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Continuous Level Technologies	Armored Site Gauge	Bubbler	Capacitance	Guided Wave Radar	Hydrostatic Pressure	Load Cells	Magnetic Site Gauge	Nuclear	Radar	Servo Gauges	Ultrasonic
Liquids — Clean	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Liquids — Coating	▼	▼	●	▼	◆	▲	◆	▲	▲	▼	▲
Liquids — Shifting Specific Gravity	▲	▼	▲	▼	▼	▼	●	▲	▲	▲	▲
Slurries	●	▼	●	▼	●	▲	◆	▲	▲	◆	▲
Liquid/Liquid Interfaces	●	▼	▲	▲	▼	▼	▲	●	▼	▲	●
Liquid/Solid Interfaces	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	●	▼	▼	▲
Solids — Low Dust	▼	▼	◆	▼	▼	◆	▼	▲	◆	▼	▲
Solids — High Dust	▼	▼	◆	▼	▼	◆	▼	▲	▲	▼	▼
Dielectric <2	▲	●	▼	●	◆	▲	▲	●	●	▲	▲
Shifting Dielectric	▲	●	▼	●	▲	▲	●	●	▼	▲	▲
Process Environment											
Process Temperature >350° F	▲	●	●	▼	●	▲	▲	▲	▲	●	▼
Process Pressure >50 PSI	▲	▼	●	▲	●	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▼
Vacuum Pressure	▲	▼	●	▲	●	▲	▲	▲	▲	●	▼
Vapors Present	▲	●	●	●	●	●	▲	▲	▲	▲	▼
Foam Present	●	◆	▼	▲	●	◆	●	●	▼	◆	▼
Turbulence Present	▲	◆	▼	◆	●	▲	▲	▲	●	●	●
Tank Design and Structural Properties											
Agitators	—	◆	▼	◆	●	▲	—	●	●	▼	●
Obstructions	—	◆	●	◆	●	▲	—	●	●	◆	●

Point Level Technologies	Capacitance	Floats	Rotary Paddle	Ultrasonic	Vibratory Fork
Liquids — Clean	▲	●	▼	▲	▼
Liquids — Coating	●	▼	▼	▲	▼
Slurries	●	▼	▼	▲	▼
Liquid/Liquid Interfaces	▲	▼	▼	▼	▼
Liquid/Solid Interfaces	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
Solids — Low Dust	●	▼	●	●	●
Solids — High Dust	●	▼	●	▼	●
Process Environment					
Process Temperature >350° F	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
Process Pressure >50PSI	●	●	▼	▼	▼
Vacuum	●	●	▼	▼	▼
Vapors	●	●	▼	▼	▼
Foam	◆	◆	▼	▼	▼
Turbulence	●	▼	▼	●	●
Tank Design and Structural Properties					
Agitators	●	▼	▼	●	●
Obstructions	●	●	●	●	●

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What's the right flow technology for your application?

Need help figuring out which flow measurement instrumentation to use in your process? Start with the reference charts below. Find your media type to help narrow down your choices. Then, take a look at the comparative specifications in the chart at the right. Depending on your application, there may be more than one technology for you.

Key	Media Types								Specification							
	Clean Liquid	Dirty Liquid	Viscous Liquid	Corrosives	Slurries	Clean Gas	Dirty Gas	Steam	Cryogenics	Turndown Ratio	Available Sizes	Accuracy (% FS)	Repeatability (%)	Upstream Pipe Diameter	Permanent PSI Drop	Relative Cost
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Technology																
Accelabar	▲	◆	◆	◆	▼	▲	◆	▲	▲	60:1	3"-12"	0.75%	0.05%	0	M	H
Coriolis Flowmeter	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	◆	◆	◆	◆	25:1	0.1-6"	0.15%	0.1%	0	L	H
DP Mass Flowmeter	▲	▲	▲	◆	◆	▲	▲	▲	▼	40:1	—	0.1%	0.1%	—	—	H
DP Orifice Plate	▲	◆	◆	▲	▼	▲	◆	▲	▲	4:1	>1"	1%	0.1%	10-30	H	L
DP Pitot Tube	▲	▼	▼	◆	▼	▲	◆	▲	▼	4:1	0.5-72"	0.75%	0.1%	10	L	L
DP Wedge	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▼	10:1	0.5-30"	3%	0.5%	12	H	H
DP Venturi	▲	▲	◆	◆	▼	◆	◆	▲	▼	10:1	0.5-72"	1%	0.1%	10	M	L
Fluidic Oscillatory	▲	◆	▲	◆	▲	▼	▼	▼	▲	15:1	1-3"	1.5%	0.2%	10	L	H
Magnetic Flowmeter	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▼	▼	▼	▼	10:1	>0.1%	0.5%	0.2%	5	L	M
Paddlewheel	▲	▼	◆	◆	▼	◆	◆	▼	▼	3:1	0.1-1.5"	2.5%	1%	0	H	L
Positive Displacement	▲	▲	▲	◆	▼	▲	◆	▼	◆	20:1	0.5-6"	1%	0.3%	0	H	M
Rotameter	▲	▼	◆	◆	▼	▲	▼	◆	▼	5:1	0.2-3"	4-8%	2%	0	M	L
Thermal Dispersion	▲	◆	◆	◆	◆	▲	▲	▼	◆	100:1	0.2-72"	0.5%	0.2%	10	L	H
Turbine Flowmeter	▲	▼	◆	◆	▼	▲	◆	▲	◆	10:1 to 50:1	>0.25"	0.5%	0.1%	10-20	H	H
Ultrasonic Clamp-On	▲	◆	▲	▲	▼	◆	▼	▼	▼	40:1	0.25-360"	0.5-1.0%	0.15%	10	L	H
V-Notch	▲	◆	▼	◆	◆	▼	▼	▼	▼	300:1	—	2-5%	2%	4	0	L
Verabar	▲	◆	◆	◆	▼	▲	◆	▲	▲	10:1	2"-192"	1.0%	0.10%	10	L	L
Vortex Flowmeter	▲	◆	◆	◆	▼	▲	◆	▲	▼	H	>1"	1%	0.2%	20-30	M	L
Weir	▲	◆	▼	◆	◆	▼	▼	▼	▼	300:1	—	2-5%	2%	4H	0	L

Viscosities of Common Substances

Medium @68°F	Approx. Viscosity	Medium @68°F	Approx. Viscosity
Ammonia.....	0.009 82 cP	Ketchup.....	50,000 cP
Argon.....	0.022 17 cP	Light machine oil.....	102 cP
Benzene.....	0.652 cP	Mercury.....	1,554 cP
Benzyl Ether.....	5.33 cP	Methyl Alcohol.....	0.597 cP
Caster Oil.....	986 cP	Molasses.....	100,000.0 cP
Chloroform.....	0.58 cP	Neon.....	0.031 11 cP
Chocolate Syrup.....	25,000 cP	Olive Oil.....	84.0 cP
Confectioners' Glucose.....	1,000,000.0 cP	Pancake Syrup.....	2,500 cP
Corn Syrup.....	10,000.0 cP	Peanut Butter.....	250,000 cP
Ether.....	0.233 cP	SAE 10 Motor Oil.....	100.0 cP
Ethyl Alcohol.....	1.2 cP	Soybean Oil.....	69.3 cP
Glycerin.....	1,490 cP	Tar or Pitch.....	30,000,000.000 cP
Glycol.....	19.9 cP	Air @ 18°C.....	0.018 2 cP
Heavy Machine Oil.....	233 cP	Air @ 229°C.....	0.026 38 cP
Honey.....	10,000 cP	Liquid Air @ -192.3°C.....	0.173 cP
Hydrogen.....	0.008 6 cP	Water.....	1.002 cP
Kerosene.....	10.0 cP	Water @ 99°C.....	0.2848 cP
		Water Vapor @100°C.....	0.125 5

Viscosity Conversion: Centistokes= Centipoise/Specific Gravity (SG)
 Centipoise= 0.22 x SG x SSU - (180 x SG/SSU)
 SSU= Viscosity in Saybolt Seconds Universal

Still not sure which technology works for you? Narrowed down your choice to one technology, but need more help with specific models? Visit www.Lesman.com/datasheets and fill out an application datasheet. We'll work with our factory sales engineers to recommend the best instrument for your application.

Dielectric Constants for Common Materials

Unless stated otherwise, values are measured at 68°F

Material	Temp. °F/°C	Dielectric Constant	Material	Temp. °F/°C	Dielectric Constant
Acetal		3.6	Methanol	77/25	33.6
Acetaldehyde		22.2	Methyl acetate		7.3
Acetone.....		21.4	Methyl alcohol.....		33.1
Acrylic resin	2.7 to 6		Methyl ether.....	78/26	5
Alcohol	16 to 31		Methyl salicylate		9
Aluminium carbonate		5.6	Mica		4.5 to 7.5
Aluminium chlorate		5.1	Napthalene.....		2.5
Aluminium ether		3.1	Nylon		4 to 5
Aluminium powder		1.6 to 1.8	Oil, mineral		2.2 to 2.4
Ammonia.....	-27/-332	2.4	Oils, petroleum		1.8 to 2.2
Ash (flyash)		1.9 to 2.6	Oils, vegetable		2.5 to 3.5
Bakelite		4.5 to 5.5	Olefin		3.2
Barley, powder		3.4 to 4.0	Oleic acid		2.5
Benzene		2.3	Paraffin		1.9 to 2.5
Benzil	202/94	13	Pentane.....		1.8
Bleaching powder		1.8 to 2.0	Phenol	118/47	9.9
Bromine		3.1	Phenolic resin		4 to 12
Butane.....	30/-1	1.4	Phosgene.....	32/0	4.7
Calcium carbonate		1.8 to 2.0	Polyacetal resin		2.6 to 3.7
Carbon dioxide		1.6	Polycarbonate resin		2.9 to 3
Carbon tetrachloride.....		2.2	Polyester resin		2.8 to 4.5
Castor oil.....	60/16	4.7	Polystyrene resin		2.2 to 2.6
Cellulose		6.7	Propane.....	32/0	1.6
Chlorine		2.1	Rubber, raw		2.1 to 2.7
Chloroform	32/0	5.5	Rubber, vulcanized		2.0 to 3.5
Coal		1.2 to 1.8	Silica sand		2.5 to 3.5
Coke, powder		1.1 to 2.2	Silicon resin		3.5 to 5
Corn		2.3 to 2.6	Silicon tetrachloride		2.4
Cyclohexane.....		2	Soap, powder		1.2 to 1.5
Dimethylheptane		1.9	Sodium carbonate		5.3 to 8.4
Dimethylpentane		1	Sodium nitrate		5.2
Ethanol.....	77/25	24.3	Soybean		1.8 to 2.0
Ethyl acetate.....		6.4	Styrene (styrol resin).....	77/25	2.4
Ethyl alcohol		23	Sugar		3
Ethyl benzene.....		2.5	Sulfur monoxide		4.8
Ethyl ether.....		4.3	Sulfur, powder		1.5 to 1.8
Ethylene chloride.....		10.5	Teflon		2
Ethylene glycol		37	Toluene		2.4
Ferric oxide	1.4 to 1.8		Trichloethylene		3.4
Formic acid	60/16	58.5	Urethane		6.5 to 7.1
Glass raw material		2.0 to 2.5	Vinyl ether.....		3.9
Glass-silicon plate		3.5 to 4.2	Water		80
Glycerine		47	Wheat, powder		2.5 to 3
Glycol		36	Xylene.....		2.4
Heptane		1.9			
Hexane		1.9			
Hydrogen chloride.....	82/28	4.6			
Kerosene.....	70/21	1.8			
Manganese dioxide		5.0 to 5.2			