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3. PRODUCT INTRODUCTION

Digital panel meters by Load Cell Central are versatile, cost effective solutions to a wide variety of monitoring and control applications. Depending on the choice of signal conditioner, they are easily set up for an accurate display of temperature, pressure, flow, weight, voltage or current, all in appropriate engineering units and with zero and span adjustment when needed. Setup can be via front panel pushbuttons or the meter's serial interface. Selective security lockout of the front panel keys protects against accidental changes to meter setup.

High read rates up to 60 per second (50 for 50 Hz operation) are made possible by Concurrent Slope Conversion (Pat 5,262,780), which integrates the signal over an AC power line cycle for maximum noise rejection. High read rates provide accurate peak and valley capture, and quick response for control applications. An adaptive digital filter supplies a time constant for the encountered signal noise level, yet responds rapidly to changes that exceed a selected threshold. Self-calibration occurs automatically after every 17th reading.

The standard power supply is a high-efficiency switching unit that operates from AC or DC, and allows the meters to be powered from worldwide AC without changes. A low-voltage supply is optional for power from 10-48V batteries or from 12-30 Vac. Both supplies provide an isolated 5, 10 or 24Vdc transducer excitation output.

The meter case conforms to the 1/8 DIN size standard. It is made of high impact, 94V-0 ULrated plastic and is watertight to NEMA-4 (IP65) when panel mounted. Mounting is from the front of the panel and requires less than 110 mm behind the panel. Power and signal wiring is via removable plugs conforming to UL61010C safety standards. All output options are isolated from meter and power ground to 250 Vac.

Extended meter versions can linearize nonlinear inputs. Up to 180 data points may be linearized by a computer program that stores setup parameters in nonvolatile memory. Extended meters can also display rate of change, for example to display flow rate based on changing tank level.

Alarm or setpoint control is provided by an optional relay board with two or four Form C 8A mechanical relays or two or four Form A 130 mA solid state relays. The setpoints may be latching or non-latching, be energized above or below the setpoint, or operate in a fail-safe mode. The relays can operate from the filtered signal to reduce relay chatter or from the unfiltered signal for fastest response. Snubber circuits and a programmable relay switching time delay extend relay contact life.

An isolated analog output of 4-20 mA, 0-20 mA, 0-10V or -10 to +10V can be provided by an optional analog output board. The output is linearized to the display and can operate from the filtered or unfiltered signal input. It can be scaled via front panel pushbuttons or the meter's serial interface.

Ethernet USB, RS232, or RS485 (2-wire half-duplex or 4-wire full-duplex) serial communications options are available with the Modbus protocol or a simpler custom ASCII protocol. Modbus operation includes RTU or ASCII modes, up to 247 digital addresses, and up to 32 devices per RS485 line without a repeater. Ethernet-to-RS485 and USB-to-RS485 converter boards allow a meter to be interfaced to a PC and to multiple meters on an RS485 network.

Meter programming can be via the meter's front panel or a PC running Windows based Instrument Setup Software (serial interface option required).

4. RECEIVING & UNPACKING

Your meter was carefully tested and inspected prior to shipment. Should the meter be damaged in shipment, notify the freight carrier immediately. In the event the meter is not configured as ordered or the unit is inoperable, return it to the place of purchase for repair or replacement. Please include a detailed description of the problem.

5. SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

Warning: Use of this equipment in a manner other than specified may impair the protection of the device and subject the user to a hazard. Visually inspect the unit for signs of damage. If the unit is damaged, do not attempt to operate.

Caution:

- This unit must be powered with AC (mains) from 85-264 Vac with the high voltage power supply option, or 12-32 Vac (10-48 Vdc) with the low voltage power supply option. Verify that the proper power option is installed for the power to be used. This meter has no AC (mains) switch. It will be in operation as soon as power is connected.
- The 85-264 Vac mains connector (P1 Pins 1-3) is colored Green to differentiate it from • other input and output connectors. The 12-32 Vac (10-48 Vdc) mains connector is colored Black.
- Do not make signal wiring changes or connections when power is applied to the instrument. Make signal connections before power is applied. If reconnection is required, disconnect the AC (mains) power before such wiring is attempted.
- To prevent electrical or fire hazard, do not expose the instrument to excessive moisture. •
- Do not operate the instrument in the presence of flammable gases or fumes; such an • environment constitutes a definite safety hazard. This meter is designed to be mounted in a metal panel.
- Verify the panel cutout dimensions, and mount according to instructions.

Symbols used



Caution (refer to accompanying documents) Earth (ground) terminal.



Caution, risk of electric shock.



Equipment protected throughout by double insulation or reinforced insulation.

Operating environment:

The meter is Class II (double insulated) equipment designed for use in Pollution degree 2.

6. CONNECTOR WIRING INFORMATION

CONNECTORS

Connectors for signal and power are UL-rated screw-clamp terminal blocks that plug into mating jacks on the printed circuit board. Communication connectors are a single RJ11 plug for RS232, dual RJ11 plugs for RS485, dual RJ45 plugs for RS485 Modbus, or USB.

P1 - POWER AND DIGITAL CONTROLS



Warning: Hazardous voltages may be present on pins 4, 5 & 6 of P1 since digital ground is tied to pin 3 of P5 (-Signal Input). Keep pin 3 close to earth ground to minimize common mode voltage or shock hazard at pins 4, 5 & 6 of P1.

P5 - SIGNAL INPUT **DC & PROCESS** Signal Source -EXCITATION 1 1.1 out in 10 21 +FXCITATION - SIGNAL INPUT 3 П in out +SIGNAL INPUT 41 **2 WIRE PROCESS TRANSMITTER** Signal Source -24V EXCITATION 1 T T +24V EXCITATION 2l 3[- SIGNAL INPUT +SIGNAL INPUT 4l **STRAIN GAUGE** -10VEXCITATION 1 \mathbf{D} ID +10V EXCITATION 21 -SIGNAL 3 +SIGNAL 4L AC (TRUE RMS)





Note: Control inputs 1 & 2 of P1 are menu selectable.



+SIGNAL INPUT 4L

P2 - SETPOINT CONTROLLER

DUAL MECHANICAL RELAY OUTPUTS

ALARM 1 ALARM 1 ALARM 1	N/O CONTACT COMMON N/C CONTACT	1 2 3 1 1
ALARM 2	N/O CONTACT	4
ALARM 2	COMMON	5
ALARM 2	N/C CONTACT	6

QUAD MECHANICAL RELAY OUTPUTS

ALARM1 I	V/O CONT	TACT	1	
ALARM1&1	2 COM	MON	2	
ALARM2 I	V/O CONT	TACT	3	
ALARM3 I	V/O CONT	TACT	4	
ALARM3&	4 COM	MON	5	
ALARM4 I	V/O CONT	TACT	6	

P3 - SERIAL COMMUNICATIONS

RS232 INTERFACE

Computer



RS485 INTERFACE - FULL DUPLEX



RS485-MODBUS - FULL DUPLEX



DUAL SOLID STATE RELAY OUTPUTS

ALARM 1	1	DC OR AC
ALARM 1	2	NOT USED
ALARM 1	3	DC OR AC
ALARM2	4	DCORAC
ALARM2	5	NOTUSED
ALARM2	6	DCORAC

QUAD SOLID STATE RELAY OUTPUTS

ALARM1 N	/OCONTACT 1
ALARM 1 & 2	COMMON 2
ALARM2 N	OCONTACT 3
ALARM3 N	/OCONTACT 4
ALARM 3 & 4	COMMON 5
ALARM4 N	OCONTACT 6



4	
5	
6	

P4 - ANALOG OUTPUT

UNIPOLAR CONNECTIONS

4-20 mA or 0-20 mA OUTPUT 0-10V OUTPUT ISOLATED GROUND

1			
2			
3		П	
	10.00		

1

2

3

BIPOLAR CONNECTIONS

REFERENCE or RETURN -10V to +10V OUTPUT N/C

RS485 INTERFACE - HALF DUPLEX



RS485-MODBUS - HALF DUPLEX



7. MECHANICAL ASSEMBLY

REMOVING THE REAR PANEL

First remove any connectors. Use one hand to press in the two sides of the rear of the case, and the other hand to press down the two protruding tab releases at the top of the rear panel (see figure below). This will unhook the rear panel from the case.



REMOVING THE ELECTRONICS

With the rear panel removed, grasp the power supply board to the left and signal conditioner board to the right, and carefully slide the electronic assembly out through the rear of the case. (see figure below).



INSTALLING NEW OPTION BOARDS

Options boards plug into the main board at the front of the meter. These are plug-and-play and may be installed in the field. They will be recognized by the software, which will provide access to the menu items associated with that board. If necessary, remove rear panel knockouts for new boards. Boards plug into connectors as follows:

Option Board	Main Board Plug	Rear Panel Jack
Power supply	P11	J1
Relay board	P12	J2
Serial interface board	P13	J3
Analog output board	P14	J4
Signal conditioner board	P15	J5

Note: Corresponding main board and option board connectors have the same number of electrical lines. When an option board is correctly installed, the top and bottom edges of the main board and option board are aligned.

REASSEMBLING YOUR METER

Slide the electronics assembly into the case until the display board is seated flush against the front overlay. Insert the bottom tabs of the rear panel into the case, and then carefully align the board connectors with the openings in the rear panel. If necessary, remove any rear panel knockouts for new option boards that may have been installed. Ensure that all option boards are properly aligned with the molded board retaining pins on the inside of the rear panel. Once the rear panel is in place, reinstall the input/output screw clamp terminal plugs.

PANEL MOUNTING

Ensure that the panel mounted gasket is in place against the back of the bezel. Turn the two mounting screws counterclockwise until the space between the mounting pawl and the rear of the gasket is greater than the panel thickness. Insert the meter in the panel cutout. Turn the mounting screws clockwise until the meter is securely mounted in the panel. Do not overtighten.





8. FRONT PANEL SETUP KEYS



Meter Front Panel

There are four front panel keys, which change function for the **Run Mode** and **Menu Mode**, effectively becoming eight keys. The keys are labeled with alphanumeric captions (MENU, PEAK, RESET, ALARMS) for the Run Mode and with symbols (> right arrow, \land up arrow, < left arrow) for the Menu Mode.

FRONT PANEL LOCKOUT

The Menu Mode will not work with most meters shipped from the factory, since all menu items have been disabled in software and a lockout jumper is in place. This jumper needs to be removed for the Menu Mode to work, and values under Loc 1 Loc 2 Loc 3 need to be set to "0" via the front panel for these menu items to be available. The paragraphs below assume that all menu items have been unlocked.

MENU MODE KEY ACTION

In the Menu Mode, pressing a key momentarily advances to the next menu item. Holding down a key automatically advances through multiple menu items for fast menu navigation.

KEYS IN RUN MODE



MENU Key. Pressing *MENU* from the Run Mode enters the Menu Mode. Pressing *MENU* repeatedly will step the meter through the various menu items (if these have not been locked out) and then back to the Run Mode.



PEAK Key. Pressing *PEAK* causes the peak value of the input signal to be displayed. The peak display blinks to differentiate it from the normal present value display. Pressing *PEAK* again will return the display to the present value.



RESET Key. Pressing *RESET* with *PEAK* resets peak and valley values. Pressing *RESET* with *ALARMS* resets latched alarms. Pressing *RESET* with *MENU* performs a meter (same as power on). Pressing and releasing *RESET* without pressing another key, changes the displayed item if the mode has multiple items. For Item 1, the V LED is out. For Item 2, the V LED is on. For Item 3, the V LED is flashing.

ALARMS Key. Pressing *ALARMS* once displays the setpoint for Alarm 1. Pressing it again displays the setpoint for Alarm 2. Pressing it again returns to the present value. **KEYS IN MENU MODE**



Right Arrow Key (MENU). Pressing > steps the meter through all menu items that have been enabled and then back to the Run Mode. With the DC signal conditioner board and no option boards, available menu items are **InPut**, **SEtuP**, **ConFG**, **FiLtr**, **dEc.Pt**, **SCALE**, **OFFst**, **Loc 1**, **Loc 2**, **Loc 3**. If a change has been made to a menu item, that change is saved to non-volatile memory when the > key is pressed next, and **StoreE** is displayed briefly.



Right Arrow Key (Digit Select).

- Pressing > from the *InPut* menu brings up all meter functions available with the meter's signal conditioner. For the DC signal conditioner, these are dC U, dC A and rAtio.
- Pressing > from the SEtuP, ConfFG, FiLtr, SCALE, OFFSt, Loc 1, Loc 2 or Loc 3 menus items sequentially selects digit positions 1 5, as indicated by a flashing digit:
 00000, 00000, 00000, 00000.
- Pressing > from the dEC.Pt menu item sequentially selects decimal point positions, which will flash: d_dddd dd_ddd ddd_dd ddd_d ddddd.



Up Arrow Key (Value Select). Pressing \land for a flashing item (digit position or decimal point position) will increment that item. Pressing *MENU* will save any changes.



Left Arrow Key (Reverse Menu). Pressing < has the same effect as the MENU key, except that menu items are brought up in reverse order.

9. ENABLING & LOCKING OUT MENU ITEMS

For security reasons and ease of meter operation, any and all menu items may be disabled or "locked out" so that they are no longer directly accessible from the front panel. Each function to be <u>disabled</u> is set to "1" in menu items *Loc 1, Loc 2* or *Loc 3*, and each function to be <u>enabled</u> is set to "0." The top menu items *Loc 1, Loc 2* and *Loc 3* can in turn be locked out by installing an internal hardware jumper. With the jumper <u>installed</u>, the operator only has access only to enabled menu items. With the jumper <u>removed</u>, the operator also has access to menu items *Loc 1, Loc 3*.

SETTING HARDWARE LOCKOUT JUMPER

To access the lockout jumper, remove the rear panel per Section 9 and locate jumper "**a**" in the lower portion of the power supply board next to the input connectors (see figure at right).



Jumper a

SETTING SOFTWARE LOCKOUTS

When setting up the meter, it may be necessary to enable specific menu items by setting the corresponding lockout digit to 0. Be sure to reset the lockout digit to "1" if you do not want the menu item to be changed by an operator.

Loc 1 Loc 2 Loc 3

Press the > *MENU* key until *Loc 1, Loc 2* or *Loc 3* is displayed, as desired. **Note:** the hardware lockout jumper must be removed (see above).

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Press > to display the lockout status, consisting of 1's and 0's. The left digit will flash. Press > again to step to the next digit, which will flash.

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12345

Press > to set the flashing digit to "0" to enable the menu item or to "1" to disable. Press *MENU* to enter. See the table to the right for list of menu items that can be enabled or disabled.

Enabled or Disabled Menu Items

Loc 1

- **1** Input type selection.
- 2 Meter setup, configuration & decimal pt.
- 3 Filter selection.
- 4 Scale or Lo, Hi input.
- 5 Offset or Lo, Hi reading

Loc 2

- 2 Alarm setup.
- 3 Alarm setpoint value programming.
- 4 Analog output scaling.
- **5** Serial interface setup.

Loc 3

- 2 View peak value
- 3 View alarm setpoints
- 4 Reset (peak & latched alarms)
- **5** Reset (meter reset)

10. READING COORDINATES OF 2 POINTS SCALING METHOD

When the *reading coordinates of 2 points* scaling method has been selected under **SEtuP**, the four menu items below will appear ahead of all other menu items when the *MENU* or > key is first pressed from the run mode.

This scaling method applies a straight line fit between two points, which are determined from actual transducer signals and the desired corresponding meter readings. A low signal, such as the output of a load cell at zero load, and high signal, such as the output of the same load cell at a known load, are applied to the meter. The desired corresponding low and high readings are then entered from the front panel. The meter then applies straight line fit between the high and low calibration points. This scaling method has the advantage of calibrating the transducer and meter as a system. The actual voltage or current at either point does not need to be known. This method is ideal for process and load cell meters, which require zero and span adjustment. It is also available for DC or AC meters. It is not available with thermocouple or RTD meters.

The programming example below is for a process meter used with a 4-20 mA pressure transducer for 0 to 100 psi. Decimal points are set separately using the *dEC.Pt* menu.

Press Menu Select Key	Press Digit Select Key	Press Value Select Key
Lo In Apply low signal input (e.g., transducer output for 0 psi).	40.21 Press > to display reading at low signal input (e.g., 4.021 mA).	40.21 Press \wedge to store low reading.
Hi In Apply high signal input (e.g., transducer output for known 100.00 psi source).	200.94 Press > to display reading at high signal input (e.g., 20.094 mA).	200.94 Press ∧ to store high reading.
Lo rd Mode to enter desired low reading (e.g., 0.00).	000.00 000.00 000.00 000.00 000.00 Select digit to flash.	0.00 Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits.
Hi rd Mode to enter desired high reading (e.g., 100.00).	000.00 000.00 000.00 000.00 000.00 Select digit to flash.	100.00 Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits.

11. DC VOLTS, AMPS, PROCESS, STRAIN INPUT - MODEL: VPI-SC

The DC Volts, Amps, Process and Strain meters utilize the DC signal conditioner board, which needs to be configured via jumpers for the desired voltage or current range. All signal ranges are factory calibrated with calibration factors stored in EEPROM. The meter software recognizes the board and will bring up the appropriate menu items for it; however, it does not recognize the jumper settings. Please see further manual sections for setup of the following: relay output (16), analog output (17), communications (18), and transducer excitation output (19).

FS Input	E1	E2	E3
±200.00 mV ±2.0000 V ±20.000 V ±200.00 V ±300V (UL)	A A B B B	f f h h q	b a b a a
±600V (not UL)	В	g	а

Jumpers

Jumpers

Current Ranges

FS Input	E1	E2	E3
±2.0000 mA ±20.000 mA ±200.00 mA ±5.000 A	A A A A	e, g d, g c, g a, b, g	а а а а



1. Letters indicate jumper position. Jumpers are installed on pins adjacent to letters.

2. Use 5 mm (0.2") jumpers for locations designated by a capital letter.

- **3.** Use 2.5 mm (0.1") jumpers for locations designated by a lower case letter.
- 4. Store spare jumpers on an unused jumper post <u>not</u> associated a capital letter.

SCALE & OFFSET SETUP

For DC voltmeters & ammeters, a scale factor of 1 and an offset of 0 are used for direct readings in (milli)volts or (milli)amperes. Decimal point selection does not affect the displayed digits. For example, 0-20V or 0-20 mA signals can both be displayed as 0-20000. A full scale of 20000 may be displayed as 20.000 mA or 20000 μ A. Use with a current shunt will require a scale factor to be set. For example, for a 500-100 (500A, 100 mV) shunt, divide 5000 (the desired full scale display with 0.1A resolution) by 10000 (displayed value with 100 mV when the scale factor is 1.0) for a scale factor of 0.5.

For process & strain meters, scaling is normally set up from the front panel using the > and \land keys, but can also be set up via RS232/485 using special PC-compatible setup software (available at no charge). The meter allows three scaling methods to be selected: 1) Scale and offset, 2) Coordinates of 2 points, and 3) Reading coordinates of 2 points. Only menu items applicable to the selected method will be presented.

KEYSTROKES FOR VPI-SC SETUP

If the MENU key does not work, see Section 9 "Enabling & Locking Out Menu Items."

Press Menu Select Key	Press Digit Select Key	Press Value Select Key
InPut Selection of signal	dC U DC Volts	0.2U 2.0U 20.0U 200.0U 600.0U 0.2, 2, 20, 200, 660V FS
input type & range	dC A DC Amps	2.0a 20.0a 200.0a 5.0a 0.2, 20, 200 mA, 5A FS
	rAtio Strain gauge & ratio	0.2U 2.0U 20.0U 0.2, 2, 20V FS.
SEtuP Meter Setup	00_00 Display selection with scale factor of 1.	 4-1/2 digits (±20,000) Remote display (±99,999) 4-1/2 digits, counts by 10 (±20,000) 3-1/2 digits (±2,000)
	00_00 Power line frequency	Noise minimized for 60 HzNoise minimized for 50 Hz
	0000 Scaling method	 Scale and offset method Coordinates of 2 points method Reading coordinates of 2 points method
	OO_OO Control inputs 1 & 2: True = logic 1 (0V or tied to digital ground) False = logic 0 (5V or open)	 1 = Reset, 2 = Meter Hold 1 = Function Reset, 2 = Peak or Valley 1 = Hold, 2 = Peak or Valley Display 1 = Hold, 2 = Tare 1 = Peak or Valley Display, 2 = Tare 1 = Tare, 2 = Reset 1 = 1, 2 = 1, decimal point = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 1, decimal point = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 1, decimal point = XXXXX 1 = 1, 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 1, decimal point = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 1, decimal point = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 1, decimal point = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 1, decimal point = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 1, decimal point = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 1 = 1, 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 1 = 1, 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 3 = 1, 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 2 = 0, 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 3 = 1, 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 3 = 1, 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 3 = 1, 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 4 = 1, 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 5 = 1, 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 5 = 1, 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 6 = 1, 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 7 = 1, 2 = 0, decimal point = XXXXX 9 = 1, 2 = 0,

Press Menu Select Key	Press Digit Select Key	RESET Press Value Select Key
ConFG Meter Configuration	000_0 Operation as a rate of change meter. <i>Extended meter only.</i>	 Not rate of change Rate x 0.1 Rate x 1 Rate x 10 Rate x 100 Rate x 1000 Rate x 10000
	Operation of front panel <i>PEAK</i> button and rear connector for Peak or Valley Display	 Peak Display. Also selects "Peak" in "Peak or Valley" at connector above. Valley Display. Also selects "Valley" in "Peak or Valley" at connector above. Peak (1st push), Valley (2nd push) Front panel Tare
	00 <u>0</u> _0 Auto-tare	Meter comes up in normal run mode.Meter comes up in auto-tare mode
	000 _0 Nonlinear input scaling Extended meter only.	Linear inputCustom curve linearization
FiLtr Filtering	00000 Alarm filtering	Unfiltered outputFiltered output
	00000 Peak & Valley filtering	 Unfiltered Peak & Valley Filtered Peak & Valley
	00 <u>0</u> 00 Display filtering	Display batch average every 16 readingsDisplay filtered signal
	00000 Adaptive filter threshold	 Low adaptive filter threshold level High adaptive filter threshold level
	00000 Input signal filtering. Can be applied to dis- play, setpoint, analog output, data output.	 Autofilter Batch average, 16 readings Moving average, 0.08 sec. Moving average, 0.15 sec. Moving average, 0.3 sec. Moving average, 0.6 sec. Moving average, 1.2 sec. Moving average, 2.4 sec. Moving average, 4.8 sec. Moving average, 9.6 sec. Unfiltered
dEc.Pt Dec. point selection	d <u>.</u> dddd Decimal point flashes.	d <u>.</u> dddd dd <u>.</u> ddd ddd <u>.</u> dd dddd <u>.</u> d ddddd <u>.</u> _ddddd Press ∧ to shift the decimal point.

Press Menu Select Key	Press Digit Select Key	RESET Press Value Select Key
Scaling method "Sca	le and Offset" if selected u	under <mark>SEtuP</mark>
SCALE Scale factor	0.00000.00000.00000.00000.00000.00000.00000.00000.00000.0000Select digit to flash.	Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Select decimal point location when decimal point is flashing.
OFFst Offset value	0.00000.00000.00000.00000.0000Select digit to flash.	Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Decimal point location is selected by dEC.Pt.
Scaling method "Coc	ordinates of 2 points" if sel	ected under SEtuP
Lo In Low signal input.	0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 Select digit to flash.	Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Decimal point is set by input range chosen.
Lo rd Desired reading at Lo In.	0.00000.00000.00000.00000.00000.0000Select digit to flash.	Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Decimal point is set by dEC.Pt.
Hi In High signal input.	0.00000.00000.00000.00000.00000.0000Select digit to flash.	Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Decimal point is set by input range chosen.
Hi rd Desired reading at Hi In.	0.00000.00000.00000.00000.0000Select digit to flash.	Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Decimal point is set by dEC.Pt.
Scaling method "Rea	ading coordinates of 2 poir	nts" if selected under SEtuP
Lo In Low signal input.	0.021 Apply a low reference signal to the meter.	0.021 Press ▲ to store the low signal input in the meter.
Hi In High signal input.	20.094 Apply a high reference signal to the meter.	0.021 Press ▲ to store the high signal input in the meter.
Lord Desired reading at Lo In.	0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 Select digit to flash.	0.0000 Select -9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Decimal point is set by dEC.Pt.
Hi rd Desired reading at Hi In.	0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 Select digit to flash.	6.7500 Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Decimal point is set by dEC.Pt.

Option board dependent menu items

ALSEt ALS34 dEU1H dEU2H dEU1b dEU2b dEU3H DEU4H DEU3b DEU4b

Menu items related to **alarm setup** These will only appear if a relay board is detected. If so, please see Section16.

AnSEt An Lo An Hi

Menu items related to **analog output setup**. These will only appear if an analog output board is detected. If so, see Section 17.

SEr 1 SEr 2 SEr 3 SEr 4 Addr

Menu items related to **serial communications**. These will only appear if an RS232 or RS485 I/O board is detected. If so, see Section 18.

Menu lockout items

Loc 1 Loc 2 Loc 3

Menu items used to enable or lock out (hide) other menu items. **Loc** menu items may in turn be locked out by a hardware jumper. Please see Section 9.

* Scaling method 2, "Reading Coordinates of 2 Points Scaling Method," will appear before all other Menu items, including InPut. Decimal point is set by dEC.Pt.

12. LOAD CELL & MICROVOLT INPUT - MODEL: VPI-LC

The Load Cell and Microvolt meters utilize the load cell signal conditioner board, which offers sensitivity to ± 20 mV full scale and 4 or 6-wire load cell connection. This board needs to be configured via jumpers for the desired voltage range. All signal ranges are factory calibrated with calibration factors stored in EEPROM. The meter software recognizes the board and will bring up the appropriate menu items for it; however, it does not recognize the jumper settings. Please see further manual sections for setup of the following features: relay output (16), analog output (17), communications (18), and transducer excitation output (19).

RANGE SELECTION VIA JUMPERS

Ranges & Display with Scale Factor = 1

Input	Jumpers	Full scale display
±20 mV	e	± 20000
±50 mV	a	± 50000
±100 mV	b	± 10000
±250 mV	c	± 25000
±500 mV	d	± 50000



- **Notes 1.** See Section 19 to select 10V excitation.
 - **2.** Jumpers are 2.5 mm (0.1 in).

SCALE & OFFSET SETUP

For DC microvolt meters, a scale factor of 1 and an offset of 0 are used for direct readings in microvolts or millivolts. Decimal point selection does not affect the displayed digits. For example, 20 mV can be displayed as 20.000 mV or 20000 μ V. The decimal point is set separately.

For load cell applications, scaling is normally set up from the front panel using the \blacktriangleright and \blacktriangle keys, but can also be set up via RS232/485 using special PC-compatible setup software (available at no charge). The meter allows three scaling methods to be selected: 1). *Manual scale and offset,* 2) *Coordinates of 2 points,* and 3) *Reading coordinates of 2 points.* Please see the Glossary for an explanation of each method.

KEYSTROKES FOR VPI-LC SETUP

If the *MENU* key does not work, see Section 9 "Enabling & Locking Out Menu Items."

Press Menu Select Key	Press Digit Select Key	RESET Press Value Select Key
InPut Selection of signal	Strn Strain or ratiometric	20.050.0100.0250.0500.020, 50, 100, 250, 500 mV FS voltage
input type & range	dC u DC millivolts	20.050.0100.0250.0500.020, 50, 100, 250, 500 mV FS voltage
SEtuP Meter Setup	00_00 Display type	 4-1/2 digit meter, counts by 1 5-digit remote display (±99,999) 4-1/2 digit meter, counts by 10 3-1/2 digit meter
	0 <u>0 _00</u> Power line frequency	 Noise minimized for 60 Hz Noise minimized for 50 Hz
	0000 Scaling method	 Scale and offset method Coordinates of 2 points method Reading coordinates of 2 points method
	00_00 Rear connector control inputs 1 & 2. True = logic 1 (0V or tied to digital ground) False = logic 0 (5V or open)	 1 = Reset, 2 = Meter Hold 1 = Function Reset 2 = Pk or Valley Disp. 1 = Meter Hold 2 = Pk or Valley Disp. 1 = Meter Hold 2 = Tare 1 = Peak or Valley 2 = Tare 1 = Tare 2 = Reset 1 = 0, 2 = 0, decimal point 1 = XXXXX 1 = 1, 2 = 0, decimal point 1 = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 1, decimal point 1 = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 1, decimal point 1 = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 0, decimal point 1 = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 0, decimal point 2 = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 0, decimal point 2 = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 0, decimal point 2 = XXXXX 1 = 1, 2 = 0, decimal point 2 = XXXXX 1 = 1, 2 = 1, decimal point 2 = XXXXX 1 = 1, 2 = 1, decimal point 2 = XXXXX 1 = 1, 2 = 1, decimal point 2 = XXXXX 1 = 1, 2 = 1, decimal point 2 = XXXXX 1 = 1, 2 = 1, decimal point 2 = XXXXX 1 = 1, 2 = 1, decimal point 2 = XXXXX 1 = 1, 2 = 1, decimal point 2 = XXXXX 1 = 1, 2 = 1, decimal point 2 = XXXXX 2 = Display Blank 1 = Function Reset 2 = Display Blank 1 = Peak or Valley 2 = Display Blank 1 = Tare 2 = Display Blank 1 = Tare 2 = Display Blank 1 = Valley Display 2 = Peak Display 1 = Tare 2 = Tare Reset Both control inputs 1 & 2 set to 1 for selections 2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5,

Press Menu Select Key	Press Digit Select Key	RESET Press Value Select Key
ConFG Meter Configuration	000_0 Operation as a rate of change meter. <i>Extended meter only.</i>	 Not rate of change Rate x 0.1 Rate x 1 Rate x 10 Rate x 100 Rate x 1000 Rate x 10000
	000_0 Operation of front panel <i>PEAK</i> button and rear connector for Peak or Valley Display	 Peak Display. Also selects "Peak" in "Peak or Valley" at connector above. Valley Display. Also selects "Valley" in "Peak or Valley" at connector above. Peak (1st push), Valley (2nd push) Front panel Tare
	00 0_ 0 Auto-tare	Meter comes up in normal run mode.Meter comes up in auto-tare mode
	000_0 Nonlinear input scaling Extended meter only.	Linear inputCustom curve linearization
FiLtr Filtering	00000 Alarm filtering	Unfiltered outputFiltered output
	00000 Peak & Valley filtering	 Unfiltered Peak & Valley Filtered Peak & Valley
	00 <u>0</u> 00 Display filtering	Display batch average every 16 readingsDisplay filtered signal
	00000 Adaptive filter threshold	 Low adaptive filter threshold level* High adaptive filter threshold level
	00000 Input signal filtering. Can be applied to dis- play, setpoint, analog output, data output.	 Autofilter Batch average, 16 readings Moving average, 0.08 sec. Moving average, 0.15 sec. Moving average, 0.3 sec. Moving average, 0.6 sec. Moving average, 1.2 sec. Moving average, 2.4 sec. Moving average, 4.8 sec. Moving average, 9.6 sec. Unfiltered
dEc.Pt Dec. point selection	d <u>.</u> dddd Decimal point flashes.	d <u>.</u> dddd dd <u>.</u> dd ddd <u>.</u> dd dddd <u>.</u> d ddddd <u>.</u> <u>.</u> ddddd

Press Menu Select Key	Press Digit Select Key	RESET Press Value Select Key
Scaling method "Sca	le and Offset" if selected u	under <mark>SEtuP</mark>
SCALE Scale factor	0.00000.00000.00000.00000.00000.00000.00000.00000.00000.0000Select digit to flash.	Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Select decimal point location when decimal point is flashing.
OFFst Offset value	0.00000.00000.00000.00000.0000Select digit to flash.	Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Decimal point location is selected by dEC.Pt.
Scaling method "Coc	ordinates of 2 points" if sel	ected under SEtuP
Lo In Low signal input.	0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 Select digit to flash.	Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Decimal point is set by input range chosen.
Lo rd Desired reading at Lo In.	0.00000.00000.00000.00000.00000.0000Select digit to flash.	Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Decimal point is set by dEC.Pt.
Hi In High signal input.	0.00000.00000.00000.00000.00000.0000Select digit to flash.	Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Decimal point is set by input range chosen.
Hi rd Desired reading at Hi In.	0.00000.00000.00000.00000.00000.0000Select digit to flash.	Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Decimal point is set by dEC.Pt.
Scaling method "Rea	ading coordinates of 2 poir	nts" if selected under SEtuP
Lo In Low signal input.	0.021 Apply a low reference signal to the meter.	0.021 Press ▲ to store the low signal input in the meter.
Hi In High signal input.	20.094 Apply a high reference signal to the meter.	20.094 Press ▲ to store the high signal input in the meter.
Lord Desired reading at Lo In.	0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 Select digit to flash.	0.0000 Select -9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Decimal point is set by dEC.Pt.
Hi rd Desired reading at Hi In.	0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 Select digit to flash.	6.7500 Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Decimal point is set by dEC.Pt.

Option board dependent menu items

ALSEt ALS34 dEU1H dEU2H dEU1b dEU2b dEU3H DEU4H DEU3b DEU4b

Menu items related to **alarm setup** These will only appear if a relay board is detected. If so, please see Section16.

AnSEt An Lo An Hi

Menu items related to **analog output setup**. These will only appear if an analog output board is detected. If so, see Section 17.

SEr 1 SEr 2 SEr 3 SEr 4 Addr

Menu items related to **serial communications**. These will only appear if an RS232 or RS485 I/O board is detected. If so, see Section 18.

Menu lockout items

Loc 1 Loc 2 Loc 3

Menu items used to enable or lock out (hide) other menu items. **Loc** menu items may in turn be locked out by a hardware jumper. Please see Section 9.

13. AC TRUE RMS VOLTS & AMPS INPUT

AC voltage or current measurement utilizes the True RMS signal conditioner board which uses precision circuitry to compute the root-mean-square of complex waveforms from 10 Hz to 10 kHz. Accurate measurements are obtained with spikes up to 3 times the maximum of each range. The input can be AC coupled to read only the AC component, such as ripple on a power supply, or DC coupled to read AC plus DC. The board needs to be configured via jumpers for the desired voltage or current range, and for AC or DC coupling. All signal ranges are factory calibrated with calibration factors stored in EEPROM.



The meter software recognizes the board and will bring up the appropriate menu items for it; however, it does not recognize the jumper settings. These need to be set manually. Please see further manual sections for setup of the following features: relay output (16), analog output (17), and communications (18).

Voltage Ranges

Full Scale Input	Counts	Jumpers
200 mV 2V	20000 20000	j c, g, h
20V	20000	с, і
200V	20000	c, k
300V (UL)	3000	c, m
600V (not UL)	6000	c, m

Current Ranges

Full Scale Input	Counts	Jumpers
2 mA	20000	l, k
20 mA	20000	b, m
200 mA	20000	a, m
5A	5000	c, d, e, m

AC or DC Coupling

Coupling Type	Jumpers	
DC coupling for AC + DC AC coupling for AC only	f	
AC coupling for AC only	none	



RANGE SELECTION VIA JUMPERS

- 1. Letters indicate jumper position. Jumpers are installed on pins adjacent to letters.
- **2.** Use 2.5 mm (0.1") jumpers.
- 3. Store spare jumpers on unused jumper post.

METER SCALING

Refer to the above tables for the full scale counts (or displayed digits) produced by the available full scale input ranges with a scale factor of 1 and an offset of 0. The decimal point

can be set for direct readout in (milli)volts or (milli)amperes. Decimal point selection does not affect the counts. For example, a 20V input may be displayed as 20.000V or 20000 mV.

The 5A range, designed for use with a 5A current transformer (CT), is scaled to produce 5000 counts with a scale factor of 1 and an offset of 0. Use with a specific CT will require the scale factor to be set. For example, for an 800A input, 5A output CT, set a scale factor of 1.6. This is the desired 8000 count display at 5A divided by the default 5000 count display at 5A. Then set the decimal point to display to 800.0 at 5A.

All scaling methods applicable to DC, process, strain and load cell meters are available with AC RMS meters.

INTERNAL SHIELD

To reduce noise pickup inside the meter or transmitter, the RMS board is fitted with a flexible plug-on shield. If necessary, This shield may be removed for jumper setting, but must be reinstalled before closing the instrument.



SIGNAL SHIELDING





AC RMS measurements are susceptible to signal noise. This is especially true when the instrument has a wide bandwidth. To minimize noise pickup, the input signal wiring should utilize a shielded twisted pair, and the shield should be connected to signal low at the meter, as illustrated. If signal low is close to earth ground, such as within 2V, signal low can further be connected to earth ground at the meter, as illustrated.

KEYSTROKES FOR SETUP

If the MENU key does not work, see Section 9 "Enabling & Locking Out Menu Items."

Press Menu Select Key	Press Digit PEAK Select Key	RESET Press Value Select Key
InPut Selection of signal	AC U Strain or ratiometric	0.2U 2.0U 20.0U 200.0U 600.0U 0.2, 2, 20, 200, 660V FS
input type & range	AC A DC millivolts	2.0a 20.0a 200.0a 5.0A 2, 20, 200 mA, 5A FS
SEtuP Meter Setup	00_00 Display selection with scale factor of 1	 4-1/2 digits (±20,000) Remote display (±99,999) 4-1/2 digits, counts by 10 (±20,000) 3-1/2 digits (±2,000)
	0 <u>0 _00</u> Power line frequency	 Noise minimized for 60 Hz Noise minimized for 50 Hz
	00_ 0 0 Scaling method	 Scale and offset method Coordinates of 2 points method Reading coordinates of 2 points method
	00_00 Rear connector inputs 1 & 2 True = logic 1 (0V or tied to digital ground) False = logic 0 (5V or open)	 1 = Reset, 2 = Meter Hold 1 = Function Reset 2 = Pk or Valley Disp. 1 = Meter Hold 2 = Pk or Valley Disp. 1 = Meter Hold 2 = Tare 1 = Peak or Valley 2 = Tare 1 = Tare 2 = Reset 1 = 0, 2 = 0, decimal point 1 = XXXXX 1 = 1, 2 = 0, decimal point 1 = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 1, decimal point 1 = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 1, decimal point 1 = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 0, decimal point 2 = XXXXX 1 = 1, 2 = 0, decimal point 2 = XXXXX 1 = 1, 2 = 0, decimal point 2 = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 1, decimal point 2 = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 1, decimal point 2 = XXXXX 1 = 1, 2 = 1, decimal point 2 = XXXXX 1 = 1, 2 = 1, decimal point 2 = XXXXX 1 = Function Reset 2 = Display Blank 1 = Hold 2 = Display Blank 1 = Peak or Valley 2 = Display Blank 1 = Tare 2 = Display Blank 1 = Valley Display 2 = Peak Display 1 = Tare 2 = Tare Reset Both control inputs 1 & 2 set to 1 for selections 2, 7, 6, 5, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9 = Meter Reset.

Press Menu Select Key	Press Digit Select Key	RESET Press Value Select Key
ConFG Meter Configuration	000_0 Operation as a rate of change meter. Extended meter only.	 Not rate of change Rate x 0.1 Rate x 1 Rate x 10 Rate x 100 Rate x 1000 Rate x 10000
	000 Operation of front panel <i>PEAK</i> button and rear connector for Peak or Valley Display	 Peak Display. Also selects "Peak" in "Peak or Valley" at connector above. Valley Display. Also selects "Valley" in "Peak or Valley" at connector above. Peak (1st push), Valley (2nd push) Front panel Tare
	00 <u>0</u> _0 Auto-tare	Meter comes up in normal run mode.Meter comes up in auto-tare mode
	000_0 Nonlinear input scaling Extended meter only.	Linear inputCustom curve linearization
FiLtr Filtering	00000 Alarm filtering	Unfiltered outputFiltered output
	00000 Peak & Valley filtering	 Unfiltered Peak & Valley Filtered Peak & Valley
	00 <u>000</u> Display filtering	Display batch average every readingsDisplay filtered signal
	00000 Filtering for AC signal	 Non-adaptive moving average filter High-threshold adaptive moving avg filter
	00000 Input signal filtering. <i>Can be applied to dis- play, setpoint, analog output, data output.</i>	 Autofilter Batch average, 16 readings Moving average, 0.08 sec. Moving average, 0.15 sec. Moving average, 0.3 sec. Moving average, 0.6 sec. Moving average, 1.2 sec. Moving average, 2.4 sec. Moving average, 4.8 sec. Moving average, 9.6 sec. Unfiltered
dEc.Pt Dec. point selection	d <u>.</u> dddd Decimal point flashes.	d <u>.</u> dddd dd <u>.</u> ddd ddd <u>.</u> dd dddd <u>.</u> d ddddd <u>.</u> <u>.</u> ddddd

Press Menu Select Key	Press Digit Select Key	RESET Press Value Select Key
Scaling method "Scale and Offset" if selected under SEtuP		
SCALE Scale factor	0.00000.00000.00000.00000.00000.00000.00000.00000.0000Select digit to flash.	Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Select decimal point location when decimal point is flashing.
OFFst Offset value	0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 Select digit to flash.	Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Decimal point location is selected by dEC.Pt.
Scaling method "Coc	ordinates of 2 points" if sel	ected under SEtuP
Lo In Low signal input.	0.00000.00000.00000.00000.0000Select digit to flash.	Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Decimal point is set by input range chosen.
Lo rd Desired reading at Lo In.	0.00000.00000.00000.00000.00000.0000Select digit to flash.	Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Decimal point is set by dEC.Pt.
Hi In High signal input.	0.00000.00000.00000.00000.00000.0000Select digit to flash.	Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Decimal point is set by input range chosen.
Hi rd Desired reading at Hi In.	0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 Select digit to flash.	Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Decimal point is set by dEC.Pt.
Scaling method "Rea	ading coordinates of 2 poir	nts" if selected under SEtuP
Lo In Low signal input.	0.021 Apply a low reference signal to the meter.	0.021 Press ▲ to store the low signal input in the meter.
Hi In High signal input.	20.094 Apply a high reference signal to the meter.	0.021 Press ▲ to store the high signal input in the meter.
Lord Desired reading at Lo In.	0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 Select digit to flash.	0.0000 Select -9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Decimal point is set by dEC.Pt.
Hi rd Desired reading at Hi In.	0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 Select digit to flash.	6.7500 Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Decimal point is set by dEC.Pt.

Option board dependent menu items

ALSEt ALS34 dEU1H dEU2H dEU1b dEU2b dEU3H DEU4H DEU3b DEU4b

Menu items related to **alarm setup** These will only appear if a relay board is detected. If so, please see Section16.

AnSEt An Lo An Hi

Menu items related to **analog output setup**. These will only appear if an analog output board is detected. If so, see Section 17.

SEr 1 SEr 2 SEr 3 SEr 4 Addr

Menu items related to **serial communications**. These will only appear if an RS232 or RS485 I/O board is detected. If so, see Section 18.

Menu lockout items

Loc 1 Loc 2 Loc 3

Menu items used to enable or lock out (hide) other menu items. **Loc** menu items may in turn be locked out by a hardware jumper. Please see Section 9.

* Scaling method 2, "Reading Coordinates of 2 Points Scaling Method," will appear before all other Menu items, including InPut. Decimal point is set by dEC.Pt.

14. THERMOCOUPLE INPUT - MODEL: VPI-MTC

The thermocouple signal conditioner board used for temperature measurement can be configured via jumpers for 7 thermocouple types, each in a single range: J, K, T, E, N, S, R. The meter software recognizes the board and will bring up the appropriate menu items for it; however, it does not recognize the jumper settings. Display in °C or °F and resolution of 1°, 0.1° or 0.01° are user programmable. High resolution should only be used for relative readings, not absolute readings. Although available, 0.01° resolution is not recommended for thermocouples. Offset adjustment is available for thermocouples and is normally set to 0000.0. If °C is selected, entering an offset of 0273.2 will change the display to Kelvin. If °F is selected, entering an offset of 0459.7 will change the display to Rankin.

The addition of a relay output board turns the thermocouple meter from a temperature indicator into an on/off temperature controller. Please see further manual sections for setup of the following features: relay output (Section 16), analog output (17), and communications (18).

Туре	E4 Jumper
J, K, E, N	none
T, R, S	j
Open Indication	E3 Jumper
Upscale	h
Downscale	i

SIGNAL CONDITIONER BOARD SETUP VIA JUMPERS

- 1. Letters indicate jumper position.
- 2. Jumpers are installed on pins adjacent to letters.
- **3.** Use 2.5 mm (0.1") jumpers.
- 4. Store spare jumpers on an unused jumper post.



KEYSTROKES FOR VPI-MTC SETUP

If the MENU key does not work, see Section 9 "Enabling & Locking Out Menu Items."

Press Menu Select Key	Press Digit Select Key	Press Value Select Key
InPut Selection of signal input type & range	t C Thermocouple	J°FJ°CType J, °F or °CK°FK°CType K, °F or °Cn°Fn°CType N, °F or °CE°FE°CType E, °F or °Ct°Ft°CType T, °F or °CS°FS°CType S, °F or °Cr°Fr°CType R, °F or °C
SEtuP Meter Setup	0_00 Display selection.	 0.1 degree resolution Remote display (±99,999) 0.01 degree resolution 1 degree resolution
	0 <u>0 _00</u> Power line frequency	Noise minimized for 60 HzNoise minimized for 50 Hz
	00_00 Scaling method	Offset only for thermocouple input.
	00_00 ontrol inputs 1 & 2: True = logic 1 (0V or tied to digital ground) False = logic 0 (5V or open)	 1 = Reset, 2 = Meter Hold 1 = Function Reset, 2 = Peak or Valley 1 = Hold, 2 = Peak or Valley Display 1 = Hold, 2 = Tare 1 = Peak or Valley Display, 2 = Tare 1 = Tare, 2 = Reset 1 = 0, 2 = 0, decimal point 1 = XXXXX 1 = 1, 2 = 0, decimal point 1 = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 1, decimal point 1 = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 1, decimal point 1 = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 0, decimal point 2 = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 0, decimal point 2 = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 1, decimal point 2 = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 1, decimal point 2 = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 1, decimal point 2 = XXXXX 1 = 1, 2 = 1, decimal point 2 = XXXXX 2 = 1, 2 = Display Blank 2 = 1 = Tare 2 = Display Blank 1 = Tare 2 = Tare Reset Both control inputs 1 & 2 set to 1 for selections 2, 4, 5, 5, 5, 9, E, 0 = Meter Reset.

Press Menu Select Key	Press Digit Select Key	Press Value Select RESET Key
ConFG	<u>0</u> 00_0	O No used.
Meter Configuration	000 Operation of front panel <i>PEAK</i> button and rear connector for Peak or Valley Display	 Peak Display. Also selects "Peak" in "Peak or Valley" at rear connector. Valley Display. Also selects "Valley" in "Peak or Valley" at rear connector. Peak (1st push), Valley (2nd push) Front panel Tare
FiLtr Filtering	00000 Alarm filtering	 Unfiltered output Filtered output
	00000 Peak & Valley filtering	Unfiltered Peak & ValleyFiltered Peak & Valley
	00000 Display filtering	 Display batch average every 16 readings Display filtered signal
	00000 Adaptive filter threshold	 Low adaptive filter threshold level High adaptive filter threshold level
	00000 Input signal filtering. <i>Can be applied to dis- play, setpoint, analog output, data output.</i>	 Autofilter Batch average, 16 readings Moving average, 0.08 sec. Moving average, 0.15 sec. Moving average, 0.3 sec. Moving average, 0.6 sec. Moving average, 1.2 sec. Moving average, 2.4 sec. Moving average, 4.8 sec. Moving average, 9.6 sec.
OFFst Offset value	0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 Select digit to flash.	Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Use offset for display in Rankine or Kelvin.
Option board dependent menu items		
ALSEt ALS34 dEU1H dEU2H dEU1b dEU2b dEU3H DEU4H DEU3b DEU4b Menu items related to alarm setup if a relay board is detected. Please see Section16.		
AnSEt An Lo An Hi Menu items related to analog output if detected. Please see Section 17.		
SEr 1 SEr 2 SEr 3 Menu items related to	SEr 4 Addr	s if detected. Please see Section 18.
Menu lockout items		
Loc 1 Loc 2 Loc 3		

Menu items used to enable or lock out (hide) menu items. Please see Section 9.

15. RTD & RESISTANCE INPUT

RTD and resistance measurement can be configured via jumpers for four RTD types (DIN platinum, ANSI 100 Ω platinum, 120 Ω nickel, 10 Ω copper) or five resistance ranges (from 20.000 Ω to 200.00 k Ω). All ranges are factory calibrated with calibration factors stored in EEPROM on the signal conditioner board. The meter software recognizes the board and will bring up the appropriate menu items for it; however, it does not recognize the jumper settings. With RTDs, display in °C or °F and resolution of 1°, 0.1° or 0.01° are user programmable.

Please see further manual sections for setup of the following features: relay output (Section 16), analog output (17), and communications (18).

RTD Type or Ohms	E1 Jumper
Pt100, Ni120	a
Cu10, 20 Ω	b
200 Ω	c
2000 Ω	d
20000 Ω	e
200 kΩ	f
Connection	E2 Jumper
2 or 4 wire	none
3 wire	g

SIGNAL CONDITIONER BOARD SETUP VIA JUMPERS



1. Letters indicate jumper position. Jumpers are installed on pins adjacent to letters.

2. Store spare jumpers on an unused jumper post.

SCALE & OFFSET SETUP

Scale is normally set to 1.0000. Scale can be used as an RTD correction when actual resistance is other than nominal, as stated on the RTD calibration sheet. For a Pt100 RTD, divide 100 by the stated resistance at 0°C. For example, for a 99.04 ohm RTD, scale should be set to 100 / 99.04 = 1.0097.

SIGNAL SHIELDING



Shielding for noise reduction

200 k Ω ranges and above measurements are susceptible to signal noise. To minimize noise pickup, the input signal wiring should utilize a shielded twisted pair and the shield should be connected to signal low and earth ground at the meter, as illustrated. Use 2-wire hookup

RTD & RESISTANCE CONNECTION

With the appropriate jumper settings, RTD and resistance measurements allow 2, 3 or 4-wire RTD hookup to the J5 connector, as illustrated. The meter applies a fixed excitation current.

In 4-wire hookup, lead resistance is not a factor, since different pairs of wires are used for excitation and sensing.

In 3-wire hookup, the meter automatically compensates for lead resistance by measuring the voltage drop in one current-carrying lead and assuming that the voltage drop in the other current-carrying lead is the same.

In 2-wire hookup, the meter senses the voltage drop across the load and both lead wires. The effect of the lead wires can be measured and subtracted by shorting out the load during meter setup. The short should be as close as possible to the load. Ambient temperature changes will still cause some error in the readings -- the higher the lead resistance, the greater the error.



- 1. Set the InPut menu item and jumpers for the desired range
- 2. Set COnFG to 00011.
- 3. Short the two leads at the sensor end.
- 4. When the display has settled, push the > key. The meter will then store a value proportional to lead resistance, automatically change COnFG to 00010, and then reset. The same result is obtained by grounding a Control Input that has been selected for Peak or Valley (SEtuP 00_0Y, where Y = 1, 2, 4, A, C).
- **5.** Remove the short and connect the sensor. The meter now processes the sensor resistance only.

If the range and associated jumpers are subsequently changed, the above procedure must be repeated. This procedure is also available through Instrument Setup software, Revision 2.7.0 or later.



KEYSTROKES FOR SETUP

If the MENU key does not work, see Section 9 "Enabling & Locking Out Menu Items."

Press Menu Select Key	Press Digit Select Key	Press Value Select Key
InPut Selection of signal input type & range	rtd RTD	d°F Pt100 RTD, DIN alpha .00385, °F d°C Pt100 RTD, DIN alpha .00385, °C A°F Pt100 RTD, ANSI alpha .003902, °F A°C Pt100 RTD, ANSI alpha .003902, °C ni°F Ni120 RTD, alpha .00672, °F ni°C Ni120 RTD, alpha .00672, °C Cu°F Cu10 RTD, alpha .00427, °F Cu°C Cu10 RTD, alpha .00427, °C
	OHnnS Ohmmeter	200 to 20 ohms2000 to 200 ohms20000 to 2000 ohms200000 to 20000 ohms200.000 to 200.00 kohm
SEtuP Meter Setup	00_00 Display selection with scale factor of 1.	 0.1° RTD or 4-1/2 digits for ohms 5-digit remote display (±99,999) 0.01° RTD, 4-1/2 digit ohms count by 10 1° RTD or 3-1/2 digits for ohms
	00_00 Power line frequency	Noise minimized for 60 HzNoise minimized for 50 Hz
	00_00 Scaling method	 Scale and offset method (RTD & ohms) Coordinates of 2 points (ohms) Reading coordinates of 2 points (ohms)
	OO_OO Control inputs 1 & 2: True = logic 1 (0V or tied to digital ground) False = logic 0 (5V or open)	 1 = Reset, 2 = Meter Hold 1 = Function Reset, 2 = Peak or Valley 1 = Hold, 2 = Peak or Valley Display 1 = Hold, 2 = Tare 1 = Peak or Valley Display, 2 = Tare 1 = Tare, 2 = Reset 1 = 0, 2 = 0, decimal point 1 = XXXXX 1 = 1, 2 = 0, decimal point 1 = XXXXX 1 = 1, 2 = 0, decimal point 1 = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 1, decimal point 1 = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 1, decimal point 1 = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 0, decimal point 2 = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 1, decimal point 2 = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 1, decimal point 2 = XXXXX 1 = 0, 2 = 1, decimal point 2 = XXXXX

Press Menu Select Key	Press Digit Select Key	Press Value Select Key
SEtuP Meter Setup (continued)	00_00 Control inputs 1 & 2 (continued)	 1 = Function Reset 2 = Display Blank 1 = Hold 2 = Display Blank 1 = Peak or Valley 2 = Display Blank 1 = Tare 2 = Display Blank 1 = Valley Display 2 = Peak Display 1 = Tare 2 = Tare Reset Both control inputs 1 & 2 set to 1 for selections 2, 4, 4, 6 = Function Reset. Both control inputs 1 & 2 set to 1 for selections 0, 1, 3, 5, 3, 9, E, 1 = Meter Reset.
ConFG Meter Configuration	00000 Operation as a rate of change meter. Extended meter only.	 Not rate of change Rate x 10 Rate x 0.1 Rate x 1000 Rate x 1000
	00000 Operation of front panel <i>PEAK</i> button and rear connector for Peak or Valley Display	 Peak Display. Also selects "Peak" in "Peak or Valley" at connector above. Valley Display. Also selects "Valley" in "Peak or Valley" at connector above. Peak (1st push), Valley (2nd push) Front panel Tare
	00000 Auto-tare selection	No auto-tareAuto-tare
	000 <u>00</u> RTD or Ohms wiring	RTDOhms003 or 4 wire3 or 4 wire01Not allowedCustom curve102-wire read2-wire read112-wire short2-wire short
FiLtr Filtering	00000 Alarm filtering	Unfiltered outputFiltered output
	00000 Peak & Valley filtering	 Unfiltered Peak & Valley Filtered Peak & Valley
	00 <u>0</u> 00 Display filtering	Display batch average every 16 readingsDisplay filtered signal
	00000 Adaptive filter threshold	 Low adaptive filter threshold level High adaptive filter threshold level

Press Menu Select Key	Press Digit Select Key	RESET Press Value Select Key
FiLtr Filtering (continued)	00000 Input signal filtering. Can be applied to dis- play, setpoint, analog output, data output.	 Autofilter Batch average, 16 readings Moving average, 0.08 sec. Moving average, 0.15 sec. Moving average, 0.3 sec. Moving average, 0.6 sec. Moving average, 1.2 sec. Moving average, 2.4 sec. Moving average, 4.8 sec. Moving average, 9.6 sec. Unfiltered
dEc.Pt Decimal point selection	d <u>.</u> dddd Decimal point flashes if ohms are selected under InPut	d <u>.</u> dddd dd <u>.</u> ddd ddd <u>.</u> dd dddd <u>.</u> d ddddd <u>.</u> .ddddd
SCALE Scale factor	0.00000.00000.00000.00000.00000.0000Select digit to flash.	Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Select decimal point location when decimal point is flashing.
OFFst Offset value	0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 Select digit to flash.	Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Use offset for display in Rankine or Kelvin. Decimal point location is selected by dEC.Pt .

Option board dependent menu items

ALSEt ALS34 dEU1H dEU2H dEU1b dEU2b dEU3H DEU4H DEU3b DEU4b

Menu items related to **alarm setup** These will only appear if a relay board is detected. If so, please see Section16.

AnSEt An Lo An Hi

Menu items related to **analog output setup**. These will only appear if an analog output board is detected. If so, see Section 17.

SEr 1 SEr 2 SEr 3 SEr 4 Addr

Menu items related to **serial communications**. These will only appear if an RS232 or RS485 I/O board is detected. If so, see Section 18.

Menu lockout items

Loc 1 Loc 2 Loc 3

Menu items used to enable or lock out (hide) other menu items. **Loc** menu items may in turn be locked out by a hardware jumper. Please see Section 9.

16. DUAL OR QUAD RELAY OUTPUT OPTION

An optional relay board may be installed in the meter main board at plug position P2, adjacent to the power supply board. Four board versions are available: 2 or 4 relays, mechanical or solid state. Once installed, the relay board is recognized by the meter software or PC-based Instrument Setup software, which will bring up the appropriate menu items for the type of board. These menu items will not be brought up if no relay board is detected. Menu selections for relays 3 and 4 will not be



brought up if the dual relay board is detected. All relay boards offer a choice of operating modes: normally off or on, latched or non-latched, hysteresis band, deviation band, alarm based on the filtered or unfiltered signal, and selectable number of readings in alarm zone to cause an alarm.

KEYSTROKES FOR VIEWING & CHANGING SETPOINTS

The < (Alarms) key can be used to step through and view setpoints while the meter continues to make conversions and performs setpoint control. If the > (Peak) key is pressed while a setpoint is displayed, conversion stops and the setpoint can be changed. After pressing <, you have 30 seconds, or the meter reverts to the normal display. To view setpoints, menu item Loc3, digit 2, must have been set to 0. To change setpoints, menu item Loc2, digit 2, must have been set to 0.

Alarms Key	Press Digit Select Key	Press Value Select Key
300.24 Press < (Alarms) to display Alarm 1 setpoint.	200.00 Current setpoint 1 value blinks, and Alarm 1 LED indicator lights. Press > to select a digit, which will blink.	$\frac{295.00}{\text{To change setpoint 1 value,}}$ press Λ to change selected blinking digits.
395.00 Press < (Alarms) to display Alarm 2 setpoint.	395.00 Current setpoint 2 value blinks, and Alarm 2 LED indicator lights. Press > to select a digit, which will blink.	$\frac{305.00}{\text{To change setpoint 2 value,}}$ press Λ to change selected blinking digits.
395.00 Press < (Alarms) to display Alarm 3 setpoint.	395.00 Current setpoint 3 value blinks, and Alarm 3 LED indicator lights. Press > to select a digit, which will blink.	$\frac{305.00}{\text{To change setpoint 3 value,}}$ press Λ to change selected blinking digits.
395.00 Press < (Alarms) to display Alarm 4 setpoint.	395.00 Current setpoint 4 value blinks, and Alarm 4 LED indicator lights. Press > to select a digit, which will blink.	$\frac{305.00}{\text{To change setpoint 4 value,}}$ press Λ to change selected blinking digits.
300.24 Press < (Alarms) again. Meter will reset and display current reading.		

KEYSTROKES FOR SETPOINT SETUP

If the MENU key does not work, see Section 9 "Enabling & Locking Out Menu Items."

Press Menu Select Key	Press Digit Select Key	Press Value Select Key	
ALSEt Alarm Setup for relays 1 & 2 if detected.	00000 Relay state when alarm is active.	Relay 1 onRelay 2 onRelay 1 offRelay 2 onRelay 1 offRelay 2 offRelay 1 offRelay 2 off	
Press > until ALSEt is displayed.	00000 Alarm latching or non- latching (auto reset).	OAlarm 1 auto resetAlarm 2 auto reset1Alarm 1 latchingAlarm 2 auto reset2Alarm 1 auto resetAlarm 2 latching3Alarm 1 latchingAlarm 2 latching	t t
	00000 Alarm operates at and above setpoint (active high) or at and below setpoint (active low).	OAL1 active highAL2 active high1AL1 active lowAL2 active high2AL1 disabledAL2 active high3AL1 active highAL2 active low4AL1 active lowAL2 active low4AL1 active lowAL2 active low5AL1 disabledAL2 active low6AL1 active highAL2 active low7AL1 active highAL2 disabled7AL1 active lowAL2 disabled8AL1 disabledAL2 disabled	
	00000 Hysteresis mode or band deviation mode	 AL1 band deviation AL2 band deviation AL1 split hysteresis AL2 band deviation AL1 band deviation AL2 split hysteresis AL1 split hysteresis AL2 split hysteresis AL1 split hysteresis AL2 split hysteresis AL1 span hysteresis AL2 band deviation AL1 span hysteresis AL2 split hysteresis 	n is is is is sis
	00000 Number of consecutive readings in alarm zone to cause an alarm.	 After 1 reading After 2 readings After 2 readings After 4 readings After 64 readings After 8 readings After 128 readings 	gs gs gs ng
ALS34 Alarm Setup for relays 3 & 4 if detected.	00000 Relay state when alarm is active.	Relay 3 onRelay 4 onRelay 3 offRelay 4 onRelay 3 offRelay 4 offRelay 3 offRelay 4 offRelay 3 offRelay 4 off	
	00000 Alarm latching or non- latching (auto reset).	 Alarm 3 auto reset Alarm 3 latching Alarm 3 latching Alarm 3 auto reset Alarm 3 auto reset Alarm 4 latching Alarm 3 latching Alarm 4 latching 	t t

Press Menu Select Key	Press Digit Select Key	RESET Press Value Select Key
ALS34 Alarm Setup for relays 3 & 4 (continued)	OOOOO Alarm operates at and above setpoint (active high) or at and below setpoint (active low).	 AL3 active high AL3 active low AL4 active high AL3 active low AL4 active high AL3 disabled AL4 active high AL3 active high AL4 active low AL3 active low AL3 active low AL4 active low AL3 disabled AL4 active low AL3 active high AL4 active low AL3 active high AL4 active low AL3 active low AL4 active low AL3 active high AL4 active low AL3 disabled AL4 disabled AL3 disabled AL4 disabled AL3 disabled AL4 disabled
	00000 Hysteresis mode or band deviation mode (see Glossary)	 AL3 band deviation AL3 hysteresis AL3 band deviation AL3 band deviation AL3 band deviation AL4 hysteresis AL3 hysteresis AL4 hysteresis
	00000 Number of consecutive readings in alarm zone to cause an alarm.	 After 1 reading After 2 readings After 4 readings After 8 readings After 16 readings After 32 readings After 64 readings After 128 readings
dEU1H Alarm 1 hysteresis DEU2H Alarm 2 hysteresis	0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 Select digit to flash.	Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Alarms will activate above the setpoint by the value entered and deactivate below the setpoint by the value entered.
DEU15 Alarm 1 band deviation DEU25 Alarm 2 band deviation	0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 Select digit to flash.	Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Alarms will activate above and below the setpoint by the value entered and will deactivate in the middle of the band.
dEU3H Alarm 3 hysteresis DEU4H	0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 Select digit to flash.	Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Alarms will activate above the setpoint by the value entered and deactivate below the setpoint by the value
Alarm 4 hysteresis		entered.
DEU35 Alarm 3 band deviation DEU45 Alarm 4 band deviation	0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 Select digit to flash.	Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Alarms will activate above and below the setpoint by the value entered and will deactivate in the middle of the band.

17. ANALOG OUTPUT OPTION

An optional analog board may be installed in the meter at rear panel jack position J4, adjacent to the signal conditioner board. Once installed, this board is recognized by the meter, which will bring up the appropriate menu items for it. These will not be brought up if an analog output board is not installed.

The analog output can be a 0-20 mA, 4-20 mA or 0-10V unipolar signal with respect to isolated ground, or a bipolar -10V to +10V voltage signal with respect to a reference return line. Unipolar or bipolar operation is selected by a jumper. A unipolar current or voltage output is selected at the connector. Unipolar 4-20 mA or 0-20 mA current is selected in software.



UNIPOLAR CONNECTIONS 4-20 mA or 0-20 mA OUTPUT 0-10V OUTPUT



BIPOLAR CONNECTIONS REFERENCE or RETURN -10V to +10V OUTPUT N/C

ISOLATED GROUND

0.0	
1	
2	
3	

Unipolar current of voltage: Jumper **a** Bipolar -10 to +10 voltage: Jumper **b**

The low analog output (0 mA, 4 mA, 0V, or -10V) may be set to correspond to any low displayed reading **An Lo**. The high analog output (20 mA, 0V or 10V) may be set to correspond to any high displayed reading **An Hi**. The meter will then apply a straight line fit between these two end points to provide an analog output scaled to the meter reading.

KEYSTROKES FOR SETUP

If the MENU key does not work, see Section 9 "Enabling & Locking Out Menu Items."

Press Menu Select Key	Press Digit Select FEAK Key	Press Value Select RESET Key
AnSEt Analog Output Setup. Press > until <i>AnSEt</i> is displayed (requires	00 Analog output signal selection.	 0-20 mA current output 0-10V voltage output 4-20 mA current output -10 to +10V voltage output
analog output board).	00 Analog output filtering.	Analog output unfilteredAnalog output filtered
An Lo Low displayed value for 0 mA, 4 mA, 0V, or -10V output	0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 Select digit to flash.	Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Decimal point location is fixed by dEC.Pa selection.
An Hi High displayed value for 20 mA or 10V out- put	0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 Select digit to flash.	Select 9 thru 9 for flashing first digit, 0 thru 9 for other flashing digits. Decimal point location is fixed by dEC.Pt selection.

18. SERIAL COMMUNICATION OPTIONS

A serial communications board may be connected to the meter main board at plug position P3 (middle position). Available boards are RS232, RS485 (with dual RJ11 connectors), RS485 Modbus (with dual RJ45 connectors), USB, USB-to-RS485 converter, Ethernet, and Ethernet-to-RS485 converter. The dual connectors of RS485 boards are wired in parallel to allow daisy chaining of addressable meters without use of a hub. Three serial communication protocols are selectable for all serial boards: Custom ASCII, Modbus RTU, and Modbus ASCII.

A USB-to-RS485 converter board or an Ethernet-to-RS485 converter board allows a meter to be interfaced to a computer and be the device server for a network of up to 31 other meters on an RS485 bus, while itself retaining all capabilities of a meter. The remote meters need to be equipped with our RS485 digital interface board with dual 6-pin RJ11 jacks, not our RS485 digital interface with dual 8-pin RJ45 jacks. The dual 6-pin RJ11 jacks on the RS485 board are wired in parallel to allow multiple meters to be daisy-chained using readily-available 6-wire data cables with no need for hand-wiring or an RS485 hub. The outer two wires are used for ground.

Use 6-wire, straight-through data cables, <u>not</u> 4-wire telephone cables or crossover cables, all the way from the device server to the last device on the RS485 bus. Connect ATX to ATX, BTX to BTX, etc., with no crossover as you go from device to device.

To connect a meter with a USB board to a computer, use a USB cable with Type A and Type B connectors. The computer will display "Found new Hardware" followed by "Welcome to the Found new Hardware Wizard." Follow the instructions for software installation from a CD. When the installation is complete, use Device Manager to determine the com port. To get to Device Manger, go to the Windows Control Panel, click on System, click on the Hardware tab, then click on Device Manager. Go down the device list and click on Ports (COM & LPT) and USB serial port (com #). Note the com port # for use with communications to your meter, then exit Control Panel. If you later need to change the Com port, right-click on USB serial port (com #), then on Properties, Port settings, and Advanced. Change port to the desired number, click OK, then exit Control Panel.

To connect a meter with an Ethernet board to a computer, see our separate Ethernet Manual, which covers our Node Manager Software. This Windows-based application runs on a host computer and is used to configure our Ethernet Nodes. It automatically discovers all Nodes on a LAN or WAN, plus any devices connected to Server Nodes via an RS485 bus. It is used to configure each Node, such as setting communication parameters, naming the Node and associated devices, entering email addresses for alarm notification and data requests, selecting the Node's time zone for time-stamping of emails and streaming data, and upgrading firmware. Once configuration data has been stored in flash memory of all Nodes, Node Manager Software can be closed.

BOARD SETUP VIA JUMPERS

USB Board No jumpers required.	USB
	USB

Basic Ethernet Board No jumpers needed.	RJ45 Ethernet
 RS232 Board e - Normal operation. f - Slave display to RS232 from another meter. g - Pull-up resistor on RTS line. Note: Board is shipped with jumpers e and g installed 	RJ11 RS-232 ■e■f■g■
 RS485 Board, Full Duplex Operation b & d - Installed on last meter in long cable run. RS485 Board, Half Duplex Operation a & c - Installed for half duplex operation. d - Installed on last meter in line with long cable runs. Note: Board is shipped with no jumpers installed. 	■a∎ ∎b∎c∎ ∎d∎ RJ11 RS-485
 RS485-Modbus Board, Full Duplex Operation b & e - Bias jumpers should be installed on 1 board. a & d - Installed on last meter in long cable run. RS485-Modbus Board, Half Duplex Operation b & e - bias jumpers installed on 1 board. c & f - installed for half duplex operation. a - installed on last meter in line with long cable runs. Note: Board is shipped with no jumpers installed. 	■d∎c∎ e ∎a∎∎b∎ RJ45 Modbus
 Ethernet-to-RS485 Converter Board & USB-to-RS485 Converter Board Full Duplex Operation No jumpers for short cable runs. Add b & d for long cable runs. Half Duplex Operation a & c - Installed for half duplex operation. d - Installed on last meter in line with long cable runs. 	Ethernet-to-RS485 a b c d d USB/RS485 a b c d RJ11 USB RJ11 RJ11

SERIAL CONNECTION EXAMPLES





KEYSTROKES FOR SETUP

If the *MENU* key does not work, see Section 9 "Enabling & Locking Out Menu Items."

Press Menu Select Key	Press Digit Select Key	Press Value Select Key
SEr 1 Fixed Parameters:	000 Output filtering	Send unfiltered signalSend filtered signal
No parity 8 data bits 1 stop bit	00 Baud rate	 300 baud 600 baud 1200 baud 2400 baud 4800 baud 9600 baud 19200 baud
	000 Output update rate	60 Hz 50 Hz Line frequency Line frequency 0.28 sec 0.34 sec 0.57 sec 0.68 sec 1.1 sec 1.4 sec 2.3 sec 2.7 sec 4.5 sec 5.4 sec 9.1 sec 10.9 sec 18.1 sec 21.8 sec 36.6 sec 43.5 sec 97 sec

Press Menu Select Key	Press Digit Select FEAK Key	Press Value Select RESET Key
SEr 2 Serial Setup 2	_0000 Line feed	 No line feed after carriage return Line feed after carriage return
	0000 Alarm data with readings	No alarm dataAlarm data with reading
	_00 <u>0</u> 0 Control of data output	Continuous data outputData output on ASCII command only
	<u>0000</u> Meter address with Custom ASCII protocol	Select 1 thru F for addresses 1 thru 15. Select 0. thru F. (with decimal point) for addresses 16 thru 31.
SEr 3 Serial Setup 3	00000 Half or full duplex	Full duplexHalf duplex
	0 <u>0000</u> Special start & stop char.	Standard continuous modeSpecial start & stop characters
	00000 RTS mode	Normal RTSSingle transmission
	00000 Termination characters	Only at end of all itemsAt end of each item
SEr 3 Serial Setup 3 (continued)	00000 Data sent in continuous mode	 Reading Peak Valley Reading + peak Reading + valley Reading + peak + valley
SEr 4 Serial Setup 4.	000 Modbus ASCII gap timeout	 1 sec 3 sec 5 sec 10 sec
	000 Serial protocol	 Custom ASCII Modbus RTU Modbus ASCII
	000 Parity	 None, 2 or more stop bits Odd, 1 or more stop bits Even, 1 or more stop bits
Addr Modbus Address. Appears only if the Modbus protocol is selected.	000000000 Select digit to flash.	247 Select 0 through 9 for flashing digit. Address range is 1 to 247.

19. EXCITATION OUTPUT & POWER SUPPLY

Three isolated transducer excitation output levels are available from the power supply board. These are selectable via jumpers b, c, d, e, f in the upper right of the board, as illustrated. In addition, the board provides three jumper positions for special features. The same jumper locations apply to the universal power supply (85-264 Vac) and to the low voltage power supply (12-32 Vac or 10-48 Vdc).



Excitation output		Jumper locations
5 Vdc ±5%, 100 mA max 10 Vdc ±5%, 120 mA max	b, d, e b, d, f	b d e b d f
24 Vdc ±5%, 50 mA max	С	■ ∎°■ ■ ■ ■ ■

SELECTION OF OTHER JUMPERS

- Jumper a Front panel menu lockout, locked when installed. (See Section 9)
- Jumper g Provides +5V power output at P1-4 when installed.
- Jumper h Connects "Control Input 2" to P1-4 when installed.

20. INSTRUMENT SETUP VIA PC

Instrument Setup software is a PC program which is much easier to learn than front panel programming. It is of benefit whether or not the meter is connected to a PC. With the meter connected to a PC, it allows uploading, editing and downloading of setup data, execution of commands under computer control, listing, plotting and graphing of data, and computer prompted calibration. With the meter unconnected to a PC, it provides quick selection of jumper locations and a printable display of menu selections for front panel setup.

SOFTWARE INSTALLATION

Download *IS2*.exe* onto your PC from the web or the distribution CD. Double-click on the downloaded file to unzip it into a special directory, such as *c:\temp*. Within that directory, double-click on *setup.exe*, which will install the software on your PC.

PREREQUISITES FOR CONNECTED USE

- 1) PC with available RS232 com port.
- 2) Meter to be set up.
- **3)** RS232 board in the meter. This board can be used for meter setup, then be removed.
- RJ11-to-DB9 RS232 cable to connect the meter and PC (see Section 1, Ordering Guide).
- 5) Instrument Setup software.

ESTABLISHING COMMUNICATIONS

Connect the meter and PC. Apply power to the meter. Be sure that the meter is in Run Mode, not Setup Mode. To start the software from Windows, click on *Start => Programs => IS2 => IS2*. Click on *RS232 => Establish*. The program will temporarily set the selected Com port to the required baud rate, parity, data bits and stop bit. Once communications have been established, click on *Main Menu*. The software will sense the type of meter and installed boards, but it cannot sense jumpers positions nor set jumpers for you. If the computer is not connected to a meter, select *DPM* and *Series 2*.

Com Ports	Baud Rate	Protocol	Establish	Select Instrument and Series	
Com 1 Com 2 Com 3 Com 4 Com 5 Com 6 Com 7 Com 8 Com 9	 ○ 300 ○ 600 ○ 1200 ○ 2400 ○ 4800 ○ 9600 ○ 19200 	© Custom ASCII C Modbus RTU C Modbus ASCII Holp Parity © None	Main Monn Back Ouit	Panel Meter © DPM © Weight Meter © Counter/Timer Series	Transmitter C Analog Input C Counter/Times
Other Com Port				© Series 1 @ Series 2	
Wait while attem	pting to establish comm	vunications		Continue	Back Quit

Setup	🖷. Setup
	Input+Display Scaling Filter Relay Alarms Communication Analog Out Lockouts
Input+Display Scaling Filter Relay Alarms Communication Analog Out Lockouts BASIC Option Sig Cond Option Relay Option Comm Option Analog Out Lockouts © EXTENDED Boards DC P Relay Board RS232 Board None Y Signal Input Mode Custom Curve Rate S0/60 Hz Line Freq Disabled G0 Hz Y Disabled Disabled Disabled Disabled G0 Hz Y Pacesolution Display Filter Decimal Point Peak Button Action Auto Tare 4. 5 Digits Filtered Midddd. Peak Disabled Isabled Isabled	Alarm 1 Setpoint 2 \$stpoint 1 +020000. Deviation 1 - +000000. - Alarm 1 Source Filtered Filtered - Alarm 1 State Alarm 2 State High Active - Relay1 Alrm State Active On Active On - Deviation 1 Type -
Control Inputs Control Input A Control Input B Both Ctrl A , B Meter Reset Meter Hold Cold Reset	Band Deviat'n ▼ Alarm 1 Type Non-Latching ▼ Alarms 1,2 No. Rdgs to Alarm I Reading No Deviation in Menu
Mam Menu	Mam Menu

SETUP OF CONNECTED METER

A setup file can be retrieved from the meter ($DPM \Rightarrow Get Setup$), be edited ($View \Rightarrow Setup$), be saved to disk (*File => Save Setup*), be retrieved from disk (*File => Open Setup*), and be downloaded into one or multiple meters ($DPM \Rightarrow Put Setup$). Downloading of setup files from a PC can be a major time saving when multiple meters have to be set up in the same way.

You will find that *Instrument Setup software* is very user friendly, with separate tabselectable windows for *Input+Display*, *Scaling*, *Filter*, *Relay Alarms*, *Communications*, *Analog Out*, and *Lockouts*. If the required hardware, such as the analog output board, is not sensed, the corresponding tab will be grayed out.

ADDITIONAL FEATURES

• The Commands pull-down menu allows you to execute certain meter functions by using your computer mouse. You can reset individual meter functions, display current or peak readings, and enter numbers to be displayed remotely by the DPM. The first position of a transmitted number must be a blank, + sign or - sign. Five digits and a decimal point must be transmitted. Leading 0's serve as blanks. The *Commands* pull-down menu will be grayed out unless a *Get Setup* has been executed.

- The Readings pull-down menu provides three formats to display DPM data on the PC monitor. Use the *Pause* and *Continue* buttons to control the timing of data collection, then press **Print** for a hardcopy using your PC printer.
 - List presents the latest readings in a 20-row by 10-column table. Press *Pause* at any time to freeze the display. Press *Print* for a hardcopy. *List* can capture peak readings.
 - Plot generates a plot of readings vs. time in seconds. It effectively turns the DPM-PC combination into a printing digital oscilloscope.
 - **Graph** generates a histogram, where the horizontal axis is the reading and the vertical axis is the number of occurrences of readings. The display continually resizes itself as the number of readings increases.
- **The Jumpers pull-down menu** provides jumper positions for the various meter boards, duplicating information in this manual.
- The Calibration pull-down menu allows easy calibration of voltage and current ranges for the DC, load cell, and AC RMS signal conditioner boards. The PC first recognizes the type of board, then prompts you to apply specific jumpers and calibration signals. Press *Ready* to take a reading. Press *Repeat* to take more readings. When you have decided on which reading to accept, press on the number 1 through 10 of that reading. Additional calibration software is available online.

METER SETUP WITH AN UNCONNECTED PC

Instrument Setup software is also of benefit when the PC is not connected to a meter. Upon launching the software, click on *None* for *Communications*, then on *DPM* and *Series 2*. Click on *File* => *Default Setup* to retrieve a default setup file from disk, or on *File* => *Open Setup* to retrieve a previously saved setup file from disk.

To enter new setup information, click on *View* => *Setup*, then make your screen selections as if you were connected to a meter. Tabs will be grayed out if you have not selected the required hardware under the *Input+Display* tab. When done, press on *Main Menu*, then on *View* => *Menu*. The selections made under *Setup* will now be shown in the form of the required front

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panel programming sequence, where each row corresponds to a menu item selected by the > key, and the seven data columns correspond to values entered via the > and \land keys.

Click on any step in the sequence to bring up a detailed help window.

Click on *Print* for a hardcopy, which you can then use as an instruction sheet to program your meter via its front panel.

Click on *Main Menu => File => Save Setup As* to save your setup to disk and have an electronic record.

21. CUSTOM CURVE LINEARIZATION

Curve.exe is a DOS-based, executable PC program used to set up an Extended meter so that the readings have a user-defined, non-linear relationship with the input signal. The calculated linearizing parameters are downloaded into non-volatile memory of the meter. For example, it allows a meter to correct for transducer nonlinearity or to display volume of an irregularly

shaped tank based on liquid level. The curvefitting algorithm uses quadratic segments of varying length and curvature, and provides diagnostics to estimate curve fitting errors. The program is self-prompting, avoiding the need for a detailed printed manual. This manual section is only intended as an introduction and get-started guide.

PREREQUISITES

- 1) PC-compatible computer with an available Com 1 or Com 2 RS232 port.
- 2) Extended meter.
- 3) An RS232 board in the meter. This board can be used for meter setup only, then be removed.
- 4) An RJ11-to-DB9 RS232 cable to connect the meter and PC (see Section 1, Ordering Guide).
- 5) *Curve.exe* software (downloadable from the web at no charge).

RJ11-to-DB9 RS-232 cable

GETTING STARTED

Download curve.exe into the same directory that will contain your data files, such as c:\curves. Set the meter baud rate to 9600. To do so, press the > key to get to SEr 1, then set the entry to ______. Set the meter address to 1. To do so, press the > key to get to SEr 2, then set the entry to **0011**. To execute the program from Windows, simply double-click on curve.exe, which is an executable file. Follow the steps on computer screens, which will prompt you and provide extensive information. Pressing R (Enter) returns to the main menu.

You will be given the choice to enter your data in one of four modes:

- 1) Text file entry mode, with an X value in one column and a Y value in another. There can be additional columns, which are ignored. The file must have a DOS name of up to 8 characters and the extension .RAW. There can be from 5 to 180 rows. X is the input value and should be in the unit of measure for which the meter was set up, such as mV, V, mA or A. Y is the desired corresponding reading and can range from -99999 to 99999 with any decimal point.
- 2) 2-coordinate keyboard entry mode, where an actual X input signal is applied, and the desired Y reading is entered from the keyboard.
- 3) 2-coordinate file entry mode, where an actual X input signal is applied, and the desired Y reading is provided from a file.

4) Equation entry mode, where the coefficients of a polynomial Y = K1X^P1 + K2X^P2 + K3*X^P3 + ... are entered. Up to 20 terms are allowed. An offset can be built into X.

You will be asked if your DPM has a revision of DPM4L or later. You will normally select **2** (yes), since revision DPM4L started to ship in August 2000.

You will be asked to supply the following:

LOW X-COORDINATE VALUE > LOW INPUT MEASUREMENT VALUE > HIGH X-COORDINATE VALUE > HIGH INPUT MEASUREMENT VALUE >

This informs the computer of your signal conditioner jumper settings. Enter 0 and 0 for the two LOW values. For HIGH X, enter your signal conditioner jumper range in the same units of measure that you will be using in your *.RAW data input file. Enter **20** for 20 mV or 20V. Enter **200** for 200 mV or 200V. Enter **5** for 5A AC or DC. For HIGH INPUT MEASUREMENT VALUE, enter **20000**, except for 5A DC, where you should enter **5000**.

Position of the decimal point from 6=X.XXXXX, 5= XX.XXX, 4=XXX.XXX, 3=XXXX.XX, 2=XXXXX.X, 1=XXXXXX (for DPMs, the leading X is a blank). Specify the same position that you specified in the **dEc.Pt** decimal point menu selection.

Follow the steps on the screens to finish generating the custom curve. When prompted to download the file to the meter, select \mathbf{Y} . When prompted to set the meter to custom curve mode, also select \mathbf{Y} .

KEYPAD CONTROL

You can take a meter in and out of custom curve linearization using the meter keypad. From the Menu mode, press the > key to get to **ConFG**, then set the fifth digit to either **O** (normal linear operation) or to **1** (custom curve operation). This fifth digit will only be displayed with an Extended meter.

FILES USED OR CREATED BY CURVE.EXE

- 1) *.RAW is the raw input file generated by all four data entry methods.
- 2) *.DVD adds three columns from which the smoothness of the input data and obvious input errors can be judged. The more data points and the smoother the data, the better the curve fit.
- **3)** *.NUM lists Y readings prior to custom curve linearization and addition of the decimal point.
- 4) *.CCF is an internal file used by the software.
- 5) *.SIM lists simulated linearized meter readings and calculated corresponding errors.
- 6) *.PRM contains the final hex data that is downloaded into the meter.

22. METER CALIBRATION

All analog input and analog output ranges of the meter have been digitally calibrated at the factory prior to shipment using calibration equipment certified to NIST standards. Calibration constants are stored digitally in non-volatile memory in EEPROM on the signal conditioner board and analog output board. As a result, these boards may be mixed and interchanged without requiring meter recalibration. Digital calibration eliminates much of circuitry that would be associated with analog calibration, providing superior long term accuracy and stability.

If recalibration is required, the meter may be returned to the factory or to any authorized distributor. Easy calibration of DC, AC and load cell signal conditioner ranges is possible using the Instrument Setup software, as described in Section 20. To allow computer aided calibration, an RS232 or RS485 interface card must be installed in the meter. This card may be installed temporarily and be removed following calibration. Step-by-step instructions and advanced calibration software are available from the factory.

23. SPECIFICATIONS

Meter Display

Туре	5 LED, 7-segment, 14.2mm (.56") high digits & 3 LED indica	tors
Color	Red or gr	een
Range		990

A to D Conversion

Read Rate	60/s for 60 Hz NMR, 50/s for 50 Hz NMR
Output Update Rate	
Display Update Rate	

Noise Rejection

CMV from DC to 60 Hz.	Withstand 250Vac
Dielectric strength	
CMR from DC to 60 Hz	
NMR at 50/60 Hz	

Control Inputs (CMOS/TTL levels, logic 0 = tied to digital ground, logic 1 = open)

/ Hold input	Logic 0 holds display and outputs
/ Peak or Valley input	Logic 0 displays peak/valley value
/ Tare input	Logic 0 offsets input value to zero
/ Tare Reset	Logic 0 resets Tare value to zero
/ Reset input	Logic 0 resets all meter functions
/ Function Reset input	Logic 0 resets peak values and alarms
/ Decimal Point input	Overrides internal DP selections and controls DP position
/ Display Blank input	Logic 0 shuts off the display

Power Requirements

Input Voltage rating (standard)85-264 Vac	or 90-300 Vdc (DC range not UL approved)
Input Voltage rating (low voltage option)	
Power Line Frequency	DC and 47-63 Hz
Power Consumption, Max	5 Watts

Excitation Outputs

Voltage & Current Levels (jumper selectable)	5 Vdc ±5%, 100 mA max
	10 Vdc ±5%, 120 mA max
	24 Vdc ± 5%, 40 mA max
Excitation Output Ripple	100 mVp max
Isolation from power and outputs	
Insulation dielectric strength to power and outputs 3.5 kV ac f	or 5 sec, 2.3 kV ac for 1 min
Isolation to signal common	50 Vdc

Input Types, Ranges, Resolution, Error at 25°C

DC Volts

Range	Resol.	Resistance	Error
200.00 mV 2.0000 V 20.000 V 200.00 V 300.0 V	10 μV 100 μV 1 mV 10 mV 100 mV	1 GΩ 1 GΩ 10 MΩ 10 MΩ 10 MΩ	0.01% of FS ±2 cts

DC Amps

Range	Resol.	Resistance	Error
2.0000 mA 20.000 mA 200.00 mA 5.000 A	0.1 μΑ 1 μΑ 10 μΑ 1 mA	100 Ω 10 Ω 1 Ω 0.01 Ω	0.01% of FS ±2 cts

True RMS Volts (0% to 100% of Full Scale, 0 Hz and 10 Hz to 10 kHz, crest factor 3.0)

Range	Resol.	Resistance	Error
200.00 mV 2.0000 V 20.000 V 200.00 V	10 μV 100 μV 1 mV 10 mV	22 ΜΩ 22 ΜΩ 1 ΜΩ 1 ΜΩ	0.1% of FS
600.0 V	100 mV	1 MΩ	2V

True RMS Amps (0% to 100% of Full Scale, 0 Hz and 10 Hz to 10 kHz, crest factor 3.0)

Range	Resol.	Resistance	Error
2.0000 mA 20.000 mA 200.00 mA	0.1 μΑ 1 μΑ 10 μΑ	100 Ω 10 Ω 1 Ω	0.1% of FS
5.000 A	1 mA	0.01 Ω	20 mA

Resistance Measurement

Range	Resolution	Error
0-20.000Ω 0-200.00Ω 0-2000.0Ω 0-20000 Ω 0-200.00 kΩ	1 mΩ 10 mΩ 100 mΩ 1 Ω 10 Ω	0.01% of FS ±2 cts

Thermocouple (0.1°, 1° resolution)

Туре	Range	Error
J	-210 to 760°C -347to 1400°F	.01% FS ±0.09°C .01% FS ±0.16°F
К	-244 to 1372°C -408to 2501°F	.01% FS ±0.10°C .01% FS ±0.17°F
т	0 to 400°C -257 to 0°C	.01% FS ±0.03°C .01% FS ±0.20°C
I	32 to 752°F -430 to 32°F	.01% FS ±0.05°F .01% FS ±0.36°F
Е	-240 to 1000°C -400 to 1830°F	.01% FS ±0.18°C .01% FS ±0.32°F
Ν	-245 to 1300°C -410 to 2370°F	.01% FS ±0.10°C .01% FS ±0.17°F
S	-46 to +1768°C -51 to +3213°F	.01% FS ±0.12°C .01% FS ±0.22°F
R	-45 to 1768°C -49 to 3214°F	.01% FS ±0.17°C .01% FS ±0.31°F

RTD (0.01°, 0.1°, 1° resolution)

Туре	Range	Error
Pt 100Ω	-202 to 850°C	.01% FS ±0.03°C
.00385	-331 to 1562°F	.01% FS ±0.05°F
Pt 100Ω	-202 to 631°C	.01% FS ±0.04°C
.003925	-331 to 1168°F	.01% FS ±0.07°F
Ni 120Ω	-80 to 260°C	.01% FS ±0.05°C
.00672	-112 to 500°F	.01% FS ±0.09°F
Cu 10Ω	-97 to 260°C	.01% FS ±0.05°C
.00427	-143 to 500°F	.01% FS ±0.09°F

Ratio, Potentiometer Follower, Strain

Range	Resol.	Resistance	Error
200.00 mV	10 μV	1 GΩ	0.01%
2.0000 V	100 μV	1 GΩ	of FS
20.000 V	1 mV	1 MΩ	±2 cts

Load Cell Input

Range	Resolution	Resistance	Zero Range	Span Range	Error
20.000 mV 50.000 mV 100.00 mV 250.00 mV 500.00 mV	1 μV 2.5 μV 5 μV 12.5 μV 25 μV	1 GΩ	-99999 to 99999	0 to ±99,999	0.01% of FS ±2 cts

Thermocouple Accuracy

Span Tempco	0.003% of reading/°C
	0.0015% of reading/°C for load cell meter
Zero Tempco	0.2 µV/°C
Reference Junction Accuracy	1°C, 10°C to 40°C

Dual & Quad Relay Options

Power to Relay Option	Powered by meter
Setpoint Setup	. Via front panel pushbuttons or RS232/485
Update Rate	
Response to input signal (min)	Display update rate
Input Signal (selectable)	Filtered or unfiltered input signal
Actuation Modes (selectable) Above or below	setpoint, latching or non-latching, disabled
Output Time Delay (selectable)	1 to 128 readings
Front Panel Enable / Lockout Modes (selectable)	1) Display and change setpoints
	2) Display but do not change setpoints
	3) Neither display nor change setpoints
Alarm Status Indication	2 or 4 red LED lamps
Status Indication Setup (selectable)	Lit when output is ON or OFF, or disabled

Form C, SPDT Relay Output:

AC Rating	8A @ 240 Vac
DC Rating	
Isolation rating between signal common and contacts	
Insulation dielectric strength between signal common and contacts	
	sec, 2.3 kV ac for 1 min

Form A, SPST Solid State Relay Output:

AC Rating	130 mA @ 140 Vac
DC Rating	
Isolation rating between signal common and contacts	
Insulation dielectric strength between signal common and co	ontacts
	ac for 5 sec, 2.3 kV ac for 1 min

Analog Output Option

Power to Analog Output Option	Powered by meter
Output Levels	0-20 mA, 4-20 mA, 0-10V, -10 to +10V
Voltage Compliance, 0-20 mA Output	
Current Compliance, 0-10V, -10 to +10V Output	

Accuracy	.Meter input accuracy ±0.02% of full scale analog output
Resolution	
Response Time	
Scaling of Reading for Zero Output	-99,999 to +99,999
Scaling of Reading for Full Scale Ou	utput
Isolation rating between signal com	mon and analog output 250V ac
Insulation dielectric strength betwee	en signal common and analog output
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Serial Interface Option (USB, RS232, RS485, RS485-Modbus boards)

Output TypesRS232, RS	485, RS485-Modbus, USB
USB-to-RS485 converter, Ethernet, Eth	hernet-to-RS485 converter
Power to Interface Option	Powered by meter
RS485 Wiring	
Baud Rates	, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200
Serial Protocols Custom ASCII, Modbus RTU, I	Modbus ASCII (selectable)
Signal Levels Meet RS232, RS485	5, USB, Ethernet standards
Isolation rating between signal common and serial I/O	250V ac
Insulation dielectric strength between signal common and serial I/	0
	r 5 sec, 2.3 kV ac for 1 min
Option Board Connectors:	
RS232	Single RJ11 jack
RS485 Two RJ11 jacks (for daisy chainir	ng with 6-wire data cables)
RS485 ModbusTwo RJ45 jacks (for daisy chaining the second seco	ng with 8-wire data cables)
USB	USB type B plug
USB-to-RS485 converterUSB type B plug plu	us RJ11 jack to RS485 bus
Ethernet	Single RJ45 to Ethernet
Ethernet-to-RS485 converterRJ45 jack to Ethernet plu	us RJ11 jack to RS485 bus

Environmental

Operating Temperature	e0°C to 55°C
Storage Temperature .	-40°C to 85°C
Relative Humidity	
Case	. NEMA-4X (IP65) from front when panel mounted (not verified for UL)
Shock	
Vibration	15 Hz to 150 Hz, 1 mm to 2 mm amplitude, 20 G max.

24. GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Adaptive Filter Threshold

A threshold which causes an adaptive moving average filter to be reset to the latest reading when the accumulated difference between individual readings and the filtered reading exceeds that threshold. Adaptive moving average filtering allows a meter to respond rapidly to actual changes in signal while filtering out normal noise. The accumulated difference is also reset to zero when the latest reading has a different polarity than the filtered reading. A low adaptive filter threshold is normally selected. A high filter threshold should be selected if the signal has large transients.

Alarm, Latched

An alarm which stays actuated until reset. Latched alarms can shut down machinery or a process when an operating limit has been exceeded, or maintain an alarm condition until acknowledged by an operator.

Alarm, Non-latched

An alarm which changes state automatically when the reading rises above a specified limit and changes back automatically when the reading falls below a limit.

Autofilter A selectable digital filter mode which automatically selects an appropriate moving average filter time constant from 0.08 sec to 9.6 sec for the encountered noise condition.

Auto-tare A selectable meter operating mode, where

the first reading following power-on or meter reset is used to zero the display. Further readings are then relative to this new zero.

Batch Average Filter

A digital filter mode which averages 16 readings and then displays the average. Readings are taken at 60/sec with 60 Hz power and 50/sec with 50 Hz power.

Counts The reading displayed on the panel meter ignoring the decimal point.

Custom ASCII Protocol

A simplified, short protocol for use with these panel meters. It allows 31 digital addresses. Not an industry-standard protocol, like the more complex *Modbus protocol*, which is also offered with the meters.

Deviation Band

A band in counts which controls relay action symmetrically around a *setpoint*. The relay actuates when the reading falls within the deviation band, and deactuates when the reading falls outside. A limit (e.g., 50 counts) is set up around both sides of the setpoint to create a deviation band (e.g., 100 counts).

Setting up a passband around a setpoint is often used for component testing. Deviation limits are programmed by entering menu item *dEU1b* for Alarm 1 and *dEU2b* for Alarm 2. The deviation band will be equal to two limits.

- 1050
 Fail

 1000
 Pass

 950
 Pass

 Fail
 Setpoint

 Fail
 Deviation limit = 50

 Deviation band = 100
 Parts
- **Display Blank** A rear panel input which blanks the display when the input is tied to logic ground by a switch or 0V is applied (logic level true). The meter display will light when the input is open or is held at +5V (logic level false).

Extended Meter

A digital panel meter with an enhanced microcomputer that provides added capabilities, specifically linearization of nonlinear inputs and display of rate of change from successive readings.

Full Scale The maximum input signal range for which the meter has been configured. For example, the most sensitive full scale for the load cell meter is ±20 mV (signal range from -20 mV to +20 mV).

Function Reset

A rear panel control input which resets Peak, Valley and any latched alarms when the input is tied to logic ground by a switch or 0V is applied (logic level true). To reset the value again, the input must be open or 5V applied (logic level false) and then set low.

- **Ground Loop** A closed conductive path in external ground wiring that allows stray currents to flow in ground wiring, creating ground noise. The meters in this manual minimize ground loop problems by mutually isolating the grounds associated with meter power, signal input, and all output and communication options.
- **Jumper** A push-on component which provides a short between two adjacent posts on a circuit board. Jumpers are used to configure signal conditioner boards for specific signal types and full scale ranges, and to configure power supply and communications boards for various modes of operation. Unused jumpers are stored by pushing one side over an unused post.

Hysteresis Band

A band which controls relay action symmetrically around a setpoint. The relay closes (or opens) when the reading goes above the setpoint plus one hysteresis limit, and opens (or closes) when the reading falls below the setpoint less one hysteresis limit. A narrow hysteresis band is often used to minimize relay chatter around a setpoint due to electrical noise or signal feedback caused by load switching. A wide

hysteresis band can be used for control applications, such as turning on a fill pump when the tank level has reached a lower limit and shutting off the pump when the tank level has reached an upper limit. The hysteresis band will be equal to two hysteresis limits.

- **Menu Mode** The meter programming mode used for input and range selection, meter setup, and meter configuration. Entered into from the Run mode by pressing the *MENU* key. The Menu mode can be locked out completely by a jumper.
- Meter Hold A rear panel input which freezes the meter display and all meter outputs while that input is tied to logic ground by a switch or is held at 0V (logic level true). The meter will resume operation when the input is allowed to float or is held at +5V (logic level false).
- **Modbus** An industry-standard serial communications protocol which allows devices by different manufacturers to be digitally addressed by a PC on the same communication line, with up to 247 digital addresses. More complex than the *Custom ASCII* protocol, which is also supported by these meters.

Moving Average Filter

A digital filter mode which displays a weighting moving average of readings. Readings are taken at 60/sec with 60 Hz power and 50/sec with 50 Hz power. Display update rates remain 3.5/sec with 60 Hz power and 3.0/sec with 50 Hz power. There are eight moving average modes:

Old average x 1/2 + new reading x 1/2 (equivalent to 0.08 sec RC time constant). Old average x 3/4 + new reading x 1/4 (equivalent to 0.15 sec RC time constant). Old average x 7/8 + new reading x 1/8 (equivalent to 0.3 sec RC time constant). Old average x 15/16 + new reading x 1/16 (equivalent to 0.6 sec RC time constant). Old average x 31/32 + new reading x 1/32 (equivalent to 1.2 sec RC time constant). Old average x 63/64 + new reading x 1/64 (equivalent to 2.4 sec RC time constant). Old average x 127/128 + new reading x 1/128 (equivalent to 4.8 sec RC time constant). Old avg. x 127/128 + new reading x 1/256 (equivalent to 9.6 sec RC time constant).

- **Offset** A constant adder used for the displayed reading. This is the term *b* in the straight line formula y = mx + b, where *y* is the displayed reading in counts, *m* is the scale factor, *x* is the measured reading in counts, and *b* is the offset. For direct readout in (milli)volts or (milli)amps, offset is 0.
- **Peak Display** The maximum (or most positive) reading since that maximum was last reset. Reset can be via the meter front panel, an external input, or a software command. The displayed value can reflect the filtered or unfiltered readings.

Process Signal

A signal whose display requires setup of *scale* and *offset* settings for display in engineering units. A classical process signal is 4-20 mA, where the 4 mA and 20 mA end points can each correspond to a desired meter reading.

Rate of Change Meter

A configuration mode of the *Extended meter* which allows the display of rate based on successive readings. The conversion to engineering units is achieved with the combination of a multiplier from 0.1 to 10,000 and a scale factor.

Reading The value displayed by the meter. "Taking a reading" is the action of the meter to make an analog-to-digital conversion. Readings are taken at 60/sec with 60 Hz power or 50/sec with 50 Hz power, and are displayed with an update rate of 3.5/sec with 60 Hz power or 3.0/sec with 50 Hz power.

Remote Display

Reset

À display mode which allows the meter to serve as a remote display to another meter when connected to it by a 4-wire phone cord. Also allows the meter to transmit raw measurement data to a computer and then display processed data from the computer. A serial communications option board is required in the meter. If such a board is not installed or no serial data is received, the meter displays *rESEt*.

There are three types of Reset:

- Peak and Valley Reset. Achieved by simultaneously pressing the RESET and PEAK keys.
- Latched Alarm Reset. Achieved by simultaneously pressing the RESET and ALARMS keys.
- Meter Reset. Causes the meter to reinitialize and take a tare reading when set up for *auto-tare*. Achieved powering up the meter, by pressing the *RESET* and *MENU* keys simultaneously, stepping through all top-level menu choices, grounding a rear panel connector, or supplying an ASCII command. *rESEt* is displayed briefly.

RS485 Half Duplex

Serial communications implemented with two wires, allowing data transmission in both directions, but not simultaneously.

RS485 Full Duplex

Serial communications implemented with four wires, allowing data transmission in two directions simultaneously.

- **Run Mode** The normal operating mode of the meter, where readings are taken, as opposed to the *menu mode*.
- Scale A constant multiplier used to go from A/D converter counts to displayed counts. This is the slope term m in the straight line formula y = mx + b, where y is the displayed reading in counts, m is the scale factor, x is the measured reading in counts, and b is the offset. For direct readout in (milli)volts or (milli)amps, scale is 1.
- Scaling The process of setting *scale* and *offset* so that the meter reads properly in engineering units (such as psi).

Scaling, Coordinates of 2 Points Method

A scaling method where four numbers are entered manually: low input, desired reading at low input; high input, and desired reading at high input. The meter

then applies a straight line fit. The decimal point is set by the separate *dEC.Pt* menu item.

Scaling, Scale and Offset Method

A scaling method where *scale* and *offset* are entered manually. **Scaling**, **Reading Coordinates of 2 Points Method**

A scaling method, where the low and high input values are determined from actual signals. A known low signal is first applied to the meter, such as the output of a pressure transducer at zero pressure. That signal is captured as the low input value, and the desired low reading is entered. A known high signal is then applied, such the output of a transducer for a know weight or pressure. That signal is captured as the high input value, and the desired high reading is entered. The meter then applies straight line fit. This scaling method has the advantage of calibrating the transducer and meter as a system. The actual voltage or current at either point does not need to be known. The decimal point is set by the separate *dEC.Pt* menu item.

- Setpoint A value compared to the reading to determine the state of a relay. Term often used interchangeably with "alarm setpoint." The relay action can by *latching* or *non-latching*, utilize a *hysteresis band*, or utilize a *deviation band*. Hysteresis bands and deviation bands are specified by two symmetrical limits around the *setpoint*.
- **Span** The number of *counts* corresponding to a given signal range.
- **Tare** A rear panel input which causes the display to be set to zero when the input is momentarily tied to logic ground by a switch or is held at 0V (logic level true). When the input is allowed to float or is held at +5V (logic level false), the meter displays readings relative to this new zero. A common application is in weighing, where an external Tare button is pressed to read the weight of an empty scale (tare), and tare is then automatically subtracted as a constant from gross weight for display of net weight. Tare can also be used for other applications where a reading relative to starting point is desired.

Valley Display

The minimum (or most negative) reading since that minimum was last reset. Reset can be via the meter front panel, an external input, or a software command. The displayed value can reflect the filtered or unfiltered readings.

Zero When used with process meters, *zero* is an adjustment so that a given low transducer output reads zero on the meter. *Zero* is adjusted by programming offset.

25. WARRANTY

Load Cell Central warrants these products to be free of defects in materials and workmanship for two years from the date of shipment to the original customer. This warranty may be considered as unconditional provided that, in the opinion of Load Cell Central, the equipment has not been mechanically, environmentally, or electrically abused and has been installed, maintained and operated within the limits of rated or normal usage. Defective products must be sent, transportation charges prepaid, with notice of the defect, to our plant in Monroeton, PA.

This warranty is limited, at the option of Load Cell Central to repair, replacement, or an appropriate credit adjustment not to exceed the original equipment sales price. All warranty freight charges are F.O.B. our plant, Monroeton, PA.

Load Cell Central assumes no responsibility in connection with the sale of its products beyond that stated above and is not responsible for any incidental or consequential loss or damage which might result from a failure of any Load Cell Central product.

26. REPAIR POLICY

Direct all warranty and out-of-warranty requests/inquiries to Load Cell Central, Customer Service Repair Dept., Tel: 800-562-3235 (USA) or 570-265-5015, by Fax to: 570-265-5148 or by email to <u>sales@800loadcel.com</u>. Repair work will be handled at the factory or an authorized service center. All items sent in for service are subject to a minimum evaluation charge of \$65 in the event that the product is found to be out-of-warranty or, if under warranty, not in need of additional service. Out-of-warranty service and repair charges will be quoted on a case-by-case basis. All repaired products will be shipped FOB, Monroeton, PA.

27. LOAD CELL CENTRAL PRODUCTS

Load Cell Central's family of Digital Panel Meters and Large Digit Indicators are high quality, accurate, solid state instruments designed for years of trouble-free operation. Over 18 years of digital instrumentation experience has resulted in a series of displays recognized in the field as reliable, well designed instruments. From our compact sized DPM's with 0.6" LEDs, to our Large Digit indicators with 1" and 5" LEDs or 4", 6" and 9" tall electromagnetic digits, we cover most applications in process measurement and display.

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