Mass Flow Meter (MFM) for Gases

- Direct flow measurement for nominal flow rates from 10 mlN/min to 80 lN/ min (N2) in MEMS technology
- High accuracy
- Short response time
- Optional Fieldbus



Mass flow meters are used in process technology for the direct measurement of the mass flow of gases. In case of volumetric flow meters, it is necessary to measure the temperature and the pressure either the density, because gases change their density or rather their volume depending on the pressure. The measurement of the mass flow, on the other hand, is independent on pressure and the temperature.

The digital mass flow meter, Type 8701, uses a sensor on silicon chip basis (see the description on page 2) located directly in the bypass channel. Due to the fact that the sensor is directly in the bypass channel a very short response time of the MFM is reached. The actual flow is given as an analog output signal or could be read out over RS communication. Type 8701 can optionally be calibrated for two different gases, the user is able to switch between these two gases. The materials of the parts that come into contact with the medium are selected according to customer specification so that the unit can be operated with the complete range of standard process gases.

Typical application areas are gas flow measurement in

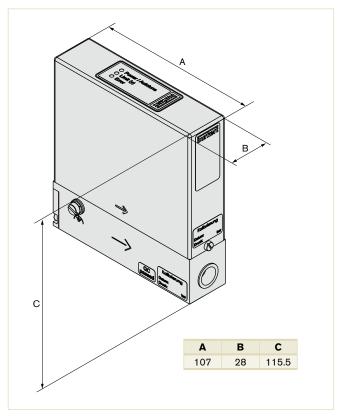
- Test benches
- Environmental technology
- Medical technology and
- Analytical instruments

Note: With the free downloadable communication software, numerous other functions can be programmed. To do this, the MFC / MFM should connected via an adapter to a computer.

Technical Data

| Nominal flow range ¹⁾ (Q _{nom}) | 10 ml _N /min ²⁾ to 80 l _N /min (N ₂), | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| Span | 1:50 (2-100%), (higher span on request) | | |
| Operating medium | Neutral, non-contaminated gases, (others on request | | |
| Calibration medium | Operating gas or air with correction function | | |
| Max. operating pressure (Inlet pressure) | 10 bar (145 psi) | | |
| Medium temperature | -10 °C to +70 °C (-10 °C to +60 °C with oxygen) | | |
| Ambient temperature | -10 °C to +50 °C | | |
| Measuring accuracy (after 1 min. warm up time) | ±0.8% o. R. (of reading) ±0.3% F. S. (of full scale) | | |
| Repeatability | ±0.1% F.S. (of full scale) | | |
| Response time (t _{95%}) | < 300 ms | | |
| Materials Body Housing Seals | Aluminium or stainless steel PC (Polycarbonate) or metal FKM, EPDM | | |
| Port connection | G 1/4", others on request | | |
| Electr. connection Additionally with Fieldbus: | Plug D-Sub 15-pin with PROFIBUS DP: Socket M12 5-pin with DeviceNet/CANopen: Socket M12 5-pin | | |
| Power supply | 24V DC | | |
| Voltage tolerance | ±10% | | |

Dimensions [mm] (see datasheet for more details)

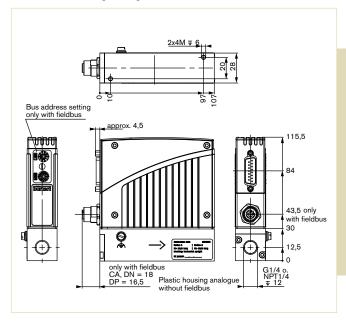


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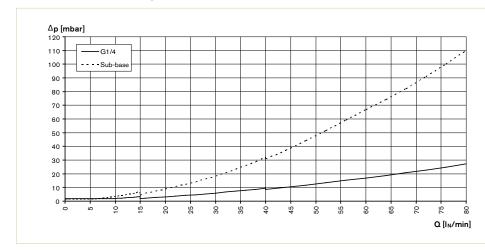
| Residual ripple | < 2% |
|---|---|
| Power consumption | 2.5 W |
| Output signal Max. current (voltage) Max. load (current) | 0-5 V, 0-10 V, 0-20 mA or 4-20 mA 10 mA $$ 600 Ω |
| Digital communication via adapter possible: | RS232, Modbus RTU (via RS adapter) RS485, RS422 or USB |
| Fieldbus option | PROFIBUS DP, DeviceNet, CANopen |
| Type of protection | IP40 |
| Total weight | ca. 500 g (aluminum) |
| Installation | horizontal or vertical |
| Light emitting diodes (default functions, other functions programmable) | Indication for power, Limit (with analog signals) / Communication (with Fieldbus) and error |
| Binary inputs (default functions, other functions programmable) | Two 1. not assigned 2. not assigned |
| Binary output (default functions, other functions programmable) | A relay output for: 1. Limit (actual value close to O _{nom}) Max. Load: 25V, 1A, 25VA |
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¹⁾ The nominal flow value is the max. flow value calibrated which can be measured. The nominal flow range defines the range of nominal flow rates (full scale values) possible.
²⁾ Index N: Flow rates referred to 1.013 bar and 0° C.

Dimensions [mm] (see datasheet for more details)



Pressure Loss Diagram (ref. to air, with 250µm inlet filter)



The diagram shows exemplarily the pressure loss characteristics when air flowing through.

For determining the pressure loss with another gas it needs to calculate the air equivalent and respect the fluidics needed with the other

Nominal Flow Range of Typical Gases (Other gases on request)

| Gas | Min. Q _{Nenn} [I _N /min] | Max. Q _{Nenn} [I _N /min] | |
|----------------|---|---|--|
| Argon | 0.01 | 80 | |
| Helium | 0.01 | 500 | |
| Carbon dioxide | 0.02 | 40 | |
| Air | 0.01 | 80 | |
| Methane | 0.01 | 80 | |
| Oxygen | 0.01 | 80 | |
| Nitrogen | 0.01 | 80 | |
| Hydrogen | 0.01 | 500 | |

Alternatively there is an Index S available which refers to 1.013 bar and 20° C

Ordering chart

| Operating gas | Flow rate - Full scale | Base block Aluminium | Seal material | Operating pressure [bar(ü)] | Signal actual value output | Item no. |
|---------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| Type 8701 | | | | | | |
| Air | 100 cm ³ N/min | X | FKM | 1 | 4 - 20 mA | 180 866 |
| Air | 500 cm ³ N/min | X | FKM | 1 | 4 - 20 mA | 219 568 |
| Air | 1 IN/min | Х | FKM | 3 | 0 - 10 V | 226 222 |
| Air | 5 IN/min | X | FKM | 1 | 0 - 10 V | 202 858 |
| Air | 10 IN/min | Х | FKM | 5 | 4 - 20 mA | 252 074 |
| Air | 25 IN/min | Х | FKM | 5 | 4 - 20 mA | 171 006 |
| Air | 50 IN/min | Х | FKM | 5 | 4 - 20 mA | 174 412 |
| Air | 80 IN/min | Х | FKM | 5 | 4 - 20 mA | 241 884 |
| Hydrogen | 1 IN/min | Х | FKM | 5 | 4 - 20 mA | 251 554 |
| Hydrogen | 10 IN/min | Х | FKM | 2 | 0 - 10 V | 235 503 |
| Hydrogen | 100 IN/min | Х | FKM | 4 | 4 - 20 mA | 182 567 |
| Hydrogen | 200 IN/min | Х | FKM | 4 | 4 - 20 mA | 212 355 |
| Dioxygen | 20 IN/min | Х | FKM | 4 | 4 - 20 mA | 253 550 |
| Dioxygen | 3 m³N/h | Х | FKM | 4 | 4 - 20 mA | 181 207 |
| Argon | 10 IN/min | X | FKM | 5 | 4 - 20 mA | 235 159 |
| Argon | 30 IN/min | X | FKM | 4 | 4 - 20 mA | 174 419 |

Notes regarding the selection of the unit

The decisive factors for the perfect functioning of an MFM within the application are the fluid compatibility, the normal inlet pressure and the correct choice of the flow meter range. The pressure drop over the MFM depends on the flow rate and the operating pressure.

Accessories

| Article | Iten | Item No. | | | |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Connections/Cables | | | | | |
| Socket D-Sub 15-pin solder connection | | 918 274 | | | |
| Hood for D-Sub socket, with screw locking | | 918 408 | | | |
| Socket D-Sub 15-pin with 5 m cable | | 787 737 | | | |
| Socket D-Sub 15-pin with 10 m cable | | 787 738 | | | |
| Adapters 1) | | | | | |
| RS232 adapter (for connection of a PC, in combination with the PC cable) | | 654 748 | | | |
| PC extension cable for RS232 9-pin socket/plug 2 m | | 917 039 | | | |
| RS422 adapter (RS485 compatible) | | 666 371 | | | |
| USB adapter (Version 1.1, USB socket type B) | | 670 639 | | | |
| Communication software MassFlowCommunicator | | Download from www.buerkert.com | | | |
| Accessories for Fieldbus | PROFIBUS DP (B-coded) | DeviceNet, CANopen (A-coded) | | | |
| Plug M12 ²⁾ | 918 198 | 917 115 | | | |
| Socket M12 ²⁾ | 918 447 | 917 116 | | | |
| Y-junction ²⁾ | 902 098 | 788 643 | | | |
| Terminating resistor | 902 553 | (on request) | | | |
| GSD-File (PROFIBUS), EDS-File (DeviceNet, CANopen) | Download from www.bue | rkert.com (see Type 8701) | | | |

¹⁾The adapters serve mainly for initial operation or diagnosis. Those are not obligatory for continuous operation.

²⁾ The two M12 connectors as listed above cannot be used together on the same side of the Y-junction. At least one of the two M12 connection needs to be an overmoulded cable which uses typically a thinner connector. A T-junction cannot be used together with this type of MFM.