

## FIG/FIGS Series IN-LINE FLOW INSTRUMENTS

Please read all instructions carefully before attempting to install your new Plast-O-Matic in-line flow meter.

**CAUTION:** Do not exceed nameplate maximum operating pressure. Use only with fluids compatible with wetted parts.

### HOW IT WORKS

The instrument operates on the difference between two pressures (delta-P). This delta-P develops as flow is established through a variable orifice which is formed between the spring-biased metering cone and the end cap in which the cone rests (see Fig. A). The variable orifice allows the cone to move linearly in proportion to the delta-P. A magnet located on the metering cone moves with the cone and rotates a follower magnet located in a chamber adjacent to the fluid cavity. The gauge pointer is located at the end of the rotary magnet shaft and rotates with the magnet to provide gauge readings proportional to flow. There are no mechanical seals between the flow chamber and the rotary chamber. This is accomplished by coupling forces between two adjacent magnets through a solid wall.

**SWITCH UNITS:** Reed switches are located adjacent to the flow chamber and are actuated when the cone magnet field interacts at a preset point with the reed switch. Switch set points are adjustable (see below).

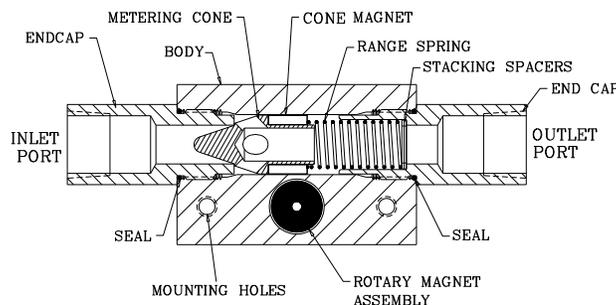


Fig. A

### INSTALLATION

Check the instrument and identify the inlet and outlet markings. "HI" identifies the flow inlet port; "LO" the flow outlet port. Install the flow instrument in your piping system using standard pipe fitting procedures. The instrument can be line mounted, bracket mounted, or panel mounted.

Under normal conditions, FIG/FIGS Series instruments are designed for a line pressure of 200 psig (PVC) or 150 psig (CPVC), and can sustain a continuous forward or reverse overpressure regardless of the instrument measuring range.

It is recommended that a 100 $\mu$  filter be installed upstream of the flow instrument to assure a clean fluid medium through the instrument. Also, good flow measurement practices recommend straight runs of pipe equal to at least 10 pipe diameters upstream and 5 pipe diameters downstream of the gauge to reduce flow turbulence.

**IMPORTANT:** Because of the magnetic nature of this instrument, it should never be mounted in direct contact with a steel surface; otherwise a calibration shift may occur. Mount the instrument so that the body is at least 1 inch away from steel surfaces using non-magnetic spacers or an aluminum mounting bracket.

Unless otherwise specified at the time of order, instruments are calibrated in the horizontal position. Instruments should always be mounted in the same position as they were calibrated to eliminate positional errors.

## MAINTENANCE

Your Plast-O-Matic instrument will provide years of maintenance-free operation. Other than replacing a broken lens there is only one area where the instrument may need attention. Erratic pointer or switch action may indicate that cleaning is required. Please consult the factory for guidance on how to properly clean your instrument.

## RECALIBRATION

Recalibration of this instrument is not normally required. However, if the range spring is damaged or a new dial is required, the instrument must be returned to the factory for parts and recalibration.

**NOTE:** When ordering replacement parts, identify the instrument S/N from the nameplate, parts required, and quantity.

## SWITCH ADJUSTMENT

The reed switch set points can be adjusted over the top 80% of the gauge range.

To change the reed switch setting, set the flow rate to the desired switch set point. Loosen the set screw holding the switch in place. To increase or decrease the set point, slide the switch tube until the switch actuates. Tighten the set screw to hold the switch in place and recheck the new actuation point.

**CAUTION:** Do not over-tighten the switch holding set screw — this is a cone-point screw that digs into the tube with light pressure. (In some cases, it might be necessary to reverse the switch tube end-for-end to locate the new actuation point. This is a normal procedure.)

### SWITCH WIRE COLOR CODE

|    |             |   |
|----|-------------|---|
| -A | SPST        | white and white                             |
| -B | SPST (N.C.) | green and blue                              |
| -C | SPDT        | green (N.C.), red (N.O.), and blue (common) |



INC. SETTING



DEC. SETTING

