

Vibrating Wire Weir Monitor

Applications

The Model 4675LV is used for the precision water level measurement and monitoring of...

- Weirs
- Tanks
- Stream levels
- Reservoir levels



• The Model 4675LV with cutaway revealing its internal components: a cylindrical weight suspended from the vibrating wire force transducer.

Operating principle

The Model 4675LV is a precision water level monitoring system that uses a vibrating wire force transducer to provide a highly stable and sensitive means of monitoring water levels.

The main component is a cylindrical weight suspended from the vibrating wire force transducer. The cylinder hangs partially in the water whose level is to be monitored. As the water level changes, the changing buoyancy force on the cylinder acts directly on the vibrating wire transducer altering its tension and hence its resonant frequency.

In operation the vessel containing the Weir Monitor is connected hydraulically to the water whose level is to be measured. The vessel is positioned vertically so that the average water level falls opposite the mid-point of the hanging cylinder.

Advantages and Limitations

The main advantage of the 4675LV system lies in its high sensitivity and stability, which allows water level changes of as little as 0.1 mm to be measured accurately.

The force transducer is immune to zero drift and has a very low response to temperature changes.

As with all vibrating wire sensors, because the output is a frequency, it is not affected by changes of cable resistance and hence long signal cables are not a problem.

The frequency is measured by either a portable readout or datalogger.

40-20 mA or 0-5 V outputs can be obtained using the Model 8020-59 VW Frequency to Analog Converter.



• Typical Model 4675LV installation.

System Components

The cylinder and force transducer are contained within a housing made from slotted PVC pipe. This pipe can be positioned within the weir or tank or it can be installed in a Stilling Well connected hydraulically to the tank or weir. The vibrating wire transducer is vented to the atmosphere so that barometric fluctuations are compensated for automatically. The vent line terminates in a moisture trap which requires periodic maintenance to replace the desiccant.

Technical Specifications

Standard Ranges ¹	150, 300, 600, 1500 mm
Resolution	0.025% F.S. (minimum)
Accuracy ²	±0.1% F.S.
Linearity	< 0.5% F.S.
Stability	±0.05% F.S. per year
Temperature Range ³	-20°C to +80°C
Length × Diameter	(transducer) 165 × 25 mm

¹Other ranges available on request.

²Accuracy established under laboratory conditions.

³Using anti-freeze solution can extend the range below 0°C.



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