

Precision Electronic Water Flow Meter



Shown with optional LCD Display Interface



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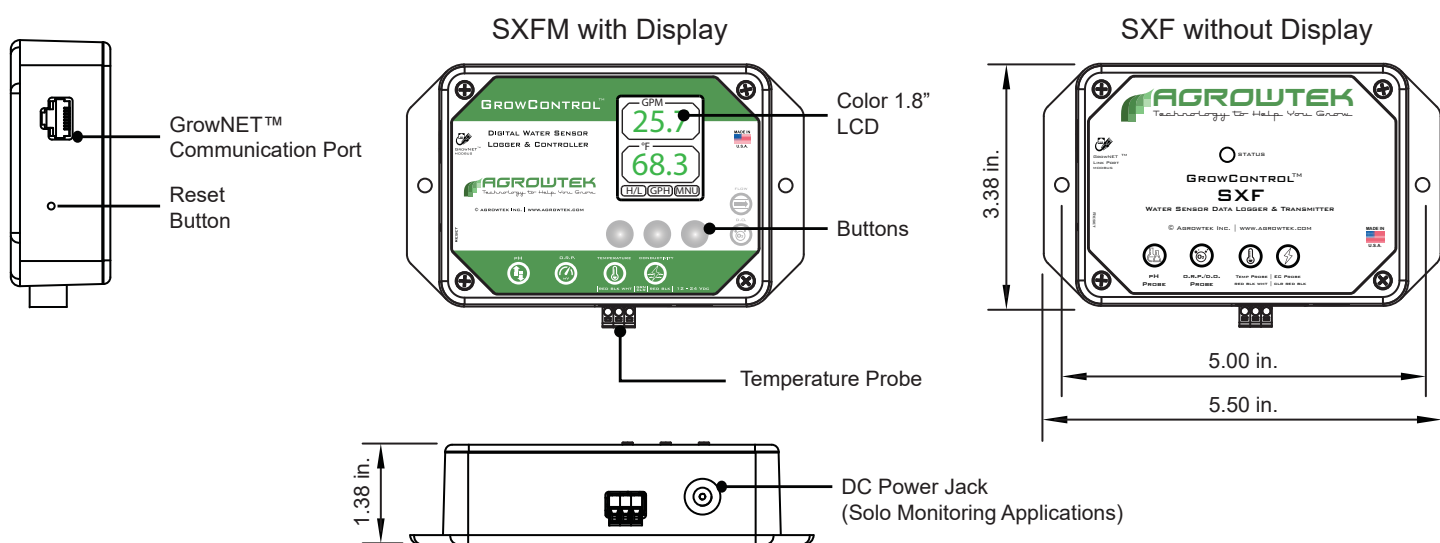
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Description

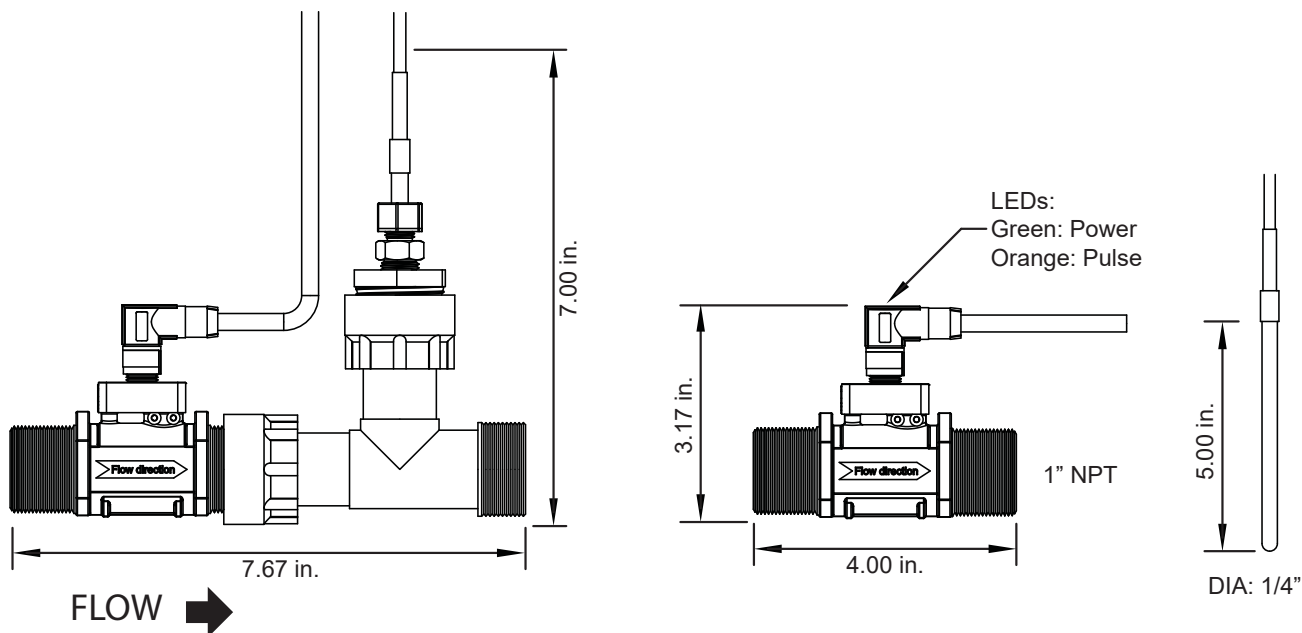
GrowControl™ SXF series precision digital sensor transmitters and controllers for inline flow and temperature feature an advanced flow sensor with no moving parts. Vortex flow meters create eddies as water flow through which are picked up and converted to a flow reading by an acoustic sensor. SXF flow meters have no moving parts and won't jam or clog with small debris and minor sludge.

Color LCD display and button interface model allows instant access to sensor readings, guided calibration, alarms, historical graphing and more. Internal memory logs over 20,000 data points per sensor. Connects to Agrowtek's GrowControl™ GCX Cultivation Controllers as part of a complete facility control solution, or via MODBUS for custom PLC applications.

Dimensions



⚠ Do NOT connect the GrowNET port to Ethernet networks.



Installation Instructions

Install with the transmitter in the orientation shown in dimension drawings with the temperature probe connections facing down to reduce the risk of water permeating the enclosure.

Avoid locations with dripping water or heavy splash risk; the transmitter is best kept dry for longest life and highest accuracy. Mounting in an enclosure is recommended in extreme humidity or splash/spray locations.

Mounting the Transmitter

Wall mounting tabs are provided for installing against a vertical wall surface.

1. Measure out the hole locations per the dimensions, or mark the holes using the transmitter as a template.
2. Drill holes and install anchors (if required, not included.) Keep the transmitter away from dust during work.
3. Install the transmitter to the wall surface using appropriate screws.

DIN Rail Mounting Kit

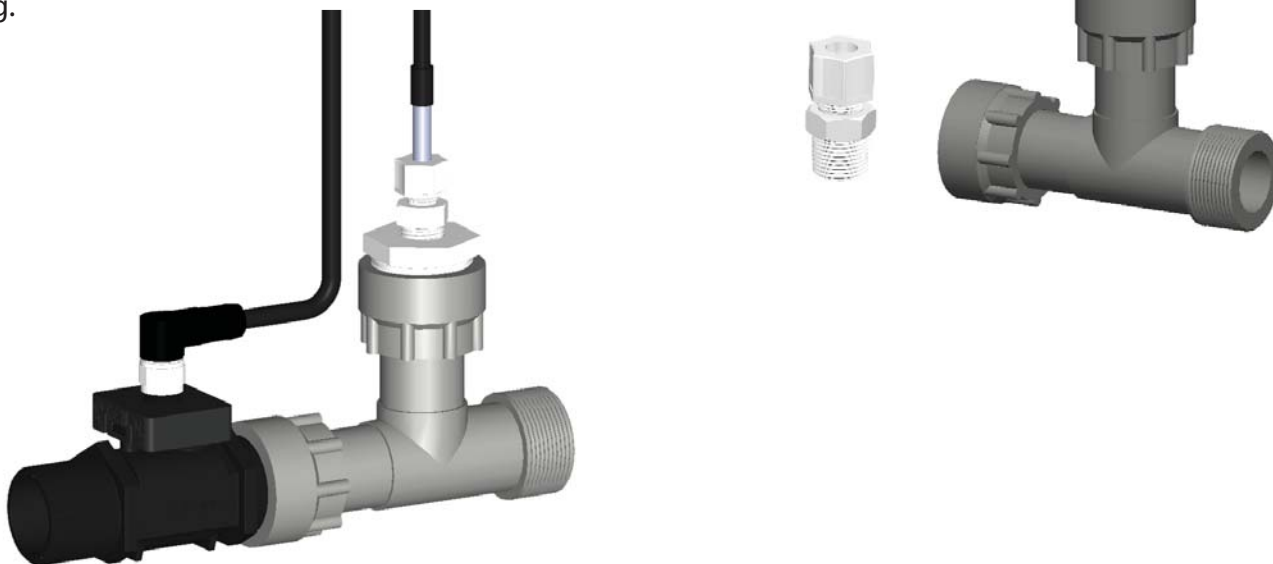
A DIN rail mounting kit installs onto the mounting flanges with the provided hardware for mounting the device on a standard DIN rail.

1. Screw the DIN rail brackets onto the flanges using the provided screws.
2. Snap the transmitter into place on a DIN rail.
3. Use the latches on the DIN brackets to release the transmitter from the DIN rail.



PBX Probe Manifold

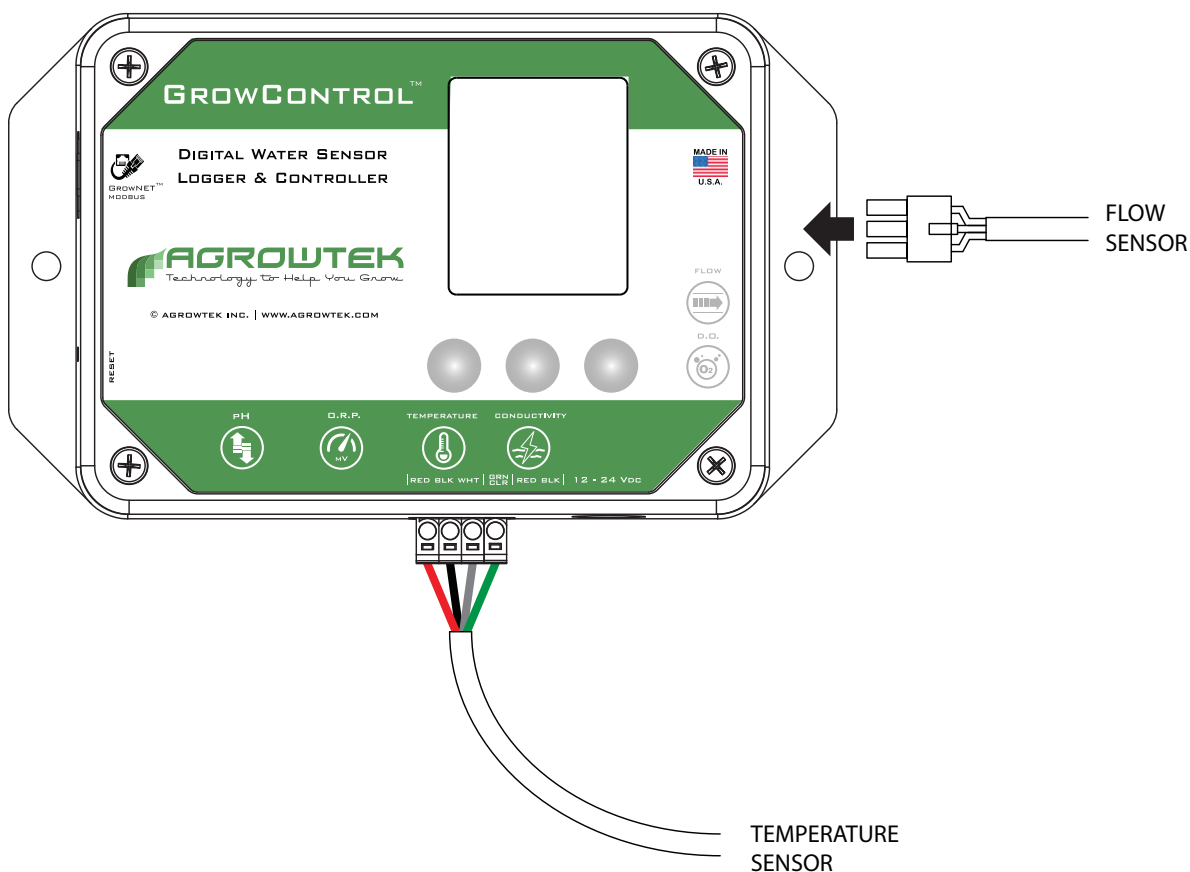
A compression gland fitting or a complete probe manifold (PBX-110) is available for the temperature sensor probe. It is recommended to install the temperature sensor downline from the flow meter unless another location is desired for monitoring.



Connecting Sensor Probes

The temperature probe is connected by a screw terminal block on the bottom of the unit; make the connections according to the label on the transmitter. The terminal block may be removed for easier wire installation or for service.

The flow sensor plugs into the right side of the unit. Depress the latch on the plug to release and remove the cable from the unit.



NOTE:

1. Temperature probes with **green wire** connect to the "CLR" terminal.

LCD Menu Operation Instructions

SXF models with the optional 3-button/LCD display interface may be used for stand-alone monitoring applications or as part of a control solution.

Connect to Agrowtek’s GrowControl™ GCX Cultivation Control Systems for advanced monitoring, logging, alerting and control.



The main screen displays the real-time sensor readings from the attached sensors. Each button is labeled at the bottom of the display to describe it’s function on the current screen or menu.

High / Low History

H/L

Simple minimum and maximum recorded values are stored until the user resets the values to the current readings. To view the minimum and maximum values since the last reset, press the button labeled **H/L**.

LOW		HIGH	
68.4	72.0	°F	
0.00	21.8	gpm	

To clear the min/max history, press the **RST** button to reset. The min and max values will all be set to the current readings and will update with higher or lower readings as they occur.

EXIT

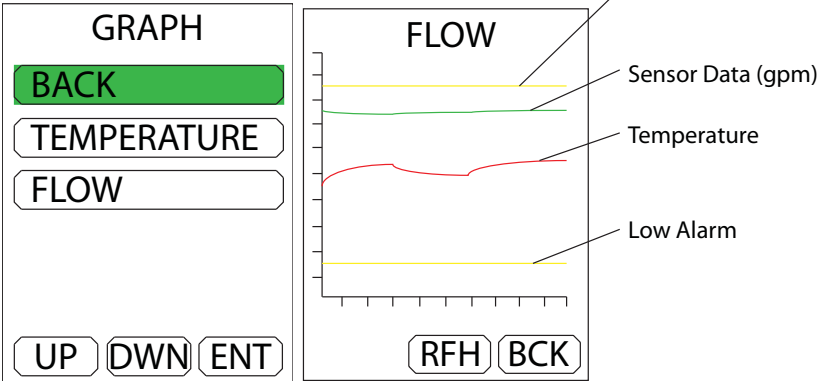
RST

Graphing

GPH

The display can graph the most recent 120 data points from the sensor’s internal data point memory. With the default logging interval of 60 seconds, the graph displays the last two hours of data.

The sensor value is plotted in green. Temperature, if overlaid on the plot, is red. Alarm levels as set by the user are plotted in yellow. Pressing the **RFH** button refreshes the data and replots the graph.



Main Menu

MNU

The main menu is how the alarms are set, sensors are calibrated and general settings such as time, date and units are configured.

If a dosing pump is directly connected to the SXHM GrowNET port, the pump settings are also accessed by the main menu.

Use the UP or DWN buttons to navigate the menu.

Use the ENT button to enter a selection.

MENU

EXIT

ALARMS

CALIBRATION

SETUP

PUMPS

UP DWN ENT

Alarms Menu

MNU ▶ ALARMS

High and low alarm set points may be configured for each sensor value to activate an internal buzzer or send alerts with the optional wifi module.

The out-of-range value will be displayed in red to indicate the cause for the alarm.

Additionally, alarm limits are plotted on the graphs to indicate values are within the desired range.

72.0 °F
5.14 gpm

H/L GPH MNU

Alarms Configuration

MENU

EXIT

ALARMS

CALIBRATION

SETUP

UP DWN ENT

1. Select **ALARMS** from the main menu.

ALARMS

BACK

TEMPERATURE

FLOW

UP DWN ENT

2. Select a sensor to configure set points.

ALARM

BACK

LOW: 0.0

HIGH: 0.0

ALARM: OFF

UP DWN ENT

3. Select the setting to adjust.

SET LOW

BACK

+0.1

-0.1

0.0°F

UP DWN ENT

4. Adjust to the desired value. Hold UP or DWN to jog the value.

Alarm Buzzer

ALARM

BACK

LOW: 0.0

HIGH: 0.0

ALARM: OFF

UP DWN ENT

1. Select **ALARM: OFF**

SET ALARM

BACK

SET ON

SET OFF

OFF

UP DWN ENT

2. Select **SET ON** then press **BACK** to exit.

To disable the alarm buzzer, set the alarm to OFF.

Calibration Menu

MNU ► CALIBRATION

Calibration can be performed for each sensor with the LCD interface using either standard calibration wizards, or advanced manual calibration methods for non-standard calibration solutions.

The date of the last calibration for each sensor is stored in memory and displayed at the start of each calibration wizard.

MENU

EXIT

ALARMS

CALIBRATION

SETUP

UP DWN ENT

CALIBRATION

BACK

TEMPERATURE

FLOW

CLEAR ALL

UP DWN ENT

Clear Calibration

MNU ► CALIBRATION ► NEXT

Calibration can be restored to factory defaults by selecting **CLEAR ALL**.

CALIBRATION

BACK

TEMPERATURE

FLOW

CLEAR ALL

UP DWN ENT

1. Select **CLEAR ALL** from the calibration menu.

RESTORE TO
FACTORY
CALIBRATION?

YES NO

2. Press **YES** to restore factory calibration.

Temperature Calibration

MNU ► CALIBRATION ► TEMPERATURE

CALIBRATION

BACK

CALIBRATE

ADVANCED

UP DWN ENT

1. Select **CALIBRATE** from calibration menu.

TEMPERATURE

LAST CALIBRATION
10/19/2017

PRESS NEXT TO
ADJUST
TEMPERATURE
READING.

EXIT NEXT

2. Press **NEXT** to continue.

OFFSET

BACK

+0.1

-0.1

72.2°F

UP DWN ENT

3. Adjust to the desired value. Hold **ENT** to jog the value by 10x.

CONFIRM?

OLD
68.1 °F

NEW
72.2 °F

YES NO

4. Confirm the new reading or press **NO**.

Flow Calibration

MNU ► CALIBRATION ► FLOW

Flow calibration is done on the LCD by running the flow at a known rate and setting the value in the calibration field to match.

CALIBRATION

BACK

CALIBRATE

ADVANCED

UP DWN ENT

1. Select **CALIBRATE** from calibration menu.

PH

LAST CALIBRATION
10/19/2017

RUN FLOW
AT FIXED RATE.

EXIT NEXT

2. Follow the instructions then press **NEXT**.



Turn on water flow at a known fixed flow rate.

SPAN

BACK

+0.1

-0.1

25.0 gpm

UP DWN ENT

3. Use the +0.1 and -0.1 field to adjust to the correct value, then select **BACK**.

CONFIRM?

OLD
24.3 gpm

NEW
25.0 gpm

YES NO

4. Use the +0.1 and -0.1 field to adjust to the correct value, then select **BACK**.

Setup Menu

MNU ► SETUP

The setup menu is where the time and date are set, the units are configured, logging interval is adjusted and advanced communications settings are available.

SETUP		
BACK		
TIME/DATE		
UNITS		
LOG INTERVAL		
NEXT		
UP	DWN	ENT

SETUP		
BACK		
COMM		
DEVICE ADD		
MFG INFO		
BACKLIGHT		
UP	DWN	ENT

Time / Date

MNU ► SETUP ► TIME/DATE

Sensors include a precision real-time clock with battery back-up for time-stamping the data log information with the time and date. The last calibration for each sensor is also time stamped.

SETUP		
BACK		
TIME/DATE		
UNITS		
LOG INTERVAL		
NEXT		
UP	DWN	ENT

1. Select **TIME/DATE** from the setup menu.

TIME/DATE		
BACK		
TIME		
DATE		
UP	DWN	ENT

2. Select **TIME** or **DATE** to adjust.

TIME		
13:37:51		
NXT	+	EXT

3. Use **NXT** to select the value to adjust. Use **+** to increment the value.

DATE		
10/20		
2017		
NXT	+	EXT

4. Use **EXT** to exit the menu.

Units

MNU ► SETUP ► UNITS

Temperature and Conductivity may be displayed in alternate units.

Select a sensor value to change the default display and working units.

SETUP		
BACK		
TIME/DATE		
UNITS		
LOG INTERVAL		
NEXT		
UP	DWN	ENT

UNIT SELECT		
BACK		
TEMPERATURE		
EC		
UP	DWN	ENT

Configure temperature units:

Temperature may be displayed in °F or °C.

Note: Check alarm settings when converting temperature units.

UNIT SELECT

BACK

TEMPERATURE

EC

UP DWN ENT

1. Select **TEMPERATURE** from the units menu.

UNIT SELECT

BACK

°C

°F

68.0°F

UP DWN ENT

2. Select the desired units and press **ENT**.

Configure conductivity units:

Conductivity may be displayed in default units of microSiemens (uS) or total dissolved solids in parts per million (ppm.)

The TDS conversion factor used by this meter is 500.

$$\text{TDSppm} = \text{uS} \times 0.5$$

UNIT SELECT

BACK

TEMPERATURE

EC

UP DWN ENT

1. Select **EC** from the units menu.

UNIT SELECT

BACK

US

TDS

654 ppm

UP DWN ENT

2. Select the desired units and press **ENT**.

Logging Interval

MNU ► SETUP ► LOG INTERVAL

Adjust the interval for recording data points in the on-board memort. Acceptable values are from 1 - 65535 seconds.

21,600 data points can be stored for each sensor value. The most recent 120 data points are shown on the graphical history.

The entire data history may be downloaded from the sensor to a .csv file with the LX1 USB AgrowLINK and free software.

Note: 60 second intervals = 15 days of data storage.

SETUP

BACK

TIME/DATE

UNITS

LOG INTERVAL

NEXT

UP DWN ENT

1. Select **LOG INTERVAL** from the setup menu.

LOGGIN INTERVAL

BACK

+1

-1

60 SEC

UP DWN ENT

2. Adjust the value then select **BACK**.

COMM Mode

MNU ► SETUP ► NEXT ► COMM

COMM mode specifies whether the sensor is a normal passive device or “mini-master” device.

NORMAL Use with GrowControl master controller systems or stand-alone and data logging applications.

MINI-MASTER Use with MDX mini-dosing system. (GrowNET cross-over adapter required.)

SETUP

BACK

COMM

DEVICE ADD

MFG INFO

UP DWN ENT

1. Select **COMM** from the setup menu.

COM MODE

NORMAL

MINI MASTER

UP DWN ENT

2. Select a mode and press **ENT**.

Device Address

MNU ► SETUP ► NEXT ► DEVICE ADD

Sensors are digitally addressable from 1-249 and will be assigned an address automatically by Agrowtek's control systems, or can be configured manually for MODBUS applications via the menu.

NOTE: All of Agrowtek's devices use address 254 as a broadcast address.

SETUP

BACK

COMM

DEVICE ADD

MFG INFO

BACKLIGHT

UP DWN ENT

1. Select **DEVICE ADD** from the setup menu.

DEVICE ADDRESS

BACK

+1

-1

0 Addr

UP DWN ENT

2. Adjust the value then select **BACK**.

Manufacturing Info

MNU ► SETUP ► NEXT ► MFG INFO

Manufacturer information such as serial number, date of manufacture, hardware and firmware versions can be read from the MFG INFO page.

SETUP

BACK

COMM

DEVICE ADD

MFG INFO

BACKLIGHT

UP DWN ENT

1. Select **MFG INFO** from the setup menu.

SERIAL NUMBER:
17090554
DATE OF MFG:
09/15/17
HW VERSION:
C
FW VERSION:
02.03.84
EXIT

2. Press **EXIT** to return.

Display Back Light Timer

MNU ► SETUP ► NEXT ► BACKLIGHT

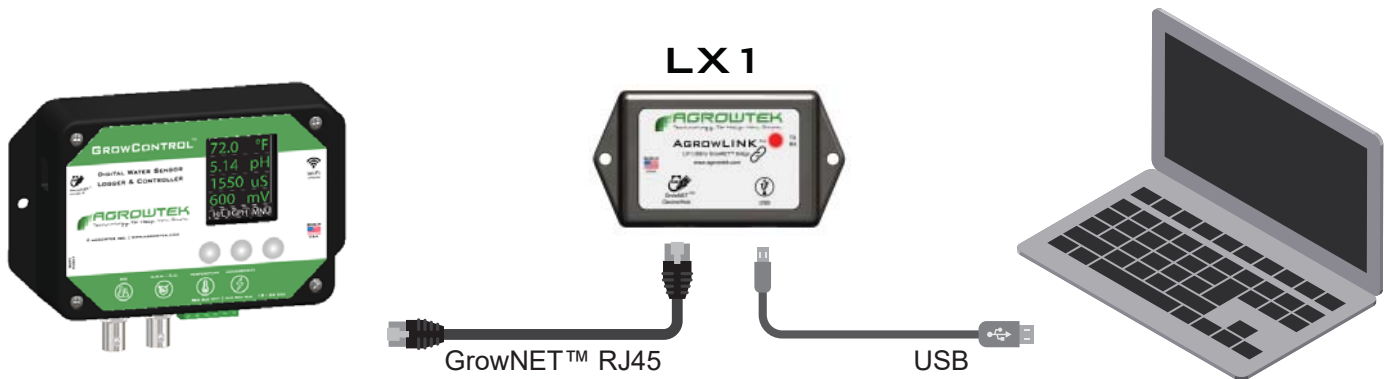
The display back light can be programmed to turn off after a specified time of inactivity from the last time a button is pressed.

The delay can be set from 1-255 minutes, or set to 0 to disable the back light timer and keep the display on continuously.

SETUP		
BACK		
COMM		
DEVICE ADD		
MFG INFO		
BACKLIGHT		
UP	DWN	ENT

BACKLIGHT		
BACK		
+1		
-1		
60 Min		
UP	DWN	ENT

Connection to USB AgrowLINK



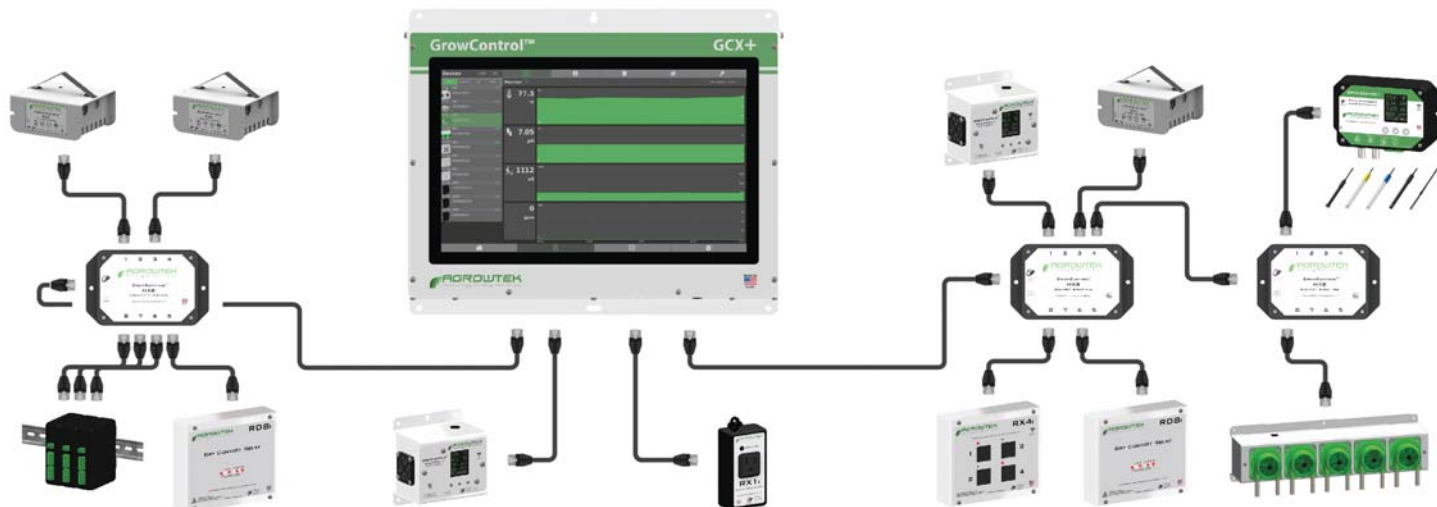
LX1 USB AgrowLINK connects Agrowtek's devices to a computer's USB port for:

- Firmware Updates
- Calibration
- Configuration
- Data Logging Download
- More

Connection to GrowControl™ GCX

All GrowNET™ devices are connected using standard CAT5 Ethernet cable with RJ-45 connections.

Devices can be connected directly to the GrowNET™ ports on the bottom of the controller, or through HX8 GrowNET™ hubs. It is typical to simplify cabling by locating hubs centrally in hall ways and rooms allowing single runs from an 8-port device hub back to a central hub or back to the controller.



Refer to the GCX controller manual for details on adding the device to the system.

GrowNET™ Hubs

HX8 GrowNET™ hubs expand a single port into eight more ports. Hubs can be daisy-chained to form a network of up to 100 devices per GrowNET™ bus. Individually buffered port transceivers provide excellent signal integrity and extended communication strength and range.

Hubs provide up to 1A of power for operating sensors and most relays directly over the CAT5 cable. A DC jack on the hub provides 24Vdc power to the ports from the included wall power supply. A terminal block power option is also available.



Installation Notes

⚠ NOTICE

GrowNET™ ports use standard RJ-45 connections but are NOT compatible the Ethernet network equipment. *Do not connect GrowNET™ ports to Ethernet ports or network switch gear.*

⚠ DIELECTRIC GREASE

Dielectric grease is recommended on RJ-45 GrowNET™ connections when used in humid environments. Place a small amount of grease onto the RJ-45 plug contacts before inserting into the GrowNET™ port. *Non-conductive grease is designed to prevent corrosion from moisture in electrical connectors.*

- Loctite LB 8423
- Dupont Molykote 4/5
- CRC 05105 Di-Electric Grease
- Super Lube 91016 Silicone Dielectric Grease
- Other Silicone or Lithium based insulating grease

Connection to MODBUS RTU

RS-485

Use the LX2 ModLINK to connect MODBUS devices to the GrowNET™ port.



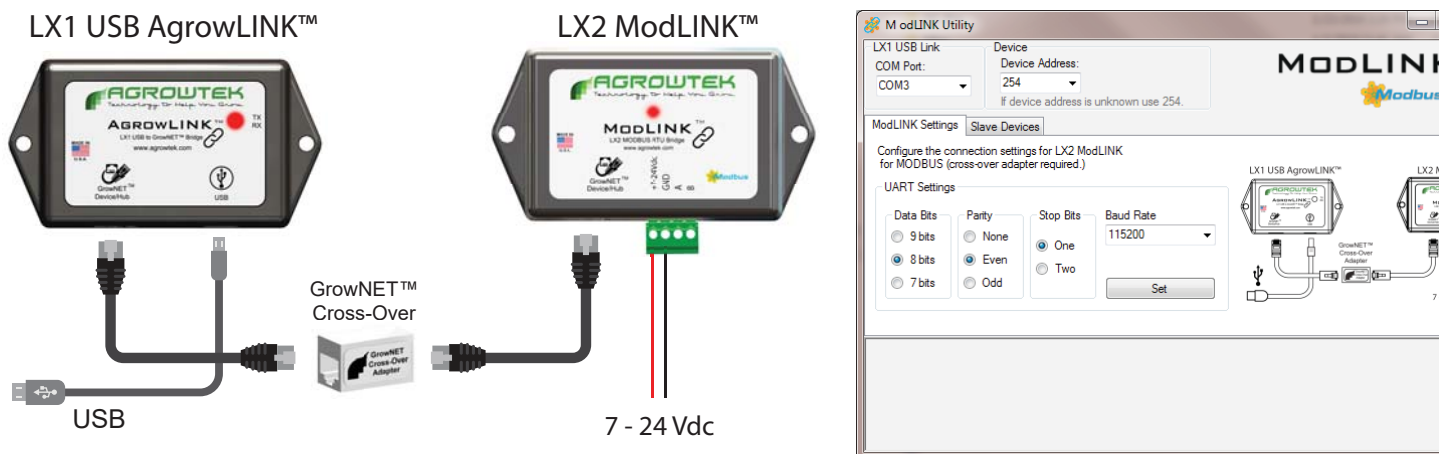
3.3/5Vdc Serial Bus Compatible.

Include required bus terminating resistors per EIA standard.

Serial Speed & Format

The default serial data format for the LX2 ModLINK interface is: **19,200 baud, 8-N-1.**

Alternate speeds and formats between 9,600 - 115,200 baud may be configured with the free AgrowLINK PC utility using a LX1 USB AgrowLINK and the cross-over adapter supplied with the LX2 ModLINK.



See MODBUS manual for more information.

 [MODBUS Manual](#)

Supported Commands

0x03 Read Multiple Registers

0x06 Write Single Register

A request to use a function that is not available will return an illegal function exception.

Register Types

All registers are 16 bits wide with addresses using the standard MODICON protocol. Floating point values use the standard IEEE 32-bit format occupying two contiguous 16 bit registers. ASCII values are stored with two characters (bytes) per register in hexadecimal format.

Sensor Value Registers

Sensor values are available in integer or floating point formats depending on the register requested (see map.)

Sensor #	Type	Integer Scale	Range
1	Temperature	x100	-2000 - 6000 (-20 - 60°C) / -400 - 14000 (-4 - 140°F)
2	Flow	x10	0 - 400 (0 - 40 gpm) / 0 - 1500 (0 - 150 lpm)

For example: an integer temperature value of 2417 is equal to a temperature reading of 24.17°C.

Calibration Registers

Calibration registers are 16-bit signed integers for the purpose of calibrating the sensor values or analog output channels. Calibration may be achieved by writing the desired calibrated value to the associated register. Writing to the calibration registers automatically invokes the calibration routine for that register.

Zero (Offset) Calibration

Zero calibration is an arithmetic positive or negative correction to the sensor reading.

Operations performed using the offset register are:

-Temperature calibration

To set the temperature to a calibrated value of 25°C, write the value "2500."

Span Calibration

Span, or slope calibration, corrects the slope of the sensor reading at a second point, away from the zero calibration. Operations performed using the span register are:

-Flow Calibration

To set the flow rate, write the calibrated flow rate (x10) to the calibration register.

MODBUS Holding Registers

Parameter	Description	Range	Type	Access	Address
Address	Device Slave Address	1 - 247	8 bit	R/W	40001
Serial#	Device Serial Number	ASCII	8 char	R	40004
DOM	Date of Manufacture	ASCII	8 char	R	40008
HW Version	Hardware Version	ASCII	8 char	R	40012
FW Version	Firmware Version	ASCII	8 char	R	40016
Toggle Units	Toggle sensor units	1 - 4	16 bit, unsigned	W	41002
Sensor Reading, Integer	Temperature	-2000 - 6000 (-20 - 60°C)	16 bit, signed	R	40101
	Flow	0 - 400 / 0 - 1500			40102
Sensor Reading, Float	Temperature	-20.00- 60.00 °C	32 bit, floating pt	R	40201
	pH	0 - 40 gpm / 0 - 150 lpm			40203
Calibration Input, Zero	Temperature	See integer ranges above.	16 bit, signed	W	41101
Calibration Input, Span Point	Flow	See integer ranges above.	16 bit, signed	W	41202

A request to read or write a register that is not available will return an illegal address exception.

Maintenance

Sensor probes require periodic cleaning, reconditioning and calibration for reliable service.
See calibration section for details on performing calibration service after cleaning.

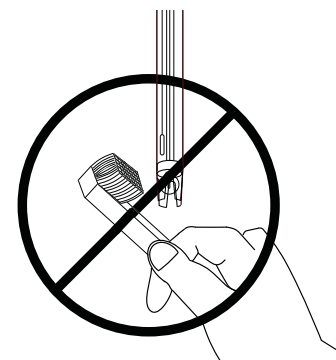
Probe Cleaning

Coating of the pH or ORP bulbs can lead to erroneous readings including shortened span (slope). Coatings and blockages in the EC sensor can cause incorrect readings. The type of coating will determine the cleaning technique.

Soft coatings can be removed by vigorous stirring or by the use of a squirt bottle.

Organic chemical or hard coatings should be chemically removed. 5-10% hydrochloric acid (HCl) soak for a few minutes and often removes many coatings.

If cleaning does not restore pH sensor performance, reconditioning may be tried.



Do not use a brush or abrasive on pH or EC probes.

pH Probe Reconditioning

When reconditioning is required due to electrode aging the following chemical treatments can be tried. They are presented in the order of the severity of attack on the pH glass and may not improve (and in some cases actually further deteriorate) electrode performance.

⚠ DANGER: Use proper precautions when handling these hazardous chemicals. Ammonium bifluoride and HF (hydrofluoric acid) are extremely hazardous and should only be used by qualified personnel.

Reconditioning Method 1

Immerse the electrode tip in 0.1 N HCl for 15 seconds, rinse in tap water and then immerse tip in 0.1 M NaOH for 15 seconds and rinse in tap water. Repeat this sequence three times and then recheck the electrode's performance. If performance has not been restored, try method two.

Reconditioning Method 2

Immerse the tip in a 20% solution of NH_4F -HF (ammonium bifluoride) for two to three minutes, rinse in tap water and recheck performance. If performance has not been restored, try method three.

Reconditioning Method 3

Immerse electrode tip in 5% HF for 10-15 seconds, rinse well in tap water, quickly rinse in 5N HCl, rinse well in tap water and recheck performance. If performance has not been restored, it is time to get a new probe.

Technical Information

Specifications

Power	5-24Vdc, ~2W (5W w/LCD)
Max Cable Distance	1000ft
Optional Interface	LCD w/3 Buttons
Temperature Range	-20 - 60°C
Temperature Accuracy	±2°C, 0.01° resolution
pH Range	0 - 14pH
pH Accuracy	±0.02pH, 0.01pH resolution
Conductivity Range	0 - 7,000 uS (0 - 3500ppm) 0 - 80,000 uS (high salinity / salt water model)
Conductivity Accuracy	< 2000uS ±20uS, >2000uS ±50uS; 2uS resolution
+ORP Range	-1000 - +1000mV
+ORP Accuracy	±10mV, 1mV resolution
4-20mA Output Resolution	12 bit , 0.005mA
Interface	GrowNET™ or MODBUS RTU

Storage and Disposal

Storage

Store equipment in a clean, dry environment with ambient temperature between 10-50°C.

Disposal

This industrial control equipment may contain traces of lead or other metals and environmental contaminants and must not be discarded as unsorted municipal waste, but must be collected separately for the purpose of treatment, recovery and environmentally sound disposal. Wash hands after handling internal components or PCB's.

Warranty

Agrowtek Inc. warrants that all manufactured products are, to the best of its knowledge, free of defective material and workmanship and warrants this product for 1 year from the date of purchase. This warranty is extended to the original purchaser from the date of receipt. This warranty does not cover damages from abuse, accidental breakage, or units that have been modified, altered, or installed in a manner other than that which is specified in the installation instructions. Agrowtek Inc. must be contacted prior to return shipment for a return authorization. No returns will be accepted without a return authorization. This warranty is applicable only to products that have been properly stored, installed, and maintained per the installation and operation manual and used for their intended purpose. This limited warranty does not cover products installed in or operated under unusual conditions or environments including, but not limited to, high humidity or high temperature conditions. The products which have been claimed and comply with the aforementioned restrictions shall be replaced or repaired at the sole discretion of the Agrowtek Inc. at no charge. This warranty is provided in lieu of all other warranty provisions, express or implied. It is including but not limited to any implied warranty of fitness or merchantability for a particular purpose and is limited to the Warranty Period. In no event or circumstance shall Agrowtek Inc. be liable to any third party or the claimant for damages in excess of the price paid for the product, or for any loss of use, inconvenience, commercial loss, loss of time, lost profits or savings or any other incidental, consequential or special damages arising out of the use of, or inability to use, the product. This disclaimer is made to the fullest extent allowed by law or regulation and is specifically made to specify that the liability of Agrowtek Inc. under this limited warranty, or any claimed extension thereof, shall be to replace or repair the Product or refund the price paid for the Product.