

# RealFLO

## Multi-Run Gas Flow Computer Software

### Overview

RealFLO™ is a family of hardware and software technologies that provides custody transfer natural gas flow measurement for one to ten gas flow runs. RealFLO software converts any SCADAPack Series controller into a full function gas flow computer (GFC), while retaining the controller's inherent logic programmability. The measurement and control tasks are fully independent. The result is a versatile gas flow computer that is well suited to a wide variety of oil and natural gas applications. Any application requiring gas flow measurement, a PLC for local control and an RTU for communication, is a candidate for automation with a RealFLO enabled SCADAPack.

RealFLO provides AGA-3 orifice plate, V-Cone, and AGA-7 turbine/pulse meter flow measurement with AGA-8 or NX-19 gas density calculations. In meeting the requirements of API 21.1, Custody Transfer RealFLO provides 35 days of hourly and daily averages, 700 user changes and events as well as 300 process alarms. No additional logic programming is required to use RealFLO; it is complete and ready for configuration and use.

RealFLO configuration is provided by an intuitive, windows-based program that executes on Windows NT/2000/XP operating systems. Users who wish to



integrate RealFLO controllers into existing SCADA systems will benefit from the fact that they use Modbus and Enron Modbus as native communication protocols.

Custom protocols can also be added by implementing the C and C++ toolkits.

With the SCADAPack32 for example, 10baseT Ethernet can be used for high-speed remote configuration and data collection via wireless Ethernet radios. Any HMI software package, Distributed Control System, or SCADA master that utilizes Modbus protocol can be used as the front-end. Any host computer can read historical data logs, and reconfigure the RealFLO GFC through the SCADA communication system. RealFLO integrates seamlessly into existing SCADA systems.

Control Microsystems also offers ClearSCADA SCADA Management Software with a fully integrated RealFLO driver.

### Applications

- Well head measurement and automation
- Liquid flow totalization
- Separator measurement and control
- Flow measurement
- Industrial energy consumption measurement
- Pipeline balancing
- Pipeline transmission station automation
- Coal bed methane production optimization
- "POD" automation

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## Features & Benefits

### ■ Modbus Protocol Interface

The RealFLO GFC is completely configurable and accessible using standard Modbus protocol commands generated either by the RealFLO Configuration Utility, provided by Control Microsystems, or any other host computer equipped with Modbus. Configuration and historical data retrieval can be done locally, or through the SCADA network. Gas composition can be changed from the SCADA master. Field technicians don't need laptop computers or flow computer training when changing orifice plates.

### ■ Standard EFM Modbus Interface

Control Microsystems Electronic Flow Measurement (EFM) Modbus interface is used with "Enron Modbus" collection systems. This standard EFM interface allows SCADAPack Series GFCs to be integrated into existing EFM SCADA networks. Control Microsystems' unique architecture provides two simultaneous methods of communication with one SCADAPack Series gas flow computer, even if only one communication port is used. The first method of communication accesses data through a uniquely addressed Standard EFM Modbus interface and the second accesses data through the usual Modbus addressed RTU/PLC interface. Flow measurement data collection is obtained by addressing the EFM Modbus interface while the Modbus protocol interface is used for monitoring and programming ladder logic programs on line, collecting logged data and downloading custom C/C++ programs.

### ■ Programmable for Control

The RealFLO GFC includes a software extension in the SCADAPack. This means that the controller's TelePACE Relay

Ladder Logic, multitasking C/C++ or IEC 61131 programmability remains available for sequencing and feedback control applications. You can use the RealFLO GFC to measure gas flow while Relay Ladder Logic, PID controllers, and C/C++ programs can be used to control the process, switch meter runs, etc. RealFLO combines the functions of a PLC, a multi-run flow computer and an RTU, in a compact, cost effective package.

### ■ Universal Primary Variable Interface

RealFLO is compatible with 4-20ma/1-5Vdc transmitters, plus single or multi-variable transmitters using HART, Modbus and Ethernet. If you choose to use a SCADASense Multi-Variable Transmitter (MVT) or other Modbus-based MVTs, RealFLO allows you to completely configure and calibrate the transmitter from within the RealFLO Configuration Utility.

### ■ Versatile Communications

All RealFLO components support radio, Ethernet, dial-up modem and dedicated modem communications. This versatility allows users to configure the RealFLO GFC, download new C/C++ programs, as well as monitor and change logic programs, remotely over the communications network. Future upgrades to the controller firmware and AGA standards can also be remotely upgraded.

### ■ I/O Expandable to over 650 points

RealFLO uses the powerful SCADAPack series of controllers or a SCADASense 4203 as its hardware platform. With standard I/O counts from as small as four points, these PLC/RTU controllers can be expanded to more than 650 I/O points, simply by plugging in more 5000 Series I/O modules\*. You can use the same hardware for all your oil and gas automation needs.

## RealFLO Components

A RealFLO gas flow computer consists of the following hardware and software components:

- SCADAPack, SCADAPack 100, SCADAPack LP, SCADAPack 32, SCADAPack 350 or SCADASense 4203 controller.
- Embedded software extension
- RealFLO PC-Based Configuration Utility.

## SCADAPack Hardware Platform

The RealFLO GFC runs in all SCADAPack and SCADASense controllers. Each is ideally suited to support EFM applications.

- The SCADAPack 100 is a 1 run flow computer that is ideally suited for EFM applications requiring small amounts of IO while maintaining custody transfer gas measurement data.
- The SCADAPack LP is a low power version that is ideal for solar powered wellhead applications that involve EFM as well as production optimization and control. A single LP may measure up to 2 gas flow runs, two liquid flow runs using turbine meters and multiple I/O for well optimization techniques such as plunger lift and pump off control.
- The SCADAPack 350 offers the same onboard I/O as the SCADAPack LP but includes a 32-bit CPU, 100baseT Ethernet, Modbus over USB, and measures up to 4 gas flow runs.
- The SCADAPack is a well-rounded PLC with the same on-board field IO compliment as its big brother the SCADAPack32 with the exception of 10baseT Ethernet. The SCADAPack accommodates two gas flow runs and

has the same expansion capability as the SCADAPack 32, SCADAPack LP and SCADAPack 350.

- The SCADAPack 32 is a high powered 10 run flow computer utilized wherever wells are either close together, or where many runs are measured together such as at headers, gas plants, transmission stations or coal bed methane pods. The SCADAPack 32P is the processor-only version and is suited for locations where local PLC control of I/O is not required. With Ethernet capability, the SCADAPack 32 and 32P are ideal candidates for LAN applications and are currently installed in several production fields that utilize wireless Ethernet.

- The SCADASense 4203 is a tightly integrated gas flow computer incorporating a multivariable sensor and a complete PLC. It can be used in a wide range of process control applications including: well optimization, pressure control, odorant injection and more. Coupled with a second multivariable transmitter, the SCADASense 4203 can be used as a two-run gas flow computer.

- **Export to .csv, .cfx and printing options allow configuration data, historical data and event logs to be archived digitally or on paper for future reference.**

- The SCADASense 4102 Modbus Multivariable Transmitter, while not being a Gas Flow Computer, is an integral component of the RealFLO EFM systems. The 4102 measures differential pressure, static pressure and flow temperature and makes the data available over serial and/or Ethernet communications. All RealFLO instances running in SCADAPack controllers have an inherent function that polls 4102s.

### RealFLO Configuration Utility

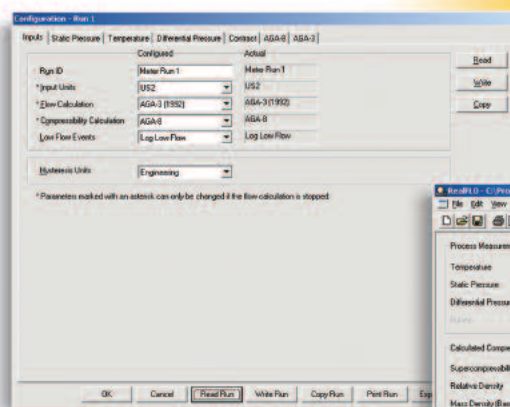
The RealFLO Configuration Utility operates on a PC running Windows, and is used to download and configure the RealFLO GFC. The RealFLO Configuration Utility was designed in consultation with end users to make commissioning a flow computer as intuitive and as efficient as possible. It allows on-line or off-line configuration of the gas flow run operating parameters. History and event data may be uploaded from the RealFLO GFC in CFX or CSV format and subsequently exported in CFX format for import into Flow-Cal's EGM Software for further use and analysis with any

spreadsheet or database gas measurement software. This utility offers a user-friendly environment that is intuitive for any user familiar with Windows. It also provides all the tools necessary to confirm correct operation of the SCADA system interface to the flow computations during system startup and configuration.

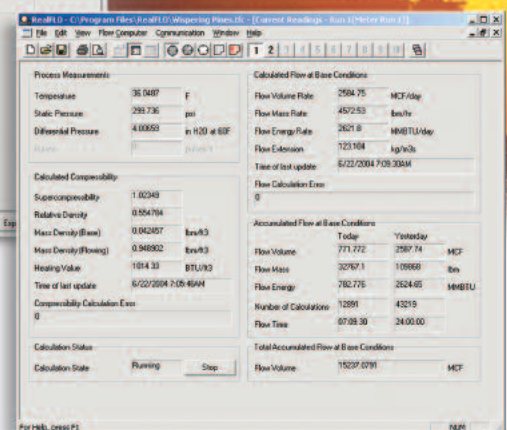
The RealFLO Configuration Utility can also configure the SCADAPack controller's operational parameters, including communication-port settings, I/O register assignment, real time clock and DNP settings, and provides a utility to automatically scale any SCADAPack process I/O.

Custom register views can be created to display any combination of flow computer and controller IO database registers thereby facilitating process data monitoring.

RealFLO offers two modes of operation. The Expert Mode is what users



- **Multiple window viewing allows users to compare historical data with event logs to check for any irregularities.**



have grown to know with legacy versions of RealFLO. The new Maintenance Mode has been introduced to accommodate the novice measurement technician that operates a RealFLO unit on an infrequent basis. The wizard within the Maintenance Mode of RealFLO makes scheduled maintenance functions such as calibration, history downloads, plate change and gas analysis update, easy and intuitive.

### Modbus Multi-Variable Transmitter Integration

The RealFLO Configuration Utility allows users to completely configure and calibrate any SCADA Sense (or any similarly mapped) multi-variable transmitter from within the gas flow computer itself. This feature greatly simplifies installation and maintenance when multiple

transmitters are connected to one SCADAPack. It also allows for remote re-spanning of ranges for optimal measurement without a site visit.

### Automatic Audit Trail and Log Retrieval

The RealFLO Configuration Utility's unique scripting capability allows users to automatically retrieve all the data required by API 21.1 audit trail requirements. Scripts may be launched from an HMI or Windows scheduler with data being saved in RealFLO binary format as well as standard CSV or CFX files.

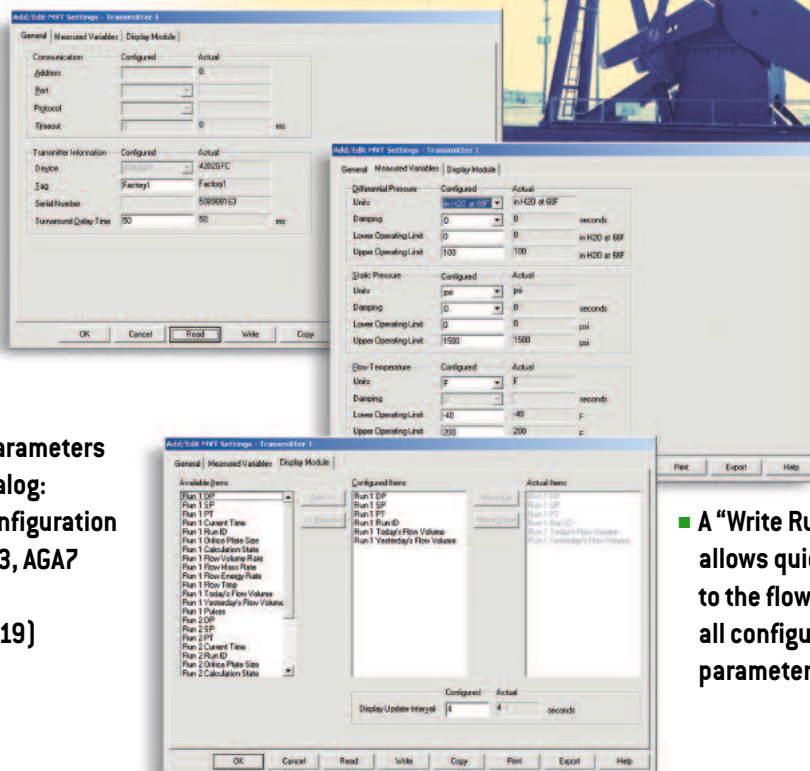
### Custom C/C++ Enhancements and User Defined Events

C Function libraries are provided to allow users to extend the RealFLO GFC application for custom protocol drivers,

enhanced data acquisition for pilot projects, or automatic configuration of flow computer parameters on power up. With the versatility provided by C/C++, the user can add virtually any function.

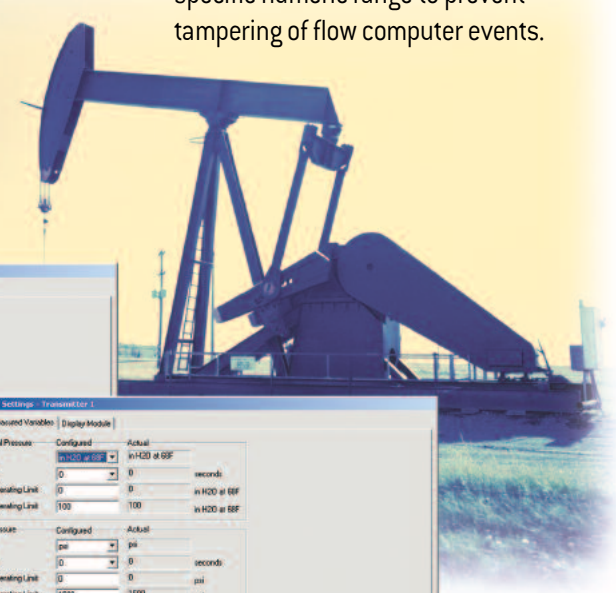
Relay Ladder Logic and C/C++ programs can store custom events in the event log, along with previous and new values. This capability is particularly valuable to record special events that are not normally part of the gas flow computer operations. Examples could include communication error events and process alarm conditions. User-defined events are allocated to a specific numeric range to prevent tampering of flow computer events.

- An intuitive Windows-based program steps the user through the calibration process. User information and "as found / as left" sensor readings are recorded in the event log for future reference.



- All flow run configuration parameters are shown in one tabbed dialog:
  - process variable input configuration
  - gas flow calculation (AGA3, AGA7 or V-Cone)
  - gas density (AGA-8 or NX-19)
  - contract configuration

- A "Write Run" button allows quick download to the flow computer of all configuration parameters







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## Ordering Guide

Model Number	RealFLO Utility Description	Order Part Number
RealFLO	RealFLO configuration and diagnostic utility provides an easy to use interface to flow computation configuration as well as a facility for collection of historical flow data, events and alarms. Windows NT/2000/XP on a PC. User manual is included in PDF format on CD	327023
RealFLO-IC	RealFLO configuration and diagnostic utility with Industry Canada Approval. Windows NT/2000/XP on a PC. User manual is included in PDF format on CD	327048
RealFLO-U	RealFLO upgrade for existing users of RealFLO configuration and diagnostic package running on PC. Provides latest version of RealFLO utility	327024
<b>Gas Flow Run-Time Target Options for SCADAPack Series</b>		
RF100-1 One Run	Gas Flow run-time target for SCADAPack 100	327069
RFSP-2 Two Run	Gas Flow run-time target for SCADAPack	327038
RFLP-2 One/Two Run	Gas Flow run-time target for SCADAPack LP	327064
RF2-2 One/Two Run	Gas Flow run-time target for SCADAPack 350	327081
RF2-4 Four Run	Gas Flow run-time target for SCADAPack 350	327082
RF32-2 Two Run	Gas Flow run-time target for SCADAPack 32 or SCADAPack 32P	327049
RF32-4 Four Run	Gas Flow run-time target for SCADAPack 32 or SCADAPack 32P	327050
RF32-10 Ten Run	Gas Flow run-time target for SCADAPack 32 or SCADAPack 32P	327053
RF32-2-4 Upgrade	From Two Run to Four Run Gas Flow run-time target for SCADAPack 32 or SCADAPack 32P	327051
RF32-2-10 Upgrade	From Two Run to Ten Run Gas Flow run-time target for SCADAPack 32 or SCADAPack 32P	327055
RF32-4-10 Upgrade	From Four Run to Ten Run Gas Flow run-time target for SCADAPack 32 or SCADAPack 32P	327057

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