

PULSAR Process Measurement

## Description

Flow measurement using ultrasonic Doppler technology is accepted as a reliable, non-invasive method of indicating liquid and slurry flow in pipes, where high accuracy is simply not required.

The Pulsar*flow* 500 series utilises this technique to provide cost effective flow monitoring and switch point output.

There are three units in the range, **Pulsarflow 510 and 515**, both general purpose units system and **Pulsarflow** 

**511** for use in flammable atmospheres (approval pending)

### Application

The Pulsar*flow* 500 series is capable of operating in general flow measurement applications with velocities from 0.3m/second to 3.5m/second on liquids and slurries. (The Pulsar*flow* 515 offers higher flow capacity.)

### **Operation**

Pulsarflow 500 series is a non-invasive pipe-mounted liquid indicator with analogue and switch output. The unique design combines both sensor and electronics in a single robust stainless steel enclosure which allows quick and easy installation on the outside of a metal or plastic pipe. Pulsarflow 500 series has internal transmit and receive transducers which detect ultrasonic reflections from particles (minimum particle size 100 microns > 150ppm) or air inclusions in the liquid or slurry. The change in frequency detected from these reflections is proportional to the velocity of the particle in the flow, and therefore can be converted by the system into a flow indication. It is possible, on the majority of liquids, to indicate the flowrate and provide a repeatable switching point on higher or lower than desired flow.

Each unit has ease of installation and calibration as a key feature, having a single button set up with status feed-back during initial calibration from red and green LEDs. The Pulsar*flow* 500 series has ingress protection to IP68. The rugged design provides a high degree of protection from bump, shock and vibration within a typical industrial environment.



**Typical Industries** 

Chemical Food and Drink Mineral Extraction Pharmaceutical Power Generation Pulp and Paper Sewage and Water Treatment

## Typical Applications for the Pulsar*flow* 500 Range

Activated carbon slurries Aerated liquids **Coal slurries Cooling water circulation** Filter back wash Fly ash slurries Limestone slurries Oil/coal mixtures Paint Paper slurry/stock Primary sewage and sludge Raw sewage **Resin slurries** Return activated sludge **River water** Secondary effluent Soap solutions Spent acids **Taconite slurries Tertiary effluent** Thickened or digested sludge

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# **Technical Specification: 500 Series**

Outputs	
Pulsarflow 510/515	1 volt free contact, programmable 1A at 30V dc SPCO
	4-20mA auto scaled
	0-10 V dc analogue
Pulsarflow 511 (Approval pending)	0-10 V dc analogue
Power requirements	
	22-36Vdc, 120mA typically
Operating temperatures	
	-40°C to +80°C
Ingress protection rating	
	IP68
Velocity range	
Minimum particle size in liquid: 100 microns > 200ppm	510 unit 0.3m/sec to 3.5m/sec 515 unit 0.5m/sec to 6m/sec
Size / weight	
	Size: 118mm L x 70mm H x 65mm/Weight:1kg
Pipe diameter	
	30mm min. diameter up to 400mm max.
Pipe wall thickness	
	Metal or rigid plastic pipe up to 10mm
Flammable atmospheres approval	
	(Pending) EEx m IIC T6 (Pulsarflow 511 only)
Installation	
By means of a suitable fixing strap, hose clip or similar	(having an 11mm max. width) using a silicone grease couple
material applied to the base of the sensor and the pipe.	Silicone compound from Dow Corning DC-4 or equal.
Cable entry	M20 x 1.5mm for gland
Repeatability / accuracy	
	± 7.5%, application dependent
Housing material	
	Type 316 stainless steel investment casting
CE / EMC Approval	
	081-1:1992 for emissions & BS EN 50082-2:1995 for immunity
Bump, shock & vibration	
	Complies with BS 60068



## Installation Recommendations

The Pulsar*flow* units should be mounted in direct contact with the outside wall of the pipe, which should be clean and free from any loose or flaking material. The sensor to pipe contact area should be coated with non melting waterproof silicone compound to provide a direct acoustic coupling. A suitable strap, is provided to firmly position and clamp the sensor in place.

The sensor must be mounted to coincide with liquid flow, for example on pipes where there may be large inclusions of air running along the top of the section of the pipe. It is recommended that the Pulsar*flow* unit is mounted some degrees off vertical. Once clamped on to the pipe the 510/515 unit's lid is unscrewed (the four captive screws are retained by the lid) and electrical connections made to the terminal strip. Commissioning and set-

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up are simple and straightforward. The set-up consists of a one button calibration routine to establish flow rate, and to enable an alarm setting with an option for 'high flow' or for 'low flow'.



Our policy is one of constant development and improvement. Pulsar reserve the right to amend technical details as necessay.

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