

# **Vortex** Vortex Flow Meter

**RVL Series** 

#### DESCRIPTION

The RVL liquid flow meter uses vortex-shedding technology with embedded piezoelectric pressure sensors. The meter has no moving parts, and any potential for fluid contamination is eliminated by the non-metallic corrosion-resistant body materials. The meter includes a compact plug-in transmitter module with two-wire 4...20 mA or three-wire pulse output. All electronics are housed in a corrosionresistant enclosure. Units can be recalibrated and reprogrammed in the field.

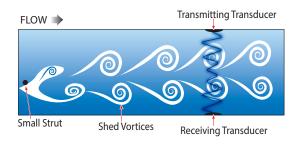
# APPLICATION

The RVL is perfect for aggressive or easily contaminated fluids.

- Ultra-pure water distribution
- RO/DI skids
- Cooling water
- Chemical injection
- Nonabrasive slurries

#### **OPERATING PRINCIPLE**

Operation of the RVL vortex flow meter is based on the vortex shedding principle. As fluid moves around a strut, vortices (eddies) are formed and move downstream. They form alternately, from one side to the other, causing pressure fluctuations that are sensed by a piezoelectric crystal in the sensor tube. The frequency of the vortices is directly proportional to the flow rate.



#### CONSTRUCTION

The precision machined bodies provide quality end fittings, while avoiding ionic contamination. There are no metallic wetted parts, gaskets or elastomers in the meter. The body material selected is homogeneous throughout the flow path.



#### **OPTIONAL SOFTWARE**

An optional software utility kit is available to configure the RVL 4...20 mA output. (The pulse output is not field configurable.) Part number RVS220-954 contains a RS232 nine-pin cable, software CD, TTL to RS232 converter and a board interface cable. The program enables easy configuration of span, damping and units of measurement.

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Setup		
Device:	€ 4-20mA € 0-5V	Linear Points
Rate Units:	Gallons 💌	]
Rate Interval:	Minute -	Read Setup
K Factor Units:	Pulses/Gallon 💌	
K Factor:	780	Download Setup
Damping:	0	
Flow at 4mA:	0	Frequency
Flow at 20mA:	20	0000 Hz
Linear Points:	10	Monitor © On @ Off
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# **Product Data Sheet**

#### **MATERIAL SELECTION**

When choosing the best flow meter for a process, review the concentration, operating temperatures and operating pressure of the fluid being measured. In a thermoplastic piping system, choose the same material for the meter and the pipe wherever possible to maintain fluid compatibility and aid in bonding the materials. The table below shows the compatibility of fluid types with the thermoplastic materials.

Chemical	PVDF	CPVC
Aluminum Hydroxide	Α	A
Chlorine Water	В	А
Fuel Oils	В	—
Hydraulic Oil	A	
Hydrochloric Acid 37%	А	A
Hydrochloric Acid 20%	Α	С
Isopropyl Alcohol	—	С
Nitric Acid (Concentrated)	A	D
Phosphoric Acid (>40%)	В	A
Potassium Hydroxide	А	А
Propylene Glycol	—	С
Sulfuric Acid (1075%)	А	А
<b>A</b> = Excellent <b>B</b> = Good <b>C</b> = F	air <b>D</b> = Seve	ere effect

#### **FLUID CONSIDERATIONS**

In vortex flow meters, fluids with high viscosities tend to dampen the formation of vortices and reduce the effective range. Viscosities above 1 cSt raise the minimum readable flow rate, reducing rangeability. The effect is linear to viscosity. Particles and internal bubbles do not usually affect vortex meters. In slurry services, PVDF models typically work very well. Slurries containing grit can wear down the bluff body over a period of time and long fibers can catch and build up on the bluff, decreasing accuracy.

Liquids with specific gravities higher than 2.0 adversely affect the permissible amount and duration of over-flow range.

Reduction of Range Based on Viscosity					
Viscosity	Minimum	Maximum	Flow Range		
1 cSt	1	12	12:1		
2 cSt	2	12	6:1		
3 cSt	3	12	4:1		
4 cSt	4	12	3:1		
5 cSt	5	12	2.4:1		
6 cSt	6	12	2:1		

Meters are calibrated with tap water at 1 cSt (32 SSU) at ambient temperature

#### SPECIFICATIONS

<b>Measured Fluids</b>	Liquids
Connections	Butt or NPT thread
Connections	Wafer (mounted between flanges)
Accuracy	±1% of full scale, 4…20 mA; ±2% of full scale, frequency pulse
Repeatability	±0.25% actual flow
<b>Response Time</b>	2 seconds minimum, step change in flow
Input Power	1330V DC
Signal Output	420 mA or frequency pulse (source–sink driver; 1A source/1.5A sink; typical output resistance 10 $\Omega$ )
Enclosure	NEMA 4X (IP 66)
Certifications	CE: EN50082-1:1992

# Pressure vs Temperature Ratings

#### **NPT/Butt End Fittings**

Maximum Fluid Temperature	Maximum Operating Pressure			
Maximum Fluid Temperature	CPVC	PVDF		
203° F (95° C)*	24 psig (1.6 bar)	40 psig (2.7 bar)		
150° F (66° C)	63 psig (4.3 bar)	130 psig (8.9 bar)		
100° F (38° C)	120 psig (8.3 bar)	150 psig (10.3 bar)		
70° F (21° C)	150 psig (10.3 bar)	150 psig (10.3 bar)		

\*Reduces low flow rate on 1/4 in. (6 mm) meter

#### Wafer End Fittings

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#### **FLOW RANGES**

# **NPT End Fittings**

Meter Size	Minimum Flow	<b>Maximum Flow</b>	Turndown Ratio
1/4 in. (6.3 mm)	0.6 gpm (2.3 lpm)	5 gpm (19 lpm)	8:1
1/2 in. (12.7 mm)	1.5 gpm (5.7 lpm)	15 gpm (56.8 lpm)	10:1
3/4 in. (19.1 mm)	2.5 gpm (9.5 lpm)	25 gpm (94.6 lpm)	10:1
1 in. (25.4 mm)	5.0 gpm (18.9 lpm)	50 gpm (189 lpm)	10:1
1-1/2 in. (38.1 mm)	10.0 gpm (37.9 lpm)	100 gpm (379 lpm)	10:1
2 in. (50.8 mm)	20.0 gpm (75.7 lpm)	200 gpm (757 lpm)	10:1

#### **Butt End Fittings**

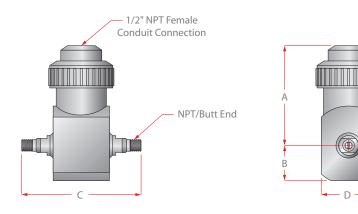
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2 in. (50.8 mm)	20.0 gpm (75.7 lpm)	200 gpm (757 lpm)	10:1
3 in. (76.2 mm)	30.0 gpm (113.6 lpm)	300 gpm (1136 lpm)	10:1

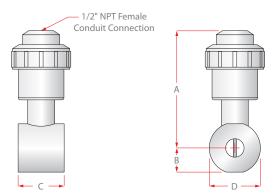
#### DIMENSIONS

# **NPT/Butt End Fittings**



Meter Size	PVC/CPVC in. (mm)			PVDF (Butt) in. (mm)				
wieter Size	Α	В	С	D	Α	В	С	D
1/4 in. (6.3 mm)	3.81 (97)	1.75 (45)	5.25 (133)	2.5 (64)	—		—	
1/2 in. (12.7 mm)	3.81 (97)	1.75 (45)	7.13 (181)	2.5 (64)	5.75 (146)	0.78 (20)	4.87 (124)	1.31 (33)
3/4 in. (19.1 mm)	3.81 (97)	1.75 (45)	7.63 (194)	2.5 (64)	5.75 (146)	0.94 (24)	4.87 (124)	1.44 (37)
1 in. (25.4 mm)	3.92 (100)	1.75 (45)	8.03 (204)	2.5 (64)	5.88 (149)	1.19 (30)	5.09 (129)	2 (51)
1-1/2 in. (38.1 mm)	3.9 (99)	2 (51)	8.37 (213)	2.5 (64)	6.21 (158)	1.50 (38)	6.24 (158)	2.50 (64)
2 in. (50.8 mm)	4.31 (109)	2 (51)	8.37 (213)	2.5 (64)	6.6 (168)	1.88 (48)	6.77 (172)	3 (76)

# Wafer End Fittings



Meter Size	PVDF					
Meter Size	A	В	с	D		
1 in. (25.4 mm)	5.69 in. (145 mm)	1.19 in. (30 mm)	2.25 in. (57 mm)	2.47 in. (63 mm)		
1-1/2 in. (38.1 mm)	6.00 in. (152 mm)	1.50 in. (38 mm)	2.63 in. (67 mm)	3.25 in. (83 mm)		
2 in. (50.8 mm)	6.37 in. (162 mm)	1.88 in. (48 mm)	3.22 in. (82 mm)	4.00 in. (102 mm)		
3 in. (76.2 mm)	6.88 in. (175 mm)	2.50 in. (64 mm)	4.25 in. (108 mm)	5.24 in. (133 mm)		

#### PART NUMBER CONSTRUCTION

#### **NPT End Fittings**

for Liquids (NPT Fittings)	· · · ·				
Model					
Piezoelectric Vortex Flow Meter for Liquids (In-Line)	RVL				
Line Size					
1/4 Inch   5 gpm (19 lpm) Maximum Flow Rate	025				
1/2 Inch   15 gpm (56.8 lpm) Maximum Flow Rate	050				
3/4 Inch   25 gpm (94.6 lpm) Maximum Flow Rate	075				
1 Inch   50 gpm (189 lpm) Maximum Flow Rate	100				
1-1/2 Inch   100 gpm (379 lpm) Maximum Flow Rate	150				
2 Inch   200 gpm (757 lpm) Maximum Flow Rate	200				
Body Style		_			
NPT (Male) Thread		Ν			
Body Material			-		
CPVC			2		
PVDF			4		
Output					
4 20 mA				Х	
Rate Frequency Pulse   <b>Not Available with Display</b>				Р	
Options <sup>1</sup>					-
None					Ν
High Temperature Rated: 203° F (95° C) $^2$					Н
Stainless Steel Tags					S
3-Pin (male) Output Connector <sup>3</sup>					3
Display Mounting					
None					
Top Mount					
Right Mount					

1.) Multiple Options may be listed in series on the part number - add as necessary

2.) High Temperature option ONLY available with Body Material options "2" and "4"

3.) When selecting Option 3, 3-Pin (male) Output Connector, a display cannot be mounted on the meter and Display Mounting must be marked as "N" for none.

#### **Butt End Fittings**

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for Liquids (Butt End Fittings)		· <u> </u>				1
Model						
Piezoelectric Vortex Flow Meter for Liquids (In-Line)	RVL					
Line Size						
1/2 Inch   15 gpm (56.8 lpm) Maximum Flow Rate	050					
3/4 Inch   25 gpm (94.6 lpm) Maximum Flow Rate	075					
1 Inch   50 gpm (189 lpm) Maximum Flow Rate	100					
1-1/2 Inch   100 gpm (379 lpm) Maximum Flow Rate	150					
2 Inch   200 gpm (757 lpm) Maximum Flow Rate	200					
Body Style						
Butt End Connection		В				
Body Material						
PVDF			4			
Output						
4 20 mA				х		
Rate Frequency Pulse   <b>Not Available with Display</b>				Р		
Options <sup>1</sup>					•	
None					Ν	
High Temperature Rated: 203° F (95° C) $^2$					н	
Stainless Steel Tags					S	
3-Pin (male) Output Connector <sup>3</sup>					3	
Display Mounting						-
None						
Top Mount						
Right Mount						

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2.) High Temperature option ONLY available with Body Material option "4"

3.) When selecting Option 3, 3-Pin (male) Output Connector, a display cannot be mounted on the meter and Display Mounting must be marked as "N" for none.

for Liquids (Wafer End Fittings)					
Model					
Piezoelectric Vortex Flow Meter for Liquids (Wafer)	RVL				
Line Size					
1 Inch   50 gpm (189 lpm) Maximum Flow Rate	100				
1-1/2 Inch   100 gpm (379 lpm) Maximum Flow Rate	150				
2 Inch   200 gpm (757 lpm) Maximum Flow Rate	200				
3 Inch   300 gpm (1136 lpm) Maximum Flow Rate	300				
Body Style					
Wafer		W			
Body Material					
CPVC			2		
PVDF			4		
Output					
4 20 mA				Х	
Rate Frequency Pulse   <b>Not Available with Display</b>				Р	
Options <sup>1</sup>					
None					Ν
High Temperature Rated: 203° F (95° C) <sup>2</sup>					Н
Stainless Steel Tags					S
3-Pin (male) Output Connector <sup>3</sup>					3
Display Mounting					
None					
Top Mount					
Right Mount					

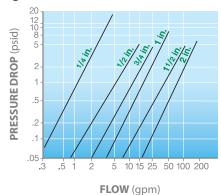
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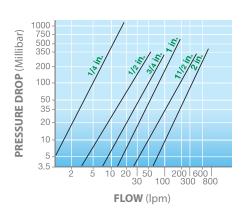
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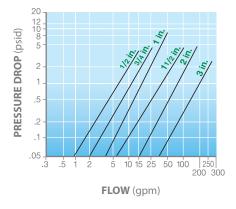
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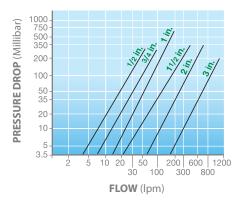
#### **NPT/Butt End Fittings**





#### **Wafer End Fittings**





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