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PRESSURE-BASED MASS FLOW CONTROLLER FOR ION IMPLANT APPLICATIONS

The 1640 Pressure-based Mass Flow Controller is a metal-sealed instrument designed to meter and control gas flows in low-line pressure applications where thermal mass flow controllers are limited in their ability to accurately measure flow. The 1640 utilizes the principle of sonic flow through an orifice, a condition met when the upstream control pressure is at least twice the downstream pressure. Under these conditions, mass flow is proportional to the control pressure.

In the 1640, as illustrated in Figure 1, a Baratron® capacitance manometer monitors the pressure upstream of the critical orifice. This pressure is proportional to mass flow. The measured pressure is compared in the control electronics to the flow set point. A control signal is then generated to drive the proportional control valve to the conductance required to bring the actual control pressure (flow) into agreement with the flow set point.

Features & Benefits

Maximize Gas Utilization

• Control of gas flow at pressures below 10 Torr improves SDS[®] gas utilization and reduces frequency of source bottle changes

Robust

- Pressure-based flow measurement with Baratron[®] pressure transducer provides repeatable flow measurement and control over full inlet pressure spectrum
- · Rigorous metal-sealed design and STRIFE testing ensures long term reliability

Ease-Of-Use

• Same footprint and electrical specifications as thermal Mass Flow Controllers allows for straight forward integration

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Safe Delivery System (SDS®) Applications

The 1640 was the first MFC to enable SDS gas utilization at source pressures below 10 Torr. Configurations of the 1640 have been designed specifically for the requirements needed for flow control in ion implanters utilizing SDS dopant sources. The SDS source pressure is typically at 650 Torr when the source is full, and drops as the source gas is extracted. The 1640 PMFC is designed to extract gas below source pressures of 10 Torr (see Figure 2). The 1640 PMFC thus improves source utilization and reduces the frequency of source bottle changes (see Figure 3).

The 1640 for SDS applications is designed to function over the wide SDS source pressure range from 650 Torr to below 10 Torr and provide Full Scale dopant flows as high as 10 sccm. Since flow is controlled by controlling pressure there is not as much pressure coefficient effect as there is with most thermal MFCs. The 1640 is in use today on medium and high current as well as high energy implanters throughout the world. 1640s are also available for high pressure implant gases.







Figure 2 -

This graph shows pressure drop versus flow rate for two 1640 MFCs: one with 12 sccm Full Scale, the other with 6 sccm Full Scale.



Figure 3 -

The 1640 design allows for gas extraction to source pressures below 10 Torr depending on flow rate and gas line conductance. A 1640 designed for 6 sccm Full Scale has the potential to extract 5% more SDS source gas than a competitor's thermal MFC.

Specifications

Full Scale Ranges For Implant Applications (N ₂ equivalent)	2 sccm to 20 sccm	
Maximum Operating Inlet Pressure	5 psig	
Minimum Operating Inlet Pressure (typical)	below 10 Torr	
Overpressure Limit	45 psia	
Control Range (typical)	5% to 100% of F.S.	
Flow Accuracy (including non-linearity, hysteresis, and non-repeatability referenced to 760 mmHg and 0°C)	Gas/flow rate dependent	
Repeatability	± 0.2% of F.S.	
Resolution	0.1% of F.S.	
Temperature Coefficients Zero Span	< 0.02% of F.S./°C < 0.2% of Rdg./°C	
Warm-up Time	< 30 min (to within 0.2% of F.S. of steady state performance)	
Controller Settling Time to 100% of F.S.	< 5 sec (typical per SEMI Guideline E17-91)	
Normal Operating Temperature Range	0°C to 50°C	
Input Voltage Required Max. current at start-up (first 2 sec) Typical current at steady state	± 15 VDC (± 5%) @ 200 mA ± 15 VDC (± 5%) @ 100 mA	
Set Point Command Signal	0 to 5 VDC from < 20K Ω	
Output Signal	0 to 5 VDC into > 10K Ω	
Output Impedance	<1Ω	
Connector Types	15-pin Type "D"	
Wetted Materials Standard wetted components Valve seat only	316L S.S., nickel, Inconel [®] Kel-F [®] , Chemraz [®] or Kalrez [®] (gas/application dependent)	
Leak Integrity External (scc/sec He) Through closed valve ¹	< 1 x 10 ^a 1% of F.S. (nitrogen) at 15 psig inlet to atmosphere	
Fittings Compatible With	Swagelok [®] 4 VCR [®]	
Compliance	CE	

¹ To assure no flow-through, a separate positive shut-off valve is required.



Safe Delivery Source (SDS®)

The SDS delivers gas based on the differential pressure between the source gas cylinder (at less than 0 psig) and the implanter ion source. An MKS Baratron pressure transducer with an LDM (Local Display Module) may be used to sense source pressure along with the 1640 pressure-based MFC to control flow.



Ordering Information

Ordering Code Example: 1640AXXX	Code	Configuration
1640A Pressure Based Mass Flow Controller	1640A	1640A
MKS will configure the 1640 to meet your specifi Please contact the MKS Applications Engineerin requirements and allow them to determine an ap	ic needs for gas type and flow rates. Ing Group at (800) 227-8766 with your opropriate 1640 configuration.	ххх
Optional Accessories		
750 Baratron Capacitance Manometer: to rr LDM: A local display module that, when mo pressure readout	nonitor the gas source pressure unted with the 750, provides a local	
Cabling for 1640A:		
CB259-5-10 for 1640 15-pin Type "D" to 246 CB147-1-10 for 1640 15-pin Type "D" to 647	5, 247 7	
Contact Applications Engineering for shielded ca	ables required for CE Compliance.	



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Dimensional Drawing — Note: Unless otherwise specified, dimensions are nominal values in inches (mm referenced).



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