FT430/440/450 Rate/Total Indicator Instructions



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The **FT430/440/450** flow computers are microcontrollerbased indicator/transmitters that interface with pulse output flow sensors to compute and display flow rate, flow total, and also generate output signals representing flow. The FT430 and FT450 have one scaled pulse output and one pulse pass through. The FT440 has two scaled pulse outputs. Galvanic isolation is provided for most pulse outputs.

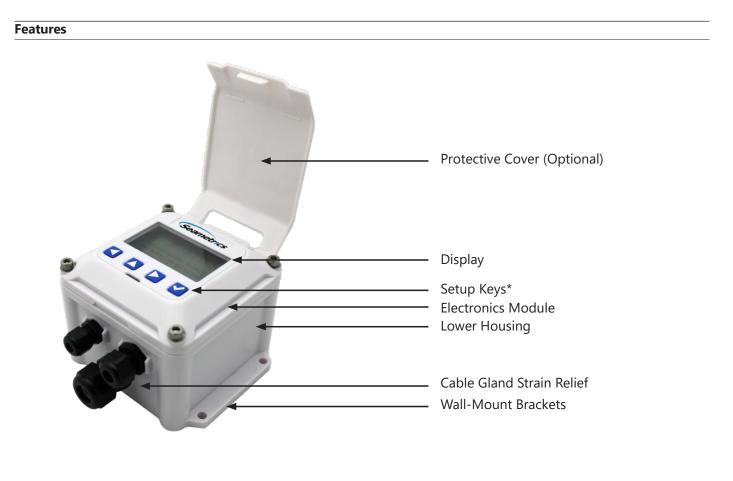
The FT450 is battery powered while the FT430 may be powered by an external DC power source or an optional internal AC power supply*. The FT440 is a "two-wire" or "loop powered" device, meaning that it is powered by the 4-20 mA loop circuit itself. An optional internal AC power supply* is available for the FT440 with dual 24 and 12VDC outputs to power both the loop and sensors requiring more power than the loop can supply.

Pulse and 4-20mA analog outputs can be used to signal external devices, e.g. certain metering pumps and water treatment controls. Alternatively, one or more pulse outputs can be configured as alarm outputs. These flow computers can be password protected to prevent resetting the total or changing configuration settings.

The FT430/440/450 meters are available in wall and meter mount configurations. The FT430 and FT440 models can also be panel mounted. Some configurations can be converted from wall to meter or meter to wall after installation if needed. Consult factory for details.

Order the FT440 only if a 4-20mA output signal is a requirement and the FT450 if internal battery power is needed. Otherwise the FT430 offers the most flexibility.

*Internal power supply is available for the wall mount option only.



* Includes password protection for tamper prevention when needed

Specifications*

		FT430	FT440	FT450		
Power		7-30Vdc, 4mA	9-30Vdc, 4mA (4-20 mA when loop-powered)	Lithium "C", 3.6Vdc, replaceable. Life is ~5 years depending on usage.		
Display	Rate	5-digit autorange	5-digit autorange	5-digit autorange		
	Total	8-digit	8-digit	8-digit		
Units	Rate Units	Gallons/Second/Minute/Hour/Day, Lit Meters/Second/Minute/Hour/Day, Me Second/Minute/Hour/Day	e/Hour/Day, Liter/Second/Minute/Hour/Day, Cubic Feet/Second/Minute/Hour/Day, Cubic e/Hour/Day, Mega Liters/Day, Million Gallons/Day, Fluid Oz/Second/Minute/Hour/Day, Barrels/ Day			
	Total Units	Gallon, Gallon x 1000, Liters, Mega Li Cubic Feet x 1000, Million Gallon, Ac	ter, Cubic Meter, Acre Feet, Cubic Feet re Inch, Fluid Ounce, Barrels	,		
Outputs	Pulse Output 1	Scaled pulse output, high alarm outp	out or low alarm output. Optoisolated	on FT430 and FT440. ¹		
	Pulse Output 2	Pulse pass through	Scaled pulse output, high alarm output or low alarm output. ¹	Pulse pass through		
	Loop Power Output	N/A	4-20mA Loop ³	N/A		
Set P Rar	nge	0.1 - 99999.9 units/pulse	0.1 - 99999.9 units/pulse	0.1 - 99999.9 units/pulse		
Input		5V pulse or contact closure	5V pulse or contact closure	Micropower GMR Sensor (square wave)		
Input Ra	nge	0.75 ² - 2000Hz	0.75 ² - 2000Hz	0.75 ² - 550Hz		
K-Factor	Range	.001 - 999999.999	.001 - 999999.999	.001 - 999999.999		
Flow Alarm Output Range		0.1 - 99999.9	0.1 - 99999.9	0.1 - 99999.9		
Operating Temperature		-5° to 55° C (23° to 131° F)	-5° to 55° C (23° to 131° F)	-5° to 55° C (23° to 131° F)		
Non-Ope Tempera		-40° to 75° C (-40° to 158° F)	-40° to 75° C (-40° to 158° F)	-40° to 75° C (-40° to 158° F)		
Environn	nental	NEMA 4X, IP67	NEMA 4X, IP67	NEMA 4X, IP67		
Regulato	ry	C € Mark	C € Mark	C € Mark		

* Specifications subject to change • Please consult our website for current data (www.seametrics.com).

1 Scaled output pulses have a fixed width of 100ms. Maximum pulses per second is 6.5Hz

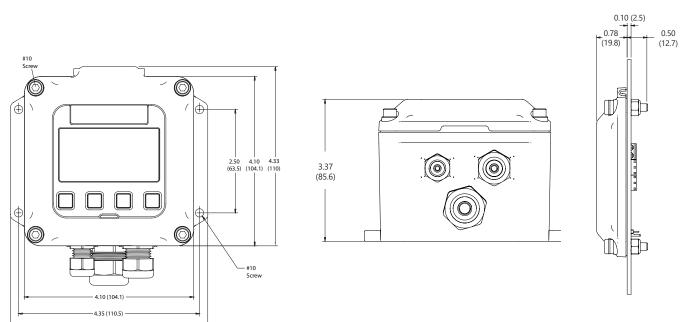
2 For pulse frequencies <1 Hz, increase setting in SET F menu to 3 or higher.

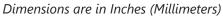
3 When calculating total resistive load for loop power (volts/.020 amps = ohms) be sure to subtract 400 Ω from the total to account for basic operation of the FT440

Pulse Output Function Table

PULSE OUTPUT 1 (SCALED)	FT430	FT440	FT450
ТҮРЕ	Current sinking	Current sinking	Current sinking
MAX. VOLTAGE	36 Vdc	36 Vdc	36 Vdc
MAX. CURRENT	100 mA	100 mA	100 mA
MAX. FREQUENCY	6.5 Hz	6.5 Hz	6.5 Hz
PULSE WIDTH	100 ms	100 ms	100 ms
ISOLATION	300 V	300 V	NOTE 1
CONFIGURABLE AS ALARM	YES (High or Low)	YES (High or Low)	YES (High or Low)
PULSE OUTPUT 2 (SCALED)	FT430	FT440 (Note 2)	FT450
ТҮРЕ		Current sinking	
MAX. VOLTAGE		36 Vdc	
MAX. CURRENT		100 mA	
MAX. FREQUENCY	Not Available	6.5 Hz	Not Available
PULSE WIDTH		100 ms	
ISOLATION		300 V	
CONFIGURABLE AS ALARM		YES (High or Low)	
PULSE OUTPUT 2 (PASS- THROUGH)	FT430	FT440	FT450
ТҮРЕ	Current sinking		Current sinking
MAX. VOLTAGE	36 Vdc		36 Vdc
MAX. CURRENT	10 mA		100 mA
MAX. FREQUENCY	2000 Hz NOTE 2	Not Available	550 Hz
PULSE WIDTH	SAME AS SENSOR INPUT		SAME AS SENSOR INPUT
ISOLATION	300 V		NOTE 1
CONFIGURABLE AS ALARM	NO		NO

NOTE 1: 150 V effective isolation when using Seametrics micropower sensors. • NOTE 2: With 2000 ohm or lower pull-up resistance.





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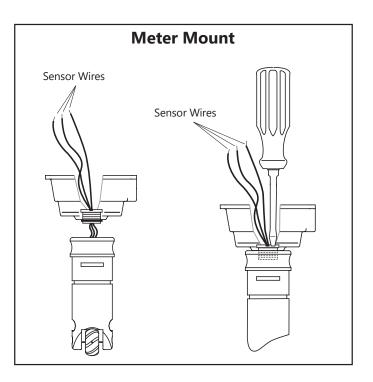
Wall Mount. To mount an FT430/440/450 indicator to the wall, hold the unit in the desired position, mark the holes in the mounting feet, drill and mount with screws. A meter-mounted indicator can be converted to a wall mount using an adapter mounting kit. Contact distributor for information.

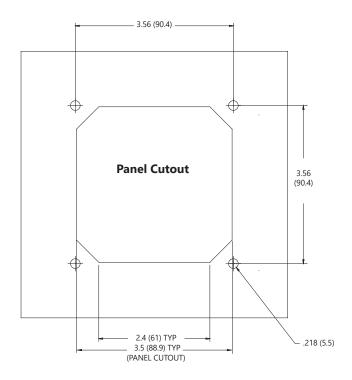
Wall mount housings for FT units are supplied with 3 cord grips of different sizes. Be sure to use the appropriate sized cord grip for your cable or cables and to assure any unused cord grips are well sealed with a properly sized plug (these plugs will come in the cord grips that are supplied with the wall mount housing when shipped from the factory.) There will be a properly sized cord grip for any cable supplied by Seametrics.

Meter Mount. If the FT430/440/450 indicator was ordered as a meter mount model, the housing is already mounted directly to the flow sensor and needs no further installation.

An FT430/440 module can be converted from a wall-mount to an IP meter-mount unit using the mounting kit (contact distributor) that includes a lower housing and associated hardware and installs as follows:

- 1. Remove the strain relief through which the flow sensor cable runs.
- 2. Cut the cable to about 6" in length. Carefully strip the cable jacket to expose the three colored wires (red, white, and black) inside.
- 3. Route the wires through the threaded connector pre-installed in the bottom of the housing.
- 4. Start the threaded connector into the female thread on the top of the flow sensor. Be sure to match the oblong shape on the bottom of the housing to the depression on the top of the flow sensor.
- 5. Using an ordinary screwdriver inserted in one side of the slot (see drawing), tighten the screw as much as possible.
- 6. Strip the wire ends, make the connections to the indicator as shown in Connections Diagrams, and then use the cover screws to attach the indicator to the top of the housing.





Panel Mount. Using the "Panel Cutout" drawing as a guide, cut a hole in the panel. Place the FT430/440 indicator on the panel and mark the holes, drill, and mount with the supplied screws and washers.

Connections. To connect the flow computer to a flow sensor or an external device such as a chemical metering pump, follow the Standard Connections diagrams on the following pages.

Environmental protection. Anytime an FT unit, or other meter is opened or otherwise exposed to the surrounding environment it is the responsibility of the installer to assure the housing is left clean, dry, fully sealed and otherwise protected from the surroundings. Moisture and dirt will damage electronics and care must be taken to keep the electronics housings clean and dry.

When installing, or re-installing any FT, or other housing cover to any enclosure be certain the gasket is in good condition, is clean and has not been damaged in any way. Then be certain to snugly torque the fastener(s) so the gasket is well sealed.

Every threaded opening in any meter housing will either be filled with a plug or a cord grip when the unit leaves the factory. If a plug is removed to allow for a cable to be installed, be certain a cord grip with cable gland is installed in its place and that the thread is sealed with a thread sealant or proper O-ring. Bare plastic threads in a metal housing are not sufficient and will cause atmospheric moisture to be sucked into the housing due to varying atmospheric pressure.

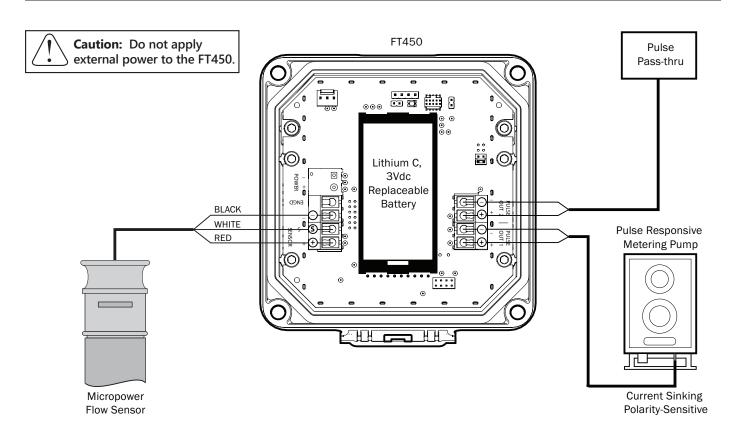
Cord Grips. Cord grips supplied by Seametrics are properly sized for the openings and threads in our meters and housings and are properly sized for cables offered by Seametrics. Cord grips must be well sealed into their housings and must be well sealed onto any cable that is installed through that cord grip. The compression nut for every cord grip must be left installed on the cord grip and must be snugly tightened on the cable or on a plug that would take the place of the cable. Plugs with flanges are to be installed from the outside of the compression nut to assure that the tapered features inside the nut can properly compress the cable gland when tightened

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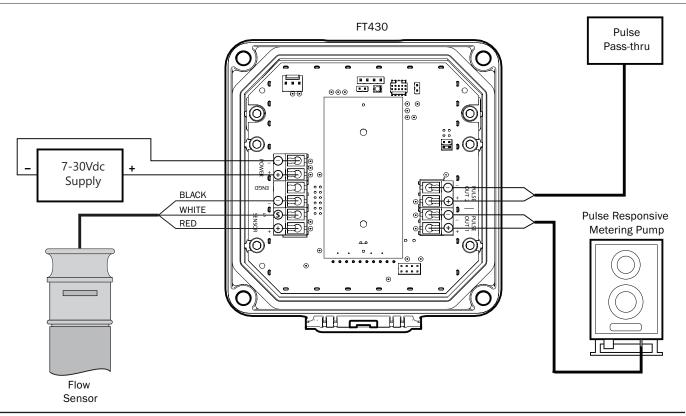
Cables. We recommend the use of cables that are supplied by Seametrics. If other cables are used the outside of the cable must be round and smooth so the cord grip can properly seal the cable.

Keep in mind that most cables are not sealed on the inside and a cable that is well sealed to a housing but left open on the weather end is just a conduit for moisture and changes in atmospheric pressure will cause, over time, moisture to be drawn into the housing through any exposed cable end, causing failure of your electronics.

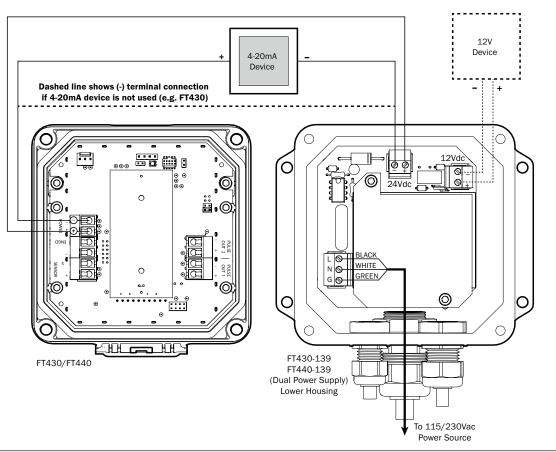
FT450 Standard Connections



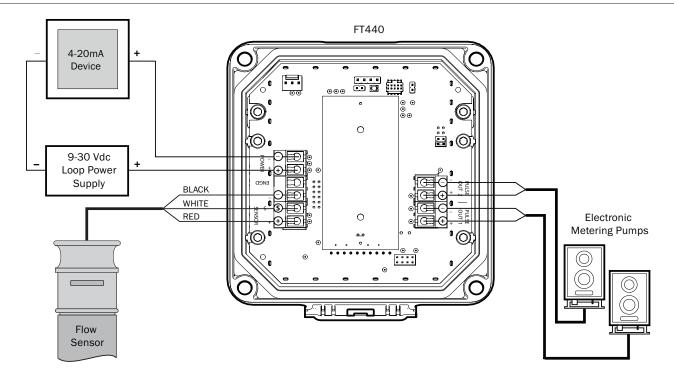
Connections for FT430/3-Wire Mechanical Meter



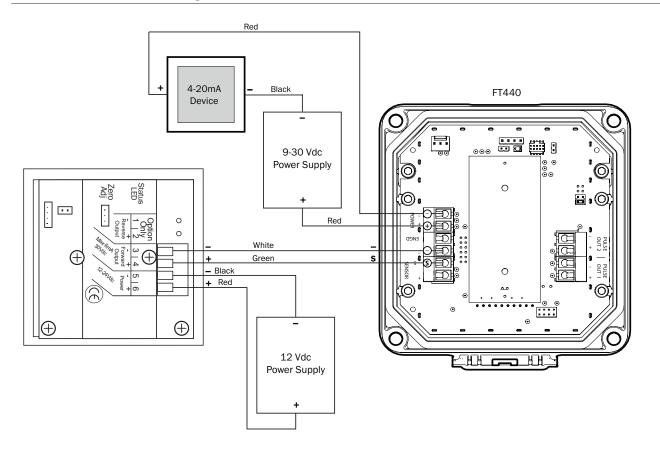
Connections for FT430-139 or FT440-139—115Vac Option



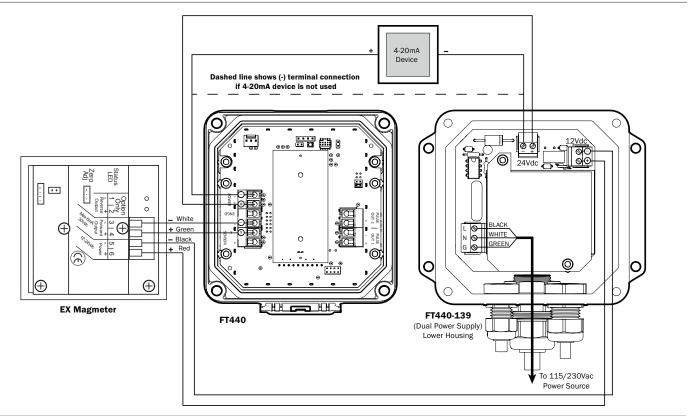
Connections for FT440/3-wire Mechanical/ Dual Scaled Pulse Out



Connections for FT440/EX Magmeter



Connections for FT440-139/EX Magmeter



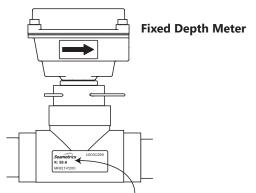
SETTINGS

K-Factor

At a minimum, every FT430/440/450 flow computer must be programmed with the "K-factor". (This is the number of pulses that the meter produces per gallon of flow.) If you wish to read in units other than gallons, see below.

The K-factor on any Seametrics flow sensor fitting or inline meter can be found on the model-serial label. The line reading K = xxxx gives the desired number. For depthadjustable sensors (110, 210, 150, 250 models), use the calculator on our website.

Note: The K-factor on all FT430/440/450 flow computers is expressed in *pulses per gallon* of flow regardless of rate or total units.



Find Your K-Factor Here

Changing Flow Indicator Settings

THE HOME SCREEN



The HOME Screen, shown above, is the normal screen which displays TOTAL flow volume and flow RATE. The Four buttons below the LCD display are used to access menu screens for viewing and changing setup parameters.

Menu Navigation

The left/right keys are used to move through the menus and position the cursor during data entry. The up arrow is used to scroll through the available values that are to be entered. (examples: numerical values for K factor entry or selection of units from the available options) The enter key (represented on the keypad by the check mark) is used to save selected entries and in conjunction with the exit tab to move between menu screens. As one navigates the menus the current parameter setting is shown and instructions are displayed for how to change the selected parameter.

MAIN MENU

SET K R UN	
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PRESS 🛛 TO	SET NUMBER RECEIVED PER
OF PULSES F	RECEIVED PER
GALLON OF	FLOW
SET P	

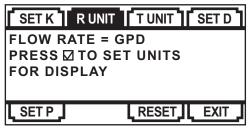
All menu screens consist of two rows of tabs surrounding a dialog box that lets you view and change setup parameters.

SET K

SET K R UNI		
086238.235		
PRESS 🗹 TO	SET NUMBER	
PRESS ☑ TO SET NUMBER OF PULSES RECEIVED PER		
GALLON OF FLOW		
SET P		

View or change the K factor. The K factor is the number of pulses the flow sensor provides for every gallon of flow. (Note that the decimal is fixed at three places. If you only have two decimal places for your K-factor, enter a zero for the third digit. If unable to set K-factor, the unit is "locked" to prevent tampering. Please contact your distributor for assistance.)

R UNIT



View or change the flow rate units

T UNIT

	T UNIT SET D
TOTAL = GALLO	NS
PRESS 🛛 TO SEI	UNITS
FOR DISPLAY	
L SET P	

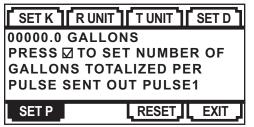
View or change the total volume units

SET D

SET K R U	INIT TUNIT SET D
000	
PRESS 🛛 TC	CHOOSE
NUMBER OF	DECIMAL PLACES
IN TOTAL D	ISPLAY
SET P	

View or change the number of decimals displayed in the total volume display

SET P OR SET A



The factory setting will show Set P which allows one to view or change the volume of flow totalized per pulse sent to pulse out 1. The units for Set P follow the units selected for the rate display. (With EXIT highlighted, pressing the up arrow four times will access the secondary menu. The P/A tab in the secondary menu will allow pulse out 1 to be an alarm. The alarm can be set to trigger on either a high or low flow condition as determined by the user.)

SET P

Because the scaled pulse output is set by the user, be certain to choose a Set P value that provides reasonable resolution while not exceeding the maximum allowable input frequency of the receiving device or the 6.8 Hz maximum output frequency of the FT unit.

K-factor: Remember that Set P is expressed in units totaled per output pulse (G/P if using gallons) while K-factors are expressed in pulses per gallon (P/G). To determine K-factor from Set P, divide 1 by Set P (if Set P is expressed in gallons). Conversely, 1 divided by K-factor equals Set P.

Rate/minute	Pulse Output in Hz			
displayed on FT	SETP = 0.1	SETP = 0.5	SETP = 1.0	SETP = 10.0
10	1.6 Hz	.33 Hz	.16 Hz	.016 Hz
60		2 Hz	1 Hz	.1 Hz
100		3.33 Hz	1.66 Hz	.16 Hz
600				1 Hz
1000				1.6 Hz
K-factor	10	2	1	0.1

Note: The blacked-out values are beyond the 6.8 Hz maximum output frequency and will not properly output a scaled pulse. The minimum Set P value can be calculated as follows:

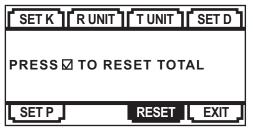
Max Flow Rate (in units per second) / 6.8 Hz = Minimum Set P

SET 20 (FT440 ONLY)

00000.0 GALLONS		
PRESS I TO SET THE FLOW		
RATE AT WHICH 20 mA		
(MAX) OUTPUT IS DESIRED		
SET P SET 20 RESET EXIT		

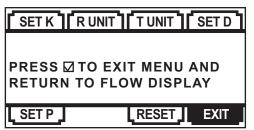
Input the flow rate at which 20 mA (max) output is desired

RESET



Reset the total flow volume to zero. This tab is not available when the -64 non resettable total option is ordered

EXIT

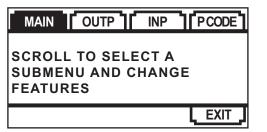


Return to the home screen, enter a submenu, or accept a parameter change

The Exit menu also allows access to the secondary menu, as described on the next page.

Secondary Menu Functions

A secondary menu is available with further options. Enter the secondary menu by pressing the up arrow four times while EXIT is highlighted.



OUTP

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PRESS⊠ TO SE PULSE OUT, AN	
	5 4 -20 mA
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View or change the function of Out P tab on the main menu.

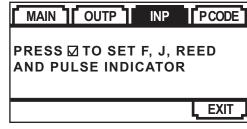
The FT440 has two available alarm outputs while the FT430 and FT450 only have one. The P/A tab changes the function of the scaled pulse outputs. Default is scaled pulse. Any scaled pulse output can be changed to alarm high or alarm low. If alarm options are selected menu tabs for setting the alarms will be displayed on the main menu (alarm 1) or the secondary menu (alarm 2) If the alarm options are selected a Set H (hysteresis) tab is available. The hysteresis entry is a % value. The value defines the % change required for a change in alarm state to occur.

The factory setting will show Set P2 (FT440 only) which allows one to view or change the volume of flow totalized per pulse sent to pulse out 2. The units for Set P2 follow the units selected for the rate display. If P2 is selected as an alarm the menus will change to Set A2 and a Set H (hysteresis) tab is available. The hysteresis entry is a % value. The value defines the % change required for a change in alarm state to occur.

Set 4 (FT440 only) input the flow rate at which 4 mA (min) output is desired.

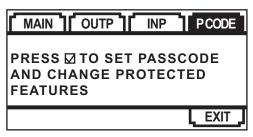
ADJ L (FT440 only) allows the adjustment of the 4 mA and 20 mA values so that one can tune performance of the FT440 to match the installed system values. The adjustment units range from 0-32. Positive values adjust the setting incrementally larger and negative values adjust the setting incrementally lower.

INP



View or change the filter (set F), jitter (set J), enable reed mode and enable BURST mode. Use the filter setting if the display is jumping excessively due to flow conditions. Use the jitter setting to enter a time delay to handle start up conditions. Jitter units are seconds. Turn the BURST mode on if the input pulses to the FT unit are not delivered steadily across time but are delivered in groups or 'bursts' of pulses separated by moments of inactivity.

PCODE



Enter the pass code for access to protected features.

Protected Features

To enter the protected features use the left/right arrow keys to navigate to the Pcode tab, found in the secondary menu. Press the enter key and then enter the pass code. The protected menu, shown below, will now be displayed. The tabs have the following functions:

- **Set CD** Enter a user created numerical pass code.
- **Lock** Lock menu functions to prevent unauthorized changes.
- **E/D R** Disable or enable the total volume reset function.
- **PCNT** Keeps a running tally of the number of times the pass code has been used.

To conserve battery life on battery powered units, the display screen goes to a blank screen after approximately 3 minutes of nonuse. Push any button to reactivate display.

Problem	Probable Causes	Things to try
Display blank	No power to the unit	Check for minimum 12 Vdc at power terminals
	Short in sensor circuit	Disconnect sensor, see if display returns (zero flow rate)
	Battery dead or loose (FT450 only)	Wiggle battery, replace if over three years old
	Display is in sleep mode	Push any button to reactivate display. (Display goes to sleep after about 3 minutes of non-use)
Display jumps between 2 distinct values	Display filter (Set F) is set too low in BURST mode	Increase Set F to a higher value
Display missing pixels	Damaged display module	Contact distributor for return/replacement
Display showing meaningless characters	Unit's microcontroller crashed	Disconnect and reconnect power. If problem repeats, contact distributor for return/replacement
	Battery nearly dead	Replace battery
Display reads normally but flow rate incorrect	Wrong K-factor or time base entered	Enter correct K-factor from meter, fitting, or manual
	K-factor was not entered in pulses per gallon	Change K-factor to pulses per gallon
Display reads normally but flow rate is too high	Input pulses are being delivered in groups or bursts followed by moments of inactivity	Enable BURST mode.
Display reads normally but incorrect pulse output	Wrong pulse output setting	Use "Set P" to correct pulse output setting
	Polarity reversed on pulse output terminals	Reverse leads
Display reads normally, but no (or incorrect) 4-20mA output (FT440 only)	Wrong 4mA setting or wrong 20mA setting	Use "Set 4" to correct target minimum flow rate Use "Set 20" to correct target top flow rate
	Inadequate loop power supply voltage	Check voltage (For 4-20mA applications, 24 Vdc is recommended)
	Polarity incorrect in 4-20mA loop circuit	Compare to Connections diagram
Display reads zero when there is flow	Flow sensor failed	Consult flow sensor manual for how to test
now	Break in flow sensor circuit	Check for continuity with multimeter
	Flow sensor not battery-compatible	Check flow sensor model for "micropower option"
Display reads flow rate when there is none	Long flow sensor wire, running parallel to power wires	Reroute wire or change to shielded wire
	Flow sensor malfunction	See flow sensor manual to check
	Flow "jitter" (oscillating slosh) reads as flow	Consult factory for "anti-jitter" setting
Pulse output values are incorrect	External electrical noise disrupting output function	Tie commons together by adding a jumper between pulse out [-] and power [-] and/or EGND
Totalizer does not always appear to display the total flow	Break in power to meter	The totalizer's memory is only updated every 15 minutes. If power is lost, the totalizer will retain the value last written but will not be updated to reflect any flow between the last write and the time the power was lost

The limited warranty set forth below is given by Seametrics, with respect to Seametrics and INW brand products purchased in the United States of America.

Seametrics warrants that products manufactured by Seametrics, when delivered to you in new condition in their original containers and properly installed, shall be free from defects in material and workmanship. **Seametrics products are warranted against defects for a period of two (2) years from date of installation, with proof of install date. If no proof of install date can be provided, warranty period will be two (2) years from date of shipment from Seametrics, as defined on Seametrics' invoice.** Seametrics' obligation under this warranty shall be limited to replacing or repairing the part or parts, or, at Seametrics' option, the products, which prove defective in material or workmanship. The following are the terms of Seametrics' limited warranty:

- a. Buyer must give Seametrics prompt notice of any defect or failure and satisfactory proof thereof.
- b. Any defective part or parts must be returned to Seametrics' factory or to an authorized service center for inspection.
- c. Buyer will prepay all freight charges to return any products to Seametrics' factory, or another repair facility. as designated by Seametrics.
- d. Defective products, or parts thereof, which are returned to Seametrics and proved to be defective upon inspection, will be repaired to factory specifications.
- e. Seametrics will deliver repaired products or replacements for defective products to the buyer (ground freight prepaid) to the destination provided in the original order.
- f. Products returned to Seametrics for which Seametrics provides replacement under this warranty shall become the property of Seametrics.
- g. This limited warranty covers all defects encountered in normal use of Seametrics products, and does not apply to the following cases:
 - i. Loss of or damage to Seametrics product due to abuse, mishandling, or improper packaging by buyer
 - ii. Failure to follow operating, maintenance, or environmental instructions prescribed in Seametrics' instruction manual
 - iii. Products not used for their intended purpose
 - iv. Alterations to the product, purposeful or accidental
 - v. Electrical current fluctuations
 - vi. Corrosion due to aggressive materials not approved for your specific product
 - vii. Mishandling, or misapplication of Seametrics products
 - viii. Products or parts that are typically consumed during normal operation
 - ix. Use of parts or supplies (other than those sold by Seametrics) which cause damage to the products, or cause abnormally frequent service calls or service problems
- h. A new warranty period shall not be established for repaired or replaced material, products, or supplied. Such items shall remain under warranty only for the remainder of the warranty period on the original materials, products, or supplies.
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