



Mass flow meter for gases (MFM)

- Nominal flow ranges from 0.005 l/min to 15 l/min (ref. nitrogen)
- High accuracy and repeatability
- Applicable for aggressive gases
- Easy switch between operating gases
- Optional: Fieldbus interface



Product variants described in the data sheet may differ from the product presentation and description.

Can be combined with

	Type 0330 Direct-acting 2/2 or 3/2-way pivoted armature valve	►
	Type 8611 eCONTROL – Universal controller	►
	Type 8619 multiCELL – multi-channel/ multi-function transmitter/ controller	►

Type description

The mass flow meter (MFM) Type 8700 is suitable for measuring aggressive gases, gas mixtures and applications for alternating gases. A thermal capillary sensor, with non-wetted sensor elements, is used for this. The forms in contact with medium are made of high-quality stainless steel and FFKM as seal material for high chemical resistance. Type 8700 can optionally be calibrated for two different gases; the user can switch between these two gases. As electrical interfaces both, analogue standard signals and fieldbuses are available.

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1. General technical data

Product properties	
Dimensions	Further information can be found in chapter "4. Dimensions" on page 5.
Material	
Seal	FKM, EPDM or FFKM
Housing	PC (polycarbonate)
Base block	Stainless steel
Total weight	850 g (stainless steel)
LED display	Status indication: 1. Power 2. Communication (only in fieldbus variant), limit (only in analogue variant) 3. Error
Performance data	
Nominal flow range (Q_N) ¹⁾	5...15000 ml/min (N_2) ²⁾ Further information can be found in chapter "6.2. Nominal flow range of typical gases" on page 8.
Operating pressure ³⁾	Max. 10 bar (145 psi)
Measuring accuracy	± 1.5 % of reading ± 0.3 % FS (under calibration conditions and after 30 min warm-up time to achieve best measurement results)
Repeatability	± 0.1 % FS
Turndown ratio	1:50
Response time ($t_{95\%}$)	< 3 s
Electrical data	
Operating voltage	24 V DC
Power consumption	2.5 W (5 W with fieldbus)
Residual ripple	± 2 %
Voltage tolerance	± 10 %
Electrical connection	
Standard	D-Sub plug, 15-pin
Additionally with PROFIBUS DP	M12 socket, 5-pin
Additionally with CANopen	M12 plug, 5-pin
Medium data	
Operating medium	Neutral or aggressive gases
Calibration medium	Operating gas or air (with conversion factor)
Medium temperature	- 10 °C...+ 70 °C (- 10 °C...+ 60 °C for oxygen)
Process/Port connection & communication	
Analogue interfaces	4...20 mA, 0...20 mA, 0...10 V or 0...5 V Input impedance > 20 kΩ (voltage) resp. < 300 Ω (current) Maximum current: 10 mA (voltage output) Maximum load: 600 Ω (current output)
Digital outputs	1 relay output: 1. Limit (desired value cannot be reached) Loading capacity: max. 25 V, 1 A, 25 VA
Digital inputs	2 digital inputs: 1. Not assigned 2. Not assigned
Digital communication interface	Via RS adapter: RS232, RS485, Modbus RTU, PROFIBUS DP, CANopen (see "8.4. Ordering chart accessories" on page 10)
Port connection	NPT 1/4, G 1/4, sub-base, screw-in fitting
Approvals and conformities	
Protection class	IP40
Environment and installation	
Installation position	Horizontal or vertical
Ambient temperature	- 10 °C...+ 50 °C

1.) The nominal flow rate is the maximum calibrated and measurable flow rate value. The nominal flow range indicates the range of possible nominal flow rates.

2.) Index N: flow rates with respect to 1.013 bar abs and 0 °C, alternatively: Index S with respect to 1.013 bar abs and + 20 °C

3.) Overpressure to atmospheric pressure

2. Approvals and conformities

2.1. General notes

- The approvals and conformities listed below must be stated when making enquiries. This is the only way to ensure that the product complies with all required specifications.
- Not all available variants can be supplied with the below mentioned approvals or conformities.

2.2. Conformity

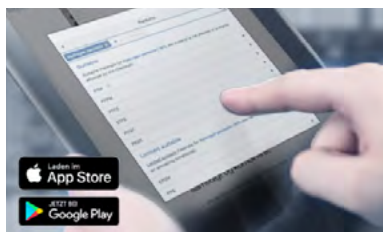
In accordance with the Declaration of Conformity, the product is compliant with the EU Directives.

2.3. Standards

The applied standards which are used to demonstrate compliance with the EU Directives are listed in the EU-Type Examination Certificate and/or the EU Declaration of Conformity.

3. Materials

3.1. Bürkert resistApp



Bürkert resistApp – Chemical Resistance Chart

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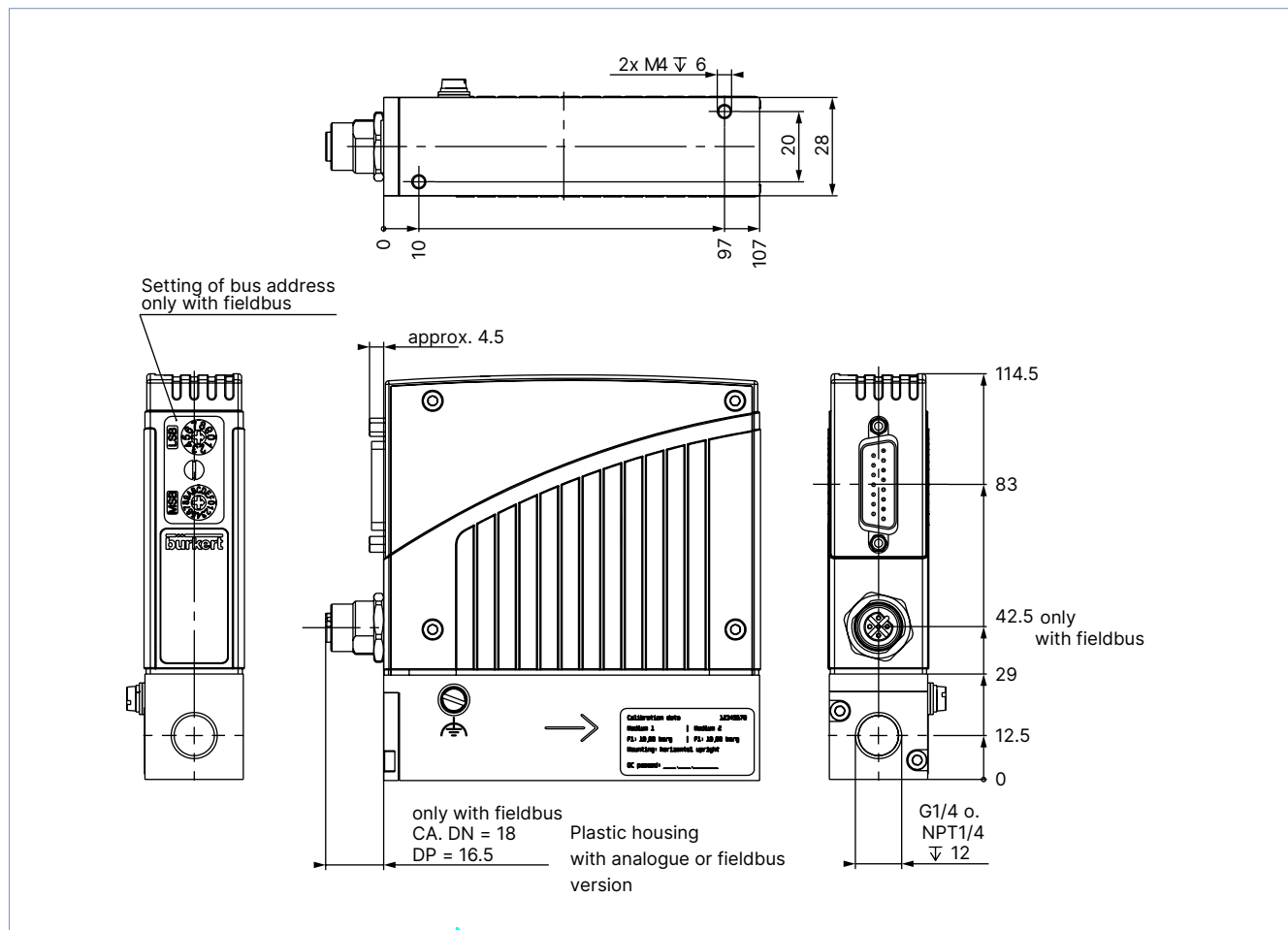
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4. Dimensions

4.1. Threaded variant

Note:

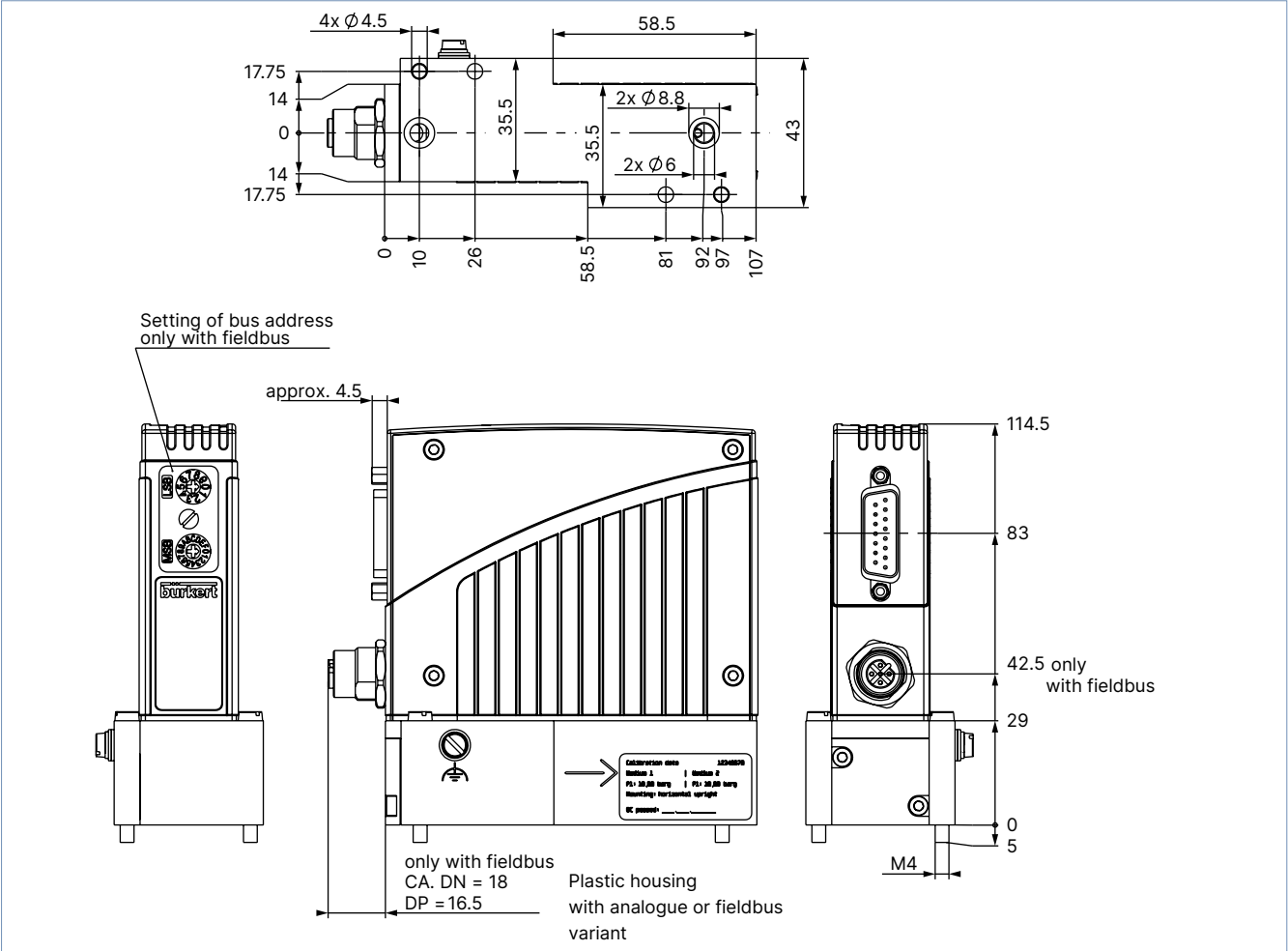
Dimensions in mm



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4.2. Sub-base variant

Note:
Dimensions in mm

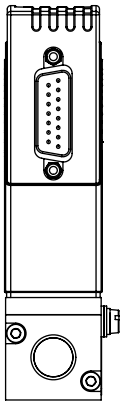


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5. Device/Process connections

5.1. Analogue variant

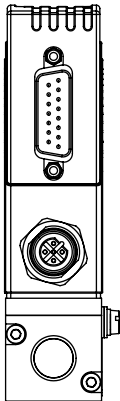
Note:
The cable length for RS232/actual value signal is limited to 30 meters.



D-Sub plug, 15-pin	Pin Assignment	
	Analogue control unit	Bus actuation
	1	Relay – normally closed
	2	Relay – normally open
	3	Relay – middle contact
	4	GND for 24 V supply and binary inputs
	5	24 V supply +
	6	Only for in-plant use (do not connect)
	7	Not connected
	8	Not connected
	9	Actual value output GND
	10	Actual value output +
	11	DGND (for RS232) ^{1.)}
	12	Binary input 1
	13	Binary input 2
	14	RS232 RxD (without driver) ^{1.)}
	15	RS232 TxD (without driver) ^{1.)}

1.) RS232 communication is only possible when using an RS232 adapter, see "8.4. Ordering chart accessories" on page 10.

5.2. Fieldbus variant



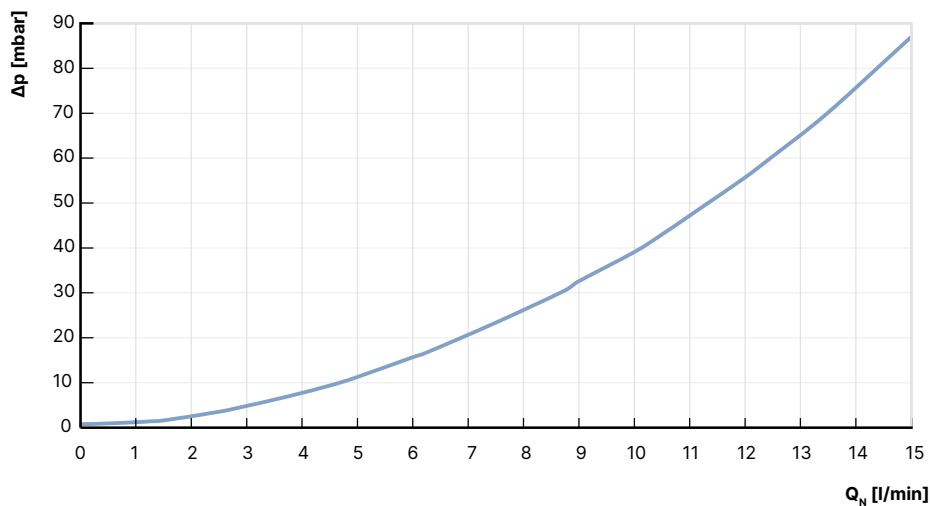
PROFIBUS DP: M12 socket, B-coded (DP max. 12 Mbaud)	Pin	Assignment
	1	VDD (only for termination resistor)
	2	RxD/TxD – N (A-Line)
	3	DGND
	4	RxD/TxD – P (B-Line)
	5	Not connected

CANopen: M12 plug, A-coded	Pin	Assignment
	1	Shielding
	2	Not connected
	3	DGND
	4	CAN_H
	5	CAN_L

6. Performance specifications

6.1. Pressure loss diagram of MFM

The diagram shows exemplarily the pressure loss characteristics when air flows through a flowmeter with ¼" pipe connection. To determine the pressure loss with another gas, you need to calculate the air equivalent and respect the fluidics needed with the other gas.



6.2. Nominal flow range of typical gases

Note:

- $Q(\text{Gas}) = f \times Q(N_2)$
- By using the gas factors, it is possible that the accuracy is not within the datasheet specification. For applications which need high accuracy it is recommended to calibrate under application conditions.
- The compatibility of the sealing materials of the MFMs should be checked before use with another gas.

Gas	Factor f
	[l/min]
N ₂	1.00
Air	1.00
O ₂	0.98
H ₂	1.01
Ar	1.4
He	1.42
CO ₂	0.77

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7. Product operation

7.1. Measuring principle

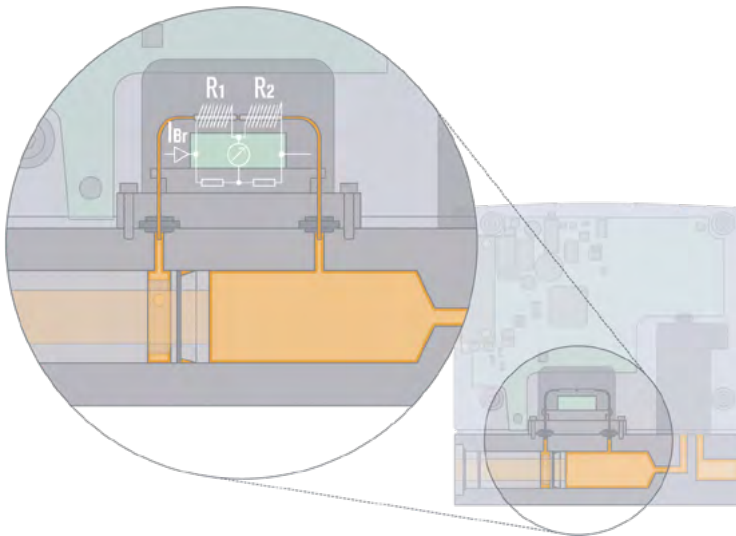
The measurement is based on the bypass principle. A laminar flow element in the main channel generates a small pressure drop. This drives a small flow, proportional to the main flow, through the bypass (sensor tube).

Two heating resistors, which are connected in a measuring bridge, are wound on this stainless steel tube. In the zero-flow state, the bridge is balanced, but with flow, heat is transported in the flow direction and the bridge becomes unbalanced.

The dynamics of the measurement is limited by the tube walls, which act as a thermal barrier.

With contaminated gases we recommend to install filter elements upstream. This avoids changes in the division ratio between main flow and sensor tube, as well as changes in the heat transmission caused by deposits on the walls of the sensor tube.

With these sensors even aggressive gases can be measured, because all essential parts in contact with the gas are fabricated in stainless steel. With this sensor principle it is also possible to convert between different gases.



8. Ordering information

8.1. Bürkert eShop



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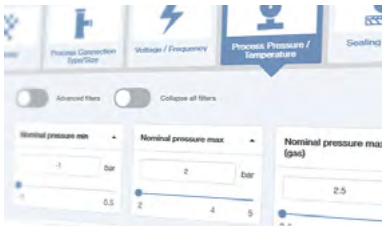
8.2. Recommendation regarding product selection

Note:

Contact your Bürkert partner for device design.

The media compatibility, the maximum inlet pressure and the correct selection of the flow measuring span are decisive for the proper function of the device within the application. The pressure loss depends on the nominal flow rate and operating pressure.

8.3. Bürkert product filter



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8.4. Ordering chart accessories

Overview of accessories

Note:

The adapters serve mainly for initial operation or diagnosis. Those are not obligatory for continuous operation.

Description	Article no.
Connections/Cables	
D-Sub socket, 15-pin, soldered connection	918274
Bonnet for D-Sub socket, with screw lock	918408
D-Sub socket with cable, 15-pin, cable length: 5 m, assembled on one side	787737
D-Sub socket with cable, 15-pin, cable length: 10 m, assembled on one side	787738
Adapters	
RS232 adapter (for connecting a PC in combination with an extension cable)	654748
Extension cable for RS232, M12 socket and/or M12 plug, 9-pin, cable length: 2 m	917039
RS422 adapter (RS485-compatible)	666371
USB adapter	670639
USB connection cable, cable length: 2 m	772299
Accessories for Fieldbus	
PROFIBUS DP (B-coded)	
M12 plug, 5-pin, straight, B-coded ¹⁾	918198
M12 socket (coupling), straight ¹⁾	918447
Y-distributor ¹⁾	902098
PROFIBUS terminating resistor, M12 plug, B-coded	902553
GSD file (PROFIBUS), EDS file (CANopen)	LINK ►
CANopen (A-coded)	
M12 plug, 5-pin, straight ¹⁾	917115
M12 circular socket with plastic threaded clamping ring, 5-pin, straight, to be wired ¹⁾	917116
Y push-in connector, M12, 5-pin, LUM ¹⁾	788643
Termination resistor	On request
GSD file (PROFIBUS), EDS file (CANopen)	LINK ►

1.) For space reasons, M12 individual cable plugs may not be suitable for simultaneous use on the same side as a Y-distributor. Use a commercially available covered cable in this case.

Adapter sketch

