RQ-30, RQ-30a

Discharge Measurement System



The exact and real time knowledge of water discharge is of central importance in the fields of hydrography, water storage management, irrigation and for the early detection of floods. It is essential in hydraulic engineering and water resource management and is the basis for hydrological modelling and simulation.

The RQ-30 sensor is a continuous measurement device for the contact-free determination of the water discharge of open rivers and channels. It combines two sensors in one system. The first determines the water level by measuring the transit time of a radar signal. The second simultaneously measures the flow velocity of the water surface by means of the Doppler frequency shift. These two measurements are internally combined and thus provide the water discharge by using a predefined calibration of the measurement site.

Due to the contact-free measurement method the RQ-30 can be installed on extension arms without costly structural measures in the channel or river. This also has the advantage that the sensor is located outside the danger area of flood events and that it requires little maintenance over many years.

Backwater situations caused by inflows, weirs and downstream standing water bodies show no stable relation between water level and discharge. In many situations hysteresis effects with different relations for rising and falling water levels occur. Therefore, the determination of such relations is affected by substantial uncertainty. Only additional information about flow velocity permits the calculation of discharge under these difficult conditions.

- Automatic discharge calculation based on hydraulic model with multiple k-factors.
- Sensor self check with status and error output.
- Al-based machine learning for compensation of environmental influences and early detection of errors.
- 3-point velocity calibration certificate.
- Advanced velocity diagnostics with spectrum display
- Discharge calculation inside the RQ-30.
- Water level and velocity sensor combined in one weather and vandalism proof housing.

Versions

Art	Version
17193	RQ-30 System for contact-free discharge meas- urement 0.115 m/s, 015 m, aluminium casing
19901	RQ-30 System for contact-free discharge meas- urement 0.115 m/s, 015 m, stainless steel cas- ing
17194	RQ-30a System for contact-free discharge meas- urement 0.115 m/s, 015 m, analog output
19423	RQ-30 System for contact-free discharge meas- urement 0.115 m/s, 035 m
19424	RQ-30a System for contact-free discharge meas- urement 0.115 m/s, 035 m, analog output
20709	RQ-30a System for contact-free discharge meas- urement 0.115 m/s, 075 m, analog output

Scope of delivery

Qty	Art	Item
1	-	RQ-30 in the required version
1	-	Manual and Commander Software on USB stick

Accessories

Art	Accessory
18711	Data cable for RQ-30 / RG-30, LiYCY 12x0,25mm ² , 10 m
18712	Data cable for RQ-30 / RG-30, LiYCY 12x0,25mm ² , 20 m
15833	Data cable for RQ-30 / RG-30 / SQ, 12x0,25 mm ² , up to 60m



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15543	Data cable for configuration and testing of RQ-30 / RG-30 / SQ
20074	RG / RQ standart mouniting set, 2x U-bolt max. Ø60 mm
20572	RQ-30 lightning protection for cable length >50 m
20470	Q-Commander software V1.0

Specifications

Physical and environmental

Power supply	630 VDC; Reverse voltage pro- tection, overvoltage protection	
Power consumption at 12 VDC	Standby approx. 1 mA Active measurement approx. 140 mA	
Outputs	RS-485 ASCII / Modbus RTU SDI-12 Analog output 420 mA (14 bit, max. load 250 Ω) Digital output (low: 0V, high: Vsup- ply, max. 1.5 A)	
Operating tem- perature	-4060 °C (-40140 °F)	
Storage temperature	-4060 °C (-40140 °F)	
Relative humidity	0100 %	
Protection rating	IP 67	
Lightning protection	Integrated protection against indir- ect lightning with a discharge capa- city of 0,6 kW Ppp	
Housing material	Powder coated aluminum, van- dalism-proof Stainless steel option available	
Mounting bracket	Ø3448 mm	
Size L x W x H	338 x 154 x 333 mm (13.31 x 6.06 x 13.11 in)	
Weight	5.4 kg (11.90 lb)	

Velocity

Detectable meas- urement range	0.0816 m/s (depending on waves)
Accuracy	± 0.01 m/s (certified by METAS)
Resolution	1 mm/s
Direction recognition	+/-
Measurement dur- ation	5240 s
Measurement interval	8 s5 h
Measurement fre- quency	24 GHz (K-Band)

Radar opening angle	12°
Distance to water sur- face	0.5035 m
Vertical inclination	Measured internally

Automatic vertical angle compensation		
Accuracy	±1°	
Resolution	±0.1 °	

Water level measurement	15 m	35 m	75 m
Measurement range (distance between level sensor and water surface)	015 m (049.21 ft.)	035 m (0114.83 ft.)	075 m (0246.06 ft.)
Measurement frequency	80 GHz	26 GHz	80 GHz
Resolution		2 mm	
Accuracy		± 0.025 % FS	
Level sensor opening angle	8°	10°	8°





