



Mass Flow Meter (MFM) for Gases

- Nominal flow ranges from 0.010 I_N/min to 80 I_N/min
- High accuracy
- Very fast response times
- Digital communication via RS485
- Compact version

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

Can be combined with

	Type 6013 Plunger valve 2/2 way direct-acting	▶
	Type 0330 Direct-acting 2/2 or 3/2 way pivoted armature valve	▶
	Type 8611 eCONTROL - Universal controller	▶
	Type 8619 multiCELL - Multi-channel and multi-function transmitter/controller	▶
	Type 6027 Direct-acting 2/2 way plunger valve	▶

Type description

The mass flow meter (MFM) type 8703 is suited for measuring the mass flow of gases over a big flow range. The thermal MEMS sensor is located directly in the gas stream and therefore reaches very fast response times. Type 8703 can optionally be calibrated for two different gases; the user can switch between these two gases. The communication with master devices is fully digital, therefore no further analog/digital conversions are needed.

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1. General Technical Data

Product properties

Material

Block	Aluminium or stainless steel
Body	Metal
Seal	FKM, EPDM

Dimensions Detailed information can be found in chapter "3. Dimensions" on page 4.

Total weight approx. 500 g (Aluminium)

LED display Indication for power, limit and error

Performance data

Nominal flow range (Q_{Nom}) 10 ml_N/min...80 l_N/min (N₂)
Detailed information can be found in chapter "6.2. Flow characteristic" on page 7.

Measuring range 1:50 (2...100 %), higher measuring range on request

Max. operating pressure 10 bar (145 psi)

Measuring accuracy $\pm 0.8\%$ o. R. $\pm 0.3\%$ F. S. (after 1 min. warm-up time)

Repeatability $\pm 0.1\%$ F. S.

Response time (t₉₅ %) <300 ms

Electrical data

Operating voltage 24 V DC

Power consumption 5 W

Voltage tolerance $\pm 10\%$

Residual ripple <2 %

Electrical connection Plug D-Sub 9 pin

Medium data

Operating medium Neutral, non-contaminated gases, others on request

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

Port connection NPT 1/4, G 1/4, screw-in fitting or sub-base, others on request

Fieldbus option PROFIBUS DP, DeviceNet, CANopen

Digitale Outputs Relay outputs
1. Limit (Q_{Nom} almost reached)
Load capacity: 25 V, 1 A, 25 VA

Digital inputs Not connected

Digital (communication) interface Digital via RS485 (Half-duplex or full duplex), RS422

Environment and installation

Installation position Horizontal or vertical

Ambient temperature -10 °C...+50 °C

Degree of protection IP40

Accessories

Software-Tool Mass Flow Communicator

1.) The nominal flow value is the max. flow value calibrated which can be measured.

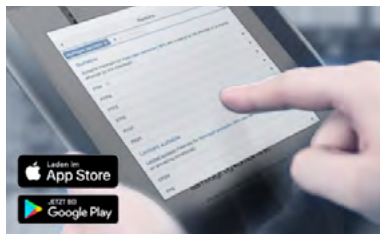
The nominal flow range defines the range of nominal flow rates (full scale values) possible.

2.) Index N: Flow rates referred to 1.013 bar and 0 °C. Alternatively there is an

Index S available which refers to 1.013 bar and 20 °C.

2. Materials

2.1. Chemical Resistance Chart – Bürkert resistApp



Bürkert resistApp – Chemical Resistance Chart

You want to ensure the reliability and durability of the materials in your individual application case? Verify your combination of media and materials on our website or in our resistApp.

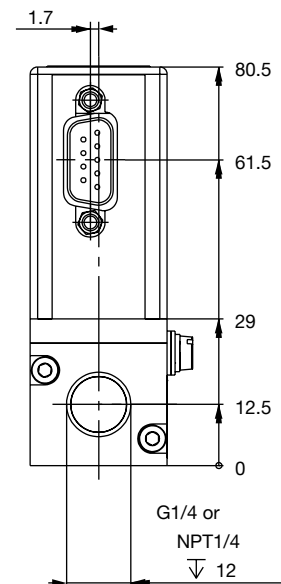
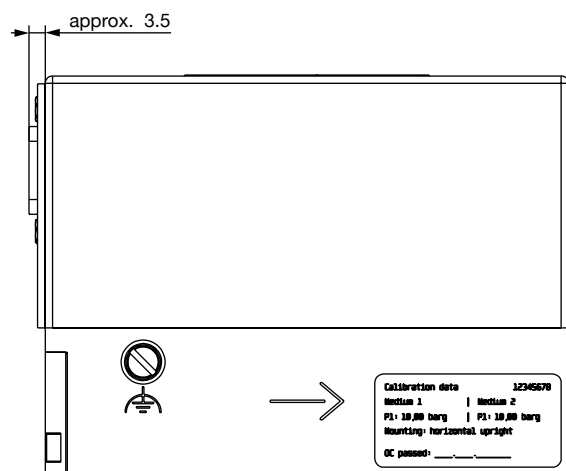
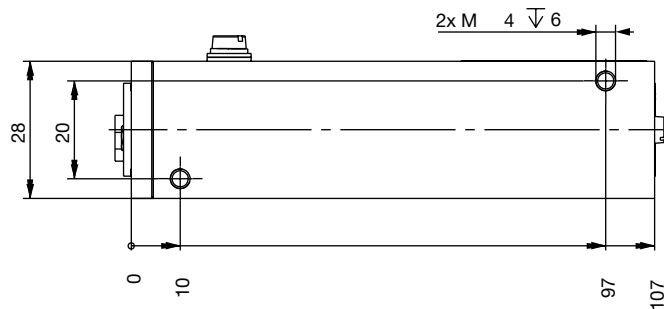
[Start Chemical Resistance Check](#)

3. Dimensions

3.1. Threaded version

Note:

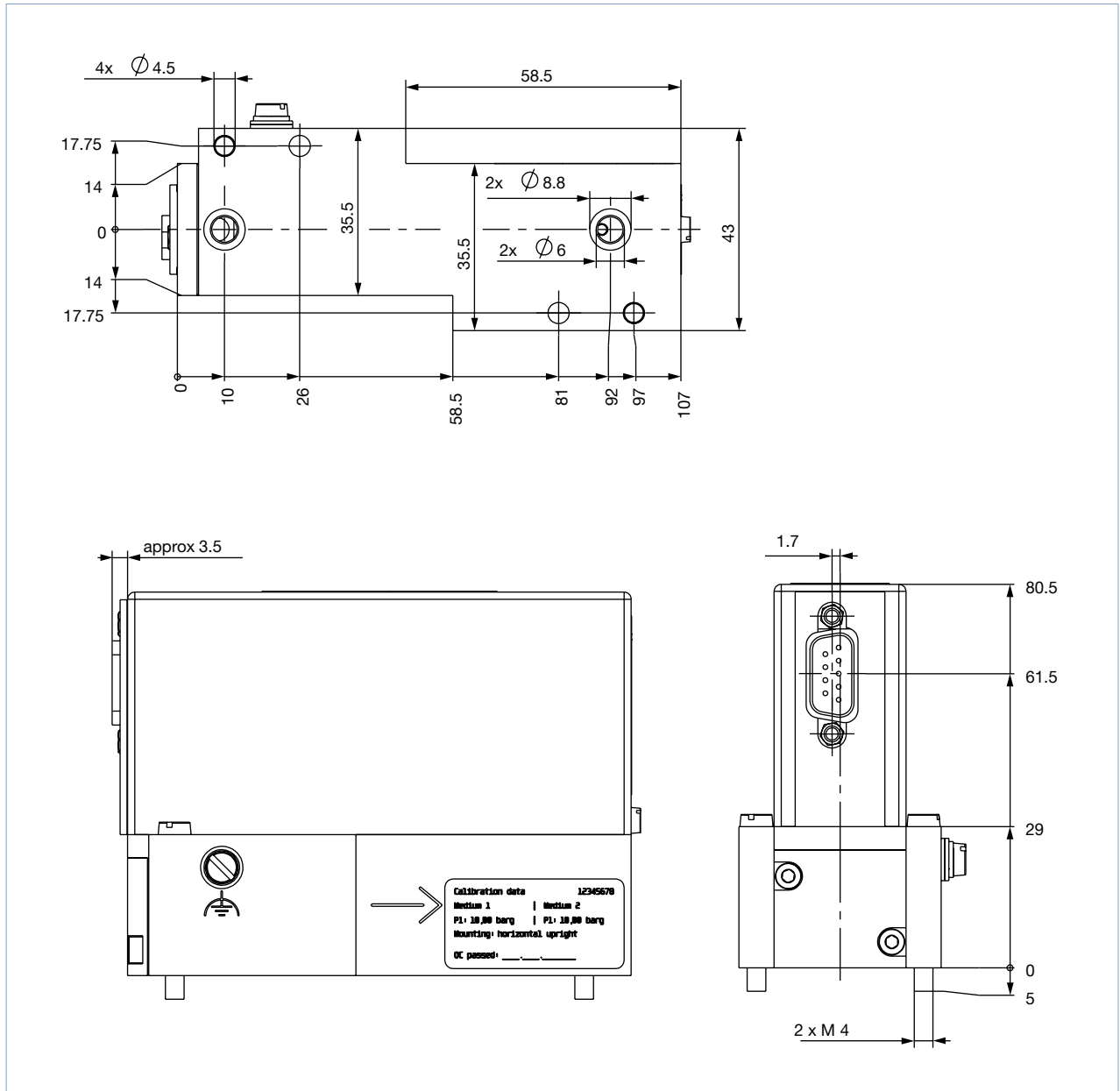
Dimensions in mm



3.2. Sub-base version

Note:

Dimensions in mm

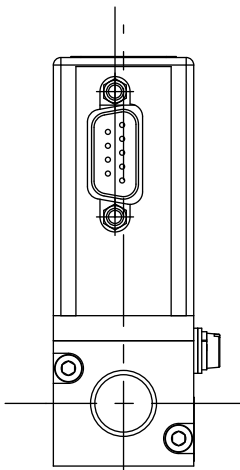


4. Device/Process connections

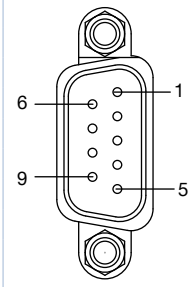
4.1. Analogue version

Note:

- Optionally pin 7 and pin 8 with bus version as transmitter input possible.
- The cable length for RS232/actual value signal is limited to 30 m.



Plug D-Sub, 15 pin



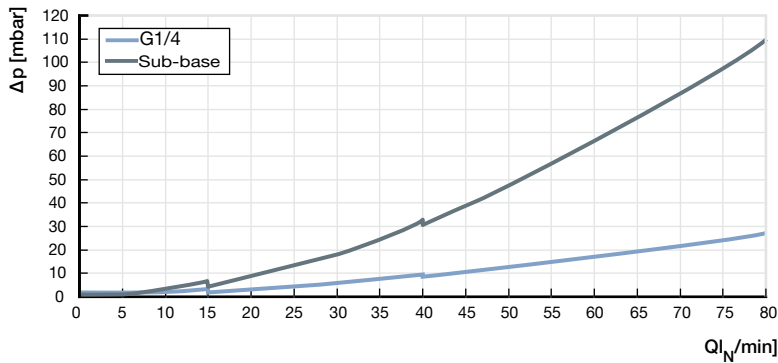
Pin	Assignment
Analogue control unit	
1	Binary input (related to GND Pin2)
2	GND
3	Power supply +24 V DC
4	Relay, normally opened
5	Relay, normally closed
6	TX+ (RS485-Y) – bridge with pin 9 at half duplex
7	TX- (RS485-Z) – bridge with pin 8 at half duplex
8	RX- (RS485-B)
9	RX+ (RS485-A)

1.) RS232 interface only to be operated via RS232 adapter with integrated level adjustment

5. Performance specifications

5.1. Pressure loss diagram of MFMs

The diagram shows exemplary the pressure loss characteristics when air flowing through. To determine the pressure loss of another gas, it must first be converted to the corresponding air flow.

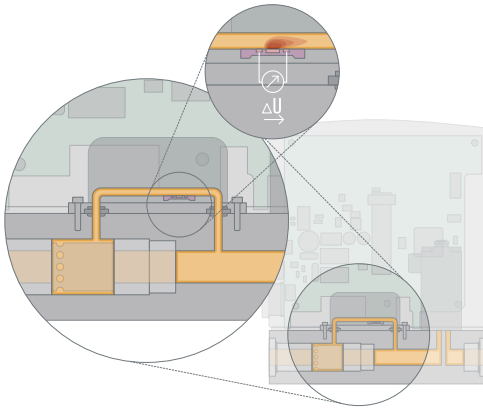


6. Product operation

6.1. Measuring principle

The mass flow sensor operates according to a thermal principle which has the advantage of providing the mass flow which is independent on pressure and temperature.

A small part of the total gas stream is diverted into a small, specifically designed bypassing channel which ensures laminar flow conditions. The sensor element is a chip immersed into the wall of this flow channel. The chip, produced in MEMS technology, contains a heating resistor and two temperature sensors (thermopiles) which are arranged symmetrically upstream and downstream of the heater. The differential voltage of the thermopiles is a measure of the mass flow rate passing the flow sensor. The calibration procedure effectuates a unique assignment of the sensor signal to the total flow rate through the device.



6.2. Flow characteristic

Nominal flow range of typical gases

Note:

- $Q(\text{Gas}) = f \times Q(\text{N}_2)$
- When using the gas factors, measurement errors may occur that are outside the data sheet specification. For applications requiring high accuracy, calibration under field conditions is recommended.
- Furthermore, the media compatibility of the sealing materials of the MFM should be checked before use with another gas.

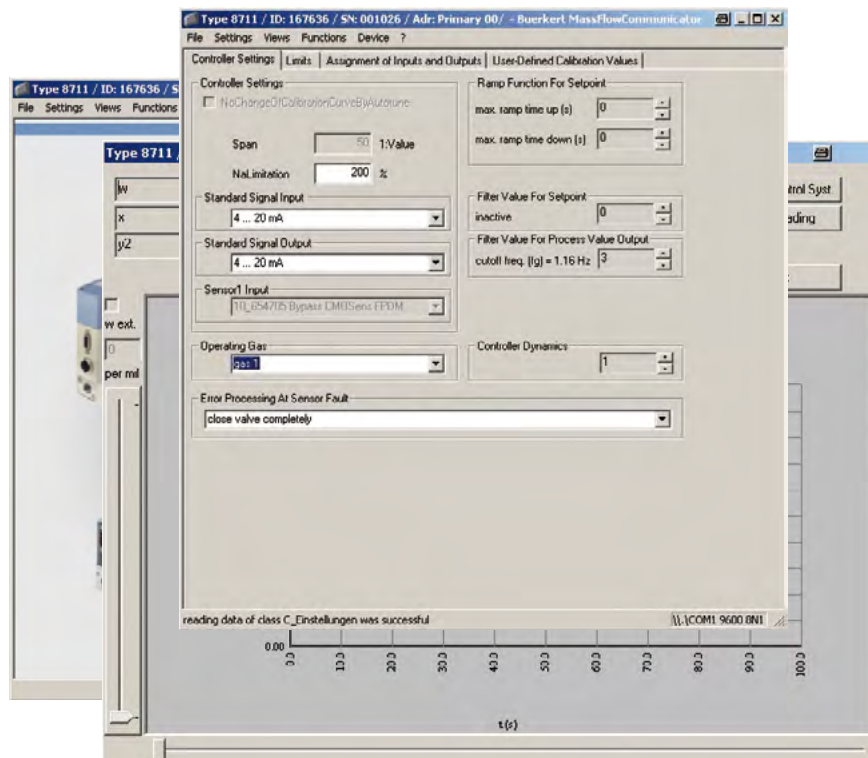
Gas	Min. Q_{Nom}	Max. Q_{Nom}
	[l _N /min]	[l _N /min]
Argon	0.01	80
Helium	0.01	500
Carbon dioxide	0.02	40
Air	0.01	80
Methane	0.01	80
Oxygen	0.01	80
Nitrogen	0.01	80
Hydrogen	0.01	500

6.3. Software Bürkert Communicator

Note:

To install the software, click [here](#) ►.

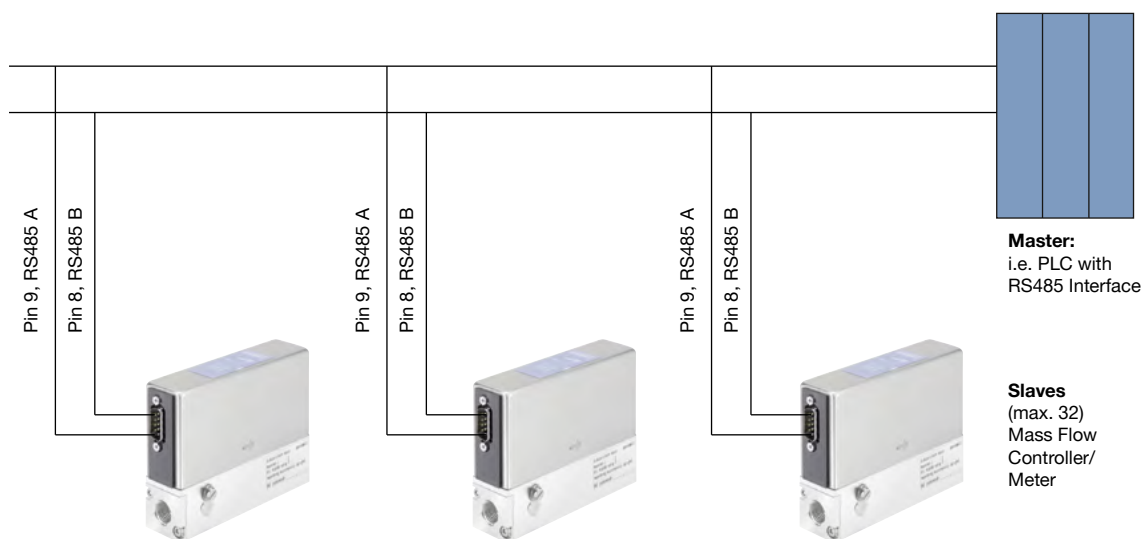
The communication software allows the user to program additionally various functions. For that purpose the MFC or MFM has to be connected to the computer by a RS232 adapter.



6.4. Networking

Note:

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7. Ordering information

7.1. Bürkert eShop – Easy ordering and quick delivery



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7.2. Recommendation regarding product selection

Note:

The „**Product Enquiry Form**“ at the end of this document contains the relevant fluid specification. Using the experience of Bürkert engineers already in the design phase provide us with a copy of the request containing the necessary data together with your inquiry or order.

For the proper choice of the actuator orifice within the MFM, not only the required maximum flow rate Q_{Nom} , but also the pressure values directly before and after the MFM (p_1 , p_2) at this flow rate Q_{Nom} should be known. In general, these pressures are not the same as the overall inlet and outlet pressures of the whole plant, because usually there are additional flow resistors (tubing, additional shut-off valves, nozzles etc.) present both before and after the controller.

Please use the „**Product Enquiry Form**“ at the end of this document to indicate the pressures directly before and after the MFM. If these are unknown or not accessible to a measurement, estimates are to be made by taking into account the approximate pressure drops over the flow resistors before and after the MFM, respectively, at a flow rate of Q_{Nom} . In addition, please quote the maximum inlet pressure p_1 max. to be encountered. This data is needed to make sure the actuator is able to provide a close-tight function within all the specified modes of operation.

7.3. Bürkert product filter



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7.4. Ordering chart accessories

Note:

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

Description	Article no.
Connections/Cables	
Socket D-Sub 9 pin solder connection	917623
Adapter accessories	
USB adapter (Version 1.1, USB socket type B)	670693
USB connection cable 2 m	772299
Communication software Mass Flow Communicator	LINK

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Product Enquiry Form - Mass Flow Controller For Gases

Thank you for your interest in our products! In order to provide you with optimum advice, please fill out the following form and send it to your **Bürkert representative** or e-mail address: info@burkert.com. All information submitted will of course be kept strictly confidential.

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Personal Information				
Company			Contact person	
Customer no.			Department	
Street			Postcode / Town	
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Delivery			
MFC Application	MFM Application	Quantity	Required delivery date

Medium data			
Type of gas or gas mixture			
Medium temperature	°C	/	°F
Ambient temperature	°C	/	°F

Fluidic data				
Flow range Q_{Nom}	Min.	Max.	Ref. N ^{1.)}	unit Ref. S ^{1.)}
Inlet pressure at Q_{Nom} ^{2.)}	p_1	=	barg ^{3.)}	
Outlet pressure at Q_{Nom}	p_2	=	barg ^{3.)}	
Max. inlet pressure	p_{1max}	=	barg ^{3.)}	
Port connection	Compression fitting	Subbase	Vacuum fitting	
	Thread:	G (DIN ISO 228/1)	NPT (ANSI B1.2)	
		1/4" 3/8"	1/2" 3/4" 1"	
Installation	horizontal, valve upright horizontal, valve horizontal		vertical, upward flow vertical, downward flow ^{4.)}	

1.) Reference conditions: Ref. N: T=0°C, P=1,013 bar(a); Ref. S: T=20°C, P=1,013 bar(a)
2.) Corresponds to the calibration pressure
3.) Please indicate all pressure values as overpressure to atmospheric pressure [barg] (g = relative pressure)
4.) Possible reduction of the setting range to 1:10 for a vertical downwards flow

Material specifications		
Body	Aluminium	Stainless steel
Seals	FKM	EPDM

Electrical data				
IP protection	Yes (IP65)	No (IP20 or better)		
Control / Communication	Normsignal	CANopen/büS	PROFIBUS DP	Industrial Ethernet
Note: Please choose one of the following options!	0 ... 5 V	CANopen		PROFINET
	0 ... 10 V	büS		Ethernet IP
	0 ... 20 mA			Modbus TCP
	4 ... 20 mA			EtherCAT
Connection	D Sub socket	M12 socket	D Sub socket	(RJ45 always standard)
Note: Please choose one of the following options!	Terminal block	Terminal block	M12 socket	

Approvals / Conformities
UL
ATEX II Cat. 3 G/D, IECEx
USP Class VI conformity
FDA conformity
EG 1935/2004 conformity

Additional Requirements / Comment