Signature
Flow Meter

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Applications

- Industrial Pretreatment Compliance
- Permit Enforcement
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Discharge Monitoring
- Outfall Monitoring
- Shallow Flow Measurement in Small and Large Channels

Keep Smart Monitoring Simple

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Expansion Boxes (3)
- LaserFlow 360
- Sampler Interface 306 (2)
- pH Interface 301 (2)
- USLS 310
- Area Velocity 350

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### Display

Total Flow: 1644545 gal
- Flow Rate-A: 113 gpm
- 330 Level: 3.167 in
- 300 Reference Humidity: 24%
- 300 Case Humidity: 4%

### Buttons
- SHORTCUTS
- MENU
- HELP

### Numbers
- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 ±
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Flow Technologies

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Non-contact LaserFlow™ Velocity Sensor
The LaserFlow sensor remotely measures flow in open channels with non-contact Laser Doppler Velocity technology and non-contact ultrasonic level technology. The sensor uses advanced technology to measure velocity with a laser beam at single or multiple points below the surface of the water. A non-contacting ultrasonic transmitter measures the liquid head height to determine the wetted area. Multiplying the wetted area by the average velocity yields the flow rate. Flow during surcharge conditions can be measured with an optional, integrally-mounted continuous-wave Doppler area velocity sensor.

Continuous-wave Doppler
Teledyne Isco's Tienet™ 350 Area Velocity Sensor continuously transmits an ultrasonic signal into the flow stream. The signals are reflected off bubbles and particles, and then return to the sensor with a frequency shift (Doppler effect) which is proportional to velocity. A differential pressure transducer in the sensor measures liquid depth in order to determine the wetted area. Flow rate is then calculated by multiplying the wetted area of the flow stream by its average velocity.

Non-contact Ultrasonic
With the Teledyne Isco Tienet™ 310 Ultrasonic Level Sensor mounted above the flow stream, transmitted sound pulses are reflected off the liquid surface. The elapsed time between transmitted and returned signals determines liquid level. Flow rate is then calculated using one of the meter’s built-in flow conversions, or a user-defined level-to-flow relationship.

Bubbler Module
Teledyne Isco's Tienet™ 330 Bubbler Module technology is ideal in flow streams affected by harsh weather, debris, or corrosive chemicals. Since the depth of flow is determined by measuring the pressure needed to force bubbles out of the line, you are able to calculate flow rate using one of the meter’s built-in flow conversions, or a user-defined level-to-flow relationship.
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1. Use with caution on small flumes
2. There must be adequate space above for mounting sensor
3. Large air temperature fluctuations will affect accuracy
4. Conditions that limit access to the water level may adversely affect measurement
5. Non free flow conditions may require programming adjustments

### Chemical Compatibility of Sensor

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<th>Chemical Type</th>
<th>310 Ultrasonic Sensor</th>
<th>330 Bubbler</th>
<th>350 Area Velocity</th>
<th>LaserFlow</th>
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### Performance Under Adverse Conditions

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### Maintenance Requirements Caused by Adverse Conditions

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Inputs
Flow monitoring combines with a variety of inputs to produce an in-depth representation of the measurement site. All input data can be recorded and used for reporting, output or control.

Flow Technologies
- Ultrasonic
- Bubbler
- Continuous wave Doppler
- Laser and Doppler

pH
The TIENet 301 pH/temperature sensing device provides acidity/alkalinity measurements to the Signature.

SDI-12
Two SDI-12 inputs accept data ranging from single-parameter sensors to multi-parameter sondes and other SDI-12 output devices.

Modbus Input
The Signature accepts up to two writable modbus registers to request updated readings from other measurement devices, totaling up to 40 parameters.

TIENet Devices
- TIENet input and output device utilize a common, proprietary interface protocol.
- Low system integration cost with multiple measurement technologies, Input/Outputs, protocols and communication options.
- Configurable and upgradable without hardware or firmware changes in Signature Flow Meter.
- Quick set-up with an identifiable, unique address for each device.
- Easy trouble shooting with built in device diagnostics.
Outputs and Communication

The Signature can export selected data in the industry format of choice to associated equipment for remote data acquisition and/or process control. The Signature’s ability to communicate over great distances using a number of protocols makes it a powerful tool for smart triggering, alarming, reporting, and data infrastructure.

Modbus Output
Simplified Plant Integration - The Signature communicates with SCADA systems using RS-485 Modbus ASCII/RTU output.

4-20 mA Current Loop
Optional dual Analog Output cards support up to six independent 4-20 mA current loops for external control. Additional outputs are possible with an Expansion Box.

Sampler Interface
The TiENet 306 Sampler Interface connects the Signature to an automatic wastewater sampler. The Signature can then enable the sampler based on user-specified conditions, (threshold, logic and equation) pace the sampling routine based on flow, and receive sample and bottle information from the Teledyne Isco sampler.

USB Connectivity
USB connectivity allows easy retrieval of report files via the front panel USB port with a flash drive, or a direct Windows® PC connection. Report files may be viewed as a text file or imported into Teledyne Isco’s Flowlink® software. USB connectivity can also be used to save or load program settings and update firmware.

Ethernet
An Ethernet card provides remote retrieval of data and summary reports, remote programming, and alarming via SMS text messaging or email.

Cellular
An internal CDMA or GSM cellular modem enables long distance, remote programming, data retrieval, and alarms. Data can be automatically sent to server at set time intervals.

SCADA
The Signature provides a Modbus output for exporting site data to an external control system.
The Signature responds intelligently to multiple concurrent inputs, with preprogrammed actions.

**Actions**

- Trigger and pace an automatic water sampler based on site conditions, with the optional TIENet 306 Sampler Interface
- Log or push data at more frequent intervals during critical events to capture higher-resolution data, returning to the primary rate during normal operating conditions
- Switch from one flow measurement technology to another based on site conditions
- Send alarm notifications via SMS text messaging or email
- Humidity alarms for preventive maintenance

**Reports**

Digital reports are accessible through the many communication options, eliminating the expense of hard copy report storage and paper roll/ribbon servicing. Report types include:

- **Summary** – Includes the daily minimum, maximum, and average for selected data types
- **Diagnostic** – Tracks all diagnostic tests and results to ensure data quality. This can be useful in analyzing site or application issues
- **Program** – Contains the current configuration and tracks any changes
- **History** – Contains all user and meter events such as data transfers, program changes, and level adjustments. This information can be used to confirm equipment operation and detect tampering

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Original and Authentic—Verified!
Use the free Report Verification tool installed alongside Flowlink on your computer to verify data integrity. All downloaded Signature data is accompanied by a singular key calculated with a hash-based message authentication code (HMAC). Even the slightest change to your data will result in a drastically different key.

USB Connectivity
With a USB flash drive attached, you can quickly download Diagnostic, Program, History, and Summary reports, update firmware in the Signature flow meter and connected TIENet devices, and download data files for use with Flowlink software.

In addition, the USB port provides direct serial connection with a computer running Flowlink.