

Operation instructions

RMU-A Module BASICS

Flow Monitor



Series RMU-A

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Read this manual prior to performing any task!

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1 Overview

1.1 Short description

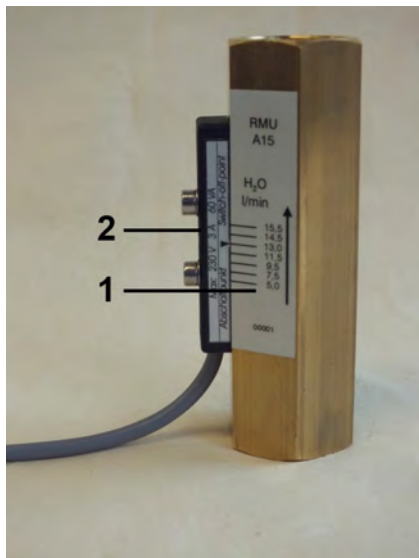


Fig. 1: RMU-A flow monitor

- 1 Switch point adjustment scale
- 2 Switch contact with connection cable

The flow monitor RMU-A monitors the continuous flow of liquids. It is designed for installation in pipe systems.

A float inside the device is moved by the medium flowing through it. The desired switch point can be set on the switch point adjustment scale, whereby the arrow on the switch contact is aligned to the desired volume flow value on the switch point adjustment scale.

The cable can be connected to external measuring devices.

1.2 Warranty and guarantee provisions

Warranty and guarantee provisions are contained in the general terms and conditions of Meister Strömungstechnik.

1.3 Customer service

For technical support, please contact our customer service department (for contact details, see Page 2).

Furthermore, our staff is always interested in receiving new information and experiences gained from application of the device, which may be useful in improving our products.

2 Safety

This chapter provides an overview of important safety aspects required for optimum protection of personnel as well as for safe installation and safe operation of the device.

Non-observance of the handling and safety instructions listed in this manual may result in hazardous/dangerous conditions and in damage to property.

2.1 Explanation of symbols

Safety instructions

Safety instructions in this manual are marked by symbols. The safety instructions are preceded by signal words that indicate the level of danger/hazard.

To prevent accidents or injury to persons as well as damage to property, always observe the safety instructions and proceed carefully.



DANGER!

This combination of symbol and signal word indicates an immediate, dangerous condition that results in death or serious injury if it is not avoided.



WARNING!

This combination of symbol and signal word indicates a possibly dangerous condition that might result in death or serious injury if it is not avoided.



CAUTION!

This combination of symbol and signal word indicates a possibly dangerous condition that might result in minor or slight injury if it is not avoided.



NOTICE!

This combination of symbol and signal word indicates a possibly dangerous condition that might result in damage to property and to the environment if it is not avoided.



Designates step-by-step handling instructions



Designates a state or an automatic sequence as a result of a specific operating step

■ Designates randomly ordered enumerations and list entries

↪ *“Signs used in these instructions” on page 9*, designates references to chapters in these instructions

Tips and recommendations



This symbol emphasizes useful tips and recommendations as well as information for efficient and failure-free operation.

Signs used in these instructions

The following signs and highlightings are used in these instructions to identify handling instructions, the description of results, lists/enumerations, references and other elements:

2.2 Correct use in accordance with these instructions

The device is designed and constructed exclusively for the intended use described herein.

Table 1: Correct use in non-hazard areas

The flow monitor serves exclusively to monitor the continuous flow of liquids within a temperature range of -20 °C to 100 °C (optional: 160 °C) at a maximum operating pressure of 250 bar (brass version).

Correct use in explosion-hazard zones

Explosion-proof switch contacts are currently not available for the RMU-A series flow monitor.

Any additional or different application, above and beyond the correct use in accordance with these instructions, is deemed as incorrect use.



WARNING!

Danger due to incorrect use!

Incorrect use of the flow monitor may result in dangerous conditions.

- Use the flow monitor only within the stipulated performance limits

- Do not subject the flow monitor to severe temperature fluctuations
- Do not use the flow monitor with quick acting valves
- Do not use the flow monitor with solenoid valves
- Do not subject the flow monitor to vibrations
- Do not subject the flow monitor to pressure surges
- Do not use the flow monitor with media containing solids or abrasives
- Use the flow monitor only with media previously approved by the manufacturer
- Do not use the flow monitor as the sole monitoring device to prevent dangerous conditions
- Do not install the flow monitor as a supporting part within a pipeline system
- The flow monitor must be installed so that it is protected from damage by mechanical force. If necessary, install an appropriate impact protection device.

All claims for damages due to incorrect use are excluded.

2.3 Special precautions

The following section lists residual risks that might arise from the device.

To reduce health risks and prevent dangerous conditions, observe the safety instructions listed here as well as the safety instruction in the other chapters of these Operating Instructions.



DANGER!

RMU-A devices are not suitable for employment in explosion hazard zones.



These Operating Instructions cannot cover all conceivable dangers because many dangers arise, not from the device itself, but from the respective media flowing through it. Always observe the appropriate safety data sheets when using hazardous media!

2.3.1 Hazards from electrical current

Electrical current



DANGER!

Danger to life from electrical current!

There is an immediate risk to life from electrocution on touching live parts. Damaged electrical insulation or components can be extremely dangerous.

- Only qualified electricians shall work on the electrical system.
- If the insulation is damaged, immediately switch off and have repairs performed.
- Before commencing work on live parts of the electrical systems and operating equipment, disconnect the equipment and ensure that it remains disconnected for the duration of the work. Observe these 5 safety rules when doing so:
 - Isolate (disconnect)
 - Secure against switching back on
 - Check for absence of voltage
 - Ground and short

- Cover or cordon off other live parts in the vicinity
- Never bridge fuses or put them out of operation. Always observe the correct current ratings when replacing fuses
- Keep moisture away from live parts. This can result in short-circuit

2.3.2 Mechanical hazards

 **WARNING!**

Risk of injury due to fractured housing and leakage!

Unauthorized temperatures or excessive pressure may cause the flow monitor body or the process connections to burst. Injury may be caused by flying debris and escaping media.

- Keep within the stipulated operating limits
- Wear personal protective equipment
- Avoid severe temperature fluctuations
- Avoid pressure surges

 **WARNING!**

Risk of injury on sharp edges and pointed corners!

Sharp edges and pointed corners can cause abrasions and skin cuts.

- Proceed with caution when working near sharp edges and pointed corners
- If in doubt, wear protective gloves

2.3.3 Hazards from high or low temperatures

Hot or cold surfaces



WARNING!

Risk of injury from hot or cold surfaces!

Surfaces of components may heat up/cool down dramatically due to the media flowing through them. Skin contact with hot or cold surfaces may cause severe skin burn or frostbite.

- Always wear temperature-resistant protective work clothing and protective gloves when working near hot/cold surfaces
- Before commencing work, make sure that all surfaces have been cooled down or warmed up to ambient temperature

2.3.4 Radiation hazards

Strong magnetic fields



WARNING!

Danger to life from strong magnetic fields!

Strong magnetic fields may cause severe injury or even be fatal, as well as cause considerable damage to property.

- Persons with pacemakers must not be located in the vicinity of the device. This could impair the function of the pacemaker
- Persons with metal implants must not be located in the vicinity of the device. Implants can heat up or be attracted magnetically
- Keep ferromagnetic materials and electromagnets away from the magnetic source. These materials could be attracted and fly through the room, thereby injuring or even killing persons. Minimum clearance: 3 m
- Remove and put away metal objects before maintenance work (jewelry, watches, writing implements, etc.)

- Do not place any electronic devices within the vicinity of the magnetic source. These could be damaged
- Do not place any electronic storage media, credit cards, etc. within the vicinity of the magnetic source. Data could be deleted

2.3.5 Hazards caused by media

Hazardous media

WARNING!

Risk of injury from hazardous media!

If the flow monitor is used for toxic, corrosive or very hot/cold media, there is a risk of serious injury from escaping media.

- Observe details in the safety data sheet of the media
- Comply with the safety, accident prevention and environmental protection regulations appropriate to the media used
- Wear personal protective equipment in accordance with the safety data sheet

2.4 Personnel requirements

WARNING!

Risk of injury due to insufficiently trained and qualified personnel!

If unqualified personnel work on the device or are located within its hazard zone, dangers arise which may result in serious injury and considerable damage to property.

- All work must be performed by qualified personnel only.
- Keep unqualified personnel away from hazard zones.

Authorized personnel is to be restricted to those persons who can be expected to perform their work reliably. Persons whose ability to respond is influenced, e.g. by drugs, alcohol or medication, are not authorized.

Observe the age and occupational regulations at the site when choosing personnel.

The following lists the personnel qualifications for the various areas of activity:

Qualified electrician

Due to specialized training, knowledge and experience as well as knowledge of the relevant standards and regulations, the qualified electrician is able to independently perform work on the electrical systems as well as to detect and avoid possible risks and dangers.

Additionally, the electrician must provide proof of his/her professional qualification that certifies his/her ability to perform work on electrical systems.

The qualified electrician must fulfill the requirements contained in the valid legal accident-prevention regulations.

Qualified personnel

Due to their specialized training, knowledge and experience as well as their knowledge of the relevant standards and regulations, qualified personnel are able to independently perform the work assigned to them as well as to detect and avoid possible risks and dangers.

2.5 Personal safety equipment

Personal safety equipment is used to protect personnel from hazards/dangers that might impair their safety or health during work.

When performing the various tasks at, and with the device, personnel must wear personal safety equipment. Special reference is made of this in the individual chapters within these Operating Instructions. The following provides a description of the personal safety equipment:

- Always wear appropriate personal safety equipment required in the various chapters of these Operating Instructions before commencing work.
- Comply with the personal safety equipment instructions posted within the work area.

Description of personal safety equipment

As specified in the Safety Data Sheet of the medium, protective equipment must be worn when handling hazardous media. In addition, the specifications of the system operator must be followed. If no protective equipment is specified, suitable protective gloves and goggles must be worn.

The protective equipment is used to protect against hazardous media leaks and hazardous media residue in the device.

Goggles



The goggles are used to protect the eyes from flying debris and splashing fluid.

Protective gloves



Protective gloves protect the hands from friction, burns, grazing, abrasion, surface cuts or deeper injuries, as well as from direct contact with hot or cold surfaces.

2.6 Protective systems

Integration within an emergency-stop concept is required

The device is designed for use as a part of a machine or system. It does not have its own controller and does not have an autonomous emergency-stop function.

Before starting up the device, install the emergency-stop equipment and incorporate it into the safety chain of the machine or system.

Connect the emergency-stop equipment so that if there is an interruption in the power supply or in the activation of the power supply after an interruption, dangerous conditions are excluded for persons and valuables.

The emergency-stop equipment must always be freely accessible.

2.7 Replacement parts

WARNING!

Risk of injury due to use of incorrect replacement parts!

Use of incorrect or faulty replacement parts may result in dangers to personnel as well as damages, malfunctions or total failure.

- Only use original replacement parts from the manufacturer or approved by the manufacturer.
- Always contact the manufacturer in case of doubt.

Always purchase replacement parts from an authorized dealer or directly from the manufacturer (For contact details, see Page 2).

The replacement parts list is in the annex.

2.8 Environmental protection

! NOTICE!

Risk to the environment due to improper handling of environmentally hazardous substances!

Serious environmental damage may result if substances harmful to the environment are handled incorrectly, especially if they are disposed of improperly.

- Always observe the instructions listed below on the handling and disposal of substances harmful to the environment.
- If harmful substances are released into the environment, take immediate countermeasures. If there is doubt, contact the local authorities, inform them of the damage and request information on suitable countermeasures to be taken.

Cleaning fluids

Solvent-based cleaning fluids contain toxic substances. They must never be released into the environment and must be disposed of by a waste management company.

Lubricants

Lubricants such as greases and oils contain toxic substances. They must never be released into the environment and must be disposed of by a waste management company.

2.9 Responsibility of the owner

Owner

The owner is the person who operates the device himself for business or commercial purposes or who cedes such use/application to a third-party and who, during operation of the device, has full legal product stewardship for protection of the user, the personnel or third-parties.

Duties of the owner

The device is used in the commercial sector. The owner of the device is therefore subject to legal obligations pertaining to work safety.

In addition to the safety instructions contained in these Operating Instructions, the safety, accident prevention and environmental protection regulations applicable to the field of application of the device must be observed.

In particular, this includes:

- The owner must inform himself regarding the valid health and safety regulations and must perform a risk assessment to additionally determine the risks resulting from the special work conditions arising at the location at which the device is used, especially in regard to the media used. He must then implement these within Operating Instructions for use of the device.
 - **For the USA:**
The "Occupational Health and Safety Act" of 1970 stipulates that it is the duty of the owner to provide a safe workplace. He must hereby ensure that the device is operated and maintained compliant to valid commercial, industrial, local, federal and state laws, standards and regulations.
 - **For Canada:**
The "Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety Act" of 1978 stipulates that all Canadians have "...a fundamental right to a healthy and safe working environment." It is therefore the duty of the owner to provide a safe workplace. He must ensure that the device is operated and maintained compliant to valid commercial, industrial, local, provincial, territorial and federal laws, standards and regulations.
 - Appropriate to the working conditions and the media used, the owner must affix signs within the working area that inform the user of the hazards and dangers present.
 - During the entire period of use of the device, the owner must check periodically to ensure that the Operating Instructions correspond to the current state of regulations, and he must make adjustments as necessary.
 - The owner must clearly regulate and determine responsibilities for installation, operation, troubleshooting, maintenance and cleaning.
 - The owner must fit/retrofit suitable safety equipment within the complete plant/system.
 - The owner must ensure that all staff/personnel have thoroughly read and understand these instructions before handling the device. Additionally, he must train the personnel at regular intervals and warn them of dangers.
 - The owner must provide the personnel with the required safety equipment and must instruct them that its wear is mandatory.
- Additionally, the owner is responsible for ensuring that the device is always kept in a technically perfect condition. The following therefore applies:

- The owner must implement suitable safety measures, appropriate to the media used.
- Different media have different severities of influence on the soiling and wear of/to the device. The owner must set suitable maintenance intervals, depending on the media flowing through the device.
- The owner must ensure that the maintenance intervals described in these Operating Instructions are adhered to at all times.
- The owner must ensure that the device is completely free of all residual media before disposal. Remains of corrosive or toxic materials must be neutralized.

3 Design and function

3.1 Overview

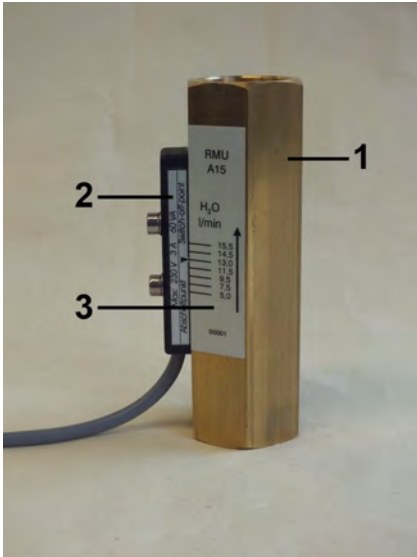


Fig. 2: Overview

- 1 Device body
- 2 Switch contact with cable
- 3 Switch point adjustment scale

3.2 Device description

RMU-A flow monitors work according to the functional principle of the variable area flow meter. The flow monitor is installed into a pipe line system and measures the flow rate of the medium flowing through the pipe line.

A float inside the flow monitor is moved by the flowing medium. A magnetic field is generated by the magnets inside the float. The position of the float is detected by a switch contact. The desired switch point can be set on the switch point adjustment scale by moving the switch contact.

Applications for RMU-A flow monitors are, for example, cooling circuits. The device monitors the volume flow of the cooling media to ensure sufficient cooling. If the flow drops below the threshold set by the operator, the switch contact opens (Normally Open Contact).

3.3 Component description

Switch contact

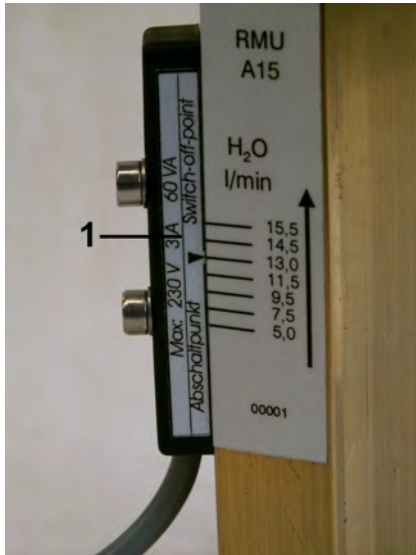


Fig. 3: Switch contact with connection cable

A potential-free Reed contact is cast into the switch contact (Fig. 3/1). The device is supplied with a connection cable.

Switch point adjustment scale



Fig. 4: Switch point adjustment scale

A scale is applied to the device body, to which the desired switch point can be adjusted.

4 Transport, packaging and storage

4.1 Safety instructions for transport

Improper transport

NOTICE!

The device could be damaged if transported improperly!

Objects to be transported may fall or overturn if transported improperly. This may result in damage to the device and/or property.

- Proceed carefully when unloading transported packages, both on delivery and when transporting in-house. Observe the symbols and instructions on the shipping box
- Remove packaging material just prior to assembly

4.2 Transport inspection

On delivery, make an immediate check for completeness and check for transport damages.

If there are any visible external transport damages, proceed as follows:

- Do not accept the delivery
- Note the damage in the shipping documents or on the delivery note of the transporter and have the driver confirm by signature
- Initiate a claim for damages



Make a claim for each fault as soon as it is detected. Claims for damages can only be invoked within the valid claim periods.

4.3 Packaging

About packaging

The packaging serves to protect the individual components from transport damages, corrosion and other damages until they are installed. Do not discard the packaging and only remove the device from the shipping box immediately before installation.

Handling packaging materials

Dispose of packaging material in accordance with the valid legal regulations and local ordinances.

! NOTICE!

Danger to the environment due to incorrect disposal!

Packaging is made of valuable raw materials and can be reused in many cases or usefully processed and recycled. Improper disposal of packaging materials may pose a danger to the environment.

- Dispose of packaging material in an environmentally safe manner
- Comply with the local disposal regulations. If necessary, have the packaging disposed of by approved specialists.

4.4 Symbols on the shipping box

Top



The arrows indicate the top side of the package. They must always point upwards, otherwise the content may be damaged.

Fragile



Designates packages with breakable or damageable contents.

Handle the package carefully and do not allow it to fall or be subjected to jarring or severe vibration.

4.5 Storage

Storing the packages

Store the packages under the following conditions:

- Do not store in the open
- Store dry and dust-free
- Do not subject to any aggressive media
- Protect from direct sunlight
- Avoid mechanical vibrations and shocks
- Storage temperature: 0 to 35 °C / 32 °F to 95 °F
- Relative humidity: max. 60 %
- Do not stack
- If storing for longer than 3 months, regularly check the general condition of all parts as well as of the packaging.



Storage instructions in addition to the instructions listed here may be listed on the packages. Follow these instructions also.

5 Installation and initial startup

5.1 Safety

Incorrect installation and initial startup



WARNING!

Risk of injury due to incorrect installation and initial startup!

Incorrect installation and initial startup may result in severe injury and considerable damage to property.

- Ensure that the site is sufficiently cleared of obstructions before commencing work
- Handle open or sharp edged components carefully
- Ensure that the assembly location is orderly and clean! Parts and tools lying about or on top of each other are potential causes for accidents
- Assemble components properly. Observe the stipulated tightening torque of screws
- Before initial startup, make sure that all installation work has been performed and completed in compliance with the specifications and instructions in these Operating Instructions

Safeguard against restart



WARNING!

Danger to life due to unauthorized restart!

There is a risk of severe or even fatal injury due to unauthorized restart of the power supply during installation.

- Before commencing work, switch off the power supply to the entire system/plant and secure against restart

5.2 Requirements at the place of installation

The place of installation must meet the following requirements:

- The device must not be under water.
- The surrounding area must be sufficiently illuminated.
- There must be sufficient space to prevent accumulation of trapped heat.
- The device must not be installed as a supporting part in a pipe construction.
- The device may not have anything affixed to, or suspended from it.

- The flow monitor must be installed in such a way as to preclude damage by outside force. It must be ensured that the flow monitor cannot be damaged. If necessary, install an appropriate impact protection device.
- External magnetic fields will influence the switch contact. Keep sufficient distance to magnetic fields (e.g. electric motors).
- Piping, process connections or supports made of ferromagnetic material influence the magnetic field of the device. Keep a space of minimum 100 mm to those materials (e.g. steel).

 **WARNING!**

Danger due to incorrect installation!

If the requirements are not met when installing the flow monitor, dangerous/hazardous conditions may arise.

- Do not install the flow monitor as a supporting part in a pipe system
- Do not use the flow monitor with quick-acting valves
- Do not use the flow monitor with solenoid valves

5.3 Preparatory work

The following requirements must be met during installation to ensure correct functioning of the flow monitor:

Installation position/direction of flow

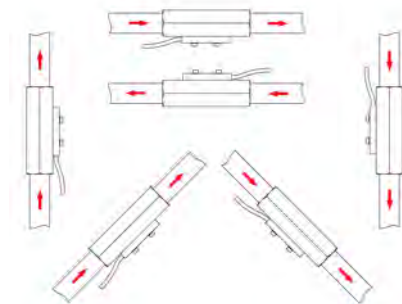


Fig. 5: Installation position/direction of flow

Install the flow monitor only in one of the positions displayed in the drawing. The medium must flow in the direction of the arrow (from a low to a high scale value).

Unimpeded flow sections

! NOTICE!

Measuring inaccuracy due to incorrect installation!

The measuring accuracy of the flow monitor is influenced by its position within the pipe system. Changes in cross-section, branch-offs or bends in the pipe line system impair measuring accuracy.

- Ensure that the unimpeded flow sections are maintained
- Never reduce the hose diameter immediately before the device



We recommend unimpeded flow sections, type BS-228.

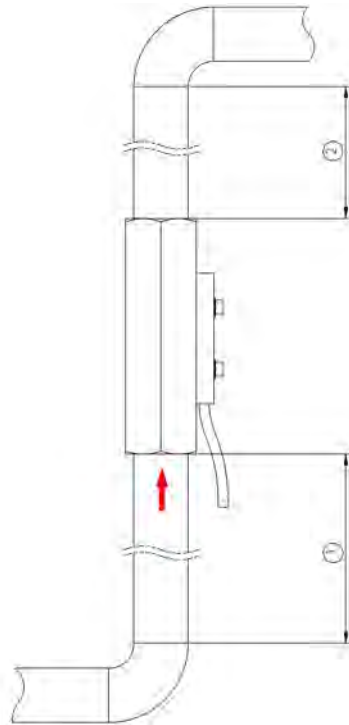


Fig. 6: Unimpeded flow sections

- 1 10x DN
 - 2 5x DN
- An unimpeded flow section of 10xDN (rated width) must be maintained before the device.
 - An unimpeded flow section of 5xDN (rated width) must be maintained after the device.

Unimpeded outlet

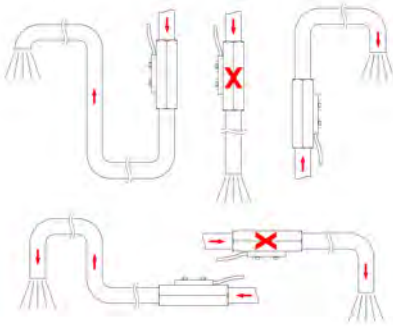


Fig. 7: Unimpeded outlet

If the pipe line ends at an unimpeded outlet, the flow monitor must not be installed directly in front of the opening. The device must always be completely filled with media to ensure measuring accuracy.

Strainer

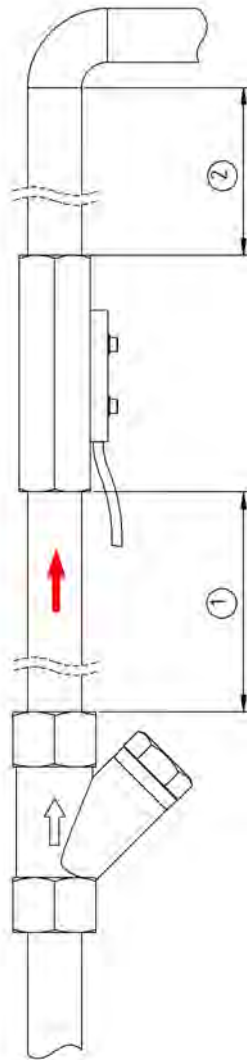





Fig. 8: Strainer

- 1 min. 10x DN
- 2 min. 5x DN

If the medium is contaminated by solids, a strainer must be installed before the device (Fig. 8).



We recommend a Type SF, SFD or SFM strainer.

1.  Unpack the device and visually inspect the device to ensure that it is free of packaging materials
2.  Examine the device for residue of test medium and drain, if necessary
3.  Check the device for soiling and flush with clean medium, if necessary

Prepare the device

NOTICE!

Risk of damage to property due to contamination!

Contamination and deposits may impair the free movement of the float, thereby damaging the device.

- Ensure that there are no foreign particles in the device
- Ensure that the device is not soiled
- Do not use any medium containing solids

5.4 Installation in the pipe line



WARNING!

Risk of injury from pressurized lines!

If the pipe system is under pressure when installing the device, severe injuries may result.

- Depressurize the pipe system before installing the device



Due to quality assurance measures, there may be some test medium (water) residue in the device.

 **WARNING!**

Risk of injury from hot or cold surfaces!

Pipe lines can heat up/cool down dramatically due to the media flowing through them. Skin contact with hot or cold surfaces may cause severe skin burn or frost bite.

- Before commencing work, ensure that the system has been controlled to a temperature range between 0 and 40 °C
- Do not touch any parts of the system that are either very hot or very cold.
- Always wear heat-resistant/cold-resistant protective clothing and protective gloves when working near hot/cold surfaces.

 **WARNING!**

Risk of injury from media in the pipe system!

If the pipe system contains hazardous media, severe injuries may be caused by escaping media.

- Before installation, ensure that the pipe system is empty and does not contain media residue
- Always wear personal protective equipment during installation
- Provide suitable draining devices (collection tanks, etc.)

 **NOTICE!**

Risk of damage to the device due to contamination in the pipe line system!

Dirt and foreign particles entering the device can damage the device and impair its operation.

- Ensure that the pipe system is clean before installing the device
- If necessary, flush the pipe system with clean medium before installation




A suitable sealant must be selected depending on the condition/composition of the hose lines, the medium and the operating and environmental conditions. The sealing method described here is only an example and cannot be used in all cases.

Sealing the pipe connection

Personnel:

- Qualified personnel

1.  Nap the thread

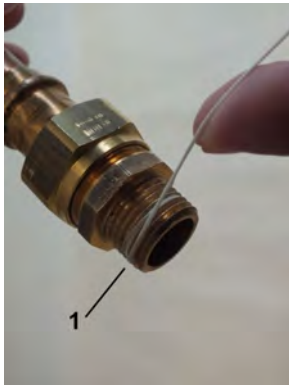


Fig. 9: Apply sealing thread


2.  Apply sealing thread (Fig. 9/1) to the napped area in the threaded direction. Observe the quantity recommended by the sealant manufacturer.



Fig. 10: Pipe connection with sealing thread

- ⇒ The pipe line is now ready for assembly (Fig. 10)

Install device in the pipe system

Personnel:


- Qualified personnel

Protective equipment:

- Protective gloves

Tools:

- Fixed spanner

 **CAUTION!**

Do not hold the device by its threads. These are sharp edged and may cause injury

1. Place the threaded end of the device onto the thread of the connecting pipe



Fig. 11: Screw in the device

2. Fasten the adapter union of the pipe line with an appropriate spanner (Fig. 11/2). When doing so, lock the process connection of the device in place to prevent slip, using a suitable spanner (Fig. 11/1).



Fig. 12: Screw in the device

3. Keep turning in the adapter union (Fig. 12/2) while holding the process connection of the device locked (Fig. 12/1) until the connection is tight.
4. Repeat these steps at the other end of the device.

5.5 Initial startup

The following steps must be taken before initial startup and any subsequent startup (e.g. after removal and installation during maintenance).

1. 



WARNING!

Ensure that the plant is operating vibration-free. Vibrations could destroy the device. This may result in serious injury to the user.

5. 



NOTICE!

Ensure that the plant is operating without cavitation. Cavitation may result in malfunctions and damage to the device.

2. 



WARNING!

Ensure that the medium is flowing continuously. Pulse-like staggered loads could destroy the device. This may result in serious injury to the user.

3. 



NOTICE!

Completely fill the pipelines. Partial filling(s) may result in malfunctions and damage to the device.

4. 



NOTICE!

Vent the pipeline. If there are air pockets in the line during the measurement, this could result in damage to the device caused by hydraulic shock. This may cause malfunctions.

5.6 Electrical connection

The electrical connection of the flow monitor is accomplished through the cast on power cable. The switch contacts employed in these devices are potential free and do not require a power source. Switch contact and flow monitor have been optimally harmonized. After replacement of a switch contact, the switch point must be readjusted.



DANGER!

Danger to life from electrical current!

There is an immediate risk of life from electrocution on touching live parts. Damage to the electrical insulation or single components can be extremely dangerous.

- Only qualified electricians shall work on the electrical system
- If the insulation is damaged then immediately switch off and have repairs carried out
- Before commencing work on live parts of electrical systems and components, disconnects the equipment and ensure that it remains disconnected for the duration of the work. Observe these 5 rules when doing so:

- Isolate (disconnect)
- secure against switching back on
- Check for absence of voltage
- Ground and short
- Cover or cordon off other live parts in the vicinity
- Never bridge fuses or put them out of operation. Always observe the correct current ratings when replacing fuses
- Keep moisture away from live parts. This can result in short circuit

5.6.1 Plug connector EN175301-803

Not available for this device series

5.6.2 Plug connector M12x1

Not available for this device series

5.6.3 Cable

The individual cores of the cable are numbered according to the following connection diagram.

Wiring diagram

normally open:



Fig. 13: Switch position under no-flow condition

5.6.4 Degree of protection (IP-Code)

The specified degree of protection (IP) is only ensured if approved connection material is used (see following table).

Device connection	Specification of connection material	Degree of protection
Cable	-	IP67

5.7 Grounding the device

When installing the device in a pipe system, ensure that the device is grounded to the pipe system to avoid a dangerous electrical potential difference.

5.8 Plug connection

Personnel:

- Qualified electrician

For devices of the RMU-A series, only switch contacts with sealed-in connection cables are available.

5.9 Contact protection measures

The Reed-switches used in the switch contacts are designed to be very sensitive to overload. To prevent destruction of the switch contact, the values specified on the rating plate of the switch contact must never be exceeded (not even temporarily).

There is a risk of overload from:

- inductive loads
- capacitive loads
- ohmic loads.

Suitable measures must be taken to protect against overload (see following examples):

Inductive load

There is danger of voltage peaks from inductive loads when switching off (up to 10 times the rated voltage). Inductive loads are caused by, e.g.:

- Contactors, relays
- Solenoid valves
- Electric motors

Examples of protective measures:



Fig. 14: Example 1

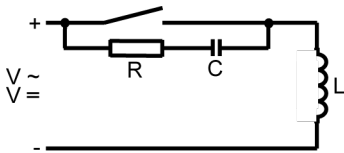


Fig. 15: Example 2

Capacitive loads

There is a danger of high current peaks from capacitive loads when switching-on the switch contact (exceeding rated current). Capacitive loads are caused by, e.g.:

- Long connecting cables
- Capacitive consumers

Example of protective measure:

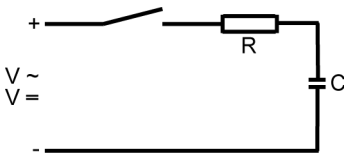


Fig. 16: Protective measure against capacitive loads

Ohmic loads

There is a danger of high current peaks from ohmic loads when switching-on the switch contact. The reason for this is that the glow filament has a low resistance at low temperatures. Ohmic loads are caused by, e.g.:

- Filament bulbs
- Motors during startup

Examples of protective measures:

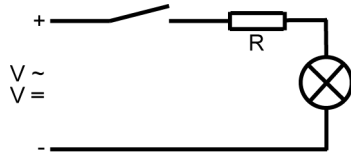


Fig. 17: Example 1

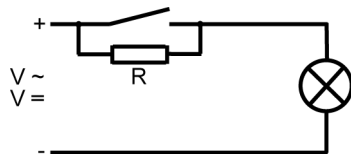


Fig. 18: Example 2

Protection against ohmic loads can be achieved through installation of a resistor in the circuit, or by heating the glow filament. For connection to high-impedance consumers (ex. PLC), a protective circuit is not needed.

6 Operation

6.1 Setting the switch point

Setting the switch point of an installed device



The following instructions describe the procedure for a Normally Open Contact (NOC). The actual state (open or closed) can be determined using a continuity meter.

Personnel:

- Qualified personnel

Tools:

- Hex screwdriver

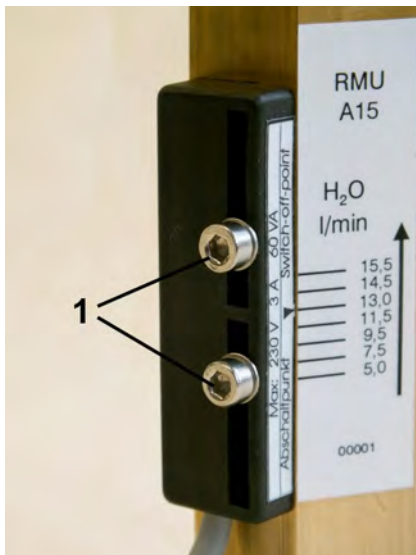


Fig. 19: Loosen set screws (example switch point adjustment scale)

1. ➤ Loosen the set screws of the switch contact (Fig. 19/1) using a hex screwdriver.
2. ➤ Slide the switch contact to the flow value to be monitored. Make sure that the arrow on the switch contact data plate is in exact alignment with the desired flow rate on the switch point adjustment scale.
3. ➤ Tighten the set screws of the switch contact (Fig. 19/1) using a hex screwdriver. When doing so, observe the correct tightening torque of the screws.

🔗 Chapter 11.1 “Tightening torque” on page 62

- ⇒ The set switch point corresponds to the switch-off point of the switch contact by decreasing flow.

Setting the switch point of a non-installed device

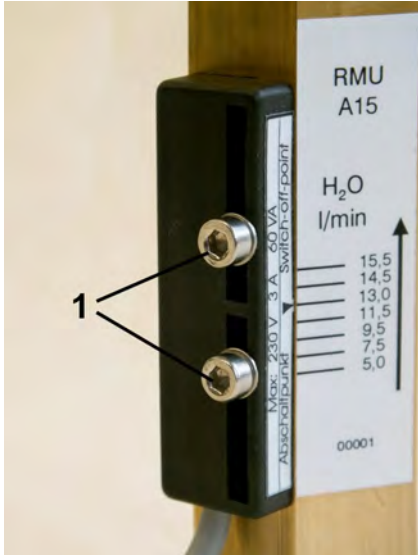


Fig. 20: Loosen the set screws (example switch point adjustment scale)

↪ Chapter 11.1 “Tightening torque” on page 62

⇒ The set switch point corresponds to the switch-off point of the switch contact by decreasing flow.

1. ➔ Loosen the set screws of the switch contact (Fig. 20/1) using a hex screwdriver.
2. ➔ Slide the switch contact to the flow value to be monitored. Make sure that the arrow on the switch contact data plate is in alignment with the desired flow rate on the switch point adjustment scale.
3. ➔ Tighten the set screws of the switch contact (Fig. 20/1) using a hex screwdriver. When doing so, observe the correct tightening torque.

6.2 Checking the flow

Reading-off the flow value

Personnel:

- Qualified personnel

Protective equipment:

- Goggles




3.  Read-off the flow value from the switch point adjustment scale



Fig. 21: Reading-off the flow value (example switch point adjustment scale)

1.  Make sure that the setting arrow and the scale mark on the switch point adjustment scale are in alignment (Fig. 21).
2.  Look straight on. By viewing at an angle from above or below, the reading can be falsified. (Parallax error).

7 Troubleshooting

This chapter describes possible malfunctions of the device, their causes and repair.

If malfunctions persist or increase, shorten the maintenance interval to meet the actual operating conditions.

For malfunctions not described in this chapter, please contact the manufacturer (see service address on page 2).

7.1 Safety

Work performed incorrectly to remedy a malfunction



WARNING!

Risk of injury due to incorrect repair of malfunction!






Work performed incorrectly may result in severe injury and considerable damage to property.

- Ensure that the site is sufficiently cleared before commencing work
- Ensure that the repair location is orderly and clean! Components and tools that are lying about or on top of each other are potential causes of accidents
- If components have been removed, observe correct assembly procedures. Reinstall all fixing/fastening elements and observe the prescribed tightening torque for the screws
- Before placing the device back into operation, ensure that all work has been performed and completed in compliance with the specifications and instructions in these Operating Instructions

Conduct in case of malfunction

The complete machine or system may be unsafe if there is a defect at the flow monitor (e.g. fractured housing).

The following always applies:

1.  In case of malfunctions that present an immediate danger to persons or valuables, proceed according to the valid emergency plans for the system
2.  Determine the cause of the malfunction
3.  Before repair, ensure that there is no danger to persons from escaping media
4.  If necessary, allow the pipeline and device to cool down or to warm up before commencing work
5.  Malfunctions must be corrected by qualified personnel



The following troubleshooting guide provides an indication of who is qualified to repair the fault .

7.2 Troubleshooting guide

Fault description	Cause	Remedy	Personnel
The switch contact does not switch.	No medium flowing through flow monitor	Check that medium is flowing through the pipe-line	Qualified personnel
	Flow is too low or the switch contact is set too high	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Adjust the switch contact to a lower flow rate ■ Use the device at another measuring range ■ Increase the flow rate 	Qualified personnel
	Incorrect reduction fitting or pipe diameter is too small	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Correct pipe diameter 	Qualified personnel
	Float is stuck	Disassemble and clean the device	Qualified personnel
	Switch contact is defective.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Remedy the cause of the defect (short-circuit, overload) ■ Replace the switch contact 	Qualified personnel
Switch contact is permanently switched.	Flow is too high or the switch contact is set too low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Reduce the flow ■ Adjust the switch contact to a higher flow rate ■ Use the device at another measuring range 	Qualified personnel
	Float is stuck	Disassemble and clean the device	Qualified personnel

Fault description	Cause	Remedy	Personnel
Switch contact is permanently switched.	Switch contact is defective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Remedy the cause of the defect (short-circuit, overload) ■ Replace the switch contact 	Qualified personnel
The switch point is not the same as the actual flow rate.	Improper scale installed for media used	Request proper conversion table or scale for media used	Qualified personnel
	Incorrect reduction fitting or pipe diameter is too small	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Correct pipe diameter 	Qualified personnel
	Device is dirty	Disassemble and clean the device	Qualified personnel
	Device is defective	Remove device from system and contact the manufacturer	Qualified personnel

8 Maintenance

8.1 Safety

Maintenance work performed incorrectly



WARNING!

Risk of injury due to maintenance work performed incorrectly!

Maintenance work performed incorrectly can result in severe injury and considerable damage to property.

- Ensure that the site is sufficiently cleared before commencing work.
- Ensure that the repair location is orderly and clean! Components and tools that are lying about or on top of each other are potential causes for accidents.
- If components have been removed, observe correct assembly procedure. Reinstall all fixing/fastening elements and observe the prescribed tightening torque for the screws (see Chapter 11.1).

- Before placing the device back into operation ensure that all work has been performed and completed in compliance with the specifications and instructions in these Operating Instructions.

8.2 Maintenance plan

Intervals for replacement of wear parts

RMU-A type flow monitors require very little maintenance due to the small number of moving parts. The intervals for the replacement of wear parts depends significantly on the operating conditions as well as on the composition of the medium flowing through the device. For this reason, no intervals have been set by the manufacturer. The operator must determine suitable intervals based on the local condition and circumstances.

Interval	Maintenance work	Personnel
	Visual inspection for dirt/soiling	Qualified personnel
	Visual inspection for free-movement of float	Qualified personnel
	Visual inspection for leaks from the device	Qualified personnel
	Check proper functioning of the switch contact	Qualified personnel

8.3 Removal from the pipe system

The flow monitor must first be removed from the pipe system before performing maintenance.



WARNING!

Risk of injury from pressurized lines!

Severe injury may result if the pipe system is under pressure when removing the device.

- Depressurize the system before removing the device



WARNING!

Risk of injury from hot or cold surfaces!

Pipelines can heat up/cool down dramatically due to the media flowing through them. Skin contact with hot or cold surfaces causes severe skin burn or frostbite.

- Before removing the device, ensure that the machine or system and the flow monitor have been controlled to a temperature range between 0 and 40°C
- Do not touch any part of the machine or system that is either very hot or very cold
- Always wear heat-resistant/cold-resistant protective work clothing and protective gloves when working near hot/cold surfaces

 **WARNING!****Risk of injury from media in the pipe system!**

If the pipe system contains hazardous media, severe injury may be caused by escaping media.

- Before removing the device, ensure that the pipe system is empty and does not contain media residue
- Always wear personal protective equipment when removing the device

 **WARNING!****Risk of injury from media residue in the device!**

After the pipe system has been emptied, media residue may still be present inside the device. In the case of hazardous media, this could result in serious injury.

- When removing (de-installing the device from the pipe system), always wear personal protective equipment.
- All requirements specified in the media safety data sheet must be observed in accomplishing the work task.
- Residue of hazardous media in the device can result in serious injury.

Removing the device from the pipe system

Personnel:

- Qualified personnel

Protective equipment:

- As specified in the Safety Data Sheet of the medium, **protective equipment** must be worn when handling hazardous media. In addition, the specifications of the system operator must be followed. If no protective equipment is specified, suitable protective gloves and goggles must be worn.

Tools:

- Fixed spanner

1. ▶ Loosen the adapter union of the pipeline using a suitable spanner. When doing so, lock the process connection or device body in place with a second spanner.
2. ▶ Secure the device against falling and repeat Step 1 at the other process connection.

8.4 Disassembly

To replace wear parts or to clean the device, the flow monitor must first be disassembled.

WARNING!

Risk of injury due to incorrect disassembly!

- The device may still contain media residue
- Wear personal protective equipment when working with hazardous media
- Improper disassembly may cause serious injuries if hazardous media is still present inside the device

CAUTION!

Risk of injury due to incorrect disassembly!

Incorrect disassembly may result in injuries.

- Before disassembling, ensure that the flow monitor has cooled down/ warmed up to a temperature range between 0 and 40 °C
- Wear personal protective equipment to protect against hazardous media which may still be present inside the device.

Protective equipment:

- As specified in the Safety Data Sheet of the medium, **protective equipment** must be worn when handling hazardous media. In addition, the specifications of the system operator must be followed. If no protective equipment is specified, suitable protective gloves and goggles must be worn.

Personnel:

- Qualified personnel

Protective equipment:

- Goggles
- Protective gloves

Tools:

- Fixed spanner
- Socket wrench

Special tools:

- Threaded ring insertion tool



Fig. 22: Insert threaded ring insertion tool (outlet)


1.  Insert the threaded ring insertion tool into the device outlet (Fig. 22) and turn until it rests in the keyway of the threaded ring



Fig. 23: Loosen threaded ring (outlet)


2.  Insert socket wrench into the threaded ring insertion tool and loosen the threaded ring (Fig. 23). Hold the device body in place using a proper sized spanner wrench.



Fig. 24: Remove threaded ring (outlet)



3.  Unscrew the threaded ring (outlet) from the device body (Fig. 24)



Fig. 25: Remove inner parts

4.  Carefully turn the device body 180° and remove the inner parts (spring, magnets and float). (Fig. 25)

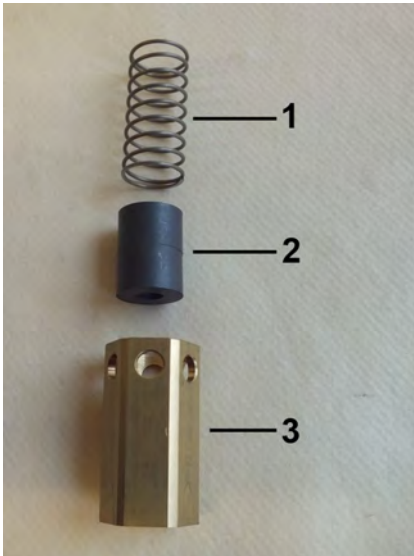


Fig. 26: Spring, magnets and float

5. → The inner parts of the flow monitor consist of the spring (Fig. 26/1), magnets (Fig. 26/2) and float (Fig. 26/3).

8.5 Maintenance

8.5.1 Cleaning

It is the responsibility of the operator to establish appropriate intervals and procedures for cleaning the individual parts of the device. It must be ensured that the parts are not damaged during the cleaning process. When using

cleaning agents, it must be ensured that these are not aggressive to the parts and that there will be no dangerous reactions with media residue. Damaged parts must be replaced.

WARNING!

Risk of injury due to improper cleaning!

The device may still contain media residue

- To protect against hazardous media residue in the device, wear personal protective equipment.
- Do not use cleaning agents which may lead to dangerous reactions with media residue.
- All requirements specified in the safety data sheet must be observed when handling or otherwise using the medium.
- Residue of hazardous media inside the device can cause serious injury.

**CAUTION!****Risk of injury due to damaged parts!**

If parts of the device are broken or damaged, they may cause injury due to sharp edges or splinters during the cleaning process.

- Damaged parts must be replaced
- Carefully clean the parts of the device, so as not to cause damage.
- When cleaning, always wear appropriate personal protective equipment.
- Incorrect disassembly can result in injuries.

Protective equipment:

- As specified in the Safety Data Sheet of the medium, **protective equipment** must be worn when handling hazardous media. In addition, the specifications of the system operator must be followed. If no protective equipment is specified, suitable protective gloves and goggles must be worn.

8.5.2 Parts replacement

Depending on the operating conditions, wear parts such as float or magnets may have to be replaced. Steps required to replace these parts correspond to those used to assemble the device ↪ *Chapter 8.5.3 “Assembly” on page 51.*

8.5.3 Assembly

After cleaning the individual components, the flow monitor must be reassembled.

Personnel:

- Qualified personnel

Tools:

- Fixed spanner
- Socket wrench
- Torque wrench

Special tools:

- Threaded ring insertion tool
- Test rod
- Magnetic pole indicator

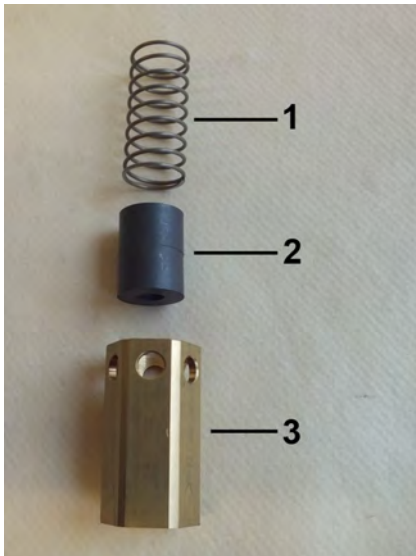


Fig. 27: Inner parts

1. ➤ Insert spring (Fig. 27/1) with magnets (Fig. 27/2) into the float (Fig. 27/3), ensuring proper magnetic pole orientation (north pole toward device outlet).



Fig. 28: Insert inner parts

2. ➤ Insert float with magnets and spring into the device body (Fig. 28)



Fig. 29: Insert threaded ring (outlet)


3.  Insert the threaded ring (outlet) into the device body (outlet) (Fig. 29)



Fig. 30: Seat threaded ring (outlet)



4.  Lightly seat the threaded ring (outlet) with the aid of the threaded ring insertion tool and tighten with a torque wrench (Fig. 30), observing the proper torque ( Chapter 11.1 "Tightening torque" on page 62)



Fig. 31: Check for smooth operation

5. ➤ Check the float for ease of movement (Fig. 31) by applying light pressure with the test rod
 - ⇒ If the float moves sluggishly, then disassemble the device ↪ Chapter 9.2 “Disassembly” on page 56 and clean the float and device body bore



If the float is still sluggish after having been cleaned several times, contact the manufacturer.

8.5.4 Switch contact replacement

Tools:

- Hex screwdriver




Fig. 32: Loosen set screws


1. ➤ Loosen the set screws (Fig. 32) of the switch contact using an appropriate sized hex screwdriver until the switch contact can be removed.



Fig. 33: Remove switch contact

2. ➤ Remove the switch contact (Fig. 33) from the device
3. ➤ Position the new switch contact


4. ➤ Insert and lightly tighten the set screws so that the switch contact can slide easily.
5. ➤ Connect a continuity meter: For Normally Open Contact (NOC), pin 1 and pin 2 are assigned
6. ➤ Slide the switch contact in the opposite direction of flow up to the stop. The switch contact must now be closed.
7. ➤ Slowly push the switch contact in the direction of flow, until the contact opens. This switch point should be set as accurately as possible because it affects the accuracy of the switch point adjustment scale values (if needed, repeat steps 6 and 7).
8. ➤ Tighten the set screws (Fig. 32/1) observing the proper tightening torque ( Chapter 11.1 "Tightening torque" on page 62)
9. ➤ Affix the enclosed data plate to the side of the switch contact so that the reference arrow is in alignment with the lowest scale mark. If a reference tick mark is on the data plate (recognizable as a thinner line), it is to be used as the alignment mark. The adhesive surface must be dry and free of oil and grease.

10. ➤ Adjust the desired flow rate (cut-off point) on the switch point adjustment scale, then tighten the set screws, observing the proper torque ( Chapter 11.1 "Tightening torque" on page 62)

8.6 Measures to be taken after maintenance work

Take the following steps after completion of maintenance work and before switching on the device:

1. ➤ Check all previously loosened/ released screw connections for tightness.

 Chapter 11.1 "Tightening torque" on page 62
2. ➤ Clean the work area and remove all residual materials, packaging, substances or spills.

9 Disassembly and disposal

After its period of useful life, the device must be disassembled and disposed of in an environmentally safe manner.

9.1 Safety



WARNING!

Risk of injury if disassembled incorrectly!

Media residue, sharp edged components, pointed ends and corners on and in the device or on tools may cause injury.

- Ensure that the site is sufficiently cleared before commencing work
- Always wear protective equipment when handling hazardous media residue
- Handle open, or sharp-edged components carefully
- Ensure that the workplace is orderly and clean! Components and tools that are lying about or on top of each other are potential causes for accidents
- Disassemble components professionally
- Secure components so that they do not fall or overturn
- If in doubt, contact the manufacturer

9.2 Disassembly

Before starting disassembly:







- Remove operating materials and packaging and dispose of properly.

Personnel:

- Qualified personnel

Protective equipment:

- Protective gloves
- Goggles

1.  Remove the device from the pipe line ( *Chapter 8.3 "Removal from the pipe system" on page 45*)
2.  Disassemble the device ( *Chapter 9.2 "Disassembly" on page 56*)
3.  Clean components properly and remove media residue
4.  Dispose properly

9.3 Return Materials

9.3.1 Return Materials Authorization

For products being returned, regardless of the reason, the currently valid provisions of the returns policy set by MEISTER will apply. Return shipments which do not comply with the returns policy may be refused by MEISTER at the expense of the consignor.

9.4 Disposal

If no return or disposal agreement has been made, recycle disassembled components:

- Scrap metals
- Recycle plastic elements
- Dispose of the remaining components according to their material properties

! NOTICE!

Danger to the environment due to incorrect disposal!

Potential risk to the environment may arise due to incorrect disposal.

- Have electrical scrap, electronic components, lubricants and other supplies disposed of by approved specialists
- In case of doubt, obtain information on environmentally safe disposal from the local authority or special disposal expert

10 Technical data

10.1 Device data plate

The data plate is on the mechanical part of the flow monitor/flowmeter and contains the following information:



Fig. 34: Device data plate

10.2 Switch contact rating plate

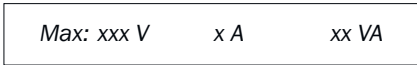


Fig. 35: Switch contact rating plate

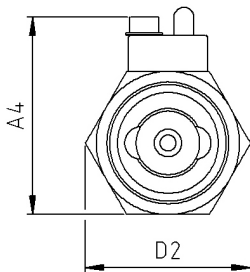
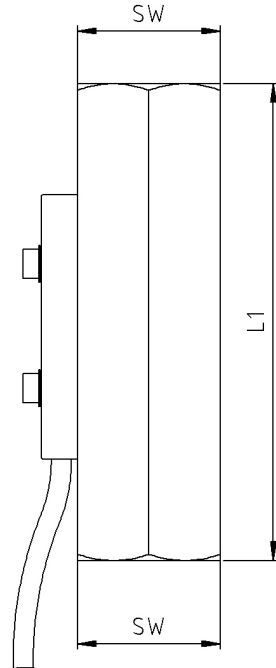
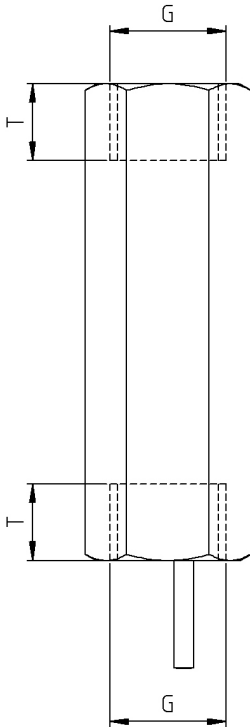


Fig. 36: Switch contact rating plate with positioning arrow

The rating plate is on the switch contact and may provide the following information:

- maximum voltage
- maximum current
- maximum power
- positioning arrow for cut-off point

10.3 Dimension sheet



10.4 General specifications

Type	Overall dimensions (mm)					
	G *	DN	SW	L1	L2	T
RMU-A11	1/2	15	27	90	-	14
RMU-A15	1/2	15	27	90	-	14

Type	Overall dimensions (mm)							Weight (g) **
	G *	D1	D2	A1	A2	A3	A4	
RMU-A11	1/2	-	31,2	-	-	-	ca. 37,5	350
RMU-A15	1/2	-	31,2	-	-	-	ca. 37,5	350

* NPT thread on request

**Connecting cable weight, 2m approx. 80g

10.5 Electrical specifications

Normally Open Contact (NOC)

Data	Value	Unit
Voltage	230	V
Current, maximum	3	A
Power, maximum	60	VA

10.6 Measuring ranges

10.6.1 Standard measuring ranges

Type	Switch range for H ₂ O at 20 °C*		
	l/min	gph	gpm
RMU-A11	2,5 – 11,0	40,0 – 175,0	
RMU-A15	5,0 – 15,5	80,0 – 245,0	

* The specified data are switch-off points (other switch ranges are available on request).

10.7 Operating data

Description	Value	Unit
Max. media temperature	100 (optional 160°C)	°C
Min. media temperature It must be ensured that the medium does not freeze.	-20	°C
Max. operating pressure	250	bar
Pressure loss	0,025 – 0,25	bar
Measuring accuracy	± 10 % of full scale value	

RMU-A devices are not suitable for employment in explosion-hazard zones.

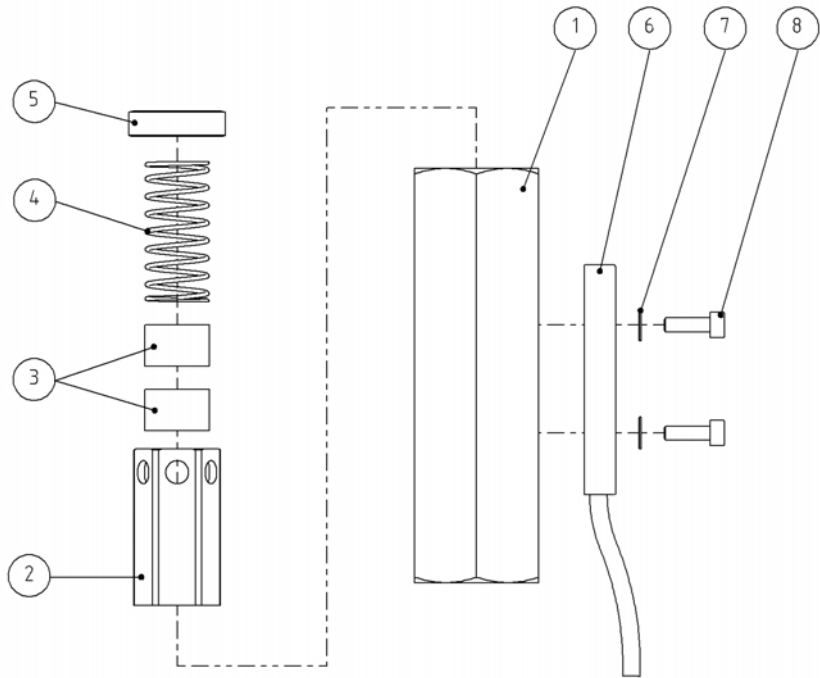
11 Appendix

11.1 Tightening torque

Component/ function	Description	Size	Torque	Qty
Threaded ring	Threaded ring (outlet)	G1/2"	5 Nm	1
Switch contact	Cylinder head screw, hex	M3x10	0,4 Nm	2

11.2 Replacement parts

The following replacement parts drawing provides an example of the construction of an RMU-A type flow monitor. The actual configuration may vary depending on the model.



Item	Qty	Description
1	1	Device body
2	1	Float
3	2	Magnet
4	1	Spring
5	1	Threaded ring (outlet)
6	1	Switch contact with connecting cable

Item	Qty	Description
7	2	Washer
8	2	Set screw (switch contact)

11.3 Tools

The following tools are required:

Tools

- Fixed spanner 27 mm
- Hex screwdriver 2,5 mm
- Torque screwdriver and assorted blades
- Socket wrench 1/2" and assorted sockets
- Torque wrench 1/2"

Special tools

- Threaded ring insertion tool RMU-A
- Test rod RMU-A
- Magnetic pole indicator

11.4 Sealant



Before using a sealant, ensure that it is compatible with the media used and that it can be employed under the given operating conditions.

- Ensure proper seal
- Use a suitable sealant. Liquid sealants will damage the flow monitor
- Always follow the sealant manufacturer's instructions

11.5 Lubricants



Before using a lubricant, always make sure that it is compatible with the operating medium.

For the proper mounting of O-rings, device-specific O-ring installation tools may be purchased from the manufacturer.

The following lubricants are suitable to facilitate installing the O-rings:

Lubricant	O-ring material		
	NBR	EPDM	FKM
Glycerine*	suitable	suitable	suitable
Soapy water	suitable	suitable	suitable

* Glycerine must not be used if the device is used for sulfuric acid and/or nitric acid.

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