Model: CAT3
DC or AC Powered Microprocessor
Controlled Transmitter

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1. Introduction

The CAT3 is a versatile DC or AC powered microprocessor-based transmitter, which provides pulse output, analog output and High/Low flow alarm options. Up to 3 circuit boards may be installed to provide a variety of input/output options.

The flowmeter input circuitry will accept a variety of signal types including, low level sinusoidal, MCP/RF, pulse and contact closure. Optional 20-point linearization is available to correct for flowmeter non-linearities, improving overall system accuracy. The CAT3 is compatible with all Hoffer turbine flowmeters as well as the H.O.G. series positive displacement flowmeters.

CAT3 Block Diagram

An RS232 communications port located under the top plate allows CAT3 to be remotely configured using DevConfig 3.0, a PC application program that is included with all units.
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The standard unit is packaged in an extruded aluminum enclosure for wall mounting or may be mounted directly on a flowmeter using an optional NEMA 4X or EX enclosure. An optional bracket is also available for mounting on standard DIN rail.
1.1 Model Number Designation

**PULSE INPUT**

MODEL **CAT3-(A)-(B)-(C)-(D)-(E)-(F)-(G)**

- **OPTION (A)**
  1. MAG COIL, PULSE, DRY CONTACT
  2. MC3P
  3. ISOLATED PULSE, RPM, RPR AND HALL EFFECT COILS

**LINEARIZED PULSE OUTPUT**

MODEL **CAT3-(A)-(B)-(C)-(D)-(E)-(F)-(G)**

- **OPTION (B)**
  1. 0-5 TTL / CMOS
  2. OPEN COLLECTOR
  3. OPEN COLLECTOR WITH PULL UP TO V+
  4. AC SQUARE WAVE
  5. 0-10V SQUARE WAVE

**NOTE:** NOT RECOMMENDED FOR USE AS A FLOW RATE SIGNAL. MAXIMUM INPUT SENSOR FREQUENCY ALLOWED IS 100Hz.

**LINEARIZED ANALOG OUTPUT**

MODEL **CAT3-(A)-(B)-(C)-(D)-(E)-(F)-(G)**

- **OPTION (C)**
  1. 4-20 MA
  5. 1-5 VDC

**POWER SUPPLY**

MODEL **CAT3-(A)-(B)-(C)-(D)-(E)-(F)-(G)**

- **OPTION (D)**
  1. 13-30 VDC
  2. 100-240 VAC

**NOTE:** WHEN (AC) IS SELECTED, THE ALARM OPTION IS NOT AVAILABLE. USE REMOTE ACC39B POWER SUPPLY IF REQUIRED.
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ALARM OUTPUT
MODEL CAT3-( )-( )-( )-( )-(E)-( )-( )
OPTION ( E )
(4) HIGH OPEN COLLECTOR
(5) HIGH TTL / CMOS
(6) HIGH RELAY ONE SPDT, CONTACT RATED @ 2A 30V
(7) LOW OPEN COLLECTOR
(8) LOW TTL / CMOS
(9) LOW RELAY ONE SPDT, CONTACT RATED @ 2A 30V

NOTE: WHEN ALARM OPTION IS SELECTED, (AC) POWER IS NOT AVAILABLE. USE REMOTE ACC39B POWER SUPPLY.

ENCLOSURE STYLE
MODEL CAT3-( )-( )-( )-( )-(F)-( )-( )
OPTIONS ( F )
(1) GENERAL PURPOSE.
2.6"L X 2.6"H X 2.6"W MINIMUM MOUNTING SPACE.

(D) 2" LONG DIN RAIL MOUNT SINGLE UNIT.
UP TO 20 CAT3 UNITS CAN BE MOUNTED ON A SINGLE RAIL. ADD 2" PER UNIT.

(E3) EXPLOSION-PROOF (ALL CONDUIT PORTS ARE ¾” FNPT)

(E3M) EXPLOSION-PROOF (CONDUIT PORTS D2 & D3 = M20 THR’D);

(E4)* EXPLOSION-PROOF - FOR USE WITH AC POWERED CAT ONLY (NOT Ex d SYSTEM CERTIFIED)
*FOR Ex d CERTIFIED SYSTEM USE E6 OR E6M ENCLOSURE

(E6) EXPLOSION-PROOF STAINLESS STEEL
(ALL CONDUIT PORTS ARE ¾"FNPT)

(E6M) EXPLOSION-PROOF STAINLESS STEEL (M20 NOT AVAILABLE FOR CANADA)

NOTE: FOR UL LISTED EXPLOSION-PROOF APPLICATIONS CONTACT FACTORY.
SPECIAL FEATURES

MODEL CAT3-( )-( )-( )-( )-( )-( G )

OPTIONS ( G )

(CE) MARK REQUIRED FOR EUROPE

(SP) ANY SPECIAL FEATURES THAT ARE NOT COVERED IN THE MODEL NUMBER, USE A WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE -SP

(MIL) DESIGNED TO MEET EMC STDS EN5011-1992 AND EN61326-1:1997

(CFX) 6.75” LONG RISER AND UNION FOR EXPLOSION-PROOF SYSTEM CERTIFIED ENCLOSURES MOUNTED ON TURBINE. USED WITH “X” RISER TURBINE OPTION AND (EXP) OR (EX) SPECIAL FEATURES OPTION UNDER FLOWMETERS AS FOLLOWS:

(EXP) FOR CANADIAN INSTALLATION OR (EX) FOR NON-CANADIAN INSTALLATION.

NOTE: IF PROCESS TEMP IS < -40°C AND > 79°C, EX-PROOF ENCLOSURE MUST BE MOUNTED REMOTELY.

(C) REMOTED MOUNTED FOR EXPLOSION-PROOF SYSTEM CERTIFIED ENCLOSURE. FOR USE WITH (C-EXP) OR (EX) SPECIAL FEATURES UNDER FLOWMETERS AS FOLLOWS:

(EXP) FOR CANADIAN INSTALLATION OR (EX) FOR NON-CANADIAN INSTALLATION.

NOTE: “X” RISER, CERTIFIED UNION, REDUCER AND ENCLOSURE (TO BE SPECIFIED) MOUNTED ON FLOWMETER

(X) NO SPECIAL FEATURES

STYLE E3, E3M, E6 AND E6M SYSTEM CERTIFIED RATINGS

- CSA/FM: CLASS I, DIV. 1, GR. BCD; CLASS II, DIV. 1, GR. EFG; CLASS III, TYPE 4X,
  CLASS I ZONE 1 AEx db IIB + H2 T6/T5 Gb,
  Ex d IIB+H2 T6/T5; Gb; Ex tb T80°C/T86°C IIIc Db; IP66
  CLASS I, ZONE 21 AEx tb T80°C/T86°C IIIc Db; IP 66

- ATEX/IECEx: II 2 G Ex db IIB + H2, T6/T5 Gb
  II 2 D Ex tb IIIc T80°C/T86°C Db; IP66
  T6: -40°C ≤ Ta ≤ 79°C; T5: -40°C ≤ Ta ≤ 85°C

NOTES: 1. IF ENCLOSURE IS MOUNTED ON TURBINE FLOWMETER, RISER MUST BE SPECIFIED ON METER.

2. PULSE SCALING IS SUPPLIED AS A STANDARD IN THE BASE PRIZE AND IS SCALED TO THE UNIT MEASURE.

3. WINDOWS® BASED SETUP AND CABLE KIT CONSISTS OF:
   1 EA. HIT2A-301
   1EA. CABLE MODEL 26886
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2. Specifications

General Specifications

Input Signal Type: Magnetic pick up, MCP pick up, Contact Closure, Pulse

Input Frequency Range: 0.2 Hz to 4 KHz

Signal Level: 10 mV rms to 30 Vdc

Power Supply: 13-30 Vdc (Reverse polarity protected)
               100-240 Vac (Fuse rating 0.5A, 250 Vac)

Analog Output: 4-20mA, 1-5V

Analog Output Response Time: 1/8 sec.*

Load Resistance: Max 650 Ohms at 24 Vdc

Accuracy: +/- 0.02% of full scale @ 20° C

Temperature Drift: 40ppm/deg C

Pulse Output: 0-5, 0-10V, Open Collector, AC square
               Internal pull-up resistor 2.7k Ohms
               Recommended load min. 50k Ohms

Maximum Pulse Frequency: 1, 2, 4, 8, 100, 50% Duty Cycle

Pulse Scaling: Per flow unit of measure, divide by 1, 10, 100

Hi/Lo Alarm: Relay (2A, 30 Vdc), 0-5V, Open Collector (0.5A, 30 Vdc)

Communications: RS232 port for Configuration and diagnostics

Operating Temperature: T5 and STD: -40° ≤ Ta ≤ 85° C
                       T6: -40° ≤ Ta ≤ 79° C

Humidity: 0-90% Non-condensing

Enclosure: Extruded aluminum
           DIN rail mount
           Explosion Proof

Regulatory: CE compliant

*Limited by signal frequency and MST settings. Refer to Section 3.4.

Options

20 Point Linearization
3. Installation and Operation

3.1 Power Supply

DC Power (13-30 VDC)

AC Power (100-240 VAC)

AC power for CAT3 requires an optional circuit board, PCA182. The Alarm option (PCA184) is not available when the AC Power option is equipped.
3.2 Flowmeter Input

The Preamp circuitry for conditioning the flow signal is located on PCA180. The following drawings illustrate typical connections and switch settings on PCA180 for various input signals.

**Magnetic Pickup Coil**

![Magnetic Pickup Coil Diagram](Image)

**MCP/RF Coil**

![MCP/RF Coil Diagram](Image)
Redi-Pulse (TTL Pulse)

Redi-Pulse (Open Collector)

PCA180 SW1
3.3 Pulse Output

CAT3 provides a Pulse Output option that is scaled per flow unit of measure by a factor of 1, 10 or 100. Pulse output frequency varies with flow rate. The maximum frequency can be set at 1, 2, 4, 8, 100 Hz. The following drawings illustrate typical connections and switch settings for various pulse output options.

TTL(0-5V), 0-10V, High Level (DC In), AC Square

![Diagram of Pulse Output Connections]

TTL(0-5V), 0-10V, AC Square

PCA180 SW2

High Level Pulse, AC Square
Open Collector, Isolated Pulse

PCA180 SW2

Open Collector

PCA180 SW2

Isolated Pulse
### 3.4 Analog Output

CAT3 provides an Analog Output option that will output an analog current or voltage that is proportional to the flow rate.

**Analog Output**

The Microcontroller, located on PCA183, accepts the square-wave output of the preamplifier and performs all of the calculations that are required to control the Loop Driver. After measuring the frequency of the square-wave, the Microcontroller uses the following equations to compute the flow rate and current.

\[
\text{flowrate} = \frac{\text{frequency}}{K\text{factor}} \times 60^\text{FM} \times CF
\]
Where:

\[
\text{Kfactor} = \text{Is dependent on the Flow Calculation Method setting and is either the Average K-Factor or the Linearized K-Factor from the Frequency / K-Factor table.}
\]

\[
\text{FM} = \text{Is the Flow rate Units setting of 0, 1, or 2. Where “0” is for Seconds, “1” is for Minutes, and “2” is for Hours.}
\]

\[
\text{CF} = \text{Is the Correction Factor setting.}
\]

\[
\text{current} = 4mA + \left(16mA \times \frac{\text{flowrate}}{AF}\right)
\]

Where:

\[
\text{AF} = \text{Is the 20 mA maximum Flow rate value.}
\]

If the calculated flowrate is greater than the AF setting, the current will be set to 24mA to indicate an “Over-range” condition. After calculating the current, the Microcontroller digitally sends the current information to the Loop Driver. The loop driver, located on PCA183, uses the digital information sent to it by the Microcontroller to set the current of the loop. The Loop Driver also supplies power to the Microcontroller.

The analog output response time to reach steady state due to a change in the flow rate is approximately 1/8 of a second. When flow stops, the time for the analog output to return to 4 mA will be between .25 and 8 seconds, depending on the Maximum Sample Time (MST) setting. MST is adjusted using the NB= (DATA) command, where NB is a value between 1 and 80. The default MST setting is NB= 1. Adjusting the MST is only recommended for low flow applications where the minimum input frequency is below 1 Hz.
3.5 Alarm Outputs

CAT3 provides an optional High/Low Flow Alarm feature. Alarms require an optional circuit board, PCA184. The Alarm option is not available when the AC Power option is equipped. The drawings below illustrate the typical connections and switch settings for various alarm options.

Hi/Lo Alarm Relay

Hi/Lo Alarm TTL(0-5V)
Hi/Lo Alarm Open Collector

![Diagram of Hi/Lo Alarm Open Collector]

PCA184
SW1
3.6 Communications Port

CAT3 is equipped with RS232 serial communication port for changing CAT3 configuration, diagnostics functions, and flow monitoring. Hoffer communication program DevConfig 3.0 must be used to communicate with CAT3.

The RS232 serial port connector is located under the top plate of CAT3 and may be accessed by removing the two screws from the top plate. A matching connector is provided with HOFFER HIT2A-301 Communications Cable. CAT3 unit has to be powered from external supply in order to be able to communicate. Additional power for CAT3 communication circuitry is supplied by the RS232 serial port of the computer/terminal. COM port settings must be set as follows:

- Baud Rate: 2400
- Data Bits: 8
- Parity: None
- Stop bits: 1
- Handshaking: None

HOFFER HIT2A-301 Communications Cable
3.7 Wiring

When installing CAT3, it is a good practice to use shielded cables for all input and output signals. The shield should be connected to the earth ground lug on the CAT3. The shield on the opposite end of the cable should be left open. Connections are made to the CAT3 terminal blocks using wire gauges 16 to 28 AWG and 12 to 26 AWG (AC Power), tightening Torque 0.22 to 0.25Nm.

This wiring practice is mandatory in order to comply with the requirements for Electromagnetic Compatibility, as per EMC-Directive 2014/30/EU of the Council of European Community.
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APPENDIX B - Declaration of Conformity

EU Declaration of Conformity – CAT Series Transmitters

Manufacturer: Hoffer Flow Controls Inc, 107 Kitty Hawk Ln, Elizabeth City, NC 27909

Equipment: Flame Proof Transmitters

NOTE: “X” in Model number may be any combination of numbers and characters representing specific options.

Marking: With Aluminum Explosion Proof Enclosure

Class I, Division 1, Groups BCD; Class II, Division 1, Groups E,F,G; Class III; Type 4X;
Ex d IIB+H2 T6/T5; Gb; Ex tb T80°C/T86°C IIIIC Db; IP66;
Class I, Zone 1, AEx db IIB+H2 T6/T5; Gb; Class I, Zone 21, AEx tb T80°C/T86°C IIIIC Db; IP66:

II 2 G Ex db IIB+H2 T6/T5 Gb
II 2 D Ex tb IIIIC T80°C/T86°C Db IP66
T6 = -40°C to +79°C; T5 = -40°C to +85°C

Seal within 50mm of enclosure.

Marking: With Stainless Steel Enclosure

Class I, Division 1, Groups BCD; Class II, Division 1, Groups E,F,G; Class III; Type 4X;
Ex d IIB+H2 T6/T5; Gb; Ex tb T80°C/T86°C IIIIC Db; IP66;
Class I, Zone 1, AEx db IIB+H2 T6/T5; Gb; Class I, Zone 21, AEx tb T80°C/T86°C IIIIC Db; IP66:

II 2 G Ex db IIB+H2 T5/T6 Gb
II 2 D Ex tb IIIIC T86°C Db IP66
T6 = -40°C to +79°C; T5 = -40°C to +85°C

Seal within 18” of enclosure.
We hereby declare that the product, which is subject of this declaration, is in conformity with the following standards:


EC-Type Examination Certificate and IECEX Certificate issued by:

TUV Rheinland Industrie Service GmbH
Am Grauen Stein
D-51105 Köln
Country : Germany

Notified Body Number: 0035

CSA-Type Examination Certification issued by:

CSA Group Testing & Certification Inc.
Edmonton, AB, Canada T6N 1E6
APPENDIX C - Installation and Conditions for Safe Use Drawings for Certified Systems
Appendix C - Installation and Safe Use Drawings

**Conditions for Safe Use**

1. Do not remove the gland seals, any relief of containable gas may result.
2. Select an installation location so that the enclosure will not be subjected to impact of heavy objects.
3. All valves, joints, etc. must be secured and must be able to be identified by fingerprints for the correctness of use and correctly installed.
4. Gasket and/or must be sealed at the enclosure wall.

**Marking**

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**Installation**

- ATEX/IECEx
- Ex. IED B3p EEx ia IIC T5
- CAT-312
- CAT-312 A

**Features**

- CAT-312
- CAT-312 A
- CAT-312 B
- CAT-312 C
- CAT-312 D
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- CAT-312 G
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- CAT-312 L
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- CAT-312 O
- CAT-312 P
- CAT-312 Q
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- CAT-312 S
- CAT-312 T
- CAT-312 U
- CAT-312 V
- CAT-312 W
- CAT-312 X
- CAT-312 Y
- CAT-312 Z

**Notes**

- Flowmeter process rating
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