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Attention!

- Please carefully read this manual prior to operating this product.
- Do not open or modify any hardware which may lead to irrecoverable damage.
- Do not use this product if you suspect any malfunctions or defection.
- Do not use this product for corrosive media or in a strong vibration environment.
- Use this product according to the specified parameters.
- Only the trained or qualified personnel shall be allowed to perform product services.



Use with caution!

- Be cautious for electrical safety, and even it operates at a low voltage, any electrical shock might lead to some unexpected damages.
- The gas to be measured should be clean and free of particles, as particles may be accumulated inside the flow channel that may result in inaccuracy in metrology, clogging, or other irrecoverable damage.
- Do not apply for any unknown or non-specified gases that may damage the product.

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1. Overview

This manual provides essential information for the operation of the PFLOW5001 / PFLOWC5001 series of gas mass flow controllers for general-purpose gas flow monitor and control applications. The products have a full-scale mass flow rate from 0.05 to 20 SLPM (higher flow models are available by request) and both analog and digital interfaces. The product performance, maintenance, troubleshooting, information for product orders, technical support, and repair are also included.

PFLOW5001 / PFLOWC5001 products provide the standard or manifold configuration for the mechanical connections. Optionally it can also be offered with a manifold body with customized piping. It can be applied to instrumentation, medical and other applications. The series covers a wide dynamic flow range with a working pressure rating of up to 1.0 MPa (10 bar or 150 PSI) and a compensated temperature ranging from -5 to 50°C.

The sensing elements are manufactured with MEMS (micro-electro-mechanical systems) thermal mass flow sensing technologies that measure the flow medium's calorimetry and diffusivity. The sensor surface is passivated with silicon nitride ceramic materials and water/oilproof nanomaterials coating for performance and reliability. Compared to the conventional calorimetric flow sensing technology, this unique sensing approach offers better linearity, removes gas sensitivity for gases with similar thermal diffusivities, and improves temperature performance. It can also auto-recognize pre-programmed gases with significant differences in thermal diffusivity. It is the first in the industry that senses the mass flow with multiple gases without a manual gas conversion factor. As such, it facilitates and simplifies customer applications while ensuring high precision for gas measurements with cost-effective air calibration.

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2. Receipt / unpack of the products

Upon receipt of the products, please check the packing box before dismantling the packing materials. Ensure no damages during shipping. If any abnormality is observed, please contact and notify the carrier who shipped the product and inform the distributors or sales representatives if the order is not placed directly with the manufacturer; otherwise, the manufacturer should be informed. Please refer to the return and repair section in this manual for any further actions.

If the packing box is intact, proceed to open the packing box, and you shall find the product (either the sensor formality per the actual order), together with the power and data cable if the order is included, as shown below.





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Power and data cable (optional)

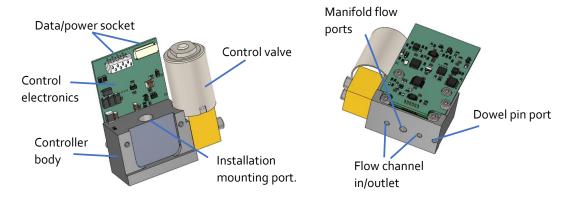
Figure 2.1: PFLOW5001 / PFLOW5001C mass flow controller and accessories

Please immediately check the integrity of the product and the power and data cable; if any abnormality is identified, please notify the distributor/sales representative or manufacturer as soon as possible. If any defects are confirmed, an exchange shall be arranged immediately via the original sales channel. This user manual shall also be included in the packing box or via an online link for an electronic version your sales agent should send. In most cases, this manual shall be made available to the customer before the actual order.

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3. Knowing the products

3.1 Product description





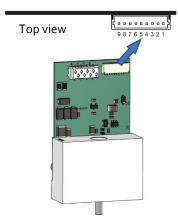
Note: The manifold base port size should not be smaller than those of the flow ports on the product.

Figure 3.1: PFLOW5001 / PFLOWC5001 parts description

3.2 Power and data pinout description

3.2.1 PFLOW5001 - RS232 TTL

The electrical interface is a JST-SMo₉B-SRSS-TB connector (9 pole).



Pin	Definition
1	Power, 8 ~ 24 Vdc
2	Power common / Ground
3	RS ₂₃₂ TTL: RxD
4	RS ₂₃₂ TTL: TxD
5	Analog: Ground
6	N.C.
7	Analog: Flow output o ~ 5 Vdc
8	N.C.
9	N.C.

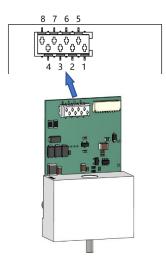


DO NOT connect or disconnect the cable when the external power is on!! It may damage the electronic chipsets of the product!

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3.2.2 PFLOW5001 - RS232 EIA

The electrical interface is a Micromatch (8 pole).



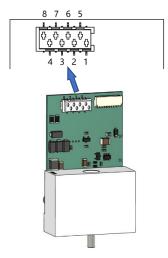
Pin	Definition
1	Power, 8 ~ 24 Vdc
2	Power common / Ground
3	RS232 EIA: RxD
4	RS232 EIA: TxD
5	Analog: Ground
6	Analog: Flow output o ~ 5 Vdc
7	N.C.
8	N.C.



DO NOT connect or disconnect the cable when the external power is on!! It may damage the electronic chipsets of the product!

3.2.3 PFLOW5001 - RS485 Half-duplex

The electrical interface is a Micromatch (8 pole).



Pin	Definition
1	Power, 8 ~ 24 Vdc
2	Power common / Ground
3	RS485 Half-duplex: A (+)
4	RS485 Half-duplex: B (-)
5	N.C.
6	N.C.
7	N.C.
8	N.C.

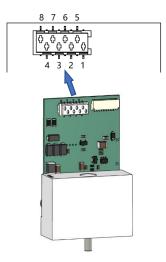


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3.2.4 PFLOW5001 - RS485 Full-duplex

The electrical interface is a Micromatch (8 pole).



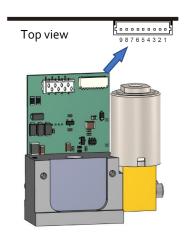
Pin	Definition
1	Power, 8 ~ 24 Vdc
2	Power common / Ground
3	RS485 Full-duplex: R (+)
4	RS485 Full-duplex: R (-)
5	N.C.
6	RS485 Full-duplex: T (-)
7	RS485 Full-duplex: T (+)
8	N.C.



DO NOT connect or disconnect the cable when the external power is on!! It may damage the electronic chipsets of the product!

3.2.5 PFLOWC5001 - RS232 TTL

The electrical interface is a JST-SMo₉B-SRSS-TB connector (9 pole).



Pin	Definition
1	Power, 8 ~ 24 Vdc
2	Power common / Ground
3	RS ₂₃₂ TTL: RxD
4	RS ₂₃₂ TTL: TxD
5	Analog: Ground
6	Analog: PID output o ~ 5 Vdc
7	Analog: Flow output o ~ 5 Vdc
8	Analog: Set point o ~ 5 Vdc
9	Analog: Valve override o ~ 5 Vdc

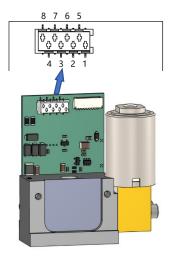


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3.2.6 PFLOWC5001 - RS232 EIA

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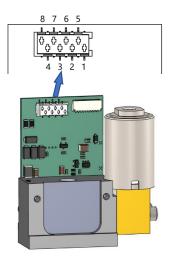
Definition
Power, 8 ~ 24 Vdc
Power common / Ground
RS232 EIA: RxD
RS232 EIA: TxD
Analog: Ground
Analog: Flow output o ~ 5 Vdc
Analog: Set point o ~ 5 Vdc
Analog: Valve override o ~ 5 Vdc



DO NOT connect or disconnect the cable when the external power is on!! It may damage the electronic chipsets of the product!

3.2.7 PFLOWC5001 - RS485 Half-duplex

The electrical interface is a Micromatch (8 pole).



Pin	Definition
1	Power, 8 ~ 24 Vdc
2	Power common / Ground
3	RS485 Half-duplex: A (+)
4	RS485 Half-duplex: B (-)
5	Analog: Ground
6	Analog: Flow output o ~ 5 Vdc
7	Analog: Set point o ~ 5 Vdc
8	Analog: Valve override o ~ 5 Vdc



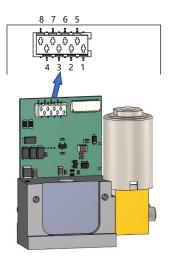
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3.2.8 PFLOWC5001 - RS485 Full-duplex

The electrical interface is a Micromatch (8 pole).



Pin	Definition
1	Power, 8 ~ 24 Vdc
2	Power common / Ground
3	RS485 Full-duplex: R (+)
4	RS485 Full-duplex: R (-)
5	N.C.
6	RS485 Full-duplex: T (-)
7	RS485 Full-duplex: T (+)
8	N.C.
0	IN.C.



DO NOT connect or disconnect the cable when the external power is on!! It may damage the electronic chipsets of the product!

Note: 1. Power supply: The PFLOW5001 / PFLOWC5001 requires a power supply of 8 ~ 24 Vdc (max 26 Vdc). No particular requirements for the external power supply, but standard industrial power cautions should be applied.

- 2. The analog outputs o \sim 5 Vdc correspond to the specified full-scale flow range at the time of order. If the analog option is not selected, this pin output could be NULL.
- 3. For PFLOWC5001 RS232 TTL, RS232 EIA and RS485 Half-duplex, the analog valve override feature overrules all other commands. The thresholds of valve override is 0.2Vdc.

o.o ~ o.2 Vdc: valve close

4.8 ~ 5.0 Vdc: valve forced open

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3.3 Mechanical dimensions

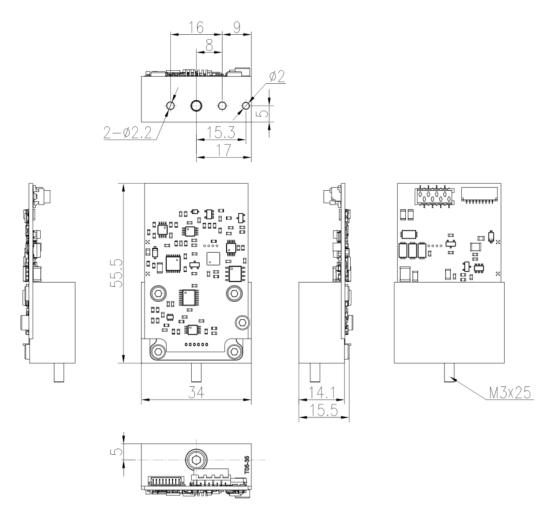


Figure 3.2: PFLOW5001 (up to 3 SLPM) manifold mechanical dimensions.

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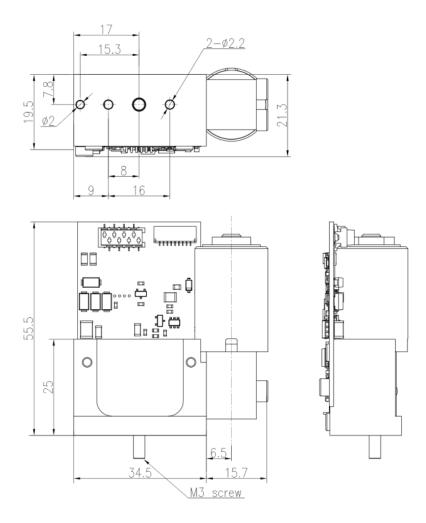


Figure 3.3: PFLOWC5001 (up to 7.5 SLPM) manifold mechanical dimensions.

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4. Installation

Do not open or alter any part of the product, which would lead to malfunction and irrecoverable damage. Please pay special attention to ESD and other electrical device handling precautions since this unit is an OEM version without external protection of the PCB etc. The system design should consider electromagnetic compatibility and related standards. Do not install this device for processes involving personal injury or other unsafe applications.

Ensure the connections leakage proof and all electrical precautions are applied for the installation. Please make sure the electrical cable is engaged correctly. It should be noted that the performance of a flow meter or controller will depend on system flow stability, although a flow conditioner is installed in the product. The system design would be necessary for flow stability and related flow noises.

To prevent over-forced installation, the mounding torque applied should be within 0.35 ± 0.03 N·m. Sealing O-ring is recommended to be the ones that comply with ISO 3601/1; the mounting screw is specified for M3x20mm by ISO 14583; the dowel pin dimension is specified in the mechanical dimension section.

Please properly align the products with your gas manifold block, and no excessive force should be applied during installation. If the product is not calibrated for bi-directional operation, please follow the flow direction arrow and ensure the flow direction is correct.

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5. Basic operation

5.1 RS232 communication protocol

5.1.1 Serial port settings

	RTU
Baud rate (Bits per second)	57600 bps
Data bits	8
Stop bits	1
Parity	Odd
Flow control	No handshake
Level	TTL / EIA 232

Note: The maximum data writing rate is 100 Bytes/sec. Do not write when the device is active.

5.1.2 Command format

A one-character code is required at the beginning of any request. If the request is more than one byte, a checksum that sums all the preceding bytes values, truncated to the last 8 bits of the results, must be added at the end of the request.



5.1.3 Response format

The response must repeat the requested code, followed by data, ending with a checksum. The STOP request has no response.



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5.1.4 Command to read/write variables

Please note: Channels 1 and 2 are reserved and not available. All read/write variables coded with 1 byte are MSB first. Continuous writing to persistent variables is not recommended, as it may impact the memory's lifetime.

Hex	Command	Parameter	Access	Note
ox61	Read_VAR_INT16	Variable ID		
ox62	Write_VAR_INT16	Variable ID+ Value of 2 bytes (higher first)		
ox63	Read_VAR_CHAR	Variable ID		
ox64	Write_VAR_CHAR	Variable ID+ Value of 1 byte (higher first)		

5.1.5 Read flow rate

Hex	Command	Parameter	Access	Note
ox31	Send_ONE_DATA	None	R/W	Single request, 1 flow value
0X32	Send_N_DATA	Nx 1byte	R/W	N flow value
ox33	Send_CONTINOUS	None, terminate with stop		Flow values (each 3.5 msec)
ох34	STOP	None	R/W	No response

The digital flow measure range (forward only) is (0...10000) = (0x0000...0x2710) = (0...100 %) F.S.

The maximum reading value is 11000 = 0x2AF8 = 110 % F.S.

Real_flow = digital_flow / 10000 * max_flow

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Example:

Data direction	Hex data	Flow	Remark
Rx	31 32 02 34 33 34	Depends on the flow	Select desired input for set point, oHex = digital input, 1Hex= analog input
Tx	31 XX XX YY 32 HH LL YY 32 HH LL YY 33 XX XX YY None	Depends on the flow	YY = Checksum. Translate the Hex value in the Dec value and apply the decoding formula to get the actual flow measure ox33 returns measured flow continuously each 3.5 ms STOP the continuous reading

5.1.6 Read serial number

Hex	Command	Parameter	Access	Note
ox68	Read_Serial_Number	None	R	Serial number

5.1.7 Select input mode

Hex	Command	Data type	Access	Note
ox1F	Select input mode	UINT8	R/W	Select input mode for set point, o = digital input, 1= analog input

Example 1: Check the input mode

Data direction	Hex data	Flow	Remark
Rx	63 1F 82	-	request – variable ID – checksum
Tx	63	-	The device sends back the request

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Example 2: Change the input mode

Data direction	Hex data	Flow	Remark
Rx	64 1F 00 83 64 1F 01 84	Last value independent of the previous mode Set point according to analog value present at the input pin	Set the digital input mode Set the analog input mode
Tx	64 64	The device sends back the request	Tx

5.1.8 Setpoint

Hex	Command	Parameter	Access	Note
0X14	CtrlNominal	None	R/W	Set point mass flow

The digital set point range is (0...65535) = (0x0000...0xFFFF) = (0%...100%) F.S.

Example:

Data direction	Hex data	Flow	Remark
Rx	62 14 00 00 76 62 14 02 90 08 62 14 80 00 F6 62 14 FF FF 74	o % F.S. 1 % F.S. 50 % F.S. 100 % F.S.	Zero flow Cut off limit value if present (on request) Flow set at 50 % of the F.S. Flow set at 100 % of the F.S.
Tx	62	The device sends back the request	The device sends back the request

Example with a 250 sccm F.S. device and a set point of 110 sccm:

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5.1.9 Exhaust value

Hex	Command	Data type	Access	Note
ox1E	Exhaust value	UINT16	R/W	Exhaust value for open-loop control

Exhaust value is type uint16, the two bytes full range are (0...65535)= (0x0000...oxFFFF)

A value range between (o...4,095) allows direct control of the valve position from o corresponding to a closed valve to 4,095 corresponding to a fully open valve. Any value in between corresponds to a valve position, the resulting flow will be a nonlinear function of this value and a consistent offset is necessary to obtain a flow.

Setting the value to 32,768 (0x8000) enables PID control using either a digital or analog setpoint according to the selected mode.

Other values are not used.

5.1.10 Offset calibration

Не	ex	Command	Data type	Access	Note
ox	03	Offset_zero	UINT8	R/W	Read: o – completed; 3 – error. Write o – none; 2 – reset.

5.1.11 P Gain and D Gain

Hex	Command	Data type	Access	Note
0X17	P Gain	UINT16	R/W	Available valve: 0 ~ 9999. The default value is 15.
0X19	D Gain	UINT16	R/W	Available valve: 0 ~ 9999. The default value is 25.

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5.1.12 Firmware version

Hex	Command	Data type	Access	Note
0X01	Firmware version	UINT16	R	2 bytes (e.g. 3012 = 30.12)

5.1.13 Filter depth

Hex	Command	Parameter	Access	Note
оХо7	Filter depth	UINT8	R/W	o ~ 9, corresponding to 2° ~ 29 data in the software filter. The default value is 3, corresponding to 2³ = 8 data in the software filter

5.1.14 Gas temperature

Hex	Command	Parameter	Access	Note
oXoF	Gas_temperature_ code	UINT16	R	Gas temperature = (Gas_temperature_code/65535 -1/6) * 100 °C

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5.2 RS485 Modbus communication protocol

The digital communication protocol is based on standard Modbus RTU Half-plex mode. A master (PC or PLC) can communicate with multiple slaves (the current product) for data exchange and communication parameter configuration. Refer to Table 3.2 for the cable connection.

5.2.1 Hardware connection

The RS485 hardware layer is TIA/EIA-485-A, as illustrated below. In this configuration, the product is a slave.

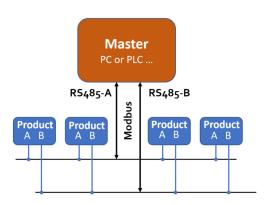


Figure 5.1: RS485 hardware

5.2.2 Communication parameters

The PC UART communication parameters are listed in table 5.1.

Table 5.1: PC UART communication parameters

	Protocol
Parameters	RTU
Baud rate (Bits per second)	38400 bps
Start bits	1
Data bits	8
Stop bits	1
Even/Odd parity	None
Bits period	104.2 μsec
Bytes period	1.1458 msec
Maximum data length	20
Maximum nodes	247

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5.2.3 Frame

The frame function is based on the standard Modbus RTU framing:

Table 5.2: frame function

Start_bits	Address	Function codes	Data	CRC	Stop_bits
T1-T2-T3-T4	8 bit	8 bit	N 8 bit (20≥n≥0)	16 bit	T1-T2-T3-T4

Start_bits: 4 periods of a bit time for a new frame.

Address: The address can be set from 1 to 247 except for 157 (0x9d). 0 is the broadcast address.

Function codes: Define the product's functions/actions (slaves), either execution or response.

Data: The address of the register, length of data, and the data themselves.

CRC: CRC verification code. The low byte is followed by the high byte. For example, a 16-bit

CRC is divided into BYTE_H and BYTE_L. The BYTE_L will come first in the framing,

followed by the BYTE_H. The last one is the STOP signal.

Stop_bits: 4 periods of a bit time for ending the current frame.

5.2.4 Function codes

The Modbus function codes applied for the product are the sub-class of the standard Modbus function codes. These codes are used to set or read the registers of the product:

Table 5.3: function codes

Code	Name	Functions
0X03	Read register	Read register(s)
oxo6	Set single register	Write one single 16-bit register
0X10	Set multiple registers	Write multiple registers

5.2.5 Registers

The product has multiple registers available for the assignment of the various functions. With these functions, the user can obtain the data from the products, such as *product address* and *flow rates* from the registers, or set the product functions by writing the corresponding parameters.

The currently available registers are listed in the following table, and the registers may be customized upon contacting the manufacturer. Where R: read; W: write-only; W/R: read and write.

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Note: At the time of shipping, the write protection function is enabled except for address and baud rate. Once the user completes the register value change, the write protection will be automatically enabled again to prevent incidental data loss.

Table 5.4: Registers

Functions	Description	Register	Modbus
Address	Product address (R/W)	0x0081	40130 (0x0081)
Serial number	Serial number of the product (R)	0x0030	40049 (0x0030)
Flow rate	Current flow rate (R)	oxoo3A ~ oxoo3B	40059 (0x003A)
Gas temperature	Current gas temperature (R)	0X0040	40065 (0x0040)
Baud rate	Communication baud rate (R/W)	0X0082	40131 (0x0082)
GCF	Gas conversion factor (R/W)	oxoo8B	40140 (0x008B)
Digital filter depth	Response time or sampling time (R/W)	oxoo8C	40141 (0x008C)
Offset calibration	Offset reset or calibration (W)	oxooFo	40241 (0x00F0)
Write protection	Write protection of selected parameters (W)	oxooFF	40256 (0x00FF)

The detailed information of each register is described below: Y: enabled; N: disabled

Address	oxoo81	Write	Υ		
Address		Read	Υ		
Description	Address of the product				
Value type	UINT 16				
Notes	Values from 1 to 247 except for 157 (0x9d).				
Notes	The broadcast address is not enabled, and the default address is 1.				

CN Carial acceptan	0x0030	Write	N		
SN, Serial number		Read	Υ		
Description	Series Number of the product, SN				
Value type	UINT 8 (12 bits)				
	SN= value(oxoo30), value(oxoo31),,value (oxoo35);				
Notes	Receiving 12 bits as 2A 41 31 42 32 33 34 35 36 2A, the corresponding Serial				
	Number is **A1B23456**.				

Flourate	oxoo3A ~ oxoo3B	Write	N		
Flow rate		Read	Υ		
Description	Current flow rate				
Value type	UINT 16				
Notes	Flow rate = [Value (oxoo3A) * 65536 + value (oxoo3B)] / 1000 e.g., When the user reads "o" from register oxoo3A and "20340" from register oxoo3B, the current flow rate = (0 * 65536 + 20340) / 1000 = 20.340 SLPM				

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Caatamanawawa	охоо4о	Write	N	
Gas temperarue		Read	Υ	
Description	Current gas temprature			
Value type	UINT 8			
	Gas temperature = Value (0x0040) / 100			
Notes	e.g., When the user reads "2000" from register 0x0040, the current gas			
	temperature = 2000 / 100 = 20.00 °C			

21/22/22	Write	Υ			
0x0082	Read	Υ			
Communication baud rate	Communication baud rate				
UINT 16	UINT 16				
o: baud rate=4800; 1: baud rate=9600; 2: baud rate=19200; 3 baud rate=38400. The default value is 3.					
	UINT 16 o: baud rate=4800; 1: baud rate=960 The default value is 3.	communication baud rate UINT 16 0: baud rate=4800; 1: baud rate=9600; 2: baud rate=19200			

GCF	oxoo8B	Write	Υ
		Read	Υ
Description	The gas conversion factor for applicable gas is different from the calibration		
Description	gas		
Value type	UINT 16		
	The GCF of air is 1000 (default), typically read from register 0x008B.		
Notes	Note: The product will disable this function with write protection once the metering gas is confirmed with the proper GCF. For a specific GCF value, please contact the manufacturer.		

Response time	2,000	Write	Υ
	oxoo8C	Read	Υ
Description	Digital filter depth setting		
Value type	UINT 16		
Notes	o ~ 9 programmable, corresponding filter. The default value is 3, corresponding	•	

Offset calibration	охооГо	Write	Υ
		Read	N
Description	Reset or calibrate the offset		
Value type	UINT 16, Fixed value 0xAA55		
	To reset or calibrate the offset, write oxAA55 to register oxooFo. Note: When executing this function, ensure there is NO flow in the flow		
Notes			
	channel.		

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Write protection	oxooFF	Write	Υ
		Read	N
Description	Write protection disabler for a set value to a specific register.		
Value type	UINT 16, Fixed value 0xAA55		
Notes	This function is enabled at the time of product shipment. To enable the write function of a specific parameter, such as GCF or offset, the user needs to send oxAA55 to the register oxooFF, and then the write function will be enabled (write protection is disabled). After the write execution is completed, the firmware will automatically re-enable the write protection.		

5.3 Analog output and control

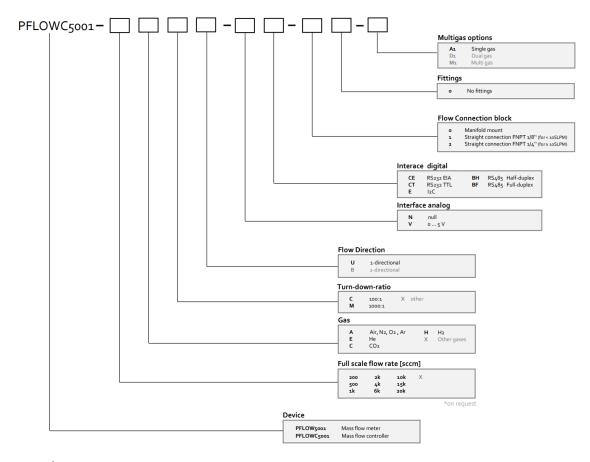
The analog data outputs are fully linearized in both voltage and current output.

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6. Product selection

The product part number comprises the product model number and suffixes, indicating each selectable parameter. Refer to the following for details.



Example

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Note: For CO₂, the full-scale flow is 60% of the specified ones.

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7. Product performance

Unless otherwise noted, all specifications listed in the following table apply for calibration conditions at 20°C and 101.325 kPa absolute pressure with air.

	Value	Unit
Flow control range, full scale	50 / / 20000	sccm
Accuracy	±1 r.d. or ±0.2 f.s whichever is larger	%
Repeatability	0.20	%
Turn-down ratio	100:1, up to 1000:1	
Setting time	<150	msec
Temperature range	-5 ~ 50	°C
Maximum pressure	1.0 (150)	MPa (psi)
Humidity	<95, no condensation	%RH
Analog null shift	±30	mV
Power supply	8 ~ 24	Vdc
Working current	50	mA
Output	Linear, analog o ~ 5 Vdc / Rs485 Modbus / RS232	
Maximum overflow	3000 (3SLPM) (<1000 models); 18000 (18 SLPM) (< 6000 models) 80000(80SLPM) (<20000 models)	sccm (SLPM)
Maximum flow change	500 (< 1000 models); 3000 (< 6000 models) 7500(<20000 models)	sccm/sec
Leakage rate	<1x10 ⁻⁸ He	atm cc /sec
Calibration	Air @ 0°C, 101.325 kPa	
Storage temperature	-20 ~ +70	°C
Compliance	RoHS; REACH	
CE	IEC 61000-4-2; 4-8	
Wetted materials	Stainless steel 304; silicon nitride; Ablestik 84-3J; FR4	

Note 1. Allow the product to warm up for 60 seconds for the best performance.

2. Response time shown is the default. It can be programmed to the fastest <2 msec.

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Appendix I: Document history

Revision A.o (January 2023):

> First release.

Revision A.1 (February 2023)

- > Change model to PFLOW5001 / PFLOWC5001;
- > Update product key.

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