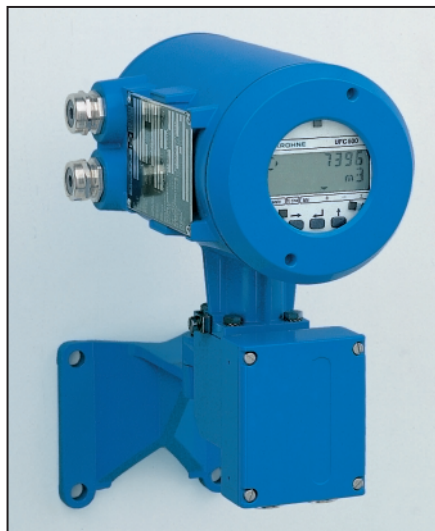
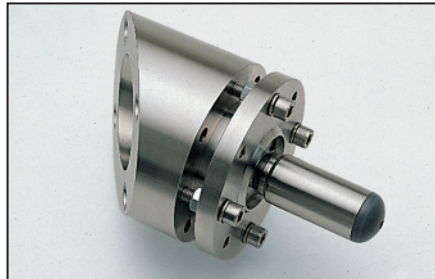
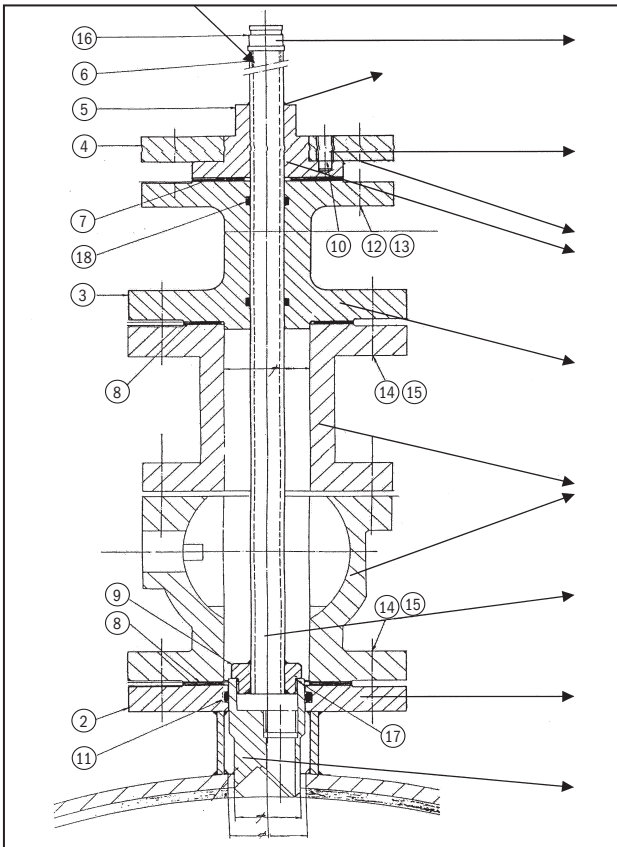


## Installation and operating instructions

# ALTOSONIC Ultrasonic Flowmeters UFM 800



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## 1.0 Description of the installation

The supplied installation is basically the same as the UFM 400F (single beam SB) or the UFM 500F (double beam DB). The difference is that the sensors are welded in an existing steel pipe. Because wet calibration is impossible, the primary constant (GK) will be calculated from the geometry. If a reference value of the flow rate is available, the installation can be calibrated on site.

### 1.1 Material delivered for SB

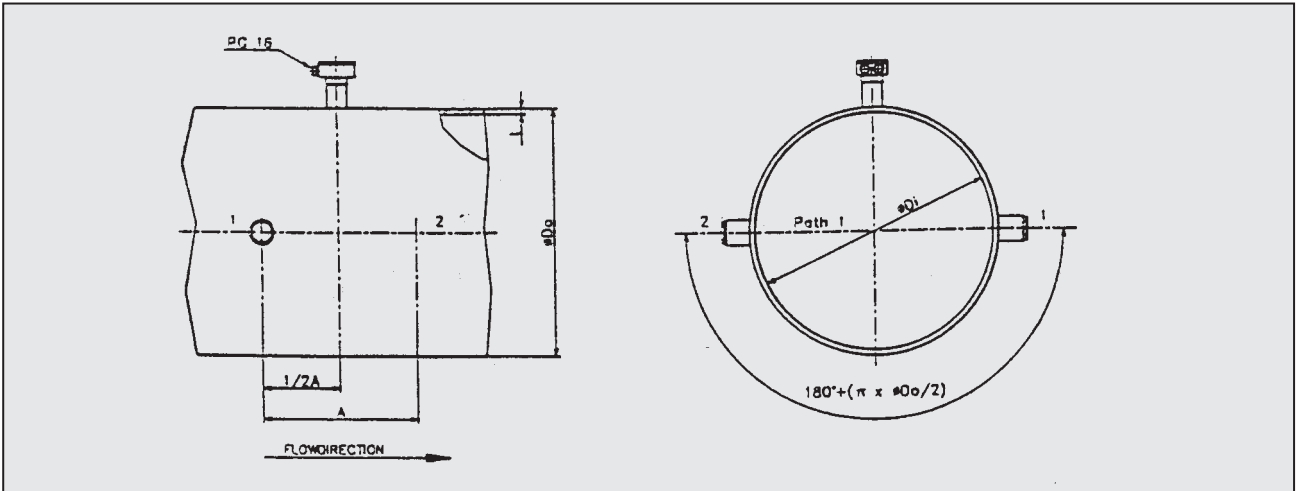
- 2 FS 500W sensors
- 2 sensor supports
- 2 protected sensors cables (length depending on outer diameter)
- 1 square pipe with 2 threaded holes
- 1 connection box, incl. print, gasket, screws and cover
- 1 connection cable MRO2 between the connection box on the pipe and the signal converter (length 5-50 m)
- UFC 500F signal converter with wall mounting kit
- 1 tube of acoustic coupling grease
- 1 bottle Silicon oil AK 2000

### 1.2 Material delivered for DB

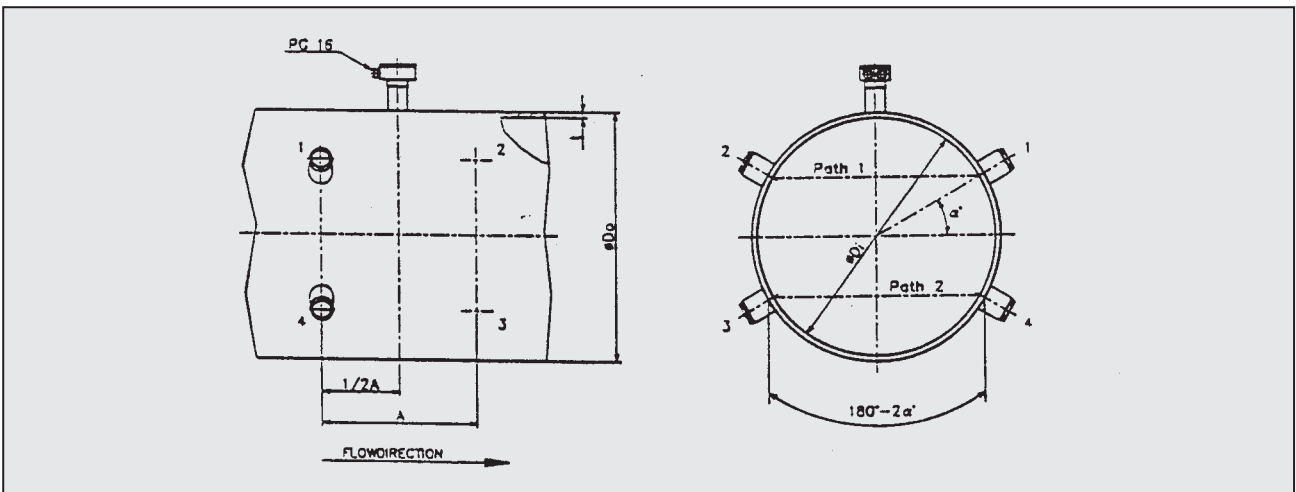
- 4 FS 500W sensors
- 4 sensor supports
- 4 protected sensors cables (length depending on outer diameter)
- 1 square pipe with 4 threaded holes
- 1 connection box, incl. print, gasket, screws and cover
- 1 connection cable MRO2 between the connection box on the pipe and the signal converter (length 5-50 m)
- UFC 500F signal converter with wall mounting kit
- 1 tube of acoustic coupling grease
- 1 bottle Silicon oil AK 2000

## 2.0 Sensor distance calculation

For calculating the sensor distance A it is necessary to know the internal diameter  $D_i$ . For centering the sensor holders it is necessary to know the wall thickness  $t$  and the external diameter  $D$ .



Drawing 1: Single beam flowmeter, principle dimensions for sensor positioning and GK-calculation  $A = D_i + 11\text{mm}$



Drawing 2: Double beam flowmeter, principle dimensions for sensor positioning and GK - calculation

In drawing 2:

$$\alpha = 360^\circ \cdot ((D_i \cdot \pi / 12 - 3,9) / (D_i \cdot \pi))$$

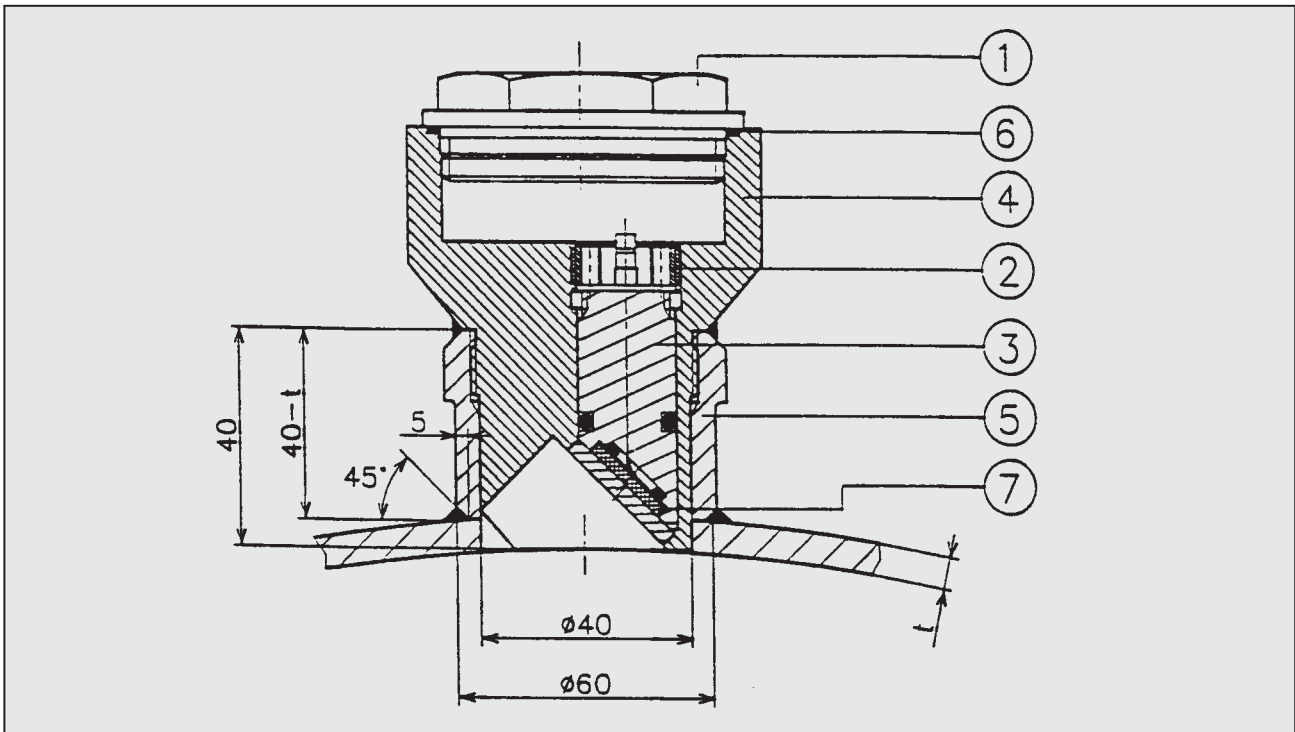
$$A = D_i \cdot 0,866 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1 - \text{tg}^2 \alpha}{1 + \text{tg}^2 \alpha}} + 7,8$$

The distance, measured over the outside of the pipe between the sensors 1 and 2 then equals  $\frac{180 - 2\alpha \cdot \pi \cdot D_o}{360}$

The distance, measured over the outside of the pipe between the sensors 1 and 4 then equals  $2\alpha \cdot \pi \cdot D_o$

### 3.0 Mounting of the sensor supports and the square pipe

- Mark the centers of places where the sensors must be fixed on the tubes (Drawing 1/2 SB/DB).
- Drill holes at these places of diameter 40 mm (Drawing 3)
- Machine the sensor supports so that they have the right curve for the pipe (outside diameter) and the right length (Drawing 3). Weld the sensor supports on the pipe perpendicular to the pipe wall and around the holes, so that the end of the supports is situated at 40 mm from the internal side of the pipe wall. Due to the welding, the thread of the sensor support can be deformed, by using a thread tap of 42 x 1.5 this can be solved.
- Grind the interior of the pipe and sensor supports to get rid of burrs. Take care not to damage the thread inside the sensor supports.
- Weld the square pipe on the appropriate place on the pipe (Drawing 1/2). The square pipe must be welded all around to create a closed atmosphere inside (environmental protection class IP 67/68).



Drawing 3: Sensor FS 500W. 1. Cover 2. Nut, 3. Pies guiding, 4. Sensorbody, 5. Sensor Support, 6. O-ring, 7. Piezo

### 4.0 Sensor alignment

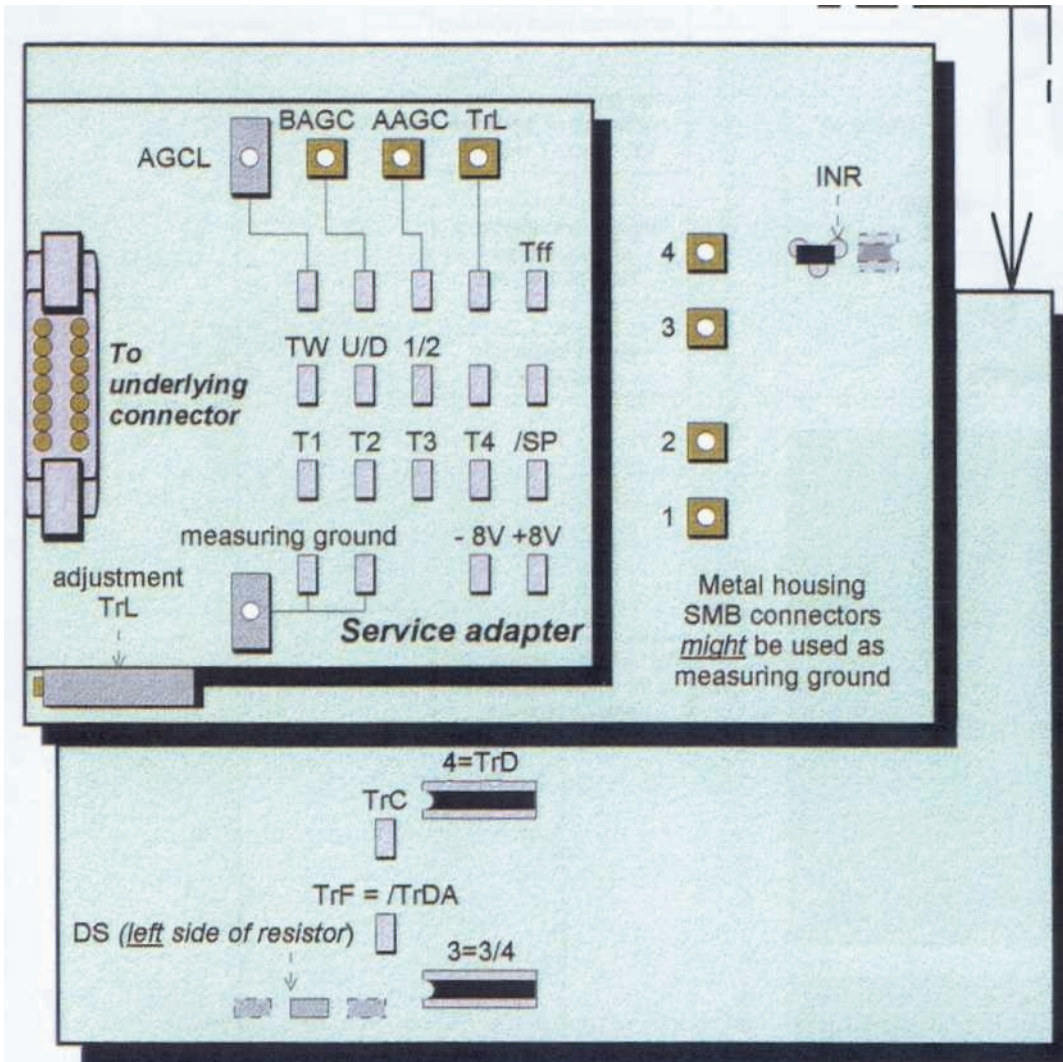
The sensors of each acoustic path must be aligned to have an optimum acoustic signal transfer. The best way to obtain this is by fluid alignment, where the pipe is filled with fluid and the sensor position is optimized by monitoring the acoustic signal transfer. When this is impossible, the sensor can be aligned optically. For this method it is necessary to have access to the inside of the pipe. The end result is that the acoustic windows are parallel and on the same axis. This is acceptable for the acoustic signal transfer.

For single beam (SB) installations there is only one ultrasonic path and two sensors (Drawing 1). This path is named path 1 and it is composed of sensors 1 and 2. For double beam (DB) installations there are two acoustic paths and four sensors (Drawing 2). The upper path is path 1, composed of sensors 1 and 2. The lower path is path 2, composed of sensors 4 and 3. It is very important that both acoustic paths have the same signal strength. This is only possible to optimize with fluid alignment, or with laser alignment.

## 4.1 Fluid alignment

For a correct alignment a Service Adapter Board is required as shown in the diagram.

**Note:**



The service adapter must be connected with a flatcable to the Service connector on the converter just behind the display board.

### SIGNAL CONTROL

1/2 path 1/2 selection  
 U/D pulse direction  
 /SP start pulse  
 T1-4 start pulse sensors  
 INR received pulse  
 3/4 trigger point for DS-calibration

### SIGNAL DETECTION

TrL trigger level  
 TW time window  
 Tff trigger flip-flop  
 BAGC received pulse before the AGC  
 AAGC received pulse the AGC

### SIGNAL PROCESSING

TrC *trigger course*  
 TrD *trigger delay*  
 DS *dual slope*  
 TrF *trigger time*  
 /TrDA *trigger delay amplified*

*The signals printed in "italic" are not described since they are not necessary for the explanation of the alignment.*

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#### **Procedure for the liquid alignment by using the service adapter board:**

1. Align the four sensors physically
2. Connect the sensor cables (1,2, 3 and 4) to the converter as described in item 7
3. Install the service adapter board
4. Connect the power supply
5. Program the converter as described in item 8 (diameter, time window etc.)
6. Select in address 5.2.6. path 1 (i.e. sensors 1 and 2)
7. Measure the DC voltage on AGCL (red) and GROUND (black)
8. Manipulate one sensor of sensor pair 1 for the highest voltage
9. Manipulate the other sensor of sensor pair 1 for the highest voltage
10. Select in address 5.2.6 path 2 (i.e. sensors 3 and 4)
11. Manipulate one sensor of sensor pair 2 for the highest voltage
12. Manipulate the other sensor of sensor pair 2 for the highest voltage
13. Disconnect the service adapter board

## **4.2 Laser alignment**

When fluid alignment is not possible it is possible to align the sensors using a laser-beam. This means that the acoustic windows of the sensors of each acoustic path will be parallel to each other and on the same axis. It is necessary to have access to the inside of the tube.

Special equipment needed:

- Laser alignment tool (to be ordered separately)

Align the sensor with the laser alignment tool as follows:

- Screw the sensors in the sensor supports until the end. Verify that the sensors are not sticking into the inside diameter of the pipe, else unscrew until the sensors are flush. Then unscrew each sensor until the acoustic window is facing the opposite sensor of the same path (Drawing 1/2 SB/DB).
- Fix these sensors on this position with a welding spot.
- Check the alignment once more.

## **5.0 Welding of the sensors on the sensor support (after alignment with fluid)**

Before welding around the sensors completely, remove the inner parts (Drawing 3) from the sensor bodies. Keep the internal parts of each sensor together in a clean box or plastic bag. Cover the reaming sensor body with a protecting screw to prevent dust and dirt from getting into the sensor body during welding and grinding. Weld the sensor bodies all around on the sensor support (Drawing 3) and let them cool down before mounting the internal parts. Due to the welding, the thread of the sensor body can be deformed, by using a thread tap of 20 x 1.5 this can be solved. Mount the internal parts of the sensors as described in item 6 on the next page.

## 6.0 Mounting of the sensors

- Mark the connection box of sensors 1 and 4 with a "P", mark the connection box of sensors 2 and 4 with a "N" (See Drawing 2).
- Clean the inside of the sensor holder using acetone and dry with compressed air.
- Clean the piezo crystal.
- Glue the crystal to the copper sheet at the front end of the piezo guiding, using the acoustic coupling grease.

### NOTE:

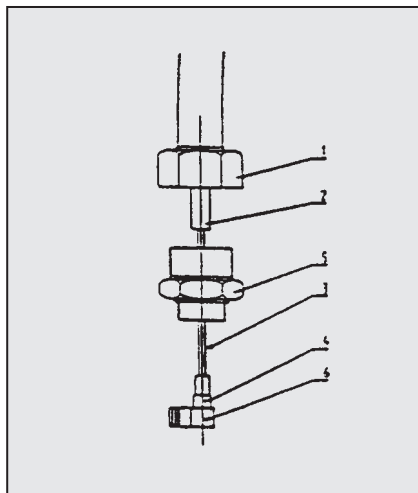
**With a "P" type sensor: the crystal side marked with a green dot must face the piezo guiding.**

**With a "N" type sensor: the crystal side marked with a green dot must NOT face the piezo guiding.**

- Install the insulation ring around the crystal.
- Put 3 drops of Silicon Oil AK 2000 to the free face of the crystal. Make sure no air-bubbles remain on the crystal or in the oil.
- Slide the holder with crystal to the housing.
- Try to direct the holder into the right direction.
- Fasten the holder with the spring-loaded washer and nut.
- Click the cable connector to the sensor.
- Match the cable numbers to the sensor numbers according to Drawing 1 or 2.

## 7.0 Cabling, connection, final mounting

Connect the sensor cables to the corresponding sensors (numbering) on one side and to the square pipe on the other side:

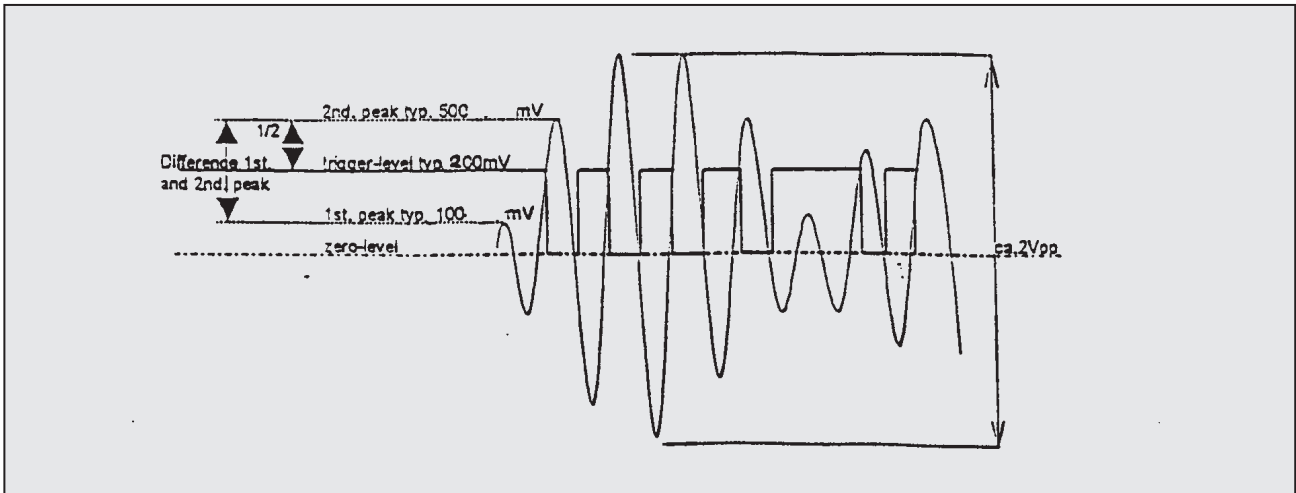


Drawing 7: Sensor cable with Anaconda protecting hose. 1. Anaconda Sealtite armoured hose with nut, sealing and insert, pre-mounted, 2. Silicon protection (glass fiber reinforced), 3. coaxial signal cable, 4. Label with sensor number, 5. cable gland, 6. SMB connector

- Feed the SMB-connector (6) through the threaded hole in the sensor body and screw the cable gland (5) in the sensor body and tighten vigorously. Connect the SMB-connector to the electrical connection plug. Place the Anaconda hose on the cable gland and screw the nut (it can rotate over the sealing). Tighten it vigorously. The sealing must come out of the gland to ensure watertight mounting.
- Screw the covers (1) on the sensors with the closing O-ring (7) (Drawing 3). Apply a little grease on the O-ring and take care that the O-ring is well placed and not damaged by the thread, to establish a good environmental protection (IP 65/68). The cover must be screwed until the O-ring is no longer visible and tightened.
- Feed the SMB-connector on the opposite side through the hole in the square pipe and connect the Anaconda hose as described above to the square pipe.
- Fix the connection box on the square pipe, while placing the silicon gasket and connect SMB-connectors of the sensor cables to the print in the connection box.
- Fix the connection print in the connection box.
- Mount the signal converter to the wall with its wall mounting support.

- Connect the MRO2 or MRO4 cables to the connection box on the square pipe on one end and to the connection box under the signal converter on the other end. Connect the right connectors to the right place (numbering!). Fix the cable gland PG16 tightly to establish a good environmental protection.
- Close both connection boxes, while taking care that the gaskets are well placed.
- Connect the power supply and output cable to the converter (Installation and Operating Manual 400/500).
- Fill the tube with fluid and check the signals in the UFC500 by using the procedure 4.1.

### TRIGGER LEVEL



Drawing 10: Trigger adjustment

The optimum value of the trigger-level is in between the values of the first and second peak. The factory setting of 200 mV is suitable for most applications. In some cases adjustment may be necessary.

## 8.0 Programming the UFC 500 converter

See UFM 500 K/F Manual.

Program the following values in the concerning functions. Other functions can be altered if desired (output, time constant, low flow cut off).

Nr.	Function	Description
3.1.1.	FULL SCALE	Desired flowrate for full scale (=100%)
3.1.5.	METER SIZE	Exact internal diameter in mm or inch
3.1.6.	GK VALUE	Primary constant value: acc. to PC calculations
5.2.6.	SEL PATH	Single Beam: Path 1 Double Beam: Path 1 + 2
5.3.1.	T. WINDOW	≥ DN 100/4 33 μS > DN 100/4 ca. 70% of transit time for water (see Fct. 3.2.4.)

entry code for menu 5:



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## 9.0 Zero-point measurement

For ultrasonic flowmeters it is important to have a good zero-point. For making a zero-point it is very important to have a situation where the flow is absolutely zero. If that is not possible the default zero-point can be used, which is a good approximation.

- Have the fluid flow at a high flow rate for at least five minutes. Stop the flow and shut down the upstream and downstream valves (if available).
- Let the fluid stabilize until the displayed flow rate becomes stable. (At least a few minutes, but even longer for large diameters (> DN 300).
- Make a zero-point measurement (Fct. 3.1.4.) and check if the display comes to zero. Else repeat the zero-point measurement until a stable zero-point is obtained.

Now the UFM 800W ultrasonic flowmeter should be operating in correct way.