

PosiFlow® FAQs, Installation & Wiring**a. How do you know the pump is pumping? / What is a PosiFlow® Sensor?**

1. The PosiFlow Feed Verification Sensor can help you identify whether the pump is pretending to pump or actually pumping chemical into the application.
2. The PosiFlow detects the flow of liquid output by the pump with no moving parts. The standard flow path of the pump is preserved so the liquid does not go through gears or move a magnet to actuate a pulse in the sensor, eliminating plugging or jamming concerns.
3. The PosiFlow sends out a signal with every stroke as long as there is liquid flow. The PosiFlow output signal will stop if the pump loses prime, is in a dead-head condition, or if the pump loses pressure due to a broken discharge line. An input device can be configured to interpret the signal in any way imaginable – totalization, no-flow alarms, drum re-fill notification, etc.

b. What chemicals can I pump with the PosiFlow®?

1. The PosiFlow sensor is available in 4 materials matching those of the E-Series pumps (follow the liquid end of the matching pump for best chemical suitability):
 - a. FCP-1VC (PVC & FKM)
 - b. FCP-1VE (PVC & EDPM)
 - c. FCP-1PC (GFRPP & FKM)
 - d. FCP-1PE (GFRPP & EDPM)

c. How does the PosiFlow® work?

1. You install the PosiFlow in-line on the discharge side of the pump – typically threaded right into the Manual Air Vent knob location. When the pump strokes, a small pressure spike is sent into and through the discharge line. The PosiFlow monitors the pressure changes and only if the pressure change is adequate, will register it as a legitimate stroke of chemical. Every time this happens, the PosiFlow sends a pulse (dry contact) through its wires. One shot of chemical produces one pulse from the PosiFlow.

d. What can I do with this pulse from the PosiFlow®?

1. You can wire the PosiFlow directly into the control module of an EW-Y pump and use one of the three built-in programs to monitor and detect when the pump loses prime. The EW-Y constantly monitors the stroking of the solenoid and compares it to the pulses from the PosiFlow. When the PosiFlow fails to send contacts (number of missed contacts is configurable in the programming) but the solenoid continues to stroke, one or both relays in the pump can be programmed to close sending an alarm, starting a back-up pump, triggering a empty drum, etc.
2. You can also interface the PosiFlow, in conjunction with a pump, to our WebMaster. Similar to the programming built into the EW-Y, the WebMaster monitors the when the pump is on and compares it to the signals from the

PosiFlow. Superior to the pump alone, in this set-up, you can calibrate, monitor and display the amount of chemical being pumped, in addition to triggering an alarm if the pump loses prime, and/or start a backup pump.

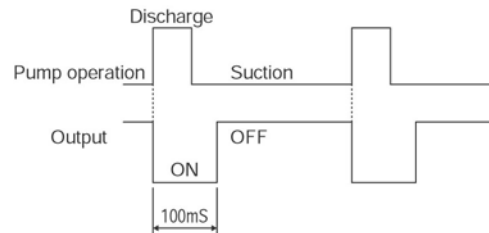
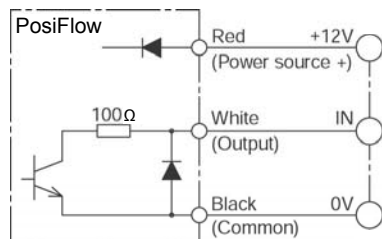
3. A PLC is the third most common interface with a PosiFlow. The connection and use is virtually the same as the WebMaster, however the signal from the PosiFlow can be integrated into the PLC programming in whatever way suits the needs of the system.

e. How do I order/specify the PosiFlow®?

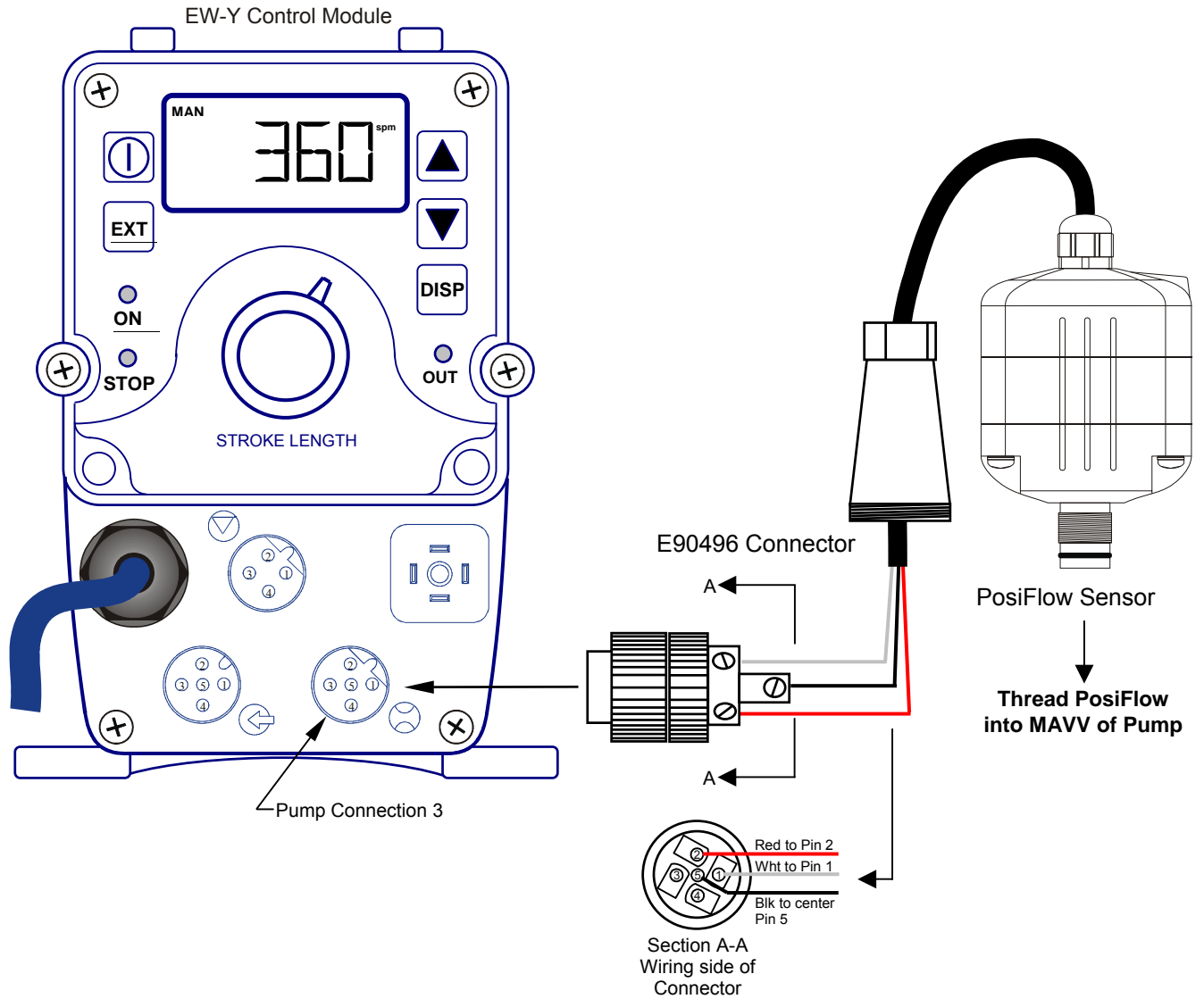
1. Select the best materials of construction for the application based on the pump liquid end and choose from the (4) models:
 - a. FCP-1VC (PVC & FKM)
 - b. FCP-1VE (PVC & EDPM)
 - c. FCP-1PC (GFRPP & FKM)
 - d. FCP-1PE (GFRPP & EDPM)

Wiring, Programming & Installation Setup

- a. The PosiFlow requires 12VDC power. When connecting directly to the EW-Y series pumps, the power is supplied from the pump. 12VDC is also available in the WebMaster controllers as well.
- b. Installation of the sensor itself is directly into the Manual Air Vent Valve (MAVV) of the pumps. It simply replaces the knob used to open and close the valve. Turning the sensor replaces the function of the knob. The PosiFlow can also be used to replace the knob in the MFV as this is the same knob.
 1. The MAVV of the B31, C31 and C36 size pumps is different and will not accept the PosiFlow directly. In this case, an in-line tubing adapter (P/N E90600) can be used to place the PosiFlow into the discharge tubing. NOTE: Keep the tubing adapter to within 6" of the pump discharge.
 2. Similarly, using the PosiFlow with pumps that have the Auto Air Vent Valve (AAVV) also require a tubing adapter (P/N E90599) as the knob in this valve is different and is used for the gas venting feature.
 - a. Wiring of the PosiFlow sensor is simple. The BLACK wire is for common, the RED wire is for the 12VDC power supply, and the WHITE wire is the signal wire. Below is a brief schematic of the signal.



A drawing of wiring the PosiFlow to the EW-Y pump is below:



Looking at the back of the connector, the pin layout is the same as on the back of the pump – and while the connector does have tiny numbers molded in next to the screws, it is usually easier to put the connector onto the pump and then wire to the pins based on location as shown above and in the manual. The PosiFlow cable is supplied with fork terminals and when wiring to the EW-Y connector, they will need to be cut off short and wired as shown.

- b. Programming the EW-Y pump for use with the PosiFlow sensor:
The PosiFlow Sensor program is turned OFF by default and will have to be turned on. This can be done with the following steps:

1. Press the STOP/START key until the pump starts running and then press it one more time so the pump is in the WAIT mode and sitting idle.
2. Press and hold the EXT key until “EXT” is displayed in the User Program Menu.
3. Press the DOWN Arrow key 3 times until “FL.CHK” is displayed.
4. Press the DISP key once and “OFF” will be displayed showing the program for the PosiFlow sensor is off.
5. Using the UP and Down Arrow keys, select one of the three programs that best suit the your output needs (A, b, or C.Mode).**
6. Press the DISP again and use the UP and DOWN keys to select the number of user-defined strokes you would like to allow the PosiFlow to miss before sending an alarm.
7. Press the DISP key again and it will go back to “FL.CHK”.
8. Press the START/STOP key and it will go back to the WAIT mode.
9. Now, every time the pump is in operation, whether by MAN mode or via an EXT signal, once the pump has stroked the number of times preset and there has been no input contact from the PosiFlow, the pump will stop operation, the OUT 1 Relay will close and the display will flash “FLOW”. OUT 2 can also be changed in the User Program Menu to also close when the “FLOW” alarm is active. This is independent of OUT 1. Once the “FLOW” alarm is indicated and the pump stopped, manual intervention (pressing the STOP/START key) is then required to reset the Alarm/Error code.

****DEFINITION OF POSIFLOW MODES:**

- A.MODE: The pump will stop, OUT 1 (and OUT 2) will close, and “FLOW” will be displayed once the pump has stroked the user-defined number of pulses without getting a signal from the PosiFlow sensor.
- B.MODE: Once the user defined number of pulses without a signal from the sensor has been reached, OUT 1 (and OUT 2) will close, but the pump will continue to run for another 360 strokes. If there is still no signal from the PosiFlow, then the pump will stop and “FLOW” will be displayed.
- C.MODE: Once the user defined number of pulses without a signal from the sensor has been reached, the pump will continue to operate for another 360 strokes. If there is no signal from the PosiFlow at that point, OUT 1 (and OUT 2) will close, the pump will stop and “FLOW” will be displayed.

Troubleshooting & Application requirements

- a. A minimum system pressure of 30-35 PSI (35PSI is recommended for reliability) is required for operation. This is usually not a problem as most installations are above 35PSI. However if the application is less than 30PSI or open discharge, there are a couple of solutions:
 1. Standard diaphragm style BP/AS (Back Pressure/Anti-Siphon) Valves. These come in a variety of styles and are available by several manufacturers. They are typically adjustable from 10-150PSI. The BP/AS valves from Walchem are pre-set at 50PSI and will work out-of-the box with the PosiFlow with any pump.
 2. An alternate solution specifically for the 11, 16 and 21 sized E-Series pumps is the E90375 spring option. This is a higher-pressure spring made to go in the 3/8" OD tubing Injection Valves to simulate an approximate backpressure to the pump and PosiFlow of 50PSI. Instructions for installation are supplied with the spring.

- b. Pressure limitations of some pumps will sometimes render use with a PosiFlow difficult. These include all pumps with a maximum pressure rating of 30PSI:
 1. EZ/EW/EKB31 size Pumps
 2. EZ/EW/EKC36 size Pumps
 3. EHE56 size Pumps

Each of these pumps can pump up to 30PSI, but not much (if any) more. Because the PosiFlow requires 35PSI to operate reliably, operation with these pumps is not recommended. Use with the EHE56 has been successful, but because the PosiFlow will not fit into the B/C-31/36 size Manual Air Vent Valves, use with these sizes is not recommended at all.

- c. The PosiFlow is basically a pressure transducer with algorithms built in to determine if the pressure changes should be considered a pulse from moving chemical. Because of this, some pumps application/pump combinations may not work as well as others. In particular, small B11 pumps used with a PosiFlow may not work if the pump is turned down too low. Since the PosiFlow needs to see a pressure spike, if the Stroke Length is too small, the spike generated may not be large enough to register. Similarly, if the speed is turned down too low, it is very easy for the tiniest bubble or tubing to dampen out the small pulses. A combination of both Stroke Length reduction and slower speeds is almost a guarantee that the PosiFlow sensors will have trouble reading the B11 pump pulses. Applications help with this – higher-pressure applications often will help this, but if the output is much below 0.6GPH, testing may be required.

- d. My pump is pumping, but it isn't registering pulses from the PosiFlow.
 1. Check the model number of pump and if it is able to pump over 35PSI.
 2. Double-check the wiring into the connector, WebMaster or device.

3. Double-check the pressure of the system – the requirements of the PosiFlow are 35PSI. Use a separate backpressure valve or the high-pressure injection valve spring option to increase backpressure if system pressure is too low.
4. Is the discharge line too long? Too much discharge tubing can dampen the pressure pulses in the line and the PosiFlow will not be able to see them. A solution is to put a backpressure valve in the discharge line shortly downstream from the sensor.
5. Is the discharge line too large? If there is too much volume in the discharge line, this can also dampen the pulses – especially on smaller sized pumps – and the PosiFlow will not be able to see them. A solution is to put a backpressure valve in the discharge line shortly downstream from the sensor.
6. Is there trapped air/gas in the discharge line? This acts a pulsation dampener and the PosiFlow will not be able to register the pulses if they are damped out. Purge the air/gas out of the line and/or add a backpressure valve just downstream from the sensor.
7. The PosiFlow sensor does not work with any LKN series pumps. Discharge line is too large and the diaphragm moves just a little too slow for the electronic algorithm to register.