

Design Features

- Rigid metallic construction.
- Maximum pressure of 1000 psig (70 bars).
- Leak integrity 1×10^{-7} of helium.
- NIST traceable certification.
- Built-in tiltable LCD readout.
- 0-5 Vdc and 4-20 mA signals.
- Circuit protection.
- Can be used as a portable device.
- Engineering units or 0 to 100% displays.
- Totalizer option.

Typical Aluminum GFM Mass Flow Meter



Principles of Operation

Metered gases are divided into two laminar flow paths, one through the primary flow conduit, and the other through a capillary sensor tube. Both flow conduits are designed to ensure laminar flows and therefore the ratio of their flow rates is constant.

Two precision temperature sensing windings on the sensor tube are heated, and when flow takes place, gas carries heat from the upstream to the downstream windings. The resultant temperature differential is proportional to the change in resistance of the sensor windings.

A Wheatstone bridge design is used to monitor the temperature dependent resistance gradient on the sensor windings which is linearly proportional to the instantaneous rate of flow.

Output signals of 0 to 5Vdc and 4 to 20mA are generated indicating mass molecular based flow rates of the metered gas.

Flow rates are unaffected by temperature and pressure variations within stated limitations.

General Description

Compact, self-contained GFM mass flow meters are designed to read flow rates of gases. The rugged design coupled with instrumentation grade accuracy provides versatile and economical means of flow control.

Aluminum or stainless steel models with readout options of either engineering units (standard) or 0 to 100 percent displays are available.

The mechanical layout of the design includes an LCD readout built into the top of the transducer. This readout module is tiltable over 90 degrees to provide optimal reading comfort. It is connected to the transducer by a standard modular plug, and is also readily removable for remote reading installations.



GFM 57, 67 and 77
High Flow Mass Flow Meters

TABLE 1 - SPECIFICATIONS FOR GFM

ACCURACY (including linearity):	±1.5% of full scale, including linearity for gas temperatures of 59 °F to 77 °F (15 °C to 25 °C) and pressures of 5 to 60 psia (0.4 to 4.1 bars). Optional ±1% of full scale (certified calibration accuracy) associated with a given set of temperature and pressure values.
REPEATABILITY:	±0.5% of full scale.
RESPONSE TIME:	Generally 2 seconds to within ±2% of actual flow rate over 25 to 100% of full scale.
TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT:	0.15% of full scale / °C.
PRESSURE COEFFICIENT:	0.01% of full scale / psi (0.07 bar).
MAXIMUM PRESSURE DROP:	See Table 3.
GAS and AMBIENT TEMP.:	32 °F to 122 °F (5° to 50 °C).
OUTPUT SIGNALS:	Linear 0-5 Vdc. 1000 ohms min. load impedance and 4-20 mA 0-250 ohms loop resistance.
TRANSDUCER INPUT POWER:	+12 Vdc; 200 mA of maximum. +24 Vdc optional.
TIME CONSTANT:	800 ms.
GAS PRESSURE:	1000 psig (70 bars) maximum GFM 17, 37, 47. 20 psig (1.4 bars) optimum. 500 psig (34.5 bars) GFM 57, 67, 77. 20 psig (1.4 bars) optimum.
** MATERIALS IN FLUID CONTACT:	a. Aluminum models GFM Series: anodized aluminum, 316 stainless steel, brass and Viton® O-rings. b. Stainless steel models GFM17S, 37S,47S, 57S, 67S and 77S: 316 stainless steel and Viton® O-rings. Optional O-rings: Buna®, EPR and Kalrez®.
ATTITUDE SENSITIVITY:	No greater than +15 degree rotation from horizontal to vertical; standard calibration is in horizontal position.
CONNECTIONS:	GFM 17 and 37: 1/4" compression fittings. Optional: 1/4" VCR®, 1/8" or 3/8" compression fittings (GFM17). GFM 47: 3/8" compression fittings. GFM 57: 3/8" compression fittings. GFM 67: 1/2" compression fittings. GFM 77: 3/4" FNPT fittings or 3/4" compression fittings (GFM 77).
LEAK INTEGRITY:	1 x 10 ⁻⁷ smL/sec of helium maximum to the outside environment.
CE COMPLIANT:	EN 55011 class 1, class B; EN50082-1.

**The selection of materials of construction, is the responsibility of the customer. The company accepts no liability.

Transducers without LCD readout are offered for OEM applications.

GFM mass flow meters are available with flow ranges from 10 mL/min to 1000 sL/min N₂. Gases are connected by means of 1/4" 3/8" 1/2" compression fittings and 3/4" FNPT fittings. Optional fittings are available. These meters may be used as bench top units or mounted by means of screws in the base.

Transducer power supply ports are fuse and polarity protected.

Leak Integrity

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TABLE 2 - FLOW RANGES FOR GFM

GFM 17 LOW FLOW MASS FLOW METERS	
CODE	smL/min [N ₂]
01	0 to 10
02	0 to 20
03	0 to 50
04	0 to 100
05	0 to 200
06	0 to 500
CODE	sL/min [N ₂]
07	0 to 1
08	0 to 2
09	0 to 5
10	0 to 10
GFM 37 MEDIUM FLOW MASS FLOW METERS	
11	0 to 15
30	0 to 20
31	0 to 30
32	0 to 40
33	0 to 50
GFM 47 HIGH FLOW MASS FLOW METERS	
40	0 to 60
41	0 to 80
42	0 to 100
GFM 57 HIGH FLOW MASS FLOW METERS	
50	0 to 200
GFM 67 HIGH FLOW MASS FLOW METERS	
60	0 to 500
GFM 77 HIGH FLOW MASS FLOW METERS	
70	0 to 1000

TABLE 3 - MAXIMUM PRESSURE DROP FOR GFM

MODEL	FLOW RATE [std liters/min]	MAXIMUM PRESSURE DROP		
		[mm H ₂ O]	[psid]	[mbar]
GFM 17	up to 10	25	0.04	2.5
GFM 37	20	300	0.44	30
	30	800	1.18	81
	40	1480	2.18	150
	50	2200	3.23	223
GFM 47	60	3100	4.56	314
	80	4422	6.5	448
	100	5500	8.08	557
GFM 57	200	2720	4.0	280
GFM 67	500	3400	5.0	340
GFM 77	1000	6120	9.0	620

TABLE 4 - ACCESSORIES FOR GFM

TOTALIZER	
TOT-10-0C	Totalizer (5Vdc - 10Vdc signals), calibrated.
TOT-10-0N	Totalizer (5Vdc - 10Vdc signals), uncalibrated.
CBL-TOT10	Cable & splitter, used in conjunction w/ display.
IO INPUT/OUTPUT	
IO-232-C	Input/output to RS232, 0-5Vdc.
IO-232-E	Input/output to RS232, 4-20mA.
IO-485-C	Input/output to RS485, 0-4Vdc.
IO-485-E	Input/output to RS485, 4-20mA.
POWER SUPPLY - BATTERY PACK - CABLES	
PS-GFM-110NA-2	Power Supply, 110 V / 12 Vdc /North America
PS-GFM-110NA-4	Power Supply, 110 V / 24 Vdc /North America
PS-GFM-230EU-2	Power Supply, 220 V / 12 Vdc /Europe
PS-GFM-230EU-4	Power Supply, 220 V / 24Vdc /Europe
PS-GFM-240UK-2	Power Supply 240 V / 12 Vdc /United Kingdom
PS-GFM-240UK-4	Power Supply 240 V / 24 Vdc /United Kingdom
PS-GFM-240AU-2	Power Supply 240 V / 12 Vdc /Australia
PS-GFM-240AU-4	Power Supply 240 V / 24 Vdc /Australia
BP110	Battery Pack, 110 V (includes case)
BP220	Battery Pack, 220 V (includes case)
CBL-D4	Cable with 9-pin D-connector, (4 - 20 mA)
CBL-D5	Cable with 9-pin D-connector, (0 to 5 Vdc)
17/3RC	17/3RC Remote cable, 3 ft long
17/R	17/R Remote LCD readout with 3 ft long cable