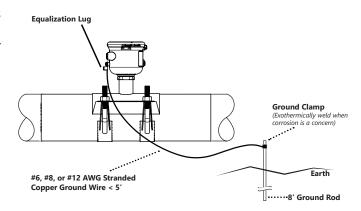






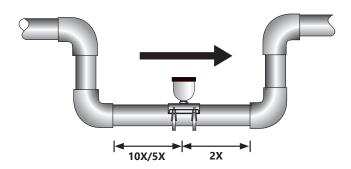
## Grounding

**Electronically Noisy Installations.** When the AG90 is installed in an electrically noisy system (near a VFD etc.), grounding is recommended. Where lightning is a threat, or in severe electrical environments, an optional connection to a nearby equipment ground or ground rod is advisable.



# **Straight Pipe Recommendations** (X = diameter)

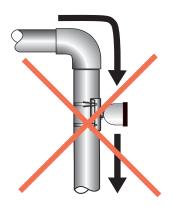
## **Two Elbows In Plane**



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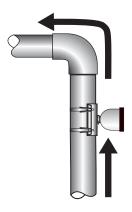
## **Full Pipe Recommendations**

#### **Possible Problem**



Can create air pocket at sensor

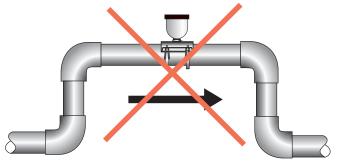
#### **Better Installation**



Allows air to bleed off

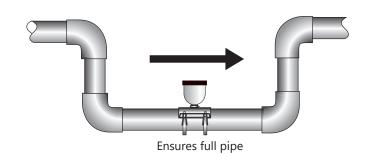
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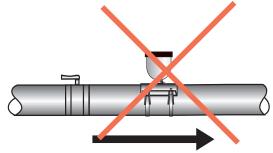


Allows air pockets to form at sensor

# **Better Installation**

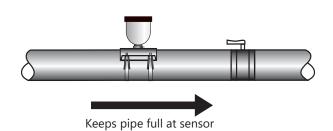


**Possible Problem** 

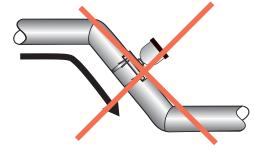


Post-valve cavitation can create air pocket

#### **Better Installation**

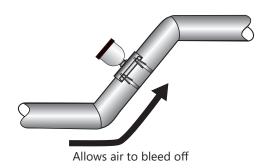


**Possible Problem** 



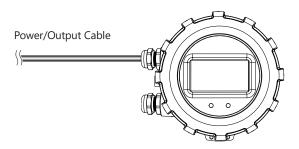
Air can be trapped

## **Better Installation**

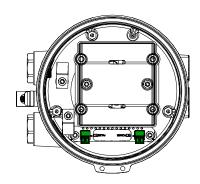


#### AG90 General Cable Information

In the AG90 meter, there are two output cable ports. Either port can be used. The cable contains the wires for scaled pulse output and external DC power. See Sample Cable Wiring Diagrams and Wiring Table.



The AG90 is available as a Battery powered meter



Battery version with two 2-pin connectors

#### Battery Version with no external pulse output

No wiring is needed.

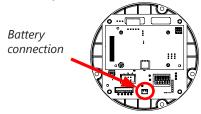
# AG90 Cable Installation (Wiring)

#### Battery Version with external pulse output.

- 1. Unscrew the display lid and remove it.
- Remove the display assembly from the meter exposing the internal connectors.
   Be sure **NOT** to undo any connections to the display assembly as you remove it.



- 3. There is a two 2-pin connector already installed.
- 4. Remove the plug and o-ring from the cable port(s) where you want to insert the cable.
- 5. Install cable gland and insert cable end.
- 6. Strip cable jacket and conductors and install the wires into the connectors in their respective locations. (See Cable Wiring Table for details.)
- 7. Plug the battery cable into the circuit board, as shown:



- 8. Secure the cables inside the internal strain relief clip and tighten the cable gland sealing nut securely. (torque nut to 22 in-lbs.). A loose nut could cause moisture ingress and compromise the meter head's IP67 rating, voiding the warranty.
- 9. Remount the display assembly, being careful to not pinch any wires.
- 10. Reinstall the display lid, being sure to avoid crossthreading. Ensure the lid is screwed down fully to prevent water ingress.

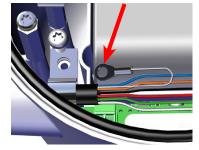
## **Cable Gland Opening and Sealing**



WARNING: Improper sealing of glands or cables will invalidate any warranty.



Remove plug & o-ring. Insert cable gland/strain relief. Feed cable through cable gland.



Clamp cable with strain relief clips. Attach drain wire lug to bracket post.



Torque cable gland sealing nut to 22 in-lbs.

# **AG90 Wiring Diagrams**

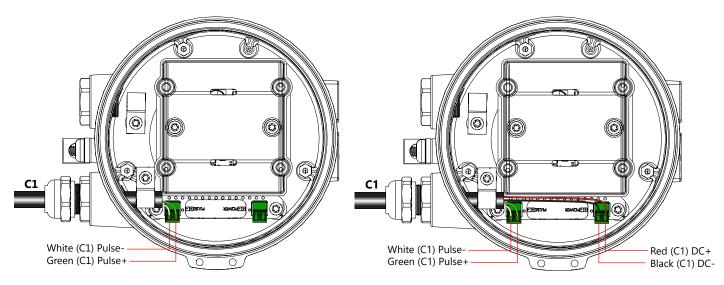
Unscrew the display lid and remove it from the meter. Unsnap the display assembly and remove it from the meter exposing the internal wiring connector. Install the wires through the cable glands into the 2 pin screw connector.

(C1 = power/output cable)

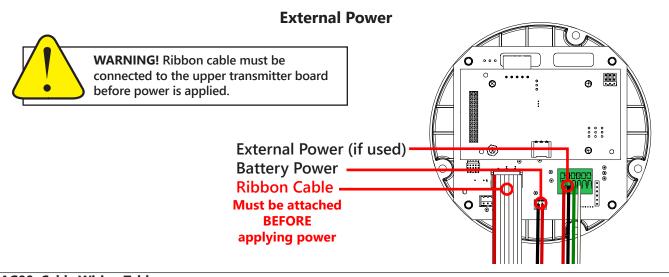
# With Pulse Output Only

# **Pulse with External DC Power Source**

9 - 36 VDC at 250mA max, 30mA average



# If not using external output, no wiring is required.



# **AG90 Cable Wiring Table**

PIN	1 PULSE SCLD -	2 PULSE SCLD +	PWR -	PWR +
Battery Powered Meter	WHITE C1	GREEN C1	NOT	USED
Externally Powered Meter	WHITE C1	GREEN C1	BLACK C1	RED C1

(C1 = Power/Output Cable 1)

**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.

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

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 ÷ 60 seconds / minutes

**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 DAMP 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/frequency)			
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 =  $(.05 \times 50 \text{ milliseconds}) = 2.5 \text{ ms}$ 

#### **Minimum Flow**

As with any other flow sensor, there is a rate below which the AG90-Series sensor cannot read. Check the table below (also on page 4) 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	<b>43.11</b> 2.72	<b>77.1</b>	120.5	173.5
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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.

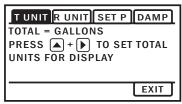
# **Electrode Coating**

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**

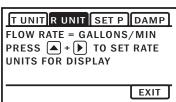
#### T UNIT

View or change TOTAL volume units



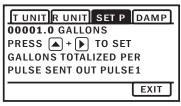
# **R UNIT**

View or change flow RATE units



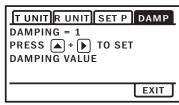
#### SET P

View or change pulse output scaling



#### **DAMP**

View or change # of sample periods for rolling average.\*
(0=1 sample period, 1=2 sample periods, etc.)



<sup>\*</sup> See DAMP Settings for Battery Units on page 16.

## **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 (a) 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.

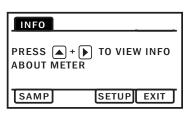
INFO: Meter model number, serial number, and

firmware version.

SAMP: Sample rate.

SETUP: View or change pipe settings.

EXIT: Return to MAIN MENU.



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 20+ 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.



#### **Changing Total Direction/Resetting Totalizers**

On the Main screen, tap (A) to select the direction of the total display. To reset BATCH FWD or BATCH REV, select with **a** and then tap **b** four times.

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 previouly 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**

want to change.

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.)

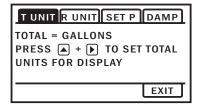


Select the Parameter. In the screen for the highlighted tab you will see the current parameter value for that tab. Tapping the right button, move to the tab for the parameter you



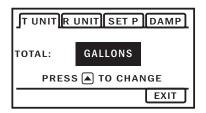


In this example, the first line indicates that the current unit for the TOTAL is GALLONS. The next two lines tell you what to do next.



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.

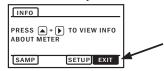
The AG90 has a passcode system for restricting access to the menus. The AG90 comes from the factory with the passcode set to 000000. When a user attempts to enter the menu system (see details on page 14), the passcode entry screen will be displayed.



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
 ▲ and ▶ 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 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.

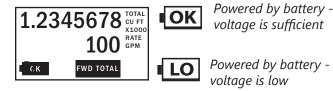
#### **Power Indicators**

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

When powered by battery a battery icon will display.

**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.



# **PLMIN**

PLMIN is a measure of stability within the filter. Its setting is in terms of a percentage subtracted from 100. When PLMIN = 0, the DAMP filter will be applied regardless of changing flow rates. No amount of flow rate changes seen by the meter will restart the DAMP filter.

When PLMIN is  $\neq$  0, PLMIN is subtracted from 100. The resulting percentage is used as a DAMP filter restart condition. When this condition is met, the DAMP filter will be emptied and restarted with fresh data. For instance, when PLMIN = 25: 100-25=75%. This means that any reading that differs from its predecessor by 75% or more (in either the positive or negative direction), will trigger the DAMP filter reset condition. If PLMIN = 5, the DAMP filter will only reset when a value is  $\pm$ 95% different than its predecessor.

It is very important to note that PLMIN settings should vary based upon flow conditions at the install site. If the DAMP filter is being used to smooth out known varying flow conditions (pulsating or highly turbulent flows), too high of a PLMIN value can exacerbate unstable flow conditions. When flow conditions are such, a value of PLMIN = 0 is suggested. Note however, that upon startup and shutdown, this will affect flow rate values responsiveness.

#### **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 in water (not EMPTY PIPE), a rate must be entered and the feature must be turned ON.

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.

# **Battery Powered Units**

To 'wake up' a battery powered meter, you may need to hold the up arrow for 2 seconds and release.

The AG90 meter comes configured with a 7.2V 'D' size lithium battery pack. In this configuration, the only option/output is the scaled pulse output which 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 12 for details). The sample rate of the meter is user selectable through the SAMP tab in the meter's submenu. Sample periods of 1/5, 1/3, 1, 3, 5, 15, 30, and 60 seconds can be selected. (A sample period of 5 seconds - 4 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 not be full for 15x8=120 seconds. Note that in most long term applications, these long filters may be fine, but in shorter term applications, the DAMP and SAMP menus need to be adjusted accordingly.

#### **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	Plug in the battery
	Dead 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
	Hole reference incorrect or not set.	Set correct hole reference
	Straight pipe configuration not set	Program straight pipe configuration
	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	Improve grounding at meter and nearby potentially noisy electrical equipment. Increase distance between meter and electrical noise sources.
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	Electrical noise sources interfering with	Isolate, remove or reduce noise sources. Move
pulse/frequency output is erratic and/or too high	pulse frequency signal	meter control cable away from noise sources.
and, or do mg.	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 zero when there is flow	Pipe ID not set	Program ID of pipe
Zero when there is now	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)

# **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.	

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