

Installation & operation instructions RCDL series

1. Installation

Before installing a meter in a new or modified pipework, the complete pipe system should be cleaned to remove any impurity like solder, sealing material, welding beads, etc. Inlet and outlet straight pipe runs are not necessary. All mounting positions possible.

To avoid misalignment and possible damage of the meter housing and/or threads, it is recommended to mount the meter using watermeter brackets or Badger Meter flexible watermeter connections, which can offset a pipe misalignment of max. 16°. Install the meter in such a way that no stress nor strain does effect the meter housing in order to avoid any damage of threads and/or meter housing. Make sure that the arrow on the meter housing shows in flow direction.

In case a solenoid valve is used in connection with very frequent switching cycles, the valve should be mounted on the inlet side of the meter in order to avoid pressure shocks. To maintain fullpipe conditions, a non-return valve may be mounted at the outlet. To ensure an exact measurement, please make sure that the measuring chamber is always fully filled.

2. Putting into operation

When putting into operation, always open the upstream valve slowly to apply with the fluid pressure of the meter and avoid any pressure shocks.

Please make sure that the following parameters are always observed:

- a) Maximum operating pressure is 16 bar for the M-series and 10 bar for the P-series.
- b) Maximum operating temperature is 50°C for plastic meters and 120°C for bronze meters with Vectra chamber.
- c) Meters must always be operated within the specified flow range.
- d) Maximum pressure drop across the meter is 1 bar for low viscous fluids and 3,4 bar for liquids up to maximum 800 mPas.

3. Meter cleaning

Clean parts in isopropyl alcohol, methanol (wood alcohol) or ethanol (grain alcohol). If necessary, use a nylon bristle brush, but never a wire brush! Lime deposits may be removed with a five minute soak in regular household vinegar followed by scrubbing with a nylon bristle brush. Then soak parts in a 1% solution of water and detergent prior to rinsing them with clear warm water.

4. When used in Ex-zones

Reedswitch: Connection to intrinsically safe electric circuit (simple electrical equipments must be operated intrinsically safe with a suitable barrier according to EN 50020).

Equipotential compensation has to be ensured upon the pipe system.

Meters with plastic housing (PPO): Please do not clean the meters with a dry cloth as this would cause electrostatic charge.

The fluid conductivity must be better than 1000 pico/Siemens/meter to avoid electrostatic charges.

Ambient temperature must be between -20°C and +40°C (T4)

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Check list

Dear customer,

Congratulations on your purchase of an excellent flow meter. Great care has been taken in the design and manufacture of your meter. As with any fine instrument, care must be taken in the installation. Your particular meter may be of special design and may require special information, however, these tips cover several points of concern with all models.

Please verify the following prior to installation and operation.

		Yes	No
1.	Has the piping system been cleaned and is free of any dirt and particles?		
2.	Has a strainer been installed at the inlet of the meter? (only for P series)		
3.	Is mounting position as per requirement?		
4.	Is flow direction in accordance with the arrow marking?		
5.	Is operating flow within specifications? (The maximum specified flow rate is an instrument maximum design flow rate and is not recommended for continuous operation. For optimum performance a continuous flow rate should not exceed 65% of design maximum)		
6.	Is material compatibility verified and confirmed by Badger Meter?		
7.	Is operating pressure within limits?		
8.	Have measures been taken, in case of low viscous fluids, that the pressure drop across the meter does not exceed 1.0 bar?		
9.	Is operating temperature within limits?		
10.	Have measures been taken to avoid pressure shocks? In case a solenoid valve is used in connection with very frequent switching cycles, the valve should be mounted on the inlet of the meter. To maintain full pipe conditions a non-return valve may be mounted at the outlet.		
11.	Does wiring comply with attached wiring diagram?		
12.	Have you carefully read the operating manual?		

 $\label{eq:attention} \textbf{ATTENTION: Begin start-up only once you have answered all questions with YES.}$