

# Specifications for Sentinel FLOWTIM System

## Ultrasonic Measurement of Gas Turbine Intake Air Mass Flow Rate



### Operations and Performance

#### Duct Sizes

- 3 - 30 ft sound pulse flight path

#### Principle of Measurement

- Air mass flow rate =  
air mass flow rate per unit area  
x duct area x duct factor
- Air mass flow rate per unit area =  
air speed x air density
- Air speed: calculated from sound  
pulse flight times
- Air density: calculated from sound  
pulse flight times and physical sensor  
readings
- Duct area: calculated from duct  
survey
- Duct factor: calculated from CFD  
analysis

#### Ranges

- Air speed: 0 to 150 ft/s
- Pressure: 12 to 16 psia
- Relative humidity: 0 to 100% non-  
condensing
- Temperature: -22 to +176 °F

#### Update Interval

- Less than 0.5 second for typical gas  
turbine duct sizes

#### Accuracy of Air Mass Flow Rate Measurement

- Custom calculation based upon  
duct geometry and air speed
- Typically less than 0.5% total  
uncertainty for air speed
- Typically less than 1.0% total  
uncertainty for air mass flow rate

#### Data Communications

FLOWTIM Data Server accessible over LAN/WLAN from supplied Data Client. One data client connection is allowed per system. All signals can be interrogated from Data Client:

- Air density
- Air mass flow rate per unit area
- Air mass flow rate
- Air speed
- Flight times
- Noise levels
- Sonic velocity

## Ultrasonic Probes

### Material:

- Probe Housing: Aluminum
- Transducers: Aluminum

**Weight:** 4.90 lbs

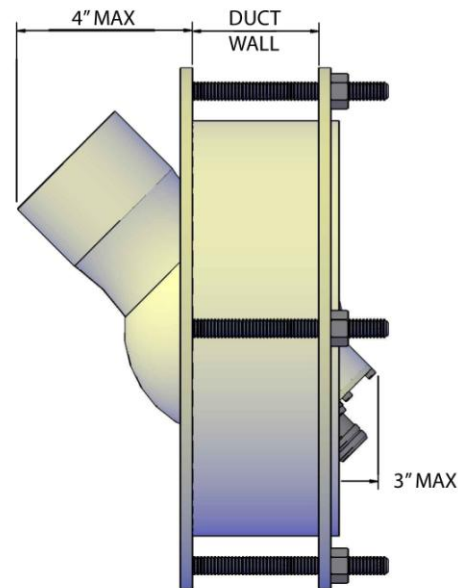
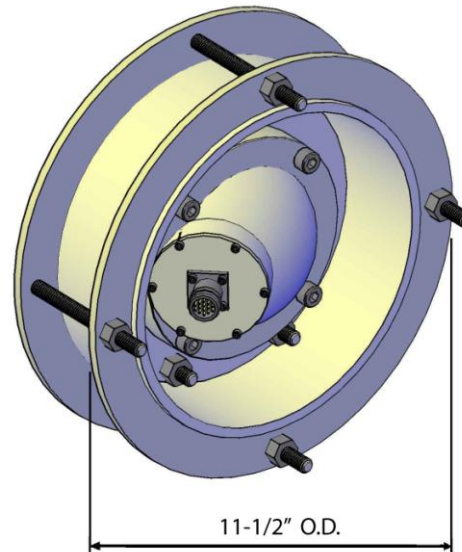
**Size:**  $\varnothing 3'' \times 7 \frac{3}{4}''$  long

**Max Protrusion (Interior of Inlet Duct):**  
4'' Maximum

**Max Protrusion (Exterior of Inlet Duct):**  
3'' Maximum

### Environmental Specification

- NEMA4 (IP65)
- -35°C to 60°C (-31°F to 140°F)
- Max Inlet Duct Pressure 20'' H<sub>2</sub>O



## Optional Physical Sensors

- Static Pressure (800 – 1100 mbar,  $\pm 1$  mbar)
- Temperature (-30 to +70 °C,  $\pm 0.5$  °C)
- Relative Humidity (0 to 100%,  $\pm 2\%$ )

## Control Box

### Dimensions

Main Enclosure  
Weight 82 lb  
Size (H x W x D): 36" x 30" x 10"

### Enclosure

- 14 ga. Steel, solid single door, flush-mount.
- Finish: ANSI 61 gray.
- UL 508A Listed; Type 4, 12; File No. E61997
- NEMA/EEMAC Type 4, 12, 13
- CSA, File No. 42186: Type 4, 12
- VDE IP66
- IEC 60529, IP66

### Power Supplies

- 110 – 120 VAC, 60 Hz Standard
- 220 – 240 VAC, 50 Hz Optional

### Power Consumption

< 2 amps

### Operating Temperature

-30°C to 50°C (-22°F to 122°F)

### Storage Temperature

-55°C to 75°C (-67°F to 167°F)



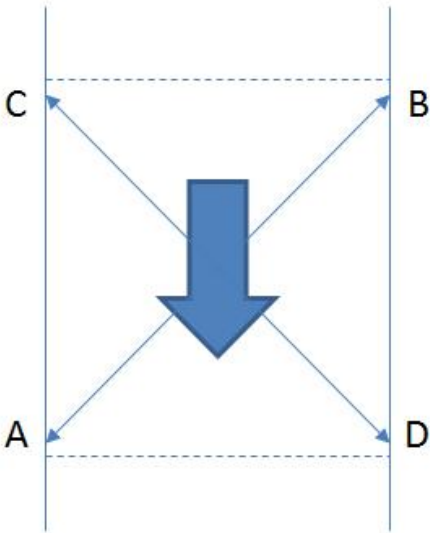
## Transducer Cables

4 pair, Individual & overall shielded  
(Custom configured for application)

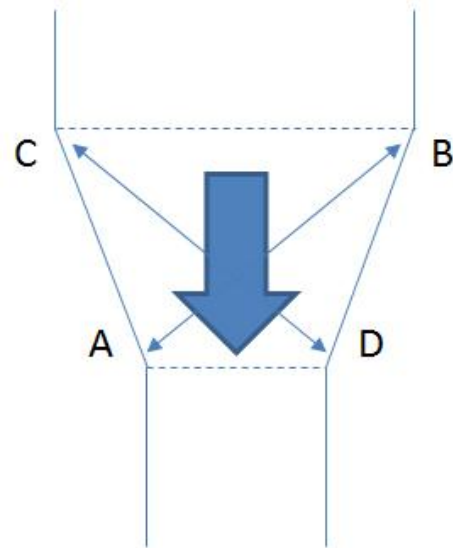


## Best Probe Locations For Different Duct Geometries

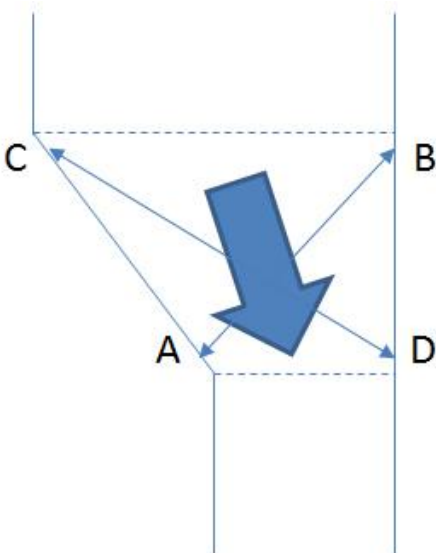
### Rectangular



### Symmetric Trapezium



### Asymmetric Trapezium



Final locations for probes is always subject to local constraints (support girders, seams, wall thickness), therefore pre-installation photographic survey of duct interior and exterior is always required. Best accuracy and sensitivity is achieved when AB is perpendicular to CD.