

SensorsX

SX-FVNB Series

Vortex Flowmeter

Saturated Steam | Superheated Steam | Gas | Liquid



±1.0% (Liquid) / ±1.5% (Gas)
Measurement Accuracy

DN15 – DN300
Nominal Diameter Range

Pulse / 4-20 mA / RS485
Output Signal

IP65
Ingress Protection (IEC 60529)

**Explosion protection options
available**
Explosion Protection

1.6 – 4.0 MPa
Working Pressure Range

Industrial Flow Measurement | Steam | Gas | Liquid | Pipeline

■ PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The SX-FVNB Series vortex flowmeter measures volumetric flow, standard volumetric flow, or mass flow of gases, steam, and liquids based on the Kármán vortex principle. It is suitable for saturated steam, superheated steam, general gases, liquids, compressed air, natural gas, oil and chemical fluids, industrial circulation, drainage, and wastewater treatment applications. The series is available in in-line and insertion-type configurations, with integral or remote-mounted converter options.



■ KEY FEATURES

◆ No Moving Parts Simple structure, easy installation and maintenance	◆ High Measurement Accuracy Liquid $\pm 1.0\%$; Gas $\pm 1.5\%$
◆ Stable Pulse Output Pulse output proportional to actual flow rate; highly stable performance	◆ Wide Measurement Range Turndown ratio up to 1:20 (in-line); 1:25 (insertion type) within Re $2 \times 10^4 - 7 \times 10^6$
◆ Low Pressure Drop approximately 1/4 to 1/2 of an orifice plate meter under comparable conditions.	◆ Anti-Vibration Design Noise suppression circuit and anti-vibration sensing element
◆ Low Power Consumption 1x 3.6V/10AH lithium battery operates > 1 year	◆ EEPROM Flow Accumulation Cumulative flow protected against power loss for > 10 years
◆ Software Linearity Correction Software-corrected non-linearity improves accuracy	◆ Temperature Options standard fluid temperature up to +250 °C; high-temperature configuration up to +350 °C

■ TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

Typical Applications

- Oil & Gas
- Water & Wastewater
- Natural Gas Metering
- Compressed Air
- Steam
- Chemical Processing
- Industrial Pipelines

■ PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS

Measurement	
Measured Fluid	Saturated steam, superheated steam, general gases, liquids (avoid multi-phase flow)
Measurement Range — Gas	7 m/s to 40 m/s (23 to 131 ft/s)
Measurement Range — Liquid	0.7 m/s to 7 m/s (2.3 to 23 ft/s)
Accuracy	
Measurement Accuracy — Liquid	Class 1.0
Measurement Accuracy — Gas	Class 1.5
Repeatability — Liquid	0.3 %
Repeatability — Gas	0.5 %
Measurement Range	
Reynolds Number Range	2×10^4 to 7×10^6 (turndown ratio up to 1:20 in-line; 1:25 insertion)
Process Conditions	
Fluid Temperature — Standard	-40 °C to +250 °C (-40 °F to +482 °F)
Fluid Temperature — High Temp	100 °C to 350 °C (+212 °F to +662 °F)
Working Pressure — Standard	1.6 MPa (232 psi)
Working Pressure — Optional	2.5 – 4.0 MPa (363 – 580 psi) — specify on order
Meter Body	
Meter Body Material	304 Stainless Steel

ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Power Supply	
Working Power	24 VDC (or 12 VDC); lithium battery
Output Signal	
Pulse Output	3-wire, low level ≤ 1 V, high level ≥ 4 V
Analog Output	4–20 mA
Digital Interface	RS485
Electrical Connection	
Cable Entry	M20×1.5 with cable clamp and nut assembly
Protection	
Ingress Protection	IP65 (IEC 60529)
Explosion Protection	Non-explosion proof (standard); Flameproof optional

ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS

Temperature	
Ambient Temperature — Without LCD	–35 °C to +60 °C (–31 °F to +140 °F)
Ambient Temperature — With LCD	–5 °C to +60 °C (+23 °F to +140 °F)
Relative Humidity	5 % – 95 %
Mechanical & Environmental	
Ingress Protection	IP65 (IEC 60529)

PROCESS CONNECTIONS & WETTED MATERIALS

Process Connection	
Connection Type — Standard	Flanged — EN 1092 / ASME B16.5, Raised Face (RF) available on request
Connection Type — Alternate	Wafer (clamp) type
Nominal Diameter	DN15 – DN300 (NPS 1/2" – 12")
Rated Pressure	1.6 MPa, 2.5 MPa, 4.0 MPa
Materials in Contact with Medium	
Meter Body Material	304 Stainless Steel (standard); 316L Stainless Steel available

COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS

Pulse Output [Standard]

Output	3-wire pulse; low level ≤ 1 V; high level ≥ 4 V
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4–20 mA Analog [Optional]

Analog Output	4–20 mA DC
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RS485 [Optional]

Interface	RS485
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Protocol	RS485 digital interface
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■ CERTIFICATIONS & APPROVALS

Explosion Protection (Optional)

Explosion Protection	Explosion protection options available
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General Compliance

Ingress Protection	IP65 per IEC 60529
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■ OPERATING PRINCIPLE

The SX-FVNB vortex flowmeter operates on the Kármán vortex principle. When a bluff body (vortex generator) is inserted perpendicularly into a measurement tube, alternating regular vortices form on both sides of the bluff body (Kármán vortex street). The vortex shedding frequency is expressed as:

$$f = St \times v / d$$

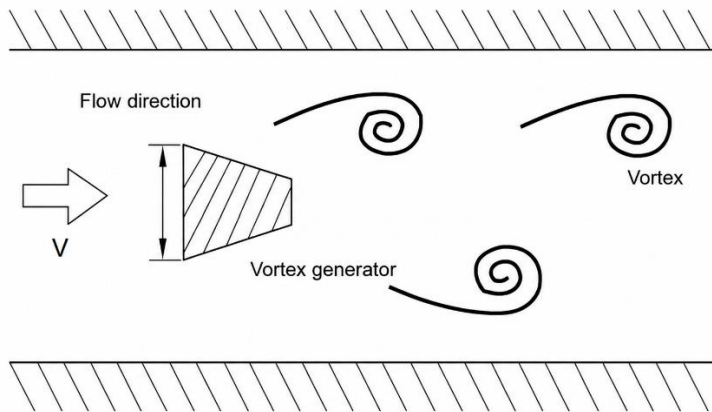
f — Vortex shedding frequency

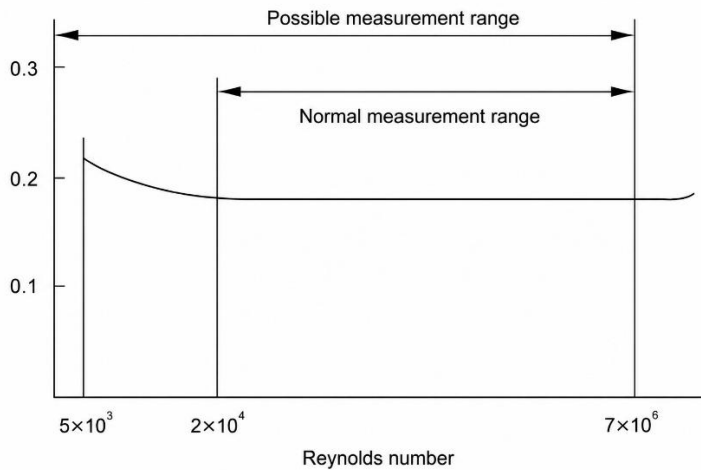
St — Strouhal number

v — Flow velocity

d — Width of the bluff body

When $d/D = 0.281$, the released vortices are most stable (D is the pipe diameter). The Strouhal number is a key coefficient of the vortex flowmeter: within a certain Reynolds number range ($Re = 2 \times 10^4$ to 7×10^6) the Strouhal number remains approximately constant ($St \approx 0.17$, the flat portion of the curve), so the vortex shedding frequency is proportional to the flow velocity. By detecting the frequency f , the flow velocity v can be obtained, from which the volumetric flow rate is derived. The SX-FVNB uses a piezoelectric sensor inside the detection probe to measure the vortex shedding frequency, from which volumetric flow rate is derived.





Converter Circuit Composition

The converter processes the weak electrical signal detected by the sensing element (an irregular sine wave) through amplification, filtering, and shaping, and outputs a pulse signal proportional to the flow rate or converts it into a standard 4–20 mA signal. The converter circuits of the SX-FVNB series vortex flowmeter are shown schematically in Figure (1) and Figure (2).

Figure 1 Block Diagram (Pulse Output):

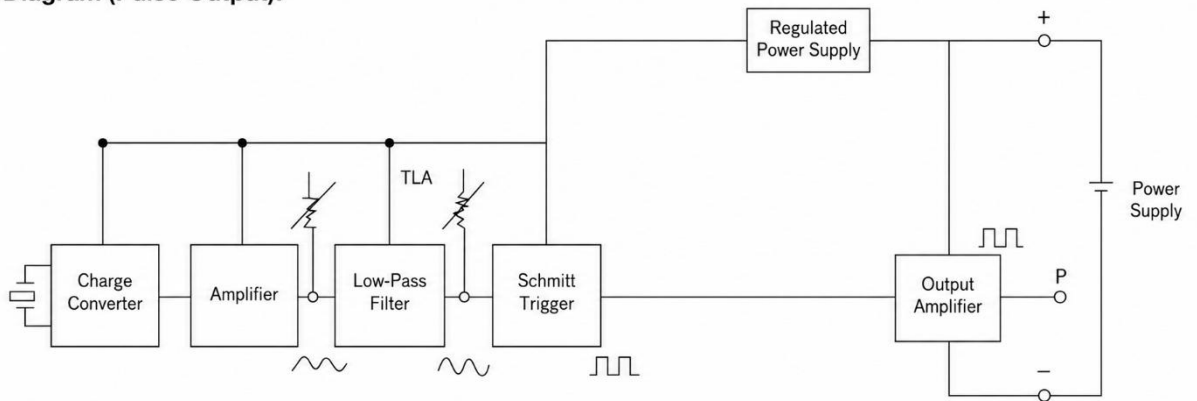


Figure 1 — Circuit block diagram (pulse output): Charge Converter → Amplifier → Low-Pass Filter → Schmitt Trigger → Output Amplifier; powered via a Voltage Regulator from the supply; pulse signal output P (+/-).

Figure 2 Circuit Block Diagram (Analog Output):

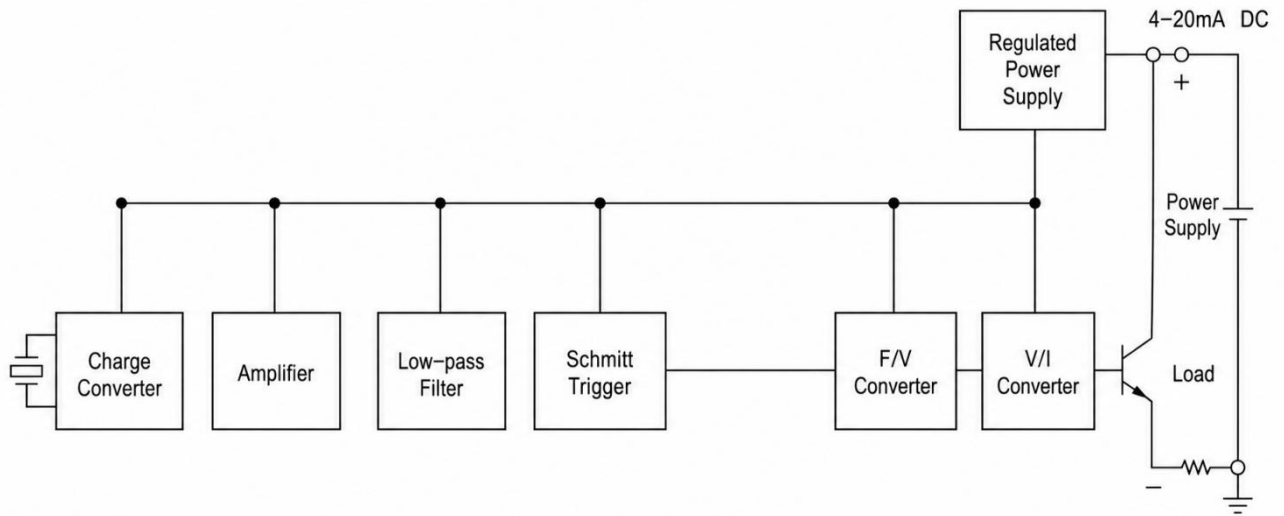
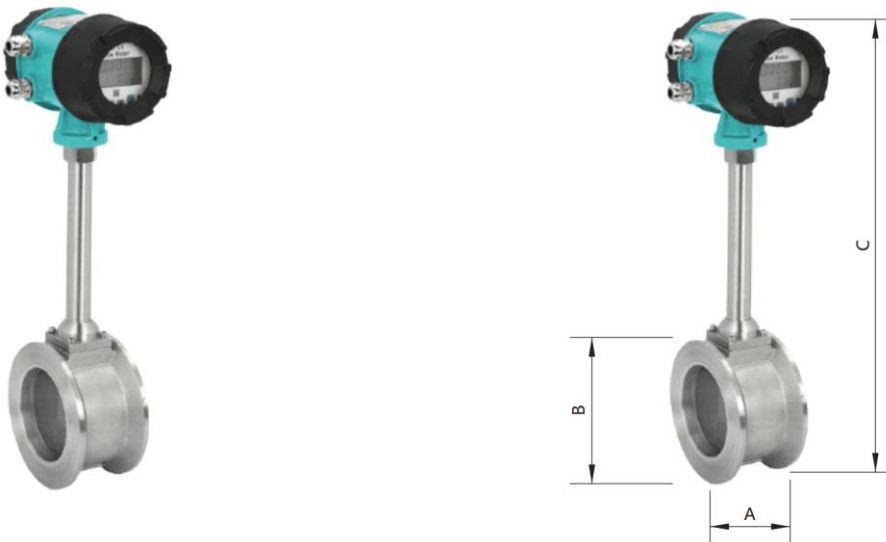


Figure 2 — Circuit block diagram (analog output): Charge Converter → Amplifier → Low-Pass Filter → Schmitt Trigger → F/V Converter → V/I Converter; powered via a Voltage Regulator; 4–20 mA DC output to load.

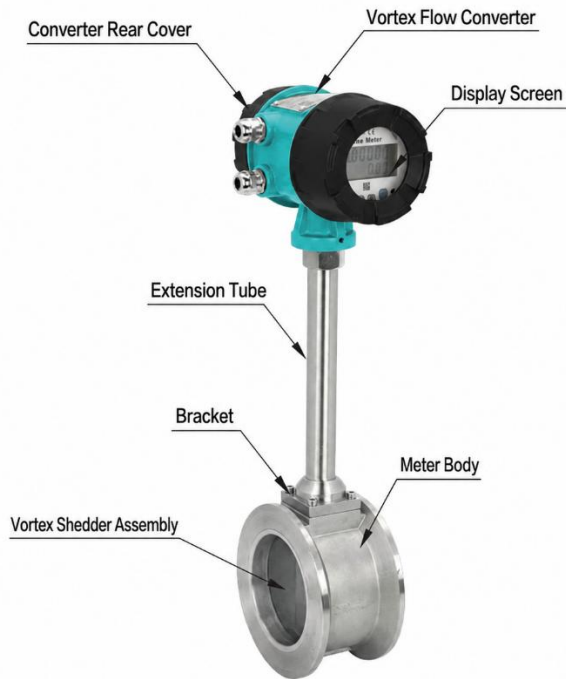
MECHANICAL DIMENSIONS

Transmitter Body (Reference)



※ Dimensions are for reference only. A, B, C labels indicate key reference dimensions (face-to-face length, height, overall height) which vary by nominal diameter. Contact SensorsX for certified dimension drawings.

STRUCTURE COMPOSITION



■ SELECTION GUIDELINES

1. The vortex flowmeter is a velocity-type flowmeter. The stability of vortex shedding is affected by the flow velocity distribution; therefore, sufficient straight pipe sections must be provided upstream and downstream of the flowmeter to condition the flow.
2. The vortex flowmeter is not suitable for measuring flows with a very low Reynolds number. In general, a Reynolds number of $\geq 2 \times 10^5$ is required.
3. When vortex shedding occurs, the local pressure inside the pipe drops significantly. When measuring liquids, if the local pressure falls below the saturated vapor pressure corresponding to the liquid temperature, cavitation will occur, which may damage the piezoelectric detection elements or prevent the instrument from operating normally. This must be taken into account during installation and use.
4. To correctly select the vortex flowmeter model, the following process parameters must be known in detail:
 - Fluid name, composition, corrosiveness, abrasiveness, etc.
 - Minimum, normal, and maximum flow rates under operating conditions
 - Minimum, normal, and maximum operating pressures
 - Minimum, normal, and maximum operating temperatures
 - Viscosity under operating conditions
 - For gases, the relative humidity of the gas must also be known
 - Flow characteristics of the fluid in the pipeline: steady flow, varying flow, pulsating flow, gas–liquid two-phase flow, gas–solid two-phase flow, or liquid–liquid two-phase flow
 - Fluid condition: clean, prone to scaling, dirty, or containing easily adhering substances
 - Site environment and installation conditions
 - Explosion-protection requirements for the instrument

■ FLOW RANGES

A — Applicable Flow Ranges for General Liquids and Gases

Nominal Diameter (mm)	Liquid Flow Range (m³/h)	Gas Flow Range (m³/h)	Connection Type	Pressure Rating (MPa)
DN15	1.2–6.2	5–25	Wafer (flange-clamped) / Flanged	2.5 / 1.6
DN20	1.5–10	6–50	Wafer (flange-clamped) / Flanged	2.5 / 1.6

DN25	1.6–16	9–80	Wafer (flange-clamped) / Flanged	2.5 / 1.6
DN32	1.9–19	13–130	Wafer (flange-clamped) / Flanged	2.5 / 1.6
DN40	2.5–26	18–180	Wafer (flange-clamped) / Flanged	2.5 / 1.6
DN50	3.5–38	30–300	Wafer (flange-clamped) / Flanged	2.5 / 1.6
DN65	6.2–65	48–480	Wafer (flange-clamped) / Flanged	2.5 / 1.6
DN80	10–100	75–750	Wafer (flange-clamped) / Flanged	2.5 / 1.6
DN100	15–150	120–1200	Wafer (flange-clamped) / Flanged	2.5 / 1.6
DN125	25–250	150–1500	Wafer (flange-clamped) / Flanged	2.5 / 1.6
DN150	36–380	260–2600	Wafer (flange-clamped) / Flanged	2.5 / 1.6
DN200	62–650	450–4500	Wafer (flange-clamped) / Flanged	2.5 / 1.6
DN250	140–1400	680–6800	Wafer (flange-clamped) / Flanged	2.5 / 1.6
DN300	200–2000	1000–10000	Wafer (flange-clamped) / Flanged	2.5 / 1.6

B — Flow Ranges for Saturated Steam (unit: kg/h)

Abs. Pressure (MPa)	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1	1.1	1.2	1.3
Temperature (°C)	120	133	144	152	159	165	170	175	180	184	189	192
Density (kg/m³)	1.1288	1.6507	2.1628	2.6683	3.1692	3.6665	4.1616	4.6544	5.1451	5.6367	6.125	6.6143
DN15	Qmin	5.65	8.25	10.8	13.35	15.85	18.35	20.8	23.25	25.75	28.2	30.65
	Qmax	28.25	41.25	54	66.75	79.25	91.75	104	116.25	128.75	141	153.25
DN20	Qmin	6.78	9.9	12.96	16.02	19.02	22.02	24.96	27.9	30.9	33.84	36.78
	Qmax	56.5	82.5	108	133.5	158.5	183.5	208	232.5	257.2	282	306.5
DN25	Qmin	10.17	14.85	19.44	24.03	28.53	33.03	37.44	41.85	46.35	50.76	55.17
	Qmax	90.4	132	172.8	213.6	253.6	293.6	332.8	372	412	451.2	490.4
DN32	Qmin	14.69	21.45	28.08	34.71	41.21	47.71	54.08	60.45	66.95	73.32	79.69
	Qmax	146.9	214.5	280.8	347.1	412.1	477.1	540.8	604.5	669.5	733.2	796.9
DN40	Qmin	20.34	29.7	38.88	48.06	57.06	66.06	74.88	83.7	92.7	101.52	110.34
	Qmax	203.4	297	388.8	480.6	570.6	660.6	748.8	837	927	1015.2	1103.4
DN50	Qmin	33.9	49.5	64.8	80.1	95.1	110.1	124.8	139.5	154.5	169.2	183.9
	Qmax	339	495	648	801	951	1101	1248	1395	1545	1692	1839
DN65	Qmin	54.24	79.2	103.68	128.16	152.16	176.16	199.68	223.2	247.2	270.72	294.24
	Qmax	542.4	792	1036.8	1281.6	1521.6	1761.6	1996.8	2232	2472	2707.2	2942.4
DN80	Qmin	84.75	123.75	162	200.25	237.75	275.25	312	348.75	386.25	423	459.75
	Qmax	847.5	1237.5	1620	2002.5	2377.5	2752.5	3120	3487.5	3862.5	4230	4597.5
DN100	Qmin	135.6	198	259.2	320.4	380.4	440.4	499.2	558	618	676.8	735.6
	Qmax	1356	1980	2592	3204	3804	4404	4992	5580	6180	6768	7356
DN125	Qmin	169.5	247.5	324	400.5	475.5	550.5	624	697.5	772.5	846	919.5
	Qmax	1695	2475	3240	4005	4755	5505	6240	6975	7725	8460	9195
DN150	Qmin	293.8	429	561.6	694.2	824.2	954.2	1081.6	1209	1339	1466.4	1593.8
	Qmax	2938	4290	5616	6942	8242	9542	10816	12090	13390	14664	15938
DN200	Qmin	508.5	742.5	972	1201.5	1426.5	1651.5	1872	2092.5	2317.5	2538	2758.5
	Qmax	5085	7425	9720	12015	14265	16515	18720	20925	23175	25380	27585
DN250	Qmin	768.4	1122	1468.8	1815.6	2155.6	2495.6	2828.8	3162	3502	3835.2	4168.4
	Qmax	7684	11220	14688	18156	21556	24956	28288	31620	35020	38352	41684
DN300	Qmin	1130	1650	2160	2670	3170	3670	4160	4650	5150	5640	6130
	Qmax	11300	16500	21600	26700	31700	36700	41600	46500	51500	56400	61300

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Abs. Pressure (MPa)	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	2	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5
Temperature (°C)	195	198	201	204	207	209.8	212	214.8	217.2	219.5	221.8	223.9
Density (kg/m³)	7.1038	7.5928	8.082	8.5718	9.0616	9.552	10.043	10.535	11.028	11.521	12.016	12.511
DN15	Qmin	35.5	37.95	40.4	42.85	45.3	47.75	50	52.5	55	57.5	60
	Qmax	177.5	189.75	202	214.25	226.5	238.75	250	262.5	275	287.5	300
DN20	Qmin	42.6	45.54	48.48	51.42	54.36	57.3	60	63	66	69	72
	Qmax	355	379.5	404	428.5	453	477.5	500	525	550	575	600
DN25	Qmin	63.9	68.31	72.72	77.13	81.54	85.95	90	94.5	99	103.5	108
	Qmax	568	607.2	646.4	685.6	724.8	764	800	840	880	920	960
DN32	Qmin	92.3	98.67	105.04	111.41	117.78	124.15	130	136.5	143	149.5	156
	Qmax	923	986.7	1050.4	1114.1	1177.8	1241.5	1300	1365	1430	1495	1560
DN40	Qmin	127.8	136.62	145.44	154.26	163.08	171.9	180	189	198	207	216
	Qmax	1278	1366.2	1454.4	1542.6	1630.8	1719	1800	1890	1980	2070	2160
DN50	Qmin	213	227.7	242.4	257.1	271.8	286.5	300	315	330	345	360
	Qmax	2130	2277	2424	2571	2718	2865	3000	3150	3300	3450	3600
DN65	Qmin	340.8	364.32	387.84	411.36	434.88	458.4	480	504	528	552	576

	Qmax	3408	3643.2	3878.4	4113.6	4348.8	4584	4800	5040	5280	5520	5760	6000
DN80	Qmin	532.5	569.25	606	642.75	679.5	716.25	750	787.5	825	862.5	900	937.5
	Qmax	5325	5692.5	6060	6427.5	6795	7162.5	7500	7875	8250	8625	9000	9375
DN100	Qmin	852	910.8	969.6	1028.4	1087.2	1146	1200	1260	1320	1380	1440	1500
	Qmax	8520	9108	9696	10284	10872	11460	12000	12600	13200	13800	14400	15000
DN125	Qmin	1065	1138.5	1212	1285.5	1359	1432.5	1500	1575	1650	1725	1800	1875
	Qmax	10650	11385	12120	12855	13590	14325	15000	15750	16500	17250	18000	18750
DN150	Qmin	1846	1973.4	2100.8	2228.2	2355.6	2483	2600	2730	2860	2990	3120	3250
	Qmax	18460	19734	21008	22282	23556	24830	26000	27300	28600	29900	31200	32500
DN200	Qmin	3195	3415.5	3636	3856.5	4077	4297.5	4500	4725	4950	5175	5400	5625
	Qmax	31950	34155	36360	38565	40770	42975	45000	47250	49500	51750	54000	56250
DN250	Qmin	4828	5161.2	5494.4	5827.6	6160.8	6494	6800	7140	7480	7820	8160	8500
	Qmax	48280	51612	54944	58276	61608	64940	68000	71400	74800	78200	81600	85000
DN300	Qmin	7100	7590	8080	8570	9060	9550	10000	10500	11000	11500	12000	12500
	Qmax	71000	75900	80800	85700	90600	95500	100000	105000	110000	115000	120000	125000

C — Superheated Steam Density Table (kg/m³)

Abs. Pressure (MPa) \ Temp. (°C)	150	170	190	210	230	250	270	290	310	330	350	370
0.1	0.52	0.49	0.47	0.45	0.43	0.42	0.40	0.39	0.37	0.36	0.35	0.34
0.15	0.78	0.74	0.71	0.68	0.65	0.62	0.60	0.58	0.56	0.54	0.52	0.51
0.2	1.04	0.99	0.95	0.91	0.87	0.83	0.80	0.77	0.75	0.72	0.70	0.68
0.25	1.31	1.24	1.19	1.13	1.08	1.04	1.00	0.97	0.93	0.90	0.87	0.85
0.3	1.58	1.50	1.43	1.37	1.31	1.25	1.21	1.16	1.12	1.08	1.05	1.02
0.4	2.12	2.01	1.92	1.83	1.75	1.65	1.62	1.56	1.50	1.47	1.40	1.36
0.5	2.67	2.54	2.41	2.30	2.20	2.11	2.03	1.95	1.88	1.81	1.75	1.70
0.8	4.40	4.17	3.94	3.74	3.57	3.41	3.27	3.15	3.03	2.92	2.82	2.73
1.1	6.13	5.83	5.53	5.24	4.97	4.75	4.54	4.36	4.19	4.04	3.90	3.77
1.4	7.88	7.52	7.15	6.79	6.43	6.11	5.84	5.60	5.38	5.18	4.99	4.83
1.7	9.85	9.37	8.95	8.41	7.94	7.52	7.17	6.86	6.58	6.33	6.10	5.78
2	11.63	11.10	10.57	10.04	9.51	8.97	8.54	8.14	7.81	7.50	7.22	6.96
2.5	15.19	14.45	13.72	12.98	12.24	11.50	10.88	10.35	9.89	9.48	9.11	8.78
3	18.42	17.57	16.72	15.88	15.04	14.18	13.34	12.64	12.00	11.51	11.05	10.63
3.5	22.70	21.57	20.44	19.31	18.23	17.05	15.92	15.02	14.26	13.85	13.03	12.62
4	27.16	25.75	24.33	22.91	21.50	20.08	18.66	17.50	16.55	15.75	15.05	14.44
4.5	30.39	28.92	27.45	25.98	24.51	23.04	21.57	20.10	18.93	17.96	17.13	16.40
5	35.42	33.63	31.83	30.04	28.24	26.45	24.65	22.86	21.42	20.25	19.26	18.41
6	43.90	41.75	39.60	37.45	35.30	33.15	31.01	28.86	26.71	25.05	23.70	22.56

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Abs. Pressure (MPa) \ Temp. (°C)	390	410	430	450	470	490	510	530	550	570	590
0.1	0.33	0.32	0.31	0.30	0.29	0.28	0.28	0.27	0.26	0.26	0.25
0.15	0.49	0.48	0.46	0.45	0.44	0.43	0.42	0.41	0.40	0.39	0.38
0.2	0.66	0.64	0.62	0.60	0.58	0.57	0.55	0.54	0.53	0.51	0.50
0.25	0.82	0.80	0.77	0.75	0.73	0.71	0.69	0.68	0.66	0.76	0.63
0.3	0.98	0.96	0.93	0.90	0.89	0.85	0.83	0.81	0.79	0.77	0.75
0.4	1.31	1.28	1.24	1.20	1.17	1.14	1.11	1.08	1.06	1.03	1.01
0.5	1.65	1.60	1.55	1.51	1.46	1.43	1.39	1.35	1.32	1.29	1.26
0.8	2.64	2.56	2.49	2.42	2.35	2.29	2.23	2.17	2.12	2.07	2.02
1.1	3.65	3.54	3.43	3.33	3.24	3.15	3.07	2.99	2.92	2.84	2.78
1.4	4.67	4.52	4.39	4.26	4.35	4.23	3.92	3.81	3.72	3.63	3.54
1.7	5.69	5.51	5.34	5.19	5.04	4.90	4.77	4.64	4.52	4.41	4.31
2	6.73	6.51	6.31	6.12	5.94	5.78	5.62	5.47	5.33	5.20	5.07
2.5	8.48	8.19	7.93	7.69	7.46	7.25	7.05	6.86	6.69	6.52	6.36
3	10.25	9.90	9.58	9.28	9.00	8.74	8.49	8.27	8.05	7.84	7.65
3.5	12.05	11.63	11.24	10.88	10.55	10.24	9.95	9.68	9.42	9.18	8.95
4	13.89	13.31	13.00	12.51	12.18	11.75	11.42	11.10	10.80	10.52	10.25
4.5	15.75	14.76	14.67	14.15	13.70	13.28	12.90	12.53	12.19	11.87	11.57
5	17.66	16.98	16.37	15.81	15.30	14.82	14.39	13.97	13.59	13.23	12.89
6	21.56	20.69	19.91	19.20	18.55	17.95	17.40	16.89	16.41	15.97	15.54

■ ORDERING INFORMATION — SX-FVNB SERIES

Complete model number example: **SX-FVNB-BC100AABAAAAA**

Connection Type	
A	Wafer (Clamp) Type
B	Flanged connection; flange standard to be specified when ordering
Measured Medium	
A	Liquid
B	Gas
C	Steam
Nominal Diameter (DN)	
15	DN15 mm
20	DN20 mm
25	DN25 mm
32	DN32 mm
40	DN40 mm
50	DN50 mm
65	DN65 mm
80	DN80 mm
100	DN100 mm
125	DN125 mm
150	DN150 mm
200	DN200 mm
250	DN250 mm
300	DN300 mm
Power Supply	
A	Dual power supply (24 VDC / 12 VDC + 3.6 V lithium battery)
B	3.6 V lithium battery only
C	24 VDC / 12 VDC
Display	
A	With LCD display
B	Without display
Output Signal	
A	Without output
B	Pulse output
C	4–20 mA
D	RS485
Sensor Material	
A	304 Stainless Steel
B	316L Stainless Steel
Fluid Temperature	
A	≤ 280 °C (≤ 536 °F)
B	≤ 350 °C (≤ 662 °F)
Rated Pressure Class	
A	4.0 MPa (580 psi)
B	2.5 MPa (363 psi)
C	1.6 MPa (232 psi)

Ingress Protection	
A	IP65 (IEC 60529)
Explosion Protection	
A	Without (Standard)
E	With
Customized	
D	Customized —specify requirements when ordering

Ordering Example:

SX-FVNB-BC100AABAAAAA → Vortex Flowmeter, Flanged connection, Steam, DN100, Dual Power (24VDC/12VDC + Lithium Battery), With LCD, Pulse Output, 304 Stainless Steel, Fluid Temp ≤ 280 °C (≤ 536 °F), 4.0 MPa (580 psi), IP65, No Explosion Protection