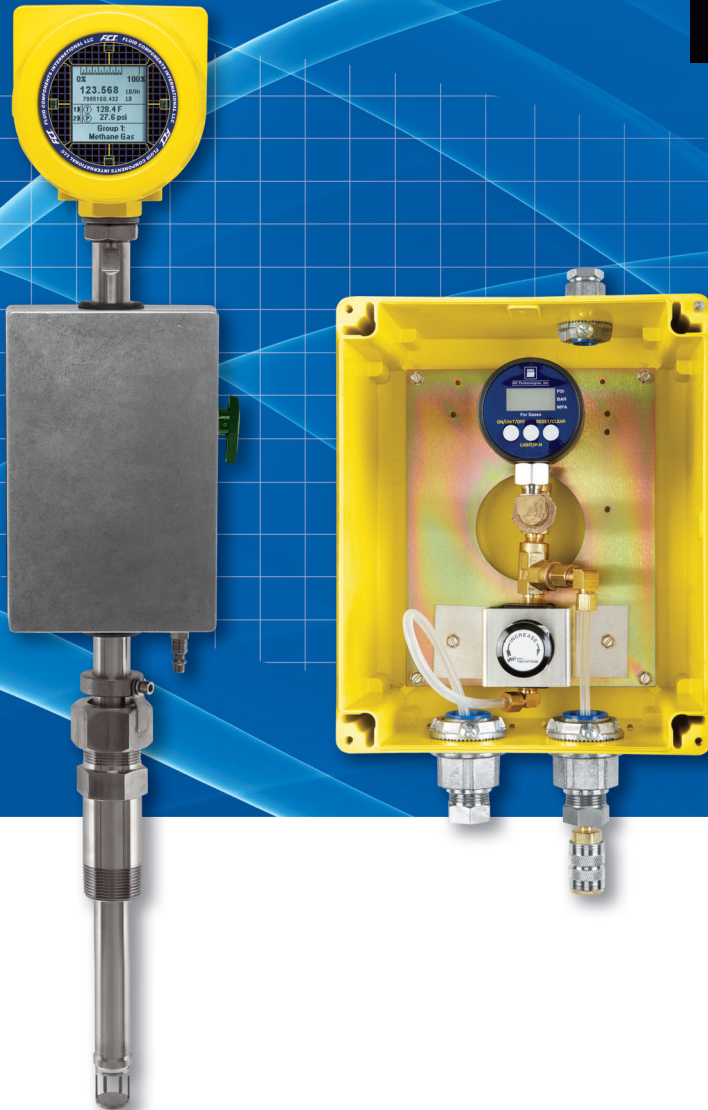


VeriCal™ In-Situ Calibration Operation Manual

ST110, ST112, STP110, STP112
Thermal Mass Flow Meter



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Introduction

This manual guides the user of the VeriCal instrumentation through an initial gathering of in-situ baseline data. This baseline line data will then be compared to data gathered during similar future verification processes to determine if the system is operating within factory specifications.

Theory of Operation

The VeriCal system uses a sonic nozzle to consistently control the amount of compressed air (or nitrogen) injected onto the thermal flow transducer located on the end of the probe assembly. It is critical to use the same gas for subsequent VeriCal runs to ensure repeatability.

The operating principle of the sonic nozzle requires the total or absolute pressure on the high side of the nozzle to be greater than 20.0 PSIA. The pressure difference between the high side of the sonic nozzle and the process pressure (low-pressure side of the nozzle) must be greater than 2:1. When these two requirements are met, a repeatable flow is injected onto the thermal flow transducer.

Setup

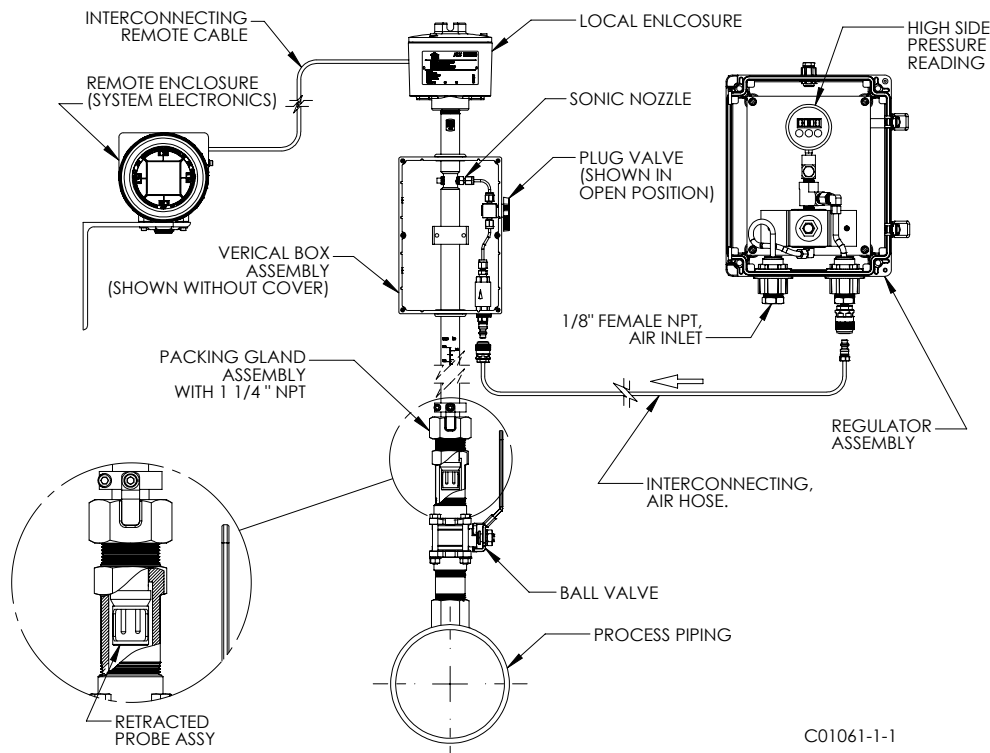
FCI Recommends that this procedure be run during the commissioning process of the instrument to determine an initial installed baseline calibration and to document any installed offset from the factory VeriCal baseline.

Frequency: Every 18 months minimum, every six months is recommended. After the process has been performed a couple times the customer should determine the required verification frequency based upon the process conditions.

This procedure makes the assumption that the instrument has been installed and is completely functional in the normal operating condition and orientation. The customer should also have access to the factory VeriCal calibration certificate.

Note: All standard safety procedures must be followed during the verification process. This procedure assumes the standard packing gland process connection. Your process connections may vary. It is critical to establish a Field Baseline upon receiving your ST100. This will ensure a greater likelihood of repeatability and establish a history of the VeriCal data.

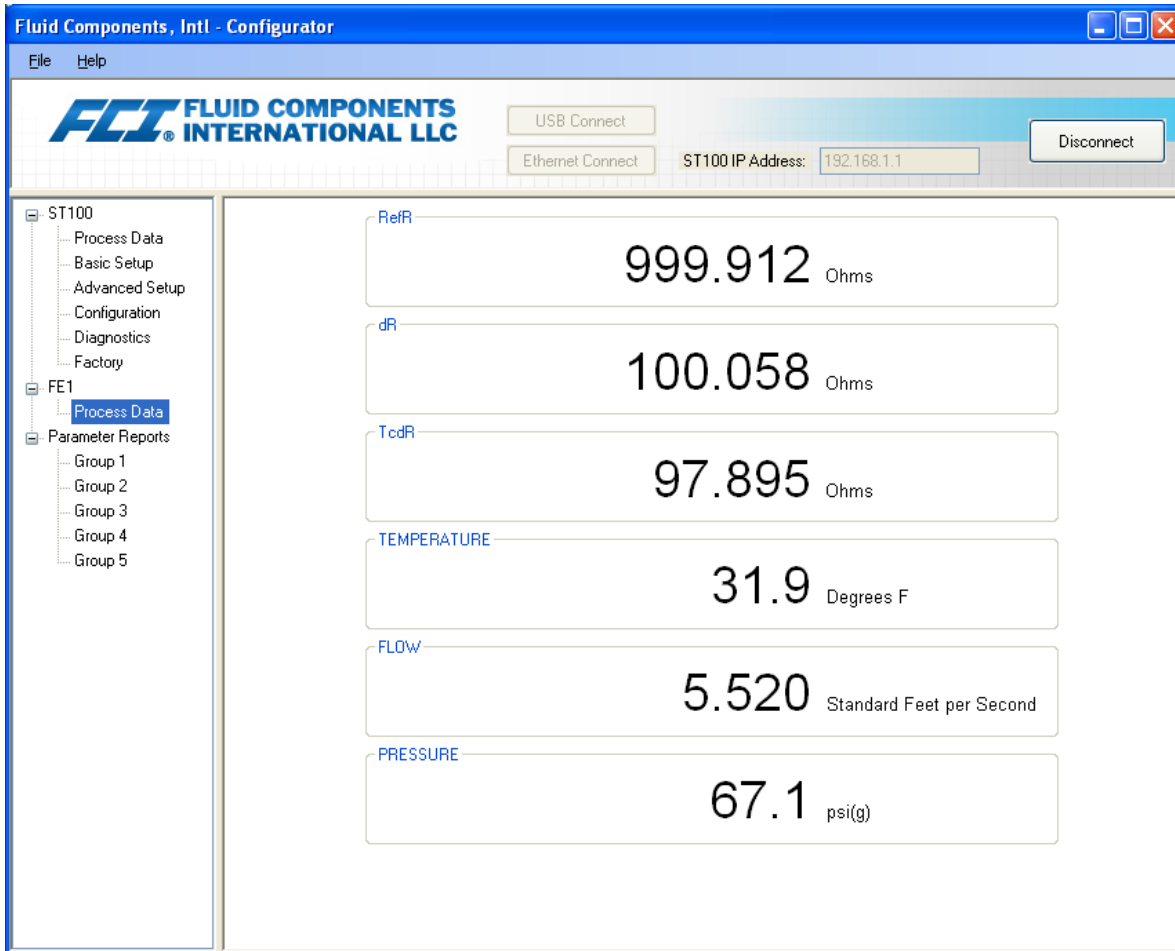
- Apply the proper input power and allow for a 30-minute warmup. It is critical that the electronics and the sensor be fully warmed and stable prior to the VeriCal process. Failure to allow the proper warmup time can impact repeatability.
- Loosen the packing nut on the packing gland assembly until the internal packing is loose enough to allow the probe assembly to be retracted out of the process and is recessed completely into packing gland assembly. Retract the probe assembly completely.



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Retracted VeriCal Mounting Configuration

- Level the orientation flat on the probe assembly using a standard bubble level and tighten the packing nut to secure the assembly. To optimize the repeatability of the verification process, the position and orientation of the probe assembly should be identical every time the process is performed.
- Attach the regulator assembly with the interconnecting hose to the inlet quick disconnect fitting on the probe assembly if it is not permanently installed.
- Attach the calibration gas supply, typically compressed air (or Nitrogen), to the inlet side of the regulator assembly. Back out the pressure control regulator. Open the supply valve to the VeriCal pressure regulator box.
- Slowly apply 100 PSIG to the VeriCal setup and verify that the system is leak free using a liquid leak detection fluid on all junction points. This should also ensure a steady flow across the sensors and remove any debris that might be on the thermowells or the outlet of the VeriCal tube. Reduce the pressure on the system to 25.0 PSIG.
- Open the ST100 Configurator application via the USB connection to the ST100. Go to the Process Data tab for the appropriate FE (Flow Element). Be ready to record this information on the In-Situ VeriCal Data Sheet.



Sample of the ST100 Configurator "Process Data"

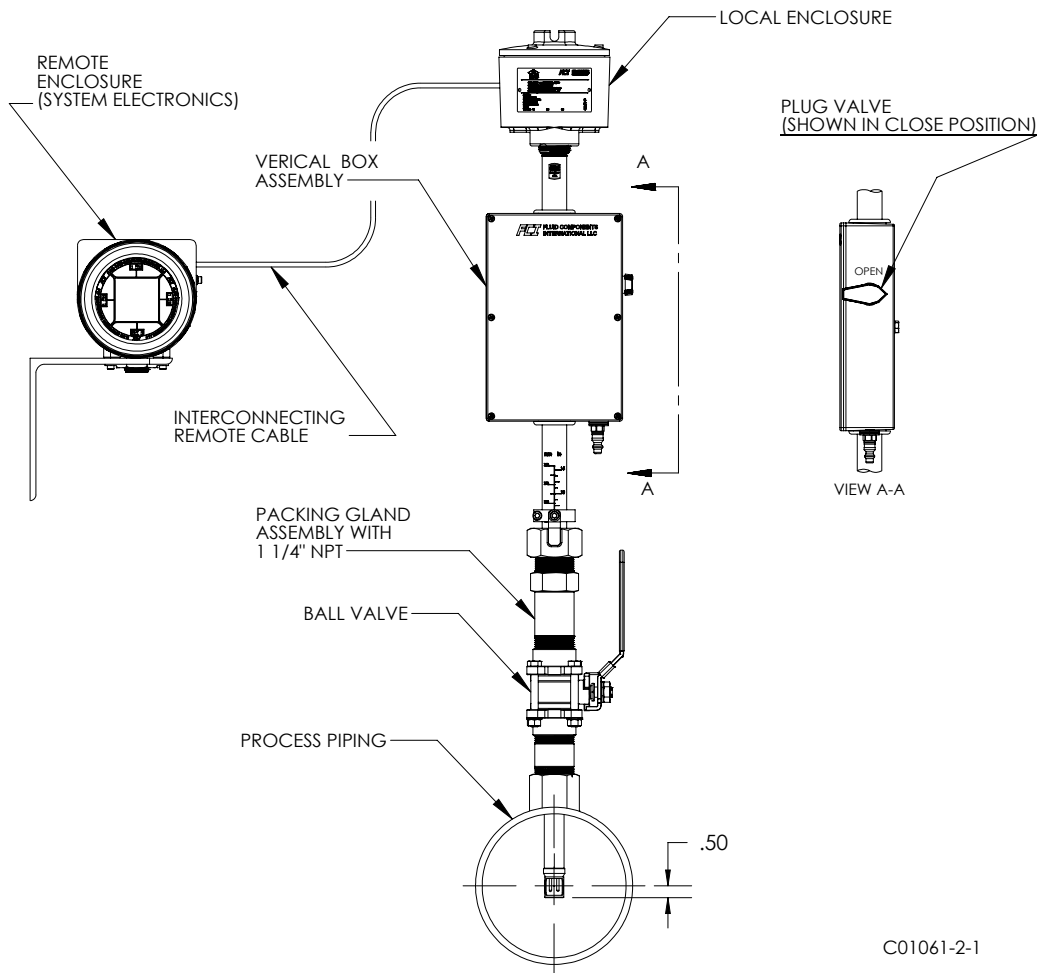
- The instrument is now in the VeriCal configuration and ready to establish a set of "Field Baseline Data."

Procedure

- Verify that the VeriCal pressure gauge indicates 25.0 PSIG (+/- 0.20 PSIG). Note: using the exact pressure levels allows one to compare the current findings to the FCI Factory findings and any subsequent findings.
- Allow the instrument to stabilize by sustaining the pressure for a minimum of 5 minutes. Observing the flow and temperature reading stability on the ST100 Configurator to verify that the instrument has come to equilibrium.
- Record the VeriCal pressure as indicated on the regulator assembly pressure indicator and the ST100 data that is shown on the Configurator: RefR, dR, TCdR, Temperature, Flowrate and optionally the output current across a precision 250 Ω resistor.
- Repeat this process for 50, 75 and 100 PSIG pressures.
- The recorded values are the instrument's in-situ baseline calibration readings. All future verification readings will be compared to these baseline values and should be within 2-5% of the Field Baseline Data readings.
- It is advisable to complete one more round of "Field Check Data" to establish a pattern of repeatability for this specific combination.

Note: This step is not mandatory, but it will help to understand the VeriCal system and what can be expected for future verifications.

- The ST100 Configurator application can now be closed.
- Place probe assembly back into the correct location in the center of the process piping as indicated in the installation section of the operation manual.



Normal Mounting Configuration

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In-Situ VeriCal Data Sheet

Order Number:		Equipment Used:		Due Date
Customer:		DMM:		
Date:		Resistor Pack:		
Serial Number:		Other:		
Tag Number:				

Field Baseline Data		Date:		Gas Supply:		
Pressure PSIG	ST100 RefR	ST100 dR	ST100 TCdR	ST100 Temp	ST100 Flow Rate	Vdc (at 250Ω)

Field Check Data		Date:		Gas Supply:		
Pressure PSIG	ST100 RefR	ST100 dR	ST100 TCdR	ST100 Temp	ST100 Flow Rate	Vdc (at 250Ω)

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Pressure PSIG	ST100 RefR	ST100 dR	ST100 TCdR	ST100 Temp	ST100 Flow Rate	Vdc (at 250Ω)

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