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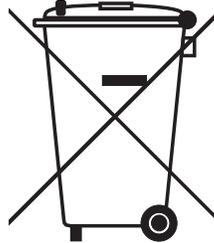
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# Chapter 1. Programming Site Data

## 1.1 Introduction

The Model DF868 flowmeter cannot provide accurate flow rate measurements until the instrument has been properly installed and the basic system and pipe parameters have been programmed into the meter. See the *Startup Guide* for detailed instructions on performing these tasks. After completing the installation and initial setup, use this chapter to program the Model DF868's advanced features.

Twelve submenus within the *User Program* provide access to the various programmable features of the Model DF868. Step-by-step programming instructions are presented in this chapter. Refer to the appropriate section for a discussion of the following *User Program* submenus:

- ACTIV - select the desired measurement method
- SYSTM - enter the system data
- PIPE - enter the pipe parameters
- I/O - set up the inputs and outputs
- SETUP - set the signal limits and response times
- CLOCK - set the time and date
- COMM - set the serial port parameters
- SAVE - save site files
- RECLL - recall stored site files
- KV/SS - enter a kinematic viscosity/signal strength
- Tmp/KV - enter up to three temperature vs. viscosity tables
- SECUR - enter a passcode

As an aid in following the programming instructions, a complete menu map of the *User Program* is included in Appendix A, *Menu Maps*.

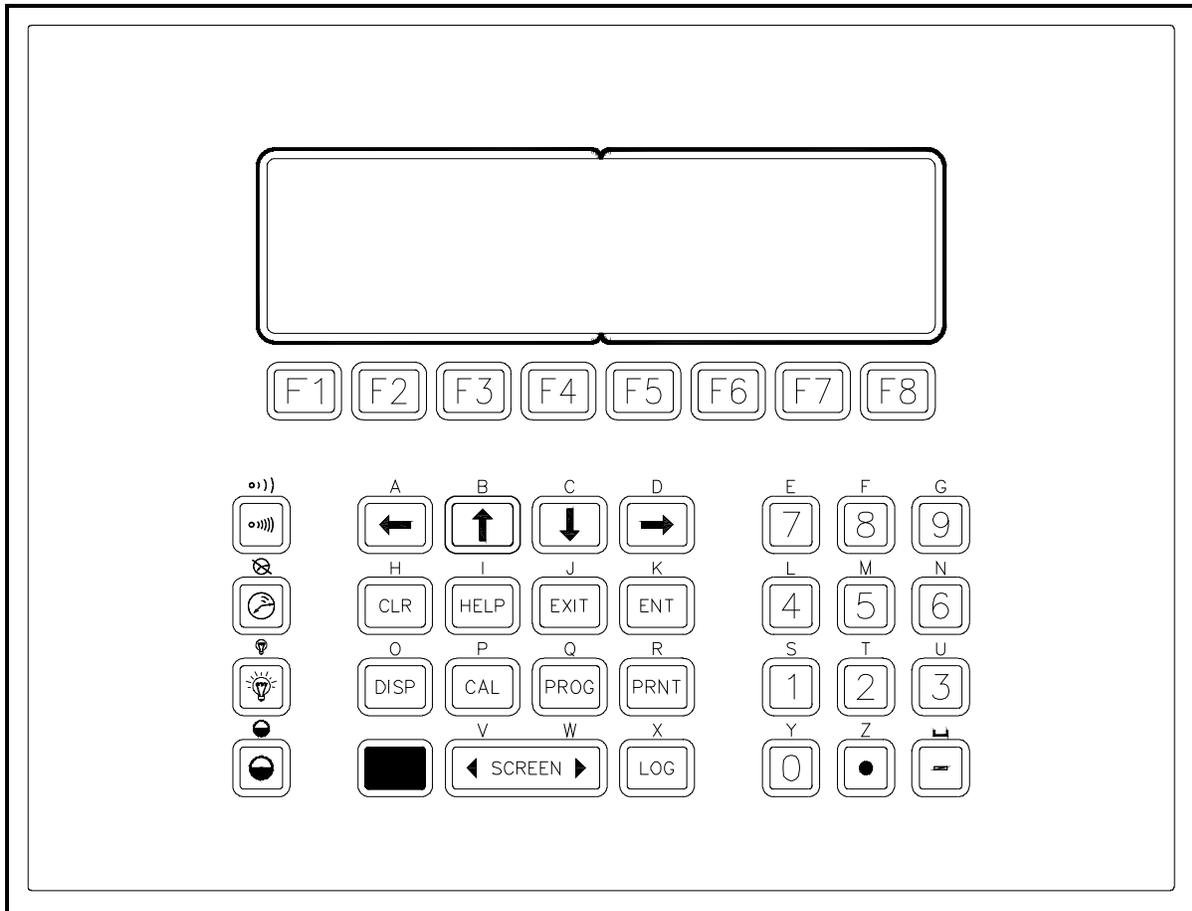
**Note:** *In the menu map drawings, plain text represents prompt area messages and boxed text represents option bar choices. Fx represents a function key to select an option bar choice.*

## 1.2 Using the Keypad

The Model DF868 keypad contains 39 keys, that are labeled with their primary (unshifted) functions. In addition, pressing the red [SHIFT] key will access the secondary functions assigned to most of the keys.

The complete keypad is illustrated in Figure 1 and a detailed description of both the unshifted and shifted functions for each of the 39 keys is listed in Table 1 on page 2.

**Note:** Only the [SHIFT] key and the eight [F $\times$ ] keys have no shifted function.



**Figure 1: The Model DF868 Keypad**

**Note:** Although the keypad is essentially the same, the front panel layout of meters supplied in one of the optional enclosures is different. See Appendix C, Optional Enclosures, of the Startup Guide for a picture of the applicable front panel.

Table 1: Model DF868 Key Functions

Key	Unshifted Function	Shifted Function
	Software Function Keys - press to select the functions displayed directly above them in the option bar. These keys apply only to the left pane of the display screen.	None
		
		
		
	Software Function Keys - press to select the functions displayed directly above them in the option bar. These keys apply only to the right pane of the display screen.	None
		
		
		
	Shift Key - use this red key to access the shifted function of the other keys. 1 press shifts the next keystroke only. 2 presses locks the keypad in shifted mode. 3 presses releases the shift function.	None
	Arrow Keys - in measurement mode, use to scroll through function choices on the option bar. In programming mode, use to scroll through menu choices. The [←] also acts as a backspace key in programming mode.	Use to enter the letters A, B, C and D, respectively.
		
		
		
	Program Key - press to enter the <i>User Program</i> . See the remainder of this chapter for details.	Use to enter the letter Q.
	Display Key - use to display data in a variety of numeric and graphic formatting options. See page 49 for details.	Use to enter the letter O.

Table 1: Model DF868 Key Functions (cont.)

Key	Unshifted Function	Shifted Function
	Log Key - use to set up logs. See page 62 for details.	Use to enter the letter X.
	Print Key - use to print live measurements, log files and signal arrays. See page 72 for details.	Use to enter the letter R.
	Clear Key - use to reset totals and to delete site and log files from the Model DF868 memory. See page 82 for details.	Use to enter the letter H.
	Calibration Key - use to calibrate the analog inputs and outputs and to test the alarm relays and the totalizer/frequency outputs. See Chapter 1, <i>Calibration</i> , in the <i>Service Manual</i> for details.	Use to enter the letter P.
	Exit Key - use to move up one level in the user program or to exit the user program.	Use to enter the letter J.
	Enter Key - use to confirm the most recent input information.	Use to enter the letter K.
	Help Key - use to access the Model DF868's context-sensitive on-line help system. See the next section for details.	Use to enter the letter I.
	Screen Key - press the left side to select the left display pane or press the right side to select the right display pane.	Press the left side to enter the letter V or press the right side to enter the letter W.
	Decimal Point Key - press to enter a decimal point during numeric entry.	Use to enter the letter Z.
	Minus Key - use to enter a minus sign or a dash.	Use to enter a space character.
	Zero Key - use to enter the number 0.	Use to enter the letter Y.
	One Key - use to enter the number 1.	Use to enter the letter S.
	Two Key - use to enter the number 2.	Use to enter the letter T.
	Three Key - use to enter the number 3.	Use to enter the letter U.
	Four Key - use to enter the number 4.	Use to enter the letter L.

Table 1: Model DF868 Key Functions (cont.)

Key	Unshifted Function	Shifted Function
	Five Key - use to enter the number 5.	Use to enter the letter M.
	Six Key - use to enter the number 6.	Use to enter the letter N.
	Seven Key - use to enter the number 7.	Use to enter the letter E.
	Eight Key - use to enter the number 8.	Use to enter the letter F.
	Nine Key - use to enter the number 9.	Use to enter the letter G.
	Audio Level Key - press to increase the audio alarm volume.	Press to decrease the audio alarm volume.
	Stopwatch Timer Key - press to turn the stopwatch timer on.	Press to turn the stopwatch timer off.
	Backlight Key - press to turn the display backlight on or to increase its brightness.	Press to turn the display backlight off or to decrease its brightness.
	Contrast Key - press to increase the contrast of the display screen.	Press to decrease the contrast of the display screen.

### 1.3 Obtaining On-line Help

A context-sensitive, on-line help system is programmed into every Model DF868 flowmeter. On-line help, which displays additional information related to the current task, may be accessed at any time by pressing the [HELP] key on the keypad. The help information will be shown on the currently selected pane of the display screen, as shown in Figure 2.

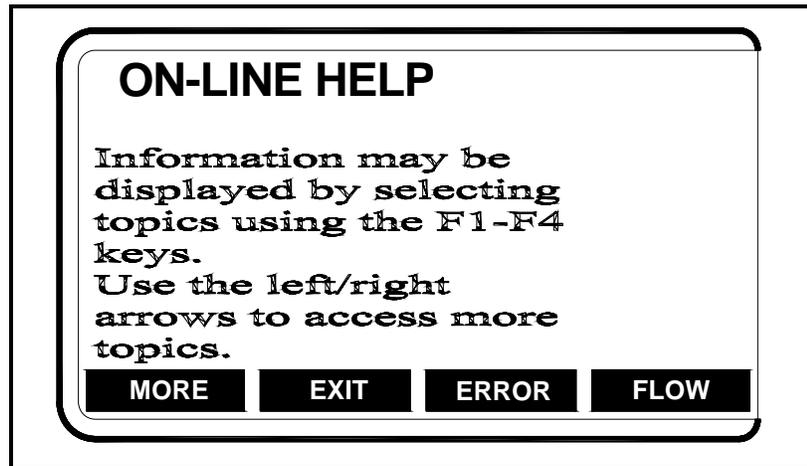


Figure 2: Typical On-Line Help Screen

After entering the on-line help system, the following functions are available on the option bar of the selected display pane:

- **MORE:** Press [F1] (or [F5]) to access this function, and the next screen of text is displayed in the prompt area.
- **EXIT:** Press [F2] (or [F6]) to access this function, and the Model DF868 returns to measurement mode.
- **ERROR:** Press [F3] (or [F7]) to access this function, and the various Model DF868 error codes are displayed. Use the [F1]-[F4] (or [F5]-[F8]) function keys, in conjunction with the [←] and [→] keys, to obtain additional information on the desired error code or to exit the help system.

**Note:** See the Service Manual, Chapter 2, Error Codes and Screen Messages, for a complete listing of all error codes and messages.

- **FLOW:** Press [F4] (or [F8]) to access this function, and the various flow measurement parameters are displayed. Use the [F1]-[F4] (or [F5]-[F8]) function keys, in conjunction with the [←] and [→] keys, to obtain additional information on the desired measurement parameter or to exit the help system.

## 1.4 Using the Console Control Keys

The Model DF868 has four console control keys, which are located on the left side of the keypad. Use these keys, which are described and pictured in Table 1 on page 3, as follows:

### 1.4.1 Adjusting the Alarm Volume

Use the top console control key to adjust the audio alarm volume.



Discrete presses will incrementally increase the volume of the audio alarm. Hold the key down for continuous increase. Use the key in shifted mode to decrease the volume of the audio alarm.

### 1.4.2 Using the Stopwatch Totalizer

Use the second console control key for the stopwatch totalizer.



Press the key once to start the stopwatch totalizer. Press the key once, in shifted mode, to stop the stopwatch totalizer.

**Note:** *Instructions on properly setting up the stopwatch totalizer are given on page 10. Also, the Service Manual provides information on the error response of the stopwatch totalizer.*

### 1.4.3 Adjusting the Brightness

Use the third console control key to adjust the display backlight.



Discrete presses of this key will increase the backlight brightness through settings of Off, Mid and Full. Discrete presses of this key in shifted mode, will decrease the backlight brightness through settings of Full, Mid and Off.

**Note:** *The display backlight has an automatic time-off feature. See page 59 for setup instructions.*

### 1.4.4 Adjusting the Contrast

Use the bottom console key to adjust the display contrast.



Discrete presses will incrementally increase the display contrast. Hold the key down for continuous increase. Use the same key, in shifted mode, to decrease display contrast.

## 1.5 The User Program

Use the keypad, as described in the previous section, to navigate through the *User Program*. The menu map may be followed in sequence, or the [↑] and [↓] keys may be used to scroll through the prompt screens. The [←] key may be used to delete the last alphanumeric character that was entered from the keypad.

The following discussion assumes that the left screen pane is active. If the right screen pane is active, only the function key designations change. That is, replace [F1]-[F4] with [F5]-[F8].

**Note:** *Be sure to record all the programming data entered in this chapter in Appendix B, Data Records.*

Programming of the ACTIV, SYSTM and PIPE submenus is necessary for operation of the Model DF868. Failure to accurately enter all of the required information will result in unreliable flow rate data. Therefore, be sure to complete at least the sections of this chapter pertaining to those three submenus.

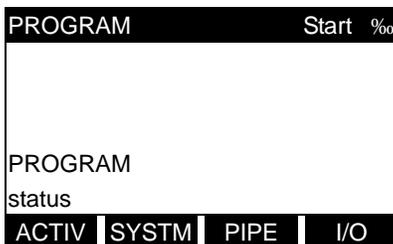
**Note:** *Because it is so essential, instructions for programming the ACTIV, SYSTM and PIPE submenus are also included in the Startup Guide. If that programming has already been completed, those sections of this chapter may be skipped.*

Except for the three submenus noted above, it is not necessary to program the Model DF868 flowmeter in any particular order. Therefore, the sections of this chapter need not be completed in sequence. Proceed immediately to any section of interest.

**Note:** *To enter calibration data, please refer to Chapter 1, Calibration, of the Service Manual.*

### 1.5.1 Entering Programming Mode

To access the *User Program*, press the [PROG] key on the keypad. The standard measurement mode screen is replaced by the following initial programming mode screen:



Press the [←] and [→] keys and one of the function keys [F1]-[F4] to select the desired submenu. From this screen, press [EXIT] to return to measurement mode.

**Note:** *If the security feature is active, enter the password and press the [ENT] key to enter the User Program. See the SECUR submenu section of this chapter for more information on the security feature.*

## 1.6 Activating a Channel

The ACTIV submenu permits selection of the desired measurement method. While following the programming instructions, refer to Figure 10 on page 93 and Figure 11 on page 94.

1. Enter the ACTIV submenu by pressing [F1] at the *User Program* prompt.
2. Press [F1] to activate the channel in Transit-Time mode, or [F2] to activate the channel in TransFlection mode.

**Note:** *The current status of the meter is displayed in the bottom line of the prompt area.*

The Model DF868 flowmeter can take measurements in two different ways:

- The Correlation Transit-Time™ technique uses a pair of transducers (either wetted or clamp-on) with each transducer alternately sending and receiving coded ultrasonic signals through the fluid. When the fluid is flowing, signal transit time in the downstream direction is shorter than in the upstream direction; the difference between these transit times is proportional to the flow velocity. The DF868 measures this very small time difference and, using various digital signal processing techniques combined with programmed pipe parameters, determines the flow rate and direction.
- The TransFlection® technique uses two transducers. One transducer shoots thousands of grouped ultrasonic pulses in very rapid succession. The pulses bounce off “scatterers” in the liquid (bubbles, solids, or liquid droplets) and are reflected back to the other transducer. Each received pulse group receives a “snapshot” of the flow. By comparing all snapshots and averaging out objects that do not appear to move with the flow, the DF868 can determine flow rate and direction.

**Note:** *If a customer has not ordered the DF868 with TransFlection mode, the TRNFL option does not appear.*

### Procedure Options

To leave the *User Program* and return to measurement mode, press [EXIT] on the keypad. If changes have been made in any of the submenus, the program will ask if you wish to save the changes. Press [F1] to return to measurement mode without saving the file or press [F2] to enter the SAVE submenu.

**Note:** *See the SAVE submenu section on page 45 of this chapter for more information on this function.*

## 1.7 Entering System Data

1. At the *User Program* screen, press the [F2] function key to program the SYSTM submenu.
2. Enter a *Site Label* of up to 9 characters and press the [ENT] key. (While taking measurements, the site label appears on the locator bar.)
3. Enter a *Site Message* of up to 21 characters. Use this screen to enter a brief description of the site. When the message has been entered, press the [ENT] key.
4. Press [F1] to turn the *Energy Option* OFF or press [F2] to turn it ON. (The Energy Option calculates the energy of a system based on temperatures at the supply and return points, and the flow of fluid.)
5. To select the *System Units*, press [F1] to display parameters and measurements in English units or press [F2] to display parameters and measurements in Metric units.
6. To program the *Totalizer Option*, press [F1] to measure totals automatically, or press [F2] to measure totals manually.

If AUTO is selected above, the meter automatically begins totalizing upon leaving the *User Program*. If MNUAL is selected, the console key on the keypad must then be used to start and stop the totalizer, as discussed on page 7.

**IMPORTANT:** *After setting up the Totalizer, press the [CLR] key to clear the Totalizer, or the new totals will be added to any previously accumulated totals.*

**Note:** *The manner in which the Totalizer responds to an error condition may be set in the I/O submenu.*

7. Use the [F1]-[F4] and [→] keys to select the desired *Volumetric Units* for the flow rate display.

The abbreviations and definitions of all the available volumetric units are shown in Table 2 on page 11. The choices shown on the option bar are determined by the selections made at the previous SYSTEM UNITS prompt screen

## 1.7 Entering System Data (cont.)

Table 2: Volumetric Unit Options

English Volumetric Units	Metric Volumetric Units
GAL/S - U.S. Gallons per Second	L/S- Liter per Second
GAL/M - U.S. Gallons per Minute	L/M - Liters per Minute
GAL/H - U.S. Gallons per Hour	L/H - Liters per Hour
MGD - Millions of U.S. Gallons per Day	ML/D - Millions of Liters per Day
ft <sup>3</sup> /s - Cubic Feet per Second	m <sup>3</sup> /s - Cubic Meters per Second
ft <sup>3</sup> /m - Cubic Feet per Minute	m <sup>3</sup> /m- Cubic Meters per Minute
ft <sup>3</sup> /h- Cubic Feet per Hour	Mm <sup>3</sup> /h - Millions of Cubic Meters per Hour
Mft <sup>3</sup> /d - Millions of Cubic Feet per Day	Mm <sup>3</sup> /d - Millions of Cubic Meters per Day
BBL/S - Barrels per Second	BBL/S - Barrels per Second
BBL/M - Barrels per Minute	BBL/M - Barrels per Minute
BBL/H - Barrels per Hour	BBL/H - Barrels per Hour
BBL/D - Barrels per Day	BBL/D - Barrels per Day
MBBL/D - Millions of Barrels per Day	MBBL/D - Millions of Barrels per Day
Acre-inch/sec -Acre-inches per second	N/A
Acre-inch/min - Acre-inches per minute	N/A
Acre-inch/hr - Acre-inches per hour	N/A
Acre-inch/day - Acre-inches per day	N/A
Acre-foot/sec - Acre-feet per second	N/A
Acre-foot/min - Acre-feet per minute	N/A
Acre-foot/shr - Acre-feet per hour	N/A
Acre-foot/day - Acre-feet per day	N/A

## 1.7 Entering System Data (cont.)

8. Press [F1]-[F4] to select the *Vol Decimal Digits* (the desired number of digits to the right of the decimal point) in the volumetric flow rate display.
9. Use the [F1]-[F4] and [→] keys to select the *Totalizer Units*.

The abbreviations and definitions of all the available totalizer units are shown in Table 3. The choices shown on the option bar in the prompt screen are determined by the selections made at the previous SYSTEM UNITS prompt screen.

**Table 3: Totalizer Unit Options**

English Totalizer Units	Metric Totalizer Units
Gal - U.S. Gallons	L - Liters
MGAL - Mega U.S. gallons	ML - Megaliters
ft <sup>3</sup> - Cubic Feet	m <sup>3</sup> - Cubic Meters
Mft <sup>3</sup> - Mega Cubic Feet	Mm <sup>3</sup> - Mega Cubic Meters
BBL - Barrels	BBL - Barrels
MBBL - Megabarrels	MBBL - Megabarrels
Acre-inches	
Acre-feet	

10. Press [F1]-[F4] to select the *Total Decimal Digits* (the digits to the right of the decimal point) in the totalized flow display.

### 1.7.1 Mass Flow

If the Mass Flow prompt in the SETUP submenu is not enabled, skip this sub-section. However, the following programming sequence appears if Mass Flow is enabled.

1. Use the [F1]-[F4] keys to select the desired *Mass Flow* units, listed in Table 4.

**Table 4: Available Mass Flow Units**

English	Metric
LB = Pounds	KG = Kilograms
KLB = Thousands of LB	TONNE = Metric Tons (1000 KG)
MMLB = Millions of LB	
TONS = Tons (2000 LB)	

2. Use the [F1]-[F4] keys to select the desired *Mass Flow Time* units.
3. Use the [F1]-[F4] keys to select the *MDOT Decimal Digits* (the digits to the right of the decimal point) for displaying mass flow.
4. Use the [F1]-[F4] keys to select the *Mass (Totalizer)* units, listed in Table 4.
5. Use the [F1]-[F4] keys to select the *Mass Decimal Digits* (the digits to the right of the decimal point) for displaying totalized mass flow.

## 1.7.2 Energy Option

If you did not select the Energy Option earlier, the meter now returns to the initial *User Program* screen. But if you selected the Energy Option, several additional prompts appear.

1. Use the [F1]-[F4] keys to select the desired *Power* units, listed in Table 5.

**Table 5: Power Unit Options**

English Power Units	Metric Power Units
kBTU—Thousands of British Thermal Units per Hour	kCAL/sec—Kilocalories/second
MMBTU—Millions of British Thermal Units per Hour	MCAL/sec—MegaCalories/second
kW—kilowatts	kW—kilowatts
Tons	MW—Megawatts

2. Use the [F1]-[F4] keys to select the *Power Decimal Digits* (the digits to the right of the decimal point) for displaying power.
3. Use the [F1]-[F4] keys to select the *Total Energy* units, shown in Table 6.

**Table 6: Energy Unit Options**

English Energy Units	Metric Energy Units
kBTU—Thousands of British Thermal Units	kCAL—Kilocalories
MMBTU—Millions of British Thermal Units	MCAL—MegaCalories
kWHr—Kilowatt-Hours	kW—Kilowatt-Hour
Tons	MW—Megawatt-Hour

4. Use the [F1]-[F4] keys to select the *Energy Decimal Digits* (the digits to the right of the decimal point) for displaying total energy.
5. Press [F1] to make measurements in a *Cooling* system, or [F2] to make measurements in a *Heating* system.
6. Press [F1] to conduct *Flow Measurement* at the point of return (where the liquid exits), or [F2] to measure flow at the point of supply (where the liquid enters).

When the above selection has been made, the meter exits the SYSTM submenu and returns to the initial *User Program* screen. If changes have been made in any of the submenus, the program will ask if you wish to save the changes. Press [F1] to return to measurement mode without saving the file or press [F2] to enter the SAVE submenu.

**Note:** See the SAVE submenu section on page 45 of this chapter for more information on this function.

## 1.8 Entering Pipe Data

The PIPE submenu permits entry of the transducer and pipe specifications. To program this menu, complete the following steps:

1. At the *User Program* screen, press [F3] to program the PIPE submenu.

### 1.8.1 Transducer Number

2. Enter the *Transducer Number* engraved on the head of the transducer and press [ENT]. If there is no engraved number, complete the steps below. Otherwise, proceed to step 3 on page 15 for a clamp-on transducer, or to step 4 for a wetted transducer.

**IMPORTANT:** *Special transducers, which have no engraved number on the head, are rarely used. Examine the transducer head carefully for a number.*

- a. Assign a number between 91 and 99 to the *Special Transducer* and press [ENT]. (The meter will only accept values from 1 to 199.)
- b. Use the [F1]-[F3] keys to select the *Wedge Type*. Three choices are available: Rayleigh or Shear wave (for clamp-on transducers) or wetted transducers.
- c. Use the [F1]-[F3] keys to select the *Frequency* of the special transducer.

**IMPORTANT:** *The frequency is required to transmit an excitation voltage at the transducer's natural frequency.*

- d. Enter the special transducer *Time Delay (Tw)* value supplied by the factory and press [ENT].

**Note:** *Tw is the time required for the transducer signal to travel through the transducer and its cable. This time delay must be subtracted from the transit times of the upstream and downstream transducers to ensure an accurate measurement.*

If you have selected a special wetted transducer, the meter now rejoins the standard programming sequence. However, if you have selected a special clamp-on transducer, two additional prompts appear.

- e. Use the numeric keys to enter the *Wedge Angle* (the angle of the ultrasonic transmission) in degrees and press [ENT].

**Note:** *In TransFlection mode, you must enter a separate wedge angle for both the transmit transducer and the receive transducer.*

- f. Use the numeric keys to enter the *Wedge Soundspeed* in ft/sec or m/sec and press [ENT].

## 1.8.2 Pipe Material

3. Use the [F1]-[F4] and [→] keys to select the *Pipe Material*, as listed in Table 7.

**Table 7: Pipe Materials**

Pipe Material Category	Specific Material
Steel	Carbon Steel or Stainless Steel
Iron	Ductile Iron or Cast Iron
Cu - Copper	None
Al - Aluminum	None
Brass	None
CuNi - Copper/Nickel	70% Cu 30% Ni or 90% Cu 10% Ni
Glass	Pyrex, Flint, or Crown
Plastic	Nylon, Polyester, Polypropylene, PVC (CPVC), Acrylic
Other*	Any material

**Note:** Depending on the pipe material choice, another window may appear, asking you to specify the specific material. If you have selected “Other,” the DF868 prompts you to enter the sound speed.

## 1.8.3 Pipe OD

4. Enter the known *Pipe OD* or circumference and press [F1]-[F4] to select the appropriate units, as shown in Table 8. Press [ENT]. (The meter will only accept values from 1/8 to 648 in.)

**Note:** The first two lines of text in the prompt area depend on the selection made at the TRANSDUCER NUMBER prompt. The option bar choices may appear in English or Metric units.

Obtain the required information by measuring either the pipe outside diameter (OD) or circumference at the transducer installation site. The data may also be obtained from standard pipe size tables.

**Table 8: Available Pipe OD Units**

English	Metric
inch = pipe OD in inches	mm = pipe OD in millimeters
feet = pipe OD in feet	m = pipe OD in meters
in/PI = pipe circumference in inches	mm/PI = pipe circumference in millimeters
ft/PI = pipe circumference in feet	m/PI = pipe circumference in meters

### 1.8.4 Pipe Wall

5. Enter the known thickness of the *Pipe Wall*, in the same units used for the pipe OD, and press [ENT].

**IMPORTANT:** *Because the units can not be independently chosen for this parameter, the value must be entered in the same units used for the pipe OD.*

If the pipe wall thickness is not available, look up the value in a table of standard pipe size data (such as the GE brochure *Sound Speeds and Pipe Size Data*, 914-004), or use the Model DF868's on-line *Help Menu* (see the *Programming Manual* for details).

For wetted transducers, skip to step 7.

### 1.8.5 Pipe Lining

6. Press [F1] if the pipe does not have a *Lining*, or [F2] if it does have a lining. If you select YES, complete the steps below.
  - a. Use the [F1]-[F4] and [→] keys to select the *Lining Material*. Options include Tar, Pyrex, Asbestos, Mortar, Rubber, Teflon and Other. If you choose "OTHER," the DF868 then asks you to enter the lining sound speed. If you do not know the lining sound speed, *Sound Speeds and Pipe Size Data* (914-004) lists some standard materials and their corresponding sound speeds.
  - b. Enter the known *Lining Thickness*, in the same units used for the pipe OD. Press [ENT]. Then proceed to step 9.

### 1.8.6 Path and Axial Length

7. Enter the *Path Length* of the ultrasonic signal. Press [F1] or [F2] to select the desired units, and press [ENT].

**Note:** *The factory has calculated both the transducer signal path length (P) and the transducer signal axial length (L), based on the exact transducer configuration used for the application. These values are engraved on the flowcell and/or are included in the documentation supplied with the meter. See Appendix D for an explanation as to how these values are calculated.*

8. The next prompt varies, depending on whether you selected Transit-Time or TransFlection in the ACTIV menu.
  - If you selected Transit-Time, the DF868 asks for the *Axial Length*. Enter the supplied value. Press [F1] or [F2] to select the desired units, and press [ENT].
  - If you have selected TransFlection, enter the number of degrees for the *Transducer Angle*, and press [ENT]. Skip to step 10.

### 1.8.7 Tracking Windows

**Note:** *This step only appears if you have selected Transit-Time.*

9. Press [F1] if you do not want *Tracking Windows*, or [F2] if you want to enable the windows. (Tracking windows are used to detect the receive signal when you are unsure of the fluid soundspeed.)

### 1.8.8 Fluid Type

10. Use the [F1]-[F4] and [→] keys to select the *Fluid Type*. The selections for the fluid type vary, depending on whether:

- the ENERGY OPTION is ON or OFF; and
- the TRACKING WINDOW is enabled or disabled.

Refer to Table 9 if ENERGY OPTION is OFF, or to Table 10 on page 17 if ENERGY OPTION is ON.

**Note:** *Some of the fluid types may require additional selections as shown in the following tables.*

**Table 9: Fluid Types for ENERGY OFF**

Tracking Windows =			
NO	Additional Selections	YES	Additional Selections
WATER	Select <b>NORML</b> or <b>SEA</b> and press <b>[ENT]</b> . If <b>NORML</b> is selected, enter the Water Temperature and press <b>[ENT]</b> .	W100	No additional selections required.
OIL	Select <b>LUBE</b> or <b>CRUDE</b> and press <b>[ENT]</b> .	W260	No additional selections required.
METH	No additional selections required.	OIL	No additional selections required.
ETH	Enter the Fluid Soundspeed and press <b>[ENT]</b> .	OTHER	Enter the Minimum Soundspeed and press <b>[ENT]</b> . Then enter the Maximum Soundspeed and press <b>[ENT]</b> .
LN2	No additional selections required.		
FREON	No additional selections required.		
OTHER	Enter the Fluid Soundspeed and press <b>[ENT]</b> .		

**Table 10: Fluid Types for ENERGY ON**

Tracking Windows =			
NO	Additional Selections	YES	Additional Selections
WATER	Enter the Water Temperature and press <b>[ENT]</b> .	W260	No additional selections required.
MIXED	Enter the Fluid Soundspeed and press <b>[ENT]</b> . Then enter Percentage of Water and press <b>[ENT]</b> .	MIXED	Enter the Percentage of Water and press <b>[ENT]</b> .
OTHER	Enter the Fluid Soundspeed and press <b>[ENT]</b> .	OTHER	Enter the Minimum Soundspeed and press <b>[ENT]</b> . Then enter Maximum Soundspeed and press <b>[ENT]</b> .

## 1.8.9 Reynolds Correction

11. Press [F1] to turn *Reynolds Correction* off, or [F2] to turn it on.

**Note:** *Reynolds Correction is a number based on the Kinematic Viscosity and flow rate of the fluid. It should be enabled for most applications. Also, if you have enabled a temperature compensation table (see page 46), a message indicates that the table is active.*

12. When you enable the Reynolds Correction Factor, you must also enter the *Kinematic Viscosity* of your fluid, as listed in *Sound Speeds and Pipe Size Data*. Use the numeric keys to enter a value, and press [ENT].

## 1.8.10 Calibration Factor

13. Enter a value for the flow *Calibration Factor* and press [ENT]. The default value is 1.00, but values between 0.50 and 2.00 may be entered.

14. The menu now varies, depending on whether you have activated the TransFlection or Transit-Time mode.

- If you activated the TransFlection mode, the program asks for the *Depth of Reflector*. This setting determines where in the pipe the DF868 looks for the reflected signal. The default value is 50%. Use the numeric keys to enter a value, and press [ENT].

**Note:** *The factory recommends activating the Reynolds Correction Factor when the Depth of Reflector is set at 50%. You can disable the Reynolds Correction Factor when the Depth of Reflector is set at any other value.*

- If you activated the Transit-Time mode, two steps appear.
  - a. Use the [F1]-[F4] keys to select the desired *Number of Traverses*, the number of times the ultrasonic signal traverses the pipe, from 1 to 5.
  - b. The *Transducer Spacing* prompt displays the spacing of the transducers, as calculated from the information you have entered. Record this number and use it to properly space transducers.

**Note:** *If necessary, you can overwrite the spacing shown (using the numeric keys) to match the actual physical spacing of the transducers. The factory does not recommend overwriting the spacing. If you must, do not change the spacing by more than  $\pm 10\%$  from the value shown.*

You have completed entering pipe parameters for clamp-on transducers. Press [ENT] to return to the start of the PIPE submenu, and [EXIT] to leave the submenu.

Table 11 lists the numeric parameters in the PIPE submenu, with their high and low limits.

**Table 11: Low and High Limits for PIPE Parameters**

Parameter	Low Limit	High Limit
Wedge Angle	25°	90°
Pipe OD	0.12 in.	300 in.
Pipe Wall	0 in.	4.0 in.
Lining Thickness	0 in.	4.0 in.
Kinematic Viscosity	0.1	10,000 (E-6 ft <sup>2</sup> /s)
Path Length	0.12 in.	480 in.
Axial Length	0.12 in.	480 in.

## 1.9 Setting Up Inputs/Outputs

Set up the DF868's inputs and outputs using the five options in the I/O submenu. While following the programming instructions, refer to Figure 12 on page 95.

- ERROR - program the meter's response during an error condition
- OPTN - set up the Slot 0 analog outputs and any option cards
- ZERO - set the meter's zero point cutoff value
- E IN - set energy inputs
- F IN - set temperature inputs

**Note:** *The E IN option appears only if you have enabled the Energy Option in the SYSTM submenu.*

1. To enter the I/O submenu, press [F4] at the initial *User Program* screen.
2. Use the [F1]-[F4] and [→] keys to select the desired I/O option.

**Note:** *In this section, a slot's number will appear on the option bar only if an option card is installed in that slot. The generic designations Slot x and Fx are used to indicate any one of the expansion slots and the function key used to select it.*

Proceed to the appropriate section to program the option selection made at the above prompt. Remember to record all programmed data in Appendix B, *Data Records*.

### 1.9.1 Selecting Error Handling

This menu option permits programming of the manner in which the Model DF868's totalizers respond during an error condition. See Chapter 2, *Error Codes and Screen Messages*, of the *Service Manual* for a discussion of the built-in error codes.

1. At the I/O screen, press [F1] to select the *Error* option.
2. Press [F1] if you want the DF868 to *Hold* the last "good" reading and continue to totalize, based on that reading, or press [F2], *No Op*, if you want the meter to stop totalizing.
3. The program asks for the *Error-Handling Delay* time, the number of seconds before the meter reports that an error has occurred. Use the numeric keys to enter the number of seconds, and press [ENT].
4. Press [EXIT] to return to the main I/O screen.

## 1.9.2 Setting Up Analog Outputs

The Model DF868 has two built-in analog outputs that are assigned to Slot 0. Also, a variety of option cards may be installed in the six expansion slots. See Chapter 1, *Installation*, of the *Startup Guide* for a complete description of the available option cards.

This menu option is used to set up and/or scale the analog inputs and outputs. To accomplish this, complete the following steps:

1. At the *I/O* screen, press [F2] to select the *Optn* option.
2. Use the [←] and [→] and the [F1]-[F4] keys to select the desired slot number. (Only those slots which contain an option card will appear on the option bar.)

**Note:** *If the number of a slot with an installed option card does not appear, the card may not have been initialized or it may be defective. Call the factory for assistance.*

Proceed to the appropriate section for programming instructions specific to the type of input or output selected above.

### 1.9.2a Slot X Analog Outputs

Complete the following steps to set up the Slot X analog outputs:

1. Use the [←] and [→] and the [F1]-[F4] keys to select the desired slot number.
2. Press [F1] to set up output A or press [F2] to set up output B.

**Note:** *The setup of output A is used as an example. Identical procedures would be used to set up output B.*

3. Press [F1] to disable output A and return to the previous prompt, or press [F2]-[F3] to specify the desired range for output A.
4. Use the [←] and [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to specify the desired output measurement parameter. See Table 12 for a description of the available options.

**Table 12: Output Measurement Options**

Option Bar Choice	Description
[F1] = VEL	Flow Velocity
[F2] = VOLUM	Volumetric Flow
[F3] = +TOTL	Forward Totalized Volume Flow
[F4] = -TOTL	Reverse Totalized Volume Flow
[→] + [F1] = MDOT*	Mass Flow
[→] + [F2] = +MASS*	Forward Totalized Mass Flow
[→] + [F3] = -MASS*	Reverse Totalized Mass Flow
[→] + [F4] = POWER**	Energy Flow Power
[→] + [→] + [F1] = +ENRG**	Forward Energy Flow
[→] + [→] + [F2] = -ENRG**	Reverse Energy Flow
[→] + [→] + [F3] = DIAG	Diagnostic
* Available only if Mass Flow (static)? = YES	
** Available only if Energy Option = YES	

### 1.9.2a Slot X Analog Outputs (cont.)

The DIAG option provides access to a wide variety of diagnostics parameters. See Chapter 3, *Diagnostics*, of the *Service Manual* for a complete description of these options.

**Note:** *Measurement units that appear in these prompts are those selected in the SYSTM menu earlier in this chapter.*

5. Enter a value for the *Base* (low end) of the chosen output range and press [ENT].
6. Enter a value for the *Full* (high) end of the chosen output range and press [ENT].
7. Use the [F1]-[F4] keys to select the desired *Error Option*, the way the display responds during an error condition. Available options are shown in Table 13.

**Table 13: Error Response Options**

Option	Display Response
HOLD	Holds the last "good" reading.
LOW	Forces the outputs to the low setpoint.
HIGH	Forces the outputs to the high setpoint.
OTHER	Allows user to enter 4-20 mA error level in mA.

8. Press [F1]-[F4] to set up another output or press [EXIT] to select another slot for setup.

### 1.9.2b Option Card Alarms

Complete the following steps to set up the three alarm relays of an option card installed in Slot x:

1. Use the [←] and [→] and the [F1]-[F4] keys to select the desired slot number.
2. Press [F1]-[F3] to set up *Alarm* relays A, B, or C, respectively.

**Note:** *The set up of alarm A is used as an example. Identical procedures would be used to set up the other alarms.*

3. Press [F1] to disable *Alarm A* and return to the previous prompt, or press [F2]-[F4] to specify Alarm A as High, Low or Fault, respectively.
4. Press [F1] for standard operation or [F2] for *Failsafe* operation. See Chapter 1, *Installation*, of the *Startup Guide* for wiring instructions for each mode.
5. The program now varies, depending on your selection in step 2.
  - If you selected FAULT as the alarm type, press [F1]-[F3] to select the type of error (flow, non-flow, or both) you wish to trigger the alarm.

**Note:** *If you have enabled the Energy Option, the DF868 treats the E8 and E9 errors (supply and return temperature) as flow errors.*

- If you selected HIGH or LOW:
    - a. Use the [←] and [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to specify the desired *Output Measurement* parameter. See Table 12 on page 20 for a description of the available options.
    - b. Enter a value for the trigger point of the alarm and press [ENT].
6. Press [F1]-[F3] to set up another alarm or press [EXIT] to select another slot for set up.

### 1.9.2c Setting Up the Totalizer/Frequency Outputs

Complete the following steps to set up the four totalizer/frequency outputs of an option card installed in Slot x:

1. Use the [←] and [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the desired slot number.
2. Press [F1]-[F4] to set up outputs A, B, C or D, respectively.

**Note:** *The set up of output A is used as an example. Identical procedures would be used to set up the other outputs.*

3. In the *Pulse Output* window, press [F1] to disable output A and return to the previous prompt, or press [F2]-[F3] to designate output A as a frequency or a totalizer output, respectively.

Proceed to step 4 for instructions on programming a frequency output or to step 9 on page 23 for instructions on programming a totalizer output. If the selected output was disabled above, skip both sections.

#### **Programming a Frequency Output**

This choice produces a frequency pulse that is proportional to the output measurement.

4. Use the [←] and [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to specify the desired output measurement parameter. See Table 12 on page 20 for a description of the available options.

**Note:** *The measurement units that appear in these prompts are those selected in the SYSTM menu earlier in this chapter.*

5. Enter a value for the *Base* (low end) of the frequency output range and press [ENT].
6. Enter a value for the *Full* (high) end of the frequency output range and press [ENT].
7. Enter a value between 1 and 10,000 for the *Full Scale Frequency* and press [ENT].
8. Use the [F1]-[F4] keys to select the desired *Error Option*, the way the display responds during an error condition. Available options are shown in Table 14. Then skip to step 12 on page 23.

**Table 14: Error Response Options for Frequency Output**

Option	Display Response
HOLD	Holds the last "good" reading.
LOW	Forces the outputs to the low setpoint.
HIGH	Forces the outputs to the high setpoint.
OTHER	Allows user to enter Hertz error level.

## Programming a Totalizer Output

This type of output issues one pulse per selected volume of flow. The meter produces a pulse each time the programmed amount of flow passes through the pipe.

9. Press [F1]-[F4] to select the parameter to be totalized. See Table 15 for a description of the available options.

**Table 15: Output Measurement Options**

Option Bar Choice	Description
[F1] = +TOTL	Forward Totalized Volume Flow
[F2] = -TOTL	Reverse Totalized Volume Flow
[F3] = +MASS*	Forward Totalized Mass Flow
[F4] = -MASS*	Reverse Totalized Mass Flow
[→] + [F1] = +ENRG**	Forward Energy Flow
[→] + [F2] = -ENRG**	Reverse Energy Flow
*Available only if Mass Flow (static)? = YES **Available only if Energy Option = YES	

**Note:** *The measurement units that appear in these prompts are those selected in the SYSTM menu earlier in this chapter.*

10. Enter a value from 50 to 4,000,000  $\mu$ sec for the *Minimum ON Time* of each totalizer pulse and press [ENT].

**Note:** *A complete pulse consists of equal amounts of ON and OFF times. Choose a value that is compatible with the frequency counter to be used.*

11. Enter a value for the number of measurement *Units* represented by each pulse and press [ENT].

12. Press [F1]-[F4] to set up another totalizer/frequency output or press [EXIT] to select another slot for set up.

For instructions on setting up additional inputs and/or outputs proceed to the appropriate section. Otherwise, press [EXIT] to return to the main I/O menu prompt.

### 1.9.3 Setting Up the Analog Inputs

**Note:** *To install an option card RTD input, see page 25.*

Complete the following steps to set up the two analog inputs of an option card installed in Slot x:

1. Use the [←] and [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the desired *Slot Number*.
2. Press [F1] to set up input A or [F2] to set up input B.

**Note:** *The setup of input A is used as an example. Identical procedures would be used to set up input B.*

3. Enter a *Label* of up to eight characters for input A and press [ENT].
4. Press [F1] to disable input A and return to the previous prompt, or press [F2]-[F3] to designate the *Input Measurement* as a temperature or special input, respectively.
  - If you select TEMP, skip to step 7.
  - If you select OTHER, complete the following steps.
5. Enter an *Input Name* and press [ENT].
6. Enter a *Unit* of measurement for input A and press [ENT].
7. Enter a value for the *Base* (low end) of the chosen input range and press [ENT].
8. Enter a value for the *Full Scale* (high) end of the chosen input range and press [ENT].
9. Press [F1]-[F2] to set up another input or press [EXIT] to select another slot for setup.

For instructions on setting up additional inputs and/or outputs proceed to the appropriate section. Otherwise, press [EXIT] to return to the main I/O menu prompt.

### 1.9.3a Option Card RTD Inputs

Option cards with RTD inputs have a temperature range of  $-100^{\circ}$  to  $350^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-148^{\circ}$  to  $662^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). Complete the following steps to set up the two RTD inputs of an option card installed in Slot x:

1. Use the [←] and [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the desired slot number.
2. Press [F1] to set up RTD input A or [F2] to set up RTD input B.

**Note:** *The setup of RTD input A is used as an example. Identical procedures would be used to set up RTD input B.*

3. Enter a *Label* of up to eight characters for input A and press [ENT].
4. Press [F1] to disable RTD input A and return to the previous prompt, or press [F2] to enable RTD input A as a *Temperature Measurement*.
5. Enter a value for the *Base* (low) end of the chosen input range and press [ENT].
6. Enter a value for the *Full Scale* (high end) of the chosen input range and press [ENT].
7. Press [F1]-[F2] to set up another input or press [EXIT] to select another slot for set up.

For instructions on setting up additional inputs and/or outputs proceed to the appropriate section. Otherwise, press [EXIT] to return to the main I/O menu prompt.

### 1.9.4 The ZERO Option

Near zero flow, the Model DF868's readings may fluctuate due to small offsets caused by thermal drift or similar factors. To force a zero reading when there is minimal flow, enter a zero cutoff value as described in the following steps:

1. At the I/O screen, press [F3] to select the *Zero* option.
2. Enter a value from 0 to 1 ft/sec (0 to 0.30 m/sec) for the *Zero Cutoff* and press [ENT]. The recommended setting is 0.1 ft/sec (0.03 m/sec).
3. Use the [←] and [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the desired I/O option or press [EXIT] to return to the initial *User Program* screen.

## 1.9.5 Setting Up Energy Inputs

The E IN option appears only if you have chosen ENERGY OPTION ON in the SYSTEM submenu. From the I/O prompt, press [F4] to select E IN. The option lets you specify either live or fixed supply and return temperature inputs for the energy flow calculation.

1. At the I/O screen, press [F4] to select the E IN option.

### 1.9.5a Setting the Supply Temperature Input

2. Press [F1] to specify a constant *Supply Temperature* input, or [F2] to select the output in Slot X that will provide the live temperature input for the supply.

**Note:** *If Slot X contains an activated option card with an analog input assigned to TEMP or an RTD input, Slot X appears as an option at the above prompt. If the process temperature is stable, a fixed value may be used, but most applications require a live temperature input.*

3. Do one of the following:

- If you select FIXED, enter the known fixed process *Temperature* and press [ENT]. The meter only accepts values from -328° to 1,832°F (-200° to 1,000° C).
- If you select SLOT X, press [F1] to [F4] to select the desired temperature *Input*.

### 1.9.5b Setting the Return Temperature Input

4. Press [F1] to specify a constant *Return Temperature* input, or [F2] to select the output in Slot X that will provide the live temperature input for the return.

5. Do one of the following:

- If you select FIXED, enter the known fixed process *Temperature* and press [ENT]. The meter only accepts values from -328° to 1,832°F (-200° to 1,000° C).
- If you select SLOT X, press [F1] to [F4] to select the desired temperature *Input*.

6. Use the [←] and [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the desired I/O option or press [EXIT] to return to the initial *User Program* screen.

### 1.9.6 Setting Up Temperature Inputs

The DF868 can use either fixed temperature values or live measurement inputs to calculate standard volumetric or mass flow. By programming the correct source for the temperature input, you enable the DF868 to apply temperature compensation (discussed on page 46). Complete the following steps to configure these inputs:

1. At the *I/O* screen, press [→] and [F1] (or [F4] if the Energy Option has not been enabled) to select the *F IN* option.

**Note:** *If Slot X contains an activated option card with an analog input assigned to TEMP or an RTD input, Slot X appears as an option at the above prompt. If the process temperature is stable, a fixed value may be used, but most applications require a live temperature input.*

2. Do one of the following:
  - If you select FIXED, enter the known fixed process *Temperature* and press [ENT]. The meter only accepts values from -328° to 1,832°F (-200° to 1,000° C).
  - If you select SLOT X, press [F1] to [F4] to select the desired temperature *Input*.
3. Use the [←] and [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the desired *I/O* option or press [EXIT] to return to the initial *User Program* screen.

You have completed entering data in the *I/O* option. Table 16 lists low and high limits for numeric *I/O* parameters.

**Table 16: Limits for I/O Parameters**

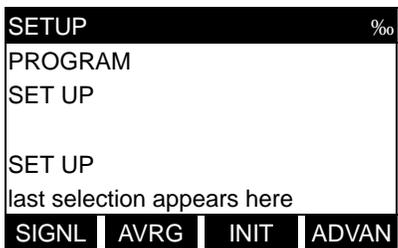
Parameter	Low Limit	High Limit
Zero Cutoff	0	1 ft/s (0.3 m/s)
Temperature Input	-328°F (-200°C)	1,832°F (1,000°C)
Full Scale Frequency	1	10,000
Min. Pulse ON Time	50 μsec	4,000,000 μsec

## 1.10 Entering Setup Data

The signal limits and response times for the Model DF868 are specified using the SETUP submenu. While following the programming instructions, refer to Figure 13 on page 96. The following four submenus are included in this section:

- **SIGNL** - set the parameters related to the transducer signal
- **AVRG** - specify the response of the meter to step changes
- **INIT** - initialize all parameters to default values.
- **ADVAN** - activates options for KV/SS, temperature vs. viscosity, Multi K factors, Mass Flow, Code Length and Active Tw Measurement.

Enter the SETUP submenu by pressing [→] and [F1] at the initial *User Program* screen and complete the following steps:



Press [F1]-[F4] to select the desired SETUP option.

Proceed to the appropriate section to program the option selection made at the above prompt. Remember to record all programmed data in Appendix B, *Data Records*.

### 1.10.1 Setting Signal Limits

Use this option to set the limits for the incoming signal and other parameters affecting the transducer signal. For example, the programmed signal strength low limit may be used to determine the trigger point for an alarm.

**CAUTION!** The **SIGNL** default settings are suitable for most applications. Before changing any of these parameters, consult the factory.

The signal options are different, depending on whether you have selected Transit-Time or TransFlection in the **ACTIV** submenu. Only after consulting the factory, complete the following steps to enter the signal parameters.

- For Transit-Time mode, refer to *Transit-Time SIGNL Options* on page 29.
- For TransFlection mode, refer to *TransFlection SIGNL Options* on page 31.

### 1.10.1a Transit-Time SIGNAL Options

1. Press [ENT] to accept the current *Signal Low Limit* value or enter a new value and press [ENT].

The default value for this parameter is 40 and values from –20 to 100 are acceptable. The E1: LOW SIGNAL error message appears when the signal strength falls below the programmed *Signal Low Limit* value. See the *Service Manual* for a discussion of error codes.

2. Press [ENT] to accept the current *Cor. Peak Limit* value or enter a new value and press [ENT].

The default value for this parameter is 100 and values from 0 to 500 are acceptable. The E4: SIGNAL QUALITY error message appears when the signal quality falls below the programmed *Cor. Peak Limit* value. See the *Service Manual* for a discussion of error codes.

3. Press [ENT] to accept the current *Soundspeed +/- Limit* value or enter a new value and press [ENT].

The default value for this parameter is 20% and values from 1% to 50% are acceptable. The E2: SOUNDSPEED error message appears when the calculated fluid soundspeed differs from the fluid soundspeed entered in the SYSTEM menu by more than the programmed *Soundspeed +/- Limit* value. See the *Service Manual* for a discussion of error codes.

4. Press [ENT] to accept the current *Velocity Low Limit* value or enter a new value and press [ENT].

The default value for this parameter is –40.0 ft/sec (–12.142 m/sec) and values from –100 to 100 ft/sec (–30.48 to 30.48 m/sec) are acceptable. The E3: VELOCITY RANGE error message appears when the calculated fluid velocity is less than the programmed *Velocity Low Limit* value. (See the *Service Manual* for a discussion of error codes.)

5. Press [ENT] to accept the current *Velocity High Limit* value or enter a new value and press [ENT].

The default value for this parameter is –40.0 ft/sec (–12.142 m/sec) and values from –100 to 100 ft/sec (–30.48 to 30.48 m/sec) are acceptable. The E3: VELOCITY RANGE error message appears when the calculated fluid velocity exceeds the programmed *Velocity High Limit* value. See the *Service Manual* for a discussion of error codes.

6. Press [ENT] to accept the current *Acceleration* value or enter a new value and press [ENT].

The default value for this parameter is 15.0 ft/sec<sup>2</sup> (4.6 m/sec<sup>2</sup>) and values from 0 to 100 ft/sec<sup>2</sup> (0 to 30 m/sec<sup>2</sup>) are acceptable. The E6: CYCLE SKIP error message appears when the calculated fluid velocity changes by more than the programmed *Acceleration Limit* value from one reading to the next. See the *Service Manual* for a discussion of error codes.

7. Press [ENT] to accept the current *Amp. Discrim Low* value or enter a new value and press [ENT].

The amplitude discriminator measures the size of the transducer signal received by the Model DF868. The default value for this parameter is 14 and values from 0 to 100 are acceptable. The E5: AMPLITUDE error message appears when the amplitude discriminator falls below the programmed *Amp. Discrim Low* value. See the *Service Manual* for a discussion of error codes.

8. Press [ENT] to accept the current *Amp. Discrim High* value or enter a new value and press [ENT].

The amplitude discriminator measures the size of the transducer signal received by the Model DF868. The default value for this parameter is 34 and values from 0 to 100 are acceptable. The E5: AMPLITUDE error message appears when the amplitude discriminator exceeds the programmed *Amp. Discrim High* value. See the *Service Manual* for a discussion of error codes.

### 1.10.1 Setting Signal Limits (cont.)

#### 1.10.1a Transit-Time SIGNL Options (cont.)

**9.** Press [ENT] to accept the current *Delta T Offset* value or enter a new value and press [ENT].

An offset between the upstream and downstream transit times is specified at this prompt. The default value for this parameter is 0  $\mu$ sec and values from -1000 to 1000  $\mu$ sec are acceptable.

**10.** Press [ENT] to accept the current *% of Peak* value or enter a new value and press [ENT].

The percentage of peak used to calculate the transit times and Delta T is specified at this prompt. The default value for this parameter is 50% and values from -100% to 100% are acceptable.

**11.** Use the [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select one of the preset values for the *XMIT Sample Size* from the option bar.

Both the upstream and downstream transducers transmit ultrasonic pulses in bursts, which consist of a series of transmit pulses. XMIT SAMPLE SIZE determines how many bursts are sent in one direction before sending in the other direction. The default value for this parameter is 8 and values of 2, 4, 8, 16 and 32 are acceptable.

**12.** Press [ENT] to accept the current *# of Errors* value or enter a new value (0 to 16) and press [ENT].

Use this prompt to enter the number of errors the DF868 can record before it displays an error message. The default value is 6.

**13.** Press [ENT] to accept the current *Minimum Peak % Limit* or enter a new value and press [ENT].

Use this prompt to enter the minimum percent of peak that the DF868 can use to measure transit time. The DF868 accepts values from -100 to +100.

**14.** Press [ENT] to accept the current *Maximum Percent of Peak* value or enter a new value and press [ENT].

Use this prompt to enter the maximum percent of peak that the DF868 can use to measure transit time. The DF868 accepts values from -100 to +100.

**15.** Press [ENT] to accept the current *T Window (cycles)* value or enter a new value and press [ENT].

Normally, the Model DF868 calculates the size of the transmit window based on pipe size and fluid sound speed. However, for special diagnostic purposes, it may sometimes be necessary to reset the window size. The default value for this parameter is 0 and values from 0 to 1000 are acceptable.

**16.** Press [ENT] to accept the current *R Window (cycles)* value or enter a new value and press [ENT].

Normally, the Model DF868 calculates the size of the receive window based on pipe size and fluid sound speed. However, for special diagnostic purposes, it may sometimes be necessary to reset the window size. The default value for this parameter is 10 and values from 10 to 128 are acceptable.

The program returns to the initial SETUP window. Remember to record all programmed data in Appendix B, *Data Records*.

### 1.10.1b TransFlection SIGNAL Options

1. Press [ENT] to accept the current *Signal Low Limit* value or enter a new value and press [ENT].

The default value for this parameter is 40 and values from –20 to 100 are acceptable. The E1: LOW SIGNAL error message appears when the signal strength falls below the programmed *Signal Low Limit* value. See the *Service Manual* for a discussion of error codes.

2. Press [ENT] to accept the current *Velocity Low Limit* value or enter a new value and press [ENT].

The default value for this parameter is –40.0 ft/sec (–12.142 m/sec) and values from –100 to 100 ft/sec (–30.48 to 30.48 m/sec) are acceptable. The E3: VELOCITY RANGE error message appears when the calculated fluid velocity is less than the programmed *Velocity Low Limit* value. (See the *Service Manual* for a discussion of error codes.)

3. Press [ENT] to accept the current *Velocity High Limit* value or enter a new value and press [ENT].

The default value for this parameter is –40.0 ft/sec (–12.142 m/sec) and values from –100 to 100 ft/sec (–30.48 to 30.48 m/sec) are acceptable. The E3: VELOCITY RANGE error message appears when the calculated fluid velocity exceeds the programmed *Velocity High Limit* value. See the *Service Manual* for a discussion of error codes.

4. Press [ENT] to accept the current *Gain Setting*, or press [F1] to lower the received signal or [F2] to boost the received signal.

The “Gain Setting” option lets you select either low or high (default) gain for the selected channel. The gain setting either boosts or lowers the received signals. Normally the gain setting is *HIGH*; however, if the signal is virtually noise-free, the gain setting can be switched to *LOW*.

5. At the *Flow Direction* prompt, press [F1] to specify absolute flow velocity, [F2], UP (for upstream) if the transducers face against the flow, or [F3], DOWN (for downstream), if the transducers face into the flow.

Use this option to specify the direction in which the fluid is flowing. While the DF868 normally measures the absolute value of the flow velocity, you can specify in which direction the transducers face by selecting UP or DOWN.

**Note:** *Selecting UP or DOWN cuts the TransFlection measurement range in half from 1 to 30 ft/s (0.3 to 9 m/s) to -15 to +15 ft/s (-4.6 to +4.6 m/s).*

6. Press [ENT] to accept the current *Rep Period 1* value, or use the [F1]-[F4] keys and [←] and [→] keys to select the desired value (from 100 to 3200).

7. Press [ENT] to accept the current *Rep Period 2* value, or use the [F1]-[F4] keys and [←] and [→] keys to select the desired value (from 100 to 3200).

Use these two options to set the minimum and maximum time interval between transmissions. Increasing the repetition period reduces the amount of background noise in the signal at the expense of reducing the maximum measurable flow rate. Since the DF868 adjusts repetition periods to optimize the flow measurement (taking flow rate, transducer frequency, and signal characteristics into consideration), you must enter a range, from 100 to 3,200  $\mu$ secs. *Rep Period 1* specifies the shortest repetition period possible, with a default of 200  $\mu$ sec. *Rep Period 2* specifies the longest repetition period the DF868 can use, and defaults to a value of 800  $\mu$ sec.

## 1.10.1 Setting Signal Limits (cont.)

## 1.10.1b TransFlection SIGNAL Options (cont.)

**Note:** Once the DF868 determines the appropriate repetition period within the limits of Rep Period 1 and Rep Period 2, it alternates between transmits at the determined repetition period and a period that is 20% longer. For example, if the DF868 selects a repetition period of 200  $\mu$ secs, it first transmits a series of bursts at 200  $\mu$ secs, followed by a series at 240  $\mu$ secs. The DF868 then compares the receive signals of the first series of bursts to those of the second series. If the two series of signals are too dissimilar, the DF868 displays an incoherent signal error.

8. Press [ENT] to accept the current *XMIT per Reading* value, or use the numeric keys to enter the desired value (from 1,024 to 30,000) and press [ENT].

This option specifies the number of transmissions used to obtain a flow rate measurement. While reducing this number improves the flowmeter's response time, it also reduces its sensitivity in poor signal conditions. The default value is 5,000.

**Note:** To calculate the response time, divide the *XMITs Per Reading* value by the number of transmissions per second. To determine the number of transmissions per second, divide 1 sec by the repetition period. For example, if the *XMITs Per Reading* value is 10,000 and the repetition value is 200  $\mu$ sec, the number of transmissions per second is 5,000 (1/200), and the response time is 2 sec (10,000/5,000). Other examples appear in Table 17.

Table 17: Response Time vs. XMITs

XMITs Per Reading	Repetition Rates	
	200 $\mu$ sec	800 $\mu$ sec
30,000	6 sec	24 sec
5,000	1 sec	4 sec

9. Press [ENT] to accept the current *Weak Signal Threshold* value, or use the numeric keys to enter a value between 0 and 100 and press [ENT].

This option lets you enter an acceptable value for the two-phase threshold. When the two-phase signal falls below this value, the *E10: WEAK SIGNAL* error message appears on the display. The default value is 20.

10. Press [ENT] to accept the current *Code Length* value, or use the [F1]-[F4] keys to enter a value between 1 and 16.

Use this option to enter an acceptable value for the number of pulses per transmission. The default value is 8 pulses.

11. Press [ENT] to accept the current *Filter Width* value, or use the numeric keys to enter a value between 8 and 64 and press [ENT].

Use this option to enter an acceptable value for the number of samples of the digitized receive signal that the DF868 uses to estimate the arrival of the transducer signal. The default value is 48 (6 cycles).

### 1.10.1b TransFlection SIGNAL Options (cont.)

- 12.** Press [ENT] to accept the current *Averaging Factor* value, or use the numeric keys to enter a value between 0 and 16 and press [ENT].

This option allows you to enter an acceptable value for an algorithm that the DF868 uses to eliminate background noise. The default value is 5.

- 13.** Press [ENT] to accept the current *# of Errors Allowed*, or use the numeric keys to enter a value between 0 and 16 and press [ENT].

Use this option to enter the number of errors the DF868 can record before it displays an error message. The default value is 6.

The program returns to the initial SETUP window. Remember to record all programmed data in Appendix B, *Data Records*.

### 1.10.2 Setting Response Time

Use this option to specify the number of readings that occur before the meter will respond to a step change in flow rate. In general, the smaller the number of readings, the less steady the display will appear. Complete the following steps to set the response time:

1. At the SETUP window, press [F2] to select *V Averaging*.
2. Use the [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the *Response Time*. The available response time options are 1, 2, 5, 10, 30, 60 seconds, 15 min., and STATS. For best results, select STATS (statistics), as this increases the response time under steady flow conditions while still allowing a rapid response to changes in flow rate.

### 1.10.3 The INIT Option

Use this option to initialize (reset) all of the parameters within the SETUP menu to their default values. Complete the following steps to reset all of the parameters:

1. At the SETUP window, press [F3] to select *Default Setup*.
2. Press [F1] to keep the current values or press [F2] to reset all values to their default settings.

Press [F1]-[F4] to select the desired SETUP option or press [EXIT] to return to the initial *User Program* screen

### 1.10.4 Accessing Advanced Features

The ADVAN option enables you to access the more advanced features of the DF868. In this option you can perform five functions:

- calculate the kinematic viscosity (KV) based on signal strength (SS), or activate temperature compensation by applying a temperature vs. viscosity table (see below)
  - enter a table of K-factors (based on velocity or Reynolds number) that compensates for non-linear flow rates (see page 35)
  - enable mass flow (calculated for static fluid density) (page 35)
  - select the size of the transducer transmission signal (page 36)
  - actively compensate for widely varying signal delays (page 36)
1. At the SETUP window, press [F4] to select *Advanced Features*.
  2. Use the [F1]-[F4] and [←] and [→] keys to select the desired option.

#### 1.10.4a Calculating Kinematic Viscosity

Use the KVTab option to calculate the kinematic viscosity (KV) based on signal strength (SS) or temperature. To use this option, you must select either a static KV value (entered at the Kinematic Viscosity prompt in the PIPE submenu), a table of KV/SS values (entered in the KV/SS submenu, discussed on page 46), or a table of temperature vs. viscosity values (entered in the TmpKV submenu, discussed on page 46).

1. At the ADVAN window, press [F1] =KVTab to select *KV Input Selection*.
2. Press [F1] to use a static KV value, [F2] to activate the table of KV/SS values, or [F3] to activate a temperature vs. viscosity table.
  - a. If you select Tp/KV, the program asks for the specific *Fluid Table*. Press [F1]-[F3] to select the desired table.

In either case, the DF868 returns to the Advanced Features prompt. To leave the *User Program*, press [EXIT].

### 1.10.4b Entering a K-factor Table

Use this option to enter a table of K-factors. K-factors are used to create a curve for the flow range (based on velocity or Reynolds number) that compensates for non-linear flow rates. The DF868 accepts from 2 to 20 pairs. Complete the following steps to enter multiple K-factors:

1. At the ADVAN window, press [F2]=MultK to select *Multi K Factors*.
2. Press [F1] to disable this option, or [F2] to *Activate Multiple K Factors*. If you select NO, the DF868 returns to the Advanced Features prompt.
3. At the *Custom Type* prompt, press [F1] to customize velocity values, or [F2] to customize Reynolds values.
4. Press [F1] to retain the current K-factor table, or [F2] to *Edit the K Factor Table*. If you select NO, the DF868 returns to the Advanced Features prompt.

**Note:** *If the necessary velocity/Reynolds vs. K-factor data was not provided with the DF868 documentation, the K-factor table cannot be edited.*

5. Enter the *Number of K-factors* to be entered into the table (from 2 to 20) and press [ENT].

**IMPORTANT:** *When editing the K-factor table, the velocities must be entered in increasing order.*

6. Enter the *Velocity (or Reynolds) Value* for K-factor number 1 and press [ENT].
7. Enter the *K-factor* corresponding to the velocity or Reynolds number 1 and press [ENT].

The VELOCITY# (or REYNOLDS #) and K FACTOR prompts repeat for each pair. After you have entered all the pairs, the meter returns to the Advanced Features prompt. To leave the *User Program*, press [EXIT].

### 1.10.4c Activating Mass Flow

Use this option to calculate mass flow from a static fluid density. Complete the following steps to enter the fluid density:

1. At the ADVAN window, press [F3] (MASS) to select *Mass from Static Density*.
2. Press [F1] to disable the *Mass from Static Density* option, or [F2] to enable mass flow. If you select NO, the DF868 returns to the Advanced Features option.
3. If you enable mass flow, the meter requires the fluid density (0.062 to 624.220 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>). Use the numeric keys to enter the density, and press [ENT].

The meter returns to the Advanced Features prompt. To leave the *User Program*, press [EXIT].

#### 1.10.4d The CODEL Option

Use this option to select the size of the transducer transmission signal. The option is helpful when measuring flow on small pipes. Three selections are available:

- AUTO - The meter determines code length (short or long) automatically, based on pipe size and transducer type.
- 1-bit - special use only (consult the factory before using)
- 2-bit - special use only (consult the factory before using)
- 4-bit - The 4-bit option consists of only a few pulses with no built-in code pattern. This option aids in cases where a small pipe diameter does not give each transducer the time necessary to send a series of signals before receiving a series of signals. It is also a good selection for pipes made of materials which tend to blur the signal pattern, such as Teflon<sup>®</sup>.
- 11-bit - The 11-bit option consists of a series of approximately one dozen pulses with a distinctive binary pattern that the meter can easily recognize during auto correlation.

Complete the following steps to select the code length:

1. At the ADVAN window, press [F4] (CODEL) to select *Code Length*.
2. Use the [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the desired option.

The meter returns to the Advanced Features prompt.

#### 1.10.4e Active Tw Measurement

Use this option to actively compensate the transit-time measurement in the fluid for widely varying transducer signal delays that result from large temperature deviations.

**IMPORTANT:** *Consult the factory before activating this option.*

1. At the ADVAN window, press [→] and [F1] (ActTw) to select *Active TW Measurement*.
2. Press [F1] = NO to disable this option, or [F2] = YES to enable *Active TW Measurement*. If you select NO, the DF868 returns to the Advanced Features prompt.
3. If you enable active Tw measurement, the meter requires the *Minimum Tw* in  $\mu\text{sec}$ . (The range is from 0 to 500  $\mu\text{sec}$ .) Use the numeric keys to enter the value, and press [ENT].
4. The meter also requires the *Maximum Tw* in  $\mu\text{sec}$ . (The range is from 0 to 500  $\mu\text{sec}$ .) Use the numeric keys to enter the value, and press [ENT].

The meter returns to the Advanced Features prompt. To exit the option, press [EXIT].

Table 18 on page 37 lists the default values and high and low limits for parameters in the SETUP menu.

Table 18: Default Values and Limits for SETUP Parameters

Parameter	Default Value	Low Limit	High Limit
<b>Transit-Time Parameters</b>			
Signal Low Limit	40	-20	100
Cor. Peak Limit	100	0	500
Soundspeed $\pm$ Limit	20%	1%	50%
Velocity Low Limit	-40.0 ft/sec (-12.142 m/sec)	-100 ft/sec (-30.48 m/sec)	+100 ft/sec (+30.48 m/sec)
Velocity High Limit	-40.0 ft/sec (-12.142 m/sec)	-100 ft/sec (-30.48 m/sec)	+100 ft/sec (+30.48 m/sec)
Acceleration Limit	15.0 ft/sec <sup>2</sup> (4.6 m/sec <sup>2</sup> )	0	100 ft/sec <sup>2</sup> (30 m/sec <sup>2</sup> )
Amp. Discrim Low	14	0	100
Amp. Discrim High	34	0	100
Delta T Offset	0	-1,000 $\mu$ sec	1,000 $\mu$ sec
% of Peak	50%	-100%	100%
XMIT Sample Size	8	2	32
# Errors Allowed	6	0	16
Minimum Peak % Limit		-100	+100
Maximum Peak % Limit		-100	+100
T Window	0	0	1,000
R Window	10	10	128
<b>TransFlection</b>			
Signal Low Limit	40	-20	100
Velocity Low Limit	-40.0 ft/sec (-12.142 m/sec)	-100 ft/sec (-30.48 m/sec)	+100 ft/sec (+30.48 m/sec)
Velocity High Limit	-40.0 ft/sec (-12.142 m/sec)	-100 ft/sec (-30.48 m/sec)	+100 ft/sec (+30.48 m/sec)
Rep Period 1	200 $\mu$ sec	100 $\mu$ sec	3,200 $\mu$ sec
Rep Period 2	800 $\mu$ sec	100 $\mu$ sec	3,200 $\mu$ sec
XMITS per Reading	5,000	1,024	30,000
Weak Signal Threshold	20	0	100
Code Length	8	1	16
Filter Width	48	8	64
Averaging Factor	5	0	16
# Errors Allowed	6	0	16
<b>ADVAN Option</b>			
Fluid Density		0.062 lb/ft <sup>3</sup>	624.22 lb/ft <sup>3</sup>
Minimum Tw		0	500 $\mu$ sec
Maximum Tw		0	500 $\mu$ sec

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After completing the above steps, the meter returns to the *User Program*. Continue as follows:

- To continue programming the meter, refer to the menu maps in Appendix A and navigate to the desired menu. Then, proceed to the appropriate section of this manual for instructions.
- To leave the *User Program* and retain the previous settings, press [EXIT] and then press [F1] = NO at the *SAVE* prompt. Any programming changes will be discarded and you will be returned to the data display.
- To leave the *User Program* and return to measurement mode, press [EXIT] and then press [F2] = YES at the *SAVE* prompt. Your programming changes will be entered into the meter's memory, and you will be returned to the data display.

## 1.11 Setting the Clock

Use the *CLOCK* submenu to enter the current date and time. While following the instructions, refer to Figure 14 on page 97.

1. Enter the *CLOCK* submenu by pressing [→] and [F2] at the initial *User Program*.

### 1.11.1 Setting the Date

2. The first prompt displays the programmed *Date*.
  - If the displayed date is correct, press [F1] and proceed to step 3.
  - If the displayed date is incorrect, press [F2] to change the date, and complete the steps below.
    - a. Enter the current *Year* and press [ENT]. The allowable range is 0 to 99.
    - b. Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the current *Month*.
    - c. Enter the current *Day* and press [ENT]. The allowable range is 1 to the number of days in the current month.

### 1.11.2 Setting the Time

3. The first prompt displays the programmed *Time*.
  - If the displayed time is correct, press [F1] and return to the *User Program*.
  - If the displayed time is incorrect, press [F2] to change the time, and complete the steps below.
    - a. Press [F1] = AM or [F2] = PM. Then enter the current *Hour* and press [ENT]. The allowable range is 1 to 12.

**Note:** A time of 12 PM represents Noon and a time of 12 AM represents Midnight.

- b. Enter the current *Minutes* and press [ENT]. The allowable range is 0 to 59.
- c. Enter the current *Seconds* and press [ENT]. The allowable range is 0 to 59.

## Procedure Options

After completing the above steps, the meter returns to the *User Program*. Continue as follows:

- To continue programming the meter, refer to the menu maps in Appendix A and navigate to the desired menu. Then, proceed to the appropriate section of this manual for instructions.
- To leave the *User Program* and retain the previous settings, press [EXIT] and then press [F1] = NO at the *SAVE* prompt. Any programming changes will be discarded and you will be returned to the data display.
- To leave the *User Program* and return to measurement mode, press [EXIT] and then press [F2] = YES at the *SAVE* prompt. Your programming changes will be entered into the meter's memory, and you will be returned to the data display.

## 1.12 Setting Up Serial Communications

The Model DF868 flowmeter can transmit stored data and displayed readings to a remote ANSI terminal or a personal computer by connecting the meter's RS232 interface to the serial port of the PC. In addition, the Model DF868 can receive and execute remote commands using this link. The meter can also be configured with a MODBUS option card for MODBUS communications, a Foundation Fieldbus option card for Foundation Fieldbus communications, an Ethernet option card for Ethernet communications, or with a MODBUS/TCP option card for MODBUS communication over the Ethernet, if desired.

**Note:** To set Fieldbus communications parameters, see Appendix D, Foundation Fieldbus Communications.

Use the COMM submenu to set the RS232, MODBUS, Ethernet and MODBUS/TCP communications port parameters and to enter a network identification number. A network identification number is required to use GE *Instrument Data Manager* or *PanaView* software. While following the instructions, refer to Figure 14 on page 97.

1. Enter the COMM submenu by pressing [→] and [F3] at the initial *User Program* screen.
2. Use the [F1]-[F4] and [→] keys to select the desired *Baud Rate*.

**Note:** As shown in Figure 14 on page 97, the available rates are 300, 600, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600 and 19200 baud.

3. Use the [F1]-[F4] and [→] keys to select the *UART Bits*. The five available responses are listed in Table 19.

Table 19: UART Bits Options

Option Bar	# Data Bits	# Stop Bits	Parity
8,no	8	0	None
8,odd	8	0	Odd
8even	8	0	Even
7,odd	7	1	Odd
7even	7	1	Even

## 1.12 Setting Up Serial Communications (cont.)

4. Enter a *Network ID* number between 1 and 254 and press [ENT]. The default number is 1.

A network ID number is only necessary for communication with the *GE Instrument Data Manager (IDM)* or *PanaView* software. See the software *User's Manual (910-185)* for more information.

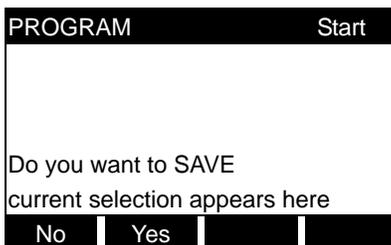
**IMPORTANT:** *If the network ID number is changed, communication with the Instrument Data Manager or PanaView must be re-established with the new ID number.*

### 1.12.1 MODBUS (RS485) Parameters

If your DF868 does not include an option card for MODBUS communications, you have completed programming the COMM submenu. However, if you have installed a MODBUS option card, the following additional prompts appear.

1. Press [F1]-[F4] to select the desired *MODBUS Baud Rate* from four selections: 2400, 4800, 9600 and 19,200.
2. Press [F1]-[F3] to set the *MODBUS Parity* as none, odd or even.
3. Press [F1] to select one *MODBUS Stop Bit*, or [F2] to select two stop bits.
4. Use the numeric keys to enter a *MODBUS Address* (from 1 to 247) and press [ENT].

Programming of the COMM submenu has now been completed. To leave the *User Program*, press [EXIT]. If changes have been made in any of the submenus, the following screen appears:



At the *User Program* screen shown, press [F1] to return to measurement mode without saving the file or press [F2] to enter the SAVE submenu.

**Note:** *See the SAVE submenu section on page 45 of this chapter for more information on this function.*

### 1.12.2 MODBUS/TCP Parameters

If your DF868 does not include an option card for MODBUS/TCP communications, you have completed programming the COMM submenu. However, if you have installed a MODBUS/TCP option card, you must complete the following steps:

1. Press [F3] to select the appropriate *MODBUS Baud Rate* of 9600.
2. Press [F1]-[F3] to set the *MODBUS Parity* as none, odd or even.
3. Press [F1] to select one *MODBUS Stop Bit*, or [F2] to select two stop bits.
4. Use the numeric keys to enter a *MODBUS Address* (from 1 to 247) and press [ENT].

Programming of the COMM submenu has now been completed. To leave the *User Program*, press [EXIT]. If changes have been made in any of the submenus, the SAVE screen (shown above) appears. Press [F1] to return to measurement mode without saving the file or press [F2] to enter the SAVE submenu and save the file.

### 1.12.3 MODBUS Register Map

When equipped with the optional MODBUS output card, the DF868 flow transmitter can send flow data and diagnostic information to a flow computer (or SCADA) serially, using a Gould-type RTU protocol. In this case, only the MODBUS function command, 3 (read multiple registers), 6 (write multiple registers) is valid. The format for the data exchange is as follows:

- The **send** command (initiated by the host flow computer or controller) comes in the form:  
[time delimiter]<Addr><3><First Register MSB>  
<First Register LSB><Register Count MSB>  
<Register Count LSB><CRC Low><CRC High>[time delimiter]
- The response (initiated by the host flow computer or controller) comes in the form:  
[time delimiter]<Addr><3><Byte count><Data.....>  
<CRC Low><CRC High>[time delimiter]

The format for the returned data types is as follows:

- Integer (16 bit Integer) <MSB><LSB>  
1 Register - 16 bit integer
- Integer (32 bit IntegerI) <MSB><LSB><LSB><LSB>  
2 Register - 32 bit integer
- Floating Point (FP) <EXP><MAN><MAN><MAN>  
2 Registers - 32 bit IEEE floating point number

To request specific parameters from the DF868 using the MODBUS, the control system must access the appropriate register number, as shown in Table 20 on page 42. Only registers 1-108 are available with the DF868 for MODBUS communications. Registers 508-512 are used by the DF868 to store the MODBUS parameters.

**Note:** *If you request Ch2 or AVE data from a 1-Channel meter, the values will all be zero.*

Table 20: DF868 1-Channel MODBUS Registers

MODBUS Reg #	Description	Units	Scaling (decimal places)	Size in Bytes
1	<sup>1</sup> Clear Totalizers	none		2 (16 bit signed)
2	CH1 Velocity	ft/s or m/s	2	4 (32 bit integer)
4	CH1 Volumetric	VOL_U	--	4 (IEEE 32 bit)
6	CH1 +Totals	TOT_U	Register 10	4 (32 bit integer)
8	CH1 -Totals	TOT_U	Register 10	4 (32 bit integer)
10	CH1 #T Digits	none	0	2 (16 bit integer)
11	CH1 Totalizer Time	sec	2	4 (32 bit integer)
13	<sup>2</sup> CH1 Error Value	none	0	2 (16 bit integer)
14	CH 1 SSUP	none	1	4 (32 bit integer)
16	CH 1 SSDN	none	1	4 (32 bit integer)
18	CH 1 SNDSP	ft/s or m/s	0	4 (32 bit integer)
20	CH 2 Velocity	ft/s or m/s	2	4 (32 bit integer)
22	CH2 Volumetric	VOL_U	--	4 (IEEE 32 bit)
24	CH 2 + Totals	TOT_U	Register 28	4 (32 bit integer)
26	CH 2 - Totals	TOT_U	Register 28	4 (32 bit integer)
28	CH2 # T Digits	none	0	2 (16 bit integer)
29	CH2 Totalizer Time	sec	2	4 (32 bit integer)
31	<sup>2</sup> CH2 Error Value	none	0	2 (16 bit integer)
32	CH 2 SSUP	none	1	4 (32 bit integer)
34	CH 2 SSDN	none	1	4 (32 bit integer)
36	CH 2 SNDSP	ft/s or m/s	0	4 (32 bit integer)
38	<sup>3</sup> AVG Velocity	ft/s or m/s	2	4 (32 bit integer)
40	<sup>3</sup> AVG Volumetric	VOL_U	--	4 (IEEE 32 bit)
42	<sup>3</sup> AVG + Totals	TOT_U	Register 46	4 (32 bit integer)
44	<sup>3</sup> AVG - Totals	TOT_U	Register 46	4 (32 bit integer)
46	AVG #T Digits	none	0	2 (16 bit integer)
47	<sup>3</sup> AVG Totalizer Time	sec	2	4 (32 bit integer)
49	<sup>4</sup> AVG Error Value	none	0	2 (16 bit integer)
50	<sup>3</sup> AVG SSUP	none	1	4 (32 bit integer)
52	<sup>3</sup> AVG SSDN	none	1	4 (32 bit integer)
54	<sup>3</sup> AVG SNDSP	ft/s or m/s	0	4 (32 bit integer)
56	CH 1 Power	Power_u	--	4 (IEEE 32 bit)
58	CH 1 +Energy	Energy_u	Register 62	4 (32 bit integer)
60	CH 1 -Energy	Energy_u	Register 62	4 (32 bit integer)

Table 20: DF868 1-Channel MODBUS Registers (cont.)

MODBUS Reg #	Description	Units	Scaling (decimal places)	Size in Bytes
62	CH 1 # Energy Digits	none	0	2 (16 bit integer)
63	CH 1 TempS	°F or °C	2	4 (32 bit integer)
65	CH 1 TempR	°F or °C	2	4 (32 bit integer)
67	CH 1 TS-TR	°F or °C	2	4 (32 bit integer)
69	CH 1 DELTH	Btu/lb or J/gm	2	4 (32 bit integer)
71	CH 2 Power	Power_u	--	4 (IEEE 32 bit)
73	CH 2 +Energy	Energy_u	Register 77	4 (32 bit integer)
75	CH 2 -Energy	Energy_u	Register 77	4 (32 bit integer)
77	CH 2 # Energy Digits	none	0	2 (16 bit integer)
78	CH 2 TempS	°F or °C	2	4 (32 bit integer)
80	CH 2 TempR	°F or °C	2	4 (32 bit integer)
82	CH 2 TS-TR	°F or °C	2	4 (32 bit integer)
84	CH 2 DELTH	Btu/lb or J/gm	2	4 (32 bit integer)
86	<sup>5</sup> Slot 1 Input A			4 (IEEE 32 bit)
88	<sup>5</sup> Slot 1 Input B			4 (IEEE 32 bit)
90	Slot 2 Input A			4 (IEEE 32 bit)
92	Slot 2 Input B			4 (IEEE 32 bit)
94	Slot 3 Input A			4 (IEEE 32 bit)
96	Slot 3 Input B			4 (IEEE 32 bit)
98	Slot 4 Input A			4 (IEEE 32 bit)
100	Slot 4 Input B			4 (IEEE 32 bit)
102	Slot 5 Input A			4 (IEEE 32 bit)
104	Slot 5 Input B			4 (IEEE 32 bit)
106	Slot 6 Input A			4 (IEEE 32 bit)
108	Slot 6 Input B			4 (IEEE 32 bit)
508	<sup>6</sup> MODBUS baud rate	none	0	2 (16 bit integer)
509	<sup>7</sup> MODBUS parity	none	0	2 (16 bit integer)
510	<sup>8</sup> MODBUS stop bits	none	0	2 (16 bit integer)
511	MODBUS meter addr	none	0	2 (16 bit integer)
512	RESERVED	none	--	--

### 1.12.3 MODBUS Register Map (cont.)

#### Notes:

1. **Clear Totalizers:** flag from the 8051 to clear totalizers in the 68332 memory.
2. **Error Value:** see Chapter 2, *Error Codes and Screen Messages*, in the *Service Manual* for error codes.
3. **Average:**  
average of channel 1 and channel 2 if both channels out of error,  
channel 1 value if channel 2 is in error,  
channel 2 value if channel 1 is in error,  
zero if both channels in error
4. **Average Error Status:**  
0 = both in error  
1 = chan 2 in error  
2 = chan 1 in error  
3 = both OK
5. **Registers for Analog Inputs:**  
The values for the inputs apply only to special inputs (supply and return temperature inputs are in other defined registers). The DF868 can hold only up to 4 special inputs. Input registers for slots and inputs that are not resident or not programmed as special will have an output value of 0.
6. **MODBUS baud rate:**  
5 = 2400, 6 = 4800, 7 = 9600, 8=19,200
7. **MODBUS parity:**  
0 = none, 1 = odd, 2 = even
8. **MODBUS stop bits:**  
1 = 1 stop bit, 2 = 2 stop bits
9. **General:**  
Registers are written if corresponding functions are actuated by the user. Registers for unactuated functions are initialized to zero at startup.

## 1.13 Saving Site Data

The currently programmed site data may be stored in the Model DF868's non-volatile memory by saving it as a site file. Up to ten site file names, consisting of up to five characters each, may be stored at any given time. While following the instructions, refer to Figure 14 on page 97. Enter the SAVE submenu by pressing [→] and [F4] at the initial *User Program* screen and complete the following steps:

1. Enter a new *Site File Name* and press [ENT] or use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select and overwrite an existing site file.

**Note:** *The option bar will show only as many choices as there are existing site files.*

If ten site files are already stored in memory, an existing site file must be deleted before a new site file name can be assigned. See Chapter 5, *Clearing Data*, for details.

When a site file is stored in memory, it becomes the active site file until another site file is created or retrieved. (See the next section for instructions on retrieving a site file.) To verify that the site file has been saved, use the [↑] key to scroll back to the SITE NAME prompt and see if the name appears on the option bar (use the [←] and [→] keys to scroll through the list, if necessary). Whenever a new site file name is saved, it is automatically assigned to the next available function key. Press [EXIT] to leave the SAVE submenu.

2. Use the [←] and [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select another menu, or press [EXIT] to leave the *User Program* to return to measurement mode.

## 1.14 Recalling a Site

Any site file currently stored in the Model DF868's non-volatile memory may be recalled at any time. While following the instructions, refer to Figure 14 on page 97. Up to ten site file names, consisting of up to five characters each, may be stored at any given time. Enter the RECALL submenu by pressing [→] twice and [F1] at the initial *User Program* screen shown on page 8 and complete the following steps:

1. Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select and recall an existing site file.

**Note:** *The option bar will show only as many choices as there are existing site files. The files are listed in chronological order by creation date.*

Upon recall, the selected site file becomes active and all of its programmed parameters become current.

2. Use the [←] and [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select another menu, or press [EXIT] to leave the *User Program* to return to measurement mode

## 1.15 Entering KV vs. SS Tables

The KV/SS submenu enables you to enter a table of values of the kinematic viscosity (KV) based on signal strength (SS). You can then use this table to calculate KV as shown in the KV/SS option (in the ADVAN option of the SETUP submenu) discussed on page 34. To use the option, you must enter the KV vs. SS pairs in descending order of KV and ascending order of SS. For example, if pair 1 is KV = 10 centistrokes and SS = 62, then pair 2 must be KV  $\leq$  10 centistrokes and SS  $\geq$  62. The DF868 accepts 2 to 20 pairs.

1. Enter the KV/SS submenu by pressing [→] twice and [F2] at the initial *User Program* screen.
2. Press [ENT] to accept the current # of KV/SS Pairs or enter a new value (from 2 to 20) and press [ENT].
3. Press [ENT] to accept the current *Sig Strength* value or enter a new value (50.0 to 85.0) and press [ENT]. Enter the signal strength values in ascending order.
4. Press [ENT] to accept the current *Kin Viscosity* value or enter a new value (0.050 to 500.) and press [ENT]. Enter the kinematic viscosity values in descending order.

The *Sig Strength* and *Kin Viscosity* prompts repeat for each pair. After entering all the pairs, the meter returns to the *Program* menu as shown on page 8. To leave the *User Program*, press [EXIT].

## 1.16 Entering Temperature vs. Viscosity Tables

The TmpKV submenu enables you to enter temperature vs. viscosity tables for up to three petrochemical products. Users can program the names of each product, along with temperature vs. viscosity data points for each table. To apply the tables, you must program the DF868 to use the table for the desired fluid (discussed in *Calculating Kinematic Viscosity* on page 34), and program the temperature input source (as shown in *Setting Up Temperature Inputs* on page 27).

Once the tables are applied, the DF868 automatically performs the following steps:

1. It accepts the input from the programmed *temperature* source.
2. It calculates the fluid viscosity using linear interpolation from the tabulated fluid data.
3. It performs a dynamic calculation of the *Reynolds number*.
4. It calculates the appropriate *K-factor* using the standard Colebrook relationship.

### 1.16.1 Entering the Fluid Label and Name

1. Enter the TmpKV submenu by pressing [→] twice and [F3] at the initial *User Program* screen.
2. At the *Temp/KV Fluid Table* prompt, press [F1]-[F3] to select the table for data entry.

**Note:** Key [F1] for Fluid #01 is used as an example in the following steps.

3. Edit the current *Label* (FL#01) to any desired label with a maximum length of five characters (as shown in Table 1 on page 3). Press [ENT].
4. Edit the current *Name* (Fluid #1) to any desired name with a maximum length of 11 characters.

## 1.16.2 Entering the Table Data

5. Enter the desired # of *Table pairs* (2 to 20), and press [ENT].

**IMPORTANT:** *At the next prompt, the temperature values entered must be in the range of -148 to 662°F or °C. The values will appear as °F if the meter is set for English units or °C if the meter is set for metric units. Temperature values must be entered in ascending order.*

6. Press [ENT] to accept the current *Temperature* value or enter a new value (with up to four decimal places) and press [ENT].

**IMPORTANT:** *At the next prompt, the kinematic viscosity values entered must be in the range of 0.045 to 10000\*10<sup>-6</sup> ft<sup>2</sup>/s or m<sup>2</sup>/s. The values will appear as ft<sup>2</sup>/s if the meter is set for English units or m<sup>2</sup>/s if the meter is set for metric units.*

7. Press [ENT] to accept the current *Kin Viscosity* value or enter a new value (with up to three decimal places) and press [ENT].

The *Temperature* and *Kin Viscosity* prompts repeat until the number of pairs specified have all been entered. After entering all the pairs, the meter returns to the *User Program* menu. If desired, repeat the above sequence to enter additional tables for the other fluids (up to 3). To activate a table, refer to *Calculating Kinematic Viscosity* on page 34. Activating this feature causes three changes to the standard software:

- Whenever the temperature compensation option is active, the diagnostic parameter *Fluid Temperature* appears for display and data logging.

**Note:** *If you are logging using PanaView, the Fluid Temperature diagnostic parameter is available even if the temperature compensation option is deactivated. However, the units will be displayed as NOT ACTIVE.*

- If the current fluid temperature is outside the range of the tabulated values, then the last value that was within the tabulated range will be used instead.
- If the fluid temperature is in error due to an invalid analog input condition, the DF868 will continue to use the last valid reading.

**IMPORTANT:** *The tables entered for this feature are global, meaning that the same tables will be used for all sites in the meter. Thus, editing the tables in any one site file will alter the values for all other site files. Also, the tables are included as part of the site upload/download functions. For example, if you print out a site file, the current contents of the tables will also be printed.*

## 1.17 Activating Security

In order to prevent unauthorized tampering with the flowmeter's programming, the Model DF868 is equipped with a security feature that locks out the following menus:

- Program Menu [PROG]
- Calibration Menu [CAL]
- Log Menu [LOG]
- Clear Menu [CLR]

## 1.17 Activating Security (cont.)

When the system is locked, access to the above menus will be denied unless the correct password is entered. The Model DF868 is shipped with a *default password*. For increased security, the default password should be changed.

**IMPORTANT:** *Once the system has been locked, it can only be unlocked by entering the password, because access to the SECUR submenu is restricted.*

While following the instructions, refer to Figure 14 on page 97.

**IMPORTANT:** *It is recommended that all program parameters be recorded before changing the password. (This information should be recorded in Appendix B, Data Records, as a matter of routine.) If the password is lost, the site data is not retrievable and will have to be re-entered.*

1. To enter the SECUR submenu, press [→] twice and [F3] at the initial *User Program* screen:
2. At the *Lock Out* prompt, press [F1] = UNlck to unlock the system and return to the initial *User Program* screen, or press [F2] = LOCK to lock the system.

**Note:** *If the system was unlocked at the above prompt, the following prompts do not appear.*

3. Enter the current *Password* (**2719** is the default password) and press [ENT].
4. At the *Edit Password* prompt, press [F1] = NO to leave the password unchanged and proceed to step 6, or press [F2] = YES to enter a new password.

**IMPORTANT:** *Since the default password is printed in this manual, a new password should be entered. If the password is ever lost, contact the factory for assistance.*

5. Enter the *New Password* and press [ENT]. Any combination of letters and numbers up to a total of 21 characters may be used as a password.

**Note:** *Keep in mind that the password may have to be entered frequently from the keypad. A long and/or complex password may soon become annoying to use.*

6. Verify the *New Password* by entering it again and press [ENT]. Be sure to record the new password in a safe place.
7. At the *Lockout Level* prompt, press [F1] to lock only the PROG, CAL, CLR and LOG menus, or press [F2] to lock all the keys except [PROG].

### Procedure Options

After completing the above steps, the meter returns to the *User Program*. Continue as follows:

- To continue programming the meter, refer to the menu maps in Appendix A and navigate to the desired menu. Then, proceed to the appropriate section of this manual for instructions.
- To leave the *User Program* and retain the previous settings, press [EXIT] and then press [F1] = NO at the *SAVE* prompt. Any programming changes will be discarded and you will be returned to the data display.
- To leave the *User Program* and return to measurement mode, press [EXIT] and then press [F2] = YES at the *SAVE* prompt. Your programming changes will be entered into the meter's memory, and you will be returned to the data display.

## Chapter 2. Displaying Data

### 2.1 Introduction

This chapter explains how to display measurement data in various formats. Each of the two display screen panes may be programmed independently.

**Note:** *The instructions in this chapter assume that the left display pane is active. If the right display pane is active, simply change all [F1]-[F4] designations to [F5]-[F8].*

The following submenus are included in the *Display Menu*:

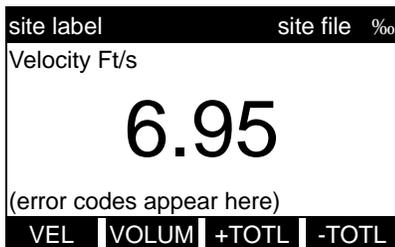
- BIG - displays a single measurement in large size text
- DUAL - permits the simultaneous display of two measurements, in the same screen pane, in standard size text
- GRAPH - displays a graph of either velocity or volumetric flow versus time
- LOG - displays the data stored in a log file either graphically or numerically
- SIGNAL - graphically displays any one of five transducer signals versus time
- BACKL - sets the time that the LCD display backlight remains on before it is automatically turned off.

Refer to Figure 15 on page 98, and proceed to the appropriate section to set up the Model DF868 display screen(s), using one of the listed submenus.

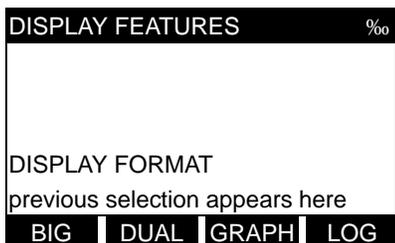
### 2.2 The BIG Submenu

The BIG format, which is the Model DF868's default power up format, displays one measurement in large print. To select the BIG format and the measurement to display in this format, follow the instructions in this section.

Upon power up, a standard measurement mode display (similar to the one shown below) appears. Press the appropriate side of the [SCREEN] key to activate the desired pane of the display screen, and complete the following steps:



The default power up screen is already in BIG mode. If a different display mode is active, access the *Display Menu* by pressing the [DISP] key.



Press [F1] to select the BIG option. The measurement mode screen reappears with the display in the BIG format.

## 2.2 The Big Submenu (cont.)

site label	site file	%
Velocity Ft/s		
<b>6.95</b>		
(error codes appear here)		
VEL	VOLUM	+TOTL -TOTL

Use the [F1]-[F4], [←] and [→] keys to select the desired display parameter option. Refer to Table 21 for a complete description of the available options.

**Table 21: Measurement Parameter Options**

Option Bar Choice	Description
[F1] = VEL	Flow Velocity
[F2] = VOLUM	Volumetric Flow
[F3] = +TOTL	Forward Totalized Volume Flow
[F4] = -TOTL	Reverse Totalized Volume Flow
[→] + [F1] = TIME	Total Flow Measurement Time
[→] + [F2] = MDOT*	Mass Flow
[→] + [F3] = +MASS*	Forward Totalized Mass Flow
[→] + [F4] = -MASS*	Reverse Totalized Mass Flow
[→] + [→] + [F1] = POWER**	Energy Flow Power
[→] + [→] + [F2] = +ENRG**	Forward Energy Flow
[→] + [→] + [F3] = -ENRG**	Reverse Energy Flow
[→] + [→] + [F4] = DIAG	Diagnostic
* Available only if "Mass Flow (static)?" = YES	
**Available only if "Energy Option" = YES	

**Note:** See Chapter 3, Operation, of the Startup Guide for more details on selecting a measurement parameter to display.

## 2.3 The DUAL Submenu

The DUAL format displays two measurements simultaneously in normal print. To select the DUAL format and the measurements to display in this format, follow the instructions in this section.

Upon power up, a standard measurement mode display (similar to the one shown below) appears in BIG format. Press the appropriate side of the [SCREEN] key to activate the desired pane of the display screen, and complete the following steps:

1. To access the *Display Menu*, press the [DISP] key.
2. Press [F2] = DUAL. The measurement mode display reappears and the display is now in the DUAL format.
3. Use the [F1]-[F4], [←] and [→] keys to select the desired display parameter option. See Table 21 for a complete description of the available options.

With the DUAL format display screen active, when a measurement parameter is selected, the top line of the prompt area will be changed to show that parameter. The parameter previously displayed at the top of the display is moved to the bottom of the display, and the previous bottom parameter is no longer shown.

## 2.4 The GRAPH Submenu

The GRAPH submenu permits the display of either the flow velocity, mass flow or the volumetric flow on an XY bar graph, with a specified time interval on the x-axis. This section describes the procedures for setting up and using the graph format.

### 2.4.1 Setting Up the GRAPH Format

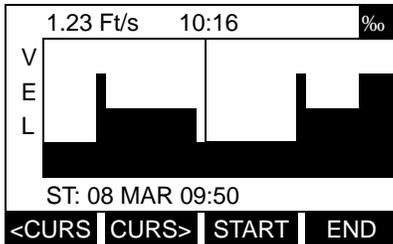
Press the appropriate side of the [SCREEN] key to activate the desired pane of the display screen, and complete the following steps:

1. To access the *Display Menu*, press the [DISP] key.
2. Press [F3] = GRAPH.
3. Press [F1]-[F3] to graph the *Flow Velocity*, *Volumetric Flow* or *Mass Flow*, respectively.
4. Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the desired *Time Increment*.
5. Enter a maximum value for the *Y-axis* (vertical) scale that is larger than the maximum expected reading and press [ENT].
6. At the *Y Range* prompt, press [F1] to graph only positive Y values or press [F2] to graph both positive and negative Y values.

After the Y RANGE is entered, the Model DF868 automatically begins taking measurements and displays them in the specified graphical format. Proceed to the next section for a discussion of manipulating the graphical display.

## 2.4.2 Using the GRAPH Format

While viewing data in the GRAPH format, the function keys are programmed to permit a variety of actions. These options are described in detail below.



Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the desired option. See Table 22 for a listing of the available choices.

At any given time, 120 data points will be shown on the GRAPH screen. The *cursor*, which is displayed as a vertical line that extends the full height of the graph window, can be used to select any one of these data points.

The typical screen shown on page 52 is for a *Velocity vs. Time* graph with only the positive y-axis displayed. The measurement parameter (VEL) is shown to the left of the y-axis and there is a *message line* below the graph that initially indicates the starting date and time of the graphed data. Notice that most of the locator bar has been replaced by a *status line* in standard video that shows the value, units and time of the measurement at the current cursor location. However, there is still an inverse video *pointer* at the far right of this line to indicate that additional option bar choices are available.

**Note:** *The date in the message line includes only the day and the month (not the year), and the times in the status line and the message line include only the hours and minutes (not the seconds).*

Because the times displayed in the GRAPH format are in whole minutes only, movement of the cursor may not result in a visible change in the posted times. For example, if a TIME INCREMENT of 30 seconds has been programmed, two presses of either cursor movement key will be required to change the displayed time by one minute.

**Table 22: Graph Display Options**

Option Bar Choice	Description
[F1] = <CURS	Moves the cursor to the left and displays the corresponding measurement value and time in the status line: (i.e. 6.85 Ft/s 10:38)
[F2] = CURS>	Moves the cursor to the right and displays the corresponding measurement value and time in the status line: (i.e. 5.31 Ft/s 10:38)
[F3] = START	Moves the cursor all the way to the left side of the graph and posts the starting date and time in the message line: (i.e. ST: 08 MAR 10:38)
[F4] = END	Moves the cursor all the way to the right side of the graph and posts the ending date and time in the message line: (i.e. END 08 MAR 11:14)
[→] + [F1] = YMAX	Displays the programmed maximum Y value in the message line: (i.e. YMAX 25.0 Ft/s)
[→] + [F2] = T INC	Displays the programmed time increment value in the message line: (i.e. T INC 30 sec.)
[→] + [F3] = EXIT	Leaves the GRAPH format and returns the display to the previous data format. (The [EXIT] key on the keypad will also perform this function.)

## 2.5 The LOG Submenu

The LOG submenu permits the display of the data in a log file either graphically or numerically. Although the Model DF868 can display all of the data in a log file, screen size limitations prevent the simultaneous display of the complete log file. Therefore, the function keys must be used to view the remaining data.

Follow the instructions in this section to display a log file in the desired format. See Chapter 3, *Logging Data*, for instructions on creating a log file.

### 2.5.1 Entering the LOG Submenu

Press the appropriate side of the [SCREEN] key to activate the desired pane of the display screen, and complete the following steps:

1. To access the *Display Menu*, press the [DISP] key.
2. Press [F4] = LOG.
3. Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the desired log file to display. At the *Name* prompt, the option bar will show the names of all log files that are currently stored in memory. If there are no log files currently stored in memory, the following prompt will appear instead:

```

DISPLAY FEATURES
DISPLAY FORMAT
logging
All Logs Cleared!
hit key

```

There are no log files currently stored in memory. Either all of the log files have been cleared or no log files have yet been created. Press any key to return to measurement mode.

If the All Logs Cleared! prompt appears, at least one log file must be created and stored in memory before the *Display Log* function can be accessed. See Chapter 3, *Logging Data*, for instructions on creating a log file. After at least one log file is stored in memory and selected at the NAME prompt of the LOG submenu, proceed to the next step.

4. At the *Format* prompt, press [F1] to display the selected log in numeric format or press [F2] to display the selected log in graphical format.
  - If you pressed [F1], go to page 54.
  - If you pressed [F2], go to page 55.

## 2.5.2 Numeric Format

The Model DF868 can log up to three parameters simultaneously. Each set of data values is called a *record*, and up to 120 consecutive records can be stored in a *page*. A *log file* can consist of up to 120 pages. The numeric log display, which shows one record at a time, includes the following components:

- page number
- record number
- time and date of creation
- measurement value set
- error messages (if any)

Upon choosing NUM at the FORMAT prompt, the first record of the selected log file is displayed in a screen similar to the following:

```

PAGE# 1      REC# 80      %
          09 MAR 98
          11.66 Ft/s
          1.32 KACF/MI
          6.91 KACF
E5: Amplitude
<CURS | CURS> | <PAGE | PAGE>

```

Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to view additional records or to exit the log display. The options are listed in Table 23.

In the numeric display screen, the locator bar (except for the inverse video pointer at the far right) is replaced by a standard video display of the page number and record number. The first line of the prompt area shows the time and date that the record was created, and the next three lines list the values for the three logged parameters. Finally, any error condition that existed at the time the record was taken is indicated by an error code in the bottom line of the prompt area.

**Table 23: Numeric Log Display Options**

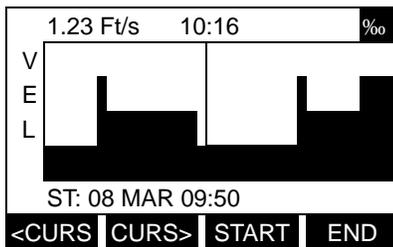
Option Bar Choice	Description
[F1] = <CURS	Display previous record on the current page.
[F2] = CURS>	Display the next record on the current page.
[F3] = <PAGE	Display the previous page.
[F4] = PAGE>	Display the next page.
[→] + [F1] = START	Display the first record on the current page.
[→] + [F2] = END	Display the last record on the current age.
[→] + [F3] = EXIT	Leave the numeric LOG display and return to the previous data format. (The [EXIT] key on the keypad will also perform this function.)

### 2.5.3 Graphical Format

After choosing PLOT at the FORMAT prompt, the programming sequence continues as follows:

5. Enter a maximum value for the *Y-axis* (vertical) scale that is larger than the maximum expected reading and press [ENT].
6. At the *Y-Range* prompt, press [F1] to graph only positive Y values or press [F2] to graph both positive and negative Y values.

After the Y RANGE is entered, the Model DF868 automatically displays the chosen log file records in the specified graphical format.



Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the desired option. The options are listed in Table 24 on page 56.

At any given time, the 120 records stored in one page of the log file will be graphed on the display screen. The *cursor*, which is shown as a vertical line that extends the full height of the graph window, can be used to highlight any one of these records.

**IMPORTANT:** *Only the first of the three logged parameters is displayed in the graphical format of the LOG submenu. Therefore, when creating a log file, be sure to specify the parameter to be graphed at the 1st Value Logged prompt. See Chapter 3, Logging Data, for details on creating a log file.*

Because the times displayed in the LOG graph are in whole minutes only, movement of the cursor may not result in a visible change in the posted times. For example, if a TIME INCREMENT of 30 seconds has been programmed, two presses of either cursor movement key will be required to change the displayed time by one minute.

## 2.5.3 Graphical Format (cont.)

Table 24: Graphical Log Display Options

Option Bar Choice	Description
[F1] = <CURS	Move the cursor one record to the left and display the value and time of that record in the status line: (i.e. 6.85 Ft/s 10:38)
[F2] = CURS>	Move the cursor one record to the right and display the value and time of that record in the status line: (i.e. 5.31 Ft/s 10:38)
[F3] = <PAGE	Display the previous page of records
[F4] = PAGE>	Display the next page of records
[→] + [F1] = START	Move the cursor to the first record on the current page and post the date and time of that record in the message line: (i.e. ST: 08 MAR 10:38)
[→] + [F2] = END	Move the cursor to the last record on the current page and post the date and time of that record in the message line: (i.e. END 08 MAR 11:14)
[→] + [F3] = YMAX	Display the programmed maximum Y value in the message line: (i.e. YMAX 25.0 Ft/s)
[→] + [F4] = T INC	Display the time increment value, as set when the log file was created, in the message line: (i.e. T INC 30 seconds)
[←] + [F1] = EXIT	Leave the graphical LOG display and return the display to the previous data format. (The [EXIT] key on the keypad will also perform this function.)

In the typical graphical display shown, the first logged parameter (VEL) is shown to the left of the y-axis and there is a *message line* below the graph that initially indicates the starting date and time of the current page. Notice that most of the locator bar has been replaced by a *status line* in standard video that shows the value, units and time of the record at the current cursor location. However, there is still an inverse video *pointer* at the far right of this line to indicate that additional option bar choices are available.

**Note:** *The date in the message line includes only the day and the month (not the year), and the times in the status line and the message line include only the hours and minutes.*

## 2.6 Displaying the Transducer Signal

The SIGNAL submenu permits the direct graphical display of several transducer signals. Specifically, the signals listed in Table 25 and Table 26 may be viewed in this format.

**Table 25: Transit-Time Transducer Signals**

Transducer Signal	Description
Sup	upstream signal
Sdown	downstream signal
Cup	upstream correlation
Cdown	downstream correlation
CC	cross-correlation

**Table 26: TransFlection Transducer Signals**

Transducer Signal	Description
Corr	correlated signal
Sig	receive signal

Complete the following steps to display the transducer signals:

Press the appropriate side of the [SCREEN] key to activate the desired pane of the display screen, then proceed as follows:

**Note:** For this discussion, it is assumed that the left pane of the display screen is active. If the right pane is active, it is only necessary to replace the [F1]-[F4] keys designations by the [F5]-[F8] keys.

1. To access the *Display Menu*, press the [DISP] key.
2. Press [→] and [F1] = SIGNAL.

The signal graph is a plot of signal amplitude (y-axis) vs. time in microseconds (x-axis). When the SIGNAL display screen first appears, it may briefly remain blank. As soon as the signal is acquired, processed and loaded into the display memory, the graph will appear. A *cursor*, which is displayed as a vertical line that extends the full height of the graph window, is used to highlight any point in time along the x-axis.

3. Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the desired option. The options are listed in Table 27 on page 58.

## 2.6 Displaying Transducer Signals (cont.)

The typical display screen shown has the Sup transducer signal listed to the left of the y-axis and there is a *message line* below the graph that initially indicates the starting date and time of the graphed signal. Notice that most of the locator bar has been replaced by a *status line* in standard video that shows the signal amplitude and the time (in microseconds) of the measurement at the current cursor location. However, there is still an inverse video *pointer* at the far right of this line to indicate that additional option bar choices are available. See Table 27 for a complete description of the nine functions available on the option bar.

**Table 27: Graphical Log Display Options**

Option Bar Choice	Description
[F1] = <CURS	Move the cursor to the left and display the amplitude and time in the status line: (i.e. 107 686.798mi)
[F2] = CURS>	Move the cursor to the right and display the amplitude and time in the status line: (i.e. 107 686.798mi)
[F3] = <PAGE	Display the previous page
[F4] = PAGE>	Display the next page
[←] + [F1] = START	Move the cursor to the start of the current page and post the starting date and time in the message line: (i.e. ST: 451.798usec)
[→] + [F2] = END	Move the cursor to the end of the current page and post the ending date and time in the message line: (i.e. END: 744.298usec)
[→] + [F3] = YMAX	Display the maximum Y value, which is set to 128 divisions in arbitrary units, in the message line.
[→] + [F4] = T INC	Display the time increment value in the message line. This is based on the frequency of the transducers and would equal 0.125 $\mu$ sec for a 1 MHz transducer.
[←] + [F1] = EXIT	Leave the graphical SIGNAL display and return the display to the previous data format. (The [EXIT] key on the keypad will also perform this function.)

In addition to the functions available on the option bar, some of the numeric keys are used to specify which transducer signal is displayed and to scale the resulting graph. Table 28 lists these functions.

**Table 28: Numeric Key Functions**

Key	Function
1	Scroll down the transducer signal list
2	Scroll up the transducer signal list
4	Expand the graph vertically
5	Return expanded graph to previous size
7	Compress graph horizontally
8	Return compressed graph to previous size

## 2.6 Displaying Transducer Signals (cont.)

In summary, three basic functions are performed with the numeric keys:

- **Signal Selection:** use the “1” and “2” keys to select a transducer signal for display by scrolling through the list of available signals.
- **Vertical Scaling:** The “4” and “5” keys are used to scale the graph vertically. Each press of the “4” key doubles the height of the graph, while each press of the “5” key halves the height of the graph. The three available scale factors are 1x, 2x and 4x.
- **Horizontal Scaling:** The “7” and “8” keys are used to scale the graph horizontally. Each press of the “7” key doubles the T INC value (2x horizontal compression), while each press of the “8” key halves the T INC value (2x horizontal expansion). The four available compression ratios are 1x, 2x, 4x and 8x.

To return to the standard data screen, either select EXIT from the option bar or press the [EXIT] key on the keypad.

## 2.7 Setting the LCD Backlight

Use the BACKL submenu to specify the number of minutes the LCD display backlight remains on before it is automatically turned off. Press the appropriate side of the [SCREEN] key to activate the desired pane of the display screen, then proceed as follows:

**Note:** *For this discussion, it is assumed that the left pane of the display screen is active. If the right pane is active, replace the [F1]-[F4] keys designations by the [F5]-[F8] keys.*

1. To access the *Display Menu*, press the [DISP] key.
2. Press [→] and [F2] = BACKL.
3. Use the numeric keys to enter a value from 1 to 60 minutes and press [ENT]. To keep the backlight on constantly, enter a value of 0 and press [ENT].

The Model DF868 will automatically return to the previous data display screen and the programmed backlight timeout interval will begin.

If no entries are made from the keypad before the backlight timeout interval expires, the backlight will automatically be turned off. At the next keypad entry, the backlight will be turned on and the specified timeout interval will begin again.

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## Chapter 3. Logging Data

### 3.1 Introduction

This chapter explains how to use the Model DF868's data logging capability. The LOG menu, which is accessed by pressing the [LOG] key on the keypad, is divided into four submenus:

- STD - used to log up to three of the available measurement data parameters
- MEM - used to check the data logger memory to determine if the specified log will exceed the available memory
- STOP - used to terminate current data logging activity
- ERROR - used to log any generated error messages.

Up to twenty standard or error log files may be created and stored in battery-backed memory. Each log file contains up to three measurement parameters, the log start time and date, the log end time and date, the time interval between updates, and any error messages. Error logs record data only when an error message is generated.

The Model DF868 allocates up to 120 *pages* of memory, each of which can contain up to 120 *records*, for data logging. Each page is assigned a *header*, to distinguish one page from another. The header contains the log title, start date and time, end date and time, and the time increment. Each record contains the date and time of the measurement and the values for the three logged parameters.

**Note:** *Each log file uses at least one page of memory, and the same page cannot be shared by two different logs.*

Since a fixed amount of memory is allocated for data logging, the number of active logs, the log time increments, and the length of the log runs will all affect how much memory is available for additional logging. For example, a log that updates every 5 seconds will use more memory than a log that updates every 6 minutes, assuming that they both run for the same length of time.

After a log file has been created, it may be displayed, printed, cleared or uploaded to a personal computer. Refer to the appropriate chapters of this manual for specific instructions.

Refer to Figure 17 on page 100, and proceed to the appropriate section for the desired LOG submenu. Each submenu may be followed in the sequence shown or the [↑] and [↓] keys may be used to scroll through the prompts.

## 3.2 Creating a Standard Log

Use the STD submenu to create a new standard log and to select the parameters to log, the log start time and date, the log end time and date, and the time increment. Also, any log file already stored in memory may be inspected and/or changed.

Press the appropriate side of the [SCREEN] key to activate the desired pane of the display screen, and complete the following steps:

1. To access the *Log Menu*, press [LOG].
  - a. If you have activated the security feature (see Chapter 1, *Programming Site Data*, page 47 for details), enter the assigned password and press [ENT].
2. Press [F1] = STD.
3. Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to inspect a completed log, change an active log, or enter a new name (up to 5 characters) and press [ENT] to create a new log file.

**Note:** At the NAME prompt, the option bar will show the names of all completed or active log files that are currently stored in memory. Recall that a flashing asterisk (\*) appears at the far right of the locator bar if the Model DF868 is currently logging data (see Chapter 3, *Operation, of the Startup Guide*).

4. At the *Log Message* prompt, enter a brief description (up to 21 characters) of the log and press [ENT].
5. Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the first parameter to be logged. See Table 29 for a list of the available options.

**IMPORTANT:** Only the first parameter logged may be graphically displayed in the LOG submenu of the Display Menu. Keep this in mind when selecting a parameter. See Chapter 2, *Displaying Data*, for instructions.

**Table 29: Measurement Parameter Options**

Option Bar Choice	Description
[F1] = VEL	Flow Velocity
[F2] = VOLUM	Volumetric Flow
[F3] = +TOTL	Forward Totalized Volume Flow
[F4] = -TOTL	Reverse Totalized Volume Flow
[→] + [F1] = MDOT*	Mass Flow
[→] + [F2] = +MASS*	Forward Totalized Mass Flow
[→] + [F3] = -MASS*	Reverse Totalized Mass Flow
[→] + [F4] = POWER**	Energy Flow Power
[→] + [→] + [F1] = +ENRG**	Forward Energy Flow
[→] + [→] + [F2] = -ENRG**	Reverse Energy Flow
[→] + [→] + [F3] = DIAG	Diagnostics
* Available only if "Mass Flow (static)?" = YES	
** Available only if "Energy Option?" = YES	

## 3.2 Creating a Standard Log (cont.)

Refer to Chapter 3, *Diagnostics*, of the *Service Manual* for a discussion of the many parameters accessible using the DIAG option.

**Note:** *The units assigned to the parameters in Table 29 on page 62 are those selected in the User Program (SYSTEM submenu).*

6. Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the second parameter to be logged. See Table 29 on page 62 for a list of the available options.
7. Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the third parameter to be logged. See Table 29 on page 62 for a list of the available options.
  - If you selected a totalized value for display, go to step 8.
  - If you did not, go to step 9.
8. At the *Set LOG Totals to 0?* prompt, press [F1] to leave the log totals at their present value or press [F2] to reset the log totals to zero.

**Note:** *The Set LOG Totals to 0? prompt appears only if +TOTL or -TOTL was selected as one of the three parameters to log. Choosing YES at this prompt only resets the log totals to zero and has no effect on the meter totals.*

### 3.2.1 Log Type

9. Press [F1] to create a non-circular log or press [F2] to create a circular log.

A non-circular log automatically stops when the meter runs out of memory or the specified END TIME is reached. A circular log runs continuously until manually stopped, but only the data from the most recent log cycle is saved. At the start of each cycle, the oldest recorded data is overwritten by the new data from the current cycle.

**CAUTION!** **If data from one circular log cycle exceeds the meter's memory capacity, the earliest logged data will be lost.**

### 3.2.2 START TIME Prompt

10. Press [F1] to accept the displayed *Start Time* or press [F2] to enter a different start time. To start logging immediately, press [F3].
  - If OK was selected, proceed to step 11.
  - If NOW was selected, proceed to step 12 if you selected a non-circular log or to step 14 for a circular log.
  - If EDIT was selected, complete the steps listed below.
    - a. Press [F1]-[F2] to select AM or PM. Then, enter the desired *Hour* (1-12) and press [ENT]. (Entry of a start time earlier than the current time will generate an error message.)
    - b. Enter the desired *Minutes* and press [ENT]. The acceptable range is 0 to 59.
    - c. Enter the desired *Seconds* and press [ENT]. The acceptable range is 0 to 59.

### 3.2.3 START DATE Prompt

- 11.** Press [F1] to accept the displayed *Start Date* or press [F2] to enter a different start date. To start logging today, press [F3].
- If OK or TODAY was selected, proceed to step 12 for a non-circular log or to step 14 for a circular log.
  - Otherwise, continue with the next prompt to *Edit* the Start Date.
- a. Enter the desired *Year* and press [ENT]. The acceptable range is 0 to 99.
  - b. Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the desired *Month*.
  - c. Enter the desired *Day* and press [ENT]. The acceptable range is 1 to the number of days in the selected month (28, 29, 30 or 31).

### 3.2.4 END TIME Prompt

- 12.** Press [F1] to accept the displayed *End Time* or press [F2] to enter a different end time. To select a specific time period for the log to run, press [F3].
- If OK was selected, proceed to the END DATE prompt.
  - If TIMED was selected, proceed to the LOG TIME prompt.
  - If EDIT was selected, complete the steps below.

**Note:** *The log END TIME must exceed the log START TIME by at least five minutes. Failure to observe this restriction will result in an error message.*

- a. Press [F1] for AM or press [F2] for PM. Enter the desired *Hour* and press [ENT]. The acceptable range is 1 to 12.
- b. Enter the desired *Minutes* and press [ENT]. The acceptable range is 0 to 59.
- c. Enter the desired *Seconds* and press [ENT]. The acceptable range is 0 to 59.

### 3.2.5 END DATE Prompt

- 13.** Press [F1] to accept the displayed *End Date* or press [F2] to enter a different end date. To end the log, press [F3].
- If OK or TODAY was selected, proceed to the TIME INCREMENT prompt.
  - Otherwise, complete the steps below.
- a. Enter the desired *Year* and press [ENT]. The acceptable range is 0 to 99.
  - b. Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the desired *Month*.
  - c. Enter the desired *Day* and press [ENT]. The acceptable range is 1 to the number of days in the selected month (28, 29, 30 or 31). The program proceeds to step 15.

### 3.2.6 DURATION Prompt

If a circular log was specified, the programming sequence continues here after the log start time and/or start date is entered.

14. Press [F1] and enter a log *Duration* in hours or press [F2] and enter a log duration in days. Press [ENT]. Go to step 16.

### 3.2.7 LOG TIME Prompt

If TIMED was selected at step 12, the programming sequence continues here.

15. Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the desired log duration. The available options at this prompt are: 10min, 30min, 60min, 3 HR, 6 HR, 12 HR and 24 HR.

Proceed directly to the TIME INCREMENT prompt.

### 3.2.8 TIME INCREMENT Prompt

Regardless of which of the various options were selected during the previous programming steps, all of the paths converge at this point.

16. Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the desired *Time Increment*. The available options at this prompt are: 5sec, 10sec, 30sec, 1min, 3min, 6min, 12min, 30min and 60 min.

The time increment is the frequency at which the Model DF868 takes and records data measurements. If any reading takes longer than the programmed time increment, the log is filled in with the next consecutive reading. For example, assume that a velocity value of 3 ft/sec is recorded at 12:00:00 in a log with a time increment of five seconds. If the next reading is 8 ft/sec and it takes the meter 12 seconds to read this value, then both of the missed readings (12:00:05 and 12:00:10) will be filled in with the 8 ft/sec value.

#### ***Procedure Options***

You have completed entering data for a standard log. You can now do one of the following:

- Use [↑] and [↓] to review the previous menu prompts.
- Press [F1]-[F4] to select one of the submenus.
- To return to the data screen and begin logging data, press the [ENT] key.

Although each log is restricted to only three logged parameters, it is still possible to log more than three parameters. Simply re-enter the STD submenu as many times as necessary to set up additional logs. Select the other desired parameters, and run these logs simultaneously with the first log.

### 3.3 Checking the Memory

Use the MEM submenu to verify that the available log memory is sufficient for the desired log. If the expected amount of logged data will exceed the remaining memory capacity, the Model DF868 suggests that some old logs be cleared to make room for the new log.

Press the appropriate side of the [SCREEN] key to activate the desired pane of the display screen, and complete the following steps:

1. To access the *Log Menu*, press [LOG].
  - a. If you have activated the security feature (see Chapter 1, *Programming Site Data*, page 47 for details), enter the assigned password and press [ENT].
2. Press [F2] = MEM.
3. After noting the information, press [ENT] to return to the main *Log Menu* screen.

The MEM screen lists the number of remaining unused memory pages out of the total number of 120 available pages. Also, the number of pages expected to be used by all currently programmed logs is given. If the number of pending pages exceeds the number of free pages, additional memory may be made available by clearing some old logs (see Chapter 5, *Clearing Data*).

If it is undesirable to delete old logs to free up additional memory, the number of pages pending may be reduced by altering the parameters of one or more of the currently active logs. For example, either increasing the time increment or decreasing the total logging time will reduce the memory requirements for a log file. Use the following equations to calculate the number of pages used by a log:

$$\text{number of records} = \frac{\text{length of log}}{\text{time increment}} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{number of pages} = \frac{\text{number of records}}{120} \quad (2)$$

Consider a log that is set to run for 24 hours with a time increment of 3 minutes. From Equation 1, the number of records =  $(24 \times 60)/3 = 480$  records. Then, from Equation 2, the number of pages =  $480/120 = 4$  pages. Thus, at least four pages of memory must be available for this log to run to completion. Notice that increasing the time increment to 6 minutes or decreasing the length of the log to 12 hours would reduce the memory requirement to only two pages.

## 3.1 Stopping a Log

Use the STOP submenu to terminate a logging process that is currently active. Press the appropriate side of the [SCREEN] key to activate the desired pane of the display screen, and complete the following steps:

1. To access the *Log Menu*, press [LOG].
  - a. If you have activated the security feature (see Chapter 1, *Programming Site Data*, page 47 for details), enter the assigned password and press [ENT].

**Note:** *Once a log is stopped it cannot be restarted, but the log remains in memory. To clear the log from memory, refer to page 82 for instructions.*

2. Press [F3] = STOP.
3. Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select a log file to stop.

**Note:** *At the NAME prompt, the option bar will show the names of all completed or active log files that are currently stored in memory. Recall that a flashing asterisk (\*) appears at the far right of the locator bar if the Model DF868 is currently logging data (see Chapter 3, Operation, of the Startup Guide).*

4. Press [F1] to continue logging and return to the initial *Log Menu* screen. Press [F2] to stop logging and return to the initial *Log Menu* screen.

### **Procedure Options**

Do one of the following:

- Press [F1]-[F4] to enter another [LOG] submenu.
- Press [EXIT] to return to the data screen.

## 3.2 Creating an ERROR Log

Use the ERROR submenu to create a new error log and to select the logging parameters. An error log updates every 5 seconds (when the display updates), but only if a new error condition occurs. Error logs have a fixed length of 2 pages and contain sixty records per page. Each record shows the time of the error, the measurement parameter values at that time, and the error code message. The logged values of the chosen measurement parameters at the time of the error condition provide valuable troubleshooting information.

Press the appropriate side of the [SCREEN] key to activate the desired pane of the display screen, and complete the following steps:

1. To access the *Log Menu*, press [LOG].
  - a. If you have activated the security feature (see page 47 for details), enter the assigned password and press [ENT].
2. Press [F4] = ERROR.
3. Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to inspect a completed log or to change an active log, or enter a new *Name* (up to 5 characters) and press [ENT] to create a new log file.

**Note:** *The option bar lists all error logs currently stored in memory. Recall that a flashing asterisk (\*) appears at the far right of the locator bar if the Model DF868 is currently logging data (see Chapter 3, Operation, of the Startup Guide).*

4. At the *Log Message* prompt, enter a brief description (up to 21 characters) of the log and press [ENT].
5. Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the first parameter to be logged. See Table 30 on page 68 for a list of the available options.

**IMPORTANT:** *Only the first parameter logged may be graphically displayed (refer to Graphical Format on page 55).*

**Table 30: Measurement Parameter Options**

Option Bar Choice	Description
[F1] = VEL	Flow Velocity
[F2] = VOLUM	Volumetric Flow
[F3] = +TOTL	Forward Totalized Volume Flow
[F4] = -TOTL	Reverse Totalized Volume Flow
[→] + [F1] = MDOT*	Mass Flow
[→] + [F2] = +MASS*	Forward Totalized Mass Flow
[→] + [F3] = -MASS*	Reverse Totalized Mass Flow
[→] + [F4] = POWER**	Energy Flow Power
[→] + [→] + [F1] = +ENRG**	Forward Energy Flow
[→] + [→] + [F2] = -ENRG**	Reverse Energy Flow
[→] + [→] + [F3] = DIAG	Diagnostic
* Available only if "Mass Flow (static)" = YES	
** Available only if "Energy Option?" = YES	

## 3.2 Creating an ERROR Log (cont.)

Refer to Chapter 3, *Diagnostics*, of the *Service Manual* for a discussion of the many parameters accessible using the DIAG option.

**Note:** *The units assigned to the parameters in Table 30 are those selected in the User Program (SYSTEM submenu).*

6. Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the second parameter to be logged. See Table 30 on page 68 for a list of the available options.
7. Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the third parameter to be logged. See Table 30 on page 68 for a list of the available options.
  - If you selected a totaled value for display, go to step 8.
  - If you did not, go to step 9.
8. At the *Set Log Totals to 0?* prompt, press [F1] to leave the log totals at their present value or press [F2] to reset the log totals to zero. Choosing YES at this prompt only resets the log totals to zero and has no effect on the meter totals.

### 3.2.1 Log Type

9. Press [F1] to create a non-circular log or press [F2] to create a circular log.

A non-circular log automatically stops when the meter runs out of memory or the specified END TIME is reached. A circular log runs continuously until manually stopped, but only the data from the most recent log cycle is saved. At the start of each cycle, the oldest recorded data is overwritten by the new data from the current cycle.

**CAUTION!** If data from one circular log cycle exceeds the meter's memory capacity, the earliest logged data will be lost.

### 3.2.2 STARTTIME Prompt

10. Press [F1] to accept the displayed *Start Time* or press [F2] to enter a different start time. To start logging immediately, press [F3].
  - If OK was selected, proceed to step 11.
  - If NOW was selected, you have finished setting up the error log. Proceed to *Procedure Options* on page 70.
  - If EDIT was selected, complete the steps listed below.
    - a. Press [F1]-[F2] to select AM or PM. Then, enter the desired *Hour* (1-12) and press [ENT]. (Entry of a start time earlier than the current time will generate an error message.)
    - b. Enter the desired *Minutes* and press [ENT]. The acceptable range is 0 to 59.
    - c. Enter the desired *Seconds* and press [ENT]. The acceptable range is 0 to 59.

### 3.2.3 START DATE Prompt

11. Press [F1] to accept the displayed *Start Date* or press [F2] to enter a different start date. To start logging today, press [F3].
  - If OK or TODAY was selected, you have finished setting up the error log. Proceed to *Procedure Options* below.
  - Otherwise, continue with the next prompt to *Edit* the Start Date.
    - a. Enter the desired *Year* and press [ENT]. The acceptable range is 0 to 99.
    - b. Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the desired *Month*.
    - c. Enter the desired *Day* and press [ENT]. The acceptable range is 1 to the number of days in the selected month (28, 29, 30 or 31).

#### ***Procedure Options***

You have completed setting up the error log. Do one of the following:

- Use [↑] and [↓] to review the previous menu prompts.
- Press [F1]-[F4] to select one of the submenus.
- To return to the data screen and begin logging data, press the [ENT] key. The \* on the locator bar indicates that the Model DF868 is now compiling the specified error log.

The error log will continue to run until it is manually stopped, the meter runs out of memory (for a non-circular log), or the entire 120 records (2 pages x 60 records/page) have been logged.

## Chapter 4. Printing Data

### 4.1 Introduction

The Model DF868 flowmeter has the capability to print any of the data stored in its memory using the built-in RS232 communications port. In order to use the function, the RS232 port must be connected to a printer with a serial port input. A printer with a parallel port input may be used with a third-party serial-to-parallel adapter.

**Note:** See Chapter 1, Installation, of the Startup Guide for instructions on wiring the RS232 port. For additional information, refer to Chapter 6, Serial Communications and the brochure EIA-RS Serial Communications (916-054).

After connecting the Model DF868 to a printer, the *Print Menu* is used to print live or logged data in either numeric or graphical format. In addition, any site files stored in memory may be printed. The *Print Menu* is divided into the following submenus:

- PRNTR - use to specify the printer currently connected
- DATA - use to print live data in numeric or graphical format
- LOG - use to print a log file in numeric or graphical format
- PROG - use to print a site file
- STOP - use to terminate any active print jobs

For purposes of this discussion it is assumed that the left pane of the data display screen is active. If the right pane of the data display screen is active, all of the instructions remain the same, except that any references to the [F1]-[F4] keys should be replaced by the [F5]-[F8] keys.

Refer to the flow diagram in Figure 16 on page 99, and proceed to the desired section for detailed instructions. Any submenu may be followed in the sequence shown or the [↑] and [↓] keys may be used to scroll through the prompts.

**Note:** If a printer has not yet been set up, the instructions in the PRNTR submenu on page 72 must be completed before proceeding to any of the other submenus.

## 4.2 Setting Up a Printer

Use the PRNTR submenu to specify the type of printer connected to the Model DF868. To set up a printer, refer to Figure 16 on page 99, and complete the following steps:

**IMPORTANT:** *A printer must be properly set up before proceeding to any of the other sections in this chapter.*

1. To access the *Print Menu*, press the [PRNT] key.

**Note:** *The Print Menu is not protected by the security feature and a password is never required to access this menu.*

2. Press the [←] or [→] key to display the option bar shown, and then press [F1] to select the PRNTR submenu.

3. Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the desired *Printer Type*. See Table 31 for a complete list of the available options.

**Note:** *For compatibility with the Model DF868, the printer must have an RS232 serial interface. To use a printer with a parallel interface, a serial-to-parallel adapter must be used.*

**Table 31: Available Printer Options**

Key(s)	Printer Type	Description
[F1]	DP411	Seiko Model DPU-411 Type II
[F2]	XTECH	Extech Mini Serial Printer 42
[F3]	EPSON	Epson or Epson-compatible
[F4]	KODAK	Kodak Diconix 150 Plus
[→]+[F1]	SP401	Syntest SP-401

After the desired printer type has been selected, the meter returns to the standard data display screen and normal measurement taking.

## 4.3 Print Live Data

Use the DATA submenu to print live measurement data as it is collected. The data may be printed in either numeric or graphical format, with a user specified time increment.

**IMPORTANT:** *Make sure that a printer has been properly set up before proceeding with this section.*

To print live measurement data, refer to Figure 16 on page 99, and complete the following steps:

1. To access the *Print Menu*, press the [PRNT] key.

**Note:** *The Print Menu is not protected by the security feature and a password is never required to access this menu.*

2. Press [F1] = DATA.

3. Press [F1] to print the data in numeric format or press [F2] to print the data in graphical format.

- If you press [F1], go to step 4.
- If you press [F2], go to step 8.

### 4.3.1 Numeric Format

4. Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the first parameter to be printed. See Table 32 for a list of the available options.

**Table 32: Measurement Parameter Options**

Option Bar Choice	Description
[F1] = VEL	Flow Velocity
[F2] = VOLUM	Volumetric Flow
[F3] = +TOTL	Forward Totalized Volume Flow
[F4] = -TOTL	Reverse Totalized Volume Flow
[→] + [F1] = MDOT*	Mass Flow
[→] + [F2] = +MASS*	Forward Totalized Mass Flow
[→] + [F3] = -MASS*	Reverse Totalized Mass Flow
[→] + [F4] = POWER**	Energy Flow Power
[→] + [→] + [F1] = +ENRG**	Forward Energy Flow
[→] + [→] + [F2] = -ENRG**	Reverse Energy Flow
[→] + [→] + [F3] = DIAG	Diagnostic
* Available only if "Mass Flow (static)" = YES **Available only if "Energy Option" = YES	

Refer to Chapter 3 of the *Service Manual* for a discussion of the parameters accessible using the DIAG option.

**Note:** The units assigned to the parameters in Table 32 are those selected in the User Program (SYSTEM submenu).

5. Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the second parameter to be printed. See Table 32 on page 73 for a list of the available options.
6. Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the third parameter to be printed. See Table 32 on page 73 for a list of the available options.
7. Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the desired *Time Increment* (the frequency at which measurements are taken). The available options at this prompt are: 5sec, 10sec, 30sec, 1min, 3min, 6min and 12min.

### 4.3.1 Numeric Format (cont.)

After the time increment is chosen, the Model DF868 returns to the standard data display screen and continues to take measurements. The live data is printed at the specified time intervals, until a STOP command is issued (see the instructions for the STOP submenu on page 79). A portion of a typical printout is shown in Figure 3.

```
DATA_DUMP OF (SITE NAME)
Site LABEL Site MESSAGE

Start Date      20 OCT 97
Start Time      03:08:40 PM

HH:MM:SS      VOLUM      +TOTL      SNDSP
                ACF/HR      ACF        FT/S

03:08:40 P    686.85      218.92      1039.147
03:08:50 P    666.71      220.83      1039.003
03:09:00 P    662.28      222.70      1039.511
03:09:10 P    675.59      224.84      1039.509
03:09:20 P    669.79      226.71      1039.470
03:09:30 P    675.99      228.58      1039.137
03:09:40 P    670.70      230.45      1039.105
03:09:50 P    684.00      232.57      1039.082
03:10:00 P    680.58      234.46      1039.255
03:10:10 P    678.12      236.34      1038.860
.              .              .              .
.              .              .              .
.              .              .              .
```

Figure 3: A Typical Numeric Printout

### 4.3.2 Graphical Format

To print live data in graphical format, continue as follows:

8. Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the first parameter to be printed. See Table 32 on page 73 for a list of the available options.

9. Enter the desired maximum value for the Y (vertical) axis and press [ENT].

**Note:** Enter a Y AXIS MAX value that is larger than the largest expected measurement value.

10. Press [F1] to show only the positive Y axis or press [F2] to display both the positive and negative y axis.

11. Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the desired *Time Increment* (the frequency at which measurements are taken). The available options at this prompt are: 5sec, 10sec, 30sec, 1min, 3min, 6min and 12min.

After the time increment is chosen, the Model DF868 returns to the standard data display screen and continues to take measurements. The live data is printed at the specified time intervals, until a STOP command is issued (see the instructions for the STOP submenu on page 79). A portion of a typical printout is shown in Figure 4.

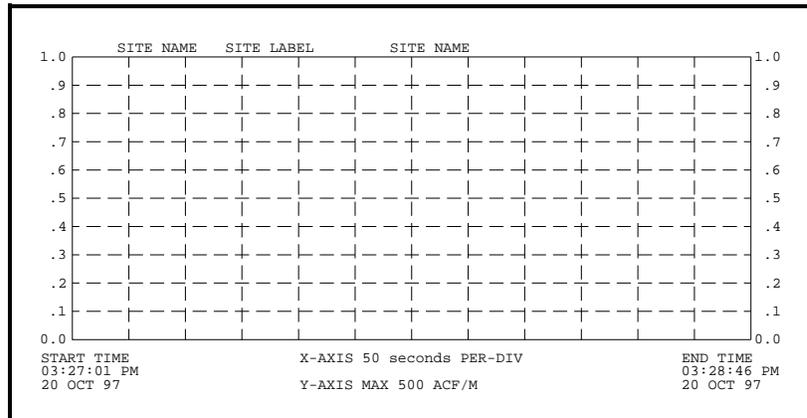


Figure 4: A Typical Graphical Printout

## 4.4 Printing Logs

Use the LOG submenu to print logged measurement data, from a log file in the meter's memory. The data may be printed in either numeric or graphical format, with a user specified time increment.

**IMPORTANT:** *Make sure that a printer has been properly set up before proceeding with this section.*

To print logged measurement data, refer to Figure 16 on page 99, and complete the following steps:

1. To access the *Print Menu*, press the [PRNT] key.

**Note:** *The Print Menu is not protected by the security feature and a password is never required to access this menu.*

2. Press [F2] = LOG.

**Note:** *The Print Menu is not protected by the security feature and a password is never required to access this menu.*

3. Press [F1] to print the log in numeric format or press [F2] to print the log in graphical format.

4. Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select a log file to print.

**Note:** *At the NAME prompt, the option bar shows the names of all completed or active log files currently stored in memory. If an active log is selected for printing, only the data already accumulated at the time of the print command will be printed.*

5. Enter the number of the first page of the log to print and press [ENT]. (This prompt does not appear if the log file is only one page long.)
6. Enter the total number of log pages to print and press [ENT]. (This prompt does not appear if the log file is only one page long.)
  - If you pressed [F1] at step 3, go to *Numeric Format* on page 77.
  - If you pressed [F2] at step 3, go to *Graphical Format* on page 77.

#### 4.4.1 Numeric Format

After the numeric format (and starting page and number of pages, if applicable) is chosen, the Model DF868 returns to the standard data display screen and begins printing the log file. The printout continues until the entire log has been printed or until a STOP command is issued (see the instructions for the STOP submenu on page 79). A portion of a typical printout is shown in Figure 5.

LOG TITLE: LOG1					
START: 9 SEP 97 11:50:43					
END: 9 SEP 97 11:54:45					
INTERVAL: 10 seconds					
DATE	TIME	ID#1	VOLUM	ID#2 +TOTL	ID#1 SNDSP
MM:DD:YY	HH:MM:SS		ACF/HR	ACF	FT/S
09-09-97	11:50:45		686.85	218.92	1039.147
09-09-97	11:50:55		666.71	220.83	1039.003
09-09-97	11:51:05		662.28	222.70	1039.511
09-09-97	11:51:15		675.59	224.84	1039.509
09-09-97	11:51:25		669.79	226.71	1039.470
09-09-97	11:51:35		675.99	228.58	1039.137
09-09-97	11:51:45		670.70	230.45	1039.105
09-09-97	11:51:55		684.00	232.57	1039.082
09-09-97	11:52:05		680.58	234.46	1039.255
09-09-97	11:52:15		678.12	236.34	1038.860
.	.	.	.	.	.
.	.	.	.	.	.
.	.	.	.	.	.

Figure 5: A Typical Numeric Printout

#### 4.4.2 Graphical Format

After the graphical format (and starting page and number of pages, if applicable) is chosen, the following additional prompts must be answered:

7. Enter the desired maximum value for the Y (vertical) axis and press [ENT].

**Note:** Enter a Y AXIS MAX value that is larger than the largest logged measurement value.

8. At the Y Range prompt, press [F1] to show only the positive Y axis or press [F2] to display both the positive and negative y axis.

The Model DF868 returns to the standard data display screen and begins printing the log file. The printout continues until the entire log has been printed or until a STOP command is issued (see the instructions for the STOP submenu on page 79). A portion of a typical printout is shown in Figure 6.

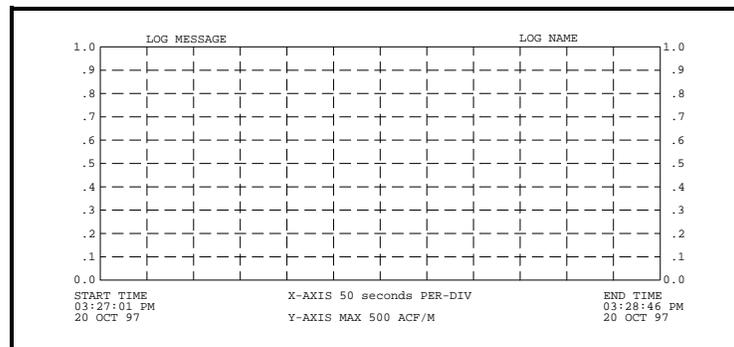


Figure 6: A Typical Graphical Log Printout

## 4.5 Print Site File

Use the PROG submenu to print the data in a site file that was set up and saved as described in Chapter 1, *Programming Site Data*. To print a site file, refer to Figure 16 on page 99, and complete the following steps:

**IMPORTANT:** *Make sure that a printer has been properly set up before proceeding with this section.*

1. To access the *Print Menu*, press the [PRNT] key.

**Note:** *The Print Menu is not protected by the security feature and a password is never required to access this menu.*

2. Press [F3] = PROG.

3. Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select the desired *Site File* to print.

**Note:** *All site files currently in memory appear on the option bar. The currently active site file (or working file) is always listed as the first choice (Work) on the option bar.*

The Model DF868 returns to the standard data display screen and generates a site file printout similar to the one shown in Figure 7. The printout continues until the entire file has been printed or until a STOP command is issued (see the instructions for the STOP submenu on page 79).

```

PROGRAM PARAMETERS of SITE NAME
  Model GX868G3G
  With 1K FIFO and 1113 receiver board.
  At 9:54:39 AM on 11 FEB 99

ACTIVE PARAMETERS:

  Site status           Burst
  Skan/measure mode    Skan Only

SYSTEM PARAMETERS:

  site LABEL   site MESSAGE
  System Units      ENGLISH
  Totalizer Option Automatic
  Equation         Standard Equation
  Supercompress?   No
  Volumetric Units Thousands ACF
  Volumetric Time  /min
  VOL Decimal Digits 0
  Totalizer Units  Actual cubic ft
  TOT Decimal Digits 0

PIPE PARAMETERS:

  Transducer number 81
  Pipe OD           12.000 inches
  Pipe Wall         0.200 inches
  Path Length       16.97 inches
  Axial Dimension L 12.00 inches
  .                 .
  .                 .
  .                 .

```

Figure 7: A Typical Site File Printout

## 4.6 Stop Printing

Use the STOP submenu to terminate the printing of live, logged or site data. To stop any active printing activity, refer to Figure 16 on page 99, and complete the following steps:

**IMPORTANT:** *Make sure that a printer has been properly set up before proceeding with this section.*

1. To access the *Print Menu*, press the [PRNT] key.

**Note:** *The Print Menu is not protected by the security feature and a password is never required to access this menu.*

2. Press [F4] = STOP.

3. Press [F1] to continue printing or press [F2] to *Stop* the currently active printing job.

**Note:** *After the STOP command has been issued, the printer will complete the printing of any data already in the printer buffer. Either wait for the printer to finish or turn the printer off to empty the buffer immediately.*

The Model DF868 returns to the standard data display screen and normal measurement taking.

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## Chapter 5. Clearing Data

### 5.1 Introduction

This chapter explains how to purge the Model DF868's memory of various measurement totals and/or files. The *Clear Menu*, which is accessed by pressing the [CLR] key on the keypad, is divided into three submenus:

- TOTAL - used to reset totalized measurement values
- SITE - used to remove site parameter files from memory
- LOG - used to clear log files from memory.

**Note:** For detailed information on creating a log file, see Chapter 3, Logging Data. For detailed information on creating a site file and for setting up the stopwatch totalizer, see Chapter 1, Programming Site Data.

For purposes of this discussion it is assumed that the left pane of the data display screen is active. If the right pane of the data display screen is active, all of the instructions remain the same, except that any references to the [F1]-[F4] keys should be replaced by the [F5]-[F8] keys.

**IMPORTANT:** None of the clearing procedures available using the Clear Menu can be undone. Be very sure that the exact consequences of a selected option are thoroughly understood before proceeding.

Refer to Figure 17 on page 100 and proceed to the desired section for detailed instructions. Each submenu may be followed in the sequence shown or the [↑] and [↓] keys may be used to scroll through the prompts.

### 5.2 Clearing Totalized Data

The TOTAL submenu permits the user to reset volumetric totals to zero and to reset the stopwatch totalizer. Press the appropriate side of the [SCREEN] key to activate the desired pane of the display screen, and complete the following steps:

1. To access the *Clear Menu*, press the [CLR] key.
  - a. If you have activated the security feature (see Chapter 1, *Programming Site Data*, page 47 for details), enter the assigned password and press [ENT].
2. Press [F1] = TOTAL.
3. Press [F1] to abort the procedure or press [F2] to clear all volumetric totals and reset the stopwatch totalizer. In either case, the initial *Clear Menu* prompt returns.

## 5.3 Deleting Site Files

Use the SITE submenu to clear site files from the DF868's memory. Use the [SCREEN] key to activate the desired display pane, and refer to the menu map Figure 17 on page 100 while completing the following steps:

1. To access the *Clear Menu*, press the [CLR] key.
  - a. If you have activated the security feature (see page 47 for details), enter the assigned password and press [ENT].
2. Press [F2] = SITE.
3. At the *Site Name* prompt, use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select a site file for deletion. To leave the SITE submenu, press the [EXIT] key.

**Note:** *At the SITE NAME prompt, the option bar shows the names of all site files currently stored in memory.*

4. Press [F1] to abort the procedure or press [F2] to *Clear* the specified site file. If any site files remain in memory, the Site Name prompt repeats.

When all of the stored site files have been cleared or the [EXIT] key has been pressed at the SITE NAME prompt, the programming sequence resumes at this point.

## 5.4 Deleting Log Files

Use the LOG submenu to clear log files from the Model DF868's memory. Press the appropriate side of the [SCREEN] key to activate the desired pane of the data display screen, and complete the following steps:

1. To access the *Clear Menu*, press the [CLR] key.
  - a. If you have activated the security feature (see page 47 for details), enter the assigned password and press [ENT].
2. Press [F3] = LOG.
3. At the *Name* prompt, the option bar shows the names of all log files currently stored in memory. Use the [←], [→] and [F1]-[F4] keys to select a site file for deletion. To leave the LOG submenu, press the [EXIT] key.
4. Press [F1] to abort the procedure or press [F2] to *Clear* the specified log file. If any log files remain in memory, the *Name* prompt repeats.

When all of the stored log files have been cleared or the [EXIT] key has been pressed at the *Name* prompt, the programming sequence resumes at this point.

### **Procedure Options**

Do one of the following:

- Press [F1]-[F3] to enter one of the submenus.
- Press the [EXIT] key to return to the data measurement display.

## Chapter 6. Serial Communications

### 6.1 Introduction

The Model DF868 flowmeter is equipped with a standard RS232 serial interface. By using this interface, any log files stored in the DF868's memory may be easily uploaded to a personal computer. In order to accomplish this, the following steps must be completed:

**Note:** For more detailed information, refer to EIA-RS Serial Communications (916-054).

- Connect the DF868 to the personal computer
- Check the DF868 baud rate setting
- Set up the personal computer's terminal software
- Transfer the log files to the personal computer.

This section also contains instructions for setting up an RS485 serial interface and an Ethernet connection.

### 6.2 Wiring the RS232 Interface

The first step is to connect the built-in RS232 port in the DF868 to one of the serial ports (COM1 or COM2) on the personal computer. Table 33 lists the standard cables available from the factory for this purpose.

**Table 33: GE Serial Cables**

Part Number	PC Connector	DF868 Connector
704-659	DB-25 Male	Flying Leads (5)
704-660	DB-9 Male	Flying Leads (5)
704-661	DB-25 Female	Flying Leads (5)
704-662	DB-9 Female	Flying Leads (5)

Each of the cables listed in Table 33 is available in several standard lengths. However, a user-supplied cable may be used, if preferred. In either case, wire the DF868 end of the serial cable in accordance with the pin designations listed in Table 1 of the brochure, *EIA-RS Serial Communications* (916-054).

**Note:** For basic serial communications between a single DF868 and a personal computer, no connections are required to pins 4 and 5 of the DF868's serial connector. However, these pins should be jumpered together to ensure proper operation.

### 6.3 Checking the DF868 Baud Rate

For successful serial communications, the DF868 and the personal computer must be set up to send/receive data at the same speed. To verify or change the *baud rate* setting of the DF868, proceed as follows:

Access the *User Program* by pressing the [PROG] key on the keypad. The standard measurement mode screen will be replaced by the following initial programming mode screen:

```

PROGRAM                               Start  %
PROGRAM
status
SETUP | CLOCK | COMM | SAVE

```

Press the [←] and [→] keys and the [F3] key to select the COMM submenu.

```

COMM PROGRAM                           %
PROGRAM
Comm port
BAUD RATE
current setting appears here
4800 | 9600 | 19200 |

```

To change the baud rate, press the [→] key until the desired baud rate appears on the option bar, and then press the appropriate [F<sub>x</sub>] function key.

The available rates are 300, 600, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600 and 19200 baud. After verifying or changing the baud rate setting, press the [EXIT] key twice to return to standard measurement mode.

**Note:** Refer to Chapter 1, Programming Site Data, for a detailed description of using the COMM submenu. The description includes information on checking UART bits and network ID.

### 6.4 Setting Up the Terminal Software and Transferring Data

To communicate with personal computers running under either the Windows 3.X or Windows 9X/NT operating systems, please refer to “Terminal Communications Software” in the *EIA-RS Serial Communications* (916-054) brochure.

**Note:** For computers operating under other operating systems, contact the factory for assistance or consult the operating system manual supplied with the computer.

## 6.5 The Optional RS485 Serial Interface

Although the standard RS232 serial interface included with the Model DF868 is adequate for most applications, GE offers an optional RS485 serial interface upgrade for special situations. The Model DF868 is easily modified to provide RS485 communications, and this section describes the wiring and use of the special RS232 to RS485 converter.

**Note:** For compliance with the European Union's Low Voltage Directive (73/23/EEC), this unit requires an external power disconnect device such as a switch or circuit breaker. The disconnect device must be marked as such, clearly visible, directly accessible, and located within 1.8 m (6 ft) of the electronics console.

### 6.5.1 Interface Converter Mounting

A special bracket containing the serial interface converter and a three-terminal barrier strip is mounted inside the Model DF868, just below the RS232 terminal block (see Figure 8). The standard RS232 terminal block is wired to the input of the serial interface converter, and the RS485 output of the serial interface converter is wired to the barrier strip.

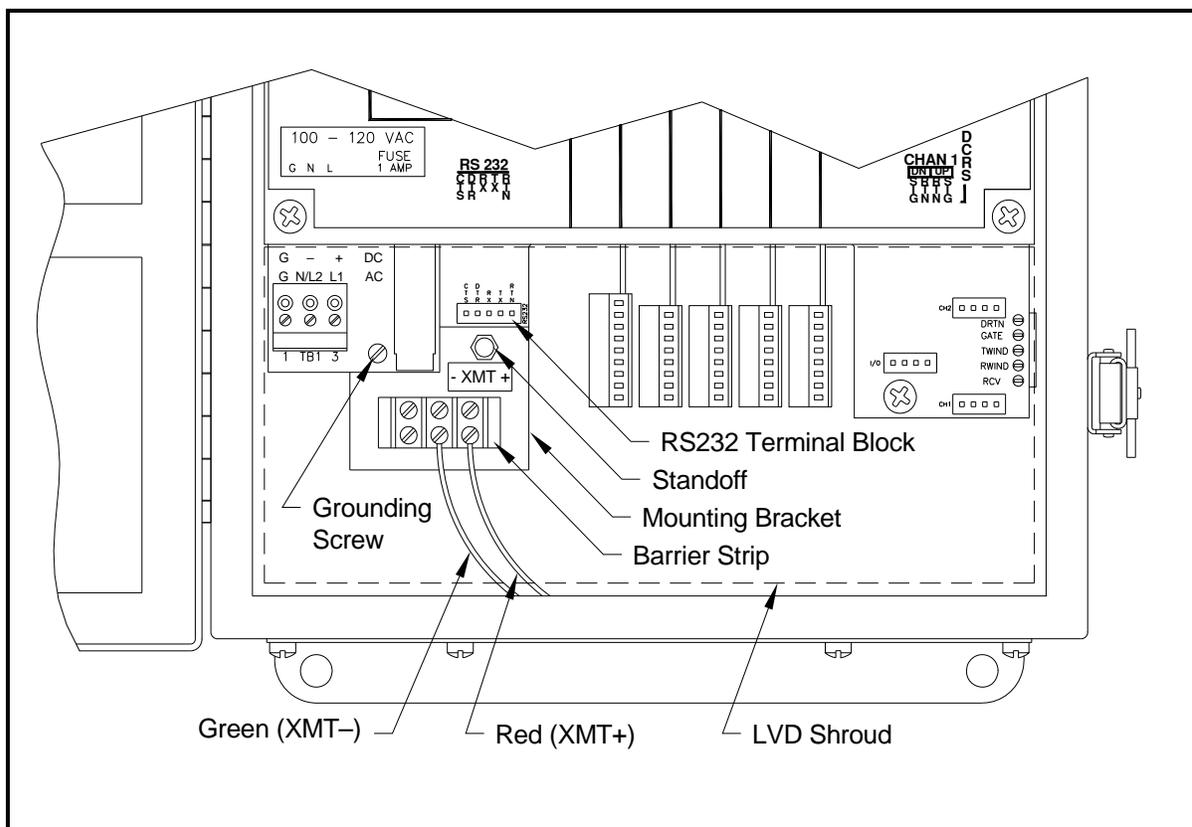


Figure 8: Interface Converter Mounting

## 6.5.2 Point-To-Point Wiring

Standard factory wiring of the RS485 serial interface is configured for point-to-point wiring. That is, a single Model DF868 may be wired directly to a single personal computer. To connect the RS485 serial interface, refer to Figure 8 on page 85 and complete the following steps:

**Note:** *For compliance with the European Union's Low Voltage Directive (73/23/EEC), a transparent plastic shroud protects the electrical connections. The shroud must remain in place, except while wiring the unit. Reinstall the shroud after the wiring has been completed.*

1. Disconnect the *main power* to the electronics console and open the cover.

**WARNING!** **Dangerous voltages exist within the electronics console. Do not perform any wiring operations until the main power to the unit has been disconnected.**

2. Remove the clear plastic *shroud* that covers the electrical connectors.
3. Using a *twisted-wire pair*, connect the XMT+ terminal of the barrier strip to the T+/R+ terminal of the PC's RS485 adapter and connect the XMT- terminal of the barrier strip to the T-/R- terminal of the PC's RS485 adapter (see the documentation provided with the RS485 adapter for details).

**Note:** *The XMT+ terminal on the barrier strip is the screw opposite the red wire connection and the XMT- terminal on the barrier strip is the screw opposite the green wire connection.*

4. Reinstall the clear plastic shroud, close the cover to the electronics console and reconnect the main power.

The RS485 serial interface is now ready for point-to-point operation.

**IMPORTANT:** *The installed version of the Model DF868 software must be Version F2Z or higher to support RS485 operation. If necessary, contact the factory for information about a software upgrade.*

## 6.5.3 Multi-Point Wiring

The standard point-to-point wiring configuration for the serial interface converter may be modified to permit the use of a multi-point wiring arrangement. In a multi-point RS485 system, one flowmeter (the master) is connected to the personal computer, while a number of additional flowmeters (the slaves) are chained together and connected to the master flowmeter. In order to implement such a system, the DIP switch settings inside each serial interface converter must be changed.

**IMPORTANT:** *The serial interface converter in the last slave unit in the chain should not be reconfigured.*

### 6.5.3a Reconfiguring a Serial Interface Converter

To reconfigure a serial interface converter for multi-point wiring, complete the following steps:

1. Disconnect the *main power* to the electronics console and open the cover.

**WARNING!** **Dangerous voltages exist within the electronics console. Do not perform any wiring operations until the main power to the unit has been disconnected.**

2. Remove the clear plastic *shroud* that covers the electrical connectors.
3. Remove the serial interface converter *mounting bracket* by removing the standoff located below the RS232 terminal block and the grounding screw just to its left (see Figure 8 on page 85).

## 6.5.3a Reconfiguring a Serial Interface Converter (cont.)

4. Loosen the two screws that fasten the DB9 connector to the mounting bracket, and remove the *serial interface converter* from the bracket.
5. Use a small screwdriver to pry open the *plastic case* of the serial interface converter, as shown in Figure 9 on page 87.

The serial interface converter contains a main printed circuit board and a daughter printed circuit board. The daughter board has a small terminal block attached to it and the main board has a DIP switch (SW1) mounted near the center of the board.

6. Locate the switch assembly on the main board, and move the switch in position 1 from ON to OFF. The standard ON state for this switch is for point-to-point operation, while the OFF state is needed for multi-point operation. See Table 34 on page 87 for the proper settings of all four switches on the switch assembly.

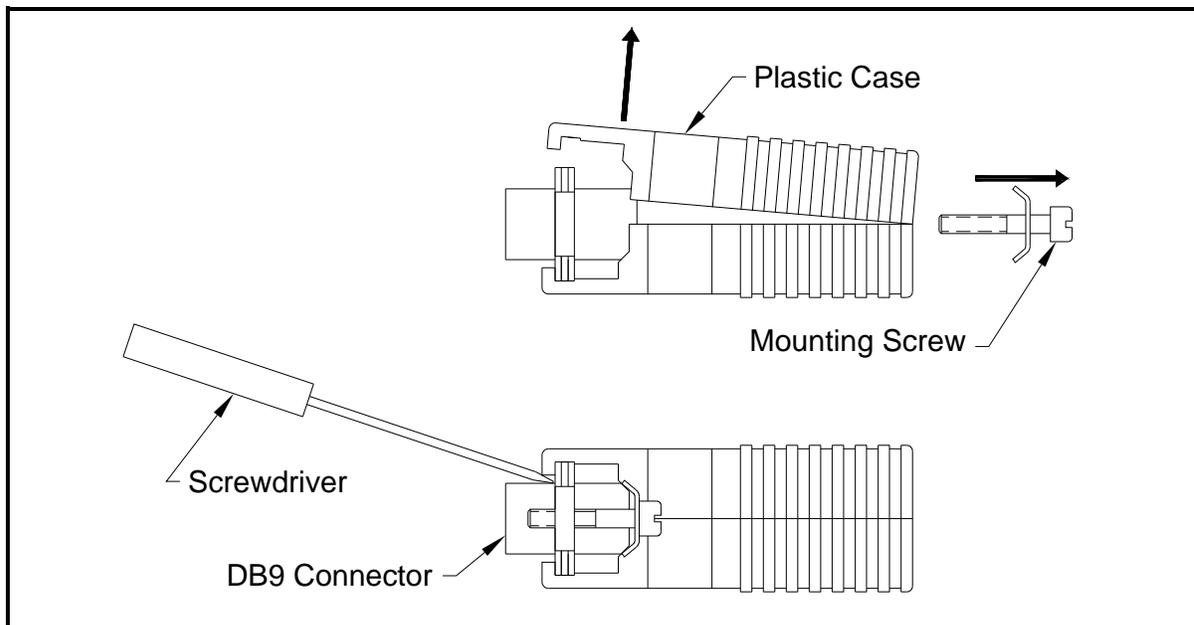


Figure 9: Opening the Converter Case

Table 34: Switch Assembly Settings

Position #	Point-To-Point	Multi-Point
1	ON	OFF
2	ON	ON
3	ON	ON
4	OFF	OFF

7. Reassemble the serial interface converter and secure it to the mounting bracket with the two mounting screws.
8. Reinstall the mounting bracket into the electronics enclosure and secure it with the standoff and the grounding screw.

### 6.5.3b Wiring the System

After the serial interface converters have been configured for multi-point operation, the system can be wired.

1. Using *twisted-wire pairs*, connect the XMT+ terminals of all the flowmeters together and connect the XMT– terminals of all the flowmeters together.

**IMPORTANT:** *Make sure that the flowmeter with the non-modified converter is wired as the last unit in the chain.*

2. Using a *twisted-wire pair*, connect the XMT+ terminal of the barrier strip to the T+/R+ terminal of the PC's RS485 adapter and connect the XMT– terminal of the barrier strip to the T-/R- terminal of the PC's 485 adapter (see the documentation provided with the RS485 adapter for details).

**Note:** *The XMT+ terminal on the barrier strip is the screw opposite the red wire connection and the XMT– terminal on the barrier strip is the screw opposite the green wire connection.*

3. Reinstall the clear plastic shroud, close the cover to the electronics console and reconnect the main power.

The RS485 serial interface is now ready for multi-point operation.

**IMPORTANT:** *The installed version of the Model DF868 software must be Version F2Z or higher to support RS485 operation. If necessary, contact the factory for information about a software upgrade.*

## 6.6 Setting Up an Ethernet Connection

A modified DF868 can use the Ethernet interface to communicate with an internal network. An optional Ethernet card with a unique MAC (IP) address (installed only in slots 5 or 6) includes an RJ45 connector. To connect the Ethernet-enabled DF868 to the network, insert the jack of an RJ45 cable into the RJ45 connector, route the cable through the bottom of the DF868, and wire the other end of the cable to the LAN according to the manufacturer's instructions.

To establish Ethernet communications with the DF868, you must install the Ethernet Device Discovery software utility (available with your modified DF868) on a PC connected to the LAN. Once installed and running, the software displays all Ethernet devices currently connected to the subnet. You can identify the DF868 by its MAC address, supplied as part of customer documentation. The default IP Port is 2101.

The default IP addressing for the DF868 is DHCP (dynamic). If you need to assign a static IP address to the DF868, complete the following steps:

**IMPORTANT:** *To assign a static IP address, the DF868 must be connected to an Ethernet network with a dynamic address assignment mechanism (DHCP) first.*

1. Run Ethernet Device Discovery software, and identify the DF868's current IP address.
2. Open your Internet browser (Internet Explorer, Netscape, or other) and type the DF868 IP address in the Address box.
3. The Connect ME Configuration and Management window opens. Two text boxes ask for the user name and password.
  - a. In the Username text box, type root.
  - b. In the Password text box, type dbps.
4. At the left of the window, click on Network.
5. The IP Settings window opens. In the text boxes for IP Address, Subnet Mask, and Default Gateway, type in the new information.
6. Click Apply. The software applies the new address.

## 6.7 Setting Up a MODBUS/TCP Connection

A modified DF868 can use the MODBUS/TCP interface to communicate with an internal network. An optional MODBUS/TCP card with a unique MAC (IP) address (installed only in slots 5 or 6) includes an RJ45 connector. To connect the MODBUS/TCP-enabled DF868 to the network, insert the jack of an RJ45 cable into the RJ45 connector, route the cable through the bottom of the DF868, and wire the other end of the cable to the LAN according to the manufacturer's instructions.

To establish MODBUS/TCP communications with the DF868, you must install the Ruiping software utility (available with your modified DF868) on a PC connected to the LAN. Once installed and running, the software displays all Ethernet devices currently connected to the subnet. You can identify the DF868 by its MAC address, supplied as part of customer documentation. The default TCP Port is 502.

The default IP addressing for the DF868 is DHCP (dynamic). If you need to assign a static IP address to the DF868, complete the following steps:

**IMPORTANT:** *To assign a static IP address, the DF868 must be connected to an Ethernet network with a dynamic address assignment mechanism (DHCP) first.*

1. Run Ruiping software, and identify the DF868's current IP address.

**Note:** *“Ruiping-e” will return the found IP addresses as well as the MAC address.*

2. From a DOS command prompt, type: telnet "ip address" 10000
3. The "Welcome to Net+Works Configuration Utility" opens. Type in the login name and password.
  - a. Login: type root.
  - b. Password: type Netsilicon.
4. In the Main Menu:
  - a. Select IP Parameters (1). Enter the desired IP changes and return to the Main Menu.
  - b. Select Enable DHCP Client (3). Select N (2) to disable, then select 4 for Main Menu.
  - c. At the Main Menu, select 4 for Quit. Power cycle the DF868 (i.e., turn the meter off and on) to apply the changes.

## Appendix A. Menu Maps

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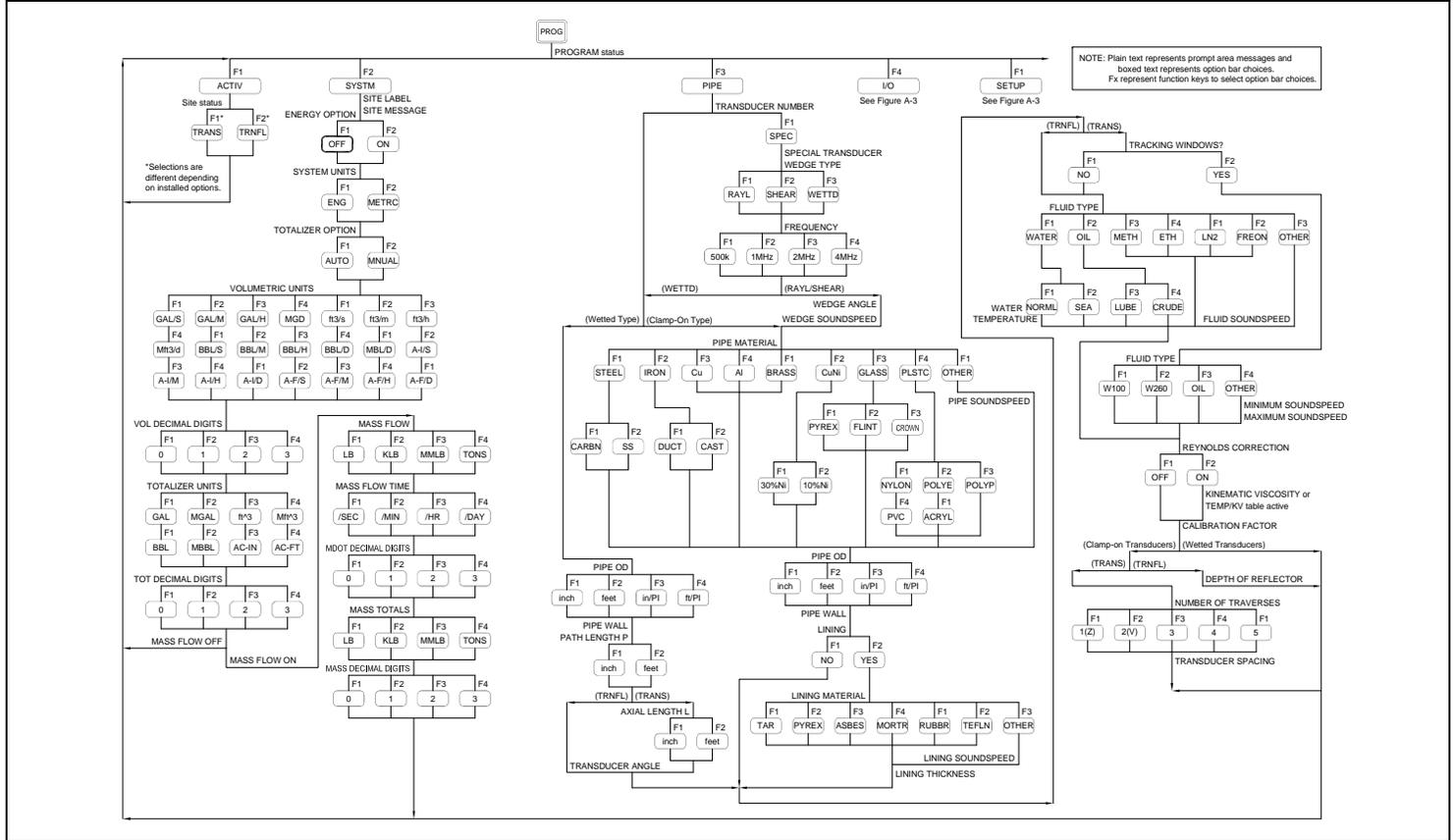


Figure 10: ACTV, SYSTM, and PIPE Menu Map (Energy Off)



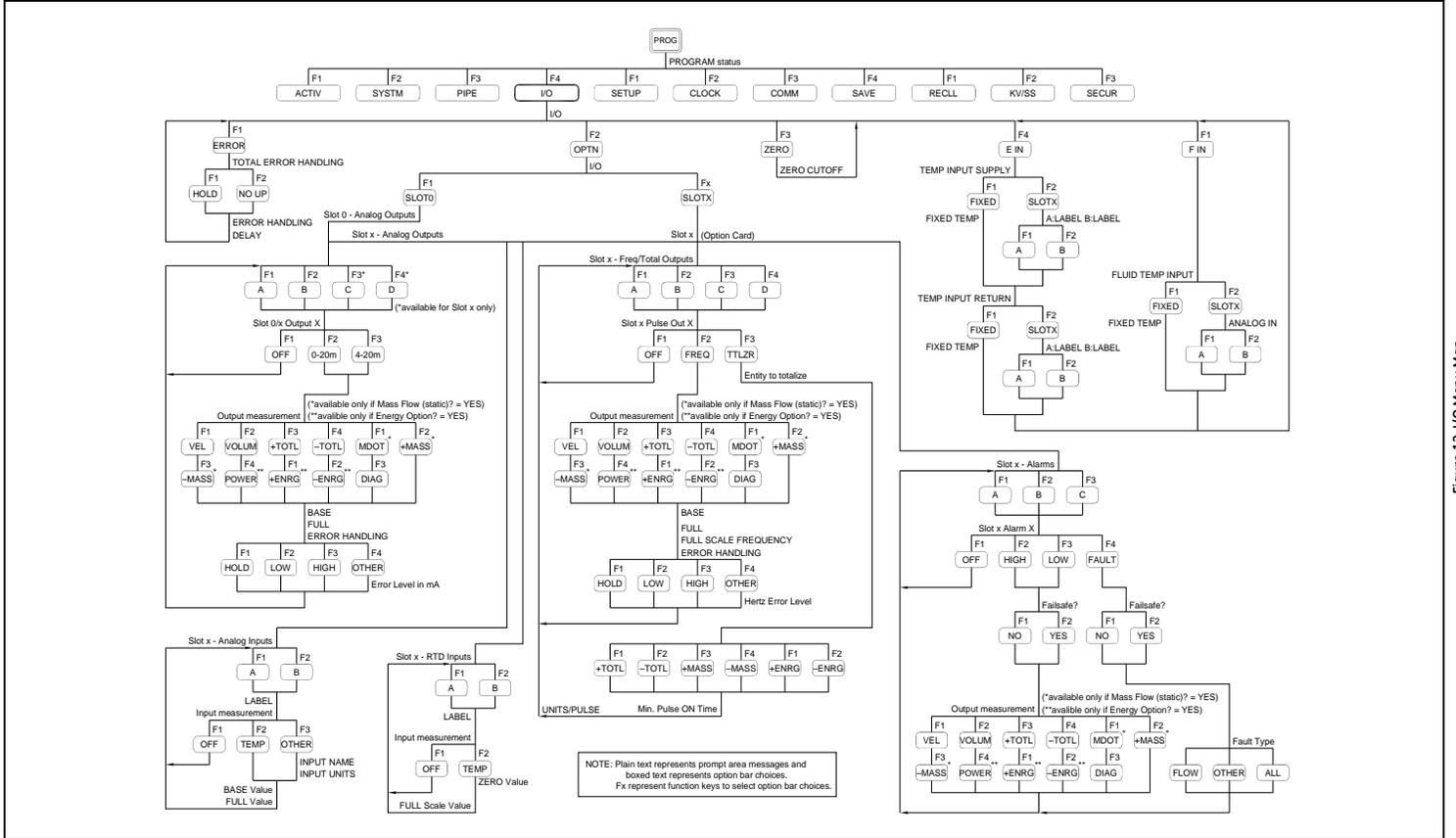


Figure 12. I/O Menu Map

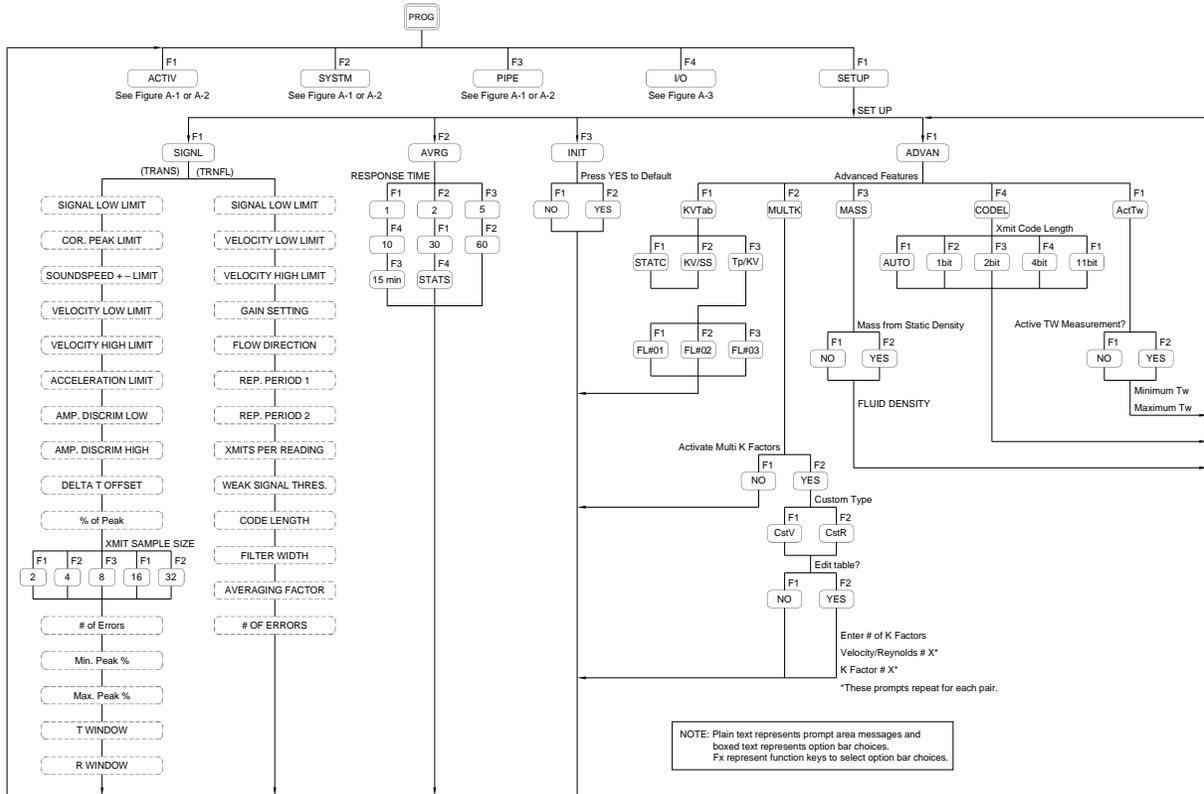
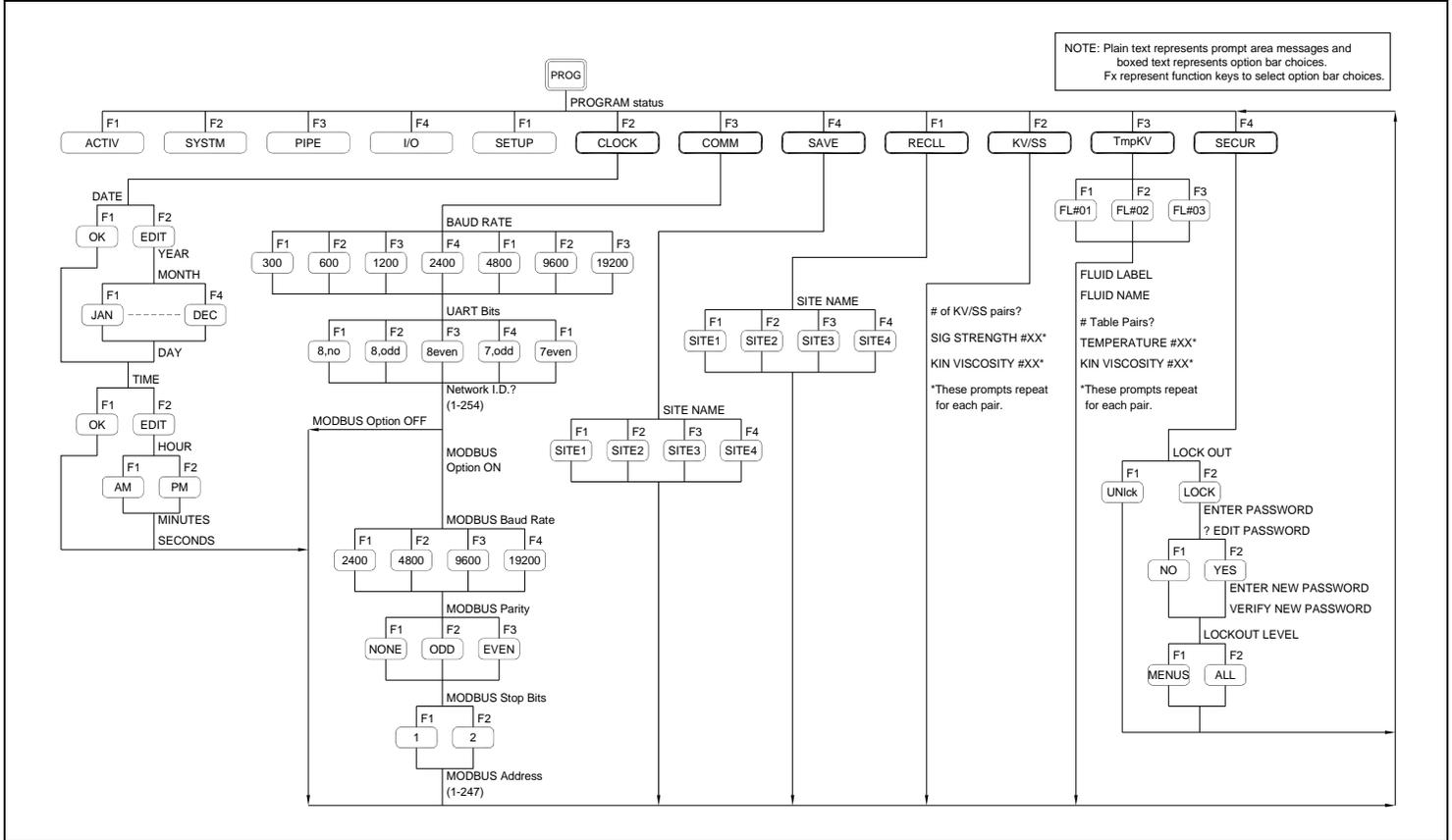


Figure 13: SETUP Menu Map



NOTE: Plain text represents prompt area messages and boxed text represents option bar choices. Fx represent function keys to select option bar choices.

Figure 14: CLOCK, COMM, SAVE, RECALL, KV/SS, TmpKV, SECUR Menu Map

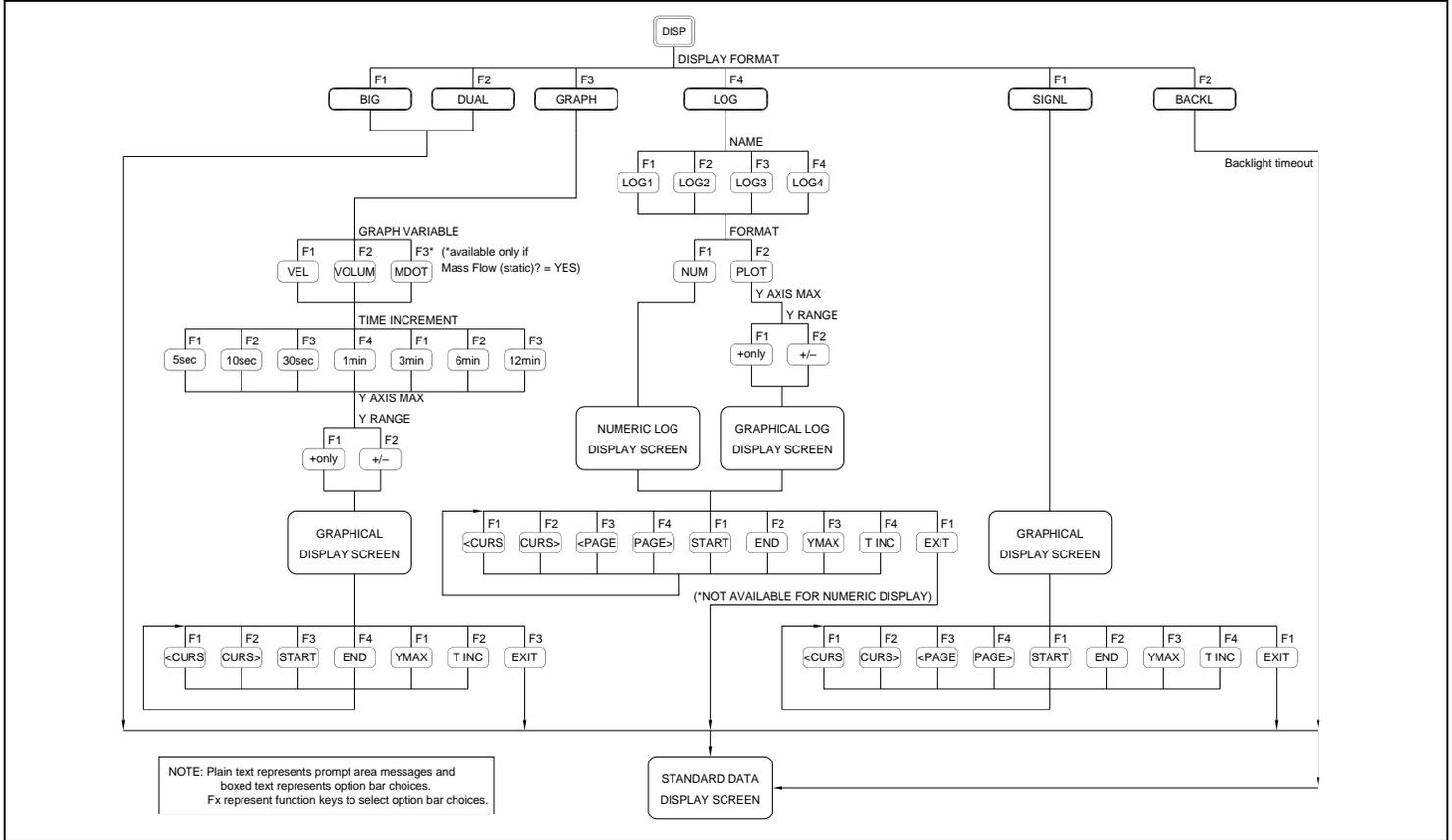


Figure 15: DSP Menu Map

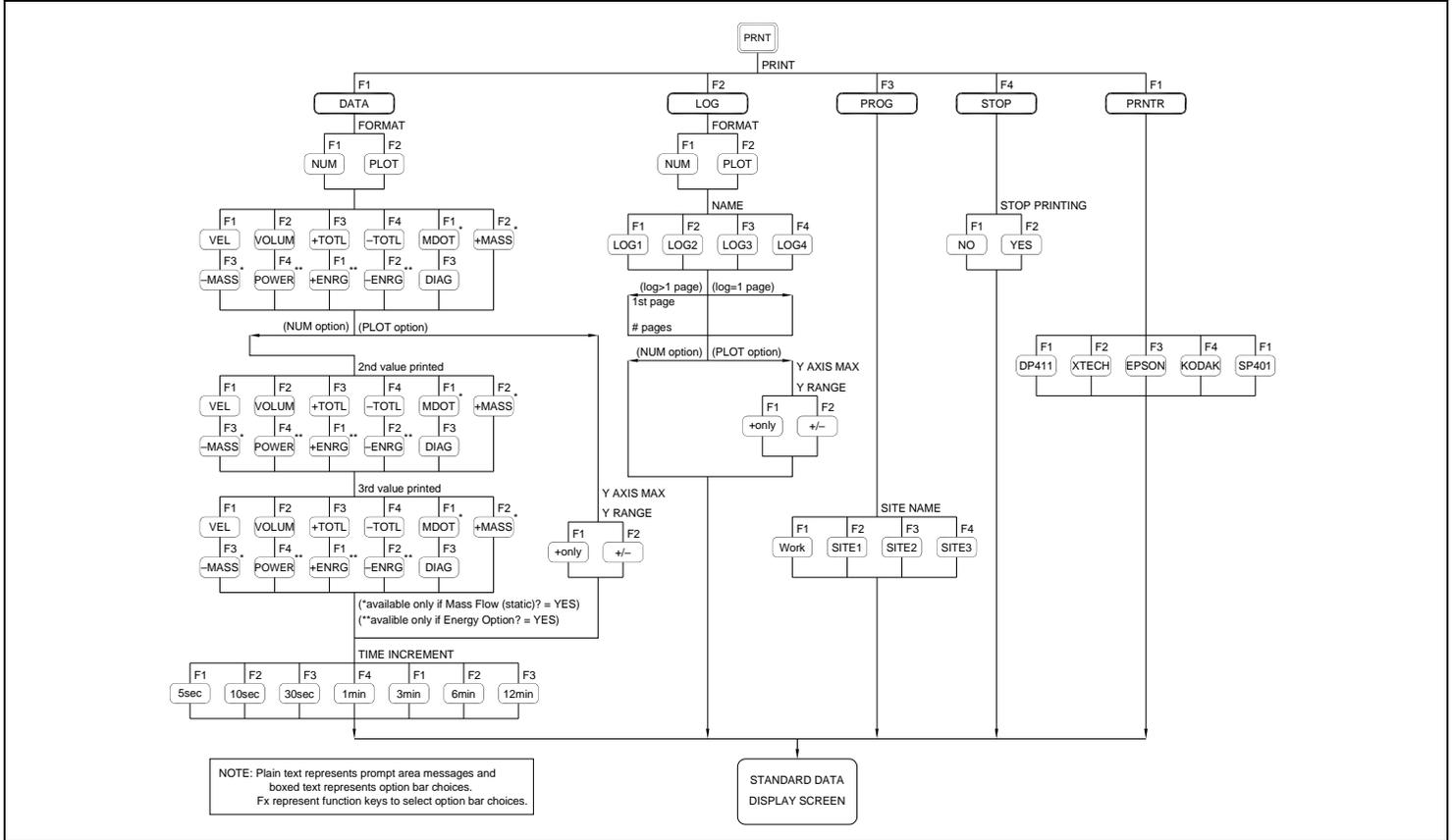


Figure 16: PRNT Menu Map

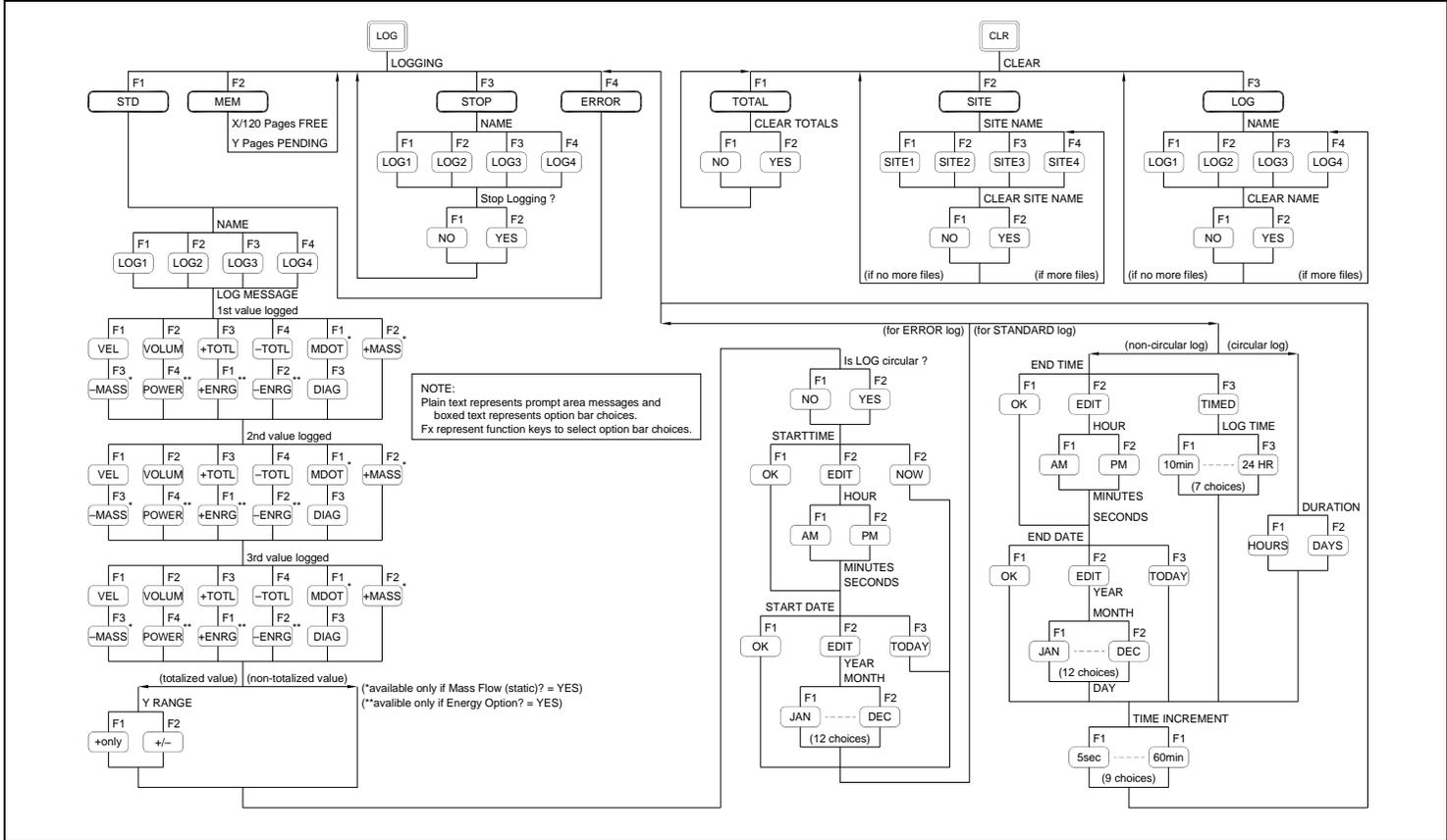


Figure 17: LOG and CLR Menu Map

## Appendix B. Data Records

### B.1 Option Cards Installed

Whenever an option card is installed in one of the Model DF868's expansion slots, record the type of card and any additional setup information in the appropriate row of Table 35.

Table 35: Option Cards Installed

Slot #	Type of Option Card	Additional Setup Information
0	Analog Outputs (A, B)	
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		

## B.2 Initial Setup Data

After the Model DF868 flowmeter has been installed, some initial setup data must be entered using the *User Program*, prior to operation. Record that information in Table 36.

**Table 36: Initial Setup Data**

General Information						
Model #				Serial #		
Software Vers.				Setup Date		
Measurement Method -ACTIV						
Site Status	Trans	Tranfl				
System Parameters -SYSTM						
Site Label				Mass Flow Time		
Site Message				MDOT Dec. Dig.		
System Units	English	Metric		Mass Totals		
Totalizer Option	Auto	Manual		Mass Dec. Digits		
Energy Option	On	Off		Power		
Vol. Units				Power Dec. Dig.		
Vol. Dec. Digits				Energy (Total)		
Totalizer Units				Energy Dec. Dig.		
Tot. Dec. Dig.				Heat. or Cool.		
Mass Flow				Flow Meas.		
Input/Output -I/O						
Error Handling				Temp. Input	Fixed ( )	Live
Zero Cutoff				(If live)	Supply	Return
Trans. Type	STD	SPEC		Lining	Yes	No
Transducer #				Lining Material		
<b>Special Transducers</b>				Lining Sndspd		
Wedge Type	Rayl	Shear	Wettd	Lining Thickness		
Frequency Hz				Track. Window.	Yes	No
Trans. Tw				Fluid Type		
Wedge Angle				Other/Sndspd		
Wedge Sndspd				% of Water		
<b>All Clamp-On and Wetted Transducers</b>				Reynolds Corr.	Off	Active
Pipe Material				Kin. Visc.		
Pipe O.D.				Cal. Factor		
Pipe Wall				# of Traverses		
Path Length (P)				Trans. Spacing		
Axial Length (L)				Depth of Reflect.		
Trans. Angle						
SETUP-AVRG						
Response Time						

Table 36: Initial Setup Data (cont.)

<b>SETUP-ADVAN-KV/SS</b>						
KV Input Sel	Table	Static		#	Sig. Stren.	Kin. Visc.
<b>KV/SS Pairs</b>				10		
#	Sig. Stren.	Kin. Visc.		11		
1				12		
2				13		
3				14		
4				15		
5				16		
6				17		
7				18		
8				19		
9				20		
<b>SETUP-ADVAN-MULTIK</b>						
Custom Type	CstV	CstR		<b>K-Factor Table</b>		
<b>K-Factor Table</b>				K-Factor #	Vel./Reyn.	K Factor
K-Factor #	Vel./Reyn.	K Factor		11		
1				12		
2				13		
3				14		
4				15		
5				16		
6				17		
7				18		
8				19		
9				20		
10						
<b>SETUP-ADVAN-MASS</b>						
Mass Flow	No	Yes		Static Density		
<b>SETUP-ADVAN-CODEL</b>						
Code Length	Auto 1bit 2bit 4bit 11bit					
<b>SETUP-ADVAN-ActTw</b>						
Active Tw	No	Yes		Maximum Tw		
Minimum Tw						
<b>Communications-COMM</b>						
Baud Rate				MODBUS Parity		
UART Bits				MODBUS Stop Bits		
Network ID				MODBUS Address		
MODBUS Baud Rate						

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## Appendix C. Programming with Panaview

### C.1 Introduction

The PanaView™ graphical user interface offers interactive communications between Windows-based PCs and GE instruments compatible with the company's IDM protocol, such as the DF868 ultrasonic gas flowmeter. PanaView is compatible with 32-bit Windows operating systems such as Windows 98SE, NT 4.0 (with Service Pack 6), 2000, XP and ME. With PanaView, you can:

- load and save site file data
- create and save graph and log files
- display text output and graphs of live measurement data
- create custom templates for displaying text, graph and log data
- interface with multiple GE instruments.

This document focuses on particular applications suitable for the DF868. For general PanaView applications such as creating graph and log files, displaying live measurement data, and creating custom templates, please refer to the general PanaView *User's Manual* (910-211).

### C.2 Wiring the RS232 Interface

All IDM-protocol instruments utilize an RS232 interface to communicate with a PC. For details on wiring your RS232 interface, please refer to the *Installation* chapter of your instrument's User's Manual, and to the document *EIA-RS Serial Communications* (916-054).

### C.3 Wiring the Ethernet Interface

When modified, the DF868 includes an Ethernet option card for communication with a LAN. For details on wiring the Ethernet connection, please refer to the *Installation* chapter of the DF868 *Startup Guide*.

## C.4 Setting Up the Communications Port

Use the steps below to establish communications with the DF868.

1. Open the “*New Meter Browser*” window and expand the network tree. Then, highlight the *My Computer(Name)* branch by clicking on it.
2. Pull down the “*Edit*” menu by clicking on it in the menu bar.
3. Click on the “*New*” menu option to select it, and a submenu opens with two choices on it (see Figure 18).

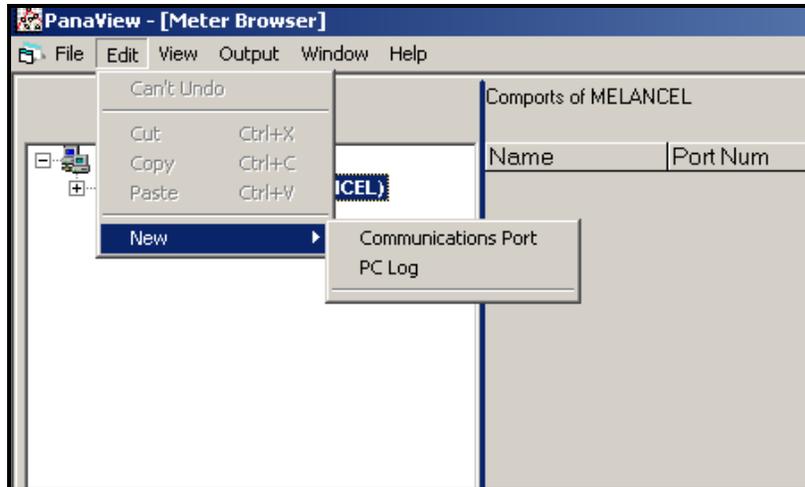


Figure 18: The Edit Menu

## C.4 Setting Up the Communications Port (cont.)

- Click on the “*Communications Port*” option to select it. The *Setup Communications* screen appears similar to Figure 19.

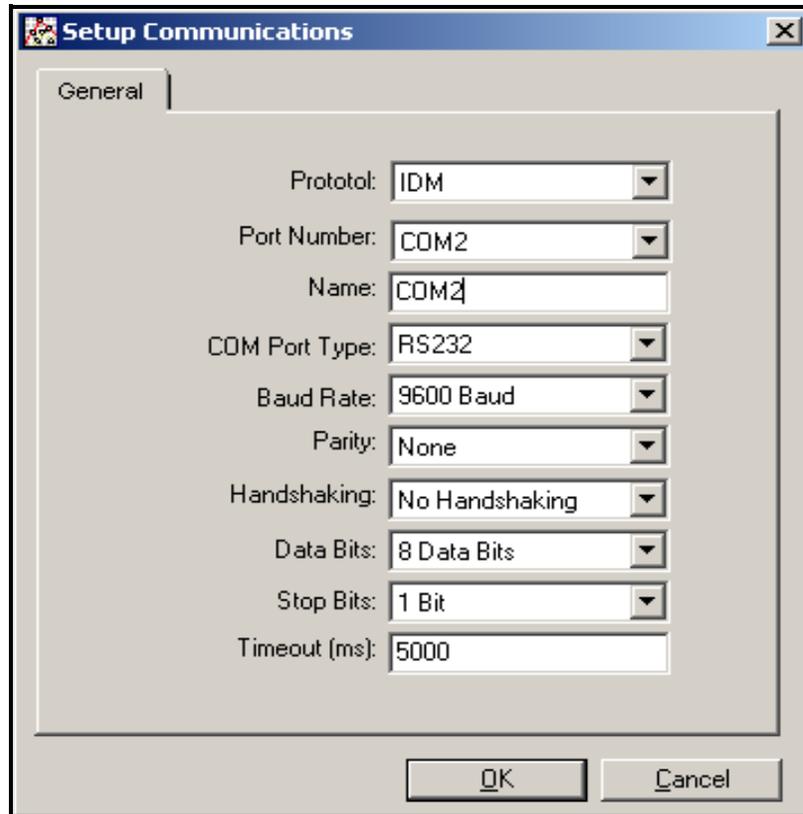


Figure 19: Setup Communications Screen

- Open the Protocol menu (the first of the drop-down menus) and click on *IDM*.
- Open the COM Port Type menu and click on the desired type (or on *TCP/IP*, if the DF868 is using an Ethernet connection).

**Note:** *If you select TCP/IP, the menu changes. Proceed to page 108.*

- Select any suitable available baud rate. A baud rate of 19,200 is appropriate for almost all applications. However, if you experience periodic communication reliability problems, you may wish to consider lowering the baud rate on your instrument and in PanaView.

**IMPORTANT:** *Be sure all the communications port settings match those made in setting up the meter’s serial port.*

- Click [OK] to complete data entry.

### C.4.1 Setting up Ethernet Communications

If you have selected TCP/IP in step 6 on page 107, the Setup Communications window appears similar to Figure 20.

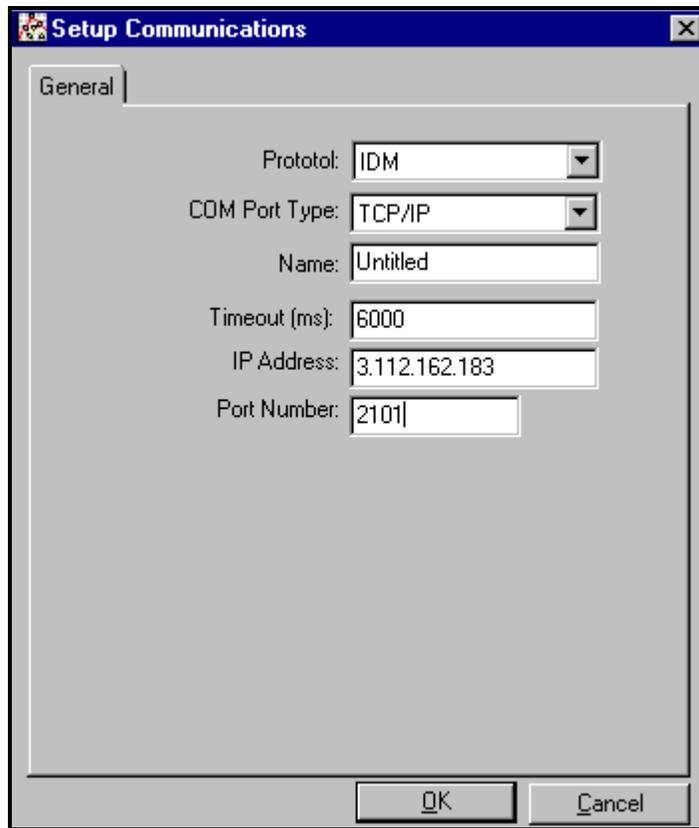


Figure 20: Setup Communications for TCP/IP

1. Type in the desired *Name* and *Timeout* (in milliseconds).
2. In the *IP Address* text box, enter the IP address. If the IP address is unknown, run the Device Discovery software utility. All units found will be identified by their MAC address and the assigned IP address. In the *Port Number* box, enter 2101 (the default value).
3. Click [OK] to complete data entry.

**IMPORTANT:** *If you are using Ethernet communications, be sure the DF868 is set up with the default communications parameters: 9600 baud, no parity, no handshaking, 8 data bits and 1 stop bit. The port number must match the “Enable Raw TCP access using TCP Port” assignment shown under the Device Discovery “TCP Server Settings” menu (Configuration>Serial Ports>Port).*

## C.5 Adding the DF868

To add the DF868 on the IDM-configured communications port, complete the following steps:

1. Highlight the communication port to which the meter will be added by clicking on it, and then open the “*Edit*” menu on the menu bar (if the communication port is not highlighted first, the “*New Meter*” option is not active in the “*Edit*” menu).
2. Click on the “*New*” option in the “*Edit*” menu (see Figure 21).

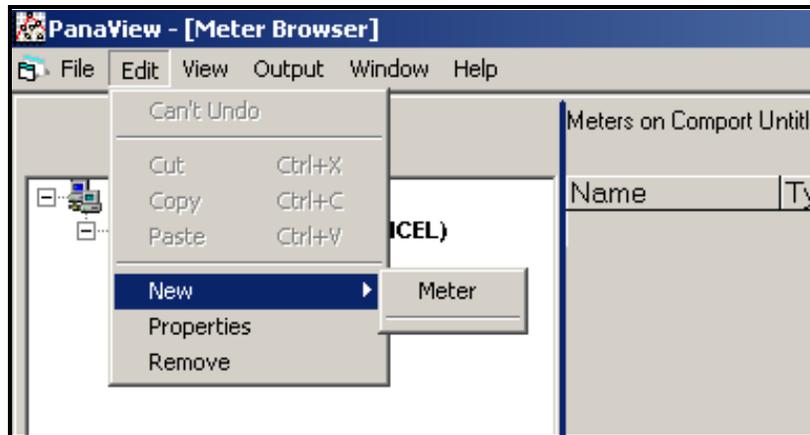


Figure 21: “*New*” Option in the “*Edit*” Menu

3. After clicking on the “*New*” option, the “*Meter*” menu option appears. Click on this option to select it.
4. The “*New IDM Meter*” screen (shown in Figure 22) opens. Enter the Network ID number for the meter, and click [OK].

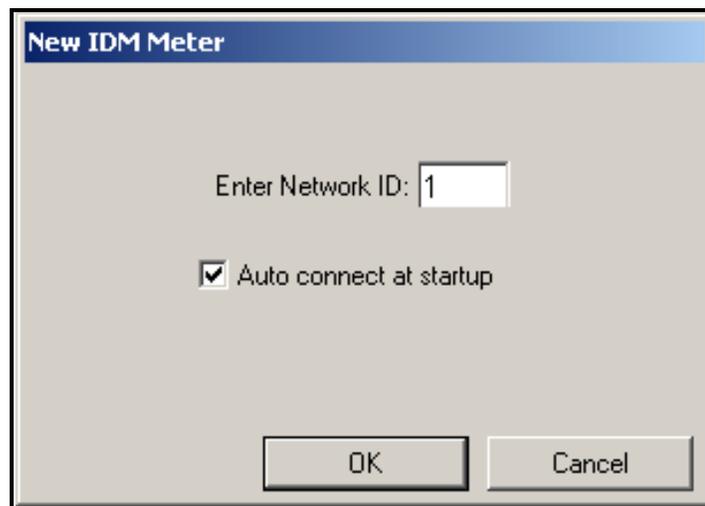


Figure 22: New IDM Meter Screen

## C.5 Adding the DF868 (cont.)

**IMPORTANT:** The Network ID number must match the Network ID programmed in the meter's Communications menu.

If the initialization is successful, the Meter Browser shows a listing similar to Figure 23.

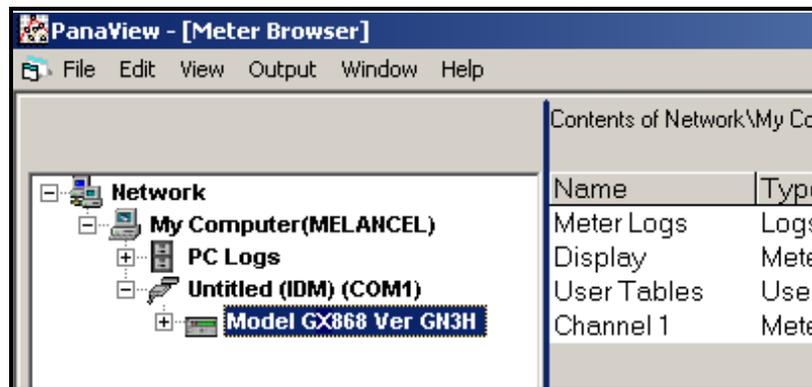


Figure 23: The Updated Network Tree

**Note:** The model number and version that appear will vary with your particular meter and software version.

However, if the settings do not match, or there is some other difficulty, a screen appears similar to Figure 24.

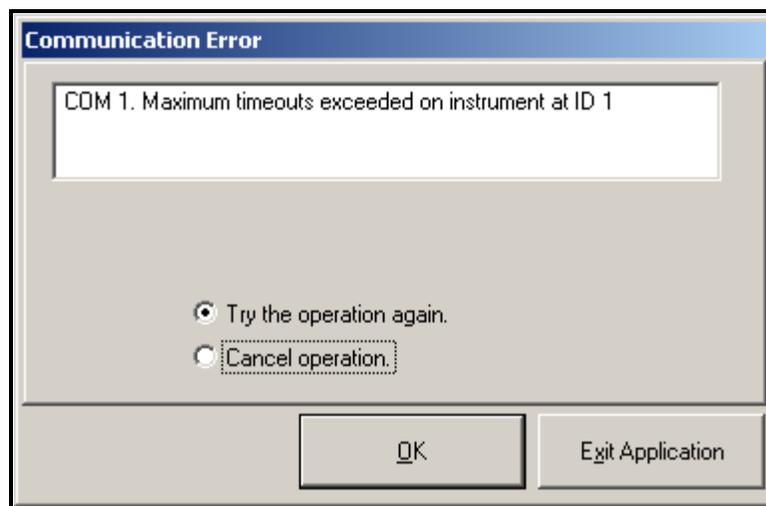


Figure 24: Communication Error Screen

The screen offers the options of trying again or of canceling the operation. Click on the desired choice, and then on [OK] to confirm the choice or on [Exit Application] to close PanaView.

**Note:** If you cannot resolve the problem, contact the factory for help.

## C.6 Editing Meter Properties

Through PanaView, you can edit the properties of your DF868. You can:

- Set the meter clock, or synchronize it with the PC clock
- Read, plot and save transducer signals
- Clear totalizers
- Save site files to the meter or PC
- Clear sites from the meter
- Print site files to the PC

To edit the properties of your DF868:

1. Highlight the meter (as shown in Figure 22 on page 109).
2. Open the “*Edit*” menu and select the “*Properties*” option, as shown in Figure 25.

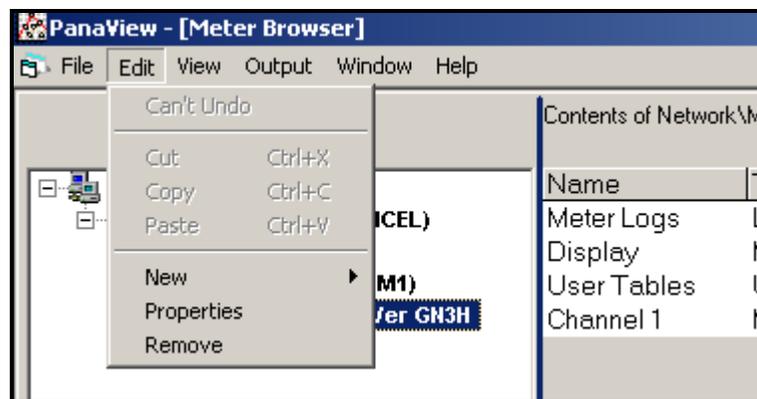


Figure 25: The *Properties* Option in the *Edit* Menu

## C.6 Editing Meter Properties (cont.)

The window appears similar to Figure 26. To perform a specific task, refer to the appropriate section on the following pages.

- Setting the Meter Clock (page 113)
- Reading Transducer Signals (page 114)
- Plotting Transducer Signals (page 114)
- Saving Transducer Signals (page 115)
- Clearing Totalizers (page 115)
- Handling Site Files (page 115)

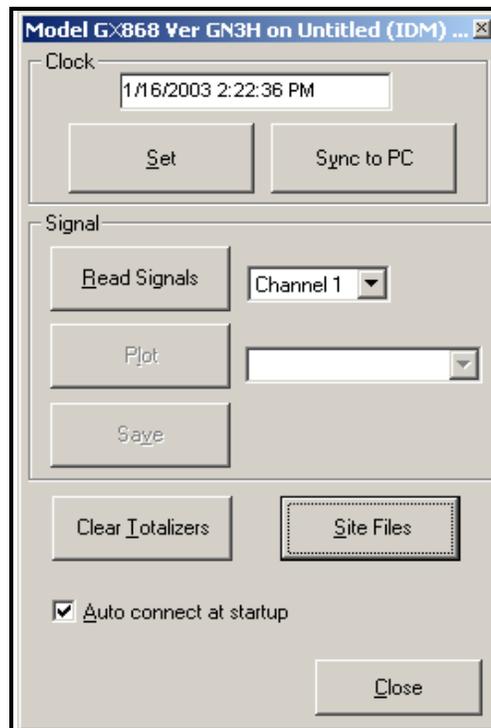


Figure 26: Properties Window for IDM-Based Meter

**Note:** For illustration purposes, the meter shown here is a one-channel GX868 flowmeter. Specific parameters will vary with your particular meter.

### C.6.1 Setting the Meter Clock

The meter's *Time* may be reset in three different ways:

- manually enter the time and date in the text box, or
- click on the [Sync to PC] option button to have PanaView set the time and date to the current PC setting, or
- click on the [Set] option button to open the dialog box shown in Figure 27. Set the desired date and time as indicated, and click on the [OK] option button.



Figure 27: Time and Date Selection Window

## C.6.2 Reading Transducer Signals

To read a *Signal* from the meter:

1. Click on the *Read Signals* button. (If the meter is a multi-channel instrument, open the Channel drop-down menu and click on the desired channel.) After a moment, the *Properties* window appears similar to Figure 28.

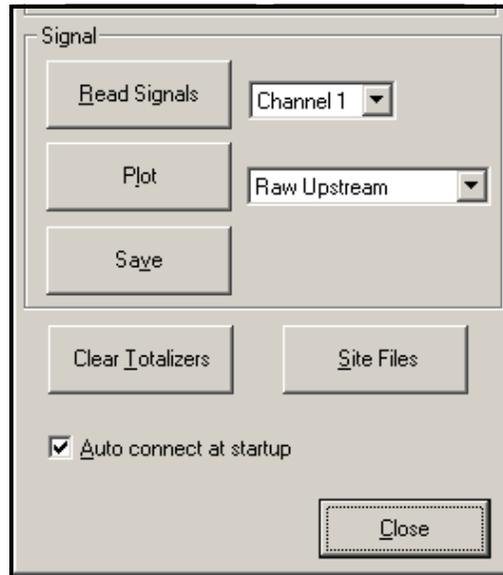


Figure 28: Active Signal Options in Properties Window

2. To select a different signal type, open the signal menu at the right (shown here with *Raw Upstream* highlighted) and click on the desired signal.

## C.6.3 Plotting Transducer Signals

To *plot* the selected signal, click on *Plot*. A graphical window opens, as shown in Figure 29.

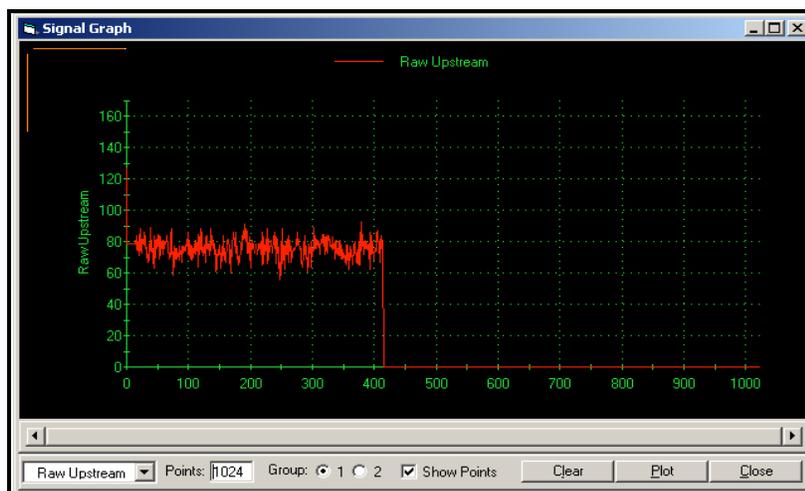


Figure 29: Signal Graph Window

### C.6.4 Saving Transducer Signals

To *save* the raw signal, click Save. A window opens similar to Figure 30. Enter the desired name, and click Save to save the signal as a text file.

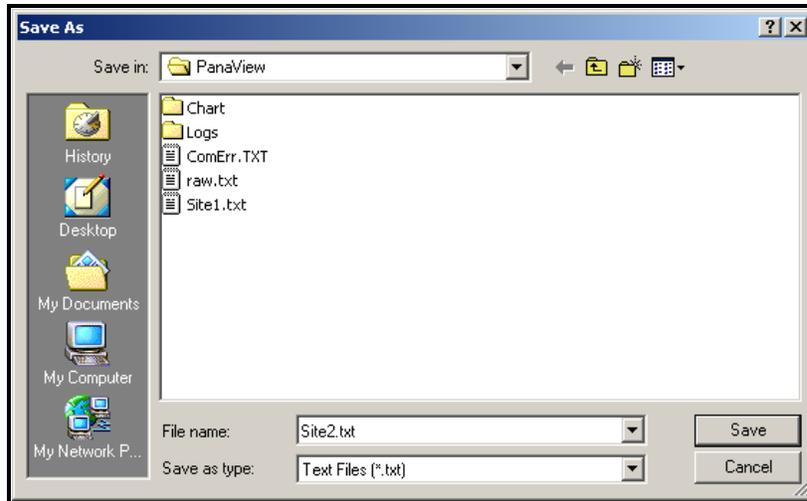


Figure 30: Save As Window

### C.6.5 Clearing Totalizers

To clear the meter totalizers, click on the Clear Totalizers button in the *Properties* window. The meter totalizers are reset to 0.

### C.6.6 Handling Site Files

To access site files, click on the Site Files button in the *Properties* window. The *Site File Operations* window (shown in Figure 31) opens.

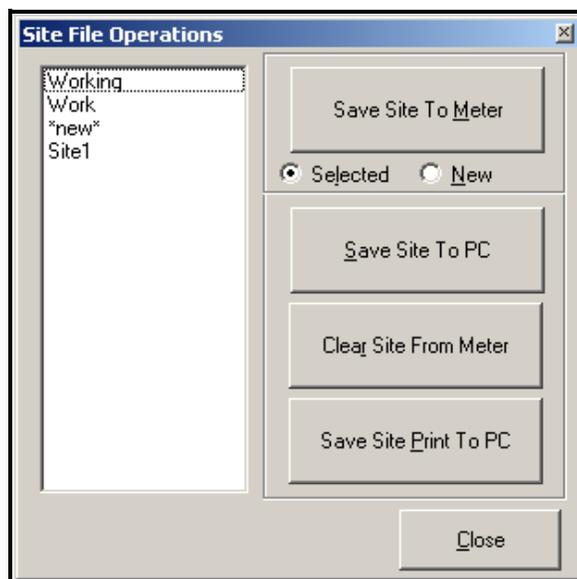


Figure 31: The Site File Operations Window

### C.6.6a Saving an Existing Site to the Meter

To save an existing site to the meter:

1. Select the radio button for *Selected* and highlight an existing site in the left pane.
2. Then click on the Save Site to Meter button. A screen opens similar to Figure 32.

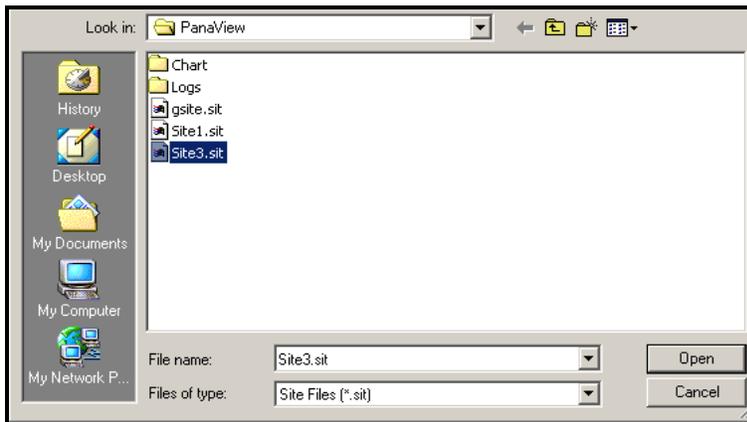


Figure 32: Site File Selection

3. Highlight the desired site and click Open. PanaView sends the site to the meter.

### C.6.6b Saving a New Site to the Meter

To save a new site to the meter:

1. Select the radio button for *New* and click on the Save Site to Meter button.
2. A window opens similar to Figure 33. Enter the desired name, and click [OK].

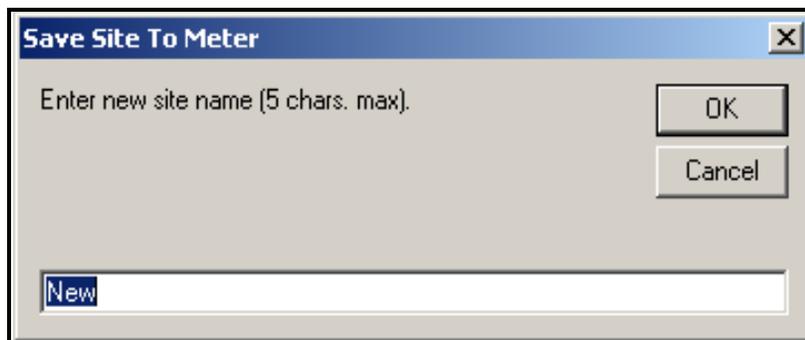


Figure 33: Site Name Entry Window

3. The *Site File Selection* window (Figure 32) opens. Highlight a site with the desired settings, and click [Open]. PanaView saves the site in the meter with the new name and the desired settings.

### C.6.6c Saving a Site to the PC

To save a site to the PC:

1. Highlight the desired site in the left pane. (See Figure 31 on page 115.)
2. Click Save Site to PC. A window opens similar to Figure 30 on page 115.
3. Enter the desired site name and click [Save]. PanaView saves the site in the PanaView folder unless otherwise specified.

**Note:** *If you have created a site on the meter after opening the Site File Operations window, you must close and reopen the window to click on the new site.*

### C.6.6d Clearing a Site from the Meter

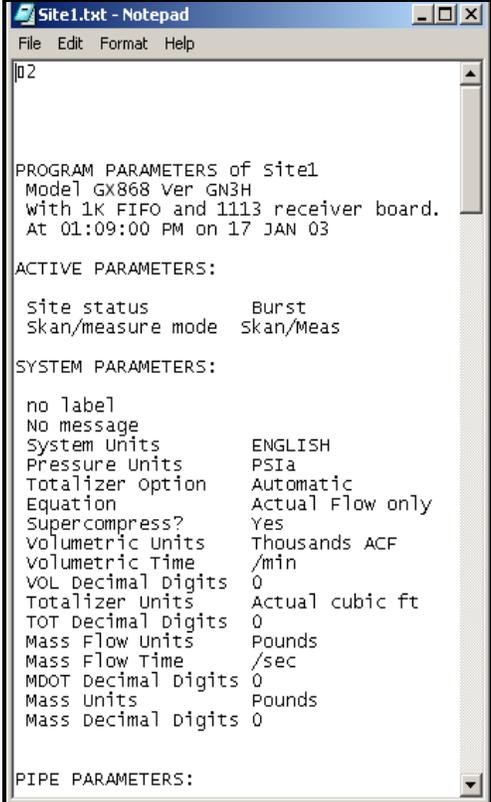
To clear a site from the meter:

1. Highlight the site in the left pane. (See Figure 31 on page 115.)
2. Click *Clear Site From Meter*.
3. The program asks for confirmation. Click [OK]. The meter deletes the designated file.

### C.6.6e Saving a Site in Text Form

To store the data from a site file as a text file for display or printout:

1. Highlight the site in the left pane. (See Figure 31 on page 115.)
2. Click Save Site Print to PC.
3. The *Site File Selection* window (Figure 32 on page 116) opens. Enter the desired site name (now with a .prt suffix) and click [Save]. PanaView displays a text version of the site, as shown in Figure 34.



```
Site1.txt - Notepad
File Edit Format Help
|02

PROGRAM PARAMETERS of Site1
Model GX868 Ver GN3H
with 1K FIFO and 1113 receiver board.
At 01:09:00 PM on 17 JAN 03

ACTIVE PARAMETERS:

Site status      Burst
Skan/measure mode  Skan/Meas

SYSTEM PARAMETERS:

no label
No message
System Units      ENGLISH
Pressure Units    PSIA
Totalizer Option  Automatic
Equation          Actual Flow only
Supercompress?   Yes
Volumetric Units  Thousands ACF
Volumetric Time   /min
VOL Decimal Digits 0
Totalizer Units   Actual cubic ft
TOT Decimal Digits 0
Mass Flow Units   Pounds
Mass Flow Time    /sec
MDOT Decimal Digits 0
Mass Units        Pounds
Mass Decimal Digits 0

PIPE PARAMETERS:
```

Figure 34: Printout of Site File

4. Click [Close] once to close the *Site File Operations* window, and a second time to close the *Properties* window and return to the *Meter Browser*.

## C.7 Changing Meter Settings

Through PanaView, DF868 users can handle remote programming of the meter. They can:

- Program and change a meter’s operating parameters;
- Set up, start, and stop logs;
- Calibrate and test inputs and outputs;
- Clear various files.

To access meter programming:

1. Enter the *New Meter Browser* option from the “File” menu.
2. Expand the network tree until you reach the desired meter.
3. Then expand the meter tree as shown in Figure 35.

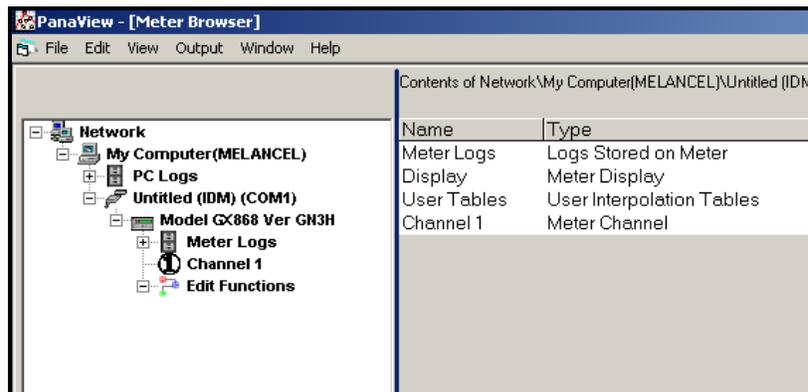


Figure 35: New Meter Browser with Meter Branch

4. From the meter tree, expand the *Edit Functions* option. The window now appears similar to Figure 36, with a list of available menus. The menus listed are those available on the meter.

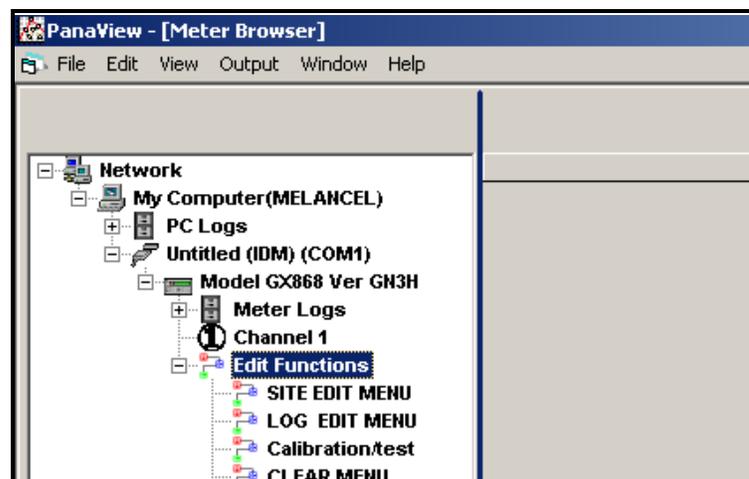


Figure 36: Meter Tree with *Edit Functions* Option

## C.7 Changing Meter Settings (cont.)

5. To open a particular menu, double-click on that menu on the tree. For example, if you double-click on the Site Edit Menu, a window opens similar to Figure 37.

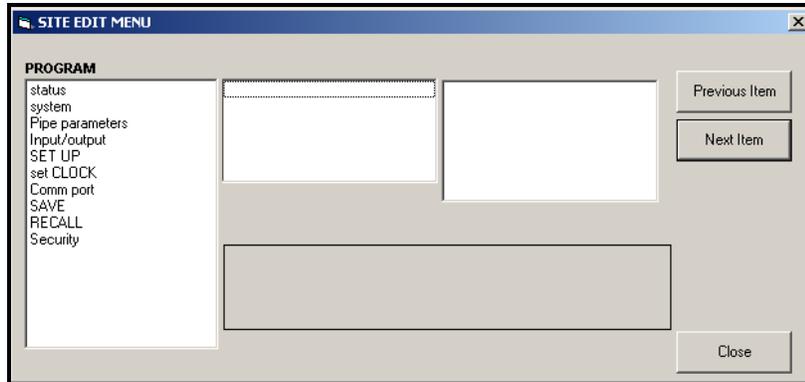


Figure 37: The Site Edit Menu Window

**Note:** The options listed in the left pane correspond to the options available in the GX868 Program menus. For more information about the options in your instrument program and about appropriate parameters for the DF868, consult the previous chapters in this manual.

6. To enter a particular option:
  - a. Highlight and double-click on the desired option in the left pane. Figure 38 shows the first entry (Transducer Number) in the Pipe parameters option. The title above the center pane lists the current entry, while the center pane displays the available selections for that entry.
  - b. Click on the desired choice; if the entry requires a numeric value, change the value displayed in the right pane.

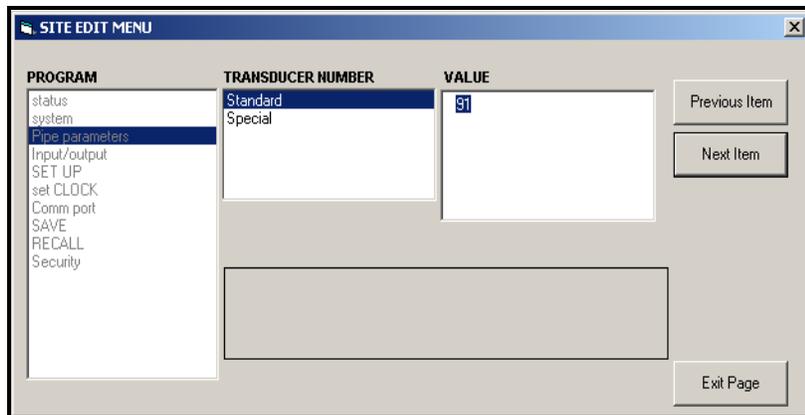


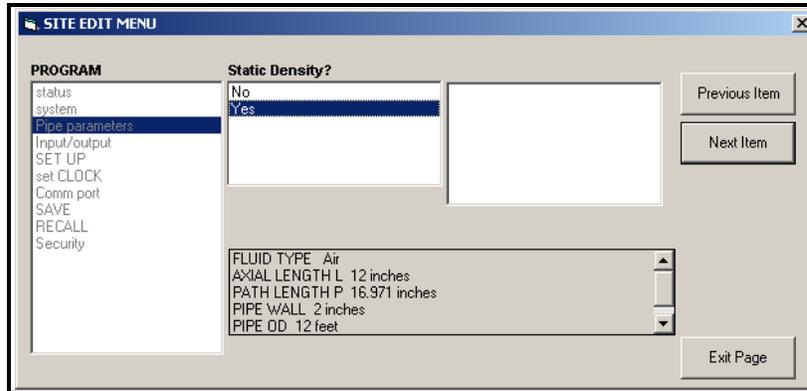
Figure 38: Pipe Parameters Option in the Site Edit Menu

- c. Do one of the following:
  - Click on [Next Item] to proceed to the next menu item, or
  - Click on [Previous Item] to return back through the menu to a previous item.

## C.7 Changing Meter Settings (cont.)

**Note:** *If you click on either [Next Item] or [Previous Item] without changing the settings, the current settings remain unchanged.*

As you step through the menu, the bottom panel lists the current settings (modified or left unchanged), as shown in Figure 39. If you modify or step through more than five items, a scroll bar at the right of the panel lets you review the earlier settings.



**Figure 39: Site Edit Menu with Current Settings**

- When you have completed entering parameters in a given option, click [Exit Page] to close the option. You can then double-click on another option, or click [Close] to close the window.

You can double-click on another menu to modify its settings, or return to the *New Meter Browser*. For additional PanaView functions, refer to the *PanaView User's Manual*.

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## Appendix D. Foundation Fieldbus Communications

### D.1 Optional Measurements

Foundation Fieldbus provides a means of communicating with the flowmeter. The patent numbers which apply are 5,909,363 and 6,424,872.

This Foundation Fieldbus device supports 2 Analog Input (AI) blocks, which can be configured to supply the following measurements on the network (see Table 37).

**Table 37: Available Measurements Using a Foundation Fieldbus Device**

Channel 1	Units	Channel 1	Units	Channel 1	Units
Ch1 Velocity	ft/s or m/s*	Ch1 Mass Flow	MASS_U	Ch1 SSUP	none
Ch1 Act Volumetric	VOL_U	Ch1 Fwd Mass Totals	MTOT_U	Ch1 SSDN	none
Ch1 Std Volumetric	VOL_U	Ch1 Rev Mass Totals	MTOT_U	Ch1 Sound Speed	ft/s or m/s*
Ch1 Fwd Totals	TOT_U	Ch1 #Mass Tot Digits	none	Ch1 Density***	see note
Ch1 Rev Totals	TOT_U	Ch1 Timer	sec	Ch1 Temperature	Deg F or C*
Ch1 #Tot Digits**	none	Ch1 Error Code	none	Ch1 Pressure	PRESS_U

\*Metric or English units are determined by the setup of the flowmeter.

\*\*Totalizer digits are available for informational purposes only. Respective totals are automatically scaled by the Tot Digits value selected in the flowmeter setup.

\*\*\*If the meter is outputting Mole Weight, the unit is "mw", otherwise it is the programmed pressure unit.

VOL\_U, TOT\_U, MASS\_U, MTOT\_U and PRESS\_U are determined by the units chosen for these measurements in the flowmeter setup. See the instrument User's Manual for the setup of these parameters.

## D.2 Configuration Utility Setup

The following is an example setup using National Instruments Configuration Utility v3.1.

Figure 40 shows the Configuration Utility with a flowmeter on the network (GE Flow-XMT).

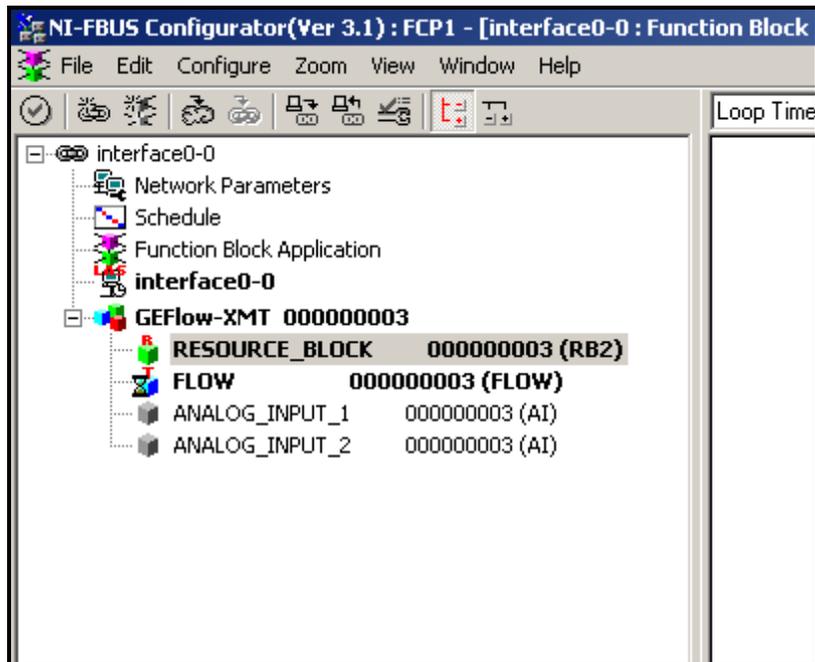


Figure 40: Configuration Utility Setup Example

**Note:** *The following procedures assume that the device has been placed in the OOS (out-of-service) mode before executing.*

## D.3 Selecting the Desired Measurements

To set the measurement unit for each AI:

1. Double click on the FLOW Transducer Block (in the tree under GEFlow-XMT).
2. Select the **Others** tab and open the drop down list for the PRIMARY\_SELECTOR and SECONDARY\_SELECTOR (refer to Figure 41 on page 125).
3. Choose the unit from the list (see Figure 41 on page 125).

This unit will correspond to the unit that is available in the AI block for network connection. The PRIMARY\_SELECTOR unit will correspond to ANALOG\_INPUT\_1 and the SECONDARY\_SELECTOR will correspond to ANALOG\_INPUT\_2.

### D.3 Selecting the Desired Measurements (cont.)

- After the desired measurements have been selected for the PRIMARY and SECONDARY SELECTOR, choose the unit system (UNIT\_SELECTOR above the PRIMARY\_SELECTOR) that has been programmed in the flowmeter (English or SI).

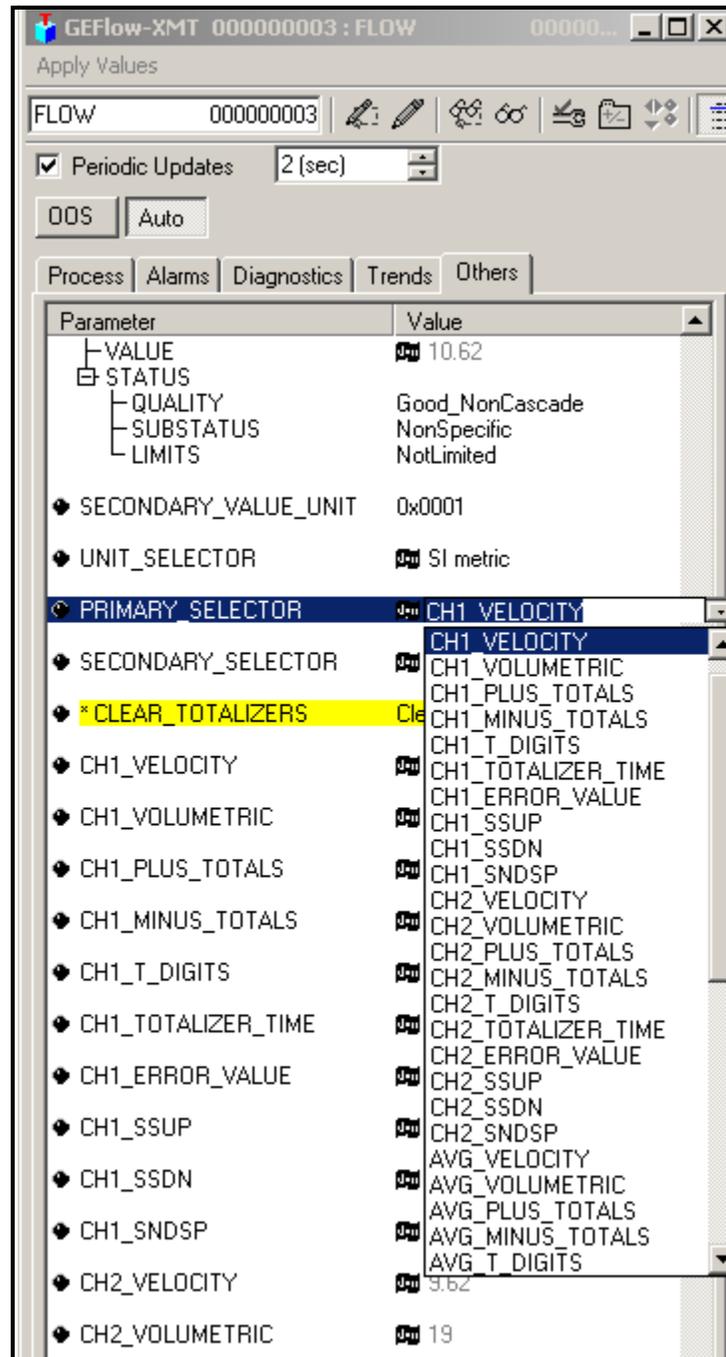


Figure 41: Primary Selector Drop Down List

## D.4 Selecting Units for AI Blocks

To select the units for the individual AI blocks:

1. Double click on the AI block for which you wish to set the units (ANALOG\_INPUT\_1 or ANALOG\_INPUT\_2 in the tree under GEFLOW-XMT; see Figure 40 on page 124).
2. Select the **Scaling** tab and set the unit for the measurement based on the flowmeter settings.

For example, if the flowmeter was set to use the metric unit system and the PRIMARY\_SELECTOR was set to use VELOCITY you would choose **m/s** for the unit as shown in Figure 42.

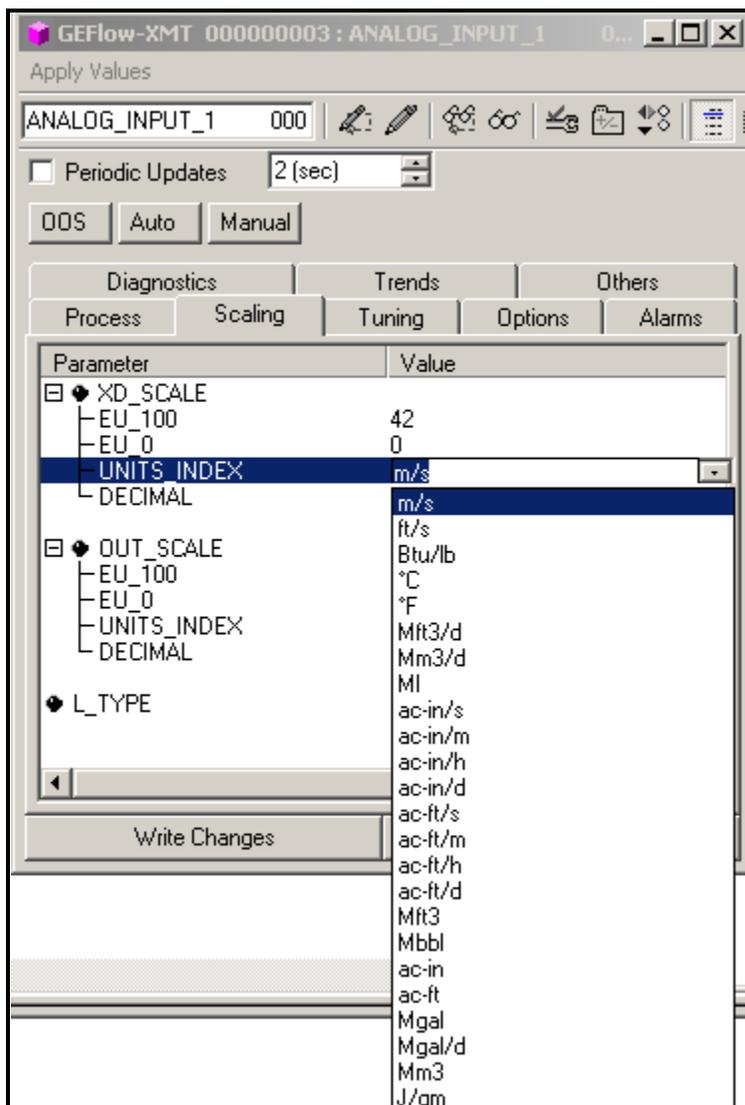


Figure 42: Units Index Drop Down List

## D.5 Resetting Instrument Totalizers

To reset the instrument totalizers:

1. Double click on the FLOW transducer block (in the tree under GEFlow-XMT; see Figure 40 on page 124).
2. Select the **Others** tab and scroll down to the CLEAR\_TOTALIZERS listing.
3. Select **Clear** from the drop down list box (see Figure 43).
4. After the totals have been reset, select **Normal** from the drop down list box to resume total accumulation.

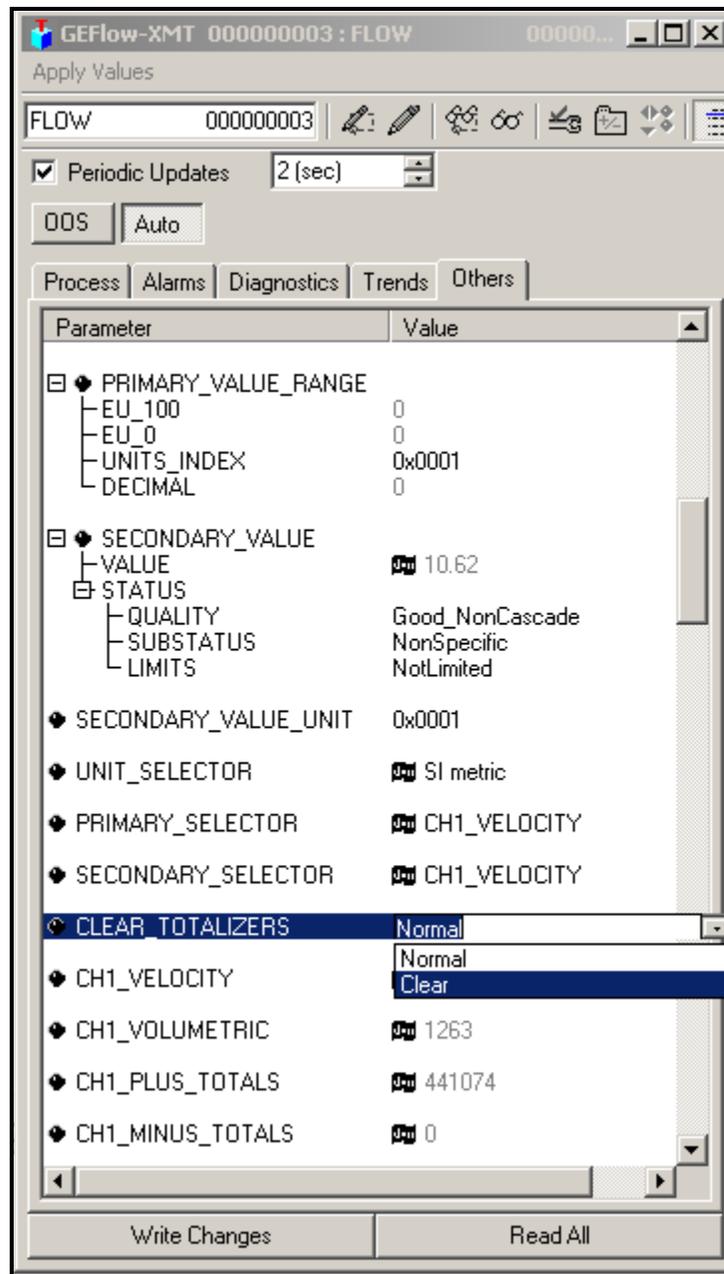


Figure 43: Clear Totalizers Drop Down List

## D.6 Function Block Application

Figure 44 is an example setup using the Function Block Application editor. The flowmeter AI blocks, along with the AO and PID of another device on the network, are displayed. We have connected the AI\_1 OUT of the flowmeter to the CAS IN of the AO block. We have also connected the AI\_2 OUT of the flowmeter to the CAS IN of the PID block.

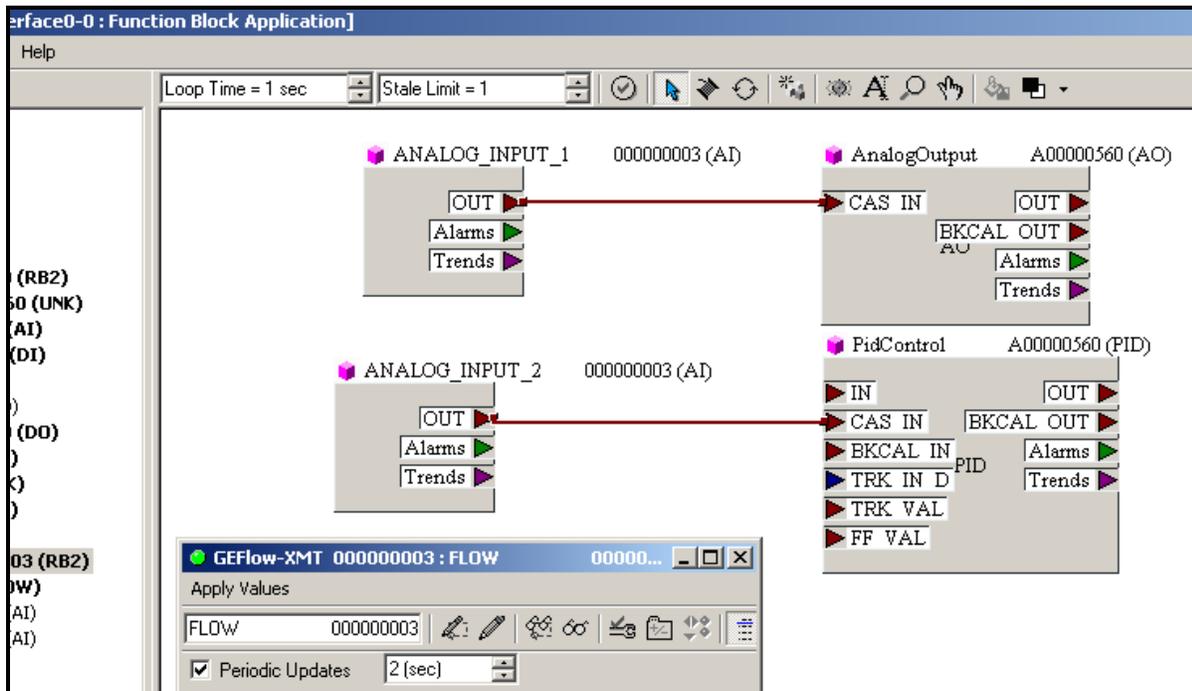


Figure 44: Function Block Application

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## Appendix E. OPC Server

### E.1 Introduction

The GE OPC Server can be used for communications with a flowmeter from process control or factory automation OPC client software such as Simplicity, iFix, Iconics, etc.

### E.2 Installation

This section describes the installation procedure for the OPC Server. Please refer to the system requirements listed below before you proceed with installation.

#### E.2.1 System Requirements

Operating systems supported for this release are:

Windows® 2000

Windows® XP

Windows® 2003 Server

**Note:** *For version 1.5, the configuration database is not backward-compatible.*

The setup application also installs the Microsoft .NET 1.1 Framework. Microsoft releases .NET Framework Service Packs that may improve security. You may upgrade .NET Framework from the Microsoft site:

[http://msdn.microsoft.com/netframework/downloads/framework1\\_1/](http://msdn.microsoft.com/netframework/downloads/framework1_1/)

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?displaylang=en&FamilyID=A8F5654F-088E-40B2-BBDB-A83353618B38>

The **XML-DA** feature requires IIS 5.0 or higher. (If you do not install XML-DA, you will not need IIS.)

Windows NT 3.51 and NT 4.0 are not supported in this software release.

## E.2 Installation (cont.)

To install the OPC Server:

1. Double-click on the GEPanaOPCServerPackage.exe file. The InstallShield Wizard window opens, as in Figure 45.



Figure 45: Install Shield Wizard Window

2. Click **Next** to continue. The License Agreement window opens.

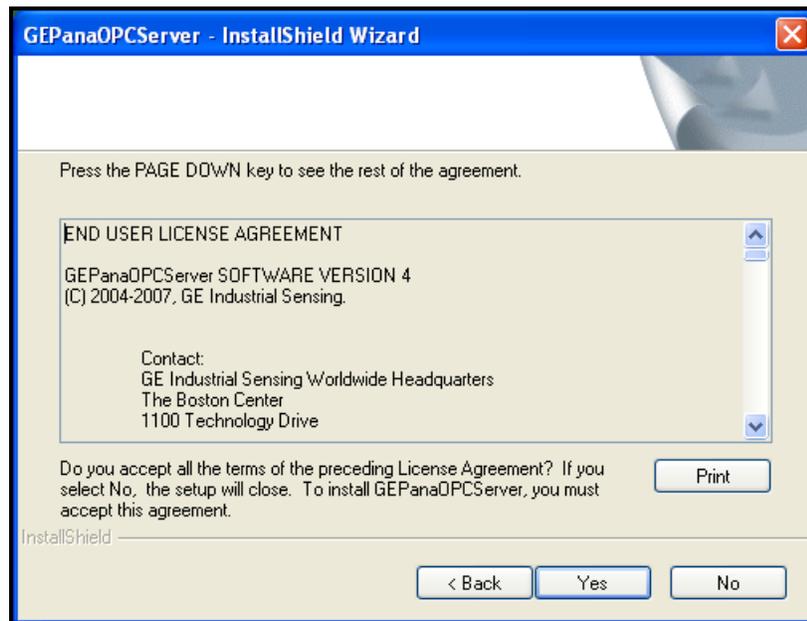


Figure 46: License Agreement Window

3. Click **Yes** to accept the agreement and proceed. (Clicking **No** halts the installation.)

## E.2 Installation (cont.)

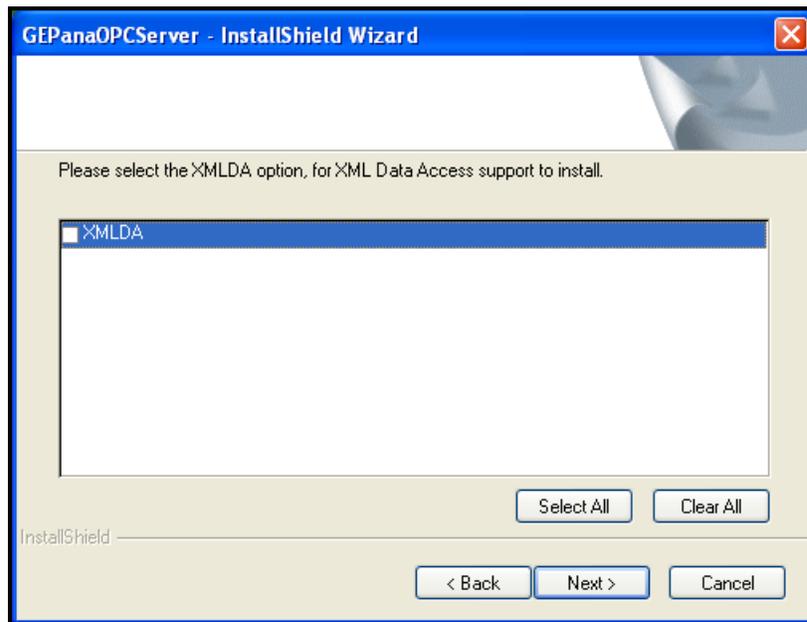


Figure 47: Select All / Clear All Window

4. Click on **Select All** to install the XML-DA option, or on **Clear All** to omit XML-DA. Then click **Next**. (The default setting omits the installation, as XML-DA is only necessary if you will use an XML interface.)

**Note:** *RF ValProbe users should uncheck this box, as XML-DA is not available for RF ValProbe.*

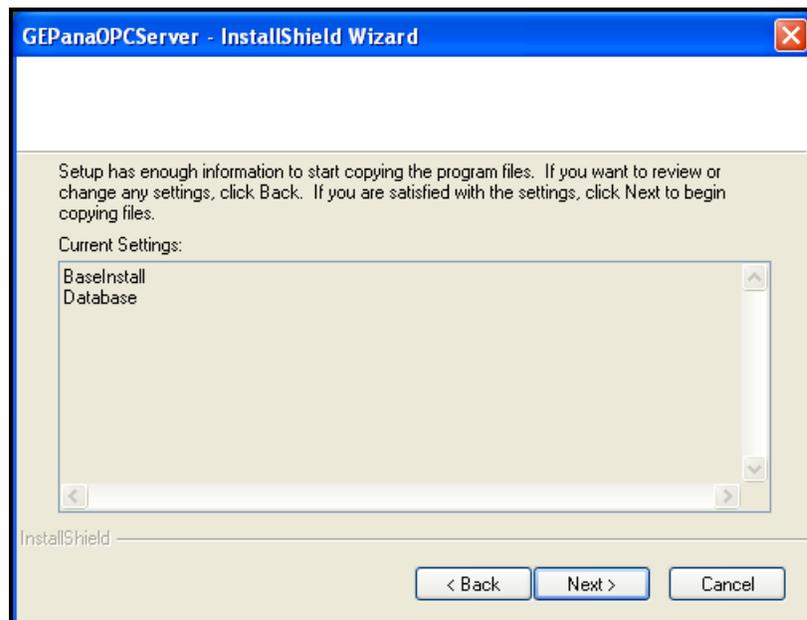


Figure 48: Copying Files Window

5. The Wizard now asks if you wish to start copying the program files. Click **Back** to review or change any settings, or **Next** to begin copying the files.

## E.2 Installation (cont.)

**Note:** *If you later uninstall and reinstall the OPC Server, the InstallShield Wizard will ask if you wish to overwrite the database and BaseInstall. If you do not overwrite the database and BaseInstall, only BaseInstall appears in the above window.*

6. The Wizard now copies the program files. When installation is complete, the following window appears:

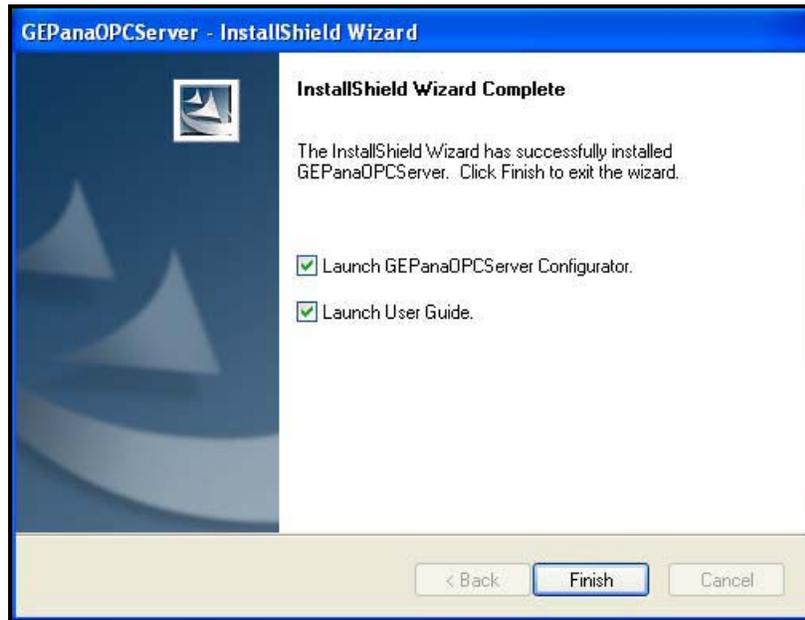


Figure 49: Finish Window

7. Click **Finish** to close the Wizard. You have installed GEPanaOPCServer.

## E.3 Terminology

Configuration GUI and OPC Runtime modules use a specific terminology.

### E.3.1 Communication Channel

A communication channel is a type of link on which an instrument is connected to a PC. Serial communication channels such as RS232, RS485 (half/full duplex), and IR232 are supported for IDM based devices such as the GE XMT868i flowmeter and MIS1 hygrometer. Portable instruments, such as the GE PT878GC gas flowmeter and PM880 hygrometer, use the Infrared IRDA communication channel. Ethernet enabled devices, such as the RF ValProbe and other GE instruments, use the TCP/IP channel.

### E.3.2 Device

A device in the OPC configuration module is mapped to the corresponding physical instrument that performs actual measurement. This device is added under a communication channel. Multiple devices can exist on one communication channel, but the same device cannot exist under two or more communication channels.

### E.3.3 Device Channel

A device has logical groups of entities to be measured. Device channels are embedded in firmware inside each instrument. For GE PanaLink instruments, device channels are mapped to Unit Types. Devices' channels are grouped under device; they are not editable and are specific to each device.

### E.3.4 Attribute

An attribute is the entity measured by the device. Attributes are grouped under device channels, and cannot be edited.

The hierarchy (parent-child relationship) of all of the above entities is summarized in Figure 50.

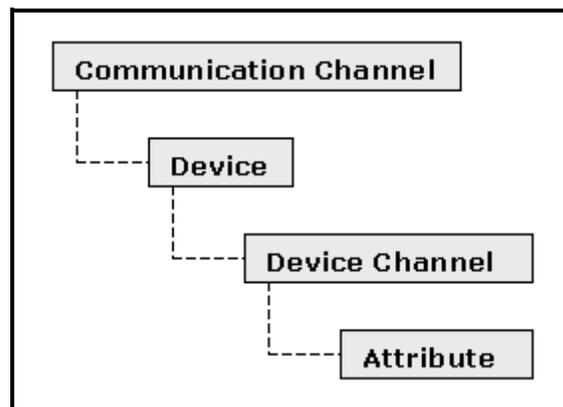


Figure 50: Entity Hierarchy

## E.4 Creating a Communication Channel

To create a communication channel, right-click on the address space root, and select the **New Communication Channel** option, as shown in Figure 51.

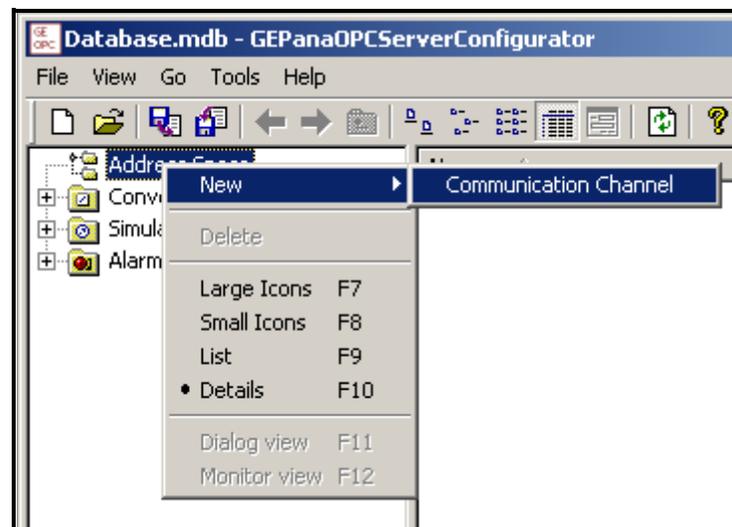


Figure 51: New Communication Channel

## E.4 Creating a Communication Channel (cont.)

Once you have clicked on this option, a dialog form opens for you to enter details of various communication channel properties. Refer to Figure 52.

Various fields in GUI will be appropriately enabled or disabled when you select a particular communication channel type. For TCP/IP, the view does not allow you to select parameters, but provides the IP address and IP Port, as shown in Figure 52. Be sure to follow the *Naming Conventions* for communication channels.

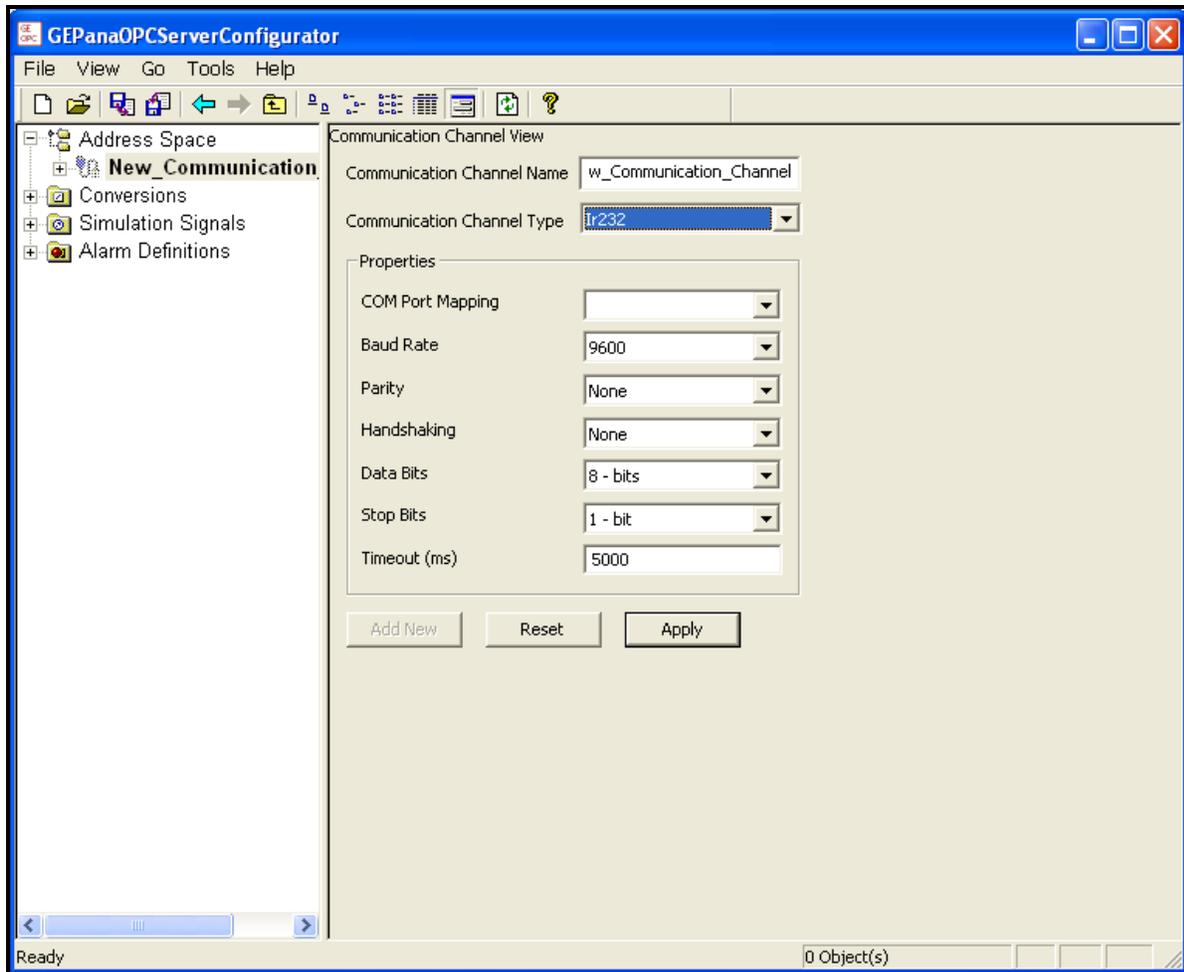


Figure 52: Communication Channel Properties - 1

## E.4 Creating a Communication Channel (cont.)

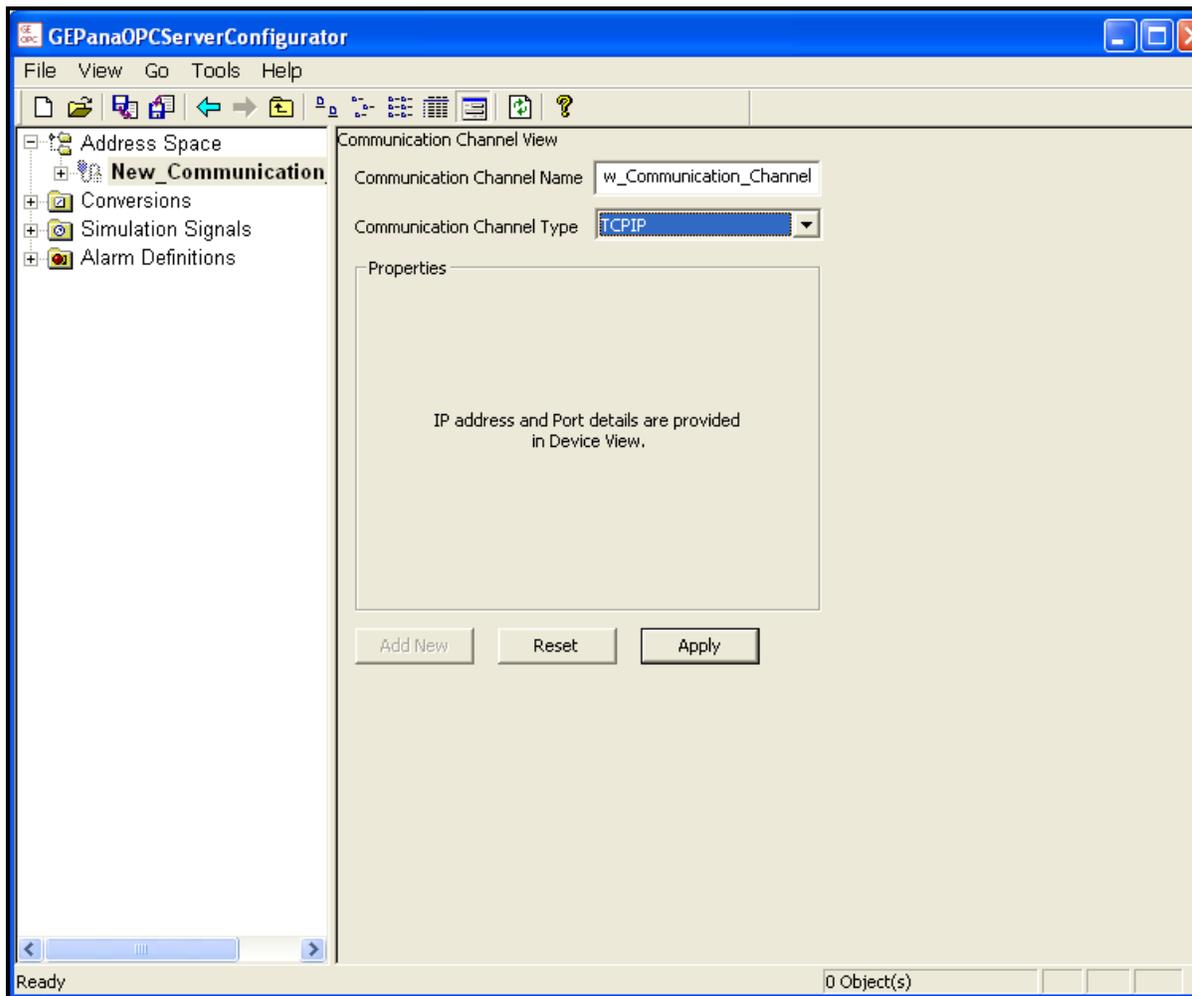


Figure 53: Communication Channel Properties - 2

Click **Apply** once you have specified all the properties of a communication channel. It will then be added to the tree in the left pane.

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## Warranty

Each instrument manufactured by GE Sensing is warranted to be free from defects in material and workmanship. Liability under this warranty is limited to restoring the instrument to normal operation or replacing the instrument, at the sole discretion of GE Sensing. Fuses and batteries are specifically excluded from any liability. This warranty is effective from the date of delivery to the original purchaser. If GE Sensing determines that the equipment was defective, the warranty period is:

- one year from delivery for electronic or mechanical failures
- one year from delivery for sensor shelf life

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2. If GE Sensing instructs you to send your instrument to a service center, it must be shipped prepaid to the authorized repair station indicated in the shipping instructions.
3. Upon receipt, GE Sensing will evaluate the instrument to determine the cause of the malfunction.

Then, one of the following courses of action will then be taken:

- If the damage is covered under the terms of the warranty, the instrument will be repaired at no cost to the owner and returned.
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- EN 61326-2-3: 2006
- EN 61010-1: 2001, Overvoltage Category II, Pollution Degree 2

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