

KATflow 230 Portable Clamp-On Ultrasonic Flowmeter

POWERFUL. PRACTICAL. PORTABLE.

The KATflow 230 is easily portable but incorporates an advanced specification for situations which require comprehensive measurement features coupled with easy operation. The flowmeter has two measurement channels, which allow it to monitor two pipes simultaneously or to improve accuracy in non-ideal conditions. The KATflow 230 can also be supplied with a variety of options to meet the most diverse application requirements.





Specification

- Pipe diameter range 10 mm to 6,500 mm
- Temperature range for sensors
 -30 °C to +250 °C (-22 °F to +482 °F)
- Robust IP 65 aluminium enclosure
- Selectable three-line LCD display and full keypad
- Battery life up to 24 hours with easily replaceable battery cartridge
- Measurement of two flows simultaneously

Features

- Dual flow monitoring with *sum, average, difference* and *maximum* calculations
- PT100 inputs for heat quantity (thermal energy) measurement
- Process output options including current, open-collector, relay
- Large data logger and software for sampling and data transfer
- Stainless steel sensors, cable and connectors as standard

Accessories

- Available with crush-proof IP 67 transport case or lightweight soft case
- Expansion box for additional input or output configuration and special solutions
- Optional pipe wall thickness gauge
- Special waterproof solution available for harsh environmental conditions
- KATdata+ software for data evaluation

Applications

- Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) measurements
- Large pipe measurement with two sensor pairs in 'X' configuration
- Temporary replacement of conventional in-line flowmeters
- Building surveys on large facilities
- Efficiency monitoring of heat exchangers



The Technology Behind the Measurement

The KATflow non-invasive flowmeters work on the transit time ultrasonic principle. This involves sending and receiving ultrasonic pulses from a pair of sensors and examining the time difference in the signal. Katronic uses clamp-on transducers that are mounted externally on the surface of the pipe and which generate pulses that pass through the pipe wall. The flowing liquid within causes time differences in the ultrasonic signals, which are then evaluated by the flowmeter to produce an accurate flow measurement.

The key principle of the method applied is that sound waves travelling with the flow will move faster than those travelling against it. The difference in the transit time of these signals is proportional to the flow velocity of the liquid and consequently the flow rate.

Since elements such as flow profile, type of liquid and pipe material will have an effect on the measurement, the flowmeter compensates for and adapts to changes in the medium in order to provide reliable results. The instruments can be used in a variety of locations, from measurements on submarines to installations on systems destined for use in space, and on process fluids as different as purified water in the pharmaceutical sector and toxic chemical effluent. The flowmeters will operate on various pipe materials and diameters over a range of 10 mm to 6,500 mm.



Sensors *a* and *b* work alternately to send and receive ultrasonic pulses. The sound waves *ab* travelling with the flow move faster than those travelling against it *ba*.

Technical Data: Flowmeter

Performance

Measurement principle	Ultrasonic transit-time difference
Flow velocity range	0.01 25 m/s
Resolution	0.25 mm/s
Repeatability	0.15 % of measured value, ±0.015 m/s
Accuracy	Volume flow: ±1 3 % of measured value depending on application ±0.5 % of measured value with process calibration Flow velocity (mean): ±0.5 % of measured value
Turn down ratio	1/100 (equivalent to 0.25 25 m/s)
Measurement rate	1 Hz (standard)
Response time	1 s
Damping of displayed value	0 99 s (selectable by user)
Gaseous and solid content of liquid media	< 10 % of volume

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KATflow 230 (dimensions in mm)

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General

Enclosure type	Portable
Degree of protection	IP 65 according to EN 60529
Operating temperature	-10 +60 °C (+14 +140 °F)
Housing material	Extruded aluminium, AI MG Si 0.5, lids die-cast zinc alloy GD-Zn AL 4 CU 1
Measurement channels	1 or 2
Calculation functions	Average, difference, sum, maximum (dual-channel use only)
Power supply	Internal rechargeable batteries: 8 x NiMH AA 2850 mAh Power adapter: 100 240 V AC input, 9 V DC output External battery pack: 12 V 105 Ah, 25 kg (optional)
Operating time	Up to 24 h with fully charged internal batteries
Display	LCD graphic display, 128 x 64 dots, backlit
Dimensions	266 (h) x 168 (w) x 37 (d) mm
Weight	Approx. 2.0 kg
Power consumption	< 5 W
Operating languages	English, French, German, Dutch, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Czech, Turkish, Romanian (others on request)

Communication

Type Transmitted data RS 232 , USB cable (optional) Measured and totalised value, parameter set and configuration, logged data

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KATflow 230 in crush-proof IP 67 transport case



KATflow 230 in operation

Internal data logger

Storage capacity	Approx. 30,000 measurements (each comprising up to 10 selectable measurement units), logger size 5 MB Approx. 100,000 measurements (each comprising up to 10 selectable measurement units), logger size 16 MB
Logged data	All measured and totalised values, parameter sets
KATdata+ software	
Functionality	Download of measured values/parameter sets, graphical presentation, list format, export to third party software, online transfer of measured data
Operating systems	Windows 8, 7, Vista, XP, NT, 2000 Linux
Quantity and units of measurement	
Volumetric flow rate	m³/h, m³/min, m³/s, l/h, l/min, l/s USgal/h (US gallons per hour), USgal/min, USgal/s bbl/d (barrels per day), bbl/h, bbl/min
Flow velocity	m/s, ft/s, inch/s
Mass flow rate	g/s, t/h, kg/h, kg/min
Volume	m³, l, gal (US gallons), bbl
Mass	g, kg, t
Heat flow	W, kW, MW (with heat quantity measurement option)
Heat quantity	J, kJ, kW/h (with heat quantity measurement option)
Temperature	°C (with heat quantity measurement option)
Process inputs (galvanically isolated)	
Temperature	PT100 (clamp-on sensors), three- or four-wire circuit, measurement range: -30 +250 °C (-22 +482 °F), resolution: 0.1 K, accuracy: ±0.2 K (two or four inputs available)
Process outputs* (galvanically isolated)	
Current	0/4 20 mA active (R _{Load} < 500 Ω), 16 bit resolution, U = 30 V, accuracy: 0.1 %
Digital open-collector	Value: 0.01 1000/unit, width: 1 990 ms, U = 24 V, I _{max} = 4 mA
Digital relay	Form A SPST (NO), U = 48 V, I _{max} = 250 mA

* Further process outputs available on application.

Technical Data: Transducers

K1L, K1N, K1E

Pipe diameter range 50 ... 3,000 mm for type K1N/E 50 ... 6,500 mm for type K1L Dimensions of sensor heads 60 (h) x 30 (w) x 34 (d) mm Material of sensor heads Stainless steel Material of cable conduits Type K1L: PVC Type K1N/E: Stainless steel Temperature range Type K1L: -30 ... +80 °C (-22 ... +176 °F) Type K1N: -30 ... +130 °C (-22 ... +266 °F) -30 ... +250 °C (-22 ... +482 °F) Type K1E: (for short periods up to 300 °C (572°F)) Degree of protection IP 66 according to EN 60529 (IP 67 and IP 68 on request) 5.0 m Standard cable lengths Type K1L: Type K1N/E: 4.0 m

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K1N/E transducers



K1L transducers



K1N/E transducers with ODU/LEMO connector

K4L, K4N, K4E

Pipe diameter range	10 250 mm for type K4N/E 10 250 mm for type K4L
Dimensions of sensor heads	43 (h) x 18 (w) x 22 (d) mm
Material of sensor heads	Stainless steel
Material of cable conduits	Type K4L: PVC Type K4N/E: Stainless steel
Temperature range	Type K4L: -30 +80 °C (-22 +176 °F) Type K4N: -30 +130 °C (-22 +266 °F) Type K4E: -30 +250 °C (-22 +482 °F) (for short periods up to +300 °C (+572 °F))
Degree of protection	IP 66 according to EN 60529 (IP 67 and IP 68 on request)
Standard cable lengths	Type K4L: 5.0 m Type K4N/E: 2.5 m

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K4N/E transducers



K4N/E transducers with ODU/LEMO connector



K4L transducers

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Technical Data: Transducer Mounting Accessories

General

Diameter range and mounting types

Clamping set (metal strap with screw), stainless steel: DN 10 ... DN 40

Clips and chains, chain length 1 m, stainless steel: DN 15 ... DN 310

Clips and chains, chain length 2 m, stainless steel: DN 25 ... DN 600

Clips and chains, chain length 4 m (2 x 2 m), stainless steel: DN 25 ... DN 1,200

Textile tension straps, up to 15 m in length: DN 1,000 ... DN 3,000 (6,500)

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Mounting clip and chains for use with portable flowmeter



Mounting clip



Transducers mounted using chains and clips

General

Diameter range and mounting types

Mounting fixture for flexible hoses

Mounting fixture, rail and magnets (for type K4): DN 10 ... DN 250

Mounting fixture, rail and magnets (for type K1): DN 50 ... DN 3,000

Custom made mounting bracket, stainless steel (available on request)

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Mounting fixture, rail and magnets



Mounting fixture, rail and magnets



Example of mounting fixture for flexible hoses

Technical Data: PT100 Clamp-On Sensors

General

Туре	PT100 (clamp-on sensors)
Measurement range	-30 +250 °C (-22 +482 °F)
Circuits	4-wire
Accuracy T	±(0.15 °C + 2 × 10 ⁻³ × T [°C]), class A
Accuracy ∆T	\leq 0.1 K (3 K < ΔT < 6 K), corresponding to EN 1434-1
Response time	50 s
Dimensions of sensor heads	20 (h) x 15 (w) x 15 (d) mm
Material of sensor heads	Aluminium
Material of cable jacket	PTFE
Cable length	3.0 m

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PT100 transducer (connection for junction box)



PT100 transducer fixed to pipe



PT100 with ODU/LEMO cable connection

Technical Data: Wall Thickness Gauges (optional)

Wall thickness gauge NT

Temperature range	-20 +60 °C (-4 +140 °F)
Measuring range	1.0 200 mm
Resolution	0.01 mm
Linearity	0.1 mm
Cable length	1.5 m

Wall thickness gauge HT

Temperature range	0 +500 °C (+32 +932 °F)
Measuring range	1.0 200 mm
Resolution	0.01 mm
Linearity	0.1 mm
Cable length	1.5 m

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Wall thickness gauge NT



Wall thickness gauge NT in use (alternative design)



Wall thickness gauge HT in use

Technical Data: Transport Accessories

Crush-proof transport case

Dimensions (external)	190 (h) x 480 (w) x 385 (d) mm
Weight (empty)	3.71 kg
Degree of protection	IP 67 according to EN 60529
Outside material	Polypropylene/resin compound
Inside material	High-density polyurethane foam

Soft transport case

Dimensions (external)	175 (h) x 450 (w) x 320 (d) mm
Weight (empty)	750 g
Degree of protection	No IP rating
Outside material	Nylon
Inside material	Nylon

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Crush-proof IP 67 transport case



KATflow 230 soft transport case

Configuration Code: Flowmeter and Accessories

KF 230	KA	Tflow 230, se	erial interfac	e RS 232, operating instructions	
	Со	nfiguration			
	0	Basic unit without accessories			
	1 With crush-proof transport case IP 67, power adapter/battery charging unit, measuring tape				
	2 With soft case, power adapter/battery charging unit, measuring tape				
	Number of measurement channels				
	1 1 measurement channel				
		2 2 meas	surement ch	annels	
		Interna	al code		
		03 Int	ernal code		
		Po	wer adapte		
		0	Without		
		1	UK		
		2	US		
		3	Europe		
		4	Australia		
		L	Dograa of	ease specify	
				ctandard)	
			2 IP 67	standardy transport case with external transducer connections)	
			Z II Or Z Speci	al (nlease snerify)	
			Proce	ss inputs/outputs (select a maximum of 4 slots)	
			N	Without	
			С	Current output, 0/4 20 mA, active (source)	
			D	Digital output, Open-Collector (pulse)	
			R	Digital output, relay	
			AA	2 x PT100 input for 1-channel heat quantity measurement (select HQM function no.1) $^{1)}$	
			AAAA	$4 ext{x}$ PT100 input for 2-channel heat quantity measurement (select HQM function no.2) ¹⁾	
				Internal data logger	
				0 Without	
				1 30,000 measurements, KATdata+ download software, RS 232 cable	
				2 30,000 measurements, KATdata+ download software, USB cable	
				3 100,000 measurements, KAT data+ download software, RS 232 cable	
				4 100,000 measurements, KAI data+ download software, USB cable	
				Wall thickness measurement	
				0 Wilhout	
				2 Wall thickness gauge HT	
				Heat quantity measurement (HOM) ¹⁾	
				0 Without	
				1 With HOM incl. 2 x PT100 sensors	
				2 With HOM incl. 4 x PT100 sensors	
				Sound velocity output (SVO) ²⁾	
				0 Without	
				1 With SVO	
				Optional items	
				Without (leave space blank)	
				BA Spare battery set and external battery charging unit	
				BP External battery pack for long-term power supply	

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The configuration is customised by choosing from the above-listed options and is expressed by the resulting code at the bottom of the table.

1) For contactless measurement of thermal energy consumption (for one or two circuits).

2) For contactless product reconition and interface detection.

Configuration Code: Transducers and Accessories

K1	Tra	insduce	er nair	nine diamete	ar range 50 – 3 000 mm			
K4	Transducer pair, pipe diameter range 10 250 mm							
7	Sp	ecial (n	lease	- consult factory)				
~	Temperature range							
	Process temperature -30 +80 °C including acoustic coupling paste (for use with connection type PI)							
	N	Proce	ss tem	s temperature $-30 = \pm 130$ °C including acoustic coupling paste (of use with connection type PJ) s temperature $-30 = \pm 130$ °C including acoustic coupling paste				
	F	Proce	ss tem	iperature -30	+250 °C, including acoustic coupling paste			
	7	Specia	al (ple	ase consult fa	ctory)			
	-	Interr	nal coo	le				
		1 Int	ernal	code				
		De	egree o	ofprotection				
		1	IP 66	(standard)				
		2	IP 67	(please consu	It factory)			
		3	IP 68	(please consu	lt factory)			
		Z	Spec	ial (please spe	ecify)			
			Tran	sducer moun	ting accessories			
			00	Without				
			30	Clamping set	DN 1040			
			40	Clips and cha	ins DN 15 310			
			50	Clips and cha	ains DN 25 600			
			60	Clips and cha	ains DN 25 1,200			
			70	Textile tensic	on straps DN 1,000 6,500			
			80	Mounting fixt	ure, rail and magnets DN 10 250 (optional for transducer type K4)			
			90	Mounting fixt	ure, rail and magnets DN 50 3,000 (optional for transducer type K1)			
			Ζ	Special (plea	se consult factory)			
				Transducer of	connection			
				P ODU/LE	MO transducer plug			
				PJ ODU/LEI	MO transducer plug with junction box (for transducer type L)			
				Extensio	in cables			
				E000	Without			
				E005	With extension cable, 5 m length			
				E010	With extension cable, 10 m length			
					With extension cable (specify length in m)			
				Z	Special (please specify)			
					Optional items			
					Without (leave space blank)			
					CA 5-point calibration with certificate			

N - 1 - 1 - 50 - P E000 / (example configuration) K1

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