

# **FLOWLINE**

## **Commander LI90 Series Controller**

### **User Manual**



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## Safety Warnings and Guidelines

When found on the product, the following symbols specify:

**Warning:** Consult user documentation.      **Warning:** Electrical Shock Hazard.

**WARNING:** To avoid the risk of electric shock or burns, always connect the safety (or earth) ground before making any other connections.

**WARNING:** To reduce the risk of fire, electrical shock, or physical injury it is strongly recommended to fuse the voltage measurement inputs. Be sure to locate fuses as close to the source as possible.

**WARNING:** Replace fuse with the same type and rating to provide protection against risk of fire and shock hazards.

**WARNING:** In the event of repeated failure, do not replace the fuse again as a repeated failure indicates a defective condition that will not clear by replacing the fuse.

**WARNING:** Only qualified electrical personnel familiar with the construction and operation of this equipment and the hazards involved should install, adjust, operate, or service this equipment. Read and understand this manual and other applicable manuals in their entirety before proceeding. Failure to observe this precaution could result in severe bodily injury or loss of life.

- All applicable codes and standards need to be followed in the installation of this product.
- For I/O wiring (discrete), use the following wire type or equivalent: Belden 9918, 18 AWG or larger.

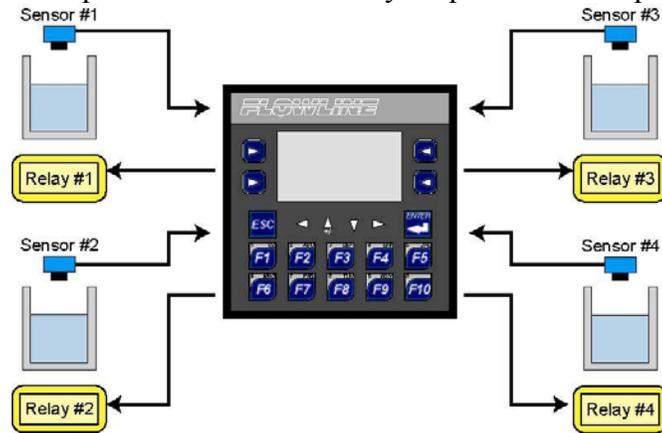
Adhere to the following safety precautions whenever any type of connection is made to the module.

- Connect the green safety (earth) ground first before making any other connections.
- When connecting to electric circuits or pulse-initiating equipment, open their related breakers. Do not make connections to live power lines.
- Make connections to the module first; then connect to the circuit to be monitored.
- Route power wires in a safe manner in accordance with good practice and local codes.
- Wear proper personal protective equipment including safety glasses and insulated gloves when making connections to power circuits.
- Ensure hands, shoes, and floors are dry before making any connection to a power line.
- Make sure the unit is turned OFF before making connection to terminals. Make sure all circuits are de-energized before making connections.
- Before each use, inspect all cables for breaks or cracks in the insulation. Replace immediately if defective.

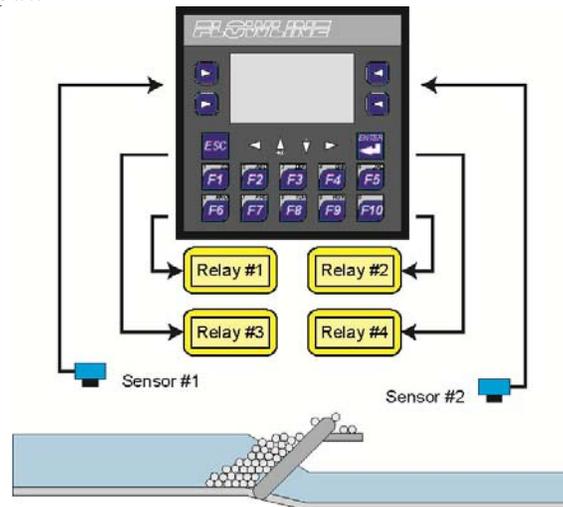
## Introduction

The Commander Series has three unique application configurations. The choice of application is field selectable. The three configurations are:

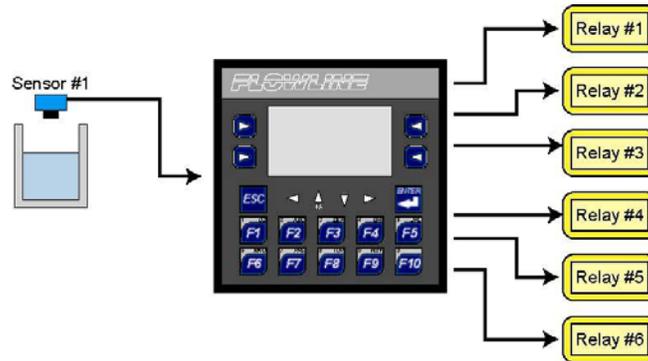
- Multi-Tank Display (Application #1) – Commander will accept up to Four 4-20 mA input transmitters and will provide a 3A SPST relay output for each input.



- Differential Level Controller (Application #2) – Commander will monitor the levels above and below a rake and control a relay based upon the defined differential between the two levels. In addition, a differential alarm can be programmed as well as individual alarms for each input.



- Pump Controller (Application #3) – Commander will accept a single 4-20 mA input transmitter and will provide up to Six 3A SPST relay outputs.



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## Installation

- **Overview**

- The mechanical installation greatly affects the operation, safety and appearance of the system. Information is provided to mechanically install the unit such as cut out sizes, mounting procedures and other recommendations for the proper mechanical installation of the unit.

- **Components**

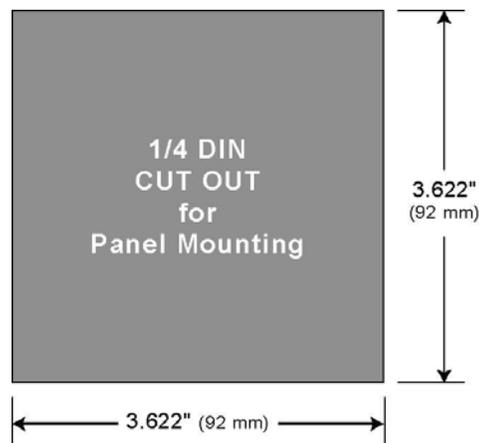
- Commander Series display
- Terminal Strips
  - Power (3-pin black)
  - Inputs (15-pin Orange)
  - Outputs (15-Pin Black)
  - Optional Interface (5-pin Orange)
- Mounting Clips (set of four)
  - Quick Start Guide

- **Mounting requirements**

- Commander series can be mounted through a panel or on a DIN rail.

- **Panel Mounting**

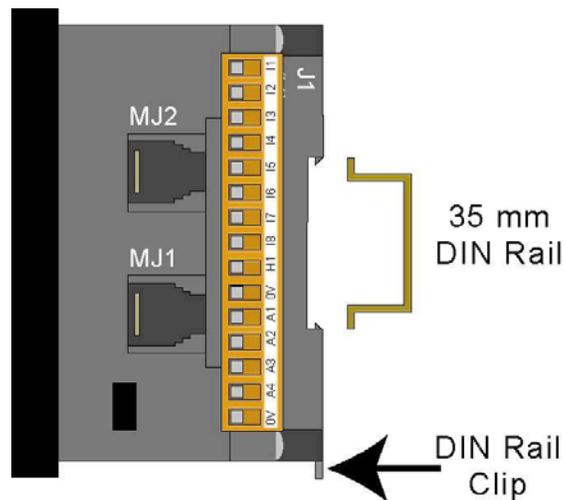
- Once the panel design has been completed using the criteria and suggestions in the following sections, use the following steps to panel mount the LI90 series.
  - Remove all connectors from the unit.
  - Press the DIN rail clip up to make passing the unit through the cutout easier.
  - Make sure the gasket is installed on the LI90 series and is free from dust and debris. Check that the corners of the gasket are secure.
  - Pass the unit through the panel.
  - Insert the each of the four (4) mounting clips into the slots in the Commander's case. One clip should be installed on each corner. Lightly tighten each screw so the clip is held in place.
  - Tighten the screws on the clips such that the gasket is compressed against the panel.
- For panel mount, use the standard cutout for a ¼ DIN [3.622" (92 mm) x 3.622" (92 mm)]. Use the four mounting clips to secure the display to the panel. A mounting clip will attach to all four sides of the display.



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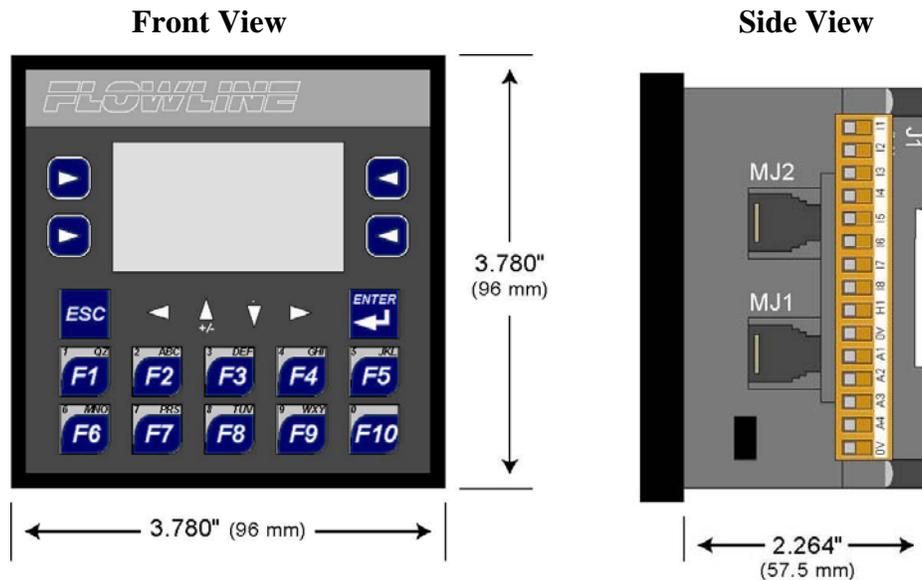
- **DIN Rail Mounting**

- The LI90 series is designed to clip onto standard 35 millimeter DIN rail. If your installation requires liquid or dust protection, make sure the controller is placed in an appropriate sealed panel when mounting on DIN rail. Use the following steps to mount on DIN rail.
  - Move the DIN rail clip to the lower position.
  - Clip the “Top Clips” on the top of the DIN rail.
  - Press the unit into place and press the DIN rail clip up. A small flat-head screwdriver can be used in the slot of the DIN rail clip if clearance is an issue.
- **Note:** The DIN rail connection does not provide an earth ground.
- For DIN rail, use a 35 mm DIN Rail.
  - Move the DIN rail clip to the lower position.
  - Clip the “Top Clips” on the top of the DIN rail.
  - Press the unit into place and press the DIN rail clip up. A small flat-head screwdriver can be used in the slot of the DIN rail clip if clearance is an issue.



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- **Dimensions**



- **Temperature / Ventilation**

- Ensure that the panel layout design allows for adequate ventilation and maintains the specified ambient temperature range. Consider the impact on the design of the panel layout if operating at the extreme ends of the ambient temperature range. For example, if it is determined that a cooling device is required, allow adequate space and clearances for the device in the panel box or on the panel door.

- **Orientation**

- When panel-mounted, there are no orientation restrictions on the LI90 series.

- **Noise**

- Consider the impact on the panel layout design and clearance requirements if noise suppression devices are needed. Be sure to maintain an adequate distance between the controller and noisy devices such as relays, motor starters, etc.

- **Shock and Vibration**

- The LI90 series has been designed to operate in typical industrial environments that may inflict some shock and vibration on the unit. For applications that may inflict excessive shock and vibration please use proper dampening techniques or relocate the Commander to a location that minimizes shock and/or vibration.

## Electrical

- **Grounding Definition**

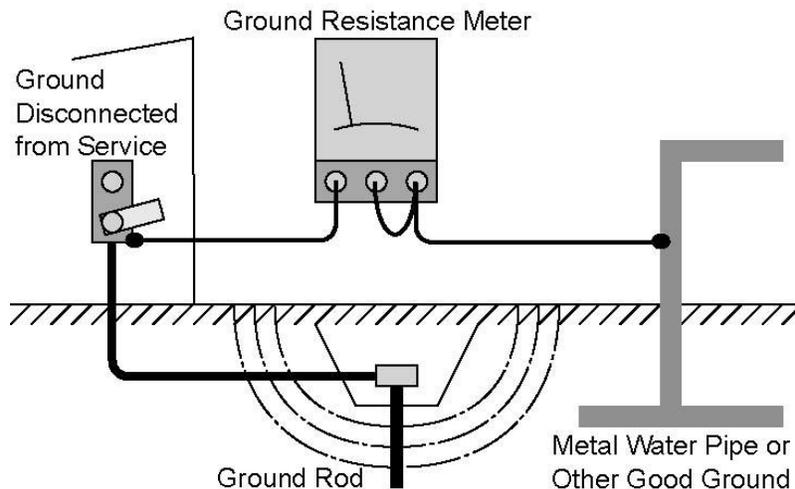
- **Ground:** The term **Ground** is defined as a conductive connection between a circuit or piece of equipment and the earth. Grounds are fundamentally used to protect an application from harmful interference causing either physical damage such as by lightning or voltage transients or from circuit disruption often caused by radio frequency interference (RFI).

- **Ground Specifications**

- Ideally, a ground resistance measurement from equipment to earth ground is 0 ohms. In reality it typically is higher. The U.S. National Electrical Code (NEC) states the resistance to ground shall not exceed 25 ohms. Flowline recommends less than 15 ohms resistance from our equipment to ground. Resistance greater than 25 ohms can cause undesirable or harmful interference to the device.

- **How to Test for Good Ground**

- In order to test ground resistance, a Ground Resistance Tester must be used. A typical Ground Resistance Meter Kit contains a meter, two or three wire leads, and two ground rods. Instructions are supplied for either a two-point or three-point ground test. Below shows a two-point ground connection test.

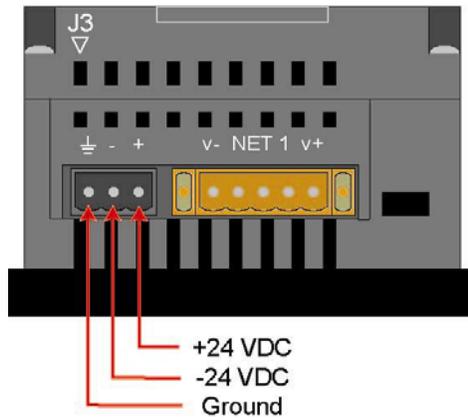


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- **Wiring**

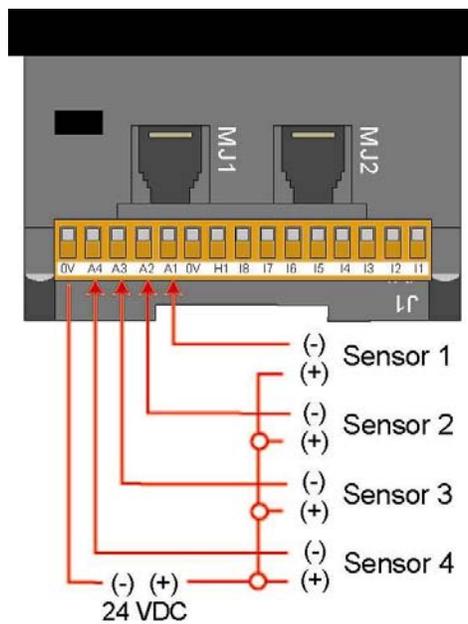
- Power

- Connect to Earth Ground. Apply 10 - 30 VDC.

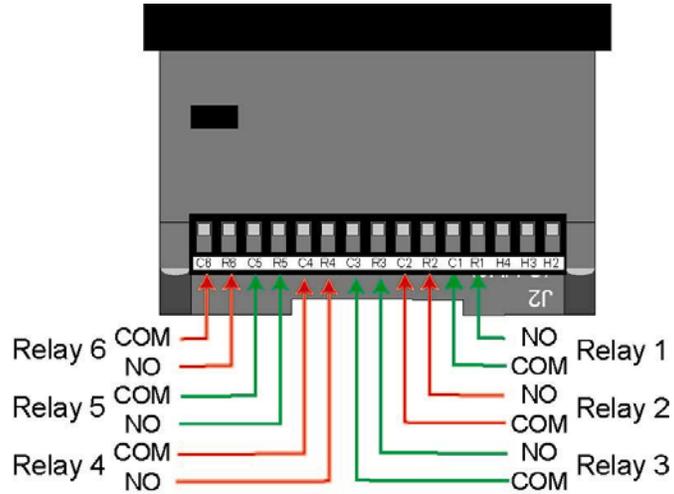


- Inputs

- Commander can connect up to four 4-20 mA inputs.

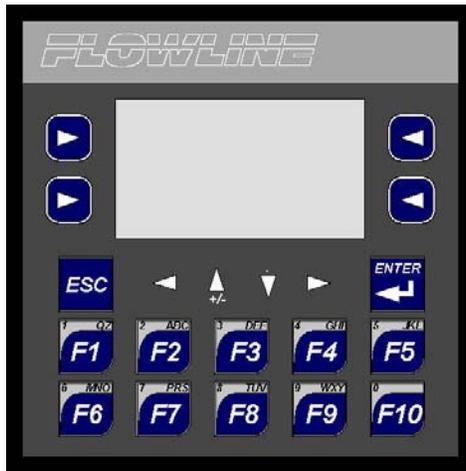


- Outputs
  - Commander can connect up to 6 relays, depending on the application selection.
  - Relays can switch voltages up to 275 VAC, 30 VDC with a maximum output current of 3 A at 250 VAC, resistive.



**Configuration**

- Commander Series is configured via the Human Machine Interface (HMI) located on the front cover of the controller



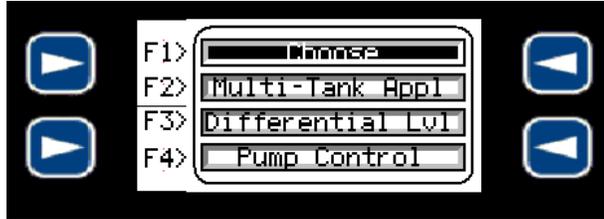
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## Specifications

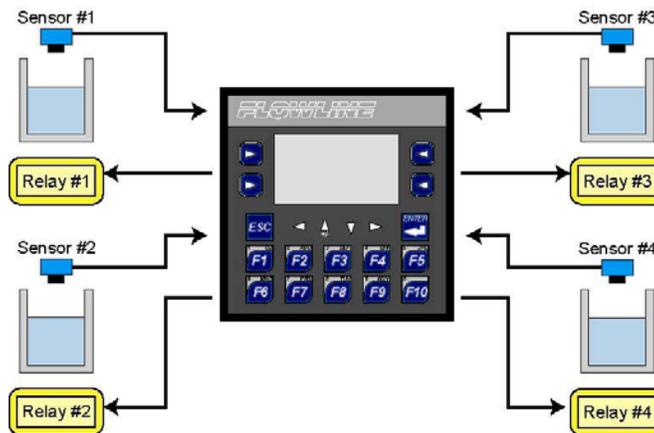
Display	
Graphics/Text:	Yes / Yes
Pixels:	128 x 64
Display Technology:	Backlit LCD
Keypad Touch screen	
Total Keys:	20
Function Keys:	10
Controller	
Memory:	256 KB
Logic Scan Rate:	1.2 mS/K
Memory Card Slot:	Up to 1 GB
General Specs	
Height:	3.7" (95.1 mm)
Width:	3.7" (95.1 mm)
Depth:	2.5" (63.9 mm)
Weight:	12.5 oz (0.354 kg)
Environmental:	0 to 50 °C
Wash down:	NEMA 4X
Max. panel thickness:	5 mm
Cut-out:	3.622" (92 mm) x 3.622" (92 mm)
Required Power	
Steady State:	130 mA @ 24 VDC
Inrush:	30 A for 1 ms @ 24 VDC
Primary Power Range:	10 – 30 VDC
Relative Humidity:	5 to 95% Non-condensing
Clock Accuracy:	+/- One Minute/Month at 20C
Operating Temp.:	0°C to +50°C
Terminal Type:	Screw Type, 5 mm Removable
Certifications:	CE UL
Analog Inputs	
Number of Channels:	4
Input Ranges:	4 – 20 mA
Max. Over-Current:	35 mA
Relay Outputs	
Outputs per Module:	6 relay
Commons per Module:	6
Max. Output Current:	3 A at 250 VAC, resistive
Max. Output Voltage:	275 VAC, 30 VDC
Max. Switched Power:	1250 VA, 150 W
Expected Life	
No load:	5,000,000
Rated load:	100,000
Max. Switching Rate:	300 CPM at no load / 20 CPM at rated load
Type:	Mechanical Contact
Response Time:	One update per ladder scan plus 10 ms

## Startup

- When the Commander is powered for the first time, the LI90 series will allow the end user to select the application to be used. Follow the instructions on the screen to choose the application.

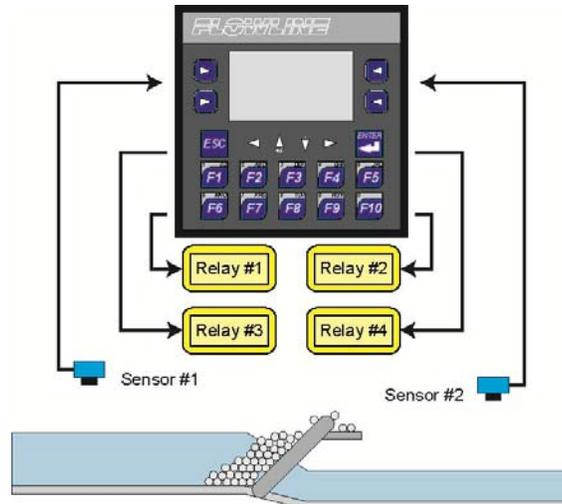


- **Application #1 / Multi-Tank Display (Press F2)** – Commander will accept up to Four 4-20 mA input transmitters and will provide a 3A SPST relay output for each input.

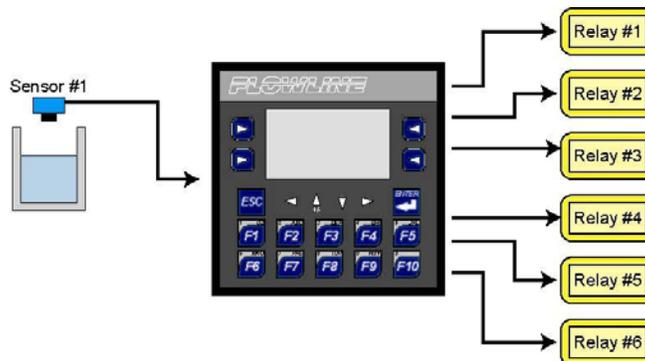


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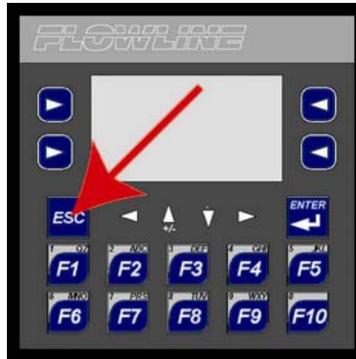
- **Application #2 / Differential Level Controller (Press F3)** – Commander will monitor the levels above and below a rake and control a relay based upon the defined differential between the two levels. In addition, a differential alarm can be programmed as well as individual alarms for each input.



- **Application #3 / Pump Controller (Press F4)** – Commander will accept a single 4-20 mA input transmitter and will provide up to Six 3A SPST relay outputs.



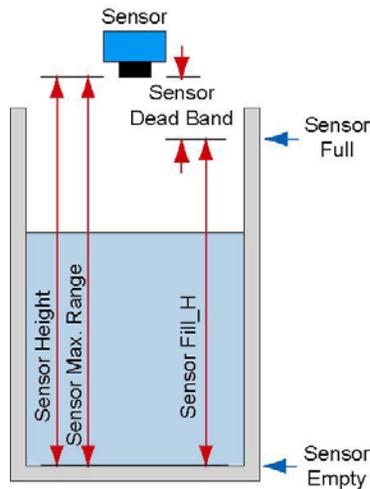
- If you need to change the application selection, press and hold the ESC button for 5 seconds. This will return you to the Selection Screen and allow for a new application to be selected.
  - The selection can be accessed at any time.



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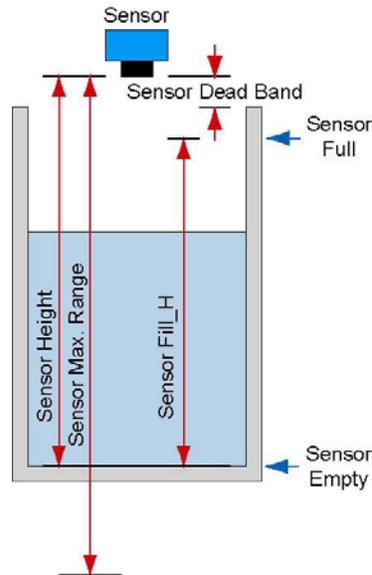
**Common Information** – There are several configuration aspects that are similar for all three applications in the LI90 series.

- Analog Input
  - The Commander accepts any 4-20 mA signal.
  - The Commander has the ability to accept a 4-20 mA that has been scaled to the size of the tank / vessel or with a 4-20 mA that is from a non-configured transmitter (in its original factory setup).
  - There are six parameters required to configure an analog input in the LI90 series.
  - For a scaled output. Use this description when using a transmitter that has been configured with 4 mA set to an empty tank/vessel and 20 mA set to a full tank/vessel.



- **Sensor Max. Range** – This is the distance from the bottom of the tank to the bottom of the installed sensor.
- **Sensor Dead Band** – This is the distance from the full level of liquid to the bottom of the sensor.
- **Sensor Height** – This is the distance from the bottom of the tank to the bottom of the installed sensor. This will be the same setting as the Sensor Max. Range.
- **Sensor Fill\_H** – This is the distance from the bottom of the tank to the highest level of liquid. Adding the Fill\_H value to the Dead Band value will equal the Max. Range or Height values.
- **Empty Setting** – This is the display value when the tank is empty.
- **Full Setting** – This is the display value when the tank is full.

- For a non-scaled output. Use this description when using a transmitter that is either set with its original Factory Settings or with a transmitter that has a fixed (non-configurable) 4-20 mA output:



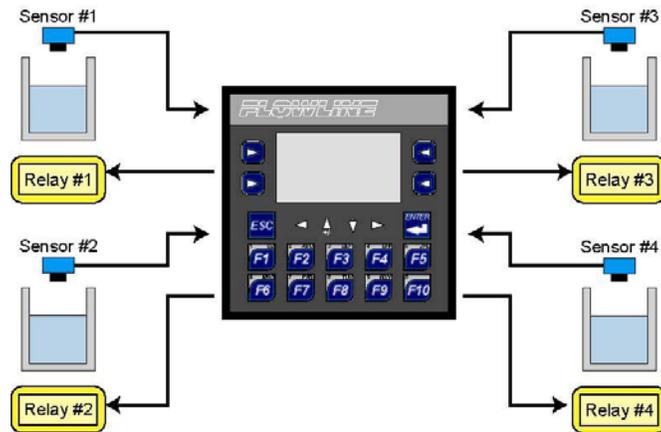
- **Sensor Max. Range** – This is the maximum range of the sensor. This is typically the 4 mA set point for the sensor. Use the sensor’s manual to obtain the sensors maximum range (4 mA output).
- **Sensor Dead Band** – This is the dead band for the level sensor. Use the sensor’s manual to obtain the sensors dead band (20 mA output).
- **Sensor Height** – This is the distance from the bottom of the tank to the bottom of the installed sensor
- **Sensor Fill\_H** – This is the distance from the bottom of the tank to the highest level of liquid
- **Empty Setting** – This is the display value when the tank is empty.
- **Full Setting** – This is the display value when the tank is full.

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## Application #1

- Overview

- **Multi-Tank Display** – The LI90 series in this application is typically used to eliminate the need of one display for each transmitter. This application can accept up to Four 4-20 mA input transmitters and will provide a 3A SPST relay output for each input.



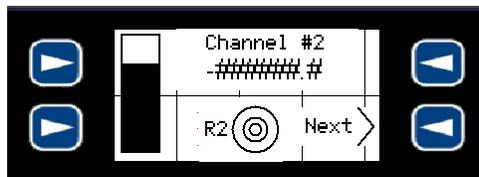
- Power: Operate from 12 to 24 VDC power
- Inputs: Accept up to four 4-20 mA inputs, the inputs will be powered by 12 to 24 VDC power source
- Outputs: Each input channel has a relay assigned (4 relays total)
- Mounting: Commander can be ¼ DIN mounted and DIN rail mountable

- **General (Open Functions)**

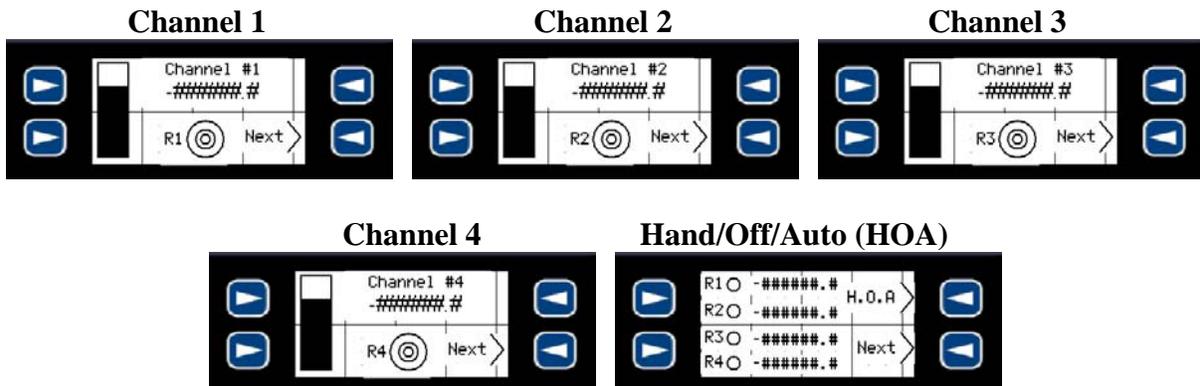
- Opening Screen indicates the Level of Liquid in the tank/vessel along with the true analog (4-20 mA) input for channel #1 and the status of Relay #1



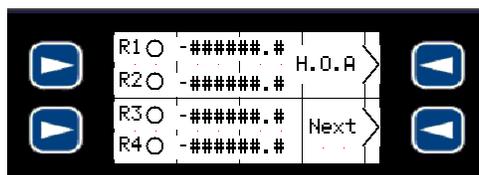
- Regardless of how the input level is configured, the bar graph will show the true 4-20 mA input provided by the sensor
- Pressing the Lower Right Soft key will jump the display to a screen showing the same information for Channel #2.



- Pressing the lower Right soft key will continue to Channels #3 and #4 and then the Relay Status Page
  - Sequence is as follows:
    - Channel 1, Channel 2, Channel 3, Channel 4, Relay Info, Channel 1, ...



- In the Relay Info screen, pressing the upper left soft key will jump the screen to the HAND / OFF / AUTO (H.O.A.) functions for each relay.



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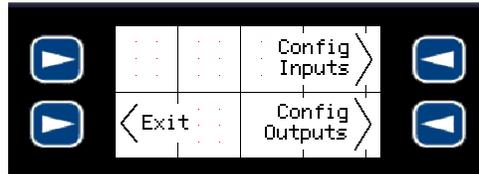
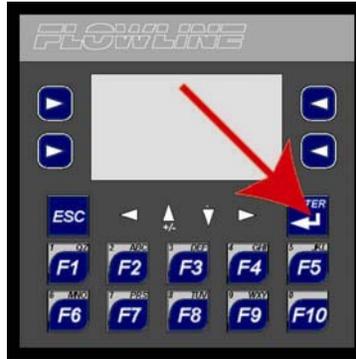
- The H.O.A. screen for each relay will indicate each relay, the current status of each relay and soft keys to jump back or to the next relay.
- The first time the LI90 series is powered up, all of the relays will be in the OFF mode. To activate the relay, you will need to change the relay mode to AUTO.



- **AUTO** – This mode places the relay in automatic. Relay will energize based upon the ON setting and will De-energize based upon the OFF setting.
- **OFF** – This mode turns the relay OFF (de-energized). The ON and OFF settings are ignored in this mode. This mode is helpful in taking a relay off-line for maintenance.
- **HAND** – This mode turns the relay ON (energized). This mode is helpful in overriding a relay function. Relay will be energized until
  - The OFF is selected or
  - When the AUTO mode is selected and the level drops below the OFF setting

- **General (Secured Functions)**

- The configuration of the display/input and relays/output are all under the secured section of the display.
- To access these functions, press and hold the ENTER key for 5 seconds. The display will jump to the configuration section.

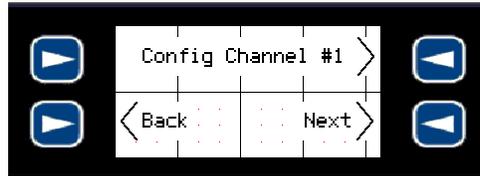


- To leave the Secured Function section, press Exit

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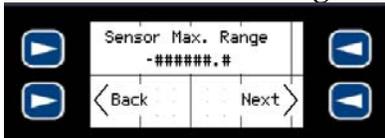
- **Configuration of Inputs**

- Once in the Secured Function Section, press the Config Inputs soft key

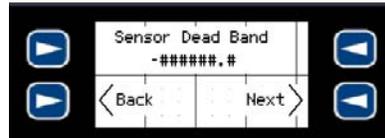


- Press the Next or Back soft keys to scroll to the input you would like to configure.
- Upon selecting an input channel, the controller will ask for the following 6 settings to configure the input. The first four settings must be in the same units (i.e. inches, cm, feet, m, etc.) typically in units of length. The last two settings can be in any engineering units as long as they are the same (i.e. inches, cm, gallons, liters, etc.)

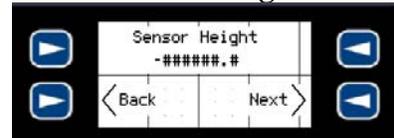
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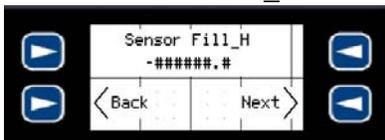
### 2. Sensor Dead Band



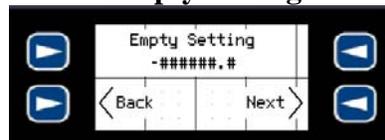
### 3. Sensor Height



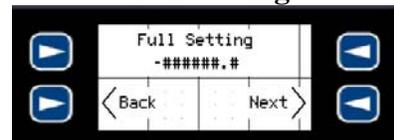
### 4. Sensor Fill\_H



### 5. Empty Setting

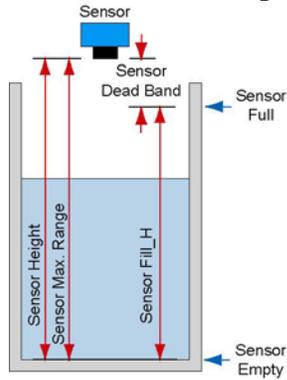


### 6. Full Setting

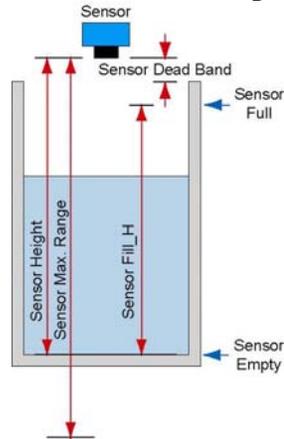


1. **Sensor Max. Range** – This is the distance from the bottom of the tank to the bottom of the installed sensor with a scaled 4-20 mA output. For a fixed output, this is the maximum range of the sensor. Use the sensor's manual to obtain the sensors maximum range (4 mA output)
2. **Sensor Dead Band** – This is the distance from the full level of liquid to the bottom of the sensor with a scaled 4-20 mA output. For a fixed output, this is the dead band for the level sensor. Use the sensor's manual to obtain the sensors dead band (20 mA output).
3. **Sensor Height** – This is the distance from the bottom of the tank to the bottom of the installed sensor.
4. **Sensor Fill\_H** – This is the distance from the bottom of the tank to the highest level of liquid.
5. **Empty Setting** – This is the display value when the tank is empty.
6. **Full Setting** – This is the display value when the tank is full.
  - Use the Next soft key to advance to the next setting.
  - Use the Back soft key to return to the previous setting.

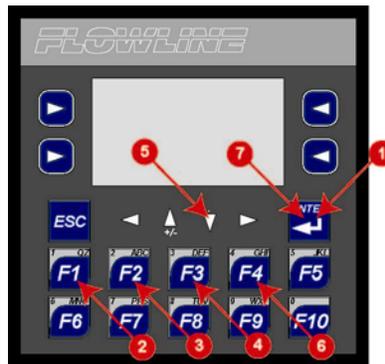
### Scaled 4-20 mA Output



### Fixed 4-20 mA Output



- To change a value, first press the Enter key
  - The value will be highlighted
  - Use the 10-digit keypad to enter the desired value
    - I.e. for 123.4, press the following keys: <F1>, <F2>, <F3>, <▼>, <F4>.
  - Press Enter when completed to store this value to memory



- Follow the sequence above:
  - 1. Press Enter to begin
  - 2. Press F1 for number 1
  - 3. Press F2 for number 2
  - 4. Press F3 for number 3
  - 5. Press ▼ for “.”
  - 6. Press F4 for number 4
  - 7. Press Enter to save setting
- The screen cannot change until a value is stored in memory.

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- **Configuration of Outputs**

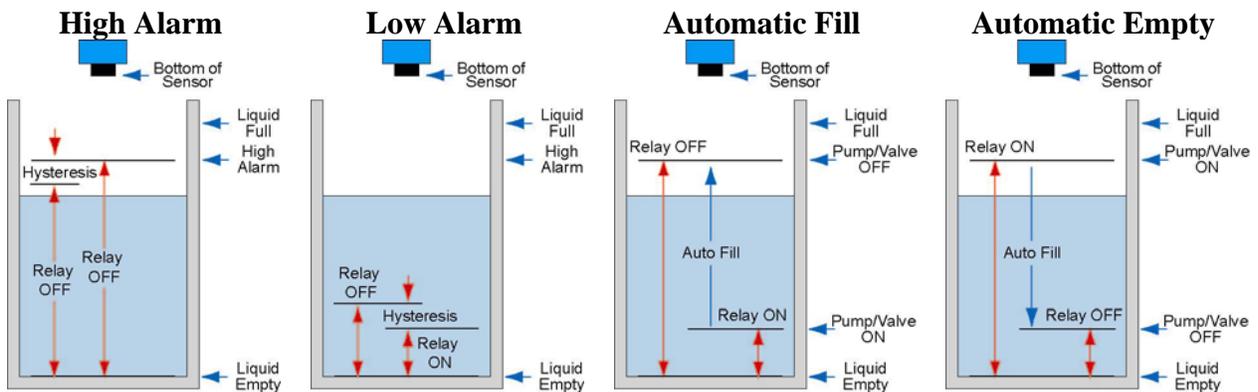
- Once in the Secured Function Section, press the Config Outputs soft key



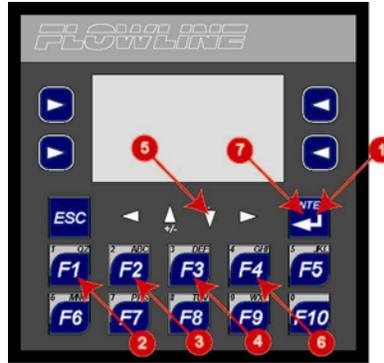
- Each relay will ask for a Relay ON and Relay OFF level. These settings must be in the same units used for the Empty and Full settings



- If you are reading between 0 to 500 gallons, then the relay set points must be in gallons
- For Pumps and Valves, use both settings as the ON/OPEN and OFF/CLOSE points for the device
- For Alarms, use the ON point where the relay will start and the OFF as a hysteresis to prevent chattering of the relay



- To change a value, first press the Enter key
  - The value will be highlighted
  - Use the 10-digit keypad to enter the desired value
    - I.e. for 123.4, press the following keys: <F1>, <F2>, <F3>, <. >, <F4>
  - Press Enter when completed to store this value to memory



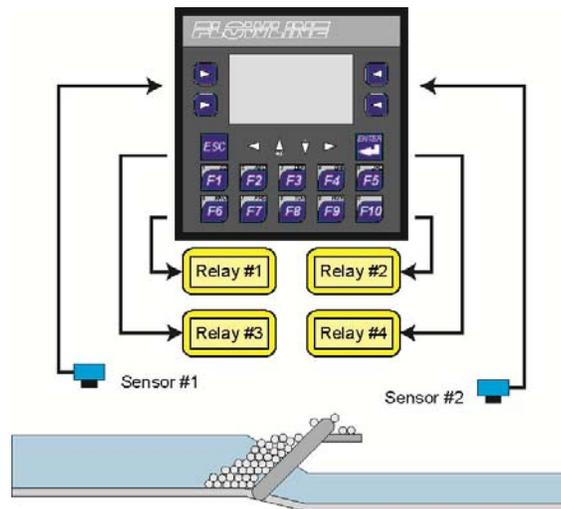
- Follow the sequence above:
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  - 2. Press F1 for number 1
  - 3. Press F2 for number 2
  - 4. Press F3 for number 3
  - 5. Press ▼ for “.”
  - 6. Press F4 for number 4
  - 7. Press Enter to save setting
- The screen cannot change until a value is stored in memory.
- Use the Next soft key to advance to the next setting
- Use the Back soft key to return to the previous setting
- When done, press Exit to leave the Secured Function Section

# FLOWLINE

## Application #2

- Overview

- **Differential Level Controller** – Commander will monitor the levels above and below a rake and control a relay based upon the defined differential between the two levels. In addition, a differential alarm can be programmed as well as individual alarms for each input.



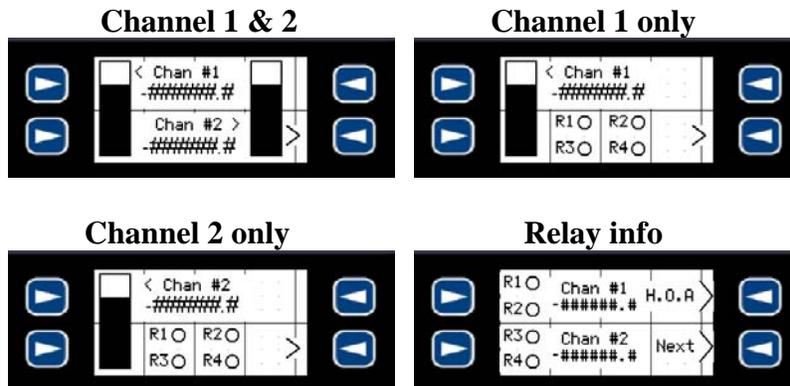
- Power: Operate from 12 to 24 VDC power
- Inputs: Accept up to two 4-20 mA inputs, the inputs will be powered by 12 to 24 VDC power source
- Outputs: Two alarm relays (one for each channel) and two relays that activate based upon the differential value between the two inputs.
- Mounting: Commander can be ¼ DIN mounted and DIN rail mountable

- **General (Open Functions)**

- Opening Screen indicates the Level of Liquid in the tank/vessel along with the true analog (4-20 mA) input for both input channel#1 and #2



- Regardless of how the input level is configured, the bar graph will show the true 4-20 mA input provided by the sensor
- Pressing the Lower Right Soft Key will jump the display to show the following:
  - Channel 1 and 2, Channel 1 only, Channel 2 only, Relay Info...



# FLOWLINE

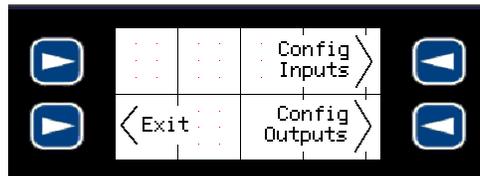
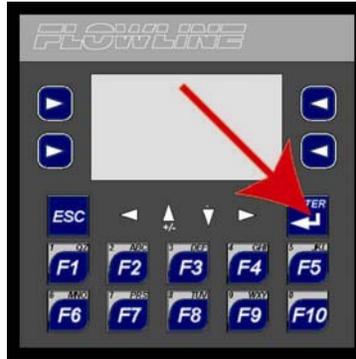
- In the Relay Info screen, pressing the upper right soft key will jump the screen to the HAND / OFF / AUTO (H.O.A.) functions for each relay.



- The H.O.A. screen for each relay will indicate each relay, the current status of each relay and soft keys to jump back or to the next relay
  - **AUTO** – This mode places the relay in automatic. Relay will energize based upon the ON setting and will De-energize based upon the OFF setting.
  - **OFF** – This mode turns the relay OFF (de-energized). The ON and OFF settings are ignored in this mode. This mode is helpful in taking a relay off-line for maintenance.
  - **HAND** – This mode turns the relay ON (energized). This mode is helpful in overriding a relay function. Relay will be energized until
    - The OFF is selected or
    - When the AUTO mode is selected and the level drops below the OFF setting
- Pressing the lower right soft key (Next) will return the controller to the opening screen

- **General (Secured Functions)**

- The configuration of the display/inputs and relays/outputs are all under the secured section of the display
- To access these functions, press and hold the ENTER key for 5 seconds. The display will jump to the configuration section.

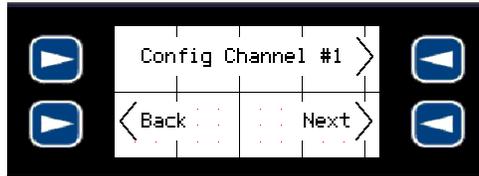


- To leave the Secured Function section, press Exit

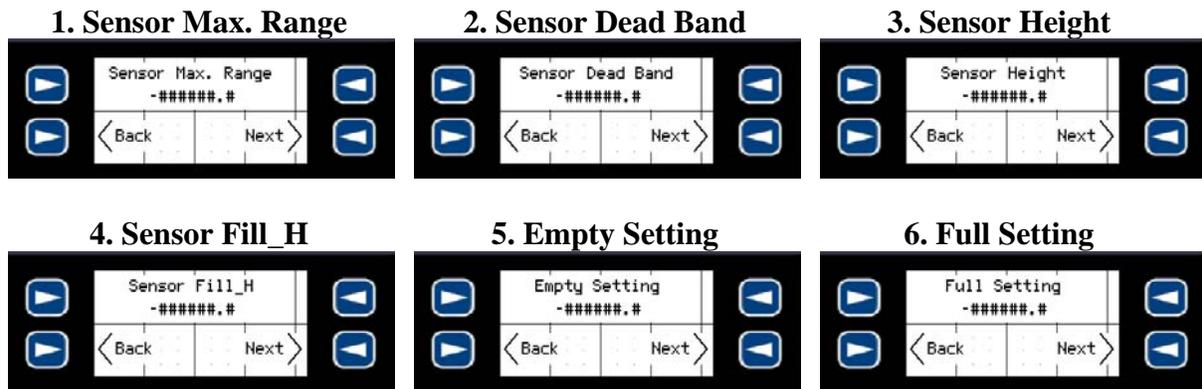
# FLOWLINE

- **Configuration of Inputs**

- Once in the Secured Function Section, press the Config Inputs soft key

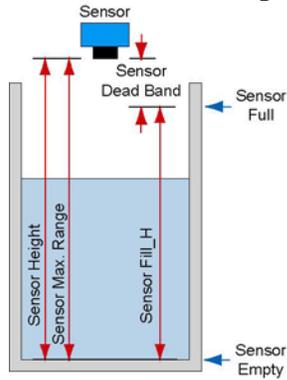


- Press the Next or back soft keys to scroll to the input you would like to configure.
- Upon selecting an input channel, the controller will ask for the following 6 settings to configure the input. The first four settings must be in the same units (i.e. inches, cm, feet, m, etc.) typically in units of length. The last two settings can be in any engineering units as long as they are the same (i.e. inches, cm, gallons, liters, etc.)

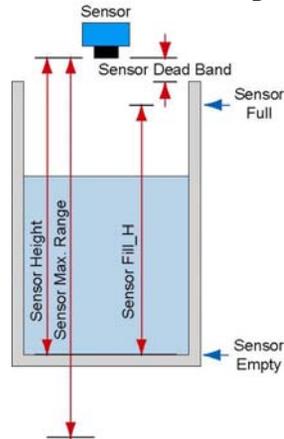


1. **Sensor Max. Range** – This is the distance from the bottom of the tank to the bottom of the installed sensor with a scaled 4-20 mA output. For a fixed output, this is the maximum range of the sensor. Use the sensor’s manual to obtain the sensors maximum range (4 mA output)
2. **Sensor Dead Band** – This is the distance from the full level of liquid to the bottom of the sensor with a scaled 4-20 mA output. For a fixed output, this is the dead band for the level sensor. Use the sensor’s manual to obtain the sensors dead band (20 mA output).
3. **Sensor Height** – This is the distance from the bottom of the tank to the bottom of the installed sensor.
4. **Sensor Fill\_H** – This is the distance from the bottom of the tank to the highest level of liquid.
5. **Empty Setting** – This is the display value when the tank is empty.
6. **Full Setting** – This is the display value when the tank is full.
  - Use the Next soft key to advance to the next setting.
  - Use the Back soft key to return to the previous setting.

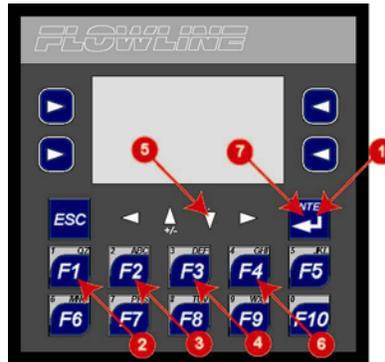
### Scaled 4-20 mA Output



### Fixed 4-20 mA Output



- To change a value, first press the Enter key
  - The value will be highlighted
  - Use the 10-digit keypad to enter the desired value
    - I.e. for 123.4, press the following keys: <F1>, <F2>, <F3>, <.>, <F4>.
  - Press Enter when completed to store this value to memory

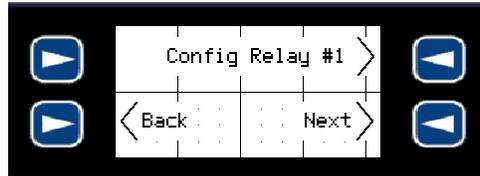


- Follow the sequence above:
  - 1. Press Enter to begin
  - 2. Press F1 for number 1
  - 3. Press F2 for number 2
  - 4. Press F3 for number 3
  - 5. Press ▼ for “.”
  - 6. Press F4 for number 4
  - 7. Press Enter to save setting
- The screen cannot change until a value is stored in memory.

# FLOWLINE

- **Configuration of Outputs**

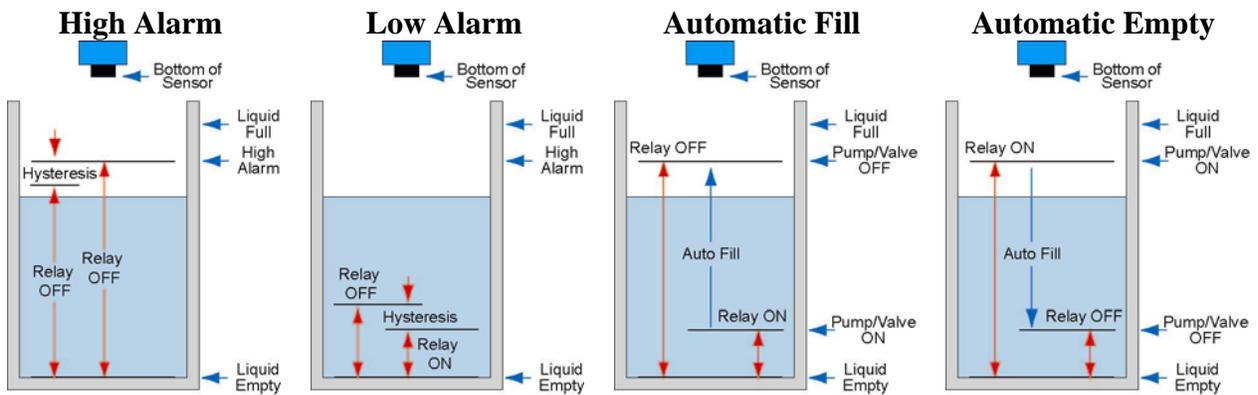
- Once in the Secured Function Section, press the Config Outputs soft key



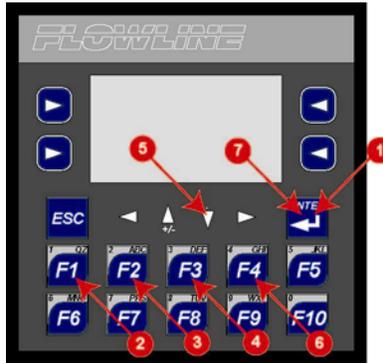
- Relays #1 and #2 will ask for a Relay ON and Relay OFF level. These settings must be in the same units used for the Empty and Full settings



- If you are reading between 0 to 500 gallons, then the relay set points must be in gallons
- For Pumps and Valves, use both settings as the ON/OPEN and OFF/CLOSE points for the device
- For Alarms, use the ON point where the relay will start and the OFF as a hysteresis to prevent chattering of the relay



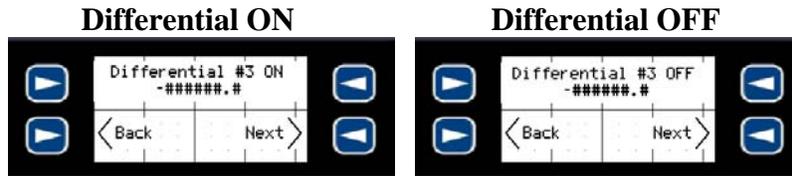
- To change a value, first press the Enter key
  - The value will be highlighted
  - Use the 10-digit keypad to enter the desired value
    - I.e. for 123.4, press the following keys: <F1>, <F2>, <F3>, <.>, <F4>.
  - Press Enter when completed to store this value to memory



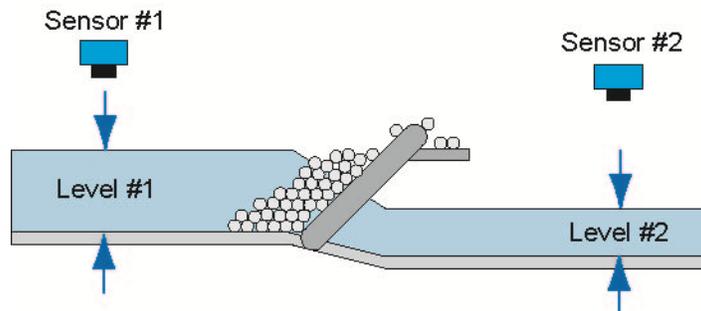
- Follow the sequence above:
  - 1. Press Enter to begin
  - 2. Press F1 for number 1
  - 3. Press F2 for number 2
  - 4. Press F3 for number 3
  - 5. Press ▼ for “.”
  - 6. Press F4 for number 4
  - 7. Press Enter to save setting
- The screen cannot change until a value is stored in memory.

# FLOWLINE

- Relays #3 and #4 will ask for a Differential ON and Differential OFF level. These settings must be in the same units used for the Empty and Full settings.



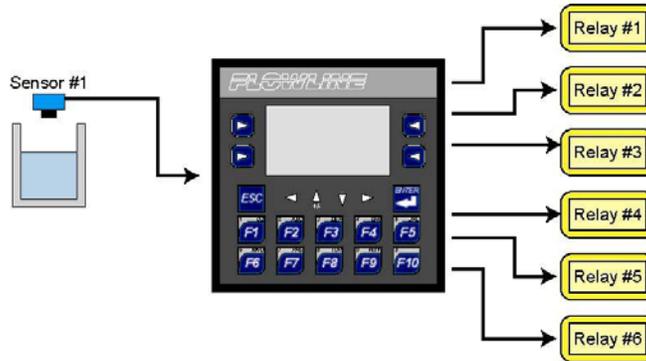
- This allows the end use to select a differential level between the two analog inputs
- Channel #1 must be the upstream level and Channel #2 the downstream level
- Typically, Relay #3 is used for the main differential control and Relay #4 is for an alarm differential
- Use the Next soft key to advance to the next setting
- Use the Back soft key to return to the previous setting
- When done, press Exit to leave the Secured Function Section



### Application #3

- **Overview**

- **Pump Controller** – The LI90 series in this application is typically used to provide multiple relay contacts for a single 4-20 mA input. Relays 5 and 6 can be combined to be programmed as duplexing / alternating relays.

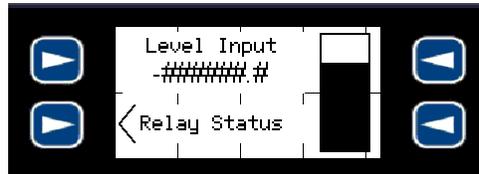


- Power: Operates from 12 to 24 VDC power
- Inputs: Accepts a single 4-20 mA input, the input will be powered by 12 to 24 VDC power source
- Outputs: 6 relays are available to program as alarms, pumps or valves
- Enclosure: Front panel must be NEMA 4X rated
- Mounting: Panel must be ¼ DIN mounted and DIN rail mountable
- Volumetric: Display can indicate level in either Gallons or Liters for vertical and horizontal tanks
- Simulation mode: Use this mode to simulate the level of liquid and test relay operation without changing the true liquid level

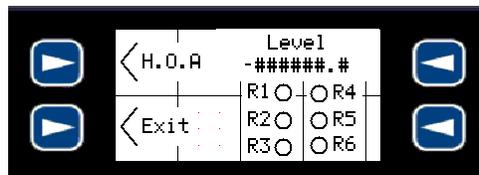
# FLOWLINE

- **General (Open Functions)**

- Opening Screen indicates the Level of Liquid in the tank/vessel along with the true analog (4-20 mA) input



- Regardless of how the input level is configured, the bar graph will show the true 4-20 mA input provided by the sensor
- Pressing the Lower Left Soft key will jump the display to indicate the relay status. Above the relay status will be the liquid level.



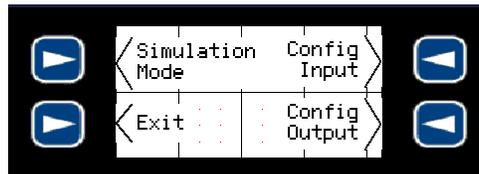
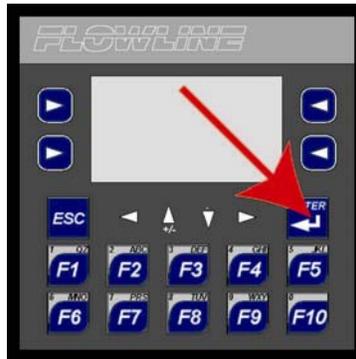
- Pressing the lower left soft key will return the display back to the opening screen
- Pressing the upper left soft key will jump the screen to the HAND / OFF / AUTO (H.O.A.) functions for each relay.
- The H.O.A. screen for each relay will indicate each relay, the current status of each relay and soft keys to jump back or to the next relay



- **AUTO** – This mode places the relay in automatic. Relay will energize based upon the ON setting and will De-energize based upon the OFF setting.
- **OFF** – This mode turns the relay OFF (de-energized). The ON and OFF settings are ignored in this mode. This mode is helpful in taking a relay off-line for maintenance.
- **HAND** – This mode turns the relay ON (energized). This mode is helpful in overriding a relay function. Relay will be energized until
  - The OFF is selected or
  - When the AUTO mode is selected and the level drops below the OFF setting

- **General (Secured Functions)**

- The configuration of the display, relays and simulations are all under the secured section of the display
- To access these functions, press and hold the ENTER key for 5 seconds. The display will jump to the configuration section.

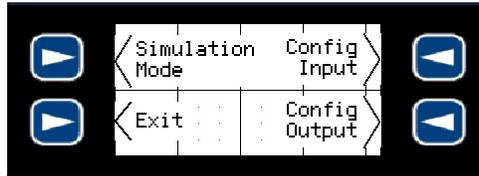


- To leave the Secured Function section, press Exit

# FLOWLINE

- **Configuration of Inputs**

- Once in the Secured Function Section, press the Config Inputs soft key



- Next, select if the application will show a Scaled Input or a Volumetric Input

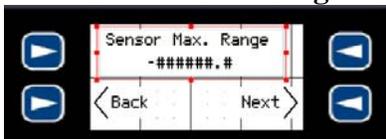


- Scaled Input – Allows for the current inputs to display in any engineering units the linear scale from the current
- Volumetric Input – Calculates the total volume (gallons or liters) for both vertical or horizontal tanks

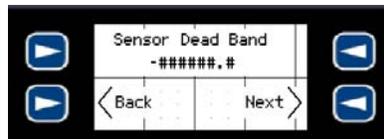
- **Scaled Inputs**

- The controller will ask for the following 6 settings to configure the input. The first four settings must be in the same units (i.e. inches, cm, feet, m, etc.) typically in units of length. The last two settings can be in any engineering units as long as they are the same (i.e. inches, cm, gallons, liters, etc.)

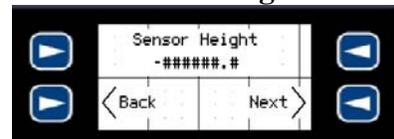
**1. Sensor Max. Range**



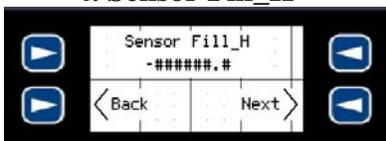
**2. Sensor Dead Band**



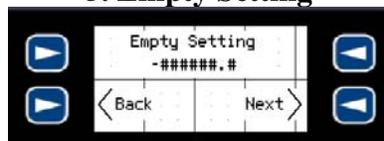
**3. Sensor Height**



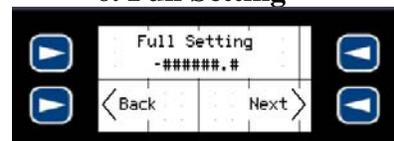
**4. Sensor Fill\_H**



**5. Empty Setting**



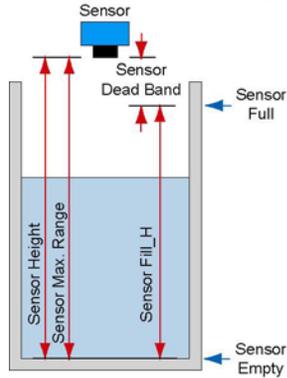
**6. Full Setting**



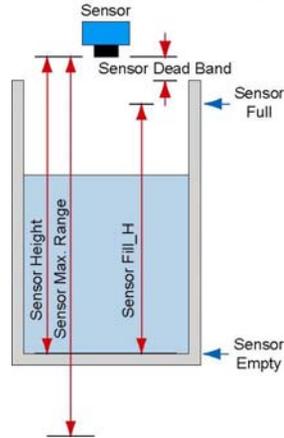
- **Sensor Max. Range** – This is the maximum range of the sensor located on top of the tank.
- **Sensor Dead Band** – This is the dead band for the level sensor
- **Sensor Height** – This is the distance from the bottom of the tank to the bottom of the sensor
- **Sensor Fill\_H** – This is the distance from the bottom of the tank to the highest level of liquid

- **Empty Setting** – This is the display value when the tank is empty
- **Full Setting** – This is the display value when the tank is full
- Use the Next soft key to advance to the next setting
- Use the Back soft key to return to the previous setting

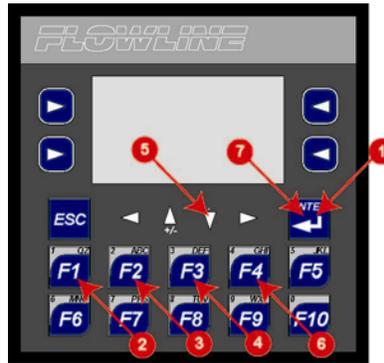
### Scaled 4-20 mA Output



### Fixed 4-20 mA Output



- To change a value, first press the Enter key
  - The value will be highlighted
  - Use the 10-digit keypad to enter the desired value
    - I.e. for 123.4, press the following keys: <F1>, <F2>, <F3>, <.>, <F4>.
  - Press Enter when completed to store this value to memory.

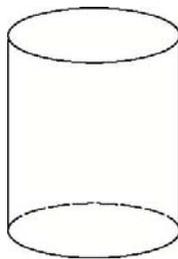
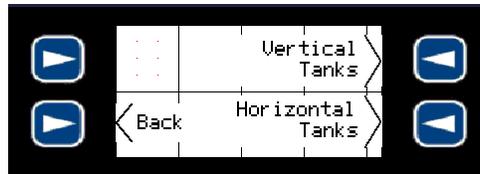


- Follow the sequence above:
  - 1. Press Enter to begin
  - 2. Press F1 for number 1
  - 3. Press F2 for number 2
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  - 5. Press ▼ for “.”
  - 6. Press F4 for number 4
  - 7. Press Enter to save setting
- The screen cannot change until a value is stored in memory.

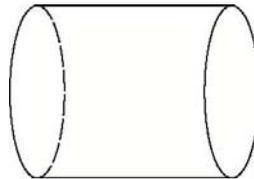
# FLOWLINE

- **Volumetric Inputs**

- The controller will ask basic shape and dimensional information in order to display either the gallons or liters within the tank or vessel.
  - *Dimensional information must be entered as either inches or cm.*
  - *Dimensional inches must show gallons and cm must show liters.*
  - *Transmitter must be configured such that tank empty is 4 mA and tank full is 20 mA.*
- Select between either Vertical Tanks or Horizontal Tanks.

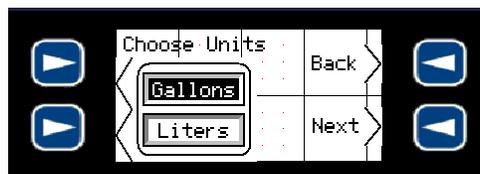


Vertical Tanks



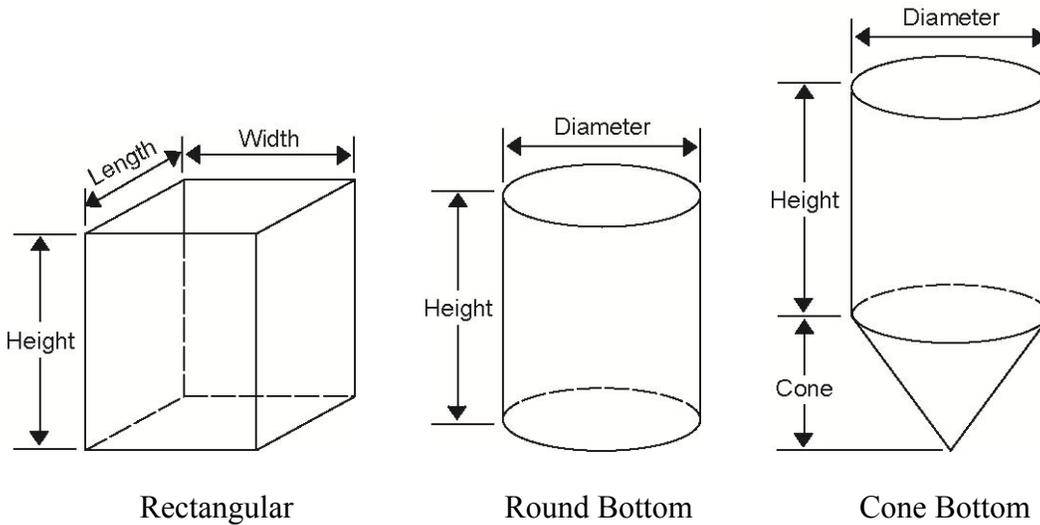
Horizontal Tanks

- Choose between Gallons or Liters for the display output.

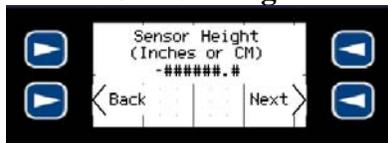


- When choosing Gallons, make sure all dimensional information entered is in inches.
- When choosing Liters, make sure all dimensional information entered is in cm.

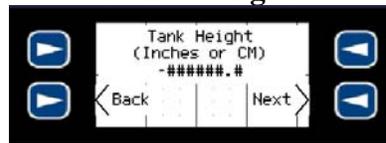
- **Vertical Tanks** – Select among Rectangular, Round Bottom or Cone Bottom.



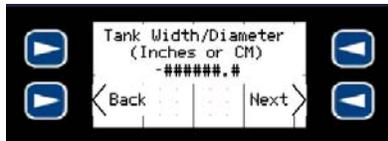
**1. Sensor Height**



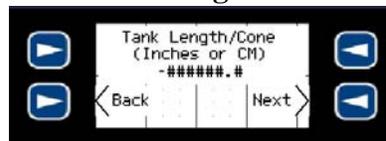
**2. Tank Height**



**3. Tank Width/Diameter**



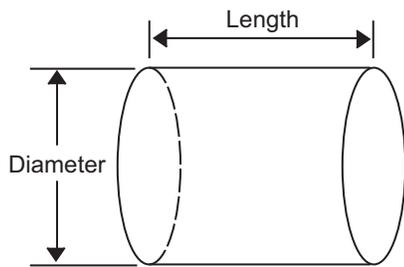
**4. Tank Length/Cone**



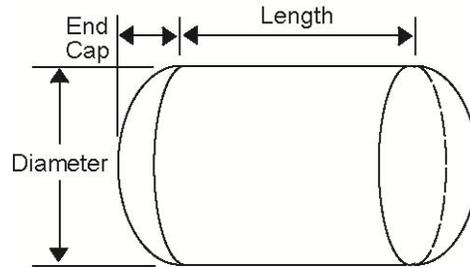
- **Sensor Height** – This is the distance from the bottom of the tank to the bottom of the sensor
- **Tank Height** – This is a dimension for either the Height of the Tank or the Height of the Straight Side of the cone bottom tank.
- **Tank Width / Diameter** – This is either the width of the tank or the diameter of the tank
- **Tank Length / Cone** – This is either the length of the tank or the Height of the Cone. You do not need to configure this setting for the Round Bottom tank.
- Use the Next soft key to advance to the next setting
- Use the Back soft key to return to the previous setting

# FLOWLINE

- **Horizontal Tanks** – Select among Flat Ends or Round Ends.

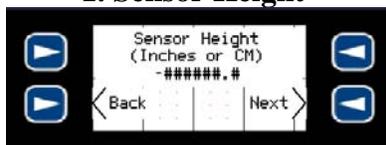


Flat Ends

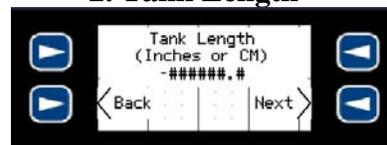


Round Ends

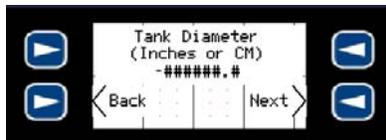
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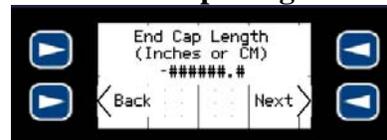
## 2. Tank Length



## 3. Tank Diameter



## 4. End Cap Length



- **Sensor Height** – This is the distance from the bottom of the tank to the bottom of the sensor
- **Tank Length** – This is a length of the tank.
- **Tank Diameter** – This is diameter of the tank.
- **End Cap Length** – This is the distance for one of the end caps. You do not need to configure this setting for the Flat End Tank.
- Use the Next soft key to advance to the next setting
- Use the Back soft key to return to the previous setting

- **Configuration of Outputs**

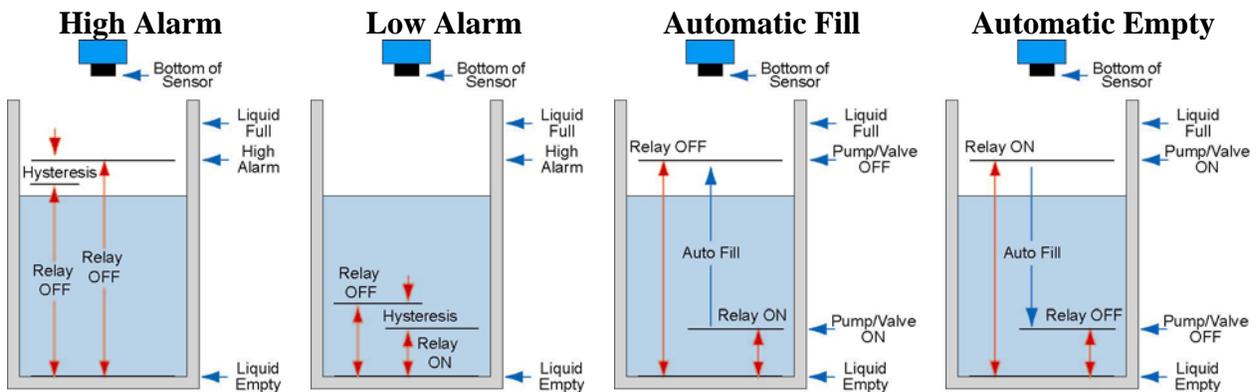
- Once in the Secured Function Section, press the Config Outputs soft key



- Each relay will ask for a Relay ON and Relay OFF level. These settings must be in the same units used for the Empty and Full settings

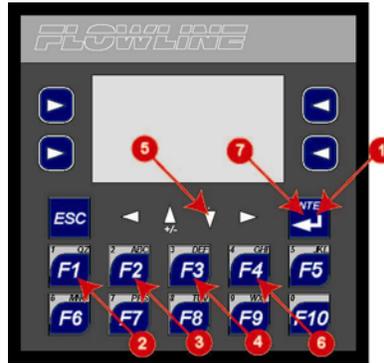


- If you are reading between 0 to 500 gallons, then the relay set points must be in gallons
- For Pumps and Valves, use both settings as the ON/OPEN and OFF/CLOSE points for the device
- For Alarms, use the ON point where the relay will start and the OFF as a hysteresis to prevent chattering of the relay

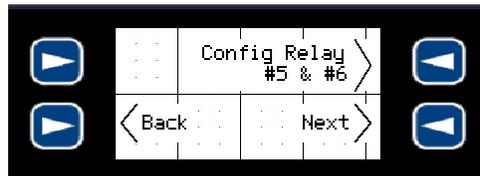


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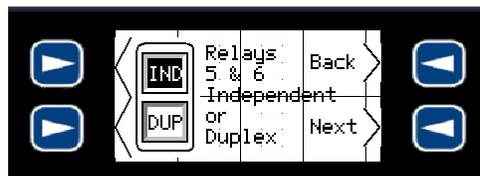
- To change a value, first press the Enter key
  - The value will be highlighted
  - Use the 10-digit keypad to enter the desired value
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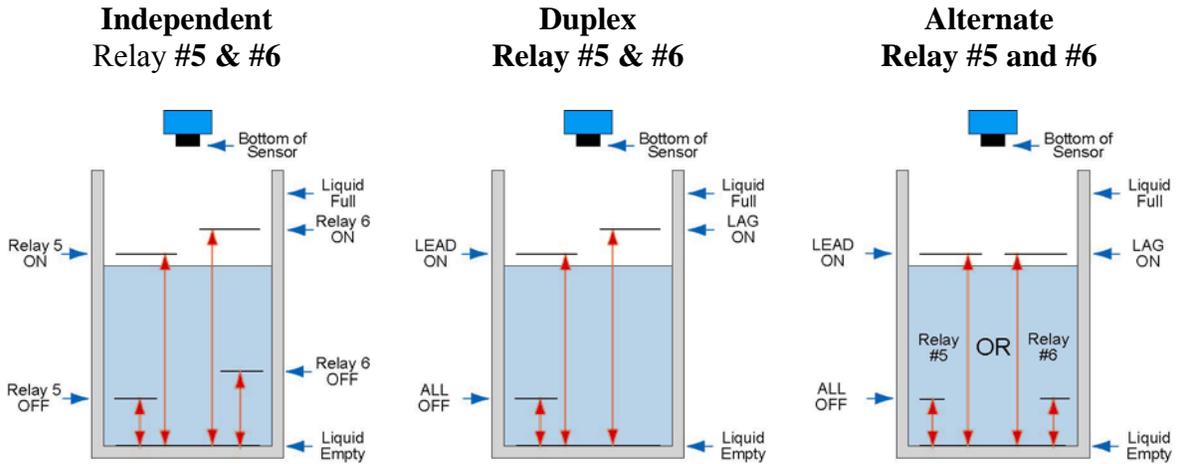
- Follow the sequence above:
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  - 2. Press F1 for number 1
  - 3. Press F2 for number 2
  - 4. Press F3 for number 3
  - 5. Press ▼ for “.”
  - 6. Press F4 for number 4
  - 7. Press Enter to save setting
- The screen cannot change until a value is stored in memory.
- Use the Next soft key to advance to the next setting
- Use the Back soft key to return to the previous setting
- Option – Relays 5 and 6 can be used as a Duplex / Alternation function



- Select Config. Relay #5 and #6 to configure relays #5 and #6. This setting will always configure both relays #5 and #6.

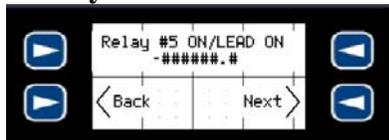


- Select either an Independent Relay #5 and #6 or Duplexing Relays #5 and #6.

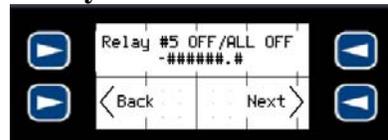


- **Independent Relays** – Relays #5 and #6 perform the same as relays #1 through #4. The two relays are not linked together.
- **Duplex Relays** – Relays #5 and #6 are linked together with two unique start levels and a common off position. The relays will also alternate between each LEAD start. If the level ever reaches the LAG start, the remaining relay will activate.
- **Alternating Relays** – Relays #5 and #6 will switch back and forth each time the ON level is reached. This is used to maintain a common use/life cycle for equipment.
- Relay settings must be in the same units used for the Empty and Full settings

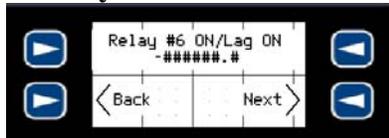
**1. Relay #5 ON or LEAD ON**



**2. Relay #5 OFF or ALL OFF**



**3. Relay #6 ON or LAG ON**



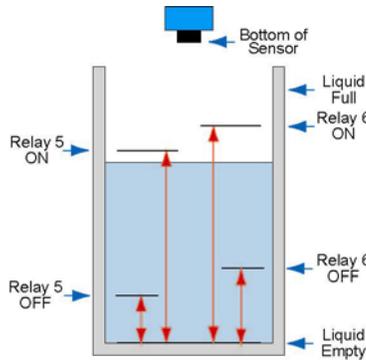
**4. Relay #6 OFF**



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- To use as Independent Relay mode, press the IND soft key and then press Next.

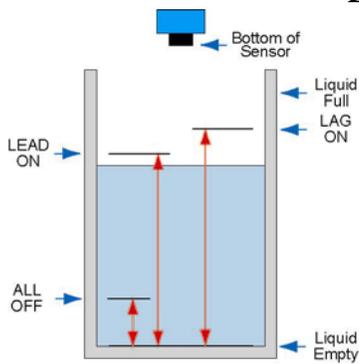
## Independent Relays #5 and #6



- Enter the Relay #5 ON set point (where Relay #5 will energize) and press Next
- Enter the Relay #5 OFF set point (where Relay #5 will de-energize) and press Next
- Enter the Relay #6 ON set point (where Relay #6 will energize) and press Next.
- Enter the Relay #6 OFF set point (where Relay #6 will de-energize) and press Next.

- To change to a Duplex mode, press the DUP soft key and then press Next.

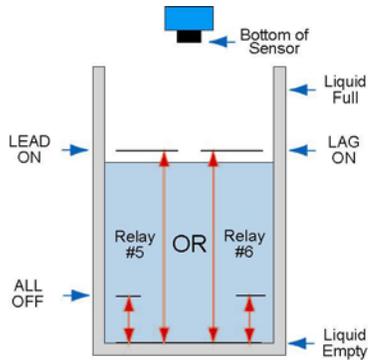
## Duplex Relays #5 and #6



- Enter the LEAD ON relay set point (where the lead relay will energize) and press Next
- Enter the ALL OFF relay set point (where both relays will de-energize) and press Next
- Enter the LAG ON relay set point (where the lag relay will energize) and press Next.
  - You do not need to provide a value for Relay #6 OFF.
  - Duplex can be used as a Filling or Emptying configuration.
  - Always make sure that the LAG ON is above the LEAD ON for an Empty configuration or below the LEAD ON for a Fill configuration.

- To change to an Alternation mode, press the DUP soft key and then press Next.

### Alternate Relays #5 and #6



- Enter the LEAD ON relay set point (where relay #5 will energize) and press Next
- Enter the ALL OFF relay set point (where both relays will de-energize) and press Next
- Enter the LAG ON relay set point (where relay #6 will energize) and press Next.
  - You do not need to provide a value for Relay #6 OFF.
  - Alternate can be used as a Filling or Emptying configuration.
  - Always make sure that the LAG ON is the same as the LEAD ON. This will enable Relays 5 and #6 to alternate each time a relay is to become energized.

- To return Relays 5 and 6 back to an independent mode, press the IND soft key
  - When done, press Exit to leave the Secured Function Section

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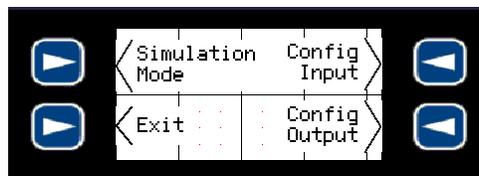
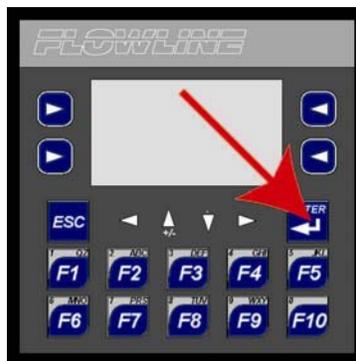
## Appendix

### Simulation Mode

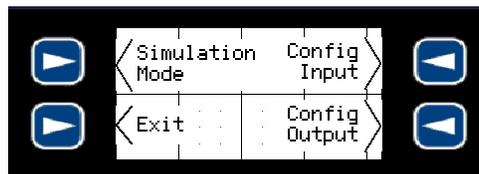
This mode enables the end user to simulate changes in level without having the level of liquid move. The display will simulate level of liquid and will turn the relays ON and OFF according to how they were configured. For example, if Relay 1 is set as a Pump Empty with an ON setting for 100.0 inches and an OFF setting of 30.0 inches, then when the display goes above 100.0, Relay 1 will energize and when the level falls below 30.0, Relay 1 will de-energize. This function can be used to test the wiring and to verify if the configuration is set accordingly.

**Please note:** Simulation mode will energize and de-energize all configured relays. Any devices wired to the relays will become active during simulation mode. To turn off individual relays, Select OFF in the H.O.A. section before entering the Simulation mode.

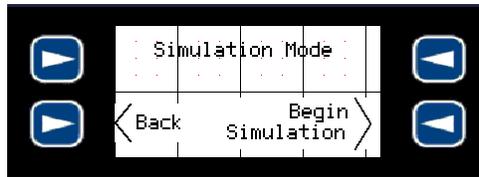
- Simulation Mode I under the secured section of the display
  - To access this function, press and hold the ENTER key for 5 seconds. The display will jump to the configuration section.



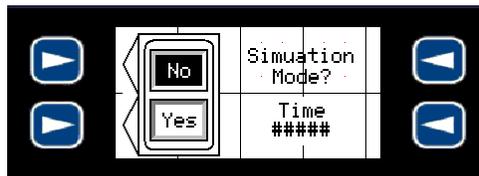
- Once in the Secured Function Section, press the Simulation Mode soft key



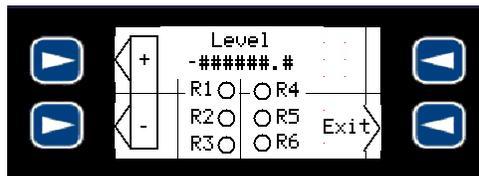
- Next, press the Begin Simulation soft key to proceed or the Back soft key to return



- Next press the YES soft key to begin the Simulation
- Simulation mode will begin after a short count down



- Once in Simulation mode, use the two soft keys on the left to increase and decrease the level per your requirements

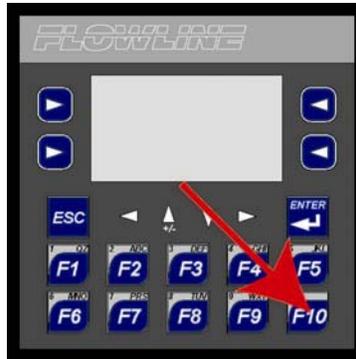


- Check all active relays to verify operation
- To exit from Simulation mode, press the Exit soft key in the lower right corner of the screen

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## Factory Reset

- At anytime, the Commander Series can be reset to its original factory settings. To do so perform the following:
  - Press and hold the F10 button for 10 seconds



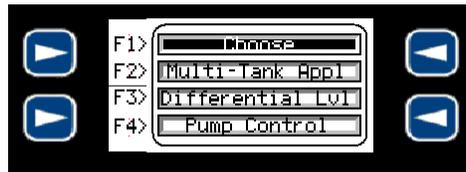
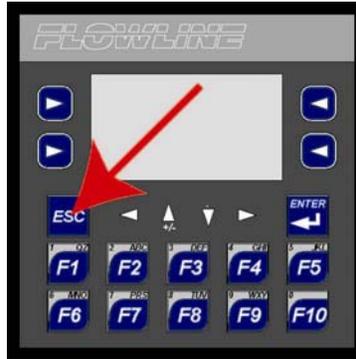
- Release the F10 button when the Factory Reset? Screen appears.
- To reset, press the soft key for Yes and press F1 to enter



- The LI90 series will be reset to its original setting
- Pressing Enter with NO active will return the display back to its current setting and nothing will be reset.

## Changing Applications

- If you need to change the application selection, press and hold the ESC button for 5 seconds. This will return you to the Selection Screen and allow for a new application to be selected.
  - The selection can be accessed at any time.



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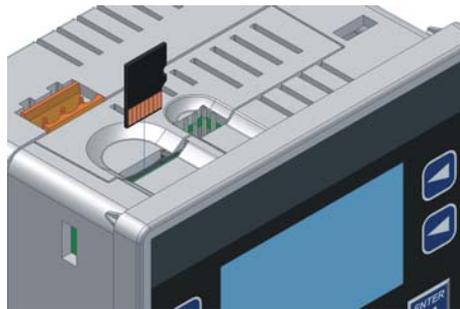
## Removable Media for Data Transfer

### Overview

- All Commander models provide a Removable Media slot, labeled **Memory**, which supports standard Micro SD Flash memory cards. Micro SD cards can be used to save and load applications, to capture graphics screens and to log data for later retrieval.

### Micro SD Cards

- When the Micro SD card format was introduced, it was originally called TransFlash. Cards labeled either Micro SD or TransFlash, with up to 2.0 GB of Flash memory, are compatible with the Commander's Memory slot.
- The Memory slot is equipped with a "push-in, push-out" connector and a Micro SD card can be safely inserted into the Memory slot whether the power is On or Off.
  - *To install a Micro SD card:* Align its 8-pin gold edge connector down, facing the front of the unit as shown below; then carefully push it all the way into the Memory slot. Ensure that it clicks into place.
  - *To remove the Micro SD card:* Push down on the top of the card gently to release the spring. The card pops up for removal.



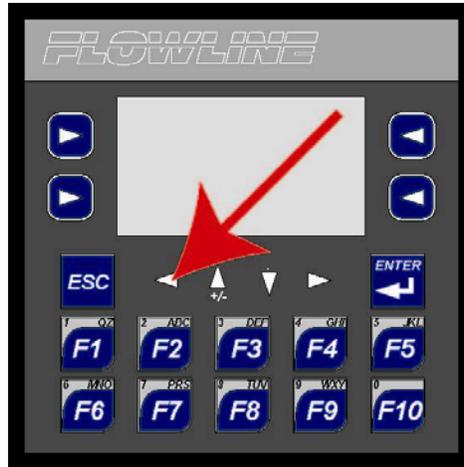
**Installing Removable Memory Card**

### Micro SD File System

- The Micro SD Memory slot uses the PC-compatible FAT16 File System. This means that a PC, with a Micro SD-compatible card reader, can read files that have been written by the Commander and can write files that can be read by the Commander.
- However, the Commander does not support long filenames, but instead implements the 8.3 filename format. This means that all file and directory names must consist of up to 8 characters, followed by an optional dot, and an optional extension with up to 3 characters.
- Directories and sub-directories can be nested up to 16 levels deep as long as each pathname string does not exceed 147 characters.

## Using Removable Media to Log Data

- The Commander has the feature of logging data to a Micro SD card in the form of comma-delimited files, with a .CSV extension. These files are compatible with standard database and spreadsheet PC programs.



- To activate the data log in the commander, press and hold the Left Arrow (shown above) for 10 seconds. When Data Log Activated appears, release the button. The unit will log the four analog inputs at rate of once per 15 seconds.
- When completed, follow the previous instructions for removing the Micro SD card.
- The data in the card will appear in five folders. Folder A\_Inputs contains the raw and scaled data for the four analog inputs (see chart below).

	Channel 1	Channel 2	Channel 3	Channel 4
<b>Data Folder</b>	A_Inputs	A_Inputs	A_Inputs	A_Inputs
<b>Raw analog input</b> (referenced between 0 to 32,000 units)	%AI0001	%AI0002	%AI0003	%AI0004
<b>Scaled input</b> (referenced between Empty and Full settings)	%R0107	%R0207	%R0307	%R0407

- Folders AI1\_Set, AI2\_Set, AI3\_Set and AI4\_Set contain the configuration information for the analog inputs (see below).

	Channel 1	Channel 2	Channel 3	Channel 4
<b>Data Folder</b>	AI1_Set	AI2_Set	AI3_Set	AI4_Set
<b>Sensor Max. Range</b>	%R0123	%R0223	%R0323	%R0423
<b>Sensor Dead Band</b>	%R0125	%R0225	%R0325	%R0425
<b>Sensor Height</b>	%R0133	%R0233	%R0333	%R0433
<b>Sensor Fill_H</b>	%R0135	%R0235	%R0335	%R0435
<b>Empty Setting</b>	%R0103	%R0203	%R0303	%R0403
<b>Full Setting</b>	%R0105	%R0205	%R0305	%R0405

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## **Troubleshooting**

<b>PROBLEM</b>	<b>SOLUTION</b>
No power to the transmitters	The Analog Inputs are not internally powered. Power for transmitters must be provided from an alternative source. Typically, it is the same power supply that is providing power to the LI90-1001.
No power from the relay contacts	All of the relays are dry contact relays. Power for the device the relays are switching must come from an alternative source.
Relays stays OFF all the time	Make sure that the Hand, OFF Auto for the relay is set for Auto. The OFF setting will keep the relay OFF until this setting has been changed.

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