FCI ST98 Series Thermal Mass Flow Meters

Gas Flow Measurement Solutions for Process and Plant Applications

Chemical
Wastewater Treatment, Landfills
Refineries
Oil & Gas
Mining
Metals
Manufacturing
Cement, Stone, Brick, Glass
Power Utilities
Pulp & Paper
Food & Beverage
And more...
ST98 Series Features

- Air and Gas Direct Mass Flow Measuring
- Flow Rate, Total Flow, and Temperature Display
- No Moving Parts, Lowest Maintenance
- Line Sizes 1" to 42" [25 mm to 1066 mm]
- Precision Calibrated
- Fluid Temperatures to 850°F [454°C]
- Rugged, All-Metal Agency-Certified Enclosures
- Integral and Remote Electronics Versions
- Comprehensive Approvals for Hazardous Locations
- RS232C, HART® and PROFIBUS® Communications
- 110 Year MTBF

The ST98 Air / Gas Mass Flow Meter Solution

ST98 flow meters combine proprietary equal mass thermal dispersion flow sensing elements, precision electronics, and exacting fluid calibrations, all packaged within rugged, industrial enclosures. The ST98 Series delivers a superior air/gas flow measurement solution that continuously meets performance specifications in the most demanding process and plant applications with virtually no scheduled maintenance.

ST98 flow meters feature FCI’s patented no-moving parts flow element design that provides direct mass flow measurement with just a single process penetration. This saves you space and eliminates unnecessary installation, expense, and performance degradation associated with separate temperature and pressure sensors, and density calculation devices needed with inferred mass flow techniques. With no moving parts to plug or foul, ST98’s deliver extensive cost savings over alternative high maintenance technologies. The result is an accurate and highly repeatable mass flow measurement at the lowest total installed cost. In today’s complex process control schemes, the ST98 Series provides accurate gas flow measurements essential for process consistency, quality and safe plant operation.

ST98 flow meters are offered in a wide range of packaging options, mounting and installation options that ensure configuration matched to your exact application conditions. From compressed air to hydrocarbon gases, single gases to bio-gas mixtures, ST98 flow meters are at work improving processes throughout the world.

Model ST98L is an in-line flow meter for use in line sizes 1", 1 1/2" and 2" [DN25, DN40, and DN50]. Typical calibration range is from 0.006 SCFM to 1850 SCFM [0.01 NCMH to 3140 NCMH].

At standard conditions of 70 °F and 14.7 psia [0 °C and 1,01325 bar (a) for metric normal conditions]. Actual calibration range depends on actual fluid and conditions.
Sensors Optimized to Meet the Application

High quality thermal mass flow measurement begins with the sensor element in the flow stream. Only FCI combines six decades of field experience with extensive R&D and performance validation utilizing an on-premise flow laboratory with more than 18 flow stands. FCI is the leader in thermal mass flow sensor innovation, reducing the size of instruments, accelerating response time and improving overall operation in applications with dramatic temperature swings. Further, ST98 Series flow elements are all-welded to ensure maximum strength, durability and leak prevention, and they are offered standard in either 316L stainless steel or Hastelloy-C276.

To maximize performance and long life for your applications, ST98 Series is engineered and offered with a choice of flow element styles. The FPC style is an exclusive FCI design that features a patent-pending sensor design, improving overall operation in applications with less-than-ideal straight run or rapid or erratic changes in flow requiring smoothed response and output.

ST98 Series Flow Element Selection

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= Excellent performance, preferred solution  
= Good performance, acceptable solution  
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Robust, Rugged Electronics and Transmitter

ST98 Series transmitters feature robust, microprocessor-based electronics that undergo rigorous testing and quality assurance checks to ensure continuous, reliable long-term operation in the most demanding installations. The electronics feature FCI’s exclusive, multi-poly curve fit linearization technique to achieve maximum flow measurement accuracy and repeatability. All gas calibration data specifics for your meter and your application are stored in non-volatile memory and always retained in the event of a power loss.

All wiring terminal blocks are easily and safely accessed through the ST98 enclosure’s front door or via the removable dual-covers of the explosion-proof transmitter. The instrument’s universal power supply accepts AC (85 to 260 volts) or 24 Vdc. The transmitter’s analog output is field selectable as 4-20 mA, 0-5 Vdc, or 0-10 Vdc. An optional digital, 2 line-by-16 character LCD is available to display flow, temperature and total flow.

Digital Communications

ST98 Series models include a serial RS232C I/O port. Instrument configuration and comprehensive diagnostics are performed via simple connection to a portable PC via hyperterminal mode, or via a FCI Model FC88 portable programmer. Actual measurements, including flow rate, total flow, temperature values, and diagnostics are continuously accessible from the serial output. The industry standard HART and PROFIBUS digital communications protocols are also an available option.

- **HART Field Communications Protocol** For connection in HART networks, the ST98 flow transmitter supports two-way communications for easy access to measured process data, diagnostics, calibration and configuration information. Both flow and temperature data are available as PV1 and PV2 within the HART Protocol. FCI’s HART manufacturer ID is 0000A6 and the ST98 device type is 0078. Device description (DD) files are installed and downloadable from the HART web site.

- **PROFIBUS Process Field Bus** ST98’s PROFIBUS interface supports connection in a PROFIBUS network as a –DP device. The communications protocol is fully Profile 3 compatible. In addition, FCI optionally offers single instrument and enterprise level DTM software packages to facilitate and reduce the costs of integrating ST98 into the PROFIBUS network. ST98’s PROFIBUS has been certified by the PROFIBUS organization, certification number Z01212.
FCI’s World Class Calibration Ensures Installed Accuracy

ST100 Series models are tested and calibrated to rigorous standards so that you get the instrument that does the job specified. To design and produce the highest quality flow instrumentation, FCI operates a world-class NIST traceable flow calibration laboratory with more than 17 flow stands certified to meet such stringent standards as MIL-STD 45662A and ANSI/NCSL Z-540.

To achieve the highest possible accuracy in ST100 Series, FCI utilizes these precision flow stands to flow actual gases and reference fluids matched to the temperature and process conditions of your application. Further utilizing the extensive flow laboratory capabilities, FCI has developed an all new, patent pending and scientifically engineered SpectraCal gas equivalency algorithm as an economical alternative to actual gas calibration.

Other suppliers are often limited only to air calibrations and rely on non-field tested or un-validated theoretical equivalencies for other gases and gas mixtures. This procedure can be inadequate and create measurement and output errors well outside published specifications. FCI calibration capabilities are unmatched in the industry, providing you with total confidence that your installation meets its published specifications and your application needs.

Rugged Packaging for Long Service Life and Installation Choices to Match Your Application

ST98 flow meters are offered in several enclosure configurations to ensure application reliability, readability of the digital display, ease of installation and accessibility. These include a weatherproof, carbon steel NEMA/CSA Type 4 [IP66] rated enclosure, an aluminum NEMA/CSA Type 4X [IP66] rated enclosure, or an aluminum explosion-proof enclosure for hazardous locations. Agency approvals include FM, CSA, ATEX, GOST/RTN, IEC, CPA, and NEPSI. Any of the transmitter enclosure choices can be ordered integrally mounted with the sensor probe or for remote mounting up to 1000 feet (350m) away. Hazardous location approvals meet Class I & II, Div.1 & 2, Groups B, C, D, E, F & G; and per ATEX/IECEx II2 GD Exd IIC T4.

Process Connection Choices for Installation Ease

Standard process connections for the ST98’s insertion flow element are a 3/4 or 1 inch male NPT stain-less steel compression fitting with either an adjustable teflon ferrule, rated to 150 psig [10 bar(g)] and 200 °F [93 °C], or a stainless steel ferrule, rated to 250 psig [17 bar(g)] and 500 °F [260 °C]. Optionally available are ANSI or DIN flanges, and retractable packing glands with 1 1/4 inch NPT or flanged connections. The ST98 insertion flow meter is offered in three standard element lengths of 6, 12, or 21 inches [152, 305 or 533 mm], which are field adjustable for final insertion depth to match your application. Longer and fixed insertion lengths, and all-welded process connections are also available upon request. High temperature service model ST98HT is available as a 1 inch male NPT or flanged in fixed insertion lengths up to 60 inches [1524 mm]. Adjustable insertion length requires retractable packing gland configuration.

For the ST98L in-line model, the standard process connections are male or female NPT and ANSI or DIN flanges. The flow tube or pipe length is 9-times its nominal diameter (e.g. a 1 inch pipe model will have a 9 inch long flow tube). Additionally, ST98L may be supplied with built-in Vortab® flow conditioners to reduce straight-run requirements and eliminate swirl and distorted flow profiles.

More than 18 precision flow stands to match NIST traceable fluids, process conditions, flow rates and line sizes specified in your application.
ST98 Special Configurations

ST98HP – High and Ultra High Purity Applications

For gas applications in pharmaceutical, biotech, food, beverage, semiconductor, or other industries where high purity finishes are required, the model ST98HP is the solution. The ST98HP provides all of the standard features and options of the ST98, combined with electropolish finishes and sanitary process connections. ST98HP is available for line sizes 3/4 inch through 4 inches. The ST98HP is offered in two versions:

- **High Purity** 15Ra finish with a sanitary flange mated to a 316L in-line flow tube. The flow tube can be specified for either butt weld or sanitary flanged process connections.

- **Ultra High Purity** 10Ra finish with a VCR connector mated to a 316L in-line flow tube. The flow tube can be specified for either butt weld or sanitary flanged process connections.

ST98B – Compressed Air / Air / Nitrogen

Specifically for applications in compressed air, air, or nitrogen, FCI manufactures the ST98B models as standardized configurations of the ST98. The pre-configured and calibrated ST98B is easy to order and stocked for quick delivery.

Model ST98B-CA, for compressed air, is calibrated for a range of 6 to 600 SFPS [1.8 to 183 NMPS]. Model ST98B-AN, for air or nitrogen, is calibrated for 1.25 to 125 SFPS [0.4 to 38 NMPS]. The insertion element has a 3/4 inch diameter (with -FP element) and is offered in two U-lengths; 6 inch [152 mm] and 12 inch [395mm] with male NPT compression fitting and Teflon ferrule for field adjustment to the final insertion depth. The flow meter’s transmitter housing is the NEMA 4 [IP66] carbon steel box, and can be ordered as a blind unit or with LCD digital display, in an integral or remote configuration. All other specifications of the ST98 insertion are standard.

ST98 Special Treatments, Options and Accessories

Fluid Components International is committed to providing solutions for even the toughest application challenges. FCI has engineered a variety of options and accessories for ST98 models to perform in extraordinary conditions – just a few examples are shown here. Contact FCI with any special needs or for engineered solutions to your specific application.

- **Vortab Flow Conditioners** For plant conditions with limited piping straight-run or significant flow disturbances, FCI ensures accurate and repeatable measurements using Vortab flow conditioners. The patented, proven Vortab technology is widely recommended by industry experts to be the single most effective solution for flow conditioning and flow straightening. FCI is the only thermal dispersion flow technology provider authorized to provide Vortab flow conditioners with its products.

- **Sun and Wind Enclosure Shades** In outdoor installations with constant heat, glaring sun or blowing sand, special sun shades provide additional protection to ensure reliability and operations of the transmitter electronics and the LCD digital display when used with remote enclosures.

- **Element Coatings and Materials** For service in highly corrosive gases or with erosive particulates, FCI can provide special coatings and wetted materials to protect the element and provide longer service life. Examples include Kynar, Tantalum, and Chromium Carbide.
ST98 Series Features

- Universal AC and DC power supply
- Global Agency Approvals of entire instrument for hazardous location installations: FM, ATEX, CSA, IEC, GOST/RTN, CPA, NEPSI
- Permanent laser-etched depth gauge markings; ensures accurate centering of adjustable-length elements
- Insertion and In-Line styles to match pipe size application
- Dual conduit ports for separate power input and signal output lines
- Weather-proof, ruggedized, enclosures — Choices for local or remote mounting — Choices of NEMA/IP rated box or hazardous location installation
- Easy-to-read, 2-line LCD display — Display flow, temperature, and/or total flow with engineering units — Display service codes
- Analog and digital communications outputs — 4-20 mA or 0-10 Vdc — RS232C, HART, or PROFIBUS DP
- Multi-function: measures mass flow rate and temperature
- Simple, adjustable installation with threaded NPT connector; Teflon or metal ferrule seals
- Stainless steel or Hastelloy-C wetted parts
- All welded sensor elements for maximum service life and leak-proofing
- Precision, wide-ranging Platinum RTD sensors
- Exclusive equal mass elements provide optimum performance in processes with wide temperature swings
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ST98 Series Mass Flow Meter General Specifications

Instrument

- **Flow Range**
  - **ST98 Insertion Flow Element**: 0.75 SFPS to 600 SFPS (0.21 NMPS to 172 NMPS)
  - **ST98L In-Line Flow Accessory**: 0.0062 SCFM to 1850 SCFM (0.01 Nm3/h to 3,140 Nm3/h)
  - Air at standard conditions; 70 °F and 14.7 psia (0 °C and 1013.25 bar)
- **Media**: All gases that are compatible with the flow element material
- **Accuracy**
  - Flow: ±1% reading, 0.5% full scale standard accuracy
  - Temperature: ±2 °F [±2 °C] (display only, flow rate must be greater than 5 AFPS [1.5 m/sec])
  - Special higher accuracy calibration options available; contact FCI
- **Repeatability**
  - Flow: ±0.5% reading
  - Temperature: ±1 °F [±1 °C] (flow rate must be greater than 5 AFPS)
- **Temperature Coefficient**
  - With optional temperature compensation. Valid from 10% to 100% of full scale calibration.
  - Flow: Maximum ±0.015% of reading / °F up to 850 °F [±0.03% of reading / °C up to 454 °C]
- **Turnaround Ratio**
  - Standard: Factory set and field adjustable from 10:1 to 100:1 within calibrated flow range
- **Temperature Compensation**
  - Standard: ±30 °F [±16 °C]
  - Optional: ±100 °F [±55 °C]
- **Agency Approvals**
  - FM, ATEX, CSA, CRN, IEC, CPA, NEPSI, GOST/RTN, CE, PED (system approvals)
- **Calibration**
  - Performed on NIST traceable equipment
- **MTBF (calculated)**: 110 years

Flow Element

- **Material of Construction**
  - All-welded 316L stainless steel; Hastelloy-C optional
- **Operating Pressure**
  - Metal ferrule: 250 psig [17 bar (g)]
  - Teflon ferrule: 150 psig [10 bar (g)]
- **Operating Temperature (Process)**
  - **ST98 Insertion Style**: -40 °F to 350 °F [-40 °C to 177 °C]
  - **ST98L Insertion Style** (High Temperature Service): *†
  - -40 °F to 850 °F [-40 °C to 454 °C]
  - **ST98L In-Line Style**: -40 °F to 257 °F [-40 °C to 125 °C]
  - **ST98 Insertion Flow Element**
    - Process Connection: 3/4" or 1" male NPT stainless steel compression fitting: adjustable Teflon ferrule; 150 psig [10 bar (g)] and 200 °F [93 °C] max., or metal ferrule; 250 psig [17 bar (g)] and 350 °F [177 °C] max.; thread-on flange optional; 1 1/4" male NPT or flanged retractable packing gland optional*
    - Insertion Length: Field adjustable lengths –
      - 1" to 6" [25 to 152 mm]
      - 1" to 12" [25 to 305 mm]
      - 1" to 21" [25 to 533 mm]
      - Custom lengths optional*
  - **ST98L In-Line Flow Tube**
    - Insertion flow element is threaded and keyed in an in-line flow tube, calibrated and supplied as a spool-piece; accessories include low flow injection tubes and built-in Vortab flow conditioners for optimum low flow rangeability and performance
    - Size: 1" diameter tubing; 1", 1 1/2" or 2" schedule 40 pipe
    - Length: 9 nominal diameters
    - **Process Connection**: Female NPT, male NPT, ANSI or DIN Flanges
    - **Option**: Flanges sized for flow tube
  - **Remote Transmitter Configuration**: Transmitter may be mounted remotely from flow element using interconnecting cable (up to 1000’ [300 m])*

Flow Transmitter

- **Operating Temperature**: 0 °F to 140 °F [-18 ° to 60 °C]
- **Input Power**: 85 Vac to 265 Vac or 22 Vdc to 30 Vdc, 7 Watts maximum, 230 mA maximum
- **Outputs**
  - **Analog**: Single output selectable as 4-20 mA **(700 Ω max. load), 1-5 Vdc, 0-10 Vdc or 0-5 Vdc. (Vdc: 100K Ω min. load)
  - **Digital**: Standard: RS232C Serial I/O
    - Optional: HART, full two-way communications*; PROFIBUS, DP Profile 3 (Certification #Z01212)
    - **Digital Display (optional)**: LCD, 2 line/16 character per line, indicating flow rate and process temperature and/or totalized flow

Other Options

- **Vortab Flow Conditioners**: Model ST98L (in-line) can be provided and system calibrated with Vortab flow conditioners; refer to FCI + Vortab literature and contact FCI
- **Model FC88**: Hand-held, portable FCI flow meter field programmer; attach to ST98 I/O port for instrument set-up and trouble shooting
  - Some configuration restrictions apply to ST98HT configured for 850 °F [454 °C] service. These include, but may not be limited to the following: Must select remote transmitter configuration. Insertion element is fixed length with 1” male NPT or adjustable with selection of packing gland. Contact FCI for more information.


More Air / Gas Mass Flow Meter Solutions

In addition to the ST98 Series, FCI manufactures a broad line of thermal dispersion flow meter products for industrial and plant applications. From general-purpose air flow measurement to special-function, mixed gas flare flows; from small line sizes to the largest stacks and ducts, FCI has the selection to best solve your applications and ensure optimum solutions. Contact your local FCI representative or visit www.fluidcomponents.com for detailed product information and specifications on these products.

- **ST50/ST51** models are compact and economical, yet full featured meters designed for air, compressed air and nitrogen applications.
- **ST75/ST75V** is a compact, in-line meter with extensive standard features that is the economical, easy-to-specify alternative to other maintenance intensive flow technologies.
- **ST100 Series** is industry’s most advanced gas flow meters. All gases, flow, temperature and pressure, multiple outputs, bus communications, graphical display, multiple calibrations, VeriCal, on-board data logger, and more.
- **MT Series** "multi-point" flow measuring systems can be configured with two (2) to sixteen (16) flow sensing elements to optimize measurements within the largest of pipe and duct sizes.
- **FLT93 Series** are the industry’s leading flow switch. Ultra rugged, highly repeatable for all gases and liquids. **FS10A** flow monitor is specifically designed for use in analyzers and sampling systems.
Model ST98 Insertion Flow Meter

Integral Transmitter

NEMA 4 Carbon Steel (Standard) or NEMA 4X, Aluminum

Remote Configuration

Flow Element: Hazardous Locations, Aluminum

Enclosure: NEMA 4 Carbon Steel or NEMA 4X Aluminum
Model ST98L In-Line Flow Meter

Integral Transmitter

NEMA 4 Carbon Steel (Standard) or NEMA 4X, Aluminum

Hazardous Locations, Aluminum

Note: Optional flange connections are shown for reference only. Standard process connection is male NPT.

Remote Configuration

Flow Element: Hazardous Locations, Aluminum
Transmitter: See Remote Configurations for ST98 Insertion Flowmeter