

Model: ACC18B Signal Conditioner

(Two-Wire Frequency to Analog Current Transmitter)

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PREFACE

This manual provides all the necessary information to correctly install, operate, maintain and troubleshoot the Model ACC-18B two wire current transmitter.

The ACC-18B is intended to provide the user with a suitable interface between a frequency generating device and a data acquisition system.

This manual is organized to provide ease of use. Individual sections are provided to cover the Introduction, Installation, Functional Description, Calibration, Maintenance and Troubleshooting. Illustrations have been used to improve the clarity of information provided in this manual.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 INTRODUCTION

The Model ACC18B is a two wire frequency to current transmitter that allows convenient interfacing to the turbine flowmeter which provides an analog current output proportional to flow rate.

The input signal conditioning circuitry is designed to accept the low level turbine flowmeter signal while providing rejection of unwanted noise and spurious signals. The output signal is a DC current which is proportional to flow rate.

1.2 PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

INPUT:

- Input protected, RF and band pass filtered adjustable trigger level.
- Input Impedance 40 kilo ohm (nominal).
- Trigger Sensitivity 10 millivolt RMS (minimum) 10 Hz to 1000 Hz.
- Over voltage 120 volts RMS absolute (max.).

CURRENT OUTPUT:

- Accuracy +/- .05% of full scale
- Temperature drift +/- 200 PPM/ °C.
- Available range 4-20 Ma and 10-50 Ma.
- Response time 0.5 seconds for 10 to 90%.
- Load Resistance: Dependent on excitation voltage (See Figure -1).

$$R_{LOAD} = \frac{V_{EXT} - 8}{I_{F.S.}}$$

Where V_{EXT} = Excitation Voltage
 $I_{F.S.}$ = Full Scale Current

- Output ripple less than 0.2% of F.S.

INPUT POWER:

- 8-35 VDC unregulated

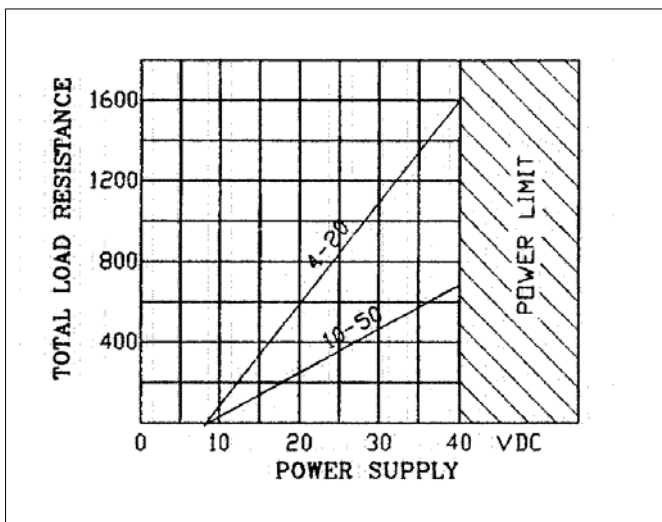
ENVIRONMENTAL:

- Operating 0-70 °C
- Storage -20-70 °C

ENCLOSURES:

- General purpose (standard) Case, NEMA- 4, Explosion Proof

Figure 1-1 Load Resistance



1.3 ORDERING INFORMATION

MODEL ACC18B-(A)-(B)

ANALOG OUTPUT

ENCLOSURE STYLE

ANALOG OUTPUT

MODEL ACC18B-(A)-()

OPTION (A)

- (1) 4-20 MA (UN-ISOLATED)
- (2) 10-50 MA (UN-ISOLATED)
- (1T) 4-20 MA (ISOLATED)

ENCLOSURE STYLE

MODEL ACC18B-()-(B)

OPTION (B)

- (1) STYLE 1 CASE, GENERAL PURPOSE
- (3H/O) STYLE 3 CASE, EXPLOSION-PROOF WITH WATER TIGHT
MEETS CLASS I, GROUP D (KILARK GECCT-3) STOCK
#200-0400/200-0398
CLASS II, GROUPS E, F & G
CLASS III
- (3B/O) STYLE 3 CASE, GROUP B WITH WATER TIGHT 'O' RING
(GROUP B - ADALET HKB/HK2D, STOCK #200-0406/200-0405)

NOTE: INSERT (X) IN MODEL NUMBER FOR EVERY OPTION NOT SPECIFIED.

1.4 WARRANTY

Hoffer Flow Controls warrants that all equipment will be free from defects in workmanship and material provided that such equipment was properly selected for the service intended, properly installed, and not misused. Equipment which is returned transportation prepaid to Hoffer Flow Controls within 12 months after delivery of goods, or 18 months from date of shipment on equipment for destination outside the United States, and is found by Hoffer Flow Controls inspection to be defective in workmanship or material, will be repaired or replaced at Hoffer Flow Controls sole option, free of charge and returned shipped using the lowest cost transportation prepaid.

In the event of product failure contact Hoffer Flow Controls at 919-331-1997 or 800-628-4584, for issuance of a **Returned Material Authorization (RMA)** number.

1.5 ENCLOSURE DETAIL

The ACC18B is may be packaged in either the General Purpose case (Style 1), in an Explosion Proof case (Style 3H/O), or in the NEMA 4 case (Style 5). Dimensions are given in Figures 1-2, 1-3, and 1-4.

Figure 1-2 General Purpose Case (Style 1)

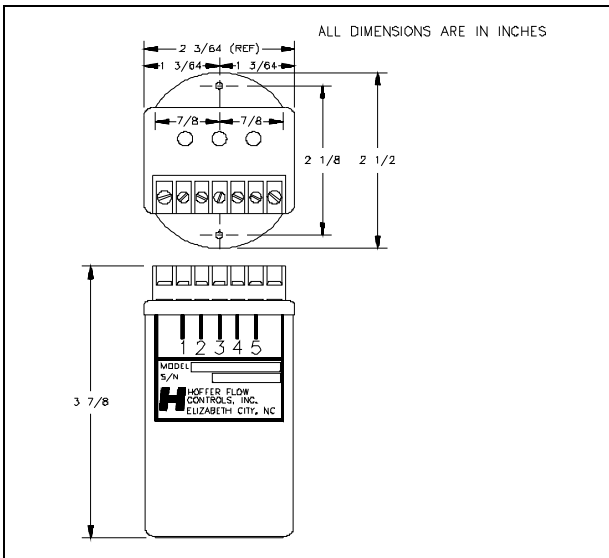


Figure 1-3 Explosion Proof Case (Style 3H/O and 3B/O)

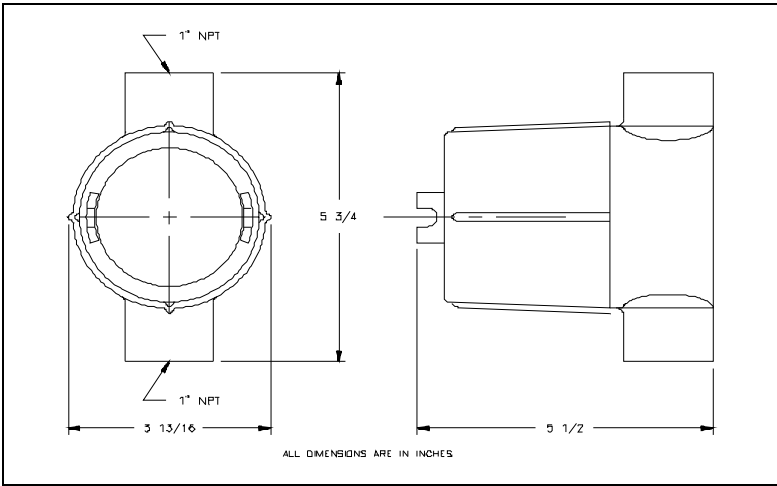
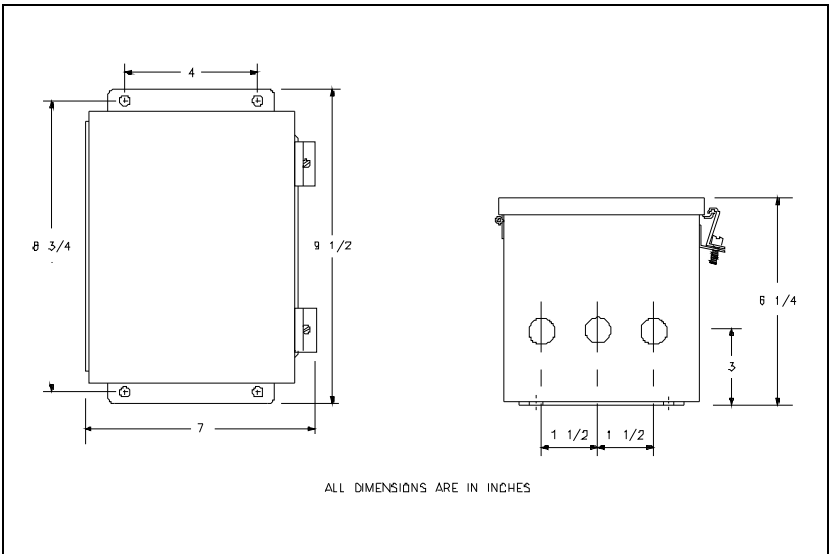


Figure 1-4 NEMA 4 Case (Style 5)



1.6 SHIPPING AND HANDLING

CAUTION - The ACC18B is a static-sensitive device and standard practice for static sensitive parts should be observed.

In the event of malfunctioning equipment the following guidelines should be observed for the preparation and shipment of the equipment. Failure to do so may result in the material reaching its destination damaged.

The electronic unit due to its **STATIC SENSITIVE** nature should be wrapped in a material conforming to MIL-B-81705, Type II, and packaged in a heat sealable bag conforming to MIL-P-81997. These steps are necessary to protect the equipment from electrostatic charge(s) that may occur during handling.

The package should then be marked with a sensitive electronic device caution label conforming to MIL-STD-129, appendix C. The equipment should then be wrapped in cushioning material, and placed into a close fitting box conforming to PPP-B-636 Domestic class.

The exterior shipping container should be marked with a sensitive electronic device caution label conforming to MIL-STD-129, appendix C.

Clearly mark the factory provided RMA number on all paperwork and shipping packaging.

2 INSTALLATION

2.1 INSTALLATION WIRING LAYOUT FOR INTERCONNECTIONS

In considering the interconnections between the flowmeter and the flow measurement system some attention must be given to anticipated noise sources and to the coupling of these noise sources to the interconnecting wiring.

Noise signals may be coupled inductively or capacitively into the wiring between the sensor and the electronic measuring systems. In general, utilizing a shielded, twisted pair for the interconnection greatly reduces this coupling. The shield should be grounded on one end of the cable only. In general, grounding only on the electronic measuring system is best.

However, even with proper interconnecting cabling cross talk with other signal lines or power lines may still occur and should be avoided. Physical isolation of the wiring reduces the chance of potential problems.

2.2 INSTALLATION OF THE ACC18B

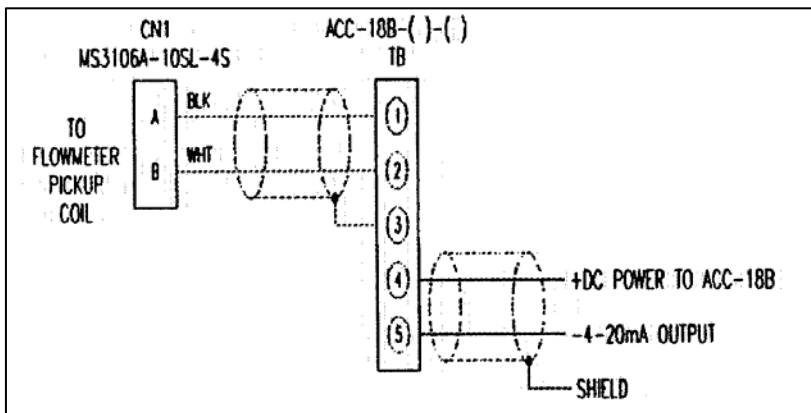
The model ACC18B should be placed in a convenient location which maintains access to the unit should repairs or readjustment be required.

Refer to wiring installation Figure 2-1 for appropriate terminals for interconnections. Connections to the terminal block should be carefully dressed to avoid having bare wires extending past the screw clamp on the terminal block. This is particularly important for units mounted within the explosion proof enclosure. Wires should be neatly dressed near the bottom of the enclosure to prevent problems when the cover is installed.

Connect two conductor shielded cable from the flowmeter.
Connect shield to ACC18B only.

Unit is powered by a DC voltage which must be within 8 to 35 volts. Connect power as outlined in installation drawing.

Figure 2-1 Installation wiring



3 FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

3.1 INTRODUCTION

The ACC18B is a two wire current transmitter which will provide an analog output current proportional to rate of flow. The unit is intended to provide the user with a suitable interface between a flow measurement sensor and a data acquisition system.

3.2 PRINCIPLE OF OPERATION

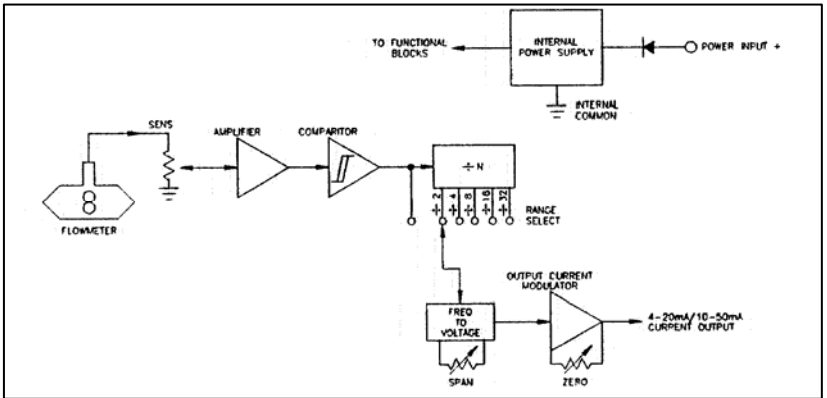
A block diagram showing functional blocks of the unit is depicted in Figure 3.1. The principle of operation is as follows. The electronics unit receives the signal from the flowmeter pickup coil and converts it to a current output proportional to flow rate.

The electronics unit requires loop power of 8 to 35 VDC. The frequency signal which is generated from the flowmeter is connected to the ACC18B with a twisted shielded pair cable. The signal enters the SENSITIVITY control which is used to reject unwanted noise by raising the trigger threshold above the background noise present.

The low level flowmeter signal is then passed through a signal conditioning chain where it is filtered, amplified and shaped into a train of digital pulses whose frequency is related to the volume flow rate and where each pulse represents a discrete volume of fluid.

The signal entering the frequency to voltage converter is passed through a combination of a divide by N and a DIP switch matrix. The divide by N output is chosen whose pulse rate is between 75 and 150 Hz at the maximum flow rate measured. This scaled pulse rate is then filtered into an analog voltage. This voltage is proportional to volumetric flow rate. The resulting output voltage related to flow is then fed into the output amplifier. The output amplifier is a voltage to current amplifier and offers ZERO and SPAN adjustments and is available in standard process ranges of either 4-20mA or 10-50mA.

Figure 3.1 Block Diagram



4 CALIBRATION PROCEDURE

4.1 INTRODUCTION

In general, all flow measurement systems supplied by Hoffer Flow Controls have been factory calibrated as specified by the user, at the time of purchase, free of charge.

All systems which underwent such a factory calibration have a calibration setup sheet included with the shipment. This sheet contains the details of analog outputs, as well as, other useful calibration data.

Field calibration is only required when a change has occurred or is sought to the measuring system. Such a change may be due to repair, replacement or recalibration of the flowmeter or perhaps a change in the analog output span.

4.2 REQUIRED TEST EQUIPMENT

In order to calibrate and troubleshoot the ACC18B the following suggested equipment list is provided:

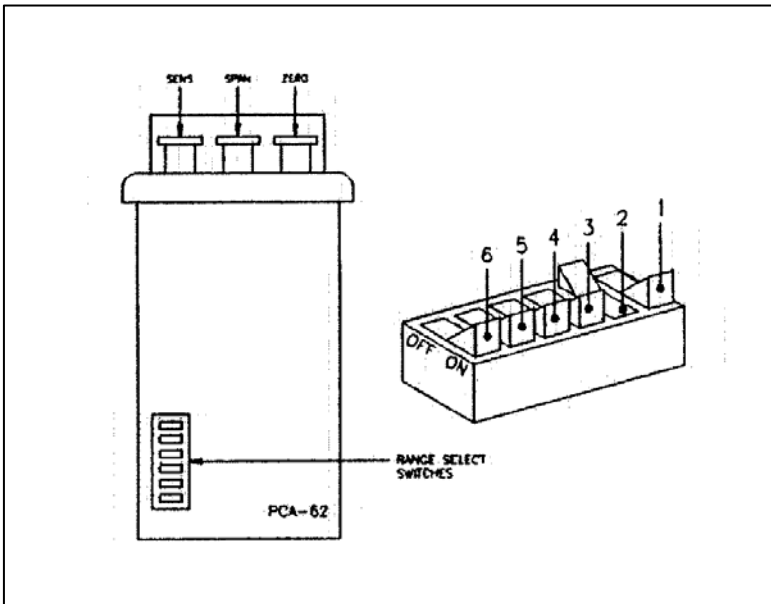
MANUFACTURER	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
Fluke	8060A	True RMS Multimeter
Simpson	420	Function Generator
Viz	WD-755	Multi Function Counter
Spectrol	8-T000	Adjustment Tool

4.3 CONTROLS AND ADJUSTMENTS

- SENSITIVITY:** A twenty turn control used to set the threshold sensitivity level above the ambient noise pickup.
- RANGE:** A dual in line (DIP) switch located within the enclosure which is used to program the module to accept an input frequency range.
- SPAN:** A multiple turn adjustment which is used to set the current output signal to the desired span corresponding to the equivalent flow range. (i.e., 4 to 20 mA corresponding to 0-100 GPM).
- ZERO:** A multiple turn adjustment which is used to set output signal with no flow to the desired "zero" value. (i.e., 4 mA).

NOTE: IT IS NECESSARY TO OPEN THE COVER OF THE ENCLOSURE BY REMOVING TWO SCREWS ON SIDE OF BOX AND LIFTING COVER. TWO PRINTED CIRCUIT CARDS ARE ATTACHED. THE "RANGE" DIP SWITCH MAY BE PROGRAMMED WITH A PEN.

Figure 4-1 Control and Adjustment Detail



4.4 PROCEDURE

Begin by determining the equivalent maximum volumetric flow rate in GPM, expected by the application, term this GPM (MAX). GPM (MAX) may be calculated based on the analog output scale requirements or may be the maximum flow rate listed on the flowmeter's calibration sheet.

From the calibration constant (or K Factor) listed on the data sheet for the flowmeter, obtain the frequency corresponding to GPM (MAX) using Equation -1 and designate this frequency F (MAX).

Equation 1:

$$F_{MAX} = \frac{GPM_{MAX} \times K_{AVE}}{60}$$

Where: F_{MAX} is the maximum input frequency.
 K_{AVE} is the average calibration factor.

The analog output of the ACC18B may be calibrated with the aid of an external oscillator used in conjunction with a frequency counter.

The external oscillator is used to supply a test frequency. In this method, the external oscillator is connected to the signal input terminals as shown in Figure 4-2. The oscillator's output frequency is set to equal F (MAX) as indicated on the frequency counter.

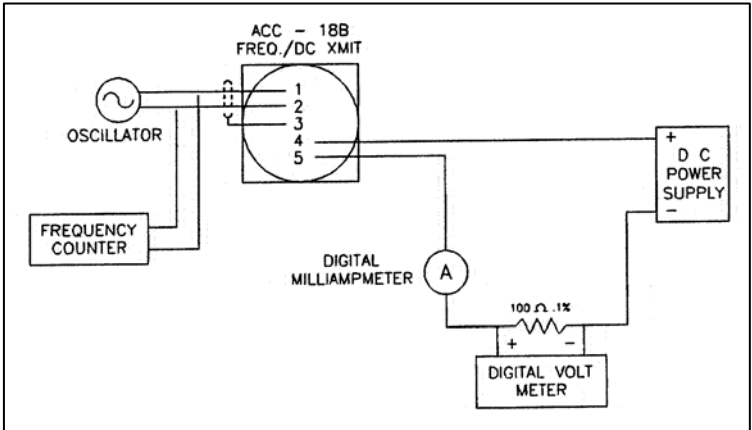
- The course range adjustment is accomplished by selecting a switch position on a DIP switch located on the PCA-62 printed circuit card. See Table 4-1 to determine required switch position and set into switch as shown in Figure 4-1 for anticipated F_{MAX} .

Table 4-1 : Range Select

INPUT FREQUENCY FMAX	SWITCH POSITION
75 TO 150 Hz	1
150 TO 300 Hz	2
300 TO 600 Hz	3
600 TO 1200 Hz	4
1200 TO 2400 Hz	5
2400 TO 4800 Hz	6

- Connect a digital milliammeter or digital voltmeter as shown in Figure 4-2.

Figure 4-2 Test Setup



- Adjust SPAN control fully counter clockwise or 20 turns.
- Inject the test frequency equal to Fmax while adjusting SPAN for current equal to the desired Full Scale current output, (i.e., 20 mA or 50 mA).
- Adjust ZERO control for desired zero current (i.e., 20 mA or 50 mA). See test setup shown in Figure 4-2.
- Iterate SPAN and ZERO adjustment for the desired current output until no change is observed.

5 MAINTENANCE

5.1 INTRODUCTION

Hoffer Flow Controls flow measurement systems are constructed to give a long service life in the targeted measuring field and service environment. However, problems do occur from time to time and the following points should be considered for preventative maintenance and repairs.

The bearing type used in the flowmeter was chosen to give compromise between long life, chemical resistance, ease of maintenance and performance. A preventative maintenance schedule should be established to determine the amount of wear which has occurred since last overhaul. See user's manual for flowmeter for further instructions.

A spare parts list has been provided which, at the discretion of the user, may be user stocked. Consult with the manufacturer if an abridged spare parts list is sought. The recommended spare list may be found following this section and in the user's manual for the flowmeter.

In case the flow measurement system malfunctions or becomes inoperative, a trouble shooting procedure follows.

Factory consultation is available to assist in diagnosing problems. In addition, factory repair parts and service are available for individuals who wish to utilize this service.

5.2 TROUBLE SHOOTING AND MAINTENANCE

- ALL PRINTED CIRCUIT CARDS ARE WARRANTED FOR ONE YEAR AFTER DATE OF SALE.
- ALL PRINTED CIRCUIT CARDS MAY BE FACTORY REPAIRED AT A NOMINAL FEE FOR PARTS AND LABOR AFTER WARRANTY PERIOD.

In case of an inoperable or malfunctioning system the following procedures can be used to isolate the faulty wiring, printed circuit boards and/or alternate causes. The majority of repairs can be made in the field thereby reducing the time a unit is out of service.

The necessary documentation is contained within this manual with the exception of the calibration data sheet for the turbine flowmeter. This calibration is supplied separately.

Factory consultation is available to assist in diagnosing problems.

Please note that in some cases factory repairs can be performed more easily than can be accomplished in the field.

Failure conditions are listed and the possible corrective actions given to eliminate the observed problem.

OBSERVED CONDITION	CORRECTION ACTION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANALOG OUTPUT WITH NO FLOW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOISE ON INPUT. SLOWLY TURN “SENS” POT CCW UNTIL FALSE INDICATION STOPS. NOTE THAT IN FULL CCW POSITION THE UNIT WILL NOT FUNCTION. • REPLACE FLOWMETER PICKUP COIL. • DEFECTIVE UNIT, REPAIR OR REPLACE.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INCORRECT ZERO READING WITH NO FLOW. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VERIFY THAT POWER SUPPLY VOLTAGE IS SUFFICIENT FOR THE REQUIRED LOAD RESISTANCE. • UNIT IS OUT OF CALIBRATION. RECALIBRATE. • DEFECTIVE UNIT, REPAIR OR REPLACE.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CURRENT OUTPUT EXCEEDS DESIRED SPAN. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FLOWMETER BEING USED BEYOND CALIBRATED SPAN OF THE UNIT. • CALIBRATION INCORRECT, RECALIBRATE. • DEFECTIVE UNIT, REPAIR OR REPLACE.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO OUTPUT CURRENT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POWER SUPPLY POLARITY REVERSED, VERIFY INSTALLATION WIRING. • SHORT ON FLOWMETER PICKUP COIL OR SHIELD. REPLACE COIL AND CHECK WIRING. • DEFECTIVE UNIT, REPAIR OR REPLACE.

5.3 REPLACEMENT PARTS

PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
ACC18B-1-1	4 TO 20 mA OUTPUT ASSEMBLY
ACC18B-2-1	10 TO 50 mA OUTPUT ASSEMBLY

