# MEASURING FLUID FLOW ACROSS ORIFICE PLATES

**PRESSURE MEASUREMENT** 



#### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

One easy method to measure fluid flow in a pipe is by measuring the pressure drop across orifice plates. Scanivalve's line of intelligent pressure scanners are well suited for making multiple differential pressure measurements in liquid or gas media.

#### GAS MEASUREMENT

Gas measurement fluid flow is accomplished in multiple pipe measurements by using a true differential DSA3217 or DSA3218 pressure modules. These rugged pressure modules incorporate 8 or 16 temperature compensated pressure transducers with discreet reference inputs.

These pressure transducers are incorporated into a splash resistant stainless steel box along with a 16 bit A/D, microprocessor, and calibration valve. Integrating the pressure sensors with the microprocessor makes the modules an efficient self-contained pressure data acquisition system.

The DSA module outputs engineering units via TCP/IP or UDP on an Ethernet network. This digital approach eliminates many analog wires and signal conditioners as well as possible noise problems.

The DSA3217/8DPx-xxpsid uses 8 each 1/16 inch stainless steel tubulations for pressure connections.

The DSA3218/8DPx-xxpsid uses 8 each 1/16, 1/8, or 1/4 inch steel Swagelok compression fittings. A DSA3218/16DPx-xxpsid is available with a circular connector.





## LIQUID MEASUREMENT

When liquid flow requires measurements across an orifice, use the Scanivalve DSA3307 pressure module. It is available with 2 up to 16 differential pressure transducers(wet/ wet).

Pressure inputs are 1/8 inch steel Swagelok compression fittings. These transducers have a stainless steel diaphragm that is in contact with the liquid media on both sides of the transducer. One pressure transducer measures the differential measurement across the orifice plate.

A shunt purge screw can be opened to purge gas bubbles from the liquid lines for improved measurement accuracy.



### COMMUNICATIONS

The DSA3200/3300 series intelligent pressure modules communicate through industry proven Ethernet TCP/IP or UDP. Communication can also be made directly with ASCII commands via Telnet, our LabVIEW driver, an OPC server, or our free ScanTel software. Operation is controlled via a data acquisition system, network, or PC.





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