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1 What's in the box

The following items are delivered with the SRV system:

- Sensor cable
- Electronic transmitter, SME
- SRV sensor
- USB stick with software tool installer
- Cable glands (optional)



2 Preparing the system

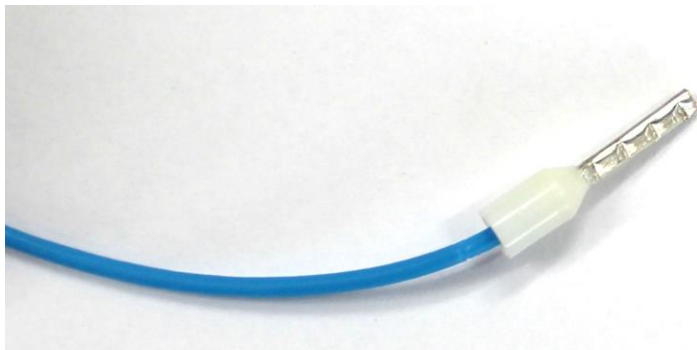
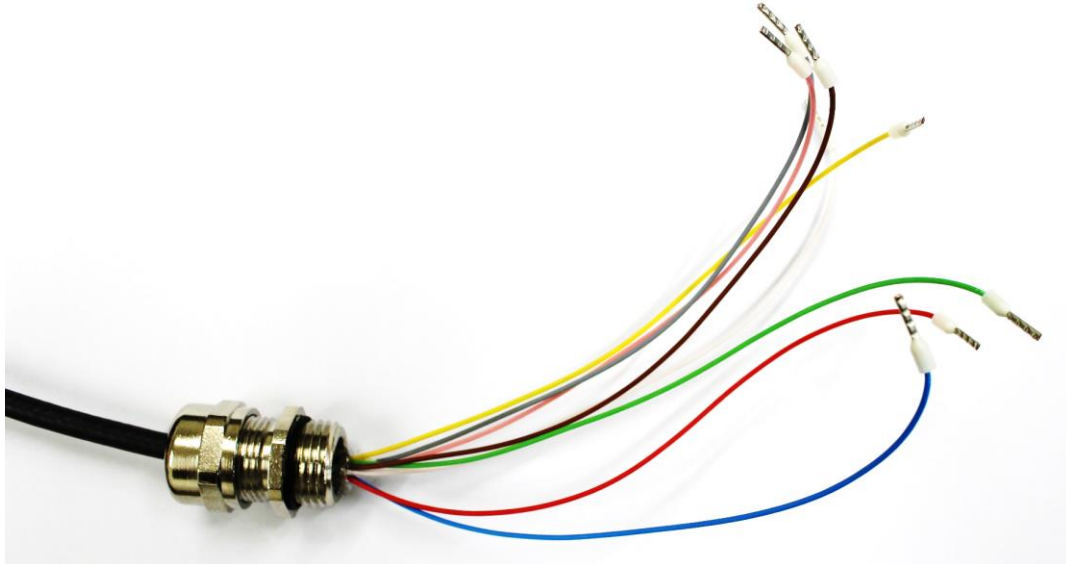
The sensor measurement system consists of two components:

- SRV Sensor Probe
- SME Sensor Transmitter (Electronics unit)

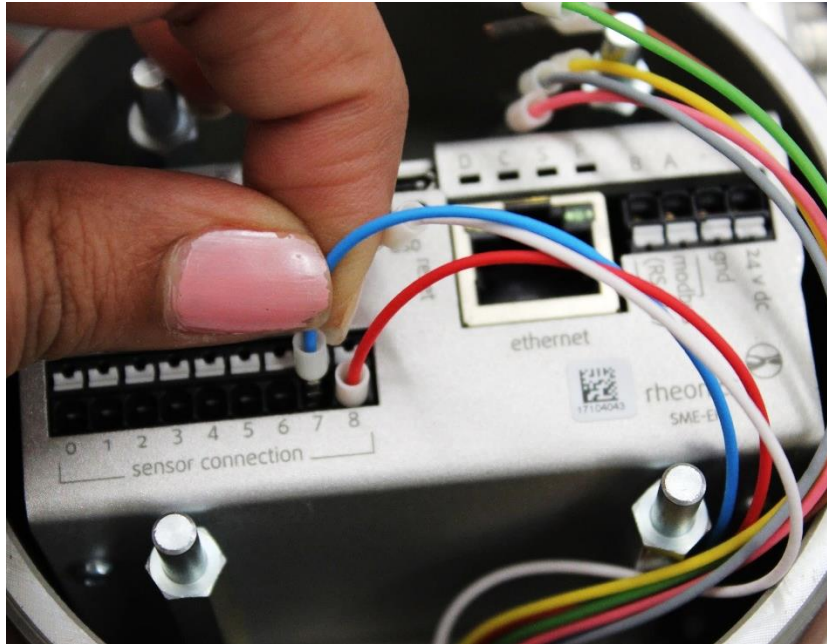
The transmitter is shipped fully assembled. Gain access to the connections by unscrewing the cover (SME-TR) and/or removing the display (SME-TRD) by pulling it out. The SME electronics module is now accessible for connecting the sensor probe, power, and communication cables.

3 Connecting and disconnecting wires to the terminal blocks on SME electronics

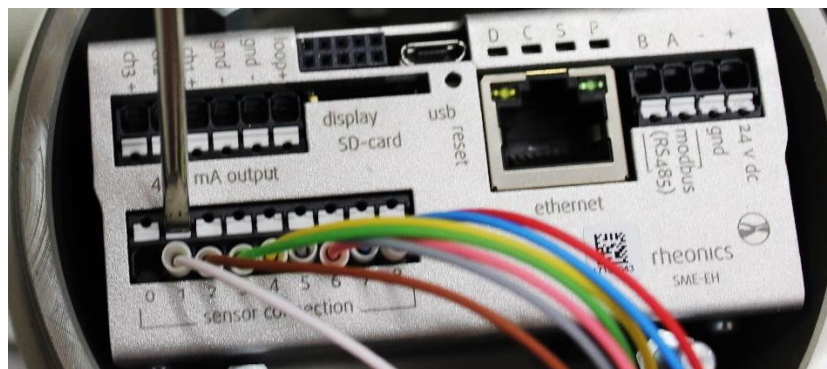
The wires are generally color-coded, the ends should be crimped with 8mm diameter crimps. This connection is valid for sensor cable, power cable, communication cable e.g. 4-20 mA cables, etc.



To connect the wires, insert the crimped end in the correct port on the terminal block till it clicks firmly in place and cannot be pulled out when tugging on the wires (do not tug on the wires with a lot of force as that may damage the terminal block).



To disconnect the sensor wires, press the white tab for that specific port with a small flat screw driver as shown in picture below where the user is removing wire connected to port 1.

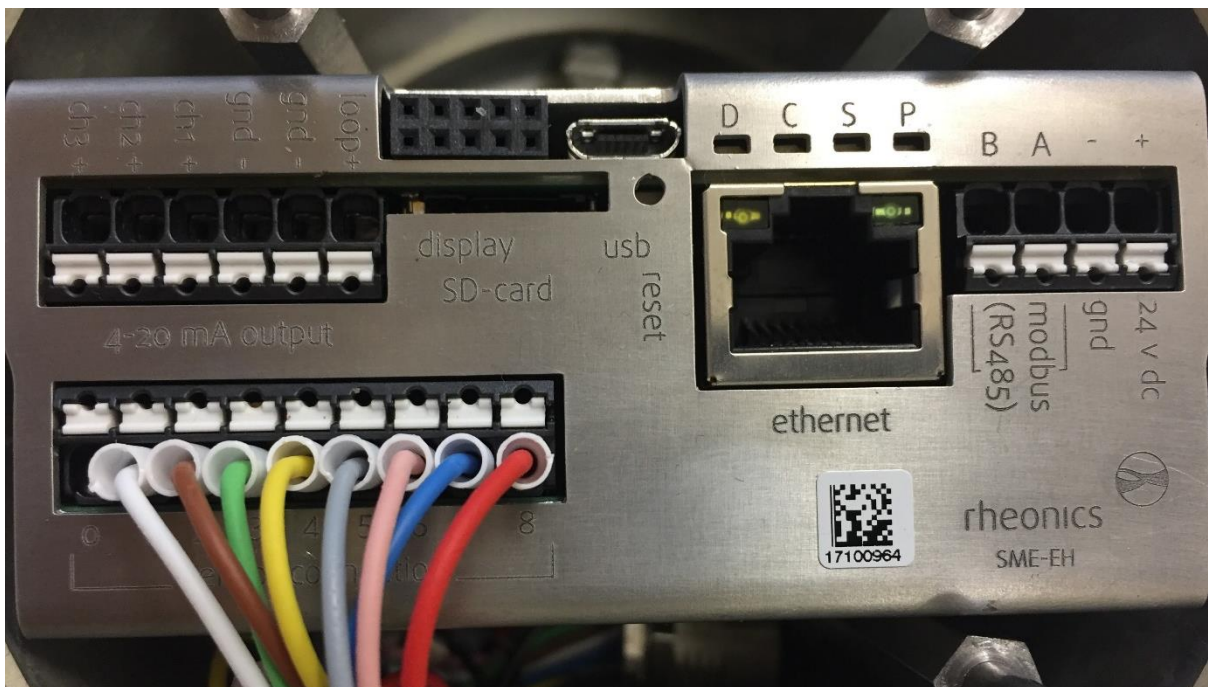


While pressing on the white part, pull out the cable connection with the other hand as shown in the picture below.



4 Connecting sensor to transmitter electronics

The sensor is connected to the transmitter electronics by a sensor cable. Follow the color code table below to connect the correct wires from the sensor cable to the sensor connection terminal strip on the transmitter. The leads are delivered with crimped ends; cable can be shortened if needed, but sleeves should be crimped on the stripped ends.



Wire Color	Sensor connection terminal #
Red	8
Blue	7
Pink (Rose)	6
Grey	5
Yellow	4
Green	3
Brown	2
White	1
---not connected---	0

The wiring color order shown in the table above is for non-Ex (non-explosive proof) sensors only. For explosive proof Ex rated sensors follow the Ex Installation and Intrinsic Safety Manual at <https://rheonics.com/resources/manuals/>.

5 Powering the Transmitter

Connect a 24V DC supply to the power input terminals on the transmitter.

The sensor power consumption is as follows:

- Voltage required: 24V DC
- Voltage range acceptable: 18-36V DC
- Current required (min): 120 mA
- Current recommended: 200 mA or higher
- Power required (maximum): 3W
- Power recommended: at least 5W
- Fuse (if required) rating: >500 mA Slow-blow fuse

Power input terminals are labeled with 24 V DC + and – GND.

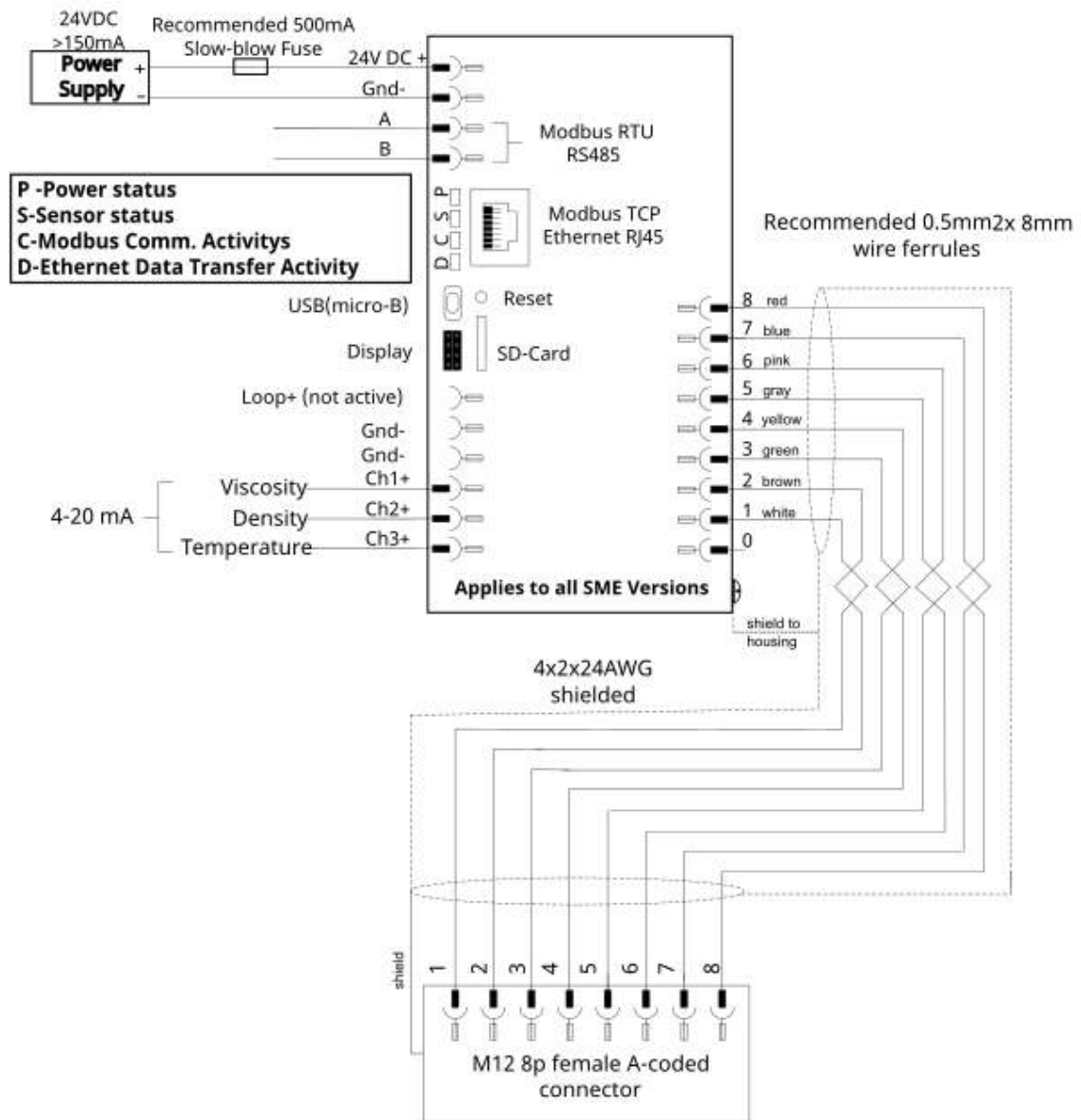
It is important to avoid ground loops in the setup/plant where the SME is used. Ground loops can lead to excessive currents on the ground/return wire of the SME 24V power supply which can damage the unit.

To prevent this, we strongly recommend that the SME is powered by a separate 24V power supply with galvanic separation. Otherwise, the SME might be permanently damaged.

Once the SME is powered on and connected to the sensor probe with the sensor cable, the sensor will start to measure and save data. The LEDs on the SME will start blinking indicating start up.

Review SME wiring diagram at [Sensor electronics \(SME\) – Wiring drawing](#).

6 Sensor wiring



The figure above shows the typical connection of the SRV sensor SME and probe. Fuses are optional.

4-20 mA channels can vary between sensor type and SRV configuration.

To download wiring drawings visit the Support Article: [Sensor electronics \(SME\) - Wiring drawing](#).

7 SME Communication

7.1 General

Rheonics electronics are extremely easy to integrate and are stable in harsh conditions. They are operational in high EMI environments and can operate up to 65 °C. With the ability to operate efficiently in high Electromagnetic Interference (EMI) settings, providing reliable real-time data acquisition

To enhance flexibility and convenience for our customers across diverse industries, we provide a comprehensive array of communication protocols. Some integration protocols come with the sensor by default, while others should be requested during sensor order. Review all protocols at <https://rheonics.com/electronics-and-communication/>. For the latest communication manuals visit <https://rheonics.com/resources/manuals/>.

7.2 USB

USB communication is commonly used for a first configuration for the electronics, also really helpful for training new users. All Rheonics sensor electronics (SME) come with a standard USB micro B port. Rheonics provides an RS232 over USB. Check this support article: [USB](#)

7.3 4-20mA

4-20 mA analog communication is commonly used in the industry because of its versatility. It uses just 2 wires to transmit the signal from the sensor to the electronics. It is not overly susceptible to noise and is highly accurate. Check this support article: [4-20 mA](#)

7.4 Modbus TCP and RTU

Rheonics SME devices offer the Modbus RTU and TCP service over the RS485 and Ethernet interface. For Modbus RTU, In Modbus TCP, the Modbus message service provides Client-Server communication between devices connected on an Ethernet TCP IP network. Check this support article: [Modbus TCP \(Ethernet\)](#)

Modbus RTU is a serial communication protocol that utilizes a compact binary representation, simplifying implementation over RS-232 or RS-485 interfaces, and only requires 2 wires. Check this support article: [Modbus RTU \(RS-485\)](#)

The data is exchanged in the form of registers. Once you understand how the data is delivered, the integration and management are easy to do. This interface allows interoperability between devices from different manufacturers.

Check our Modbus User manual:

- [Modbus RTU](#)
- [Modbus TCP/IP](#)

7.5 Bluetooth

Rheonics support Bluetooth 4.0 in all SME-TRD devices. Using this technology, sensors can transmit data wirelessly without the need for wires, USB converters, WIFI, smartphones, or any other connection. A unique feature of Bluetooth communication is that there are no wires necessary for communications, allowing for place-specific data transmission.

7.6 HART

All SME devices offer HART protocol communication option. Its most notable advantage is that it can communicate over legacy 4–20 mA analog instrumentation current loops.

It delivers 4 parameter readings, that is, density, viscosity, and temperature over a single analog signal channel. Check this support article: [HART](#)

Check our HART User manual: https://rheonics.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Rheonics-HART-Manual_V2.3.pdf

7.7 Ethernet/IP

Ethernet/IP is a protocol that is widely used in the industry for fast communication as it can deliver a large amount of data and multiple parameters coming from the sensor.

It is commonly used with Allen Bradley PLC. Rheonics has extensive expertise with this protocol and provides guidelines through its support portal on how to easily integrate the sensors with this communication protocol. Check this support article: [Ethernet/IP](#)

Check our Ethernet/IP User manual: <https://cdn.rheonics.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Rheonics-EthernetIP-v2.1.pdf>

7.8 Profinet

PROFINET offers several benefits over traditional fieldbus systems, including faster communication speeds, higher bandwidth, and increased flexibility. It also allows remote diagnostics and maintenance, which can reduce downtime and increase productivity. Check this support article: [PROFINET](#)

Check our Profinet User manual: https://rheonics.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Profinet-rheonics_manual_V1.0.pdf

8 Operating the sensor

The Rheonics SRV sensor is built to be a plug-and-play instrument. This means that the operator only needs to wire the probe and the electronics using the sensor cable, following the diagram in Section 6: [Sensor wiring](#), and power the sensor electronics to start measurements.

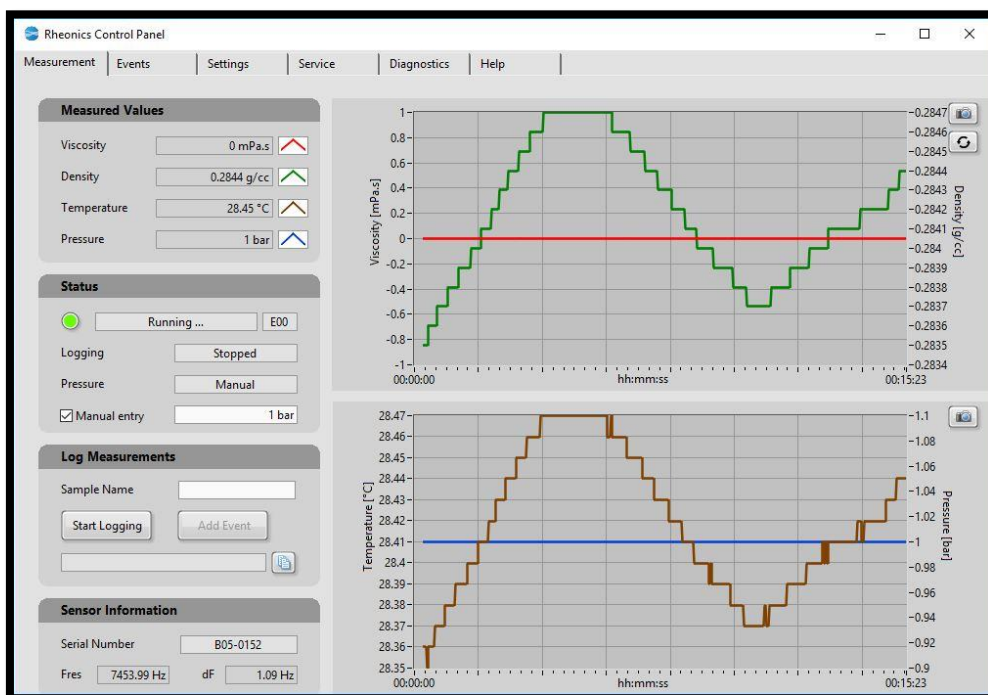
The Rheonics Control Panel (RCP) is a software that allows the user to get the full potential of Rheonics sensors. The software is used for sensor configuration, readings visualization, extraction of historical log files, and more. The installation and instructions for the use of the RCP software can be found in the [RCP manual](#). The software is included in the USB stick delivered with the sensor.

THE SME ELECTRONIC MUST BE CONNECTED TO THE COMPUTER WITH THE USB CABLE
AND POWERED UP CORRECTLY TO ESTABLISH THE FIRST COMMUNICATION WITH THE RCP

To start using the sensor and the Rheonics software, the following should be done:

1. Connect the sensor probe to the SME transmitter
2. Connect the power supply to the transmitter
3. Connect the micro USB cable to the transmitter electronics. Connect the other end to a free USB port on the computer.
4. Run the Rheonics Control Panel software. The Rheonics Control Panel application is opened from the PC's start menu.
5. Find the steps to connect the sensor to the RCP software, reviewing the Rheonics articles at [RCP – Rheonics Control Panel - Articles](#).

When the software is running, you will see a screen similar to the following:



For help with the Rheonics Control Panel (RCP) and its settings, user can access through the software to the Help tab and click on RCP – Rheonics Control Panel Software manual or contact Rheonics Support Team at support@rheonics.com.

8.1 Viscosity measurement

The SRV measures the density-viscosity product of the fluid:

$$\text{Density-Viscosity Product} = \rho * \eta$$

ρ = Density [g/cc]
 η = Dynamic viscosity [mPa.s]

The Rheonics Control Panel allows you to enter the appropriate fluid density to obtain the dynamic viscosity (η , in mPa.s) or kinematic viscosity (η/ρ , in cSt). By default, the electronics and software use 1 g/cc as the density. To enter the actual density of the fluid in the software, follow the instructions in the RCP manual.

NOTE:

The Sensor Electronics SME can be programmed to set a constant or temperature-dependent density value. Please check the RCP manual for instructions on changing the density in the SRV transmitter electronics.

9 Handling the Sensor

The SRV is a stable, robust sensor system that operates over a wide range of temperatures and pressures. The sensor is made of 316L stainless steel, which resists attack by a wide variety of highly corrosive fluids.



In order to get optimum performance from the system, some simple guidelines must be followed.

9.1 Cleaning the sensor

The SRV is based on a resonant sensing element that operates in the range of approximately 7-8 kHz. The sensor measures viscosity in a thin layer of fluid surrounding the resonant element.

In any measurement scenario in which the sensor could become coated with tenacious fluids and solids, it is recommended that the sensor be removed and mechanically cleaned at appropriate intervals.

Adherent films that could get stuck on the sensor that is made of 316L stainless steel can be removed by using appropriate solvents and/or wiping with solvent-saturated cloth or paper. Under no circumstances should abrasives be used to clean the resonator, as these will change the geometry and destroy its calibration.



Cleaning the sensor with solvent-saturated cloth or paper

Please note that it is difficult to get accurate measurement with plain water stationary in the SRV measurement area. Even degassed water tends to have air dissolved in it, which eventually forms micro bubbles on the surface of the sensor, disturbing its geometry. This is not a problem at higher pressures, which tend to re-dissolve any gases present. Hydrocarbons, glycols, and other fluids with low surface tension are less prone to bubble formation.

The SRV will operate in static fluids as well as flow rates in excess of 100 l/min. Flow may be in either direction, subject to the above caution about the effects of bubbles.

10 Notes/Errata:
