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Gas & Steam Flow Computer

Model 415

Features

- **Displays mass flow, corrected volume and energy flow**
- **Accepts 4-20mA and frequency flow inputs**
- **Temperature and pressure compensation**
- **Dual ranged DP transmitter inputs**
- **Operates from 14-28V dc or ac mains**
- **Simplified programming**
- **Data logging output**

Overview

The 415 Steam and Gas Flow Computer incorporates the following compensation equations for gas and vapours:

- **Ideal Gas Law** using temperature and pressure correction, but where compressibility correction is not required.

- **General Gases** where compressibility is calculated using the Redlich-Kwong[1] state equation. This equation is suitable for gases which have known properties, and information on common industrial gases is provided in the operating manual.

- **Natural Gas** using the NX-19[2] equation to calculate super compressibility.

- **Steam Equations** for both saturated and superheated steam. Mass and energy flow rates are calculated using standard equations to determine the specific weight and enthalpy of steam.

RTD or 4-20mA temperature outputs

The backlit alphanumeric display simplifies programming and provides a clear indication of all parameters, as well as engineering units. The 415 is fully programmable and all operating parameters are entered via the front panel keypad.

The instrument is available with direct RTD input (415R) or with 4-20mA temperature input (415A). Both accept a 4-20mA pressure input.

Wide range of flowmeter inputs

Inputs from a wide range of flowmeters are accepted, including vortex, turbine, orifice plate, averaging pitot tubes, wedges and target flowmeters. Also, where two differential pressure transmitters are used across an orifice or similar device, to increase the measured flow range, both DP transmitter inputs are accepted and scaled separately with automatic crossover.

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A scaled output, suitable for driving remote totalisers, is a standard feature. Options include an isolated 4-20mA retransmission, high and low flow alarms and an RS232/422 output which will operate on either the mass, corrected volume or energy outputs, depending on which value is programmed as the default display.

RS232/422 output enables data logger operation

The RS232/422 option will output all parameters displayed and has the unique ability to print flow rates and totals at programmable time intervals. This enables the 415 to function as a data logger when used in conjunction with a printer or other storage device.

Protocols are provided for standard roll and column printers as well as for computer interfaces and a real time clock provides time and date. The totals can be programmed to reset via the front panel, after each print or at 24:00 hours.

Flowmeter Inputs

The 415 accepts most flowmeter inputs including:

- **Frequency** producing flowmeters such as vortex, turbine or positive displacement.

- **Volumetric** flowmeters with 4-20mA outputs such as vortex or turbines with a frequency to current converter on the output.

- **Differential Pressure** devices such as orifice plates, averaging pitot tubes, wedges, cones, elbows or target flowmeters, where a square law relationship applies.

- **Linear Differential Pressure** devices where the 4-20mA output is directly proportional to the flow rate.

- **Dual Range (Stacked) Differential Pressure Transmitters** where two separately spanned transmitters are used across a common flow device such as an orifice (both square and linear inputs).

- **Non-Linear Differential Pressure** devices such as laminar flow tubes or VA meters. A 20 point correction curve can be programmed to compensate for any non-linearities in the flowmeter.

Parameters Displayed

Information is displayed in a number of windows which can be selected using the **DISPLAY** key.

General

Flow rate of the mass, corrected volume or energy is displayed in units per day, hour, minute or second.

Total of the mass, corrected volume or energy. A reset key on the front panel enables totals to be reset, or the key can be disabled during setup. Totals are displayed with 8 digits.

Gas Flow

Corrected volume at base conditions (m^3 or ft^3)
Mass (kg or lbs)
Temperature (°C or °F)
Pressure (kPa or psi) in absolute or gauge
Compressibility Z, for general gases
Super compressibility F_{pv} for natural gas

Steam Flow

Mass (kg or lbs)
Energy (MJ or Btu x 1000)
Temperature (°C or °F)
Pressure (kPa or psi) in absolute or gauge
Specific weight in dm^3/kg
Specific enthalpy in kJ/kg

General

Display	2 line x 20 character (5.5mm high) alphanumeric backlit LCD.
Keypad	Sealed membrane keypad with four keys.
Transducer Supply	8-24V dc field adjustable, 65mA max.
Power Requirements	
dc Supply:	14 to 28V dc, 300mA typical (no options).
ac Supply:	ac mains set internally to 95-135V ac or 190-260V ac.
Operating Temperature	
	0 to 55°C.
Facia Sealing	IP65 (Nema 4X) watertight.

Approvals

Electrical	ETL (US) approved to UL508 and CSA.
Interference	CE Compliance.
Enclosure	CENELEC, FM, CSA and SAA approved enclosures available for hazardous areas.

Frequency Input

Range	
Minimum:	0.25Hz on Rate, 0Hz on Total.
Maximum:	10KHz.
Input Circuits	Accepts most sine, logic and proximity switch inputs.
K-factor Range	0.1000 to 999,999.
Non-Linear Correction	
	Up to 10 correction points.

4-20mA Inputs

Input Types	Flow (2 ranges), pressure and temperature.
Input Impedance	250 ohms.
Measurement Range	
Pressure:	0 kPa abs (0 psia) to 100,000 kPa abs (10,000 psia).
Temperature:	-273°C (-459.4°F) to 1200°C (2192°F).
Span (flow)	999,999.
Accuracy	0.05%.
Circuit	250 ohm resistors connected to a common signal ground (current sinking).
Non-Linear Correction	
	A 20 point curve can be applied to the flow input.

RTD Input (Model 415R)

Type	Platinum PT100.
Range	-100°C (-l48°F) to 200°C (392°F). (Note a wider temperature range can be handled via a 4-20mA input.)
Accuracy	0.1°C.
Linearity	The non-linearity of the RTD is internally compensated for.

Pressure Input

Type	Absolute or gauge.
Span	Absolute or gauge pressure is programmable at 4mA and 20mA.
Atmospheric	If a gauge pressure sensor is used, the atmospheric pressure is programmable.

Pulse Output

Pulse Width	l0ms (negative going pulse).
Duty Cycle	49 pulses/sec max.
Output	Open collector transistor will sink l00mA max. (Note: Suitable for driving remote counters or PLC's.)

RS232/422 Option

Type	Both RS232 and RS422 are provided. (Note: When using the RS422, multi-point communication (RS485) can be implemented with up to 32 instruments connected to a common bus.)
Function	Printer and computer protocols are fully programmable.
Printer	A print is initiated on each reset or at a programmable time interval. (Note: Protocols are provided for roll & column printers.)
Computer	An ASCII based protocol enables all displayed parameters to be read and the totals to be reset.
Baud rate	300 to 9600.
Data Bits	7 or 8.
Parity	None, Odd or Even.
Data Logging	Output generated at intervals of once a minute to once every 24 hours. The totals can be programmed to reset on each print or at 24:00 hours.
Time	A real time clock is provided to give time and date on each output.

4-20mA Output Option

Function	Outputs flow rate in mass, corrected volume or energy. The 4 and 20mA points can be programmed to provide a fully scaled output.
Resolution	10 bits.
Accuracy	Better than 0.1%.
Maximum Load	500 ohms internally powered. 950 ohms from external 24V dc.
Isolation	Output is isolated.

Relay Output Option

Function	High and low flow rate alarms based on the flow rate in mass, corrected volume or energy.
Maximum Ratings	
Power:	250VA.
Voltage:	250V ac, 30V dc.
Current:	5 Amps.

Ideal Gas

Display	
Corrected Volume:	m³ or ft³.
Mass:	kg or lbs.
Temperature Range	-273°C (-450°F) to 800°C (1472°F).
Pressure Range	0 kPa abs (0 psia) to 100,000 kPa abs (10,000 psia).

General Gas

Gases	Handles most gases for which the critical temperature, pressure and specific gravity are known.
Compressibility	Calculated using the Redlich-Kwong[1] equation.
Temperature Range	-273°C (-450°F) to 800°C (1472°F) (RTD has a more limited range).
Pressure Range	0 kPa abs (0 psia) to 100,000 kPa abs (10,000 psia).

Natural Gas

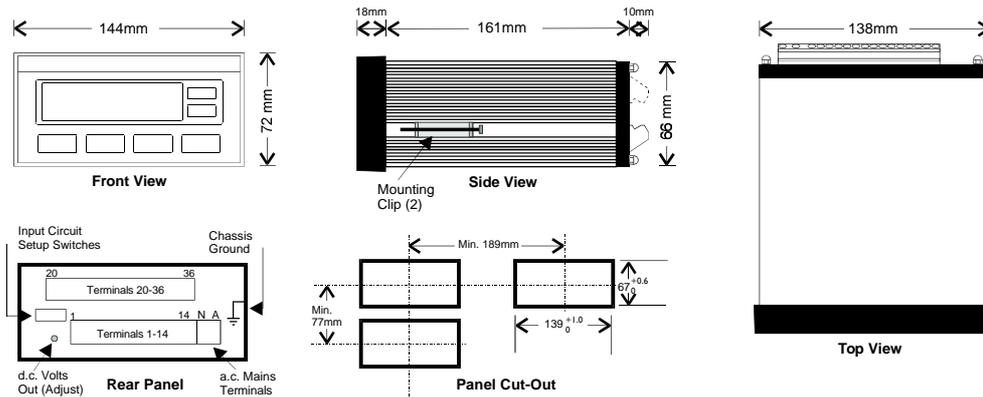|	
Calculations	Uses NX-19[2] equation to calculate super compressibility F_{pv}.
Temperature Range	-40°C (-40°F) to 115°C (240°F).
Pressure Range	101.325 kPa abs (14.69 psia) to 34,380 kPa abs (4985 psia).
Specific Gravity Range	0.554 to 1.000.
Carbon Dioxide	0 to 15% mole.
Nitrogen	0 to 15% mole.

[1] Redlich & Kwong, "An equation of State", Chem Rev., vol 44, p233, 1949.
[2] Par Research Project NX-19. "Extension of Range of Super Compressibility Tables", American Gas Association, 1962.

Steam

Calculations	Uses 1967 IFC Formulation (ASME) equations to calculate specific weight and enthalpy of steam.
Types	Saturated and Superheated.
Temperature Range	20°C (68°F) to 800°C (1472°F) (RTD has a more limited range.)
Pressure Range	1 kPa abs (1 psia) to 100,000 kPa abs (10,000 psia).
Saturated Steam	When measuring saturated steam, it is possible to omit either the pressure or temperature sensor since, on the saturated line, there is a corresponding pressure for all temperatures.

Important: Specifications are subject to change without notice.

Dimension Drawings

144mm — 72 mm — **Front View**

18mm — 161mm — 10mm — 66 mm — **Side View** — Mounting Clip (2)

138mm — **Top View**

Input Circuit Setup Switches — Chassis Ground — 20 — 36 — Terminals 20-36 — 1 — 14 N A — Terminals 1-14 — d.c. Volts Out (Adjust) — **Rear Panel** — a.c. Mains Terminals

Min. 189mm — Min. 77mm — 67 +0.6/0 — 139 +1.0/0 — **Panel Cut-Out**

Terminal Descriptions

Terminals Common to all Models

No.	
1	Calibration
2	Switch Common
11	DC Power Out
12	DC Ground
13	DC Power In

No.	415A	415R
3	Flow 1 (4-20mA)	Flow 1 (4-20mA)
4	Temp. (4-20mA)	PT100 (+)
5	Reset Switch	PT100 Signal (+)
6	Display Switch	PT100 Signal (-)
7	Pressure (4-20mA)	Pressure (4-20mA)
8	Flow Common	Flow Common
9	Flow Pulse Input	Flow Pulse Input
10	Pulse Out	Pulse Out
14	Flow 2 (4-20mA)	PT100 (-)

RS232/422 Option

No.	
20	RS232 Signal Ground
21	RS232 Data In
22	RS232 Data Out
23	RS422 (-) Data Out
24	RS422 (+) Data Out
25	RS422 (-) Data In
26	RS422 (+) Data In
27	RS232 CTS

Isolated 4-20mA Output Option

No.	
20	Not Used
21	0 Volts
22	0-10 Volts Out
23	-12 Volts
24	I (-)
25	I (+)
26	+15 Volts
27	Not Used

High & Low Relay Alarm Option

No.	
31	High - Normally Open
32	High - Normally Closed
33	High - Common
34	Low - Normally Open
35	Low - Normally Closed
36	Low - Common

Ordering Information

When specifying please indicate model(s) required using the following method.

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Basic Model

Temperature Input
4-20mA   - A
PT100 RTD   - R

Mounting
Panel   - 1
Field   - 2
Explosionproof   - 3

Special Options
0 - No option
C - Conformal Coating
G - German language version

Power Supply
E - 240V ac
A - 110V ac
D - 14-28V dc
J - 100V ac

Standard Options
0 - No options
1 - Isolated 4-20mA output
2 - RS232/422
3 - High/Low alarms
4 - 4-20mA and alarms
5 - RS232/422 and alarms

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