

# **INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE BULLETIN**

## **RM IMPERIAL & METRIC**

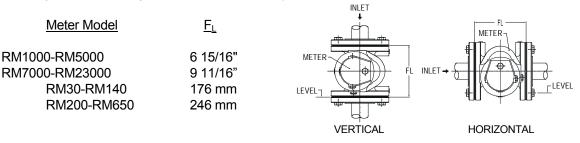
#### INTRODUCTION

The Romet rotary meter is suitable for the measurement of most clean, dry gases. The installation of an upstream filter or, at the very least, a 200 mesh strai ner (e.g. Romet Tee Screen) will protect the meter from contaminants in the gas stream and permit accurate measurement. The meter is not suitable for the measurement of liquids. Consult the factory if any corrosive gases (i.e. sour or sewer gases) are present, since these gases may have adverse effects on the meter r. Meters specifically constructed for these applications are available.

The maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of 175 psig or 12 bar and flow rating (Qmax) for each meter is indicated on the serial plate and should not be exceeded. Although ruggedly constructed, the Romet meter is a precision measuring instrument.

#### 1.0 Pre-installation

- 1.1 Inspect the meter for any damage which may have occurred during transportation and handling. Consult the factory if the meter has been damaged.
- 1.2 Remove the sealing plugs or caps from the inlet and outlet port of the meter.
- 1.3 Ensure that all foreign material and scale hav e been removed from the meter station piping and that the mounting flanges are the correct distance ( $F_L$ ) apart, aligned with each other and level (maximum of 1/16" per foot or 5mm per meter in all directions).



- 1.4 The meter can be installed in either the horizontal or vertical position. The vertical position is the recommended installation since contaminants are more easily expelled from the meter, reducing the potential for internal wear or damage to the meter.
- 1.5 Check that the correct hardware is available as per Table 1.0

| TABLE           | 1.0 HARDWARE SPECIFICATION TABLE |                       |                          |                         |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| METER MODEL     | FLANGE                           | BOLTS                 | WASHERS                  | GASKETS                 |
|                 |                                  | 5/8"-11 x 1.5" long   |                          | ANSI 150 2"             |
| RM1000-RM1500   | ANSI 150                         | Hex Head, SAE Grade 5 | Flat; Steel; Zinc Plated | Full Face x 1/16" thick |
| RM30-RM40       | 2" Flat Face                     | Steel, Zinc Plated    | (8 Required)             | Compressed Fiber        |
|                 |                                  | (8 Required)          |                          | (2 Required)            |
|                 |                                  | 5/8"-11 x 1.75" long  |                          | ANSI 150 2"             |
| RM2000-RM3000   | ANSI 150                         | Hex Head, SAE Grade 5 | Flat; Steel; Zinc Plated | Full Face x 1/16" thick |
| RM55-RM85       | 2" Flat Face                     | Steel, Zinc Plated    | (8 Required)             | Compressed Fiber        |
|                 |                                  | (8 Required)          |                          | (2 Required)            |
|                 |                                  | 5/8"-11 x 2" long     |                          | ANSI 150 3"             |
| RM5000-RM7000   | ANSI 150                         | Hex Head, SAE Grade 5 | Flat; Steel; Zinc Plated | Full Face x 1/16" thick |
| RM140-RM200     | 3" Flat Face                     | Steel, Zinc Plated    | (8 Required)             | Compressed Fiber        |
|                 |                                  | (8 Required)          |                          | (2 Required)            |
|                 |                                  | 5/8"-11 x 2.5" long   |                          | ANSI 150 4"             |
| RM11000-RM23000 | ANSI 150                         | Hex Head, SAE Grade 5 | Flat; Steel; Zinc Plated | Full Face x 1/16" thick |
| RM300-RM650     | 4" Flat Face                     | Steel, Zinc Plated    | (16 Required)            | Compressed Fiber        |
|                 |                                  | (16 Required)         |                          | (2 Required)            |

#### 2.0 Installation

- 2.1 Install the meter using the hardware as specified in Table 1.0.
- 2.2 Tighten the flange bolts to a torque of 20 ft-lbs (27 Nm).
- 2.3 Fill the thrust cover, magnetic housing (RM2000-RM23000/RM55RM650) and module with approved meter oil (see section 2.5) to midway within the sight glass. In the case of a module with a counter (STD CTR, DCID, TC,

TCID), fill to the line on the counter dial plate.

2.4 Depending on the meter model and mounting position (hor izontal or vertical), the required volume of oil will be different. Refer to table 2.0 to obtain the appropriate oil volumes.

**Note**: Side reading STD CTR meters require an oil volue me for the module of 4.2 oz/120ml. In the case of ECM2<sup>TM</sup>, use the oil volumes for the magnetic housing and thrust cover for the applicable size TC meter. The ECM2<sup>TM</sup> module being electronic does not require oil.

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| TABLE 2.0 OIL VOLUM | IE REQUIREMENTS |
| (lmp.oz             | / ml)           |

| METER MODEL   | STD CTR, S          | TD ID & DCID        | TC & TCID          |                     |  |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--|
|               | HORIZONTAL          | VERTICAL            | HORIZONTAL         | VERTICAL            |  |
|               | Module 2.5oz/70ml   | Module 6.3oz/180ml  |                    |                     |  |
| RM1000-RM1500 | Magnetic            | Magnetic            |                    |                     |  |
| RM30-RM40     | Housing N/A         | Housing N/A         | N/A                | N/A                 |  |
|               | Thrust              | Thrust              |                    |                     |  |
|               | Cover 0.9oz/25ml    | Cover 2.1oz/60ml    |                    |                     |  |
|               | Module 6.3oz/180ml  | Module 6.3oz/180ml  | Module 5.6oz/160ml | Module 8.8oz/250ml  |  |
| RM2000-RM5000 | Magnetic            | Magnetic            | Magnetic           | Magnetic            |  |
| RM55-RM140    | Housing 2.3oz/65ml  | Housing 3.5oz/100ml | Housing 2.3oz/65ml | Housing 3.5oz/100ml |  |
|               | Thrust              | Thrust              | Thrust             | Thrust              |  |
|               | Cover 0.9oz/25ml    | Cover 2.5oz/70ml    | Cover 0.9oz/25ml   | Cover 2.5oz/70ml    |  |
|               | Module 4.2oz/120ml  | Module 4.2oz/120ml  | Module 8.1oz/240ml | Module 20.6oz/570ml |  |
| RM7000-       | Magnetic            | Magnetic            | Magnetic           | Magnetic            |  |
| RM23000       | Housing 3.5oz/100ml | Housing11.6oz/330ml | Housing3.4oz/100ml | Housing11.6oz/330ml |  |
| RM200-RM650   | Thrust              | Thrust              | Thrust             | Thrust              |  |
|               | Cover 1.4oz/40ml    | Cover 8.8oz/250ml   | Cover 1.4oz/40ml   | Cover 8.8oz/250ml   |  |

2.5 An approved meter oil is available from Romet in one litre plastic bottle. Substitute oils should have a 60-65 SSU or ISO 10-15 at 100 °F or 38 °C and a pour point of -40 °F/°C. The use of non-approved oil, without Romet's prior consent, may void the warranty. The approved oil for use with Romet meters is Shell Tellus R-10.

### 3.0 Post installation

- 3.1 Turn the gas supply on <u>slowly</u> (two seconds per 15 psig or 100 kPa maximum), checking constantly for leaks. Turning the gas supply on too quickly can overspeed and possibly damage the meter.
- 3.2 The flow rate of the meter should be checked to insure that the meter is correctly sized for the application and that the rated capacity (Qmax) is not being exceeded. The rated capacity (Qmax) is indicated on the serial plate that is located on the thrust cover. After installing the meter, the customer's total gas load should be turned on to ens ure that the meter is sized correctly for the maximum flow rate. By measuring the number of seconds that the instrument drive or right hand uncorrected counter wheel takes to complete one rotation, the meter can be "clocked" to calculate the actual flow rate, using the formula below:

ACTUAL VOLUME PER HOUR = <u>TEST VOLUME</u> x 3600

ROTATION TIME

Test volume - Volume of gas (CF or m<sup>3</sup>) for one complete revolution of the instrument drive or right hand wheel of the uncorrected counter.

| M               | ETER | VOLUME | E/REVOLUTION   |
|-----------------|------|--------|----------------|
| RM1000-RM1500   |      |        | 10 CF          |
| RM2000-RM11000  |      |        | 10 CF / 100 CF |
| RM16000-RM23000 |      |        | 100 CF         |
| RM30-RM85       |      | 0.1    | m <sup>3</sup> |
| RM140-RM650     |      | 1.0    | m <sup>3</sup> |
|                 |      |        |                |

Rotation time - The time in seconds for one complete revolution of the instrument drive or right hand wheel of the uncorrected counter.

## 4.0 Maintenance

The meter oil should be clear and at the correct f ill levels (refer to section 2.4). Under normal operating conditions, the oil should be inspect ed every 5-10 years and changed or "topped up" as required. The change period will vary with the cleanliness of the gas being measured. Pressure access plugs are offered, as an option to permit o il filling and draining while the meter is pressurised and operating.

If the meter is running abnormally "slow" or has stopped due to contamination from the gas stream, flush and/or service the meter per the Romet Shop Manual . Always drain all of the oil from the before removing the meter from the installation to prevent the oil from entering the measurement chamber during handling. After completing the servicing of t he meter, a differential pressure or proof test should be performed to ensure that the meter is clean and in good operating condition.

## 5.0 Troubleshooting

| TROUBLE                        | POSSIBLE CAUSE  | REMEDY   |
|--------------------------------|---|--|
| Meter stopped                  | <ol> <li>Obstruction jamming the<br/>impellers (i.e. weld bead,<br/>stone, tap shaving)</li> </ol>  | <ol> <li>Shut off the gas supply to the meter and<br/>purge the line of any gas. Remove the<br/>access plug from the thrust cover of the<br/>meter and insert a clean screwdriver until<br/>it engages the slotted crank cap on the<br/>end of the impeller shaft. Rotate the<br/>impellers back and forth to expel the<br/>obstruction. If the obstruction cannot be<br/>expelled, remove the meter from service<br/>and disassemble the meter per the<br/>procedure in the Romet Service Manual.<br/>Reinstall the meter per section2 of this<br/>bulletin.</li> </ol> |
|                                | <ol> <li>Mounting flanges have not<br/>been properly aligned or<br/>are not at the correct F<sub>L</sub><br/>dimension, deforming the<br/>meter body and causing th<br/>impellers to jam against th<br/>cylinder wall.</li> </ol>   | <ol> <li>Correctly align the mounting flanges,<br/>following the specifications in section 1.3<br/>of this bulletin.</li> </ol>  |
|                                | <ol> <li>Mechanical instrument has<br/>seized on an instrument<br/>drive meter</li> </ol>   | <ol> <li>Repair or replace the instrument. The<br/>recommended maximum torque that an<br/>instrument should transmit to the drive of<br/>the meter is 4 in oz or 0.004 Nm. The<br/>instrument drive module should be<br/>inspected for any damage per the Romet<br/>Shop Manual.</li> </ol>  |
| Impellers rubbing, meter noisy | <ol> <li>Mounting flanges have not<br/>been properly aligned or<br/>are not at the correct F<sub>L</sub><br/>dimension, deforming the<br/>meter body and causing the<br/>impellers to rub against the<br/>cylinder wall.</li> </ol> | following the specifications in section 1.3<br>of this bulletin.   |
| Impellers rubbing; meter noisy | <ol> <li>Damaged impellers or<br/>timing gears</li> </ol>   | <ol> <li>Refer to the Romet Shop Manual for the<br/>proper procedure for inspecting the meter<br/>pressure and addressing any possible<br/>damage.</li> </ol>  |

| Meter accuracy low and differential pressure high in comparison to the factory results.          |     | Impellers and/or bearings<br>contaminated (dirt, pipe<br>scale, pipe dope, moisture,<br>distillate, etc).   | 6.  | Shut off the gas supply to the meter and<br>purge the gas from the line. Drain the oil<br>from the meter and remove the meter<br>from service. Flush and service the meter<br>per the Romet Shop Manual. Reinstall<br>the meter and refill the oil per the<br>procedures in section 2 of this bulletin.  |
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|  | 7.  | Mechanical instrument on<br>an instrument drive meter is<br>producing excessive drag.   | 7.  | Repair or replace the instrument. The recommended maximum torque that an instrument should transmit to the drive of the meter is 4 in oz or 0.004 Nm.  |
|  | 8.  | Meter has been overfilled<br>with oil and the oil has<br>passed through the impeller<br>bearings, contaminating the<br>measurement chamber.   | 8.  | Shut off the gas supply to the meter and<br>purge the gas from the line. Drain the oil<br>from the meter and remove the meter<br>from service. Flush and service the meter<br>per the Romet Shop Manual. Reinstall<br>the meter and refill the oil as per the  |
|  | 9.  | Meter was filled with oil<br>prior to installation. Oil may<br>have passed through the<br>impeller bearings during<br>handling and contaminated<br>the measurement chamber.   | 9.  | procedures in section 2 of this bulletin.<br>See remedy no. 6.   |
| Meter accuracy low and/or<br>differential pressure high in<br>comparison to the factory results. | 10. | Mounting flanges are not<br>properly aligned or at the<br>correct $F_L$ dimension,<br>deforming the cylinder body<br>of the meter and causing<br>the impellers to rub on the<br>cylinder and/or the impeller<br>bearings to bind. | 10. | Correctly align the mounting flanges,<br>following the specifications in section 1.3<br>of this bulletin.  |
|  |     | Worn or corroded impeller<br>bearings.<br>Hoses and/or connections<br>between the prover and the<br>test meter are leaking.   |     | Install new bearings. Refer to the Romet<br>Shop Manual for the proper procedure.<br>Run a leak test on the prover system and<br>fix any leaks.  |
| Meter accuracy substantially higher than the factory test results.                               | 13. | The master meter of the transfer prover may have been contaminated during previous tests and running slow.  | 13  | Check the master meter accuracy with a reference meter.  |
|  | 14. |   | 14  | Remove the module from the meter body<br>and verify that the number stamped on<br>the module face plate matches the meter<br>body (e.g. "5" matches with an RM5000<br>body)  |
| Excessive vibration when the meter is running.   | 15. | Contaminates on the impellers.  | 15. | Shut off the gas supply to the meter and<br>purge the gas from the line. Drain the oil<br>from the meter and remove the meter<br>from service. Flush and service the meter<br>per the Romet Shop Manual. Reinstall<br>the meter and refill the oil per the<br>procedures in section 2 of this bulletin.<br>Any upstream filters or strainers should<br>be inspected for perceibe domese. |
|  | 16. | Worn or corroded impeller<br>bearings   | 16. | be inspected for possible damage.<br>Install new bearings. Refer to the Romet<br>Shop Manual for the proper procedure.<br>Check the mounting flange alignment to<br>ensure that the wear on the bearings is<br>not attributable to misalignment. Refer to<br>section 1.3 of this bulletin.   |

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