

## Microprocessor Interface Controller safety card

(Flowmeter to Computer/PLC batch plants) Up to 8 channels US Ounces, 110 vac power/Start/Reset, 5-30VDC Pulse Output

## **FEATURES**

- Up to 4 Dual-Channel Modules (DCMs) can be mounted on Motherboard, for the creation of a 2, 4, 6, or 8 channel unit.
- All parameters and entries are fully programmable via a plug-in hand held keypad.
- Pulse Comparator for Dual Flowmeter system.
- New feature in V1.8 software: can de-select the comparator function, so that each channel shows the reading from one flowmeter only.
- Dual Display Counters for each channel (for Comparator function).
- Input Pulse scalable for use with most types of Flowmeters.
- All display readouts in US ounces to 1 decimal place, with instantaneous flowrate display reading.
- · Accumulated batch totals (grand totals) for inventory records.
- . Initial Start and Pulsefail Safety.
- Low and High Flow range settings. Pulsefail Safety safeguards against exceeding flowmeter operating ranges.
- Maximum pulse output frequency alarm, for PLC input safety.
- Maximum Batch Limit Safety.
- Output Pulse Division to PLC/Computer scalable.
- 5-30 VDC pulse switching.
- Input/Output control with optional voltages.
- Manual Batch facility, with Disable option.
- Master Audible alarm function
- Alarm condition for leaky check valves (back flow).
- Can be used for water channels.





Optional WH10 wiring harness to connect to ME6008M logger

## INTRODUCTION

The ME2008 is a microprocessor-based batch safety interface card for management of flowmetering admixture liquids in the concrete production industries. It's design is at the request and requirement of suppliers/producers/users of construction chemical products. The software incorporates safety features designed to cover, detect and warn for most flowmetering conditions during/after the batch cycle, making the flowmetering system one of the safest in the world. The ME2008 eliminates the need for sight bottle dispensers. It can be used with a wide range of signal output flowmeters in conjunction with a range of PLC/Computer auto batch systems. All message status functions are displayed at all times, and settings are easily retrieved and displayed. This helps make the ME2008 very user-friendly. The unit consists of:

1x **MOTHERBOARD** (with power supply) complete with 8 individual pushbuttons for manual batch facility, along with a pushbutton to select (or scroll) menu functions, a button for manual reset of batch displays and a button for alarm muting (can be disabled), all enclosed in a wall/panel mount ABS enclosure.

1,2,3 or 4x DUAL CHANNEL MODULE (DCM) plugable PCBs with dual-line LCD displays with backlight.

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The ME2008 is an expanded version of the ManuFlo 6-channel ME2000 safety interface card, with a Motherboard expanded to have 8-channel capability. Dual Channel Modules for the ME2000 and ME2008 are interchangeable.

### **OPERATION**

Flowmeters of various sizes can be connected to the inputs. ME2008 accepts 8 external start commands. It delivers DC low voltage (sink or source 5-30 VDC) pulses to a PLC/computer with optical isolation. The ME2008 controls and manages up to 8 admixture products / 8 flowmeters (or up to 16 flow meters, 2 per channel, if you utilize the comparitor function).

ME2008 can be used as a manual pushbutton batch controller unit. This function can be disabled via a link for computer control only start operations. The handheld plug-in programmer is unplugged after all parameters have been setup.

When the PLC/Computer system starts, the ME2008 begins counting in US ounces, and the output pulses are retransmitted to the PLC/Computer input at the divided pulse value. A sophisticated safety management watches for any malfunction in the system, flowmeter or batch computer during the batch cycle. If a fault is detected, the ME2008 will override and shutdown the faulty channel, and give alarm warnings. The computer provides auto reset at completion of batch, reseting all counters. All activity is logged on grand totalisers for inventory management data. Also included is an instantaneous flowrate reading per channel, which indicates if the operating range of each flowmeter is exceeded.

## **INSTALLATION**

Find an appropriate position to mount the ME2008 housing box, preferably within visual distance to operator. Using flexible wires, wire the ME2008 according to the diagrams:

- Figure 2. Motherboard Wiring Diagram, on page 3.
- Figure 3. Dual Channel Module (DCM), on page 3.
- Figure 4. Dual Channel Module (DCM) wiring, on page 6.

### The normal order of connections is:

- 1. To reduce industrial noise, connect the computer's 110 vac supply (L is active load, N is neutral, E is earth) to the Motherboard plug X10 (see Figure 2, page 3. X10 is a 4-pin green-coloured plug.
- 2. Connect the Master Reset from the computer to the top pin only (marked RST) of the Motherboard X1 plug (3-pin green coloured).
- 3. Using shielded cable, connect flowmeters (with no earthing on the bodies of the flowmeters) to the ME2008's Dual Channel Modules (DCMs), to 6-pin green plug X5, as shown in Figure 3 (page 3) and (page 4). Use minimum 2-core shielded cable per flowmeter to the DCM's X5 plug. If using one flowmeter per channel, use Pulse 1A and Pulse 2A, and +12 VDC and S (Shield) = 0V which are both common for flowmeters.
  With software v1.8 or above, set the "Diff. channels" value to '1' (i.e. disable comparator function), then just wire to PULSE 1A and 2A for each respective flowmeter.
- 4. (a) For first channel:
  - connect the 110 vac START signal from PLC/Computer to the DCM X1 plug (6-pin, black colour), pin S1.
  - connect the 110 vac active side of contactor coil to DCM X1 plug, pin R1.
  - Connect Neutral side of contactor to main power supply of the ME2008.
  - (b) Similarly connnect for the second channel, using DCM X1 plug pins S2 and R2.
  - (c) For the low voltage DC (5 24 VDC) pulse output to the PLC/Computer, connect the DCM X2 plug (4-pin white plug, C = Collector, E = Emitter) to the PLC/Computer.
- 6. **To disable the front manual batch pushbuttons**, remove link LK1 located on motherboard near the Alarm buzzer (see Figure 2 on page 3). This will avoid misuse of manual starts. The other manual functions "select", "mute" and "Reset" will be still fully functional. Plug-in LK1 to re-activate manual batch functions.
- 7. The entry or reconfiguration of program parameter data is achieved with a 4-button keypad programmer (see Figure 1 below) that is plugged into the appropriate socket in the external CAT5E Data Entry port on the outside of the ME2008 (see photo on bottom right of page 8). The programmer plug is keyed so that it can only be plugged in the correct way.



Figure 1. HP-CAT5E Programmer



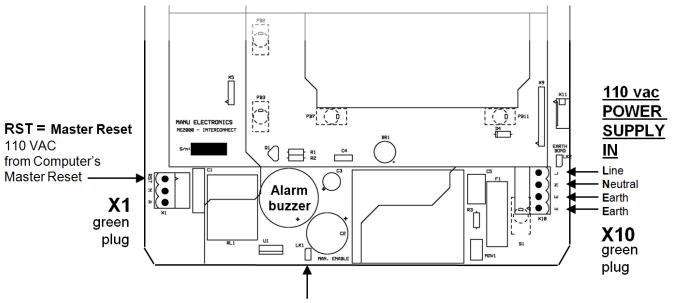
Each Dual Channel Module (DCM) is programmed one at a time.

Plug the Programmer into the appropriate socket in the external CAT5E Data Entry port on the outside of the ME2008.

To start programming, push either arrow button ( $\rightarrow\leftarrow$ ) on the Programmer. Cursor (digit) will flash on the DCM display. Push UP or DOWN to change numeric values. Push arrows to scroll through the individual numeric settings. Once programming is completed, push either arrow button ( $\rightarrow\leftarrow$ ) until no digits are blinking, data is now entered into memory.

Unplug the Programmer, then plug it in to the next socket and repeat data entry to programme another module.

See <u>OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS</u> on page 5, for program menu display and description. Note: For guide to entering complete data safety features for each flowmeter type, see Flowmeters Data Guide on page 9.



Remove link plug LK1 to disable front manual batch pushbuttons.

Figure 2. Motherboard Wiring Diagram

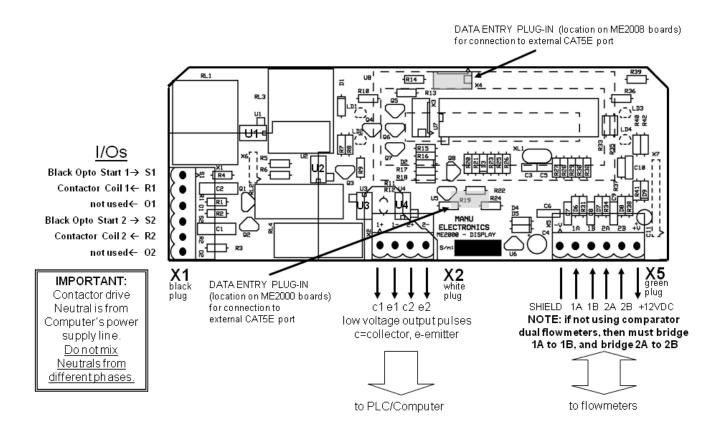


Figure 3. Dual Channel Module (DCM)

Note: Dual Channel Modules for the ME2008 and ME2000 have slightly different component layouts (the most obvious is the connection to the external CAT5E Data Entry port) but the boards are functionally equivalent and are interchangeable.

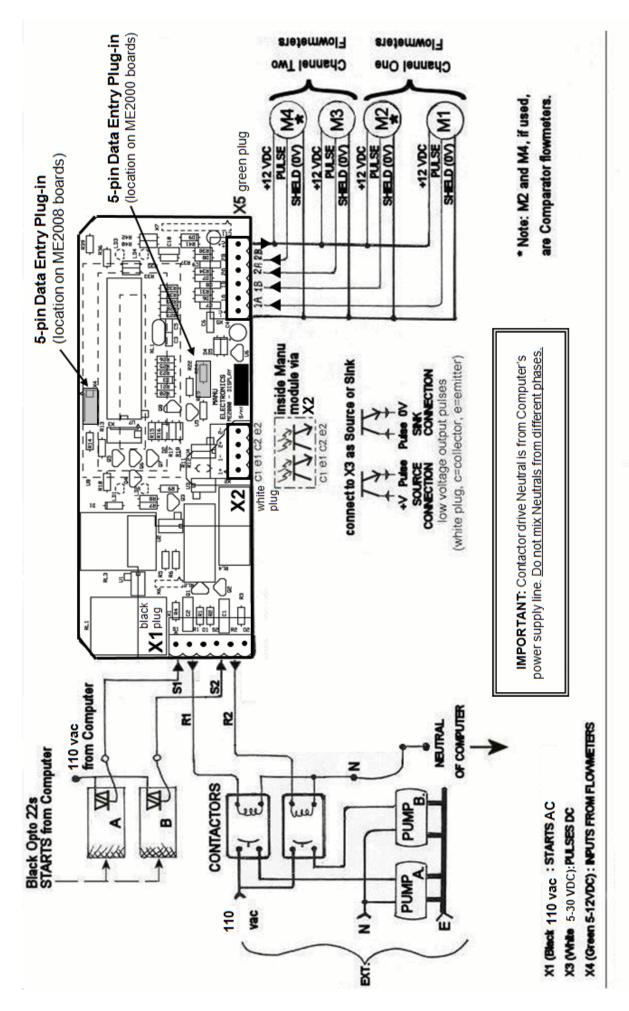


Figure 4. Dual Channel Module (DCM) wiring

110 VAC option shown wired with PLC I/Os, flowmeters, pumps.

## **OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

\* Switch on power to the ME2008 interface safety unit. \* Scroll through the settings by pressing SELECT. Refer to the Display Diagram below for procedures and settings of required parameters. \* See "Flowmeter Data Guide" on page 9 for recommended data for each flowmeter type/size characteristics/flowrates.

## **ME2008 Display Diagram**

⇒ Power On:

## MANU ELECTRONICS ME2000 V1.8

Note:

- The software may show your company name instead of 'MANU ELECTRONICS'.
- The same software operates in the ME2008 as in the ME2000.

⇒ 1. Push Select:

00000.0 00000.0 00000.0 00000.0 **Batching** function display in "**US Ounces**" to 1 decimal place. At anytime you can skip functions and return to normal by pushing RESET (You cannot reset while pumping is in progress).

⇒ 2. Push Select:

Flow (oz/sec) 0000.0 0000.0

Flow Rate Function in US ounces/second (to 1 decimal place).

⇒ 3. Push Select:

Total (ounces) **0000000 0000000** 

Grand Total accumulation.

To reset: push 2 buttons at once on the 4-button programmer.

⇒ 4. Push Select:

 K-factor / Calibration:

sets pulse input value per US ounce, according to flowmeter used e.g. MES20 29.5738 pulses/oz, MES25 16.4134 pulses/oz.

⇒ 5. Push Select:

Output (oz/p) **0000.1** 

**Pulse Output** Volume Value (ounces / pulse). Sets division of output pulses to suit computer/PLC. Example shows 0.1 ounces/pulse. See also "Program Record Sheet" (page 10).

⇒ 6. Push Select:

Min. Flow (oz/s) **000.100 000.100** 

## Minimum flowrate

(set this according to flowmeters' recommended minimum). Pump will be stopped if the flowrate falls below this value. Previously known as **Pulsefail** in ME697, ME995/188 units.

⇒ 7. Push Select:

Max. Flow (oz/s) **010.000 010.000** 

## **Maximum flowrate**

(set this according to flowmeters' recommended maximum). Pump will be stopped if the flowrate exceeds this value.

## ⇒ 8. Push Select:

Dose Limit (oz) **00100.0** 

Sets maximum acceptable limit per batch (overrides computer selection). If limit is reached, pump is stopped and "Overdose" warning will be displayed.

## ⇒ 9. Push Select:

Max Backflow (oz) **00001.0 00001.0** 

The **Backflow** function raises an alert if the check (non-return) valves leak. Set to the desired maximim allowance of backflow.

## ⇒ 10. Push Select:

Difference (%) **05.0 05.0** 

## COMPARATOR $(5\% = \pm 2.5\%)$

This function is used to compare 2 flowmeters in series. If the flowmeters differ by more than the allowed percentage, the pump will be stopped and an alarm triggered. From software Version 1.5 onwards, the comparator function only operates during batching.

## ⇒ 11. Push Select:

Start Delay (s) **02.0 02.0** 

**Start Delay** is the time (in seconds) allowed for pump to start before the Pulse Fail safeties activate. After the Start Delay period, the safeties will shut down the pump drive if no flowmeter pulses are received.

## ⇒ 12. Push Select:

Stop Delay (s) **02.0 02.0** 

**Stop Delay** is the time (in seconds) allowed for the pump to settle after stopping, before back flow detection commences.

## ⇒ 13. Push Select:

Diff. channels

2 2

(only available from software Version 1.8)

**Difference Channels**: enables/disables the comparator function, for each channel of the two-channel module.

When value is "1", the comparator is disabled, and the display for that channel shows the reading from one flowmeter.

When value is set to "2", the comparator is enabled, and the display for that channel shows the readings of two flowmeters in series.

## ⇒ 14. Push Select:

# Max Out Rate (Hz) 0030

Max Out Rate is the maximum allowed rate of output pulses to the computer. If the maximum is exceeded, then the pump stops and the ME2008 memory sends the extra pulses to the PLC/Computer's DC White Optos (under the 30 Hz max. input rate) or low scanrate systems.

NOTE:

(1) DO NOT SET THE MAX OUT RATE UNNECESSARILY HIGH, as this will affect the duty cycle of the pulses (i.e. will narrow the pulse width) which may make it difficult for the receiving PLC to detect the pulses.

Example: if the receiving PLC can only detect pulses at a rate up to 30 Hz, then set MAX OUT RATE to 30 and not say to 100.

(2) Extra pulses received (above the allowed rate) represent actual extra volume measured by the flowmeter and ME2008, but which would have otherwise not been fully counted by the PLC/Computer system. (This situation is different to actual "inflight overflow", where a DEDUCT value must be programmed in the computer system to stop the pump earler).

IMPORTANT: PLC/Computers that accept DC input pulses have a pulse input frequency limit of 30 Hz, so for the ME2008 to protect such systems and prevent overdose, set values in the ME2008:

- \* MAX OUT RATE to 30 Hz or less; and
- \* OUTPUT (OZ/PULSE) to a value so that, at your maximum operating flowrate, pulses to the PLC/Computer will not exceed 30 Hz.

e.g. if your maximum operating flowrate is 1500 oz/minute, and you set OUTPUT (OZ/PULSE) = 0001.0 (i.e. 1 oz/pulse), the ME2008 will output

(1500 oz/min) / (60 sec/min) / (1 oz/pulse) = 25 pulses/second (i.e. < 30 Hz) to the PLC/Computer when flow is 1500 oz/minute.

⇒ 15. Push Select:

MANU ELECTRONICS **ME2000 V1.8** 

Returns to introduction display.

⇒ 16. Push Reset:

0.0000.0 00000.0

0.0000.0 00000.0

Returns to the Batch function.

Display is in Ounces to 1 decimal places.

## **WARNING**

The operator cannot **RESET** the batch counters whilst product is still pumping (batching in progress). Totals should be reset only after all products are batched (does not affect accumulated totals). **Before you leave the plant, you must take a VOLUMETRIC calibration of quantity dispensed and cross-reference with <b>ME2008** readings !!!

## **ALARM SAFETY STATUS**

If any of the safety features are triggered, the relevant alarm will come on. The Display will indicate status of the channel that is in alarm condition (see message explanations on page 11). In this case, as a precaution the ME2008 will shut down pump drive of the faulty channel only, allowing for further examination of the problem.

If the alarm comes on, <u>DO NOT</u> push RESET immediately - just push MUTE to silence alarm, then observe display and take note of batch readings and alarm message. Address the problem if possible. WAIT for other channels to complete batch, then push RESET to be ready for the next batch.

## **ME2008 - SPECIFICATIONS**

**Display** One 2x16 character dot matrix backlit display per Dual Channel Module (DCM).

Motherboard Accepts up to 4 plug-in Dual Channel Modules.

**Power Supply** 110 vac (See options guide for other voltages), via Motherboard plug X2.

**Supply to Flowmeters** 12 VDC (10mA per flowmeter), via X4 plug.

Pulse Inputs NPN sink pulse or Reed Switch pulses, 2 flowmeters per module (4 for comparator).

Input calibration to 3 decimal places.

Most types of flowmeters can be connected and calibrated.

**Input count speed** 2 kHz maximum.

Output pulses to computer 5-30 VDC sink/source pulse via 4N33 open collector opto (DCM X2 plug).

(7500V rms surge protection). All pulses are divided via "Output Pulse Value" calibrator.

Computer starts/reset 110 vac (DCM X1 plug).
Output starts 110 vac (DCM X1 plug).

Manual Batch Commands Starts: 8 momentary-hold push buttons for each channel (when link enabled).

Master Reset: 1 pushbutton. MUTE: 1 pushbutton. SELECT: 1 pushbutton.

**LED functions** "Output" (divided pulses) indicated via flashing LEDs

"Run" (manual starts) indicated via illuminated LEDs.

Power ON/OFF Via "Power" switch.

**Wiring/Connection**Connected to five mated plugs, allows unplugging of PCBs for easy replacement.

**Fuse** 1 Amp. Fuse holder on motherboard.

Enclosure & Dimensions IP58 ABS lid/box. Size: 310mm L x 245mm W x 140mm D.

Weight (with 3 modules) 2.6 kg

**Display Functions** 

Operation Via plug-in 4-button hand-held programmer.

**Volume displayed** In US ounces, to 1 decimal place.

Flowrate display In US ounces per Second, to 1 decimal place.

**Grand Total** In total ounces, to 7 digits.

Pulses per US ounce, to 99.9999 Input calibration (Default: 01.0000 pulses/oz) From 0000.1 to 9999.9 US ounces/pulse (Default: 0000.1 oz/pulse) **Output pulse value** Min. 000.001 to 999.999 US ounces/sec Min flowrate safety (Default: 000.100 oz/sec) Max flowrate safety Max. 999,999 US oz per second (Default: 010.000 oz/sec) **Dose Limit** Max. 99999.9 US oz per batch cycle (Default: 00100.0 oz) **Max Backflow** From 00000.1 to 99999.9 US ounces (Default: 00001.0 oz)

Comparator difference 00.1 to 99.9% (Default: 05.0 i.e. 5.0% = +/-2.5%)

**Start Delay** 00.1 to 99.9 seconds (Default: 02.0 sec) **Stop Delay** 00.1 to 99.9 seconds (Default: 02.0 sec) Diff.channels 1 or 2 (Default: 2 channels) Max Output pulse rate 0001 to 1000 Hz (Default: 0012 Hz)

Pulse fail Is the function of Min/Max flowrate safety functions.



ME2008 8-channel unit, with 8CAT5E external panel and HP-CAT5E plug-in Programmer.

## FLOWMETER DATA GUIDE FOR ME2008 DATA ENTRY

ME2008 setup data for various flowmeters:

Set to 30-50% of the usual flowrate of the installation.

Set to 90% of the specified maximum flowrate of the flowmeter.

#### **Manu Flowmeters**

		Input pulses /	<u>Input pulses/</u>	<u>Min. Flow</u>	Max. Flow
Model No	<u>Description</u>	USG	US oz	Oz/sec	Oz/sec
MES20	20 mm pulse flowmeter	3785.441	29.5735	0.845	42.263
MES25	25 mm pulse flowmeter	2100.920	16.4133	1.521	63.112
MES32	32 mm pulse flowmeter	988.000	7.7187	2.141	104.248
MES40	40 mm pulse flowmeter	439.111	3.4305	4.226	211.313
MES20R	20mm reed pulse flowmeter	230.912	1.7922	0.845	42.263
MEA15	15 mm pulse flowmeter	3785.441	29.5735	0.141	22.540

**PMS ManuFlo Electromagnetic Flowmeters** 

3, 6, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 80, 100, 150, 200 and 250mm sizes can be programmed from 0.0296 to 2.9574 pulses per US ounce (pulses depend on size ordered). See the ManuFlo PMS Datasheet for flowranges.

#### **Other Manufacturer Flowmeters**

		Input pulses /	Input pulses/	Max. Flow
Model No	<u>Description</u>	USG	US oz	Oz/sec
RCDL 25	5/8" pulse flowmeter	198.340	1.5495	52.811
RCDL 35	3/4" pulse flowmeter	126.671	0.9896	73.706
RCDL 40	<ol> <li>pulse flowmeter</li> </ol>	89.781	0.7014	84.525
RCDL 70	<ol> <li>pulse flowmeter</li> </ol>	46.751	0.3652	145.383

## Many other types of flowmeters can be used with the ME2008.

Program parameters can be factory-entered or done onsite via the HP-CAT5E plug-in programmer (see below).



## Order Codes for ME2008

ME2008-6 6 channel unit (3 module) ME2008-8 8 channel unit (4 modules) then must also choose one option from at least EACH of the following three groups:

	-1A	240 vac power supply
(1) Power Supply	-1B	110 vac power supply
	-1C	24 vac power supply
	-1D	24 VDC power supply
(2) Start	-2A	240 vac start/reset relay logic fitted.
Input/Output Drives	-2B	110 vac start/reset relay logic fitted.
& Master Reset	-2C	24 vac start/reset relay logic fitted.
	-2D	24 VDC start/reset relay logic fitted.
(from PLC starts)	-2E	12 VDC start/reset relay logic fitted. Negative switching.
(3) Pulse Output (to	-3A	240 vac Moc3041 triac pulse output switching (only with '-1A' 240vac power supply option)
` '	-3B	Same ac voltage as for the start/reset option (i.e. 24vac or 110vac)
PLC input pulses)	-3C	5-30 VDC Open Collector pulse output. Suits Jonel/Compubatch/Autocon computers.

 Other
 -V1.8
 Software version with option to disable comparator function (each channel has 1 counter per flowmeter instead of 2)

 -IR
 Independent Resets for each 2-channel module in the ME2008.

 -USG
 US Gallons.

 -USOZ
 US Ounces

8CAT5E 4-way external panel, for programming up to 4 dual modules (includes HP-CAT5E)

es HP-CAT5E Programmer with CAT5E plug.

Spares HP-CAT5E Programmer with CAT5E plug.
HP Spare hand-held plug-in keypad pro-

HP Spare hand-held plug-in keypad programming module.

HK Hinge Kit.

Examples of ME2008 order codes for common computer configurations (always check the configuration for your computer):

Computer	ME2008 Order Code				
Command Batch	ME2008-8-1A-2A-3A	i.e.	240vac powered,	240 vac start/reset,	240 vac pulse output
ZiArgus	ME2008-8-1A-2D-3C	i.e.	240vac powered,	24 VDC start/reset,	5-30 VDC pulse output
Jonel / Archer	ME2008-8-1A-2A-3C	i.e.	240vac powered,	240 vac start/reset,	5-30 VDC pulse output
Scale Components	ME2008-8-1A-2E-3C	i.e.	240vac powered,	12 VDC start/reset,	5-30 VDC pulse output
Weightec	ME2008-8-1A-2D-3C	i.e.	240vac powered,	24 VDC start/reset,	5-30 VDC pulse output

	ME200	<b>)8 -</b> Pr	ogram	Recor	d Sheet				
Serial Number ME2008 Part No. C Voltages				Date (mm/dd/yy) : Software Version :					
Display in:			$\boxtimes$	US oz					
	ſ	Channel							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Flowmeter Model (part no.)									
K-FACTOR (CALIB	RATION)								
If not known: Set input parameter to 1, then run liquid, divide volume by count = pulses per unit.									
Input Pulses	• per Litre								
	• per US ounce								
PULSE OUTPUT VO	OLUME VALUE TO PLC								
Output Pulses	• Litres/pulse								
	US ounces /pulse								
MINIMUM FLOWRA	TE CUTOFF					-			
Min. flow	• Litres/sec								
	• US ounces/sec								
MAXIMUM FLOWR	ATE CUTOFF								
Max. flow	• Litres/sec								
	• US ounces/sec								
MAXIMUM BATCH	LIMIT								
Dose Limit	• total Litres								
	• total US oz								
MAXIMUM BACKFLOW									
	• Litres								
	• US oz								
Comparator diff	erence %								
Start Delay (seconds)									
Stop Delay (seconds)									
Max Output Rate (Hz)									
Date Programmed : By : Comments :			Dat By	e Comm	nissioned	:			

## ME2008 - Technical Guide

## **Lightning and Power Supply to ME2008**

- The Power Supply must come from the computer supply, which should have lightning arrestors already fitted to its Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS).
- Fitting a 0.03 to 0.1µF 250vac capacitor on the pump contactor coil (between pump drive of ME2008 and Neutral), helps eliminate any voltage spikes (see Figure 4 on Page 12).

#### STARTS DRIVES

Computer starts have Black Optos which are usually solid state optos. When computer starts, the Optos stay on ("110vac energized") for the duration of the batch cycle and turn off at completion of the batch cycle. When the optos turn off, sometimes a higher than normal residual leakage voltage is maintained e.g. 90 vac (so installers/maintainers must measure, on the batching computer, the leakage voltage, when a batch is NOT in progress, between each black Opto's start 110v Active and Neutral). This voltage is sometimes enough to keep ON relays that drive contactors or solenoid coils. If this occurs, fit a  $12k\Omega$  5W resistor between the Start Drive and Neutral connections (see Figure 4 on Page 12).

#### **Pulse Output**

In software version V1.7, the pulse output drive to the PLC optos is kept low when there are no output pulses, to help prevent noise. In V1.8, is as above, but also with ability to select a single counter for each flowmeter (so no need to bridge 1A and 1B, etc). Any units with software versions at 1.6 or earlier, should have their modules returned to ManuFlo to be upgraded to V1.7 or V1.8.

### **Comparitor Function Explained**

The reason for using 2 flowmeters per admix line is to have a double safety system against possible overdoses (as used in Hong Kong). Comparitor flowmeters should be installed within 3 metres of each other.

In the event of one flowmeter malfunctioning in any way, the other flowmeter will operate as normal and the ME2008 will warn the operator of any unusual discrepency between the two meters. Examples of possible flowmeter malfunctions include: clutching or jamming of measuring chamber due to foreign particle contamination; clutching of flowmeter due to broken components; excessive wear affecting accuracy tolerances of opposing measuring chambers; electronic pulse failure or intermittent or excessive counts.

The ME2008 Comparitor function is a calculated by a mathematical algorithm applied to the flowrate in order to produce a stable display and calculate difference between the two flowmeters. If flowmeter A1 is the principle flowmeter, then if it flows slower than flowmeter A2, the ME2008 will stop the batch, alarm will sound and LCD display will indicate "LOW FLOW". If flowmeter A2 flows slower than meter A1, then ME2008 will stop the batch, alarm will sound and LCD indicates "DIFFERENCE".

As a general rule, between the two LCD total displays for A1 and A2, the display that shows the higher volume is generally the correct one. To make sure, conduct a volumetric calibration test of 30 US Ounces. Then compare with the ME2008 displays for that admixture - the display which differs most from the actual value is the faulty flowmeter. NOTE: safety features are such that even using one flowmeter provides a fail safe system.

In MES-series meters, movement of liquid through the measurement chamber causes a disc to nutate/wobble. A known and precise volume of liquid is measured through the chamber, and movement information is transmitted via a contact free drive assembly to the electronic head which generates pulses transmitted back to the ME2008. **Number of pulses is proportional to flow: 29.574 pulses = 1 US oz (for a 20mm MES20 flowmeter).** If the measurement chamber becomes worn overtime (mainly due to excessive impurities passing through the chamber), the proportion of pulses representing volume will change.

## Warnings on ME2008 display – SOLUTION GUIDE

"Low Flow" (alarm sounds

"High Flow" (alarm sounds)

"Output Overrun"

"Overdose"

"Backflow"

"Diff Flow"

"Settings Lost" (or frozen display condition)

- Pulse fail (missing pulses due to flowmeter jamming, airlock in delivery line, pulse cable problem etc).
- High flow above setting (flowmeter running over max. set flowrange velocity).
   Higher pulse rate than pulse out Hz (frequency) maximum setting.
- Limit exceeded on setting during batch.
- There is flow of liquid after a batch completes. Possible causes:
  - \* Faulty check valve;
  - \* The contactor to the pump is stuck on;
  - \* Excessive vibration at the flowmeter, which may be causing spurious pulses.

See also TROUBLESHOOTING - BACKFLOW on next page.

- When using dual flowmeters, excessive difference between the meters indicates that a meter is faulty;
- 1 Dirty electricity power supply problem or severe industrial spikes/noise.
  The computer system has a Uninteruptable Power Supply (UPS), it is better that the ME2008's power supply comes from the UPS, and not from other 110vac 2<sup>nd</sup> phases.
- 2 Sometimes spiking contactor coils in close proximity to ME2008 can cause interference. Fitting 0.01 to 0.03μF 250 vac capacitors on the pump contactor coils (between Neutral and the R1 pin of the DCM black X1 plug) helps eliminate spikes (see Figure 4 on Page 12).
- 3 To re-enable the module showing "settings lost", proceed as follows:
  - Plug the hand-held Programmer into the Dual Channel Module;
  - To restore the default settings (which include input calibration 01.0000 pulses/US-ounce, divided pulse output 0000.1 ounces/pulse), push 2 buttons simultaneously on the Programmer, being either the 2 arrow buttons or the DOWN and UP buttons;
  - Re-enter parameters (via the Programmer) and refer to program sheet settings.
- 4 If the software version is earlier than V1.7, then return module(s) to ManuFlo for software upgrade.

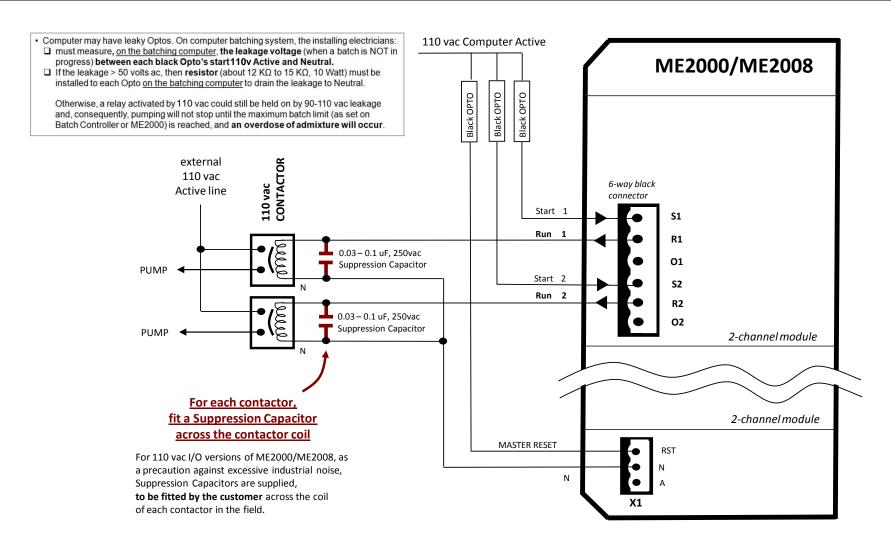


Figure 4. Fitting Suppression Capacitors to prevent electrical noise, and Resistors to prevent voltage leakage.



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## **TROUBLESHOOTING - PLC IS MISSING PULSES**

Check that the value of MAX OUT RATE is not set unnecessarily high, as this will affect the duty cycle of the pulses (i.e. will narrow the pulse width) which may make it difficult for the receiving PLC to detect the pulses. Example: if the receiving PLC can only detect pulses at a rate up to 15 Hz, then set MAX OUT RATE to 15 and not to 100.

## **TROUBLESHOOTING - BACKFLOW**

In some installations with standard MES flowmeters, the ME2008 may count without batching being in progress, causing a "Back Flow" alarm.

- Usually, this is due to the Non-Return Valve not closing, thus allowing backflow which results in counts. Ensure that the Non-Return Valve is clean and operating correctly. The threshold before a backflow alarm occurs is programmable.
- If Non-Return Valve is OK, then check that the contactor to the pump is not stuck on (replace the contactor if it is stuck on). For greater reliability, do not use plug-in relays.
- 3 Ensure that shielded cable is used. If cable is not shielded, then interference can be picked up and transmitted to the ME2008 which will interpret it as backflow.
- If shielding is OK, then possible cause is vibration in plant near MES meters. Install flowmeters away from vibration causes, or anchor meters with rubber mounts.
- 5 If vibration is still prevalent, then using MES-R Reed Switch flowmeter pulseheads is recommended.
  - The MES-R pulsehead is GREEN in colour with a square junction box (2 wire connection) this distinguishes them from the ordinary MES black/white round junction pulseheads.
  - The MES-R pulsehead is much less sensitive to vibration, having much higher hysteresis.



See installation and programming instructions below, in particular that reprogramming of the ME2008 is required because an MES20-R gives 1.8039 pulses/US-ounce, instead of the MES20's 29.5735 pulses/US-ounce.

## MES-R INSTALLATION and PROGRAMMING

- A. Replace MES pulsehead with an MES-R pulsehead.
- B. Wire "Shield" and "Pulse" connections only. This is a 2-wire connection only DO NOT wire +12v into pulsehead.
- C. Program the ME2008 Input Pulse to following factors:

for MES20-R 20mm: 01.8039 pulses/US-ounce for MES25-R 25mm: 01.0055 pulses/US-ounce All other program factors remain unchanged.

D. VERY IMPORTANT

After replacement and programming of pulsehead, take a calibration test before you leave the plant.

Note:

Pulse resolution of MES20-R 20mm is 0.554 US-ounces/Pulse Pulse resolution of MES25-R 25mm is 0.994 US-ounces/Pulse

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