

Processing, Storage, Allocation & Distribution in Hazardous Locations

FLUXUS® H831

Area-Rated Non-Intrusive Ultrasonic Metering for the Hydrocarbon Processing Industry





"Fit for Purpose" Design

FLUXUS® H831 is specifically designed for hazardous process control applications

Whether onshore or offshore, the oil and gas industry is exposed to the severe challenges of maintaining safe working practices in potentially explosive atmospheres or hazardous areas. Instrumentation should, therefore, always be "fit for purpose" and reliable.

The FLUXUS® H831 goes above and beyond the needs of the hydrocarbon industry. With its larger LCD, explosion-proof housing, hermetically sealed electronic components, and safe process inputs, the meter does not compromise operational safety. Under normal operating conditions, operators can use its magnetic pen to change meter parameters and configuration without ever needing to open the housing.

Furthermore, the combination of a rugged and robust area-rated design, single or dual measurement channels, and faster processor capabilities provides optimal performance and durability under the harshest environments. With the FLUXUS[®] H831, operators can safely and conveniently monitor their flows every step of the way, improve field management, and increase efficiencies.

Industry-Specific and **Analytically Focused**

Single product & multi-product standard volume compensation and interface detection algorithms

As crude oil and refined hydrocarbon properties change with variations in pressures and temperatures, volumetric flow rate correction is needed to accurately measure dynamic flows. The FLUXUS® H831 leverages ultrasonic transit time sound of speed measurement, industry-specific algorithms, and state-of-the-art processing techniques to accurately and reliably report compensated volumetric flows. It also offers a great deal of additional analytical functions to determine, e.g., API gravity, operational (actual flowing) density, density at base conditions, and kinematic viscosity.

The FLUXUS® H831 is equipped with databases for a wide range of applications from light hydrocarbons (LPG, NGL, TP25 liquids) to crude oils / refined products (ASTM1250 liquids) to heavy hydrocarbons (asphalts D4311). Application-specific configuration is handled via an editable table in the transmitter with liquid names and specific properties (density, API).



2. Flow and density measurement of multiproduct pipelines to storage



Table of typical hydrocarbon products

	Name	API gravity	Density at 15 °C (kg/m³)	Sound speed a 15 °C (m/s)
	LPG	100 150	502 611	768 998
	Butane	111	581	951
	Pentane	93	630	1051
	Naphta	70 85	653 702	1152 1213
	Gasoline	47 68	709 792	1221 1326
	Kerosene	37 50	779 839	1309 1385
	Crude Oil	29 45	801 881	1337 1439
	Heating Oil	22 37	839 921	1385 1491
	Fuel Oil	17 22	921 952	1491 1532
	Marine Fuel	11 17	952 992	1532 1607
	Bitumen/Asphalts	5 10	999 1036	1617 1666

Pipeline Integrity & Leak Detection

Calculation of standard volumetric flow rates allows the mass flow rate balancing of different measuring points when monitoring the integrity of pipeline systems. Measuring different points (segments) of the pipeline provides insightful information to end-users regarding product losses or process upsets. Leak detection monitoring relies on compensated volume balance methodology where flow meters continually monitor differences in flow rates between each pipeline segment and warn when a change in density or flow rate occurs.

With the FLUXUS® H831, flow compensation is done directly within the meter allowing for rapid and accurate flow calculation within the system.

Process Monitoring, Product Quality Determination, and Interface Detection at Tank Farms

contamination.

With the FLUXUS® H831, different liquids can be identified and displayed on the meter when their measured properties match the characteristics in the meterresident fluid table. These advanced analytical calculations are based on sound speed and temperature. A rate-of-change parameter is output that enables the operator to reliably detect and track batch interfaces along the pipeline.

Check Metering & Meter Calibration

The FLUXUS[®] H831 can be used to verify the performance of other flow meters, including custody transfer meters. The particularly advantageous non-invasive installation allows a check of various third-party flow meters without having to stop operations or divert flows. This enables field personnel to evaluate meter performance and calibrate devices when necessary.

As fuel oils are transported from oil refineries to end-users in complex distribution systems, the need for product identification and quality is key for efficient operations and product balancing. Ensuring that the product is directed to the right storage tanks can make a big difference to the bottom line. Accurate and reliable interface detection and flow measurement is required to minimise product



Technical Data

FLUXUS [®] H831	Area-rated non-intrusive ultrasonic metering for the hydrocarbon processing industry		
Physical quantities			
Flow	 Operating (actual) volumetric flow rate Standard volumetric flow rate as per ASTM 1250/TP25/4311 Flow velocity Mass flow rate 		
Analytics	 API gravity, density, normalised density Interface detection: slope of the HPI physical quantities Fluid identification: according to specific application fluid table 		
Measurement uncertainty			
Volumetric flow rate	±1% of reading ±0.005 m/s		
HPI functionality Standard volumetric flow rate uncertainty Repeatability of density (operating density / norma- lized density)	±1 (crude oil, refined products, liquefied gases, heavy oils) ±1% (with field calibration of the speed of sound)		
Transmitter			
Hazardous area rating Power supply Outputs Digital outputs Inputs Digital communication	ATEX/IECEx Zone 1, FM Class I, Div. 1 100230 V AC / 5060 Hz 2032 V DC 420 mA passive [Ex ia] or active/passive 420 mA HART passive [Ex ia] or active/passive pulse/frequency/binary, [Ex ia] available Pt100/Pt1000, [Ex ia] available 420 mA active [Ex ia] or active/passive Modbus RTU, HART, Profibus PA, Foundation Fieldbus		
Available transducers			
Hazardous area rating Pipe size range (Inner diameter) Temperature range (Pipe wall)	size range 0.25 250 in (0.635 635 cm) er diameter) perature range -40 +450 °F (-4 +232 °C)		



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