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CONTROL PANNEL



Operating Environment

- **Operating Temperature Range:** The device is designed to function within an ambient temperature range of 0°C to 40°C.
- **Operating Humidity Range:** The device can operate effectively in environments with relative humidity ranging from 0% to 90% RH.
- **Control IP Rating:** The control unit is rated at IP30, indicating protection against solid objects larger than 2.5 mm and no protection against water ingress.
- **Pollution Degree:** [Specific pollution degree details are needed for a comprehensive description.]
- **Control Safety Construction:** [Details regarding the safety construction class of the control unit are needed for a complete specification.]
- Mains Supply:
 - Nominal Voltage: 230Vac
 - Actual Voltage Range: 200Vac to 253Vac
 - Frequency: 50Hz
- **On-Board Supply Fuse:** The device incorporates a 1A time delay (T) fuse to protect the internal circuitry from overcurrent conditions.
- **Rated Impulse Voltage:** The device is rated for impulse withstand voltage of 2500V, ensuring robustness against transient voltage surges.

Performance Specifications

- Software Classification and Action Type:
 - The device operates with Class A software, which adheres to specific software reliability standards.
 - It employs Type 2 action, as defined in relevant standards, and is running Version 3 of the software.
- Mains Supply Protection:

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• The electronic circuit is protected by a time delay fuse, which helps to safeguard against short-term overloads and surge conditions.

• Flame Failure Input:

 The input for flame failure detection operates at a nominal voltage of 230Vac with an actual operational range of 200Vac to 253Vac and a frequency of 50Hz. The presence of voltage at this input indicates a flame failure condition.

• Burner Reset Output:

• The burner reset output can be configured as either volt-free or Live/Neutral, with the selection being made through a plug-in jumper. This allows for flexible integration with various burner control systems.

• Remote Volt-Free Switch Outputs:

 Outputs for remote volt-free switches are provided at 24Vdc with a current rating of 5mA, facilitating remote control and monitoring functions.

• Built-in Room Temperature Sensor:

- The integrated temperature sensor measures ambient temperatures within a range of 0°C to 30°C with a resolution of 0.2°C. The sensor readings can be adjusted with an offset to account for potential errors due to sensor inaccuracies or placement issues.
- Additionally, the device includes a frost protection feature to prevent damage in low-temperature conditions.



ELECTRICAL ACTUATORS



Electrical Actuators: Technical Overview

Definition: An electrical actuator is an electromechanical device designed to convert electrical energy into mechanical energy. The majority of electric actuators function through the interaction of magnetic fields and current-carrying conductors to produce mechanical force. Conversely, generators like alternators or dynamos perform the reverse process, converting mechanical energy into electrical energy. Notably, certain electric actuators, such as traction motors used in vehicles, are capable of performing dual functions, acting as both actuators and generators. Collectively, electric actuators and generators are referred to as electric machines.

Applications: Electric actuators are integral components across a broad spectrum of applications. Their versatility allows them to be utilized in:

- Industrial Equipment: Including industrial fans, blowers, pumps, and machine tools.
- Household Appliances: Such as washing machines and dishwashers.
- Power Tools: Including drills and saws.
- Data Storage Devices: For example, disk drives.
- **Transportation:** Electric actuators are used in motor vehicles, ships, and pipeline compressors. **Power Sources:** Electric actuators can be powered by various sources:
- Direct Current (DC): For battery-operated devices and motor vehicles.
- Alternating Current (AC): Supplied by central electrical distribution grids or inverters. Size and Power Rating:
- Small Actuators: Used in devices like electric wristwatches.
- **Medium-Size Motors:** Commonly found in industrial applications, providing standardized mechanical power.
- Large Actuators: Employed in high-power applications such as ship propulsion, large pipeline compressors, and high-capacity water pumps, with power ratings reaching into the millions of watts.



Classification: Electric actuators can be classified based on:

- **Power Source:** DC or AC.
- Internal Construction: Design and build specifications.
- Application: Type of use or industry.
- **Type of Motion:** The nature of the mechanical movement provided (e.g., rotary or linear).

Electric actuators offer a flexible solution that adapts to a wide range of applications. This adaptability underscores the versatility of electric solutions, allowing users to select and tailor actuators to meet specific operational requirements.



FLOWMETER



Flowmeter Selection and Installation Guide

Introduction: Selecting the appropriate flowmeter involves a combination of understanding the different types of meters available and applying empirical knowledge gained through experience. While many first consider the types of meters, their features, and associated hardware and software, the process often begins with a clear definition of the application requirements. Here, we will review the primary types of flow measurement devices, discuss how to select an appropriate device, and cover essential considerations for flowmeter installation.

Types of Flowmeters:

1. Positive Displacement Meters:

- **Description:** These meters are used for both liquids and gases and are renowned for their high accuracy. They operate by capturing a fixed volume of fluid and then measuring how many times this volume is transferred through the meter.
- **Types:** Oval gear, reciprocating piston, nutating disc, and rotary piston meters.
- **Operation:** These meters emulate a bucket system where one bucket of fluid enters and another exits, ensuring precise measurement.

2. Differential Pressure-Based Meters:

- **Description:** This method is widely used in process industries due to its simplicity, costeffectiveness, and integration with existing pressure transmitters.
- **Operation:** It measures flow by creating a pressure drop across a constriction in the flow path and calculating the flow rate based on this differential pressure.

3. Volumetric Mechanical Meters:

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 Description: These meters, which include turbines, paddlewheels, impellers, and propellers, measure flow by converting the rotational speed of a rotor into a volumetric flow rate.

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- Accuracy: Can range from high precision (1% of reading) to less accurate (5% of span).
- **Types:** Spool-piece style, bar-stock style, and insertion devices.

4. Magmeters:

- **Description:** Magnetic flowmeters, or magmeters, measure the average velocity of the fluid directly by using Faraday's law of electromagnetic induction.
- Accuracy: Spool-piece magmeters are highly accurate for flow measurement.
- Comparison: Other technologies that offer similar accuracy include correlation-type ultrasonic flowmeters with calibrated spool pieces and Coriolis mass flowmeters. Point-velocity insertion magmeters provide accuracy comparable to paddlewheel meters due to their measurement of flow in a small cross-sectional area.

5. Ultrasonic Flowmeters:

- **Description:** Ultrasonic meters use sound waves to measure flow and are available in two types: transit time and Doppler.
- **Applications:** Although they were initially overpromised as a universal solution, they have found specific applications where they excel.
- **Considerations:** Care must be taken to avoid issues related to fluid temperature and application suitability.

6. Thermal Dispersion Flowmeters:

- **Description:** These meters are used for accurate flow measurement in low-flow applications and can also measure mass flow of gases.
- **Considerations:** Sensitivity to abrupt changes in fluid temperature requires careful application.

7. Vortex Shedding and Fluidic Flowmeters:

- **Description:** These meters use the fluid flow itself to create oscillations or vortices. They have no moving parts and can be installed with minimal upstream straight run.
- **Types:** Traditional vortex shedding meters use a bluff body to produce oscillations, while swirl meters use a stationary rotor-like device and a restriction. Coanda-effect flowmeters employ hydraulic feedback for oscillation.

Selection Recommendations:

- For High Accuracy:
 - **Coriolis Mass Flowmeter:** Offers exceptional accuracy for both liquid and gas flow measurement.
 - **Spool-Piece Style Magmeter:** Provides reliable and accurate flow measurement, suitable for a range of applications.

• For Open Channel Applications:

- **Flow Restriction:** The primary measurement device is the flow restriction itself, such as a flume or weir.
- **Level Sensor:** The instrument used in conjunction with the restriction is a level sensor that automates the measurement process. Simple tools like a yardstick can provide accurate measurements in these setups.

By understanding the various types of flowmeters and their applications, you can make an informed choice that meets the specific needs of your flow measurement requirements.

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LEVEL CONTROL VALVE



Level Control Valves and Valve Actuators: Technical Overview

Level Control Valve:

- **Definition:** A level control valve, also known as an altitude control valve, automatically adjusts in response to changes in the liquid height within a storage system. These valves are crucial for maintaining a consistent liquid level, such as in reservoirs, tanks, or other liquid storage units.
- **Example:** A common example is the ballcock mechanism in a flush toilet. The ballcock system regulates the water level in the tank, initiating the fill or flush cycle based on the tank's current level.
- **Function:** The primary function of a level control valve is to regulate the flow of liquid into a storage system, ensuring that the liquid level remains constant and meets the required usage demands. This regulation is achieved by modulating the inflow of liquid to balance consumption and replenish levels.

Control Valve:

- **Definition:** A control valve is designed to manage fluid flow within a system by adjusting the size of the flow passage according to a signal from a control system. This capability allows for precise control over various process parameters, including flow rate, pressure, temperature, and liquid level.
- **Operation:** The valve's flow passage is modified in response to control signals, which dictate the desired flow rate or process condition. This adjustment impacts the overall process control, maintaining stability and achieving set operational goals.



Valve Actuator:

- **Definition:** A valve actuator is the component responsible for the physical operation of a valve. It handles the opening and closing of the valve, translating control signals into mechanical motion.
- Types:
 - **Manual Actuators:** Require physical intervention to operate. These actuators use direct or geared mechanisms connected to the valve stem to adjust the valve position.
 - **Automated Actuators:** Operated electronically or pneumatically, allowing for remote or automated control of the valve based on control system signals.

Calibration and Integration:

- I/P Transducers: Current-to-pressure transducers (I/P) convert an electrical current signal into a proportional pneumatic pressure signal. Proper calibration of these devices ensures accurate transmission of control signals to the valve actuator.
- Valve Positioners: These devices adjust the position of a control valve based on the control signal received. Positioners ensure that the valve responds accurately to the control system's commands, maintaining the desired flow rate or process condition.
- Control Valves as Final Control Elements: In a control system, the control valve serves as the final control element that directly influences the process parameter (e.g., flow rate, pressure). Accurate calibration and integration of I/P transducers, valve positioners, and control valves are essential for effective process control.

By understanding these components and their functions, you can ensure precise control over fluid systems, maintaining operational efficiency and process stability.



LIMIT SWITCH BOX



Limit Switches: Technical Overview

Definition: A limit switch is an electromechanical device designed to detect the presence or absence of an object, or to measure the position of equipment by mechanically linking an actuator to a set of electrical contacts. When an object interacts with the actuator, it triggers the switch to either make or break an electrical connection.

Function:

- **Regulation of Electrical Circuits:** Limit switches control the electrical circuits that manage machinery and its moving components. By activating or deactivating electrical connections, they play a crucial role in starting, stopping, slowing down, or accelerating machinery, such as electric motors.
- **Pilot Devices:** In magnetic starter control circuits, limit switches act as pilot devices. They enable precise control over machinery operations by managing electrical connections based on the position of the equipment.

Types of Limit Switches:

1. Mechanical Limit Switches:

- **Description:** Mechanical limit switches use physical interaction to determine equipment position. These switches are often designed with push-buttons.
- **Operation:** When a mechanical component, such as a valve extension, comes into contact with the limit switch, it depresses the button to either complete or break the electrical circuit. This interaction signals the system to respond appropriately, such as opening or closing the valve.

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2. Visual Indication and Control:

- Visual Indicator: A limit switch can serve as a visual indicator to show whether a valve is in the open or closed position. This visual feedback is crucial for monitoring and operating equipment effectively.
- **Positioner Integration:** Limit switches are often integrated with positioners to control the valve's angle, typically between 0 and 90 degrees. The positioner ensures that the valve opens to the specified angle, allowing precise control of the flow.

3. Actuators:

• **Role:** Actuators are used in conjunction with limit switches to physically open or close the valve. The actuator executes the mechanical movement based on the signals received from the limit switch and positioner.

4. Safety Applications:

• **Example:** In furnace systems, a limit switch is installed below the plenum to act as a safety control device. If the plenum temperature exceeds a predetermined threshold, the limit switch deactivates the burner to prevent overheating and potential damage.

Summary: Limit switches are essential components in various applications, providing critical control and safety functions by detecting the position of mechanical parts and managing electrical circuits. Their versatility in applications ranges from simple mechanical switches to sophisticated control systems in industrial machinery and safety systems.



SOLENOID VALVE



Solenoid Valves: Technical Overview

Definition: An acronym for the User Association of Automation Technology in Process Industries, represents a standard for automated valve technology. Despite being somewhat of a misnomer, TME sets guidelines for standard interfaces and actuator mountings, which help reduce costs related to solenoid and installation.

Function:

- Solenoid Valve: Our solenoid valve is designed to control the flow of media through a system. The valve's operation is governed by an electric solenoid, which regulates the valve's open or closed state. This regulation is achieved by controlling the amount of compressed air supplied to a pneumatic actuator via a pilot.
- Pneumatic Actuator: The pneumatic actuator transforms compressed air into mechanical motion. The actuator and solenoid valve work together to manage flow speed, volume, and direction. The solenoid valve can be configured to operate in either a normally closed (NC) or normally open (NO) position.

Valve Configurations:

- 1. **3-Way Solenoid Valve:**
 - **Ports:** Includes 1 inlet, 1 outlet, and 1 exhaust port.
 - **Seats:** Features 2 seats for fluid control.
 - Applications: Commonly used for simple control tasks where two positions (open or closed) are needed, managing flow between two ports and venting through the exhaust port.
- 2. 4-Way Solenoid Valve:
 - **Ports:** Typically has 4 or more ports, including 2 inlets, 1 outlet, and 2 exhaust ports.
 - **Seats:** Includes 2 seats for fluid control.

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 Applications: Frequently used for operating double-acting rack and pinion actuators. This configuration allows for more complex control of fluid flow, enabling bidirectional movement of actuators.

Benefits of Standards:

- **Standard Interfaces:** TME standards provide standardized mounting interfaces for solenoids and actuators. This standardization simplifies installation and maintenance, reduces costs, and ensures compatibility between different components.
- **Cost Efficiency:** By adhering to standards, the integration of solenoid valves and actuators becomes more cost-effective due to reduced need for custom solutions and improved interoperability.

Summary: Solenoid valves play a crucial role in automated valve technology, controlling media flow through electric solenoids and pneumatic actuators. Available in various configurations such as 3-way and 4-way, these valves offer flexibility in controlling flow direction, speed, and amount. The adherence to standards enhances compatibility and reduces costs, making them a practical choice for many industrial applications.



PNEUMATIC ACTUATORS



Pneumatic Control Valve Actuators: Technical Overview

Definition: A pneumatic control valve actuator is a device that converts compressed air (or other pressurized gases) into mechanical motion. This motion can be either rotary or linear, depending on the actuator's design and application.

Types of Pneumatic Actuators:

1. Linear Pneumatic Actuators:

- **Description:** These actuators consist of a piston inside a hollow cylinder. The piston is moved by pressure from an external source, such as a compressor or manual pump.
- **Operation:** When compressed air is introduced into the cylinder, it pushes against the piston, causing it to move linearly. This motion can be used to operate valves, control dampers, or perform other linear tasks.

2. Rotary Pneumatic Actuators:

- **Description:** Rotary pneumatic actuators convert compressed air into rotational motion.
- **Operation:** These actuators typically use a vane or gear mechanism to transform the air pressure into rotational movement, which can be used to control valves or other rotary devices.

Comparison with Other Actuators:

• Hydraulic Actuators:

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- **Operation:** Hydraulic actuators use incompressible liquid (hydraulic fluid) from a pump to move a piston inside a cylinder. The principle is similar to pneumatic actuators but relies on liquid rather than gas.
- **Applications:** Commonly used in high-force applications where liquid can provide greater force than air.

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- Electric Actuators:
 - **Operation:** Electric actuators use electric motors to generate mechanical motion, either linear or rotary.
 - Applications: Suitable for applications requiring precise control and high reliability.
- Mechanical Actuators:
 - **Operation:** Mechanical actuators involve direct mechanical means, such as levers or screws, to convert energy into motion.
 - **Applications:** Used in simpler mechanical systems or where electrical or hydraulic power is not feasible.

How Pneumatic Actuators Work:

- **Principle:** Pneumatic actuators operate by converting potential energy from compressed air into kinetic energy.
- Components:
 - **Cylinder/Chamber:** Contains pressurized air or a gas mixture.
 - **Piston/Gear:** Moves in response to the expanding gas.
- **Process:** Compressed air is introduced into the chamber, creating a pressure difference with the ambient atmosphere. This pressure difference forces the gas to expand, pushing against a piston or gear. The motion generated can then perform mechanical work.

Applications:

- Automotive: Used in combustion engines for tasks such as controlling the air-fuel mixture.
- Industrial: Employed in air compressors, pumps, and pneumatic tools (e.g., nail guns, mail tubes).
- **Control Systems:** Utilized in switches, sensors, and various automated systems where precise control of motion is required.

Advantages:

- **Simplicity:** Pneumatic actuators are straightforward in design, making them easy to manufacture and control.
- **Safety:** The use of compressed gases minimizes fire risks compared to electrical or hydraulic systems, as gases are less likely to ignite.
- **Durability:** Pneumatic actuators are robust and can operate effectively even without a continuous power supply, as they store compressed gas.
- **Cost-Effectiveness:** Generally less expensive to produce and maintain compared to hydraulic or electric actuators.

Summary: Pneumatic control valve actuators are essential devices in automation, converting compressed air into mechanical motion. They are versatile and cost-effective, suitable for a wide range of applications from industrial processes to automotive systems. Their simplicity, safety, and durability make them a popular choice for various tasks requiring controlled motion.



PNEUMATIC CYLINDER



Pneumatic Cylinders: Technical Overview

Definition: Pneumatic cylinders, also known as air cylinders, are mechanical devices that utilize compressed air to produce force through reciprocating linear motion. Similar to hydraulic cylinders, they move a piston within a cylinder based on the force exerted by compressed air.

Operating Principle:

- **Pneumatic Concept:** The term "pneumatic" pertains to the use of air. Pneumatic cylinders harness the power of compressed air to achieve motion, analogous to pneumatic tubes used for sending documents via air pressure.
- Mechanism: Pneumatic cylinders convert the potential energy of compressed air into mechanical energy. This energy is used to drive a piston, creating a linear motion. Mechanism of Operation:
- **Cylinder Structure:** A pneumatic cylinder consists of a cylinder body, a piston (or rod), and two chambers within the cylinder. The chambers are maintained at different air pressures.
- Air Pressure Differential: One chamber is connected to a port that allows compressed air to enter, while the other chamber exhausts the air. The pressure difference between the chambers forces the piston to move, creating linear motion.
- **Piston Movement:** As the volume of the chambers changes with the pressure differential, the piston, which is attached to the dividing wall of the cylinder, moves back and forth.

Key Features:

- 1. Cylinder Stroke:
 - **Definition:** The cylinder stroke is the distance between the fully extended and fully retracted positions of the piston.
 - **Importance:** It determines the range of linear motion the cylinder can provide.

2. **Operating Pressure Range:**

• **Definition:** This feature specifies the minimum pressure required to actuate the cylinder and the maximum pressure the cylinder can safely withstand.

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• **Importance:** The operating pressure range influences the force that the cylinder can exert and its overall performance.

3. Mounting Options:

- **Definition:** Pneumatic cylinders come with various mounting options to integrate them into different mechanical systems.
- **Importance:** Proper mounting is crucial for effective operation and alignment within the system.

Functions and Applications:

- **Piston Driving:** Pneumatic cylinders are primarily used to drive pistons, which can perform various tasks depending on the system's design.
- Applications:
 - **Material Handling:** Used for pushing, pulling, lifting, and positioning objects in manufacturing and processing.
 - **Clamping and Actuation:** Employed to hold, remove, and position parts, and to perform clamping actions.
 - o **Doors and Valves:** Used to open and close doors or valves in various systems.
 - Fail-Safe Systems: Utilized in systems requiring airtight seals or fail-safe mechanisms.

Summary: Pneumatic cylinders are essential components in many mechanical and industrial applications, leveraging the power of compressed air to produce linear motion. Their design features, including stroke length, operating pressure range, and mounting options, are critical for determining their suitability for specific tasks. Pneumatic cylinders are widely used for material handling, mechanical actuation, and fail-safe applications, providing reliable and effective performance in various settings.



PRESSURE AND TEMPERATURE TRANSMITTERS



Measurement Solutions Overview

Pressure Measurement: Our comprehensive range of pressure measurement devices caters to diverse requirements, from high-accuracy, ultra-stable pressure transmitters to basic transducers. We offer:

- **High Accuracy Pressure Transmitters:** Ideal for applications requiring precise measurements and stability.
- Standard Pressure Transducers: Suitable for general pressure measurement needs.
- **Specialist Devices:** Custom specifications and production schedules to meet the demands of large-scale projects.
- Availability: We stock pressure sensors for rapid next-day delivery, ensuring timely support for your needs.

Temperature Measurement: Choose from our selection of temperature measurement solutions to match your specific application:

- High Performance Universal Temperature Transmitters: Versatile and suitable for a range of applications.
- Standard Thermocouples: Available in various types (K, J, T, R, S) for different temperature ranges.
- **Pt100 Head-Mounted Transmitters:** For precise temperature measurement in diverse environments.
- **Temperature Probes:** Offered with or without thermowells or pockets for flexible installation. **Level Measurement:** We provide advanced level measurement solutions to suit different applications:
- **Hydrostatic Level Measurement:** Utilizes differential pressure with direct mount flange types for accurate liquid level detection.



- Ultrasonic Level Measurement: Ideal for applications where direct mounting is impractical, commonly used for tanks and vessels.
- **Capabilities:** Measures both liquid and solid levels, with signal transmission available through wired or wireless devices.

Flow Measurement: Our flow measurement technology covers a wide range of methods to ensure accurate readings:

- Orifice Plates, Venturi Tubes, and Pitot Tubes: Traditional flow measurement technologies.
- Electromagnetic Flowmeters: For measuring conductive fluids with high accuracy.
- Ultrasonic Flowmeters (Clamp-On): Non-invasive flow measurement suitable for various pipe sizes.
- **Expert Advice:** Our flow specialists are available to recommend the most suitable flowmeter for your specific application.

Transmitters: Transmitters integrate sensors with electronics to convert sensor signals into a format suitable for external systems:

- **Function:** Outputs a signal representative of the measured parameter (e.g., pressure, temperature, level, or flow).
- **Types:** Devices that measure and transmit data, such as pressure transmitters, are part of this category.

Considerations for Measurement Devices: When selecting measurement devices, consider the following specifications:

- **Process Fluid and Materials of Construction:** Ensure compatibility with the measured medium.
- Accuracy and Reliability: Assess the performance standards required.
- Warranty and Drift: Evaluate the longevity and stability of the device.
- Process Connection and Signal Type: Match the device to your system's requirements.
- **Certifications:** Check for Atex, FM, CSA, hazardous area approvals, SIL rating, MCERT compliance.
- Additional Factors: Price, availability, size, and weight may influence your decision. At Coulton, we are committed to understanding your requirements and providing tailored solutions to meet your measurement needs. Whether you need immediate stock availability or custom solutions for large projects, we strive to deliver the best fit for your specifications.



PRESSURE TRANSMITTERS FOR LEVEL MEASUREMENTS



Pressure Transmitters for Fluid Level Measurement: Technical Overview

Principle of Operation: Pressure transmitters used for fluid level measurement operate on the principle of hydrostatic pressure. The core concept is:

- **Hydrostatic Head Pressure:** The pressure at the bottom of a fluid column is directly proportional to the height of the fluid above it. This pressure, known as hydrostatic head pressure, is used to infer the fluid level.
- **Measurement Process:** The pressure transmitter measures this hydrostatic pressure to determine the fluid level in a vessel.

Differential Pressure (DP) Transmitters:

- Usage: DP transmitters are frequently employed in industrial applications for level measurement.
- Operation:
 - Inferential Measurement: DP transmitters measure fluid levels by detecting the difference in pressure between two points, typically the top and bottom of the fluid column.
 - **Diaphragm Sensing:** The device features a diaphragm that senses the head pressure created by the height of the material in the vessel. This pressure difference is used to calculate the fluid level.

Types of Level Sensors:

- 1. Continuous Level Sensors:
 - **Function:** Measure the fluid level continuously within a specified range.
 - **Output:** Provide precise data on the amount of substance present at any given level.

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2. Point-Level Sensors:

- **Function:** Indicate whether the fluid level is above or below a predefined sensing point.
- **Applications:** Typically used to detect excessively high or low levels, rather than providing continuous measurement.

Features of Pressure Transmitters:

- Accuracy: High accuracy over a broad temperature range, ensuring reliable measurements.
- **Repeatability:** Excellent repeatability, meaning consistent performance and output.
- Long-Term Stability: Designed for long-term stability, minimizing drift and maintaining accuracy over time.
- **Multi-Drop Configuration:** Multiple transmitters can be interconnected in a multi-drop setup to reduce cabling requirements.

Design and Construction:

- **Isolation:** The sensor is isolated from the process fluid by a stainless steel diaphragm and a filling liquid. This protects the sensor and ensures accurate measurements.
- Housing: The transmitter electronics are housed in a hermetically sealed enclosure, providing robust resistance to shock and vibration. This design contributes to the durability and reliability of the Series 500 transmitters.

Summary: Pressure transmitters, particularly differential pressure transmitters, are essential for accurate fluid level measurement in various industrial applications. By measuring hydrostatic head pressure, these devices offer precise and reliable level readings. Continuous level sensors provide detailed measurements, while point-level sensors are used for high or low-level detection. The advanced design features, including high accuracy, excellent repeatability, long-term stability, and rugged construction, make these transmitters suitable for demanding environments and complex installations.



ROTARY TYPE AND LINEER TYPE POSITIONERS



Control Valve Classification: Linear vs. Rotary Motion

Introduction: Control valves are essential components in various industrial processes, used to regulate flow, pressure, temperature, and other variables. They can be classified based on the mechanical motion of the valve stem, which generally falls into two categories: linear and rotary. Each type has distinct advantages and disadvantages, impacting their suitability for different applications.

Linear Motion Valves:

- Design and Operation:
 - Description: Linear-motion valves, also known as multi-turn valves, utilize a slidingstem mechanism. The valve operates by moving a closure element (such as a disk, globe, or gate) linearly into or out of the flow path to control the flow.
 - **Motion:** The stem moves up and down or back and forth, creating a linear motion that adjusts the position of the closure element.
- Advantages:
 - Simplicity: The design is straightforward, making it easy to maintain and repair.
 - **Versatility:** Available in various sizes and designs, accommodating a broad range of applications and trim options.
 - **Cavitation Resistance:** Generally more resistant to cavitation compared to rotary valves, making them suitable for high-pressure drop applications.
- Applications:
 - **Common Uses:** Ideal for applications requiring precise flow control and where space is less of a constraint. Frequently used in services involving high pressure drops and severe service conditions.



Rotary Motion Valves:

- Design and Operation:
 - Description: Rotary-motion valves, also known as quarter-turn valves, use a rotating closure element (such as a ball, butterfly, or plug) that turns typically through 90 degrees to open or close the flow path.
 - **Motion:** The valve operates through a rotary motion, often achieved with a quarterturn actuator.
- Advantages:
 - **Compact Size:** Generally smaller and lighter compared to linear valves, which can be advantageous in space-constrained environments.
 - **Ease of Emission Control:** More effective in controlling emissions due to stem packing, without the need for additional sealing mechanisms like bellows seals.
 - **Resistance to Clogging:** Less prone to clogging in dirty service applications due to the nature of the rotary motion.
- Disadvantages:
 - **Pressure Drop Limitations:** May be limited in terms of maximum pressure drop they can handle compared to linear valves.
 - **Cavitation and Flashing:** More susceptible to cavitation and flashing issues, although advancements in technology are addressing these concerns.
- Applications:
 - **Common Uses:** Suitable for applications where space is limited and where quick operation is required. Commonly used in applications involving less severe service conditions and where efficient control of flow and pressure is necessary.

Example: V-Port Ball Valve:

- **Description:** A v-port ball valve is a specific type of rotary valve with a v-shaped port that allows for precise flow control. It is commonly used in control applications where modulating flow rates is required.
- **Features:** Offers precise control with a high degree of accuracy due to its v-shaped port design, which helps in adjusting the flow rate effectively.

Conclusion: The choice between linear and rotary control valves depends on the specific requirements of the application, including factors such as space constraints, pressure drop, flow control precision, and potential for clogging. Linear valves offer simplicity and resistance to cavitation, while rotary valves provide compactness and ease of emission control. Understanding these differences helps in selecting the most appropriate valve type for any given process.



WATER METERS



Water Metering: Overview and Specifications

Introduction: Water metering is a critical process for accurately measuring water usage in residential, commercial, and industrial settings. In developed countries, water meters are essential for tracking the volume of water consumed by buildings connected to a public water supply system. This ensures fair billing and efficient water resource management.

Types of Water Meters:

1. Residential Water Meters:

- **Design:** Typically sophisticated, robust, and durable multi-jet impeller meters.
- Size: Commonly 5/8 x 3/4 inches, which is adequate for most residential needs.
- **Functionality:** Designed to handle the flow rates typical of residential buildings while providing accurate readings.

2. Bulk Water Meters:

- **Design:** Often Woltman meters, which are known for their high accuracy and durability under extreme conditions.
- **Size:** Generally larger than residential meters to accommodate higher flow rates and pressures.
- **Functionality:** Suitable for commercial, industrial, or municipal applications where large volumes of water are used.

Maintenance and Troubleshooting:

• **Condensation Issue:** For meters located outside, condensation can obstruct readings. To address this:

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- Warm Water Method: Pour warm water onto the meter glass to help dissipate condensation.
- **Tapping:** Gently tap the glass to dislodge any water droplets that may be interfering with the readability.

Measurement and Conversion:

- Measurement Unit: Water meters typically measure water usage in cubic feet.
- Conversion to Gallons: To convert cubic feet to gallons, use the following conversion factor:

 1 cubic foot = 7.48 gallons.
- Billing Units: For billing purposes, water usage is measured in units:
 - 1 unit of water = 100 cubic feet = 748 gallons.

Conclusion: Water meters play a crucial role in managing water usage and billing accurately. Whether for residential or bulk applications, understanding the types of meters, their maintenance needs, and how to interpret their measurements is essential for effective water management. Proper maintenance ensures meter longevity and accuracy, while understanding conversion factors facilitates correct billing and resource management.