ABB introduced the μ FLO (microFLO) in 2002. Since that time, the μ FLO has become one of the most popular single run gas flow computers in North America. The μ FLO^{G5} (microFLO^{G5}) is a direct replacement for the time proven μ FLO/ μ FLO^{G4} flow computers.



Introduction

The µFLO^{G5} is an extremely accurate, reliable flow computer with the capability to measure and monitor gas flow in compliance with AGA, API and ISO standards. These units are also expandable to provide additional communications and IO options. Backward compatibility is always of concern and this unit provides that as well. The internal sensors and electronics are direct replacements for existing μ FLOs. With low power, accuracy and system integrity built in, these devices are proven daily on thousands of sites. Totalflow products provide users the best opportunity for successful projects – site by site or system by system.



Description

The µFLO^{G5} includes an Integrated high accuracy digital Muliti- Variable sensor (IMV) to measure both pressures and temperature. Two (2) versions of the sensor are available: one with differential pressure, static pressure and temperature for DP measurement applications, and one with static pressure and temperature for Linear measurement applications. The IMV is housed inside the flow computer enclosure and is characterized and calibrated at Totalflow's factory. Multi-tube capability is available in each unit and is easily invoked with a few configuration changes and interface connection to external transducers, either digital or analog.

The µFLO^{G5} features a powerful 300MHz AM3358 ARM Cortex A8 32 bit microprocessor and Linux operating system. The processor, memory, base IO and communications components are all on a single electronics board. The processing and memory capability of this device, allows the user to run more applications faster than ever before. Up to eight (8) differential measurement applications per RS-485 communications port when utilizing MODBUS multivariable sensors (plus 1 tube type application utilizing the integrated sensor) are possible. The number of linear meter applications is limited by the available IO and device configuration. Additional "tube" or measurement applications are easily enabled with simple user or factory configuration.

In addition to the basic flow computer inputs (DP, SP and temperature), the standard device includes: one (1) digital output and one (1) digital input which can be configured as either a status input or high speed pulse accumulator input (up to 20 kHz).

A Communications + IO expansion board can be added to extend the hardware IO and communications capability.

Each unit is powered by an internal battery that can be solar charged (or other suitable DC supply) for remote unattended operation. Several charging options are available. The unit can also operate on an external power supply of 9 Vdc - 30 Vdc. When operating on external power supply, all IO and VBatt connections will operate at the supply power voltage.



Communications interface cables and equipment can be installed at the factory, ready for quick field installation.

Checking and modifying configuration and calibration is accomplished with ABB's PCCU32 laptop software running on a 32-bit/64-bit Windows operating system.

In addition to the local configuration port, one communications port is supplied with the standard unit. This port is user software selectable for RS232/RS422 or RS485. An additional port may be added with the optional Com + IO expansion board. Available protocols include Totalflow native low power, Modbus RTU or ASCII, LevelMaster, as well as several others.

One integrated 10/100 Base-T Ethernet port for network connectivity is standard and a USB port for Flash download and local configuration is available as an option.

Hardware modularity

Hardware functionality of µFLO^{G5} devices can be extended by adding an optional expansion board.

- Communications + IO expansion board includes:
- One (1) communications port.
- User selectable for RS232/RS422 or RS485
- One (1) DO
- One (1) DI/PI (supports up to 20 kHz)
- Two (2) Analog Inputs (4-20 mA or 1-5 Vdc)

Software modularity

The software design represents significant modularization through use of object oriented design principles. This allows a flexible and stable real time environment. Totalflow supplied objects (applications) can be enabled in our factory or by the user, one or more times on the same device. It is this framework that allows the support for multi-tube measurement.

Supported software applications continually grow. A sample of standard applications include:

- AGA3 orifice meter run
- ISO 5167 orifice meter run
- VCone meter run
- AGA7 meter run (rotary/turbine/ultrasonic)
- Coriolis gas application
- Liquid measurement (Linear): Oil, light hydrocarbon, or water
- Real-time Data logger (trending)
- RAMS (Alarming, Exception Reporting)
- Operators (simple custom math / logic)
- Selectable Units (user selectable engineering units)
- Tank level application
- Therms master application (host polling for gas quality)
- Therms slave application (slave receiving gas quality)
- NGC Client (Ethernet connection to NGC for gas quality)
- XMV (MODBUS multivariable) Interface (for Multiple DP meter runs)
- Multiple protocols (Totalflow native low power, Modbus slave (binary/ASCII), Modbus master (binary/ASCII), Enron Modbus, LevelMaster, ABB 266 XMV Multivariable)

$\mu FLO^{\mbox{\tiny G5}}$ flow computer features

- Low cost, high reliability design
- 300MHz AM3358 ARM Cortex A8 32 bit microprocessor
- Linux operating system (allows for a single software development environment for all G5 products)
- Integrated Ethernet 10/100 Base-T port (Half/Full Duplex with full networking capabilities)

- USB host and USB device ports (ver 2.0): used for flashing new firmware and may be used for local configuration and collection
- µSD Card capability (future non-volatile memory expansion)
- Significant hardening against over-current / transients
- Positive temperature coefficient, resetting fuses and transient protection on
 - VBatt and SWVBatt outputs
 - Digital outputs
 - Battery charger input
 - Base IO on µFLOG5 electronics board
 - One (1) Digital Input (may be used as hi-speed PI input)
 - One (1) Digital Output
- Battery voltage (factory calibrated for true battery voltage reading)
- Charger voltage (factory calibrated for true charger voltage reading)
- Low power design
- Aluminum powder coated enclosure (3R)
- Flexible accommodation of communications hardware
- Cost effective communications kits
- Stable time base (accurate integration)
- User selectable simple dual level security code data protection or enhanced user configurable Role Based Access Control (RBAC)



Fig. 2: Software/asset management tool

Rechargeable, lead acid batteries with Solar, AC or DC charging options. Can also operate on 9 Vdc to 30 Vdc external power supply (without battery option only). User can enter date when batteries are installed and expected battery life. µFLO^{G5} will warn when expected life is reached. Can be used as an asset management tool. (Figure 2 above)



µFLO^{G5} flow computer features

- Monitors user limits for detection, and reporting of abnormal conditions
- Defaults to 40 days of hourly and 50 days of daily data user configurable
- Defaults to 200 events user configurable
- Complies with latest version of API 21.1and API 21.2 standards for custody measurement devices
- Flow and energy calculations per AGA3-85, AGA3-92, AGA3-2012, AGA-7, AGA-5, ISO 5167, API 11.1, API 11.2.2, API 11.2.4 and API 11.4.1
- Meets flow computer requirements as stated in AGA Report No. 9, "Measurement of Gas by Multi-path Ultrasonic Meters"
- Super compressibility calculations per NX-19, AGA8-92 gross or detail, ISO 12213
- Smart (temperature and pressure compensated) integral, fac- tory calibrated, multivariable transducer (IMV)
- All calculations performed once per second
- Standard "High Speed Chart" graphics for each run showing DP/Counts, static pressure, temperature, and flow rate.
- Flow retention during user transducer calibration
- Selectable 3 or 5 point user calibration of Analog Inputs

- User definable DP no flow cut-off
- 100 ohm platinum RTD resistance curve fit with user programmable single point offset or 3/5 point user calibration for RTD input
- Hazardous Area Certification: CSA C/US; ATEX and IECEx
- Real time clock that continues running on lithium battery if main power is removed
- Advanced embedded data logger (Trending); Frequency of sampled data for trending is user configurable
- Programmable alarm filtering
- Exception reporting capability
- Multiple protocol options including Totalflow packet protocol, various Modbus protocols and others
- User programmable Modbus register maps (both slave and master)
- User programmable math and logic sequences
- Multi-run measurement capability. One run measurement utilizing IMV, up to eight (8) additional runs per com port using MODBUS multivariable sensors.
- Sensor with housing and main electronics board are individually field replaceable. No longer necessary to replace the entire IMV in the event of a failure. All factory sensor calibration data is retained in a small electronics board that is part of the sensor and housing.



Fig. 4: Daughter card

General specifications

Dimensions	(Width) 12.76 in. (324.00 mm)	Electromagnetic	Emissions:
	(Height) 17.81 in. (452.40 mm)	Compatibility	European Regions per EN 61000-6-3: 2006,
Installed depth	(Pipe mount) 11.58 in. (294.23 mm)	Requirements	Residential locations:
	(Wall mount) 11.02 in. (279.88 mm)	(EMC)	 Radiated Emissions: 30-1000MHz,
Weight	Approx 15.1 lbs. (5.64 kg)		1-6GHz, Class B Limits
(w/o battery)			 Conducted Emissions (Telecomm Port):
Max battery	Capacity 26AH		0.15-30MHz, Class B Limits
Enclosure	Powder coated aluminum; Type 3R		North America & other regions:
Certification	CSA C/US Class 1, Division 2, Groups C & D T3		- CFR 47, Part 15, Subpart B, Class B, FCC
(hazardous	-40°F (40°C) to +140°F (+60°C), (-40°F (40°C) to		Emissions
location	+158°F (+70°C) temperature rating without battery or		- ICES-003 Issue 4 CAN/CSA-CEI/IEC CISPR 22:02,
classification)	radios); ATEX Zone 2, Sira 10ATEX4138X, II 3G Ex nA		Class B ITE Emissions
	IIB T3 Ta = -40°C to +60°C (meets European Union		- AS/NZS CISPR 22-2009 (Australia/New Zealand)
	Directive 94/9/EC)		Immunity levels:
	IECEx CSA09.0013X, Ex nA IIB T3 (-40°C \leq Tamb		per EN 61000-6-2: 2005, industrial locations
	≤ +60°C)		- EN61000-4-2: Electrostatic Discharge, Criterion A ¹ ,
Mounting	Wall, pipe, or direct		8kV Air, 4kV Contact
Operating	-40 to 158°F (-40 to +70°C)		- EN61000-4-3: Radiated Immunity, Criterion A ¹ ,
temperature	Note: see Certification (Hazardous Location Classification) above		80MHz-2.7GHz 10V/m
(ambient)			- EN61000-4-4: Fast Transients, Criterion A1, 1kV
Humidity	0 - 95% non-condensing		DC & Signal
			– EN61000-4-6: Conducted Immunity, Criterion B ² ,
			0.15-80MHz 10Vrms
			- EN61000-4-8: Magnetic Fields, Criterion A1, 10A/m
			50/60Hz Note 1: No degradation of performance or loss of function. Note 2: Temporary degradation of performance in which signals deviate during disturbance but self-recover when disturbance is removed.

General specifications continued

Power	Auto detect circuitry to determine if battery powered	Digital inputs/	Input is configurable for software de-bounce
	or external power supplied. 9 VDC to 30 VDC	Pulse inputs One (1) standard on	- Open circuit voltage: 5 Vdc (Internally pulled up to 5
	maximum. Exceeding 30 VDC will damage the device.		Vdc nominal)
		(1) additional on	- Short circuit leakage current: - 395 uA typical
Charger	Solar or 15 VDC, 30 Watt maximum: connected to	optional expansion	Input capacitance: 0.1 uF typical
	J17	board	- Maximum allowable voltage range on input: - 0.5
Current draw	- Basic single differential measurement application		Vdc to 30 Vdc
	without communications enabled: ~33.9mA @ 13.8		- Maximum frequency input 100 Hz @ 50% duty cycle
	V (~468mW)		with de-bounce enabled
	- Basic single differential measurement application		- Maximum frequency input 20 KHz @ 50% duty cycle
	with ethernet enabled: ~46.4mA @ 13.8 V		with de-bounce disabled
<u>.</u>	(~640mW)		- Dry Contact (Form A), Open Collector or Active Voltage
Memory	 Linux operating system 		– Minimum contact resistance to activate input: 1000 $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$
	- Programs/Applications/Data storage 16 GB of solid		 Voltage threshold to deactivate the input: 3.1 V
	state persistent memory. 256 MB of LPDDR RAM for		(referenced to GND terminal)
	program execution. Lithium battery NOT required to		- Voltage threshold to activate the input: 0.5 V
	maintain programs /applications or data.		(referenced to GND terminal)
	 µSD (future applications) 		 Conductor pairs must be shielded to prevent
LCD interface	Dedicated interface for 2 X 24 Liquid Crystal Display (LCD)		spurious signals
Security switch	On / Off dual-level on-board security switch; also supports enhanced Role Based Access Control (user	Digital outputs One (1) standard on main board. One	Open drain FET (non-isolated)
			- Open circuit voltage: 0 Vdc
The states	configurable, multilevel, multi-user security)	(1) additional on optional expansion	- Short circuit leakage current: 0 uA typical
Time base	± 7.5 ppm (parts per million)	board	- Output capacitance: 1000 PF typical
	1 Time per Casend (1 Hz)		- Maximum allowable voltage range on output: 0 vdc
	- Calculations are tested and verified to be within +		- Open drain FET type
ISO5167/VCono	= Calculations are tested and verned to be within \pm 50 ppm (parts por million) as stated in API 14.3.4		- Open dialities type - (ON) resistance: 0.22.0 typical (including PTC fuse
calculations	- Liquid Calculations vorified within 8 significant		
calculations	digits per API 11 1 5		- Maximum pulse current: 3 A for 5 seconds
Communications	- 1 - dedicated - PCCLL (Local Configuration Port)		- Maximum continuous sink current: $1.85 \text{ A} @ 23^{\circ}\text{C}$
ports	- 1 - RS232/RS422/RS485 user software selectable		1A @ 70°C: 0.85A @ 85°C
(One (1) additional	(baud rates up to 115.200). Software selectable	Analog inputs (optional) Two (2) on the Com + IO Expansion Board	Voltage Mode: (each point)
RS232/RS422/ RS485 user	termination for RS-485/RS-422		- Input Impedance \geq 400K Ω ; Drift = ± 0.0053%/°C
selectable port with	- 1 - USB 2.0 Host port - optional		 Maximum Measurable Input Voltage = 20V
board)	- 1 - USB 2.0 Device port - optional		 Resolution = 0.615mV/Bit (12.99 Bits from 0-5V)
	- 1 - 10/100 Base-T Auto MDIX, no crossover cable		Current Mode: (each point)
	required. (Half/Full Duplex) Ethernet port. May be		 Input Impedance 255Ω; Drift = ± 0.008%/°C
	used as high speed local port or network port.		 Maximum Measureable Input Current = 44 ma
IO expansion	Optional:		(limited by power dissipation)
board	- 1 RS232/RS422/RS485 com port		- Resolution = 2.4µA/Bit (12.7 Bits from 4 - 20 mA)
	– 1 DI/PI		·
	- 1 DO		
	- 2 Al		

Integral Multivariable (IMVG5) specifications

Multivariable unit	
Temperature limits	Compensated -40 to 160°F (-40 to 71.1°C)
(ambient)	Operational ¹ -40 to 158°F (-40 to 70°C)
	Storage -40 to 185°F (-40 to 85°C)
Resolution	24 Bit maximum resolution (0.000012% FS)
	(0.0012% FS effective signal resolution)
Vibration performance	1.5 INW per G (2G maximum) at 1 Hz,
	decreasing to zero at 1KHz in straight line mode
Mounting specification	Change from perpendicular (front to back
	/ around X-axis) \leq 0.5% of URL (Can be
	corrected with calibration)
Reference conditions	Temperature at most recent factory or user
	calibration; Static Pressure and Differential
	Pressure < 100% of URL

Temperature			
Process range	-80 to +750°F (-62 to 399°C)		
Accuracy (as shipped from factory)	\pm 0.35°F (± 0.2°C) over operating range		
Accuracy (after single point field calibration)	\pm 0.2°F (\pm 0.12°C) repeatability over operating range		

Available rai	nges µFLO ^{G5} (d	ifferential IMV)		
	DP			
	(inches H ² O)			
AP (psia)		500	1500	3200
	250	√	V	future
	800	✓	✓	future

Static pressure	
Accuracy (including linearity, hysteresis, & repeatability at reference conditions)	± 0.075% of user calibrated spans from 20% to 100% of URL
Ambient temperature	± 0.075% of URL ± 0.06% of Reading
effect (within the Operational	
Temperature Limit)	
Stability (for 12	\pm 0.1% of URL when operated in the
months)	compensated thermal band and \leq 100% of the
	stated static and differential pressure ranges

Differential pressure (μFLO ^{G5} differential version only)			
Accuracy (including linearity, hysteresis, & repeatability at reference conditions)	± 0.075% of user calibrated spans from 20% to 100% of URL		
Ambient temp. effect (within the Operational Temperature Limit)	± 0.075% of URL ± 0.06% of reading		
Stability (for 12 months)	\pm 0.1% of URL when operated in the compensated thermal band and \leq 100% of the stated static and differential pressure ranges		
Static pressure effect (DP Zero)	+ 0.03% of URL per 1500 PSI (3200 PSI maximum)		
Static pressure effect (DP Span)	+ 0.1% of reading per 1500 PSI (3200 PSI maximum)		

AP (psia)	100	500	1500	3000 (future)

Integrated Multivariable (IMV ^{G5}) sensors			
Single seal rated	 DP/SP sensor: PMax = 3000 psi 		
(ANSI/ISA 12.27.01)	- Wetted materials meet NACE MR0175/		
	ISO 15156		
	 Process Fluids: - 62°C to 110°C 		

¹ See 'Certification (Hazardous location classification)' on page 5 for additional information concerning operational temperature limits based on certifications.

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