



Kurz thermal mass flow meters provide excellent measurement capabilities in dry gas flows. They have proven durability, accuracy, and repeatability. Where all thermal meters have been largely ignored is in the biogas environment. Condensation levels in biogas fluctuate as temperatures change during the day, and it's the highly unreliable readings from those liquid droplets vaporizing on the sensors that make wastewater and landfill operators dismiss thermal meters.

Kurz engineers created the first cost-effective thermal alternative for realtime and accurate measurements in a wet gas flow. Tests confirm that the Kurz 454FTB-WGF insertion flow meter outperforms other thermal flow meters by providing consistently accurate and highly responsive measurements in a wet gas environment.



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Specifications

- Process temperature rating -40°F to 248°F (-40 to 120°C)
- Process pressure rating Up to 150 PSIG (10 BARg)
- Velocity range
 0 to 4,000 SFPM (18.6 NMPS) (Air)
 0 to 2,000 SFPM (9.3 NMPS) (Biogas)
- Dry velocity accuracy ± (1% of reading +20 SPFM)
- 0.25% reading repeatability
- Process temperature time constant 10 seconds for temp changes at 1,000 SFPM (constant velocity)
- Velocity time constant
 1.5 second for velocity changes at
 4,000 SFPM (constant temp)
- Velocity angle sensitivity <0.25% per degree angle up to ±15°
- Velocity-dependent correction factors for flow rate
- Electronics operating temperature -13°F to 149°F (-25°C to 65°C) (integral display) -40°F to 149°F (-40°C to 65°C) (remote display)

Features

- Aluminum Type 4, IP66 dual chamber polyester powder-coated enclosure
- Two optically-isolated looppowered 4-20 mA outputs
- One 4-20mA non-isolated analog input
- Integral or remote user interface
- Easy-to-use interface
- User-configurable flow display (scrolling or static)
- User-configurable English or metric units for mass flow rate, mass velocity, and process temperature
- Built-in dry gas flow calculation for saturated processes
- Flow valve PID controller and configurable control application
- Built-in zero-mid-span drift check
- Built-in flow totalizers and elapsed time
- Configuration/data access via USB or RS-485 Modbus
- Patented digital sensor control circuit (US 7,418,878)

Approvals

- EPA mandatory GHG certification CFR 98.34(c)(1)
- Alarm output conformity NAMUR NE43
- European Union CE compliance EMC, LVD, PED, WEEE, and ROHS
- CSA, ATEX & IECEx approvals pending for Nonincendive, Flameproof, and Explosion-proof EN IEC 60079-0, EN IEC 60079-1 EN IEC 60079-15, EN IEC 61241-1, Class 1, Div 1 and 2 (Select models are CSA pre-approved)

Options

- Adjustable LCD/keypad orientation
- HART communication
- Two optically isolated solid-state relays / alarms
- Two digital inputs dedicated to purge and zero-mid-span drift check
- Pulsed output as a remote flow totalizer

Series 454FTB-WGF Benefits

By improving biogas management, wastewater facilities, landfill sites, and other wet gas environments have the opportunity to improve their efficiency and decrease operation costs.

- The first thermal mass flow meter offering accurate and reliable wet gas flow measurement
- Wastewater facilities can achieve higher efficiency in meeting peak flow and load conditions
- Accurate and realtime digester measurements reveal digester imbalances, enabling early corrective action and leading to increased gas production
- Optimizing the digester process allows a facility to recover maximum digester gas
- Monitoring the true gas flow facilitates less gas being flared and more going toward energy production
- Fogging in stacks and around fan inlets can be monitored
- Greenhouse gas emissions can be accurately reported

The Kurz Advantage

Kurz Instruments is dedicated to manufacturing and marketing the best thermal mass flow meters available and to support our customers in their efforts to improve their businesses.

In this effort, we provide:

- The highest repeatability, accuracy, and reliability available
- The fastest response to temperature and velocity changes in the industry
- Continuous self-monitoring electronics that verify the integrity of sensor wiring and measurements
- Sensors that do not overheat at zero flow using a patented constant temperature control method and power limiting design
- Velocity-temperature mapping for wide ranging velocity and temperature