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## INSTRUCTION MANUAL

### MODEL NALL MASS FLOWMETERS



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# 1.0 General Information

## 1.1 Features:

Hastings Linear Mass Flowmeters are designed to accurately measure mass flow without corrections or compensations for gas pressure and temperature. Due to a linear electrical output signal, the flowmeters are ideal for use with totalizers and recorders. Hastings Linear Mass Flowmeters do not require any periodic maintenance under normal operating conditions with clean gases. No damage will occur from the use of moderate overpressures, overflows, or liquid solvents.

The standard flowmeter calibration is for air. Special calibrations for most other gases such as oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen, and carbon monoxide, are available on special order, or by use of a gas multiplier. Special calibrations are noted by the following options such as OPT-G (special gas) or OPT-R (special range) and OPT-GR (special gas and range).

Standard HS-Series transducer and L-Series laminar flow elements are available with 300 Series stainless steel or monel construction. U-Series low pressure drop transducers are constructed of monel.

The basic flowmeter is available in either a cabinet model or a NIM panel. The NIM model can be mounted side by side in groups of three, in an optional NIM frame. Chassis models are available on special order.

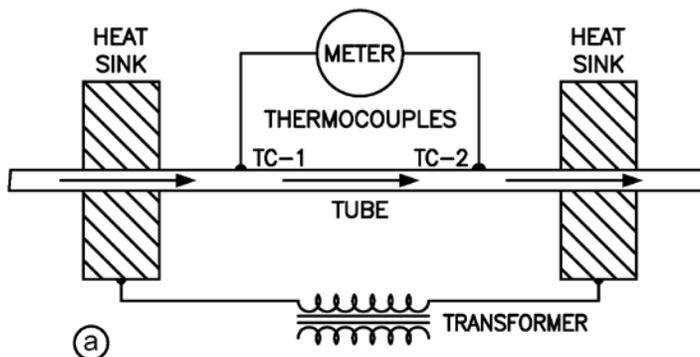
# 2.0 OPERATING PRINCIPLE

## 2.1 Operating Principle

Hastings Linear Mass Flowmeters operate on a unique electrical principle whereby a capillary tube is heated uniformly by a transformer. The temperature distribution is symmetrical about the midpoint at zero flow (see Figure 2.1) and external thermocouples TC-1 and TC-2 develop equal and opposing outputs.

When flow occurs through the tubing, heat is transferred to the gas and back again creating an asymmetrical temperature distribution. For a constant power input, the differential thermocouple output is a function of the mass flow rate and heat capacity of the gas. Since the heat capacity is relatively constant over wide ranges of temperature and pressure, the flowmeter may be calibrated directly in mass units for any given gas. Changes in gas composition only require simple multiplier applied to the air calibration (see table, page 19) to account for the difference in heat capacity, thus the flowmeter is capable of measuring a wide variety of gases.

High ranges of flow are achieved by dividing the flow with a fixed ratio shunting arrangement, as is illustrated in Figure 2.2. By placing the measuring tube in parallel with one or more dimensionally similar channels (laminar flow elements), viscous restrictions are created. Therefore, the sensor need heat only a small portion of the total gas which results in low power requirements while retaining mass measuring characteristics.



(a)

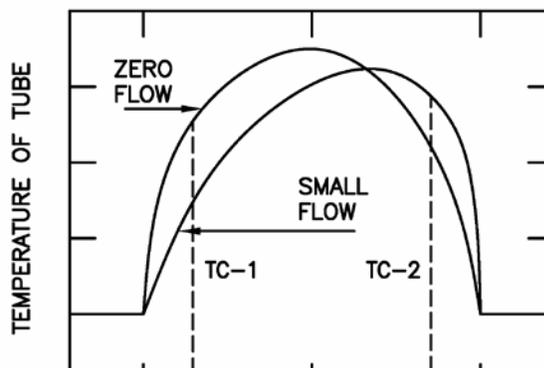


Fig 2.1

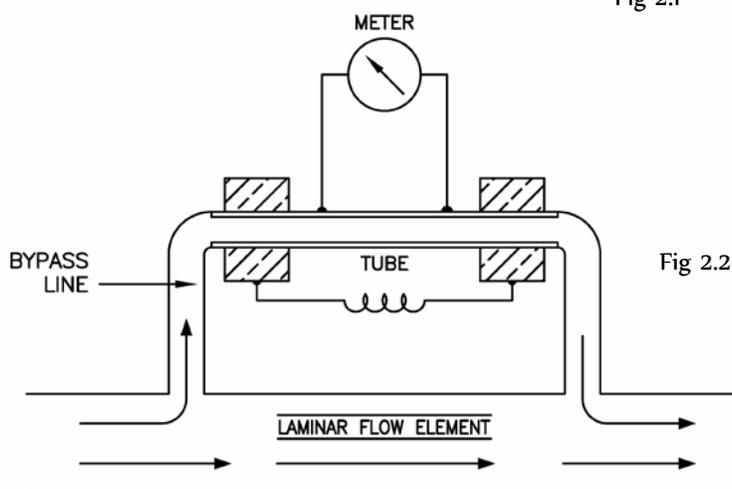


Fig 2.2



# 4.0 INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS.

## 4.1 TRANSDUCER

### 4.1.1 Orientation of the Transducer

The transducer may be mounted in any position, as long as the direction of gas flow through the transducer is from "IN" to "OUT" as marked on the transducer base. (U-Series transducers should be mounted in a horizontal position only.)

### 4.1.2 Mounting the Transducer

There are two ¼-20 threaded holes 3/8" deep in the bottom of the transducer that can be used to secure it to a mounting bracket, if desired. When the transducer is used in combination with an L or LU Series Laminar Flow Element (LFE), the LFE should be supported instead of the transducer to prevent undue strain on the connectors between the transducer and the LFE. Standard pipe support rings or pipe hangers are usually satisfactory for supporting the LFE.

### 4.1.3 Inlet and Outlet Connections

The table 4.1 describes the inlet and outlet connections for all standard transducers. (If it is necessary to reduce the pipe size or install an elbow on either side of an L or LU Series Laminar Flow Element, it is recommended that a straight pipe 12" in length, and of pipe or flange size stated below, be connected directly to the LFE before connecting a smaller diameter pipe or an elbow.)

TRANSDUCER TYPE		PIPE SIZE	TRANSDUCER TYPE		PIPE SIZE
HS-10S, HS-10M	.....	1/8" NPT F	L-5S, L-5M	.....	1" NPT
HS-50S, HS-50M, HS-100S, HS100M, HS-500S, HS-500M	.....	1/4" NPT F	LS-10S, L10M	.....	1-1/2" NPT
HS-1KS, HS-1KM HS-5KS, HS-5KM	.....	1/2" NPT M	L-25S, L-25M	.....	2" NPT
HS-10KS, HS-10KM HS-50KS, HS-50KM HS-100KS, HS-100KM	.....	3/4" NPT M	L-50SF	.....	3" ASA *
U-50M, U-100M	.....	1/4" NPT F	L-100SF	.....	4" ASA *
U-500M, U-1KM	.....	3/4" NPT F	L-200SF	.....	6" ASA *
U-5KM, U-10KM	.....	1-1/2" NPT M	L-500SF	.....	8" ASA *
			TRANSDUCER TYPE (LFE)		PIPE SIZE
			LU-2M	.....	2" NPT
			LU-3M	.....	3" NPT

### 4.1.4 Sealing the Threaded Connections

Many users find that Teflon tape is an excellent sealant for most applications, however, any sealant material compatible with the flow system is acceptable. Caution must be exercised during assembly and disassembly of the threaded connections to prevent shreds of the Teflon tape, or the sealant from entering the flow line, where they could block the small passages in the transducer.

The use of O-ring seal connectors on the transducers with female threads is often more convenient for many low pressure applications, such as with U-Series transducers.

### 4.1.5 Checking for Leaks

Check the transducer connections for leaks by pressurizing the line to the operating pressure (not to exceed 250 psig except on high pressure models), and applying a diluted soap solution to the pipe joints. Any gas escaping from the pipe joints will cause a continuous stream of bubbles.

## 4.2 FILTERS:

If the flow stream carries particles large enough to block the small passages inside the transducer (approximately .02" ID) a filter should be installed in the flow line of the inlet side of the transducer.

## 4.3 CABLES

### 4.3.1 Description

A standard 5-conductor 20 gauge shielded 8-foot long cable (NF-8-NM) is normally ordered with each flowmeter and is used for connecting the power and the transducer. Longer cables are available upon special request.

### 4.3.2 Cable Length

The cable length can be extended to 25 feet without changing the calibration of the flowmeter by more than  $SP \pm 1\%$  of the rated full scale flow. Cables longer than 25 feet will cause the indicated flow rate to be lower than the actual flow rate and recalibration may be required. (See Section 7.0 for calibration procedures.)

### 4.3.3 Cable Conductor Size

In the event cable conductors larger than #20 are desired, the connecting cable can be extended to greater lengths without having to recalibrate the flowmeter. The table below shows the relationship of the conductor size to the maximum cable length that can be used without changing the calibration by more than 1% of full scale.

Cable Conductor Gauge	Maximum length Without recalibration
#20 .....	25 feet
#18 .....	40 feet
#16 .....	65 feet
#14 .....	100 feet

## 4.4 POWER SUPPLY:

### 4.4.1 Mounting

One type of housing available for the power supply is a small metal cabinet, 7.75" X 5.75" X 5.75", which can sit on a table or desk or can be mounted securely on a bracket. The "NIM" style package is 5.41" X 8.71" X 9.68", and can be housed in an 8.75" X 19.00" relay rack-panel.

### 4.4.2 Electrical Connections

Connect the power supply to the transducer with the NF-8-NM connecting cable (Section 4.3) and connect the AC line cord to a suitable power source (Section 3.4).

### 4.4.3 Electrical Zero Check

Turn the power supply "ON" and allow the flowmeter 30 minutes to warm up. Stop all flow through the transducer and check the electrical zero.

**CAUTION: DO NOT ASSUME THAT ALL METERING VALVES WILL COMPLETELY SHUT OFF FLOW. EVEN A SLIGHT LEAKAGE THROUGH A VALVE WILL CAUSE AN INDICATION ON THE METER WHICH WILL FALSELY APPEAR TO BE A ZERO SHIFT.**

If necessary, adjust the "ZERO" potentiometer located on the front panel of the power supply, until the meter indicates zero.



# 5.0 USING THE FLOWMETER

## USING THE HASTINGS LINEAR MASS FLOWMETER

### 5.1 Warm-Up Time:

When the flowmeter is first turned on, the meter will fluctuate somewhat before settling to a stable indication. The flowmeter indicates the mass flow to +/- 3% of full scale in about 5 minutes, but should be allowed to warm up for 30 minutes to achieve maximum accuracy.

### 5.2 Response Time:

The response time to a change in flow is logarithmic and is approximately 7 seconds for a 67% change and 30 seconds for a 90% change. Pneumatic imbalance in the associated plumbing will often cause the response time to appear longer due to additional time required for flow to stabilize in the system. If a faster response time is desired, consult the factory.

### 5.3 Mass Flow Units:

The units of mass flow used with the Models NALL, ENALL, NALL-P, and ENALL-P mass flowmeters are the "standard cubic centimeter per minute" (SCCM) and/or the "standard litre per minute" (SLPM). An SCCM is the volume occupied by a given mass of gas at a specified temperature and pressure referred to as standard conditions (STP). These conditions are defined as 0° C (32°F) and 760 Torr (14.7 psia). A one litre volume of gas is equivalent to 1000 cm<sup>3</sup> of the same gas. Those models incorporating a Laminar Flow Element (LFE) use "standard cubic foot per minute" (SCFM) units, which are equivalent to a flow of 28,300 SCCM or 28.3 SLPM. To convert to other units of mass flow, multiply the mass flow rate of the gas by the density of the gas at standard conditions.

**Example:** What is the equivalent mass flow in grams per minute of 100 SCCM of air?

**Solution:** The density of air at 0° C and 760mm of Hg is .00129 gm/cm<sup>3</sup>.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Mass Flow} &= 100 \text{ SCCM} \times .00129 \text{ gm/cm}^3 \\ &= .129 \text{ gm/min.}\end{aligned}$$

### 5.4 Special Factory Calibrations:

All Hastings Mass Flowmeters are calibrated for air unless otherwise specified. Calibrations for a special range or for a gas other than air are clearly indicated on the front panel readout of standard models, or by special comments or curves in the manual. Calibrations traceable to the National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST), can also be made for an extra charge.

### 5.5 Gas Conversion Factors:

The Hastings Linear Mass Flowmeter can be used for many different gases as long as the gas is compatible with materials of construction. No electrical adjustments are necessary when using the gas conversion factors so the original calibration is undisturbed.

#### 5.5.1 Flowmeters Factory Calibration for Air

A flowmeter originally calibrated for air can measure other gases by using the Hastings Gas Conversion Factors on Page 35 of this manual. Simply multiply the meter indication by the appropriate gas conversion factor (K).

**Example:** What is the actual flow rate of Helium through a flowmeter calibrated for Air if the meter reading is 50 SCCM?

**Solution:** From the table on page 35, the gas conversion factor for Helium is 1.382.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Actual flow} &= \text{meter reading} \times (\text{KHe}) \\ &= 50 \text{ SCCM} \times 1.382 \\ &= 69.1 \text{ SCCM of Helium}\end{aligned}$$

### 5.5.2 Flowmeter Factory Calibrated for a Special Gas

If the Hastings Linear Mass Flowmeter is calibrated for a gas other than air, it may also be used to measure the flow rate of many other gases. The flow rate will be equal to the meter reading multiplied by the ratio of the gas conversion factors.

**Example:** What is the actual flow rate of Carbon Dioxide through a flowmeter calibrated for Helium, if the meter reading is 96 SCCM?

**Solution:** Flow of CO<sub>2</sub>, = (meter reading) (K for CO<sub>2</sub>)

$$= (96 \text{ SCCM}) * \frac{\text{K for He}}{1.3820}$$

$$= 48.2 \text{ SCCM}$$

### 5.5.3 Gas Mixtures

If a mixture of gases is used and the percentage by volume of each gas is reasonable constant, a conversion factor for the gas mixture can be obtained.

$$K (\text{mix}) = \frac{1}{\frac{V_a}{K_a} + \frac{V_b}{K_b} + \frac{V_c}{K_c} + \dots}$$

Where

V (a, b, ....) = percent of gas a, b ....)

K = conversion factor

K can be obtained from the table beginning on page 35 for many gases.

**Example:** What is the conversion factor for a mixture of 20% Hydrogen, 40% Argon, and 40% Oxygen?

**Solution:** =  $\frac{1}{\frac{.2}{1.01} + \frac{.4}{1.41} + \frac{.4}{.96}}$

$$= 1.11$$

### 5.6 Output Signal:

The two output terminals on the back of the power supply provide a 0-5 VDC signal for recording or operating auxiliary equipment such as flow controllers or converters. The output signal is linear with respect to mass flow and has sensitivity equal to the rated full-scale flow rate divided by 5.00 VDC.

- Example:** (A) What is the output sensitivity of HS-1KS?  
 (B) What is the flow rate for a 2.71 volt output?

**Solution:** (A) Sensitivity =  $\frac{\text{rated flow}}{\text{Rated output}}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1000 \text{ SCCM}}{5.00 \text{ VDC}} \\
 &= 200 \text{ SCCM/VDC} \\
 \text{(B) Mass Flow} &= \text{output} \times \text{sensitivity} \\
 &= 2.71\text{v} \times 200 \text{ SCCM/VDC} \\
 &= 542 \text{ SCCM}
 \end{aligned}$$

### 5.7 Accuracy:

The accuracy of the flow indication is +/- 1% of full scale, with the exception of the U-Series transducer where the accuracy is +/- 3% of full scale.

### 5.8 Repeatability:

The repeatability over a six-month period is +/- 1/2% of full scale if the flowmeter is operating normally in a clean, dry system. Under reasonable constant conditions, a repeatability of +/- 1 to +/- 2% of INDICATION can be expected on a day-to-day basis.

### 5.9 Over-range:

The flowmeter has an output signal which is directly proportional to mass flow and linear to +/- of full scale from zero flow to the normal full-scale flow rate.

The flowmeter can be used to measure flow rates higher than the rated maximum flow, but the output signal normally becomes non-linear above 5 volts d-c. A calibration curve for voltage vs. flow can be made for outputs up to 10 volts d-c. At some point above 10 volts d-c the output will no longer increase as the flow increases. The flow rate required to produce this condition is several times the normal full-scale flow rate. Once flow is reduced to the proper level, the flow meter will again indicate mass flow correctly. The flowmeter will not be damaged by excessive flow rates as long as the pressure in the line does not exceed the pressure rating for the transducer.

# 6.0 PRESSURE EFFECTS

## 6.1 Standard Transducers:

The Hastings Linear Mass Flowmeter can measure mass flow accurately without corrections for a variation in line pressure from one psia (.068 ATM) to 250 psig (18 ATMS.) Mass flow indications are possible with downstream pressures as low as .03 psia (.002 ATM), but the upstream must be much higher because of the increase in pressure drop across the transducer (see Section 8.0).

## 6.2 Low Pressure Drop Transducers:

The low pressure drop Mass Flowmeter (using U-Series transducers) can measure flow accurately from .03 psia ( .002 ATM) to 15 psig ( 2 ATMS). The transducer is rated for a maximum pressure of 250 psig ( 18 ATMS). Mass flow indications are possible with downstream pressure as low as .1 Torr with upstream pressures of less than 30 Torr. This flowmeter has been successful for many years in measuring uranium hexafluoride flow rate under vacuum conditions, and has also been useful in measuring vacuum pumping speeds and in atmospheric sampling trains.

## 6.3 High Pressure Transducers (Optional):

Hastings transducers having a P suffix have been pressure tested to 1500 psig using dry nitrogen gas. The transducer was cycled between 0 and 1500 psig for two periods with a minimum of 5 minutes each, and held at the pressure for a combined test period of 10 minutes. It was then leak tested on a Helium Leak Detector where a leak rate of no more than  $3 \times 10^{-6}$  SCCS was required.

The flowmeter has been designed and tested as described above for line pressure up to 1500 psig under normal usage. High pressure gas is always potentially dangerous and we strongly urge that extreme caution be taken in locating, installing, and operating this equipment.

# 7.0 TEMPERATURE EFFECTS

## 7.1 Ambient Temperatures:

### 7.1.1 Transducer

In order to maintain the accuracy of the flowmeter with changes in ambient temperature, it is necessary to keep the temperature of the transducer between 10° C and 50° C. (The temperature of the base is normally about 10° C above ambient due to internal heat.) There are two ¼"-20 bolt holes in the bottom of the transducer to facilitate mounting the transducer to an external heat sink. Since some of the temperature shift results in a slight zero offset, better results are obtained if the flowmeter is re-zeroed at the operating temperature.

### 7.1.2 Power Supply

The NALL-type power supply can be operated over an ambient temperature range of 0° C to 40° C without causing a calibration shift of more than +/- 1% of full scale. Since this error is primarily a zero shift, it can be eliminated by adjusting the flowmeter ZERO potentiometer at the given operating temperature.

## 7.2 Gas Temperature

No corrections for gas temperature between 0° C and 100° C are necessary for the small ranges, but some correction may be necessary for higher ranges. Part of the error at high ranges is transitory, and in most cases will be reduced when the transducer temperature and gas temperature reach an equilibrium condition. Gas flow at temperatures between -50°C and +200° C can often be measured, but require recalibration by the customer at operating conditions. Consult the factory for further details.

When using the NALL – or NALL –P Series flowmeter with a Laminar Flow Element, it is recommended that both the Laminar Flow Element and the HS-10S (or HS-10M) transducer operate at the same temperature.

The Hastings Linear Mass flowmeter measures GAS flow. DO NOT let the temperature and/or pressure of the gas reach a point that would cause the gas to change to a liquid state, or erroneous indications will result.

# 8.0 DIFFERENTIAL PRESSURE

## 8.1 TYPICAL PRESSURE DROPS

The differential pressure drop (DP) across the Hastings HS-Series Mass Flow Transducer can vary between 0.50" H<sub>2</sub>O depending upon the transducer's range. Other pressure drops are listed below and all are based upon full-scale flow rates of air at 0°C and 760 Torr.

OTHER TYPICAL PRESSURE DROPS

TRANSDUCER TYPE	DP("H <sub>2</sub> O) @ F.S. Flow
L-5S/HS-10S, L-5M/HS-10M	4.0 – 4.9
L-10S/HS-10S, L-10M/HS-10M	3.2 – 3.9
L-25S/HS-10S, L-25M/HS-10M	5.9 – 6.3
L-50SF/HS-10S, L-50MF/HS-10M	5.0 – 5.2
L-100SF/HS-10S, L-100MF/HS-10M	6.0 – 6.8
L-200SF/HS-10S, L-200MF/HS-10M	4.3 – 5.3
L-500SF/HS-10S, L-500MF/HS-10M	5.9 – 7.0
U-TYPE TRANSDUCERS < 1 Torr	< .07" H <sub>2</sub> O @ ATM pressure, @ 30 Torr pressure

## 8.2 CHANGES IN DP CHANGES IN LINE PRESSURE

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The typical differential pressure drops listed in the table above are for operation at atmospheric pressure. As the line pressure changes, the differential pressure drop for the same flow rate will also change.

### 8.2.1 Increase in Line Pressure

The differential pressure drop across the transducer will decrease proportionately as the absolute line pressure increases as stated in the following equation:

$$DP = DP (@STP) \frac{\text{Pressure (STD)}}{\text{Pressure (ACT)}}$$

Where DP = Transducer differential pressure at 0oC and 760 Torr

Pressure (STD) = 14.7 psia

Pressure (ACT) = 14.7 psia + line pressure

### **8.2.2 Decrease in Line Pressure**

The relationship stated in Section 8.2.1 also shows that DP increases proportionally as absolute line pressure decreases. This situation is true until the DP becomes a significant part of the total absolute line pressure. When this occurs, the relationship becomes more complex but the effect is still the same. The change in DP does not affect the accuracy of the mass flow indications, but causes a change in the minimum upstream pressure necessary to force a given amount of flow through the transducer.

### **8.3 DP Increase Due to Fouling of the Transducer:**

A DP measurement across the transducer can often provide a good indication of fouling inside the transducer. The values given in the Table on the preceding page are typical and may vary as much as 50% for any given model. However, an increase in DP of two or three times the typical value is definitely an indication of fouling. When checking for changes in DP, the flowmeter should be in operation at or near standard conditions of 0°C and 760 Torr in order to relate the measured DP to those listed in the Table. If there is an indication of fouling, refer to Section 10.1.

# 9.0 Calibration

## 9.1 CALIBRATION PROCEDURES

The Hastings Mass Flowmeter has been carefully inspected and calibrated at the factory before shipment and will give long, reliable service. Calibration is stable, and recalibration is seldom necessary under normal operating conditions; however, to maintain optimum accuracy it is advisable to check calibration on an annual basis. The unit may be returned to the factory for this purpose, but if that is undesirable, the following calibration procedure may be of assistance:

1. Connect the power supply to the proper power source (Section 3.4).
2. Turn the power supply "ON" and allow 30 minutes for warm-up.
3. Set the "electrical zero" (Section 3.5).
4. Connect the inlet side of the transducer through a metering valve, to a well-regulated air source and the outlet to a reliable flow reference such as the Hastings Mini-Flo Calibrator.
5. Check transducer heating voltage as outlined in Section 10.2.1.
6. During normal calibration, a flowmeter is spanned at 80% of full scale to obtain best average linearity.

Example: A 50 SCCM flowmeter with 0-5 VDC output at the binding posts is to be calibrated. If a reference flow standard is set at a 40 SCCM flow rate, the flowmeter should indicate 80% ( $.80 \times 50 \text{ SCCM} = 40 \text{ SCCM}$ ) of full scale. At this flow rate, the voltage at the binding posts should read 4 VDC ( $80\% \times 5 \text{ VDC}$ ).

**CAUTION:** Most flow standards are volumetric devices and must be corrected for temperature and pressure to standard conditions of 0oC and 760 Torr. This correction amounts to several percent at normal room temperatures and pressures and should not be neglected.

7. If the flowmeter does not agree with the reference flow standard, it is first necessary to correct the output at the binding posts. This is done by making a small adjustment to the "GAIN" potentiometer R-30, located on the circuit board inside the power supply. This adjustment will also produce a change in the meter indication.
8. If the meter reading (flow) does not correspond with the binding post's output (voltage), make a small adjustment to the "METER" trim potentiometer R-32, located on the circuit board inside the power supply. This correction has no effect on the output voltage.
9. PC-581A Board Only: Refer to Figure 9.1. Do not change the dipswitch (S2) settings. These settings are factory pre-set and should only need changing if there is a change in the transducer or the units of calibration. Switches 1, 2, & 3 change gain and 5, 6, 7, & 8 change the meter range to engineering units. The number 4 position should remain closed.

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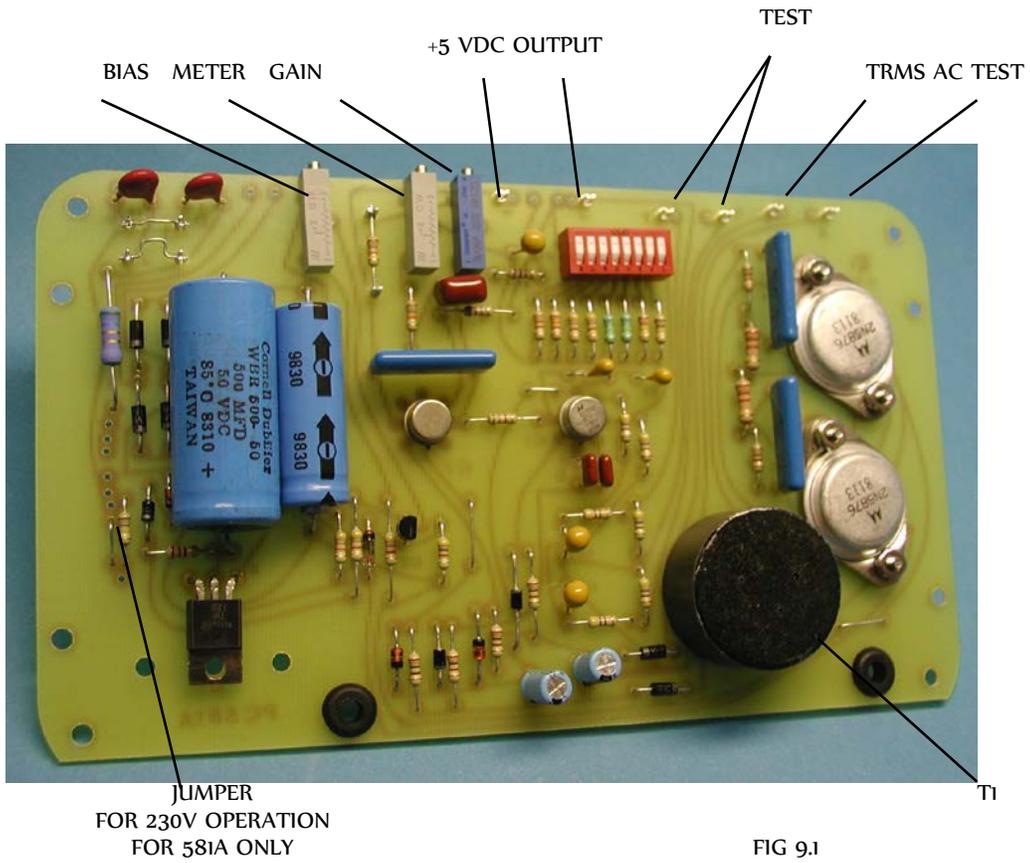


FIG 9.1

# 10.0 Maintenance

## 10.1 Transducers:

### 10.1.1 Cleaning

With proper care in installing and use, the transducer will require little or no maintenance. Should the small passages in the transducer become partially clogged, they can be cleaned with any suitable solvent such as acetone, vythene, etc. and/or blown out with clean air under moderate pressure (up to 50 psig).

**NOTE:** If solvents are used for cleaning the transducer, sporadic indications may occur when it is returned to service due to residual moisture in the passages of the transducer. Time should be allowed for the liquid solvent to evaporate.

### 10.1.2 Damage to the Transducer

The transducer can be checked for internal electrical damage by disconnecting the cable and using an ohm-meter to measure resistances at the 6-pin connector. Internal repairs to the transducer are not recommended and should only be done at the factory. Attempting to remove the transducer cover or the nut on the connector may result in irreparable damage to the transducer. The table below is for determining whether or not some damage has occurred and IS NOT to be used as a guide for repairs.

TRANSDUCER CONTINUITY CHECK

PIN	TO PIN	Resistance	Function
A	D	< 1	Coil Check
B	C	< 5	TC Check
B	E	< 20	TC Check
F	BASE	0	GND

## 10.2 Power Supply:

NALL and NALL-P power supplies are very stable and should require little or no maintenance. An occasional check of the electrical zero is recommended but drift will be small under normal operating conditions.

### 10.2.1 Power Supply Troubleshooting

If a problem does occur, the transducer heating voltage and the transducer output can be checked (refer to Figure 9.1). To check the heating voltage, the flowmeter must be connected to the transducer and a true R.M.S. voltmeter must be used. With the TRMS voltmeter connected between test points D and A (TRMS AC test), the voltage should be 16.00 TRMS VAC +/- 0.1 VAC (and can be adjusted by the BIAS pot, R6). The transducer output is measured between test points BC and E (millivolt test) using a DC millivolt meter. This output will vary as flow through the transducer varies. At full scale flow for the transducer, the millivolt meter should read between 0.75 and 7 millivolts DC, depending on the individual transducer. This signal is amplified to produce the flowmeter output.

If it is necessary to return the flowmeter for repair, please return the transducer, power supply, and cable to Teledyne Hastings-Raydist with a detailed explanation of the problem. Use the Service Repair form on page 35. This will help to ensure prompt, reliable service.

# 11.0 Accessories

## OPTIONS AND ACCESSORIES

### 11.1 Double Point Relay Flowmeter/Alarm (DNALL-P):

The Hastings Flowmeter/Alarm is a complete Linear Mass Flowmeter with all of its characteristics and ranges. It also includes two adjustable HI-LO set points which can be read on the digital indicator. When the flow rate exceeds the pre-set LO alarm point, the LO relay is energized; then its normally closed (NC) contact opens and the normally open (NO) contact closes. This sequence also occurs when the flow rate exceeds the pre-set HI alarm point. The SPDT relays de-energize and return to their normal state when the flow rate drops below the pre-set alarm points. The relays are rated 5 amps @ 115 VAC.

### 11.2 Totalizers (TNALL-P):

#### 11.2.1 Descriptions

The Hastings Mass Flow Totalizer is an electronic/mechanical device which, when used in conjunction

##### a. Specifications: (For Totalizer Only)

- 1 Accuracy: 25BC and 115 K 15 VAC K ½% F. S.
- 1 Count Rate: 5, 10, 50 & 100 Counts/Min. @ F. S. Flow –selectable by use of the front panel switch.
- 1 Power: 115 volts AC 50-60 Hz, 10 watts.

##### b. Circuits

The circuit for the Totalizer is a voltage to frequency converter which produces a pulse rate linear proportional to the 0-5 volts DC input signal. The pulse rate is set by the factory on standard units for 5, 10, 50, and 100 counts/min. Any of the four ranges can be selected with the Range Selector switch on the front panel or by changing a jumper on the back panel on some models. Normally ranges are 5 cpm or 50 cpm for a 5, 50, 500, 5K, or 50K SCCM range. 10 cpm are used for a 10, 100, 1K, or 10K SCCM range. Other count rates up to 1000 counts/min. are available on special order.

Special count rates are optional when the range of the flowmeter does not correspond to the factor of 5 or 10.

##### c. Counter

The pulses from the Totalizer circuit are accumulated by the six-digit electro-mechanical counter. The counter recycles automatically at 999,999 or can be manually reset to zero at any time.

#### 11.2.2 Mounting

The Hastings Mass Flow Totalizer is normally built into a NIM style Hastings Mass Flowmeter power supply. The meter is designated by the prefix T.

#### 11.2.3 Totalizer Sensitivity

The Totalizer count rate varies in direct proportion to flowmeter output variations. Therefore, the total number of counts over a period of time can be related to the total flow for that period by determining the sensitivity of the flowmeter/Totalizer combination. The sensitivity is the full-scale count rate of the Totalizer.

Example: A TNALL-P Flowmeter with an HS-10S transducer is used with the Range Selector set for 100 cpm over a period of 7 hours, and a total of 13,500 counts accumulate on the counter.

- a) What is the sensitivity of the totalizer?
- b) What is the total flow indicated by the 13,500 count?
- c) What is the average flow rate over the 7 hour period?

Solution: a) The full scale flow rate for the TNALL-P/HS-10S is 10 SCCM. The full-scale count rate for the totalizer is 100 counts per minute.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Sensitivity} &= \frac{\text{F. S. flow rate}}{\text{F. S. countrate}} \\ &= \frac{10 \text{ std. cm}^3/\text{min.}}{100 \text{ counts/min.}}\end{aligned}$$

d) The total flow indicated by 13,500 counts is:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Total flow} &= \text{total counts} \times \text{sensitivity} \\ &= 13,500 \text{ counts} \times 0.1 \text{ std cm}^3/\text{min.} \\ &= 1350 \text{ std cm}^3\end{aligned}$$

c) The average flow rate over the 7 hour period is the total flow divided by the time:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Average Flow Rate} &= \frac{\text{Total Flow}}{\text{Time}} \\ &= \frac{1350 \text{ std cm}^3}{7 \text{ hrs} \times 60 \text{ min/hr}} \\ &= \frac{1350 \text{ std cm}^3}{420 \text{ min.}} \\ &= 3.2 \text{ std cm}^3/\text{min.}\end{aligned}$$

If a special gas is used with the flowmeter (other than that for which it was originally calibrated), refer to Section 5.5 to determine the new full-scale flow rate for the special gas. Once the full-scale rate for the special gas is obtained, it may be used with the equations above to determine the sensitivity of the totalizer in std. cm<sup>3</sup>/count.

#### 11.2.4 Maintenance

The totalizer is all solid-state and is designed for a long life expectancy and no maintenance is normally required. Should the totalizer or counter need repair, return them to Teledyne Hastings with a statement describing the problem; use the form on page 35.

### 11.3 Chassis Model (NALL-C):

Hastings Chassis Linear Mass Flowmeters are designed for installations where the electronic circuits are remotely mounted from both the transducer and readout. It is particularly useful in applications where the meter must be located long distances from the transducer. Thus, the transducer cable is kept short, and the meter may be located long distances from the Chassis without concern for cable losses. Also, panel space is reduced to that of the meter only. The Chassis is designated by adding the suffix "C" to the Cabinet Model number; NALL becomes NALL-C.

### 11.4 Current Converter (NALL-P/CC):

A 4-20 mA current converter is an option available with the Hastings Mass Flowmeter. The Hastings 4-20 mA may be built into a flowmeter package or supplied as a separate unit. The converter produces a 4-20 mA current signal from the 0-5 VDC output of the flowmeter.

# 12.0 Warranty and Repair

## 12.1 Warranty Repair Policy

Hastings Instruments warrants this product for a period of one year from the date of shipment to be free from defects in material and workmanship. This warranty does not apply to defects or failures resulting from unauthorized modification, misuse or mishandling of the product. This warranty does not apply to batteries or other expendable parts, or to damage caused by leaking batteries or any similar occurrence. This warranty does not apply to any instrument which has had a tamper seal removed or broken.

This warranty is in lieu of all other warranties, expressed or implied, including any implied warranty as to fitness for a particular use. Hastings Instruments shall not be liable for any indirect or consequential damages.

Hastings Instruments, will, at its option, repair, replace or refund the selling price of the product if Hastings Instruments determines, in good faith, that it is defective in materials or workmanship during the warranty period. Defective instruments should be returned to Hastings Instruments, **shipment prepaid**, together with a written statement of the problem and a Return Material Authorization (RMA) number.

Please consult the factory for your RMA number before returning any product for repair. Collect freight will not be accepted.

## 12.2 Non-Warranty Repair Policy

Any product returned for a non-warranty repair must be accompanied by a purchase order, RMA form and a written description of the problem with the instrument. If the repair cost is higher, you will be contacted for authorization before we proceed with any repairs. If you then choose not to have the product repaired, a minimum will be charged to cover the processing and inspection. Please consult the factory for your RMA number before returning any product repair.

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Repair Forms may be obtained from the "Information Request" section of the Hastings Instruments web site.