

<b>Models PFT420, PFT420/2 &amp; FT420B</b>	<b>Analog Flow Transmitter (4 to 20 mA)</b>	<h1 style="margin: 0;">Technical Brief</h1>
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**GENERAL**

The model PFT420, PFT420/2 and FT420B are versatile analog flow transmitters for use with Badger's complete line of flow meters. The PFT housings are plastic. The FT housing is cast bronze. These solid state units produce a 4-20 mA DC output signal through a two-wire design. They also provide a digital pulse output. The outputs are isolated from power supply negative.

The 4-20 mA output signal is directly proportional to the rate of flow through the meter. The signal has excellent linearity, accuracy and repeatability.

**OPERATION**

The input pulses generated by the reed switch sensor located within the transmitter assembly are converted to a standard 4-20 mA control signal. This signal is proportional to the flow of fluid passing through the flow meter. The input pulses are also converted to a square wave signal that is available as an open collector transistor. This digital pulse output is compatible with most totalizers and batch controllers. Power for the device can be obtained from a 10 to 36 VDC control loop.

**APPLICATIONS**

These flow transmitters will precisely condition and transmit flow meter signals for process control in the chemical, food & beverage, water conditioning, pharmaceutical and any other industry where measurement and control of fluid flow is required. The transmitter outputs are compatible with most process controllers, totalizers and flow indication devices such as chart recorders and other data logging devices.

**FEATURES**

- **Solid-State Circuitry, Long Life, High Reliability**
- **NEMA 4X Rating (PFT Style Housing)**



**FT420B (rear) & PFT420 Transmitters**

Size	Model	Max. GPM	Pulses/Gallon
1/2"	OP	6	222.96
1"	OP	30	76.64
2"	OP	100	20.56
2"	Turbo	160	17.36
3"	Turbo	350	12.40
4"	Turbo	1000	2.56
6"	Turbo	2000	1.08
5/8"	25 RCDL	25	198.40
3/4"	35 RCDL	35	126.67
1"	40 RCDL	40	89.80
1"	70 RCDL	70	46.80

**Meter K Factor Chart**



## SPECIFICATIONS

### ENVIRONMENTAL

**Operating Temperature:** -40°F to 185°F  
**Humidity:** 5% to 100% non-condensing  
**Enclosures:** Bronze: NEMA 4X  
 Plastic: NEMA 4X

### ELECTRICAL

**Supply Voltage:** 10 to 36 VDC  
**Pulse Input:**  
 Circuit Interface: Schmitt Trigger  
 Switch Closure: 40% to 60% duty cycle @ 100 Hz  
**Digital Output:**  
 Opto-isolator: Open collector transistor  
 Max. Voltage: 80 VDC  
 Max. Power: 200mW  
 Pulse Width: 1 millisecond (± 0.1 msec.)  
 Pulse Rate: Input rate  
**Analog Output:** Two-wire signal/power  
 Max. Voltage: 10 to 36 VDC supply  
 Current: 4 to 20 mA

Max. Load Resistance (ohms) =  $50 + [50 \times (\text{VDC} - 10)]$

### PERFORMANCE

**Analog Output:** Two-wire (signal/power) circuit interface with reversed polarity protection

**Accuracy:** Within 0.5% of point (10:1 range)

**Repeatability:** Within 0.2% of point  
**Max. Ripple:** 0.1 mA @ 10% of span calibration

**Response:** 3 sec. to within 95% of total change

**Operational Drift:** Less than 10 µamps

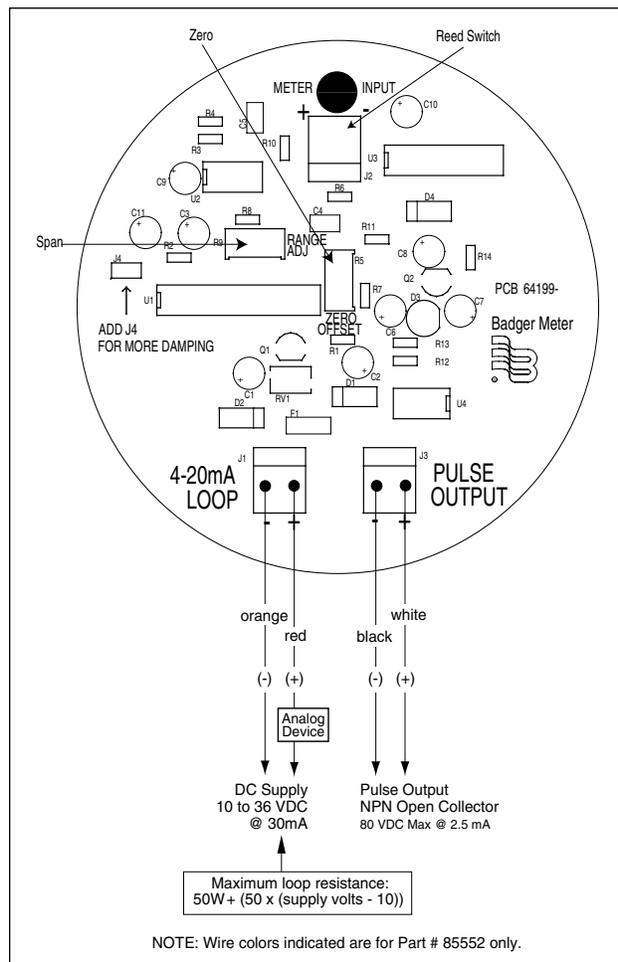
**Thermal Drift:** Less than 1 µamp per ° C

**Over Voltage Protection:** Resettable Fuse 100mA

**Span Adjustment:** 7 to 24 mA

**Zero Adjustment:** 3 to 9 mA

**Zero Stability:** 3.97 mA to 4.03 mA



Meter Type	Bronze	Standard (Plastic)
Turbo	none	PFT420/2
RCDL	FT420B	PFT420

### Transmitter Selection Guide

## CALIBRATION

This transmitter is calibrated to customer specifications at the factory. Specifications must be provided at time of order placement. Recalibration generally is not necessary. However, if a particular flow rate is required, use the following recalibration example:

### This product is not intended for use in hazardous locations

First, move the cover. Connect a milliammeter in series with the red lead. Connect a rate indicator or suitable counter to the pulse output. Establish the maximum rate of flow in the system, and determine the number of pulses received

per minute. Refer to the meter factor chart found in the flow meter's Installation and Operation Manual. Divide the pulses per minute by pulses per gallon for your particular meter. Using a small screwdriver, adjust the span so the milliammeter registers 20 mA.

### Example:

You have a 2" Turbo meter and the pulse counter registers 2000 pulses/minute at full flow. A 2" turbo meter has a K factor of 17.36 pulses per gallon.  $2000/17.36 = 115.2$  GPM. Adjust the span for a reading of 20 mA.

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