# AMERITROL, INC.

INSTALLATION

### **OPERATION MANUAL**

AND

WIRING DIAGRAM

FX SERIES

## FLOW SWITCH

Manual Number: FX2101-2

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### **OVERVIEW**

The FX Series is an electronic flow switch designed to detect increasing or decreasing flow in virtually all liquids, gases, or slurries. Please refer to attached wiring diagram for DIP switch (SW1) and relay energization switch settings (S1).

- The flow switch factory default settings are configured for liquid flow and relay energized at flow.
- To change from factory default to air flow applications: Change DIP switch (SW1) positions 1 to OFF and 2 to ON.
- To change from factory default relay energization to relay energized at no flow: Reverse red slide switch (S1).
- Power input and relay rating are written on the board.

#### **INSTALLATION**

Install flow switch into process. Flow direction is not critical, and it is recommended the flats on the instrument nipple be parallel to flow in horizontal lines and perpendicular to flow in vertical lines.

Conduit Recommendation: Do not place flow switch at low point of conduit, because moisture can collect at the low point. A conduit seal may be beneficial in preventing moisture from entering the enclosure and damaging the electronics.

Insertion depth recommendations:

- The flow switch sensor head is extremely versatile in how it is mounted in the process line.
- Ideally at least a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" of sensor head probe is extended into the flow stream for a typical flow/no flow application.
- Top mounted liquid flow installations where the line can be partially full or contain entrained air may need special consideration. To keep the sensor probe immersed in product and improve performance, these applications may require more than <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" of the probe to extend into the flow stream.

For mounting threaded units to process lines, it is recommended that:

A half-coupling, thread-a-let or the like be used. It is ideal for probes to extend into the line being monitored as discussed above.

If a pipe Tee is used, it is recommended that the leg used to mount the flow switch be the same as the instrument size (1" MNPT typical). The standard length flow switch sensor (1.8" long) will fit in a 1-1/4" X 1-1/4" X 1" or larger tee.

For mounting flanged units, bolt holes will straddle the process line. Probe length ("U") is specified as the distance from the face of the flange to the tip of the probe.

For liquid service, fill the process line so that the probe is surrounded by liquid.

See attached drawing for wiring details.

## CALIBRATION

Power the instrument and allow 1 minute for the sensor head to reach equilibrium.

When removing housing cover, observe safety precautions associated with the area in which the unit is mounted.

#### TO DETECT A DECREASE IN FLOW (FACTORY DEFAULT):

It is assumed that the user will have the relay energized at flow and will alarm (relay de-energize) on loss or decrease of flow. Please refer to attached wiring diagram for relay energization switch setting.

Flow product in the process line to the normal /expected rate for 1 minute.

Adjust the potentiometer (R22 on the wiring diagram) on the circuit board until the red LED changes state, as follows:

If the LED is on: Turn the potentiometer clockwise. If the LED is off: Turn the potentiometer counterclockwise.

Typical backlash for the potentiometer is 1/8 turn.

Once the red LED on/off location is determined, turn the potentiometer in the LED "on" direction (counterclockwise), as follows:

- Air Flow Switch: 4 turns
- Organics/hydrocarbons Flow Switch: 2 turns
- Water Flow Switch: 1 turn

These turn numbers are typical and can be "fine tuned" as required.

#### TO DETECT INCREASE IN FLOW:

It is assumed that the user will have the relay energized at no flow and will alarm (relay de-energize) on increase of flow. Please refer to attached wiring diagram for relay energization setting. The relay energization switch (red slide switch: S1) will need to be changed from the factory default setting.

Flow product in the process line to the normal condition for 1 minute. If zero flow rate is normal/expected, set with line full at zero flow.

Adjust the potentiometer (R22 on the wiring diagram) on the circuit board until the red LED changes state, as follows:

If the LED is on: Turn the potentiometer counterclockwise. If the LED is off: Turn the potentiometer clockwise.

Typical backlash for the potentiometer is 1/8 turn.

Once the red LED on/off location is determined, turn the potentiometer in the LED "on" direction (clockwise), as follows:

- Air flow switch: 4 turns
- Organics/hydrocarbons flow switch: 2 turns
- Water flow switch: 1 turn

These turn numbers are typical and can be "fine tuned" as required.

Technical service hours are Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Pacific Standard Time

