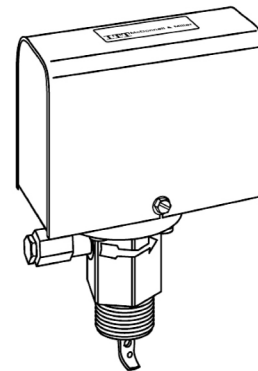


# Series FS7-4 Industrial Liquid Flow Switch

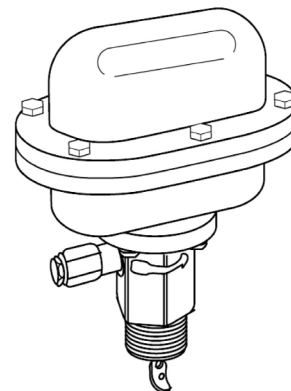
CE (specified models only)



Series FS7-4

## OPERATION

This control is an independently mounted water flow sensing device that makes or breaks an electrical circuit when flow stops or starts.



Series FS7-4E

## WARNING



- Before using product, read and understand instructions.
  - Save these instructions for future reference.
  - All work must be performed by qualified personnel trained in the proper application, installation, and maintenance of plumbing, steam and electrical equipment and/or systems in accordance with all applicable codes and ordinances.
  - To prevent electrical shock, turn off the electrical power before making electrical connections.
  - To prevent an electrical fire or equipment damage, electrical wiring insulation must have a rating of 167°F (75°C) if the liquid's temperature exceeds 180°F (82°C).
  - To prevent electrocution, when the electrical power is connected to the flow switch, do not touch the terminals.
  - Make sure flow switch electrical cover is secured before turning on electric power.
  - Liquid media containing debris or other particulates should be filtered to avoid damage to or obstruction of the flow switch paddle arm assembly, which could cause the flow Switch to malfunction.
  - California Proposition 65 warning! This product contains chemicals known to the state of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.
  - Previous controls should never be installed on a new system. Always install new controls on a new boiler or system.
- Failure to follow this warning could cause property damage, personal injury or death.

### CAUTION:

- A more frequent replacement interval may be necessary based on the condition of the unit at time of inspection. McDonnell & Miller's warranty is one (1) year from date of installation or two (2) years from the date of manufacture.

## SPECIFICATIONS

### Maximum Liquid Pressure:

300 psi (21 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>) (All models except "S")  
1000 psi (70 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>) ("S" models)

### Liquid Temperature Range (T<sub>L</sub>):

32 - 300°F (0 - 149°C) (All models except "W")  
-65 - 300°F (-54 - 149°C) ("W" models)

### Ambient Temperature Range (T<sub>s</sub>):

32 - 120°F (0 - 49°C) (All models except "W")  
-65 - 300°F (-54 - 149°C) ("W" models)

### Electrical Enclosure Rating:

Nema Type 1 (IP 21) (All models except "E" and "W")  
Nema Type 4X (IP 56) ("W" models)  
Nema Type 7 and 9 ("E" models)

### Maximum Velocity:

10ft/sec (3M/sec)

### Pipe Connection Thread Size:

1 1/4" NPT (All models except "J")  
1 1/4" BSPT ("J" models)

## ELECTRICAL RATINGS

Voltage	Motor Switch Rating (Amperes)		Pilot Duty
	Full Load	Locked Rotor	
120 VAC	7.4	44.4	125 VA at 120 or 240 VAC 50 or 60 cycles
240 VAC	3.7	22.2	

CE Circuit Rating	
7.4 (7.4)/120~	0.3/120=
3.7 (3.7)/240~	0.15/240=

### Models that meet CE Conformance:

**FS7-4EJ-E**

**FS7-4J-E**

**FS7-4SJ-E**

**FS7-4WJ-E**

- **This Control:** is for continuous operations  
is not electronic  
has Type 1C action (micro interruption  
on operation)
- **LVD 73/23/EEC**
- **EMC 89/33/EEC**  
For applications with loads between 14mA and 3.7  
Amps, power factors exceeding 0.65, an anticipated

system switch operation rate of less than 5 times per  
minute, and any one cycle greater than 3 seconds on  
and 3 seconds off.

Additional suppression may be required for applica-  
tions outside these ranges.

- **Declaration of Conformity**  
Available on request.

# FLOW RATES

Flow rates required to activate the flow switch are shown in chart below. These values were calculated using clean water in a horizontal pipe.

Settings will vary when used to sense flow of other fluids.

**NOTE: THIS PRODUCT IS NOT INTENDED FOR USE IN POTABLE WATER APPLICATIONS.**

**NOTE: DO NOT USE LIQUID FLOW SWITCHES ON SYSTEMS WITH FLOW VELOCITY GREATER THAN 10 FEET (3M) PER SECOND.**

## Flow Rates

Model	Size NPT in. (mm)	Settings	Mode of Operation		Max. Flow Rate gpm (lpm) w/o Paddle Damage
			Flow gpm (lpm)	No Flow gpm (lpm)	
FS7-4	1 1/4 (32)	Factory or Minimum	4.8 (18.2)	3 (11.4)	47 (178)
		Maximum	7.7 (29.1)	5.9 (22.3)	
	1 1/2 (40)	Factory or Minimum	6.3 (23.8)	3.6 (13.6)	63 (239)
		Maximum	10 (37.9)	7 (26.5)	
	2 (50)	Factory or Minimum	9.9 (37.5)	5.9 (22.3)	105 (398)
		Maximum	15.8 (59.8)	11 (41.6)	
	2 1/2 (60)	Factory or Minimum	15.3 (57.9)	9.5 (36)	149 (565)
		Maximum	23.7 (89.7)	17 (64.3)	
	3 (80)	Factory or Minimum	24.4 (92.4)	15.4 (58.3)	230 (872)
		Maximum	35.5 (134.4)	29.2 (110.5)	
	4 (100)	Factory or Minimum	33.3 (126)	21.1 (79.9)	397 (1505)
		Maximum	61.4 (232.4)	37.7 (142.7)	
	5 (125)	Factory or Minimum	44.4 (168.1)	31 (117.3)	654 (2479)
		Maximum	84 (317.9)	51 (193)	
	6 (150)	Factory or Minimum	56.3 (213.1)	48.7 (184.3)	900 (3411)
		Maximum	114.8 (434.5)	71 (270.6)	
FS7-4L	8 (200)*	Factory or Minimum	104 (393.6)	89 (336.9)	1,500 (5,677.5)
		Maximum	210 (794.9)	131 (495.8)	
	10 (250)*	Factory or Minimum	184 (696.4)	157 (594.2)	2,500 (9,462.5)
		Maximum	369 (1397)	231 (874.3)	
	12 (300)*	Factory or Minimum	289 (1094)	247 (934.9)	3,500 (13,247.5)
		Maximum	582 (2203)	363 (1374)	
	14 (355)*	Factory or Minimum	387 (1465)	323 (1223)	4,000 (15,140)
		Maximum	753 (2850)	495 (1874)	
	16 (405)*	Factory or Minimum	513 (1942)	428 (1620)	5,000 (18,925)
		Maximum	998 (3777)	656 (2483)	
FS7-4L	20 (500)**	Factory or Minimum	520 (1968)	260 (984)	8,000 (30,280)
		Maximum	780 (2952)	693 (2623)	
	24 (600)**	Factory or Minimum	752 (2846)	376 (1423)	12,000 (45,420)
		Maximum	1128 (4269)	1002 (3793)	
	30 (760)**	Factory or Minimum	1177 (4455)	589 (2229)	20,200 (76,457)
		Maximum	1766 (6684)	1570 (59842)	
	36 (910)**	Factory or Minimum	1723 (6522)	861 (3259)	28,270 (107,002)
		Maximum	2584 (9870)	2297 (8694)	

Values are ± 10%

\* Equipped with a 6" (152mm) paddle

\*\* Equipped with a 12" (304mm) paddle

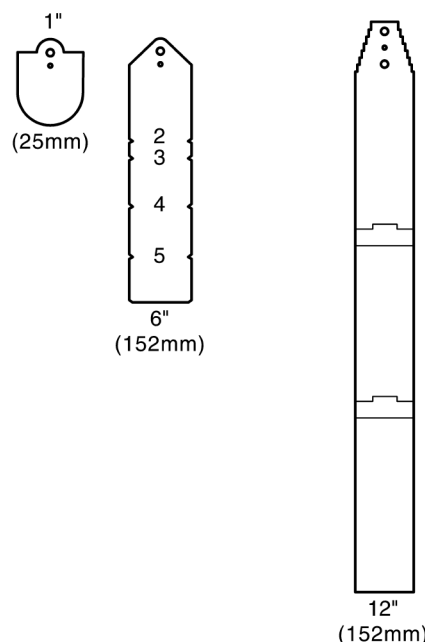
# INSTALLATION –

## STEP 1 - Paddle Sizing

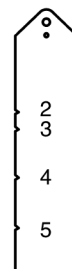
Pipe size determines the paddle length. Use the chart below to choose the correct paddle size for your installation.

Pipe size in. (mm)	Paddle To Use
1-1/4" (32)	1" Paddle
1-1/2" (40)	1" Paddle
2" (50)	6" Paddle Trimmed to 2
2-1/5" (65)	6" Paddle Trimmed to 2
3" (80)	6" Paddle Trimmed to 3
4" (100)	6" Paddle Trimmed to 4
6" (150)	6" Paddle
8" (200) to 16" (405)	6" Paddle
20" (500) to 36" (910)	12" Paddle

**Note:** 12" paddle will only fit on 'L' model units



- a. Trim paddle by cutting at appropriate notch with non-serrated tin snips.



- b. The paddle length can be adjusted if the desired setpoint exceeds the maximum adjustment as shown in flow rate chart. Use the following formula to change the paddle length.

$$\text{Paddle Length} = \frac{K}{\text{Flow Rate (GPM)}}$$

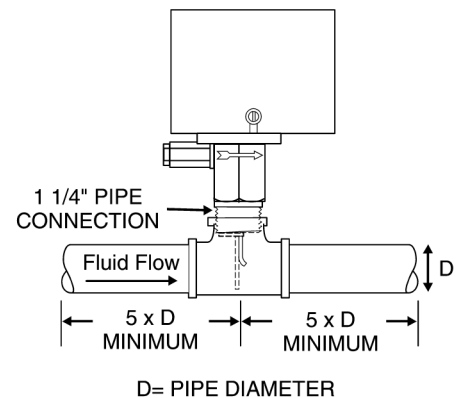
**NOTE:** If trimming the paddle for a no-flow action make sure there is enough flow to activate switch.

### Series FS7-4 "K" Factor

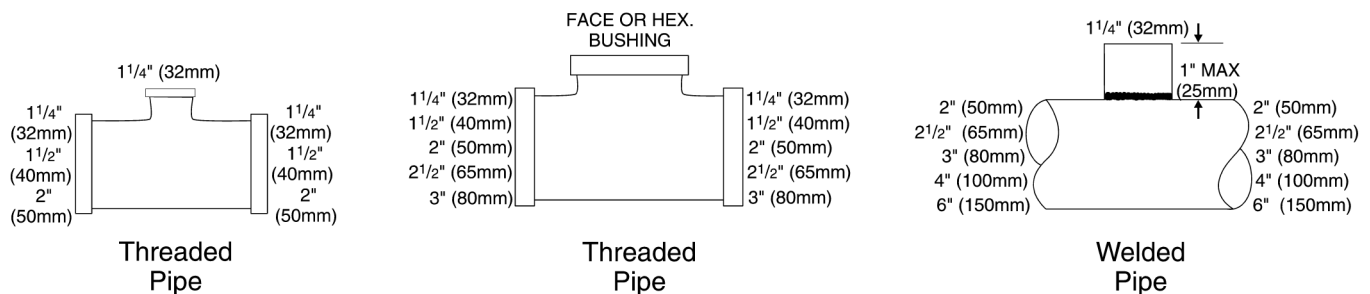
Pipe Size NPT in. (mm)	Flow Maximum Adjustment	No-Flow Maximum Adjustment
2 (50)	34.63	30.43
2 1/2 (65)	54.00	47.46
3 (80)	92.94	81.69
3 1/2 (90)	133.67	117.49
4 (100)	183.35	161.15
5 (125)	322.61	283.55
6 (150)	510.70	448.87
7 (180)	705.05	619.67
8 (200)	1014.47	891.62
9 (230)	1302.47	1144.79
10 (250)	1791.70	1574.74
12 (300)	2776.04	2439.88
14 (350)	3729.02	3255.02
16 (400)	4869.81	4250.81
18 (450)	6164.08	5380.57
20 (500)	7661.11	6687.31
30 (750)	18202.0	15888.0

## STEP 2 - Determine the Location of the Flow Switch

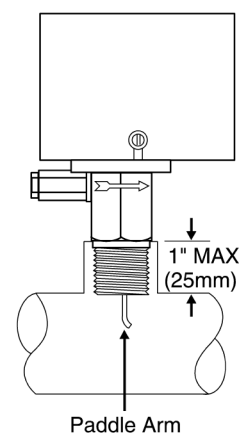
- The flow switch **must be located in a horizontal section of pipe** where there is a straight horizontal run of at least 5 pipe diameters on each side of the flow switch.
- The flow switch **must be installed in the upright position** as shown with arrow mark on side of casting in the same direction as fluid will flow.
- Some system conditions that require more than 5 pipe diameters are high viscosity fluid and high fluid velocity.
- The flow switch must be installed in the pump suction piping when spring-loaded check valves and/or other close coupled accessories are installed in the pump discharge piping.



- a. The flow switch must be installed in the pipe using a threaded tee connection or welding fitting of minimum length such as a half coupling. Use a face or hex bushing to reduce the tee outlet to 1 1/4" pipe thread if a reduced tee outlet thread size fitting is not available.

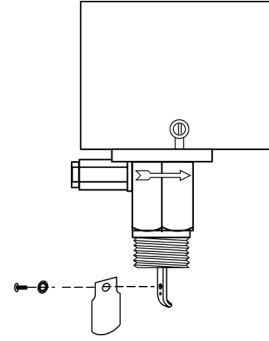


- b. When installing brazed/soldered copper pipe, size the threaded adapter to ensure the paddle arm extends into the main run of the pipe



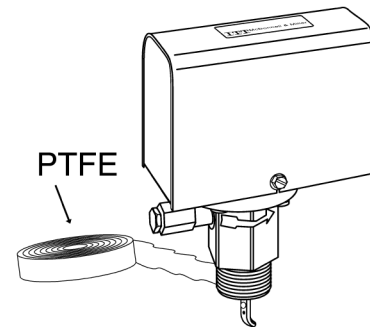
## STEP 3 - Connecting the Flow Switch to Pipe

- a. Insert the 8/32 x 1/4" flathead screw through washer and paddle. Attach screw to opposite side of the paddle arm's curve and tighten to a torque of approximately 12-16 lb•in (1.36-1.81 N•m).

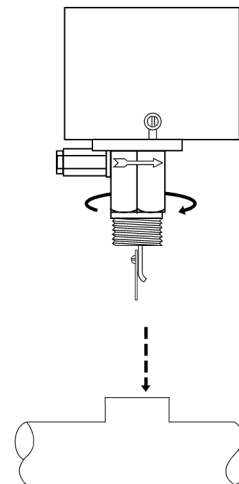


- b. Apply pipe sealing compound or PTFE tape to the flow switch pipe threads.

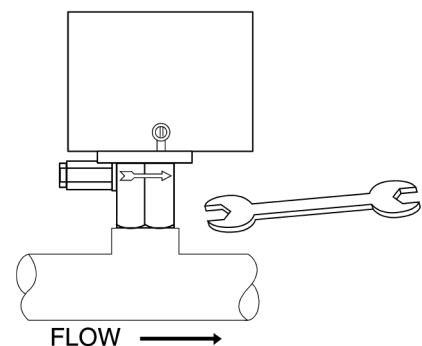
**NOTE:** Do not apply sealant to first threads as this switch is grounded (earthed) via the pipe mounting.



- c. Insert the flow switch into the pipe tee. Turn the flow switch two (2) or three (3) revolutions clockwise until tight. Do not put excessive force on cover when turning.



- d. Place a 1 3/4" open end box wrench on flow switch body to tighten to final position. Final position is with arrow on body aligned in the same direction as liquid flow.



## STEP 4 - Electrical Installation

### WARNING

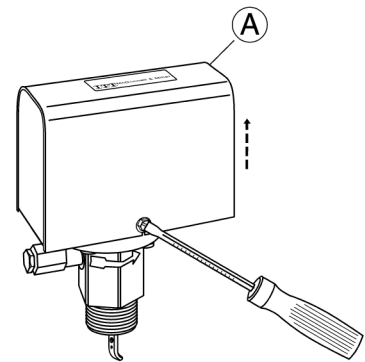


- To prevent electrical shock, turn off the electrical power before making electrical connections.
  - To prevent an electrical fire or equipment damage, electrical wiring insulation must have a rating of 167°F (75°C) if the liquid's temperature exceeds 180°F (82°C).
  - To prevent electrocution, when the electrical power is connected to the flow switch, do not touch the terminals.
  - Make sure flow switch electrical cover is secured before turning on electric power.
- Failure to follow this warning could cause property damage, personal injury or death.

#### a. Cover Removal and Installation Procedure

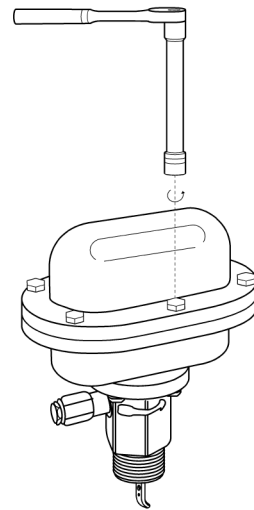
##### For FS7-4 models with NEMA 1 Enclosure

- Using a flathead screwdriver, loosen but do not remove the two cover screws and remove the cover (A).
- Place the cover on the flow switch sliding the slots behind the two loose cover screws. Push the cover down into the flow switch and using a flat blade screwdriver, tighten the cover screws to a torque of 10 lb•in (1.13 N•m).



##### For FS7-4W & FS7-E models

- Using a 5/16" socket wrench, unscrew the six bolts that secure the switch housing and remove cover.
- FS7-4W models have gasket that needs to be removed and replaced.
- Place cover on flow switch and use 5/16" socket wrench to tighten the six bolts to 5 ft•lb (7 N•m) torque.

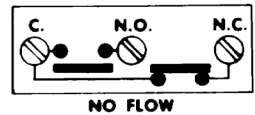
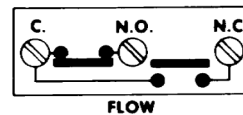


**b. Electrical Conduit Connection**

- Connect electric conduit to flow switch electrical enclosure.
- Follow accepted electrical practices when installing fittings and making connections.
- Refer to and follow local codes and standards when selecting the types of electrical fittings and conduit to connect to flow switch.

**c. Determine which switch action is required for the flow switch.**

- “Flow” means that the switch will close circuit C.-N.O. and open circuit C.-N.C. when flow rate is increased above setpoint of flow switch.
- “No Flow” means that the switch will open circuit C.-N.O. and close circuit C.-N.C. when flow rate is decreased below setpoint of flow switch.





- d. Based upon the mode of operation (“Flow” or “No-Flow”) required, complete the appropriate steps to connect wires to flow switch. Use a Phillip’s head screwdriver to loosen and tighten switch terminal screws when attaching wires.

**For “Flow” Mode of Operation (Fig. 1)**

If the flow switch will be used to actuate a signal, alarm or other device when **flow** occurs, connect the wire from that device to the “N.O.” contact. Connect the “Hot” power supply wire to “C” terminal.

**For “No Flow” Mode of Operation (Fig. 2)**

If the flow switch will be used to actuate a signal, alarm or other device when **no flow** occurs, connect the wire from that device to the “N.C.” contact. Connect the “Hot” power supply wire to “C” terminal.

**NOTE:** Repeat above to connect wires to second switch on “D” model flow switches.

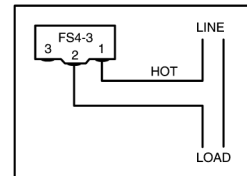
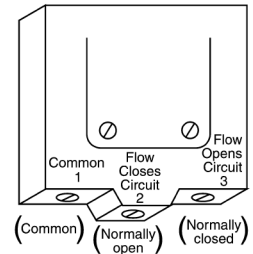
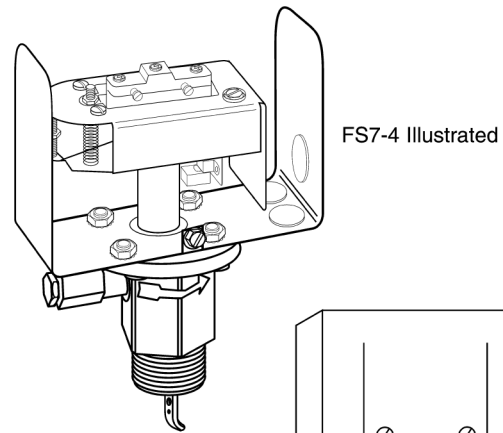


Fig. 1

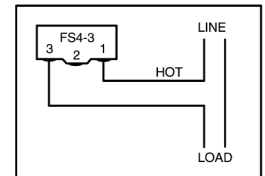
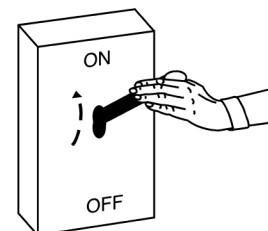


Fig. 2

## STEP 5 - Testing

- Place cover on flow switch and turn on power. Initiate fluid flow through the system. Observe the device being activated by the flow switch to determine if device is operating as required.
- Turn off fluid flow to determine if device is operating as required.
- Repeat initiating and turning off fluid flow several times to test flow switch and device for proper operation.
  - If operating as required, put system into service.
  - If not operating as required, flow switch may need to be adjusted.



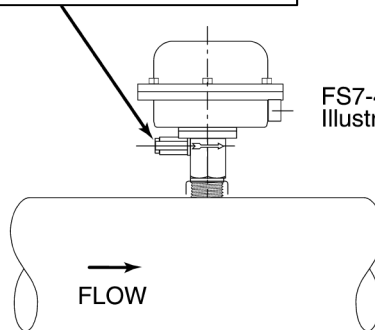
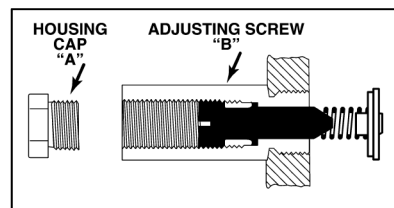
## STEP 6 - Adjustment

Adjustment is necessary only if required flow/no flow set-points are **above** factory set minimum.

- a. Unscrew housing cap (A) using a flathead screwdriver.
- b. Turn the adjusting screw (B) clockwise to increase setpoint.

**IMPORTANT: Do not attempt to lower flow switch setpoint from original factory minimum setting. Lowering (turning adjusting screw counterclockwise) the setpoint from original factory setting may cause erratic flow switch operation.**

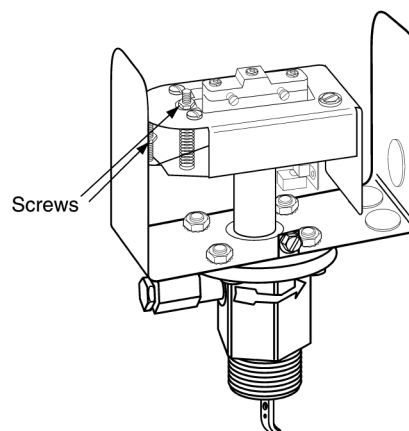
- c. Replace housing cap (A) and tighten to approximately 11 ft•lb (15 N•m) torque.
- d. Test the operation of the flow switch after each adjustment.



FS7-4E / FS7-4W  
Illustrated

### CAUTION

- These screws are for factory adjustment only.
- Adjusting these screws in the field can cause the flow switch to become inoperative.



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## MAINTENANCE

### SCHEDULE:

- **Inspect paddles annually. Turbulent or high flow velocity conditions may require more frequent inspection and/or replacement.**
- **Replace paddles if damaged or showing signs of wear.**
- **Replace flow switch every 5 years or 100,000 cycles, whichever occurs first.**

## TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem:

### 1. Flow Switch Does Not Operate

**Solution:**

- a. Make sure power has been turned on to device and flow switch.
- b. Verify that flow rate is high enough for flow switch to activate. Measure flow rate and match with velocities shown in flow rate chart.
- c. Check to see if paddle moves freely. Some system piping disassembly may be required.

### 2. Flow Switch Operates Erratically

**Solution:**

- a. Flow switch may be located in an area of high turbulence causing paddles to flutter.
- b. Adjustment screw may have been turned below original factory setpoint. Verify that flow rate is high enough for flow switch to activate. Measure flow rate and match with velocities shown in flow rate chart.
- c. Check to see if paddle moves freely. Some system piping disassembly may be required.

### 3. Flow Switch Does Not Deactivate

**Solution:**

- a. Check to see if paddle moves freely. Some system piping disassembly may be required.
- b. Measure flow rate and match with velocities shown in flow rate chart. Flow switch must prove flow before it can indicate no flow.

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