

IQ+FLOW

Micro fluidic Mass Flow and Pressure Meters/Controllers with high intrinsic quality

> Introduction

Bronkhorst High-Tech B.V., the European market leader in thermal Mass Flow Meters/Controllers and Electronic Pressure Controllers, has over 20 years of experience in designing and manufacturing precise and reliable measurement and control devices. With a wide range of instruments, Bronkhorst High-Tech is offering innovative solutions for many different applications in many different markets. The instruments are made to customers' specification, in various styles, suitable for use in laboratory, industrial environment, hazardous areas, semiconductor or analytical installations.

> Micro fluidic flow / pressure controllers

Equipment manufacturers are looking for compact solutions to monitor or control the gas flow or pressure in their system.

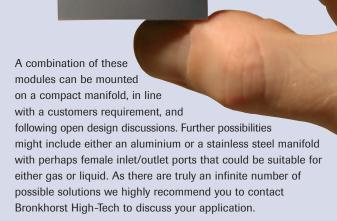
Previously, conventional Mass Flow and Pressure Meters and Controllers have needed a footprint of 1.5", as for instance specified in the NeSSI™ system. Now, and in close co-operation with TNO-TPD (leading Dutch institute for applied physics)

Bronkhorst High-Tech has developed the IQ⁺FLOW mass flow sensor. Due to the use of micro solid state technology (MEMS), Bronkhorst has been able to halve the footprint dimension to 0.75", thereby realising the ultra compact flow and pressure controllers.

> Customer specific design

A core philosophy of Bronkhorst High-Tech is to form close working links and collaborations with original equipment manufacturers to ensure optimised integration of our instruments within their own equipment. Most often this results in a bespoke design in which various functions are combined into one micro fluidic system. The IQ+FLOW concept offers the following functional modules within the 0.75" footprint:

- Flow meter; typical flow ranges from 20 sccm to 2000 sccm (Full Scale values)
- Pressure meter; typical pressure ranges of the order of 100 psi
- Control valve
- Three-way valve
- Shut-off valve
- Filter
- Mixing chamber



> High intrinsic quality, featuring...

- Very stable Zero, due to the thermally balanced chip-sensor
- Compact assembly ensures space efficiency
- Economical solution, low cost of ownership
- Tubeless construction reduces potential leak points
- Top-mount modules; easily accessible

meter/controller

- Pre-tested "Plug and Play" units, reducing custom testing requirements
- Analog and digital (RS232) communication

> Analytical applications

Examples of analytical applications based on the ultra compact modules with a footprint of 0.75" are:

- Flow Pressure control at the injector side of a GC
- ◆ Flow control at the detector side of a GC or HPLC
- Flow control in an FID detector



> Technical specifications

$\begin{tabular}{lll} \textbf{Performance specifications} \\ \textbf{Accuracy flow sensor} & : standard $\pm 0.8\%$ Rd $+ $\pm 0.2\%$ FS, \\ (based on actual calibration) & other on request \\ \textbf{Accuracy pressure sensor} & : $< 0.5\%$ FS \\ \end{tabular}$

Repeatability : < 0.2% Rd Settling time (controller) : < 0.5 second Temperature sensitivity : $\pm 0.1\%$ FS/°C Attitude sensitivity : negligible

Mechanical specifications

Material (wetted parts) : stainless steel 316, Si, SiOx, epoxy;

option: aluminium body

Process connections : 10/32 UNF / $\frac{1}{16}$ " or $\frac{1}{8}$ " OD com-

pression type; other on request

 $Seals \hspace{1.5cm} : \hspace{.1cm} Viton^{\circledast}; \hspace{.1cm} other \hspace{.1cm} on \hspace{.1cm} request$

Weight : approx. 0,2 kg

Electrical specifications

Readout sample time : 15 ms

Readout resolution : 15 bits (0.003% FS)

Power supply : +15...+24 Vdc, 50 mA for meter;

add 50 mA for control valve

Analog output/command $\,:\,0...5$ (10) Vdc or 0 (4)...20 mA

(sourcing output)

Digital communication : standard: RS-232; other on request

Electrical connection : RJ45 modular jack

Ingress protection : IP40

Operating conditions

Flow capacity (typical) : N2/Air: 0...50 / 0...2000 sccm; (Intermediate ranges available) H2/He: 0...20 / 0...500 sccm

Turndown : 1:50 (2...100%)

Pressure ranges (typical) : 0...5 / 0...15 / 0...30 / 0...100 psig; 0...15 / 0...30 / 0...100 / 0...150 psia

Media : dry, clean and non-explosive gases

Operating temperature : 5...50°C

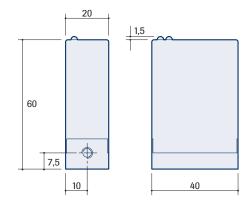
Max. operating pressure : 10 bara (150 psia)

Pressure drop flow meter : max. 40 mbar dif. (0.6 psi dif.),

based on max. flow of 2 SLM Air

Mounting position : any position

> Dimensions (mm)



Technical specifications and dimensions subject to change without notice.

> World's smallest Mass Flow and Pressure Controllers - with MEMS Sensor Technology



IQP-700 Pressure Controller (Picture scale 1:1)



IQF-200 Downported Mass Flow Controller (Picture scale 1:1)



example of customised manifold solution with Flow / Pressure Control

